

# Hopes high for Motown world championship skating

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skating association that we are too professional. It takes a while to understand the politics and individual persuasion of the organization were bidding to."

But offering the Westin and Pontchartrain hotels, Joe Louis and

Cobo arenas, the city's metropolitan population of 4.4 million as well as the audience participation from neighboring Canada, all could make a successful mixture to convince the skating association that Detroit is where the world championships can maintain its integrity and spirit.

ALTHOUGH MORE than \$3 million

could be generated for the skating club and other professional promoters bidding for the world sports event, through ticket sales, television sports network contracts, and advertising for skating club and other professional promoters, McShane said money is not the big reason for the Plymouth club's interest in bringing the world event to

Detroit.

"But it would be a great vehicle to make money to push Detroit as a center for figure skating," McShane said, adding he "wouldn't even hazard a guess" for how much money Detroit could make by hosting the skating event.

MUCH OF the big draw, however, is

the pure thrill of watching the skaters, he said.

The Americans who make it to the world championships are the tops in the country after surviving through many qualifying events each year. District and sectional events are held to "weed out" those kids who can compete successfully in the annual national championships. The athlete who makes it through this competition, McShane

said, "is then crowned as our champ for the United States."

Regardless of whether the athletes are skating in the district, sectional, national, world or Olympic events, they compete in either free-style, dance or pairs — all to music.

"Typically, the Russians win all the dance events," McShane said. "The U.S. is strong in ladies, and in the men, it's a fight between the European and American skaters."

## Peace walk garners positive feeling

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brated by Bishop Leroy Maphis during the time that the Hiroshima bombing occurred. At the conclusion of the vigil, a Lutheran minister celebrated a mass.

In a gesture of "peace and reconciliation" the pilgrim group passed out bread and pamphlets to the plant workers.

"For 38 years we Americans have turned our eyes from the face of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in shock, in horror and in shame," their pamphlet said. "Unless we look, unless we realize in our hearts and minds that the destruction of these two cities is a foretaste of what we are preparing for, we condemn ourselves to a future even more horrible than the agony revealed in Japan."

Members of the Plowshares Pilgrim-

age who were on the walk also donated their time by painting a YMCA and gave \$750 worth of blood to the Red Cross.

During the peaceful demonstration and walk Sugrue said he met a lot of people and it was an excellent opportunity to talk to them about nuclear war. "We got a positive reception everywhere we went, and that's a good sign," he said. "There's a lot of people interested in the issue, and there's a growing concern that churches have to promote peace in the world."

SUGRUE SAID the walk, which was an effort to take their faith and put it in action.

"We wanted to take our prayers and make them physical, rather than staying in a church," he said. "As Christians our threat to use nuclear weapons isn't

moral, because Jesus called us to love even our enemies, but it's impossible to love them when you're pointing 20,000 nuclear warheads at them."

The arms race is a moral issue, and the United States is diverting more and more money for weapons when the resources could be used to help people, he said.

"In this country there's increasing numbers of unemployed and poor, and that money should be used for them," Sugrue said.

The New York Catholic community in which he's involved provides a shelter for poor men and women, a soup kitchen and other services for the needy.

"We see a lot of poor in New York, and from that we began to see a connection between the poor in the country and increasing the arms build-up," Sugrue said.

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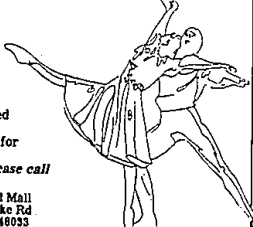
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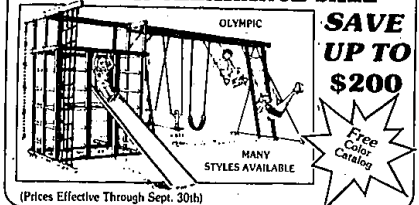
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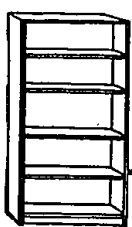
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