

PRICES ROCKET IN SINGAPORE

Street scenes in Singapore. With three years of Jap rule to recover from, the town gets rapidly back to normal. Or it looks like normal if you judge by the shop windows. The shops are full of things we haven't seen for years. You can buy pretty nearly everything - at least, you think you can till you check up on prices.

Would-be shoppers find themselves telling the local storekeeper, "Sorry, but we're out of money." Toothpaste is ten bob a tube, lipsticks cost £2; but they don't have to wait till next June for a banana. And there's one other thing we've brought back to Singapore; smiles on the children's faces.