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# THE MOTOR CYCLE

New  
(Engineers)  
type front brake lever useful for  
outfits. A button protruding through the  
lever handle, releases the ratchet.

Highlight of the British-Thomson-  
Houston stand was the P.E.C. combined  
generator and ignition unit specially  
developed for the new 149 c.c. Velocette

the  
ally bonding  
metals. The process  
chemical fusion. Advantage  
motor cycle point of view—in brake  
cylinders, brake drums, etc.—is that

### Mini-Motors from Italy

THREE British Hercules cycles with 49 c.c. Mini-  
Motor attachments (described in *The Motor*  
*Cycle* dated November 11th) arrived in London last  
Sunday. The machines had been ridden 800 odd  
miles from Milan, Italy, through Switzerland and  
France by V. Piatti, the designer, M. Coco, a  
technical artist and C. Garbardi-Brocchi, a jour-  
nalist, and were brought to a Press gathering on  
Monday.

No mechanical troubles were experienced through-  
out the run, which lasted five days; the longest  
mileage covered in any one day was nearly 200  
from Paris to Calais.

Still travel-stained, the little machines were  
demonstrated high up on Selfridge's roof. I had  
the opportunity of riding one (writes Harry Louis).  
In spite of the arduous journey the engine still  
retained its pep—it was definitely too lively to  
be given its head in the confined space available.  
No roller slip could be provoked and the  
silencing of the exhaust was commendably good.

Production of Mini-Motor attachments in this  
country has already started.

### At the Show

LAST Monday at 4 p.m. Mr. Harold Wilson,  
President of the Board of Trade, toured the  
London Show. His comment on the fact that the  
number of bicycles and motor cycles exported this  
year is already greater than the whole of 1947  
was, "In the circumstances a very good effort."  
He intimated that steel difficulties were the same  
for other industries as for the motor cycle in-  
dustry. Mr. Wilson was shown the actual  
machines on exhibition that took part in the  
International Six Days' Trial and was introduced  
to most of the riders in the teams.

### Veterans' Show Gathering

MOTOR cyclists whose names were famous forty  
years ago gathered last Friday evening for  
dinner at the Aldwych Brasserie. The Association

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