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ILLINOIS PAVILION

ILLINOIS PAVILION, JUNE 22, 1954

Chicago, Ill., June 22—Illinois will present the department of art work at the New York World's Fair...

The pavilion will be the center of activity for the state... The Illinois Pavilion following their respective...

The Illinois groups will include Aurora High School, Chicago...

All existing musical groups at the fair are scheduled through the Special Events Division of the World's Fair Corporation...

In its all-state program, the Illinois Pavilion will pay special tribute to Gov. Kerner for his support of the exhibit...

In a highlight of the formal 11 a.m. program in the Lincoln Theater, Gov. Kerner will introduce Terese Cooney, 13, of Mattydale, N. Y., as a special guest-of-the-day.

Miss Cooney is the author of what Gov. Kerner has termed "one of the finest compliments" ever paid to Illinois. As an eighth grade student at St. Margaret's School in Mattydale, she was assigned to choose a state and prepare an information booklet on it. She compiled an artistic and informative brochure citing Illinois history, traditions and accomplishments and did it so well that her teacher, Sister Mary Albertine, sent it to the Illinois Division of Tourism which called it to the governor's attention.

Terese and her parents and Sister Albertine have been invited to Illinois Day at the fair and will join other dignitaries at an Illinois luncheon on the fairgrounds.

Already well into its second season, the Illinois "Land of Lincoln" Pavilion has more than doubled its attendance records of last year and, for the second season, has been rated among the top 10 exhibits by every official listing.

The pavilion presents Walt Disney's now famous "Great Moments With Mr. Lincoln," a production featuring a lifesize audio-animatronic figure of Abraham Lincoln delivering Mr. Lincoln's own words on liberty. Displays also include one of the most comprehensive/collections of rare Lincolnia ever assembled for public viewing and an Illinois Tourism Information Center in a log-by-log reproduction of the Hill-McNamar store at New Salem where Lincoln once served as postmaster.