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The young and the young-at-heart enjoyed Southampton's International Carnival - especially the children, who were all dressed up for the big parade, although one old chap had been let down by lack of support. This "children's carnival", held in the Stadium, was the curtain-raiser to the later festivities. A popular idea, for no youngster objects to two helpings of carnival.

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From early on - a crowd had gathered around the Common - the marshalling point for the Grand Procession. And amid the celebrations, the central theme of world-wide friendship was not forgotten... For the carnival co-incided with the 10th anniversary of the International Youth Rally - and tableaux from five continental countries brought the ["]hands-across-the-sea ["]flavour to a long-established local occasion.

Southampton is often known as the "Ocean Gateway to Britain". It is here that thousands of visitors get that vital first impression of our country. Leading the way, as ever, in civic hospitality, the ^{Town} ~~city~~ had played host to 140 boys and girls from the Continent, and ~~indeed, shared the carnival occasion with them - as they rode by in gaily decorated~~

And to round off a "better-than-ever carnival" - a great contribution was made by the townsfolk, who swelled the volume of goodwill, by donating generously towards the worthy charities, that benefited from Southampton's International festivities...