

Second World Fair May Leave Park, Moses Envisioned

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NEW YORK (UPI) — Back in 1939, when Robert Moses was park commissioner of the City of New York, he hoped the '39 World's Fair would leave in its wake a spectacularly beautiful park at the fair site in Queens.

The outbreak of World War II crimped the finances of the fair and, although there was a park, it was not the kind big thinker Moses had in mind. Next April, another World's Fair will open on the same site

and, when it closes for good some two and a half years from now, the beautiful tree — fountain and mall-studded park Moses envisioned almost certainly will be left for future generations of New Yorkers to enjoy.

The main reason is that Bob Moses is running this fair and he wants to leave a park, so he ordered it. But beyond that, the park question sheds insight into the personality of the president of the 1964-1965 World's Fair.

He's far-sighted, unswerving in his goals and competent and aggressive enough to get the job done. At least he has been thus far in his 40-year career of public service in which he distinguished himself as a park builder, highway constructor and operator, slum clearer and builder of great buildings.

But Moses' career has been a tower of controversy as well as accomplishment, and no small amount of his success stems from his willingness to lock horns with the mightiest of adversaries. He's tangled with at least one president (Franklin D. Roosevelt), several governors, and a Cabinet officer, not to mention a formidable list of lesser politicians.

In keeping the fair preparations on the track and on time, he has verbally tussled with New York City and its mayor over the price of children's tickets, with its traffic department and state and federal authorities about how the fair-connected \$124 million network of highways and bridges was progressing; with the Bureau of International Expositions, over accreditation of the fair, and with contractors and exhibitors about meeting schedules.

And his edict that the fair would contain no girly shows or carnival midway-type exhibits also has drawn critical fire. As the controversies ebb and flow, preparations for the fair continue. Officials of the exposition say "there is no doubt" that it will open on time — April 22.

Moses, now 74 years old, directed the '64-'65 fair from its inception. A tall, solidly built man with thinning gray hair, Moses has been thriving on vast responsibility since he went into public life under then Gov. Al Smith in 1924. His works in concrete, steel and greenery, in New York City, the state and elsewhere, are conservatively valued at \$5 billion.



HONOR FAIR PRESIDENT — These Japanese lovelies, Kumi Mizuno (L) and Yoko Tsukasa, find it's only fair to honor the man who runs the fair — New York's World Fair President Robert Moses. Here they present him with a colorful Oriental garment. (UPI)

Oregon Supreme Court Decisions

SALEM (UPI) — The Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday upheld a ruling by Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan that Philip H. Pitman had not violated the real estate brokers act.

The Real Estate Commission had revoked Pitman's salesman's license after charging he had accepted a commission from someone other than his employing broker.

There was no contention Pitman dealt unfairly with the broker, nor did the broker or anyone connected with the deal complain. The lower court overruled the commission order revoking Pitman's license. The high court upheld a decision by Marion County Circuit Judge Val D. Sloper denying damages to Norma M. George for injuries suffered in a fall at Erickson's Sunnyslope Supermarket, Inc.

Upheld by the Supreme Court was a decision by Lincoln County Circuit Judge Earl P. Conrad awarding \$7,858 to Charlotte Meyers as the result of an auto accident involving Elizabeth Muno.

Also upheld was a decision by Linn County Circuit Judge Wendell H. Tompkins awarding \$12,085 to Michael Flade for injuries received as the result of a crash involving a car driven by James Brazel.

The high court affirmed a one-year sentence imposed upon Ray Cloran by Baker County Circuit Judge Lyle R. Wolfe after Cloran's conviction for perjury.

The high court also affirmed a decision by Harney County Circuit Judge Jeff D. Dorroh Jr. granting a divorce and custody of a son to Steve E. Coleman, and awarding Naomi Coleman custody of a daughter. The wife did not contest the divorce, but wanted custody of both children.

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They included the First Methodist Church, North Bend; Oakridge Methodist Church; First Baptist Church, Oceanlake; Methodist Church, Heppner; Aurora Presbyterian Church; Community Baptist Church, Glendale; Smyrna United Church of Christ, Smyrna; Shan Creek Community Church, Grants Pass; and Azalea Community Church, Azalea.

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