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DOOMED YULE DISPLAY DRAWS A BIG CROWD

Cars jammed all streets around Carl Loven's controversial Christmas display today.

Thousands of persons from all over Bergen County came to see the 125-piece show on the architect's front lawn, after Mayor Frank Demarest said this year would be the last.

Mr. Demarest told Mr. Loven that the display had become "a serious traffic problem, a nuisance to your neighbors, and a very sizable expense to the borough."

Mr. Loven said tonight that he did not intend to abandon the display, which he had fashioned in his cellar from plywood over fifteen years.

"I've gotten over thirty telephone calls this afternoon from people supporting me," he said. "Right now, out there, there are over 3,000 people lined from fence to curb."

He said he expected to receive many letters from people throughout the East in support of his right to show the religious, story-book and Christmas characters.

The architect, who owns a big corner property at 119 Rock Road, said he might compromise with the Glen Rock council by making the display smaller, but he did not intend to discontinue it.