

# Nine projects receive the Bard

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*City Club announces annual awards for architectural excellence*

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**P**UBLIC and institutional projects dominated the 25th annual Bard Awards for architectural excellence, announced last night at Silvercup Studios in Long Island City.

~~The awards by the City Club of New York are among the city's most prestigious for architecture.~~

Of the nine projects honored, only two were private: the conversion of the Mercantile Exchange Building at 6 Harrison St. by Rockefeller Properties Inc. into a condo, office and retail building, and conversion of the former Police Department headquarters at 240 Centre St. into a luxury condo apartment building by Fourth Jefferson Associates, headed by Arthur Emil.

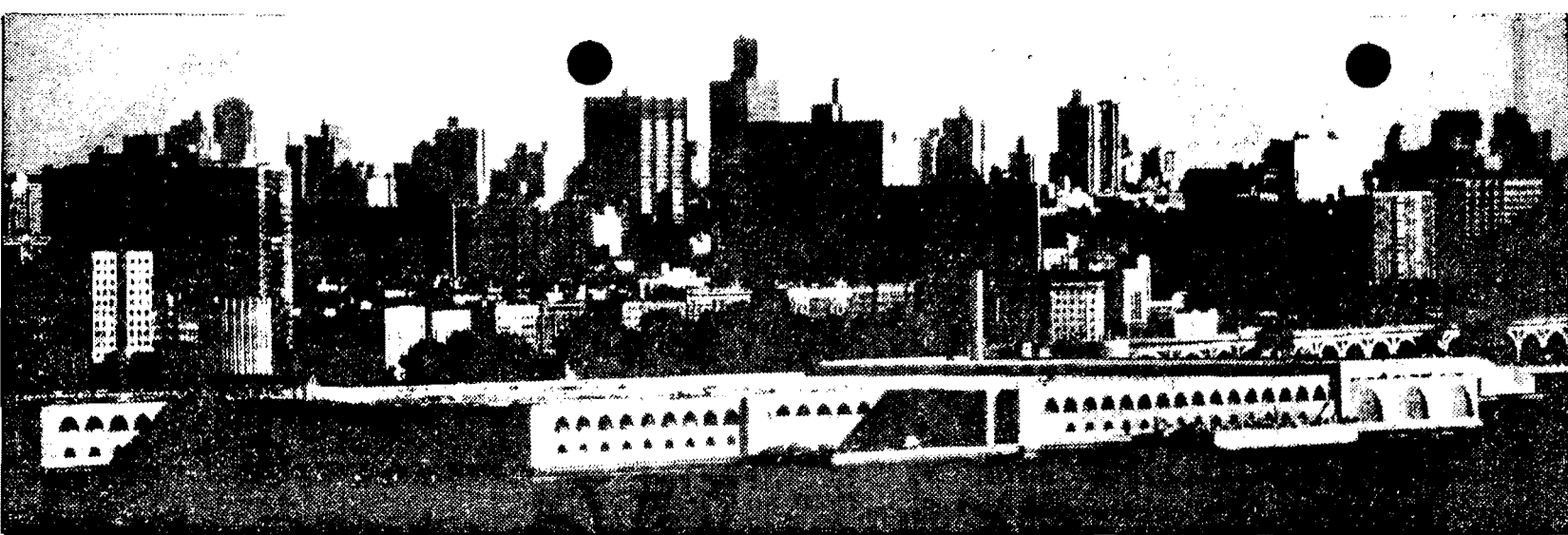
The latter also contains retail and not-for-profit cultural spaces.

The Mercantile project was designed by R. M. Kliment and Frances Halsband Architects.

The Police Building conversion was designed by The Ehrenkrantz Group & Eckstut Architects.

The other honored projects:

■ The North River Water Pollution Control Plant, on a 30-acre platform over the Hudson River between 137th and 145th streets. The project was designed by C. Theodore Long for Associated En-



**HONORED PROJECT:** *The North River Water Pollution Control Plant, overlooking the Hudson River.*

gineers for the city Department of Environmental Protection.

■ Public School 234 at Chambers and Greenwich streets, designed by Richard Dattner for the city Public Development Corp. and Board of Education.

■ John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the City University of

by the Port Authority's engineering department.

■ South Cove at Battery Park City, designed by the Ehrenkrantz Group & Eckstut for the Battery Park City Authority.

■ The Steinhardt Conservatory at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden, designed by Davis Brody & Associates.

The jury consisted of John Brademas, president of New York University; Adele Chatfield-Taylor, president of the American Academy in Rome; Pauline Feingold, president of the City Club of New York; and architects Paul Spencer Byard, Barbara Littenberg and Robert H. Siegel.

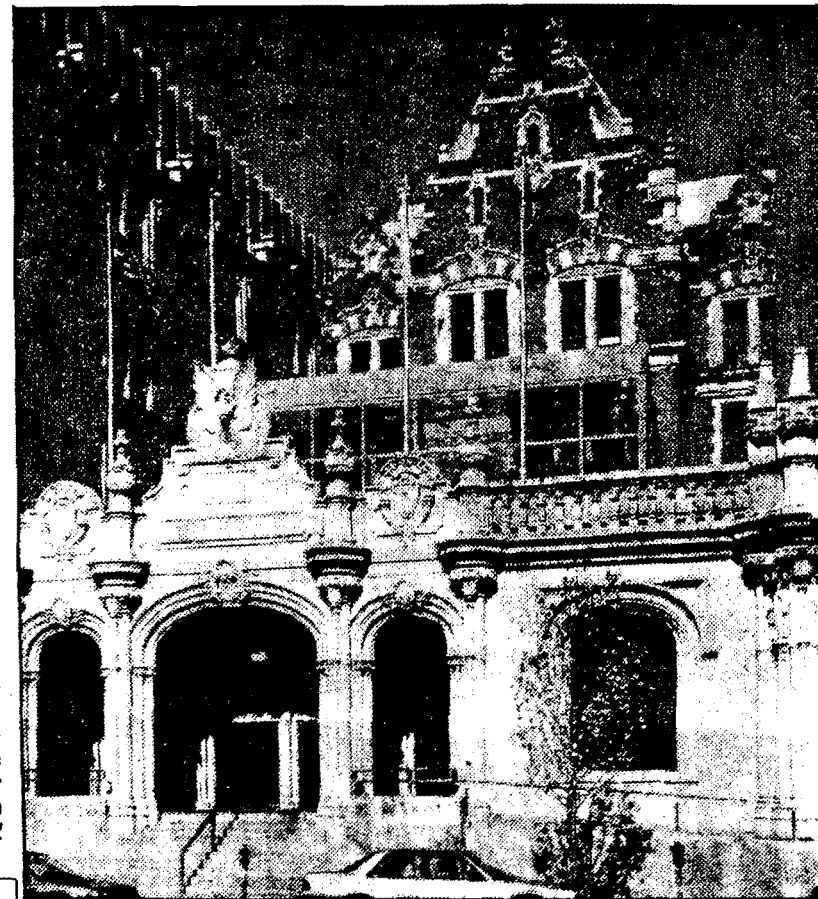
A special citation was presented to Felix Rohatyn for his efforts to ensure that the new School Construction Authority will operate free of Wicks Law strictures. Ada Louise Huxtable, retired architecture critic of *The New York Times*; Brendan Gill, architecture critic of *The New Yorker*, and Roberta Brandes Gratz, author of the newly published *"The Living City,"* were honored for their contributions as activists and communicators in the field of urban design.

*Two of the nine projects honored were private: conversion of the Mercantile Exchange Building and the former police headquarters.*

New York, 10th Avenue at 58th Street, designed by Raphael Vinoly for Metropolis Realty Corp.

■ The Community Church of Astoria, 14-42 Broadway in the Astoria section of Queens, designed by Alfred De Vido Associates.

■ Improvements to the PATH line Christopher and Ninth, 14th and 23rd Street stations, designed



**A WINNER:** *John Jay College of Criminal Justice.*