

Fort Worth Has Unusual Honor

Fort Worth is the only city in the Nation represented by a banner in the Parade of States that forms one of the colorful features of the finals of Billy Rose's Aquacade, the chief amusement attraction at the New York World's Fair.

It came about this way.

Recently a group of Washington newspaper correspondents attending the Aquacade with New York City's Mayor LaGuardia remarked that the District of Columbia should be represented in the parade, and the mayor agreed.

Rose protested that the District of Columbia is not a State, and to put a District of Columbia banner into the parade would be to create another State.

The mayor's answer was "So what?" with the result that he got his banner, but not until Rose had told him that he, too, would do a little State-creating and add the State of Fort Worth.

So, city or State, the Fort Worth banner appears at every performance and is viewed by approximately 40,000 persons a day. But in a note accompanying the photo showing the banners in the parade, Rose adds:

"Rather than being just a State, as you probably know, Fort Worth, with me, is a state of mind."