

"NEW YORK'S FUTURE
AS I VIEW IT"

Viewed from a distance, New York City at night offers to the imaginative observer the promise of a world of enchantment and excitement. Against a darkened sky, the silhouetted skyscrapers and beams of light on the Hudson all blend together to create a dazzling picture.

As one enters the city itself, he is confronted on all sides by a diversity of sights, sounds, and aromas. Whether his eyes feast upon the Statue of Liberty or a little boy lost in a huge city, he experiences a deep feeling for humanity. He may choose to visit Times Square on New Year's Eve, or take a stroll through Central Park, or see the sights in Greenwich Village, or dine at the elegant Waldorf Astoria; but whatever his choice, he will be sure of an experience he will long remember.

The frenzied activity of the New York Stock Market, the excitement of a football game at Shea Stadium, the crucial affairs being discussed at the United Nations, and the downpour of papers during a ticker tape parade all add to the never-ending activities associated with New York City.

Awed by the ingenuity of man to create, one may perceive examples of fabulous structures throughout the city. Long suspension bridges such as the George Washington Bridge, towering buildings topped off by the eighth wonder of the world, the Empire State Building, and the underground network of subways are all creations in New York City that testify to the genius of mankind.

Nature also lent a hand in creating many portions of the city. Islands dotting New York Bay are valuable assets to the city; Governors Island is

used as a military reservation, Ellis Island was the former immigration station, and Liberty Island is the site of the Statue of Liberty. Nature also provided Manhattan Island with a solid formation of metamorphic rock known as Manhattan schist, which provides sound foundations for the towering skyscrapers. Another feature of New York City is the fact that it is the greatest port in the world. New York harbor is a network of dredged channels giving large ships access to the accomodating docks.

Crime in New York City has recently attracted the attention of people all over the world. Such incedents are disheartening, but fortunately they can be overcome, and measures have already been taken to safeguard the public.

What does the future hold for New York City? From the past, one can see that this fabulous city is always searching for ways to better itself, as evident by urban renewal and slum clearance. Great roadways and spacious parking lots may help reduce many traffic problems of today. With the help of scientific progress and the concern of the people of New York City, the air pollution problem of today may be eliminated. Through the modernization of New York City, much land will be set aside for parks for the use of both young and old. As the population continues to increase, the problem of educating the children of New York City becomes greater and greater. Modern methods of teaching, more teachers, and new, well-equipped institutions of learning will help overcome this rising problem.

New York City's future has only one path--one that will lead to an era of prosperity, assurance, and promise. As tomorrow approaches, beams of light will reach for the stars, buildings of beauty and quality will fill Manhattan Island, and the air of the city will be as fresh as that in the surrounding suburbs. Possibilities such as these make the future of New York City more promising than ever.