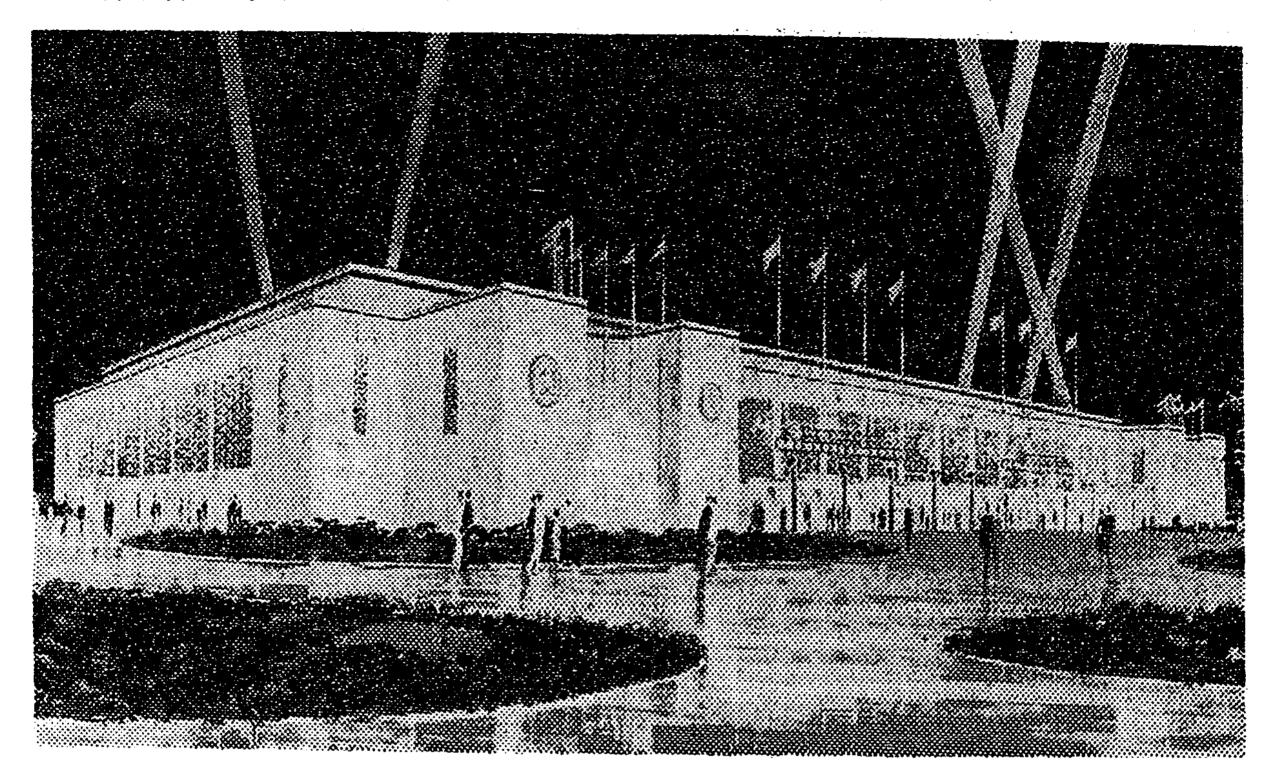
'39 Fair Building Being Refurbished for '64 Fair



Rendering shows the new exterior design of the city's administration building at the World's Fair site. The firm of Daniel Chait was commissioned to redesign the structure.

New York City's administration building at the site of the New York World's Fair is being refurbished inside and out for the new fair, at a cost of more than \$2.5 million.

The building has served as a skating rink and headquarters for the General Assembly of the United Nations from 1946 to 1949 and again in 1951.

According to the Department of Parks, the building's

exterior limestone will be renovated and coated with a permanent waterproofing material. This will change the color from gray to white.

All four façades of the building will have pierced masonry grill work with backlighting. Canopies will be built to frame the entrances to the Dick Button ice show and the exhibits of the Museum of the City of New York.

The columns supporting the

canopies will be sheathed in bronze and gold-colored aluminum.

Fountains at either end of the building, which have not been used since the last fair, will be reactivated. At night, underwater lights will play on the fountains.

The architect for the remodeling job is Daniel Chait. After the fair ends in 1965, the building will again be a skating rink.

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