

State Investigating Handling of Tickets At Woodstock Fair

The Woodstock Music and Art Fair is being investigated by the state because of "hundreds of complaints" from ticket holders who did not get in to see the musical performances.

Charles W. Stickle, executive assistant to Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz, said yesterday that the principal officers of the festival had been asked to go to the Attorney General's office, 80 Centre Street, today or tomorrow, to discuss the possibility of making refunds.

The festival's promoters were asked about refunds while the fair was in progress from Aug. 15 through 17 at Bethel, N. Y., and pointed out that the tickets specified that refunds would be granted only if the show were canceled.

Although Mr. Stickle did not specify who had been asked to appear, the principal officers of Woodstock Ventures, Inc., producer of the event, have been identified as John P. Roberts, the 24-year-old president; Joel Rosenman, 26, a lawyer; Michael Lang, 24, and Arthur Kornfeld, 26.

Mr. Lang has said that more than half of the 300,000 people who attended the fair got in free because three times the expected number of people turned up and broke down the entire ticket-selling, ticket-taking procedure.

Thousands of people streamed into the fair grounds without paying the \$7 daily admission or the \$18 for the three days' events.

Mr. Roberts has said that, even with ticket sales in excess of \$1.3-million, the fair was "a financial disaster" and that his debts might reach \$2-million.