

Still Cool  
Partly cloudy and cool today  
and Saturday. High today, about  
45; low tonight, about 28.

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## Wright: A Force of Nature

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Frank Lloyd Wright once said  
"the safety of the soul depends  
on its courage."

He saw his organic architecture  
—"the architecture of democracy"  
—treated both as America's  
greatest creative achievement and  
as a bad joke.

He heard his private life de-  
scribed sometimes as a "circus,"  
sometimes as "the most outstand-  
ing 20th century revolt against  
Victorianism."

"Truth Against World"  
He chose as his crest a Druid  
symbol that means "truth against  
the world."

And in late years, he wrote that  
he had experienced "the  
best and the worst of every-  
thing."

At his death, Wright was prob-  
ably the world's most celebrated  
architect. His work was known  
abroad as "the American expres-  
sion in architecture." He was  
decorated by eight nations and  
awarded gold medals by the King  
of England and the American In-  
stitute of Architecture which pro-  
nounced him—at 80—a "titanic  
force."

He left behind him more than  
700 structures, including some of  
the most famous buildings on  
earth: the nearly-completed Guggen-  
heim museum in New York  
City, the Imperial hotel in Tokyo,  
his home, Taliesin, near Spring  
Green—and plans for others: a  
civic center on Madison's Mono-  
na Terrace and a mile-high sky-  
scraper for Chicago.

Often Attacked  
Yet throughout his life, his  
buildings were attacked as "mon-  
strosities of material and form."  
His ideas were called half-baked,  
visionary, egotistical.

And his private life was  
marked by strife, by revolt  
against social mores, by debt so  
haunting he finally incorporated  
himself and sold shares, and by  
four great romances — all  
shadowed with grief and one,  
with ghastly tragedy.

Wright's defiance of convention  
attracted immense publicity, but  
as he grew older public attitudes  
toward him became more kind.  
And as an old man he explained  
to one of his sons:

"The faith that is in me may  
be unable to go with laws, but it  
is never lawless."

Recently he had lived most of  
the year at his celebrated Taliesin  
near Spring Green, an 1,800-  
acre farm estate he valued at  
\$2,500,000 and center of his archi-  
tectural fellowship.

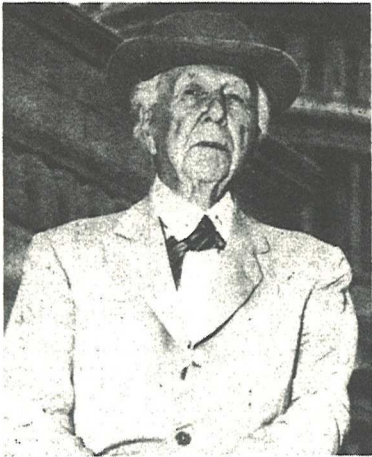
A Striking Figure  
He was often seen in Madison,  
an erect, fragile figure wearing  
a jaunty pork pie hat on his  
white head, sports slacks, jacket,  
and flowing tie, gesturing with a  
cane, his conversation crisp  
and pungent.

As an architect, Wright be-  
lieved that buildings must be "na-  
tural"—"native in spirit and mak-  
ing." Taliesin—Welch for "shin-  
ing brow"—he built out of native  
materials on his family home-  
stead.

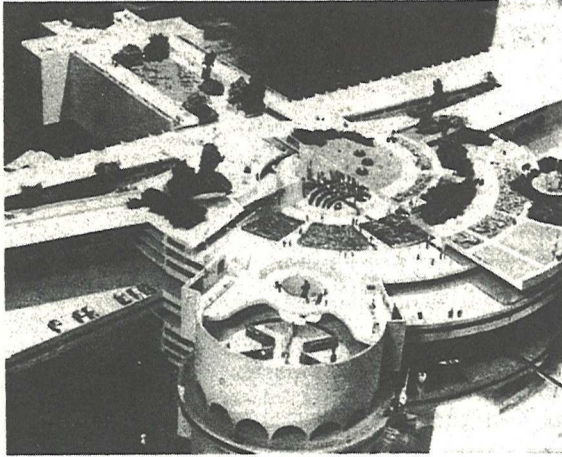
"You don't spend your lives in  
insensitive, ugly buildings and  
still respect yourselves, for only  
beauty dignifies the soul of man,"  
he told an audience in Madison's  
Unitarian Meeting House which  
he designed with a great glass  
prow to let in the outdoors.

On another occasion, he ex-  
plained that he and his followers  
"only build for people we like.  
They get our houses as some get  
religion . . . for houses affect liv-  
ing—spiritual living. Architecture  
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# FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT, NOTED ARCHITECT, DIES



Frank Lloyd Wright



Model of Proposed Monona Terrace

## Death at Age 89 Ends His Lively Career

(Continued From Wire Services)

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Frank Lloyd Wright, 89,  
the rebellious titanic force of modern architec-  
ture, died early Thursday.

Mr. Wright died before dawn in St. Joseph's  
hospital, his fame finally secure after more than  
50 years of artistic and personal controversy with cau-  
stic critics.

Advancing age was largely responsible for the death  
of the colorful, white-haired founder of modern archi-  
tecture. Mr. Wright had undergone an emergency op-  
eration Monday for removal of an obstruction in the  
intestinal tract.

### Planning 90th Birthday

He had come through the operation successfully.  
The last hospital report Wednesday night listed his  
condition as satisfactory.

He himself had had no inkling of poor health and  
already had issued instructions just before his death  
that invitations for a party at Taliesin, near Spring  
Green, Wis., on his 90th birthday—June 8—be deliv-  
ered.

One of the first to receive that invitation was Wil-  
liam T. Evjue, editor and publisher of the Capital  
Times, Madison, Wis., who recently had visited the  
Wrights at Taliesin West near here.

### 'Just Sighed, Died'

Mr. Wright died at 4:45 a.m. (5:45 a.m. CST).  
"He just sighed—and died," reported his night  
nurse, Mrs. Jessie Boganno, Glendale, Ariz. She said  
he appeared to be resting comfortably but did not speak  
during the last few hours of life.

With Mr. Wright at the hospital were his third wife,  
Olgivanna, and Wesley Peters, husband of Olgivanna's  
daughter whom Wright legally adopted. Mrs. Peters  
died 12 years ago.

Other survivors included two daughters, Mrs.  
Charles Gardner of Phoenix, and Mrs. Catherine Baxter  
of Menlo Park, Calif., mother of motion picture star  
Anne Baxter; four sons, Lloyd—who made his own ca-  
reer in architecture—and John of Del Mar, Calif.; Da-  
vid of Phoenix; and Robert of Washington, D. C.; nine  
grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and a sister,  
Mrs. Maginal Barney of New York City.

### 'He Was a Great Man'

At Menlo Park, Miss Baxter said of her noted  
grandfather that the world would mourn the "passing  
of a great individual. His was a full life in which he  
certainly contributed more to others than most individ-  
uals are gifted to do. He was a great man."

All his life he fought for "natural housing," homes  
that would give a "sense of shelter and a sense of  
space," and functional, individualistic buildings that  
blended precision machine-age lines with nature's own  
living forms in stone and steel, wood, and glass.

His streamline technique or "Wrightisms" stirred  
controversy at home and abroad, leading him to profes-  
sional victories and defeats, disappointments, and  
sometimes personal disaster.

But there was nothing small about him, except his  
neat, impecably dressed little figure. Even his worst  
critics conceded his genius, and his followers considered  
him a giant in artistic building design.

### Acclaimed at Home

Although he gained his first fame overseas, Wright  
at long last in 1950 won the reluctant acclaim of the  
American Institute of Architects which presented him  
with its gold medal—the profession's highest award—

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## If Not Withholding Tax —What? Nelson Asks

Gov. Gaylord Nelson Thursday  
challenged a split Legislature to  
adopt his income  
tax withholding  
plan or come up  
with something  
else to replace it.  
Nelson spoke to  
a joint session, his  
fourth personal  
appearance before  
the lawmakers  
since mid-January.

He pleaded for  
support for his  
withholding plan  
and ticked off his  
rebuttal against  
arguments which have been  
advanced in opposition to it.

Sees Surtax Rise  
Nelson said if the plan isn't  
approved, the Legislature will  
have to increase the surtax on  
income tax from 20 to 40 per  
cent to finance the governor's  
proposed building program, or  
produce another alternative.

Passage of the withholding bill  
providing for speeded-up col-  
lection of income taxes would offer  
a "windfall" of \$78 million.

Nelson has recommended that  
all of the state's \$24 million share  
of the windfall be allocated for  
projects in the first year of his  
suggested \$52-million, three-year  
state building program.

He said \$4 million would be left  
over for application on the \$16.5  
million, second year phase of his  
building program.

He recommended that the other  
\$48 million of the windfall be re-

turned to local units of govern-  
ment to increase the effect need-  
ed construction projects in local-  
ities have on the property tax.

'Easy to Criticize'  
"It is simple enough to criticize  
any program," Nelson said. "But  
... with your criticism goes the  
responsibility of proposing an al-  
ternative you are willing to sup-  
port and stand by."

He said his statement applied  
with equal force to the Democratic  
majority in the Assembly and the  
Republican majority in the Senate.

"It is a fundamental rule in  
any democratic society that those  
who have the power to success-  
fully oppose have the responsibility  
to constructively propose," Nelson  
said.

Republicans in control of the  
Senate have indicated strong op-  
position to the withholding plan.  
Not a New Tax  
The governor said the withhold-  
ing system was not a new tax but  
was a better method of collecting  
the present income tax obligation.  
He said it would not change the  
present tax structure.

Nelson said Wisconsin's financial  
problem in buildings is due to  
delays in the past 22 years be-  
cause of depression, World War  
II, and the Korean War. He said  
it was magnified by population  
growth.

"It makes sense to use the wind-  
fall now to help the state and its  
municipalities catch up," Nelson  
said.

He said the state has been bor-  
rowing from the future by failing  
to build.

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Proxmire to Close  
Milwaukee Office  
WASHINGTON — Sen. Wil-  
liam Proxmire (D-Wis.) said  
Thursday he was closing his  
office in Milwaukee because the  
increasing heavy load of legisla-  
tive work and correspondence  
"has compelled us to concentrate  
all of our staff in order to get  
the job done in Washington."

His home secretary, Jerry  
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## 'Some Delay' Seen on Terrace Project

The death of Frank Lloyd Wright will cause "some delay" in  
the Wright-designed Monona Terrace project, Mayor Ivan A. Nes-  
tingen said Thursday afternoon.

He added, however, that Mr. Wright's death "should by no  
means prevent the city from com-  
pleting" the project.

### U.W. Fee Hike Trimmed to \$50

Fees for out of state students  
at the University of Wisconsin  
would be raised \$50 a year in-  
stead of \$100 under an action  
Thursday by the joint finance  
committee.

The committee reconsidered its  
previous action and voted, 9 to 4,  
in favor of raising out of state  
fees to \$600 a year instead of  
\$650 a year as voted earlier.

Assemblyman Fred Risser (D-  
Madison) said he favored only a  
\$50 increase because the higher  
figure would give Wisconsin the  
top tuition in the Big Ten. He  
agreed with Assemblyman Rich-  
ard Cates (D-Madison) that the  
university needs out of state stu-  
dents.

The committee defeated a mo-  
tion that would have cut out the  
4 per cent merit salary in-  
crease for faculty at the univer-  
sity and state colleges. Sen.  
Chester Dempsey (R-Wauskegan)  
said the trend was away from tax  
increases and that the salaries  
of "one segment of the society  
should not be raised without  
raises for other segments."

Also defeated was a motion to  
cut the merit increase to 2 per  
cent.

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Kennedy to Wait  
on Primary Bid

MILWAUKEE — Sen. John  
F. Kennedy (D-Mass.) who report-  
edly may lay his presidential  
aspirations on the line in the 1960  
Wisconsin Presidential Primary,  
said Thursday that he regards  
the primary as of great signifi-  
cance but his current visit to Wis-  
consin doesn't commit him to  
consider it.

"It will be a significant and  
important primary," Kennedy told  
a news conference. "In fact,  
your state may be as crowded  
as a college campus phone booth  
next year. But I will not decide  
until the end of this year or early  
in 1960 whether I am going to be  
a candidate."

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Reaction of city auditorium  
committee members was varied,  
but none of them  
seemed to think  
that the auditori-  
um cannot be  
built.

"The plans have  
been developed to  
a point where it is  
my feeling that we  
can complete the  
final plans and  
specifications with  
the talents and  
capabilities of the  
staff of the Frank  
Lloyd Wright foun-  
dation," Nestingen  
said.

The auditorium committee  
received preliminary plans from  
Mr. Wright several weeks ago,  
but delayed recommending their  
approval to the City Council until  
some basic questions of building  
materials and specific features  
to be included are settled.

To Clear Up Points  
Nesting said that the commit-  
tee should confer with Wesley  
Peters, Mr. Wright's son-in-law,  
or some other representative of  
the foundation as soon as possible  
to clear up some technical  
points.

One of them, he said, is to de-  
termine who can represent the  
foundation in signing a stipula-  
tion dismissing the foundation's  
suit against the city.

The suit was to compel the city  
to go ahead with the terrace pro-  
ject despite the Metzner law which  
banned it. The law has since been  
repealed. City Atty. Harold E.  
Hanson has advised the auditori-  
um committee that its suit should  
be dismissed before the prelimi-  
nary points.

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## Other Wright News

More Stories, Pictures, Sidelines on Frank  
Lloyd Wright Will Be Found on Page 6.

On Page 7 Is a Full Picture Page on Highlights  
of His Life.

See Editorial, Page 10.

## Chief's Defense Set to Start Tonight as Hearing Resumes

By JUNE DIECKMANN  
(State Journal Staff Writer)

Police Chief Bruce Weatherly's defense testimony is scheduled  
to start tonight when the police and fire commission resumes its  
hearing at 7 p.m. in Circuit Court on five misconduct charges filed  
against the chief.

Atty. Jack R. DeWitt, Weatherly's counsel, said he may call  
the chief as a witness in his own  
defense.

## Spring Green Rites Pending; Body to Arrive on Saturday