

PARKING GARAGE BEGUN IN NEWARK

Facility Under Park to Cost
\$5,600,000 and Provide
Space for 1,030 Cars

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NEWARK, Aug. 4—Ground-breaking ceremonies for Newark's long-planned underground garage in Military Park were held today. The project had been in the discussion stage for thirty years.

The \$5,600,000 facility in the heart of the downtown section will provide parking facilities for 1,030 cars on three levels. It is expected to be completed within eighteen months.

Mayor Leo P. Carlin termed the project a "major step" in resolving Newark's off-street parking problems. At the same time he proposed a new high-level bridge above the old Hudson and Manhattan Railroad bridge over the Passaic River to connect the garage with a proposed east-west freeway.

"Such a new entrance to Newark would at the same time be not only a pleasing and welcome view, but would also make downtown Newark nearer to Manhattan than parts of New York," the Mayor said.

Loop Highway Urged

Mr. Carlin also urged the State Highway Department to carry out "bold new highway planning" that would provide a loop-highway belt around downtown Newark "in accord with land-use planning" in the city's over-all development plans.

Citing plans for the east-west and Route 22 southern freeways and a midtown link between the two arteries, he urged the development of McCarter Highway as an express route between Route 21, at the Clay Street bridge, and Route 22, at Newark Airport.

Military Park is bounded by Broad Street, Park Place and Rector Street. It is a triangular plot of 5.9 acres, but only 3.3 acres will be used for the garage. Planned as a self-liquidating facility, it is expected to produce an annual income, after all operating expenses, of \$400,000. The facility will be leased by the parking authority to a private concern.

The garage was designed by the Newark architectural firm of Frank Grad & Sons. The Terminal Construction Company of Wood-Ridge, N. J., is general contractor.

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