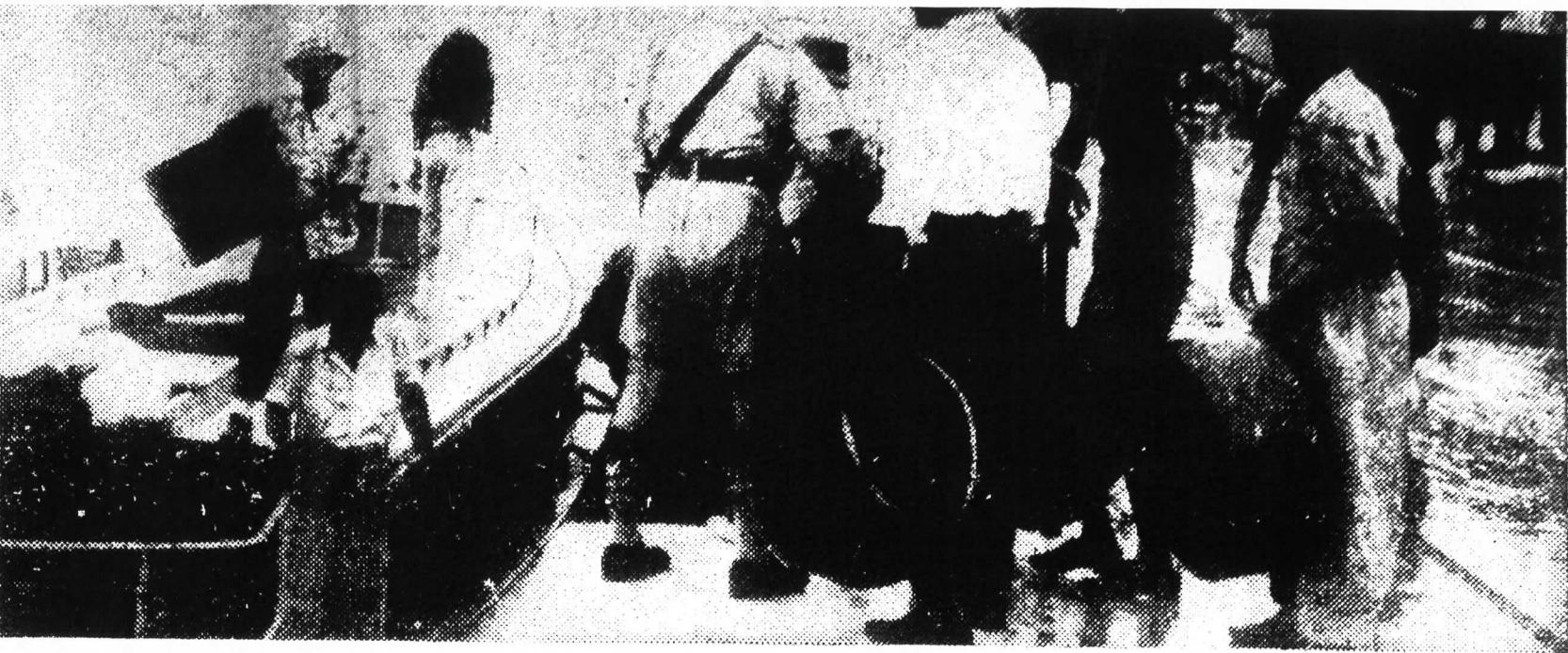


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Trinidad All Steel Percussion Orchestra (T.A.S.P.O.) was given a terrific send-off this morning by hundreds of friends, relatives and well-wishers all of whom braved the inclement weather and journeyed to the Trinidad and Tobago Tourist Board reception centre to wish the 11 members of T A S P O and Lt. J. Griffith man-

and pans checked. It was 9.30 a.m. when the Invaders steelband arrived at the docks. The dockers left their work and there was a mass movement of people heading for the tourist board to "see the boys and hear the pans."

GREAT SEND-OFF

of the team, said that today is one of the days that he would never forget. It was a memorable one, and he would try to do his best to satisfy the large number of friends and supporters.

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Tobago Tourist Board reception centre to wish the 11 members of T.A.S.P.O. and Lt. J. Griffith, manager and conductor of the band, bon voyage and good luck. It was the realisation of "Operation Britain" dream.

The Invaders Steelband was on the docks and as the members of the band boarded the launch, the band played "My heart cries for you, sighs for you, dies for you, etc." As the launch headed for the ship the band broke off into one of the more popular numbers, a mambo.

CABLE TO MARTINIQUE

Lt. Griffith said he has already despatched a cable to one of his friends in Martinique and hopes to put on at least two concerts during their 4 days' stay there.

Long before the members of T.A.S.P.O. arrived at the docks, there were scores of people crowding the dock area with the police keeping strict vigil to maintain order.

The reception centre of the Tourist Board was thickly crowded and also the baggage room of No. 1 Shed where the members had to get their baggage

Latest

WIMBLEDON, England.
July 6 (AP)—Dick Savitt, of the United States, won the All England tennis championship defeating Ken McGregor, of Australia, in the final singles 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

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It was one of the greatest send offs seen at the Port-of-Spain Wharves. Work on the docks stopped from 10.30 until 11.10 as T.A.S.P.O. one by one marched off to the waiting launch, amidst the beating of music by the Invaders steelband. By this time the rain had ceased and there were shouts from the crowd "Show them how to beat pan, and have a good time."

As the crowd jammed the baggage room and the boys were having their grips and parcels checked, reporters snatched opportunities to have a last minute word with each member of the band.

Dudley Smith who plays the tenor boom and is 24, said that he wished to thank the people of Trinidad for their wonderful support. He hopes that he will be permitted to remain in England to complete a course in draughtsmanship.

Anthony Williams said that besides giving his best performance in England and showing the people in England that "we here are not backward", he would like to play the piano. "But," he added, "I'll not give up the pan."

Belgrave Bonaparte, who comes from La Brea, said that he would do his best to keep up the name of Trinidad, and incidentally, La Brea, already famous for its pitch. He said that he was surprised when he was selected. He wished to thank all those who helped "Operation Britain."

Ormond "Patsy" Haynes, midget

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Ellie Mennette said that he hoped that the band would be in England for about ten weeks and if they are fortunate to get some "big shot" to engage them they probably would stay on. He wants to stay in England to make much of the scholarship that was offered to him by the Birmingham University, but that is "if the offer is still open". He stated that after all "I must thank the people even though at times I felt that we were not going."

WORDS FAIL HIM

Andrew de Labastide said that words failed him, as he was so glad that all he could say was 'Goodbye', Winston "Spree" Simon said that it was a great day, and we will teach them on the continent something new. Philmore "Boots" Davidson said that he wished to thank all those who supported the cause, and hoped that the band would satisfy them.

Theo Stephens and Sonny Roach said that they were happy to be among T.A.S.P.O. who are ambassadors to the Mother Country and hoped that their show would meet with success.

Weather Forecast

It will be rather cloudy with scattered moderate to heavy thundery showers becoming fair late afternoon and evening.

The minimum temperature last night was 74 deg. F.