

SILVER STARS HOPE TO BE ON THE TINS FOR THE 'BAND OF THE YEAR'

JONATHAN SWIFT had no idea that his "Gulliver's Travels" would be the theme for a Carnival production in far-off Trinidad. But it is this year. Hundreds of Lilliputians and other peoples in lands where Gulliver travelled will swarm the streets of Port-of-Spain on Carnival Tuesday.

Behind "Gulliver's Travels" is the Silver Stars Steel Orchestra which has always contributed to the colour and spectacle at Carnival time. Last year, the band's "Men from Space" was winner in its classification and among the six bands considered for the "Band of the Year" prize.

This year, dedicated, intelligent, easy-going

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leader of Silver Stars, Junior Pouchet says:

"I hope to be on the tins for the 'Band of the Year' as my presentation will be of a very high standard."

Man behind the mas' however, is Russell Charter and he has read everything on "Gulliver."

More than 600 of Gulliver's people will comprise the band, which headquarters is at 97, Abercromby Street in Port-of-Spain.

Gulliver himself will be a giant float made by

Cito Velasquez, the foot of which dwarfs the men he met when casted upon the coast of Lilliput after being shipwrecked.

You remember the story? The Lilliputians found Gulliver asleep on the shore and tied him with chains. By the order of the Emperor of Lilliput an inventory was made of the contents of his pockets.

Learned men of Lilliput taught Gulliver to speak their language and there he stayed until he was in-

formed of a plot to accuse him of high treason.

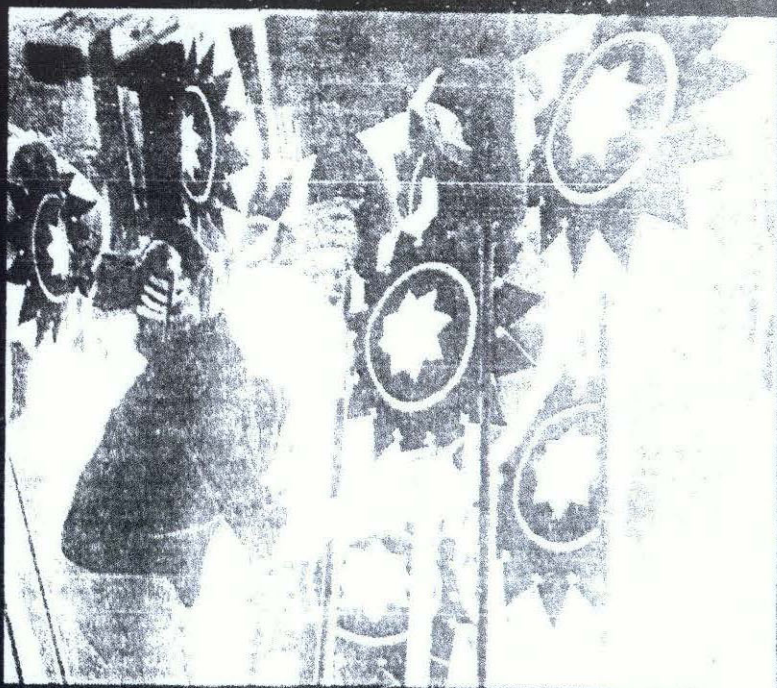
Escaping from Lilliput, Gulliver entered the City of Brobdingnag, and was in more trouble.

The band, divided into 20 sections will portray kings, queens, ambassadors, emperors, princesses, officers, soldiers and standard bearers.

Pouchet is doing his own arranging for the music the band will play. There will be 60 pans on the road on both Carnival days.

And while Gulliver sleeps on Carnival Monday, Silver Stars will roam the town as "French Seabees."

"It is sure going to be fun," says Pouchet. "My (Monday) band will be 1,000 strong, all out for fun to the limit."



SAYS JUNIOR POUCHET, Leader of Silver Stars: "Our presentation of 'Gulliver's Travels' will be of a very high standard." Design man is Russell Charter.

★ CARNIVAL DIARY ★

CARNIVAL PANORAMA

FRIDAY: Queen's Park Savannah (8.30 p.m.) Steelband Contest (Best Road March, steelband competition among 10 bands) and Queen of the Bands Elimination competition.

SATURDAY: Jayce Carnival Queen Contest, Queen's Park Savannah (9 p.m.) dancing, steelband, preview of four carnival bands, humour.

SATURDAY: Red Cross Children's Carnival, Queen's Park Savannah (2 p.m.).

SUNDAY: Dimanche Gras (Queen's Park Savannah) 8.30 p.m.: Featuring Calypso King Contest, Queen of the Bands Finals, Dancing, singing.

DISTRICTS

THURSDAY — SANGRE GRANDE — Variety Show, Community Centre (8.30 p.m.) featuring dancing, "Queen of the Bands Contest."

THURSDAY — CHAGUANAS — Carnival Queen Show, singing, dancing, calypso (8.30 p.m.).

THURSDAY — CARAPICAIMA — Queen of the Bands Contest, Emerald Cinema (8.30 p.m.).

SAN FERNANDO — THURSDAY — Naparima Bowl, Queen of the Bands Contest (finals) and King of the Bands Contest (8.30 p.m.).

SUNDAY: Naparima Bowl, Children's Carnival (2 p.m.).

Rea Cinema floor show, limbo, bongo (8.30 p.m.).

AROUCA — SATURDAY: Carnival Frolic and competition, Arouca Community Centre (2 p.m.).

SUNDAY — BIRGO MARTIN: Children's competition, D.M. Carnival Committee, Four Roads Government School (2 p.m.).

SUNDAY — ST. JOSEPH: Children's Carnival, Resurgem Society Hall (2 p.m.).

Children's Carnival will also be held at the South Orinoco R.C. School (Sunday), the Caura Government School (Sunday), the Nursery School, Laa Efforts, on Saturday and in almost every other estates in Trinidad and Tobago this weekend.