



THE BRIDGE OF SIZE: Young lady gazes from Staten Island side at the beautiful Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. Photo by Wolfson

## Verrazano Spans Time And Dreams

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lights the eye, the mind and the heart," Hughes said.

Moses introduced Othmar H. Ammann, designer of the span, as "the greatest living bridge engineer, perhaps the greatest of all time."

Borough Presidents Abe Stark of Brooklyn and Albert V. Maniscalco of Staten Island predicted that both boroughs now stand on the "threshold of an era of unparalleled growth."

Hours before the dedication ceremonies began, Staten Islanders assembled for a parade to mark the opening of the bridge.

### Parade Scheduled

The parade, sponsored by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, moved east on Hyland Blvd. to Bay St., south to School Rd. and past a reviewing stand to Tompkins Ave.

The ceremonies closed with a benediction by Rabbi Benjamin B. Wykanski of Temple Emanu-El on Staten Island.

Only the upper deck of the span was opened today. The lower deck will be opened as the traffic volume increases in the future. It is estimated more than 12 million vehicles will use the upper deck in its first year of operation. The bridge's ultimate capacity is estimated at 48 million vehicles a year.

### Bypass Manhattan

The bridge connects the expressways of Long Island, Westchester and N. England with arterial systems of New Jersey and states to a west and south, enabling traffic to bypass congested Manhattan.

Passenger cars and motorcycles will pay a 50-cent toll to cross the bridge. The toll for commercial vehicles will range from 50 cents to \$2.



## ARPAD: The Bridge Tender

Arpad's view of the Verrazano Bridge is dotted with dollar signs and all Arpadians must fill the till for a look. But we'll get a free view in sunny weather.

## Bridge in Brief

The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge . . .

WHERE: Connecting Brooklyn and Staten Island across the Narrows.

COST: \$325 million.

DESCRIPTION: A 12-lane, double deck suspension bridge, nearly three miles long. Center span, of 4260 feet, is world's longest.

HEIGHT OF TOWERS: 690 feet above mean high water.

CAPACITY: 12.6 million vehicles the first year; 48 million vehicles when both levels are operating.

BROOKLYN APPROACHES: Bridge connects directly with the reconstructed six- and eight-lane Gowanus Parkway. Gowanus leads north to the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway and the Long Island Expressway. Ramps also lead south to the Shore Parkway and Long Island parkways.

STATEN ISLAND APPROACH: New \$54 million six- and eight-lane Staten Island Expressway extends seven miles from bridge to Goethals Bridge to New Jersey. Willowbrook Expressway connects the Staten Island Expressway with Bayonne Bridge to New Jersey.

TOLLS: 50 cents for passenger cars and motorcycles. Fifty cents to \$2 for commercial vehicles.

BUS SERVICE: New Route R-7 operates round the clock, with 10-minute headway during rush hours. Fare is 15 cents. Running time for the 6.1-mile trip between the 95th St. Station of the Fouth Ave. BMT subway line and Clove Rd. and Victory Blvd., Staten Island, is 22 minutes.

# Notables Salute the New Queen

Here are excerpts from the remarks prepared for delivery by principal speakers at ceremonies marking the opening of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge today:

**President Johnson**, in a telegram marking the occasion:

"I am delighted to extend my congratulations on the dedication of the magnificent Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. A structure of breath-taking beauty and superb engineering, this is a most fitting monument to Giovanni da Verrazano. Even as the voyage of this renowned Italian navigator, who in 1524 dropped an anchor off Staten Island, this bridge, which proudly bears his name, has opened for America another new vista.

"By connecting Brooklyn and Staten Island, the Verrazano Bridge will open the Borough of Richmond to new industrial, commercial and residential development and will give the entire New York-New Jersey metropolitan area a much needed transportation link.

"This successful completion makes the Verrazano Bridge a brilliant example of how several levels of government can work in cooperation for the common good. It is a pleasure to express my appreciation to all who have conceived and constructed this splendid structure which sets a high example of human craftsmanship and enterprise."

**Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller**:

"This bridge links New York City's largest and smallest boroughs and makes neighbors of New Jersey and Long Island. It serves as a central link in the sweeping complex of highways throughout the metropolitan area. It is a keystone in the vast network of transportation facilities throughout

the northeastern United States.

"Giovanni da Verrazano sailed through the Narrows of New York Bay almost four and one-half centuries ago. What he saw, early in the 16th century, was wilderness and a promise. What he would see today is a metropolitan complex embodying the wonders of civilization and a promise fulfilled. It is altogether fitting that his discovery of these waters—this shore—should be marked so majestically."

**Gov. Richard J. Hughes of New Jersey**:

"We celebrate here a triumph of engineering and esthetics. Truly this nation, indeed the world, has a new queen and her functional beauty delights the eye, the mind and the heart. Here is beauty born of nature's law and man's skill serving mankind's ancient quest for union and freedom of movement . . . now at this threshold to America stands a monumental structure which in Verrazano's name will welcome new travelers and new emigrants to our shores."

**Mayor Robert F. Wagner**: "This latest addition to our city's great wealth of bridges represents a new summit of achievement. Surely we must see it not only as the biggest but as the most beautiful of all—the most princely—the most stately.

"By this bridge we open Staten Island as though it were a new continent.

"We have seized the opportunity to develop our city's last frontier—to develop it for the sake of Staten Island itself, for New York City and for America."

**Robert Moses, chairman of Tunnel Authority, in alluding to the designer of the bridge**:

"I now ask that one of the

significant great men of our time—modest, unassuming and too often overlooked on such grandiose occasions—stand and be recognized. It may be that in the midst of so many celebrities, you don't even know who he is.

"My friends, I ask you now look upon the greatest living bridge engineer, perhaps the greatest of all time, a Swiss who has lived and labored magnificently 63 years in this country and is still active, the designer of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, respected throughout the world and regarded here with deep affection, Othmar Ammann."

**Brooklyn Borough President Abe Stark**:

"This is a moment which invites us to look into the future . . . to try to see what lies ahead for our people. I believe we stand on the threshold of an era of unparalleled growth . . . an era which will see Brooklyn and Richmond develop and expand their commercial resources . . . their cultural, education and entertainment facilities to an undreamed-of level.

"Yes, this bridge begins a new stage in the growth of the greatest, most fascinating city the world has ever known. Bob Moses, you have done it again. In the name of all the people of Brooklyn, I salute you and congratulate you on this latest—and greatest—achievement."

**Richmond Borough President Albert V. Maniscalco**:

"Thanksgiving Day will come

to Staten Island twice this year, for those of us who live in the Borough of Richmond feel that today is, also, a day for which we should be very thankful. All Staten Islanders are thankful for the presence of this new pathway to progress.

"We are thankful to the designer of the bridge, O. H. Ammann, to the engineers and the brave men who worked in all kinds of weather conditions. It is they who have actually put Staten Island and this new record-breaking acquisition in the national spotlight. . . . The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge will forever serve as a symbol of welcome to all those, who, from this day on, enter the great harbor of New York, which is the true gateway to America."

## Bridges Expand Toll Plazas Here

Expanded toll plazas were opened at two Staten Island-New Jersey bridges today to handle increased traffic from the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

The Port of New York Authority held quiet ceremonies at the Goethals Bridge, linking the Howland Hook section of Staten Island with Elizabeth, and at the Bayonne Bridge, which runs from Port Richmond to Bayonne.

The expanded plazas were

part of a \$13 million modernization program for the two bridges. At the same time, a new five-mile section of the Staten Island Expressway, Interstate 278, was opened between the Goethals Bridge and the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

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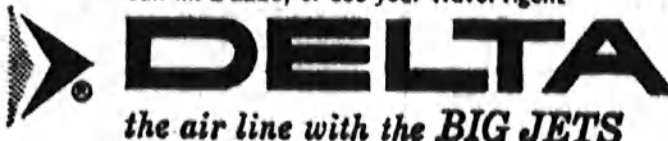
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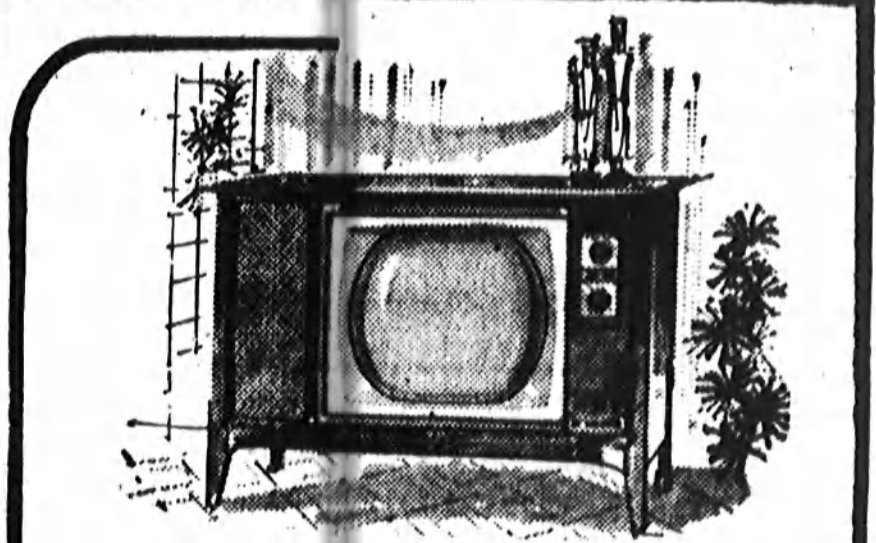
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Margaret Merrill