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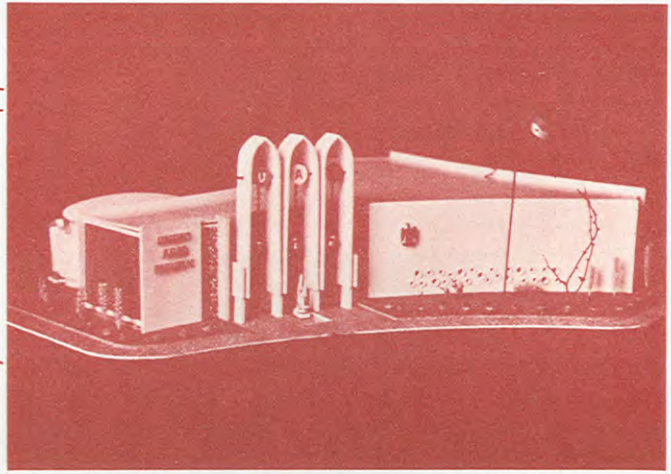
The UAR Pavilion will consist of two structures, primarily constructed of concrete, with panels of colored cut glass — a typical architectural feature of the ancient mosques of Egypt. The exhibits will include a museum in which will be displayed great treasures from the Valley of the Kings. Architects are Mr. Ismail Nazif, general director of the General Organization for International Exhibitions and Fairs, Cairo, and Mr. Thomas V. DiCarlo, New York.



Excerpts from transcription of remarks made by officials of the United Arab Republic and the World's Fair at foundation laying ceremonies for the Pavilion of the United Arab Republic at the New York World's Fair, Thursday, September 19, 1963.

AMBASSADOR RICHARD C. PATTERSON, JR. [Chief of Protocol]: Your Excellencies, Mr. Consul General, Governor and Mrs. Poletti, ladies and gentlemen. It is a great pleasure for me, on behalf of World's Fair directors and our president, Mr. Robert Moses, to welcome you today at the laying of the foundations for the Pavilion of the United Arab Republic, which promises to be one of the most attractive and interesting pavilions at the Fair.

I would now like to introduce the vice president of the International Division of the World's Fair, former Governor of New York State, the Honorable Charles Poletti.

GOVERNOR CHARLES POLETTI [Vice President, International Affairs and Exhibits]: Ambassador Patterson, Your Excellencies, Mr. Consul General, ladies and gentlemen. We are all very happy that we are assembled today for the dedication of the UAR Pavilion. I speak on behalf of the Fair, but I also speak principally on behalf of Charlie Poletti, and express my own feelings. I made a great effort to persuade the United Arab Republic to come to this Fair. I think it is very important for all of us to have a UAR Pavilion here. There aren't many countries that have made great contributions to the civilization of the world — but certainly the UAR is one. Greece is another, and Italy, the land of my ancestors, is another.

These countries have made special contributions to what we are trying to achieve at the Fair. We are going to have millions of people here, principally Americans — 70 millions, and fortunately a good number of them will be young people. Young people don't know as much about the world as they should. Neither do we for that matter — but we have lived a few more decades and we have absorbed something in the process.

I think it is very important for the American people to learn more about the extraordinary contributions made to the world by the UAR. I think of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo, one of the greatest museums in the world. It is so rich in the extraordinary achievements of this wonderful people.

The UAR has so much to show. I don't know whether it will be possible, but I wish you would show the contributions of the Islamic religion. I hope in preparing your exhibits you will give some attention to the importance of conveying to the American people an appreciation of the religion which is the predominant religion of your country. I am tremendously impressed with how fortunate we are to have millions and hundreds of millions of faithful Moslems. A great religion — wonderful people. I hope that the Pavilion of the UAR will reflect this glorious past and religious background.

I trust that this pavilion will also include exhibits de-

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picting the contributions that Egypt has made in perpetuating the educational heritage of the world. We ought to be told about the contributions of Alexandria, about the University of Cairo. We ought to be told about Al-Azhar University, the oldest university in the world, founded in 970 AD — a great university that has enriched not only the people of that part of the world, but also all the scholars of the entire world.

And, finally, I hope that the exhibits will show us the new Egypt — the new UAR. We are very much impressed by the progress made in the UAR. For example, I hope the pavilion will contain a display about the Aswan Dam. I hope that the plans for the future, to build a new Suez Canal paralleling the present one, will be displayed in your pavilion.

I hope your pavilion will be exceedingly successful. In the past those of us on the staff of the Fair have tried to be of assistance to you and we shall continue in that spirit. We want to help you and all participants, through our Public Relations Department, to spread your message throughout the United States and abroad during 1964 and 1965.

So, in conclusion, speaking as an official of the New York World's Fair and also speaking as Charlie Poletti and expressing what I feel deeply in my heart, I hope your pavilion will achieve my wish, that it will have tremendous success, thereby improving and cementing the relations between the people of the UAR and the people of the United States. Thank you very much.

Present at the luncheon honoring His Excellency, Dr. Mostafa Kamel, Ambassador of UAR to the United States, are: (left to right) Mr. Lionel Harris, International Division, World's Fair Corporation; The Honorable Mohamed Kamel Ahmed, Consul General of UAR in New York City; Governor Charles Poletti, vice president, International Affairs and Exhibits; His Excellency, Dr. Mostafa Kamel, Ambassador of UAR to the United States (guest of honor): Mr. Robert Moses, president of the New York World's Fair Corporation; Ambassador Richard C. Patterson, Jr., Chief of Protocol, World's Fair Corporation; His Excellency, Ambassador Mohamed H. El-Zayyat, Deputy Permanent Representative of UAR to the U.N.

Inspecting the construction at the UAR site are: (from left to right) Mr. Aly Kamel, Director of UAR Tourist Office in New York City; Mr. Mohamed Habib, Press Counselor, UAR Embassy; General Mohamed A. Khalifa, Director General of United Arab Airlines for North America; The Honorable Mohamed Kamel Ahmed, Consul General of UAR in New York City; His Excellency, Ambassador Mohamed Kamel Abdel-Rahim, Head of Arab States Delegation; His Excellency, Dr. Mostafa Kamel, Ambassador of UAR to the United States; Mr. Lionel Harris, International Division, World's Fair Corporation; His Excellency, Ambassador Mohamed H. El-Zayyat, Deputy Permanent Representative of UAR to the U.N.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Thank you, Governor Poletti. Next I have the great honor to call upon the distinguished Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Arab Republic to the United Nations, His Excellency Mohamed El-Zayyat.

HIS EXCELLENCY MOHAMED H. EL-ZAYYAT: Thank you very much, Sir. Ladies and gentlemen, I am speaking wholly extemporaneously, but I am inspired by Governor Poletti. He spoke about the different foundations of civilization and he reminded me of my days in Washington when I frequently traversed the Memorial Bridge. I frequently used to stop and study the three great memorials there — the Washington, the Lincoln and the Jefferson. In contemplating them it always occurred to me that they represented three styles of architecture — the Greek, the Roman, and the Egyptian. And I always asked myself if the founding fathers of this great country really established these great memorials and showed these three styles of buildings on purpose. Did they mean to convey to their people that America, a new and young country, was going to build on the foundations laid down by other peoples of other lands, and was going to continue to progress toward the zenith of civilization by using the torches that have been lighted and carried by different peoples in different lands? I really didn't know.

But Governor Poletti has just given me the answer in the affirmative. For when he spoke just now about the contributions of Greece and ancient Egypt, and his own old country, Rome and the Romans, I got the answer I

sought. Governor Poletti really meant that you are going to go on building new strata over other strata built by other peoples in different lands; that you are going to go on progressing, having at heart the interests of all men all over the world, that you are seeking to build new zones and have new horizons opened for mankind.

In our long history we have discovered that whenever we opened our frontiers, we invited different streams of thought, of culture, from all surrounding lands and our own valley was enriched by all these new streams which enriched our culture and our lives. Whenever circumstances made us cut ourselves off from the outside world, we withered.

I am now very happy to find in this international World's Fair in New York, and through the great efforts being made by all you gentlemen around me, a real effort to get all the streams of the world coming into America to enrich your lives. We all need to reach out and see to it that we have roots growing all over the world. Thank you.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Thank you, Your Excellency. I now have the high honor to introduce our guest of honor — a distinguished diplomat, who has many times been honored by his own country and also by other countries. Ladies and gentlemen, the Ambassador of the United Arab Republic to the United States, His Excellency, Dr. Mostafa Kamel.

HIS EXCELLENCY, DR. MOSTAFA KAMEL: President Moses, Governor Poletti, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. I am grateful to you, President Moses and Governor Poletti, for inviting this distinguished gathering on the occasion of laying the foundations for the United Arab Republic Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

You know that the United Arab Republic Government and our people feel that their participation at the World's Fair is an expression of our desire to respond to an invitation from this great friendly country, the United States of America. It is also an expression of our desire to participate in the activities of international society.

I am certain that we shall all witness, in this Fair, the human mind with its unlimited capacities expressing itself fully in the different pavilions. The objects which are going to be displayed are the result of that long voyage which this great and incomparable instrument — the human brain — has undertaken in different spheres and domains.

It is not without significance that this first pioneer — the human brain — will express in the various pavilions the wonders which it has created and achieved. These pavilions, as a result of these pioneering efforts of human thinking, will be in the right place in a country of pioneers. Never in the history of man, has man achieved such magnificent, incomparable, and unmatched pioneering in all fields of human activities as this great American nation has achieved in a few decades.

Let us hope that this World's Fair will be instrumental in bringing people from all corners of this world closer together. Let us hope that this World's Fair will open new channels of cooperation among nations. Let us hope that

this World's Fair will give a chance to the people from different countries to profit from what others have achieved. Again, let us hope that this Fair will stimulate the atmosphere of relaxation in international relations, which we all hope and work for.

The United Arab Republic is pleased to be a part of this great event, as it will always be pleased to be a part of constructive cooperation between nations. We hope that our pavilion will reflect the old and the new, the past and the present, and how they meet in harmony and progress.

Mr. Moses and Governor Poletti, the United Arab Republic wishes all success to the New York World's Fair. I am sure that this great event will always be recorded as one of the most memorable and unforgettable in the history of this fabulous century.

AMBASSADOR PATTERSON: Your Excellency, thank you so very much for what you said. Your remarks will be printed and widely distributed, and as will the remarks of Ambassador El-Zayyat, Mr. Moses and Governor Poletti. I now have the great honor to present the president of the New York World's Fair Corporation, the Honorable Robert Moses.

MR. ROBERT MOSES: Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen. After working with you for some time, we are delighted with the progress that's been made on the UAR Pavilion. Overall, from the point of view of production and expediting here at the Fair, there has now been a shift from construction, in the strict sense, to the exhibits. First, you have to have a building in which to put your exhibits — and the finer the building architecturally, the better, and the more it creates the kind of image you are interested in, the better. But finally you get down to the installation of the exhibits, and there, I'm frank to say, we don't know at this point just what our problems are going to be. We are concerned about having the exhibits ready on time. After all, it is the exhibits that people want to see. I don't say they will not want to see the building. Of course they will. And I don't say that they are not going to be impressed with the building. I think they will be, notably in this particular case. But after all, it's what you find when you get inside the building that counts. That is why we are now turning our attention to exhibits and attempting to determine the problems of the UAR and the other people who are exhibiting here, and to see what we can do, not by way of attempting to dictate what ought to be done, or even to advise, but to help in the problems that are coming up. And I have no doubt that these problems along with those relating to roads, expressways, lighting and landscaping, will be solved.

Now, if I may, I would like to present World's Fair medallions to our distinguished guests, beginning with His Excellency, Dr. Mostafa Kamel, Ambassador of the UAR to the United States. I should like, also, to present medallions to His Excellency, Ambassador El-Zayyat, to the Honorable Kamel Ahmed, Consul General, and *in absentia* to His Excellency Mahmoud Riad, Ambassador of the UAR to the U.N.

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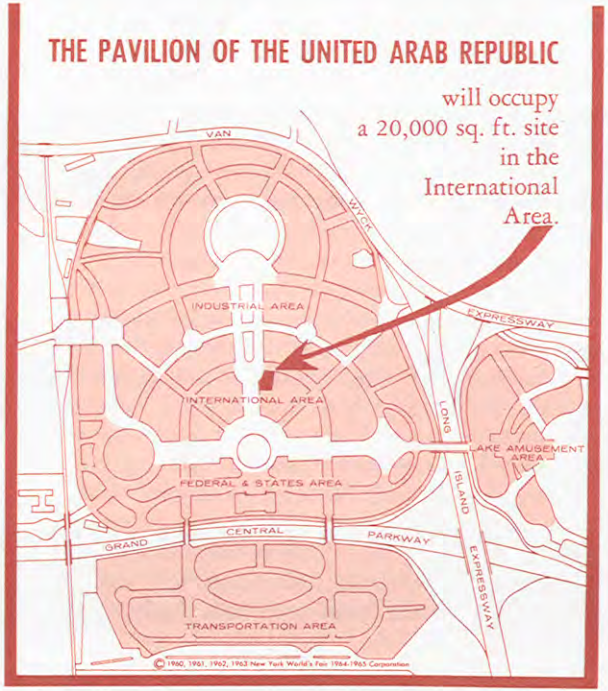

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