ROCKEFELLER CITY TO ADD TWO UNITS: Twin Nine-Story Structures to ...

New York Times

pg. 15

Jul 1, 1933

## A SKETCH OF NEW INTERNATIONAL BUILDINGS FOR ROCKEFELLER CENTER.



Architects' Drawing of the Proposed Italian and German Buildings Which Will Occupy the Eastern Part of the Block Between Fiftieth and Fifty-first Streets, Fronting on Fifth Avenue.

## ROCKEFELLER CITY TO ADD TWO UNITS

Twin Nine-Story Structures to House Italian and German Offices to Be Built at Once.

## COMPLETE FOREIGN GROUP

Palazzo d'Italia Approved by Mussolini-Representative Here to Advance Project.

Plans for the immediate construction of two new buildings to complete the international group fronting on Fifth Avenue were announced yesterday by Rockefeller

Architects for the development have completed plans for the twin structures and will file them with the Bureau of Buildings within a few days. It is expected that the construction contracts will awarded within two weeks.

One of the units will be known

as the Palazzo d'Italia, to be situated at the northwest corner of Fifth Avenue and Fiftieth Street. The other, intended for the occupancy of German interests, will be on the adjoining corner of the same block front, at Fifty-first Street. These units will be nine stories in With the twin six-story. height. buildings of similar design in the adjoining block, known as La Maison Française and the British Empire Building, they will make up the foreign group occupying the Fifth Avenue frontage of the threeblock project.

Erection of these two structures will mark the completion of eight of the twelve units in the program of Rockefeller Center, with the entire Fifth and Sixth Avenue frontages and all of the central block between Forty-ninth and Fiftleth Streets occupied by new buildings. Senator Antonio Mosconi, former Secretary of Finances and honorary Secretary of State in Italy, is in New York to lay before Italian-American business interests here and elsewhere the aims of the Pa-

lazzo d'Italia, of which he is vice president. His visit is reported to have received the sanction of Premier Mussolini, who has approved the plans for the building.