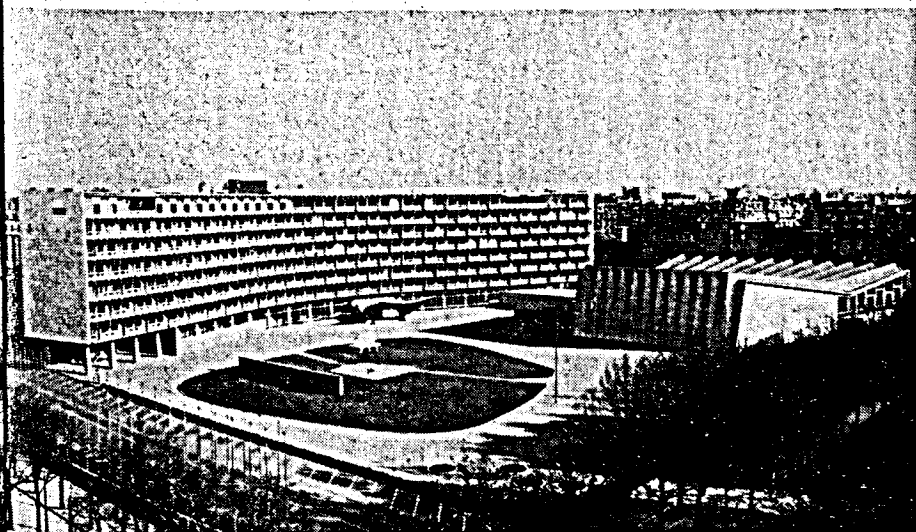


The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

The new Headquarters

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is now formally installed in its new headquarters in Paris. A striking blend of modern architecture and abstract works of art, the Headquarters consists of three units — a Conference Hall with three levels, which adjoins an eight-storey secretariat building designed in the shape of a curved "Y" so that one side continues the sweep of the Place de Fontenoy opposite the famous Ecole Militaire, and a separate four-storey office building for permanent delegations.

It was in the Conference Hall on November 3, 1958 that the colourful inauguration ceremony took place, attended by the President of the French Republic, Mr. René Coty, high dignitaries of church and state, representatives of member nations, officials of the secretariat and many others who had played a part in the design and construction of the new Headquarters. On that day, in the piazza at the front of the building, the flags of 81 member states were unfurled. These remained at their mastheads for the next month throughout the tenth session of the General Conference which was convened on November 4 by Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, leader of the Indian Delegation, whose country had been host to the ninth session in New Delhi in 1956.



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The long façade of the Secretariat Building, as seen from the avenue de Saxe, overlooks the spacious piazza. To the right is the massive conference hall, and behind the Secretariat, unseen in this photograph, is a separate building for permanent delegations.