

Soho week of Festivity

10th July 1956

London: The spirit of brotherly love invades Soho as the colourful Latin Quarter, situated in the heart of the West End, celebrates its annual Fair.

Re-introduced last year, this week of festivity was first held over seventy years ago, and the Grand Carnival Procession is characteristic of the many races who have found a home (often as refugees), ^{in Britain} ~~in Britain~~. With such a colourful community, Soho is justly famous for the variety of its cuisine. ^{But in} ~~That~~ the Spaghetti-Eating Contest, they just can't wait to start another plate of....spaghetti.

Another highlight was the Waiters' Race, which was started by ~~screen~~ ~~starlet~~ Janette Scott. Sixty-one waiters answered the bell, each carrying a bottle and a glass on a tray.

First one home was Nicholas Toufexis; but he was later disqualified for holding his bottle, so the £25 prize went to Vittorio Bertoletti.

Another open-air occasion, ^{IN LONDON, 1956} ~~featured~~ Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, when, as Patron of the London Gardens Society, ^{SHE MADE} ~~she~~ her annual tour of gardens in the Capital.

At Carter St. Police Station, Sir John ~~Nott~~-Bower, Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, escorted the visitor round the garden that has been tended for over thirty years by P/C. Ernest Musto.

On to ~~London~~, Lewisham, where the ~~rose~~ rose garden of Mr and Mrs Clarke proved an oasis of fragrant charm in a busy, built-up area