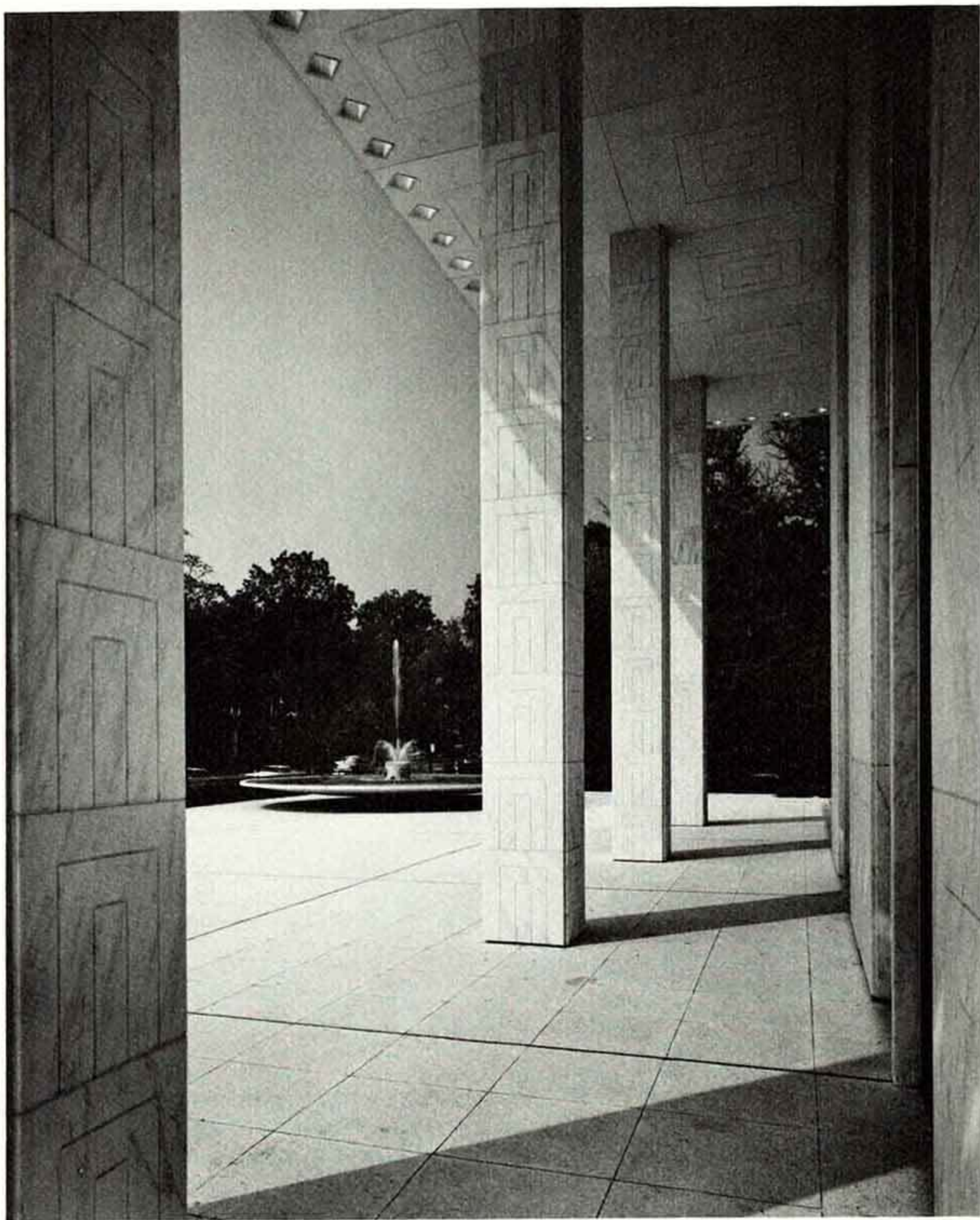


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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1965—

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS AT THE DEDICATION OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has provided a building and facilities for the exclusive use of the Legislative Branch of the State's Government and Legislative connected purposes, which action constitutes an event singular among the States of the American Union; and

WHEREAS, on the 20th day of November, 1964, the State Legislative Building was dedicated in impressive ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, this occasion is of historic interest and significance to the people of North Carolina and a permanent record of the dedicatory proceedings ought to be made and kept available to the people of North Carolina,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1 The Commission on the Dedication of the State Legislative Building is hereby authorized to publish the proceedings at the Dedication of the State Legislative Building, in a manner and form appropriate to the dignity and integrity of the General Assembly, and to place a copy thereof in various libraries around and about the State.

Section 2 The sum of \$3,500.00 is hereby appropriated to defray the costs of publication and distribution.

Section 3 All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 4 This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1963—

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT TO CREATE THE COMMISSION ON THE DEDICATION OF THE STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1 There is hereby created the Commission on the Dedication of the State Legislative Building which shall consist of two persons to be appointed by the President of the Senate, two persons to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two persons to be appointed by the Governor, two persons to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, the members of the North Carolina Legislative Building Commission, the members of the Legislative Building Governing Commission, a representative of the architects and a representative of the builders of the State Legislative Building, to be selected by the Legislative Building Commission.

Section 2 The Commission shall request representatives of organized news media to form a news media advisory committee to work with the Commission and to attend its meetings for the purpose of advising the Commission on the Dedication of the State Legislative Building and give it the benefit of the experience of the news media in publicizing and promoting dedication programs of general interest to the citizens of the State. It shall be the duty of the Commission to make arrangements and plans for the dedication of the building and to fix the date and prescribe the ceremonies to be carried out at said dedication.

Section 3 All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Section 4 This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

EDITED BY RALPH BERNARD REEVES, JR.

Coordinator of Arrangements for
The Commission on the Dedication of
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P R O E M

Upon completion of the Capitol in 1840, all functions of the three coordinate branches of the State Government were accomplished within this one building. With growth not only of the State's population, but— even more so— of the affairs of government, physical limitations of the Capitol became apparent; and just prior to 1890, the Judicial Branch moved from this historic structure.

This Legislative Branch, however, continued to be situated in the Capitol, even though the functions of The General Assembly had multiplied far beyond the accommodations available there. Committee and clerical facilities were arranged in a number of State buildings throughout the Capital area.

To relieve these grossly overcrowded conditions, The General Assembly of 1959 authorized the construction of a permanent headquarters for the Legislative Branch.

A fundamental element of the tri-partite philosophy of American Government, in North Carolina the status of The General Assembly is even more singular.

Alone of all the States, the passage of laws is the sole and absolute province of the Legislative Branch. The Governor has no veto authority; and upon passage by both houses and signature by the respective Presiding Officers, a bill is at that instant the Law of the State.

Whether the construction of the Constitution of North Carolina was the result of a prescience of the creators or not, in the light of present-day controversy over competition between the Executive and the Legislative in the de facto enactment of laws— both nationally and in other states— it is of note that the question is not germane to North Carolina Legislation.

The philosophy of the Commission on the Dedication was to develop a ceremony consisting of a service of The General Assembly, with official association and assistance from the other Branches.

The Chief Justice administers the Oath of Office to the elected Officials, and it was deemed appropriate that the Dedication be pronounced by the Judiciary Chief.

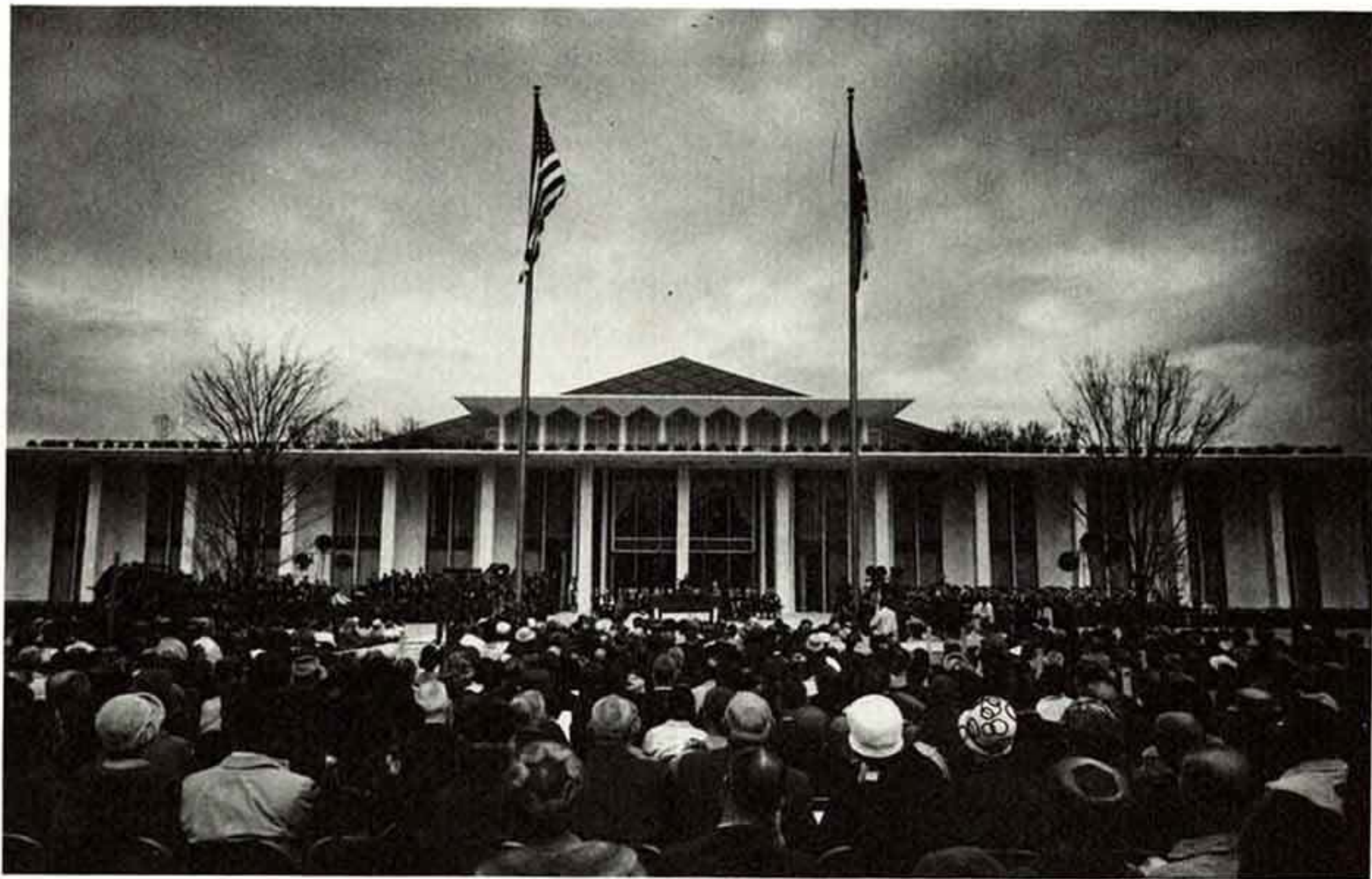
In the representation of the Executive, a facet of the December, 1960, groundbreaking ceremony was reflected. At the groundbreaking, the autumn election had been accomplished; but Governor Luther H Hodges would remain in office until January. At the time of the Dedication, Governor Terry Sanford was in office; and Governor Dan K Moore had been elected to take office in January, following.

To provide music for the Dedication, participation was by the three elements of the University of North Carolina and one of the major non-State-supported institutions of higher learning.

These remarks are in no way intended to support a theory or to promulgate an opinion. They are intended only to describe how things appeared to the members of The Commission on the Dedication of the State Legislative Building.

FRIDAY, THE TWENTIETH OF NOVEMBER, 1964:

Eleven o'clock in the morning



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Prelude
THE NATIONAL EMBLEM MARCH
Bagley
GLORY TO THE TRUMPETS

PROCESSION

INVOCATION
Rabbi A W Schoen
Beth Meyer Synagogue

TO THE COLORS
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
THE STATE SONG

THE MARSHALL OF THE CEREMONY
The Honorable Edwin Gill

THE SPEAKER OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
The Honorable H Clifton Blue

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
AND FORMER GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA
The Honorable Luther H Hodges

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA
The Honorable Terry Sanford

THE GOVERNOR-ELECT OF NORTH CAROLINA
The Honorable Dan K Moore

THE STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION
The Honorable Thomas J White, Chairman

FOR THE ARCHITECTS AND BUILDERS
Mr Edward Durell Stone

PRAYER FOR THE USE OF THE BUILDING
The Right Reverend Richard H Baker
Bishop of The Diocese of North Carolina

GLORY TO GOD
J S Bach

THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF NORTH CAROLINA
The Honorable Emery B Denny

THE DEDICATION PRONOUNCEMENT
The Chief Justice

HOW LOVELY IS THY DWELLING PLACE
From A *German Requiem*
Johannes Brahms

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
The Honorable T Clarence Stone

BENEDICTION
The Right Reverend
Monsignor James E McSweeney
Chancellor of The Diocese of Raleigh

RABBI ABE W SCHOEN

Beth Meyer Synagogue

Our God and God of our Fathers, as we assemble here to dedicate our State Legislative Building, we invoke Thy blessings upon this building, and upon all who exercise just and rightful authority in our state.

From the fount of Thy infinite wisdom, endow the representatives of the people of North Carolina with the wisdom and courage to administer all the affairs of our State, prudently, and in justice and equity, to the end that right and freedom, happiness and prosperity, may forever abide among us.

We pray, O Heavenly Father, that under Thy guidance, as a great state which cherishes the historic past, and meets the challenges of the progressive future, all the inhabitants of North Carolina will eternally be united into a bond of true brotherhood, to banish hatred and bigotry, discontent and discord.

May it be Thy will that North Carolina establish such an ideal community, that we may become a model for all of the states of these United States.

And, as we dedicate our State Legislative Building today, we pray the words of the Psalmist be fulfilled, who said:

“And let Thy graciousness, O Lord our God, be upon us;
establish Thou also the work of our hands for us;
Yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it.”

AMEN.

THE MARSHAL OF THE CEREMONY
THE HONORABLE EDWIN GILL

Treasurer of North Carolina

We are met to dedicate this stately and beautiful building to the time-honored use of democracy.

We are also here to rededicate ourselves to the proposition that the people when properly enlightened by education have the ability to govern themselves.

We are here to declare our undiminished loyalty to the rule of law— to assert again that ours is a government of laws and not of men.

We are here to reaffirm our faith in constitutional government, with all its restraints and guarantees; in the separation of powers— the legislature to make the laws, the Governor and other administrators to execute the laws, and the judiciary to interpret the laws.

We recognize the right of our people to live their own lives, to engage, if you please, in the lawful "pursuit of happiness" under the protection of a Bill of Rights.

We insist as we have before that a public office is a public trust, and that all public servants, whether elected or appointed should be, above all, incorruptible.

And last, but not least, we are here to reaffirm the continuing need of our people for the comfort and aid of Divine Guidance.

If I may be permitted a whimsical diversion, I visualize the great Thomas Jefferson visiting with us today in the company of his old friend, Nathaniel Macon of Warren County.

Macon was a modest, unpretentious man who sought to avoid pomp and ceremony, and was exceedingly thrifty, practicing strict economy both in public and private life. On the other hand, we know that Mr Jefferson spared no expense in the building of his beautiful home at Monticello; that as an amateur architect, he favored beauty as well as utility, taking great pride in such grace notes as colonades, domes and serpentine walls.

I can imagine Mr Macon saying somewhat apologetically to Mr Jefferson, "I am afraid, Sir, that we are indulging here in too much pomp, and I wonder if we are really justified in spending public money for a building like this."

And I can hear Mr Jefferson reply: "Mr Macon, if there is anything in this world worth blowing trumpets about, it is the survival of democracy. And if there is any building worth the money invested in it, it is a structure such as this which celebrates with dignity and with beauty over one hundred and eighty-eight years of the rule of the people of North Carolina through their elected representatives."

Of course, we cannot really speak for either Mr Jefferson or Mr Macon, but I believe that this spacious building goes very far to meet the practical requirements of Mr Macon who insisted that everything should be justified by its utility; and at the same time, I believe it goes very far to meet the views of Mr Jefferson who thought that public buildings should be graced with a flourish of beauty.

My friends, the principal orator of this occasion is the people of North Carolina who speak here today through their chosen representatives, through music which gives voice to their hope and happiness, and through prayers that reflect their continuing dependence upon the justice and the mercy of Almighty God.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE HONORABLE H CLIFTON BLUE

It is a very special privilege for me today to be permitted to welcome North Carolinians and others who may be here, to the dedication of this magnificent Legislative Building.

With the 1963 Regular and Special Sessions of The General Assembly having operated from this new Legislative Building, we who were privileged to serve in these sessions, and the thousands upon thousands of people who came to visit and observe, know that the facilities which it offers have been most helpful to the legislators and public alike.

It was with a tinge of sadness that we bade goodbye to the beautiful old Capitol Building where so much history was written by North Carolina General Assemblies for 122 years.

While we were cramped for space in the old Capitol Building, there we found an atmosphere of togetherness and closeness which we were hard-pressed to match in the new Legislative Building.

But, ladies and gentlemen, in the history of progress, you will find that in moving forward, goodbyes must be said to some nostalgic customs in order to grasp and take advantage of the modern conveniences of the present.

This new Legislative Building is the people's building, and we hope that the laws enacted in this magnificent edifice shall ever be written with the best interest of the entire citizenship of our great State in mind.

Today, from wherever you may come, I welcome you to your Legislative Building which we hope will serve our State— yes our people— for centuries to come.

THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND
FORMER GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA

THE HONORABLE LUTHER H HODGES*

Today we dedicate a most beautiful building. This building is made of brick and mortar, stone and marble, glass and other materials, all fused together to make a harmonious structure greatly pleasing in our sight. In all its appearance, this building is surely worthy of our dedication.

There was a great need for this building, and that need was recognized. The Commission on Reorganization of the State Government, in its Fifth Report in 1958, recommended that a separate and suitable structure for the Legislature should be erected close by the Capitol Square. The General Assembly of 1959 received and responded to recommendations to act upon this manifest need. The Legislative Building Commission which began its work in that year approached its task with appreciation for the history of our State, discernment for the temper of the present, and with vision for our future. Its work was well done. The Commission Members, the architects, and artisans, the skilled craftsmen, the workers— all who labored to create this structure— their work was well done.

This is a building for a great purpose, to serve the cause of representative government in our State. In its purpose, this building is surely worthy of our dedication.

But this building was not erected merely to be pleasing to our sight, however much that has in truth been achieved. It was not erected merely to serve the manifest needs of those officials who gather under its roof, however much their needs should be met so their work can be done. I believe this building was also erected to give tangible expression to the spirit of good government in North Carolina, to be an edifice within which the well-being of all our people is always the paramount interest.

I hope, and I believe, that the history which shall be written in this building during the next 100 years and more will impart to this lovely structure an inner grace, an enduring quality of greatness. This must be so if this building, made of brick and mortar, stone and marble, glass and other materials, is to be a truly meaningful structure in the life of North Carolina.

In dedicating this building today, let us also have a rededica-

tion of people, all of us, throughout the length and breadth of our State, to the end that those who follow us in the generations to come can truthfully say that this occasion today was a good and noble dedication, in the sight of God and man.

* Secretary Hodges' remarks were presented by Mr Robert E Giles

HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR OF
NORTH CAROLINA
THE HONORABLE TERRY SANFORD*

The most eloquent dedication that could be given for any building was written during the first six months of 1963.

It was written by the members of the 1963 General Assembly when they wrote one of the most forward looking legislative records of any General Assembly in the long history of North Carolina.

This is a magnificent building and we could spend hours discussing its beauty. This is a fascinating building which has attracted tens of thousands of people from each of the 100 counties of North Carolina and from each of the 50 states and from many foreign lands. In the future years it will attract millions more.

But more magnificent and fascinating even than the architecture and setting of this building is the action for progress of North Carolina that already has taken place within these halls.

From this Legislative Building already have come \$100 million worth of new classrooms for the boys and girls of North Carolina.

From this building have come the blueprints and funds for three new senior colleges—one in the East at Wilmington, one in the Piedmont at Charlotte, and one in the West at Asheville.

From this building also have come many new laboratories and classrooms and dormitories for our University and each of the state-supported colleges.

In this building the authorization and the financing of a system of comprehensive colleges across North Carolina have been made.

Here the legislators of North Carolina already have built new port facilities, new highways, new industries, new educational television stations, new opportunities for the talented and new chances for the retarded, another new building which will be located near here for the cultural agencies of State Government, new mental hospitals, new school of the arts.

Within this building also has been written more traffic safety legislation than in any session of the General Assembly since the coming of the T-Model Ford.

This has come about not as a Governor's program, but as a program for all the citizens of North Carolina. This record of achievement for North Carolinians resulted from the courage of the members of the 1963 General Assembly. We had a strong General Assembly in 1963 and we will have a strong General Assembly in 1965.

North Carolina is proud of its past. And, therefore, it is appropriate that you can see from the beginning the old State Capitol where for more than a century legislators worked for the betterment of North Carolina.

North Carolinians are even prouder of their future and it is to that future that we are dedicating this remarkable building today.

The record already compiled here will be written large in the history of our State. The future of North Carolina will be tied closely to what goes on here in 1965 and 1967 and 1969 and all the years ahead.

Here then is a building which embodies consensus of the needs and the dreams and the potential of North Carolinians from the Atlantic to the Appalachians.

*Governor Sanford's remarks were presented by Mr Hugh Cannon

THE GOVERNOR-ELECT OF NORTH CAROLINA
THE HONORABLE DAN K MOORE

It is a great honor to be a part of this ceremony—to be a part of the history that is being written in North Carolina today. This is an historic occasion—and one that should fill every North Carolinian with pride in what our State is and in what our State is going to become in the years ahead.

Not so much as Governor-elect, but as a North Carolinian who loves his state and glories in its reputation for leadership, I acknowledge an indebtedness to the men of courage and foresight who made this building a reality.

It would be impossible, in the time allotted for this ceremony, to call the roll of individuals who gave of their time and energy and talent to this undertaking. However, we do owe a tribute to all who participated—from the members of the Building Commission to the carpenter who drove the last nail. Each met a great responsibility in a most commendable manner.

I feel that we are today dedicating more than a building. I feel we are dedicating a monument to good government in North Carolina. I feel we are dedicating a monument that honors our past, pays a fitting tribute to the spirit of the present, and expresses our confidence in and enthusiasm for the future.

Yes, we are dedicating much more than a building today. We are dedicating more than a monument. Many of us are using this occasion to dedicate or re-dedicate ourselves to the progress of this State and to the service of its people.

Soon, in this building, the elected representatives of almost five million people will meet to give substance to the hopes and aspirations of those people. The responsibility will be great because the challenge of our day and age is great.

I am looking forward to joining the members of the General Assembly in facing up to this responsibility. There is much we can do and much we must do for the people of North Carolina. During my campaign for the Office of Governor, I said frequently that the manner in which my campaign was conducted and the positions I took on the various issues were matters between Dan Moore and the people of North Carolina.

The people accepted this sincere pledge of energetic and dedicated attention to their welfare. And it will be this pledge that will be foremost in my mind when I go before the Legislature in February with my program for the next four years. I will stand before the representatives of the people—and I am confident that a common bond will exist between us.

Our purpose will be one—to serve the people who have placed their faith in us. We will accomplish this by working together, by knowing the great potential that is ours and sparing no effort to develop that potential.

The next four years will be among the most important years in the history of this State. The course for these years will be set in the months immediately before us. Together, the Governor's Office and the General Assembly will face this great responsibility in the North Carolina tradition—in the tradition of good, sound, progressive government.

THE CHAIRMAN OF
THE STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING COMMISSION
THE HONORABLE THOMAS J WHITE

It is my privilege to introduce to you the members of the State Legislative Building Commission. Two of our members, Mr Archie K Davis and Mr A E Finley are out of the state today. The members present are: Senator Robert F Morgan, Vice Chairman of the Commission, Representative Byrd I Satterfield, State Treasurer Edwin Gill and Mr Oliver Rowe. We have with us also today Mr Paul A Johnston, who was the first secretary of our commission, and Mr Frank B Turner, who is the present secretary of the commission.

When the 1957 study commission was appointed, Governor Luther H Hodges asked each member of the commission to suggest a study of some urgent need of the state. As a member of that commission there was nothing to my mind needed by the state more urgently than a place in which to conduct the legislative business of the state and this need was suggested for consideration.

Wonderful and distinguished H Cloyd Philpott was chairman of that study commission. He appointed the Honorable W W Wall, of McDowell County and the Honorable Sherrin Harris, of Stanley County, to serve with me as chairmen of a sub-committee to give special attention to this obvious and urgent need. The sub-committee promptly performed its task and made its report to the study commission which in due course recommended to the 1959 General Assembly that a state commission be appointed and given full authority to do all things necessary to provide the state with a building for the use of the legislative branch of the government and recommended an appropriation of seven million dollars for that purpose.

The 1959 General Assembly enacted into law a bill suggested by a study commission of 1957. This act created the State Legislative Building Commission to consist of seven members. They prescribed their qualifications and directed the manner of their appointment. Two members of the commission were appointed by the president of the Senate, The Honorable Luther E Barnhardt. Two members were appointed by the

Speaker of the House of Representatives, The Honorable Addison Hewlitt, Jr. And, three members were appointed by the Governor, the Honorable Luther Hodges. The members of the commission so appointed elected one of their members to serve as chairman.

The bill creating the building commission was introduced in both the House and the Senate on the eleventh day of February, 1959, which was the seventh legislative day. After a long and stormy course, the bill was ratified on the twelfth day of June, 1959, which was the one hundred and eleventh legislative day.

The bill was amended in the Senate to include twelve significant words where were, "No plans shall be made or included for quarters for the Governor." This amendment emphasized the purpose of the building which is to house only the legislative branch of the government and committees and commissions connected therewith.

The act creating the legislative building commission granted the commission great power and charged it with commensurately heavy duties and responsibilities. Power was granted to acquire land, and to condemn land if necessary, to employ architects, to approve plans and specifications to enter into contracts on behalf of the state, and to expend all funds appropriated for the purpose of acquiring a site and constructing and furnishing and equipping a state legislative building. This site was acquired and architects employed. The commission spent many hours, many days, and many weeks, and made many decisions in its effort to program a building suitable to the needs of the legislative branch of the State Government and useful to the people of North Carolina in participating in the consideration of legislation.

Our North Carolina architects are John Holloway and Ralph Reeves of Raleigh. The builder is Rea Construction Company of Charlotte of which Mr Ray Jones is president and Mr Johnny Jones is the capable generous superintendent of construction.

The building was first occupied in February 1963 by the General Assembly of that year. We believe that the building serves its purposes well and we know that its beauty has been widely acclaimed.

Now, the State Legislative Building Commission presents this building to the people of the State of North Carolina for the exclusive use of its General Assembly and its legislative-connected committees and commissions.

Ladies and gentlemen, I now present on behalf of the architects and the builders Mr Edward Durell Stone:

MR EDWARD DURELL STONE

It is a privilege for me to speak in behalf of my colleagues, friends, and fellow architects Ralph Reeves and John Holloway, as well as our great builders. And, of course, it is a significant honor for an architect to be commissioned to build a monument to our great democratic institutions.

If I too may be whimsical, my friend, the late great architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, said that early in life he had to decide between hypocritical humility and honest arrogance; and he chose the latter—honest arrogance—and never had an occasion in his long life to regret it. Now, if I may indulge myself in a little honest arrogance, I find this building that I have participated in a very beautiful thing indeed. Perhaps this immodesty can be forgiven if the role of the architect is described to you.

A great building, a great monument, must first exist in the mind, in the vision, and the imagination of the owner or client or institution. The architect brings certain esthetic and technical skills, but primarily it is the vision of the institution. There are many examples of this. Washington, our capitol city, was a vision of Washington himself who retained the French engineer, L'Enfant to plan that city and it is the only planned city in our country. Of course, Paris was inspired by kings and Napoleon; and Saint Petersburg, now Leningrad, was the work of Peter the Great who retained architects and artists to implement his vision.

And so it has been here. Governor Hodges appointed this enlightened and inspired commission whose members Senator White has already introduced to you. It has been a source of joy and inspiration to work with these gentlemen. They have been sympathetic. They have been inspired and have given us a highly intelligent direction. One thing that the governor had not bargained for, and I am the beneficiary: that I feel that among this commission I have life-long friends.

Well, if it is true that man is the result of his education, of course first his heritage, and finally his environment, I naturally take, selfishly, environment to mean man's physical surroundings. And, it is a source of great pleasure to me that there are

now plans and ambitions to make this whole capitol city a great city, indeed, if this building and the old State Capitol, will ultimately be given a beautiful surrounding area here. So, this may be just the first step in a great future capitol development with my fellow architects.

I take pride in this accomplishment. I hope you take pride in it, and I hope your children will take pride in it also.

THE RIGHT REVEREND RICHARD H BAKER

Bishop of The Diocese of North Carolina

O Eternal God, mighty in power, and of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of buildings made with hands; and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise thy especial presence, wherever two or three of thy faithful servants shall assemble in thy Name, to offer up their praises and supplications unto thee; Vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us, who are here gathered together with all humility and readiness of heart, to dedicate this place to the honour of thy great Name in the highest traditions of those who brought this sovereign state of North Carolina into being. Grant that those who are privileged to bear the solemn responsibility of legislating on behalf of the people of North Carolina may be guided by thy Holy Spirit to forget themselves and to carry out their duties to the honour of democracy as unselfish servants mindful of the heritage passed on by noble men. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT
OF NORTH CAROLINA
THE HONORABLE EMERY B DENNY

Under our American system of constitutional government, each of the several states which compose the United States of America has a Constitution providing for three separate and coordinate branches of government: the Legislative, the Executive, and the Judicial. Each of these branches is intended to function independently; and, in a constitutional sense, to be an independent branch of the government.

The Legislative Department is empowered to enact our laws, the Judicial Department to interpret them; and the Executive Department is charged with the duty and responsibility of enforcing them.

No one of these branches should undertake at any time to encroach upon or usurp the constitutional powers and prerogatives granted to the other respective branches of the government.

Our Executive Department is housed in the Capitol, which building was completed in 1840; the Supreme Court and the Department of Justice are located in the Justice Building, dedicated the fourth day of September, 1940; and now,

I, AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF
NORTH CAROLINA, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLES
OF OUR STATE, ON THIS TWENTIETH DAY
OF NOVEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE
THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR,
DEDICATE THIS MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE,

THE STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING,

TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESSES OF OUR STATE
GOVERNMENT, TO THE END THAT WE SHALL
FOREVER HAVE A GOVERNMENT OF LAWS AND
NOT OF MEN.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
THE HONORABLE T CLARENCE STONE

I feel highly honored to have a part in this historic ceremony for the purpose of dedicating this functional and handsome new home for the legislative branch of our State government.

It has been the joy of my life to participate in the legislative process. I have many wonderful memories of service in the old Capitol, as well as the privilege of presiding over the Senate during the first session of the legislature in this new building. As I leave the public service, I will carry with me as a special treasure my close association with the men who make our laws.

This building, in its general design, echoes the achievements of past civilizations. It is classic after the manner of those pioneers of the Western world, the Greeks and the Romans. And this is proper: for it is from the Greeks that we have inherited our idea of democracy, and it is from the Romans that we derive our respect for law. I am not an architectural authority, but I am informed that in the plan of this building we have not only this evidence of Western culture, but also a hint of our Eastern inheritance. This likewise, is proper, and it is from the East that we inherit some of the earliest and most valuable discoveries of science— to say nothing of our debt in matters of religion.

Although tradition has had a hand in the planning and the design of our Legislative Building, it is obvious to all that it is thoroughly modern, functionally efficient, and that it turns its face with optimism and confidence to the future.

This structure has been erected for the comfort and convenience of the representatives of the people to the end that they may discharge their duties in an orderly and satisfactory way; and if Divine Providence smiles upon our people, it will be used by our successors for many years to come. Our old Capitol, which we love and revere, has now been in use for approximately one hundred twenty-four years. When this new building shall have been used for a similar period of time, its newness will then be old and its charm will then be mellowed by age.

The good people of North Carolina, in erecting this Legislative Building, have done more than provide a suitable place

in which to work; they have, in these troubled times, boldly reaffirmed their faith in the destiny of our State.

This may well be my last official act, for I will soon lay down the responsibilities that the people and the Senate have placed on me. So, as I take leave of public life, I enjoin upon those who come after us to use this structure to the honor of that Supreme Being in Whom we all believe, and with dedication to the welfare, the dignity, and the happiness of all our people.

As President of the Senate, I have the honor to accept this building on behalf of the General Assembly and on behalf of the people of North Carolina.

THE RIGHT REVEREND
MONSIGNOR JAMES E Mc SWEENEY

Chancellor of The Diocese of Raleigh

Eternal and loving Father of all men, now that we have completed that which we set out to do, grant us the grace of unremitting effort to continue the blessings of corporate activity under your guidance. We ask your blessing for wisdom, strength and compassion that the high purposes for which this Legislative Building has been dedicated may be fulfilled. Enable our lawmakers always to be guided by the loftiest of principles, ever seeking the welfare of all our people, constantly desiring happiness for the humblest family and for the homes of the mighty.

Knowing that the safety and prosperity of all depend ultimately on the protection and blessing of God, we beg of you, at this parting moment, the continued opportunity to practice morality and piety, without which social happiness cannot exist, nor the blessings of a free government be enjoyed. Secure to us the blessing of your constant presence that we may show ourselves always to be the devoted children of our ever-loving Father.

AMEN.

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