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200,000 SEE WORLD'S RICHEST RACE

France takes a day out in the sun. Though its political horizon is clouded and the country is without a Government, 200,000 put on their Sunday best and jam Longchamps for the race of the year. To help British racegoers, Prince Manolulu is there to let them have a "cheval" in a language they understand. The race everyone has come to see is the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, richest race in the world, worth £30,000.

A record field of 28 gets away on the mile-and-a-half long course. Among them are four British trained horses and eight jockeys including Derby winner Charlie Elliott. But it's a French horse that shoots into an early lead - M. Boussac's NORVAL.

Out in the country, there is little to choose between Derby runner-up AMOUR DRAKE and Jack Hytten's ROYAL EMPIRE - racing along almost neck-and-neck.

AMOUR DRAKE leads the way into the home stretch, but, suddenly, out of the middle of the field comes CORONATION FIVE. The French horse shoots to the front with ease and Parisian Jockey Roger Peincelot guides his filly home with no trouble at all - four lengths ahead. Rita Hayworth's entry DOUBLE ROSE - ridden by Bill Rickaby - is second.

For CORONATION's backers, there are odds of 9 to 2. For the punters who followed Prince Manolulu, there is a hitch-hike home. And for Monsieur Boussac's prize - there is no Government to take it away.