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He said the Federal Food and Drug Administration will be putting up a building at 39<sup>th</sup> st. The area is already cleared, and construction is expected to begin this summer, Dr. Mather said.

He said the entire project is scheduled to be finished by 1976.

There will be two million square feet of floor space. At present rates, he said, they'd be going for from \$4 to \$5 a square foot annual rent.

He said there will be about 5,000 jobs in the center, with 2,000 in research and engineering and the balance in supporting work.

This, he said, can generate another 40,000 to 50,000 jobs in the Philadelphia area. He said the science center should attract commerce and industry into this area.

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