

LL Stars Given Big League Welcome

City Fetes Returning Third-Place Champs

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A welcome, which just about shadowed that of the 1954 SLL world championship team, met the 14 young men and their officers who came in from Williamsport, Pa., with a Little League World Series third place trophy and a prized one-of-its kind good conduct trophy late yesterday afternoon.

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A WEARY AND rather quiet group of Little League champions, who left Schenectady 14 days ago, hit the outskirts of Schenectady after a seven-hour bus ride and from there on the story was different.

The kids looked and acted as if they had just won another one of their 13 victories which earned them a berth in the international small-fry competition which concluded Saturday at the birthplace of Little League.

Everyone from top-rung politicians of national level to the hometown boys, clergymen and others met a long cavalcade which started at Duanesburg and wound up at Union College's Alexander Field.

As is the custom, and it is a custom now with the Michigan avenue Little League, the champs were carried through the city, past their LL ball park and to Union atop a fire engine. Screaming sirens, a couple of carloads of politicians and proud parents and fans completed a long motorcade.

At the field, where the Little Leaguers were seated in a semi-circle facing the fine gathering, Andy Wood, Chamber of Commerce committeeman, made the introductory remarks. He introduced WGY-WRGB's Herb Koster, who MC'd the program.

Among the always-too-long list of speakers were Mayor Ken Sheldon, Congressman Sam Stratton,

Hamtramck Reigns as LL Champs

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WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 30 — Heavily favored Hamtramck, Michigan parlayed a blistering 13-hit attack and the shutout pitching of sensational Art Deras into a resounding 12-0 victory over Auburn, California to win the championship of the 13th annual LL World Series here yesterday.

It was three times or out for the Hamtramck team. Twice before the Michigan team had failed in its bid for a series title.

The team from near Detroit practically had the final win in the bag in the second inning when they poured across six runs for a fat 7-0 edge over the team, which earlier had eliminated Schenectady in the semi-finals.

Deras, who actually carried the Michigan team all the way since its first tourney game, was again the hero. He fanned 14 and walked only two while holding California to three hits — which is more than any other team has got off the fire-balling rightie.

Deras, who is also the leading



—(Gazette Photo—Sid Brown)

WELCOME HOME!—Hundreds of parents and fans welcomed home Schenectady Little Leaguers at Union College field yesterday. Perched atop a fire truck, the world's third place team was accorded a fine reception with appropriate ceremonies late yesterday afternoon. Schenectady blanked Hawaii, 1-0 for the third place honors in the 13th annual Little League's International World Series at Williamsport, Pa., last Friday.

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