



Above: Within a couple of days of flying into London, Ken joins us in training at Mitcham. We've never seen a younger-looking grandfather!

Below: Talking tactics with Dave Sexton, as John Hollins practises in the background. Ken showed particular interest in the technique of "bending" the ball from set pieces, adding: "That's something I must show them in New Zealand."



As the boots go on, Ken says: "Now let's get out there with the lads and see how Chelsea training 1972 style compares with what it was in my time."

## Look who's here for Christmas . . . all the way from New Zealand

**C**HRISTMAS is the time for nostalgia as well as celebration, and for the many Chelsea fans whose support stretches back 15 years or more, the pictures on these pages will certainly revive memories. They will not need reminding that right-half **KEN ARMSTRONG** was one of the all-time great Chelsea players, between December 1946, when he joined us after Army service, and May 1957, when he retired and emigrated with his wife Betty and four children to New Zealand. He took with him a League Championship medal, one full England cap and, as a loyal, one-club man, the distinction of having played more League games (362) than anyone in Chelsea history—a total since surpassed by Peter Bonetti and Ron Harris.

Now Ken is in Britain, with his wife, on a triple mission. It's part business (he has been visiting the head office in London of his assurance company in New Zealand), part holiday and, as a member of the New Zealand F.A. selection panel and coach to the Mount Wellington club, he is studying the game here at top-club-level, looking for tactical ideas to improve N.Z. football. He flies back early in the New Year via Rhodesia, where one of his sons, Michael, now lives (the other two, Ronnie and Brian both play National League football for Mount Wellington).

