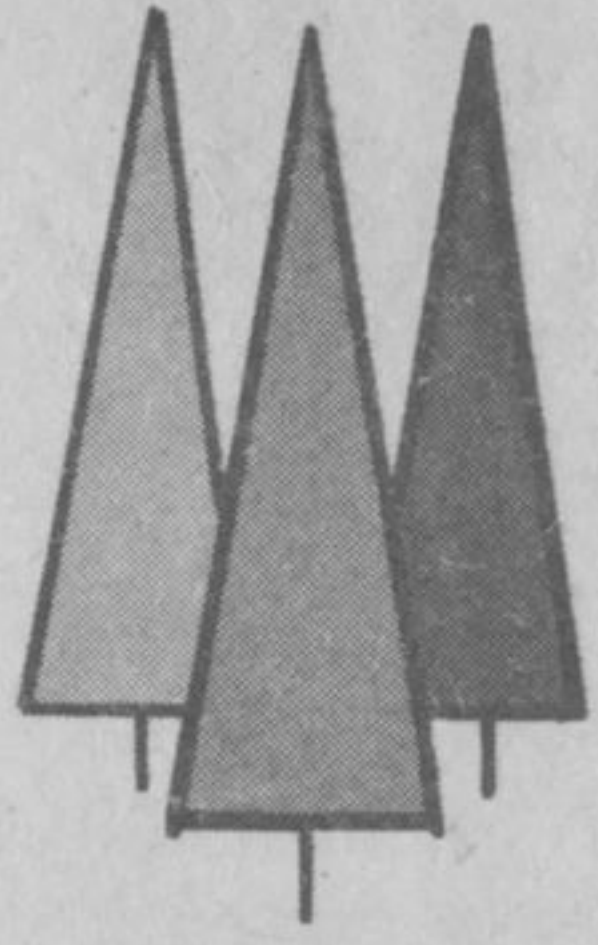


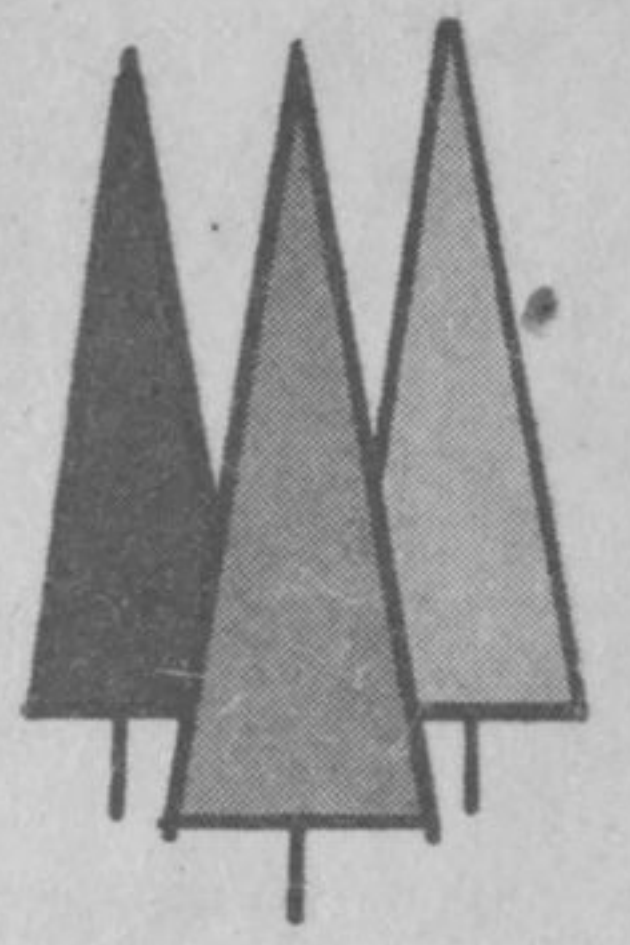
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ONTARIO PLACE DESIGNED FOR HANDICAPPED EASE

The handicapped and the aged have been considered in the designing of the Ontario Place, the new exhibition and entertainment complex on Lake Ontario. Everywhere that the visitor goes on the islands and buildings of this giant showplace can be reached, if necessary, without climbing a single stair. Graduated ramps and walks will easily accommodate a wheel chair or those who have difficulty in walking.

Ontario Place is the 96-acre complex built on two manmade islands on Lake Ontario, south of Toronto's Exhibition grounds. It will open on May 22. The islands will contain the world's most advanced film theatre, "Cinesphere", and an 8,000 capacity giant outdoor amphitheatre, The Forum. Between the islands is the Ontario Place Pavilion, consisting of five pods built on steel stilts rising from the lake. Four of these structures feature exhibits telling the story of Ontario and its people. Pod 2 is devoted to three restaurants, a licensed lounge and banquet facilities.

"In the past," says Eberhard Zeidler of Craig, Zeidler and Strong, architects of Ontario Place, "we have heard pleas from various groups that public places such as this often ignore the convenience and comfort of the handicapped or elderly. Hard-to-climb stairs can bar the way to those in wheel chairs and the infirm.

"So we took this problem into consideration in the designing of Ontario Place. As a result there are no obstructions for the handicapped from the entrance through the five exhibition and restaurant pods, the "Cinesphere" domed theatre or to the outdoor Forum."

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ONTARIO INITIATES PHOSPHORUS REMOVAL PROGRAM

A program designed to curb excessive algal growth in Ontario waterways while stimulating recovery in existing problem areas has been launched by the Ontario Water Resources Commission.

The program, incorporating a timetable, requires the installation of facilities capable of removing a minimum of 80% of phosphorus from sewage at municipal and institutional sewage treatment plants throughout the province.

Phosphorous is one of the essential nutrients for algal growth and reproduction. Extensive study conducted in Ontario and elsewhere has determined that the introduction of phosphorus into waterways in excessive quantities can trigger development of undesirable algal conditions. Excessive algae lead to a deterioration in the quality of aquatic life by draining oxygen from the water, interfere with water supply systems and recreation and pose many nuisance and esthetic problems.

According to the timetable, the facilities are to be installed by the end of 1973 at treatment plants in the Lake Erie drainage basin and at many points in the upper Great Lakes, inland recreational waters and the Ottawa River system. December 31, 1975, has been set as the final date for commencement of operation of these facilities in the Lake Ontario basin. Treatment for phosphorus will be required at other plants as localized conditions dictate. Cost of the program, to the end of 1975, is estimated at \$40 million by which time it is expected over 200 municipalities will have installed facilities.

The necessity for reducing the amount of phosphorus entering the lower Great Lakes system to the

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