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CD: You’re listening to Newsreel. I’m Christine Demsteader. Coming up on today’s programme

• Order! Order! A parliament for young people opens in the UK
• They look cute and cuddly and they could become extinct – keep listening to find out which Australian animal we’re taking about
• And doctors are looking for a cure for a girl who sneezes 1000 times a day

• Official apology
CD: The British government is going to say sorry to thousands of people who were sent to Australia and Canada as young children in the 1950s and 1960s.

They were sent abroad because they came from poor families. At that time it was thought they could have a better life in a different country.

But many ended up in orphanages or were sent to work on farms. They say they didn’t have a childhood and should have stayed with their own families.

• Young politicians
CD: A parliament for youngsters is opening in the UK.

Around 300 people aged between 11 and 18 will be debating things that affect children and teenagers.

They have all been elected by their town or city to be members.

The UK youth parliament will be held in the House of Commons in London – where British politicians have their discussions.
Newsreel meets two members of the parliament to hear what issues they want to discuss.

“My names Harry Carter, member of the youth parliament for Sheffield. Personally for me the issue I want to get across will be about political education. We need young people back into politics and we need young people to get back into decision-making and back into activism.”

“My name is Charity Mendez and I am the member of the youth parliament for Solihull in the West Midlands. And we’ve got such amazing topics like lowering the voting age to 16, transport, youth crime, the economy and lowering tuition fees – these are things that are really relevant to young people today.”

Politicians are supporting the idea and the youth parliament debate will be shown live on television in the UK.

- Koala fears
CD: They look cute and cuddly but the future for Koala bears in Australia doesn’t look good.

There are around 50,000 koala bears in Australia today.

Because of changes in the climate around the world and a disease that spreads among the bears, they could become extinct in the next 30 years.

Koala bears live in the forest and eat eucalyptus leaves but the trees are being cut down.

The animals are a symbol of Australia so more work is going to be done to try and save them.
• **Busking for Beyonce**

CD: Buskers on the streets of London are giving away concert tickets to see Beyonce. Fans can decide what they want to pay for the tickets.

The buskers have to sing Beyonce’s songs and people can give them as much money as they think they are worth.

If they’re lucky they will get a ticket. But fans have to be quick – they are 800 tickets up for grabs.

It’s a way to help buskers and promote the concert at the same time.

Beyonce recently won three awards – best female artist, best video and best song - at the MTV music video awards.

• **No more sneeze, please!**

CD: And finally, spare a thought for 12-year old Lauren Johnson from America – she just can’t stop sneezing.

Lauren caught a cold a few weeks ago but the sneezing didn’t stop.

She sneezes about 16 times a minute – and doctors just don’t know why.

CD: That’s all from Newsreel for today. There’s the website - ur.se/engelska – to keep you entertained until next time – why not take a look. I’m Christine Demsteader. Thanks for listening.