

"Save our Churches" Relay

At Buckingham Palace, famous milers received a Royal send-off on a "Save our Churches" Relay, when the Duke of Edinburgh handed £250 cheques to Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher.

Then, carrying these timely grants (made by the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, to London churches in need of repair) the three ~~athletes~~ athletes set out down the Mall.

It will be ~~noted~~ recalled that this same trio combined to achieve the first four-minute mile - just a year ago.

At the Duke of York steps, came the first change-over - when three "Old Blue" Parliamentarians - Hamilton Kerr, Geoffrey de Freitas and Frank Byers carried on to St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Here - a "Silver Steps" collection is being made to help repair and preserve two thousand of our Parish Churches.

So the "not-so-young Blues" hand over to Gordon Pirie and John Disley - and finally, one of the ~~grant~~ grants was handed over to the Lord Mayor of London, on the steps of St. Stephen's, Walbrook.

Farnborough - the Krone Pilot

Farnborough: Continuing the ceaseless research into aviation-problems, a pilot lying full-length in the nose of a Meteor, ^{demonstrates} one of the latest tests carried out by the R.A.F. Institute of Aviation Medicine.

It is thought that the prone position may strengthen a pilot's resistance to ^{stresses} ~~the stresses~~ encountered in supersonic flight - ^{it also} ~~and~~ enable the nose-design to become more streamlined - thus increasing both speed and performance.

Gloucester - Royal Visit

Gloucester: A visit by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh marked the 800th anniversary of the granting of the City's first Royal Charter. The Guard of Honour was provided by the Gloucestershire Regt. - of which the Queen was later to speak in glowing terms.

During a tour of a Railway carriage and wagon works - the Royal Visitors inspected several coaches - and in this one, it was "Standing-room Only". So Gloucester enjoyed the first full-scale visit of a Reigning Sovereign for two hundred years.