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IT'S BLACKPOOL NO LONGER

Blackpool - annual mecca for eight million people - rings down the curtain on one of the sunniest summers in living memory. So that Autumn may retain at least a part of summer's brilliance, Blackpool puts the clock back ten years and re-enacts one of Britain's leveliest pre-war spectacles. A squad of engineers have been working for six months to make this - the biggest light-up ever.

Thirty-six miles of festoon lighting - over 300,000 coloured bulbs - 1,000 floodlights - 60 brilliant tableaux with two million candlepower run up an electricity bill that should make Mr. Gaitskell sing in his bath.

All they get to do now is change the name - they've taken the "Black" out of Blackpool.