Safety Award Trophy

On June 5, 1957, Mayor Robert F. Wagner presented a second Safety Award Trophy to Commissioner Anna M. Kross, on behalf of the Department of Correction. In all there were 41 City Departments participating, involving 200,000 City employees. The ceremony was held at the Board of Estimate Chambers, City Hall.

The Department of Correction showed the highest improvement over last year (56%) in the reduction of number of accidents incurred. This is a tribute to:
(a) Our Institutional Personnel
(b) Our Transportation Division
(c) Our Safety Co-ordination Program

The Department Safety Co-ordination Program is under the direction of Assistant Deputy Warden, Joseph A. Kukis, past City-Wide Co-ordinating Committee Chairman, who is to be commended for this splendid record.

Dedication of Correction Academy

On July 3, 1957 this administration took another important step forward, in the implementation of another of its administrative goals, with the dedication of the Correction Academy on Rikers Island.

Commissioner Anna M. Kross stated “We, in the Department of Correction must draw upon the wealth of knowledge available in the diverse sciences of medicine, psychiatry, psychology, sociology and education, and integrate these sciences into our modern correctional treatment programs via our Correction Academy for the training of our departmental personnel.”

Religiously and Fraternally Yours

The morale and fraternal spirit of the department personnel is well mirrored in the functions and activities of its organizations.

The Rev. J. L. Zacker and president A. J. Wurzburger spearheaded a spiritually and socially successful Communion Breakfast of the St. George Assn. held last May 12th.

The Rev. A. N. Glaser, S. J. and president Thomas McDonnell of the Catholic Guild held the annual Communion Breakfast last May 19th. A fine turnout enthusiastically applauded the annual award of two high school 4-year scholarships to children of members—one girl and one boy.

Rabbi A. Burstein and president R. B. Grasheim are to be congratulated on the affair held by the Gibborim Society last February 27th in memory of the late Commissioner David Marcus. It also highlighted the presentation of a plaque to Commissioner Kross.

The Department of Correction extends high commendation and a vote of thanks to . . .

Our departmental Chaplaincy Service for its active support and participation in our various inmate treatment programs . . .

The Salvation Army for its steadfast perennial interest in the welfare of our inmates . . .

The Christian Science workers for their sincere interest and active work in all our institutions . . .

The Friendly Visitors whose civic and personal interest in our rehabilitation programs and after-care services has enhanced our treatment procedures in the House of Detention for Women . . .

And Alcoholics Anonymous who in their anonymity are doing yeoman work among our special problem group . . .

Jerry Carroll and Tom O’Toole of Local 401 came up with a splendid opening edition of the Union paper last April. They have followed with a second issue. Congratulations on a job well done!

Fighting Steve Hartigan has done a terrific job in equalization of sick leave benefits hitherto not enjoyed by the custodial staff. The C. O. B. A. is fortunate in having so dynamic a president.