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dealt out as before; the people of Nottingham, led by Lord Mayor Shaw, went gay at the Goose Fair.

One of the oldest Fairs in Britain, it is the City's annual day of merry-making. Thousands of Nottingham's citizens directed themselves to the Fairground for a few hours "away from it all."

Nottingham certainly had quite a day. But there was no future in it for the geese.

Although the nation's women would perform miracles this winter with their four-a-month clothing coupons, they still talked about fashions which were out of their reach. From Paris came the latest autumn styles. Calf length skirts have won the battle of the hem-line. Wistfully envious, British women can only lengthen their utility frocks. For evening wear, Paris has gone in mainly for black and white designs.

Meanwhile, British women will have to go on clothing themselves in their imagination while awaiting the day when they return to pre-war elegance.

There were also sports thrills for people able to find a little off-duty time. Near Bradford in Yorkshire, the vagabonds Motor Club held a motor cycle scramble.

Twenty four riders race round a tough course, and it's here that they get to the stickiest part.

Making the most of the "Indian summer" weather, motor cycling fans came to pettery fields from all over Yorkshire.

With basic petrol cuts now operating, we may have to wait a long time for the next motor cycle scramble.

But it was hard to keep International politics off the front pages. During the week came the carefully publicised announcement from Warsaw of a nine-country Communist tie-up. This meant virtually a new Comintern to succeed that dissolved by Stalin in 1943. Into this move fitted the Saar elections. As European Communists proclaimed the future co-ordination of their activities, the Saar voted on a simple issue. Superficially, it was for a new Landtag, the Constituent Assembly. In hard fact, the Saar people polled for an economic tie with France or Germany.

In 1935, Hitler's Germany announced a 90% vote for fusion with the Reich. As the results of the new elections became known, it was evident that some 85% of the voters wanted economic unity with France. And a predominantly Left-wing population had steered clear of Communism, only two Communist delegates being returned. The result gave little encouragement to the Warsaw manifesto. Once again many wondered how the people in other European States would declare themselves, in a system of free elections they had not yet come to know.