

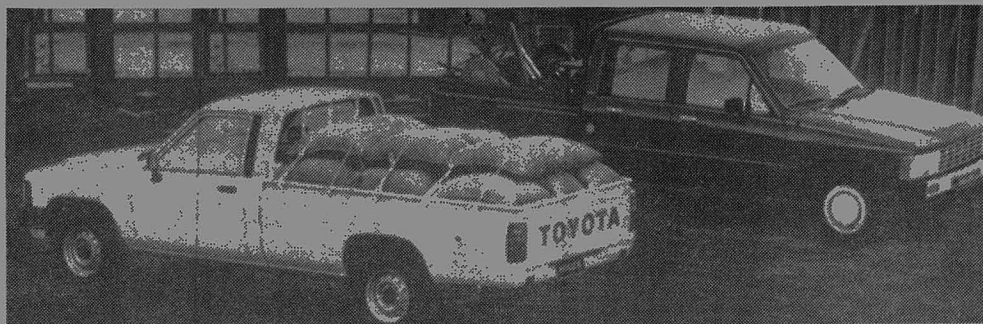
The shape of things to come

GOOD news for local motorists is that the latest models of the very popular Toyota Hilux pickup will soon be available.

Westlands Motors, the local Toyota agents, have announced that three versions of the new Hilux will be available from later this month; a single cab petrol and a double-cab petrol. A 4WD diesel version will roll off the assembly line later in the year.

The Hilux already has a well deserved reputation for quality and reliability, but Toyota's engineers have incorporated several new features in this latest series.

The new pick-ups have been slightly restyled to give a more aerodynamic shape. The engines have been modified to give bet-



TWO versions of the new-look Toyota Hilux: the single cab (left) and double cab.

ter fuel economy and the cabins have been made bigger and more luxurious. As with previous models, the new Hilux can carry a ton of cargo.

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A new short-wheelbase version of the Land Rover was launched in Britain last month. Called the Land Rover Ninety, it is actually 11 cms longer than the Series III model it replaces.

Whilst retaining the traditional go-anywhere virtues of the marque, the latest version is

claimed to incorporate radical improvements in control and comfort to offer even greater durability.

Despite heavy inroads into traditional Land Rover markets by Japanese competition in recent years, I gather the Land Rover is still dominant in the U.K. and Europe. The Land Rover One Ten, announced in March 1983, also benefits from some improvements introduced with the "Ninety". One of these is — wait for it — wind-up windows!

Commenting on the new

Ninety, Land Rover's managing director, Tony Gilroy said he was confident that the company had achieved its objective of developing the best all-rounder in the world. Cost of ownership, he claimed, was also exceptional because the newcomer had been designed for even longer working life.

"Others build in obsolescence, while we build in longevity," he asserted. Brave words indeed, and probably true, but does the world want longevity anymore — particularly at 12 to 15 miles to the gallon?

Is Reagan sick?

CONCERN is growing among American doctors over White House information on the precise nature of the tiny polyp discovered in President Reagan's intestine during a routine medical check last month.

A minor operation to remove the polyp — a small fleshy growth on the wall of the colon — was carried out on the President, who is 73, following an examination at the Bethesda Naval Medical Centre near Washington.

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Part of the polp was taken out, and tests were reported as indicating that it was non-cancerous or 'benign.' Reagan's White House physi-

cian, Dr. Daniel Ruge, said at the weekend: 'We see no indication that he should return to hospital.' A White House spokesman has flatly denied a suggestion that further treatment to prevent the possible development of colon cancer is being delayed until after the November presidential election.

But several specialists, widely recognised as leaders in the field of gastro-enterology, say more extensive examinations are necessary, and one

White House officials of creating a mystery.

The vast majority of polyps are benign, but some may become malignant with time. Growths under one centimetre in size, such as that revealed during Reagan's check, have a negligible chance of being dangerous.

REAGAN'S CHECK

But specialists such as Dr. Paul Sherlock of New York's Memorial Sloan-Kettering cancer centre, who heads the American Cancer Society's advisory committee on colon and rectum cancer, agree that the presence of one polyp suggests there may be others, perhaps larger. Polyps of more than three or four centimetres have a 40 per cent chance of containing a seed of malignant tissue.

Dr. Sherlock says that about 85 per cent of colon cancers occur from polyps. For full safety, say specialists, the polyp tissue remaining in Reagan's intestine should be removed.

Dr. Elliot Alpert, a gastro-enterologist from the Baylor University School of Medicine in Houston, Texas, says the nature of the presidential polyp remains shrouded in mystery.

Some polyps are described as 'inflammatory' but with no cancerous potential, he said. Others, although benign when detected, may become malignant quite unpredictably.

The healing miracle that never w

By G. M

WORD had quickly spread that a then famous spiritual healer was to visit Murang'a town on a healing mission.

A big crowd dominated by the lame, paralysed and other physically disabled jammed Ihura Stadium in the town waiting for the "spiritual medicineman".

Most of them were escorted by their relatives and friends who turned out to witness the ceremony.

Samson M. Mbatia, was among the lame who turned up with high hopes of a new life. He had spent almost all his life in hospital seeking treatment for his withered left hand and leg. But all he managed to bring out of his hospital bed was a pair of calliper shoes that dangled with weight on his withered leg.

His parents were ready to pay any amount to any doctor who could heal their son once and for all. And now, a precious moment had come for Mbatia to start leading a normal life, and for no charges at all.

WAITING

They all longed for that moment which was expected to mark a turning point in their lives, and although they were waiting under the scorching heat, none of them appeared to be in need of a shelter for there was fear that the healer might come in one's absence.

Minute after the other, Ihura stadium continued to receive new lame visitors, and all parking area was filled with wheel chairs on which hundreds travelled from all parts of Murang'a and her neighbouring districts. And at the close of the day, there was no sign of a spiritual healer in the vicinity.

As the darkness gradually replaced the day's light, none of the sick wanted to imagine that the "doctor" would not turn up.

WALKED

They obstinately waited in the darkness and kept awake throughout the night rest the healer came and performed miracles while they were asleep.

The morning rays of the sun injected fresh spirit into the hearts of the sick, and the day did not grow to very old before the faith healer a handful of "aides" walked into the stadium.

The whole stadium was filled with joy and

each lame person moment to come.

The healer climbed, preached continuously religious songs. Then, paralysed, the healer rose, and rise to walk home.

Mbatia was escorted Murang'a municipal when the preacher's son to surman to be healed.

As the preacher insisted he felt some new spirit from nowhere and he calliper shoes, and led songs of praise to God.

HC Mbatia does not recall his calliper shoes, but "matching" down Kenyan crossing Murari River was jubilantly received Mjini village, two km.

Mbatia was overwhelmed with joy of walking on two legs, recalls and even his football team.

He longed for the day on holiday, to re-open and relatives celebrated there was untold joy in barber, Gaitho Machi.

Mbatia's joy was however relates the story with aing to him, he walked weeks without any sleep after, he started feeling and asked his father to

At the beginning, convince his father on later, the father realised providing support to continue learning. Mbatia calliper shoes whenever was among those that away by the local council healing ceremony at dropped them.

Poor Mbatia pressed until 1978 when he