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SEVEN CROWDED DAYS

As October merged with the month which officially heralds winter, a variety of world affairs held the nation's attention. It was a rainy October morning as the King unveiled the memorial Statue of his father, King George V. In the shadow of the Houses of Parliament the celebrities of the land assembled to commemorate a great King.

The Statute of George V was recalled as a son paid tribute to his father.

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Earl Baldwin, the late-King's last Premier, was among those present as the King went on to say:-

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Together with the Queen-Mother, the Queen and the Princesses, the King stepped into the grey Autumn Day to take a final look.

The Statue is the centrepiece, within the Capital, of that great national memorial spread over the whole Kingdom - the "King George Playing Fields." It is set up jointly by the people of Britain and the Commonwealth.

The following day brought an event which was the talking point of the moment.

Hundreds of motorists went to London's Hyde Park to protest against the abolition of the Basic Petrol ration. Ten thousand were expected - but only five hundred turned up. The majority probably ran out of their last basic gallon on the way. Their claim is that the five million pound saving involved in the cut will result in a loss of production and incentive. Emphasising that point, motor industrialist Sir Miles Thomas told the demonstrators:

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Despite all the slogans, and speeches, it was a safe bet that Sir Stafford Cripps will stand firm on the Government's decision. But the week's dramatic story came from mid-Atlantic - a daring rescue, cheating the sea of sixty-nine victims. It begins in Ireland. The Bermuda Sky Queen, a giant flying boat takes off bound for America. Unexpected headwinds eat up petrol dangerously and pilot