

BROOKLYN HOUSE OF DETENTION FOR MEN



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The modern Brooklyn House of Detention for Men now replaces the antiquated, century-old *Bastille* dungeon known as *Raymond Street Jail*. Structurally, this building has incorporated modern and forward looking ideas in the area of penological architecture. However, the Department of Correction of the City of New York recognizes that beauty of architecture, modern plumbing, and sanitary features are not the only requisites for a modern prison. Prison buildings must be adequate frameworks for rehabilitative programs.

We trust that the pioneering programs in rehabilitation and counselling, to be started here will be as far removed from the old custody concepts as the new architecture is from the old penal dungeon it replaces.

This administration recognizes that our detention institutions are vital stations on the road of criminal judicial procedure on which the inmate travels to the official disposition of his case.

Our correctional rehabilitative programs must start in detention, before the delinquent pattern is further set. It would be false economy to defer the full implementation of a good rehabilitation program. It will cost far more, economically and socially to wait until inmates are committed to sentence institutions. By that time it is already much too late.

For the City of New York to invest \$10,642,000.00 in modern steel and granite alone is unsound. To meet our challenging crime problem requires adequate, well trained, well paid, and dedicated staff not only to run institutions economically but also to supervise and develop modern penologic concepts of rehabilitation.

It is in our detention institutions that the most damaging first impression is made, unless every human effort is bent toward making it a constructive experience. We must and intend to use all the resources and techniques of our social, medical, psychiatric and psychological, vocational and guidance counselling services and all other available tools for re-education in our detention institutions particularly as they involve our youth.