

## This House Sits on a Cliff

A peninsula of cliff, overlooking Monterey Bay, but wrapped in greenery that softens the effect of light on water which can be harsh...

That's the Rio del Mar home that was built maybe 50 years ago, as a summer home. Through the years it has grown with each owner until today, it is a large house.

Coelleen Kiebert and her husband, David Jones, are alone most of the time now in the house; their seven children are grown and living away from home. But the couple's interests have expanded into almost every room, so the house isn't too large. It's just right.

Coelleen's artistic ability is evident throughout the house in her pottery, paintings, flower arrangements and handmade rugs.

Her love of creating something different will be evident on the day of the Cabrillo Music Festival House Tour, July 16, from 1-5 p.m. She will greet tour-goers in a dress she has made from hand-woven fabric obtained in Guatemala.

Originally a one-bedroom dwelling, many changes have taken place. The original living room is now the formal dining room; the brick veranda is now the living room; two bedrooms and a bath and studio have been added along with an entire wing which includes a library.

A circular staircase inside the library leads up to the master bedroom. Outside, a winding brick garden path leads from the house out to the "point" of the peninsula, where a glass-enclosed sitting area gives spectacular views of the bay.

Coelleen's pottery studio is located in another part of the house with an outside area for her kiln. Yet another workroom houses her sewing machine.

It's a house that is lived in, every inch of it, and is warm, inviting and yet has a certain formality that bricks and plaster give. It is Spanish in mood, and Coelleen has added accessories from their travels in Mexico to enhance the mood.

Seacliff Beach lies below the house at the foot of the cliff. The house sits on a "peninsula" of cliff that actually juts out, giving privacy on both sides as well as breathtaking views.

Coelleen says it's an extremely well-planned

house.

"When the sun is low in the winter season, it shines in and warms the house. In summer, the sun is above the windows."

—MARGARET KOCH



Coelleen stands at the table and fabulous door of the living room view. Below left, out-above; at left, end of side view of the house. living room has round

