

GARAGE IS OPENED AT NEWARK PARK

Underground Facility Can Accommodate 1,030 Cars

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NEWARK, Aug. 1 — The city's \$5,600,000 underground garage in Military Park accommodating 1,030 cars was dedicated today. It is New Jersey's first underground parking garage.

About 2,500 persons witnessed the ceremony and later toured the premises. The garage will be opened for twenty-four-hour use at 8 A. M. tomorrow.

Mayor Leo P. Carlin, Pasquale Guerrieri, chairman of the Newark Parking Authority, which operates the garage, and Michael A. Bontempo, president of the City Council, participated in the ceremony.

The three-level garage is under 3.3 acres of the park's 5.9 acres. Its roof is four feet beneath the surface. The structure, reinforced by concrete, has 432,929 square feet of floor area, of which 278,370 feet will be available for parking. Motorists will park their own cars.

The park has been virtually replaced and made to look as it did before construction began. Numerous shade trees and shrubs have been planted. There are walks, benches and a fountain.

A 300-year-old sycamore tree and the Gutzon Borglum bronze war memorial were preserved. Eight kiosks fashioned after Japanese pagodas decorate the park. They are used for the ventilation system and as exits.

The garage, which took two years to build, has spurred a \$15,000,000 building program in its immediate vicinity. A \$7,000,000 new Robert Treat Hotel with an underground connecting tunnel to the garage, and various office buildings are under construction or in the final planning stages.

The rates at the garage between 8 A. M. and 6 P. M. will be 30 cents for the first hour and 20 cents for each additional hour, up to a maximum of \$1.

Other rates are \$1.25 for twenty-four hours; 75 cents for night parking between 6 P. M. and midnight; \$1 from 6 P. M. to 8 A. M., and a monthly rate of \$20 for daytime use only, with permission to leave or enter without restriction.

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