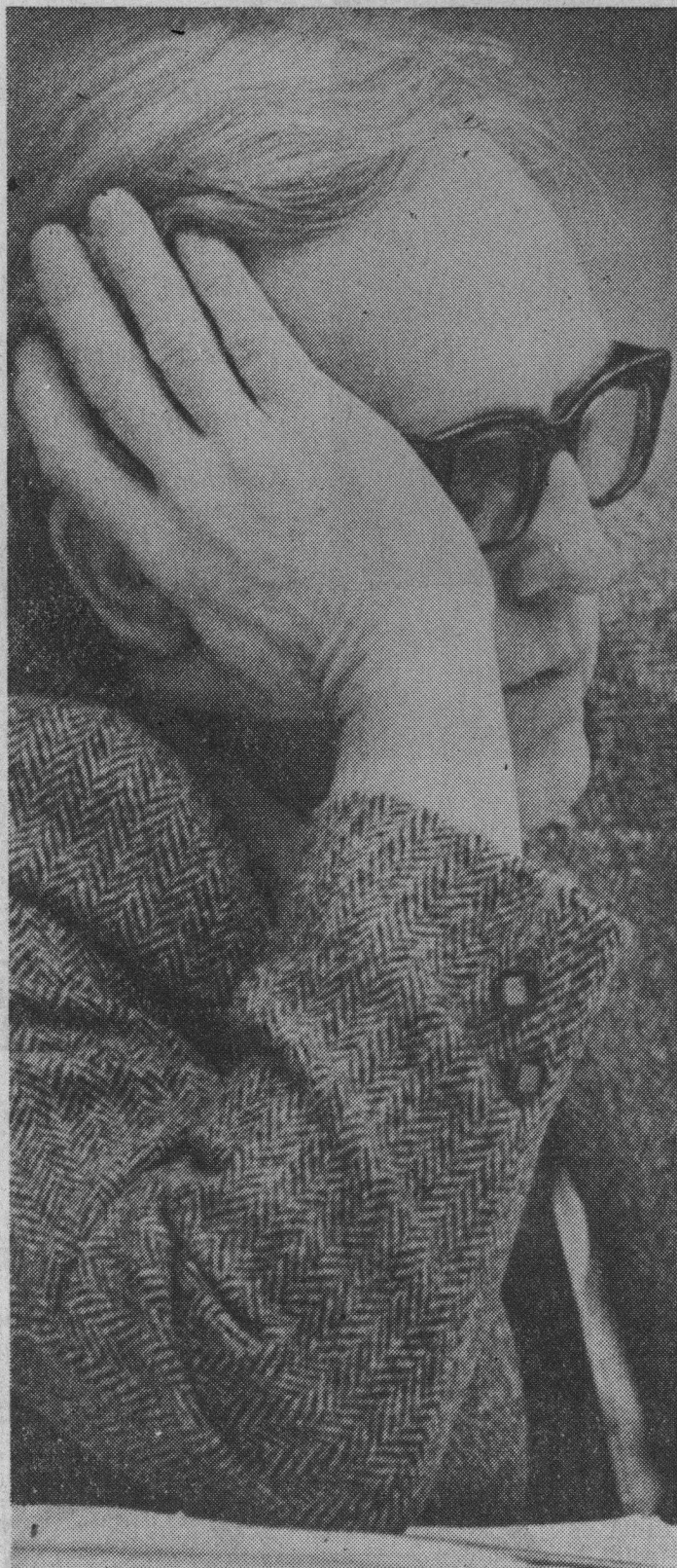


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## County Center — It Touches Us All



Appearing as an ice cream-stick construction of concrete — a toy of gargantuan children — the County Government Center towers above a young woman who relaxes a moment on the grass below.

The center, once referred to as the "county's gray elephant," comes to

Center left, a scholar of law hits the books (or, maybe, he's looking for tax loopholes) in the law library of the courts building which houses municipal and superior courts.

Also involved in the legal end of it is County Counsel Clair Carlson, upper left, who is pondering a point of





Photos By Bill Lovejoy



the every weekday morning as a majority of the county's 1,580 workers fill its offices and private citizens arrive to conduct their official business.

Completed in 1967, it cost \$7.5 million and houses the sheriff's division, planning department offices, park department, a multitude of other government offices, and adjacent to the five-story building is the county courts building.

The front area of the center, cornering on Water and Ocean Streets, is scheduled for a new look according to present board plans which propose that a new detention facility be built there. Cost of the facility is estimated from \$4 to \$6 million.

And, in the past month, offices of state and federal representatives — your State Assemblyman and Senator, and a U.S. Congressman — have found homes at the center.

law. Carlson serves as attorney to the board of supervisors which also meets in the courts building.

Plans are, however, that the board will soon move its chambers so that the present meeting room can be converted to two more courtrooms. It has not been determined as yet where the board will move.

Lower left, Carole Gutierrez of the elections department, helps a new voter to register for the next election with the American flag forming a backdrop to the act of citizenship.

Another form of citizen involvement is shown below where a young man reminds the board of supervisors "See Through the Confusion to the Love Inside of Everyone."

A message that could be inscribed on the wall of officialdom, to serve as a reminder, is that it is "everyone" who makes up the American government.

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