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Visit Phaenomena – an antidote to the world

IN the modern world, we are all subject to innumerable influences from outside.

We are bombarded with massive doses of opinions on every topic under the sun; by advertising on television and radio, in print and on hoardings – no wonder we get more and more confused.

As an “antidote” to this plague of facts, a group of institutions in Zurich is to stage an exhibition of a new kind.

On the initiative of the Zurich Forum, a cultural body for the benefit of the community, in co-

operation with various departments of the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) and other notable organisations, the “Phaenomena” is being planned for this summer.

Its aim is to bring visitors closer to the achievements of natural sciences and or natural manifestations in a simple way.

The layman can scarcely understand what physics comprises nowadays, yet the exhibition should allow him to recognise the basic laws of nature, the achievements of our civilisation and the

knowledge derived from life’s experiences.

The exhibition will take place from May 12 to October 23, in the Zuerichhorn Park where three pyramid-shaped marquees will be erected near the “Fischerstube” on the lakeshore.

Sections

Various sections will be devoted to water, air, optics, acoustics and mechanics. Nearby there will be a solar observatory and a weather station.

A hollow cylinder will be sunk in

the water, from which visitors will be able to observe the bed of the lake.

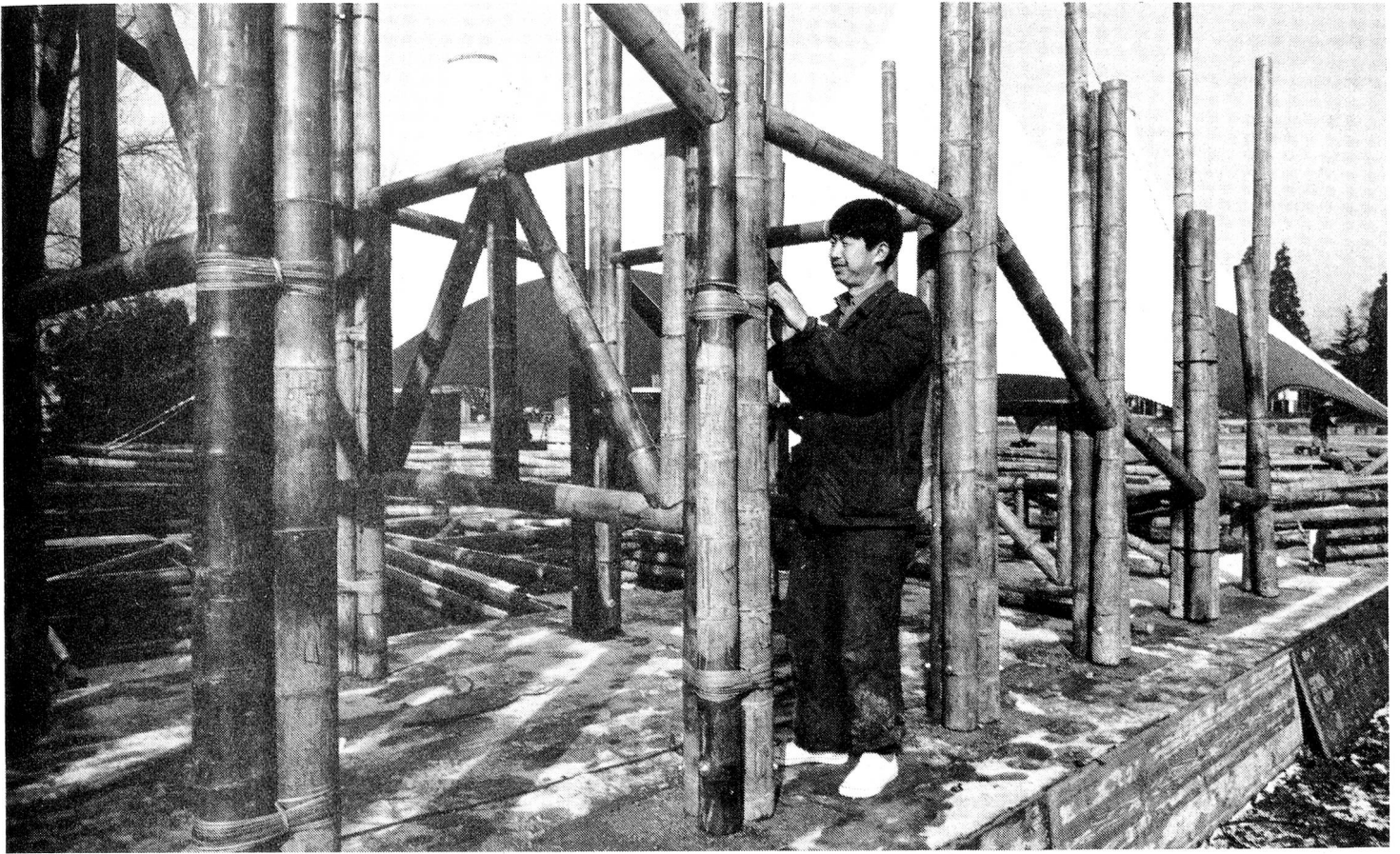
A transversable structure will demonstrate all kinds of movements and wind play, and various wide chutes plus a two-storey mirror labyrinth will be housed there.

Between the marquees and the Blatterwiese, a “hall of illusions” is to be built, designed by students of the art and craft college.

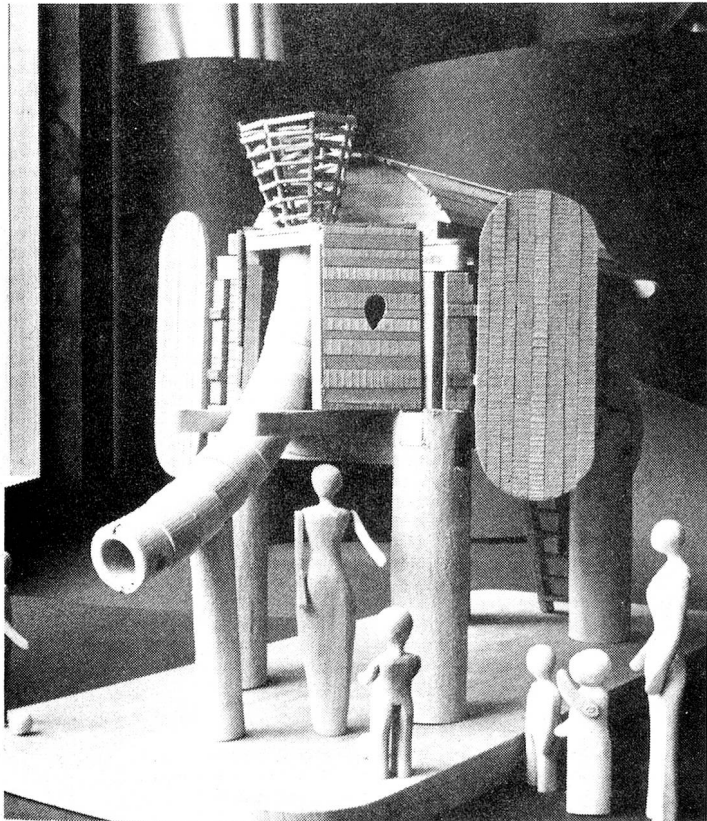
A water dome, an echodrome and an enclosure for balancing exercises are also planned.



Looking across the lake towards the pavilions which will house the Phaenomena



A Chinese worker from Kunming, sister-city of Zurich, at work on a 20 metre bamboo tower constructed without screws or nails



Children visiting the Phaenomena will be able to wander through the 'Trojan' elephant pictured above



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