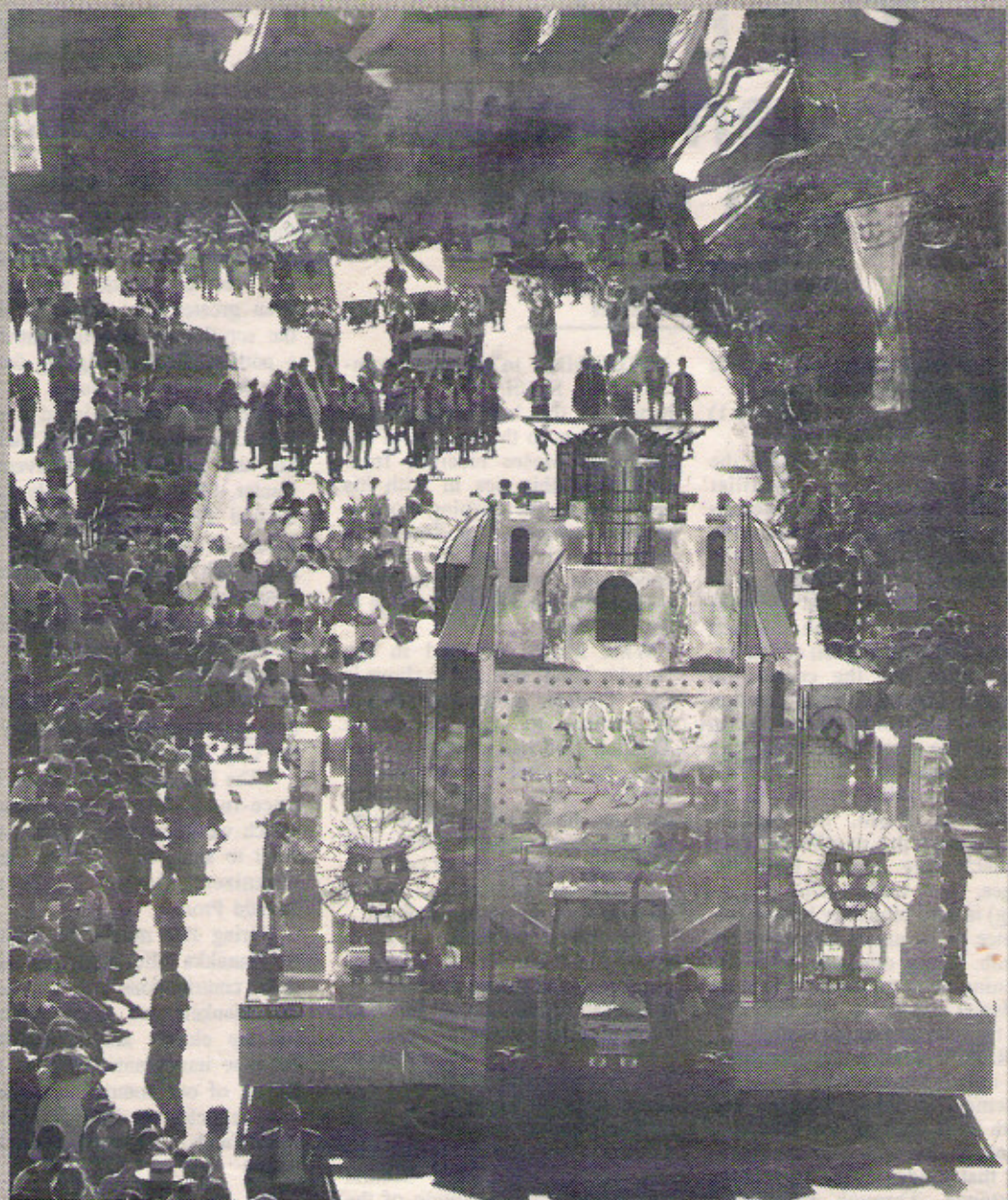


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Jerusalem put its best foot forward with the annual Succot march and the 3,000th anniversary celebration parade last Wednesday, which drew a quarter million spectators. Unlike other Jerusalem 3000 events, there was no sign of a foreign boycott. Participants came from 67 countries, from Australia to Zimbabwe. Many of the participants were friends of Israel brought over by the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem who bore banners stating, 'God Bless Israel.' However, it was not the colorful clothes but the carnival floats which turned the parade into something Jerusalem had never seen before. The huge platforms carried different tributes to the city - a floral version of Moses Montefiore's carriage, smothered in 60,000 flowers; papier-mache reconstructions of characters from Yossi Stern's paintings; and models of popular residents of the Biblical Zoo.

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