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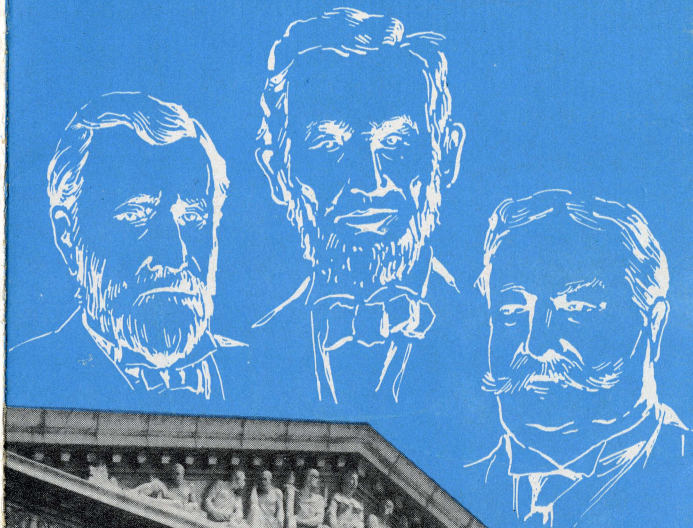
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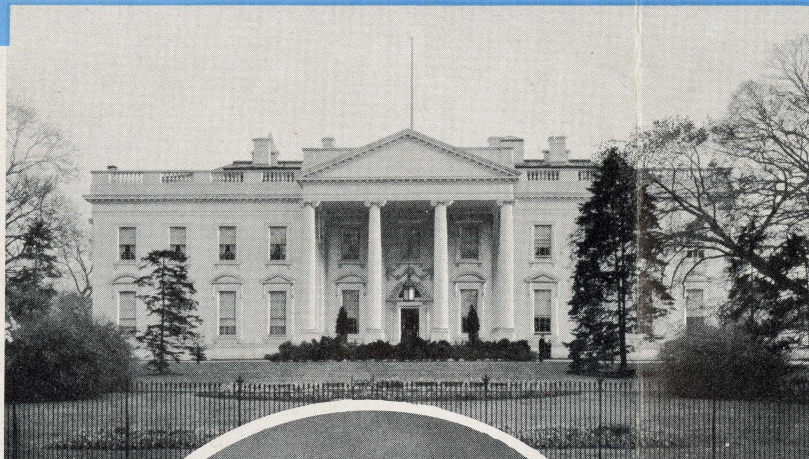
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SHRINE OF DEMOCRACY

WASHINGTON ... FIRST CITY OF THE LAND



White House



Jefferson Memorial



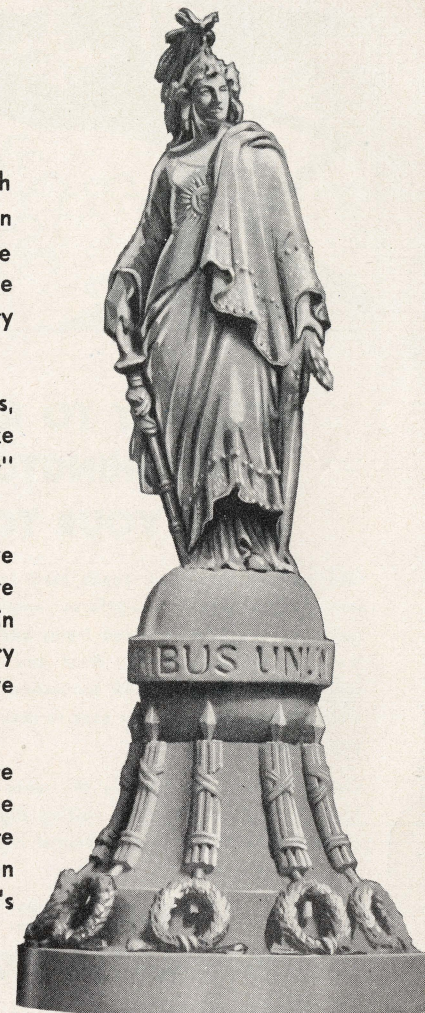
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Built upon the historic past, vibrant with the tempo of the present, Washington is a city actively molding the future . . . for the United States and the World. Today, more than ever, beautiful Washington is the center of history in the making.

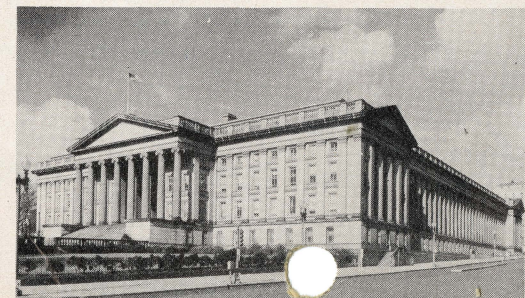
Not only a diplomatic crossroads . . . it's stately buildings, broad tree-shaded avenues and verdant parklands make it the fairest city of America the Beautiful . . . a "must" when you see America first.

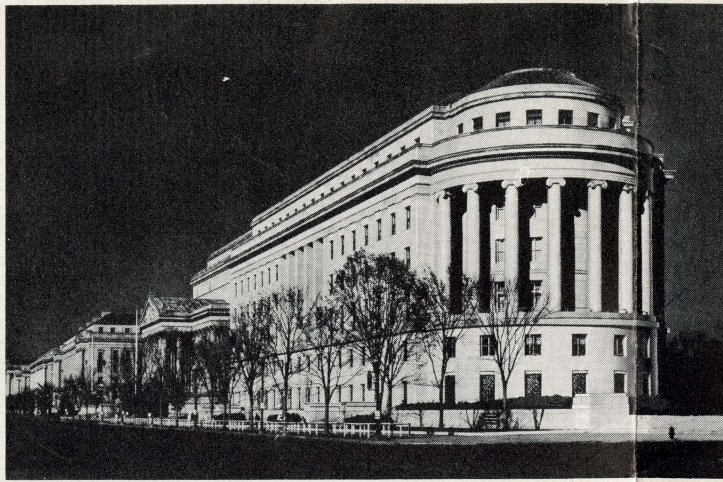
The incomparable architecture of imposing administrative buildings leaves the visitor with a sense of massive strength, of the immensity of far-flung government in action. Magnificent embassies and legations of every nation in the world are here, peoples of every land live in this thriving international metropolis.

But in whatever State your home may be, you'll find here the same familiar town square and courthouse . . . for the entire nation. And in that alone, the city is a sincere tribute to the American way of life. Every American should avail himself of an opportunity to visit his Nation's capital . . . WASHINGTON, D. C.



Statue of Freedom—atop U. S. Capitol





Apex Building—beginning of Federal Triangle

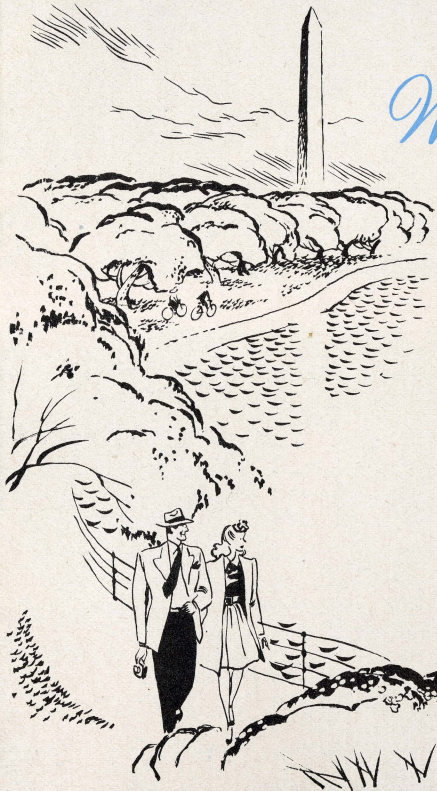


Federal Reserve Building

Amphitheater—
Arlington National Cemetery



FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT ALL YEAR 'ROUND

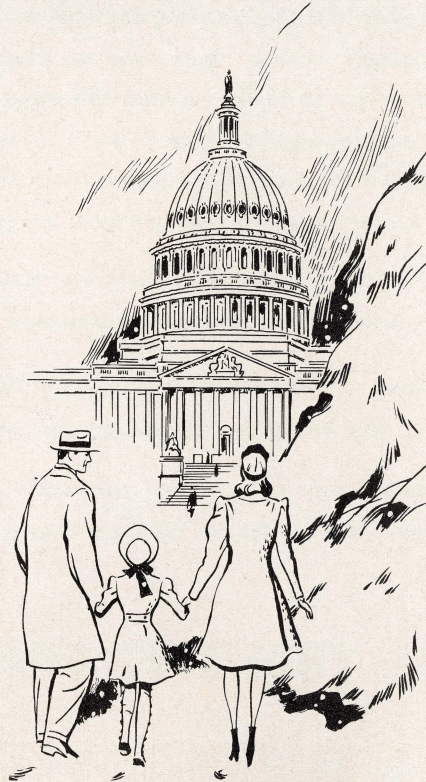


Washington welcomes you in every season . . . cultural and historical benefits are available Summer and Winter, Spring and Fall. Then too, there's Spring tonic in colorful cherry blossoms around the tidal basin, and nature provides Summer's delight in shaded picnic parks. This city so filled with trees becomes a bright palette of Fall red and orange, and Winter's sparkle adds greater brilliance to its proud buildings.

Wherever you live, whenever you can come . . . Washington will make even a short visit well worthwhile . . . an event you'll long remember.

Also Remember—
Washington's
Sesquicentennial
Celebration

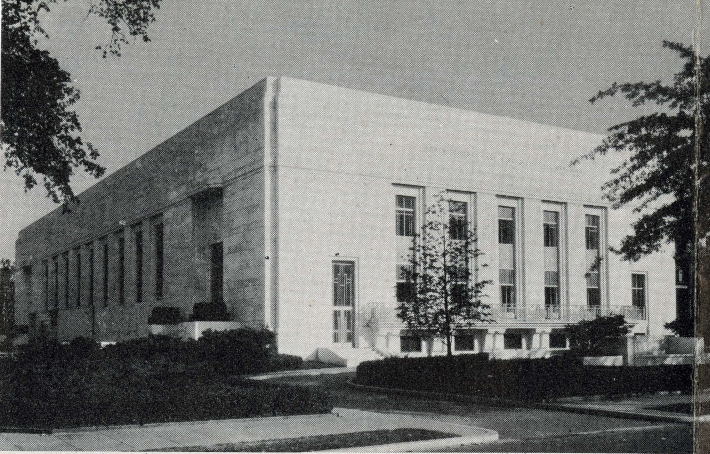
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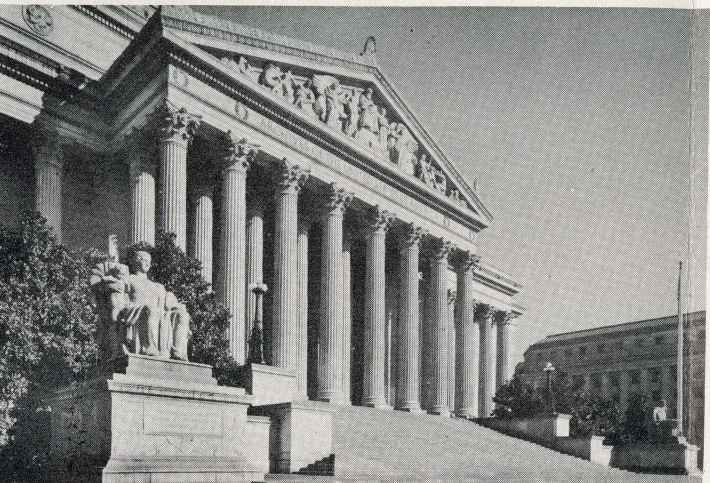
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Mount Vernon



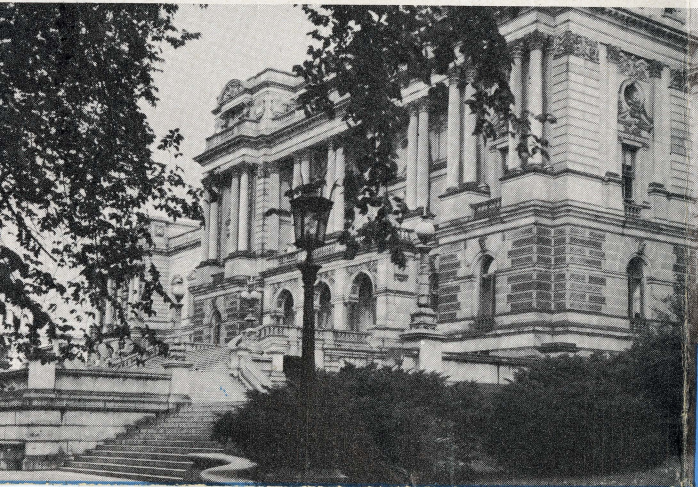


Folger Shakespeare Library



National Archives

below Library of Congress

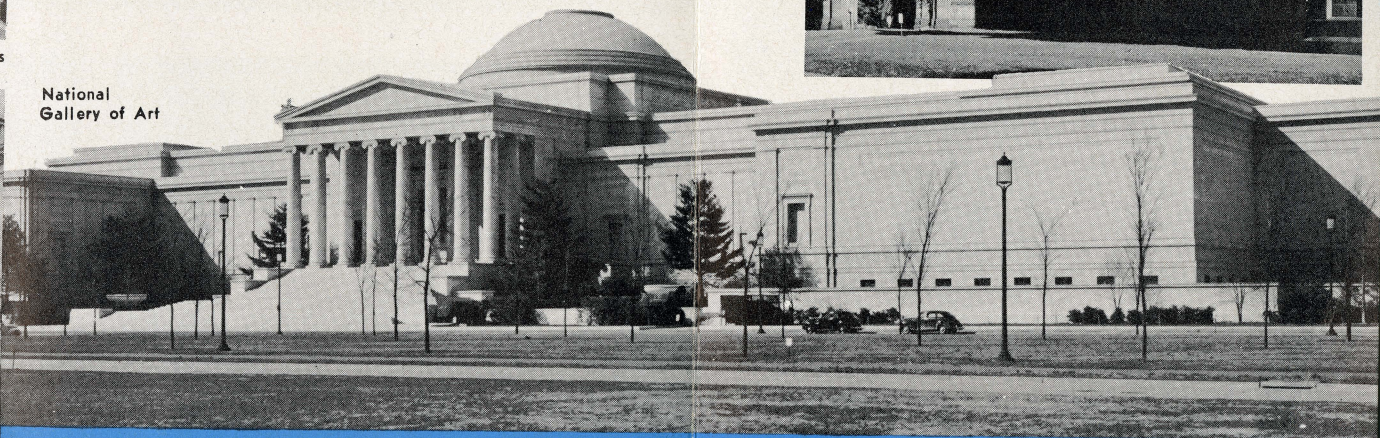


WHERE ELSE WILL YOU FIND . . .

- The steady progress of this growing nation as carefully preserved as in these great museums.
- These world-famous art galleries that contain collections rivaling the most renowned in Europe
- The accumulated writings of a literary world as gathered into these monumental libraries.

During three centuries of "Manifest Destiny" the peoples of many lands have become one people . . . Americans . . . and crossing together frontier after frontier there was born a culture, an art, a way of living unique to the world. Here in Washington today is available the finest exhibition of their struggles and their triumphs, their most memorable accomplishments, preserved like footsteps in the sands of time for all who appreciate their significance.

National Gallery of Art



Smithsonian Institution



WHAT IS PAST . . . IS PROLOGUE