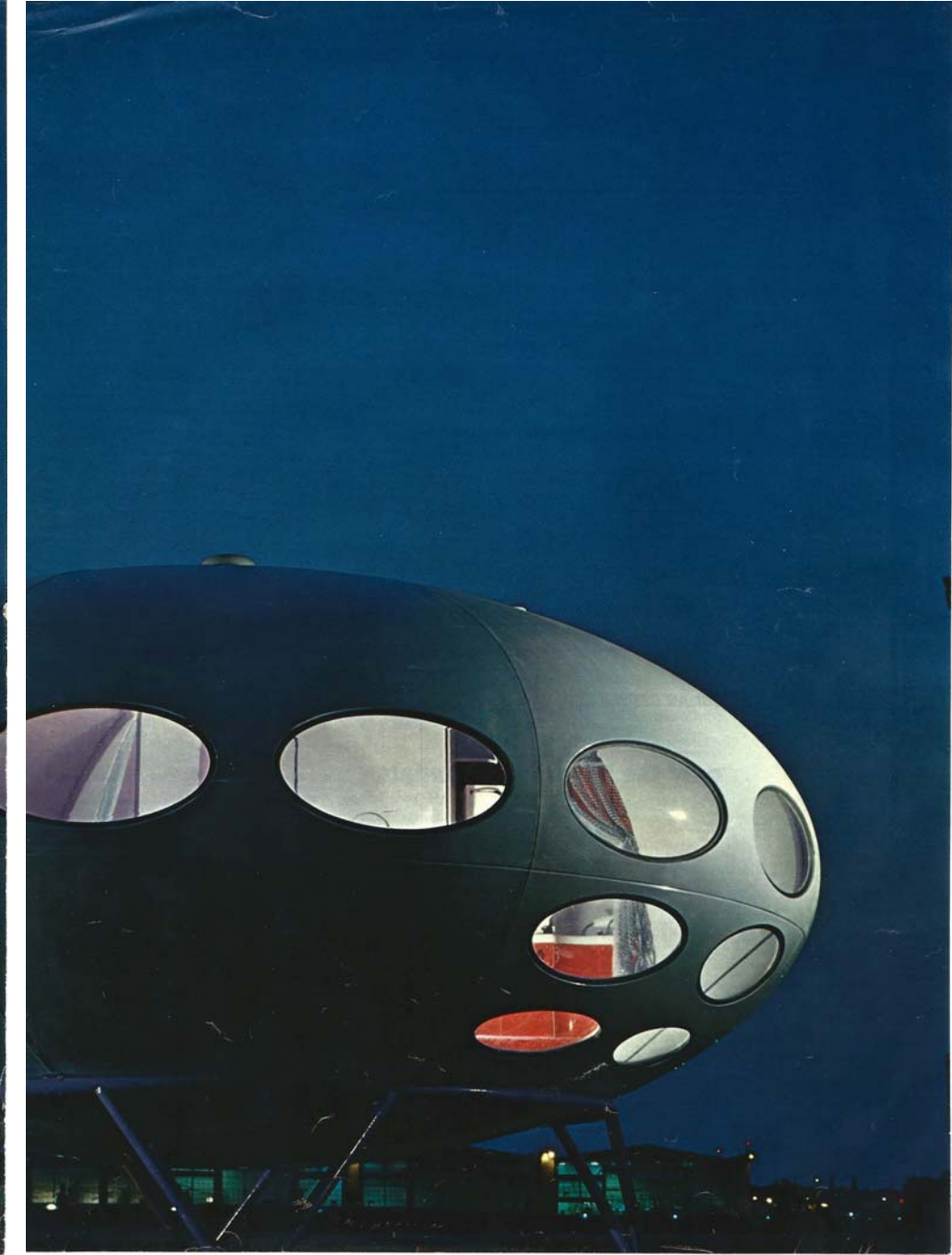
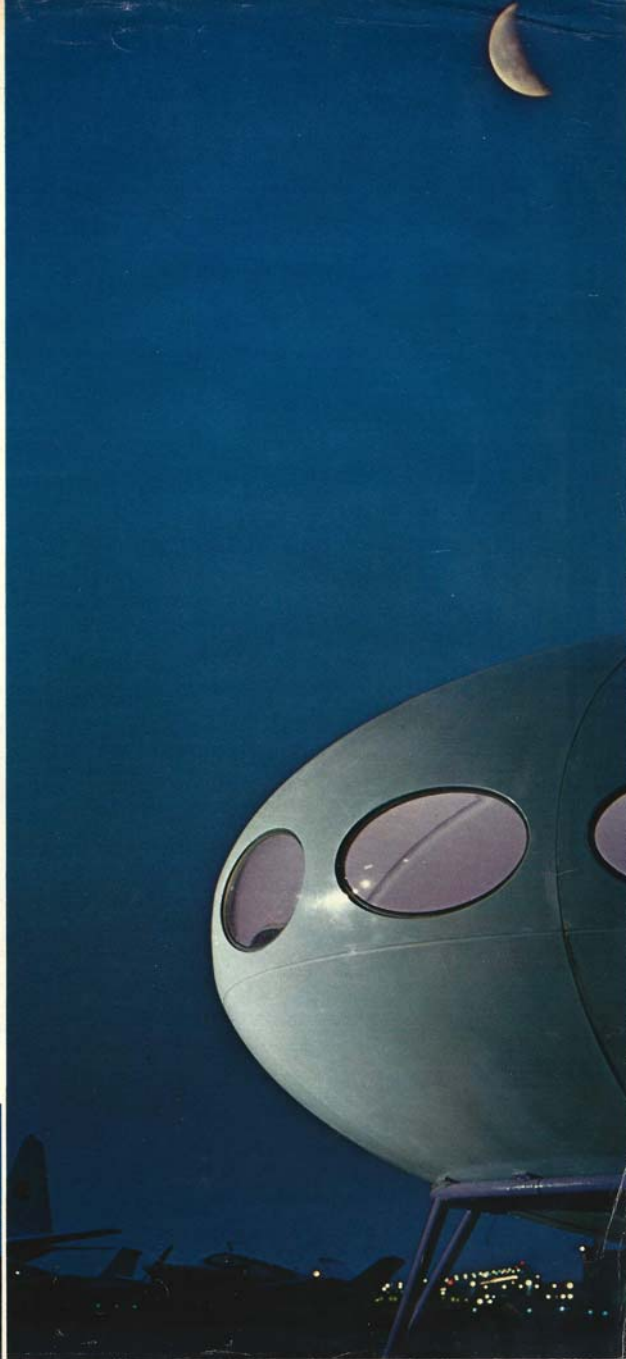
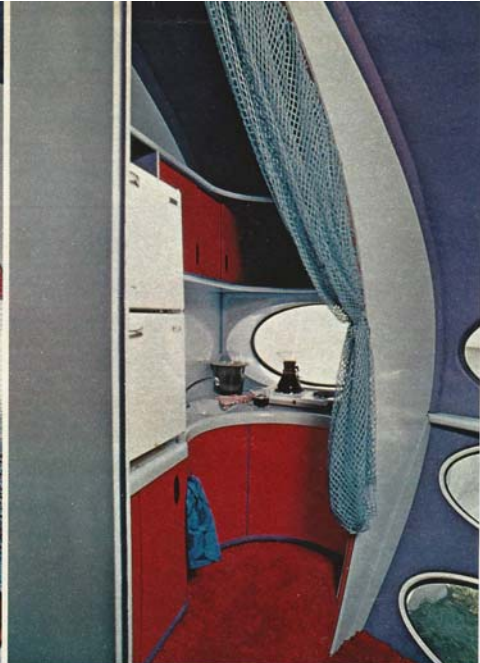
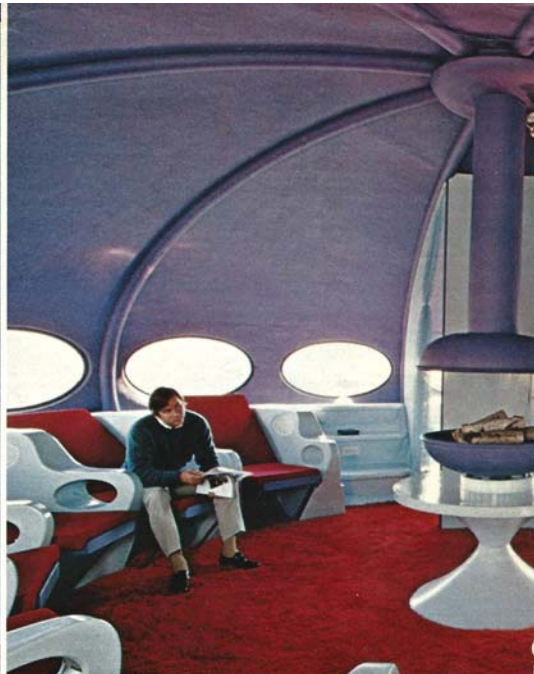
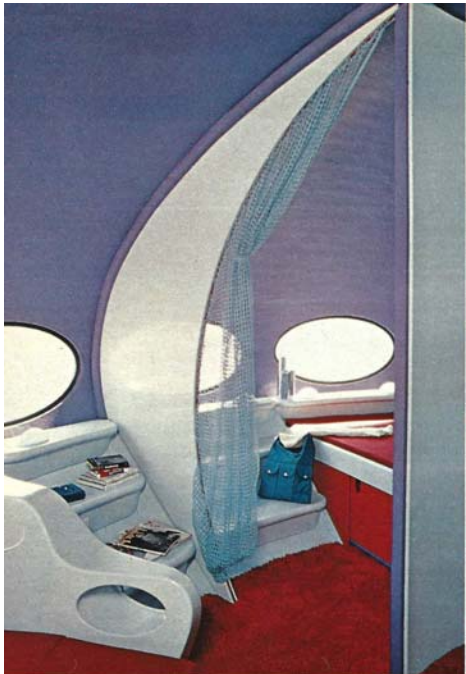


A LUNAR CAPSULE FOR EARTHBOUND FUN

Poised at a Philadelphia airport under a waning moon, the vacation house of tomorrow, a shell of blue fiber glass, is ready to take off by helicopter to settle on your favorite landscape. **continued**





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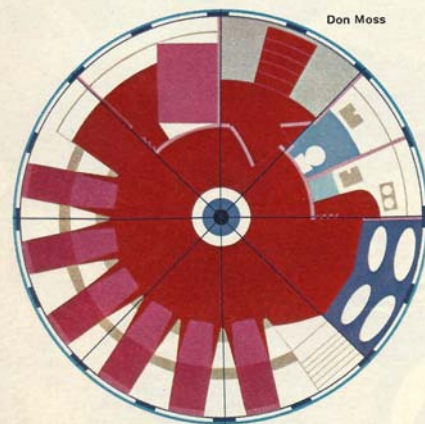
The inside is as sleek as the shell and stretches 26 feet across, 11 feet high. Philadelphia Architect Charlie Neuhardt tries one of six lounge chairs which turn into beds while his wife Susan looks in from the kitchen. The fireplace may be used as a grill. There is a double bedroom (left) with a fishnet curtain that can be replaced by a solid hatchway. Views of the kitchen (above right) and the

bathroom (below right) suggest the compactness of the galley and head of a plane or yacht. The kitchen has a microwave oven and a 10-cubic-foot refrigerator-freezer. Portholes are acrylic. In the observation area by the kitchen, portholes may be installed in the upper or lower half of the wall, depending on your outlook. Furnishings come in colors coordinated with the exterior.

only the beautiful essentials

This moon craft, this Halloween pumpkin, this UFO—whatever it seems to you—is one of the most significant developments to be dropped on the American building scene in a light-year. For it is the first marketable house manufactured entirely of fiber glass. Its Finnish architects and engineers have labeled it the Futuro and have had such success with it that they are licensing its manufacture around the world. The first units will come out of an American factory just tooled up to make it this month, and 300 will be produced before the end of the year. The deliver-anywhere idea makes it likely to see the Futuro perched on a precipitous ski slope where no one could have built before, or nestled alongside a beach looking like an Easter egg in the grass (it comes in a choice of pastel colors), or crouched in a forest like a mushroom. This is no house for traditionalists in any sense of the word. American vacation living must be rethought for life in the Futuro. You will really be able to get away from it all, since there is no room to load up the station wagon and take it all with you. (continued on page 118)

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A view from the top of the double bedroom, entry hatch, bathroom, kitchen, observation "deck" and the living area.

