

RESIDENCE ANGELICA, MONTREAL



The Residence Angelica, which was officially opened in October 1969, looks like the usual 17-storey apartment skyscraper. Situated on the banks of the Rivière des Prairies just north of Montreal, it was, in fact, specially designed and built to house over 500 elderly persons.

Homes previously erected for old people in this part of the Island of Montreal do not offer the amenities and special features that are characteristic of the Residence Angelica. Most of the other homes were built about ten years ago, when the design of housing for special groups was less advanced. Such homes, while they provide acceptable housing, do not meet the present needs of the population of a metropolis like Montreal. The land (an area of about 80,000 square feet) on which the Residence has been erected faces the Marie Clarac hospital complex, which is administered by the same organization that set up the corporation responsible for the Residence Angelica.

The Communauté des Soeurs de Charité de Sainte-Marie, the present administrators, supplied the initial capital of \$750,000 required by the Quebec Department of Family and Social Welfare. Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation granted a long-term loan of \$3,801,000 at 6¼ percent interest, repayable in 50 years.

The Residence was designed by the Montreal architectural firm of Archambault and Gagnon. Besides being near the hospital complex, it has the advantage of being close to public transportation, so that its tenants can reach the centre of Montreal in a short time.

ACCOMMODATION AND RENT

The building comprises 16 storeys, reserved for dwelling purposes, and three basements, two of which have habitable floors. The basements also have rooms provided with community and administrative facilities.

