

It was the eightieth birthday of Dr Adenauer, Chancellor of Western Germany; and the earliest of the callers who came to bring greetings, were children and grandchildren of the family.

One of the most unusual of the Chancellor's presents was a lion-cub; the gift of the Christian Social Union of Bavaria.

Oddly enough, the same week also saw the eightieth birthday of Herr Pieck, President of Germany's Soviet Eastern Zone. He received visits from Moscow, Poland and China.

OTTAWA FIRE.

This was the blaze that enveloped the Russian Embassy in Ottawa. Firemen said they were hampered in their attempts to put out the flames in the early stages, through obstruction by Soviet officials, who claimed diplomatic immunity for the building. The fire ignored the argument and went on burning.

NEW HEAD LAMP.

From Amsterdam, comes the invention of a mirror which is placed near a car's headlamps, and --- worked by a switch on the dashboard --- shines the beam in any required direction. Thus it can be used for finding street names and house numbers and --- of course --- the all-important signpost.....while you keep going. In the hands of a lady-driver it looks like a jet-propelled pin-table.

DOG SHOW.

A dog show is normally a competition where the dogs have a pedigree that goes back to William the Conqueror; but this show in Rome was for mongrels; so they couldn't even claim they were related to Ethelred the Unready. To add to the confusion, some of the competitors dressed up like people.

The winner was a dog named Tombolino. It was owned by a woman who was eighty-seven years old. A dog is a man's best friend but she was too old to care.