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(by Stadium Authority)

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Stadium Dedication*

Georgia's Governor Carl E. Sanders, Atlanta's Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. and Fulton County Commission Chairman James H. Aldredge will highlight the opening game ceremonies at the Atlanta Stadium at 7:10 p.m. on Friday, April 9th. ~~when~~ Brief ceremonies will precede the first of three exhibition games between the Milwaukee Braves and Detroit Tigers.

Stadium Authority Chairman, Arthur Montgomery and Mel Allen, Braves radio-t.v. announcer will be masters of ceremonies.

Stadium opening plans were announced by Edgar Forio, chairman of the inauguration and dedication committee. He said that formal dedication of the stadium will come later this year.

All those employed in the construction of the stadium have been invited to attend this opening game as guests of the Braves. More than 30,000 persons are expected for the opening night. Other participants in the opening game ceremonies will be Dr. Pierce Harris, pastor First ~~Presiden~~ Methodist Church and former professional baseball player; ~~M/~~ William C. Bartholomay, Chairman of the Braves and John McHale, the Braves' President. The Murphy High School Band will ~~provide music~~ *play the Star National Anthem* and the Boy Scouts will furnish the color guard. *7-2-6-6-2-1*

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~~Stadium authority officials repeated their request that those attending the exhibition games not to drive to the stadium because the spring rains have made stadium parking extremely limited. They also said that no parking would be allowed on the streets in the vicinity of the stadium.~~

The Atlanta Transit System will operate shuttle busses at standard fares throughout the downtown area to the stadium. Transfers from regular transit lines will be accepted on the Stadium Shuttle busses.

Atlanta taxi firms will operate to and from the stadium in the downtown area at a flat rate of 50¢ per person.

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Sid Scarbrough, Stadium Manager, pointed out that there will be some 25,000 downtown commercial parking spaces available. Parking facilities in the vicinity of City Hall and the State Capitol will also be available. Parking on the streets around the stadium will be prohibited in order to allow maximum traffic flow. Busses, including busses from other cities, will be given the right of way.

Saturday's exhibition game will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday game will be at 1:30 p.m.

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Approximately 1,200 parking spaces in the immediate area of the stadium will be available for the earliest arrivals.