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NEWS FLASHES:

Two thousand cancelsts from 15 countries take part in the World Cance Slalam Championships on Augsburg's "Ice Canal". No ice at this time of the year, but the water's still bitingly cold - another reason for staying upright if you can. And in these thundering repids, beging upright is more than some people can manage. It's a great day for the Germans, who win eight of the nine international titles, seven going to East Germans and one to a West German. It's not fair - they've been practising!

The peedle fashion has eaught on in German as widely as it has in Britain, And a vourite pastime of the many Poodle Clubs is to hold a race-meeting. You just let them loose at one end of the field and call them from the other.

The only mag is - the peedles won't understand when the game's over.

Once again the Communist world holds a Postival of Youth, drawing thousands of visitors from both sides of the Iron Curtain. This is the sixth festival and it's in Moscow - but there's a difference. They were designed for the expert of ideas, propaganda being reinforced by spectacle. But the Communist world, including Emssia, is in ferment - particularly among the youth; and this time the traffic in ideas proves to be a two-way business. Young people of the East are listening, as well as talking, to their Western friends. On one thing they all agree - their hatred of muclear war.

Some Russian leaders are perturbed by the new wind that is blowing round the world. But the young people everywhere say: "Let it blow stronger still".

Best Trautmann kicks off in a game he can't be invited to join - for it's a ladies-only event. In the dark shirts, England in the white enes, West Germany.

Bert can afford to laugh - he's on both sides! So when England equalises, one man's happy, at least - not to mention eleven women.

A German counter-attack is warded off - but the home team are determined to restore their lead, and try again.

It's no good - the Germans can't find the met, and the game ends in a draw, How about a return match at Wembley? They'd pack the place!