

PARTY SEASON:

The film world is second to none when it comes to remembering the very old or the young - and here's a typical example from Manchester, where sixteen hundred young cinemagoers invite 1,000 of the city's orphans and underprivileged children to a free show, organized by the Apollo Cinema and "The Daily Mirror".

The Lord Mayor's here - Mr. Lealie Lever, M.P. ("Uncle Lealie" for this very informal occasion) and Mrs. Lever, too. Every child gets a bag of sweets from one of the grown-up hosts, who include Uncles Frank Swift and Brian Stathan...

Auntie Diana Wilkinson, Uncle Reg Harris, a very distinguished collection of adopted relatives. And boy! what a family! But thanks to the generosity of local firms, there's something for everybody - the 1,000 guests and sixteen hundred hosts. By the time the film and stage shows are under way, hosts and guests are so thoroughly mixed you can't tell which is which. But they've all had a wonderful time!

Over to Paris, to see how the grown-ups enjoy themselves when the children are safely tucked up in bed - they hope. But even the most conscientious parent is apt to forget the children in the atmosphere of the Ildo Cabaret.

The tables are full of celebrities from Paris and all the world among them the Duke of Windsor....the Duchess..Simone Signoret and her husband, and Jean Cocteau - but while the floor's show on, these are the only celebrities anyone looks at.

Interval for looking around again - there's Eddie Constantine...Salvador Dail...Maurice Chevalier...Jean Gabin...Fernand Gravey...Iudmilla Tcherina...and Michele Morgan..yes, that's enough interval.

If you're interested, the cheapest fare to Paris is £3. 19. 6d. single!