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LINDSAY DISCUSSES PROBLEM
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A total of \$87,303,835 was asked for at a hearing of the City
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Last year, the agency asked for \$49 million for regular PRCA
capital projects, and \$45 million to acquire property at Breezy
Point, Queens. This year's PRCA request does not include funds
for Breezy Point since it has been decided that appropriations for
this program will be asked for as an amendment to the Capital Budget
when they are needed.

The 1970-71 Capital Budget provided \$20,176,735 for PRCA and
\$14,938,639 for the institutions and libraries. No funds were
allocated for Breezy Point.

The agency's statement said, in part:

"While we are seeking funds for the planning, design and
construction of new facilities, we are also asking for appropriations
which will improve our existing facilities and which will enable us
to embark on a new and imaginative mobile program which will bring
more activities to many neighborhoods. Our request also reflects
our deep concern for conservation and the public's growing awareness
and appreciation in this vital area.

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"There are many areas in our City which need new parks and our request demonstrates our planning to meet these requirements. In many other sections, however, the well-being of communities can be accomplished by improving existing facilities, and we have placed a major emphasis in this area."

PRCA Administrator August Heckscher could not attend the hearing, since he is recuperating from a recent illness. A statement from Mr. Heckscher was read by First Deputy Administrator Joseph P. Davidson. It read, in part:

"The presentation to the Planning Commission of the PRCA's capital budget has been a highly important occasion each year. New internal procedures for the formation of the capital budget have insured that this year's budget is closely organized and responsive to the needs of PRCA's departments. I solicit your most thoughtful evaluation of our requests."

The agency's main presentation was made by Elliot Willensky, Deputy Administrator for Development. Also speaking before the Commission were Recreation Commissioner Joseph W. Halper and Cultural Affairs Commissioner Dore Schary.

A total of \$1.8 million was asked for 14 different types of mobile equipment and facilities for the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Departments, including a showboat, barge, portable stages, mobile equipment for skating, gymnastic sports, puppet theatre and arts and crafts, and a mobile zoo.

In their presentation, Commissioners Schary and Halper pointed out that the mobile facilities can go to several different communities, thereby increasing their services and use by City youngsters, teenagers and adults. They can be quickly obtained and put into use, they added. When the number of people served is viewed in relation to the amount of money spent, they contended, these mobile units are far more economical than normal, permanently-placed facilities.

Funds were requested by PRCA for the following projects and programs:

- * \$12 million for the rehabilitation of existing facilities on a city-wide basis - the largest single category.

- * New shops and storage areas to back up the agency's maintenance and operations programs thereby improving conditions at facilities.

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- * Plantings, clearings, path improvements and other adjustments in undeveloped parks to increase their accessibility and use by the public.

- * Design of boardwalks using fireproof and low-maintenance materials.

- * Paths and other improvements at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.

- * Acquisition of part of Udall's Cove in Queens and Reed's-Basket Willow Swamp in Staten Island for conservation purposes.

- * First Stage improvement of northern Alley Park in Queens along conservation lines.

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- * Construction of Stage One of Soundview Park Master Plan in the Bronx, including a major swimming pool complex.

- * Resurfacing tennis courts with all-weather composition to reduce maintenance operations and increase the times and seasons courts can be used.

- * Floodlighting of ballfields and other recreational facilities so they can be used at night.

- * Resurfacing of running tracks in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx and Victory Field in Queens to reduce maintenance costs and increase usage.

- * Additional projects in the Bronx, including Haffen Park Development-Stage Two, Seton Hospital Site Park and the Aqueduct lands.

- * Work in Bushwick, Red Hook-Coffey, Marine and Prospect Parks in Brooklyn.

- * Development of three new playgrounds and Captain Tilley Park in Queens.

- * Work in Highbridge, Columbus and East River Parks, and the Broadway Malls in Manhattan.

- * Rehabilitation of the Cromwell Pier Recreation Center--Stage Two, in Richmond.

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Last year, the agency asked for \$49 million for regular PRCA capital projects, and \$45 million to acquire property at Breezy Point, Queens. This year's PRCA request does not include funds for Breezy Point since it has been decided that appropriations for this program will be asked for as an amendment to the Capital Budget when they are needed.

The 1970-71 Capital Budget provided \$20,176,735 for PRCA and \$14,938,639 for the institutions and libraries. No funds were allocated for Breezy Point.

The agency's statement said, in part:

"While we are seeking funds for the planning, design and construction of new facilities, we are also asking for appropriations which will improve our existing facilities and which will enable us to embark on a new and imaginative mobile program which will bring more activities to many neighborhoods. Our request also reflects our deep concern for conservation and the public's growing awareness and appreciation in this vital area.

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"There are many areas in our City which need new parks and our request demonstrates our planning to meet these requirements. In many other sections, however, the well-being of communities can be accomplished by improving existing facilities, and we have placed a major emphasis in this area."

PRCA Administrator August Heckscher could not attend the hearing, since he is recuperating from a recent illness. A statement from Mr. Heckscher was read by First Deputy Administrator Joseph P. Davidson. It read, in part:

"The presentation to the Planning Commission of the PRCA's capital budget has been a highly important occasion each year. New internal procedures for the formation of the capital budget have insured that this year's budget is closely organized and responsive to the needs of PRCA's departments. I solicit your most thoughtful evaluation of our requests."

The agency's main presentation was made by Elliot Willensky, Deputy Administrator for Development. Also speaking before the Commission were Recreation Commissioner Joseph W. Halper and Cultural Affairs Commissioner Dore Schary.

A total of \$1.8 million was asked for 14 different types of mobile equipment and facilities for the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Departments, including a showboat, barge, portable stages, mobile equipment for skating, gymnastic sports, puppet theatre and arts and crafts, and a mobile zoo.

In their presentation, Commissioners Schary and Halper pointed out that the mobile facilities can go to several different communities, thereby increasing their services and use by City youngsters, teenagers and adults. They can be quickly obtained and put into use, they added. When the number of people served is viewed in relation to the amount of money spent, they contended, these mobile units are far more economical than normal, permanently-placed facilities.

Funds were requested by PRCA for the following projects and programs:

- * \$12 million for the rehabilitation of existing facilities on a city-wide basis - the largest single category.

- * New shops and storage areas to back up the agency's maintenance and operations programs thereby improving conditions at facilities.

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- * Plantings, clearings, path improvements and other adjustments in undeveloped parks to increase their accessibility and use by the public.
- * Design of boardwalks using fireproof and low-maintenance materials.
- * Paths and other improvements at the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge.
- * Acquisition of part of Udall's Cove in Queens and Reed's-Basket Willow Swamp in Staten Island for conservation purposes.
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- * Construction of Stage One of Soundview Park Master Plan in the Bronx, including a major swimming pool complex.
- * Resurfacing tennis courts with all-weather composition to reduce maintenance operations and increase the times and seasons courts can be used.
- * Floodlighting of ballfields and other recreational facilities so they can be used at night.
- * Resurfacing of running tracks in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx and Victory Field in Queens to reduce maintenance costs and increase usage.
- * Additional projects in the Bronx, including Haffen Park Development-Stage Two, Seton Hospital Site Park and the Aqueduct lands.
- * Work in Bushwick, Red Hook-Coffey, Marine and Prospect Parks in Brooklyn.
- * Development of three new playgrounds and Captain Tilley Park in Queens.
- * Work in Highbridge, Columbus and East River Parks, and the Broadway Malls in Manhattan.
- * Rehabilitation of the Cromwell Pier Recreation Center--Stage Two, in Richmond.
- * Development of two parks in Richmond.

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Flushing Meadows Skating Rink (indoor), Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, New York City Building, Queens. 699-4215.

The following rinks will open next month, pending completion of construction or repairs:

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Staten Island War Memorial Ice Skating Rink, Clove Lakes Park, Victory Boulevard at Lavau Avenue, Sunnyside, Staten Island.
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Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administrator August Heckscher feels all candidates for the State Legislature should make their position on the proposed expansion of Kennedy International Airport into Jamaica Bay known now before the election.

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"Since all of the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge is mapped park-land, any proposed expansion of the Airport would require the approval of the State Legislature. I feel that now, while the expansion is still just a proposal and the members of the next State Legislature are presenting themselves before the public, each candidate should clearly state how he would vote if he was presented with a bill demapping a part of the Bay for the Airport expansion."

Mr. Heckscher added:

"Within the past weeks since we announced our opposition to the expansion, we have received many letters and calls of support from those concerned with the recreational and environmental resources and needs of this metropolitan area. While we have pointed out that we hope the proposal will be rejected by the National Academy of Sciences Committee and, therefore, withdrawn by the Port Authority, we feel no stone should be left unturned in protecting this rich and unique facility.

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Mr. Heckscher, who has officially come out in strong opposition to the expansion, has been taking a leading role in the fight against the proposal and in seeking support from the public and civic organizations. He bases his rejection on three points: 1) the present and future recreational needs of the City require the use of the Bay; 2) the Bay is a natural science resource at present and can be further used for environmental and educational research; and 3) the expansion would not basically solve the metropolitan area's aviation needs.

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**BABY GIRL BUFFALO TO SAY 'HELLO'
IN CENTRAL PARK ZOO ON THURSDAY**

A 40-pound female buffalo, born last Saturday (Oct. 17) will make its official appearance at the Central Park Zoo this Thursday (Oct. 22) starting at 11 A.M.

The chubby, fluffy light-brown calf has been named Georgia by the Parks Department. She and her parents, Mary and Louie, are located in outdoor cages in the Antelope House in the southern section of the Zoo. Georgia is Mary's third baby.

The American bison or buffalo, once nearly extinct, is the largest animal on the North American continent, weighing up to 3,000 pounds at full growth.

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John Misha Petkevich, 1969 World Team member will demonstrate a dizzying, dynamic blend of jumps and spins as he appears with other top amateur skaters at a free exhibition at the Abe Stark Center, West 19th Street and the Boardwalk, Coney Island, on Sunday, November 8, at 2 p.m. The show is sponsored by the City Department of Recreation and is sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association.

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! THERE SHE GOES

Delancy Hollosz, 1970 Middle Atlantic Champion and nationally ranked competitor will demonstrate her grace and skill as she joins other top amateur skaters on ice at a free exhibition at the Abe Stark Center, West 19th Street and the Boardwalk, Coney Island, on Sunday, November 8 at 2 p.m. The show is sponsored by the City Department of Recreation and is sanctioned by the United States Figure Skating Association.

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FIGURE EIGHT

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The City Department of Cultural Affairs and the Metropolitan Museum of Art's mobile visual exhibit, "Eye Opener" will visit the sitting area near the playground opposite 74 Van Cortlandt Park South, the Bronx, for two weeks, beginning October 24.

"Eye Opener," housed beneath an inflatable air bubble on a 40-foot flatbed trailer, "is intended to increase visual awareness and help people see art as a part of everyday life," Commissioner of Cultural Affairs Dore Schary explained.

The first presentation, called the "Spiral Show," was created by Jane Norman and includes spiral forms common in nature, everyday objects and works of art. The exhibit features a slide show; a four-minute film; drawings by Tomi Ungerer; a 24-inch kalliroscope, a flat cylinder with fluids moving in spiral patterns designed by Paul Matisse; and a wall covered with fingerprints of famous personalities such as Mayor John V. Lindsay and Barbra Streisand.

The Bronx Council on the Arts will host the exhibit during its stay in the Bronx through November 6. The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, and 12 to 6 p.m. weekends.

The project is sponsored by a grant from the Billy Rose Foundation. The F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company are providing a cab and a driver for the mobile unit.

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MANHATTAN SHOWING OF
BRAZILIAN FILM EPIC

Three free screenings of a Brazilian film epic dealing with the social problems and the traditions of Brazilian peasants, "Antonio Das Mortes" will be shown in Manhattan during the weekend of October 30th.

Presented by Cemi Film Workshop in cooperation with the City Department of Cultural Affairs, the free public screenings are part of an ongoing program to bring cultural and educational information to the Spanish speaking community through the film media.

The 100-minute color film is directed by Glauber Rocha and stars Mauricio Do Valle as Antonio. The film will be shown in Portuguese with English subtitles.

The Cemi Film Workshop is a division of the Instituto De Cultura Del Barrio. Their functions vary from teaching film making to Puerto Rican youngsters to making films which are relevant to the problems of the community.

The screenings will be held at the following locations:

Friday, October 30, 8:00 p.m.	Theatre Arts Center 120 East 110 Street
Saturday, October 31, 2:30 p.m.	Auditorium, Cooper Union Engineering Building 8th Street, bet. 3 & 4 Avenues
Sunday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.	Tompkins Square Community Ctr. 9th Street and Avenue B

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THURSDAY MEETING TO DISCUSS
PLAYGROUND IN MULLALY PARK

The City Parks Department will hold a community meeting on Thursday, November 5, at 8 p.m. at the Mullaly Park Recreation Center, West 164th Street and Jerome Avenue, the Bronx, to discuss the development of a playground in Mullaly Park.

The playground will be built to replace the one removed during the installation of the swimming pool in the park.

An architect from the firm of Levine & Blumberg will attend the meeting, as well as a representative from the Parks Department, to talk with the community and decide what kind of playground will be built.

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CENTRAL PARK ROAD CLOSED

FALL SCHEDULE IN EFFECT

Central Park roads, closed to traffic on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during the summer for the convenience of bikers and strollers, have been opened to vehicular traffic now that the seasonal cooler weather has decreased demand for the casual use of the roads.

Vehicular traffic still will be excluded from Central Park on Saturdays from sunrise to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from sunrise to 10:30 p.m. to reserve the roadways for cycling.

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J.O.P. AT JHS 281, BROOKLYN

TO OPEN ON NOVEMBER 12

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administrator
August Heckscher will cut the ribbon to a new Jointly-
Operated-Playground at JHS 281, at 24th Avenue, Bay 37th
Street and Bath Avenue, Brooklyn, on Thursday, November
12th at 10 a.m.

The playground cost \$228,000. In case of rain, the
ceremony will be held in the school auditorium at 10:30 a.m.

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**CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON BALLFIELD
IN MANHATTAN'S INWOOD HILL PARK**

City Commissioner of Recreation Joseph W. Halper marked the start of construction of a new Little League ballfield and the rehabilitation of two existing fields at a ground-breaking ceremony today (November 6) in Inwood Hill Park, on the island near Baker's Field.

The ceremony for the \$185,000 project was attended by: David Friedland, councilman, Mr. Frank Locassio, administrator of 14 Little League teams, Mr. Vincent Bune, former president of Inwood Little League, Mrs. Mary Hanford, president of Ladies Auxiliary, Mr. Harold Casey, president of Inwood Little League and local Little Leaguers. Commissioner Halper was the master of ceremonies.

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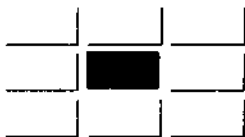
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**PRCA V.I.P. VOLUNTEERS
CLEAN UP PROSPECT PARK**

Brooklyn housewives will take brooms and brushes outside to clean up two playgrounds in Prospect Park, at the corner of Ocean Avenue and Lincoln, from 1 p.m. to evening on Sunday, November 15.

The City Parks Department, through its Volunteers-in-Parks Program, will provide rakes, brooms and a truck to pick up trash for the group, called "Prospect Park Environment".

Workers will feast on free food from the nearby Wetson's and Kentucky Colonel Fried Chicken take-out restaurants.

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**BICYCLE MEET SCHEDULED FOR
SUNDAY IN CENTRAL PARK**

Boys and girls, ages 8 to 13, will race their bikes in a City-sponsored "Cycle Meet" on Sunday, November 15, at 1 p.m. on Central Park's West Drive, at 67th Street near Central Park West. Eight bicycles will be awarded as prizes.

The free meet is co-sponsored by the City Department of Recreation and Steiber Industries, and will include 220- and 440 yard bike races and a short bicycle exhibition.

The contest is open to boys and girls, ages 8 to 13 in four categories: boys 8-10, boys 11-13, girls 8-10, girls 11-13. Contestants must bring their own bikes. First and second place winners in each category will receive bicycles.

Racers may enter the competition on the day of the meet at 67th Street near Central Park West. In case of rain, the meet will be held on Sunday, November 22, at 1 p.m.

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**PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE PLANS
FOR NEW OUTDOOR SCULPTURE GARDEN SET**

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administrator August Heckscher will hold a press conference to announce plans for a permanent outdoor sculpture garden to be created on a section of Dag Hammarskjold Park through the joint efforts of the City and a private builder.

DATE: Monday, November 16, 1970

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: Building adjacent to construction site
866 Second Avenue, between 46th and 47th Streets
Third Floor

Investment builder Harry Macklowe, who developed the idea, will present a scale model of the proposed sculpture garden.

The new cultural facility will encompass nearly 10,000 square feet. The works of established contemporary artists will be presented at the exhibitions, which will change every three months.

The first exhibition will open January 1971 and feature the works of internationally known sculptor Alexander Lieberman.

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PRCA, PRIVATE BUILDER, JOIN FORCES TO CREATE
MIDTOWN DAG HAMMARSKJOLD SCULPTURE GARDEN

New York City will gain a new park facility when an outdoor sculpture garden and plaza are created on a section of a midtown Manhattan park through the joint efforts of the City and a private builder.

Plans for a sculpture garden on the western portion of the cobblestoned area known as Dag Hammarskjold Park, south side of 47th Street between First and Second Avenues, were announced today (November 16) at a press conference held adjacent to the site by Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs Administrator August Heckscher.

"It is with a great deal of enthusiasm that the City begins this dramatic undertaking, working with a private industrialist, to beautify public park lands for the benefit of our City residents," Administrator Heckscher said.

Under an understanding between PRCA and a developer erecting a new office building at 866 Second Avenue (between 46 and 47 Streets) the park area has been improved by investment builder Harry Macklowe, president of the real estate firm Wolf & Macklowe Company, Inc. He will build and maintain the new sculpture garden for 125 years.

Six thousand five hundred square feet of the park area, about two thirds of the park footage, is being incorporated into the street level plaza and arcade of the new 16-story office building now nearing completion.

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City Commissioner of Cultural Affairs Dore Schary worked closely with Harry Macklowe in developing the sculpture garden on the improved park land. Praising the new cultural facility, Commissioner **Schary** said: "It will be a showcase for contemporary talent and a show place for the creative efforts of private industry and City government working together."

Mr. Macklowe explained that the sculpture garden will retain a park atmosphere with trees and benches surrounding the works. The eastern part of Dag Hammarskjold Park will continue to be used as a forum area.

Constructed at a cost of more than \$150,000.00, the sculpture garden will encompass nearly 10,000 square feet. The work of established contemporary artists will be presented at the exhibitions, which will change every three months. The first exhibition will open January 1971 and feature the works of internationally known sculptor Alexander Lieberman.

The exhibitions will be selected by a board composed of **Klaus** Kertiss, Director of Bykert Gallery; Robert Miller, Managing Director of the Andre Emmerich Gallery, and Linda Macklowe, an artist and wife of the builder.

Raymond and Rado and Partners, an architectural firm, designers of both the sculpture garden and the 16-story office building, designed the black-tinted aluminum frame building with floor-to-floor windows to serve as a muted silhouette for the garden.

In recognition of its relationship to the United Nations park area, the building will be known as Two Hammarskjold Plaza and will be ready for initial occupancy January 1971. Wolf & Macklowe Company, Inc. is the leasing and managing agent.

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**BRONX VS. RICHMOND FOR CITY-WIDE
TOUCH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS SAT.**

It will be the Bronx against Richmond for two city-wide touch football championships this Saturday (Nov. 21) in Central Park as the Department of Recreation's annual tournament comes to a close. Competition will be in the North Meadow Field, at 97th Street in the center of the Park, north of the Recreation House, with teams from the two boroughs meeting at 11 a.m. for the Junior Division title. The Senior Division game will start at 1 p.m.

The line ups for the finals were announced by Recreation Commissioner Joseph W. Halper.

To get to the finals, the Richmond teams defeated squads from Manhattan 9-7 in the Junior Division and 20-2 in the Senior Division. The Bronx youngsters reached the finals by shutting out Brooklyn-- 26-0 in the Junior level and 6-0 in the Senior competition. In early games, Brooklyn had eliminated Queens squads.

The tournament, conducted by the Department of Recreation and co-sponsored by WCBS-TV, is composed of teams representing playgrounds and Department recreation centers throughout the city. The Junior Division is open to boys 13 to 15 years of age, while youngsters 16 and 17 years old compete in the Senior Division.

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**FIJI VS. NYC ALL-STARS IN FIRST
CITY INTERNATIONAL RUGBY MATCH**

New York City's first international rugby match will be held in Downing Stadium, Randalls Island, on Tuesday, November 24, at 7 p.m. when the National Fijian Rugby Side meets the New York Metropolitan Rugby Union All-Star Side. Admission is free.

In honor of the event and to congratulate the Republic of Fiji on its entrance into the United Nations, Mayor John V. Lindsay will declare November 24 "Fijian Sports Day."

The rugby match is sponsored by the City Department of Recreation, the New York Metropolitan Rugby Union and Miller High Life Beer.

"We are delighted to welcome the Fijian rugby side to our shores for the first time," said City Commissioner of Recreation Joseph W. Halper, who announced the event. He added: "We are also particularly pleased to be able to offer this internationally-famous rugby side our City facility at Randalls Island for this match. Let us hope that this initial international rugby match is a forerunner to many more."

The Fijian rugby side will receive the Mayor's proclamation at a ceremony preceding the match. United Nations dignitaries from rugby-playing nations have been invited to the event in recognition of Fiji's entrance into the UN as the 127th member nation and in honor of the UN's 25th anniversary.

The National Fijian Rugby Side has a reputation for fast footwork, sometimes playing in bare feet, and for a colorful pre-game war dance that includes native chants to spur the team to victory.

They have toured internationally for several years in Australia, the British Isles, Japan and New Zealand, but this is their first trip to the United States.

The match will be the first participation of the Republic of Fiji as an independent country in a sports event with the United

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Fiji gained its independence from the United Kingdom on October 10, 1970.

Opposing the Fiji team will be the New York Metropolitan Rugby Union All-Star Side, composed of the best rugby players from the eight sides that make up the New York City Union, including Manhattan, Old Blue, New York, Westchester, Old Maroon, West Point, Columbia and Essex. The Union has been in existence for four years and sports the New York City colors of blue and orange.

Parking is extremely limited, so visitors may take the Triborough Bridge bus from 125th Street and Lexington Avenue.

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"We are delighted to welcome the Fijian rugby side to our shores for the first time," said City Commissioner of Recreation Joseph W. Halper, who announced the event. He added: "We are also particularly pleased to be able to offer this internationally-famous rugby side our City facility at Randalls Island for this match. Let us hope that this initial international rugby match is a forerunner to many more."

The Fijian rugby side will receive the Mayor's proclamation at a ceremony preceding the match. United Nations dignitaries from rugby-playing nations have been invited to the event in recognition of Fiji's entrance into the UN as the 127th member nation and in honor of the UN's 25th anniversary.

The National Fijian Rugby Side has a reputation for fast footwork, sometimes playing in bare feet, and for a colorful pre-game war dance that includes native chants to spur the team to victory.

They have toured internationally for several years in Australia, the British Isles, Japan and New Zealand, but this is their first trip to the United States.

The match will be the first participation of the Republic of Fiji as an independent country in a sports event with the United

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FIJI VS. NYC ALL-STARS IN FIRST
CITY INTERNATIONAL RUGBY MATCH -2 -2 -2 -2 -2

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Fiji gained its independence from the United Kingdom on
October 10, 1970.

Opposing the Fiji team will be the New York Metropolitan
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the eight sides that make up the New York City Union, including
Manhattan, Old Blue, New York, Westchester, Old Maroon, West Point,
Columbia and Essex. The Union has been in existence for four years
and sports the New York City colors of blue and orange.

Parking is extremely limited, so visitors may take the Tri-
borough Bridge bus from 125th Street and Lexington Avenue.

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ICE ACES

City Commissioner of Recreation Joseph W. Halper introduces Louise Vacca of the Long Island Figure Skating Club (left) and Dorothy Hamill of the Skating Club of New York, two of the performers in the First Annual Ice Revue sponsored by the Department of Recreation at the Abe Stark Center, Brooklyn, on November 2.

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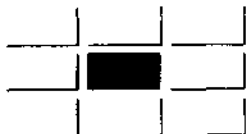
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THE WHERE BOOK
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AT BROOKLYN'S WOLLMAN MEMORIAL RINK**

Young ice skaters, ages 6-17, can work up an appetite for Thanksgiving dinner at the City's 11th Annual Thanksgiving Day Speed Skating Marathon, at Prospect Park's Wollman Memorial Rink, at East Drive, between Lincoln Road and Parkside Avenue in Brooklyn on Thursday, November 26, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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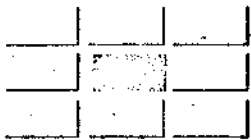
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