

President cheered at Expo 74

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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 achievement," 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 spring-time weather.

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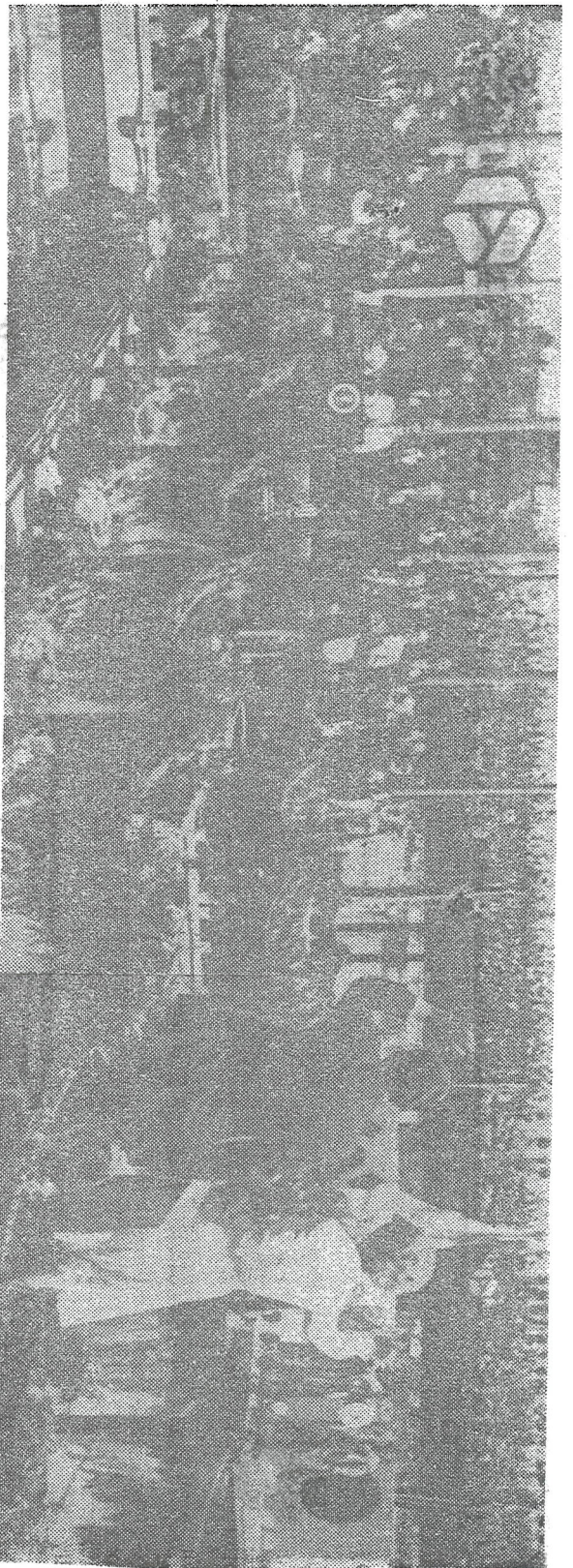
balloons were released as Nixon declared the fair open, and 1000 pigeons were freed.

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

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

President Nixon receives a warm welcome at Spokane World Fair.



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, Amer-

ica 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 environment."

Nixon catalogued efforts of his administration to de-

velop coal resources into clean fuel and to promote solar energy and nuclear power.

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