

BOWLING INVASION.

Opening night of the Ten Pin Bowling Centre introduced a favourite American game to Britain. Everest climber Sir John Hunt was to bowl the first ball, and the celebrities present included heavyweight champ Henry Cooper. From the world of film we soon spotted that lovely star Carole Lealie.

Douglas Fairbanks and Lady Hunt.

Peter Arne.

Cricket's famous Bedser Twins were introduced to the larger ball, and then all was ready for the opening ceremony, the bowling of the Golden Ball by Sir John Hunt, more at home on the Himalayas than in the bowling alley. For ten days anybody can have a go free; then there'll be a charge and we shall soon see if Englishmen have in them the stuff of international bowling champions.

Backstage, elaborate mechanism picks up the pins as fast as they're knocked down, sort them all out and soon has them in place again. Quite a brain, whoever thought all that out.

The machine also returns the ball to the players' end. It all shows what a long way the old English game of Ninepins has come, since the days it was first played, 500 years ago.

Forsaking the saddle for an evening, Pat Smythe tried her hand. The promoters are convinced they have successfully launched a new indoor game in Britain.