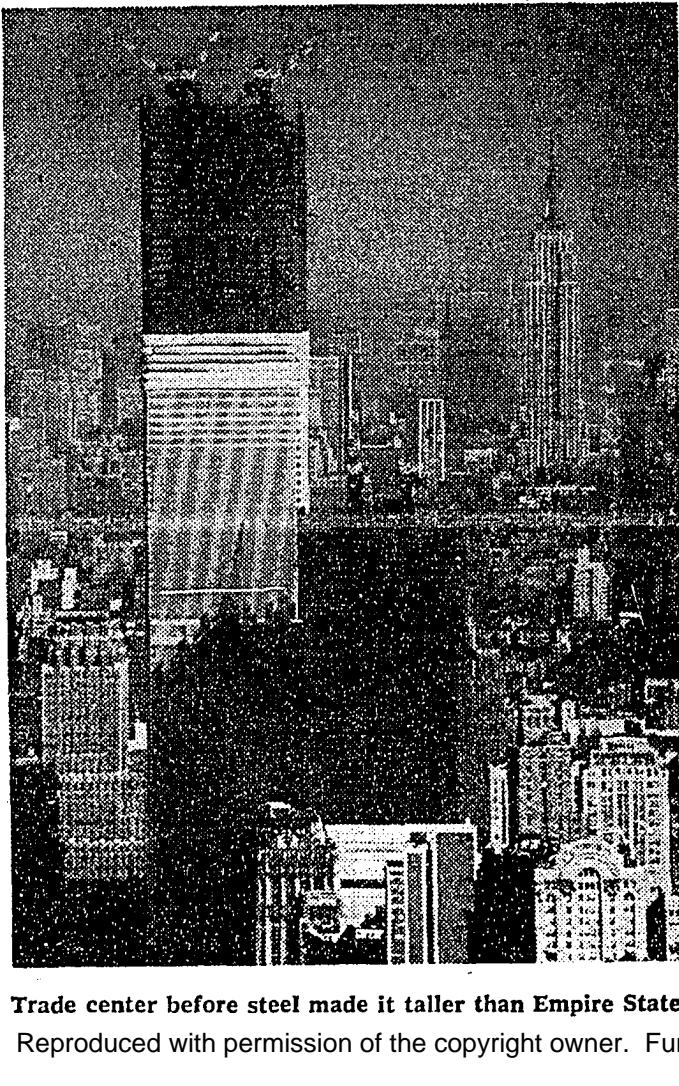


World Trade Center Becomes World's Highest Building—By 4 Feet



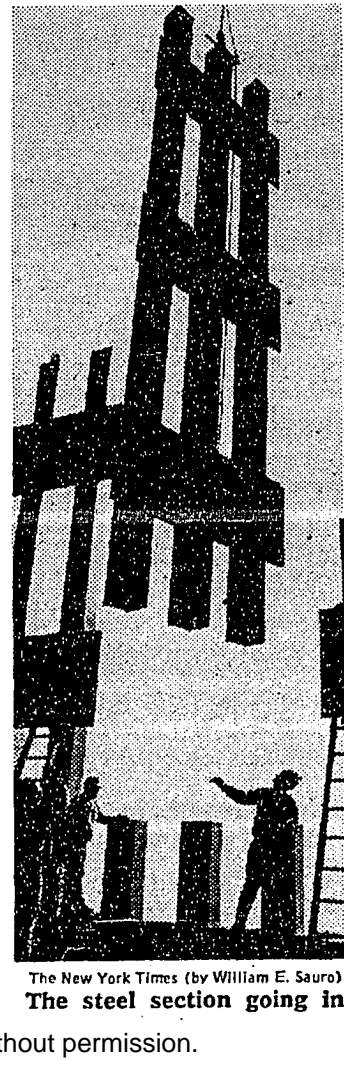
At 2:51 yesterday afternoon, the Empire State Building became the second tallest skyscraper in the world.

Two and three-quarters miles downtown a four-ton piece of steel framework of the north tower of the World Trade Center was fitted into place, extending the framework past the 102d-story level to a height 1,254 feet above street level—four feet higher than the Empire State Building. The trade center will eventually be 110 stories high.

Whether the trade center's towers will affect television reception while broadcasting continues from the Empire State Building's mast is a matter of dispute. The city's TV stations have a contingency plan to switch to ultra-high-frequency transmission during the period before the antennas are shifted to the top of the trade center, but this has not been considered necessary yet.

Forty years ago, almost to the week, the Empire State edged past the Chrysler Building to become the world's tallest.

Work has begun in Chicago on a building that will be taller than the trade center.



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