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Honorable Chris Vlahoplus

Charles Schrader

Peoria's Summer Band Trip to New York -- Your Memo June 4, 1964

Chris, I called Mr. Huber, the director of the summer band, since I was in Springfield and could use the Centrex system. I was particularly concerned about the invitation to play at the Illinois Pavilion. Since they have raised \$17,560 to go to the Fair and have indicated that they have been invited to play at the Illinois Pavilion, I felt I should talk to Mr. Huber, inasmuch as there is no facility for such a performance at the Pavilion. As you know, the stage is very small, and the Lincoln figure cannot be removed from the stage. The Pavilion is filled with people, and we have no facilities there or in the courtyard for any size performance.

The invitation according to Mr. Huber came from the Peoria Chamber of Commerce rather than from the Illinois Pavilion. I discussed this with Virginia Marmaduke, and a special arrangement for the band seeing the Lincoln figure at the Pavilion will be arranged. Mr. Huber will contact Virginia when he is prepared and arrangements will be made for the band to play on the fairgrounds.

While I was talking to Mr. Huber, I covered the two points in his letter, pointing out that Illinois Day has already been designated, but that it would be possible to declare August 23 Peoria Day. This will be covered in Mr. Huber's and Miss Marmaduke's discussions.

As to the second point, I pointed out that the State does not have funds available to finance their trip and that the State Legislature is not now in session.

I also told Mr. Huber that if he had any problems to please contact me. My real concern is that the members of the band and their parents are not disappointed after putting in so much effort in the raising of these funds. If there is anything else you want me to do, please let me know.

cc Jim Cassin

Virginia Marmaduke

(with copy of Mr. Huber's letter)

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DE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Frederick J. Huber

~~2216 West Street~~
Peoria, Illinois
Phone 637-1312
800 N. Swords Ave.
June 1, 1964

C. 132-674-8613 (Home)

cc - Mrs. [unclear]
Declare Peoria Day

Mr. Otto Kerner
Honorable Governor
State of Illinois
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Governor Kerner:

One Hundred thirty students from ten Peoria Area Schools have been hard at work raising funds to send the Peoria Parks' Recreation Dept. Sr. Summer Band to the N. Y. World's Fair. We have been invited to play at the Illinois Bldg., the United States Special Events Pavilion, and the Fair itself. The boys and girls together with their parents have raised \$17,560.00 of a projected \$20,676.00 budget. Our performance date is August 23rd, 1964.

I have two requests I'd like to make.

1. Could August 23rd, 1964 be declared Illinois Day at the N. Y. World's Fair with the Peoria Parks' Recreation Dept. Sr. Summer Band the official Illinois representative? The boys and girls did a magnificent job representing Illinois and the Peoria Area at the Seattle Fair 2 years ago.

2. Could the Illinois legislature appropriate funds to help us along the way? The States of Wisconsin and Montana have made such appropriations.

Your every consideration will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours

Fred J. Huber

Fred J. Huber
Director

I have been director of this group 17 year. I produced the half-time show for Peoria's Mohammed Shrine at this year's East-West game in San Francisco.

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June 13, 1964

Mr. Melvin Siener
Dept. of Music
SIU
Carbondale, Illinois

Dear Mr. Siener:

I am in receipt of a memorandum⁴⁷¹ from Mr. Richard Newman, director of Tourism, Illinois Board of Economic Development in reference to a concert of the SIU Concert Band sometime this summer at the New York World's Fair.

As you may by now already know, the crowd control problems at the Illinois Pavilion (now the heaviest attended State Pavilion with the exception of New York State which is drawing homefolks) have limited the presentation of group performances, including bands, choruses or pageants.

The only places on the Fairgrounds where Band concerts are being presented so far as I know are: The veranda and steps of the United States Pavilion and the four Tiparillo Cigar Band Shells on the malls and park areas.

The person who handles scheduling of Bands at the United States Pavilion is: Mr. Michael Foley, U.S. Pavilion, Kennedy Circle, World's Fair, Flushing, New York, 11380. The Special Events director: Mr. Walter Geibelhouse, World's Fair Corp., Flushing, New York, 11380 handles all the Tiparillo Band Shell schedules.

I understand that if you include an actual date request with your initial request-letter, it helps facilitate things.

The Vandalia, Illinois, Band played last week at the Federal Pavilion and the Joliet Tosp. Band is playing tomorrow at the Tiparillo Band shell. Both units arranged for their appearances on their own.

Both groups included a formal and official visit to their home-
state, Illinois Pavilion as a part of their schedule.

The pattern goes like this: After their concert, they march,
in a body, to the Illinois Pavilion. "Their Day" is proclaimed
on our entrance bulletin board. They are personally conducted to
reserved seats for the "Great Moments With Mr. Lincoln" show and
then taken on a personally conducted tour of the entire exhibit.

I am sorry, sincerely, that we cannot present the SIU Band in
concert right here on our own grounds but when you get here you
will see that it is physical impossibility.

Please let me hear from you as to your future plans so that we
may join in them.

Sincerely,

Virginia L. Marmaduke
Special Events Director

cc to: Mr. Ralph Newman

June 16, 1964

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Miss Virginia Marmaduke
Director of Special Events
Illinois Pavilion
New York World's Fair
Flushing Meadows, New York 11380

Dear Virginia:

The Governor's office has received two contacts urging that the Southern Illinois University band be invited to play at the Illinois pavilion this fall. The two dates suggested were Illinois Day and closing day. The invitation would go to Dr. William J. Tudor (Director of Division of Area Services, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois).

Gene talked with Dr. Tudor some time ago and understood that the band would not be going. However, after talking with him today, I find that they would like an invitation.

I explained to Dr. Tudor the limited space for a performance and the inability for the instruments to be stored or spaces provided for uniform changes. I also informed him of the possibility of playing on the steps of the federal exhibit. I think I covered most of the information you gave me by phone.

Virginia, I am writing you for two reasons. First, because they have indicated that you did not answer their inquiry; and second, the possibility of some new provisions being made. In any case, I have attempted to explain to Dr. Tudor the situation but would appreciate your covering this with him in a letter. I certainly hope something can be worked out. I would appreciate a copy of your letter to Dr. Tudor so that we will be up-to-date as to what can be done.

cc: James Cassin
William Feurer
Gene Graves

Sincerely,



Charles H. Schrader
Assistant Executive Director

OFFICE

August 12, 1964

MEMO TO: Mr. d'Anjou
VLM
Chief Ushers
Troopers

FROM: JAC

Handwritten note in a circle: "Miss Cassin"

This Saturday, August 15th, at 3:00, the Montana Centennial Band (Rose Bowl Parade winners, 86 members) will perform in the entrance courtyard. Miss Marmaduke will greet them and present them with a memento and after that they will perform 2 or 3 selections. The important thing about this presentation is that it is an experiment to see if we can handle a musical group of this size during regular hours. The group will not go through the Pavilion, but we are asking that you all cooperate in making the program a success.

JAC

Cassin