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Anyone of you who has traveled extensively through Europe I'm sure will agree that France is one of the most beautiful countries in Europe.

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Seem to be, well, more skyscrapers built each year. This is one of the handsomest of them.

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And now what do we see on the screen? It's Moomba time. What in the world is Moomba?

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Moomba is an Aborigine word which means "let's have fun," and uh

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for ten days, annually, everything comes to a complete standstill in Melbourne. All stores, all shops are closed.

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And the people, the children, the adults, everyone takes a part in Moomba.

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As far as parades go, I think our own Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena far surpasses it.

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But the fascinating thing are the tremendous numbers of people in the crowds that line the streets. Hundreds of thousands of them turn out daily.

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And we were so interested in filming the crowds and watching their reaction.

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Another hundred thousand go to the Flemington racecourse, and the great race of the day was won by this horse without a rider. [[Laughter]]

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Well, the people that had bet on the horse were furious that it was disqualified, and there was a great deal of action about it, a few fist fights and what not.

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The peoples of Australia, as I'm sure you've gathered already, are very sports-minded. And tens of thousands of them daily,

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gather along the Yarra River to watch events such as you're now seeing on the screen.

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Some of them bring their sleeping bags and will stay there overnight. Others have houseboats and will be moored along the shores.

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Australia seems to be a country of young people. Everyone seems to be quite young, and they certainly are fascinated with events such as now being



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