

16 Corps to Compete

Drum Contest Is Shaping Up

Spokane has seen or heard nothing like it before:

Sixteen drum and bugle corps, more than 1,200 youngsters, competing for the 1927 championships of the Northwest Drum Corps Association.

Competition in the "Classic of Champions," with the Percussion-Naut Patriots as hosts, will begin at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow in Albi Stadium. An opening exhibition will be presented by the Patriot's Colonial life and drum unit.

Corps arriving in Spokane today and tomorrow include Dickinson's Crusaders of West Linn, Ore., the Drifters of Surrey, B.C., and the Strutters of Edmonton, Alta., in Division C; the Black Watch of Auburn, Wash., the Spartans of Vancouver, Wash., the Golden Skyliners of Great Falls, Mont., the Cascades of Seattle, the Sunsetters of Astoria, Ore., the Reveliers of Billings, Mont., the Rangers of Pendleton, Ore., and the Shamrocks of Seattle, in Division B; and the Titans of Bremerton, the Flamingos of Salem, Ore., the Columbians of the Tri-Cities, the Sentinels of Bellevue, Wash., and the Percussion-Naut Patriots of Spokane, in Division A.

Schools Used

Visitors will be housed in schools of the West Valley and Central Valley districts.

The "Classic of Champions" marks the first Spokane appearance of any of the visiting corps, and Howard A. Robbins, Patriots' director, said that contest arrangements committees coordinated by Richard O. Jones have spared no effort to make

this first Spokane contest a quality show.

Judging will be by the nation's recognized top judges, the chief judge in each category from the Central States Judges Association whose members in recent weeks handled the major national and international contests of 1972.

They will arrive from the Midwest tomorrow following a meeting aboard their airliner, then check into the Davenport Hotel, competition headquarters, where a critique for corps directors later will follow the stadium show.

Military Aid Due

Assisting the judges at Albi Stadium will be local military figures, including Lt. Col. William Galvin, commanding officer of the 141st Combat Support Squadron, Washington Air Guard, as the saluting officer, and Capt. Steve Bailey, public information officer for the Washington Air Guard, and First Lt. Mike Morrisette, of the Army National Guard, as inspection officers.

The 1972 Spokane Lilac Queen, Lisa Smith, and Lowell L. Brown, E12216 Twenty-first, a Percussion-Naut parent and a principal supporter of Babe Ruth League baseball in Spokane, will present the trophies to winning corps.

Masters of ceremonies will be Bob Briley of Spokane and Fred Lopez of Lynnwood, executive secretary of the Northwest Drum Corps Association.

South and west gates of the stadium will open at 4 p.m. Contest sponsors said spectators are advised to use the Wellesley and Francis routes to the stadium because of construction on Northwest Boulevard.