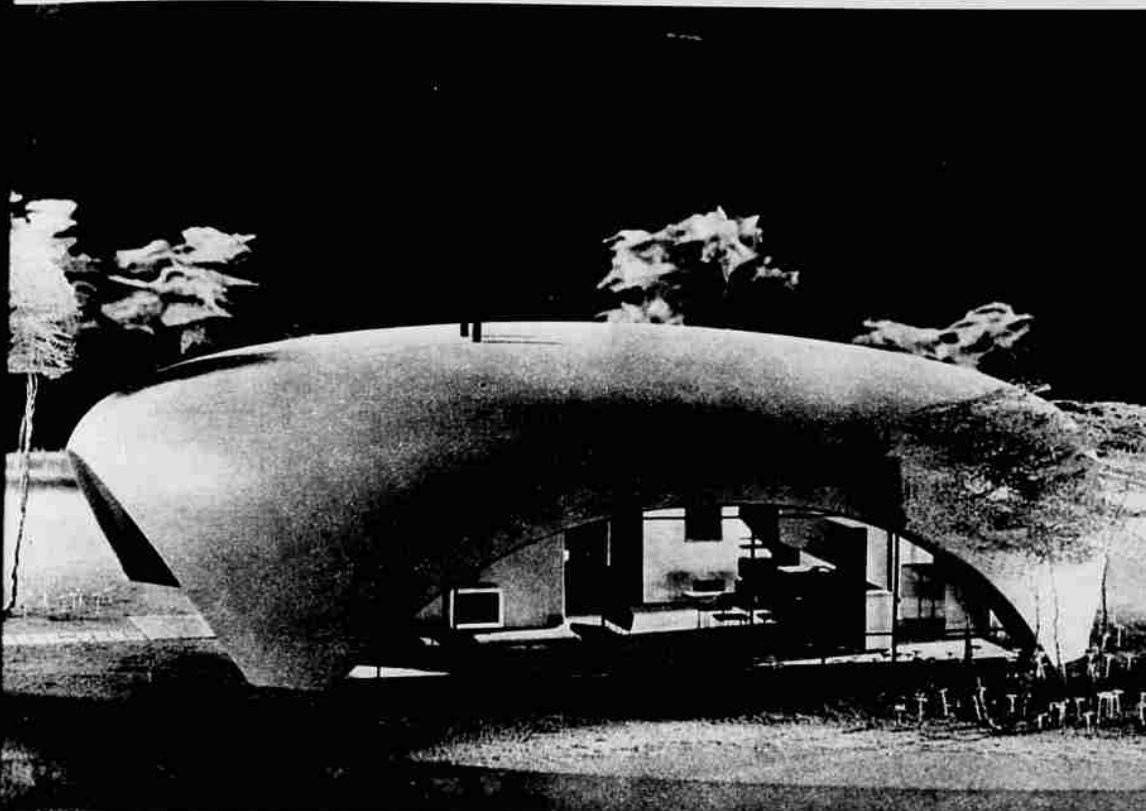




Model of large-size "bubble house" shows open sides, modern interior; homes would be built by spraying on concrete roof.

SOME OF the biggest advances just around the corner concern the kitchen. New stoves will be suspended from the ceiling or built into the wall to eliminate the bending and stooping required for baking and broiling.

Now available to restaurants and destined for the average kitchen is the electronic oven. A turkey that takes five hours in a regular oven will be done to a turn in 45 minutes in the new type.

Electronic refrigeration—no motor, no refrigerant—may soon cool the walls of your home at the flick of a switch. Radios and television sets have already shrunk in size with the introduction of transistors, and some day the television picture tube will vanish entirely, to be replaced by a flat screen that can be hung on the wall like a picture.

A more distant look into the future shows designers completely abandoning the traditional concept of a house. One of the most radical of the new house designs is the "Dymaxion House," in which rooms are hung from a central column of duraluminum which contains the heating, lighting, and air-conditioning equipment.

Another house of the distant future is the bubble house designed by Eliot Noyes. This unusual home is made by spraying concrete under pressure over an inflated form. The concrete sets, the form is deflated, and you have your house. Easy to build, the house contains two bedrooms, bath, kitchen, dining room, and living room, and can be mass-produced for about \$6,000.

One of the largest plastic companies in the U. S. is planning a house to be built entirely of plastics. Rooms molded of plastic would be attached to a 16-foot-square "utility core" containing bath, kitchen, laundry, and heating plant. Inside, partitions, counter tops, conduits, and piping will be of plastic.

But perhaps the cheapest and easiest-to-build house of the future will be made of "stabilized earth." The walls would be of dirt mixed with synthetic resins, windows would be made by simply embedding a sheet of glass in the earthen wall, and the roof would be a tent.

A science-fiction writer's dream? Perhaps. But technology, which has created so many wonderful things in other fields, is now invading the home. What the final result will be, nobody knows. But it's a lead-pipe cinch the house of tomorrow isn't going to look anything like the house of today!



Small bubble house (top) was built in Florida. Raised, four-wing "house of the future" (bottom) is shown at Disneyland.

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