Queens Of The Orphans
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A stop at Woodhaven Junction Interchange will serve Brooklyn residents and enable them to get to Kennedy International Airport on the high speed rail line from Pennsylvania Station, Mayor Beame has assured Brooklyn Borough President Leone.

Now that the rail link is headed for reality it appears that an agreement has existed for the past several years between the Brooklyn Borough President's office, the Metropolitan Transit Authority, and Mayor Beame, that a stop would be made at Woodhaven Junction.

But when permits were requested for the line to go through Forest Park (without stopping) the public was informed that local stops would "defeat the purpose" of the high speed rail link.

What is the purpose of the high speed rail link? The purpose is to get airline travellers to and from Manhattan, in the fastest possible time. For that reason no local stops could be tolerated, although civic workers and political leaders had insisted that since the line passed through communities once served by the railroad stops could be made at Rego Park, Ozone Park, etc., en route to Jamaica. In fact political leaders were insisting that the line should not be operated without some form of local stops.

They pointed out that the high speed line passing through Queens communities brought no benefit to the area and could become a nuisance.

Now Brooklyn is being assured that the Woodhaven Junction stop will definitely be a part of the new service. If the City President doesn't that satisfy the argument that local stops defeat the purpose of the rail line? We do not begrudge Brooklyn the benefit of the Woodhaven Junction stop which actually would be in Queens, but the question arises why this preferential treatment for Brooklyn?

Borough President Leone notes that according to Port Authority figures 3,450 Brooklynites including 1,000 in the Atlantic Ave. division of the railroad. He also calls attention to the fact that the Port Authority figures do not include passage through the Pennsylvania Station and JFK. Airport is awaiting approval in Albany.

Beame acknowledged the BP's interest in the Woodhaven stop and pointed out that the project was worthy of being placed in the 1974 budget as a prelude to further development of the line. And he noted that the airport can be expected to develop a high speed rail service to and from other parts of the city.

Mrs. Wagemaker, chief of the Pennsylvania Station, and JFK. Airport is included in the current legislation awaiting approval in Albany.

In a letter to Leone, Mayor Beame acknowledged the BP's letter of August 30th in which the latter asked assurance that Brooklyn's need was met. He stated that an important portion of the project will be set aside for the Woodhaven Junction stop which will definitely be a part of the new service. The BP notes that according to Port Authority figures the Woodhaven Interchange is included in the current legislation. Additionally, I have been advised that the Metropolitan Transit Authority has every intention of fulfilling their previous agreements regarding this project.

"In my understanding," Mayor Beame wrote, "the construction of the Woodhaven Interchange is included in the current legislation. Additionally, I have been advised that the Metropolitan Transit Authority has every intention of fulfilling their previous agreements regarding this project.

The Office of the Mayor supports this project and will continue to monitor its progress in order to insure the speediest possible implementation and the utmost cooperation.

"I am sending a copy of your letter and this reply to MTA Chairman David Dinkins for his information. Thank you for your letter and this information.

Door Bore Puts Man In Jam
A 23 year old man was arrested by 142nd Pct. police who observed him breaking open a basement door at 2011 Palmetto St., Sept. 21 at 4:31 a.m. Prior to the crime the subject had been observed acting in a suspicious manner by 142nd Pct. Detective Sergeant Donald Bromberg, Det. William Mattos, and Police Officer Fraser Cafaro. After gaining access to the building, the burglar attempted to flee from the scene on a bicycle which he had stolen from Desmond (Continued on Page 24)

Two Held In Store Holdup
Two men, one armed, with a gun, held up the R.F. Spe- ringGoods store, 64-14 Myrtle Ave. According to store owner Frank Murabito, the bandits ordered him at gunpoint to empty the cash register and surrender his personal valuables. After seizing their loot, the robbers ran from the store, and on foot, fled east on Myrtle Ave (Continued on Page 24)