

Tenants Displaced by Expressway to Get Housing, Says Board Official

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The Cross Bronx Expressway was the topic of a radio address delivered over WBNX last night by Thomas V. Tozzi, vice-president of the Bronx Board of Trade.

"Throughout its history," he said, "the Board of Trade has never been precipitate in its decisions and it has invariably investigated and deliberated before taking a public position on any matter.

"The controversy which has arisen over the proposed execution of the arterial highway program planned for the Bronx is born of the belief that much, if not all, of the apprehension concerning the dislocation of people directly within the area to be used for these highways is unnecessary.

"The Board of Trade has conferred with the Borough President, has examined the program, has studied the time schedule and methods proposed to be used by the Department of Public Works

of the State, and is convinced that there is little ground for the opposition which has resulted in the last few weeks.

Tenants Assured on Housing

"As has been set forth in the official statement prepared by the representatives of the State, the city and the borough and released by Borough Pres. Lyons, residents can be assured that they will not be required to move if, after reasonable effort and cooperation with the Relocation Bureau, they are unable to find appropriate accommodations. There is no intention to evict anyone or to subject any to unwarranted inconvenience; nor is there any justification for fear that people will be expected to accept living conditions any less suitable than those presently enjoyed.

"It is believed that practically every dwelling within the right of way of the first section of the Cross Bronx Expressway to be built can be moved and relocated with little inconvenience to occupants.

"Legislation giving the right to purchase at salvage value the buildings condemned for removal is expected to be approved within a few days. Under this law, owners will have first, tenants second, and veterans third choice to purchase the dwellings to be removed. This will not only safeguard inhabitants, it will also insure owners against loss of any kind.

"Surely, no New Yorkers, above all a resident of the Bronx, could well oppose the magnificent highway program which, when completed, will provide this Borough with the finest system of landscaped and treated expressways to be encountered in any comparable community in the world."

Board of Trade Delegates to Attend National Parley

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Adolph J. Chesley, president of the Bronx Board of Trade, will head a delegation of board members who will attend the 34th annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce, scheduled to be held in Atlantic City from April 29 to May 2.

The Bronx Board of Trade is a charter member of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and the delegation will take part in the discussions at the convention, built around the theme "Paths to Production."

Reconversion still lags throughout the country, according to Chesley, and the convention will deal with such subjects as "How Are We to Surmount the Innumerable Barriers in the Transition from War to Peace?" and "What Is the Responsibility of Government, of Business, of Labor, of Agriculture?"