

THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC
TRIALS OF 1964

...IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

The City of New York and the New York 1964-1965 World's Fair will be joint hosts to the official United States Olympic Trials for the 1964 Olympiad to be held in Tokyo, Japan, in the Fall of that year, it was announced today (Thursday, June 21, 1962) by Mayor Robert F. Wagner and World's Fair President, Robert Moses.

The New York Fair opens on April 22, 1964. The Trials in the Spring and Summer of that year will involve 17 of 20 scheduled events with an estimated 2,000 athletes participating. They will be conducted at the New York Fair grounds and other sport sites throughout the city with one event held in nearby Nassau County.

Mayor Wagner and Mr. Moses, characterizing the Olympic games as "one of mankind's great efforts to forward the understanding between nations," emphasized their pleasure in having the Trials "join with us in our own Olympics of Progress at New York World's Fair in 1964 to emphasize and reinforce our parallel purposes of peace through understanding."

The trials will give sports-minded visitors to the City and the Fair an opportunity to watch a great variety of sports events with the nation's finest athletes in competition.

The Mayor and Mr. Moses said in a joint statement "it is a great pleasure to announce that the United States Olympic Committee has accepted the joint invitation of the City of New York and the New York 1964-1965 World's Fair to hold the official United States Olympic Trials in New York City during the Spring and Summer of 1964 for the Olympic games to be held later that year in Tokyo, Japan.

"The availability of Flushing Meadow Park, site of the Fair, for some of these events, together with the many other first-class facilities in the New York area, makes the City by far the most appropriate location for the tryouts. Visitors from every state in the Union and from nations throughout the world will have an opportunity to witness the competition of our own athletes as well as to view the outstanding World's Fair expositions of culture, education, science and industry.

"To these young men and women athletes whose finest efforts will determine the composition of our teams in Japan, the City of New York and the New York 1964-

1965 World's Fair extend their cordial welcome."

In accepting the joint invitation, Kenneth L. Wilson, President of the United States Olympic Committee thanked the Mayor and Mr. Moses for the opportunity to hold Trials in one central area.

"This is the first and only time in American Olympic history that the official Trials will be conducted in one area," Mr. Wilson said. "The New York Fair and its unprecedented facilities for handling huge crowds will make it possible for a greater number of people than ever before to witness the 1964 Trials for the XVIIIth Olympiad in Japan.

"These Trials are major sports events in themselves. The opportunity to compete before record crowds will stimulate our greatest amateur athletes to top performances. This will, again, stimulate America's interest in our athletes and their standing in the fields of international competition."

"The Games Committees who have the responsibility of selecting our various Olympic sport teams highly endorse this opportunity to show our nation all phases of Olympic competition."

Nine of the seventeen events will be conducted at the New York Fair or its immediate vicinity. Special facilities will be constructed on the Fair grounds to best accommodate these Trials.

Of these Trials, boxing contests will be conducted at the Flushing Meadow Municipal Stadium, now under construction next to the New York Fair. It will have a seating capacity of 65,000 for these contests.

Speed cycling will take place in the Kissena Corridor Park, just east of the Fair, where a quarter-mile track will be ready this Fall, while road tests will be held in Central Park, which also was used for Olympic tests in 1960.

Swimming events and water-polo are planned for the Fair's Amphitheatre, which seats 8,200, with some of the contests scheduled for the Astoria Pool, in Queens, which seats 6,500 and was used for the 1952 Olympic Trials.

Other events to be presented at the Fair itself are in the fields of fencing, gymnastics, judo, volleyball, weightlifting and wrestling.

Madison Square Garden, with 15,000 seats, will be the

scene for basketball games, while Bethpage State Park, in Nassau County, will see the equestrian teams compete.

Track and field contests, soccer and field hockey games will be conducted in Downing Stadium, on Randall's Island on New York's East River, where planned improvements ready for 1964 include an additional seating of 5,000 to bring the total to 22,000.

The Park Department, with jurisdiction over the Island facilities also plans to change the present cinder runways for high and broad jumps and pole vault events to the modern rubber runways. A planned lighting system for night games will be in readiness for the Olympic Trials.

Finally, a four-lane, straight 2,000 meter rowing course will be laid out at the Orchard Beach Lagoon in the Bronx, by removal of a spit of land now jutting out midways in the planned area. Here, canoeing and rowing contests will be held during the Summer of 1964.

The straightened rowing course will also allow the Lagoon to become the host course for the Middle States Regatta, the 1965 World Rowing Championships, the Dad Vail Regatta, with 23 competing colleges, and the Eastern Intercollegiate Sprints for 13 college teams.

Only three events will be held in other parts of the United States. Transportation of competing boats in the yachting event make test runs feasible only in the Pacific, possibly at Seattle.

The Modern Pentathlon tests will be held where facilities for all five events involved are located close together. A logical place, Mr. Wilson said, is Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Danger to spectators in crowded areas prevent shooting trials from being conducted here. They will most likely be assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, according to the Olympic Committee head.

Mayor Wagner and Mr. Moses revealed that a total of \$350,000 will be made available to the Olympic Committee to help defray its expenses. Of this amount, the City will donate \$250,000, and the New York Fair the remainder.

Mr. Moses also stated that the Fair will award its commemorative medal to each competitor in the Trials. Olympic athletes are barred from accepting any special prize by the rules of the Olympic Committee.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

Basketball

Bicycling

Boxing

Diving

Equestrian

Fencing

Field Hockey

Gymnastics

Judo

Rowing

Soccer

Swimming

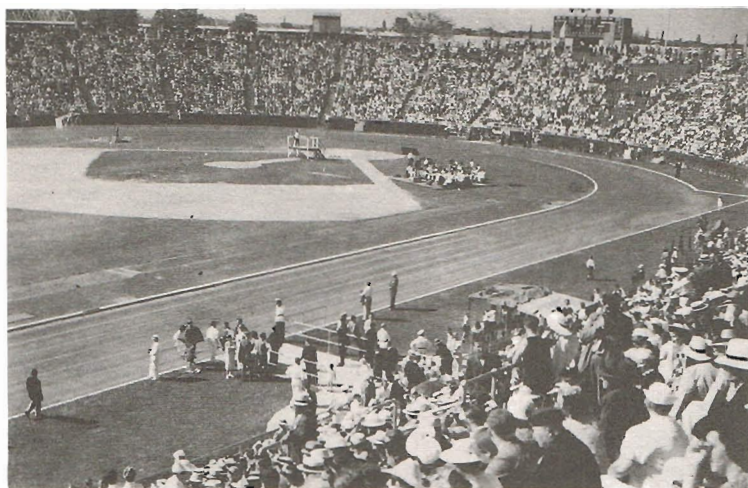
Track & Field

Volley Ball

Water Polo

Weight Lifting

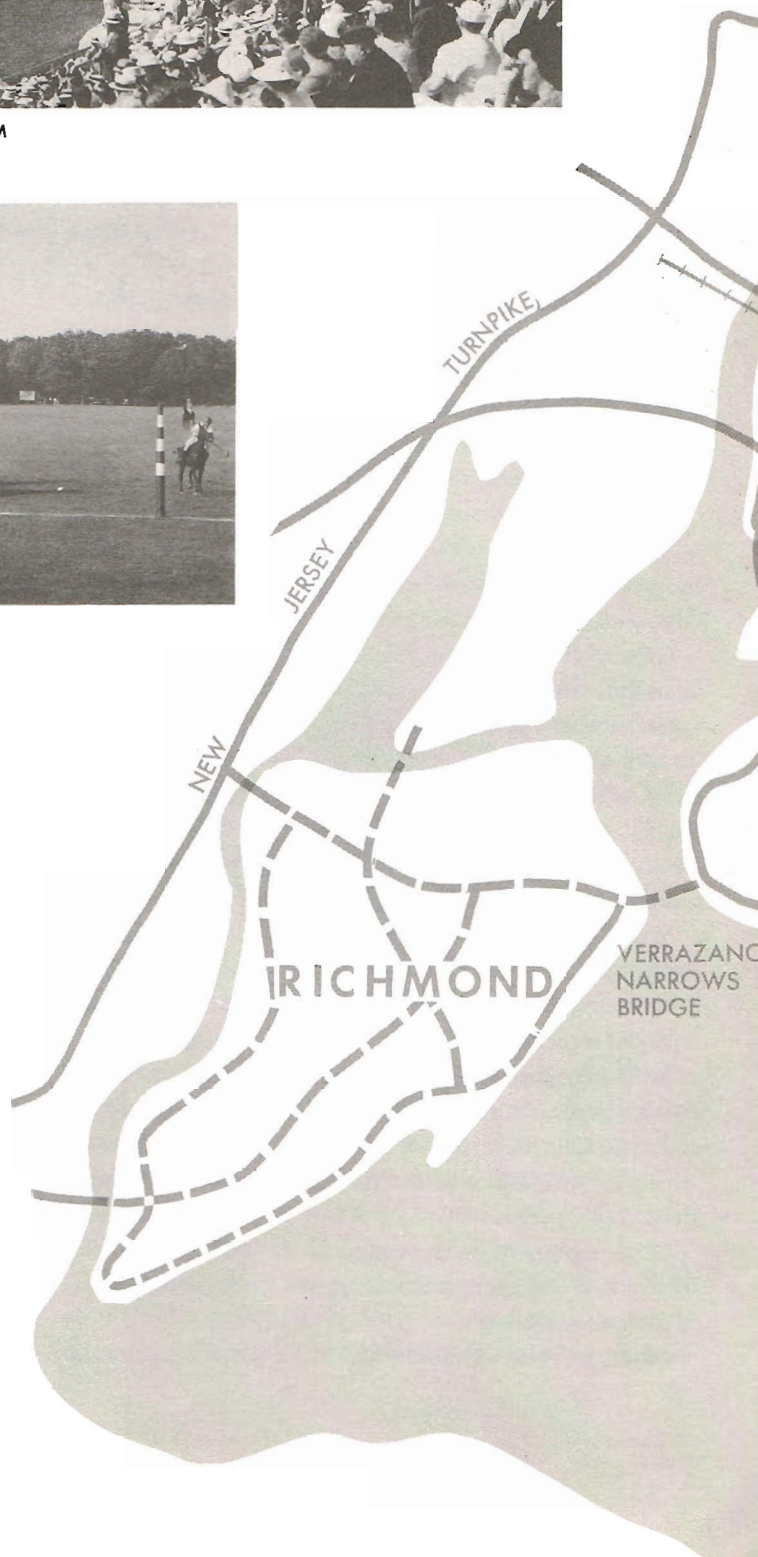
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QUEENS

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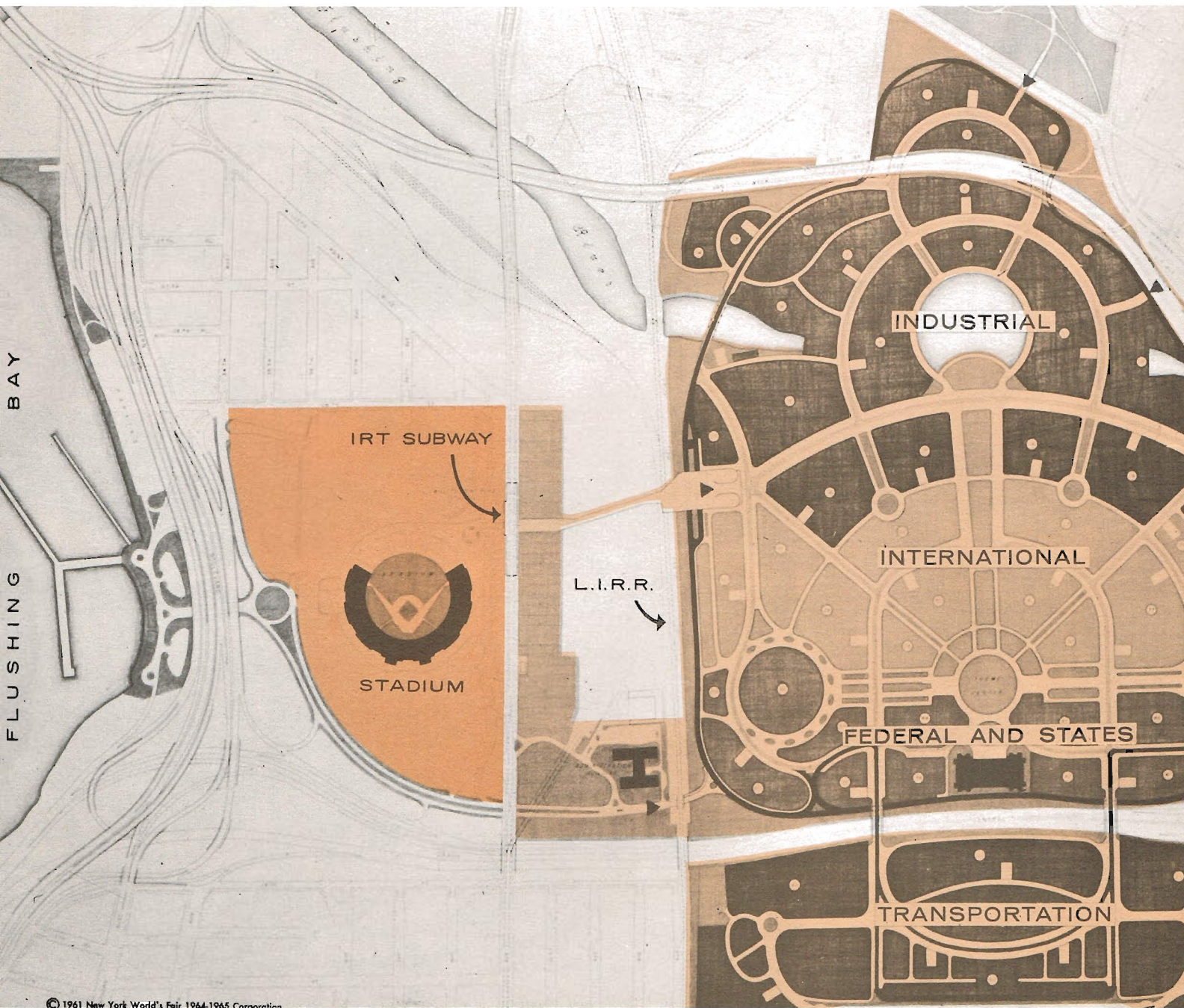
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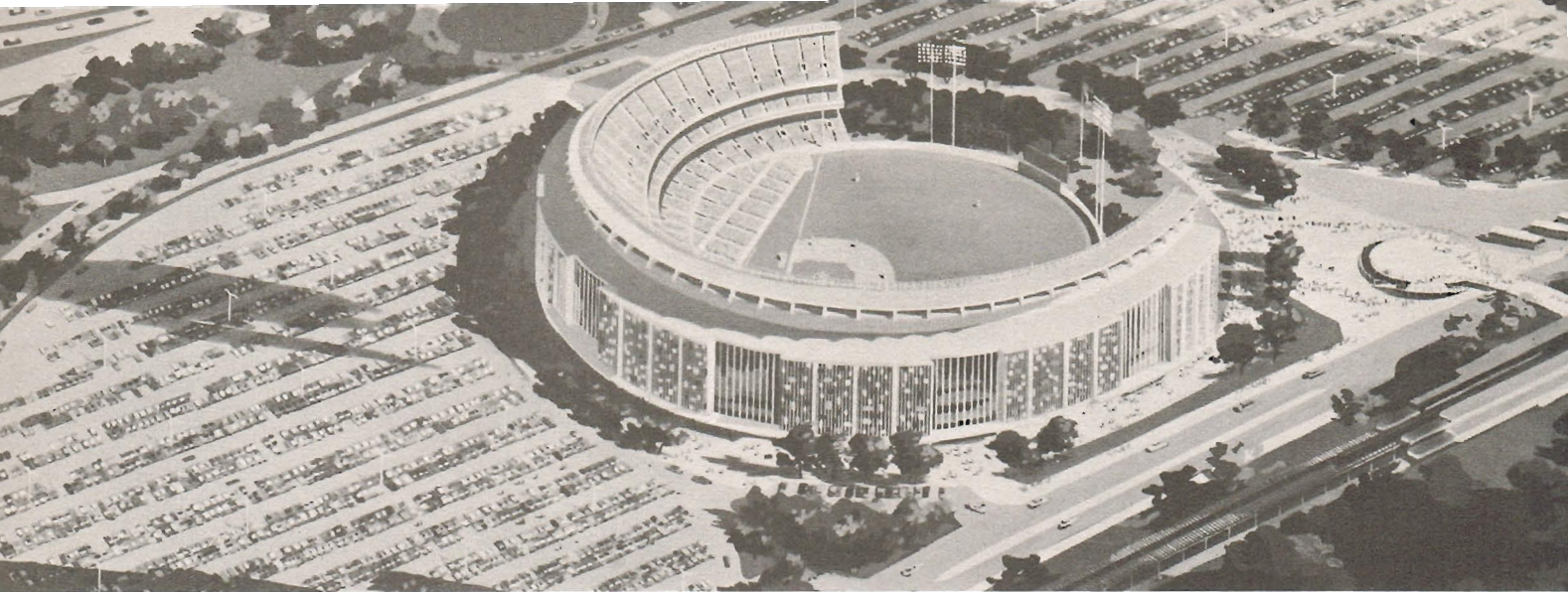
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