

# Rock Fair to Return to Bethel

The producers of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair, faced with a million-dollar deficit and at least one lawsuit, promised yesterday to hold an even bigger festival next summer.

The producers said that the 1970 gathering, scheduled for Aug. 21, 22 and 23, would have more facilities, more land, more music, and more people. But it will have the same "Music and Peace" theme as this year's festival, and, according to present plans, it will be held in the same small town, Bethel, N. Y., where last weekend at least 300,000 youths came together for three rainy days of folk rock and campfires and communal living.

"We've been offered the same site in Bethel," said Michael Lang, the executive producer of the 1969 fair, "and we've been offered additional land up there." The 600-acre farm used last weekend was, he said, too small to be used alone.

Mr. Lang and two of his three partners in Woodstock Ventures announced their plans at a news conference on the 15th-floor penthouse terrace at 200 West 57th Street, outside the cramped office of their publicity advisers, the Goldstein Organization.

## Bethel Defended

As the soft music of a rock group drifted languidly out the windows of a beauty salon on the floor, the three young men sat in their pink and white deck chairs for more than an hour and defended last week's mass gathering in Bethel.

"It's never occurred in the history of the world—the largest number of people at any of these conventions has been 60,000," Mr. Lang said, explaining why the group had not anticipated the 300,000—or 400,000, by his estimate—who attended.

The producers said that they were "one million dollars down." They said their expenses had been \$2.5-million and their projected receipts for sales of tickets were only \$1.5-million.

"Any legitimate creditor should have patience," said Joel Rosenman, a partner. "His claims will be satisfied." Mr. Rosenman said that among the group's assets were "very secure" commitments from Warner Bros. involving record and movie rights stemming from the festival.

The group's lawyer, Martin Cramer of Marshall and Morris, said he knew of only one lawsuit being brought against the fair's producers. Although he refused to discuss the

case, he said it had nothing to do with charges of personal injury or property damage. Instead, he said, "It's so far out that we're not worried."

Despite the rain and mud that engulfed the festival and despite the charges of inadequate planning, the fair's organizers were pleased with the outcome.

"I was beginning to won-

der if this kind of thing could happen," Mr. Lang remarked late yesterday afternoon.

"Sometimes it seems that no one is getting together in the world—they sit in Paris and spend months deciding about the table. It's weird. But I thought people could get together, peacefully. And this weekend confirmed my thoughts."