

# Toronto rock group a hit at U.S. festival

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ATLANTIC CITY — A Toronto rock group was cheered by 35,000 fans at a racetrack pop festival here Saturday when they urged everyone to come to Canada — "the land of the cool."

The three-day festival got off to a ragged start amid local fears of a "hippie invasion." Civil guardsmen in helicopters flew overhead watching for a riot that never came.

~~Joni Mitchell~~ left the stage in tears after announcing, "I sang the same verse twice and you didn't even notice."

About 200 Toronto fans,

who had chartered three buses at \$25 a head and spent a wet night in a campground, crowded to the front to hear the hometown band, Lighthouse. After a medley of Beatle songs, drummer Skip Prokop delivered a 10-minute speech that brought the entire audience to its feet, arms waving.

"We've heard a lot about the troubles here in the States, but we've been lucky in Canada, and we've had none of that," Prokop said.

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