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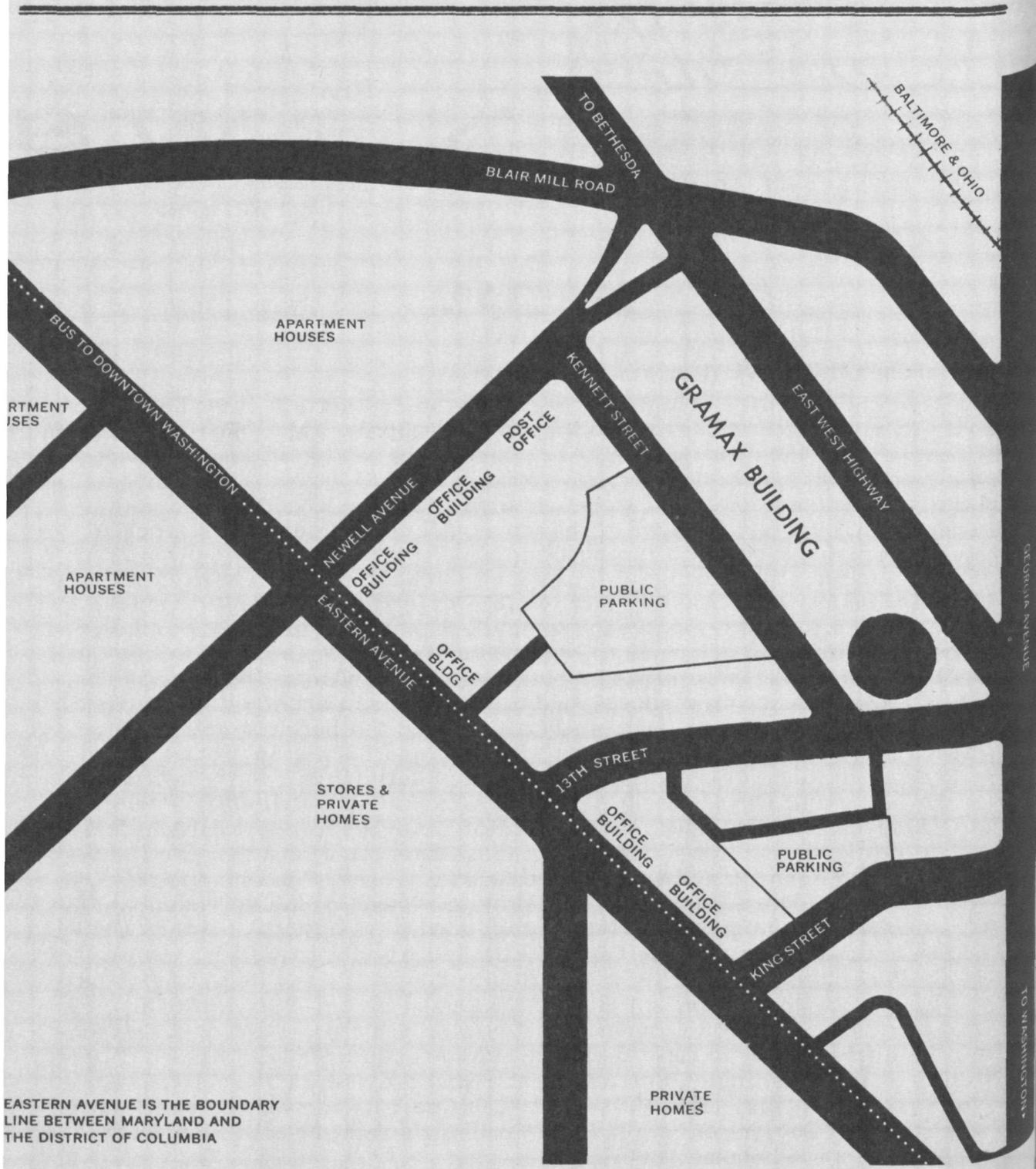
## SPECIAL

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### ESSA COMPONENTS TO MOVE TO SILVER SPRING

Plans have been finalized for the Weather Bureau and certain other ESSA components to move to the Gramax Building in Silver Spring, Md. The new building, rented on a five-year lease, is expected to be ready for complete occupancy not later than April 30. Some offices may relocate during April, and transfer proceedings are hoped to be finished in May. In addition to upgrading employees' working facilities, the move will consolidate in one location the activities of the Weather Bureau Central Office, with the exception of the Office of Hydrology, which remains at the MacArthur Boulevard site. Also, the transfer will bring together two ESSA Institutes for Environmental Research -- the Institute for Oceanography and the Institute for Atmospheric Sciences. Those ESSA components to be relocated to the Gramax Building are: All Weather Bureau activities at the Washington Central Office, the Institute for Atmospheric Sciences, and the ESSA Administrative Operations Support Services Section, all presently situated in the building at 24th and M Streets, N.W.; the Weather Bureau's Library and ESSA's Environmental Data Service (EDS), moving from Federal Office Building No. 4 in Suitland, Md.; the Equipment Development Laboratory (of the WB's Systems Development Office) and the Engineering Division (of WB's Executive and Technical Services Staff), transferring from their Naval Observatory offices; the Institute for Oceanography and the Coast and Geodetic Survey's Aeronautical Charting and Cartography Division (with the exception of the Reproduction and Distribution Divisions), vacating space at the Washington Science Center, ESSA headquarters; and the C&GS Radio Facility Chart Branch, now located in Washington at 512 9th Street, N.W. The space vacated at Suitland by the transfer of the library and EDS will be used by the WB's National Meteorological Center and Computation Division and by the National Environmental Satellite Center to meet their expanding requirements. The space available at the Washington Science Center will provide additional ESSA headquarters facilities. The WB's Central Office building will be available for use by other Government agencies. Further information will be printed in ESSA NEWS as it becomes available.





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