

# PLAN AHEAD... FOR THE 1973 CONVENTION

Factory photo of the 4/20 "Publix" Wurlitzer in the Paramount. ▶

Photo courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society.



Portland, Oregon will be the host city for the 1973 National Convention of the American Theatre Organ Society. Dates for the conclave to be headquartered at the Sheraton Motor Inn, are July 25th. through July 28th. On Sunday July 29th, a special "wind-down" trip will be offered to one of the Pacific Northwest's great scenic attractions. The Oregon Chapter is already busy on plans to make this a bigger event than the 1966 Convention which they also hosted.

Convention organs will include the 4/18 Wurlitzer at the Oaks Park, the 4/49 Wurlitzer at the Howard Vollum home (formerly S.F. Paramount), the 3/13 Wurlitzer in the Scottish Rite Temple, the 3/24 Kimball in Benson High School, the former Oriental Theatre Wurlitzer now enlarged to 34 ranks, and currently being installed in a Pizza restaurant, and the 4/20 Wurlitzer in the Portland Paramount Theatre.

The accompanying photos show the exterior of the Paramount, plus a factory photo of the console. The Paramount was designed by Rapp and seats 3036. The organ is a "Publix" model, but a Post Horn will be added for the convention. Two concerts will be scheduled for the Paramount. Arrangements for artists has begun, with George Wright, Lyn Larsen, Jonas Nordwall, and Don Simmons already in the lineup. As plans are firmed up, further information will appear in THEATRE ORGAN Magazine. □