Nobody broke a bottle of pop or cut a ribbon when employees of the Budget Division dedicated their brand new suite of rest rooms on the main floor of the Capitol a few days ago.

These were the quarters (three rooms) formerly occupied by the Civil Service Employees Association as its headquarters.

When the staff of the association moved out and into the organization's new home in Elk St., it was decided to convert the rooms into an exclusive rest haven for the budget people, who are the economy watchdogs of the administration.

So for a year steel workers, painters, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, masons and kibitzers were busy remodeling the space.

The job, according to official figures, cost $33,637 for construction, $8,100 for heating, $7,300 for sanitary and plumbing work and $2,490 for electrical labor and supplies.

This is a total of $49,527.

As a prominent legislator might have described it, the result was to give the budget employees the finest and most elaborate rest room since King Louis built the retreat for Madame Pompadour at Versailles.

The new budget rest rooms cost almost as much as the Employees Association paid for its four-story, air-conditioned Elk St. building, which was $59,000, and moreover, the association is getting revenue from one floor rented to General Electric.

Let it never be said the Dewey administration ever treated state employees shabbily—and don't go saying the comfort station cost was a lot of good taxpayer money going down the drain.