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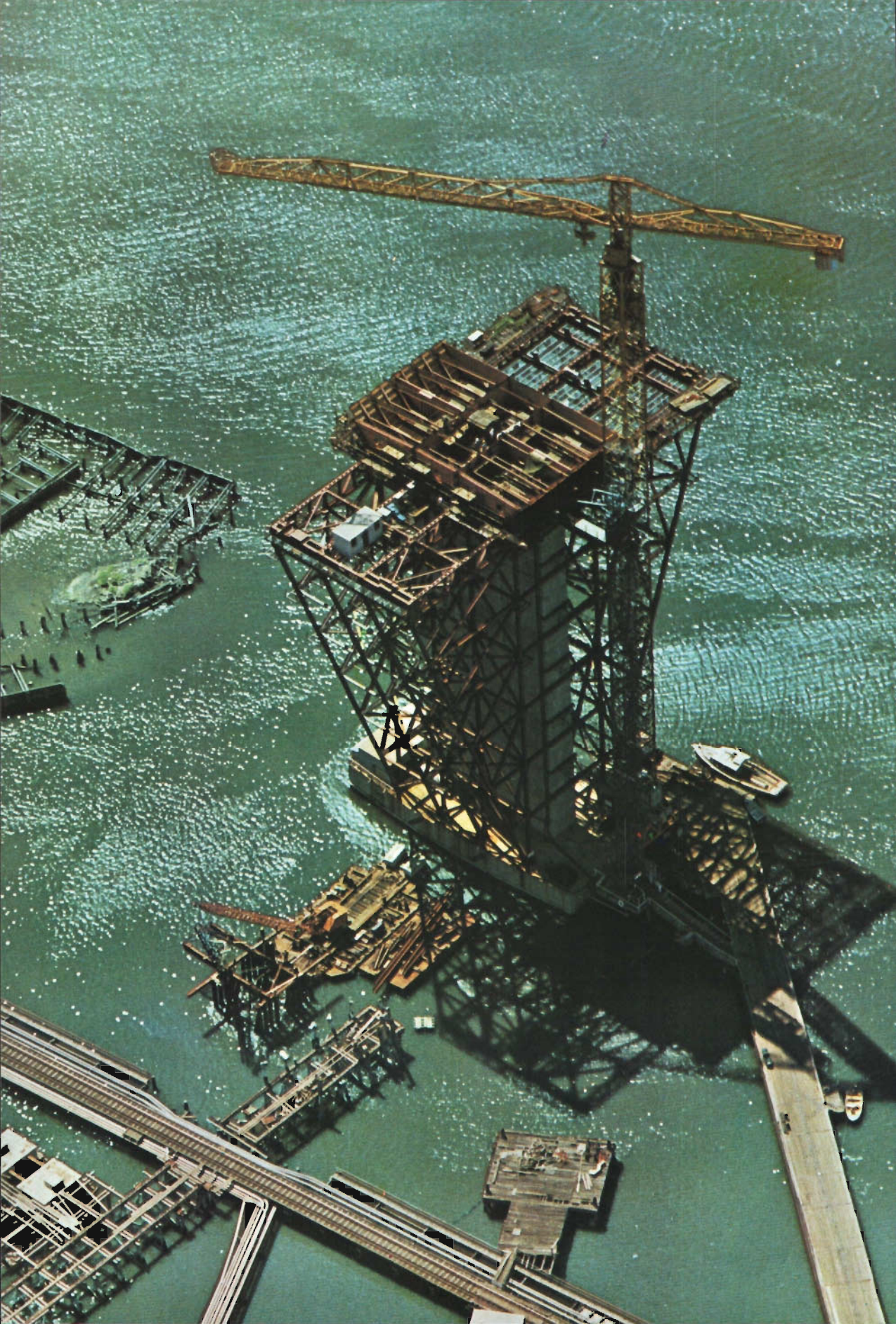
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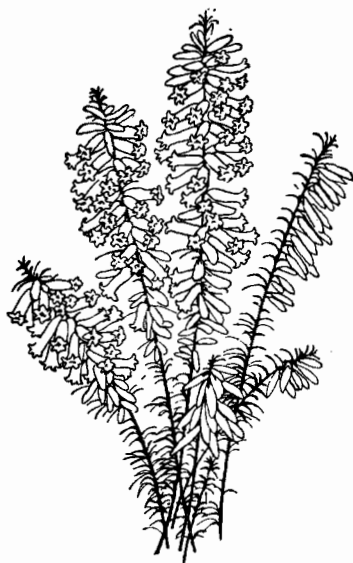
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PREFACE

Last year the eighty-seventh edition commemorated the centenary of the *Victorian Year Book*. The conspectus of that special volume was historical and sought to trace the major features of Victoria's development since settlement.

This eighty-eighth edition again takes up the permanent, on-going task of the *Year Book*: to record current changes in Victoria and to give a faithful, comprehensive, and objective picture of life in the State today. The *Year Book* has always endeavoured to do this by describing the important social, political, and economic activity in the community.

Although the text of the *Year Book* is bound to evolve in new directions, continuity, especially of statistical information, will be preserved as far as possible so that the *Year Book* can fulfil its function both as a reference work as well as a record of Victoria's development. More references will, in future, be made to the Bureau's published detailed statistics and the specialist reader will in any case find a list of all publications issued by the Victorian Office in Appendix E of this edition. They are obtainable from the Victorian Office of the Bureau, which also provides library facilities where the public may consult a wide range of statistical material.

In the "Further References" to previous special articles published in the *Year Book* no mention is made of the 1973 centenary edition. This apparent omission is deliberate because the structure of the 1973 *Year Book* is quite different from the volumes preceding or following it. Also, the alphabetical lists of special articles and maps which have appeared between 1961 and 1972 can be found in the 1973 edition but are discontinued in this volume; from 1975 a new cumulative list of such articles and maps will again appear annually.

The material in the *Year Book* has been carefully checked throughout, but I shall be grateful to those who will be kind enough to point out defects or make suggestions.

It would be fitting here to acknowledge that the special 1973 centenary edition of the *Year Book* was the last one issued by Mr V. H. Arnold who was Government Statist from 1953 to 1958 and then from 1958 to 1973 fulfilled the dual role of Government Statist and Actuary and Deputy Commonwealth Statistician.

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