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A relative newcomer in the business of a first-class multimodal complex, the Texas Medical Center in Houston has attained distinction in a brief period of time. Since its beginning in 1944 it has evolved — perhaps a trifle slowly by Texas standards, however — into a physical aggregation of 16 independent autonomous institutions, — private, city, county and state facilities dedicated in their diversity to the unity of patient care, medical education, and research. Some institutions already have been expanded; others are being enlarged now; new units are under construction, and some still are on the drawing board. In 1964 the operating budgets of facilities in the Center amounted to sixty-seven million dollars; the research budgets totaled more than fifteen million dollars. Baylor University College of Medicine in 1964 had 750 research and clinical projects in force budgeted at nine million dollars. Along with the accelerating scientific developments at Rice University and at NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center the Texas Medical Center is fostering continuing advances in science and in medicine.