

40,000 Jam Disney Turnstiles

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Visitors came in a steady flow all day, causing no major jams and no serious accidents.

"THIS PROVES we can handle heavy traffic with adequate numbers of troopers," said Herring, pointing to the 15 permanent additions to the patrol force to speed traffic in Orange, Seminole, Osceola and Lake counties. Another 20 troopers were brought in this weekend.

Although the movie and television stars arriving in town were anxious to get to the theme park, nearly all expressed regret the man who envisioned it — Walt Disney — couldn't be there to see it with them.

Ray Bolger, a spy dancer who can still kick above his head, got a look at the park when he arrived Friday. "It's a wonderful beginning of his dream," said Bolger, adding that Disney would have been proud of the way his staff has worked.

"RASPY-VOICED. Andy Devine agreed. But, he added, "Actually, I feel Walt is here. And he probably has the best seat in the house."

Stack, a board member of the National Wildlife Federation, praised the Disney organization for its concern for the environment, saying he wants to visit the Fort Wilderness camping area and the conservation area while here.

"It's too bad all cities can't do what Disney World has done with regard to ecology," said Stack.

HOWEVER, Stack said, ecology isn't the only reason he wanted to visit Disney World. "I'd like to try one of those beautiful golf courses with my ugly golf game."

Stack, an avid sportsman who once held the world skeet shooting championship, recalled he used to play polo with Disney. "He was a good horseman," said the star of the TV series "The Name of the Game." "He was a good polo player."

Stack was accompanied by his wife, Rosemarie, and teen-age children, Charles and Elizabeth. He wasn't the only one to bring his youngsters.

Joe Flynn, who claims a record of sorts for having appeared in eight Disney movies, brought his two sons, Tony, 12, and K.C., 10.

"THEY'RE BIG Disney fans," said the star of television's "McHale's Navy."

15 Footsore Soldiers Did Get To Disney

Fifteen footsore soldiers made it to Walt Disney World Saturday just about the time hordes of celebrities arrived for the Magic Kingdom's grand opening.

The volunteers from the 197th Infantry Brigade at Fort Benning, Ga., completed their 166-mile "fun march" five days after it started in Jacksonville.

Their leader, Lt. Col. James W. Murman, said the march was held to show prospective recruits the modern Army can be fun, and to promote an all-volunteer Army.

The soldiers spent the night in Sanford and walked from there to Disney World Saturday.

WINTER PARK'S ALPHONSE CARLO, WIFE SHARE LAUGH WITH PLUTO ... Only Florida violinist in World Symphony tours Disney Saturday

(Special Photo by Ed Stout)

Other stars included Hugh O'Brien, Sebastian Cabot, Cesar Romero, Fess Parker, Greg Morris, Sterling Holloway, Sam Jaffe and his wife TV star Bettye Ackerman, Godfrey Cambridge, Steve Forrest, Agnes Moorehead and Jonathan Winters.

Arriving earlier was Bob Hope, who will entertain at noon today with a monologue tribute to the Disney opening at the Grand Canyon Concourse of the huge A-frame Contemporary-Resort Hotel.

MOST OF THE celebrities headed straight from the plane to the waiting buses. But Brennan stopped to clown a little, affecting the limp which he has used in scores of Western movies.

And MacMurray chided him for it: "Walt, they didn't get our wheel-chair."

Other dignitaries present were Gov. Reubin Askew and his family, former Under Secretary of defense Roswell Gilpatric and TV news

broadcaster David Brinkley.

PRESIDENT Nixon had planned to attend the celebration but canceled out a few days ago, reportedly because of the difficulty in getting proper security at the attraction.

But, even without the appearance of Mr. Nixon, the big weekend will be an extravaganza.

In addition to the symphony performance and Hope's monologue, the festivities include banquets, lunas, an electrical water show, fireworks and a huge parade down Main Street U.S.A. with Meredith Willson leading a 1,076-piece marching band.

CROWDS HAVE increased steadily since the Oct. 1 opening for a three-week "shakedown" for employees and attractions. Opening with 10,400 visitors, the park had averaged around 15,000 daily with 20,000 to 25,000 on weekends.

The park is expected to have 10 million guests in its first year.

'Twas A Night To Remember

By CHARLIE WADSWORTH

(Special Staff)

The world came to Cinderella's doorstep Saturday night.

And it was a gala night at the symphony all over again as Central Florida joined the Disneys and hundreds of invited celebrities of show business and industry for a performance of the World Symphony held in Cinderella's castle forecourt.

It was a night to remember. A new moon broke through early evening clouds to assure concerned Disney World officials that the gorgeous October weather that came with the dawn would hold. Ten drops of rain and \$10,000 worth of freshly coiffured hairdos would have gone up in steam.

THOUSANDS of guests who had toured the theme park were allowed to remain inside the park, and added an unexpected first night Hollywoodish atmosphere.

Invited guests seeing the \$400 million extravaganza for the first time gasped in awe at the sheer beauty at the lighted forecourt with the castle looming softly and beautifully in the background.

Early arrivals included Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fowler Sr. of Orlando. Their son, Charles Fowler Jr., who holds a doctorate in music and lives in Washington, is now symphonic adviser to the World Symphony.

AMONG THE first to find seats in the forecourt which held approximately 1,500 guests were Mr. and Mrs. H. Curt Tanton, Orlando Utilities Commission executive president.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shillings, the Clyde Wests, Frank Hubbards and Sidney Swopes came in behind Gen. and Mrs. William E. Potter, vice president of Walt Disney World, and party.

Early arrivals also heard stage hands and television crews questioning electrical plugs that "were inadvertently left vertically." But everything was all right moments later when the announcement came over the public address system that the technicians had both the oboes and English horns "okay."

THE THEME PARK guests lining Main Street several deep, applauded the formally attired invited guests as they strolled into the lighted entrance area.

Television and movie star Robert Stack moved in a throng which

included the Merlin Feathers, Lennie Asquith, Bud Streeps, Dick Evans, William Millers, Billy Dial, Martin Andersen, Richard Chases, and Mayor and Mrs. George Barley of Winter Garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacMurray broke through a portion of the audience and received a tremendous ovation moments before Mr. and Mrs. Roy Disney, and Mr. and Mrs. John Truynens entered the forecourt. Mrs. Truynens is Walt Disney's widow. Behind them came the Right Rev. and Mrs. William Folwell, and Mr. and Mrs. William Clapp, retired head of Florida Power Corporation.

THEN CAME Mayor and Mrs. Carl Langford, the Robert Andersons, the Hamer Wilsons, Grady Cookseys, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Millican, Col. and Mrs. Glenn Puzgire, the Joseph Brechners, David Latham, former Gov. and Mrs. Hayden Burns. (Burns was in office when Disney World was revealed and presided over the announcement ceremonies held in Orlando Oct. 28, 1963.)

Behind them came television star Jonathan Winters and wife and Maj. and Mrs. Charles Robb who were eating ice cream cones. Mrs. Robb is the daughter of former President Lyndon Johnson.

Cesar Romero came in preceding Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Ed Martin. Gen. Martin is divisional commander of the 306th Bomb Wing of the 42nd Air Division, headquartered at McCoy Air Force Base. Martin's guest was Mrs. Michael N. W. McCoy, widow of the former wing commander for whom the base was named.

GREG MORRIS, star in the television series "Mission Impossible," stirred another round of cries from the audience and then amidst the excitement came Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Holloway, almost overlooked in the excitement.

City Commissioner and Mrs. Don Crenshaw entered about this time. The Orlando commissioner was partially obscured by a fresh beard. The judiciary was represented by Federal Court Judge and Mrs. George C. Young, State Atty. and Mrs. Robert Egan, Circuit Court Judge and Mrs. Richard Cooper, and Judge and Mrs. Parker Lee Macdonald.

THEN CAME Gov. and Mrs. Reubin Askew, five minutes after actors Hugh O'Brien entered, trailed by Fess Parker, the Robert

Heintzelmann and another recognizable face, former Gov. and Mrs. Claude Kirk.

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Whether it is the size of the orchestra combined with the excellence of the musicians that made this an unusually beautiful rendition is hard to say. But it was beautiful.

THE "PINES of Rome" by Respighi is always delightful listening and made full use and total range of the orchestra. An excerpt from "Estarcia" by Onfastera was hard work for the orchestra, but fun for the audience.

Offenbach's "Gaité Parisienne" was even more fun than it normally is. The orchestra appeared to have as much fun as the audience.

FOR ENCORES, the orchestra played "Little Fugue in G Minor" by Bach; a tribute to Walt Disney World with the theme song "It's a Small World;" and a rousing rendition of the "Stars and Stripes Forever" that brought the audience to its feet.

Conductor Arthur Fiedler was in total command and had the complete sympathy and understanding of the musicians with whom he worked. They added their sympathy as he wiped a tired brow.

Raymond Ericson of the New York Times said the symphony's first concert in New York Friday night was "disciplined and enthusiastic," and had "marvelous sonority."

The 141 musicians, assembled from 60 countries and 26 American states at the Disney organization's behest to add a cultural and international note to the opening, will make its final appearance Monday night at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

EARLIER SATURDAY the musi-

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THEN CAME the Harry Hughes, the Everette Huskeys and then bedlam broke loose again as Johnny Whitaker, "Jody" of "Family Affair," and Annette Funicello entered. They preceded another star of "Family Affair," Sebastian Cabot.

Next Howard Phillips and Grace Warlow Barr perhaps two of Central Florida's better known symphony goers, came, followed by Orlando, Police Chief and Mrs. Robert Channing, the John Florences and the Jake Zorians.

By then it was 15 minutes past the 8 p.m. starting time. The delay was attributed to the musicians' late afternoon rehearsal and late arrivals.



THE MASTER ... Arthur Fiedler



SOLEMN COMEDIAN ... Jonathan Winters arrives

cians were elated with the assessment of the first performance and with the World Symphony concept.

"People from all over the world are represented here," said Mordcahai Rechtmann of the Israel Philharmonic. "I've met many neighbors from Lebanon and Egypt whom I could never meet otherwise, or may not meet again."

The problems in putting the symphony together, both physically and musically, were phenomenal, but were tackled with typical Disney aplomb. Nearly every major symphony in the world is represented including several East European and one South Vietnamese musician.

AND, THOUGH selections were announced about two months ago, the first rehearsal wasn't until last Wednesday — two days before the first concert. The result, according to many members, was nothing short of "amazing."

"When we began we were just musicians from 60 different countries with a language barrier from each one," said Joseph Reines of the National Symphony Orchestra in Washington, D. C. Big after we played the music there was no barrier. We all can communicate through our music."

The credit for the accomplishment went ungrudgingly to Fiedler.

HE IS marvelous," said Orlando's Alphonse Carlo. "He has guest conducted so many orchestras he has developed a feel for what each should do — a mental picture of the finished symphony. He just works us toward it."

Rechtmann was more succinct: "Only Fiedler could have done this. We are already among the best of the world's symphonies."

Fiedler has long been considered one of the few conductors who can turn in a fine performance of either a classical or an up-to-date work. Because of this facility he is entering his forty-second season as conductor of the popular Boston Pops Orchestra this fall.

Jacob Krachmalnick, the concertmaster, has worked with Fiedler many times since they first met in 1940. He has served as concertmaster with the New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein, and was with that orchestra in 1961 when it toured the United States, Canada and Japan. Krachmalnick graduated from the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia and studied under Efreim Zimbalist, Sr., from 1936-42.

Fiedler, accepting the invitation to lead the World Symphony, remarked, "Nothing can better express the common bond among all mankind than the universal appeal and inspiration of symphonic music."



ANNETTE FUNICELLO ... Early Mouseketeer



GREG MORRIS ... Of Mission Impossible



ACTOR FRED MACMURRAY, LEFT, WIFE, FORMER ACTRESS JUNE HAVER ... With TV's Hugh O'Brien after landing at McCoy for Disney opening

(Special Photo by Dave Brown)