DEAR GUARDSMAN: All of a sudden, it dawned on us: the dislocations, finished National Guard Memorial and climaxing it with the memorable dedication ceremonies, took place a whole year ago.

The recollection prompted some thumbing-through of the Visitor's Register on its marble counter in Memorial Hall. "Retired Farmer" Harry Truman is the first name on the first line of the first page. A year's time has elapsed. The Army Guard, the Air Guard, and other reserve components. There's every rank of course, the District of Columbia, is represented—not one mention from Ireland and another from Poland. Considering that Pop signs for the whole family—and that a fair number of other visitors neglect to stick the (like the small group of Russians who straggled say conservatively that well over a thousand people look over our fine Memorial. And, judging from volunteered comments, they've gone back to Pierre, SD, or wherever, impressed, well-pleased, and proud that their building bears prestige and dignity to the Nation's Number One reserve component. We hope more and more of you will come to visit your Memorial.—AGC

OUR COVER: More and more, Houston's Elliottson AFAB is becoming the Mecca on which Air Guard Comds converge each Spring to get the latest word from the powerhouse can be seen in the array of more than 240 planes in which the conference journeyed to the Texas Base.