

Wins cup in cancelled competition

SO good was the work of 17 year old **Brian Fuller**, of Kimberley Road, West Croydon, that he was awarded a prize in a cancelled section of an international competition in Madrid.

His award—an impressive, engraved trophy—was presented to him by **Gen. Franco** in Madrid Palace.

Brian won first prize in the junior silversmithing section of the ninth International Apprentice Competition, held each year at Barcelona.

About 20 other trades were represented in the competition by apprentices from all over Europe.

But Brian was the only entrant in his particular section.

“About a week before I was due to leave for Spain,” he said, “the junior silversmithing section of the competition was cancelled, due to lack of entries.

“But the Goldsmiths’ Company, who were financing the trip, decided to let me go, anyway, just for the holiday. I took my tools with me, though. And when I got there, I made a chalice—the subject the senior silversmithing section were working on—and gave it to the authorities, and they seemed quite pleased with it.”

Brian recalled: “Franco looked very stern, and he was very well guarded.”

Now Brian, who won the Junior Silversmith of the Year title awarded by the City and Guilds College, returns to his apprenticeship with a firm of West End silversmiths.

He has just under four more years to run there. He is taking lessons in silversmithing one day a week at the Central School of Crafts.