

DENIES ALTERING PLANS FOR TALLEST BUILDING

Starrett Says Height of Bank of Manhattan Structure Was Not Increased to Beat Chrysler.

Paul Starrett, president of Starrett Brothers, Inc., builders of the \$25,000,000 Bank of Manhattan Building at 40 Wall Street, denied yesterday published reports that the plans for the structure had been changed to add four stories, bringing it up to a height of 925 feet. The original plans, prepared several months ago, calling for a sixty-eight-story building to rise 840 feet above the street, are being carried out. Mr. Starrett said from his home in Greenwich, Conn.

"Because of pyramiding in the upper floors of a skyscraper," the builder declared, "it is difficult to

define building heights in terms of floors, especially after the sixty-second floor has been passed."

When his attention was called to the suggestion that the 40 Wall Street Corporation, in which Starrett Brothers and G. L. Ohrstrom, investment bankers, have a large interest, was engaged with the Chrysler Corporation in a race to erect the world's tallest building, Mr. Starrett said his company was not competing for height supremacy in building and added that he thought the Bank of Manhattan Building was "too high now."

The Chrysler Corporation announced last week that the recent completion of the steel work to the top of the Chrysler tower gave the structure the distinction of being the tallest in the world.

The rapid progress being made in the erection of the Bank of Manhattan Building on Wall Street, however, will soon bring the distinction of having the tallest skyscraper back to the financial district.