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Cover photograph depicts the passing of the gavel, symbol of the office of president of The Associated General Contractors of America, at the 40th Annual Convention of the AGC in Miami Beach, Fla., from outgoing president Fred W. Heldenfels, Jr., at left, to incoming president James W. Cawdrey. Mr. Heldenfels, Heldenfels Brothers, Corpus Christi, Texas, is a leading highway contractor, while Mr. Cawdrey, Cawdrey & Vemo, Seattle, Wash., is a prominent building contractor. (Convention photographs by Fox-Laurence Studio, Bal Harbour, Miami Beach, Fla.)

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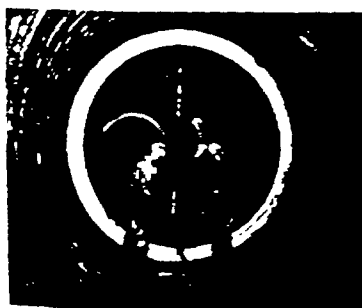
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Narrow gauge railway tracks were used to ride concrete pipe through a 543-foot-long tunnel at a Bergen, N. J., power generating station project. General contractor was United Engineers & Contractors, Inc., AGC, Philadelphia. (Photographs, courtesy Wire Reinforcement Institute.)

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Pike's Peak furnishes a beautiful backdrop for one of the four new reservoirs being constructed to supplement the water supply of fast-growing Colorado Springs, Colo. With a capacity of 20 million gallons, the reservoir will be concrete-lined and will have a reinforced concrete roof. Construction began last year and is to be completed this fall. Contractor for much of the project is Lembke Construction Co., AGC, Colorado Springs. (Photo by John Hunter Smith, Colorado Springs.)

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While Congress was winding up its business this month construction workers were pushing forward with the extensive renovating and repair work shown in the cover photograph. The photograph shows the scaffolds used in working on the dome. It also shows a portion of the East Front which is being extended by Chas. H. Tompkins Co., AGC, Washington, D. C. (Photo by Reni, Washington, D. C.)

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The Pook's Hill Interchange outside Washington, D. C., connects one of the capital's main arteries to the northwest, Route 240, with the new circumferential highway around the city and the highway to Frederick, Md. The circumferential highway is designed to permit through traffic to travel around Washington without going into the central part of the city. Construction of the interchange is being done by the Wright Contracting Co., AGC, of Columbus, Ga. The contract calls for the construction of five bridges, the paving of about one mile of Route 240 and approaches to the interchange. Construction began in March, 1958, and is now nearing completion. (Photo by Reni.)

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Breaking with the tradition that bank buildings must be massive marble monuments is the pavilion-like branch office of the American Trust Company in San Francisco. The circular, coin-shaped bank is located in the garden plaza at the base of the new 20-story Crown Zellerbach Building, which is now nearing completion. General contractor for the building was Haas & Haynie, AGC, San Francisco. Precast concrete roof units, giving an accordion-pleated effect, were supplied and erected by Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., AGC, of San Francisco. (Story on page 39.)

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The strange-looking structure on the cover is a radar screen, a unit of the Air Force's BMEWS (Ballistic Missile Early Warning System) and one of four being built under the most adverse conditions near Thule on the northern tip of Greenland. The screens will be 480 long, 165 feet high and strong enough to withstand winds that may run as high as 180 miles per hour. The Thule installation is one of three to be built in the Arctic at an eventual cost of \$600 million. Four AGC contractors are building the first units at Thule under a joint venture. They are Peter Kiewit Sons Co., S. J. Groves & Sons Co., Al Johnson Construction Co. and Condon-Cunningham Co. (See page 52).

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