

Rock Festival at Bethel Defeats New Challenge

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A move to block this week's pop rock festival at Bethel, N. Y. — the Woodstock Music and Art Fair and Aquarian Exposition — was dropped yesterday. A motion for an injunction against it was withdrawn in the State Supreme Court at Catskill.

The festival thus survived a second bid to prevent its coming off this weekend. Last month, the Town of Walkill rejected the fair's application to stage the event on a 200-acre site there. Some residents had objected that it might overwhelm the town's capacity to deal with security, sanitation and traffic.

The green light for the event was flashed after a long afternoon of talks in the chambers of Justice George Cobb. A small group of objecting property owners, who have land near the

festival's site, explained their apprehensions.

Finally, the court released a statement saying: "The differences between the parties have been resolved. The motion is withdrawn."

Spokesmen for the sponsors said they had arranged for the security services of 300 off-duty New York City policemen for the festival. They said they were placing 200 toilets and other necessary facilities on the site. Concessions will offer plenty of food, they said.

Performances will be continuous from 4 P.M. to 4 A.M. on Friday and Saturday night and the festival will close at 1 A.M. next Monday morning. Thirty-one acts have been signed. They will offer folk music, blues and several varieties of rock 'n' roll. Admission is \$7 a day, \$18 for all three days.

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