

THE official launching of the new Raleigh range of foreign mopeds and a scooter made under licence in England took place at Alexandra Palace just before the Earls Court Show.

The *Roma* is a 78 c.c. two-stroke machine with a claimed consumption of 120 m.p.g. and a cruising speed of over 40 m.p.h. In a short run round the Palace, we found it very nippy and lively, with more "guts" in the engine than at first imagined. The styling was quite pleasant, though it looked and felt a little bit top heavy. Although the *Roma* is produced in Italy by Bianchi, Raleigh have world export rights. In the home market it will cost £115 10s.

Extensive tests, said Mr. Smith, had also been made before they came to the conclusion that the Motobecane mopeds were the best available. They were being made under licence by Raleigh who had British Commonwealth export rights. The *Supermatic* which has

RALEIGH RANGE SEND-OFF

The new light-weight scooter, Roma, seen here with a pop singer, called Cliff Richard



a dual saddle and automatic gearing with a claimed top speed of 35 m.p.h. will cost £87 3s. Raleigh claim that it can carry two passengers weighing 22 stone up a 1 in 9 gradient without pedal assistance. A short run two up on the demonstration model proved this

fact quite acceptable.

The *Automatic*, priced at only £59 17s., has one saddle only. The engine gives less brake horse power than the more expensive model, but the claimed consumption is 180 m.p.g., 50 miles more than the *Supermatic*.

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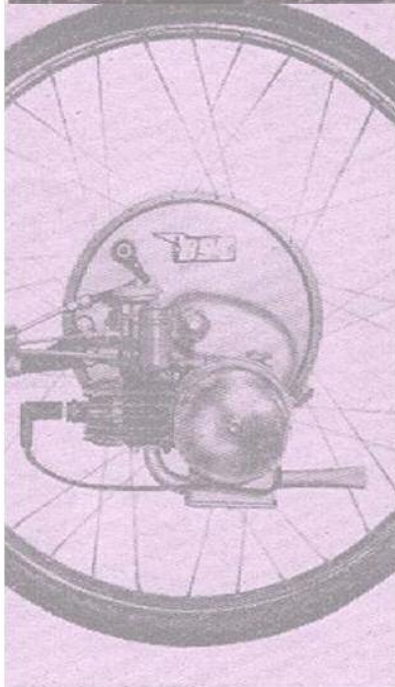
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