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RAG RAISES £10,000.

Sheffielders could do two things only - stay at home or shall out. The students were holding their annual rag, to raise money for children's charities in their own city and other parts of Yorkshire. And the target was ten thousand pounds.

For the 100-thousand spectators the Rag Boat Race was the highlight of the expensive afternoon. All boats had to be do-it-yourself craft, costing less than one pound, and the race was two miles down the River Don, if they lasted the course. That wasn't going to be easy, as the fifty starters found out before long, because the river was running so strong and fast that the police had told the students not to hold the race at all. What a hepe. In was the one day in the year when the Law has to take a back seat. But not the weir, which wasn't going to suffer the indignity of home-made boating, if it could help it.

This was the half-way mark. Somehow they'd got to swim, wade, float or sail another mile. Not to complete the course meant a penalty of drinks all round later on. Strong drink; some of them were having the water now.