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HARLEM HOSPITAL

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Department of Public Works Commissioner Eugene E. Bult was joined today by Manhattan Borough President Percy K. Sutton and Hospital Commissioner Joseph V. Terenzio on a tour of inspection of the nearly completed \$29.0 million 16-story new main building of Harlem Hospital at 136th Street and Lenox Ave.

At the same time Commissioner Bult put on public display for the first time the 19-inch high model of an abstract bronze sculpture depicting a family scene—a father, mother and two children. From this model will come a 19x8 feet original from the studio of noted sculptor John Rhoden. The large finished art work, now being completed, will be set into the facade above the front door of the new building.

Upon actual completion of the 800-bed main hospital building, together with the renovation of existing buildings, the Harlem community will be provided with a "hospital center" with more than 1,200 beds. It will contain 12 modern operating rooms as well as recovery and delivery rooms; educational facilities for student nurses and an auditorium to seat more than 400 persons.

The exterior of the new structure, built under the supervision of the Department of Public Works, is of French blue glazed brick; granite and marble. The interiors are of tranquil colors in tiles and walls; sound-trap ceilings, and non-glare lighting fixtures. It will be the first completely air-conditioned city hospital, providing humidity as well as temperature control, with attendant beneficial therapeutic effects.

The new building will blend architecturally with the nine-story 233-bed unit for general care which opened on October 5, 1959; also designed and constructed (at a cost of \$7.0 million) under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.
