

# *City Torch To Be Lit Tonight*

Miami's friendship for its Latin American neighbors will find expression here today in the flame of a torch.

The City's Torch of Friendship, part of a new monument in Bayfront Park opposite NE 3rd Street, will be lighted in ceremonies at 7 p.m., to burn forever through rain, wind — even hurricanes.

**Thomas J. Wright, superintendent of property maintenance who supervised construction of the monument, proudly gave the torch its final test today.**

A simple twist of a screw in back of the monument set fire to the natural gas which is piped into the torch. In daylight, the flame is barely visible.

Wright said that the gas jets are effectively shielded from wind and rain. If the elements should extinguish the flame, a pilot light will rekindle it in seconds.

The torch is perched atop a stone shaft backed by a curved wall which bears the inscription "The Torch of Friendship."

It was built after an idea by City Manager Melvin Reese who said he wanted something to symbolize Miami's affection for the nations of Latin America.

**When the torch is formally lighted tonight, Mayor Robert**

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**King High will do the honors. Among those to attend the ceremony will be city and county officials and the consuls of foreign nations in Miami.**

Speaker at the ceremony will be Mark Bortman, chairman of President Eisenhower's People-to-People program.