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eliminated with it. The police training ring can be kept underground with the other equestrian facilities.

As for the rest of the plan, it all fits and deserves approval by the Board of Estimate in today's open vote. The police station is in the park and belongs there; the horses that patrol the park would be correctly and humanely located there; public horses would serve a traditional and proper park use. The bridle paths are one of its handsome historic features.

The Police Department has waited with patient understanding for a design compatible with the Olmsted-Vaux park. It would be a pity if the needed facilities and an exceptionally skillful and sensitive solution were to become a political casualty now.

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We hope the compromises proposed by Commissioner Hoving will open the way for a constructive solution to the controversy over the police station and stables for Central Park. After a half-century of brutally inappropriate park additions, a facility has finally been designed that is notable for blending necessity with an educated sensibility to the park as a distinguished work of landscape art.

From the start the only element open to argument has been the enlargement of the police training ring into a public game field. Whether that field is knocked out as "polo for the rich" or as a questionable ground-eating expansion of an otherwise necessary program is beside the point. The game field is clearly not essential, and any objectionable encroachment would be

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