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SPOKANE - President Nixon inaugurated Expo 74, the Spokane World's Fair, yesterday amid a dazzling pageant and friendly crowd of 75,000 that gave him only occasional reminders of his Watergate troubles.

"A magnificent achieve-ment," said Nixon of the multi-million dollar fair sprawling over an island in the Spokane River.

A sprinkling of hecklers standing near the massive Russian pavilion jeered at his introduction by Washington Gov. Dan Evans and the welcome from Congressman Tom Foley (D-Wash.).

But crowds that greeted Nixon's arrival at nearby Fairchild Air Force Base were as warm as the springtime weather.

There There were scattered boos, but most of the crowd cheered as Nixon dedicated the fair to cooperation of nations and salvation of the world's environment.

Sixty-two thousand colored

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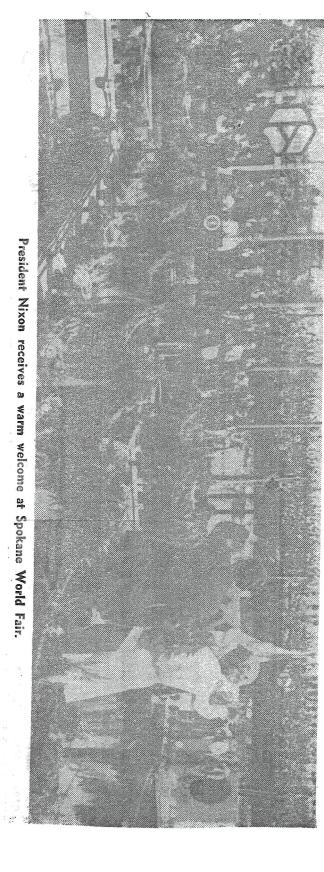
balloons were released as Nixon declared the fair open, and 1000 pigeons were

While Nixon spoke, 150 demonstrators marched to-ward the Expo site from a demonstration at the U.S. Courthouse. No arrests or

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Nixon made no direct reference to Watergate and his domestic troubles. He used the environmental theme as a touchstone to key topics he has used in recent attempts to rally public support.

Nixon spoke of clean air and water, parks, beautiful



cities and countryside, but said, "environment also means other things to people. It means, for example for every family in America a job so he can enjoy the environment around him.'

The President said despite apparent conflicts between ecology and industry, America could have both. "The way we can have both is to develop the great resources of this country in a way that they will not pollute the atmosphere, that they will contribute to a clean envi-ronment."

Nixon catalogued efforts of his administration to develop coal resources into clean fuel and to promote energy and nuclear

When the master of ceremonies asked Nixon to "say the magic words" to open Expo '74, a boo was heard from the audience. 19 voc