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CIRCUS FOR CHARITY.

The Circus was in town; if not right in the heart of London, at least on the outskirts. Billy Smart's New World Circus packed the stars into the show. Jon Pertwee, Max Bygraves, Yolande Donland, Stanley Baker - just to mention a few - all helping great hearted Billy to make the performance of a lifetime. And all in aid of the Variety Club and its children's charities.

While irrepressible Max larked about with Billy Smart himself, back-stage in the Big Top were Cardew Robinson, Tommy Cooper and a regular circus trouser making up for the big show. The Variety Club funds were going to get a big boost this time, or it wouldn't be their fault.

Max Bygraves entered into the circus spirit, as to the manner born. His proud old father was there to watch. Show business was demonstrating once again that giving generously (as the two Billies - Butlin and Smart well know) provides a satisfaction all its own. It's through show business that the Club has raised more than half a million for its charities. On with the show now, and after the giants and heavyweights, those never-failing laughter-makers the chimps.

The world's largest group of elephants - with a beautiful group of dancers.

Jack Jackson and Jimmy Wheeler settled back to see whether Hattie Jacques (farthest away from us), Vera Day, Hylda Baker, Frances Day and Penny Smart would be squashed to a jelly or get away with it. But what a gentlemanly elephant. Not so much as thinking of saying "Consider yourself squashed".

Chris Chataway wasn't worrying. He knows you can trust any good girl with a Smart elephant.

Now, Mr. Bygraves, what's the M.C.C. got that the Billy Smart Test Match Terribles can't beat? Colin Cowdrey doesn't stand an earthly.

Tommy Cooper, hope of the side. Oh, a terrific hit. It must have gone into orbit.

Watch this or you won't believe it.