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**FREEDOM, EQUALITY, BROTHERHOOD
BASTILLE DAY CELEBRATIONS**

35 mm. developed positive : 100 meters - 330 ft

1789 : Michelet wrote "The attack of the Bastille Galls was definitely not a reasonable act, it was an act of faith."

This act of faith marks the history of the July 14th celebrated on a year ending by the number "9" and which were at turning points of the history of France herself.

1919 : On July 14th 1919 the most brilliant celebrations of the day. The entire world was then associated in the act of faith which gave the measures of sacrifices made for the sake of freedom: Freedom had just been saved for by millions of troops, and a handful of chiefs whose names will remain famous forever after. No one would hence dare attack it and the thousands and thousands of armed forces parading on the Champs Elyées looked as the guardians of universal peace, even of eternal peace. This was the July 14 celebration of the great illusion!

1939 : On July 14th 1939, which was a celebration of the greatest France was to see) the act of faith was raised by anxiety... When one recalls the facts that were to come, and the hardships and everything, the great parade is a moving thing... It is a big picture of the French Empire as it had been built by the Third Republic.

1959 :

But this July 14th. celebration is an act of faith, an act of faith and of hope in the future which lies ahead for the French Community. While handing over the Tricolor flags to the heads of the 13 Republics united in the French Community President Charles de Gaulle gave the formal christening to the Community built under the proud symbol / Freedom, Equality, Brotherhood. And it is why the National Day this year was celebrated with new "grandeur"; the Parisian crowds understood plainly the meanings of the celebrations and thousands and thousands were present on the Champs Elysées to see the great military parade.

Then for three days and three nights, one could see the gleeful enjoyment of the crowds in the streets of the capital.

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