

EAST 38TH STREET *Between Lexington Avenue and Third Avenue*
(North Side 127-129 East 38th Street to East 39th)

**Permanent Mission to the UN of Cuba in New York
127-129 East 38th Street (aka 315-323 Lexington
Avenue) Tax Block/Lot #894/26**



Twelve-story eclectic office building (Delano & Aldrich, 1929-31, for the American National Red Cross, N.Y. County Chapter), at the corner of Lexington Avenue and East 38th Street, with a five-story clubhouse addition (a 1931 alteration of an older building) abutting it on Lexington Avenue and a narrow five-story brick “supply depot” (Delano & Aldrich, 1932) abutting it on East 38th Street. “A quarter of a century in the local activities of the American Red Cross will be commemorated this afternoon when the new headquarters of the New York chapter at Thirty-eighth Street and Lexington Avenue is formally dedicated in the presence of many persons prominent in city and national life.... The new headquarters, a twelve-story building, was made possible by a gift from the Conrad Hubert Fund, which was administered by former President Coolidge, former Governor Smith and Julius Rosenwald. The site of the new building was selected in 1928 after word was received by the Red Cross of the Hubert Fund gift. ... Officials of the chapter point out that the new building has greatly increased the facilities of many departments which deal directly with the indigent of the city” (NYT). “The four-story building, 321 Lexington Avenue, on a lot 20 by 80 feet, was purchased by the American National Red Cross...at public auction yesterday. The structure will be extensively altered and used as a clubhouse for disabled veterans... The Lexington Avenue building adjoins the new twelve-story home of the Red Cross at the northeast corner of Thirty-eighth Street” (NYT) This building replaced the clubhouse’s earlier home at 115 East 39th Street (see). In 1948, the club closed. “Dormitory facilities...used to cost thirty cents a night and breakfast was fifteen cents. Luncheon, once offered at twenty cents, rose to forty cents recently, and dinner from thirty-five to sixty cents. Meals once were served to 800 or 900 men daily, but the average lately has been fifty.” Source: NB 399-29, NB 79-32; NYT 7/23/1931 p. 37, 11/5/1931 p. 25, 11/9/1948 p.24.