SPARTAKS ARRIVE. 5/11/54.

At London Airport --- a plane greeted by officials of the Football Association and Arsenal Football Club, brought to Britain the latest visitors from Russia. They were members of the ace Spartak Club from Moscow --- here for their matches against Arsenal and Wolves. It was the first visit by a team of Soviet footballers, since the dynamic tour of the Dynamos just after the war.

POPE CROWNS PAINTING.

Enormous crowds in Vatican City watched the passing of the Pope through St Peter's Square, on his way to a ceremony in the Basilica. This was the crowning of a portrait of the Madonna, said to have been painted by St Luke. In the presence of many Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops, His Holiness then showed the portrait to the pilgrims, and gave them his blessing.

ETON STEEPLECHASE.

This was the mass start of some three hundred entries for one of the most popular sporting events of the term at Eton College; the steeplechase; ~~and the field [illegible]~~ over a three-miles course. This year --- for the first time for many years --- the Senior Steeplechase finished up with a jump over a broad stream. But at the end of three weary miles --- it's easier to jump, than to jump over. Public school education is a fine thing for a boy, but it's tough on a mother. She lies awake at night with tears in her eyes --- thinking of what ~~they're doing~~ happens to dear little Stinker.

R?S.M. BRITTAIN.

At the Mons Officer Cadet School, Aldershot --- this was the last parade of Regimental Sergeant-Major Brittain --- most famous, and senior R.S.M. of the British Army.... now retiring, after nearly forty years service. The salute was taken by the Duke of Gloucester. But the thought that is uppermost in our minds at this passing-out parade, is how --- on hearing the sergeant-major's word of command for the first time --- many a raw young soldier has felt like doing his own passing out.