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Ford Exhibit at Fair Closed by Picketing



Demonstrators block an escalator in Ford World's Fair exhibit

265 Civil Rights Pickets Arrested in Fair Clashes

NEW YORK—Civil rights demonstrators fought a bloody battle with police at the opening of New York's World's Fair Wednesday after two of them threw themselves in front of a subway train. But a highway "stall-in" failed to materialize.

Fair officials estimated damages caused by the demonstrators at \$200,000.

"Just like Birmingham, just like Birmingham," chanted some of the demonstrators as police led them away. This was a reference to clashes between police and demonstrators during civil rights sit-ins at that Alabama city.

DEMONSTRATIONS pegged to the start of the exposition whose slogan is "Peace Through Understanding" led to arrest of 265 adults — and detention of four youngsters under 18.

Thirty-four arrests resulted from the subway clash. Two attempts to block a main gate to the fair and other incidents outside the grounds, the rest occurred from sit-ins inside the fair.

The arrested demonstrators were processed through four Queens magistrates' courts that worked long after dark. Most of the defendants were charged with disorderly conduct, interfering with a police officer or assault and were released on bonds ranging up to \$2,500.

Among those to appear were James Farmer, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), and Bayard Rustin, organizer of last summer's civil rights march on Washington.

Rustin posted a \$500 cash bond or divinity's conduct charges but Farmer, charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, remained in custody under \$500 bond daily.

Pickets also locked themselves inside automobiles on the Rotunda. They came out after 2 1/2 hours.

Accord Ends 5-Year Battle

Nationwide Strike Off: It's Triumph for Johnson

WASHINGTON — President Johnson announced Wednesday night an agreement in the five-year-old railroad work rules dispute.

The agreement is a personal triumph for Mr. Johnson who intervened forcefully in the dispute on April 9 to persuade the five operating rail unions and the nation's railroads to postpone a national strike set for midnight today.

The President said in a hurriedly arranged radio-televised appearance that the agreement took account of the modernization necessary for railroads to survive and prosper.

He said the terms also take account of the human need and human aspirations which are affected by technological progress. It was the so-called "featherbedding" issue that lay at the heart of the dispute and prompted union fears of widespread job losses.

SPURRED BY a special five-man mediation panel, negotiations have been going on "day and night" in an effort to settle the dispute. The President himself met several times with negotiators, and stayed in close touch with the talks.

A union spokesman characterized the settlement as "agreement in principle" and said that it was subject to the ratification procedures of the five unions. There was no immediate indication how soon ratification attempts would be made.

Mr. Johnson, looking extremely pleased, described the agreement as a "historic victory for collective bargaining and for industrial democracy."

He said it paves the way for all time, a most crisp-

LBJ Opens Fair; Sees Peace Era

WASHINGTON — President Johnson Wednesday dedicated the 1964-65 World's Fair with a prophecy of world peace within his generation.

The heavily guarded chief executive, speaking under gray skies, dedicated the \$200 million fairgrounds in ceremony with a Singer Bowl and the U.S. Pavilion.

At Singer Bowl, before a 17,000 invitation-only audience of 17,000 which included former President Harry S. Truman, Mr. Johnson predicted the next World's Fair would see "an America in which no man is handicapped by the color of his skin or the nature of his belief."

AMONG THE dignitaries were 23 ambassadors, 11 New York congressmen, U. S. Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai E. Stevenson, UN Under-Secretary Ralph Bunche, nine state governors including Nelson A. Rockefeller, Marquis Carmo Cillavarez, daughter of Spain's Generalissimo Francisco Franco, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, daughter of India's Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and New York Mayor Robert F. Wagner.

Mr. Johnson told his audience of the mammoth exhibition: "It gathers together from 80 countries the achievements of industry, the wealth of nations, the creations of man."

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Geerlings Denounces Romney

Senate Veteran Vows He'll Retire

LANSING—A veteran Republican Senator attacked Gov. Romney Wednesday night in an angry speech on the Senate floor and vowed he would not seek re-election.

Senator Clyde H. Geerlings (R-Mich.), a member of the GOP's old guard, denounced Romney for "arm twisting" in pushing bills through the Legislature.

"I am disgusted with the front office (Romney) for making this Legislature the greatest spending Legislature in the history of Michigan," Geerlings said.

He charged Romney "defies the new Constitution which limits the power of the Governor" to making recommendations to the Legislature.

HE SAID Romney was "kicking farmers in the teeth" and "putting small businessmen in a tailspin."

Geerlings compared Romney's tactics to the "arm twisting" which he said former Gov. G. Mennen Williams used on Democrats to pass legislation sought by the AFL-CIO.

He often had attacked Williams in fiery speeches on the Senate floor.

A member of the Senate for 13 years and chairman of its tax committee, Geerlings has been a consistent foe of a state income tax.

He opposed Romney's fiscal reform program last year which included a state income tax.

In the current legislative session, he has fought many Romney-backed bills including minimum wage and tax cut bills.

Geerlings was dissatisfied with the tax cuts because he felt they didn't go far enough to relieve consumers and businessmen.

IN WINDING UP his attack, Geerlings said he was "non-partisan" when he began in politics and will renounce the Republican party to become nonpartisan again.

"I am not going to run again. I have nothing to offer but the truth," he said.

Geerlings remarks spurred activity in the Senate as Democrats sought to have them printed in the Senate's official journal. Geerlings finally requested they not be printed.

Republican majority leader Stanley G. Thayer, of Ann Arbor, asked Geerlings to reconsider his decision.

THAYER defended Romney and his programs, saying the governor has "supported some areas equally supported by both parties" in developing a constructive program for the state.

He said these included more money for higher education and increased support for those who need government help.

"Maybe he (Romney) hasn't made a lot of professional politicians happy," Thayer said, "but he has sold a government to the people that strikes a chord of reason and understanding — which you can't deny."

Geerlings replied to Thayer by saying Romney promised to consult him on taxes but never kept that promise.

He said Romney relied on others in developing tax programs. "The governor had his little aides — Democrats like Bill (William) Beidman, of Grand Rapids," he said.

'Not Protesting' Driver Protests

NEW YORK—An automobile stalled on the Grand Central Parkway Wednesday and its driver quickly was surrounded by police trying to avert threatened traffic tie-ups by civil rights groups on arteries leading to the world's fair.

The driver frantically told the officers, "I don't belong to CORE (Congress of Racial Equality). I don't belong to anything. I'm not a demonstrator." He proved it by getting the auto started and driving off.

Here Are Terms Of Settlement

WASHINGTON — Here are the general terms of the railroad labor settlement announced by President Johnson:

- 1—Virtually all employees of the five unions involved will receive a 10% wage increase over the next two years.
- 2—The railroad will be able to reduce the number of employees required under present rules to meet self-imposed capacity requirements.
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House OK's Sunday Liquor Vote

WASHINGTON — The House of Representatives Wednesday passed legislation to permit Sunday liquor sales in Wayne County, if voters approve.

Senate endorsement still is required.

Detroit-area legislators led the drive for passage, promoting the measure as a potential boon to the city's convention business.

The action overruled the House Liquor Control Committee, which killed five bills that would have permitted local referendums on Sunday liquor sales. Bills offered in previous years have met the same fate.

THE MEASURE, attached as an amendment to a major liquor regulation bill, would permit the governing bodies of Detroit or any other Wayne County municipality to authorize a referendum on Sunday sales.

Claim Service

CLEVELAND — (UPI) — When Mrs. Helen Wain, 85, had her purse stolen, a man accused the thief and recovered the handbag. The man was an agent for Mrs. Wain's insurance company.

STUDENTS GAB FOR 151 HOURS

Yakathon Is Real Phoney

Social to the Free Press

YPRILANTI—A continuous telephone conversation marked by siffling gawps and frequent "hello-are-you-there" between a fraternity house and a girls' dormitory came to a merciful end after 151 hours and 5 minutes in an Eastern Michigan University talkathon.

Tom Bucklewe, 19, an education student from Flint who lives in the Theta Chi fraternity house, blew the windy marathon 48 hours and 55 minutes short of its goal when he let the receiver drop in the pay-phone cradle, disconnecting the call.

THE END came at 8 a.m. Tuesday. The call had been placed at 10:35 p.m. April 14. The phone company said it cost 19 cents.

Bucklewe had just started to talk to Barbara Knight, an 18-year-old coed from Owasco at Wise Hall.

"I just couldn't help it," explained Bucklewe who was one of the innovators of the plan. "I had gotten up early and had been talking 2 1/2 hours. I was exhausted and half asleep when I let the telephone drop."

Sara Clark, 17, of 87 Anshurst, Pleasant Ridge, said the boys at the fraternity house proposed the talkathon as a means of getting acquainted with the coeds at Wise Hall, a new dormitory opened last January.

Bob Schell, 19, of Owasco, set the record. Bucklewe, said, with a total of 40 hours.

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