



TORONTO PEACE FESTIVAL PLANNED

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LOS ANGELES — The Toronto Peace Festival will be held July 3-5 on a site that is actually 100 miles west of Toronto, near London, Ontario, and the town of Parkhill. Adjacent to a 2,700-acre Canadian Conservation Authority approved campground which contains, among other things, a 200-acre lake, the festival site is 1,500 acres of light forest land, through which runs a stream filled with trout.

The festival will take place at the center of a large plateau containing three natural amphitheatres. The main stage will present the musical performances, and two secondary stages will be built for additional talent as well as symposiums, hosted by prominent authorities on ecology, science, the arts, and possibly even politics.

AFTER 2 A.M., the stages will carry screens for films until dawn, and the festival producers (Karma Productions) are trying to arrange for the premieres of several youth-oriented movies. The Canadian film board also is expected to contribute films.

Mike Lang, the producer of the Woodstock Festival, is booking talent for Toronto. Signed so far are Chicago, Johnny Winter, Spirit, Procol Harum, Taj Mahal, Booker T. and the MGs, The Youngbloods and B. B. King.

A nationwide network of radio stations, which has been dubbed the Peace network, will begin broadcasting information, messages and developments with the festival, as well as other communications pertinent to peace.

MORE THAN 40 stations are already committed to the network, and they will service cities from Alaska to New York and Florida. Although 90 per cent are FM stations, there are more AM stations linking up.

In addition to the usual concession stands, there will also be free food at the festival, with the menu and disbursal being supervised by the Yogi Bhanan, the former New Delhi Customs Agent who has fed countless pilgrims in India. The emphasis will be on macrobiotic food, rice and the like.

There will be 20 centers for medical and emergency care, and the Canadian government is requiring the promoters to guarantee \$1.3 million for medical facilities alone, in addition to their guarantees for sufficient water and sanitation.

Plans are also being made for a low-power radio station at the festival site, which would broadcast information as a public address system would. There has been some talk about broadcasting the musical performances over the same station — something that might be appreciated, since it is doubtful that even under the most ideal situation everyone would be able to hear what is going on.

THE PROPOSED radio station, as well as the bulk of the logistics for the festival, is being supervised by Mel Lawrence, who was operations manager of Woodstock. Lawrence carries the immense responsibility of overseeing site preparation, utilities, water supply details, security, purchasing, concessions and crafts, sound, lighting and staging.

The mechanics of ticket distribution still are being worked out. They will be crucial to the success (or failure) of the festival. There will only be a fixed number of tickets sold. Plans now call for the last day of ticket sales to be June 3. After that date, no tickets will be available, and the constant reminder will be that those who do not have tickets should not bother to make the trip to Canada. There is no way of knowing if that will discourage anyone, but the insistence will be there.

John Carpenter has taken a leave of absence from his post as entertainment editor of the Los Angeles Free Press to become U.S. coordinator of the festival and chief organizer of the "caravan for peace."

INDEPENDENT groups are organizing convoys of cars and buses from all over the country to meet in Toronto and then move on to the festival site. There are three main caravans from different regions of the country, and the hopes are that all vehicles will be registered and inspected (by caravan people).

With the registration comes access to free medical, legal and mechanical help. Carpenter is hoping that there will be free shows along the way and that several college campuses will play host to travelers as they pass through communities.

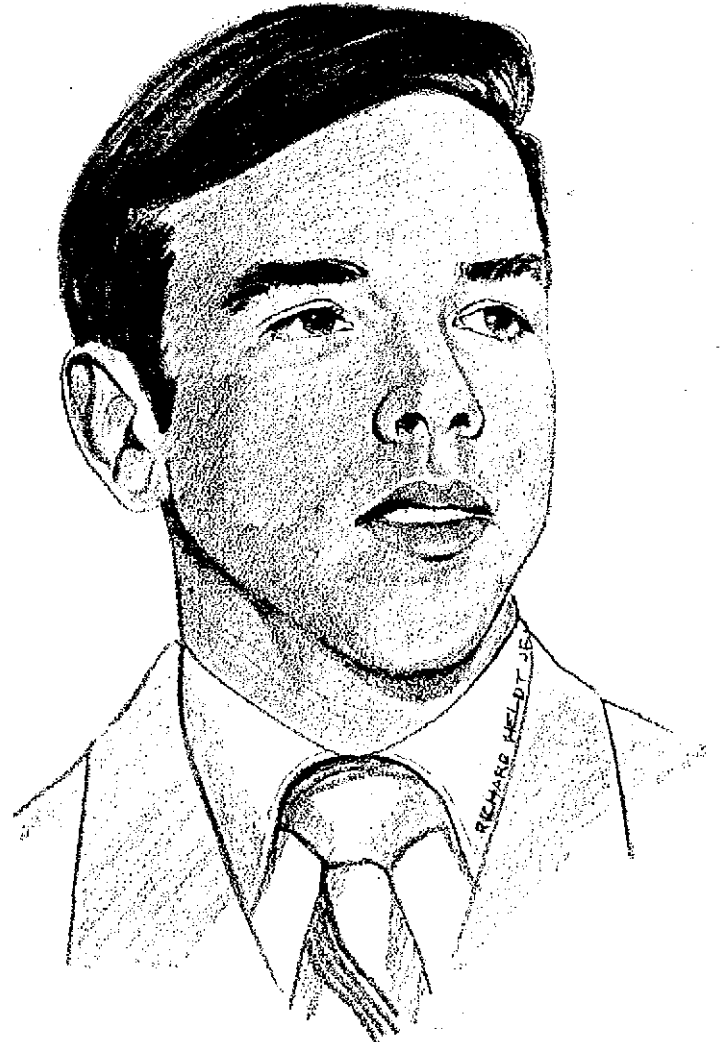
The western caravan is scheduled to leave Los Angeles on June 21, with caravans from other western areas to join the main convoy at pre-designated locations. A book is now in preparation that outlines specifics — what to wear, what to bring, what to expect, etc.

ANYONE INTERESTED in joining the caravan, or simply in finding out more information about the festival, may write to John Carpenter, 8780 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 90069.

Right now the festival looks like a model of order and organization. But no one knows what will happen until July 3. While the festival people are unflinching optimists about the turnout, there are more than a few people who are holding their breath, remembering too vividly the horror of Altamont.

Perhaps the best thing Toronto has going for it, in addition to its own togetherness, is the release of the Woodstock film, which inspires a positive kind of faith that is so badly needed now and will be even more appreciated this summer.

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The son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Ward, Jr., Brad is an outstanding senior at Holmes High School whose plans after graduation include attending college, "... if I survive this senior year!" he adds.

Actually, Brad should not have a bit of trouble "surviving;" he's already proven his scholastic aptitude by establishing an outstanding record throughout his high school years. Brad's favorite courses are those in the math and science categories, evidenced by his election as an officer of Mu Alpha Theta, national math honor society.

Brad serves also as President of the Holmes Student Council and is an active member of the National Honor Society. He was recognized as a leader early in his high school career and was subsequently elected President of his Sophomore Class and, in his junior year, Treasurer of the Student Council.

Brad enjoys all sports, from football to surfing. "I practically grew up at the Northwest Y.M.C.A.," he asserts, "I participated in the football, basketball, baseball, and swimming programs." Brad has been a member of the Holmes Huskies, the school's Varsity basketball team for three years and presently is serving as its co-captain. He belongs to the First Unitarian Church and is a member of its youth group, the L.R.Y.

To Brad Ward, an outstanding young man all around, who takes both his working and playing endeavors seriously, goes special recognition at the next meeting of the Downtown Optimist Club. (Adv.)

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