

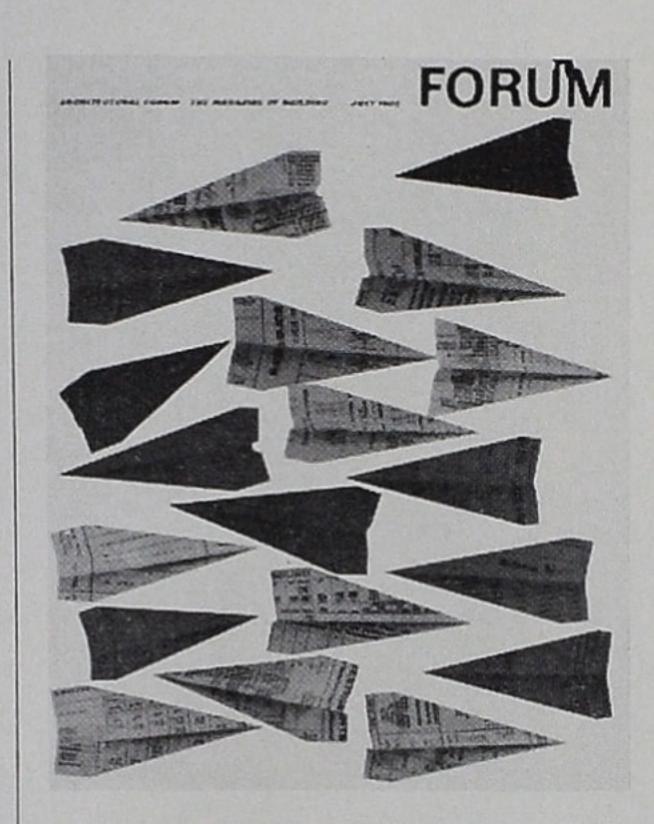
PUBLISHER'S NOTE

For some time Forum has been receiving the nicest kinds of compliments on its covers. And though a magazine's cover is hardly as significant as its contents, it should reflect some of the quality of what's inside.

This month's cover, heralding the power and joy of a holy season, is the work of one of the world's foremost contemporary painters, Marc Chagall. It is taken from a photograph of one of 12 stained-glass windows representing the Tribes of Israel, which were installed recently in the synagogue of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Center in Jerusalem (shown below just before the windows were set). The center itself was designed by Architect Joseph Neufeld. The window, which depicts the Tribe of Joseph, also appears in the handsome book The Jerusalem Windows of Marc Chagall, published by George Braziller, Inc.

The November cover was done by a talented, if lesser-known artist: Deborah Winchester, age 10, a member of the fifth grade at Columbus, Indiana's new Parkside Elementary School. When the editors set about publishing Parkside, they asked Superintendent Clarence E. Robbins if, for their first fall art class, his students would make their own interpretations of the school. The





result: some 500 delightful paintings, of which 12 were chosen for the cover and inside.

The selection of covers, like the appearance of the rest of the magazine, is the responsibility of Art Director Paul Grotz, who many times has turned to his former associate art director, Ray Komai, for the "constructed" covers that help set the magazine apart. A recent example appeared in July: Airline timetables folded into a flight of multicolored paper planes for the "airports" issue (above). It was pronounced the "best cover ever" by the printing foreman, who reproduces FORUM's covers on heavy offset stock. Other tributes to our covers have come from the Art Directors Club of New York, in the form of a hatful of Certificates of Merit over the years.

And while casting modesty to the winds in behalf of our artists, it might be added that last month Forum received its 28th award in *Industrial Marketing's* Annual Editorial Achievement Competition ("best article, best series, best issue, best research").

This time it was: "best improvement in design."-J.C.H.JR.

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