

Viareggio Carnival

Italy: The annual pre-Lenten Carnival brings a colourful taste of the holiday season ahead - as Viareggio celebrates its spectacular Spring festival.

For over three hours, an endless stream of exotic floats, depicting topical and fanciful themes, moves lightheartedly along the broad boulevards.

Most of the models (the result of months of careful preparation) are made from old newspapers.... So it's away with dull care before the Lenten fast begins - as ~~Viareggio~~ Viareggio basks in the sunshine of the most famous carnival in Europe...

BRIGHTON TOY FAIR

Brighton: There may be well over 200 shopping days to Christmas; but already, British Toy Manufacturers are preparing for their peak market of the year.

DESPITE PETROL RATIONING

~~As~~ it seems that old favourites are in demand at the British Toy Fair ~~and this despite petrol rationing~~

But for the scientist of tomorrow - there's the jet-propelled V-X Rocket. Driven by water and air - it can rise to over ^a hundred feet. Just one of the ingenious models that ^{ARE} winning world-wide demand for British toys

N.A.T.O. Exercise

In the Mediterranean - a N.A.T.O. exercise is carried out by the U.S. Sixth Fleet. Among 24 warships in action, was the cruiser "Boston" - which is seen preparing to launch guided missiles in support of an imaginary land action in Northern Italy.

This - the first guided-missile launch in the Mediterranean, was watched by many NATO chiefs - including ^{Germany's} General Speidel - Commander, Land Forces ~~in~~ Europe.

~~At this time, when battleships no longer hold the balance of power -~~
Experts ^{ALSO} studied the role of the 60,000 ^{ton} carrier, "Forrestal" - the world's most powerful warship...