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NEWS FLASHES:

Two thousand canoeists from 15 countries take part in the World Canoe Slalom 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 rapids, keeping 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 practicing!

The poodle fashion has caught on in German as widely as it has in Britain. And a favorite 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 snag is - the poodles won't understand when the game's over.

Once again the Communist world holds a Festival 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 export of ideas, propaganda being reinforced by spectacle. But the Communist world, including Russia, 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 nuclear 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".

Bert 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 ones, 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 net, and the game ends in a draw. How about a return match at Wembley? They'd pack the place!