
Peaceful Rock Fete Planned Upstate

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The promoters of a rock music festival planned for mid-August in Wallkill, N. Y., met here yesterday to plan security measures. They hope to prevent disorders such as those that marred similar activities in California last weekend. The promoters anticipate a crowd that could reach 150,000.

The Wallkill event is named the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, although it will take place about 20 miles away from Woodstock. The original site proved not large enough and not easily accessible, according to the promoters.

The promoters, Michael Lang and Artie Kornfeld, met with security personnel at the Village Gate, a Greenwich Village nightclub. They said

they hoped the California incidents would not "set a precedent for all other festivals this summer."

The rock program will take place Aug. 15, 16 and 17 and will present 17 major acts including Janis Joplin, the Jefferson Airplane, Blood, Sweat and Tears and the Grateful Dead.

Wesley A. Pomeroy will be in charge of security. Mr. Pomeroy, who was Attorney General Ramsey Clark's special assistant for law enforcement, was named by President Johnson to be one of two associate administrators of the Justice Department's anticrime agency.

"I'm not worried about the security particularly," he said, adding, "if people have enough to do, there won't be any trouble."

Last weekend's disturbance occurred at the Newport (Calif.) Music Festival after young people who could not gain admittance attempted to force their way in.

Mr. Lang said 600 acres would be available for the festival-goers to use for camping and for activities other than music listening. The main performance area will consist of 150 acres. He said that the crowd was expected to range from 50,000 to 150,000.

"We don't anticipate that we'll have to turn anyone away," Mr. Lang said. Three hundred policemen will be recruited for the festival. None will be in uniform and none will carry weapons, Mr. Pomeroy explained. State and Federal officers also will be present.

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