

The U. S. at the World's Fair

President Kennedy asked Congress yesterday for \$25,000,000 to build and furnish with exhibits a United States pavilion at the New York World's Fair, which is scheduled to open April 22, 1964. He thus confirmed his earlier promise of support. Now it is up to Congress to do promptly what has been too long delayed: endorse the planning and construction of a showcase that will document before the world our way of life.

It is not easy making a World's Fair. But Robert Moses and his organization have dogged confidence in the final success that this enterprise deserves. We are now past the midway point between start of basic planning and the opening day celebration, when an expected 70,000,000 visitors will begin coming through the gates.

The contracts and commitments by nations, by states, by business and industry guarantee an exciting show. It would be unthinkable for the United States to go into this half-heartedly, or fail to provide a pavilion appropriate to the occasion. Time is wasting. There is no excuse for any serious delay on this question in Congress.

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