

Separate and distinct from the institutional kitchen, the unit has its own food storage refrigerators, stoves, slicing equipment, etc.

Commissary items such as cigarettes, candies, toilet articles, etc., are brought to the inmates on the various floors via mobile canteen carts. All monies in the possession of the inmate on his admission to the institution and that received by mail or left by visitors are credited to his commissary account. As commissary purchases are made by the inmate they are charged against his personal account. Any profits derived from the sale of commissary items are used for general inmate welfare purposes.

At long last the Commissary Division now is an integral part of the Department of Correction pursuant to Local Law No. 17 which was enacted on March 5, 1956. The Commissary staff also now has full civil service status.

*Four high speed passenger and two service elevators (one of which services the kitchen only) to cope with the extensive traffic problem in moving prisoners and other persons, food supplies, etc., vertically be-*

tween the eleven floors of the prison. The elevators are centrally located and visible from the control room for security reasons. The elevator doors also contain a shatter proof glass vision panel through which the operator can observe the lobby area before opening the door.

This new institution is constructed of fireproof materials; fire alarm stations are strategically located throughout; standpipe outlets with fire extinguishers are included on each floor; there are two exits on each floor.

Actual construction of the new institution was well under way when the present administration took office in January 1954. Certain modifications that still could be affected in the new institution, were made by the department. Quarters, originally set aside for a warden's residence, were designed as office space for borough social service agencies serving prisoners and their families. A laundry, originally omitted from the plans, was established.

The cost of the new facility is \$10,642,000.00.



*Mayor Robert F. Wagner presenting the KEY to Commissioner Anna M. Kross at the dedication ceremonies of the Brooklyn House of Detention for Men. Interestedly looking on is Public Works Commissioner Fredk. H. Zurmuhlen.*