

SCULPTURE FOR FESTIVAL HELD BY CUSTOMS

Must Harrogate pay Duty on art?

From our Harrogate staff

URGENT efforts were being made by the organisers of the Harrogate Festival of Visual Arts last night, to free 20 pieces of sculpture impounded by Customs officers at Harwick. They are the work of Miss Olga Jancic, of Jugoslavia, one of Europe's leading sculptors. It had been arranged for them to be on view at the Harrogate Festival which opens tomorrow.

They were impounded because Customs men claimed that duty should be paid on them.

Mr. Mervyn Levy, Art Director of the Festival, said: "This is a cultural effort. It is very galling to think that the authorities cannot come to some agreement for the sake of cultural relations between nations."