

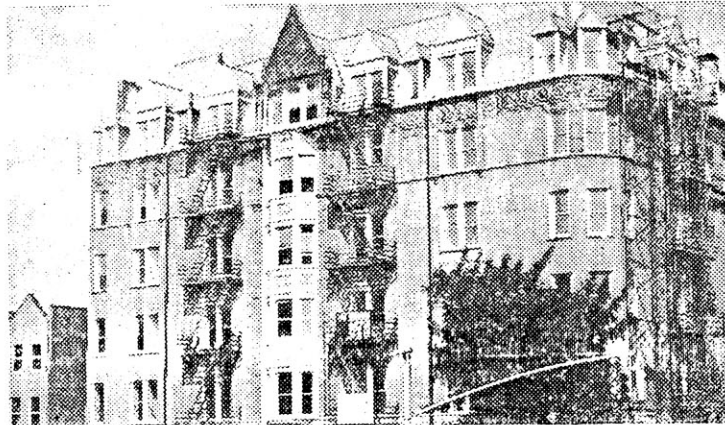
# New life for B'klyn landmark

The Vendome, a historic 103-year-old burned-out Brooklyn landmark, which had been vacant for years and threatened with demolition is in its final stages of restoration.

Converted to affordable condominium units as part of a larger new construction project under The New York City Housing Partnership's new-homes program and through the successful joint effort of public and private organizations, this marks a three-year effort to save this important and imposing building.

The five-and-a-half story 1887 Romanesque Revival-Queen Anne apartment house at the corner of Gates and Grand Avenues in the Clinton Hill Historic District was abandoned years ago and eventually was seized by the city for back taxes.

After a devastating fire in 1980 (and about to be razed) the preservation of this neighborhood landmark became a reality through the joint efforts of the City of



**RESTORATION** of the Vendome.

New York, the State of New York, the New York Landmarks Preservation Commission, the New York Landmarks Conservancy, the New York City Housing Partnership, Stephen B. Jacobs & Associates, architect and developer for the project, the Pratt Area Community Council, and a construction loan funded by the Dime Savings Bank.

A public hearing and the concerted efforts of preservationist groups, the New York Landmarks Conservancy and

the New York City Housing Partnership persuaded the city to halt the demolition of the Vendome.

They also helped to secure subsidies (including an Environmental Quality Bond Act grant) from a variety of city and state agencies, and a partnership was forged between the public and private sectors to ensure the restoration and preservation of the Brooklyn landmark.

The first phase of the Vendome project, the Clinton

Hill Condominiums, consisting of 48 two-bedroom condominium units, remain unsold.

The second phase, the restoration of the Vendome itself, is about to be completed and condo units are being sold to the public.

Originally built by architect Halstead P. Fowler, the Vendome has been described as unique because Fowler went out of his way in his choice of materials, details and ornamentation to make the Vendome look like a brownstone.

The Vendome is offering for sale one-bedroom apartments that start at \$79,000, and two-bedroom apartments that start at \$90,000, provided the buyers' gross annual income does not exceed \$53,000. There has been an enthusiastic response from the public.

Interested parties can call Marcia at the Stephen B. Jacobs sales office: (718) 783-3781. Or write to: The Vendome, the New York City Housing Partnership, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016.