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NEWS FLASHES:

For the people of Paris, the cold spell has one compensation at least. On the lakes of the Bois de Boulogne and the Bois de Vincennes, the ice is thick enough for skating for the first time in many years. So long, in fact, that some are a bit out of practice.

This sort of weather is all very well for humans, but it's not much fun for the ducks. Special ponds are dug for them, and kept clear of ice.

On the first school holiday after the police have decided it's safe for skating, the children of Paris turn out in force.

Well, it may be safe for skating, but our cameraman's asking for danger money!

Reconnaissance by television is the latest idea in the U.S. Army, with this new portable camera-transmitter. The scouts report they're ready, and many miles away, headquarters tune in. The scout's equipment only weighs fifty-five pounds.

A dam is being watched - and the picture's surprisingly sharp and clear.

Here's an enemy train headquarters might like to have a look at.

Science gave the soldier the walkie-talkie - now it takes him a step further with the walkie-lookie!

Friday morning in Kuala Lumpur - and past the city's exotic railway station, Moslem members of the Federation Police Force march to their prayers. This weekly parade is becoming as much a tradition in the Malayan capital as the Changing of the Guard in London. The prayers are said in the stately Masjid Jami, the city's central mosque.

The band which leads the parade is famous throughout Malaya, and will soon be visiting the United Kingdom. It's a pity the Federation Police Force can't come with them - marching down Whitehall they'd be a spectacle to remember!