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NEWS FLASHES.

Into the first underground Group Headquarters constructed for the Royal Observer Corps went volunteer members, for an exercise which supposed a nuclear attack. Each man and woman entering was checked for radio-activity and if it were the real thing there'd be no admittance before decontamination. In the operations room it's not so much the approach of aircraft they're trained to plot (radar looks after that) as the locality of fall out.

From Chicago, bound for Detroit. Nothing very strange about that, till you notice that this particular car is minus one wheel. It was a test to prove the strength of combined body-and-frame keel. The traffic cop thought a drunk driver had got out to deal with a puncture, taken off the wheel and forgotten the rest.. The manufacturers were pleased with the test, but they're going back to four wheels, just to be orthodox.

In Munich, they don't roll out the barrels, they lift them, just to show what strong chaps the local brew makes them. Beer and barrel together, according to size, went up to 200 pounds; that's more than 14 stone. And the weight is only half the battle; barrels aren't like a weight-lifters bar bell, they're hard to grip.

The winner.

What goes up must come down. Willi Heinz couldn't manage it all by himself; his rivals helped him.

David Ben Gurien, on a 2-day visit to Holland, went to the Royal palace at Soestdijk to be the luncheon guest of Queen Juliana. The 73-year-old Prime Minister of Israel (headline news all over the world just now) agreed to hold a Press Conference at the Hague. He told them that Israel fully intends to try Eichmann, the captured Nazi who organised the execution of six million Jews.

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Ben Gurion said that in the name of justice such trial was demanded.