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Regal splendour is lent to a glittering charity ball in New York by the presence of the fiancée's of the year - Prince Rainier of Monaco and film star Grace Kelly. The evening includes a fashion show by ten of America's top designers. It's called "Imperial Ball - a Night in Monte Carlo".

Princess-to-be, Grace Kelly is asked to pick the winning ticket for the prize of the evening. Whoever holds the lucky number will be presented with a car. Fingers crossed, everybody?

Many famous personalities are among the dancers at this high-level event.

And talking of high-level, here's a model which stays up without visible means of support. Its creator, Dr. Alexander Lippisch, puts it through its paces. We're used to planes without propellers, and helicopters without wings, but this invention seems to have neither. Called an "aerodyne", it's driven by four internal fans. Dr. Lippisch operates, by remote control, louvres in the model's belly which direct air blasts in any required direction.

Maybe the doctor's got something - anyhow, the U.S. Office of Naval Research are watching his experiments with interest.

President Eisenhower polishes his chip shoes at the tail end of his work-and-play holiday at Key West, Florida, fifteen weeks after his heart attack.

Facing reporters for the first time since August the President has this to say:

Asked about running for a second term, the President says he has not yet made up his mind, and he adds:

But he's cautious when correspondents press him to say more clearly what his announcement means:

One thing is clear, at least - the President is back in fighting form.