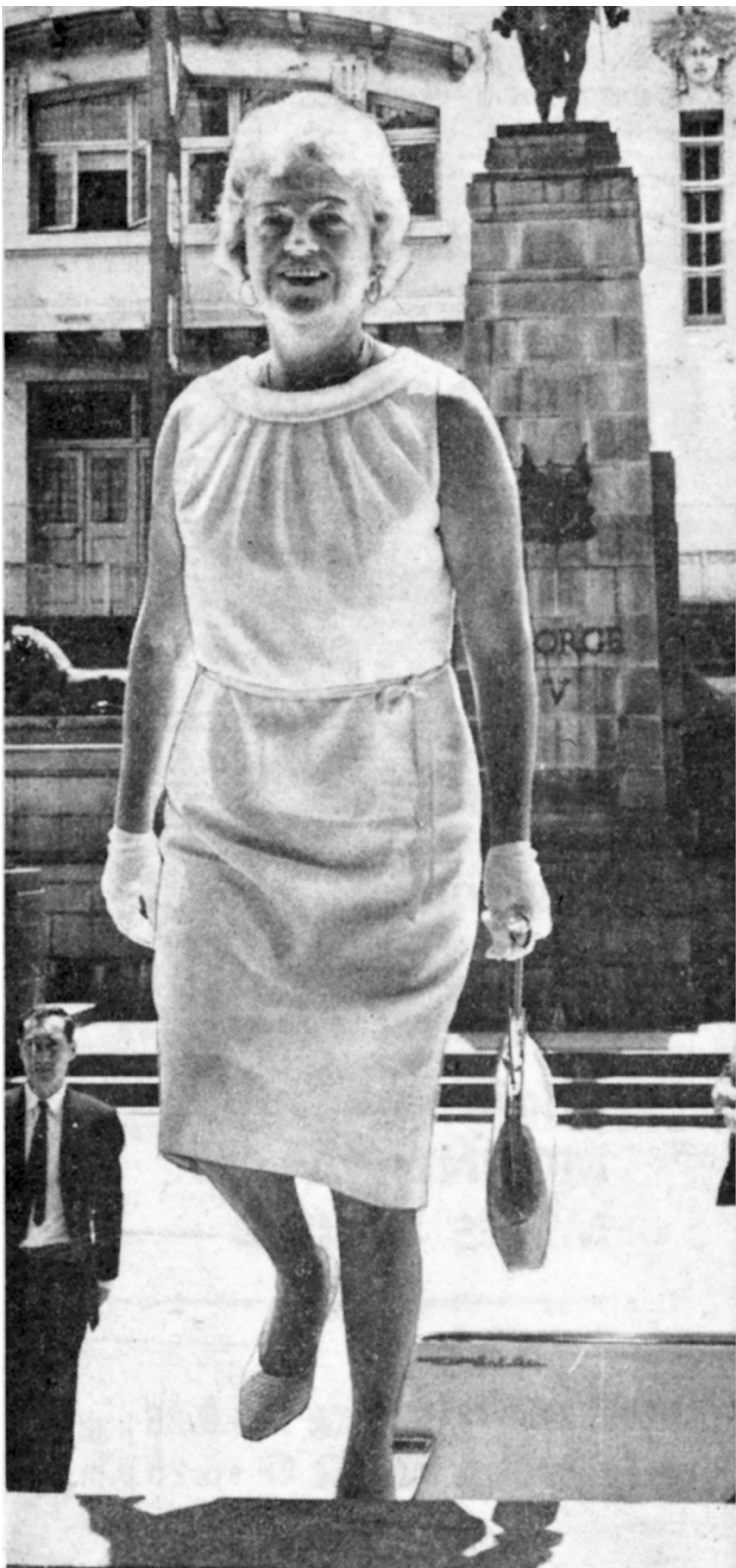


GRACIE STEPS OUT



"Gorgeous . . . I just can't wait to bring Boris back next year," was her reaction at the reception when asked about the Gold Coast.

"We have no sand in Capri, just rocks," she said.

"I was here 20 years ago, but I did not see a thing . . . this time I am determined that I will."

Miss Fields' husband, Boris Alperovici, is at present at home in Capri.

"I rang him last night . . . It was our anniversary," she said.

The reception was attended by representatives of children's charitable organisations, in which Miss Fields is particularly interested.

SUNNY AS THE DAY Gracie Fields arrived with a smile at the City Hall yesterday to be formally welcomed by the Lord Mayor (Alderman Clem Jones). Gracie will give her final Brisbane concert at the City Hall tonight.