VIAREGGIO OPENS CARNIVAL SEASON

At the Italian end of the Riviera there's no thought of floods, Formosa, or any other unpleasant reality. The town saluted the carnival season with floats bigger and more ingenius than ever. For people taking a winter holiday in the sun there was everything on hand for a good time.

What a commentary on the age we live in that the sight of people enjoying themselves makes us gasp with astonishment. Maybe down here is one of the few same corners in a crazy world.