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SOUTHERN COUNTIES GROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPION IN S 1990, to Parliament Hill, on the London side of Hampstead Heath, is now becoming firmly established as the venue for at least one of the major events in the cross-country calendar each year. In 1957, the English National Championships were held there, in 1958 the Southern Counties Championships, and last year, the Inter-Counties Championships. <u>On Saturday next, 13 February</u>, it is again the turn of the Southern Counties Championships, for which a record entry of over 2,200 has been received (1042 for the Senior race; 560 for the Junior race and 603 for the youths' race).

The championships will be run over a 3-miles course at Parliament Hill, Kenwood and Hampstead Heath, starting at the following times:

2.20 p.m. Youths (under 18) - 3 miles (1 lap) 2.50 p.m. Seniors (over 18) - 9 miles (3 laps) 3.45 p.m. Juniors (18-21) - 6 miles (2 laps)

All the races will start by the lido at Parliament Hill and finish near the site of the old bandstand at Parliament Hill. The senior race has attracted a distinguished field, including more than 20 international runners. Among them are:

FRANK SANDO, who won the National title at Parliament Hill in 1957 STAN EDON, who can the South title over this course in 1958 BRUCE TULLOH, the A.A.A. 3-miles champion, and 654 GORDON PIRIE 635. The awards will be presented, after the races, at the

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Chairman of the London County Council's Parks Committee.

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The championships are organised by the Southern Counties Cross Country Association, and the London County Council has been glad to have the opportunity again to provide facilities and assistance at Parliament Hill.

The Press are cordially invited to be present at the Championships and to take photographs.

For further information about starters and about the championships generally, enquiries should be made to:

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