

Program for

ILLINOIS STATE DAY

Tuesday, September 22, 1964

The Official Illinois Party will consist of:

The Honorable Otto Kerner, Governor of the State of Illinois
The Honorable William H. Chamberlain, Secretary of State, Illinois
The Honorable Louie P. Roberts, Auditor General, Illinois
Mr. Ralph G. Newman, Chairman, Illinois Commission - New York World's Fair
Members of the Illinois Commission - New York World's Fair
Judge James B. Parsons, Co-Chairman
The Honorable Clyde Lee, Vice-Chairman, and State Representative
Mr. Gene H. Graves, Secretary, and Executive Director, Board of Economic
Development
The Honorable Arthur J. Bidwill, State Senator
The Honorable Edward C. Eberspacher, State Senator
The Honorable Charles M. Campbell, State Representative
The Honorable John G. Fary, State Representative
The Honorable J. Horace Gardner, State Representative
The Honorable Paul J. Randolph, State Representative
Mrs. Vernon Barnes
Mr. Robert Gaiswinkler
Mr. Fairfax Cone
Mr. Eldon Hazlet
Mrs. Charles F. Carpentier, widow of late Secretary of State of Illinois
The Honorable Donald Carpentier, State Senator
Mr. Chris Vlahoplus, Press Secretary to Governor of Illinois
Mr. John Taylor, Assistant to the Governor of Illinois
Dr. Clyde C. Walton, State Historian
Mr. Gilbert Twiss, ~~President~~ Illinois State Historical Society, Chairman
Mr. Charles E. Gates, Vice President, WGN, Inc., official communications
sponsor of the Illinois Pavilion
Mr. Phillip Maxwell, Editorial Promotion Manager, Chicago Tribune, and
Director, Chicagoland Music Festival
Dr. William Pitkin, President, Illinois State Historical Society

Special Guests:

His Excellency Adlai E. Stevenson, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations
General U.S. Grant III, grandson of President Grant
Mr. Robert T. Lincoln Beckwith, great grandson of President Lincoln

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THEATER PROGRAM FOR ILLINOIS DAY

(10:45 AM Showing of the Illinois Story Prologue)

11:00 AM Cassin welcomes and introduces Commissioners, Walton of Historical Society, Norris of CACI, Gates of WGN, Secretary of State Chamberlain, and Auditor General Roberts. / Introduces Newman to begin program.

11:07 AM Chairman's welcome and introduction of Win Stracke

11:10 AM Folk music program. Songs Lincoln Loved. Win Stracke and Company.
(Conclusion of musical program, microphones replaced by WGN podium)

11:30 AM Newman introduces Moses.

11:31 AM Moses makes silver medallion presentation to Governor Kerner.

11:33 AM Governor Kerner responds to presentation and gives prepared remarks.

11:348 AM Governor introduces Senator Bidwill.

11:42 AM ~~SEKKE~~ Senator Bidwill gives tribute to the late Secretary Carpentier including introduction of Mrs. Carpentier and Senator Donald Carpentier.

11:50 AM Gov. Kerner takes podium again for introduction of Benny Goodman, Cab Calloway, and Philip Maxwell.

11:53 AM Maxwell introduces Chicagoland Music Festival winners.

11:57 AM Gov. Kerner makes presentation of Borglum head to Robert L. Beckwith.

12:00 noon Gov. Kerner introduces Ambassador Adlai Stevenson.

12:03 PM Ambassador Stevenson's remarks.

12:08 PM Governor Kerner introduces "Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln" using last paragraph from Sandburg message.
(Electricians remove podium)

12:15 PM "Great Moments with Mr. Lincoln"
(No further remarks from stage. Audience departs theater at conclusion of show.)

Kerner Returns Aides' Love Kiss at N. Y. World's Fair

BY JOSEPH EDELHOFF

(Picture on back page)

(Chicago Tribune Press Service)

New York, June 16 — Gov. Kerner, celebrating Illinois day at the World's fair, kissed a 12-year-old New York girl today. The governor was imitating Abraham Lincoln who gave a famous kiss to an 11-year-old New York girl 105 years ago.

Speaking in the Lincoln theater of the popular Illinois pavilion before 500 guests, Kerner recalled the circumstances of Lincoln's kiss.

Lincoln had received a letter from Grace Beffel of Westfield, near Buffalo, urging him to grow a beard. Two months later, en route to his inauguration, his train stopped in Westfield.

Writes Salute to Illinois Inviting Grace to his train platform, Lincoln showed her the beard he was growing. He asked if she liked it. She said she did and he planted a Presidential kiss on her cheek.

Kerner's kiss went to Terese Cooney of Maltbydale, a suburb of Syracuse. Terese had made a brochure on the state of Illinois. Sister Mary Albertine, her teacher at St. Margaret's school, thought it was so good she sent it to Kerner.

The governor invited Terese, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cooney, and two teachers, to the speaker's table

where he described the brochure as "one of the finest compliments Illinois has yet received."

Moses Praised Pavilion

Kerner is not growing a beard. However, he said, "I shall remember about this beard business through my political life."

It was family day for Gov. and Mrs. Kerner at the fair. They were accompanied by their daughter, Helena, 15. Their son, Tony, 17, is an usher at the Illinois pavilion.

Guests at the Illinois celebration included Robert Moses, president of the fair, and Ralph G. Newman, chairman of the Illinois Commission for the World's fair.

Moses said the Illinois pavilion was one of the exhibits at the fair "that people will always remember."

The Illinois pavilion this year had doubled its attendance from a year ago. It is averaging 20,000 visitors per day. Nearly 600 young Illinois musicians gave concerts at the fair during the day. They represented the Aurora West High school choir, the Elgin High school choir, the Waukegan High school band, and the Staunton High school band.

The celebration coincided with the 100th anniversary of Lincoln's "House Divided" speech in the old State House at Springfield.

(UPI Text only)

Standing with Ralph Newman (left), Gov. Kerner and Robert Moses, president of New York World's fair, rubbed nose of Abraham Lincoln's bust as Illinois was observed in the rain yesterday at the fair. (Story on page 13, section 2A)

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