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It's not often the newreel camera gets a glimpse of Princess Margaret dancing - but here she is at the Red Hat Ball in London, a charity event organised by Christ Church College, Oxford. The lucky man - Mr. Charles Smith Biland.

Like many other places at the moment, the Zoo is entertaining a Russian guest. But this one's here to stay - Nikki, the Caucasian bear presented to Princess Anne by Bulgasin and Krushchev. But why don't they print those notices in Russian? Still, what's a few daffodils among friends.

Seventy-year old Dario Tagnoli of Mantua, believes it's an awful waste of time to do all the work with your legs when you go for a cycle ride. So he's invented a bicycle with a ratchet front-wheel drive as well - worked by the rider's arms.

Leg power drives the rear wheel in the ordinary way - and the whole outfit, Signor Tagnoli claims, can do nearly 40 miles an hour with ease. Only snag is - no signals!