

MOSCOW FILM FESTIVAL.

Goodwill ambassadors Richard Todd, Tommy Steele, Carole Lesley and Peter Arne were thoroughly in the spirit of the Moscow Film Festival. Art knows no frontiers; film speaks to all the world. Among still-pictures the camera picked out a British offering in which Max Bygraves stars.

At the Moskba Hotel, Associated British Pathe held a reception. The Russian star, Vodyanit Skaya, and Carole Lesley somehow overcame the language barrier. And so did Richard Todd. The possibility of British films showing in Russia, Russian pictures in Britain was very much in the air, though Tommy Steele and Nichole Courcelle (she's French, of course) kept the party *spatit* alive. The Rock and Roll King was in good form all the time.

In Red Square, to which St. Basil's Cathedral lends a touch of the Orient, Tommy and Carole made friends with the Kremlin Guards. Good fun on both sides. And with the youngsters and teenagers our Mr. Steele went down a hundred per cent. It must have been the first time they'd seen British visitors letting themselves go. Old Joe Stalin must have turned in his tomb. Tommy said that Russians will go for Rock and Roll in a big way when they get the hang of it. Well, the ice is broken. Films will draw the two peoples closer together. And it won't only be pictures. It's well known that Trade Follows the Film.