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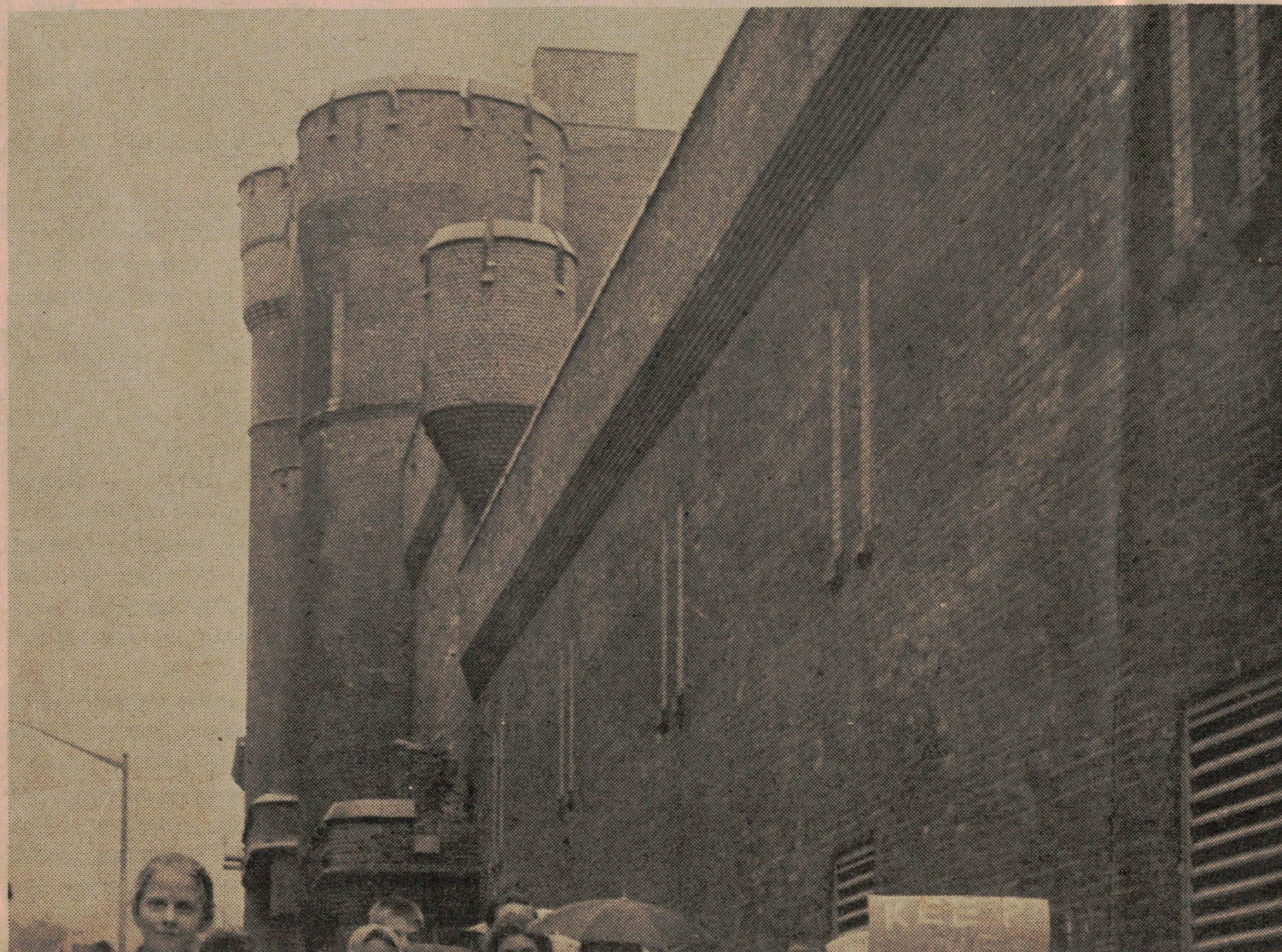
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Carnegie Hill Fights for Armory



Amid the skirl of bagpipes East Side members of the "Save the Armory Committee" protested the proposed demolition of the Squadron-A Armory, 59th at Park and Madison on Carnegie Hill, where long ago Colonel Teddy Roosevelt reviewed his troupes before embarking for San Juan Hill.

Through a slight drizzle early Monday evening, the protest pickets marched in front of the late 19th century brick building which now stables approximately 100 horses of Troop C, Mounted Police Squadron One. The National Guard also uses the building for drill.

The hour-long demonstration was conducted without incident. Policemen, many of whom emerged from their quarters within the armory, stood by watching, as did numerous spectators. Members of the Guard unit continued to arrive during the picketing.

The demonstrators—many of whom were mothers wheeling tots in baby carriages or strol-

arena to attract sporting events, conventions, trade shows and fairs, and children's circuses, as well as utilize the facilities for year-round indoor recreation such as tennis and riding.

Co-chairman of the Committee, Noel E. Parmentel Jr., 1215 Park, who with Kingman organized the protest demonstration, said the group will seek to preserve the building as an historic landmark and a self-supporting exhibition site.

"Our neighborhood has no wish to be treated as a charity case, and citizens of Carnegie Hill and Yorkville are not supplicants," Parmentel declared. "We expect to pay our way. We have an economically feasible program to preserve the Armory and our neighborhood and yet allow the City to show an operating profit on the building."

Aside from sentiment ("Our Armory is a classic of 19th century architecture and history has left its mark upon it"), and the police protection factor, the residents fear replacement of the



Mothers and children participated in demonstration outside Squadron-A Armory, 95th and Park, Monday evening despite light rains.

now scheduled to be destroyed and the site used for public housing and/or a public school.

The mothers were particularly concerned that departure of the armory's police detachment would have a deleterious effect upon neighborhood security. Said one marcher: "Our neighborhood is the most crime-free in all of New York, and the credit goes to the large and excellent police contingent stationed at the Armory."

Woodward Kingman, a banker and one of the five aspirants for the Republican nomination to the Assembly seat in the 9th A.D., has proposed a plan to have the city refurbish the Armory as an

by "an ugly complex of public housing" would seriously depress real estate values as far downtown as the low Eighties.

The Rev. Paul Wolfe, pastor of The Brick Presbyterian Church, Park at 91st, lent encouragement to the Armory preservationists by announcing the demonstration from the pulpit last Sunday. Dr. Wolfe told Manhattan East yesterday:

"With the city's ever-increasing population and growing numbers of children, open space, a view of the sky and room to breathe becomes more and more precious. Open space is at a premium, and when it becomes available—as in this instance, should the Armory be demolished—it should be preserved as recreation area rather than used for erection of more housing projects."

Dr. Wolfe said he hoped, however, the Armory could be saved and put to use for recreation purposes, particularly for children. He recalled a time when boy and girl scout troupes of the community participated in numerous supervised programs in the Armory.

An inspection of the Armory interior indicates considerable restoration and construction work will be required to make the it usable for sporting and exhibition events. There are only four rows of seats along each wall.

Many of the seats are broken and the metal stands are rusted. Additional seating would be required to accommodate sports crowds. The entrances and ramps would have to be refurbished if the building were to be used for conventions.

The tanbark center ring, used to train police horses, is one of the finest in the city, according to a police horse-training expert.

Party-Backed Men Take Primary

by Jean Secon

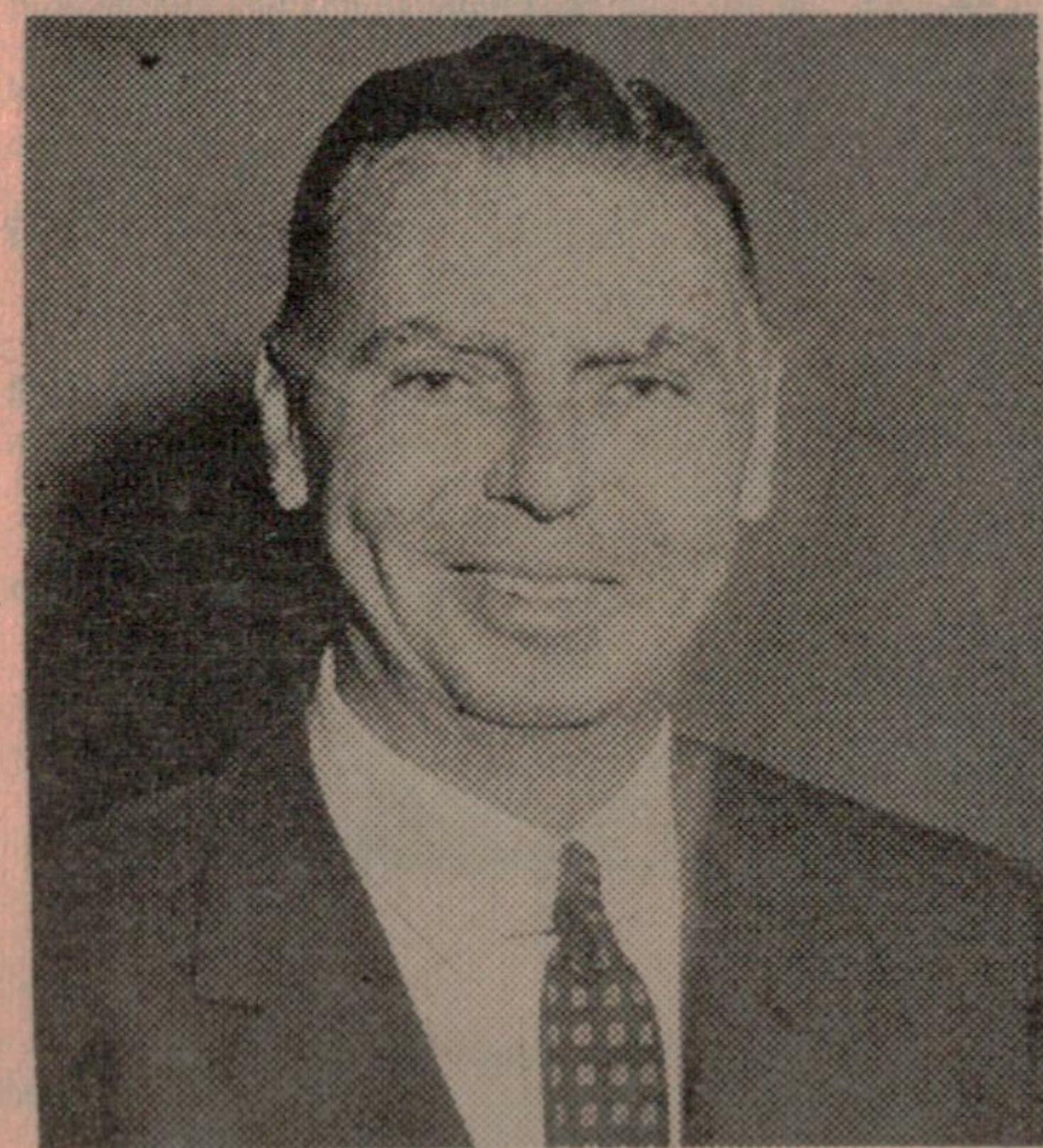
Two veteran Manhattan East state office holders put their popularity to the test of the Republican Primary this week. One received powerful endorsement, the other took a trouncing.

Senator Mac Neil Mitchell of the 9th A.D. easily beat off the challenge of 32-year-old Eric Javits, nephew of the U.S. Senator. Senator Mitchell, with 28 years in the State House, received a total of 12,364 votes against 4,656 for Javits, who conceded the race within an hour of poll closing.

But Assemblyman John R. Brook, 21-year-holder of the 20th District Assembly seat, came off low man on the totem pole in the five-way contest which included a Goldwater man. He was soundly beaten by the regular party designee, S. William Green, who polled 3,251 votes to Brook's 661. Woodward Kingman took 1,335; Roy M. Goodman, 1,209;

and Joseph Dudley Devine, who ran with Conservative Party backing, 1,406.

Ethics was at issue in both the Assembly and Senate race, with Javits charging lack of same in Mitchell's law firm collecting more than \$350,000 in fees from apartment house builders while chairman of a state legislative committee on housing. Shortly after campaign



Sen. MacNeil Mitchell

kick-off Javits' name was linked to the State Liquor Authority scandals, but he denied any wrongdoing and continued to campaign on an ethics platform.

Roy Goodman, president of the 9th A.D. Republican club and chairman of the Citizens Ethics Committee, based his campaign on a call for a new ethics code in Albany, following Governor Rockefeller's charge that Assemblyman Brook had been "bought" by rail unions from which his law firm had collected \$53,000 in representation fees.

In the Republican contest for the 10th District Assembly seat, conservative Alex T. Ercklentz polled 1,154 votes to 674 for liberal Lafollette Becker, 35. Ercklentz, 28-year-old banker, was endorsed by regular party organizations of the district. Miss Becker, however, appeared to have some support from U.S. Representative John V. Lindsay, who appeared at a recent rally



S. William Green

in her honor.

In the sole Democratic race of the Manhattan East area, 10th District Assemblyman Carlos M. Rios racked up a 2-to-1 win over insurgent Gilbert S. Peters, owner of a Yorkville funeral home. The voting was 3,568 to 1,710.