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Eve of Destruction at World's Fair

NEW YORK—The biggest problem the World's Fair faces now is how to get rid of all the buildings that must disappear once the fair is over. Many people went bankrupt during the fair and do not have the funds to tear down the buildings. Some exhibitors have offered the buildings free to anyone who would cart them away. But there have been few takers.

Therefore, drastic measures have to be taken to tear down the fair.

It has been rumored that Robert Moses has been dickering with the U.S. Air Force to offer them the fair as a target practice area for B-52 bombers. The Air Force is said to have turned him down on the grounds that the B-52's don't need target practice areas anymore since they have the real thing in Vietnam.

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Then it was suggested by someone else that the fair borrow three Viet Cong soldiers and fly them to Flushing. Each day the Viet Cong soldiers would be placed in a different building and their whereabouts would be reported to the Pentagon. The Pentagon would have to order a bombing raid on the particular building.

Since the Viet Cong never get killed in any bombing raids, the three soldiers could be moved from building to building until the Air Force destroyed the entire fair.

The real problem is how to get the Viet Cong to come to the fair. Moses refuses to reduce the prices of admission even after the fair is over, and very few Viet Cong soldiers want to pay \$2.50 to get in.

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But if something can be worked out to get the Viet Cong in, the Air Force has indicated they might cooperate.

Another suggestion along the same lines was that as soon as the Viet Cong got into a building the U.S. Marines and U.S. Army paratroopers would be notified and they would be landed by helicopter and burn the place down.

This would be more expensive, but it hasn't been ruled out.

A third suggestion, particularly where the foreign pavilions are concerned, is to invite various students from overseas to visit the fair on the last day. The Egyptian students would be taken to the American-Israeli Pavilion and they would, of course, start stoning it. The Israeli students would be taken to the Egyptian Pavilion where they could sack it. The South Korean students could be counted on to destroy the Japanese Pavilion and the Malaysian youths would most certainly want to take a crack at the Indonesian exhibit.

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Once all the foreign buildings had been knocked down, the students would be taken to a giant anti-American rally in front of the U.S. Pavilion, the largest building at the fair, and after several fiery speeches by leading student agitators, a CIA man in disguise would shout, "Let's wreck the joint!"

While these ideas all present a certain amount of technical difficulty, a simple solution to the destruction of the fair has been suggested by a New York banker.

"The day after the financial report on the World's Fair is released," he said, "They should let anyone who has invested in World's Fair bonds on the property and give them each an ax.

"The fair will be down by nightfall."