

ITALY'S 32ND MOTORCYCLE EXHIBITION

Accent on "Ciclomotori"—Light Autocycles—revealed by Milan Show now in Progress

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ANOTHER trend of design has begun in Italy. Two years ago I reported the initial movement towards machines of 175 c.c. with four-stroke engines. Last year confirmed that impression. Now, however, though the 175 c.c. four-stroke can be said to be the standard Italian motorcycle of 1954-55, it is the 50 c.c. light autocycle which is the star of this Show—the 32nd Esposizione Internazionale del Ciclo e del Motociclo, organized by A.N.C.M.A., which opened at the Padiglione della Meccanica, at the Fiera Campionaria, here today.

But these little newcomers are hardly utility machines in the full sense of the word. Though pedal-assisted and designed for economy, most are beautifully finished motorcycles in miniature, equipped with springing at front and rear; extensive mud-guarding; and two-speed gearboxes—some, indeed, are three-speeders.

Perhaps the most significant is the Lambretta 48, shown by Innocenti. A two-stroke, it has a two-speed gearbox, pressed-steel frame and front and rear pivoting suspension. The fuel tank is carried beneath the saddle and the entire machine is a very nice model indeed.

Another case in point is the ultra-modern



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