

THE DUKE WITH VARIETY CLUB.

The 10th Anniversary of the Variety Club. The Duke of Edinburgh, Billy Butlin and Earl Mountbatten lunched with the top people of Show business. Bud Flanagan, Tommy Trinder and a host of others, including Tommy Cooper and Richard Todd - everybody in the entertainment world was there. Kenneth Moore had to tell his taxi driver just what the Variety Club is. That meant answering a lot of questions:-

K. Moore's Speech: "He pressed on, who's gonna be there, he said. Well of course, this was my great moment and with as much modesty as I could summon I said well today of course we have as our guests the Duke of Edinburgh, and Earl Mountbatten. It was a second or two before the penny dropped, and then he turned round, with his eyes pepping, went straight through a red light - red light, and said, Blimsy, you got a couple of good alowns there!!".

Chief Barker Billy Butlin presented cheques for £43,000, raises by the Club for the Queen's and Duke's charities. In its ten years existance the Organisation has raised more than £400,000.

Duke of E's speech: "Well Mr. Chief Barker, and gentlemen. Well, I always knew that the ways of Show business were very strange, but this proves it. Any other Organisation that has a Birthday people give them presents, but here you are giving things away on your birthday. And I know that the National Playing Fields Association, and the Award Scheme, and the National Association for the Blind at Con Dover Hall, will be happy and delighted to have this help from you. I won't say thank you, personally because I'm not getting any of it, but I'll tell you this, which is much more important and that is the return in human enjoyment in this investment of yours is quite immeasurable and in any case I am convinced that it would make any ordinary stockbroker fall off in a dead faint!!".