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Signal to break ground for the Christian Science Pavilion is given by Ralph E. Wagers (left), president of The Mother Church. With him are Robert Moses (center), president of the Fair, and Hobson F. Miller, chairman of the Committee for Christian Science Activities at the World's Fair.

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## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE FAIR BUILDING STARTS

By Mary Hornaday

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The role of the New York World's Fair as a showcase for "an economy based upon the God-given rights of individuals to develop their talents and usefulness" was stressed here by Ralph E. Wagers, president of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, at groundbreaking ceremonies for the Christian Science Pavilion.

More than 1600 persons crowded into a large green-and-white striped tent on the Fair site Sunday [April

21] to hear Mr. Wagers, Robert Moses, president of the Fair, and Hobson F. Miller, chairman of the Committee for Christian Science Activities at the World's Fair, give an inspirational tone to the initial steam-shovel digging of earth for the \$809,000 exhibition building, for the Fair, scheduled to open April 22, 1964.

### Gains Cited

Among the distinguished participants were Richard C. Patterson,

### "Only The Need Made Known"

"There was no urging, begging or borrowing; only the need made known" (Pulpit and Press by Mary Baker Eddy, page 8). This statement describes the manner in which funds were forthcoming for the erection of The Original Mother Church.

Construction of our Christian Science Reading Room and Exhibit Building at the Fairgrounds began in April. Construction is to be completed in October.

Construction expenses each month through October will continue to exceed the normal flow of funds from branch churches by about \$60,000 per month.

The NEED: Individual contributions totaling \$60,000 each month through October.

To be demonstration, this project must be accomplished from additional giving which deprives no other essential activity of rightful support.

Jr., former Ambassador to Switzerland, now the World's Fair chief of protocol, and Edward Durell Stone, noted architect, who designed the Christian Science Pavilion. A chorus of Sunday School children sang "Mother's Evening Prayer" written by Mary Baker Eddy, Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science.

In sight of such mammoth monuments to technology as the still-skeletonized General Motors, Ford, General Electric, AT&T, du Pont,

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# TEXT OF REMARKS AT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

**RALPH E. WAGERS**, *President of The Mother Church*, spoke as follows:

The New York World's Fair, in which it is our pleasure to participate, must impress the world with the great possibilities of a free people—a people dedicated to the task of bringing to the world the fruits of an economy based upon the God-given rights of individuals to develop their talents and usefulness for the good of all.

While the scientific achievement of men throughout the world has been nothing less than startling during the past century, the spiritual achievements of equally dedicated individuals are bringing the teachings of our great Master, Christ Jesus, out of the realm of doctrines and creeds into the realm of demonstrable divine Science.

In this century, and in this country, there has appeared a dynamic interpretation of the Master's teachings cast in the role of scientific Christianity. Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered and founded Christian Science, is widely recognized for the great service she has rendered to the cause of mankind in general and of Christianity in particular.

She states in her book *Miscellane-*

*ous Writings* (page 232): "This age is reaching out towards the perfect Principle of things; is pushing towards perfection in art, invention, and manufacture. Why, then, should religion be stereotyped, and we not obtain a more perfect and practical Christianity? It will never do to be behind the times in things most essential, which proceed from the standard of right that regulates human destiny." And then she continues: "Human skill but foreshadows what is next to appear as its divine origin. Proportionately as we part with material systems and theories, personal doctrines and dogmas, meekly to ascend the hill of Science, shall we reach the maximum of perfection in all things."

It is fitting that Christian Science should take its place with other Christian churches in pointing to the fact that this nation has attained greatness—and will maintain its greatness—as it recognizes ever more clearly that a society can endure only as it is based upon an acknowledgment of the supremacy of God, Spirit, and His ever-unfolding purpose for man.

**HOBSON F. MILLER**,

*Chairman of the Committee for Christian Science Activities at the World's Fair*, spoke in part as follows:

Christian Scientists were thrilled when they learned that Mr. Moses wanted things of the Spirit represented at this World's Fair. The action of the Fair Corporation in giving expensive ground space free to religious organizations indicates that his sincerity is shared by his colleagues. We are pleased to have been the first religious denomination to accept this generous offer and sign a contract.

Our participation in this World's Fair is in accord with the purpose of Christian Science, which is to heal the sick and elevate the race. Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, through her love for the whole human family, was prompted to write, "A genuine Christian Scientist loves Protestant and Catholic, D.D. and M.D.,—loves all who love God, good; and he loves his enemies" (*First Church of Christ Scientist and Miscellany*, page 4).

So devoted was Mrs. Eddy to peace on earth and the brotherhood of man that she prayed daily for "the pacification of all national difficulties, for the brotherhood of man, for the end of idolatry and infidelity, and for the growth and establishment of Christian religion—Christ's Christianity" (*ibid*, page 220). She declared, "All Christian churches have one bond of unity, one nucleus or point of convergence, one prayer,—the Lord's Prayer" (*Pulpit and Press*, page 22)...

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**MRS. MURIEL N. HOLLAND**,

*C.S.B., a member of the*

*Executive Committee*, read the benediction as follows:

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (EPHESIANS 3: 20, 21).



Happy throng at groundbreaking ceremony in candy-striped (mint green) tent.

The Exhibit Building and Reading Room (pictured at right) will be set in a small forest when landscaping plans are completed. Adjacent to the Reading Room will be a French park, with individual chairs in shaded areas where visitors may read or sit quietly. A publications area will be established in the Exhibit Building... apart from the quietness of the Reading Room... where *The Bible*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and all authorized Christian Science literature may be obtained. In this building, also, Christian Science will be unfolded through graphic displays, pictures, film and telephonic devices.



Architect's drawing of Christian Science Pavilion: Main Exhibit Building (left) and Reading Room (right).

## Building Starts

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and IBM buildings, both Mr. Wagers and Mr. Miller discussed the relation of natural science to religion.

"While the scientific achievement of men throughout the world has been nothing less than startling during the past century, the spiritual achievements of equally dedicated individuals are bringing the teachings of our great Master, Christ Jesus, out of the realm of doctrines and creeds into the realm of divine Science," Mr. Wagers declared.

### Separate Pavilions

Mr. Miller said, "Today, the harmony between religion and science becomes more and more apparent. The great advances in space exploration hint the infinite nature of God's universe.

"But as Christ Jesus declared: 'The kingdom of God is within you' (Luke 17:21). Therefore, the true universe is not to be found in space. While time and space may seem to separate men from each other, the speed of travel and communication brings them close to each other, foretelling the recognition of one universal family—a brotherhood."

Presenting Mr. Wagers and Mr. Miller with World's Fair memento paperweights, Mr. Moses disclosed that the idea of a general temple of religion had been discarded as a possible "tower of Babel" back in the 1939-40 World's Fair. Welcoming the Christian Scientists, he said it was preferable for each religion to present its own "image."

## "Where People Will Be Most Apt to Go"

In 1900 Mary Baker Eddy requested her Board of Directors to establish a Reading Room in Boston "in that part of the city where people will be most apt to go."

Upwards of 70,000,000 people from all over the world are expected to go to the Fair at Flushing Meadows. Our present opportunity is to provide a Reading Room, as well as an Exhibit Building in which Christian Science will be explained, "where people will be most apt to go."

## NOW IS THE TIME

Now... from June through October... is the time when individual contributions for the Christian Science Reading Room and Exhibit Building at the Fair will be most meaningful.

An estimated \$60,000 per month for construction costs will be required during these five months, in addition to funds coming in from branch churches.

If you wish to share in providing a Christian Science Reading Room and Exhibit Building at the Fair, now is the time to express your support of this activity.

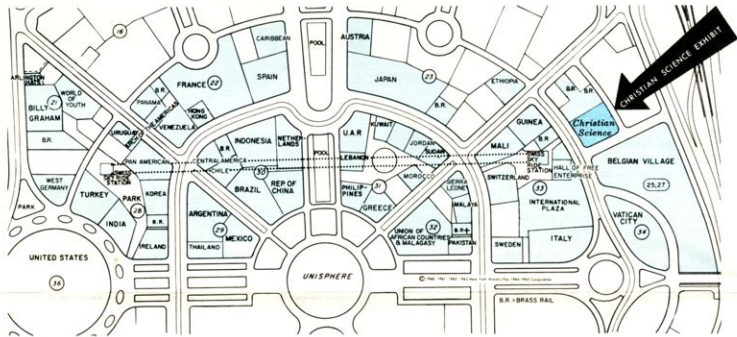
TO: Christian Science at the New York World's Fair  
Suite 3213, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York 17, N. Y.

- My contribution for the Christian Science Reading Room and Exhibit Building at the Fair is enclosed.
- Please forward a self-addressed contribution envelope to me at the following address the first of each month from now through October:

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Checks may be made payable to "Christian Science at the World's Fair." Should there be surplus funds after all bills are paid, they will be turned over to the Treasurer of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.



Arrow points to Christian Science Pavilion in International Section of Fair. Toward center of Fairgrounds, the International Section is surrounded by Transportation, Federal & States, Industrial & Lake Areas, & the Marina & Stadium.

## AROUND THE FAIRGROUNDS

By Marilyn Hoffman

Staff Correspondent of *The Christian Science Monitor*

Although the New York World's Fair is still almost 10 months away, tickets for the giant show which will cover 646 acres and be nearly ten times the size of the Seattle World's Fair, went on sale April 22, 1963, one year ahead of opening day.

General admission to the Fair will be \$2, and more than seventy million people are expected to come during the 1964-65 seasons. The only building on the grounds which will make an additional charge (a 50¢ fee) will be the Pavilion of American Interiors. This pavilion, along with the Better Living Pavilion, and the House of Good Taste will enable visitors to see many of the technological wonders now available in housing, heating, plumbing, and foods.

### Arrivals by land, sea and air

Tourists who arrive in New York to see the Fair may transport themselves to the Fairgrounds in several ways — by car over the new expressways, by bus, subway, helicopter or by boat. There will be a heliport for helicopter service from airports and

from the Port of New York Authority buildings. North American Hydrofoils, Inc. plans to ferry people from Manhattan to the World's Fair site in Queens at the edge of Flushing Bay. Hydrofoil boats skim quickly and lightly over the surface of the water rather than through the water. Those folks fortunate enough to own their own boats, will be accommodated at a new Flushing Meadow Park Marina which will be able to service 800 boats during the 1964-65 World's Fair. Personal requests for berths and mooring are already being received from boat owners bound for the Fair!

### Bird's eye view of the Fair

Once inside the Fairgrounds people will get an excellent view from the Swiss Skyride, an aerial cable with suspended gondolas which will carry up to 50,000 visitors a day over a 2000-foot route, 112 feet over the main axis of the Fair. Its southern terminal is just across the road from the Christian Science Pavilion. Every corner of the Fairgrounds will be visible from

the Skyride, including the lighted pools and fountains.

### Glamorous array of foods

Although New York is noted for its restaurants which serve menus of every nation, the World's Fair will offer its own glamorous array of foreign foods. Maxim's of Paris will be ensconced in the French Pavilion, for instance, and Chun King Corp. plans to sell millions of 7-course Chinese dinners for less than a dollar to help increase the yen for American-Oriental foods. No one need go hungry...there are 100 dining locations planned as of today, and others under negotiation.

Those who can't come to the Fair will no doubt see it many times anyway, since the whole area has been especially equipped to make it the biggest TV stage in history. Live television programs can be set up from any point in the Fair, a feature sure to attract many on-the-spot shows and to please arm-chair Fair-goers.