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Springfield, Ill., July 25--Gov. Otto Kerner today announced the appointment of Ralph Newman, Chicago historian and president of the Abraham Lincoln Bookshop in Chicago, as chairman of the Illinois Commission on the New York World's Fair.

Newman is also president of Lincoln's New Salem Enterprises, New Salem, and a trustee of Lincoln College, Lincoln. He is chairman of the Civil War Commission of Chicago, president of the Ulysses S. Grant Association and a former president of the Illinois State Historical Society. He was recently elected president of the Illinois Lincoln Heritage Trail Council.

Newman will head a 17-member commission of ten legislators and seven public members which will have full authority for arranging Illinois' participation in the 1964-65 New York fair.

Gov. Kerner's appointments for the six other public members of the commission were also announced today. They are Mrs. Vernon Barnes of Rushville, president of the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs; Fairfax M. Cone of Chicago, chairman of the executive committee of Foote, Cone and Belding; Robert Gaiswinkler of Belleville, president of Security Savings and Loan; Eldon Hazlet of Carlyle, president of the Kaskaskia Valley Association; Albert Myers Jr., Springfield businessman, and United States District Judge James Benton Parsons of Chicago.

Senators appointed to the commission by Arthur J. Bidwill, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, are Bidwill, George E. Drach, Edward C. Eberspacher, Dwight P. Friedrich and Donald J. O'Brien.

Legislators appointed by John Lewis, Speaker of the House, are Charles M. Campbell, John G. Fary, J. Horace Gardner, Clyde Lee and Paul J. Randolph.

The Commission will hold its first meeting tomorrow (July 26) in Chicago, according to Chairman Ralph Newman.





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Springfield, Ill., July 26--James Cassin, of Northbrook, has been selected to direct Illinois' participation in the 1964-5 New York World's Fair.

Cassin's appointment was announced today by Ralph Newman, of Chicago, chairman of the Illinois Commission on the New York World's Fair, following a commission meeting in Chicago.

Cassin attended Loyola Academy, Northwestern University and John Carroll University, and was graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University, where he majored in foreign commerce. He has previously been employed by the international division of W. R. Grace and Company and, since 1959, the world trade division of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, where he served most recently as director of sales and trade development of the Chicago International Trade Fair. He is a member of the Executives Club of Chicago, the Sales Marketing Executives Club and the International Trade Club of Chicago. Cassin will serve for two years in his new post, beginning Aug. 1.

The commission also voted unanimously to use "Lincoln" as the main theme of the Illinois exhibit, with the details to be worked out by officers of the commission, in consultation with Gov. Otto Kerner.