

ROYAL COMMAND PERFORMANCE:

The film world's biggest social event of the year is the Royal Command Performance. To Leicester Square come the industry's top executives and most shining stars. Here are Anne Neagle and her husband Herbert Wilcox.

Fashion king Norman Hartnell is here. Associated British Pictures chairman, Sir Philip Warton, with his wife and daughter. And here's Alfred Hitchcock, director of the Royal Command film. Kenneth Moore jokes with Sheila Sim and Richard Attenborough. Lady Docker is present.

Janette Scott looks tiny beside a beefy Guardsman.

And there's smiling Belinda Lee.

Diana Dors, in a very striking gown, arrives with Katy Jurado, the Mexican star.

This event is in aid of the Cinematograph Trade Benevolent Fund, for which it raises thousands of pounds each year...And here's Gina Lollobrigida, Italy's top export.

The stars are gathered, and it is time for the Queen to arrive. For the first time for many years, her sister Princess Margaret is not with her; but she is in everyone's thoughts, for it is less than an hour since her long-awaited statement was issued from Clarence House. Executives of the industry greet the Royal couple before presenting the assembled guests.

Among the outstanding directors presented to the Queen is Anthony Asquith.

And now to meet the stars. Gina Lollobrigida has a little language difficulty.

Kenneth Moore is presented. For many, this is by no means the first Royal occasion. Veterans like Peter Ustinov have seen it all before - but for veteran or newcomer it is still as glittering as any spectacle the cinema has created.