

1970



The American Legion's 52nd National Convention

Portland, Oregon



Aug. 28–Sept. 3, 1970

PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

The national finals of American Legion Junior and Senior Drum and Bugle Corps competition will be conducted in the Portland Civic Stadium (formerly Multnomah Stadium), at 7 p.m., Sunday, August 30.

The Parade of Champions, featuring the twelve top-rated Junior and Senior Drum and Bugle Corps, as determined by preliminary competition in the Convention City, will be a pulse-quickenning performance featuring the finest precision musical and marching units in the land.

Always a premier performance of patriotic pageantry, Legionnaires and non-Legionnaires alike never cease to thrill to the colorful and beautiful spectacle which is The American Legion's Parade of Champions. In an all too rare display of genuine appreciation for a patriotic performance, the crowd at last year's National Convention in Atlanta, Ga., gave a standing ovation to two of the competing corps upon conclusion of their performance.

Portland's Civic Stadium, which seats approximately 35,000, is expected to be filled to near capacity for the show which lasts approximately three hours and which will climax with the determination of the 1970 American Legion National Championship Junior and Senior Drum and Bugle Corps.

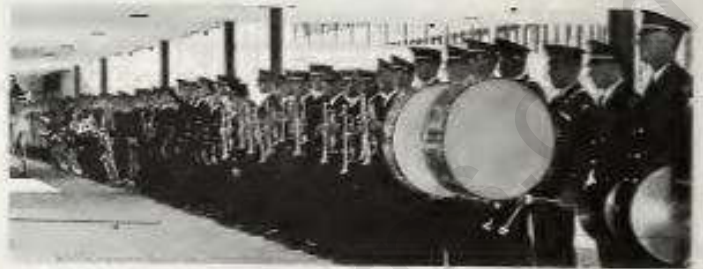
Admission to the Parade of Champions will be \$2.50 for reserved seats and \$2.00 for general admission. A coupon in the Official Convention program is good for a 50 cent reduction on all ticket purchases. This is the only session of two days of preliminary and final competition for the Legion's uniformed groups for which admission is charged.

Preliminary and final competition in other categories of Uniformed groups, including Junior and Senior Bands, Firing Squads, Junior and Senior Color Guards, Motorcycle Drill Teams and Choruses and quartets, are scheduled in the convention city on Saturday, August 29 and Sunday, August 30. A complete schedule of times and sites may be found elsewhere in this program, and Convention delegates, guests and the general public are invited to witness these events for which there is no admission charge.

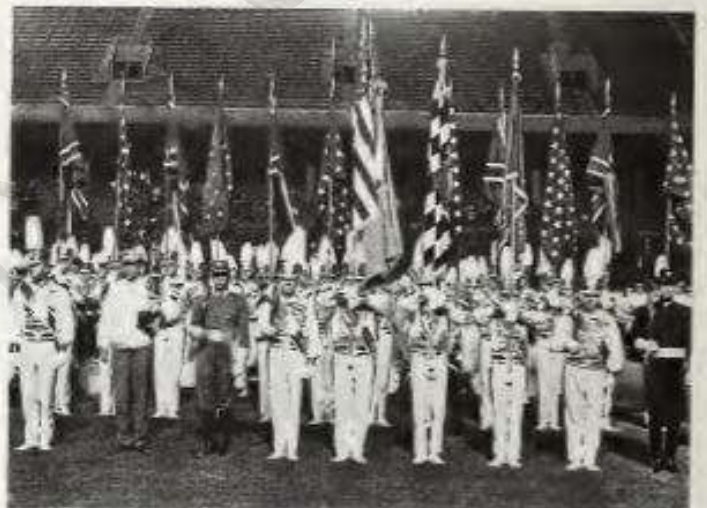
All units that participate in the Uniformed Groups

competition are required to appear in the National Convention Parade, which is the major order of Convention business on Monday, August 31.

While tabulators are working up scores on competing units in the Parade of Champions, there will be the traditional drawing for four new Ford automobiles sponsored by the Seagrams Posts of The American Legion. This will be the 24th consecutive year in which the Seagrams Posts,



The National Championship Senior American Legion band is the A. R. McAllister Memorial Band of Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.



The Yankee Rebels, representing American Legion Post No. 20, of Baltimore, Md., presented a stirring performance at the 1969 American Legion National Convention in Atlanta, Ga., to win the Legion's Senior Drum and Bugle Corps National Championship.

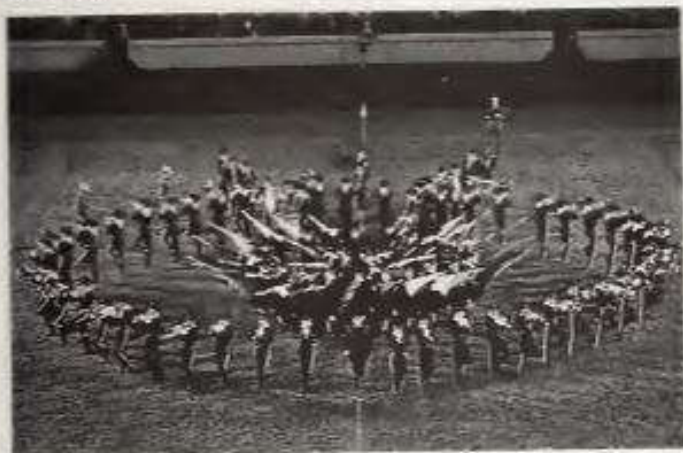


The Lake Band, sponsored by Post No. 180, Milwaukee, Wis., is the defending National Championship Ameri-

can Legion Junior Band.

located in New York, Illinois and California, have provided this added attraction to the Parade of Champions.

American Legionnaires and members of the American Legion Auxiliary in good standing are eligible for the drawing.



The American Legion National Champion Junior Color Guard, the Troopers, of Post No. 2, Casper, Wyo., are shown in the center of this expanding marching formation of the Casper Post's Junior Drum and Bugle Corps.



The American Legion's National Championship Chorus, another category of Legion Uniformed Groups competition is the Champions of Song of Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23, Milwaukee, Wis.

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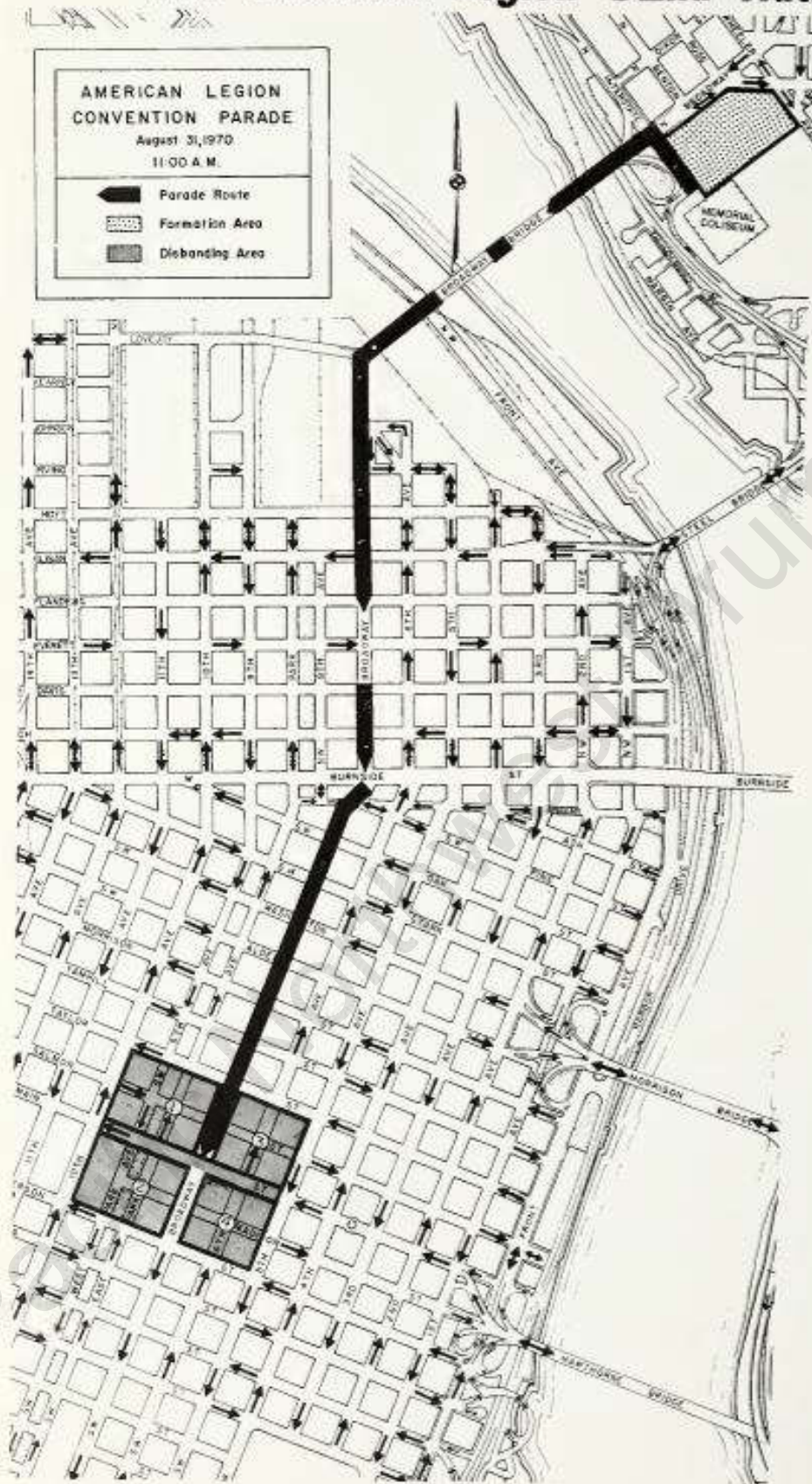


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Parade Information

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DATE: Monday, August 31, 1970

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

FORMATION AREA: North Parking Lot (Broadway Side) Memorial Coliseum.

ROUTE: From Memorial Coliseum across Broadway Bridge—South on Broadway to Southwest Main Street.

REVIEWING STAND: Broadway Entrance—Portland Hilton Hotel.

DISBANDING AREAS: Broadway at Southwest Main Street.

