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e last such advertisent appeared in the WALL REET JOURNAL for May 1962. This prompted us write to Minneapolisneywell to compliment m on the series, R. J. f, manager of their adising and sales proion department sent ng a folder that carries of the ads, and which we oduce about one-third on this and the foling page.

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SKYLINES advertisers like wise often promote the "value of the architect." Frankly, we like the idea and feel that any supplie who uses valuable advertising space for such mes sages should be complimented—preferably by letter

Symbolic City

Volgograd Points Up Soviet Strengths and Weaknesses

BY VERMONT ROYSTER

The following is copyrighted and reprinted by permission of the WALL STREET JOURNAL. Mr. Royster, editor of the JOURNAL, was a member of the group of U.S. newsmen who recently visited Russia. This article appeared on August 2, 1962.

VOLGOGRAD, USSR — In the winter of 42-43 the city of Stalingrad went down in story. Literally, the German armies decoyed it; in the heart of the city only three ildings stood above the rubble and they are gutted. Figuratively, it became a symit for the Russian people, for though decoyed, it was never conquered.

Today the name of Stalingrad has been ped off the map as punishment for its mesake. Instead there stands Volgograd, brand new city of half a million people ead out along the beautiful and busy lga river. But once more the city can ve as a symbol, for here a visitor can see a glance much of the weaknesses and engths of the Soviet system.

The strength lies in the people. In the s of the local newspaper are pictures of city devastated, of the people living in ts through the cold winters, of old nen and young boys cleaning up the rubby hand and carrying on their shoulders brick and mortar for the new city. And new city is indeed lovely to look at.

The center mall running at right angles the river is a green park studded with vers: At the river end are great stone is which form seats for an open-air theory; at the other end is the war memorial the once bore Stalin's statue. Grouped and the mall and the several spacious tres are new office buildings and apartiss. It is all very attractive, and the peoshow it to you with open and justified e.

o much so that it would be an unkindfor a visitor, asked to praise the acplishments, to make comparisons with cities of Europe, including West Berlin, h were also devastated in the war and been rebuilt. Yet they are unavoidable Westerner's mind. And viewed thus relatively there is much about the rebuilding of Volgograd that is pathetically sad.

There is first of all the intangible but inescapable fact of the sameness of every office building, every apartment. They are all poured out of the same mold that the traveler finds all over the Soviet Union, drab, monotonous and oppressive. Here, unlike Moscow, there are no older buildings to relieve the eye. Here is a whole city that is almost one vast monolithic government housing project.

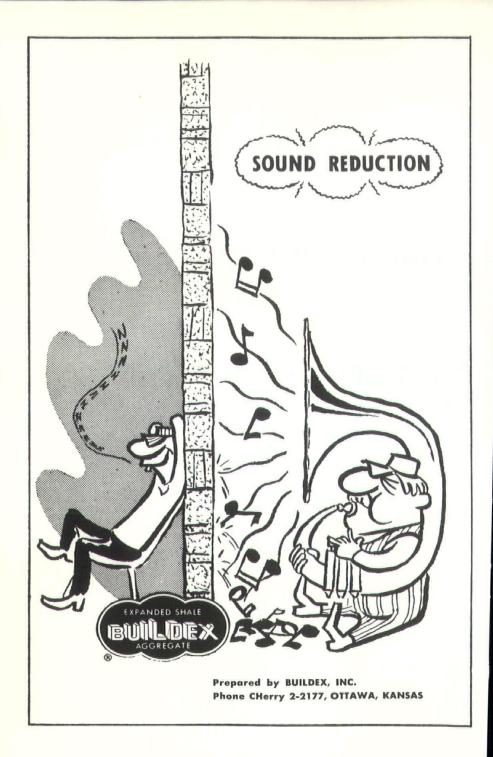
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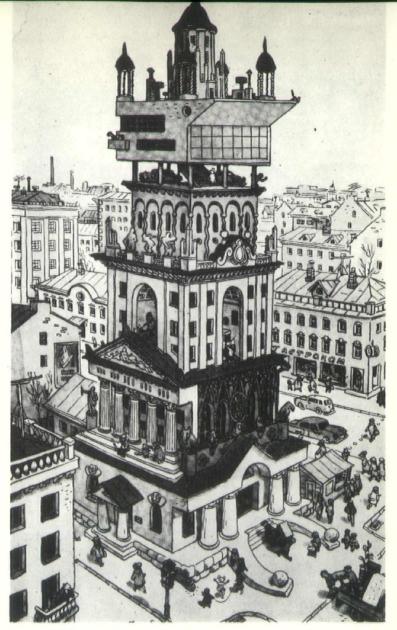
Moreover, the construction work is of the same government-issue shoddiness found all over this country. Soviet builders have a positive genius for building a brand-new building and having it look old and worn before the people can move into it. Often within a year a new apartment will have the plaster falling off, the interior walls separating from the ceilings, and the window frames working loose to let in the winter winds.

The Intourist hotel here, for example, is more "modern" than Moscow's Metropole, cleaner and in some ways more comfortable. But the rooms are tiny, the elevator creaks and the plumbing leaks; the standard toilet seat in the Soviet Union is a rough hole cut in a one-inch piece of plywood, and the standard wash-basin looks like it was made in Liverpool in 1896.

Still, the Intourist hotel is luxury compared to a Soviet apartment. In three rooms (15 feet \times 18; 21 \times 12; 24 \times 15) two families will usually live together. If they are lucky, one family will have two rooms and the third will go to a single roomer, but sometimes the third room will belong to a couple, with or without a baby. All will share the same bath and kitchen.

One kitchen we saw, which seems to be standard in the newer apartments, was about





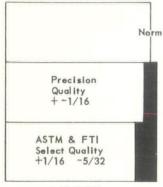
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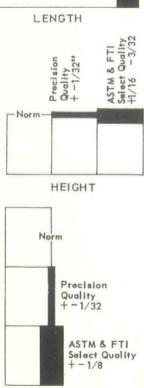
**Krokodil (Moscow), May 1961

ne size of a small closet. It had a twoirner gas stove, 24 inches by 12, with a tiny yen; a sink about 16 inches by 16. There as no drain board, no cabinets, and only yo home-made shelves. So far as we could ll, the interior of the apartments in this building were all painted the same color, a sort of blue-grey.

Yet the visitor must constantly remind himself that for most Soviet families, moving into such an apartment is an improvement from their previous living conditions. To

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them it is neither drab nor crowded, but

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Jobs 90% Finished

Most of these apartments, here as in other cities, are built of steel frame with cement-block outer walls and pre-fabricated interiors. From a purely engineering standpoint they seem structurally sound; they are not going to fall down, and the shoddy parts are in the "unimportant" things, as our hosts tept telling us.

Building something 90% in a satisfactory vay but never quite finishing it off seems o be an ingrained Soviet habit. The Volgorad airport has a modern control tower and pproach-control equipment; we landed on a irt airstrip. The Volgograd hydro-electric ower station, one of the largest in the world and the pride of the Soviet Union, has leaming generators and a very advanced ontrol system; the cement of the building a which it is housed is already deteriorat-

The bus in which we toured the city was a nining replica of the best on the Greyhound ines; it was grossly underpowered and affed its way up the slightest incline. The U-104 jetplane is a beauty in the air; but

its twin jets labor to lift it off the runway, aloft it is poorly pressurized for 30,000 feet, and every landing is an adventure because its engines will not reverse and brakes are tricky things at 175 m.p.h. And so on.

The official explanation for this almostbut-not-quite building of everything is that this is a nation in a hurry. It must have jet transports by the hundreds, buses by the thousands and apartments by the millions and quickly if it is to "catch up" with the U.S. Utility is the key word; does it work? Frill and finishing touches can come later.

The trouble is not only that the haste makes enormous waste but it actually makes less hurry. The rows of idle building cranes everywhere are silent witnesses to the dislocations in supplies and labor caused by starting everything at once. The Soviets would actually complete more buildings if they started fewer. Moreover, and this is perhaps more important, the shoddy work done in haste creates fantastic maintenance problems and guarantees new replacement problems for the future.

None of this discredits the people, their will or their drive. Stalingrad was ashes; Volgograd is a city—that is an achievement to salute. Yet it was no less an achievement to rebuild Hiroshima or Coventry or Hamburg. And the difference in both the extent and quality of the rebuilding in the war-torn West marks a dramatic difference between the two systems of organizing human effort.

So a visitor to Volgograd has to keep shaking off an eerie feeling. He knows he is in a city built new from scratch. Yet as he walks the streets and looks about him, he might well think himself in one of the timeworn cities of the Soviet Union.

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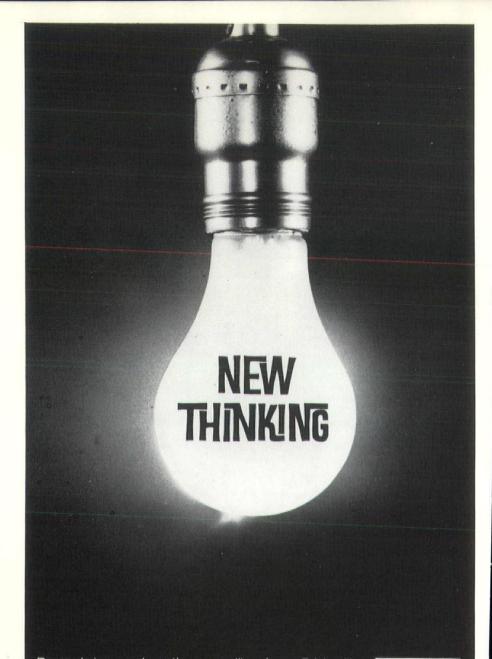
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Gentlemen:

I have been receiving SKYLINES for the past several months, I assume because I have been the Director of the Michigan Region of The American Institute of Architects. My term has recently expired and I have been succeeded by A. N. Languis, FAIA, Building Division, Department of Administration, Lewis Cass Building, Lansing 13, Michigan. I expect that you will wish to change your records so that he will begin receiving SKYLINES.

I wish to thank you for your magazine, I have enjoyed it very much. It is extremely well done and informative, and, if you should wish to continue sending it to me, I should be more than pleased.

Sincerely, Linn Smith /s/ Linn Smith, FAIA

addenda

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- You should have received an announcement by now of the 1963 School Building Architectural exhibit in Atlantic City, February 16-20, 1963. The exhibit is co-sponsored by the AIA and the American Association of School Administrators and participation is limited to registered architects.
- The department of architecture and architectural engineering at the University of Kansas will celebrate its Golden Anniversary during the 1962-63 academic year.

Professor George Beal, chairman of the anniversary celebration, points out that during the half-century of architectural education at K.U., the department has gone from a few students in the early days to 300 professional students, and from Prof. Goldsmith with one or two assistants to 22 full and part-time staff members. The current faculty is augmented by six or more visiting architects and engineers, each spending from four to six weeks during the year working with students.

During the academic year just completed the department had 15 graduate students. From this group, two were awarded M.A.'s in February, five in June and one in August.

Several K.C. Chapter AIA members have been appointed to the Golden Anniversary Committee. They include:

M. Dwight Brown, class of 1932 Clarence Kivett, class of 1929 Joseph W. Radotinsky, class of 1924 I. Lloyd Roark, class of 1937 Edward W. Tanner, class of 1916

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LADIES NIGHT

Hal Hawkins, SKYLINES Springfield correspondent, advises that the Southwest Missouri Association of Architects' sixth annual Ladies Night was held on July 14 — and an extremely successful event it was.

We show one of the invitations on the left, reproduced at a little less than half-size. The "specs" for Ladies Night were complete even to the seal, and included an important Addendum and Add Alternate.

Bruce Goff was the featured speaker and his appearance was well covered by the Springfield press. Two of the articles, one from the Springfield News & Leader and one from the Springfield Daily News, are reproduced on page 19. The news article points up the variety of Goff's work with the statement, "Among his current commissions is a Lutheran church at Bartlesville and a gambling casino at Las Vegas."

The program was preceded by an SMAA Architects Golf Tournament, with 17 participants. The three winning scores indicate that Springfield architects are pretty busy practicing architecture:

Winner: Joe Amspacher — 83 Second place: Harvey J. Davis — 87

Third place: Warren Bates - 89

Hal Hawkins adds the note that the rest of the scores ranged upwards from 100.

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'It's Nothing New for People To Resent Change, Goff Says

"The architect has architecture and has been described as "antito offer-not just building." in modern" and "supermodern. ternationally known Bruce Goff told some 100 persons at Riverside Inn Saturday night.

Goff was speaker for the annual ladies night program of the Southwest Missouri Association of Architects. The 58-year-old architect lives at Bartlesville, Okla.,

"I've never worried about being or not being odd-wad." said the architect, "I think about how to solve problems and to do it reasonably.

"Architecture has character and it will inspire or move us. I can make a comparison with people. We all admire someone with a good heart and good lungs-a good physical specimen. But we expect more, don't we? We shake hands with more than just a skeleton. We shake hands with values and ideas."

The Oklahoman thinks the Midwest provides abundant opportunity for creative work. He said, We have great freedom here. We are not expected to be 'west coast' or 'east coast.'

Placing modern architecture in historical perspective, he said that it is nothing new for people to resent change. But if the change has merit, we get used to itand even like it-and eventually wonder why we thought it strange at the first.

"Beethoven was a radical in his time. People had their hands over their ears, saying that the old man was deaf and no wonder his music was so bad."

Goff's own practice is varied and he regards this as desirable. Among his current commissions is a Lutheran church at Bartlesville, and a gambling casino at Las Vegas.

"I respect a person who trics more than one who plays it safe." said the architect. "If buildings are honest, they will get along together."

Sooner to Speak Here Saturday

Noted Architect Will Visit City

Bruce Goff, internationally famed architect, will speak at a dinner meeting of the Southwest Missouri Association of Architects at Riverside Inn at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Occasion is the association's tional recognition.

annual "ladies' night." Because He subsequently of anticipated wide interest in the speaker, the association is cago Academy of Fine Arts. In opening the meeting to additional Navy service during the war, he guests-and asks that anyone interested in attending contact, any of the membership, which in-cludes virtually all Springfield architects, for an invitation.

Goff's appearance here was arranged by Harold Haas, urban planner on the staff of the city planning department and a student of Goff when he was chair-man of the University of Oklahome School of Architecture some years ago.

Goff is now in private business in Bartlesville, Okla., and has underway in other countries as well as the United States. Because many of his distinctive homes have been built in Oklahoma, many Springfieldians have seen examples of his work - for example, the spiral "Bavinger house" at Norman, curving 'round a central steel pole from which the roof is sus-

Goff, now 57, was born in Alton, Kan., and at the age of 12 was apprenticed to a Tulsa architectural firm. In 1918, when he was only 14, he prepared his first design which was carried into actual construction. Ten years later he became a full partner in the firm, Rush, Endacott and Goff.

At 22, he designed the Boston Avenue Methodist Church in Tulsa, perhaps the first of his chairman of arrangements for the architectural works to attain na- annual dinner meeting.

He subsequently practiced in Chicago and taught at the Chicontinued his architectural work in military installations. From 1947 to 1955 he was associated with the University of Oklahoma, and since that time has maintained his office in Bartlesville.

Not all of Goff's work is costly. For example, the Hopewell Baptist Church at Edmond, Okla., was built for \$20,000 by its congregation of oil field workers. Its exterior is covered with aluminum and red asphalt shingles Light fittings are rigid conduit and cake pans with silvered bulbs. Much salvage material was

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Further consideration of the topic of communications brings our attention to an interesting set of "Group to Group" relations the Kansas City Chapter maintains with various segments of the construction industry.

In our Chapter committee structure, a set of committees under the category of "Chapter Liaison", guided by Director Mark Sharp, have carried on a busy schedule of meetings and activities. We have maintained direct and cordial relations with long-established groups such as the Producers' Council, the Associated General Contractors and the Home Builders Association, Individual members of the Chapter are aware of this in their participation of regular activities between these groups and our Chapter.

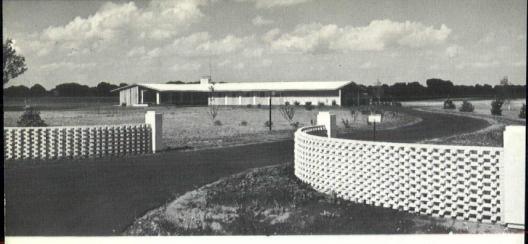
In recent months a number of meetings have been held with representatives of the Pipe Fitting and Air Conditioning Council, the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association, the Masonry Contractors Association, the National Electrical Contractors Association, and the Midwest Concrete Industries Board.

Just as PC and AGC and HBA are familiar to all architects, now comes PFAC, SMACCA, MCA, NECA and MCIB.

COMMUNICATION with these producer and contractor groups is essential and important to the Chapter and its individual members. The members of our Chapter serving on the committees establishing relationships with these groups have come to realize this.

The architect, as the pivotal person in the whole collection of people who make up the construction industry, is obligated to maintain communication with all of them.

Our plea here is that the members of this Chapter recognize the efforts of the committee work in this regard, respond to these efforts and support the programs developed.



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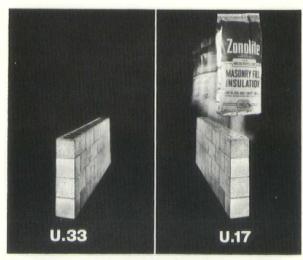
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