

SHANGHAI CARNIVAL

Shanghai bursts out in Carnival mood as all China flocks to celebrate the first really Happy New Year after an eight year war. For five days and nights Chinatown lets the festivities rip. Thousands jam the temples and overflow into the streets in the rush to pay respects to the God of Riches and Prosperity. Merrymakers usher in the Year of the Dog with a spot of Oriental horseplay.

Peak-point of the festivities is a rickshaw race through the city streets. First prize is 35,000 dollars; in China's inflated currency that's about the price of 20 cigarettes. First over the line is hot foot taximan O.K.Jet.