

SPORTS NEWS

PAU GRAND PRIX CANCELLED

FRANCE'S traditional Easter Grand Prix, *la course dans la cité* at Pau, will not take place this year. Following an examination by the French *Commission permanente des circuits*, improvements in the pit area and elsewhere were requested, which the organizers, the A.C. Basco-Bearnais, cannot effect in time for the race on 1st April. Costs for the necessary improvements will amount to some 70 million francs. But, say the organizers, there will be a G.P. in 1957, without any doubt.

B.R.D.C. 1956 FIXTURES

THREE major British race meetings, the British G.P. at Silverstone, the British Empire Trophy at Oulton Park, and the 8th *Daily Express* International Trophy meeting, will be organized by the B.R.D.C. during this coming season.

The British Empire Trophy takes place on 14th April and, as before, will be for sports cars. There will be three 44-mile scratch heats, and a 69-mile Final on class handicap. The *Daily Express* meeting takes place on 5th May, and will comprise a 180-mile Formula 1 race, a 120-mile sports car event, a 75-mile touring car race and a Formula 3 50-miler. Details of the British Grand Prix will be announced later.

FORM OF THE FUTURE? The latest from Fiat, the rear-engined 600 "Multipla" as seen at the Brussels Show, dispenses with the conventional bonnet entirely, thereby gaining room for six people in a small car with four-cylinder o.h.v. engine of 633 c.c.! The lower picture shows how it's done.

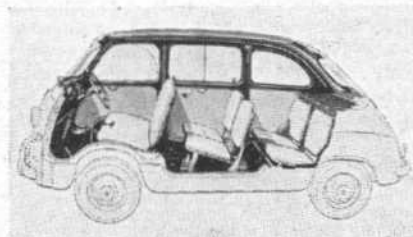


"DOWN ARGENTINE WAY"

THE first Formula 1 race of 1956, and the opening round in the seventh World Drivers' Championship, takes place this Sunday, 22nd January, at the Buenos Aires autodrome, outside the Argentine capital city. Circuit No. 2, measuring 2.43 miles per lap, will be used. In the absence of Gordini and Connaught, both of which marques find the journey to South America too great a strain to their resources, the race will devolve into a straight Ferrari-Maserati fight, five of the former, and seven of the latter being entered. Works men for the "prancing horse" include Fangio, Castellotti and Collins; while Moss, Behra and Gonzalez should lead the cars bearing the "trident". A late entry is that of Mike Hawthorn in the Owen Maserati.

The Entries

Ferrari: J. M. Fangio, L. Musso, E. Castellotti, P. J. Collins, O. Gendebien.
Maserati: S. Moss, J. Behra, F. Landi, L. Piotti, C. Menditeguy, J. F. Gonzalez, J. M. Hawthorn; also possibly R. Mieres.



THE BRUSSELS SHOW

THE 39th Brussels International Motor Show opened at the Brussels Centenary Hall on 14th January. It remains open until the 25th. Amongst the exhibits, which comprise a fair cross-section of British, Continental and American automobile productions, are the new Fiat 600 "Multipla" six-seater, "forward control" adaptation of the 600 chassis, the Ferrari "Superamerica" with Pinin Farina body, Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz, Citroën, including the new DS19, full ranges of B.M.C. and Rootes Group products, and cars from Russia, Czechoslovakia and Eastern Germany. Largest car present is an American 6-litre luxury saloon; the smallest is the tiny 200 c.c. Isetta.

SHELL MALAYAN RALLY

A CITROËN 15 saloon driven by A. Brazier and P. H. Stewart won the General classification in the Shell Malayan Motor Rally, W. R. Wyllie/Miss L. M. Cochrane (Triumph TR2) were second, and W. H. Dyson/A. MacDonald (Jaguar Mk VII) third. All three won their respective classes, other winners being Maj. Heathcote/Maj. Henn (Morris Minor), Capt. Murphy/Capt. Youngs (Austin A40), Col. Gray/A. Goodall (Austin A70), and F. Barouch/E. Ooi (M.G. TD).



RECOGNIZE IT? (Above). It's a Doretti, with attractive body conversion at the rear, affording greater accommodation and luggage space. It was produced for P. R. Kirwan-Taylor, of 62 Westbourne Terrace, W.2, who may market the conversion for Doretti, Austin-Healey and similar cars.

ALL-ALUMINIUM: (Right) This is the new Gregoire sports car from France, with 2.1-litre flat-four engine in a one-piece cast aluminium chassis structure. The front wheels are disc-braked.

ZANDVOORT SEASON

NINETEEN FIFTY-SIX fixtures at Holland's premier racing circuit near Haarlem include the Dutch G.P. on 17th June, the Tulip Rally Final Tests, 10th May, a National sports car race meeting, 21st May, and another sports car meeting on 19th August.

