

ALL'S FAIR IN SOHO!

England's most exotic community, Soho, really let itself go at the opening of its 5th annual Fair. This is the part of London where you can imagine yourself on the Continent at a film festival.

Pathe News had the big event of the day right on its own doorstep.

This year's Queen of the Fair was pretty Gale Sheridan. She comes from Battersea. All Soho applauded the choice, made the night before, when ten finalists were judged by a panel which included that popular expert, the Duke of Bedford. Gale's vital statistics, 35-22-36. And the competition was high class.

Charles Forte presented the Butlin Trophy. She'll get a screen-test too. The Waiters' Race was an opening day high spot. A unique chance to see waiters hurrying. They had to carry a bottle of champagne without holding it on the tray.

The winner, a Cypriot, 24-year-old Orhan Sev.

In athletics, age will have the last word. Then there was the spaghetti-eating contest between the Handlebar Club and the Dog House Club. Spaghetti's always difficult; wearing boxing gloves, it's next door to impossible.

Any competitor swallowing his own handlebars was disqualified.

If you can't enjoy yourself in Soho at any time there's something wrong with you. During the Fair, it's a riot. For the winner there was a continental kiss from Eric Sykes. That'll teach him!