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ART

ART GALLERIES IN THE BAY AREA

Braver and business-like souls have been planting galleries all around the Bay Area. Some of them have burgeoned, some have wilted away, but there certainly are more of them than there used to be.

Five years ago, aside from the three San Francisco museums, the Oakland Art Gallery, and the various university, college, and art school galleries; the old guard consisted of the City of Paris gallery, Gump's, the Graves and Maxwell galleries. In a slightly different category were the gallery activities of Ambers-Hirth, Cor-goes, and Raymond and Raymond. The bohemian Iron Pot had found that art exhibitions did not interfere with the restaurant business. There were others, no doubt, but at the moment I can't recall them. Soon afterwards, the Lucien Labaudt gallery and the now-departed Midtown Gallery opened.

Now the landscape is considerably changed by the recent opening of several downtown galleries which strengthen the group of professional art dealers in San Francisco. The Kenneth Slaughter Galleries which shares quarters with Elizabeth Banning and Associates in Maiden Lane matches in taste the beautiful interiors which form the setting for its paintings. The Walter Wallace Galleries are strategically placed across from Union Square on Geary. While the Alexandre Rabow Galleries joins the older galleries on Sutter Street. This means that more local artists will find sponsors, more small shows will be imported from New York and elsewhere, more variety will be seen in exhibition material. This is all to the good of the community. The judgment of art dealers acts as an interesting counterpoint to the taste of museum officials and is a necessary part of the art circle.

The outlying districts have bloomed with exhibitions in many environments. Decorative art shops like Nanny's Design Gallery on Fillmore have exhibition space. There are exhibitions at 12 Adler Place, the Vesuvio Gallery on Columbus, the Artists' Fair on Jackson. Interior decorations studios like the Pink House advertise art shows. The contemporary Gallery in Sausalito and the new A. S. P. (Arts, Sciences, Professions) gallery in Berkeley are to be added to the list. Frame shops like Bosko's in Oakland and Poor Richard's Gallery in San Mateo hold one-man shows, etc. Important among the public galleries is the new one in the beautiful Civic Center in Richmond as a part of the fabulously well-equipped art department there.

There probably are many more to be mentioned, for I must confess that this has been a rather hit-and-miss survey. Having nothing to sell and no money to buy anything lately, I have rather lost touch with the gallery situation. However, it seems to me that all this new activity indicates good seasons ahead for artists and patrons alike, and that the old concept of San Francisco as the city to be envied for its museums while Los Angeles possessed the important private art collections may need revision.
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CINEMA

Having witnessed mob reactions in England (Hyde Park), France (Place de l'Opera), and Germany (Tiergarten and Brandenburger Tor), I feel somewhat qualified to discuss mob reactions and mob pressures, although I herewith disqualify myself as an expert on mob psychology, a job which I leave to more expert hands. I say that there is something very special about an American mob, which one does not discover in the mobs of these other nations, at least. Mobs, except at the Rio de Janeiro carnival, when moved by one spirit, are rarely gentle, rarely funny, and never sensible. Numbers are a protection for the extrovert individual who wants to express himself wantonly, and are a cover for the shy, timid one, who would also be brave and victorious. Having once participated in that classic among mobbery, the Spring Yale Riot, I know that men can get awfully brave in a mob and shout themselves hoarse in defiance of the powers that be.

Yet, despite the apparent sameness about mobs whether it's New Haven or Nantes, American mobs are generally in a holiday spirit, and even our southern lynchings, as base as they are, are often founded in a lazy Saturday afternoon listlessness, which is not to either condone them or justify them, of course.

The question which arises in my mind, with this is the substance of this column which is devoted to the Cinema, is whether or not we ought to register the American mob for films? Within the recent past we have had three pictures on the screen, all of which treat of the American mob, and which show us up in a somewhat unfortunate light.

The first of these is "Sound of Fury," as angry an indictment of mob hysteria as we have had on the screen since that mob-classic, "Fury." The second is the more recently released "The Well," which is an equally searing portrayal of what can happen when mob hysteria gets out of hand. The latest addition to this genre is "Ace in the Hole," which deals with a cave-entrapped man and an unscrupulous newspaperman who keeps him there in order to make his name a front page by-line. This he achieves by building up the drama of the situation with all the journalese hoke and ham at his command, which in this instance is considerable. Kirk Douglas as newspaperman Tatum is epitome of dishonesty, chicanery and deceit and is himself a terrible indictment of one segment of our own newspaper world.

Crowds from all over congregate to witness the tragic story of Leo Minosa's entombment in the Indian-cursed caves, and a holiday is made of it. Everything goes from tent shows to songs about Leo "who is soon comin' out." All the facets of bad-taste Americana are brought to the screen; bad taste and deceit. In some ways "Ace in the Hole" is an ungentle satire, almost a diatribe at what George Jean Nathan called the "Homo Boobensis," that particular kind of animal biped which one finds at Rotarian lunch­eons, snake festivals and a horror trials from Flemington, New Jersey to Santa Ana, California. Billy Wilder, the director of "Ace in the Hole" is a trifle less searing in some respects than the direction by Cyril Enfield (Sound of Fury) and Russell Rouse and Clarence Greene (The Well), for Wilder allows some moments of cynical but relieving humor in his circus-minded crowds.

The crowds visiting the Leo Minosa cave are less strident and more amenable to suggestion, and when the newspaperman finally announces over the loudspeaker system that Leo is dead, the victim, of course, of the journalist's own carefully plotted campaign to make him a front page sensation, the crowd obligingly melts away, sad but no wiser. M. Wilder's picture is cynical and bitter, a biting commentary on our love for show, our vicarious interest in the squashed lives of others. Shall we show this side of our
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MUSIC

IGOR STRAVINSKY

The greater part of Igor Stravinsky’s music has been written to be heard with the eyes open while attending to complicated motions on a stage. Even the more abstract compositions, Stravinsky tells us, will be heard to more advantage, if the listener watches the rhythmic motions of the players. Soundless motion is often the principal character of Stravinsky’s music, as vocal silence is of the music of Beethoven or Schoenberg. Stravinsky, indeed, has tried several times to capture as it were the visual presence of motion by notation, as in the score of the Symphonies for Wind Instruments. Yet the rhythms of this score, so carefully set down, have been recently reworked.

The awareness of motion that must be seen while the music is being heard is ever present in Stravinsky’s music for the stage. The first movement of the Dumbarton Oaks Concerto has the tense cross-play of two comics cake-walking before the curtain in the great days of vaudeville. In contrast, the stage spectacle of Oedipus Rex is reduced to a near-motionless sense of physical and vocal presence. The ballet scores lose a part of their essential vitality when heard in their exact measure, as Stravinsky conducts them, by means of radio or phonograph records. The concert virtuosity imported by Ansermet or Monteux recovers some feeling of this implied accompanying movement. But one will be wise not to think of Stravinsky as a less skilled conductor. He is fully capable of realizing his deliberate intentions. He knows the capacity of each orchestra he works with and the number of rehearsals he will need.

Admirers of the early Stravinsky and detractors of the later Stravinsky agree that most of his compositions since The Rite of Spring lack the full-fashioned fluency with which his art began. The composer himself has characterized this spontaneous quality as decadent. That Stravinsky was in some deeply psychic manner shocked by the excesses of his early music there can be little doubt. He remarks in his Autobiography that he can no longer recover from those far-off days the emotions which impelled him to The Rite of Spring.

The consequence of this shock was a profound alteration of style, from the highly colored melodies and Dionysiac frenzy, fully orchestrated, of the three great early ballets to the restrained orchestration, the spare palette, and the metrical order of a new Apollonian esthetic. A four-year laboratory period, in part enforced upon the composer by the First World War, marks the end of his prodigious apprenticeship. The long gestation of The Wedding, begun as a successor to The Rite of Spring, defines the search for a new idiom—in this case a new orchestration, a more controlled sound-precision. The slow pendulum swing of an artistic cycle
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back through its second cycle, like a regression, to a new laboratory period. The range has been lower, the high points less exalted.

The critical pack which once praised him as the Orpheus of his lifetime has now turned upon him like his own maenads. Few of them dare yet confront his prestige with direct criticism; they hack at him with barbed nails, failing to understand that it is the musical orientation of the half-century, viewed with our increasing knowledge, and not Stravinsky that has changed. To praise the much performed composer in comparison with his less immediately fortunate rivals was once too easy. Now one must learn to admire him in what he is, to praise him for the right reason. If he had been formerly less praised, he would be more reverently and rightly honored nowadays.

A new vulgarian with high pretensions, Rene Leibowitz, has hitched his fortunes to the increasing authority of the twelve-tone technic and riding the stick of that rocket proclaims Stravinsky a modern exponent of "that eyesore, the 'style galant.'" This style, he says, "depends on a number of pleasant and sterile formulae," in spite of which it commands "the entire allegiance of most musicians and most music-lovers."

Having put himself in this position he is forced to add: "Even Mozart and Haydn are contaminated for a long time by this style; they have to make a real effort to rid themselves of it and to establish a connection with an authentic musical tradition." This authentic musical tradition is the polyphonic. The argument is at least a fresh, if ignorant, approach to neo-classicism. It throws out completely the whole of one great musical tradition, the art of Chambonnières and the Couperins, of Christian Bach, Clementi, and John Field, large portions of Sebastian Bach and Philip Emanuel Bach, Telemann, Handel, more than two-thirds of Mozart and Haydn, because their music does not agree with the critic's theory.

Whereas, if he were to examine the relation of the theme to the affection and then to its quality in mean-tone tuning, he might find as good an argument for twelve-tone theory the one side as the other. Who is to deny meanwhile the lovely presence of the "style galant" in Schoenberg's Cello Concerto, after a concerto for cembalo by Joseph Matthias Monn, or in nearly all of Schoenberg's keyboard music. Like the ideal of eighteenth century womanhood the "style galant" is graceful, amorous, and witty, combining natural sensibility with informed intelligence. Leibowitz is a poor champion. One might as well condemn Stravinsky because his fame contributed, if very indirectly, to the later tragedy of Bartok. Certainly the ghost of Bartok, risen in his music, now confronts the musical reputation of Stravinsky.

It is probable that Stravinsky, in choosing like Richard Strauss to prefer diatonic harmony to the consequences of chromaticism, has resisted the trend of the century. It is not true that his own music for that reason has gone backwards. His diatonic polyphony may be often dry and occasionally brittle; it never wallows in late-Romantic, sweet, chordal counterpoint. He was outgrowing that error when he wrote The Firebird. The recent Mass, for male voices and wind instruments, shows how thoroughly Stravinsky has developed the art of strict diatonic polyphony. The Mass is Stravinsky's masterpiece, as he intended it to be. Music for God must be the best one has, but it need not be entertaining. Critics and hangers-on who rushed to the first performance expecting a rival for the B minor Mass or the Missa Solemnis, or perhaps the masses by Mozart or Cherubini, understood only what they did not hear and did not hear what they did not listen for, a vitally original, personal, and sacred work of art.

Stravinsky's Mass obeys the strict rule of Catholic church music, most recently embodied in Motu proprio, the tradition of Palestrina and Bruckner. It does not expound the text like Bach or dramatize the text like Beethoven or make the surface of it pretty like Gounod. Its purpose is to exalt to full power the direct statement of the ritual, the audible text. As sincere in origin as his Poetics of Music, and as idiosyncratic, Stravinsky's Mass is more calculated, yet no less personal in effect. Cold, unemotional, and almost rigidly formal in exterior—at once as stiff and as fluent as The Wedding—like an eggshell over a live yolk, the art neither hides nor, in the sense of a garment, delineates what it conceals. Like a proverb, the formal latin of the ritual text, or a monk rapt in the sanctity of his Hail Marys, this Mass does not describe, speak.
The Mass consummates the growth of Stravinsky's very individual art of sacred music, of which the Symphony of Psalms is an earlier, more emotional and rhetorical expression. Oedipus Rex belongs with the sacred rather than the dramatic music. Paralleling these is a set of ritualistic ballets on Greek themes, quite apart in spirit from the humorous and humoristic tragi-comic ballets. Latest and perhaps best of the Greek series is the recent Orpheus, the purity of the Greek legend framed in somewhat the attitude and setting of a medieval miracle play.

The authentic tears and the roaring hell-mouth of the miracle play are superimposed upon the austere myth of Orpheus. Perhaps not austere, perhaps that word is too ascetic to be applied to a fertility myth. Yet when the hell-mouth figure, transformed into the fury of the maenads who tear apart the body of Orpheus leaving only the head, roars and stamps in Dionysiac frenzy, we are reminded by the choreography, Nicholas Nabokov informs us, that a "bloodless, inevitable, and dispassionate operation has been performed on the body of hopeless Orpheus."

That is the sort of praise which leaves the reader growling. Nonsense! Surely the emotional expressiveness of this directly emotional music is meant to be expressive. Surely the bloody myth, for all the wit and concentration the composer gives it, is still a bloody myth. The music means what it is. It does not need to be refined out of contact with existence. The tears and the roaring hell-mouth of the miracle play are superimposed upon the austere myth of Orpheus. Perhaps not austere, perhaps that word is too ascetic to be applied to a fertility myth. Yet when the hell-mouth figure, transformed into the fury of the maenads who tear apart the body of Orpheus leaving only the head, roars and stamps in Dionysiac frenzy, we are reminded by the choreography, Nicholas Nabokov informs us, that a "bloodless, inevitable, and dispassionate operation has been performed on the body of hopeless Orpheus."

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A few weeks ago, I heard test pressings of two recordings by the Paganini Quartet soon to be released by RCA-Victor: the Quartet in F by Ravel and the Quartet in A minor, Opus 132, by Beethoven. These are the latest evidence that, in the Paganini Quartet, we have an ensemble which meets the considerable demands of great quartet playing. Members of the quartet today are Henri Temianka and Gustave Rosseels, violins; Charles Foidart, viola, and Adolphe Frezin, cello. Each is a virtuoso in his own right, and collectively they are that rare example of strong talents willing and able to forego individual conquest of the recital stage in the service of chamber music. Equipped with a battery of Stradivarius instruments once owned by Paganini, they endow their music with luscious sound, but also with sharply etched form, with style, with dynamic impetus and great warmth. Sometimes, as in their performance during the first movement of the Debussy Quartet, one might wish for more repose in their playing; but, overall, the Paganini Quartet approaches the chamber literature with an attitude that is wholly of our time, fully worthy of the current widening interest in chamber music.

Effete chamber music fans of long standing, who pose as the Mayflower descendents of musical enjoyment, may bemoan the absence here of that artificial elegance which has obtained in a lot of chamber music playing in the past. I mention this because too much thin-toned, precious and thoroughly unconvincing playing has been palmed off as the acme of quartet performance. That is why the magnificent sound of the Paganini, but even more the authority and sheer joy in playing that they project, is a refutation to those apologists for chamber music who have relished their exclusiveness and have explained away the comparative unpopularity of this great literature by vulgar comparison with the acquired taste for olives.

Despite its brief existence, the Paganini has amassed a respectable repertoire on records for RCA-Victor. The quartet made its debut on discs with triple release of the three Rasoumowsky quartets of Beethoven (soon to be reissued on LP's). In addition, they have recorded the Beethoven Quartets Opus 18, No. 4 in C minor and Opus 18, No. 5 in A major, and Opus 135 in F. With the release of the Opus 132, the Paganini will have advanced one step further in its project with Victor to produce the entire Beethoven cycle. We look forward to a modern recording of the whole cycle, and especially with the Paganini Quartet which reaches the peak of its values in this most important single section of the whole treasure of chamber music.

Other Paganini Quartet records already available include a breathtaking performance of Schumann’s Quintet in E flat major in collaboration with Artur Rubinstein. The only thing one might wish, in this otherwise important addition to the record literature, is that Victor’s engineers had not followed the naive inclination to overemphasize the piano part. Also with Rubinstein, members of the quartet have given us an ardent rendition of Fauré’s Piano Quartet in C minor. The Debussy Quartet in G minor and Verdi’s Quartet in E minor round out their currently available recorded repertoire.

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A modern recording of Carmen has been missing for too long a time for us not to welcome this one, although it falls short of greatness by a wide margin. M. Cluytens started out with mediocre singers; but even so, he failed to weld soloists, ensemble and orchestra into a well-drilled unity. Carmen demands precision and snap in performance and a theatrical sense that is at once broad and deep. M. Cluytens, as the major-domo of the performance, evidently lacks these qualities in sufficient measure to have made the opera come off to complete satisfaction. Columbia has accorded the performance, for what consolation that may be, the full measure of recorded sound quality.

RECENT RELEASES

There is an enormous amount of music-making in this area, some of which is carried out on a high level of competence and adventure. Even the best of it would go unheralded, and certainly unrecorded, were it not for the lucky happenstance that Capitol Records has interested itself in serious music and that Capitol Records makes its home in Hollywood. In a series of releases of recent date, these are some examples:

Schoenberg: Verklaerte Nacht. The Hollywood String Quartet, assisted by Alvin Dinkin, viola, and Kurt Reher, cello. (L-8118). An excellent performance by well-equipped players of the original, and more attractive, sextet version of this early Schoenberg work. In orchestral form as available on Columbia records in performance by Mitropoulos, the heavy-laden music becomes oppressive.

Bartok: Music for Strings, Percussion and Celesta. The Los Angeles Chamber Symphony, conducted by Harold Byrns. (L-8048). This already famous recording, released originally on 78's, is beautifully transferred to LP. An excellent performance of a darkly painted, striking composition.

Honneger: Concerto da Camera for Flute, English Horn and Strings. Arthur Gleghorn, flute; William Kosinski, English Horn, with the Los Angeles Chamber Symphony conducted by Harold Byrns. (P-8115, 1 side LP). The work itself is music in a modest, ingratiating sort of way, handsomely formed, beautifully scored, warm and accessible. It is really well treated in this release, performed with great sensitivity and beautifully recorded with a nice balance between the brilliance and sonority of the score. And what Honneger has wrought in his scoring with respect to etching the solo music against the strings, the performers and Capitol records have preserved in the recording.

Strauss, R.: Duet Concertino for Clarinet, Bassoon, Strings and Harp. Gerald Caylor, clarinet; Don Christlieb, bassoon, with the Los Angeles Chamber Symphony conducted by Harold Byrns. (P-8115, 1 side LP). This is the other side of the record which bears Honneger’s Concerto, and unfortunately it does not measure up to the work with which it is paired. Composed in 1948, it is one of Strauss’ last works, an economical, well-contrived but much too nostalgic piece.

Haydn: Concerto No. 2 in D major for French Horn and orchestra. Alfred Brain, french horn, with Werner Janssen and members of the Janssen Symphony Orchestra. (P-8137). Werner Janssen’s fussy conducting gets in the way of a delightful but lightweight bit of Haydn.

Schubert: Quintet in C major, Opus 163. The Hollywood String Quartet with Kurt Reher, assisting cello. (P-8133). The Hollywood String Quartet and Mr. Reher are musicians of formidable abilities, but they have not, somehow, brought off a fully satisfactory performance of this work. They handle it somewhat roughly in dynamics and tempo; and fail to fulfill those mysterious and wonderful excursions on which Schubert takes us in this music. Despite its great advantage with respect to modern sound recording, this performance suffers in comparison with the old Victor version by the Pro Arte Quartet assisted by Anthony Pini. The older recording, whatever its technical failings, projects a well-integrated, perfectly germane conception of the music.
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In a day when too often the modern university is looked upon as a kind of anachronism, neither fish, nor flesh, nor fowl it is incredible that the scientific method at its most objective and within its own true home is exposed to an uneasy general suspicion and criticism. We are, however, slowly beginning to see the university as a working force in a role where it can be the organizational center from which enterprises above the level of politics are subject to redefinition and application to the need that is a constant in the life of all humanity. A marshalling of these forces on a world-wide basis is an enormous job and it is one of the several major undertakings of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization. In the belief that its many projects can best be organized and projected through the facilities of the trained mind within the world university system, UNESCO is attempting not only to enlist the best efforts of ordered thought but also to set up immediate projects in which it can be of assistance most effectively in the solution of immediate problems. This naturally brings up the very old question of the contamination of a privileged sanctuary through contact with the pressures and prejudices of the contemporary political scene. But it would seem that there are ample safeguards if we can honestly grant to the university the real rights of freedom of thought and insist that that freedom be ruled by the first principal value of objectivity. At a recent conference Jaime Torres Bodet touched upon the matter in the following quotation:

"There is little likelihood of the various dogmatisms of today allowing the universities to become sanctuaries isolated from the upheavals of the outer worlds. . . . I am not proposing that universities should hold aloof both from party strife and from the official ideologies, that they jealously guard their independence and their serenity. But independence does not mean indifference, nor serenity mental blindness. There is no reason why impartial teaching based on the strictest scientific objectivity should give the impression of flying from reality and thus leave the young who are taught ill-equipped to cope with the world.

"The gap between scientific and everyday knowledge is growing ever wider. What the scientist describes is less and less at the level of being at which we live . . . the initiate is cut off from the everyday world at once by the narrowness and profundity of this learning.

"For the university to train scholars and specialists is very well, but it must not so confine them to their own subjects as to leave them helpless before the general problems presented to all our consciences by a world of which we have scarcely yet begun the material organization.

"Universities must not be mere museums of thought. The object of research laboratories, of enquiries and studies, of card indexes of libraries and private scholars, is of course to aid the advance of science—but also to promote the progress of man and society."
Memorial to the Italians who died in the concentration camps in Germany. Located at the Monumental Cemetery, Milan. Steel construction with black and white marble panels. Architect: B. B. P. R.

Concerning the Reconstruction in Milan, Italy

All photographs courtesy of Domus, Milan, Italy.
The industrial city of Milan, one of the chief targets of allied bombers during the last war, has undertaken a huge reconstruction program not seen elsewhere in Italy.

"Milan works while Rome eats" is a popular saying in this city of one and a half million, a saying which is obvious to the tourist as he travels from one city to the other. While it is true that large bombed-out areas still remain in Milan, most of the damaged sections have disappeared and in their place are blocks of excellent, clean, contemporary apartment and office buildings.

Possibly it is the usual temptation of the traveller to be over enthusiastic or it may be the contrast to the aged, ponderous renaissance type buildings that have survived the bombings; but it is difficult to pass the Italian approach to modern architectural thinking without being impressed with the amount of experimentation, study and craftsmanship that is apparent in the finished works.

Marble and stone, being in abundant supply, are used extensively on both the exterior and interior walls and floors. Ceilings in public areas are of gold and colored mosaic, culminating in rich and varied textures.

Much of the charm and distinctive characteristics of Milan's new architecture lies in the appointments and furnishings. We found in Milan, the return of the architect to the traditions of those of the renaissance, a working combination of the artist and artisan. In undertaking a building or shop, the Milanese architect also assumes responsibility for the design of the furniture and the lighting fixtures. The latter, now well known here, catch your eye at every turn. Custom-designed and executed for the particular building, these distinctive and playful fixtures have the grace of a mobile; the majority are made of brass, sometimes brightly colored with the inside of the shell painted white.

Competition seemed enthusiastic on the design of door handles in various metals, woods or ceramics in a variety of shapes and attached to the glass. Each building contains either sculpture, murals or mosaics and although in some cases, these works of art leave much to be desired, their placement and use are extremely effective.

The designs of glass areas in their Mondrian-like patterns as well as the use of balconies on large apartment buildings are of particular interest. The latter are placed in such a way that the play of sunlight creates patterns giving relief to the otherwise severe lines. The detailing of the metal work in the buildings reflects excellent taste and study.

In the allied crafts, one sees extraordinary "ordinary things" created by artists of great technical skill, creative
ingenuity and fertility of imagination. Italian artists have recognized that a useful object and art can be the same and devote their talents to pottery, fabrics and furnishings, giving to the people an opportunity to own a beautiful utilitarian object untouched by forced streamlining.

Here is the discovery of the unexpected, the impact of strong, clean shapes growing out of ruins, the patches of bright colors where one least expects them and the whimsical use of lighting fixtures; all produced with the unique craftsmanship which stems from the tradition of an art-loving people and from the knowledge that what they create has always been wanted and cherished. Perhaps also, they have never lost their desire to beautify useful objects with which they live.

**MILAN**

Upper left: Interior view of the Galtrucco shop in Milan, typical of the simplicity and contrasting textures found in the ceiling and floor. Marble is used for the table legs. Architects: Melchiorre Bega and Gugliemo Ulrich.

Above: Stairway at the coffee bar “Motta” leading to the coffee shop on the second floor. The white marble steps are lit from within by neon lights and are covered by a dark blue carpet in sharp contrast with pink synthetic marble of the wall on the left and the pink granite on the wall at the end of the landing.

Left: The new Taverna dello Giorettiero. Architect: Melchiorre Bega. Built in the cellar of one of the old buildings comprising the Galleria vittore Emanuele in Milan, this restaurant radiates into a series of colorful rooms, leaving the ancient brick ceiling exposed as shown in the lower inlaid with glazed green and yellow bricks. The murals are by Donzelli.

Upper right: Interior view of a ceramic showroom in Milan. The second story is reached by a ramp that allows for additional displays in both the walls and suspended display case.

Left: In the Motta Cafe, the floor is of tiny pink mosaic with black and white inlays of the Motta trademark. The white stucco ceiling is supported by pillars of white synthetic marble with a pink granite facing behind the ice cream and pastry counter. At the left is the suspended liquor bar.
The balancing lamp of Roberto Menghi, architect, is as handsome as it is unique in the function of complete balance. It can be changed to several positions by adjusting the weight and moving the "rest."

Lower left: Portion of the entrance hall of the Grand Hotel Duomo in Milan which has been remodeled from an ancient Italian Palazzo.
Lower right: A typical studio room of the Grand Hotel Duomo, originally oversized with two-story high ceilings, now divided by a balcony bedroom above and the entertainment area below.
The Sculpture of Marino Marini

One of the few major figures of his generation in European Sculpture, Marino Marini is another creative force in the renaissance of art taking place today in Milan.

Fusing the Oriental with the Western in creating a vital image of humanity and of human dignity, Marini's expressive skill is shown in the notched accents whereby the set of a mouth, or the glance of an eye, is fixed unchangeably and becomes at the same time a telling hieroglyphic motif.
The house complies with conventional restrictions which impose a sloping shingle roof and white plaster areas. It contains two bedrooms, a bath, a spacious kitchen adjacent to the living-dining area and outside wind-protected patio. The building stands fairly isolated on a magnificent hill overlooking the ocean. The redwood and the glass in the gable wall has been objected to by the Art Jury involved. The entrance is in white washed plaster and cement blocks with small areas in the redwood facing. The pitch of the roof and the roofing materials—shingles—follow the restrictions of the tract. The living-room with its fireplace at the southerly ending communicates with the circum-walled, wind protected patio. All rooms and especially the living quarters open to the ocean view.

The materials used in the conventional wood construction were those as prescribed by the regulations of the tract.
For twenty-five years Richard Neutra has successfully designed houses advanced in concept and appearance. In the house shown he has done his utmost to conform with reactionary restrictions imposed upon him. In this case the owners of the house have been served with a suit for damages presumably to the landscape and the neighborhood after having made major concessions to the restrictions imposed by the tract. These demands are obviously capricious and damaging to the best interests of not only the clients involved but also to creative architecture. The following statement is from Mr. Neutra:

"When people were not building in 'styles,' but followed the best practice of their time and locality, harmony almost automatically prevailed. A village in Kwantung, South China, or one in Wallis, Southern Switzerland, would be very different from each other, but highly consistent within themselves. This consistency most primitive human settlements had once in common all around the world.

One roofing material, tile of one size and glazing color in Kwantung, cedar shingles, a standard in Wallis, would govern roof pitch and make it identical—the optimum angle to drain the rain water would be used by all. Practically all houses in each of the two villages would be oriented in order to share equally the prevailing breezes and sun radiation during the hours of the day and the seasons of the year. Windows and doors were normalized for all home owners by the routine of the one carpenter, who made them all his life and for the entire community.

Can negative architectural controls, and tract restrictions help toward such consistency and harmony today? Perhaps, but they themselves would have to be designed with the greatest and most sensitive understanding of what may be the trends of contemporary building design and practice. To turn back the hands of the clock, to lower the common basis of design to artificially historical levels or introduce standards far-fetched from other social and geographical scenes, can be done only by trained stage designers, who are versatile artists in superficial eye-appeal. Without belittling their productions, it is clear that a real domestic structure with an amortization period of twenty years must be more secure and enduring. Arbitrary decisions are too often out of touch with the currents which lead into the future. To pit caprice or regimentation (continued on page 42)
HOUSING PROJECT OFFICE BUILDING

This office building was designed to house the staff which is working in preparation of the project for the Elysian Park Heights community, a housing project to be planned and built on a budget of 35 million dollars. The object was to create an office atmosphere with a more suburban rather than city-like character. A large drafting room is designed to be divided when necessary. Acoustical tile on the ceiling reduces reverberations and assures a quiet atmosphere. The floor is asphalt tile. There is a lunch room with an outdoor balcony.

RICHARD NEUTRA

Upper left: The pergola beam bridges the entrance to car parking area of the office building. Upper right: Southwest view of building. Right: Garden front with architect's office opening into garden and to balcony on second floor. Below: Entrance to building. Acoustical tile is used on the ceiling and asphalt tile on the floors.
A speech delivered by Konrad Wachsmann in presentation of honorary degree of doctor of engineering to Professor Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, April 26, 1951 at the Ambassador East Hotel, Chicago, Illinois.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my privilege to have the opportunity to convey to you an important message which is addressed to our friend, Professor Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. If pride and honor are virtues of moral obligations and not expressions of vanity and hidden self-satisfaction, then I am indeed very proud and very honored to have been chosen as messenger to present this document which I have in my hand. I may be permitted to say a few words about the meaning of this document.

The creative spirit or works of art can only find recognition if they are understood by their contemporary world. Where this understanding comes from is difficult to trace. Men should only cast opinions if they are experts or are experienced on the same level as the creator whose work they want to judge. This almost tragic condition is, perhaps, one of the main reasons for the loneliness of the masters. But there is, of course, another way of judging which is based on the subconscious instinct of man, which allows him to FEEL where he does not KNOW. It is not necessary that a man understand the art of building or know anything of the mystery of the mastership, to be able to enjoy it as a structure, or as art, or as a useful object.

Speaking of universities, their faculties also expect that, for instance, a student of architecture, at an early stage of his life, will form his basic opinion regarding the direction in which he wants to move in relation to the way he understands his world and the manner in which he desires to develop himself. The student can only base such opinion on his feelings and beliefs and not necessarily on knowledge, which he still has not acquired. But trusting his instinct, which is perhaps his greatest force, he chooses for himself the master whom he believes best expresses the ideals of the world which he has adopted by his own conviction. He surrenders to the ideas of the master, tries conscientiously to understand him and to penetrate his ideas in order to be in a position to absorb his work, his morals, his philosophy and his skill, in order to finally become a creator himself. And what such a student is doing and trying to do is being done by faculties and by the members of the profession.

What I want to say in all this is—it is not the admiration or sympathy or personal feelings, but, in fact, the deeper understanding of the master's thinking and work which result in the true satisfaction of the study of his work. Often skeptical of his many admirers, he will nevertheless open himself completely to those who really understand him and will communicate with them and by so doing will get back a small part of the debt which the society owes to him who has given so much.

Now the faculty of a university voluntarily and deliberately chooses to honor such master, to express therewith its gratitude, understanding and belief in this man. The Faculty of Architecture of the Technischen Hochschule Fridericana of Karlsruhe in Germany, under the Presidency of Doctor Engineer Ernst Terres and under the Deanship of Doctor Engineer Paul Boss, unanimously decided to dedicate an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Engineering to Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, which is to recognize "his merits for the development of the new architectural form" and signifies that it is willing to follow his language and his ideas, in admiration of his rich contributions to mankind and its desire to absorb and (continued on page 42)
This etching is the work of Ynez Johnston, Berkeley California printmaker and painter who was recently presented by the Museum of Modern Art in its New Talent Gallery. The gothic profusion of detail and imagery gives no clue to the size of the work and one can as easily imagine it on a large wall as the scant 7x10 inches it measures.

In common with Miss Johnston's other pictures, "Gargoyles" ignores our comforting sense of proportion and perspective, inviting the spectator to enter another world where all visual events enjoy equal credibility. Minute shapes, like so many protozoan squiggles, insist upon our absorbed attention in their own right, though overshadowed by the commanding prominence of the large central figure.

At first glance, these myriad forms and latticed lines tend to overwhelm the eye accustomed to find its way with a minimum of strain and a maximum of handy guidelines. But the artist establishes her own conventions, and those who wish to share her private realm (thereby extending the boundaries of their own) are expected to conform to the conventions of the Johnstonian world. These conventions follow what might be called the principal of proliferation, the notion that the entire surface of a picture needs activation. This proliferation, the passage within passage, each in turn suggesting further development, thrives in essentially linear, two-dimensional art. The method, here made contemporary by a wiry calligraphy, has notable precedents ranging from Persian miniatures and Celtic interlacements of the Book of Kells to certain Paul Klee pictures.

Detailed proliferation fulfills the needs of this artist's introspective fantasies. With Ynez in Wonderland we are "taken in" by strange crenellated towers and gargoyled figures, by totemed images sitting within rising spires in a world remote from our familiar surroundings. But these minutiae, occupying every nook and cranny, gain their hold on the spectator by the human overtones that are always present. "Abstract" variations, no matter how much they serve as design, complement or lead to some image symbolically weighted and our dulled power of fantasy is sparked into life.

It takes time to see a Johnston picture, in oil and casein as well as etching, for the simple reason that her proliferative method must be read serially and cannot be grasped all at once. But the more time one takes, the more one discovers. Proliferative pictures refuse to submerge into any decorative scheme, insist, in fact, on commanding our undivided attention. As a result the artist holds an audience by involving it more fully, more richly, and by giving enough "material" to engage the attention of the spectator pleasantly and rewardingly.

JULES LANGSNER
The designers Von Keppel and Green have for some time maintained a successful retail shop where they have gathered together contemporary objects which represent a better than reasonably good standard in design. While they themselves have made significant contributions they felt that from the vantage point of retail merchandising they might get a better perspective on the problems of the distribution and the manufacture of end products. They have succeeded in developing a working pattern in which they are equally at home in all phases of the complex of their profession, and, most important, they have been able to maintain and to amplify a vigorous and clear-cut point of view. The consistency of their work and the growing influence of their standards have made notable contributions in the field of design.
Opposite page: The three large photographs are different views of shop displays of furniture groups and accessories. At the far left is the expanded metal all-weather arm chair. This page: Examples of indoor-outdoor furniture based on metal frames. Glass tops are used on the tables and foam rubber upholstery is used on chairs and sofa. The pans on the metal tripod of the candle lights are removable for table use.
This house shown in an earlier issue as a project in line drawings is now completed. On a site with the free wide ranging view over the city, it was a problem of the designer to overcome a twelve-foot setback which left little other than a steep incline on which to build. The canyon side of the house is supported entirely by steel beams on steel posts. The balcony on the hill side surrounds the entire living area. At the lower garden level an independent service room has been developed and the under house area remains a future project for recreation purposes.

The living room is carpeted in gray beige, the walls sandfinished white plaster, ceiling gray-green, and these colors are used consistently throughout the house. Furnishings by Robsjohn Gibbings and Greta Magnusson Grossman.
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MISCELLANEOUS

(113a) Garden Idea Booklet: Dozens of fresh ideas on garden design and structures, from the famous California Spring Garden Show. Exciting new planting boxes, sun shades, walks, ar- bors, fences. California Redwood As- sociation, 405 Montgomery Street, San Francisco 4, California.

(360) Telephones: Information for arch itects, builders on telephone installa- tions, including built-in data.—P. E. Dvorasky, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, 740 South Olive Street, Los Angeles 55, Calif.

PAINTS, SURFACE TREATMENTS

• (1938) Paint Book: New 47-page paint book featuring General Paints; full arhitects specifications, more than 200 color samples, complete catalog of finishes; full descriptions paints, ena- mels, varnishes, lacquers, etc.; inval- able information on finishing all sur- faces, including plaster, hardwood, close-grained woods; this is a must for all files.—General Paint Corpora- tion, 2627 Army Street, San Francisco 19, Calif.

• (1925) Portland Cement Paint: Fold- er L & S Portland Cement paint merit specified for use in House 1950; for concrete, stucco, masonry, new galva- nized iron, other surfaces; long wearing, won’t absorb moisture, fire retardant; easy to apply with brush, spray, used for 30 years.—General Paint Corpora- tion, 2627 Army Street, San Francisco, Calif.

• (1925) Decorative Panels: Brochure full-color on Parkwood Decorative, lamin- ated plastic panels using genuine wood veneers retaining all natural wood luster; ideal for table or counter tops, wall panels, standard and cigarette- proof grades; 24"x30" to 36"x96"; in- teresting product meriting close ap- praisal.—Parkwood Corporation, 31 Water Street, Wakefield, Mass.

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• (505) Etchwood Panels: Literature Etchwood, a “3-dimensional plywood” for paneling, furniture, display back- grounds; soft grain burned away leaving hardwood surface in natural grain-textured surface; costs less than decorative hardboard plywood; eastern new product, merits close considera- tion.—Davidson Plywood & Lumber Company, 3136 East Washington Boul- evard, Los Angeles, Calif.

• (400) Portland Cement Paint: Fold- er L & S Portland Cement paint merit specified for use in CSHouse 1950; for concrete, stucco, masonry, new galva- nized iron, other surfaces; long wearing, won’t absorb moisture, fire retardant; easy to apply with brush, spray; used for 30 years.—General Paint Corpora- tion, 2627 Army Street, San Francisco, Calif.

• (585) Decorative Panels: Literature Etchwood, a “3-dimensional plywood” for paneling, furniture, display back- grounds; soft grain burned away leaving hardwood surface in natural grain-textured surface; costs less than decorative hardboard plywood; eastern new product, merits close considera- tion.—Davidson Plywood & Lumber Company, 3136 East Washington Boul- evard, Los Angeles, Calif.

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