

OPERATION HUMBUG

Life takes a sweeter turn for the suckers. Coupled with the promise of more and cheaper confectionery is the hope that soon many kinds of sweets will be off-the-ration entirely. The reason is a drop in the cost of raw materials. Meanwhile, the Food Minister's good news for the watering mouths of Britain causes a steep rise in production of gob-stoppers, aniseed balls, sherbert dabs, lollipops, and all the sticky delights dear to every young heart.

Cigarettes (the seven for three-ha'pence variety) are coming back on the market again, in quantities sufficient to raise a hope that small boys will in future stick to their own brands and leave the "Turkish Only" to the grown-ups. No kiddie under eight has known what it is to buy sweets off points. Tuck-shop commandos will soon be sterning the counters.

Don't worry about jaws permanently glued together with humbug - ask your dentist for a new set of teeth on the State.