

STATE DETAILS

\$97,597 SPENT

UPON MANSION

Comptroller's List Shows
General Contractors
Share \$90,097

\$6,000 RECEIVED
BY 2 ARCHITECTS

Expenditures Up To Dec.
5 — Nice Awaits Audit,
Plans Statement

While Governor Nice yesterday awaited preparation by the architects and contractor of an audit of expenditures so far on the remodeling, redecorating and refurnishing of the Executive Mansion, the State Comptroller's office made available a breakdown of the \$97,597.73 spent up to December 5.

It disclosed that the Price Construction Company had been paid \$90,097.73 of the total, and that Clyde N. Friz and Nelson Friz, architects, received \$6,000. Furniture and draperies took \$1,500.

The Governor said he would issue a statement when the audit is completed.

Estimates Are Varied

Meanwhile, estimates of the total cost of the completed building varied. Persons familiar with construction placed the figure as high as \$134,000. Governor Nice has said he did not think the remodeling and refurnishing could be completed for \$110,000. He has available only \$106,000 for the work.

According to the Comptroller's office, the Price Construction Company, general contractors, were paid after Clyde Friz had approved the amounts due. Mr. Friz, however, has the detailed records of expenditure.

Itemized Payments

The itemized payments as listed in the Comptroller's office follow:

May 13—Clyde N. Friz.....	\$1,250.00
June 26—Clyde N. Friz and Nelson Friz	3,000.00
July 9—Price Construction Company	3,694.41
August 7—Price Construction Company	5,990.47
September 5—Price Construc- tion Company.....	19,296.16
October 8—Price Construction Company	19,744.64
October 14—Clyde N. Friz and Nelson Friz	1,750.00
October 14—John G. Matthews, Baltimore (furniture and draperies)	1,500.00
November 6—Price Construction Company	17,061.14
December 5—Price Construction Company	24,310.91
Total	\$97,597.73

Subcontractors Used

It was pointed out that painting, decorating, landscaping and some other work is being handled directly by the architect, while the general contractor has charge of the rest. A number of subcontractors were employed.

While the payments made so far definitely show \$1,500 went for furniture and draperies, it is not known if some of the other items paid covered expenses incurred for furnishing the mansion after it was completed.