

A Sneak Peek

by Terry Harley

You've had blab about Expo '67 tossed at you from newspapers, radio and television until you're red, white and blue in face. You've seen the colour pavilions of the giants, and layouts of the overpowering, stunningly futuristic "theme buildings". You've heard about how Montreal's tarvis can't possibly absorb the Niagara of automobiles that will flow that way this summer; and you've read about how hand-wringing landlords will take you for a \$50 bill per night for a camp cot and soiled towel.

You're lecturing on the brink — do you go?

Well, if you had just been able to take the same preview peak at Expo that I did two weeks ago, and spent two days separating the facts from the myths, chances are you'd be making your travel and accommodation arrangements right now.

Expo's publicity people put their boasts on the line when they picked up the tab for flying 200 weekly press people in from both coasts and points in between, and feeding and lodging them for two nights in the

Royal Embassy Hotel. They had to figure the staggering cost an investment, and after seeing the enthusiasm generated among the normally blasé press types we have to agree with their thinking.

Somebody in our group went to work on the expense with paper and pencil, but when he learned our horde was the last of 5,000 members of the press to visit the site since May he abandoned the project.

We slithered and skidded through the dirty weather of Thursday, Jan. 26 to Toronto International Airport and boarded an Air Canada Vanguard for the turbulent one hour eastward hop. To get back we slithered and skidded through Montreal streets and the dirty weather of Saturday Jan. 28 to Dorval and after four hours of thumb twiddling while airport plows searched for a runway, boarded a whisper-jet for the return jump at 27,000 feet. Rough air made the climb and descent like toboggan rides up and down Toronto city hall steps, but between the chef salads and the apple crisp it was smooth sailing.

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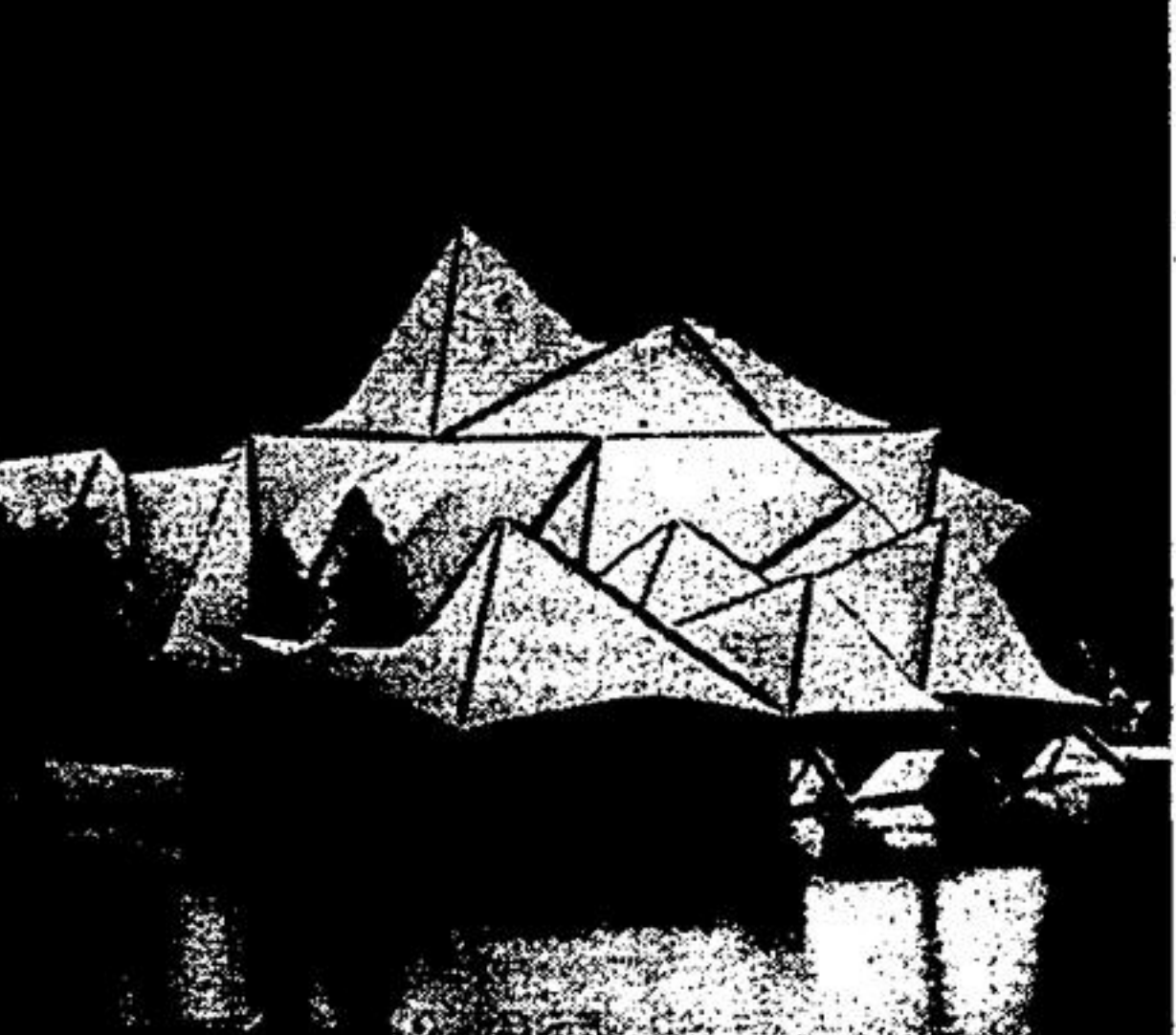
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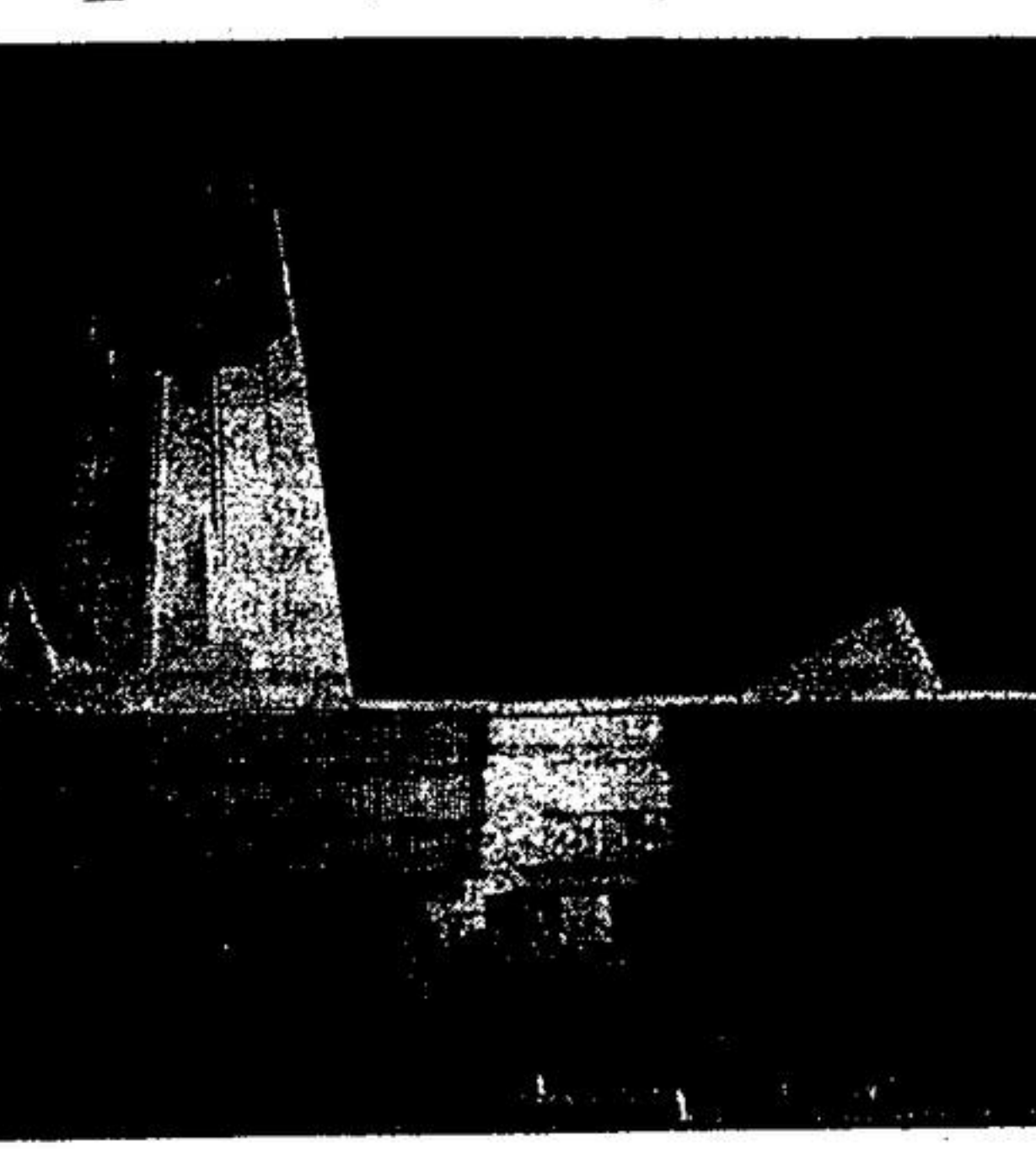
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ONE OF THE MOST IMAGINATIVE pavilions is this one of Province of Ontario. It is 115 feet high and covers an area of 50,000 square feet.



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What About Lodging ?

Suitable lodging for an expected 30 million visitors to Expo '67 this summer has been arranged by Logexpo and the Provincial Lodging Service.

Logexpo is the exclusive liaison between prospective Expo visitors and operators of accommodation facilities. Those facilities registered with Logexpo have been inspected, approved and classified by the Provincial Lodging Service.

Hotel and motel rooms available total 31,358 with another 6,000 expected to be added before Expo opens. Controlled rates run the gamut from \$10 to \$40 a day depending on size of room, number of occupants, and type of service offered.

Five thousand furnished rooms in apartment buildings have been inspected and approved, most of which have kitchenettes. These will have fixed rates of from \$15 to \$42; maximum six adults per apartment. The average daily cost to each visitor will be \$6 to \$10.

To date 10,000 rooms in private homes have been listed with an expected total of 20,000 to be made before opening day. These will provide lodging for 40,000. Daily rates are \$6 to

\$10 for singles; \$8 to \$14 for doubles; 10 to \$18 for three persons; and \$12 to \$22 for four persons.

Institutions such as the "Y" etc. are offering 10,000 beds at the following rates — \$2.50 per day for dormitory, space; \$3 for singles; \$2.50 to \$8 for doubles.

There are 20,000 camping and trailer sites, private and provincial, in and around Montreal. Rates set for these are, \$2 to \$5 per night with the average charge \$2.50 to \$3.50 for camp sites, \$3.50 to \$5 for trailer sites. Maps and lists of sites are available from Logexpo. Eighty per cent of these sites are within 45 minutes of Expo sites.

Of the expected 165,000 daily visitors it's estimated 30 per cent will be tourists staying with relatives or friends in Montreal, 25 per cent will be Montreal area residents, and the remaining 45 per cent will need lodgings.

For a complete list of accommodations available, other information regarding lodging, or to make reservations write to Logexpo, Expo '67, Administration and News Pavilion, Mackay Pier, Montreal, P.Q. Give

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SITE OF EXPO '67: At the top, in the centre of the St. Lawrence River is Ste. Helen's Island, and to the right, Notre Dame Island. Mackay Pier, jutting into the river at left, is the third exhibit area for Expo '67. The oval at the bottom left corner is the Autostad multipurpose stadium.

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