

ONE MINUTE NEWS

London

In London, cricket comes in five months early with a bright idea! It's a portable cricket pitch. With Test selector Walter Robins favouring a smaller bat and Douglas Jardine wanting a smaller ball, this pre-fabricated pitch is the latest move in a liven-up-cricket-campaign. Bill Edrich of England fame is there to see how it works out. With coconut matting covering the concrete, experience shows that this factory-made wicket is perfect for all-the-year-round training. Originally an Australian idea, all we need now is more men to play like the Aussies.

Frankfurt

In Frankfurt, the East-West cold-war flared up as American Army police dished out a dose of Russian medicine to the Soviet reparations Commission. The Russian headquarters came under American blockade.

Complete isolation was in store for the occupants - water, gas and electricity were cut off. Reason behind this drastic American measure was that the Russians refused to leave the city. Faced with starvation Moscow withdrew them under protest.