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- Connecticut's Governor Chester Bowles has called for a national conference of leaders of building materials supply industry to set up allocation system and step-up of production for short items to hold rising prices without government control. "The current building boom can continue to mean plenty of jobs, plenty of profits...", said Bowles, "unless rising prices of materials choke off the market."
- Those traveling abroad this summer might want to take in conference on Swedish Decorative Art and Architecture to be held in Stockholm at the Swedish State School of Arts and Crafts August 7-19. Nils Ahrbom, Bengt Gate, Sven Markelius, Swen Silow are among the architects who will lecture.
- Only Guggenheim Fellowships related to architecture this year are to Albert William Christ-Janner for a study of modern American church art and architecture, and to Christopher Tunnard, for a study of American tradition in city planning.
- International Congress for Housing and Town Planning will be held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, August 27 to September 2. Many prominent architects and planners are expected to take part in interesting sessions scheduled.
- Unusual opportunity for full study of hospital programming has developed in New Jersey, where Hunterdon Medical Center, having chosen Vincent Kling as architect of its new plant, disclosed that the Commonwealth Fund has granted \$25,000 to study co-ordination of services of the hospital with those of general practitioners in the area, with existing public health services, and with the educational work of the N.Y.U.-Bellevue Medical Center.
- New Hampshire State Office Building closed competition, recently concluded, resulted in the job going to Nichols and Butterfield, James F. Russell and Bruce C. Graham Associated, of West Hartford. Second prize was won by Margaret and Edward Hunter, of Hanover; third prize went to Aaron N. Kiff of York and Sawyer, New York.
- Products Literature Competition run this year by A.I.A. and P.C. resulted in Certificates of Merit to 59 pieces of manufacturers literature in three categories (emphasis on problem, emphasis on product, emphasis on promotion) but only two Certificates of Exceptional Merit, which went to Acoustical Materials Ass'n. for their pamphlet "Sound Absorption Coefficients of Architectural Acoustical Materials" and to American Institute of Steel Construction for the "Manual of Steel Construction."
- New York's Museum of Modern Art is conducting competition for design of table and floor lamps, in co-operation with Heifitz Co. Entries must be postmarked before August 24. Winners will get prizes, royalties, and promotion in ten co-sponsoring department stores.