Jacksons' tour coming to D.C. in September

The wild rumors, conjecture, earnest wishes and anxiety among fans can end now that it has been confirmed by the Jacksons publicity agency that the extravagent Jacksons Victory Tour will stop at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C. on September 21 and 22.

The jacksons were rumored to be coming to the nation's capital in July but D.C. officials felt that they needed more time to prepare for the concerts which involve massive numbers of personnel and large amounts of sophisticated equipment.

Rumors had been rampant that the Jacksons would perform in Washington on July 28 and 29. Some DJs had announced that tickets would go on sale today (Friday). That would have only given promoters one week to sell tickets and set up the concert stage and support mechanisms. They would have had to literally sneak into town.

There is no way that the Jackson's awesome stage presentation can sneak into D.C.

The Jacksons' show takes the combined efforts of 1,500 people to put on . . . more than the total number of workers needed to erect a skyscraper. The stage alone takes 240 men five days to put up. The tour travels with a team of 150. It employs an extra 60 in each city just to build the stage. And it uses 300 security men and women. The remaining personnel includes ushers, vendors, parking lot attendants and a host of others.

The Victory Tour's stage is over seven stories tall — a total of 90 feet high. It is 140 feet wide — wider than seven New york City brownstones — and 90 feet deep. Several of the biggest stages rock has ever seen could comfortably sit on the surface of the Jacksons' stage simultaneously. In addition, the Jacksons' stage incorporates five elevators operated by 26 technicians.

The Jackson show uses three times the electricity of any previous musical performance. To provide the power, the Jacksons travel with two giant generators which together produce 18,000 amps—enough to power a small city.

The tour also travels with a small television studio in which a director cuts back and forth to images from four separate TV cameras and projects those images on giant Eidofor screens.

David Bowie's 1983 tour, which Time Magazine cited as one of the biggest ever, used 45 tons of equipment. The Jacksons employ nearly ten times that—375 tons. 65,000 pounds — the equivalent of over 20 automobiles — hangs in the air during the performance. The hanging equipment includes 240 custom - built speakers and 2,200 lights — enough candlepower to light an entire small suburb.

The sound system was designed by a team of sound engineers who worked closely with Randy Jackson.

Tito and Randy Jackson formed and auditioned the band that backs the jacksons. Tito plays guitar in that unit, Randy plays keyboards and Jermaine plays bass.

Marlon, Michael and Jackie Jackson created the show's choreography — which had been completed just before Jackie underwent knee surgery and was sidelined for the tour.

The Jacksons' Victory Tour includes the first use of robotics in a musical stage performance. Though each creature weighs only 170 pounds, with its computer control and its packing materials each weighs in at 3,000 pounds.

The Jacksons' show employs seven computers — one to run the show's lasers, another to run the two robotic creatures, two for the sound system, one for the lighting system and one for the lighting trusses. The Jacksons' crew uses well over a dozen other computers to keep track of tour logistics and management.

How did the Jacksons manage to keep all this secret for the six months it took to design and build? Each of the fifty professionals hired to execute Michael, Marlon, Randy, Tito, Jackie and Jermaine's staging concepts was treated as if they were a missile engineer about to work on a top-secret military project. In short, each worker was forced to sign a non-disclosure agreement.

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If you're dying to find out details of where the Jacksons' Victory Tour will be and how to get Jacksons' tickets, the tour's promoters—Stadium Management Corporation—have established a 900 number to help you out. For Jackson tour information, just dial 1-900-410-TOUR.

—Convention's greatest

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tion to approve a compromise on Jackson's plank to support racial quotas and a proposal by Sen. Gary Hart limiting the use of American troops abroad.

Jackson, who brought up 2 million new black voters into the primary process this year, accepted his defeat on the platform graciously.

"We could afford to lose the vote," Jackson said. "Issues are negotiable. We could not afford to avoid raising the right questions."

In one of the few rancorous notes of the otherwise unusually harmonious convention, the debate on a Jackson proposal to prohibit runoff primaries turned ugly for a while as Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, a black, was loudly booed for opposing the Jackson plank.

But in the end representatives of all three campaigns urged adoption of the platform, which takes a more conservative economic stance than in past Democratic plans. It proposes no new social or job programs, but makes strong statements on individual and human rights, including support for the equal rights amendment and for homosexual rights.

About 1,000 demonstrators gathered in a parking lot from the Convention Hall for a generally uneventful peace rally. One element of the gathering — a handful of members of the Jewish Defense League — hung Jackson in effigy.

Jackson asked the delegates to vote for him on the first ballot, but said he would support the nominee.

"There is a time to sow and a time to reap," he said quoting the bible. "There is a time to complete, and a time to cooperate.

"I ask for your vote on the first ballot as a vote for a new direction for this party and this nation, a vote for conscience and conviction," he said. "But I will be proud to support the nominee of this convention for the presidency of the United States."

He added: "I am elated by the knowledge that for the first time other such options was rejected by the task force as "short-sighted, quick fix solutions" to the problems of education.

The reform package also called for the development of in our history, a woman, Geraldine Ferraro will be recommended to share our ticket."

Following his speech, Jackson held his daughter, Jacqueline, 8, in his arms at the podium as other members of his "Rainbow Coalition" gathered around him.

In the address, Jackson apologized for any controversies his campaign sparked, saying: "if in my low moments, in word, deed or attitude, through some error of temper, taste or tone, I have caused anyone discomfort, created pain, or revived someone's fears, that was not my truest self."

He also made an emotional people for unity between blacks and jews, whom he described as two groups who should be together because they have both suffered discrimination at the hands of others over the course of history.

Jackson has been criticized in the campaign for not renouncing one of his strong supporters, Black Muslim Leader Louis Farrakan for his Anti-Semitic remarks.

—Postal workers

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time the current contract expires, would make two-thirds less than present employees.

Also, new employees after midnight tonight (July 20) would be allotted vacation time and less sick leave and would not be permitted to become part of the Civil Service Retirement plan under the newly proposed contract. A separate retirement plan would be made up.

Baltimore union officials are in accord with most national reaction from other locals that it is an attempt to bust the union.

"Why should new employees of the Postal Service join our union if they feel we can't do anything for them, at least make our salaries equal," said Keefe.

The Baltimore local which employs close to 4000 postal workers, a little more than half of which are black and other minorities, is not anticipating a work stoppage.

"It's important to understand that the union is not advocating a strike. We really want to see collective bargaining as it is set up to be, but it's getting hard to continue that process," said Keefe.

Postmaster General William F. Bolger is bulging with confidence that some settlement will be reached by the midnight deadline Friday. No statements would be released on how they would get negotiators back to the talks.

Union officials are less hopeful that an agreement of any sort would be reached. They expect at least a week extension of the current contract.

It was made clear by Keefe and other union officials that a strike, even though, it's not desired or planned at the moment, is not altogether out.

UDC receives $1 million grant

Six UDC faculty members, eight undergraduate students and four graduate students are performing biomedical research under the terms of 1.1 million Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

According to Norman Kondo, professor of chemistry and one of the faculty researchers, the award is a renewal, for a four year period, of a grant the university has had since 1972. Funding for the first year of operation is $342,949.

Although the award is a renewal, Dr. Kondo said it was the outcome of a competitive process in which the UDC proposal was evaluated against those from other schools.

The objective of the MBRS program is to increase the number of minorities who seek careers in the biomedical sciences by providing opportunities for graduate and undergraduate science students to work as research assistants to faculty researchers.

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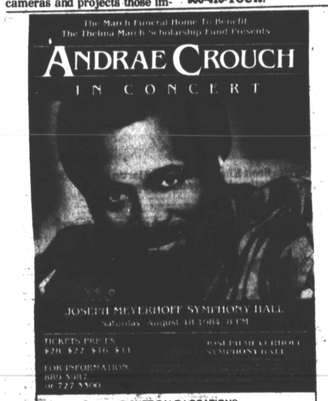
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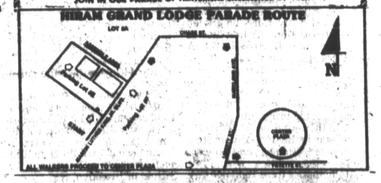
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The Jacksons' Victory Tour seems to be a smashing success

By Dick West

WASHINGTON — The Jackson Family "Victory Tour" thus far has been, from all accounts, a smashing success.

Not only are box office records getting smashed. Some of the spectators apparently aren't all that temperate either.

Unless the street where you live is in one of the American cities blessed with a visitation, about all you can do is sit at home and mope. The last word on the' subject probably belongs to William Shakespeare of Stratford-on-Avon, England, the country that gave us the Beatles, Boy George and other musical delights too numerous to mention.

Q. Mr. Shakespeare, have you gotten your ticket yet?

A. "Dead, for a ducat, dead! There's but a shirt and a half in all my company. Will the line stretch out to the crack of doom? The cry is still, They come!"'

Q. You suspect, then, that somebody is making a bundle off this tour?

A. "More water glideth by the mill than wots the miller of. Saint-seducing gold. Seven hundred pounds and possibilities is good gifts. Remuneration! that's the Latin word for three farthings."

Q. Hah! Three farthings wouldn't get you a seat in the back row. Is it true that Michael Jackson is the star of the group?

A. "O! that I were a glove upon that hand."

Q. What accounts for his popularity?

A. "Her voice was ever soft, gentle, and low, an excellent thing in woman."

Q. He isn't a she, sir. Did you hear he plans to donate all his proceeds from the tour to charity?

A. "In bestowing, madam, he was most princely."

Q. I'm not a madam, either. But I understand many of his fans are women.

A. "Trust not your daughters' minds by what you see them act. Diseased nature oftentimes breaks forth in strange eruptions."

Q. Surely you aren't suggesting that drugs and strong drink might be consumed at rock concerts.

A. "Potations pottle-deep. O God! That men should put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains. A little pot and soon hot. One fire burns out another's burning."

Q. The music itself isn't all that great?

A. "Season your admiration for a while. Straining harsh discords and unpleasing sharps. Mirthful comic shows."

Q. Maybe its the costuming that gets them.

A. "Two napkins tacked together and thrown over the shoulders like an herald's coat without sleeves. Misbegotten knaves in kendal green."

Q. Pray describe Michael Jackson for us.

A. "He wears the Rose of Youth upon him. Toes unplagu'd with corns. Seeking the bubble reputation even in the cannon's mouth. Sighing like a furnace, with a woful ballad made to his mistress' eyebrow. Makes a swan-like end, fading in music. He has not so much brain as earwax."

Q. And the rest of the family?

A. "Almost as like as eggs. A plague of sighing and grief! I had rather be a kitten and cry mew, than one of these same metre ballad-mongers."

Q. What advice would you give anyone who hasn't bought tickets yet?

A. "Better three hours too soon than a minute too late. Put money in thy purse."

Q. Thank you, Mr. Shakespeare. (UPI)

—New head of MSU

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sulting work for corporations such as IBM and Western Electric as well as special summer research assignments for NASA, the National Cancer Institute and the National Institute of Health.

Now, after 24 years at Howard University as both a professor and as chairman of the university's Department of Electrical Engineering since 1975, he has accepted Morgan's invitation of a new challenge. The attraction?

"The challenge of a new school within the state of Maryland which will afford many more youths the opportunity to pursue engineering degrees, and the idea that it's centered in an urban setting and has the potential draw of young people not exposed to engineering," explained the new dean.

As a youngster, "I didn't know what the hell engineering was," said Dr. DeLoatch, echoing the sentiments of many younger (and older) people today.

"One of my high school instructors, a French teacher, indicated to me in 1953 that she had read somewhere that the future might be bright for blacks in engineering," he recalled. Already possessing proficiency in both math and science, his own research indicated that engineering was "an area I could relate to," he said.

For those of us who still haven't done that research to find out what the field of engineering involves, the dean described it as an applied science that studies laws and utilizes the materials of nature.

"Engineering blends these two together in ways to assemble or to construct things either mentally or physically that would have some beneficial impact on the quality of life and on mankind," explained the dean.

The various adjectives that can be placed before the word "engineering" serve to break the field down further: electrical engineering harnesses electrical movement; civil engineering deals with structures and the principals of gravity and foundations; mechanical engineering deals with airplanes and automobiles; and chemical engineering investigates the use of chemicals in daily living.

"Engineers are involved in every single aspect of our lives in modern society, yet and still we almost take it for granted. Engineers are extremely low-key type of individuals," said the new dean.

Morgan State University will offer Electrical Engineering, the first of its three planned engineering programs this Fall, with Civil and Industrial Engineering following in the Fall of 1985, according to Dr. DeLoatch.

Only freshmen will be eligible to enter the new program during the first year since there are no advanced courses or faculty at this point in the program's development, he explained.

"We are actively recruiting now and we're looking for people who show a facility and interest in mathematics and the sciences, but they must also be very conscious and make some effort in communication skills because they will have to argue their points and write them down," said Dr. DeLoatch.

Potential engineers should also have four years of high school math and two or three years of science under their belts, but some exceptions will be made, he continued.

With a goal of 90 students, Dr. DeLoatch said that currently he has 75 "pretty firm" admissions.

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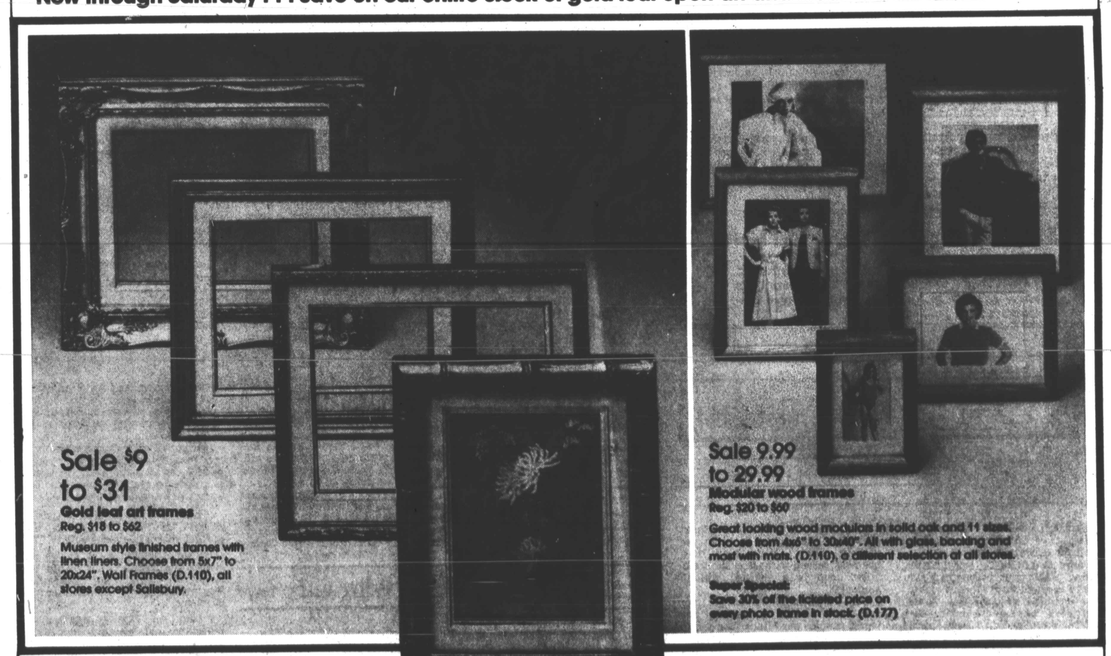
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