

### Architect Disappointed

## Wright Terms Academy Design 'Factory-Like'

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World-famed Architect Frank Lloyd Wright Thursday said sketches of buildings for the Air Academy look to him "as if another factory had moved in where it ought not to be." Wright, who last July made a personal inspection of the Academy's site, made his statements in a letter to The Free Press after seeing sketches of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, the Academy's architects. The sketches were unveiled here May 14.

The 85-year-old Wright said the Academy "will probably be known as Talbot's Aviary or, more realistically, a factory for bird-men."

Wright suggested that the plans for the Academy chapel be thrown away. "I note that the plan-factory magnate who fathered the opus (I see several hands in it) says the chapel needs another year's study," he said. "I suggest ten more and then throw it away."

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Wright, who was architect of the Imperial Hotel of Tokyo, Japan, and other major structures has been noted as the leading exponent of the "American Expression" in architecture.

He headed a group of eight who banded together last year under the name, Kittyhawk Associates, to bid for the job of designing the Air Academy. However, he later withdrew.

While he was still contemplating a bid for the project, Wright visited the Academy site July 1. In a statement on the site, he said, "The architecture of the new academy must represent the best America can produce."

LAST WEEK, before he had seen the architects' plans for the Academy, Wright said that, he prepared the plans, the buildings would have appeared to be so much a part of the natural surroundings that they could not be taken away without destroying the natural building.

Asked specifically what the chapel might have been like, he said it would look like something that was characteristic of the landscape, "perhaps like an evergreen."

Last summer at the site he stressed that the Academy's architecture presented the nation with the opportunity to "express America."

HE SAID THE one weakness of United States architecture is that "it isn't enough American."

"Hell, let's be ourselves," he urged them.

In his letter Thursday Wright said Air Secretary Harold Talbot might be a "nice man" for the job of secretary, "but that would disqualify him from being a good judge of architects and architecture. The Two are incompatible."

He also said that "The Sanitary Age" would "have too much such stupid hostility to Nature to answer for."

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My dear Harold Wynne: The Air Academy looks to me as if another factory had moved in where it ought not to be. I suggest ten more and then throw it away. I note that the plan-factory magnate who fathered the opus (I see several hands in it) says the chapel needs another year's study. I suggest ten more and then throw it away. When the great art of Architecture comes down to this sort of thing—what is the right name for such violation of nature?

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Sincerely yours,  
Frank Lloyd Wright

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Wright's letter to The Free Press

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### Criminals Freed

TOKYO, May 26 (AP)—Thirty-seven Japanese war criminals were released from Sugamo Prison Thursday. They were convicted by American military courts largely of mistreatment of American prisoners of war.

### Ike Requests Funds for Shale Plant

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP)—President Eisenhower asked Congress Thursday for \$1,250,000 to continue operation of the oil shale plant at Rifle, Colo., for another year.

The plant, operated by the Bureau of Mines in research on the production of oil from shale, was scheduled to close June 30. No money to continue its operation was included in the President's budget in January.

In February, however, the oil shale mine at Rifle, operated as part of the experiment, caved in. The accident brought a new request from the Bureau of Mines for restudy of mining techniques.

### Brazil Tornado

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 26 (AP)—A tornado hit Santa Catarina state in southern Brazil Wednesday, killing more than 22 persons and injuring many others. Two persons were reported missing.

### No Need to Worry

WASHINGTON, May 26 (UP)—Dr. Jonas E. Salk said Thursday there is "no need to worry" about having to start over on polio vaccine shots because of delays in giving second injections.

### Moisture May Ease Off Slightly

Weathermen at Peterson Field say that today they will have a report on what's in store for the long holiday week end.

The five-day forecast may influence the plans of fishermen, picnickers and travelers over the holiday, thus the more than usual interest in the coming forecast. Already blessed with 4.88 inches of moisture in May, there were indications Thursday night that the moisture may ease off, today at least.

Scattered showers are forecast mostly in the mountains, becoming partly cloudy in the general area later in the day. A cold front is reported moving from the west but holds little threat of low temperatures east of the mountains.

Thursday's .08 of an inch of moisture at Peterson Field was a hundredth of an inch above the daily normal for this season in Colorado Springs.

### English Give Eden Victory

#### Conservatives Score Major Election Win

LONDON, May 26 (AP)—Prime Minister Eden and the Conservative party scored a smashing victory in Thursday's election.

THEY WON a new 5-year term with an indicated House of Commons majority of 50 or more seats, against the scant 17-seat margin they had in the last Parliament.

Morgan Phillips, secretary of the opposition Labor party, conceded the party's defeat at 3:15 a. m. Friday.

The voters dealt a severe blow to Clement Attlee's Labor forces, who won the popular vote in the 1951 election but lost out in the tabulation of House of Commons seats. This time the Conservatives ran ahead in popular vote, as well.

THE RESULT is a vote of confidence for Eden on the eve of four power talks, where he will represent Britain.

The electors plumped for free enterprise conservatism and rejected the Labor party call for another whirl at state socialism.

### Bodies Removed From Wreckage

STERLING CITY, Texas, May 26 (UP)—A crash crew took the bodies of nine airmen Thursday from the wreckage of a 10-engined B-36 superbomber which apparently blundered into a tornado late Wednesday night. Fifteen men were aboard and none was believed to have survived.

"There weren't any survivors," Rancher Collin Brennan, near whose home the \$3,500,000 plane crashed, said. "The left wing was on fire when it fell."

The crash crew continued picking through the wreckage and expected to find six more

# Tornado Climbs to

## Might Rise Higher

UDALL, Kan., May 26 (UP)—New tornadoes, violent windstorms and floods lashed the nation's mid-section Thursday as the death count from the series of twisters climbed to 122.

Officials feared the death toll from the tornadoes, including the worst ever to hit the "cyclone" state of Kansas, might go even higher. More than 800 persons were injured.

WHOLE TOWNS were smashed in the southwest as the twisters roared through parts of Kansas, Oklahoma and

For more tornado pictures and stories and a partial list of the dead turn to page 24.

Texas last night. Hardest hit was this tiny village which was all but wiped off the map.

Brig. Gen. Howard S. Searle, Gov. Fred Hall's personal representative, listed the death toll in the Udall area at 87. At least 300 were injured.

The head of the Kansas State Highway Patrol, Col. Tom Glasscock, said he feared that many more bodies would be found in the debris.

BLACKWELL, Okla., listed 17 dead and 500 injured. Two were dead at Cheyenne, Okla., and 15 airmen died in the crash of a B-36 bomber that apparently ran into a tornado at Sterling City, Tex.

New tornadoes lashed at a logging camp 18 miles north of Hot Springs, Ark., and a farm area five miles northwest of Corning, Iowa.

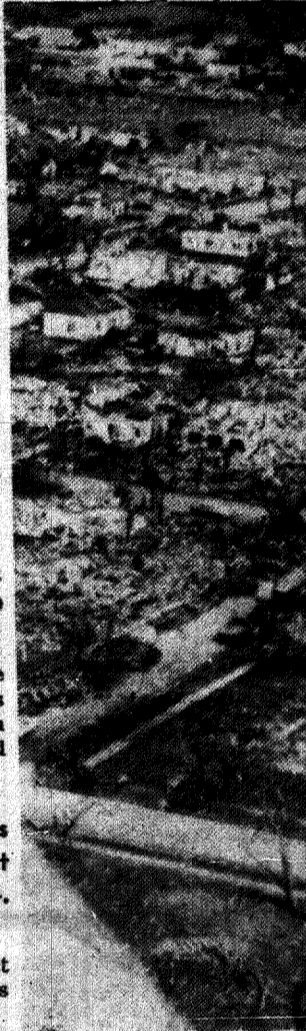
Still another twister was reported at Bolivar, Mo.

Two persons were injured in the Arkansas twister which "wiped out" a small logging camp. No injuries were reported in the Iowa storm.

EARLIER, a man was killed near Paris, Mo., as tornadic winds smashed at Monroe County. Farm buildings were wrecked and trees uprooted.

Meanwhile, the swollen Chikaskia River swept toward tornado-stricken Blackwell and the Oklahoma Highway Patrol ordered a 15-block section evacuated. Only bona fide residents were permitted in any part of the devastated area and even these had to show passes.

The widespread midwest storm ripped through other



A view of the east edge of the destroyed area.

### Soviet Union Gives Formal Acceptance

MOSCOW, May 26 (UP)—The Soviet Union Thursday formally accepted the Western invitation to a top-level Big Four conference "in the near future."

At the same time notes to the Western charged American officials have shown by their statements that the States is really opposed idea of a Big Four meeting the summit.

The United States is "making plans which do advance the four-power conference to failure," the notes said.

The Soviet insisted on as the site for the conference in the face of Western opposition. It said the question "requires further discussion."

Soviet Foreign Minister M. Molotov called in the of the United States, and France and handed almost identical notes to the Western invitation