

ON THE OTHER HAND

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Domed Cities In Future ?

WOULD YOU believe a plastic dome supported by air could cover an entire city?

Would you believe... Toronto, Canada? From our neighbors to the north, along with Expo '67, comes an interesting prediction.

T. W. McLorg, executive vice president, Canadian Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Association, says that technology has solved the major problems of architecture that are involved in placing a prospective dome over an entire city.

McLorg predicts that the future will bring germ-free, weather-proof, uncongested cities where people will live in open airiness under a gigantic plastic dome!

He contends that Toronto could be covered by some 2,300 small plastic domes, each one and one-quarter mile in diameter, joined together and supported by air. Electrical wires in the top would melt snow, which would be converted into water for the city's reservoirs. Apertures would enable air flow to carry off smoke and other impurities, and there would be no difficulty in filtering clean air inward.

COST OF the proposed Toronto dome system, McLorg estimates, might approximate \$500 million, but he feels that the resulting savings could make it largely self-supporting.

McLorg predicts also that the dome, when erected, will create a controlled environment which will provide urban society with benefits of health, comfort, efficiency and esthetic delight!

The dome will also make it easier to get around town. Says McLorg: "Many of the problems which cities make for themselves, especially in terms of traffic congestion, result from the need to carry little enclosures--automobiles, buses, etc.--around with us, everywhere we go, to protect us from the elements.

"If we can all be protected together from wind, rain and snow, we can enjoy a new order of personal mobility and open the door to many new forms of personal transportation--including such things as moving sidewalks, and off-the-course golf carts."

McLorg states his case well. Even if it does have a sort of Rube Goldberg touch, it seems feasible.

But with all the problems our country is hung up on at the present, that \$500 million domed city is probably in our very far, far distant future.

We'll check it out, Mr. McLorg, when you put it over Toronto.

TEEN-DEMS LAUNCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The "Teen-Dems", that well-organized group of teen-agers, whose interest is in working to get Democrats elected to office remains unflagging (and who now boast a membership of 60), are initiating a membership drive.

Membership is open to all young people between the ages of 13 and 20 who intend to affiliate with the Democratic Party when they become registered voters. For information about joining the group, call, or see, Bill McCurdy, 1305 Gold Ave. -- 382-2147.

The Teen-Dems are presently studying the -67 Nevada State Journal, and the group feels this is an excellent time for the politically motivated teen-ager to join.

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SHAKY ACTOR--Nurse Mary Diane Poe found out why actor Don Knotts was picked to star in the title role of Universal's "The Shakiest Gun In the West" when the yearly Blood Mobile day rolled around. However, though Knotts was admittedly shaky about the whole affair, he gave his share. Watching are Marine lance corporal Mike Akana, Marine Corporal Jim Akana and Universal Studios personnel director Jim Harris.

Negro High School Pupil Wins National Contest

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. -- (NPI)--A local student has become the first Negro winner of the National Oratorical Finals Contest in Lincoln, Nebr.

Alan L. Keyes, 16, a Junior at Robert G. Coles High School, will be awarded a \$4,000 scholarship to the college of his choice. He is the first Texan to win in the American Legion-sponsored contest. Keyes, also state champion of Texas, is the son of Sgt. Maj. and Mrs. Allison Keyes. He outspoke winners from Maryland, Kansas, and California.

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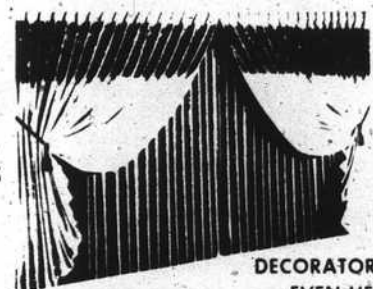
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