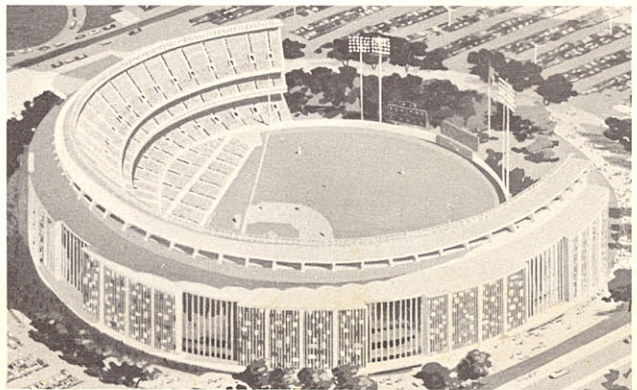


FLUSHING MEADOW PARK  
MUNICIPAL STADIUM  
CITY OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY  
OCTOBER 28, 1961



# PROGRAM

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

### PRESIDING

NEWBOLD MORRIS, *Commissioner of Parks*

### SPEAKERS

JOHN T. CLANCY, *President, Borough of Queens*

ROBERT MOSES, *President, New York World's Fair 1964-1965*

ROBERT F. WAGNER, *Mayor of the City of New York*

*National Anthem sung by Elaine Malbin*

*Music by Sanitation Department Band, John M. Celebre, Conducting*

*Public Address System by WNYC, Seymour N. Siegel, Director*

## FLUSHING MEADOW PARK MUNICIPAL STADIUM

Flushing Meadow Park close to the geographic and population center of the City of New York is the site of the new Municipal Stadium we break ground for today.

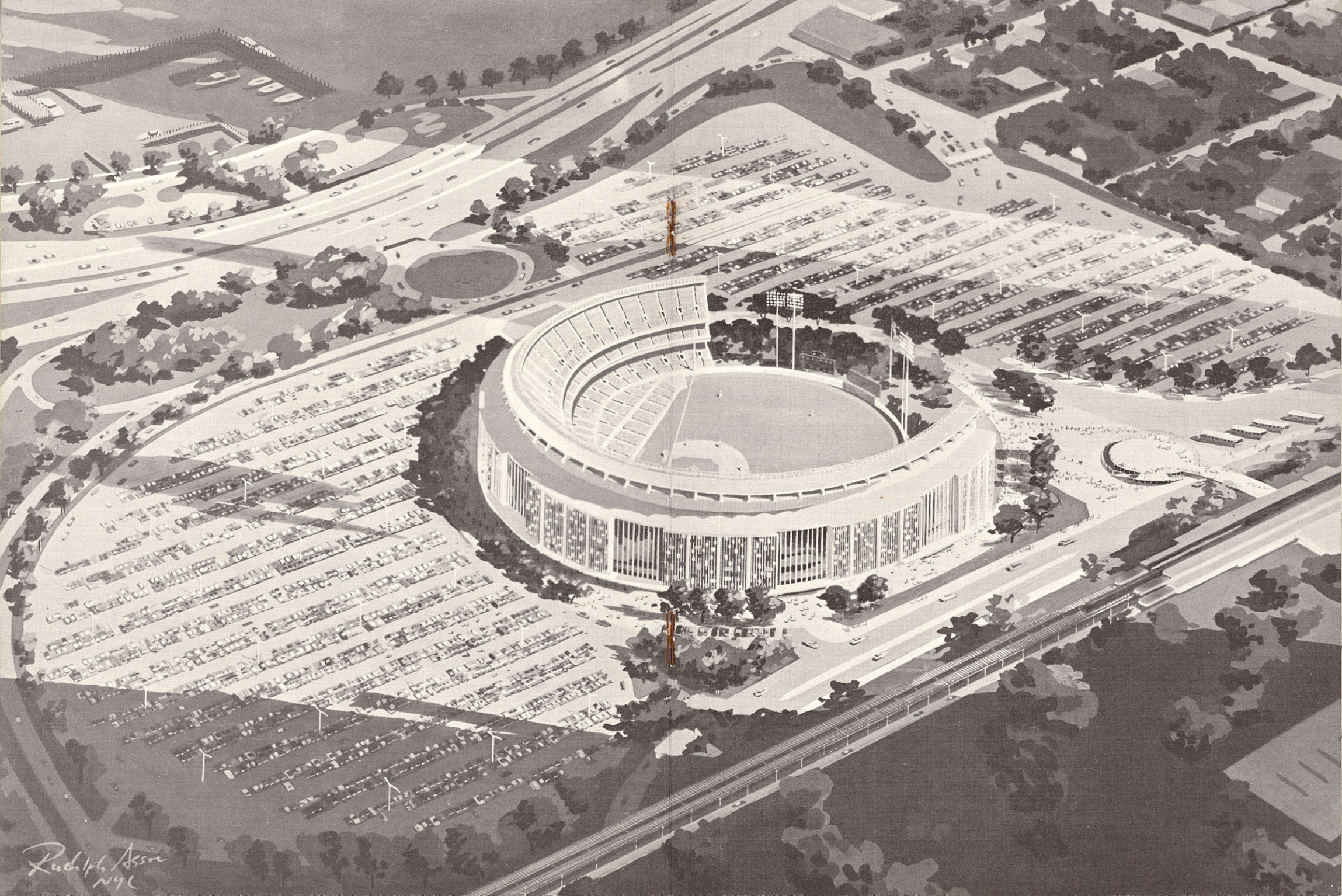
This Park, or rather the Grand Central Parkway, was begun in 1934. The rights of way were expanded to include Flushing Meadow in 1935 in preparation of the World's Fair 1939-1940. After the Fair the Park, partly completed, was opened to the public. In 1946 the United Nations occupied the City Building and Flushing Meadow was seriously considered as the permanent site of the World Capitol. Now the Meadow becomes the site of the Stadium and the Fair of 1964-1965. The future will see Flushing Meadow restored, greatly improved and returned by the Department of Parks to the people of New York.

The Municipal Stadium will seat 55,000 for baseball and 60,000 for football; and can be enlarged by 25,000 more seats in the future without disturbance of the initial construction and a roof can be added.

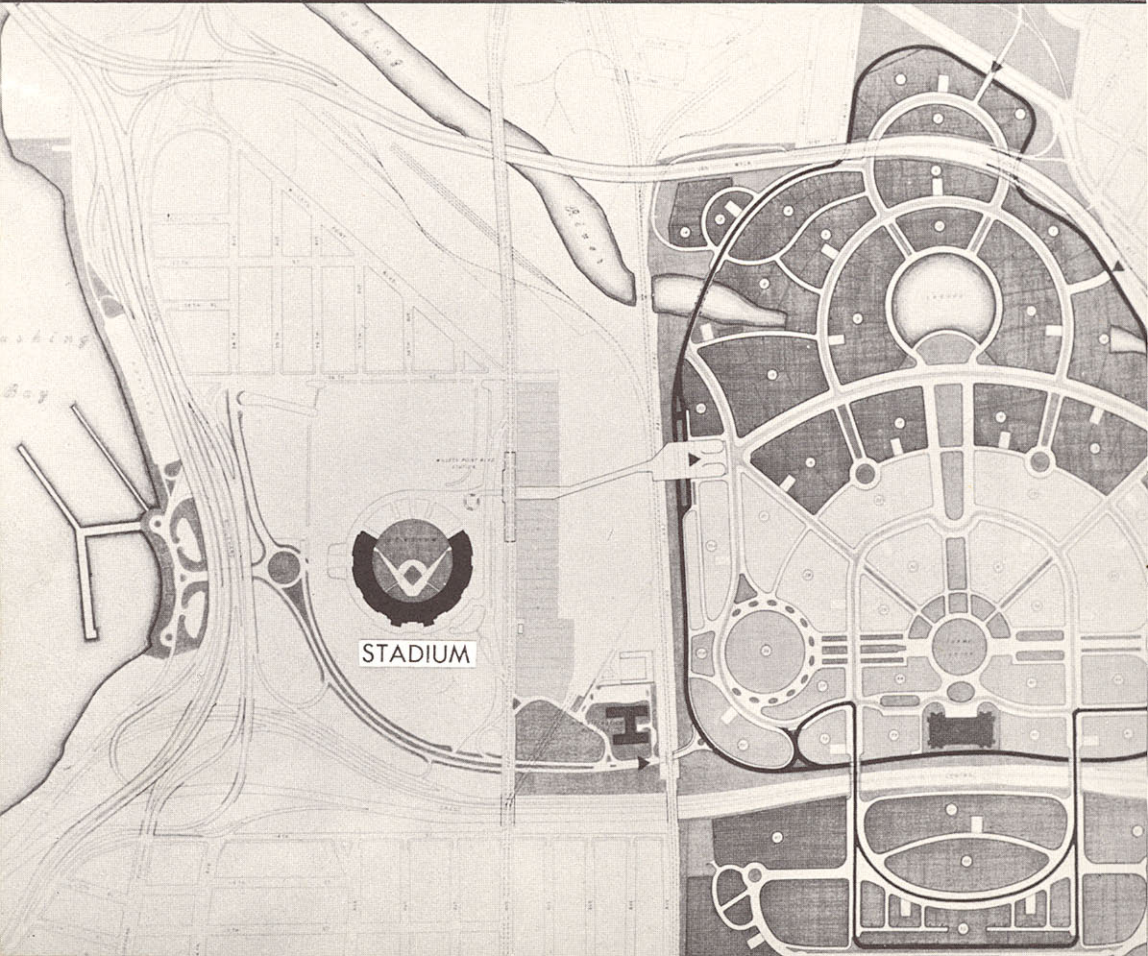
The Stadium embraces a new concept of design with seats that rotate to face any part of the field. There will be no columns in the spectators' view. Every consideration has been given to the safety, convenience, comfort and pleasure of visitors. Many entrances and exits with ramps, escalators and elevation will permit easy access to seats regardless of the size of the crowds.

The Stadium is in the center of a parking field for over 5,000 cars. Immediately adjacent is the Willets Point Boulevard station of the Flushing IRT subway line. A short distance further is the Long Island Railroad. The new \$110,000,000 parkway and expressway program under construction will provide easy access by automobile.

The new National League New York baseball team the "METS" and the American Football League team the "TITANS OF NEW



Rudolph Asson  
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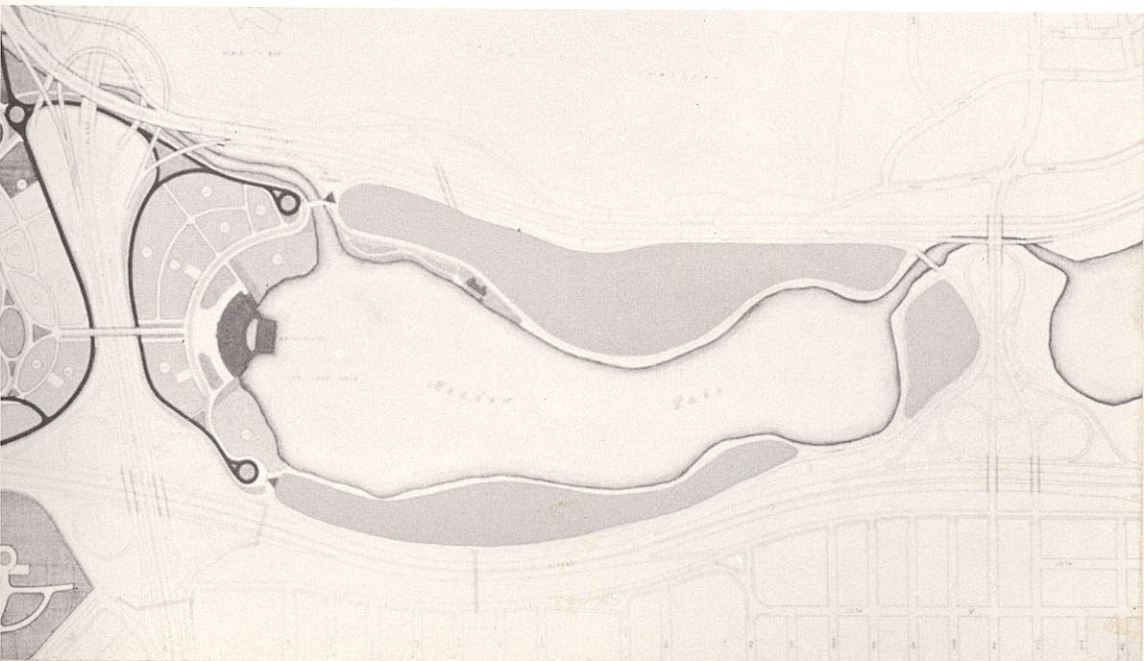
YORK" will call the Stadium their home. Many other large scale activities can be scheduled for open time.

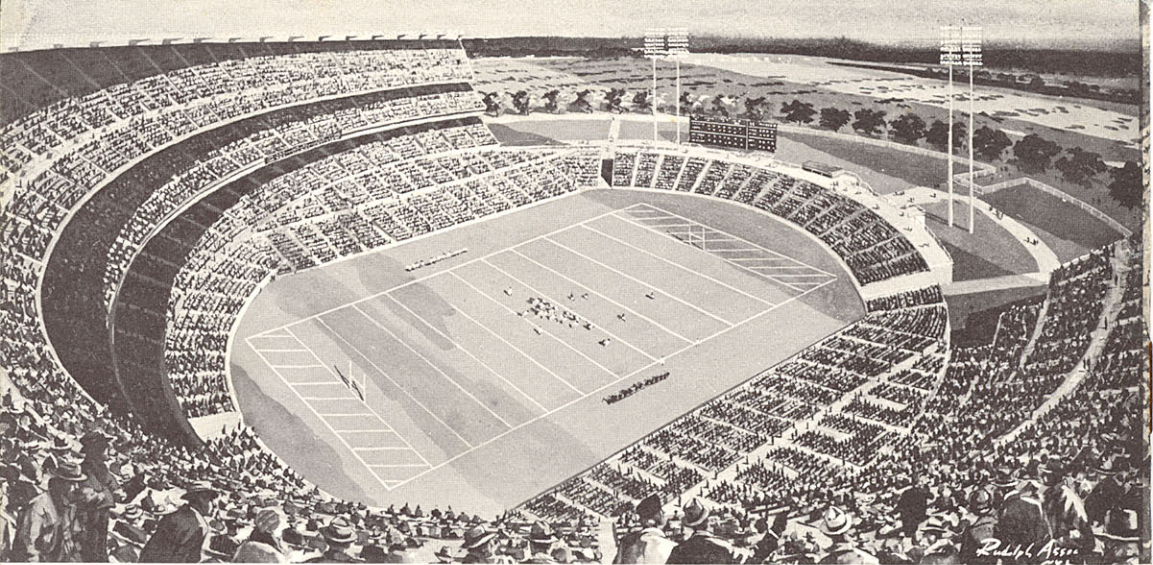
The New York World's Fair, now under construction, is preparing programs for the Stadium during 1964-1965. There will be many events at the Stadium supplementing the educational exhibits and excitement of the Fair and to further its purpose of "Peace through Understanding."

Mayor Wagner, his Baseball Committee, and his administration are to be congratulated for their aid in making this occasion a reality.

The Department of Parks, working with the Fair Management, is proud to bring to the people of New York this great new Flushing Meadow Municipal Stadium.

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