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ROBIN**BOYD****DIES****AGED****52**

ONE of Australia's great architects, Mr. Robin Boyd, is dead.

Aged only 52, he died in the Royal Melbourne Hospital on Friday night after a four-week illness.

His wife, Mrs. Patricia Boyd, said at her South Yarra home yesterday: "It was sudden. We are all shocked. I am very distressed."

Friends said that Mr. Boyd had not been well since returning from Britain, where he caught a virus.

He had been there to judge the international competition for the new Houses of Parliament at Westminster.

Mr. Boyd wrote several books. Easily the best known was "The Great Australian Ugliness," published in 1960.

He was recently appointed a member of the Melbourne Underground Rail Loop Authority.

Tributes to his work began to pour in soon after the news of his unexpected death.

Sir Henry Bolte, the Premier, described his death as a loss to Australia.

Mr. Boyd had been one of the creative Australians who had made his mark on the country in the last two or three decades.