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MOTOR SHOW:

The 39th International Motor Exhibition opens at Earl's Court. Meet two new additions to the Austin family. The Westminster on the right; and the Cambridge, a handsome four-door saloon.

The Westminster replaces the Hereford and costs about fifty pounds less, in other words about £790. Now the De Luxe Hillman Minx with the new overhead short stroke engine. Its price, including purchase tax is £681.

About forty brand-new models are on show including the Jensen 541, which has all-plastic body, and can clock a good hundred miles an hour. On now to the Lanchester Sprite, the first British car to do away with gear changing. There's a selector lever on the steering column, and two control pedals. The Morris Oxford Traveller priced at £822 is the latest thing in sheeting-brakes. The interior can quickly become a flat-floored loading bay.

The Mercedes 300 2 seater coupe is one of the German exhibits. Points of appeal include the petrol injection engine, and a top gear that can cope with a fifteen mile an hour crawl or top the 165 mile an hour mark.

Note the adjustable steering-wheel. Coming back to Britain again here's the Rolls Royce Silver Wraith, perhaps the most graceful and precision-built car in the show - its price? a mere £7034.