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Beatles' Visit Posing Top Security Problem

Officers Braced for Crush of Girl Fans; Group's Pilot to Get Secret Landing Orders

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You'd think—from all the worry about security—that four heads of state were coming to town.

But they're not heads of state at all — just stately heads of hair.

Four shaggy mop-tops, the Beatles, will arrive Aug. 22 for a Hollywood Bowl appearance the following night.

Their visit poses a problem for police and private security officials at airports, hotels and the bowl.

Previous Group

Only last month, a lesser-known British rock-and-roll group, Peter and Gordon, set off near-riots with personal appearances in Riverside and San Diego.

In San Diego one girl was hospitalized and 85 youths were arrested.

Tickets for the Beatles'

appearance here are long gone.

It took only three hours on April 25 to sell the 17,256 pasteboards that cost up to \$7 each.

When the "sold out" signs were posted, girls from Orange County to Oxnard wept.

One group of girls which found itself empty-handed and broken-hearted fired off a wire to the English quartet that said:

"Ventura County, California, needs you, too."

Won't Get Them

Ventura County won't get the Beatles — this trip, anyway.

But Los Angeles, for the first time, will be honored by the presence of the four hottest rock-and-roll singers of recent times.

The thought sends tingles up the spines of Beatle fans, mostly 10 to 15-year-old girls, but chills officers.

When the Beatles arrived in New York City last winter, the crush of 4,000 screaming fans cracked the ribs of three policemen in perhaps the wildest airport reception ever seen there.

Los Angeles International

Airport officials, anxious to avoid a repetition of the New York scene, insist that the jet carrying the Beatles will not land at "LAX."

After a top level meeting of airport, security and Fire Department officials, it was decided not to tell anyone where—or when—the plane will land.

In fact, it's possible even the pilot won't know when he takes off from Vancouver, B.C.

A few minutes before the plane is ready to set down, officials presumably will direct the pilot to land at one of several possible landing strips in the metropolitan area.

The four Beatles—George Harrison, 21; Paul McCartney, 21; John Lennon, 23, and Ringo Starr, 23—will be greeted by a golden silence, if the plan works.

Then the \$30,000-a-night singers will be whisked by car to the Ambassador, where they have reserved a large bungalow for three nights.

Hotel officials may face a monumental security problem. (Past, girls! It's Bungalow H—so far.)

A few months ago in Hong Kong, a group of Beatle fans—or Beatlemaniacs, as they are sometimes called—in-
vaded a 15th-floor suite the boys had just vacated and took everything they could find as souvenirs.

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The Ambassador has not revealed any special plan to fend off Beatle fans.

Perhaps the biggest headache of all, though, will be reserved for Hollywood Bowl officials.

The ushering staff probably will be doubled to cope with the 17,256 ticket-holders—possibly 90% of whom have never been inside the bowl before — a bowl spokesman said.

And there's no telling how many non-ticket holders will be outside the bowl hoping for some miracle to get them in.

Police Inspector John Powers said he expects a traffic problem that night.

Problem for Bowl

"These kids are too young to drive," said Powers. "We anticipate that parents will drop them off and then remain in the area."

The police will direct traffic on streets, but the men in blue have no plans to deal with Beatle fans on private property.

"The Hollywood Bowl has that problem," the inspector said.

"In New York City they gave the Beatles a motorcycle escort. We don't provide escorts here for anyone but Presidents or important dignitaries.

"These four fellows are just plain ordinary tourist types as far as we're concerned."



IS THIS IN STORE FOR BEATLES?—This is the teen-age girl-type reaction that greeted Peter of the rock-and-roll duo Peter and Gordon in Riverside last month. Security officers are worried that much more of same will greet the Beatles at Hollywood Bowl when the British quartet appears there Aug. 23.

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