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## WALTER BURLEY GRIFFIN

The life and times of Walter Burley Griffin, architectural father of Canberra, are featured in a Survey documentary on ABC-TV, at 9.50 p.m. on Friday, October 22.

American-born Griffin was a dreamer and an idealist whose dreams often turned into nightmares.

Winning an international contest for the design of Canberra in 1912 made him world-famous — and began a tragedy that ended in Australia and his ignominious death in India.

Burley Griffin's work, both here and abroad, is being re-assessed and his standing and influence more fully realised.

Memorials to his vision

and ideals can be seen today, not only in the basic concept for Canberra, but in Newman College at Melbourne University, Sydney's Castlecrag suburb, and some highly individual houses around Sydney and Melbourne.

The Survey traces Burley Griffin's life and work against a background of the period he spent in Australia.

Impressions of Griffin are given by those who knew and worked with him, and architects, in-

cluding Robin Boyd, assess his work.

The film's narrative, taken from Griffin's writings and statements, is spoken by Peter Gwynne. Production, writing and direction are by Brian Adams.

Amid growing alarm over global environment, Griffin's words ring true today, 35 years after his death.

"We are invading every day more of the choice bits of this earth with our paraphernalia of factories and ships, chimneys, gasometers, verandahs and fences, — often without use altogether, without harmony or variety, beginning or end."