

Vast Throngs Mass To Ch'town To View Cup Parade Pageantry



THIS IS A SMALL SECTION OF THE HUGE CROWD THAT THROUGED THE ENTIRE PARADE



BAND, FLOAT JUDGES HAD RINGSIDE SEAT FOR THEIR HARD TASK



P.E.I. REGIMENT BAND TOOK TOP HONORS IN COMPETITION



GOLD CUPS GIRLS LINEUP WITH CEIL STEWART AND MAYOR GAUDET AT POST PARADE RECEPTION

Spectacle Thrills Jam Packed City

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Wow, Boy! But I mean like wow.

When the carnival frenzy hits Charlottetown they pull all the stops, open the throttle wide, stop on the gas—or whatever other simile you can think of at the moment.

They did it yesterday, and how!

A Gold Cup and Saucer parade that topped all parades ever seen here was only the beginning of a day that promises to be one never forgotten.

LIFE, LAUGHTER

There was life and color, flags and music, sound and laughter. And dominating everything was more sheer unadorned beauty than this ancient city ever saw gathered here at once.

That part of the terrific show was spearheaded by the gorgeous Gold Cup and Saucer Girls who look as though they had been specially born to fill their parts in the show. And what a showing they made. Brother, are they beautiful. The judges of the Miss America contest are wasting their time in Atlantic City.

Tremendous in its scope and appeal to the people, the big Gold Cup and Saucer Parade yesterday was a fantastic success.

From early in the morning people were lining the streets on the route. Chairs and tables were placed on lawns and a strictly Mardi Gras atmosphere held sway.

Camp benches lined the curbs in every residential section and it gave all Charlottetown an appearance of London during a coronation parade.

CHEERED, CLAPPED

At principal points people were lined five and six deep and at all points they cheered and clapped the floats.

Part of the fanfare for the big Evening Patriotic Gold Cup and Saucer harness race parade featured horses and more horses. There were kids on ponies or in sulkeys behind them; there was no Dee's Boy in the

parade but there was plenty of speed in evidence as a flock of drivers in colorful racing silks drove their trotters and pacers along the streets; there were girls on horseback and wearing everything from formal riding habits to the Island tartan.

But above all there was life and color and truly tremendous crowds. Never before has this writer seen so many people attend a parade in this city. They came from Tignish and California, Moncton and Florida, from all parts of Canada. They came in slacks and shorts, business suits and dresses — a 4 even wore bathing suits on the floats.

JAMMED CITY

They came in from their cottages and tents, from their trailers and parking lots, from their farms and villages and towns. They jammed the city beyond what town planners ever thought it would hold.

Nobody worked in town yesterday. Stenographers and reporters left their typewriters to watch. Lawyers forgot the courts, but doctors had an advantage as the parade was designed to pass the hospitals and probably everyone not under an anesthetic was watching.

There were thousands of kids on hand, but for once they were actually outnumbered by adults and long after the parade passed they were still jamming the sidewalks and the stores.

BIGGER IN '64

And the terrific show made everyone wonder that those in charge meant when they said it was to be only the third best parade to be seen in this city. They promised an even bigger and better one next year with the best of all in 1964.

How they can keep that promise in view of the tremendous showing yesterday is something for them to think about — and all Islanders to anticipate.

And officialdom took cognizance of the big going on. Plenty of brass was on hand in front of the Dominion Building to take the salute — and unofficially to enjoy the parade with all

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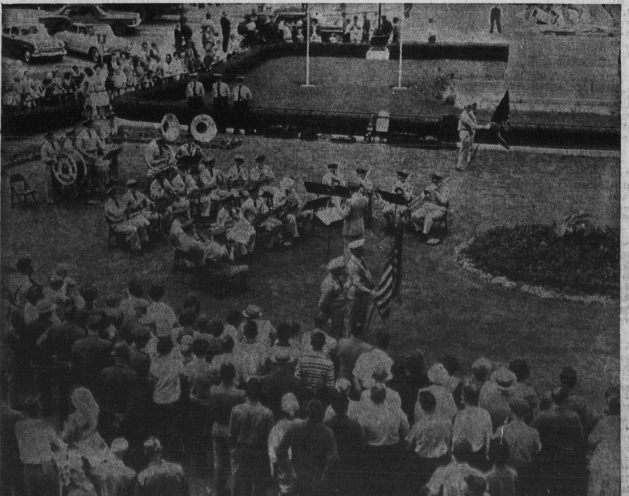
BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF MINIATURE CONFEDERATION CHAMBER ON CITY FLOAT



CROWDS LOUDLY CHEERED CITY'S AWARD WINNING 'CONFEDERATION' FLOAT



MACDOUGALL BAND FROM GLACE BAY WON PRIZE AND THRILLED CONCERT CROWD



105TH U.S. ARMY BAND FROM BANGOR GAVE INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR TO PARADE