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Earthmen set their hearts on the conquest of space long ago. Today, in dead earnest, they are committed to this adventure with their minds and their hands.

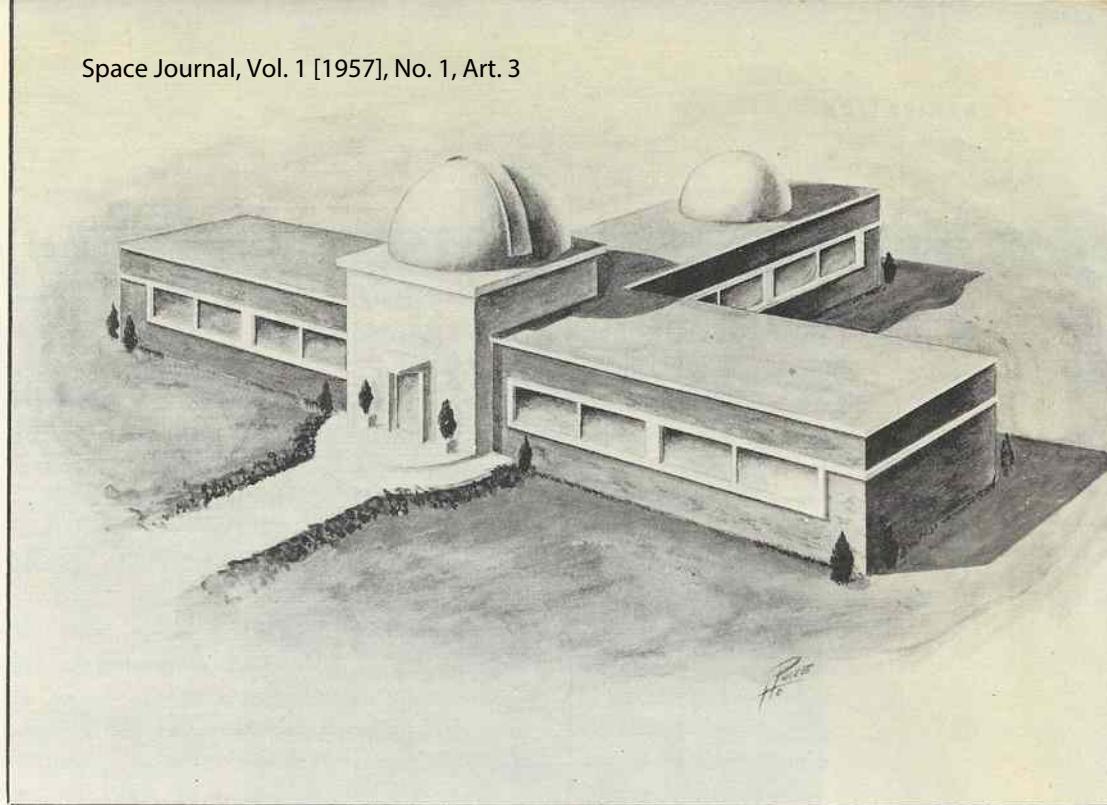
The space experts you will meet through the pages of SPACE JOURNAL agree that the first unmanned guided missile will strike the moon during the next ten years. Most of these men agree that within five years after that it will be possible for a manned space ship to circle the moon and return safely to earth.

The fact that man will travel beyond the limits of the earth's atmosphere and overcome its gravitational pull has been assured by scientific developments of the last few years. Nevertheless, there is still great argument about methods and about the unknowns of the strange environment enroute and at the destination. The first concentrated earthwide attempt of man to understand more about his environment on earth and in space commences with a cooperative effort by all nations (including Russia) on July 1, 1957. This dynamic program, labeled the International Geophysical Year (IGY), extends to December 31, 1958, and is designed to provide the answers to many perplexing questions which scientists are asking in preparation for man's conquest of space.

It seems appropriate, then, to launch the SPACE JOURNAL from the Rocket City, USA, at a time when men of all nations on earth are truly beginning to "look to the stars." The SPACE JOURNAL is unique among American scientific publications in that it recognizes from the outset the tremendous desire of the not-so-scientifically-minded man to understand more about science and its ever increasing effect on man's very existence. With this in mind, we shall emphasize scientific projection so that men of every walk in life may derive the exhilarating experience of the look-see into their wondrous future which only science can provide.

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editor

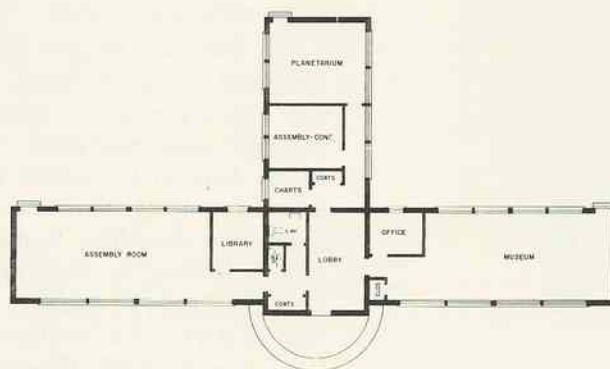
RCAA future observatory
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Science has been referred to as a "great antidote to the poison of enthusiasm and superstition." We believe with eminent philosopher James R. Newman that the time has come when "an ailing world would do well to reach for the right bottle in the medicine cabinet."

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