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AROUND SCOTLAND

Edinburgh

Edinburgh stages Scotland's first International Music and Drama Festival. To the beflagged streets of Scotland's capital have come 120,000 visitors. Girls from Norway, Turkey, South Africa, France and Greece are among them. These two come from Palestine - others have travelled from Sierra Leone and the West Indies. Edinburgh's aim is to be the Salzburg of the post-war world - the new world centre for all art lovers. Historic St. Giles Cathedral - Mother Kirk of Edinburgh - is the setting for the inauguration ceremony of the festival. 200 of the city dignitaries go from the City Chambers to the Cathedral for the opening service.

Edinburgh hopes to make the festival an annual event.

Arbroath

At Arbroath Abbey in the year 1320 the Scottish Barons in Parliament signed and sealed the Declaration of Scottish Independence. Today, Arbroath Y.M.C.A. stages a pageant to celebrate that historic occasion. All the players are townsfolk. Robert Bruce, King of Scotland, and Abbot Bernard de Linton were the two main figures six centuries ago.

Of the Abbey, only the walls now remain. Founded by King William the Lion, it was destroyed three times, the last time during the Reformation. The signing of the Declaration of Independence here has given Arbroath and its Abbey a permanent place in the history books. King Robert the Bruce, accompanied by his Barons leaves. The declaration remains within the Abbey.