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CHILLICOTHE, OHIO.

SUGARLOAF MOUNTAIN AMPHITHEATRE OVER 70% COMPLETE. The Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheatre, home of the epic outdoor historical drama TECUMSEH!, is now over 70% complete and ahead of the revised construction schedule, according to W. L. Mundell, Executive Vice President of the sponsoring Scioto Society, Inc. D. E. Huddleston, Inc, who took over the work in mid-November from the first general contractor, has completed the exterior construction of all buildings except those situated in the arcade of the rain shelter at the rear of the amphitheatre. Construction of the massive rain shelter is progressing very smoothly in spite of bad weather.

The outdoor drama TECUMSEH! is scheduled to premier on 30 June 1973 at the Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheatre, situated 7 1/2 miles northeast of Chillicothe, Ohio on one of the hill masses

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appearing on the Great Seal of the State of Ohio. The drama depicts the life and death of the famous Shawnee War Chief, and will play Tuesday through Sunday beginning at 8:45 p. m. The climax of the drama is the Battle of Tippecanoe, involving the participation of over one hundred persons and raging on seven stages on three sides of the audience. The enormity of the battle, involving three artillery pieces which fire over the heads of the audience with simulated shell explosions in the woodlands on the other side, has caused it to be billed as "one of the most awesome live spectacles available to an American audience."

The original drama was written by four times Pulitzer Prize nominee Allan W. Eckert and directed by Dr. David W. Weiss, chairman of the department of Speech and Drama at the University of Virginia and a nationally recognized expert in the field of outdoor historical drama.

TECUMSEH! has been praised by the program director for performing arts of the New York State Council for the Performing Arts as "a powerful theatrical statement, reaching a large, important audience." Although scheduled to run six nights per week through 2 September 1973, officials from The Scioto Society are also planning additional cultural events to take place during the seventh night each week in this beautiful woodland amphitheatre.