CALTECH'S NEW BECKMAN AUDITORIUM
The Institute formally dedicated its new $1,450,000 Arnold O. Beckman Auditorium on February 25. Designed by Edward Durell Stone, the circular building stands at the end of a landscaped mall north of the present campus. Seating 1200 people, it provides a place on campus for the entire student body to meet, and will enable the Institute to share more of its programs with the community.

Dr. and Mrs. Beckman, donors of the auditorium, get a standing ovation at the dedication ceremony. Dr. Beckman, now chairman of the Institute's board of trustees, received his PhD from Caltech, and taught chemistry here for 14 years before leaving to found Beckman Instruments, Inc.

The interior of the auditorium is dramatically decorated in red, white, and gold. The ceiling, made of anodized aluminum discs attached to fiberglass tape, gives the effect of a filigreed gold curtain.