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COMPLETED..., General Petroleum's new \$11,000,000 13-story home office building will be dedicated to employees of the company at noon to morrow. Vertical aluminum fins which add to the distinctive decor of the structure act as sun sades for the 1600 windows and "pipe" the absorbed heat to the roof-—Art Strieb Photo.

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General Petroleum Opens New \$11,000,000 Office Building

The "nerve center" of one of Torrance's biggest industries—The General Petroleum Corporation—will officially start functioning tomorrow noon with the opening of the companies new 13-story \$11,000,000 office building in Los Angeles.

Largest of all office buildings in Southern California, the opening will be attended by whore than 100 civic and business leaders from the area. Robert L. Minckler, president of the corporation will dedicate the building to the organizations employees—past and present.

Located at 612 South Flower street, the 504,000 square-foot building is bigger than some cities in scope and function.

Some of the unique features of the building include direct and instant communication from executives to any or all employees; radio, long-distance telephone or record broadcasts throughout the building and facilities for originating radio programs as well as receivers for radio and television programs.

Telephones number 1100 and require a switchboard manned by 10 operators and represent an investment of \$250,000. Enough carpeting has been applied to the floors in the leight-limit building to carpet nearly 400 average size homes.

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Each day 16,000 pounds of office rubbish is disposed of by a rubbish destructor.

All these facilities and features designated to serve the head office of the General Petroleum and 45 other companies who occupy part of the building were constructed and installed in less than two dars. Ground was broken on July 10, 1947.

The dedication coremonies to morrow will be aired over 33 stations of the American Broad-casting Company to enable all of the employees of the company to hear the ceremonies, if the building will be open to the general public from April 11 to her. Higt said.

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Charles A. Babbitt, vice president, Cal-Metal Corp. Torrance, has been programmed to deliver one of the important papers on welding at the Western Metal Congress and Exposition, April 11-15 in Shrine Convention Hall, Los Angeles, it was announced. His topic will be "Tandem-arc Submerged-melt Welding of Line Pipe." He is slated to speak under auspices of the American Welding Society on the opening day's morning session.

Cal-Metal Officer To Present 'Paper'

All classes of sailing vessels will compete in the Newport-Bal-coa Easter Regata, April 16-17.

Gerald Eastham, M.D.

ONE STORY BUILDING SIX STORIES HIGH . . . would describe the unique feature of the new \$1,000,000 General Petroleum Garage which embodies a 60-foot spiral ramp winding upward from basement to roof to provide parking space for 450 cars.—Art Streib Photo.

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