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NEW YORK (AP) — At 83, Hans Hofmann is painting with as much verve and imagination as a man half his age.

That is the most striking aspect of a one-man show at the Museum of Modern Art, which will travel to five other American cities, and then be sent to Latin America and Europe. There are 40 major works.

The show is not a review of Hofmann's whole career, nor a cross section showing his development. The MMA's associate curator, William C. Seitz, said he selected the paintings "solely for their beauty, profundity and monumentality."

As it turns out, 36 of the 40

were painted in the last nine years, and several of them are dated this year.

This is a good opportunity to see the fruition of Hofmann's long career. He usually is identified as the dean, or Grand Old Man, of abstract expressionism — a sort of combined spark plug and carburetor of The New York School.

One recent tendency of his work is demonstrated clearly in his works of the last five years. He has been preoccupied with vivid patterns built up of rectangles of varying sizes.

Not entirely, of course. There are a number of paintings in which splotches of

## PB Testing Stand Ready Next Year

Construction of the tallest structure currently planned for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Plum Brook Station here is moving ahead rapidly.

The 200-foot high stand, known as the Nuclear Rocket Dynamics and Control Facility or B-3 Site, is scheduled for completion late next year. Costing an estimated \$3.5-million, the stand will be used for non-nuclear tests of various components of large nuclear rocket engines such as will be needed for interplanetary travel.

A 47,000-gallon liquid hydrogen flow tank will be mounted in the top of the stand. It will be used in the first project scheduled for the facility—research on turbopumps.

The stand will have a "T" shaped rolling door 110 feet high, the largest ever built. It will also be equipped with a 65-ton traveling crane for lifting large fuel tanks and engine components.