

RUSSIAN FAIR OPENS.

History was made at Earls Court with the opening of the Russian Industrial Exhibition. It pleased all that the Prime Minister was there to officiate. Some of the accent in Soviet production nowadays is on consumer goods, showing here how Russian flat dwellers live. As was seen by Mr. Macmillan the ten thousand exhibits cover an enormously wide range, with Russia anxious to make a splash in the International car market. Also they want to export their wines.

Russian toys may soon be seen in our shop windows and one of the big surprises at Earls Court is the fashion show. Clearly Russian women have become dress conscious to a surprising extent.

Interesting as the fashions are the star exhibits at Earls Court illustrate Russia's great achievements in space.

Another Soviet ambition, more modest than space travel, is in the air-world; witness the model of the 200-seater Inter Continental Turbo Prop airliner. Of course, news that Space Traveller Gagarin was coming over further stimulated interest in the capsules: big and small.

Trade between nations makes for peace, as the exhibition points out. That is a sentiment shared by all in the West.