

Stark

Vero Beach, Fla.
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Mr. Frank Schroth,
157 Remsen Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Frank:

John Cashmore called me this morning. He referred to the Stark story that hit the papers yesterday. He gave me the impression he is full of the 3 V's to get the new stadium built and propounded the startling announcement he was going to ask the Board of Estimate today to request \$200,000 from the Federal government for a survey. Frank, that was an hour ago and I have not recovered from the shock. Can you imagine what the newspaper writers will do to the proponent of another survey. More dilatory tactics. I advised John not to be a party to any more requests for money. For a long time now we have had the answers to any questions anyone can ask about any phase of the matter.

The Stark proposal is about as asinine as the one he had last month when he announced that Brooklyn needed 2 legitimate theaters and an operat house more than it needed a ball park.

We have every reason to believe that the domed Olympic City (Las Vegas in N. Y.) will receive all requisite political support. They will not run into any insufferable delay, divertissement and sabotage that we have encountered. The pari-mutual machine seems to be more attractive to politicians than our sandlot and knothole baseball programs. I am not a prude but for the life of me I cannot see a three million dollar daily pari-mutual handle being good for the morality or economics of the community.

The politicians have shown beyond a shadow of a doubt that they are not with us in our hopes to build a new Dodger stadium. I am so convinced that they have made my decision for me that I would really not want to see any more money wasted for another survey.

Sincerely,

Walter F. O'Malley,
President.

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