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Perhaps the most significant “group show” of the late spring and summer has been DESIGN FOR FORTY-NINE at de Young Memorial Museum. It is the first extensive art-for-living exhibition in San Francisco since the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939. Dr. Moses, Curator of Decorative Art at de Young Memorial Museum, conceived and directed this exhibition of works by more than two hundred San Francisco Bay Area artist-craftsmen. And though this show is large, filling four galleries, it is composed of material that was screened by two juries. The textile and pottery section includes individual contributors, the Third Annual Exhibition of San Francisco Potters and the Second Annual Contemporary Handweavers of California, San Francisco Section.

The installation was planned by Benjamin Polk. It is obvious that he wished to maintain the identity of the works to be shown, as well as to direct spectator’s walking pattern,—even a rate of speed is indicated. That is, the spectator’s viewing is changed in tempo by the planning of flow and stop, of continuity and focus. Actual structures and such intangibles as cast shadows or filtered light seem to lead one through the sequence of galleries. The first gallery contains textiles and pottery; the second: jewelry, metal work, bookbinding; the third: eleven interiors; the fourth: outdoor furniture associated with giant bamboo poles and growing plants in troughs, tubs and pots.

In the first gallery where the pottery and textiles are brought together on racks, shelves, and detached tables, one is impressed by the general trend of the pottery and textiles. In both cases, subtlety and skill in the handling of the media dominate rather than exploration and creative thrusts into new forms or into new materials. Even so, the work is varied and good. And the varieties are pointed up by an imaginative method of display. To express the heaviness of the heavy drapery fabrics, soft folds are brought about by allowing the material to fall freely. The suiting materials, on the other hand, are shown flat, in tailored panels. Of all the textiles, the latter appeal to me. A piece by Rosalind Ray, with delicate loops and flecks of high color against low, is particularly successful.

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Continuing into the second gallery, into the "jewel case" room, a kind of scintillation is achieved by juxtaposing the jewelry and metal work to the gold-thread textiles, by placing books, bound in Byzantine brilliant color, next to glowing enamels. Though the "gay" and the "decorative" prevail, a serious and formal note enters also. High technical proficiency is evidenced in the jewelry by Margaret de Patta and Victor Ries. Miss de Patta's elegance in the contemporary idiom is balanced by the more traditional elegance of Mr. Ries. While the delight and warmth of the work of Milton Cavagnaro's bone and silver pieces, the easy flow of Robert Winston's casting, the flat ware of Caroline Gleick Rosene and the bookbinding of Florence S. Walter, and much more, make this gallery a place in which to linger.

The third gallery is composed of eleven interiors: a bachelor's room, two dining rooms, outdoor living room, a young girl's room and others. Each interior presents a solution in terms of function. Size, proportion, psychological and esthetic factors enter as limitations. They are all worked out by Bay Area designers who may have represented a store such as Gumps, Kaspers and Cargoes or who may have developed the interiors on their own. Dorothy Liebes, Margery Hoffman Smith, and Richard Hiatt are three who contributed individually.

The whole gallery is spatially articulated, the interiors being so related that even though there is a concentration of interest, there is also a sense of continuity. To my mind, the interior of particular warmth and invention is the studio, a low-cost living area, done by William Sergeant and Richard Hiatt. Not only are these designers concerned with an economic problem, but their awareness of space organization, color luminosity, textural variation, etc., make this interior provocative and more really contemporary than most of the others.

A criticism that could be applied generally (especially in view of the non-commercial aspect of the show), is that there are so few pieces of serious works of art used in the interiors. One or two good contemporary paintings and perhaps the same amount of sculpture are incorporated.

Leaving the third gallery and entering the fourth is managed by a transition structure, a pavilion. A spacious garden terrace is simulated. And though such open space may have been necessary for the preview, one might wish for more over-all activity. The exhibition material hugs the walls. The plants are luscious and the garden furniture is nice, yet a kind of leanness prevails. "Little is more" means something only if all the space comes alive.

DESIGN IN FORTY-NINE has made a contribution in several ways. As a general survey of the work being done in the community and as the first really extensive exhibition of decorative arts here, it is important. (However, the San Francisco Museum of Art has had a series of very fine, highly selected small shows in its Decorative Arts Gallery.) As an emphasis upon the idea that all facets in design-for-living should be integrated one with the other it is valuable. And finally it should lead to exhibitions in the future with similar objectives. While certain refinements inevitably will enter a second or third show this is the first. Dr. Moses and the de Young Memorial Museum deserve our thanks.
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In his novels about the Tempestuous Twenties, F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote of that raucous and turbulent age with great feeling and sensitivity. "The Great Gatsby," which has been characterized as his greatest work, now comes to the screens of the Downtown and Hollywood Paramount Theaters in an honest attempt to portray that period, but emerges as a listless, pointless and meaningless film which seems to wander rather than move. Fitzgerald wanted to make a point, I believe, in his delicately written novels of the Prohibition epoch: he wanted to say that the post-War I generation was lost in time, and the Crash was a symbol of its moral worthlessness. Paramount's "The Great Gatsby" touches here and there on the author's main thesis, but because of a script which needed tightening and direction as well as Fitzgerald's point was never clearly made.

Jay Gatsby, we are told, is the prototype of that Age: ruthless, courageous and determined he literally "buys" himself into Long Island society in order to reconquer Betty Field, the girl of his pre-War dreams. Alan Ladd as Gatsby dies as the result of bullet wounds inflicted on him by the outraged husband Howard Da Silva, who has revenged Shelley Winter's death and his honor by killing the wrong man. The one man and one woman, Macdonald Carey and Ruth Hussey, who really understood gangster Gatsby and finally respected him, are present at his funeral. Betty Field and her husband, Barry Sullivan, are left to face Betty's manslaughter charge for having killed Shelley Winters in an automobile accident.

"The Great Gatsby" never quite comes to life. The writers Cyril Hume and Richard Maibaum, (Maibaum also producer) never quite succeeded in making Gatsby a real, three-dimensional character, nor did they succeed in giving his career sufficient motivation. Their (and the picture's) vagueness may be a reflection of Fitzgerald's flagging philosophy; yet, there is a fundamental and specific theme which runs through Fitzgerald's work—the moral dissolution of people in an amoral period. Maibaum characterizes Fitzgerald as "elusive," and stresses the difficulty of capturing the author's spirit and intent. The fair and natural question is, why did the producer select a novel so unsuitable for filmization? It will not be enough to say that "The Great Gatsby" as a picture was never clearly made.}

A large portion of the film's failure to come off as powerfully as the producer intended was the miscasting of Betty Field as Ladd's childhood sweetheart. She played the wraith-like character of Daisy Buchanan with the intensity of a Lady Macbeth. Alan Ladd was convincing as the obnoxious, philandering husband. Barry Sullivan was convincing as the obnoxious, philandering husband. Howard Da Silva was his usual reliable self, and Shelley Winters was trite and tarty. Macdonald Carey was sufficiently self-effacing as the "friendly observer." Ruth Hussey, a fine actress, appears as the
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well-dressed society woman who is long-suffering and short-witted, a role which casting directors have turned over entirely to her. Henry Hull was Jeeter Lester on board an expensive yacht. Elliott Nugent directed without sufficient imagination to lift the story above the banal. His staging of the Jazz Age by having spangled-dressed babes shimmy on bottle-strewn tables is a well-rutted cliche.

ABOUT TELEVISION
It was inevitable that sooner or later some cognizance would have to be taken of that newest of what Gilbert Seldes called "the lively arts," the eighth—or television. I write as a veteran of several months in the field, producing as I do a television show of my own over one of the major networks. I have spent as much time studying the medium at first hand as I have producing my show—a very simple one to produce, by the way—so I speak with at least that much authority.

The quality of most television is undeniably bad. Let us discount at once its technical newness as an excuse for inferiority by admitting from the outset that its novelty probably has a lot to do with the present quality of the medium. Beyond that I state-without equivocation potentially television is vastly superior to film, and that with the proper guidance it could quickly outstrip the movies as a popular mass medium. This potential will not be realized for a long time. Those "in the know" say two or three years. I estimate at least ten. The quality of reception on your set at home, the limitations of distance, the absence of a co-axial cable, a cable which can transmit television images beyond its normal hundred mile radius—all of these have nothing or little to do with the quality of what you are seeing now. As a spectator of television you are suffering under the burden of bad television for a series of reasons, only one of which is technical; the rest are a reflection of the thinking going on on the highest company levels.

The one technical deficiency which has made television inferior is lighting. Film lighting is better because it is more mature. Television lighting, in the main, consists of arc lights, banks of them, which serve to throw enough light on the subjects so that they are televisable. There is no attempt at lighting subtlety which motion picture film creators do so well.

At the present, in my opinion, there are no other technical handicaps which ought to prevent you from seeing good, intelligent and entertaining television.

There is, however, a great reluctance on the part of television stations to experiment with this new medium in terms of show ideas. All of them are operating at a loss in the Los Angeles area, and program directors are more concerned with showing less of a loss than they are with offering better television material. It is less expensive for a TV station to broadcast what is called kinescoped film (a "live" show, generally out of New York, which has been photographed on regular film, and then forwarded to TV outlets for re-transmission) than to offer a 'live' show itself. The broadcasting of kinescoped shows, because of what I have already pointed out, is compounding a felony, for a kinescoped show is visually less palatable than it was in the original televised state. The dramaturgy of television is unspeakably bad, primarily because stations are not prepared to pay for good writers or good productions and call for material from inferior sources. What is called "a play" in television resembles the brittle offering of a third-rate high school playwright.

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One would expect that on such an occasion the city of Los Angeles, its orchestras, its musical spokesmen, its chambers of commerce, its universities and schools, together and separately, would reflect upon themselves some part of the honor that will be paid to Arnold Schoenberg; that they would issue statements, confer degrees, and assert their proprietary interest in this man of genius. One might hope that for a week, at least, our scholars might give over fussing with the reminiscences of past creativeness to devote their entire thought to the works and the significance of this living man of genius who is in our midst. Above all one would expect that his music would be played. Yet it has been left for two chamber music organizations, directed and supported by professional musicians, to do for Los Angeles this rite of honor, without the help of public funds. I am not a fanatic. I admit the limitations of human understanding and intelligence, its fascination with the trivial. I realize that for many leaders of public opinion nowadays have not yet learned the fundamentals of play-acting and play production. Nor are they entirely aware of the fact that television is much closer to the stage than it is to the movies. In fact, the key personnel of most television stations comes right out of radio, which knows even less about dramaturgy than films. Technical improvements will come with time. But the unfreezing of the be-glaciered notions of some men who lead in television today will keep the medium from what it might be for ten years. Which means that you probably won't enjoy your TV set at home for a long time to come. However, there always is Hopalong Cassidy.
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the only endorsement of any musical activity is a mob attendance. But in the mind of the future this omission, which to many may now seem unavoidable and natural, will stand as an indictment of our culture and communal wisdom in the year 1949.

What excuse can be offered by our conductors and musical directors, our impresarios and program makers, that they have not devoted a worthy amount of personal effort and public program time to the genius and the work of Arnold Schoenberg? There is always a last trump for the willingly ignorant, evasive, cowardly, or malicious, who claim leadership with pay and privileges while they evade the responsibilities of leadership. Their punishment is to be annihilated without trace, to become deader than court composer Kozeluh. But before they vanish into the limbo of self-satisfaction, what is their excuse? “We do not like what the man has to offer,” they will tell us, “and therefore we know the public will not like it.” So Kozeluh whispered in the ear of the emperor about Mozart. And the central figure of German music during the second half of the eighteenth century was officially allowed to continue destitute and neglected.

Arnold Schoenberg, the central figure of German music during the first half of the twentieth century, has been before the public fifty years. Fortunately he is not destitute, nor is he neglected to the extent that Mozart was. The evolution of his art during its creative half-century shows an ethical consistency and an ability to change with growth, unmatched by any composer of his lifetime and by few in the entire history of music. To grant so much does not mean that one must necessarily enjoy his music. The eminence of Newton or Schopenhauer has nothing to do with any individual’s present enjoyment of their works. The rage and riot which greeted the introduction of Schoenberg’s earlier compositions has been reduced to a subdued snickering, like the emotional unbalance of tourists or children in a place of reverence. Many experts of baton, keyboard, or strings still believe that they know better than he what music is. Self-assured critical rejection has dwindled to a hole-in-corner unwillingness to approve. Some competent musicians, critics, and amateurs frankly admit their inability to grasp the later developments of Schoenberg’s art. The same was once true of Bach and to a lesser extent of Beethoven. The excuse, no matter how honest, merely condones the avoidance of effort to comprehend what Schoenberg has done. While musicians, critics, and impresarios throughout Europe and America were still denouncing Wagner and proving that his music was no music, the public, being given opportunity to hear it, accepted it with passion. Only yesterday the music of Bartok, for many years generally denied public performance, was by the accident of his death made known to the great public, who now receive his most difficult and reserved art with ovations. The Los Angeles Philharmonic and its conductor Alfred Wallenstein, who during Bartok’s lifetime did not play his music, now make a point of their acquaintance with it. For Schoenberg I am sure that they will be glad to do the same.

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During the first half of this century. Even as the new shape of the home building has become impalpable, translucent, a light covering broken up by panels and glass, so the old, solid forms of appearance have become a play of aspects. Literature in this context has grown morbid and passed on some verbal aspects of its disillusion to the other arts. When experience is divorced from faith in religion and politics, the communal art of words loses common usage. The spirit is thrown back on what is wordless, unique, inexplicable, and indeterminate. For this reason poetry and painting have approached very nearly the esthetic of pure music. In architecture the new essence of form has merged and is already in general use. In painting the play of aspects has produced until now no new fundamental apprehension of form. The play of aspects is the peculiar quality and character of Schoenberg's variational esthetic. Through his work a new principle and method of essential form, indelibly united with the past, projects so far into the future that even now, thirty years after his first formulation, one can neither imagine a future music unassimilated to its nor conceive the full possibilities of such form when all that is potential or already in development has been fully assimilated.

The twelve-tone technic is no longer the plaything of its devotees, to be used in imitation of its first principles enunciated by Schoenberg. The composer himself has long since exceeded the original canon. The individual shoots thrust up by Alban Berg, Egon Wellesz, and particularly Anton von Webern, among the original disciples, have droppped their own seeds, and smaller trunks are rising on every side. Bela Bartok, assimilating certain aspects of this formal method to his own unique manner of expressive thought, opened a wide field of fresh imaginative development. Ernst Krenek, Adolph Weiss, Paul Pisk, Julius Toled, Kurt List, Lou Harrison, John Cage, to name only a few of my acquaintances among composers in this country who stem from Schoenberg and his "liberation of the dissonance," are each exploring new creative combinations. Among devotees it is customary to restrict discipleship to a smaller group of more exact practitioners; I am concerned here not with the dogma but with its influence.

Whereas the original twelve-tone method began with the relatively narrow purpose of freeing the sound from technical dominance by key tonality, the uses and the possibilities of the method have since grown so wide that twelve-tone compositions can now assume tonality or emerge from it at will without submitting to its control. One should note also a large amount of twelve-tone technical cliché, qualitative accidents produced by the method, which were once interesting in themselves, like primitive tonal harmony to its originators, but require now to be used, when at all, only with consummate skill and relevance.

The purpose of tonality, like that of architectural design until recently, was to create a structure seen from the outside and thereafter penetrable room by room. The new architecture, though it has not entirely lost regard for external shape, creates a structure preeminently visible from within. The consequences of this revolutionary reversal are plainly to be seen in architectural function;
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in music they are not so plain. Form, the eclectic critic cries, is all but lost. But eclectic form, textbook form, the sonata and fugue shapes of abstract theory, had been lost already, swallowed up by the chromatic formalism of the late romantics, dispensed with by the quick measure-to-measure calculations of the impressionists. Diatonic harmony, the common skin of consonant form, has been grafted over the new bony structure of dissonance by conservatives unwilling to admit how strangely the skin fits. No method that does not begin with dissonance and grow from that can now expect to survive as durable form. No applied rhythmic pattern can now successfully control the sound organism, which must derive its meaningful rhythm from the intervallic structure of the theme. The revolutionary conceptions of Sebastian Bach have crept from the brain into the somatic nervous system of music. The well-tempered conveniences by which he gained full control of his instrument no longer suffice to explain his use of it. In the mature art of Schoenberg, as in that of Bach—and Beethoven's Diabelli Variations—the composition becomes the full elucidation of its theme. Even that, like the theme of Bach's Thirty Variations on an Aria, hides from sight in ever-renewing change. This is the farthest removed from the representative big theme of Tchaikovsky or Franck. Static representation has yielded to conceptual growth.

No music strong enough to survive in the tough contest of the arts can be grasped by listeners at a single hearing. Many hearings are needed, until the imagination awakens gradually to the creative relevance of a new way of thought. It is not the single composition that is at issue. What is worth hearing many times probably will not be liked the first time it is heard. A composer's easy popular successes too often linger to curse him in his creative maturity. During fifty years Schoenberg has produced some fifty completed individual works. Not one of these is easy, casual, or to be taken lightly. That is the present fault, which at a later time will not be able to be too much praised. When a composer has been before the public fifty years, and his creative leadership embraces the intellectual globe, no excuses of personal incapacity or dislike can justify the refusal to see to it that his music is regularly performed. The very fact that such a reputation can exist in spite of so great restrictions of performance testifies only the more strongly to the durable quality and power of the music. Fear of Schoenberg's art—and it is a fear far more potent than dislike—paralyzes the senses and distorts the reasoning of those professionals who cannot avoid its influence and yet dare not accept it.
LOS ANGELES - VIENNA

AN ADDRESS BY RICHARD J. NEUTRA, F.A.I.A.

I feel somehow host, because, as the architect of this school building for the Los Angeles Schoolboard, I designed this auditorium years ago. I can only fervently hope that the voice of Lotte Lehmann and the playing of Bruno Walter will come to you well through the acoustics we have provided for them.

There was a building of magnificent acoustics in Vienna, where the greatest music was best played and that was the Operahouse. Architecturally it was far superior to the Operahouse in Paris, a much more original creation. There was the National theater, the University, the Museums, a galaxy of famous institutions, famously housed and forming a ring around the old city. If growing old means losing one's hair, teeth and illusions—Vienna has never grown old!

Now St. Stephens itself, the inner city around it, the glorious ring, the outer boroughs are permeated by severe war damages which are painful to bear and most difficult to remedy even where this is at all possible.

To be affiliated with Vienna is nevertheless not giving a hand to a pauper. It is a most profitable and honorable relationship for our city of Los Angeles. We are citizens here of a town which has grown up in four generations to the size of Vienna, from a tiny unknown colonial village on the far borders of that grand empire, which once had the name of the Austro-Spanish empire and was ruled by that 1000 year old dynasty of the Hapsburgs, in whose round the globe realm the sun did not set. We all have now a cosmopolitan, a planetary citizenship on a globe which has been shrunk by technological miracles, so that we can be here in Los Angeles today and in Vienna tomorrow. Take the airline limousine from the Biltmore and pretty soon you cross the Danube river from the airfield of Aspern. But rushing through the world, being anybody's neighbor on those terms of the mere technicality of transportation does not necessarily make for sensitive and subtle understanding and amity. We, the young citizens of the metropolis Los Angeles, can learn much from our mature neighbor citizens of Vienna. All of us prefer to give advice to others by the bushel and take it by the grain, but we need Viennese advice: How to identify ourselves with our community, love it, develop it, groom it, fill it with truly cultural content. It will be a fine action to aid a great city in times of hardship and send things there which are badly needed, but, I for one, want to stress the point, how much

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we shall, ourselves, gain in happiness and life enjoyment if we acquire some of the cultured and charming "savoir vivre" which has distinguished that ever-young and still deeply civilized city at the mighty Danube water way, at the crossroads of communications and in the heart of that most significant continent of Europe. Perhaps we should call this linking of two great cities a fraternization, an effort toward a cultural, a psychological intimacy needed for combined action and mutual helpfulness.

The famous university of Vienna with a vital tradition stemming back half a thousand years, shall communicate with our institutions of learning, send some of its teachers to the universities of our city and in turn receive their professors and students as guests. The technical schools of both Los Angeles and Vienna shall be in touch with each other, the art schools, the music schools; the entire public school systems from kindergarten up could be cross fertilized by instructive contacts. Similar benefits may go to the museums, libraries, collections, specialized and public, the associations of artists, of professional men, of physicians, architects, teachers, musicians, social workers and last but not least, writers and journalists. The health services, preventive and curative medicine may be a valuable object of comparative study and city administrations may greatly learn from each other on many subjects, from health centers and hospitals to parks and playgrounds.

Vienna is in the throes of reconstruction and of healing war damages according to new plans. Her housing has been a model for housing action on a large scale in the United States. The city council of Vienna publishes a splendid periodical "Der Aufbau," typographically and to its content a fine accomplishment from which we in Los Angeles could greatly profit. English summaries and translations should be financed by us. Our city planning department and our knowledge of current industrial production and technology may not always be applicable overseas, materials
which we use may be rare in Vienna, still we might be able to repay some of the values which we receive from the sister city. Nations at large have not been too successful in the past to represent themselves well to each other and love between them used to be mostly a diplomatic phrase. Perhaps if we bring our friendship down to a relationship of two such concrete entities as the living, articulated citizenries of two comparable cities we shall have a friendship of truly possible human scale and real effectiveness.

BOOKS

E. BOYD

THE MATERIALS OF THE ARTIST & THEIR USE IN PAINTING—By Max Doerner, translated by Eugen Neuhaus. Harcourt Brace, Revised Edition, 1949. $4.50. Ever since the first translation of Professor Roerner’s book into English, in 1934, it has had a secure place in the literature on painting materials. Working artists, museum curators, dealers, and many others directly or indirectly concerned with painting have found the book practically useful as well as scholarly in its documentation. It is no surprise that a new edition was required. The 1949 revision varies from the older one only in the added convenience of an Appendix giving, by page and line, the specific American equivalents of metrical weights, measures, etc. which occur in the text. As, in the 1934 edition, the brief page of sample metrical equivalents left the reader to do his own conversions, the new Appendix is most helpful. Eugen Neuhaus has added a Postscript on the professional career of Professor Doerner until his death in 1939.

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In the midst of a rather deceptive summer quiet it is reassuring to realize that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization continues its many seemingly thankless tasks of clarifying or attempting to redefine the complex business of human relations. While Man is best known by his material accomplishments, it would seem that his real monuments are built with the noble objectives that he has been able to conceive for himself.

As usual we willingly accept the fact of the existence of the United Nations and of all its working parts as though it were a self-sustaining activity in world affairs with which we have no immediate concern. Unhappily, we have not found any means by which we can directly concern ourselves with its activities, simply because we cannot imagine that anything done by individuals will affect the end result. This, of course, is not true. The United Nations, and particularly UNESCO, and more particularly the Human Rights Congress, are the means by which we can, as individuals, become involved actively and productively in our own most urgent affairs. It is not a partisan political organization; it does not pretend to be the basis upon which all problems will reach a complete and satisfactory solution. It is a coming together of an enormous effort on the part of all people for the purpose of influencing and directing to the attention of their governments those problems not primarily political but in reality deeply human. No one is asked to join or contribute on the basis of winning over any one else. This is truly a forum in which all of the facts and all of the fancies can be presented for a solution on the basis of the common good. No one pretends a nobility of purpose beyond a single-minded effort to win universal peace at last.

It is an area in which the unit of measure is the true human scale applied to all Man's major activities, and especially to those in which he is by his very nature seemingly committed to conflict. Here we can expect objectivity on a proving ground for human aspirations and human ambitions at the international level. Certainly it is the only place in this muddled world where we can hope to speak the conscience of humanity with complete freedom. Here we can examine our own willingness to achieve peace as we have an opportunity to examine the willingness of others. Here we can expose the truth of our ideas, and here we can examine the confusion of our world of ideas without guilt or prejudice or partisanship. This, however, we can do only if we realize that the organization belongs to us as people and that we directly reflect ourselves in the measure of belief we have in its chance of success. We must not only actively participate—we must actively defend the whole structure of the United Nations against those psychic midgets among us who deliberately confuse and change its purpose by devices and intrigues calculated to destroy it. We quote from Dr. Bunche in a recent address:

"I have served on the firing line for the United Nations. I know well its strength and its weakness, its successes and its failures. I know enough to believe firmly that the United Nations can succeed in its objective of maintaining a world at peace. In the final analysis, its success or its failure will depend upon us, upon the peoples of the world, who everywhere wish peace but who do not yet fully realize the responsibility which every individual must assume if peace is to be achieved and kept secure.

"What is this United Nations on which the hopes and the future of everyone of us depend? It is not a mere forum of nations, a debating society, in which the representatives of many nations come together, debate and disagree. It cannot be dismissed as another humanitarian organization, wallowing in above-the-clouds idealism and its aspiration to rid the world of all evil. It entertains no illusions about its objectives and the formidable obstacles it must surmount in order to achieve them.

"The United Nations is a very practical-minded organization. It was born in the midst of the second World War within a single generation. It was conceived in response to the universal demand of war-weary and war-buffeted peoples that there must be no more war. It springs from the peoples of the world, and it expresses their hopes and aspirations. Its present membership comprises fifty-nine nations and in due course every nation will be included in its ranks. Its business is peace.

"The United Nations knows that peace cannot be achieved by merely wishing for it or talking about it. It is alert to every situation throughout the world which threatens peace. It intervenes in every such situation, promptly and courageously with the full force of international public opinion behind it. We can all be thankful that it does so when we think of the international crises which have confronted us since the last world war.

"There is, I fear, a popular tendency to take a cynical view with regard to the ability of the United Nations to preserve the peace of the world. This is because, in the turbulent post-war period, the United Nations has been seized with so many delicate, complex and explosive problems and has not produced definitive solutions for most of them. But if United Nations action has not often produced definitive results and tidy decisions, it has nevertheless always dulled the dangerous edges of the problems and has eliminated them as ominous threats to the peace of the world."

For those of us most directly concerned with any of the many activities of UNESCO there is an immediate and urgent need for assistance on the local level through the United Nations Association, whose representatives are at work in every American community. Actually there is nothing that is not needed. There are door bells to be rung and speeches to be made and papers to be written and envelopes to be licked and stamps to be purchased, there are committees to be attended and meetings to be arranged and information to be disseminated; there is talk to be directed and there is real and honest-to-God sweat to be sweated; if we are to have United Nations as a working reality in our lives and in our consciences.

This is a frank appeal for assistance of any kind and at any time and in any amount. This is your world as well as everybody else's. COME OUT, COME OUT, WHEREVER YOU ARE!
What Is Happening to Modern Architecture, what is the "so-called International Style," and why do some modern architects react against it? I hope to show that modern architecture is becoming more flexible and more mature; that architectural practice among the modern designers, at least, is ahead of its commentators; that its creative concepts are large and strong enough to warrant architecture's place as a leading art in our day.

Let me quote:

... There may, at the present time, be a lack of architectural taste: there is, unfortunately, no lack of architectural opinion. Architecture, it is said, must be 'expressive of its purpose' or 'expressive of its true construction' or 'expressive of the materials it employs' or 'expressive of the national life' (whether noble or otherwise) or 'expressive of a noble life' (whether national or not); or expressive of the craftsman's temperament, or the owner's or the architect's, or, on the contrary, 'academic' and studiously indifferent to these factors. It must, we are told, be symmetrical, or it must be picturesque—that is, above all things, unsymmetrical. . .

Under these circumstances, discussion is almost impossible, and it is natural that criticism should become dogmatic. Yet dogmatic criticism is barren, and the history of architecture, robbed of any standard of value, is barren also.

It appears to me that if we desire any clearness in this matter, we are driven from a priori esthetics to the history of taste, and from the history of taste lo the history of ideas. It is, I believe, from a failure to appreciate the true relation of taste to ideas, and the influence which each has exerted on the other, that our present confusion has resulted.

Surprisingly enough these words are 35 years old; they were written before the first world war in Florence by Geoffrey Scott, an English scholar. Little would be changed if they could be rewritten for today.

With the words of Geoffrey Scott in mind, consider the ideas and tastes of modern architecture. Modern architecture found its first clear expression in the 1890's, largely as a reaction against the ineffectual copying of bygone or exotic styles of building. The Victorian world was one of furious progress and self-confidence; sooner or later this was likely to result in appropriate architecture. A welter of theories, techniques, and preferences lay to hand; certain ones were welded together by a central concept that has been strong enough to direct no less than four main schools of modern architectual taste in 60 years. How bitter the debate has been sometimes between the protagonists of these schools! Yet, something there is, bigger than them all, that governs and grows. Today the sectarian battles of Baroque or Classic Revival architects (such as Bernini against Borrominians, or upholders of the Tuscan order against the Doric) seem more important to the historian of taste than to the historian of art. And this, it seems safe to say, will be the future significance
Can the unifying idea of modern architecture be put into words, or is it merely another ineffable mystery, another zeitgeist? Before answering this, I would like to show examples of the four main schools of taste in modern architecture, asking you to remember that in practice they do not touch the deeper issue.

Now it will be evident that the last two types of building shown are still current and in many ways opposed to each other. But I find it hard to believe that the opposition between the so-called International Style and the informal or cottage approach is worth the noise made about it. It is largely a question of suitability; in dress we do not hesitate to adopt quite different gear for formal occasions and business and for New York and Florida. We expect appropriateness first and then are pleased if quality and beauty are super-added. Indeed, I see a very great danger in stressing the opposition between these architectural tastes, for, hardened against an enemy, the International Style leads to arid formalism while the cottage style quickly degenerates into sloppy shanties. Well understood and controlled, the two types of taste ought to supplement and influence each other in a fruitful way.

Are we ready to formulate the concept that joins these tastes to each other and to the earlier buildings we looked at? It is worth a try, at least. Every building makes demands; these are usually classified as structural, functional, and esthetic. (The three classifications, of course, are not so separate in practice as in words.) I suppose modern architects have been unique in believing that the three demands are equally important, and that the best architecture is that which satisfies them equally; that the ideal architecture meets them not by different elements assembled in a construction but, so to speak, at one fell swoop. This image of the ideal architecture has hovered over the drawing boards of creative architects for at least 60 years, if my reading of the record is right. It has been called by many names: organic, integral, dynamic, etc. Its enemies have seen in Bel-luschi's building a notable continuation of Sullivan's ideals—Sullivan's work comes closest in the Schlesinger-Meyer (Carson Pirie Scott) building. But the essence of achievement in Sullivan is that, much as he loved ornament, he never applied it on an unconsidered cage. The beauty he sought started with the skeleton—its proportions once set, ornament could add refinement or restriction could leave bare bones, but the architectural statement remained, clear and considered.

A TALL BUILDING

Around this effective building, architectural critics have woven a web of dreams. It has been hailed as the first realization of an old ideal, the metal and glass tower. But what has this concrete cage, tautly wrapped in metal foil and metal ribbons, to do with recorded projects for such towers by great modern architects (Mies, Wright, Le Corbusier, etc.)? In these the outer glass shell (with or without metal) hangs curtain-like from cantilevered floor to cantilevered floor of a metal construction. The curtain and the structure never were posted together as here. This is an essential difference, for in the cantilevered floor and the free outer envelope lies the whole flexibility sought by these pioneers. Other critics have seen in Belluschi's building a notable continuation of Sullivan's ideals—Sullivan's work comes closest in the Schlesinger-Meyer (Carson Pirie Scott) building. But the essence of achievement in Sullivan is that, much as he loved ornament, he never applied it on an unconsidered cage. The beauty he sought started with the skeleton—its proportions once set, ornament could add refinement or restriction could leave bare bones, but the architectural statement remained, clear and considered. How little this is true of Belluschi's building, his cage is raw utility; its aluminum and blue glass are related to it literally in a superficial manner only. Yet in the Equitable façades metal and glass form as superb and sophisticated an advertising symbol as has yet been created by architecture in America. Certainly the Equitable building surpasses, in this respect, the N. Y. Daily News, hereto uncontested hero of skyscraper advertising.
HOMES — MARCEL BREUER

This building shows numerous features — some could be claimed for the International Style, some for the Cottage Style, some for neither. That is, this work rises above stylistic cliches, employs a valid modern expression, absorbing what it needs as it needs it.
INTERNATIONAL STYLE

Floating, simple mass of main floor
Ribbon windows
Steel cables to support balcony
Open plan of public rooms


COTTAGE STYLE

Naturally-finished materials
Low, pitched ceilings
Fireplace besides furnace
Nestling into hillside


But this listing reveals nothing except Breuer’s common sense and sprightly taste. In fact it is more significant to see what, in this house, resembles the Prairie-style houses of 30 years ago by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Street level basement (car shelter)
Overhanging elevated main floor
Central stair-fireplace core
Ribbon windows
Natural-finish materials
Sunshields over large windows
Open planning of public rooms
Fireplace besides furnace
Nestling into landscape

Robie House, Chicago, Illinois, by Frank Lloyd Wright, 1908-09.

This resemblance is a tribute not only to the pervading value of Wright’s selections, but to the perspicacity of Breuer, who, as few others have done, has attempted to preserve and vary earlier good ideas in modern architecture.

Each recent building cited displays certain ideas, suits a certain taste. In each, function, structure and beauty play their roles separately or jointly. The judgment is left to you.

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MARIO CORBETT, ARCHITECT

Beacon Hill surveys the San Francisco Bay Region from the northern spur of the Golden Gate, at an elevation of 1,000 feet. Designed to dominate this spectacular site as a landmark visible to much of its broadcasting area, KDFC's building is bold and simple in form, has strong regional character in material and detail of use.

Island-isolated in the plan, the sound permits free circulation through the work areas which feed it: library and research rooms, engineers' work room, transmitter and control rooms, as well as foyer. A covered ramp for delivery of records, separated from general traffic, leads directly to the filing area. From the glass foyer, revealed as in a showcase, the visitor looks unmolestingly in upon the mechanical world of the transformer room, where technicians and engineers work in silent, signalled coordination with announcers, sealed again within their glass-fronted sound studio. From all these areas, to workers and visitors alike, views of the city, its bridges, bay and ocean, form a striking and memorable background.

From the foyer, a circular stair leads to the lounge, which serves as conference room and office to the station director, a glass room with unparalleled views in four directions, a living map where a director may indicate with a wave of his arm the hundreds of thousands of potential listeners whom a sponsor may reach through good music.

builder: Arthur Baum, San Francisco
key

a—foyer
b—restroom
c—restroom
d—transmitter control room
e—transmitter room
f—work room
g—studio
h—receiving
i—record library-office
j—kitchen
k—ramp
l—carport
m—lounge-conference room
CASE STUDY HOUSE FOR 1949: the interiors

View 1—From the living room, the sitting area below, and above, the sliding bedroom panels. View 2—The south elevation of the studio from the interior court. View 3—The kitchen-dining area from the walk. View 4—The fireplace wall and upper storage room from the studio.

DESIGNED BY CHARLES EAMES
consulting architect, kenneth acker
The contemporary creative worker is influencing, and is influenced by, the newly evolving concepts of space time-movement, the technical development of new materials and the resultant changes in structural forms, and new scientific discoveries and inventions.

The few photographs shown here represent some of the recent solutions to these problems.

1. Expanding Pin—photograph shows pin in compact position.
2. Negative—Positive Reversible Pin.
3. Crystal and stainless steel wire screen pin. The screen is used texturally and is optically magnified and distorted by the crystal.
4. Pin using monel screen, silver, white gold and yellow gold.

Analysis of structural design organization:
The main obstacle to the use of screen is overcome by utilizing the selvage on the free end and by surrounding the other edges with a high wall of silver. The fastening of the screen is accomplished without the use of solder by the screen penetrating the silver wall and the locking action of the white gold wires projecting through the circular opening in the screen. The long oxidized triangle which forms the base for the white gold wires also prevents the screen from pushing through the back. The yellow gold balls protect the corners of the screen. The transparent quality of the screen is emphasized by the forms passing over and being visible through it.
LOW COST CONTEMPORARY HOUSE BY A. QUINCY JONES, architect

The specific problem was "a good contemporary low cost house" that a contractor could build for people who already owned a lot but could not get such a house built on their lot as an individual because of high costs.

The general problem was to try to arrive at a scheme, or direction, that would prove that the small home can be built within or under the cost limits already dictated by the "Jerry Builder" or investment tract builders; and yet give the buyer something that permits the type of living so much discussed by architects today. The objective was to make all this possible and still receive the blessings of FHA. This particular house has been approved by the San Diego office of the Federal Housing Administration. It is being sold for $8750.00 on any lot in San Diego County and includes architect's fee, contractor's fee, sales force fee, sewer co-

photographs: Herb Spiegel
connection up to $100, cork floor in kitchen and bath, 2 built-in drawer units in the wardrobes, a portion of the garden fences, garage, fireplace (may be eliminated and save $200) colored bath fixtures (may be eliminated and save approximately 15% of fixture cost), dish-washer, optional sliding glass closure for kitchen from dining area, and garbage disposal. On a lot evaluated at $1750.06, FHA has made a commitment of $8450.06.

This house was designed to permit the owner to move in with the absolute minimum of additional furniture. The built-in items are something over twice the FHA required storage and wardrobe space with built-in drawers and shoe racks in each bedroom, built-in dressing table in larger bedroom, built-in 'phone table and desk, bar service counter, more than three times the required kitchen case space, bunk beds, and no necessity for drapes. Every room in the house opens on to its own private garden with screening garden fences to give total privacy from the neighbors. The design considered the necessity of adapting the house to any lot of 50' x 100' or larger.

The screening fences, as before mentioned, eliminate necessity of draperies, which always is a considerable item in furnishing a house. The expansion of all rooms to the limits of the fences permits of maximum property use without the usual large wasted area, good for neither the property owner nor the neighborhood, other than a maintenance problem.

The house consists of 4 large rigid ribs running in the longest direction of the simple rectangular form, then covered by 2" x 6" tongue and groove Douglas fir roofing which is stained and left exposed. The remainder is a skin closure of non-structural redwood, waterproof plywood, and glass. The exterior walls are approximately 75% glass. The heating system consists of one 55,000 btu gas-fired unit. The floors throughout are concrete.

All rooms have windows high and next to the ceiling insuring the best possible ventilation, taking off the hot and stagnant air. The plan also permits the installation of evaporative coolers in areas of hot and dry climates.

Alternate plans of one, two, and three bedroom houses have been developed. The whole study has conclusively proved that a good contemporary house can be built to meet any competitive market, that the heretofore investment builders' attitude toward the so-called prohibitive 'architect's fee' does not exist and really is well-spent money on an investment project, and that the buying public is not only receptive but searching for the chance to eliminate the necessity of buying small double-hung windows, shutters, false chimneys, bay windows, inadequate storage, poorly ventilated rooms, view through a maze of muntin bars, "picture windows" that put the family on display, and kitchens as far removed from use as is possible.
In designing for mass production the personal quality of spontaneity is sacrificed because the designer in clay must consider a steel tool pressing the clay against a plaster mold where formerly the hands and fingers shaped the clay. Thus the designer must consider pure form: proportion, relationship of height to width and the transition line from foot to top edge . . . whether it should be a straight line or a curve. A gentle easy curve seems to provide the most natural way for the clay to flow under the tool, and so this dinnerware is designed with a curved, flowing contour rather than with angles or straight lines.

The potter's wheel is still used as a sketch pad for working out size relationship in the round, and then the shape is refined and formed in a more rigid material (plaster) to obtain the tailored contour that is characteristic of a machine-turned design. This transition from a sketch which succeeds because of its freedom, to a hard line, requires a fine degree of sensitivity and discipline so that the final result will be a positive
statement of the qualities of the clay and the limitations of the machine.

The type of clay used is most important in relation to the design. Porcelain can be very thin; stoneware must be heavier because of its coarser grain. This dinnerware is of an intermediate weight in recognition of its somewhat coarser grained clay body.

In order to preserve as much as possible of the vigor and earthiness of this coarser clay, the glaze, functionally necessary, is subordinated. It also adds color which amalgamates with the color of the clay to produce textural and tonal qualities found in pebbles and rocks.
DESIGN PROBLEM:
To design a small house to be built in a tract of 100 houses of
the same plan for selling to the average family.
To comply with the requirements of all the various institutions
involved in financing the project, including the owners, the in­
surance companies, and the Federal Housing Authority.
To provide maximum flexibility in the use of space to meet dif­
ferent requirements of family life and retain the minimum amount
of actual floor space.
To incorporate the simplest division of space possible in order
to achieve economy in construction.

DESIGN SOLUTION:
Basically a three bedroom house was determined as the best
house to meet the requirements. Flexibility of use was then
achieved by use of sliding walls to actually permit use of the
house as a one, two, or three bedroom house, or any combina­
tion of them. This also permits expansion of the living room
from a length of 20 feet to 32 feet. In a similar manner the
two end bedrooms can be converted to a single room for use
as a nursery or playroom.
The conventional dining space connected with the living room
and the dining alcove in the kitchen were combined by placing
the dining table between the two. This allows feeding of the
young children in the kitchen where they can be closely super­
vised with the remainder of the family on the other side of the
table. It also allows the woman of the house while in the
kitchen to participate in the conversation in the living room.
Visual connection between the two areas may be cut off by
dropping the venetian blind over the dining table and the
hinged panel under.
Special conveniences incorporated in the house include built-in
drawer sets in each bedroom with mirrors over, separate toilet
compartment, thermostatic heating control, special lighting for
the dining table, sliding glass doors at the tub, and built-in
storage facilities.
Blank walls at the ends of the houses assure privacy while using
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An electric water automatic water softener which its manufacturer states is as simple and as dependable as an automatic water heater has been put on the market by the Southern California Engineering Company, El Segundo, Calif., under the name of The Evensoft . . . regeneration of water is electric click-operated, completely automatic. • The General Switch Corporation, 49 Roebling Street, Brooklyn 11, New York, has announced a new dead front triple pullout combination service entrance switch and panel designed primarily for compactness and for minimum on-the-job wiring for houses requiring electric range and water heater. • Production has been started by the American Welding & Manufacturing Company, Warren, Ohio, on Rush hollow steel doors, both swing and sliding closet doors and frames . . . the doors, packed with a blanket type fire-and-vermin-resistant material, which also effectively retards sound, and the frames are of good contemporary design. • Royal Heaters, Inc., 1024 Westminster Avenue, Alhambra, Calif., is delivering to distributors a new model Royal Jet-Flow heating unit providing 45,000 to 55,000 btu input capacity using the jet principle and achieving a 300-foot per minute velocity . . . air is taken in at registers at floor level, passed over the heating element into a cone shaped duct from which it is discharged at 300-foot per minute velocity . . . the unit, which is designed to heat all of a small house, does not use running ducts of any kind, is entirely self contained, and can be pointed or papered to blend with decoration schemes. • Four new Leonard Freezers in six-, nine-, twelve- and twenty-cubic foot capacities have been released to dealers by the Kelvinator Division of the Nash-Kelvinator Corporation, Detroit 32 . . . all four models are heavily insulated with fiberglas, completely sealed against penetration of outside air and moisture . . . exteriors, well designed, are rust-proofed steel finished in baked-on white enamel, food compartment liners are aluminum . . . there is an eleven-position temperature control. • The Luminall Point Division of the National Chemical Manufacturing Company, 3617 South May Street, Chicago, is producing six "style colors" to meet the current popular demand for moderately priced high quality drapery shades. • A ceiling-type kitchen ventilator incorporating 14 new features has been announced by the Ilg Electric Ventilating Company, 2850 North Crawford Avenue, Chicago . . . the company states that it offers "super-quiet" operation at full capacity. • the Midwest Manufacturing Company, Galasburg, Ill., is now using a new Goodyear vinyl resilient thermoplastic "Kustomized" counter top in marbled pearl grey on all of its Kitchen-Kraft steel sinks and floor cabinets. . . . the "Jesse grey" color was suggested by Raymond Loewy. • a 16-page data sheet on Kaiser Aluminum Shade Screening has been published by the Permanente Products Company, 1924 Broadway, Oakland, containing charts illustrating how the screening blocks solar radiation under maximum heat conditions by barring passage of the sun's rays at its higher altitudes. • General Electric, 235 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, has in production a new portable electric heater designed to provide quick heat over a wide area under the trade style of Sahara . . . it has an aluminum reflector which directs the heat of two electric elements over a 180-degree area. • Initial production of wide resilient enamel felt base rugs has been started by the Sloane-Bloob Corporation, 295 Fifth Avenue, New York 16 . . . the rugs will be made in 12'x12' and 12'x15' sizes and in 19 different patterns. • Brown Products Company, Forest Hills, New York, is marketing a Brown Bayce Heat aluminum fin baseboard heating unit which is well designed and engineered, and which protrudes only 1/2 from the baseboard. • the Fry Reglet Company, Birmingham, Mich., is distributing a rolled metal form called the Fry Reglet Flashing which it 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