

Rap 'Moondog Ball' Backers as 20,000 Storm Arena Doors

Angry patrons today denounced promoters of Friday night's "Moondog dance" at the Arena for allowing children to attend the affair which became so mobbed and stormy that it was ended by the police.

Some adult ticket buyers, among a crowd of 20,000 dispersed by police and firemen, demanded but were refused refunds.

Capt. Emmett Porter of the Fire Preventive Bureau ordered Arena doors closed Friday night after turnstiles totaled 10,091 admissions and still more ticket holders began to storm the entrance.

The promoters, Lew Platt of Akron, Leo Mintz, a Cleveland phonograph record retailer, Milton Kulkin and Alan Freed, WJW

disc jockey, insisted only 8,600 tickets were printed for the affair and 6,000 were sold in advance for \$1.50 each.

Yet Acting Police Chief Timothy J. Costello said Mintz called him late Thursday saying a crowd of 15,000 to 20,000 was expected.

Typical of patrons criticizing the promoters was Hammond Smith, Continued on Page 2, Column 4