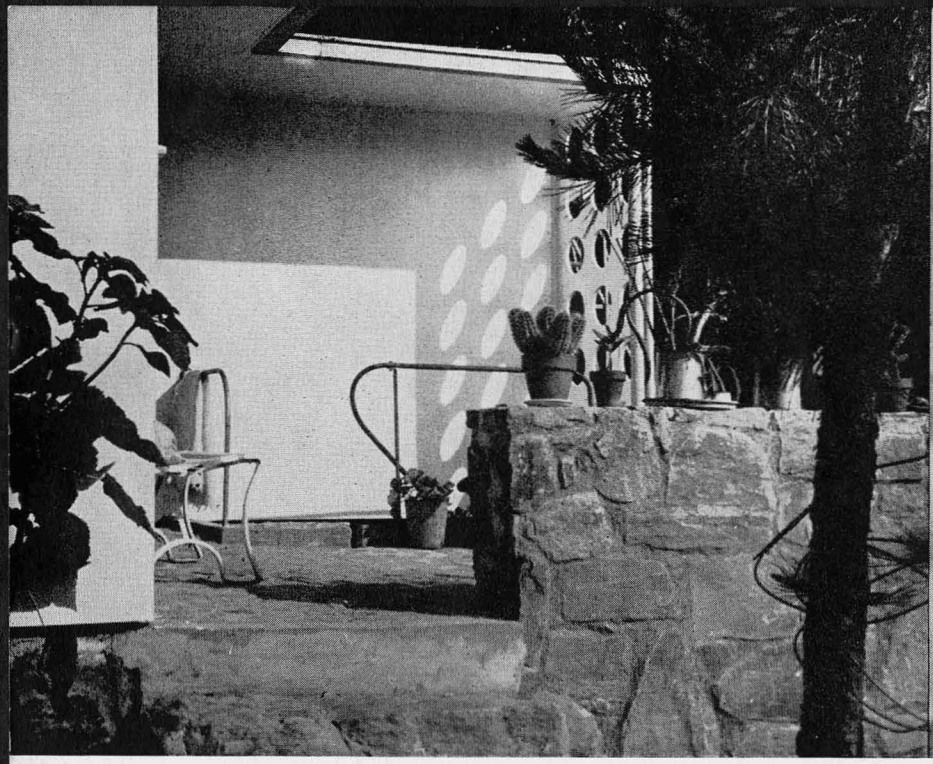

The problems of architecture are the problems of shelter for millions of people. The low cost home of today and the planned community of tomorrow, a more complete use of new materials and new processes, a way of building centered around a way of living: these are architecture's concern, in its plans for a decently housed world.

Architecture classes at Black Mountain do not spend their time discussing a Utopian future. Students design and construct: an addition to the kitchen or the library, a new dairy barn, quarters for the kitchen staff, a faculty home, a study building. They discover that architecture is hammering nails and pouring cement as well as drawing plans; that it means knowing what houses are and what they can be, what makes good housing and how it can be better. They find that architects must study ways of life as well as ways of building, that they must know, not only materials and their uses, but people and their needs.