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World's Fair Exhibit is Sound Investment

Approval for the state to spend \$1,000,000 on an Illinois exhibit at the 1964 New York World's Fair has been granted by the House. The bill which also creates a 17 member commission to arrange for the display now faces Senate consideration.

The \$1,000,000 which would come from a surplus in the Agriculture Premium Fund would be augmented by private funds which would make it possible for Illinois to construct a \$2,000,000 exhibit.

Since the Agriculture Premium Fund is set up to assist in the operation of the Illinois State Fair and other fairs throughout the state, it would be the obvious source of revenue to tap. Governor Kerner has indicated that he would sign the bill if it was passed by the legislature. An Illinois exhibit at the New York World's Fair would be a wise expenditure of surplus funds, an excellent opportunity to publicize the state's great advantages for industrial location and capabilities and its vast labor pool potential. It would appear to be a sound investment with unlimited future possibilities.

This is why Agr. Prem. Fund!

Bloomington Pantagraph - June 25

News story reporting that Senate had passed bill. (The following two paragraphs are from the story.)

Senator Eberspacher, Democrat Shelbyville, who handled the House bill in the Senate, said he felt Illinois should use this chance to publicize its attractions and its business and industrial resources.

Eberspacher also argued that Illinois should take part in the New York World's Fair (which will open in 1964 and run into 1965) because Chicago is to be the site of the 1976 World's Fair "and then we'll be wanting other states to sponsor exhibits".

Editorial opposing Fair - Commercial News, Danville, May 22

Opposing Fair in E. St. Louis Journal, May 13

Justification of approval!