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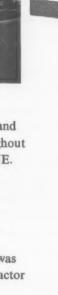
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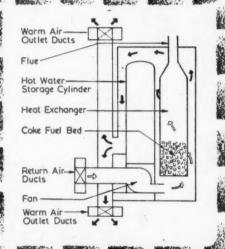
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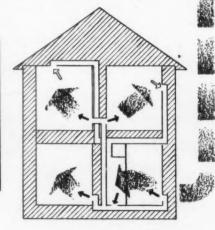
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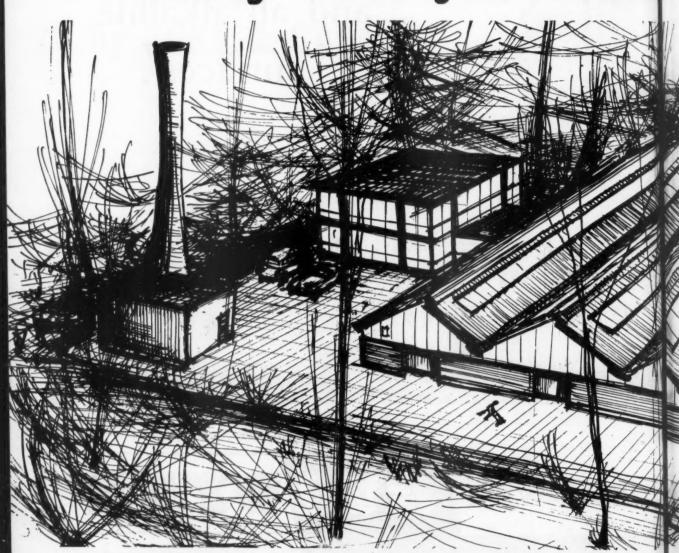
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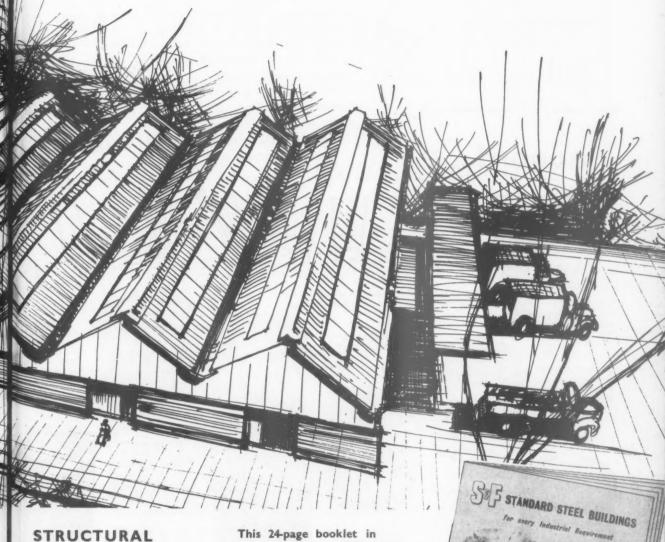
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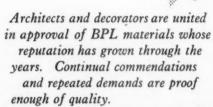
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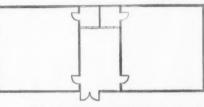
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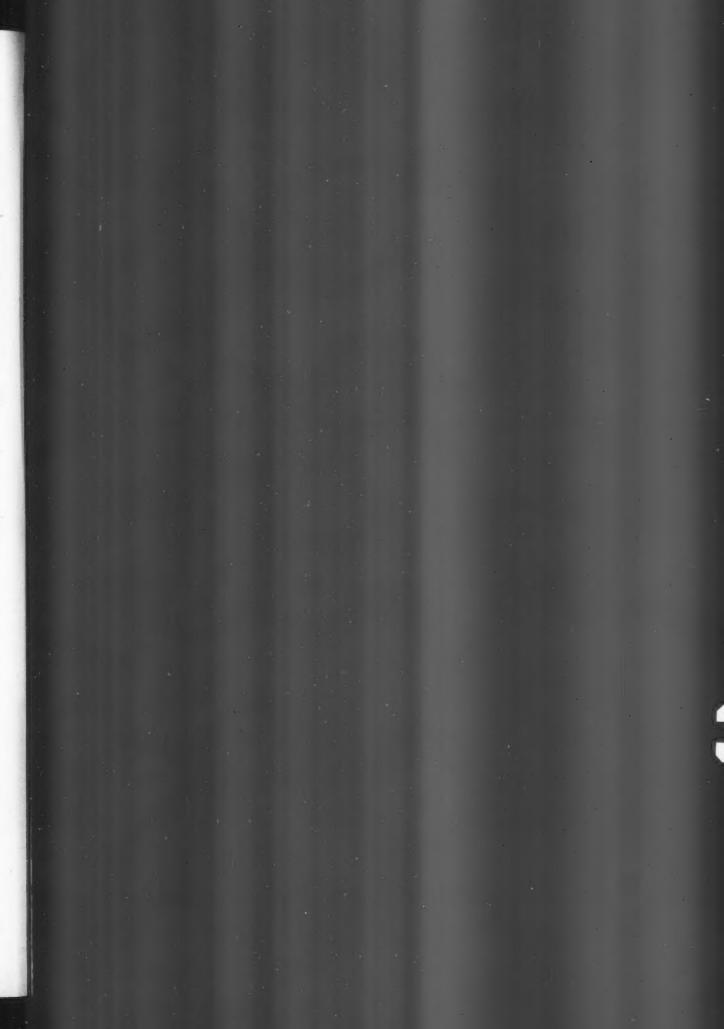




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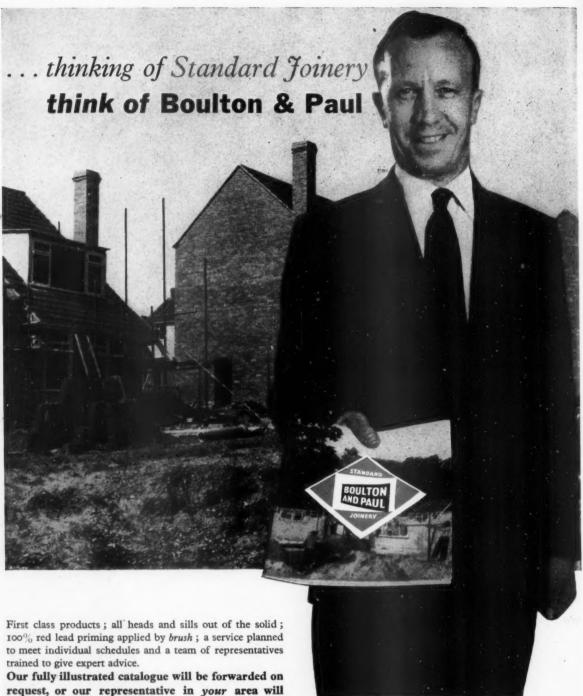
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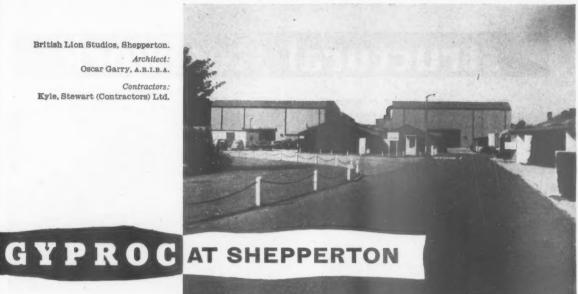
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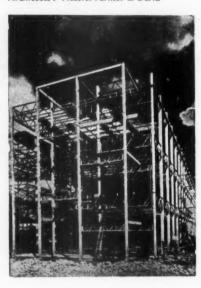
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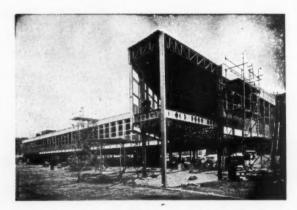
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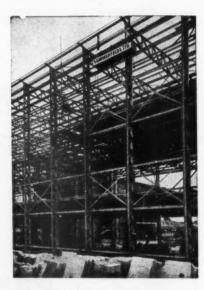
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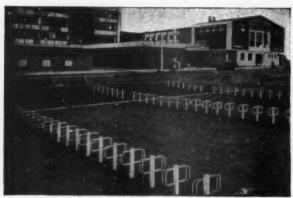


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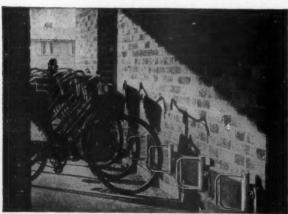
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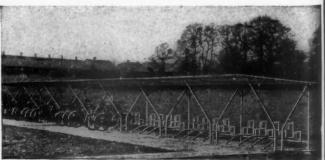
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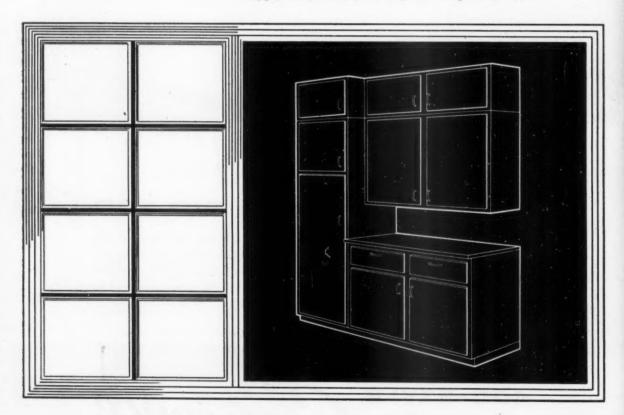
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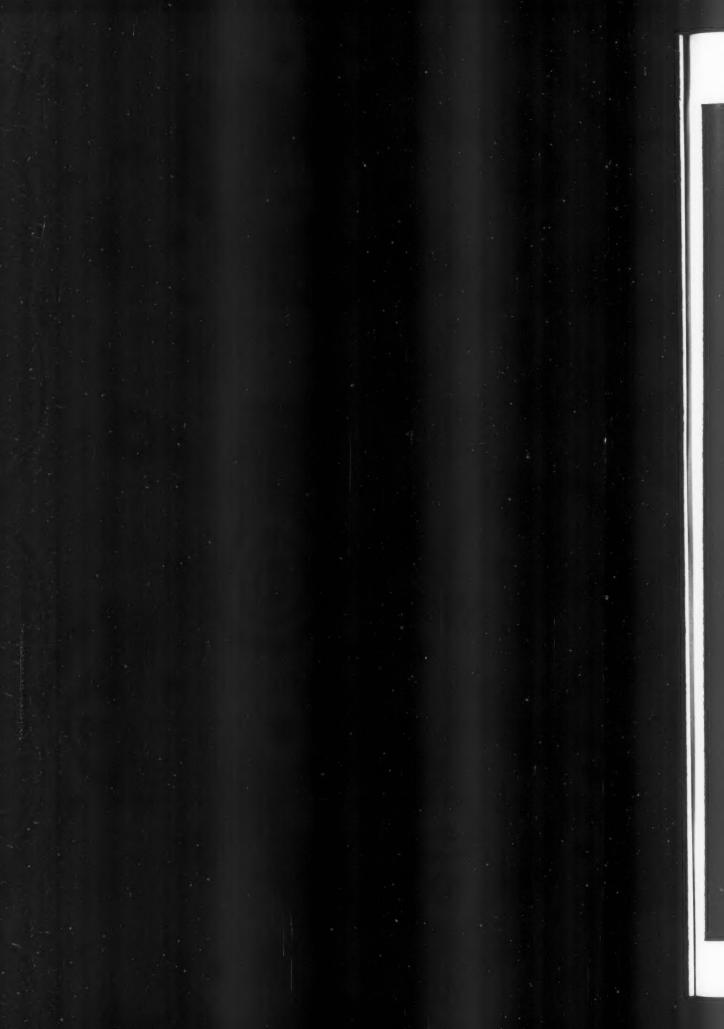
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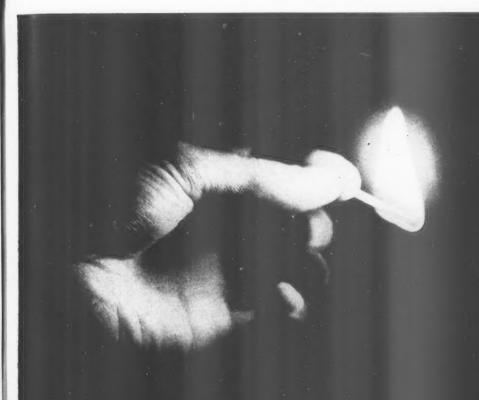
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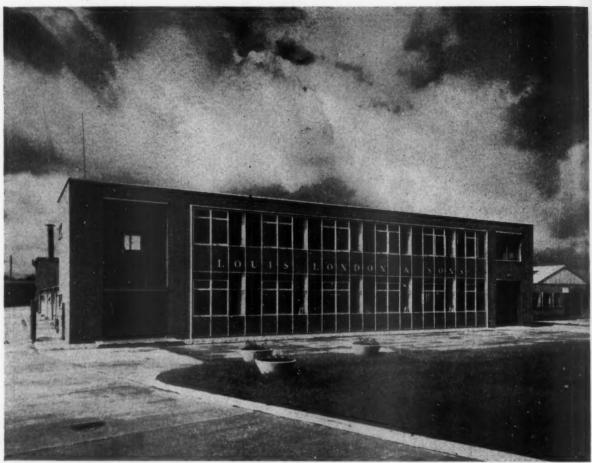
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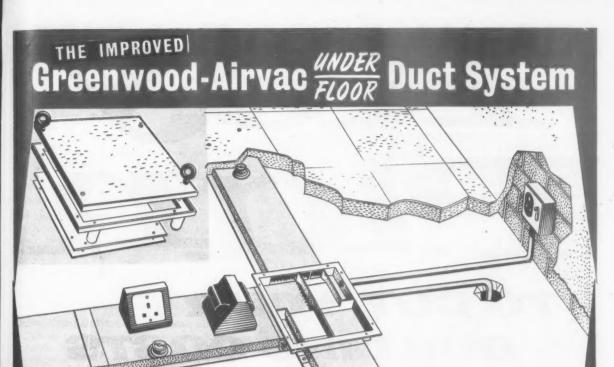
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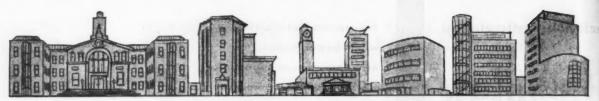
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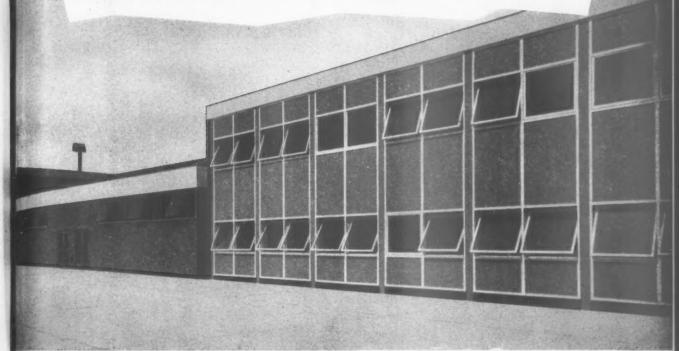
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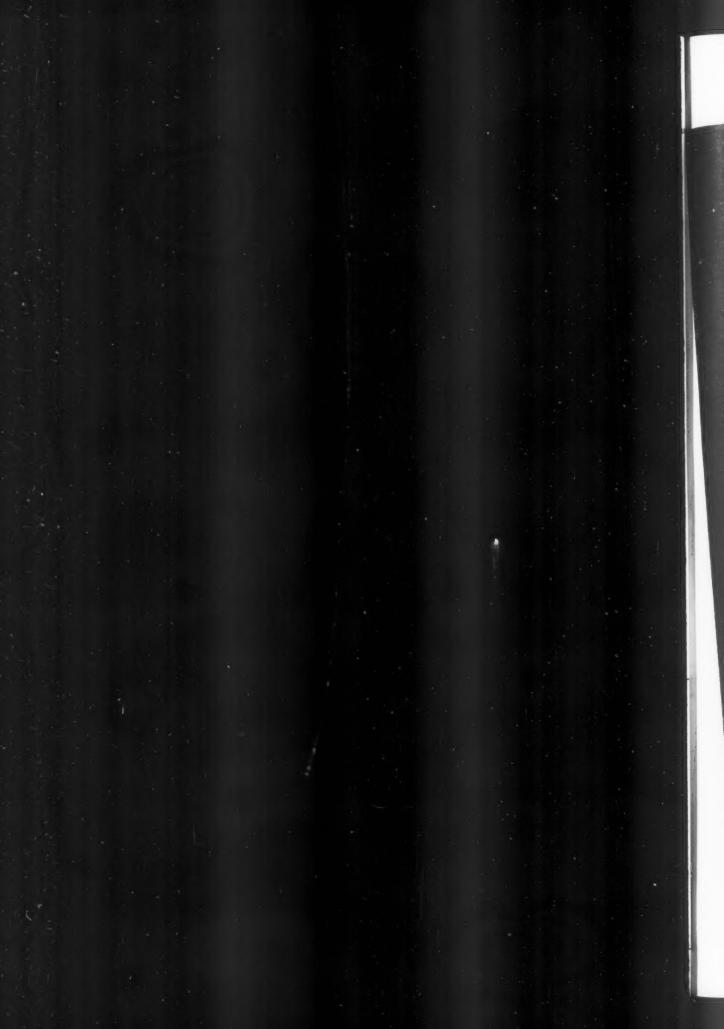
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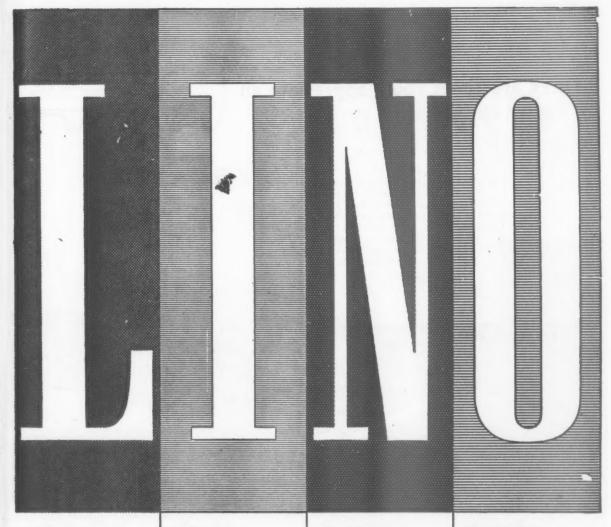
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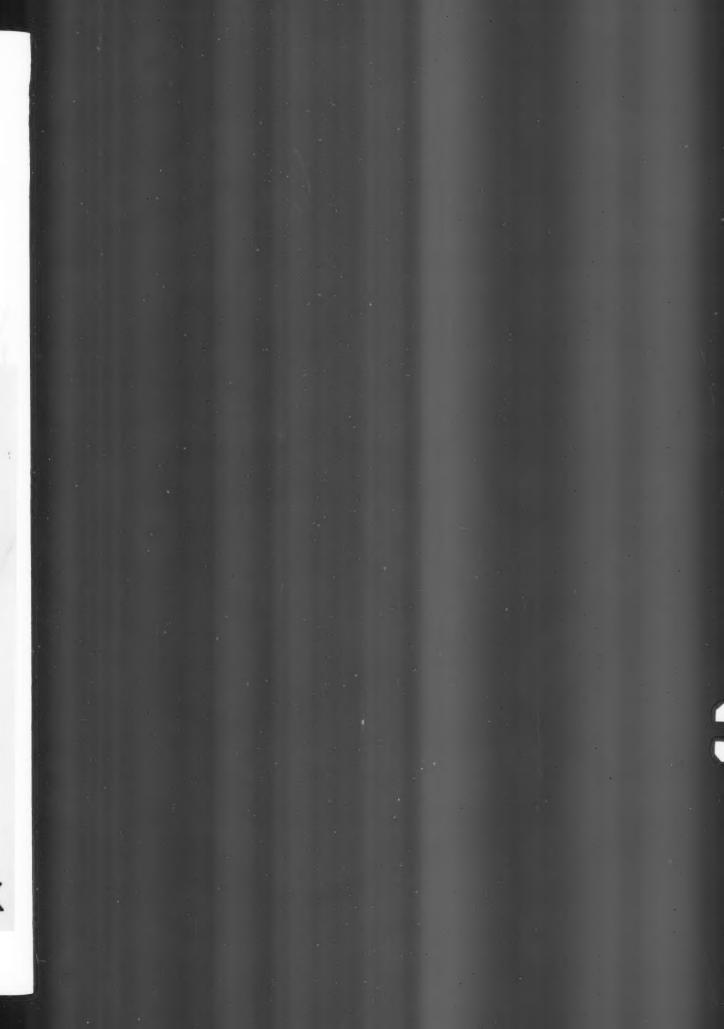
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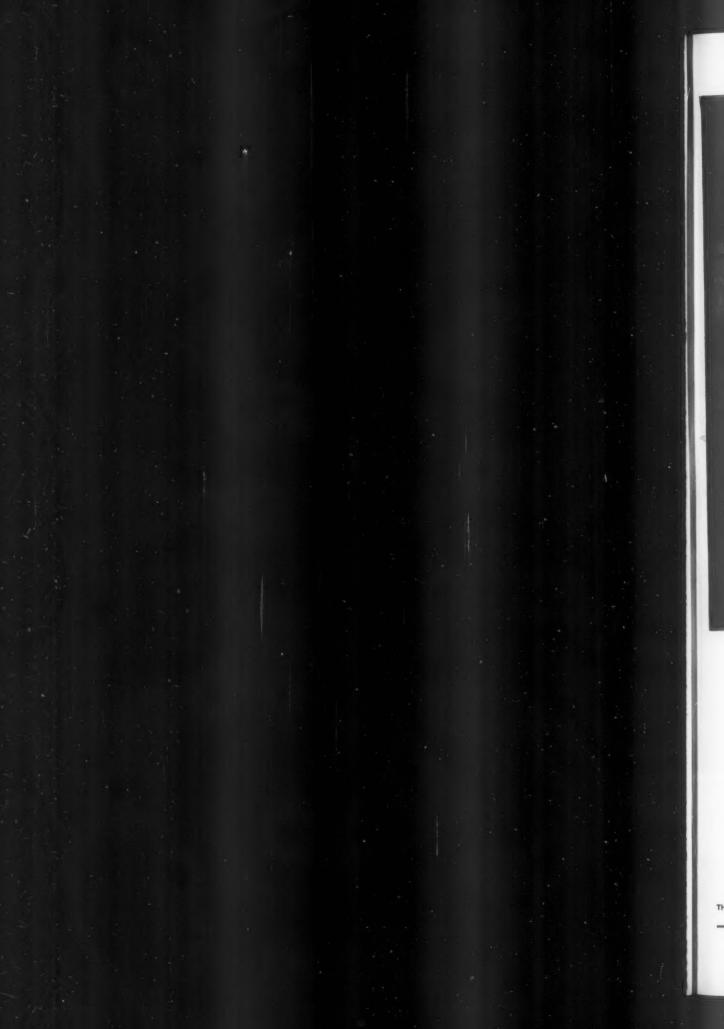




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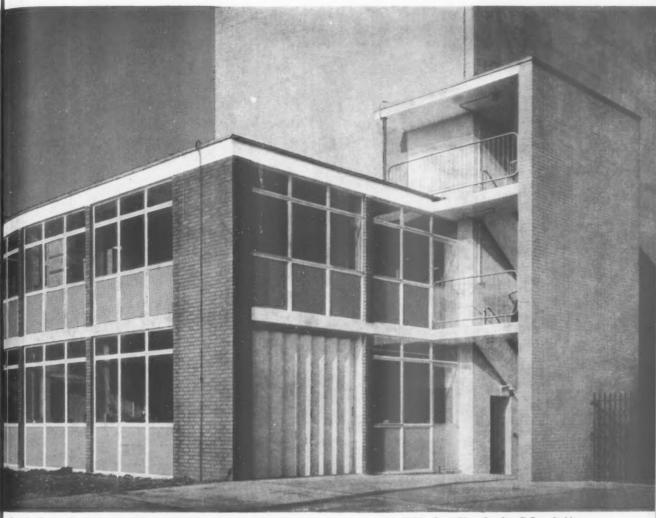
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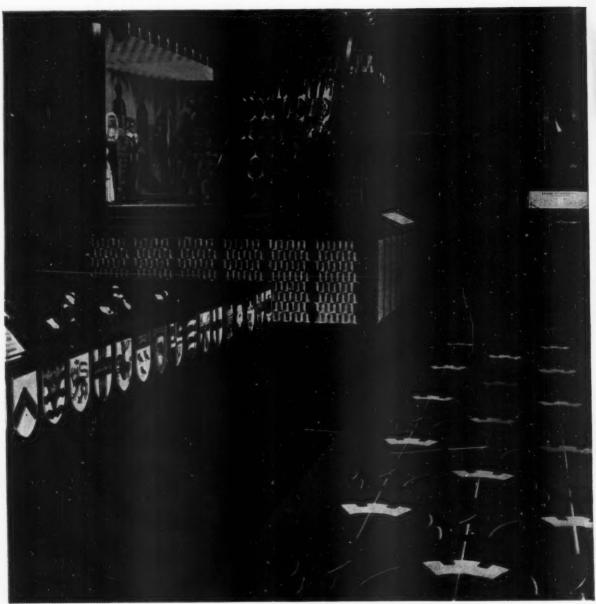
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NOT QUITE INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

WITH KNOBS ON

Architects, a notoriously critical profession, are seldom satisfied with the standard products from which they have to choose to furnish their buildings. Ironmongery in general, and door handles in particular, are very susceptible to this dissatisfaction.

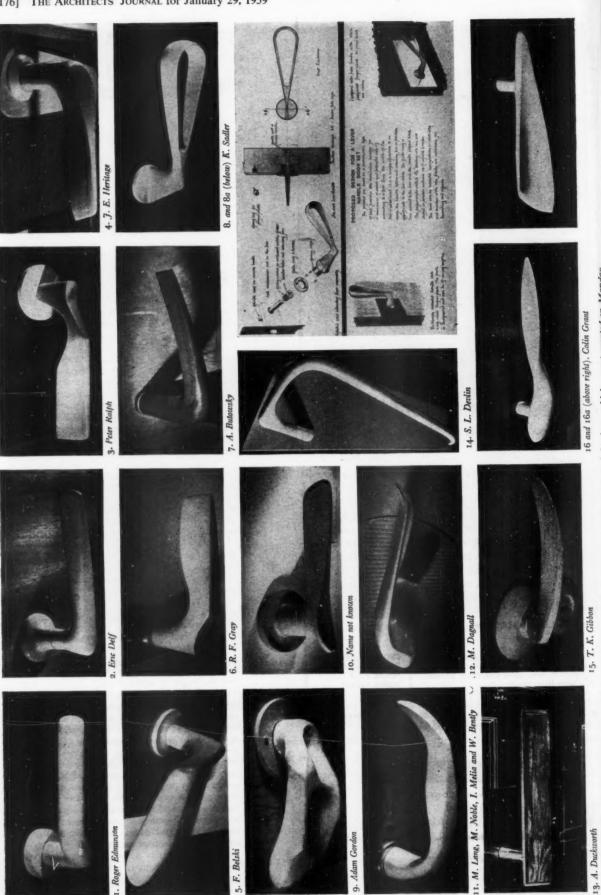
Apart from a few outstanding examples, the standard of design of British fittings is deplorably low. This fact was accentuated a few years ago by the introduction of some first-rate German and Scandinavian fittings. It was probably inevitable that the reactions of the British trade should be to produce direct copies of the most successful of them—the highest compliment that could be paid. New designs have been sponsored, but with one or two exceptions they are not of a high standard.

It was as a result of architects' dissatisfaction with the British products generally available [repeatedly expressed to the sponsors whilst they were handling one of the imported ranges] that the idea of holding an open competition for architects, designers, and students, was formed, in the hope that some of this dissatisfaction would be translated into more positive terms.

The premiums were set at a similar level to other recent design competitions, and the hope was expressed that at least one of the successful designs would be put into production, the author being retained to supervise the stages of development.

Submission was in the form of a model, and this undoubtedly deterred many would-be quick sketch entrants; why it did not deter the majority of submissions is a mystery. It is difficult to understand how some of the designs were conceived, or how they got beyond the paper sketch stage—this particularly applies to some of those submitted by architects! A large number of entries were from architectural students, and can be accepted as useful design studies of an elementary nature—it is interesting to note that half the successful designs were submitted by full-time students of industrial design.

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The first group has a representation of three main lines of development: Firstly (1) a very simple bent tubular form, another (2) a competent, symmetrical design involving the interplay of two planes, and finally (3) a flamboyant but competent mannered design that one feels would date quickly.

The second group has three sound but undistinguished designs (4) (5) (6), while the third group, which seems to be a consolation section (7), contains one original design (8) which, with a first-rate drawing (8a), is the best presentation submitted, containing as it does some original thought on the method of fixing.

A few of the unsuccessful entries on display call for some comment:—

No. (9) is an example of the "squeeze a lump of plasticine" school, which in no way qualifies as a design.

No. (10). A good form which was unfortunately submitted without a name.

No. (11) is the only combined submission, clearly a result of a group project, and very much a compromise.

No. (12). A submission by a British manufacturer, presented in typical iron-monger's style.

No. (13). An idea—wood stuck on metal—lavishly presented, but lacking in any design quality.

No. (14). An original design, which contains the seeds of an idea, but was surely mounted the wrong way round!

No. (15). The only one of a series of entries from a School of Architecture which satisfied the basic requirements of a lever bandle.

No. (16). There were several entries of this nature—sculptural shapes—quite unrelated to function or any known method of mounting. This example was the best finished model, but why—why go to all the trouble if it just will not work!

What conclusions are we to draw from all this?

Firstly, perhaps, that the premium was too low to attract submissions from the too few competent designers capable of working in this field. (What will happen, one wonders, to the current vitreous china competition, where the total premium per item is only slightly more than the £250 offered in this competition?)

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Secondly, that this sort of design requires as much skill, competence, and knowledge of materials and production methods as that required to design a simple building.

Finally, a word of congratulation to the sponsors, Messrs. A. G. Roberts, for having the courage to hold the competition; it is not their responsibility that the results did not attain the expected standard. Let the smug British manufacturer look to his mettle (?) and be reminded that there is the Council of Industrial Design's Record of Designers gathering dust in the Haymarket—how about it!

JOHN VERNON

The Editors

GETTING TO KNOW THEM

THE joint meeting of architects and engineers to discuss their mutual relations which was held at the ICE last week* was the outcome of initiative by the RIBA made some two years ago. It was possible to detect among some of the engineers surprise that the meeting should have been thought necessary; and there were many present who evidently thought that its main purpose was to reach a modus vivendi on the matter of fees and reciprocal responsibilities under the contract. The need for thorough-going collaboration is not self-evident to engineers, as their job when conceived (as they usually conceive it) in terms of a scientific discipline, is self-sufficient, needing no help from outside and, least of all, help from the architect. The engineer sets out with a problem to solve: if the vagaries of the architect make this problem more difficult, this is traditionally of small matter to him. The architect, on the other hand (as Richard Llewelyn Davies so ably pointed out) is by nature a parasite in that the facts which he must use to do his job properly must come from other professions: from sociologists, physiologists, chemists, from engineers and from many others. The architect is thus by nature one of the co-ordinators of our technical society and it is important that he and his professional friends should realise it. Unless the architect takes the initiative the other members of the professional building corps will be happy to go on in their own sweet way and no one (except the architect and a few other professionals of exceptional perspicacity) will be able to see that anything is wrong. It was to the credit of today's RIBA (and, indeed, of today's ICE) that the meeting took place and somewhat to the discredit of yesterday's RIBA that no similar joint meeting had occurred since 1901. It is good to learn that other meetings of the same kind are planned when, we hope, the two professions will be able to discuss in detail the real problems which confront them, beginning (as E. Jefferiss Matthews rightly suggested) with co-education.

A BUREAU OF GOOD BUILDING PRACTICE

"With the great increase in new building materials for specialized purposes, and with the new methods of construction," said the Minister of Works, Hugh Molson, to the LMBA last week, "it is not possible for any busy architect, engineer or builder to keep himself fully informed of what is available in every branch of building and with the newest techniques of construction." Everyone, out of their client's hearing, would agree, and they would also agree that it is time to devise a means of determining what is "good building practice" and of finding a machinery for disseminating information on such practice. Plenty of machi-

^{*} See report on page 181.

nery exists already. But nearly all have great faults: the information is not presented in a standard way, it is too technical, unclassified, unfilable and often redundant. What is wanted is a clearing house, which collects technical findings, rewrites them in an easily understood manner, and passes the resulting filable literature on to the right recipient, and also passes the architect's and builder's demands for further research on to the right quarter. Such a service will be expensive, as the JOURNAL knows, because it has been attempting to provide most of such a service to architects only for many years now. Has the building industry developed a sufficient sense of responsibility to undertake to help pay for such a service for all its diverse members? We hope so.



FELIX SAMUELY

It was with a great sense of loss and shock that ASTRAGAL read of the death of that brilliant and lovable engineer Felix Samuely. He was only 56 years of age. His name, with Ove Arup's, has been linked with modern architecture by nearly every architect who tried to take part in the modern movement. Short, plump, friendly and enthusiastic, he was popular with students (he taught for many years at the AA) as well as with architects, and could match, and indeed excel, their enthusiasms with his own. He did not see the engineer's rôle as one of fettering the architect and bringing him down to earth; he joined with the architect in an endeavour to find yet more efficient and more exciting solutions to structural problems. If sometimes his ventures were expensive, his solitary exploration across the frontiers of structural knowledge will leave us always in his debt.

Others will be better equipped than ASTRAGAL to judge whether his greatest contribution to engineering was in his work on stressed concrete, or light steel frames, or lay elsewhere, but to hundreds of students of architecture, of all ages, Felix Samuely was the master of the theory of structure and a perfect companion in the adventure of building.

BETTER LATE

Having castigated the TCPA last week for sitting on the fence at its own conference on the Town and Country Planning Bill, ASTRAGAL is glad to see that it has now produced a policy (summarized on page 181) which reflects the anxiety widely held among planners of all kinds. The statement prompts two reflections: the first, that it would have been much better to throw this statement into the conference for discussion; the second, that the TCPA's inevitable panacea (building more new towns) has nothing to do with the problem of land ownership or land costs, and is of little relevance to many of the problems faced by planners in central area reconstruction. The TCPA has, however, set up a committee to study the whole problem of betterment, and it will be interesting to see what conclusions it comes to.

SCOTLAND THE BRAVE

New and expanded towns certainly are the heart, however, of Glasgow's plan to redevelop its vast slum areas, which have greater scope for imaginative planning and architecture than any other plan in Britain. In the next 20 years the Corporation wants to rehouse 40,000 people in the city and a further 60,000 all over Scotland—not only in the new towns of East Kilbride and Cumbernauld, but also in places as far apart as Wick and Stranraer. And whatever the nationalists may say, Corby has been mentioned too.

Will this great opportunity be taken? The schemes already prepared (by Robert Matthew and Johnson-Marshall, and by Basil Spence) suggest they will. But such a slum clearance depends on the transfer of industry to other towns in Scotland. It remains to be seen if the legislative framework and the financial backing will be sufficient in a country where unemployment is quite heavy and industry is depressed. And the glossy brochure showing where industry and housing can be located in other Scottish towns is depressing to a degree, suggesting that the 60,000 overspill families will largely be accommodated in peripheral housing estates. would be to miss an opportunity, as big as that in Glasgow, of modern urban redevelopment.

BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD

There's no need to worry about the bad weathering of the Preston motorway. Alderman C. W. Doodson is "agreeably surprised" that there was "such a small amount of damage." What, one wonders, did the chairman of the Lancashire County Council Highways and Bridges Committee expect? The collapse of a bridge? The landslide of an embankment? Or is he just astonished that a motorway should remain undamaged for as long as 46 days?

Readers of the Manchester Guardian will remember with glee the recent letter which said that "only the engineer can perceive and exploit the aesthetic properties of the road." They will remember, too, the reply by architect J. W. M. Dudding, who said that the architect didn't wish to take the engineer's job, but that engineers often did third rate work (aesthetically) and that there should be collaboration by all concerned at an early stage.

Incidentally, didn't anyone think of consulting the masters of the autobahn? I enjoyed the smug comment by a German engineer who said that he had encountered and overcome similar weather that it anti-from EVENIM Did Washi

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Did you know that the George Washington bridge was held up by four cables three feet thick? And that these cables were composed of hundreds of strands of wire pulled into position on the same principle (only in reverse) of winding knitting wool? This sort of information appeals to the schoolboy in ASTRAGAL, who had a wonderful time listening to O. A. Kerensky talking last week to the Institution of Structural Engineers.

Mr. Kerensky, giving the Maitland lecture (Major R. F. Maitland has been the ISE's secretary for 28 years), discussed large span suspension bridges with the mind-boggling skill of a great expert. Heights were in hundreds of feet, spans were in thousands and loads were in hundreds or thousands of tons. Calculations were weeks in length, wire was thousands of miles long and costs were in millions of pounds. Architects, on the other hand, were in a minority. Mr. Kerensky mentioned them only once. Architects, he said, preferred portal construction for towers, rather than the cheaper, lighter braced towers. No doubt he had met only the elderly diehards who are called in to wrap up exciting engineering in psychological security—the conservative gentlemen who use traditional stone cladding to make bridges look safer.

This fascinating evening was completed by the serving of a good dinner and the sight of Mr. Kerensky giving his wife £100. This is the award which, with a silver medal, will go to winners in the annual competition for a lecture on engineering research, design or construction. Every three years the Council of the ISE may nominate a distinguished member to give the lecture. Their first choice was excellent.

WOT, NO CHOIRBOYS?

A colleague tells me he was delighted to see a preview of a COI colour film on post-war design in Britain. He says there is hardly any commentary and that the film sets out to create a picture of this country that will shatter the illucions of foreigners who are overwhelmed by propaganda showing beefeaters singing carols outside

thatched cottages. Apparently the industrial design sequences, which feature the inevitable view of Robin Day at work, lead into some brisk jazzbacked shots of schools and new town centres, ending with that unbelievable piece of modern Britain—the LCC's scheme at Roehampton.

This film sounds very promising. I wonder how typical it is of the stuff the COI sends abroad. Let's hope it will undo some of the harm done by those nasty little films of Britain at work and play which ran continuously in the British pavilion at Brussels.

ADVENTURES WITH GLASS

Congratulations to Pilkington's for finding a new way of making plate glass. But what a pity this cheaper method will not lead to a drop in prices until the firm has recovered its development costs. It would surely have been a better policy to spread development costs over a longer period and to make some reduction in prices immediately.

Incidentally, Pilkington's staff architect, Sven Sternfeldt, showed how adventurous continental architects are with glass when he gave an illustrated talk at the AA last week. Some of the results hardly justified the effort; in others detailing was rather lush; but it was stimulating to see walls made of 20 ft. high sheets of glass with no mullions. Some of these were suspended, to keep the glass in tension, and some were braced with toughened glass panels placed at right-angles and joined with clips.

BURNING THE CANDLE

The Liverpool school has probably produced more architects—mainly in public offices—than any other. In future, those of them who practise near London will be able to meet, thanks to the newly-formed Liverpool Society. After next week's dinner in the Tallow Chandlers' Hall, members will be shown rebuilding in the City by planning officer Anthony Mealand. No-one wearing a hangover will be at a disadvantage.

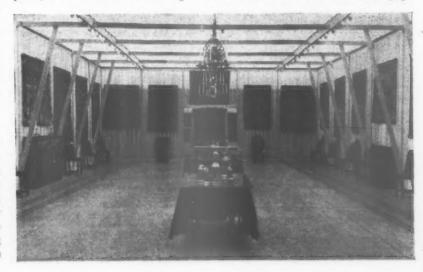
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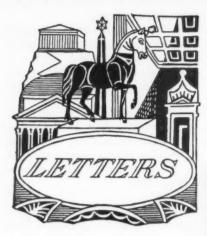
The Norwegian Art Treasures now at the V and A have a curiously domestic scale. The bulk of these are tapestries and pieces of silver plate, backed up by chairs, a fantastic baroque dresser, Viking carvings and jewellery. It's all well off the beaten track of art and connoisseurship, and should be seen for that alone. But architects should also see it for its setting, designed by Guthorm Kavli.

In order to stop the exhibits being swamped by the scale of over-large museum rooms, Kavli has designed a set of demountable, timber-framed tents. These travel round with the exhibition and assure him the right-sized spaces wherever it goes. The structure is straightforward and rather brutal, but it has some unexpected refinements. The main timbers, for instance, are not "as found," but have radiussed corners—and their narrow faces have been profiled slightly concave.

ASTRAGAL

Guthorm Kavli has designed the demountable, timber framed "tents" to provide suitable spaces for the exhibits at the Norwegian Art Treasures at the V and A See this page.





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Wokingham Competition

SIR,—We are in full agreement with Mr. Tozer's comments on the assessment of the teaching area, . . . could readily be curtailed without detriment to the plan as a whole."

The winning scheme provides classrooms of 750 sq. ft.; but the admirable research into this subject by the Herts. CC has produced an economical arrangement which permits a classroom area of approximately 850 sq. ft., which teachers tell us is only just adequate for 40 infants. (Classes are sometimes nearer 50.) What could be more detrimental than cutting down classroom What is more important than the provision of large classrooms?

DAVID OTTEWILL GODFREY GRIMA.

Herts.

Assessors' Reports

SIR,—With reference to ASTRAGAL'S notes referring to the RIBA giving orders to an assessor of a competition to make no remarks or comments upon the designs that receive an award. Over quite a number of years in which my uncle, my brother and I myself have acted as assessors in competitions no instruction of this sort was ever given. In fact we ourselves agreed that the best form in which to make an award was to give only the names of the prize winners and any commended designs, and make no further comment.

We held the opinion that if any of the competitors disagreed with the award, or required any information about it, they should write to the Competitions Committee who, if they thought fit, would ask the assessor to answer the inquiry. I still think this is the best way for an assessor to make an award, and if the RIBA have instructed assessors to make no comment the instruction must be very recent because the assessor in the Wokingham School Competition made general comments which are referred to in a letter you published in your issue of January 22.

Sutherland.

ASTRAGAL writes: The source of my information was the RIBA itself.



Pauline Gospel

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Coventry.

Nationalist Architecture

SIR,—Parts of Peter Womersley's letter refer to my short article about his two houses, and in this respect:

1. "Two Scottish Houses" was not my

idea of title.

2. The 25 mile rule does not apply in this case because it takes us neither here nor there (and, if it did, the site might not be so good), but if it is an accident that these houses have appeared north of Hadrian's

Wall, then let me re-emphasize that it is a fortunate one for the tribes up here.

3. "The present architectural doldrums" is surely due more to a general ineptitude than to a prejudiced rebuttal of "foreign"

materials and techniques—which do appear under cloaks of "modern" propriety in many a Caledonian cottage.

As for Nationalism, well I couldn't agree more that "to try today to make a building consciously express the 'soul' of a small area...is a step backwards"—in fact such endeavours usually culminate in a self-destroying rat race of folksy Philistinism

nurturing a nostalgia for extravagance and maybe even "Baronial days . . real and Victorian" (which seem exclusively attached to Peter Womersley's idea of Scottish to Peter Womersley's idea of Scottish architecture). I would simply like to see more basic analysis and thorough ground work done before indigenous materials and/ or methods are rejected; indeed, their imaginative use might give rise to some interest-ing new forms, or it may simply help induce that rather tougher building type, e.g., the house at Cramond, Edinburgh (AJ, January

But the basis of regionalism (from which we are not completely emancipated—at BRS Watford and BRS Glasgow will confirm) lies in a complete absence of selfconsciousness when translating local influences in the final concept. Hereabouts, regional in the final concept. Hereabouts, regional character (as distinct from tartanized Nationalism) may, for all I know, be as well marked by the extensive use of plastic in future as it has been by stone in the past, but it will probably have some particular properties, intuitively conceived, deriving from certain human or physical conditions. from certain human or physical conditions peculiar to the place. Furthermore, I am not denying the Scan-

Furthermore, I am not denying the Scandinavian contributions to Toronto and Sydney or even those of "the whole host of naturalized Europeans in America"—though to my mind these are incidental to the differing character of even modern building in Denmark and Norway, Norway and Sweden, Sweden and Finland, Holland and

Finally, I do not think the fact of my being slightly disappointed in these houses, from this one admittedly rather intangible aspect of character, is any real criticism or reason for our protracting this correspondence— particularly as neither of us is being paid for it ("...Scots wha' hae ...") and, evidently it ("...Scots wha' hae ...") and, evidently Peter Womersley is no keener to be nationalized than 1 am!

Edinburgh.

MICHAEL D. LAIRD.

Cube or Super

SIR,-Sometime ago I wrote to you regard-SIR,—Sometime ago I wrote to you regarding the weekly detailed cost analyses of buildings, suggesting that it would be most useful to have the cost per foot cube as well as that per foot super. I was reminded of the usefulness of having both unit rates when reading the notes you published recently on the new edition of Spons Price Book which, you will recollect, now includes in the Approximate Estimating Section building prices per foot cube and per foot super. ing prices per foot cube and per foot super.
What has finally caused me to write to you

What has finally caused me to write to you again on this subject is the fact that I have just been scrutinizing the two Congregational Churches which you illustrated and analysed in your issue of December 4.

My first reaction, on looking at these costs, was to wonder why the Church at Ipswich appeared to be cheaper at 66s, 10d. a foot super than the one at Crawley for 70s. 6d. foot super. Appearances from the photographs suggested the reverse.

There seemed to be much more in this

There seemed to be much more in this than was suggested by your first paragraph at the end of the analyses under "Cost Comments." One important point, of course, is that the Ipswich Church is analysed on a 1955 tender cost, whereas the Crawley Church is analysed on the 1957 final cost, by which date building costs had increased by some 71 per cent some 7½ per cent.

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My next step was to bring these two costs up to an equivalent estimate for 1959 both on the basis of foot super and, as near as one can on the small scale drawings, of foot one can on the small scale drawings, of foot cube. It was then I began to see daylight, because, if my arithmetic is reasonably correct the present day equivalent cost of these two Churches is: Ipswich 73s. foot super, Crawley 72s. foot super, Based only on a foot super analysis, this does not tell one very much, but when you also have the foot cube rates, it will be found that the Ipswich Church works at

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the illustrations. I do not wish you to think that I am trying to suggest that foot cube is a better method of custing than foot super. What I am convinced of, however, is that there are as many pit-falls for the unwary in the foot super method as there are in the old fashioned foot cube method. I would therefore like to endorse the remarks in your write up of Spons and once more suggest that the value of your cost analyses would be greatly increased if both unit rates could be given whenever possible.

CHARLES S. COLBECK.

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We think that Mr. Colbeck's interesting cal-culation could easily have shown very different cube rates for the two buildings. If one alters floor heights of a building it generally produces much more drastic changes in the cube rate than it does in the floor area rate. This is one reason for using floor area rather than cube. The other is that floor area is generally a more significant measure of accommodation provided (or required)—The Editors.

Felix Samuely

SIR,—There are many who will pay tribute to Felix J. Samuely; mine is a tribute to him as a teacher and engineer of great

courage.

His intellect was of enormous generosity.
He gave his ideas and did not trouble himself with statements of authorship. Commercial plagiarism of his work is now to be seen in many parts of the country, but it is not difficult to recognize his structures.
His professional life was, more than most, but dead with difficulties and with purch His professional life was, more than most, burdened with difficulties, and with much opposition to his ideas. He was not deflected from his aims, but was often saddened by distortion of facts and the whemence of prejudice. He did not believe that criticism and opposition to his ideas was based on malice, and always tried to overcome them by careful exposition and proof, though it is difficult to prove intuitive genius. intuitive genius.

the found proof stimulating and shared the stimulus with others, and the outcome was usually a Samuely structure.

HERBERT HELLER.

Cheshire.

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Exhibition of Town and City Road Schemes. Great Hall of the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1, Great George Street, S.W.1. JANUARY 29

Local Government Architects' Society. General Meeting at the RIBA, 66, Portland Place, W.1. 2.30 p.m. JANUARY 31

President's Address to Students; Criticism by Edward D. Mills of work submitted for mizes and studentships and presentation of mizes. At the RIBA, 66, Portland Place, W.I. 6 p.m.

Le Corbusier. Exhibition at the BC, 26, Store Street, W.C.1. Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Thursdays till 7 p.m.); Saturday, 9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Sunday, 2-6 p.m. FEBRUARY 3 TO MARCH 6

Current Trends and Problems in American Town Planning. Talk by Professor John Reps at the TCPA, 28, King Street, Covent Garden, W.C.2 (by ticket only). 6 p.m.
FEBRUARY 3

The Mechanization of Building Construc-lional Processes. Alfred Bossom Lecture by D. G. R. Bonnell at the RSA, John Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C.2. 2.30 p.m. FEBRUARY 4



RIBA/ICE

Architects and Engineers

On January 20 a joint meeting was held by the RIBA and the ICE at the Institution of Civil Engineers to discuss architect/engineer relationships. Two papers had been prepared for this meeting, one by E. Jefferiss Matthews for the architects and the other by Ove Arup for the engineers. Professor A. J. S. Pippard, the President of the ICE who took the chair at the beginning, explained that the meeting was the outcome of long discussions between the two bodies and that it was intended to be the first of a series. He then ceded the chair to Basil Spence who conducted the meeting. Both speakers gave summaries of their papers and they were followed by some 16 or 17 others who had indicated in advance their wish to contribute. The meeting was packed. So much so that one speaker (S. E. Cusdin) had difficulty in getting in when summoned to the Rostrum. Inevitably, in view of the wide subject under discussion, the meeting was more significant as evidence of mutual interest and goodwill between the

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E. Jefferiss Mathews called for some form of technical co-education between architects and engineers. He asked whether it would be feasible for the different sorts of engineer to be combined in one person "at the average level" and asked for architects to be allowed an equal say in predominantly engineering projects to that which architects normally accord to engineers in predominantly architectural projects. In the course of the evening speakers from both professions remarked that, on the whole, architects were more alive to the need for more fruitful collaboration with engineers than vice versa.

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Ove Arup, speaking from a long and successful personal experience of collaborating with architects, called for four conditions: That one man—either architect or engineer—should have an undisputed leadership, that the leader should have access to all relevant information, that he should choose (or at least approve) his collaborators and that these should be available from the start. He commented on the architects' failure to see their responsibility in getting the right sort of brief from their clients ("far worse harm is done by building the wrong things than by building things wrongly"); and, on the packaged service—a subject which occupied many speakers—said that architects and engineers who work within a contractor's organization will be able to make a more effective use of the contractor's resources in solving a given problem but will not necesarily provide the best solution to that problem. For this, he felt, the free-

dom of professional people to choose their technical means was essential.

Among the subjects chosen by later speakers that of fees was the most common.

S. E. Cusdin called for some joint statement on fees by the two professional bodies and he was supported by an engineer. and he was supported by an engineer speaker who instanced the situation in France where architects and engineers work together under a protocol which defines their respective responsibilities and rewards in different circumstances. Several speakers

different circumstances. Several speakers suggested that there was at present an overlapping of responsibilities of architects and engineers which leads to the client having to pay too high an aggregate fee.

If architects on several occasions complained of a lack of understanding and respect which they received from engineers at the personal level, there was also some histograps on the part of the engineers at the

respect which they received from engineers at the personal level, there was also some bitterness on the part of the engineers at the architects' failure to grant recognition to engineers at the co-porate level. One engineer speaker pointed out that consultant engineers are not recognized in the RIBA Standard Form of Contract, in which they only rank as personal advisors to the architect, and another (Sir George McNaughton, Chief Engineer, MOHLG) pointed out that engineers are never made assessors in RIBA Competitions even when their presence would seem essential.

The most illuminating contribution on the theoretical side came from Richard Llewelyn Davies, who had received an engineer's training before qualifying as an architect. After denying that his five years at the AA School amounted to an "architectus' training" in the real sense, he pointed out the parasitical nature of architecture (i.e., in that it draws the facts which it must use from disciplines other than its own). Architecture relied on engineering for the material for structural inspiration, and a "chitects could learn much from engineers concerning the discipline of work. Engineers on their side, have nothing to receive from architects in the direction of specialization and research, but much in respect of design. Why, he asked, are we not getting any more Rennies and Brunels?

FORD FOUNDATION

Travel Grants

Those who are experienced and practising in a branch of architecture or design are among those eligible for four Ford Foundation English-Speaking Union Travel Grants for visit of up to 56 days to the US. Closing date for applications, May 2, 1959. Application forms from the English-Speaking Union, 37, Charles Street, Berkeley Square, London, W.1.

TCPA POLICY

Town Planning Bill

The TCPA has sent to the Minister of Housing and Local Government its views on the prospect for town and country planning following the enactment of the Town and Country Planning Bill now before

and Country Planning Bill now before Parliament:

The Association welcomes the fact that under the Bill all landowners will in principle receive the same price for their land, whether they sell to private or public buyers. But the Association is concerned about the prospect for effective planning, given an increasingly free market in land.

Planning decides just what land is to be developed and for what purposes. This increases its value. Where pressures for development are strong, the increase in value may be very steep.

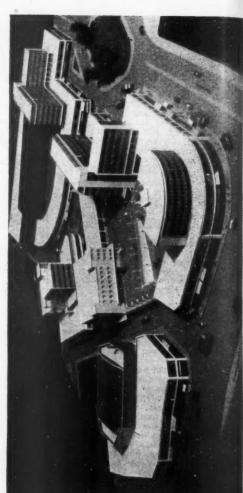
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This may lead to growing pressure from owners for more land to be zoned for

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One of the first steps in the development of Bradford's central area to conform with the city's development plan (by city engineer, surveyor and planner, S. G. Wardley, M.I.C.E.), shown above, is the scheme, right, for the development of 10 acres at a cost of £5m. to be spent over a five-year period (developers: Hammerson Property and Investment Trust, Ltd.; architects: Clyde Young and Bernard Engle). The site as it exists at present is shown below, opposite page. Identifiable in all three illustrations is the Ritz cinema, shown centre, below, next to the shop for G&A Modes under construction in the centre, the first building in the project. The cinema lavishly embalmed in proposed new buildings is on the left in the view of the developers' model, right, and centre left in the Corporation's model above. The present shopping streets are inadequate, particularly if Bradford is allowed to develop into a regional



shopping centre. The perimeter of the new sites are fined with two storey shops, above which stand sometimes imposingly (as on the right in the model above), and sometimes clumsily (as in the curved block) multi-

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The city engineer hopes that the inner ring park 1 buildings increase in demand planned for and public The principal shopping is removed). curved axis the hall c are no tops the present estimated demand for 1,700, but this does not allow for much in Office building Square (town garages (as clumsily (note the isolated two storey Forster of the central block. Additional not be pedestrian only. Post enter with ! the existing the present congestion. 07 lined his model, top re-aligned and are floor , above), when new sites ground 1 been but will model in exposed has dominating the planning the the to discourage cars, reduce street 10 the over be .22 One the roof llim which offices. roundabout, right) the occupy is a regional (as on top, 50 storied blocks cars will left, £2: mposingly 09 the 200

development so that they may share in the increase. And local councils, to keep down

increase. And local councils, to keep down acquisition costs, may also seek this.

Where undeveloped land is preserved, owners receive compensation based on the development value, if any, which their land had in 1947. In areas attractive to developers a considerable difference will now emerge between the amount of this compensation and the value of the land if permission to develop were to be given

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Because of this difference, owners may press strongly for permission to develop their land, or for compensation equal to the value of the land if such permission were given. The Association are concerned that dissatisfaction among owners because of differences in treatment may generate a threat to the continued protection of agriculural land, green belts and the countryside.

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To concede this request would involve a large increase in the compensation burden on the taxpayer, and would lead to an endless chain of compensation claims. It recommends: The Government should clearly state that they intend to keep planning fully effective; that compensation for planning restrictions will continue on the present basis; and that owners of unzoned land should not expect or assume eventual neuronsion to develop.

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In expanding areas, development prospects over the next 15 years should now be examined and sufficient land allocated to absorb them.

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The Government's strong stand to preserve green belts should, if anything, become even stronger. But a strong stand is necessary because of the great pressures to expand, especially in the larger cities. These pressures must be absorbed somewhere. The essential complement to a firm green belt policy is the building of more new towns and expand. the building of more new towns and expansion of existing ones beyond the green belt. Without such a policy, green belts cannot long be preserved.

BRITISH LIGHTING COUNCIL

Lighting Demonstration Centre

A new centre has opened its doors in London this month at 16-18 Lancaster Place, W.C.2, with the primary object of providing an advisory service to architects, engineers and their clients on the subject of artificial lighting. It will be known as the Lighting Demonstration Centre, and is sponsored by the British Lighting Council. This body replaces the old Electric Lamp Manufacturers Association, which was dissolved some months ago, and includes in its list of founder members not only major lamp and fitting manufacturers, but also the British Electrical Development Association.

In comparison with the old ELMA Lighting Service Bureau (which was at 2 Savoy Hill and has now closed down), the new Centre is much more conveniently sited— Lancaster Place being the approach road to Waterloo Bridge from the Strand. It seems, however, rather a pity that the Centre has been squeezed into a smaller area than the old Bureau. In particular there is only a relatively small conference room to replace the old lecture theatre at Savoy Hill, which was a big asset for meetings, conferences and lectures. Nevertheless, in the limited space available, a series of lighting displays have been skilfully arranged by the staff of the Centre, in collaboration with Hulme Chadwick who was also responsible for the

remodelling of the premises.

In addition to the display and advisory service offered by the Centre, the British Lighting Council will provide lecturers to organisations throughout the country, and will publish information on a variety of lighting subjects. There is obvious sense in the idea behind the BLC, that the lighting industry should be able to speak with one voice to achitects and others in these one voice to achitects and others in these sorts of ways. But to make a success of this policy the BLC should learn from the mistakes made by ELMA in the past with its Bureau. The new Centre should, for instance, attempt to achieve the highest possible standard of display by exhibits which are being continually changed and kent up. are being continually changed and kept up to date. This cannot be done on a shoe-string budget. Equally the BLC should cooperate much more wholeheartedly with those engaged on lighting research, so that the results of such work can much more rapidly be brought into general practical application. Above all, the BLC should appreciate more fully the problem of the architect, that lighting is to him one of a number of services which he must integrate number of services which he must integrate into a building, as often as not within strictly controlled cost limits. One or two really well designed low cost general purpose fittings are worth a forest of high priced so-called decorative ones.

BASA

Conference

The British Architectural Students Association announces a two-day conference, open to students and architects, on "the open to students and architects, on "the function of the architect in society," to be held at Trinity College, Cambridge, on Sunday, April 4-5. Accommodation has been booked for 75 students, members of BASA, and 75 architects. Fuller details later from Wynne R. Perrin, Permanent Secretary, BASA, The Building Centre, Store Street, London, W.C.1.

LIVERPOOL SCHOOL

London Dinner

The Liverpool School of Architecture Society will hold its first Annual Dinner since the war at the Hall of the Tallow Chandlers Company, 4, Dowgate Hill, Cannon Street, London, E.C.4, on Friday, February 6, at 7.0 for 7.30 p.m. Members and guests will be received by the President, Professor Robert Gardner-Medwin and Mrs. Gardner-Medwin and Mrs. Gardner-Medwin.

Members of the Society will have received notice of the dinner already. Other old students are invited to join the Society and students are invited to join the Society and attend the dinner. They may bring not more than one guest. Tickets are obtainable from the Hon. Secretary, Robert Shaw, 11, Billing Place, West Brompton, London, S.W.10. The annual subscription is 10s. and the cost of tickets is £2 2s. which includes sherry before dinner and wines at table. wines at table. Accommodation is limited and application for tickets will be dealt with strictly as received. Dress: dinner iackets.

Part of the industrial and commercial fittings section at the Lighting Demonstration Centre.





MODULAR SOCIETY

Post Mortem on Modular Assembly

On January 14 the Modular Society held a most successful public forum at the Building Centre to discuss the Modular Assembly. (This, as readers may remember, was the trial building erected on Albert Ebankment trial building erected on Albert Ebankment to test modular principles—see AJ for January 4.) Donald Fraser, in the chair, introduced Mark Hartland Thomas, who conducted the forum with the help of slides. These were arranged to illustrate the main problems brought to light by the Assembly, each problem being discussed as soon as the slides illustrating it had been shown.

Keeping station

The first problem to be discussed was that of "keeping station." This was illustrated by three offenders: a floor spring plate which of which caused the brickwork to be cut and another of which caused some wall tiles to be notched. Little of interest came to light on this head except perhaps the fact that manufacturers contributing to the Assembly had made it a point of honour not Assembly had made it a point of honour not to give any special instructions to their operators; and that the architect on his side took care to see that misfits showed wherever practicable. As Mark Hartland Thomas pointed out, many of the visible defects would have been concealed by cover joints, etc., if they had been in an ordinary huilding. building.

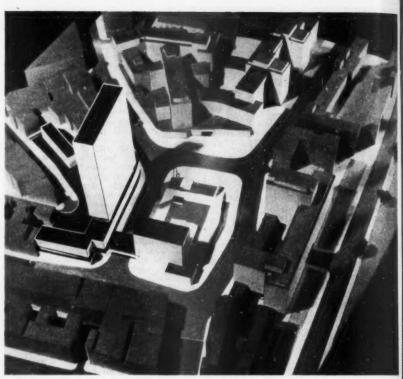
Minimum deviation

The importance of establishing the right minimum deviation for each product was illustrated by the timber curtain wall (which had an insufficient minimum deviation and had to be planed); by the hardboard flooring and by the Vitrolite wall slabs. Both of the last two were over size. In the discussion on the floor tiles an inherent difficulty came to light: namely, that floor tiles tend to spread when they are walked on. The oversizing of the Vitrolite slabs was explained by the fact that the slab-making operators were given their instructions in an unaccustomed form

that the state-making operators were given their instructions in an unaccustomed form as "plus nothing, minus double tolerance" instead of the ordinary plus and minus. It was also pointed out that even with the right size of slab it is not always possible to line the joints though; and that it was probably unwise to place the tiles next to brickwork, which is built to a much coarser tolerance. It is an established maxim among the fixers that it is easier to cut tiles and slabs than to "jigger about with them." P. A. Denison, of Cape Building Products, raised the difficulty of fixing close butted materials such as Asbestolux ceiling panels. These must be close butted, for otherwise there is trouble from pattern staining. But if the panels are made to a minimum deviation, then all panels except the first must be slightly off station. To adjust for this it was the practice of this firm to provide outsize panels for use round the perimeter.

Framework measurements
Mark Hartland Thomas said that there were three possible approaches to the problem of framework: the purist, implying an insistance that framework was not exempt from the ordinary rules of keeping station; the pragmatic which favours the specification of a minimum deviation and thence hoping for the best; and the experimental. Pursuing the experimental approach, the technical committee of the Modular Society have managed to persuade 36 members to make a survey of recent work in concrete, steel, timber and aluminium to see how far actual structures deviate from their design dimensions.

A debate on minimum deviations was pre-cipitated by Mr. Sykes, who pointed out that if two parallel members in a frame each



It is obvious from the official description that the LCC's proposal for the redevelopment of Knightsbridge is a marked improvement upon that submitted by the principal freeholder of the area (architect: Messrs. Guy Morgan and Partners). Nevertheless this vast traffic roundabout, overshadowed to the south by a 320 ft. high block of flats resting on a five-storey podium, is hardly ideal from the pedestrian point of view. The ungainly west and inconsistent north sides of the square (Caltex and Bowater House respectively) are, of course, post-war buildings. What an opportunity has been lost by road engineers and planners to think invariantly and contraction. think imaginatively and comprehensively.

show a minimum deviation, then any members which connect them at right angles would have to be oversize. Bruce Martin would have to be oversize. Bruce Martin said that the difference should be made up by packing and gave as an example Hills' beams which are always cut to include the made up by shims on site. Thomas Markus suggested that this was not contrary to modular theory since all fixings rank as "trim" and are allowed to cross module lines. It was then pointed out that it was precisely the cleats on the Modular Assembly cisely the cleats on the Modular Assembly

cisely the cleats on the Modular Assembly which had caused trouble.

Ivan Tomlin then raised the problem of how to set out a modular building. There was first the difficulty of surveying (i.e., because the bounding edges of the structure must not lie on the module line, but a distance inside it at least equal to the minimum deviation): there was also the difficulty of placing any large pieces of structure (i.e., weighing up to 2 tons) in position to any greater accuracy than about \(\frac{1}{2}\) in. He was at present experimenting on a system in which the setting out was begun in the centre of the building, working thence towards the perimeter. towards the perimeter.

Examination of a close-up photograph of brickwork showed that the bricklayer was able to lose as much as 1½ in. in 10 ft. in order to bring his coursing back into station. There was some discussion on brick tolerances. Mr. Lawrence said that the bricks ances. Mr. Lawrence said that the bricks produced by his firm were slightly more true to size than average, as they were produced from a single batch. Mr. Denison said that there was no insuperable difficulty in producing bricks to smaller tolerances, but that it was common practice to work to those laid down in the BS. He said that bricks tend to get larger as the plates wear and that a more careful watch could be kept that a more careful watch could be kept on this. One member suggested that only the brick laying tolerances really mattered, but Mr. Fraser reported experiments which he and Sir William Holford had made on 48-in. brick panels, which established that brick size did matter, and that to meet the requirements he had had to reject all bricks with a +tolerance.

Modular pattern repeat

Mark Hartland Thomas used the Warerite Mark Hartland Thomas used the Warerite plastic panels with their partly modular pattern to start a discussion on modular wallpaper. Why should not wallpaper be made in widths of 20 in., instead of 21 in. as at present? This would imply that all wall surfaces should be on modular planes. The objection was made, however, that wallpaper stretches and that, therefore, a paper made to modular dimensions would stretch to over size. to over size.

Costs and costing

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The only question to be discussed under this head was whether quantity surveyors and estimators could be persuaded to give credit where wastage was saved by designing the cuts to make full use of all sheet materials. The instance was given of the 4-ft. wide Shearwater panels which were cut so that a third width and a full width filled a panel width of 5 ft. 4 in. The Shearwater representative explained, however, that the saving of wastage was more complicated than it appeared, since saw cuts amount to \(^3\)_5 in. wide. Provided the manufacturer knew in advance that his boards were going to be cut, it was not too difficult for him to provide boards that were sufficiently oversize in the first instance to allow for it.

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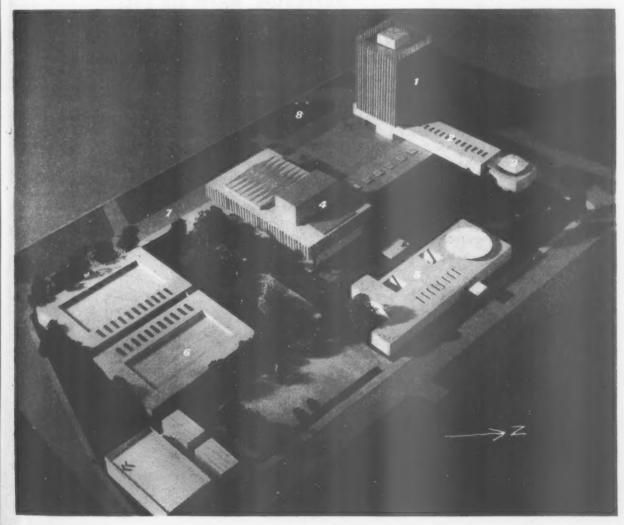
PROPOSED CIVIC CENTRE FOR HAMPSTEAD

Basil Spence's proposed layout for Hampstead Civic Centre, on a seven-acre site at Swiss Cottage, was published last week. The accommodation required by the Council was: a civic suite and administrative block; two multi-purpose public halls (the larger, for 1,000 to 1,250 people, incorporating a stage, and a smaller for 300); three swimming pools in a separate block to

replace the present Hampstead baths, gymnasium and slipper baths; public libraries; parking for at least 200 cars. Below, a view from the east showing the layout of the units (see key), and (above) the main entrance to the Council offices and the tower block above, situated at the nodal traffic point of Swiss Cottage. Basil Spence envisages level below the principal square between the office block and the

assembly halls. Unfortunately the LCC has not yet formulated

its traffic proposals for the Swiss Cottage bottleneck. Mr. Spence told a press conference that his object was to "take the starch out of town halls," to open up the civic centre and to make it a pleasant place for the public, small, intimate and democratic, to provide using the slope of the site to provide a large car park at a lower interesting vistas and silhouettes, and to provide sunny offices. The tower block is sited at the Swiss Cottage corner to have a dominating effect at "the gateway to London" from the north. 1, Offices. 2, Mayor's suite, committees. 3, Council Chamber. 4, Assembly Halls. 5, Library. 6. Swimming baths (gymnasium in corner). 7, Avenue Road. 8, Swiss Cottage.



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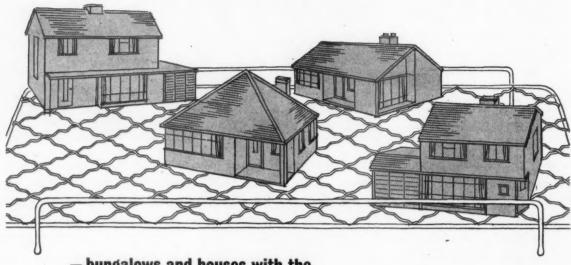
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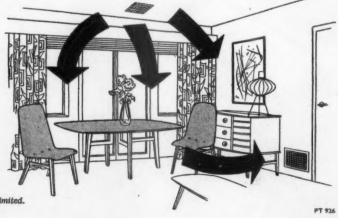
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Nearly 60 people, clients, builders and quantity surveyors, as well as architects, took part in the recent conference at Missenden Abbey, the first to be officially sponsored by the RIBA Cost Research Committee. We print below summaries of all the papers given. Main themes of discussion were: the need for a common "cost language" with an agreed terminology; much closer co-operation between architect and quantity surveyor and the possibility of a central "costs library."

RIBA AND COST CONTROL

Conference at Missenden Abbey

The conference was opened with a paper on the architectural profession in relation to the national economy and world conditions by PROFESSOR J. V. CONOLLY, a former aircraft engineer who now runs the Sundridge Park management school (where the joint LMBA: RIBA: RICS management support of the profession of the profess joint LMBA: RIBA: RICS management courses were held). The burden of his talk was that Britain is further behind other countries in the matter of industrial effici-ency than she should be and that this situation could be improved by wider understanding and practice of management skills. He set a depressing—but perhaps challenging—context for the papers which followed.

STIRRAT JOHNSON-MARSHALL began his paper by saying "We may be no worse than we used to be, but clients, especially public clients, are more exacting than they were." He reminded the gathering the were." He reminded the gathering that while the functional requirements of buildings have become more complex and the techniques available to build them more varied, architects have lost the initiative in control of costs. He described the Herts in control of costs. He described the Herts staff in 1945 as "pushing out into unknown technical territory" and in need of guidance, of some means of expressing costs in design terms. The method now known as cost planning, which had emerged promised to be a common technical language which he hoped would reverse the mend of separation between architect,

Herts C.C.—Cost planning of a divisional police station

surveyor and builder that had developed since the middle of the last century. Discussing the essentials of cost planning, he emphasized that its aim was "even building"—the distribution of money to give even quality throughout a building.

In an incisive and expressive paper, JAMES In an incisive and expressive paper, JAMES NISBET (principal quantity surveyor, MOE) put before the delegates the "frightening, yet enticing prospect" that cost control offers to his own profession of quantity surveying. He distinguished between the familiar and established procedures of preparing bills of quantities and the uncrystallized techniques of cost planning. The surveyor's present skill is closely related to the down to earth world of measurement and builders' prices but cost surement and builders' prices, but cost control will bring him into a creative world that could become the major part of his

Nisbet noted that at present only the architect has the authority and initiative to control costs, but the q.s. has the data—which should be fed back to the design process. This latter he described as having four main phases—Client's brief—Investigation—Design—Working drawings. During the first two, the need was for a means to decide what the building would cost or what accommodation a stated sum would have for the client decides at this extended. what accommodation a stated sum would buy. For the client, decisions at this stage could well be the most important of his life and he therefore had a right to expect reliable advice, and adequate explanations of cost. "Why," he asked, quoting a text-book on Professional Practice, "should an approximate estimate be 'necessarily

During the last two phases the need was for a means of controlling the expenditure of money and such a means involved the breaking down of a total into smaller parcels enabling comparison of one building with another. Comparison, he said, was the only way in which a client could assure the only way in which a client could assure himself of value for money. Cost planning was essentially a way of relating information in bills of quantities (which the architect does not understand) to the functional requirements and standards of quality of the building (which the quantity surveyor does not understand). Bringing these two things not understand). Bringing these two things closer together means not only the development of techniques and procedures, but closer identity of professional responsibilities between architect and quantity surveyor. It could mean joint responsibility to the client for the cost of a project, and perhaps the combining of offices.

R. J. WHITLEY (architect) and C. M. NOTT (quantity surveyor) then described two cost planning case histories from the Herts County office, one a divisional police county office, one a divisional police station and the other a primary school. For office and since so few have been built, little cost data exists. The speakers described how they set about the problem of deciding an overall cost target by basing an approximate estimate on the accom-



Missenden Abbey, a mid-eighteenth century building with "period" refurbishings of

Regency date.

modation schedule and on indications of modation schedule and on indications of likely spans and heights given by the architects. This is cost plan 1 in the chart below, the other four representing successive stages in development. Plan 2 reflects the first sketch design, with an r.c. frame on piled foundations but its total of 87s. 1½d. was considered to be more extravagant than necessary—a fact known from the work on cost plan 1.

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travagant than necessary—a fact known from the work on cost plan 1.

The next step was a systematic pruning of plan 2 by architect and surveyor jointly, resulting in plan 3. Totalling up to 72s. 8d. it showed that pruning had been unnecessarily severe. Plan 4 represents the adding back of money in places where it was best deserved, but it also shows the effect of three new factors. The first was a soil report (unavoidably late) indicating the need for more money on foundations, the second a survey showing the need to raise the whole building to meet sewer invert levels, the third a policy decision to add 2 per cent. for giving the building "prestige" standard of finish.

The fifth plan incorporates these changes together with a decision to use load bearing walls instead of a frame, and some of the specialist quotations that were coming in at that time. It will be noted that certain element targets—notably finishes and services—remain fairly constant from June to October (the design period). These, the Herts office has reasonable cost knowledge of. In the folder of papers supplied to delegates (designed by Herbert Spencer.

of. In the folder of papers supplied to delegates (designed by Herbert Spencer, who is to do all RIBA literature) were details of the price build-up behind most of the figures shown here. One should add

Successive cost plans for a Herts Police Station described by R. J. Whitley and C. M. Nott.

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H. A. J. DARLOW (architect) and P. W. GRAFTON (quantity surveyor), who are both in private practice, were nominated to speak by the RICS Cost Research Panel, at the invitation of the RIBA Cost Research Committee. They described a cost study they have made for the design of a six-storey office building in London.

The design was worked up to \(\frac{1}{8} \)th scale,

The design was worked up to the scale, with an outline specification. An estimate of cost was then made by use of an adjusted cube rate from a similar office building in Yorkshire. Next, a number of alternative types of construction or materials for both structural and finishing trades were decided upon, some of them being described by the speakers as "academic," that is, for the purpose of the conference only.

Proposals and alternatives were then entered on to an elaborate cost study sheet, so arranged that it could show the effect of choice for one element on the cost of other elements. Indeed this interdependence of costs was the main preoccupation of the study. It means that the breakdown headings are chosen very largely to separate items for which alternatives are considered. Thus "external walling" may split into more than one "element."

When all the items had been priced, the

When all the items had been priced, the architect made his selection, but the speakers pointed out that choice of methods for, say, the structure could have been made before completion of the pricing, since the choice was between alternatives within any particular section of the building. When all choices have been made, the cost effects of one choice on others may cause re-adjustments to costs of methods already chosen. A final stage is revision of all the costs according to more precise data as the design matures.

It will be noted that this kind of study differs from cost planning in the MOE sense, in that it is concerned more to present "market information" than to relate functional requirements to money available. At this point in the conference, some confusion of nomenclature had begun to arise, not helped by the speakers referring to their work as a "cost plan."

Cost analysis and its application to cost planning and cost control techniques

CYRIL SWEETT (chairman of the RICS Cost Research Panel) began by emphasizing at length the variety of ways there were of analysing building costs. He referred to methods used by Davson in 1923, to the Storey Enclosure method, said that variety was necessary because the purposes for which analyses were used, themselves varied so much, and doubted the viability of a single method of presentation. Yet later he suggested that there "was a strong case for some form of standardization in methods of analysis at present in use." He next sounded a warning note to those who would reform the bill of quantities (its main purpose is for tendering) and thought that analyses of trade bills were unreliable because of the variety, and the unknowns of builders' pricing methods. This meant that it might be safer to use a series of analyses and it threw doubt on the usefulness or even the feasibility of a central "costs library."

He described the aim of "cost planning" as the creation of a market of alternative priced methods of construction or, design solutions from which the architect can choose. He distinguished between this and what he called the MOE method of "cost control" (normally known as cost planning) which he described as "restrictive" because it "states cost targets which must not be exceeded." (This does not quite agree with what was said by Nisbet, Whitley and Nott, see above.) The exchange of labels and further criticism from builder

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One of the many methods of breaking down the cost of a building described by Cyril Sweett. This one shows costs per foot cube of an office development in London.

members of the conference that "cost really meant expenditure" further increased the confusion of terminology.

Research, cost planning and cost control

W. J. REINERS (Building Research Station) noted that he was mid-way between papers on "control" and on "communication," basic functions of any complex process or organism. The diagram on page 188 illustrated the weaknesses of the building process in this respect. The client has no access to cost knowledge until he appoints the architect who, in turn has cost experience of relatively few buildings. The quantity surveyor, who has such experience, is not usually appointed until the major decisions have been taken and the builder who could provide a feed back of cost experience does not see the design until it is complete. Running and maintenance costs which might influence design decisions were known to owners but not to the professions. Reiners then surveyed the nature and quality of information available. At early sketch design there were the detailed AJ cost analyses and BRS's own analyses of large numbers of building costs e.g., C. N. Craig's paper in the April, 1956, RIBA Journal.

He showed a scatter chart relating building costs to price to the client, of local authority houses and said there was a 50/50 chance of buildings of the same cost varying by more than 8 per cent. In their prices. He said that price/cost relationships suggested that design does influence tender price, that estimators cannot predict labour costs accurately from the kind of information they are given at tender stage. Another factor was lack of feed back from site costs to estimating. Builders vary greatly in efficiency, the best house builders taking only one-third of the manhours required by the worst. He showed that repetition of an operation and quantity of a trade have marked effects on cost and concluded his paper by suggesting that there was need for a "new language" for expressing labour and plant costs and that the architect must think operationally during his design. This

raised the question of relating an operational cost language to an elemental one.

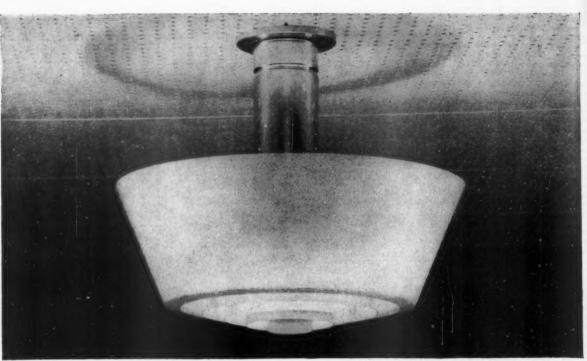
The architect's responsibility for programming and contract planning

CLEEVE BARR (MOE) first drew attention to the fact that the RIBA Conditions of Engagement say nothing about programming the architect's own or the builder's work. He said that the Code should be more explicit. He suggested that contract times should be considered, either by calculation in economic terms or where this was not appropriate, by feed back from actual times taken on previous jobs. Within the overall time a programme should be prepared capable of showing both the operational time, percentage completion of the operation and actual times. There should also be charts showing the build-up of labour and the expenditure of money. To these valuable checks may be added another chart expressing the number of sq. ft. of floor area completed per man/month. He had used a target figure of 60, a good but not high rate for secondary schools.

Turning to programming for the architect's office, Barr emphasized the need for thorough investigation for the brief and the value of office "bibles" recording standards in the client's requirements. For programming, the basic data was cost per man/day of an assistant. The total office expenditure on a job would be calculated relative to fees and outgoings and the result divided by the cost per man/day. A target date for completion in the office would reveal the working days available and this related to the man days figure would show how many staff were needed (see page 666, AJ, November 6, 1958, for more detailed description of this method). At the MOE, about two-thirds of the total time for a job is taken by "design" and about one-third

for contract drawings and schedules.

For this programming it was essential that actual times taken were recorded, preferably by a clerk who came round collecting figures from each assistant. The speaker concluded by referring to the importance and the difficulty of integrating cost plan-



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ning procedure with this kind of program-ming, and said that cost planning adds to the time taken, but avoids "slashing" after the tender.

The importance of communications in cost

control

A. C. LEYTON (Organizer of Liberal Studies, Northampton College of Technology) took the delegates into what for most of them, were unfamiliar (and difficult) waters. Leyton's theme was that although, like other technical men, architects, surveyors and builders were equipped to be analytical about their work, they seldom thought to apply this faculty dispassionately to the means of communication between them (speech, writing, drawings, demeanour). He means of communication between them speech, writing, drawings, demeanour). He proceeded to isolate the abstract fundamentals of communication, explained that thad expressive, directive and informative characteristics. He showed that in any communication situation there are three kinds of experience—sense experience, percep-ual experience and conceptual experience and tried to make clear that since these will differ in different people (between say a foreman and an architect) any sign passing between them must be framed in a manner that takes account of these dif-ferences. He attempted to put across to his audience that if a sign is to succeed in its purpose its four aspects must appear in the order—Designator, Expressor, Motivational, Formative. This did not seem to penetrate so well as his next point which was that when a person receives a "message," his mind first relates it to his experience (to make sense of it) and then pure sage," his mind first relates it to his experience (to make sense of it) and then must dissociate it from his experience (to "read" its specific meaning for him). His one example of a "good" message was of an engineering firm who, with their estimates for a large plant, sent not only drawings but an elaborate model with colour reference of that the district could see what the ences so that the clients could see what they were getting.

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The cost to the client of typical buildings of various types (cost per square foot of floor area)

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Overall analyses of five building types shown by W. J. Reiners of BRS.

The effect of the design process at the tender

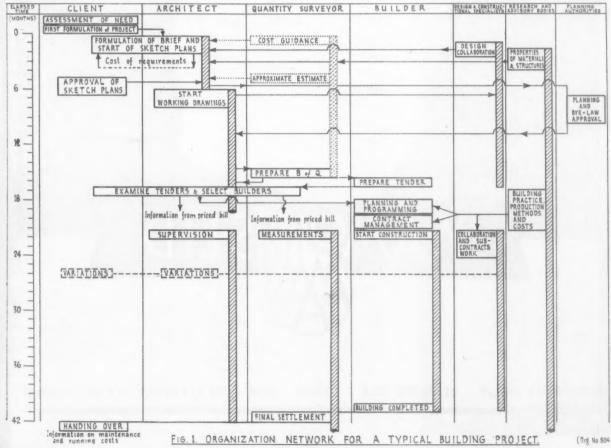
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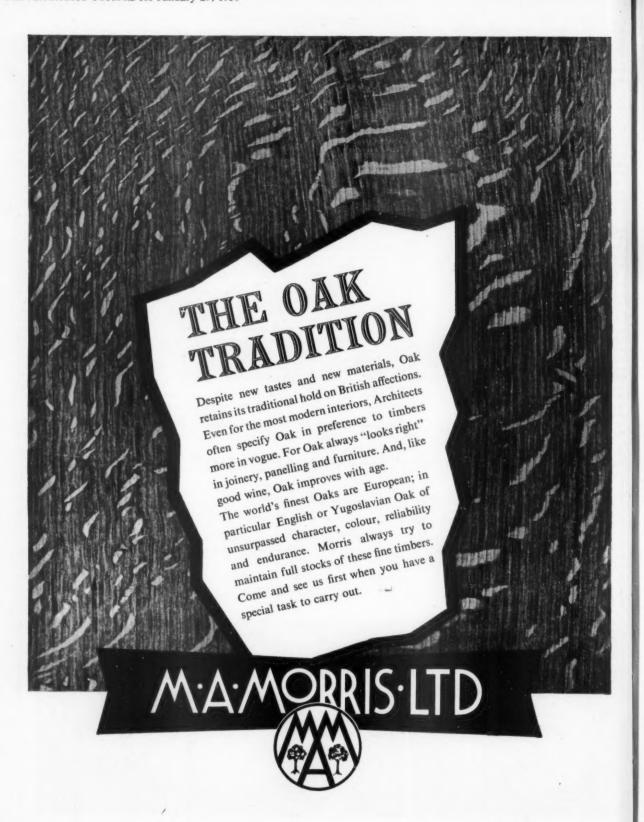
E. J. COOK (Richard Costain Ltd.) first suggested that we should call cost control "Expenditure budgeting." He went on to say that since the ICE Code of Conduct did stated of the child civil negineers from proving in not forbid civil engineers from working in building firms there was a free flow of experience between commercial and consulting sides and that this ought to be the case with architects and quantity surveyors. He then described, at speed, the way his

firm had tackled certain urgent jobs, a transistor factory, the Cromwell Road air terminal and a large laboratory building. The essentials for success seemed to be these: firm and definite decisions from client and promises from sub-contractors;

careful planning of site operations; and no variations during the work; absence of bother about details and a minimum of checking. On one of these jobs the firm checking. On one of these jobs the firm agreed to build only on condition that the architect "retired" when the design was complete, leaving detailing to the builder. Indeed, less fuss about detail was a leading theme of the paper. Cook said he was alarmed at the suggestion for more detailed measuring of sub-contractors' work in bills of quantities and doubtful of the value of elaborate punched card cost libraries. He said that there were too many value of elaborate punched card cost libraries. He said that there were too many people in building firms not directly productive-the surveyors whose main work was checking.

A chart showing the "control and communication" system of the building team shown by W. J. Reiners of BRS, The dotted portion under Quantity Surveyor is a part of the system that has yet to exist.





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THE INDUSTRY

From the industry this week Brian Grant reviews a leaflet on limestone and slate cladding and describes polystyrene tank lagging, radiant heaters, a combined lampholder and reflector, a bathroom cabinet, a wall-mounted w.c. and translucent corrugated sheeting.

Limestone and slate cladding

I have just been sent an excellent leaflet about Westmorland slate and limestone. The High Fell green slate comes from the Coniston strata, and is available in two lightish shades of green, as well as in a barred duocolour, all three types being produced in four different finishes. The limestone is Orton Scar, a light fawn colour normally supplied in a fine rubbed finish. The leaflet includes drawings (Information Sheet style) to show fixing details, and there are also notes on suitable sizes and thicknesses for the two materials. The leaflet is clear and factual, conforms to BS 1311, and I am glad to see that it earned a certificate of merit in the recent RIBA-Building Centre competition. Good luck to any firm which provides architects with properly set out information. This particular leaflet deals with cladding, and there are two others on window sills and surrounds, and on copings and cappings. (Limestone & Green Slate Slab Co. (Westmorland), Ltd., Appleby Rd., Kendal, Westmorland.)

Tank lagging

Polyzote expanded polystyrene lagging is now being sold in ready cut panels for the lagging of supply tanks in roof spaces. The standard outfit consists of two sides, two ends and a lid, plus 12 yards of adhesive tape and a dozen dowels for fixing. The outfits are produced in various sizes to fit tanks from 10 to 100 gallons, and cost from 25s. to 79s. The material is very easy to cut if it is necessary to accommodate pipe outlets. (Expanded Plastics Ltd., 675 Mitcham Rd., Croydon, Surrey.)

Electrical heating

The illustration on the right shows one of the new Tyrad high temperature radiant panel heaters, which are now being produced in 750 and 1,500 watt sizes, for overhead suspension at heights between 10 and 12 ft. The heaters are useful for providing comfortable working conditions where air temperatures are comparatively low, such as loading docks, and the heating effect is provided very quickly after switching on. The radiating faces operate at a temperature between 450 and 500 deg. F., and the backs of the panels are insulated against heat loss, the face of the heater being finished in cream vitreous enamel. Prices of the two sizes are £5 5s, and £8, and no purchase tax is payable. (Tyrad Electric Ltd., Imperial Court, Basil St., Knightsbridge, London, S.W.3.)

Lighting accessories

One of the difficulties of keeping industrial lamp reflectors clean is the amount of fiddling which has to be done, first of all to remove the lamp, and then the threaded ring holding the reflector. The new Discon fitting consists of a socket which is bolted to the conduit box and wired in the usual way, and which takes a bayonet fitting to carry the lampholder and reflector, the whole assembly being removed with a half turn as shown in the illustration. Heat resisting tails are provided for the wiring to the lampholder, so that the v.i.r. in the conduit stays at a fairly low temperature. Once the complete unit has been removed the reflector can be detached without removing the lamp from its holder. Price is 15s. (Simplex Electric Co. Ltd., Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.)

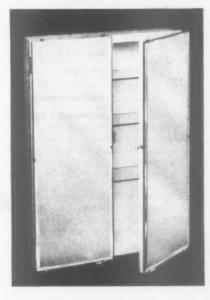
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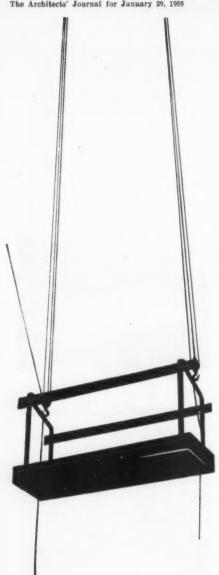
Reasonably priced wood bathroom cabinets for building in are now being made by Willet and Robinson, of Maidstone. They are all 4½ in. deep so that they are easily fitted in a cavity wall, and their prices vary from £3 7s. to £6 14s. All models have mirror doors and internal glass shelves. (Shield Modern Products Ltd., Craven House, Kingsway, London W.C.2.)

Right, top to bottom: the Tyrad overhead radiant heater; the Discon combined lampholder and reflector; bathroom cabinet by Willet and Robinson.









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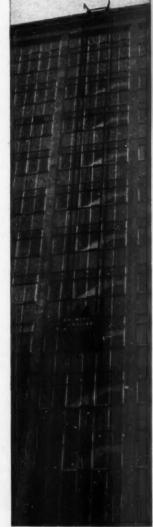
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The Sanwall closet.

clearance of 3 in. between the lowest part of the bowl and the floor. Two types of support are made, one being buried in the wall and curving round into the floor topping, the other a simple cantilever fitting set 44 in. into the wall. Water inlets can be either horizontal and concealed in the wall, or vertical for direct connection to a cistern overhead. (Ideal Boilers & Radiators Ltd., Ideal Works. Hull.)

Translucent corrugated sheeting

The ordinary fibreglass polyester translucent sheeting sometimes suffers from loss of light transmission owing to the fact that the fibres are not always fully covered by the plastic and form a natural trap for dirt and also allow moisture to enter. To overcome this trouble Structural Plastics are now producing Rufelite-Polyply, a compound laminate consisting of the standard fibreglass polyester sheet plus a further layer of transparent polythene to cover the glass fibres and thus prevent surface deterioration. (Structural Plastics Ltd., Eythorne, Dover, Kent.)

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6.58 planning: social and recreational TREE PLANTING

Trees in Town & City. HMSO. 7s. 6d. The Ministry of Housing and Local Government is to be congratulated on producing an excellent and timely publication. It is refreshing to find them starting from the premise that trees in towns are an essential of civilized life, and that any difficulties encountered in preserving or planting them are to be looked upon as problems to be overcome rather than as reasons for doing without them.

The dangers of root action and light obstruction which are so often accepted as excuses for a treeless town, are put in their proper perspective as factors to be recognized and considered on the merits of each case. The point is rightly stressed that the brutal lopping of trees only increases light obstruction, while skilled pruning can obviate it.

The need is emphasized for large trees which can dominate or frame buildings, as well as the smaller ones which may serve as "interior" decoration.

These different roles which trees play in the civic scene have been analysed with a seeing eye, and illustrated with well-known photographs.

Perhaps the least valuable section is the table for the selection of suitable trees. Despite a warning note that it is only intended as a preliminary guide, it suggests the possibility of selection from catalogues without personal knowledge, always a dangerous proceding. But that is a minor criticism of a book which puts the case for the tree so clearly and persuasively that one may hope all local authorities as well as architects and town planners will heed it. Its good production and the excellent English in which it is written should make this the more likely and extend its field to interested members of the public.

7.71 practice ESTIMATING TEXTBOOK

The Fundamentals of Estimating for Builders' Work, D. E. Warland. University of London Press, 12s. 6d.

All books on estimating seem much alike. There is the Introduction, breathing the craftsmans approach—with hints and exhortations to carefulness. There are the unsophisticated drawings of brick arches and timber shutters, the workmanlike dividing of work into stages and the general air of learning by rote, respect for the architect and the assurance of inherited technique.

They are nearly all written by teachers in schools of building and aimed at well known crafsmen's examinations. Of course, they seem to have less and less relevance to modern building, as the years go by. I have yet to see one such book which explains labour constants with references to work measurement studies. This volume is better than many of its kind—mainly because of the brevity and clarity of the explanations given. Chapters 2 and 3 would make excellent background reading for architectural students with curiosity about what builders do in their offices. They deal with preparation of the estimate and pricing of preliminaries—that omnibus item that may contain anything from scaffolding to the holidays with pay contributions.

But the book is written primarily for building students and one must record the regret that the bulk of it—a chapter each on all the traditional trades—ignores modern techniques. No mention of standard shutter panels, plastic piping, pitch fibre drains or fibre board ceilings. This presumably is because these things never appear in exam. questions, and because traditional techniques are thought to be in the nature of "first principles" — fundamental to anything modern.

8.61 surveying and specification SPECIFICATION

Specification 1959. Editor: F. R. S. Yorke, F.R.J.B.A. Assistant Editor: Penelope Whiting, A.R.J.B.A. The Architectural Press, 35s.

The new edition of this indispensable work is notable chiefly for the greater attention devoted to timber. D. W. Cooper has added some new pages on timber engineering, there is more data on plywood, timber curtain walls have been added to the curtain wall section and John Stillman and John Eastwick-Field have revised the specification clauses in the carpenter and joiner section. It seems that there has been some debate between the Editor and his helpers on the possibility of substituting check lists for full specification clauses: but that after trving this out on certain trial sections, it was decided not to persevere. Doubtless this was wise. Nevertheless, we feel that the time is fast approaching when the function of the "spec" must be re-examined and when, as a consequence, the form of this publication must be re-cast. No architect can do without it: but it could be still more helpful to him.

18.200 construction: theory

TIMBER STRUCTURAL DESIGN

Timber Engineering Design Handbook. Pearson, Kloot and Boyd. Published by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Australia, in association with Melbourne University Press, and, in England, with the Cambridge University Press. 30s.

There is certainly a need for a design handbook for the architect or engineer who would like to use timber as a structural material, but regrettably *Timber Engineer*ing Design Handbook does not fill this need.

The book is arranged in chapters in the following order—timber as a structural

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The substance of chapter 4 "Design of Beams" is a series of "charts of allowable loads on beams" designed for uniformly distributed loads on simply supported beams. From them, allowable beam sizes for a given load, or 'an allowable load for a given beam, are obtainable. They are arranged in pairs (a pair for each strength group), the first figure of each pair is a "safe load chart" and indicates the maximum allowable loads when bending strength is the design criterion; the second figure of each pair is a "stiffness chart" and indicates the loads which produce a central deflection equal to 1 of the span. Unfortunately the charts cannot be used where shear is critical; and where loading and support conditions are not as mentioned above, one of 23 types of modification constant "K" have to be applied by means of formulae to modify and supplement values obtained from the charts. This modified graphical system seems overcomplicated and fraught with a greater possibility of error than the more conventional methods of calculation based on properties of sections, BM values and so

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Under "design of joints" paragraph 6.121 "intersection of centre lines of members," and again under paragraph 7.31, the point is well made that a number of members meeting at a joint should preferably be arranged symmetrically, and certainly so that their centre lines intersect on the same axis in order to avoid introducing an additional BM in the joint; in spite of this there are two examples given of nailed trusses (figs. 11.12 and 11.13) designed by the Commonwealth Experimental Building Station where failure is likely to occur through additional bending being introduced into joints in the bottom chord.

On the whole, this book is not sufficiently useful for inclusion in the English architects library.

7 PRACTICE

architectural management: a method study, 3 type details and the specification

In their first, introductory, article* the authors, W. Sinclair Gauldie and Arthur F. S. Wright, mentioned the use of "type details" to speed up drawing office practice. This week they explain how these are built up and used. They then pass to the specification, proposing an "elemental" specification, in which the items are considered by elements instead of by trades; also a card index which files often-used specification clauses in such a way as to serve also as a check list.

PRE-CONTRACT STATE— COMMUNICATION: DRAWINGS (continued) The type detail

The "type detail" is a drawing which can be made to serve repeatedly on "run-of-the-mill" jobs and which for this reason can save architect-time for problems which better deserve it.

From our experience, we would lay down these rules:
1. Don't type anything unless you use it recurrently, know that it works and find you cannot obtain it simply by BS reference.

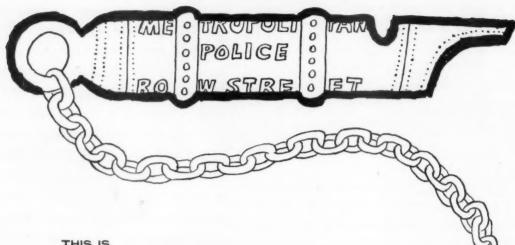
2. Don't confuse type with overall size. The whole object of the exercise is to save work without accepting the restrictions imposed by overall standardization. For instance, by typing only the sections of the components of a window, the same type-detail allows you whatever variations of size, proportion and divide as you want for any specific job.

3. Code the types so that the maximum possible number of types and variations can be shown on a single sheet. This is the hardest part of the whole process.

4. Set out the sheet so that all necessary information can be put on the translucency in the clearest possible way by: (a) deleting; (b) ringing; (c) adding figures where necessary.

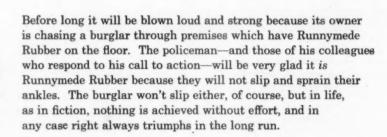
These points can best be illustrated by tracing the evolution of our type window sheet. (Figs. 1 and 2.) For occasions when it was desirable to depart from the EJMA standard window, we found ourselves recurrently using the following types for which we

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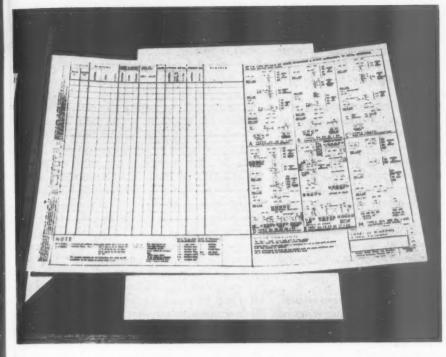


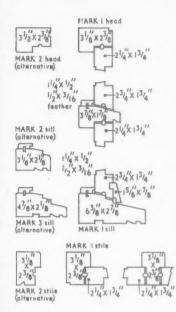
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had evolved satisfactory details (Rule 1):

A. Sidehung o.o. casements, with or without fanlights.

B. Same, but having the fanlight (if any) closing on the head of a dead sash, to avoid a transome.

C. Inward-opening hopper, with or without dead sash

D. Single-glazing direct to frame, with or without additional opening lights.

E. Double-glazing direct to frame, with or without additional opening lights.

In addition, for cases where the standard metalwindow surround is not suitable, we have:

M. Wood surrounds to metal windows, with or without wood transomes and mullions.

We went on to subdivide these main types.

A window in class A may be a single light, for which we have to show details of frame, sill and sash: call this AA.

It may be divided vertically *only* into any number of lights: the same details apply, with the addition of the mullion. Call this sub-type AB.

It may be divided horizontally *only* into any number of lights: the details for AA apply again, with the addition of the transome. Call this sub-type AC.

It may be divided vertically and horizontally, incorporating all the components already detailed: call this AD.

It follows that the drawing for AD will also give all the particulars for AA, AB, and AC by simply deleting the unwanted components and code-letters.

Furthermore, we find that in each case we commonly have two alternative frames and three alternative sills, depending on the finish of the wall-opening and the nature of the subsill. To allow these to create sub-subtypes in their own right would involve a confusing

Fig. 1 (left). Reduced version of type window sheet. Fig. 2 (right). Re-drawn version of top right hand panel of type window sheet showing sections through heads, sills and stiles.

number of permutations of code-letters. So we have simply described them as "Mark 1 Head," "Mark 2 Head," etc., the window being then described as "Type AB, Mk. 1 frame, Mk. 3 sill." (See Fig. 2.)

The essential point is that this reference supplies the details of all the vertically-divided windows on the job which require this particular combination of frame and sill—irrespective of their size or divide, which are shown on the arrangement-drawings. (Rule 2.)

The same method is followed in subdividing the other main types.

We then found that it was possible to incorporate all these details for all types in the same sheet as the window schedule. This sheet now provides details at quarter-fullsize for 100 variants of window—in addition to the information normally in the schedule. (Rule 3.) These details are arranged to occupy a space of double-foolscap size so that they can conveniently be issued, if necessary, along with the specification or quantities.

To produce a window detail for a job using one or more of these types the procedure is:

(i) Take a translucent master-print and put rings round the code letters of the types required.

(ii) Score out the components of types not required.

(iii) Cross out the alternative frames and sills not required.

(iv) Enter the particulars of size, materials and finish in the schedule part of the sheet.

(v) Enter the title and index-number in the title panel.

(vi) Print-off as many paper copies as the job requires. A similar treatment applies to door frames. (Rule 4.)

Normal combinations of frames and stops can be divided into types and sub-types and described simply by a code-letter prefixed by the finished breadth of the combination (e.g., 4"YA) irrespective of the width and rebate size which are obtainable from the door schedule alongside. Precast work can similarly be combined with a schedule.

Doors require a sheet of their own, but the same principles apply. A certain type of framed and lined door (E2) may or may not have a mail slot (score out if not). The same door may on occasion be hung to swing both ways (ES2) or may be half-glazed (EG2) or both (ESG2). So the same drawing, by deletion of variants, can serve for them all and it can be combined with others to give, on one sheet, many variations of external door.

Door elevations are conspicuously marked "not to be scaled" since the basic designs are applicable to all normal sizes of door, and dimensions are either figured on the translucent master-print or taken from the door schedule.

With the proper use of type-details it becomes possible, on the average job, to concentrate design-effort on things which really deserve it, while the really dull bread-and-butter job can at least be done decently and with speed and competence. This is quite worth-while in a general practice, since such jobs often bypass the architect altogether ("straightforward bit of building: not worth getting an architect—they take so much time").

A valuable side effect is the focusing of attention on odd bits of the design which ought to fit the types but don't, due to some minor aberration of plan or section. If the general design, for no good reason, is forcing a tortuous solution where a simple one would do, there is something wrong with it.

Source details have already been mentioned under "Information," and we need only add here that the build-up of the source-detail file is subject to two rules:

1. A source-detail is only a springboard for design. Never try to turn it into a type-detail unless it fulfils the essential condition of the latter, viz., that it must be capable of constant re-use as it stands. (For instance, source-details of eaves and verge treatments are handy, but to type them would involve standardizing pitches and projections to a degree which would stultify design.)

Don't pad out the file. The test of a source-detail is the likely extent of its future usefulness—this is no place for the free-standing fireplace in gold mosaic.

III. Indexing, etc., of drawings

As each drawing is finished, its number is entered on a looseleaf sheet for that job, together with the date of completion and the draughtsman's initials. A separate register keeps track of the issue of the drawings. This division of function arises, in our practice, from the multiplicity of copies required under the separate-trades system, but in any case we consider it more logical than using the same pro-forma for both purposes. The description and scale of the drawing are

the immediate concern of the drawing office, while the date of issue and addressee are primarily the concern of the secretarial side, and a register cannot be in two places at once.

When the job drawings are stored away after completion, the index sheets come out of the looseleaf book and go with them.

Some years back, we gave up plan chests in favour of a home-made system of vertical filing. The drawings for each job are clipped together between hardwood laths and hung in a wooden drop-front cabinet with a lifting lid. These hanging files are lifted out from the top and put back from the front since (the job title being clearly lettered on the lath) there is no necessity to keep them in any given order. We shall probably replace this by a more sophisticated manufactured job when we find one which satisfies (at a reasonable price) the major condition that small drawing offices cannot afford filing-clerks, and therefore:

(a) It must be possible to remove all drawings for each job—or at least a considerable section of them—at one lift. Filing individual sheets is a waste of time.

(b) It must not be necessary to replace the files in a given sequence involving a conscious effort to "find the place": this is also a waste of time and temper. The plan-chest has one residual use—storage of tracing paper in cut sheets, and of the blank translucencies of the schedules and type details which are kept in clearly.

paper in cut sheets, and of the blank translucencies of the schedules and type-details which are kept in clearlylabelled imperial envelopes.

On completion of a job, the drawings are filed away in stout portfolios, which are stored on edge. Some day these archives will push us out into the street—another powerful argument for photo-reduction.

This completes our analysis of the architect's primary communication-medium, as far as we have gone. A great deal of detailed research, experiment and fresh thinking remains to be done, especially on the "presentation" of working drawings (BSS 1192 barely scratches the surface) but the process is already beginning to pay-off quite noticeably in terms of efficiency as defined in our first article.

PRE-CONTRACT STAGE—COMMUNICATION: WORDS

Since we are not writing a treatise on business correspondence, there is only one written pre-contract communication which concerns us here; that is the specification.

It is commonly assumed that the architect's draft specification can generally be no more than a series of rough notes for the quantity surveyor. This is in equal measure a compliment to the q.s. and a reflection on the architect, who carries the ultimate responsibility for failure and charges for it in his fee.

A sound and complete specification of materials and workmanship is an essential safeguard: it can also be a most useful tool for the job-supervisor—much more so than the BQ's.

We think, therefore, that the architect should prepare his own specification in full, whether a q.s. is employed or not. At this point we had better make clear what we

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With all respect to the textbooks, we do not think it possible to describe contemporary construction in terms of: "Construct and fix staircase all in deal, 3 ft. 0 in. clear between stringers, having 1½-in. treads with rounded nosings and small scotia under, 1-in. risers tongued to treads and glue-blocked and bracketed to 5-in. × 3-in. carriages...", etc. Nor is it profitable or useful to try. With the exception of materials, the specification should not attempt to provide information which can be more satisfactorily communicated by the drawings. Its prime function is to supplement the detail drawings, not to supplant them.

The next point is the *form* of the specification. The q.s. will naturally embody it in his bills, trade by trade, but we incline to the belief that the *architect* should not prepare it in that form at all. It is more natural for him to think in terms of operations than of trades, and in fact the writing of a traditional specification-bytrades is often preceded by the drafting of an operational check-list.

This has led us naturally into the conception of the "elemental specification," divided not into trades but into the elements now normally used for cost-analysis. Each division includes all the items necessary for the execution of that element, irrespective of trade. Marginal key-letters opposite the items (M for mason, J for joiner, etc.) enable the q.s. to collate them quickly into their various trades for incorporation with normal bills of quantities. Where repetitions inevitably occur (water, sand and cement, for instance) the full item is given in the first element to which it applies and only its title thereafter. This indicates to the q.s. that it has already been described, while at the same time reminding the supervising architect of its existence in that element.

This procedure offers the following advantages:

- 1 It enables the architect to prepare an ample specification by a method which comes naturally to him.
- It provides him during supervision with a working description and check-list, in a form which is more convenient than the BQ's for reference on the site.
- 3. It provides a ready-made amplification of the costanalysis, by giving a full description under elemental heads, for future reference and comparison.
- 4. It reduces or eliminates the need for indexing the specification.

It must be remembered that such a specification is a tool, not a contract document. Its clauses obtain legal validity only by being copied into the BQ's, and in that sense it is simply an accurate and workmanlike substitute for informal notes by the architect to the q.s. Its use on the site is confined solely to the architect, to whom it is a handy check-list and collation of the descriptions given to the contractor in the BQ's: for that reason it is important that the specification clauses should be copied word for word by the q.s. into the bills

In perhaps a year's time we shall have had enough experience in the handling of the elemental specification to be able to assess how it does work in practice and exactly what form it should take.

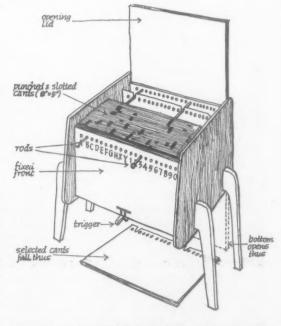
Whatever the form of the specification, the donkeywork of writing it all out must be cut to the minimum: an architect's time is wasted in defining the spacing of wall-ties for the ninety-ninth time. Our own solution so far is a card file divided by elements, containing all the clauses of general application.* Such clauses can then be given straight to the typists, and only the "specials" written out in full.

The build-up of the card file is subject to the following rules, which have to be rigidly enforced:

- 1. Only items of general application should be included.
- 2. Clauses must be as watertight as human fallibility permits.
- Any clause found unsatisfactory in practice must be ruthlessly weeded-out.
- 4. Cards must be kept up to date.

Whether the division is by elements or by trades, there is always the possibility of misplacing a card, and, since one of the advantages of such a system is that a bunch of cards is in itself a form of check-list for the commoner items in each element (or trade), such misplacement can be a major nuisance. Our solution is an adaptation of the punched cards used for statistical sorting. (See Fig. 3.) Each element is identified by a letter and number. The cards are punched along the top edge with 20 holes (10 letters and 10 numerals). On each card, the holes corresponding to the index

Fig. 3. Card index for specification clauses.



of If there were a British equivalent of the pocket-sized Danish General-beskrivelse (which deserves an article all to-itself) all this would be unnecessary.

letter and number are slotted-out. The cards are contained in a box, also drilled front and back with holes. To select, say, B3, you push a rod through "B" and a rod through "3," press a trigger-catch releasing the bottom of the box and all the B3 cards are delivered together: the cards not slotted at B3 are, of course, held in position by the rods. Since the rods and slots do all the selecting, the cards can be put back in any order.

Pre-contract stage-Summing up

We may now outline the sort of process which emerges from our findings so far.

We work from a formal brief, embodying the client's first instructions and subsequent amendments, together with site data. During the design process, we have conveniently at hand all the relevant information available to us, including costs and erection times of any comparable buildings we have done, and including also all the information which can be extracted from consultants or specialists at this stage.

As soon as the client has approved the preliminary sketches based on this information, a print of the sketch design is used as a guide to the next stage. This next stage will probably involve problems of detailed co-ordination with specialists, or at least awareness that such problems exist: it is also the stage at which the "calibre" of the job should be deliberately assessed, if this has not become self-evident already. The function of the guide-print is mainly to clarify these issues.

Any detail in a building may be classed as either:

- (a) A special problem calling for its own individual solution, for which source-material may or may not be available.
- (b) A commonplace problem deserving no more than a standard solution.
- (c) A commonplace problem which deserves to be handled in a fresh way.

We therefore go over the guide-print very closely, and note:

- 1. Queries requiring immediate attention from specialists.
- 2. Problems of type (b) above, for which type-details are appropriate.
- 3. Problems of types (a) and (c) above.

A lot of this can be done by marking the guide-print with coloured pencils.

The issue of type-details takes virtually no time at all, and we can make a fair guess at the time required for the others: so at this stage we can make a reasonable estimate of the time we shall require for the working drawings. Against this estimate, we have a triple check:

- (i) Our office records of time on comparable jobs.
- (ii) The estimated amount of the fee reduced to manhours—which, since we prefer not to work at a loss, indicates the maximum time allowable.
- (iii) The time the client is prepared to give us.

If our first guess agrees with all three, we have a very

happy state of affairs. If it disagrees with (i), we compare them again to find out why. If it disagrees with (ii), we must either reconsider the "calibre" of the job and adjust the design (preferably by amending the number of type-details) or else resolve to do a prestige job regardless of profit. If it disagrees with (iii) we must either reconsider as above, or ask for more time. If it disagrees with the lot, an agonized reappraisal is called for-the whole design approach may be faulty. The advantage of this particular drill is that it imposes discipline at a stage when the architect's thinking normally tends to be rather undisciplined and optimistic. Also, as already noted in the section on Decision, the early assessment of "calibre" makes possible the early allocation of responsibilities within the designing team. We can therefore make a sensible assessment of the work involved (instead of sailing in and hoping for the best) and try to strike a realistic balance between the ultimate ideal solution and the time which can honestly be afforded by the client and ourselves.

Deadlines for various stages can now be set, and work goes ahead on the draft working drawings, some of which will have already been sketched out during the preliminary stage. From the decisions made on the guide-print, we are able to build up the work from the right end—the detail end—so that the general plans which finally emerge as "arrangement drawings" are the culmination of a coherent design process—not the premature delivery of a litter of embryonic ideas.

The final drawings are worked-up from the drafts, being recast in the process in accordance with the four use-classes already noted: they include the schedules and the type-details. If the job has been efficiently handled, there should be no outstanding problems of design or construction beyond the draft stage, and the whole effort can be concentrated on making the drawings as clear and economical as possible. The "arrangement" drawings are the last to be completed in their final form, so that they can be accurately dimensioned and co-ordinated with the others. Specification notes are made throughout the draft stage, and collated into the full specification while the "arrangement drawings" are being completed.

In print, this probably sounds like a lot of work, but really it only amounts to giving your own operations the sort of consideration which you are expected to apply to those of other people, and in practice it is much less wearing than the traditional muddle-through. It is simply a question of facing the fact that the architect cannot build effectively without effective means of communication: cannot communicate until he has made decisions: and cannot make correct decisions without adequate and accessible information. Unless this sequence is deliberately treated as a whole, and his operations organized accordingly, he is unnecessarily frustrated in the exercise of his creative gift.

This applies no less in the post-contract stage, to which we turn in the next article.

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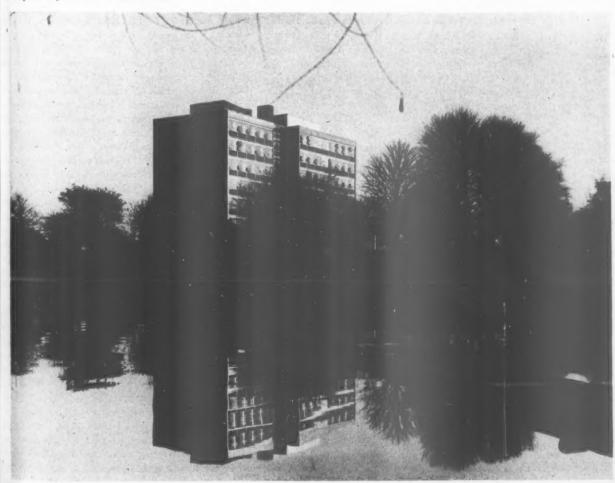
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This 8-storey teaching block with refectory and kitchen forms the first phase of Mander College, part of a redevelopment scheme for the south bank of the Great Ouse at Bedford. Although there are a number of contentious points in its design, which are referred to in the following pages, this building is nevertheless a noteworthy architectural asset to Bedford.

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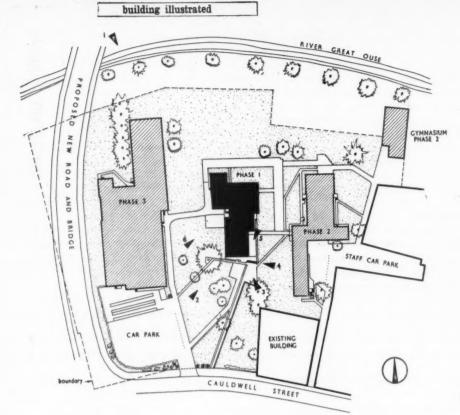
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Site plan with photographic viewpoints

APPRAISAL: The site is a large level stretch of land adjoining a riverside walk. The banks of the Great Ouse at Bedford have a pleasant character; land near the river is subject to floods and this has deterred building in the past, the banks being laid out as public gardens and promenades with many fine trees. The development of the south bank, of which the Technical College is a part, aims at supplementing and enlivening this character.

Mander College is to be built in three phases. Phase Is illustrated here, includes the main teaching block, the entrance hall and exhibition space, and the refectory and kitchen. Phase II, to the east, is now under construction and consists of a building containing the assembly hall and administrative offices, and a separate gymnasium. Phase III will be to the west of the 8-storey block and is planned as a single-storey workshop block for the Engineering and Building Department. Although the specific requirements of Colleges of Further Education differ, this breakdown into three main parts and the consequent use of the break-down for phasing the building seem to have become usual practice, largely dictated by central government policy. (cf. Dartford Technical College, AJ, April 28, 1955, and Colleges of Further Education at Slough, AJ, May 8, 1958, and Oswestry, AJ, June 12, 1958.)

The main teaching block inevitably forms the highest and most prominent part of this type of layout and it is here that the most loving care seems to be lavished by designers. It can be overdone. A teaching block is basically a simple building, of which the main requirement is similar in some respects to that of an office block; a large number of well-lit spaces opening directly off general circulation areas. These spaces vary in size, but by small increments, from small stores and offices for staff to large laboratories and

lecture rooms. This requirement would seem to point towards a simple central-corridor plan, at least on the upper floors, with an outer wall subdivision which allows partitions to meet it at frequent intervals, and an avoidance of "column troubles," for instance, by the use of structural mullio Such an arrangement, if combined with a continuous, uninterrupted external wall plane and careful placing of vertical circulation, has the further advantage that, should changes in use require a reshuffle of partitions, this can be done with comparative ease. Full flexibility of partitioning is not important, but it should be made possible for an expanding department to take over adjacent rooms by a reallocation of space without necessarily altering partitions.

At Bedford it would seem that a not unjustified preoccupation with the external appearance of the building as a landmark in the new townscape has tended to override some of the more practical requirements; the block is divided into two staggered "towers" of small plan area on either side of a central vertical circulation system; the columns are placed within the interior space, and the vertical subdivisions of the external walls are widely spaced.

But these considerations apart, the visual complication of the first phase (bearing in mind that the completed scheme will be large and complex) is surely setting too hard a pace for this type of building. This is a criticism which applies not to Bedford alone; the multi-storey teaching blocks of most of the colleges as yet built in this country seem to suffer from the same shortcoming. It may well be the result of construction by phases; the tall block is seen not as the visual culmination of highly complicated group of buildings, but as one building in its own right, and simplicity again gives way to unnecessary elaboration, the weakness of nearly all recent architecture in this country.

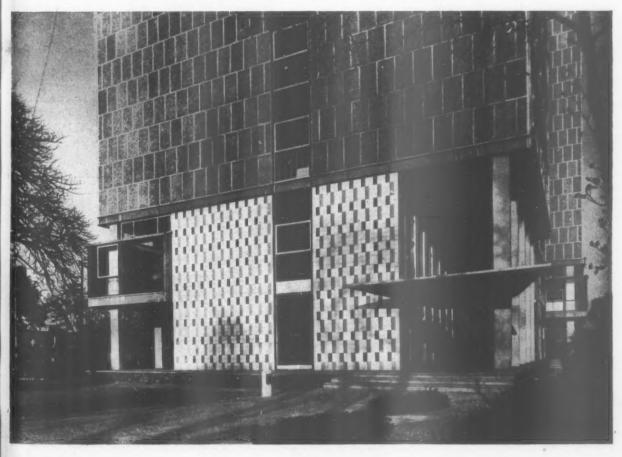




Viewpoint 2 (above): the south-west corner of the building. The various teaching rooms are situated in the upper six floors of the building; the ground floor and mezzanine first floor contain the entrance hall, exhibition spaces and common rooms. The two-storey block seen under the tree to the left of the photograph contains the refectory at first floor level, accessible from the main block, with kitchen, boiler room and substation on the

ground floor. The main entrance is on the east side under the canopy to the right. The visual complication appears to derive from a wish to produce a building of " point block" character; the building on the other hand has in reality a somewhat squat (i.e. broad and not very long or high) basic form; not quite a "slab" and not quite a "tower." Such a form, dictated by functional requirements, can be accepted for what it is or rejected, as so often happens, in favour of one of the two favourites. To impose the preconceived character, however, entails a resort to illusion. At Bedford a predisposition towards a tower character would seem to have had two repercussions: firstly the communal and service spaces which would normally occupy the ground floor alone have been " stretched " to occupy two floors to lend added height; consequently parts of these floors are rather thinly planned. Secondly the plan has been staggered on either side of the vertical circulation system to divide the long facades into two areas of greater height than

The ground and first floors are given a different character from that of the upper, teaching floors, and the problem of treating them as one unit while they have markedly different "free" plans has caused problems of articulation which it has been attempted to solve by the use of many different facing materials. Viewpoint 3 (below) of the south end of the building shows exposed aggregate concrete slabs, red coloured concrete slabs, smooth finished concrete, bush-hammered concrete, glazed tiles in three colours, reconstructed stone, rough-hewn red sandstone, cedar boarding, oiled mahogany, painted steel windows and aluminium windows. The double storey height has also created problems of scale which have remained unsolved, particularly at the main entrance.



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CLIENT'S REQUIREMENTS

A College of Further Education on the restricted site of an existing college without interruption of any educational activities. The first phase of the project to be a multi-storey classroom and laboratory block. The second phase to be the administrative accommodation and assembly hall. The third and final stage to be workshops and gymnasium.

PLANNING AIMS

(a) Economical planning with minimum circulation.

(b) Practical zoning of all accommodation in relation to noise, aspects and vistas.

(c) Location of common rooms and cafeterias in the hub of the scheme to encourage all students to mix freely.

(d) All cloaks to be kept to individual classrooms.

(e) Modular system of fitment for future movement.

(f) All services contained in central vertical duct and fed into horizontal ducts in every room. Available for future use.

(g) Attention to groundscape, all trees retained, buildings sited upon an open parkland campus on the bank of the River Ouse.

SUMMARY

Ground floor area: 6,278 sq. ft. Total floor area: 63,096 sq. ft.

Type of contract: RIBA (under seal—Surety Bond).

Tender date: June 11, 1954. Work began: October 1, 1954. Work finished: May 31, 1958.

Tender price of foundations, superstructure, installations

and finishes: £267,684 17s. 8d. Final contract price: £282,509 13s. 1d.

Tender price of external works (including drainage) and

ancillary buildings: £4,085 6s. 3d. Final contract price: £4,007 10s. 5d.

Total: £286,517 3s. 6d.

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Contingencies Work below ground floor level 1 84

Reinforced concrete strip foundations. Plinth walls of brickwork with outer leaf of local stone (Clophill red sandstone) raise the building above the highest recorded flood level.

STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

Frame or load-bearing element

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Reinforced concrete columns at 9-ft. 6-in. centres, with longitudinal r.c. beams. Columns adjacent to main entrance have granite aggregate with bushhammered finish.

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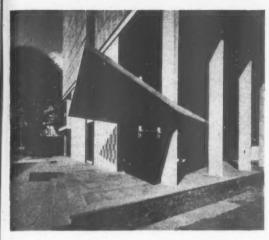
(a) Under-window panel to east and west elevations of main building: %-in. bottle green laminated glass panelling with 1-in. cavity behind with back-up wall of 2-in. woodwool slab.

(b) External walls to mezzanine floor: §-in. cedar boarding (oiled) with backing of building paper fixed to studding and aluminium foil sheets.

(c) External walls to ground floor: 11-in. cavity brickwork with red sand-faced facing bricks.

(d) End walls of main building: 6-in. reinforced concrete wall faced with exposed aggregate panels: 6-in. × 6-in. × ½-in. eggshell glazed wall tiles.

solid wall 0.437 Ratio: floor area



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Viewpoint 4 (above) shows the reinforced concrete entrance canopy which is supported on one main column and two small circular columns. The podium on which the building stands is designed to raise the ground floor above flood level. The entrance doors and glazed wall (viewpoint 5, below) are of aluminium. Open colonnades have been planned on either side of the building at ground floor level, the reason given being that of encouraging the public to look into the exhibition hall.



Key to plans:

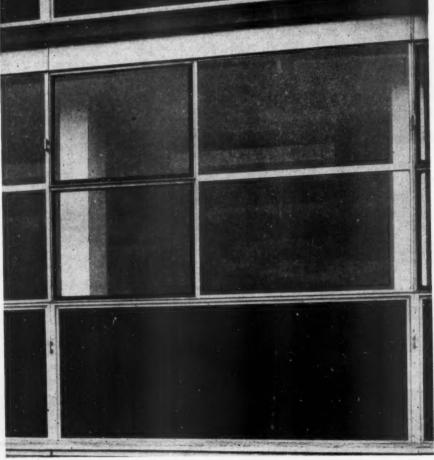
- I. Entrance hall and exhibitions
- 2. Bookshop 3. Kitchen
- 4. Sub-station
- 5. Boiler room
- 6. Oil tanks
- Exhibitions
- 8. Common room
- 9. Refectory
- 10. Servery II. Wash-up
- 12. Lavatories
- 13. Duct
- 14. Typing
- 15. Head of Department 16. Building drawing
- 17. Advanced biology
- 19. Biology
- 20. Typing Classroom
- 22. Balances

- 23. Chemistry
- 24. Laboratory technician 25. Advanced chemistry
- 26. Galvo.

- 28. Physics
- 29. General science
- 30. Aerodynamics
- 31. Women's crafts
- 32. Fitting room 33. Library
- 34. Cookery
- 35. Cookery
- 36. Drawing office
- 37. Photography
- 38. Darkroom
- 39. Design studio
- 40. Pottery and modelling
- 41. Craft room
- 42. Electrical laboratory 43. Radio-telecommunications
- 44. Engineering drawing 45. Engineering science

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The necessity of projecting the refectory and kitchen in a two-storey block (viewpoint 6, top left) has led to further problems of articulation at the junction with the main building, aggravated rather than alleviated by the painted abstract design on the only large area of plain wall. The cladding of the east and west walls of the upper storeys of the teaching block is arranged in bays corresponding to the column lines at 9-ft. 6-in. centres. This is shown in greater detail, bottom left: each bay has two fixed lights and two projecting top-hung opening lights. The latter have a limited opening for reasons of safety. Partitions may only meet the external face at column centres, restricting planning to a 9-ft. 6-in. module and necessitating a filler-piece between column and cladding. The framing of the cladding is of painted galvanised steel and the spandrel panel of bottle-green laminated glass, behind which is a cavity and 2-in. wood wool slabs, plastered internally.

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Above, the stair leading from the entrance hall to the mezzanine first floor. This is supported by a steel carriage and has solid teak treads fixed to bent strap bearers, steel rod balusters and a mahogany handrail. All exposed steel is painted. The entrance hall, waiting, and exhibition areas on the ground floor are paved with 2-in. reconstructed Hornton stone which is continued externally to form perimeter paving. The reinforced concrete columns, on the right, have been encased in mahogany-veneered chipboard.

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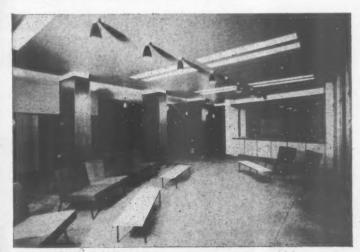
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Below, the waiting and display area on the ground floor adjacent to the materials supply store. The furniture, purchased through the Education Department, was selected by the architects.



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Windows

(a) Steel windows generally, purpose-made and protected against rust by hot dip galvanizing, glazed from the inside with patent beads and non-setting putty. Projected top-hung and horizontal centre-

(b) Aluminium anodized windows to main entrance

(c) Timber windows to mezzanine floor with opening lights in steel.

Ratio: $\frac{\text{windows}}{\text{floor area}} = \frac{0.214}{1}$

External doors

(a) Aluminium anodized glazed doors in entrance hall with check action floor springs.

(b) Steel framed door with glazed and metal panels to kitchen and boiler room.

(c) Timber firecheck door to electricity sub-station and oil storage room, in accordance with BS459 Pt. III, with teak veneer.

Ratio: $\frac{\text{doors}}{\text{floor area}} = \frac{0.0041}{1}$

Upper floors

Prestressed concrete planks with hollow block filler units and *in-situ* structural topping.

Spans, 22 ft./24 ft. and 26 ft./28 ft.

Superload, 60 lb. per sq. ft.

Staircases

(a) Reinforced concrete in situ, 1½-in. terrazzo finish with non-slip nosings, metal balustrades and mahogany handrail. Plastered soffit.

No. of staircases, 2. Width, 5 ft. 6 in. Total rise, 92 ft. 3½ in.

(b) Freestanding staircase, ground floor to mezzanine floor, with teak treads, open risers on steel carriages, metal balustrades and mahogany handrail. Width, 6 ft. 9 in. Total rise, 10 ft. 8‡ in.

Roof construction

Prestressed concrete planks and hollow block filler units, as for floors. Overall thickness, I ft.

Rooflights

8 circular dome lights.
4 continuous curved lights.
Total area, 320 sq. ft.

Glazing

Windows, 26 and 32 oz., $\frac{3}{16}$ in. polished plate; $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. roughcast, polished plate and georgian wired, $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. polished plate and $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. toughened glass. Doors, $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. georgian wired and $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. toughened

Total of structural elements

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PARTITIONING AND FITTINGS

Internal partitions

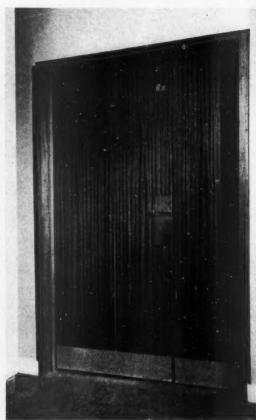
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Each staircase landing is lobbied, in the way shown on opposite tage, top left, to satisfy Fire Regulations governing means of ecape. A pair of self-closing, half-glazed, sapele-veneered whid flush doors are set within a hardwood framed screen plazed in Georgian wired polished plate. The landing floor is of green terrazzo, as are the staircase treads and risers. The staircase enclosures are heated by curved metal radiant panels (painted in a variety of strong colours) concealing hot water tipes which run above the glazed screen.

The three other illustrations on the opposite page demonstrate the thought given to various details throughout the building; top right, a classroom door, with two leaves (sapele-veneered solid core flush doors), one 2 ft. 9 in. wide and the other 1 ft. 3 in. The narrower panel is invariably fixed, but should a greater width than 2 ft. 9 in. clear be required this panel can be unlocked to achieve a clear opening of 4 ft. No cover moulds or architraves have been used around the hardwood door frame; the plaster is stopped about \(\frac{1}{2}\) in. from the frame. A metal angle has been used to reinforce the plaster arris but trouble has arisen throughout the job where plaster has either shrunk away or spalled through excessive vibration. Bottom left, the lift control push panel, electric clock, and wall light have been grouped together between lift doors on each floor; they are set within and above two large mahogany-veneered chipboard panels. Cork tiles (sealed) have been used as a finish to the corridors but extremely heavy traffic and cleaning difficulties have made it necessary to sand off certain areas and reseal after a comparatively short period of use. Bottom right, a series of free standing cabinets providing a variety of storage arrangements were designed by the architect mainly for use within the laboratories. They can be incorporated beneath bench tops running along the window wall of a room with the units located behind a deep edging strip which must, of course, be removed to allow units to be pushed beneath and is then replaced with cups and screws. Freedom in the choice of type and number of fittings is therefore possible.

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Screens		31
W.c. partitions of metal faced plywood.		
Patent sliding/folding screen in metal with plastic covering.		
Glazed smoke check screens to staircases, with mahogany framing.		

Internal doors
87 single doors, faced both sides with striped sapele (glazed panels in four of them), all flush faced with solid core.
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14 single, faced both sides with gaboon for painting (glazed panel in 1 of them), all flush faced with patent core.

25 double doors, with second leaf half width.

4 complete double doors.

17 glazed smoke check double doors.

All double doors are flush faced with striped sapele on both sides, and solid core.

Mortice latches, locks (and dead locks) with lever handles.
Single and double action floor springs, pull handles, push plates, kicking plates, overhead door springs.
All either satin chrome or anodised aluminium.

Plastic lettering.

Fittings
General joinery fittings comprise benches, shelving, draining boards and work top, hatch linings, tables and cupboards, matwell.

Total of partitions and fittings 4s 10½d

N.B. Laboratory and classroom fittings not included.

FINISHINGS

Floor finishes			4	8
Type of finish	Area in	Price per		
	sq. ft.	sq. yd.		
2-in. reconstructed Hornton				
stone (including external area)	5,454	42s. 7d.		
Cork tiles, 12-in. × 12-in.				
$\times \frac{5}{16}$ in.	9,333	33s. 8d.		
11-in. terrazzo in stairs,				
landings, treads and risers	5,513	538.		
Quarry tiles, 6-in. × 6-in.				
$\times \frac{5}{8}$ -in.	7,389	31s. 6d.		
Thermoplastic tiles, 3-in.	16,749	21s. 5d.		
Nom. 1-in. gurgun timber				
strip	17,600	348.		
11-in. granolithic paving	1,974	10s. 6d.		
Lino tiles, 12-in. × 12-in.				
× 4.5 mm.	6,795	328.		

Wall finishes

½-in. plaster with steel float finish; 6-in. × 6-in. ×

½-in. plaster with steel float finish; 6-in. × 6-in. ×

½-in. glazed tiles to kitchen, lavatories and panel
in entrance hall; ¾-in. plasterboard and skim coat;

½-in. mahogany veneered chipboard in commonrooms, refectory and on columns in entrance hall
and refectory foyer; 3-coat plaster on expanded
metal lathing.

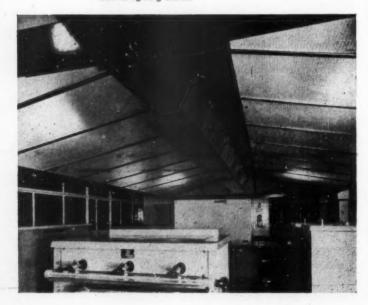
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1-in. plaster with steel float finish.	
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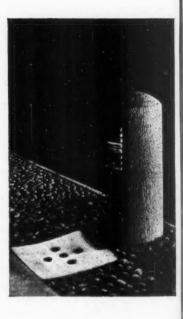
½-in. plywood.3-coat plaster on expanded metal lathing.

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The refectory, above, is entered from the first floor level and is served by lifts from the kitchen below. The room suffers from its position partly inside and partly outside the main building; columns occur in a disorderly fashion and the room changes its height so frequently that unity, as essential as intimacy in an eating place, is lost. The furniture has been designed to meet a specification laid down by the architect. The floor is finished with lino tiles, self coloured and sealed. A long low-pitched fully glazed hood, which covers the steamers, boilers and ovens, has been installed in the kitchen, below. A ventilating spine runs within the hood along its ridge. This design was proposed by the heating and ventilating consultants and developed by them in collaboration with the architects. The reconstructed stone lighting bollard, right, was developed by the architects to provide a simple and unobtrusive method of lighting the main path to the entrance hall. These bollards are set within a cobbled strip dividing the footpath from the car parking area alongside. The perforated concrete square in front of the bollard is a path drain and assists in reflecting the small pool of light provided by the lowvred lighting source.





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Roof finishes

Main building: 3 layers sanded bituminous felt, surface-coated with hot bitumen and finished with I in. sand-cement screed grooved in 2-ft. squares, V-jointed and filled with bitumen all on screed laid to falls

Remaining flat roofs, 3 layers sanded bituminous felt with finish of white Derbyshire spa chippings.

Decorations

Externally: metalwork, gloss paint; fairfaced concrete to south wall of 2-storey building and service lift motor room, chlorinated rubber enamel; woodwork, 3 coats linseed oil.

Internally: 2 coats plastic emulsion paint to walls and ceilings. Some walls in entrance hall, commonrooms and rooms of heads of departments have wallpaper with clear protective finish. Woodwork, french polish and clear wax polish.

Total of finishes:

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SERVICES

External plumbing

Rainwater disposal from roof of main building at certain points direct to pipe in central horizontal duct, hence to main down pipe in vertical service duct. All rainwater pipes in cast iron. Pressed metal flashings at eaves.

15"x 24" vent duct dia extract duct 12"x 12" incinerator flue drinking water 21/2" hot water flow d O 15" dia, refuse chute 3/e" hot water return O cold water 21/2" cold feed htg. 12" dia extract duct C lav floor drain 4" rising main-4º cold feed h.w.s. 3" heating flow -11/4" open vent -3" heating return open vents not in use biology lab. water supplyelectrical equipment 2º gas -9° dia. extract duct anti-syphon pipe 6" soil pipe 1/2" gas pipe 00 fan starters slop sink electrical equipment 6" storm water 6" drain hose reel fire main 4" fire brigade dry riser

[Scale: \" = 1' 0"] Plan of main vertical duct

Hot and cold water installation

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Cold water from 2 pressed steel sectional tanks on the roof of the main building, each with capacity of 6,400 gallons.

Drinking water is supplied to a fountain in each lavatory and to various points in the kitchen. An auxiliary 150-gallon tank on the fifth floor stores for water for the biology laboratory. Hydraulic hose reels are fitted at each floor throughout the building and as pressure from the external water main is not always sufficient to reach the upper floors, a fire booster pump is provided which switches on automatically when any hose reel is brought into use. Domestic hot water is supplied from 2 500-gallon copper calorifiers throughout the building, with provision for extension to future buildings on the site.

Sanitary fittings

Type of fitting	No. of each type
Lavatory basins	50
Drinking fountains	IO
W.c.s	3.4
Urinals	15
Sinks	21

Heating and ventilation

14 73 The boiler house contains 2 welded steel sectional oil-fired boilers each rated at 2.196 million B.th.u./hr. and has space for two more similar boilers when building is completed.

Oil is stored in 2 mild steel rectangular tanks with a combined capacity of 12,500 galls. (about 3 weeks' supply at maximum load conditions). Space heating installation of forced air convector units in cupboards in classrooms. Radiators or panels are used on stairs, and in corridors and small staff rooms. The main entrance hall has an embedded floor heating system. Low pressure hot water is circulated throughout by an electrically driven accelerator.

The lecture theatre on the roof is provided with an independent plenum and extract ventilation system. Chemistry laboratories, kitchen, refectory and fume cupboards are all provided with their own independent ventilating systems.

A small air compressor/exhauster is provided for the aerodynamics laboratory and a separate compressor serves the advanced chemistry laboratory.

Gas installation

Gas distribution mains run throughout the building from a point near the boiler house to the various laboratories and the main kitchen.

Electrical installation

A sub-station in the ground floor of the building feeds the main switchboard in the intake room: from there a rising main to the top floor and distribution gear at each floor.

The lighting installation consists of a mixture of tungsten and fluorescent lighting points to suit requirements of various departments. Normal teaching rooms have tungsten lighting to a level of 12 lumens per sq. ft.; laboratories have fluorescent lighting to a level of 14-16 lumens per sq. ft. and drawing offices, 17-20 lumens per sq. ft. Socket outlets in classrooms provide for occasional

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use of power; in laboratories power is supplied according to the requirements of each, and in some there is extensive experimental low-voltage installation. Cable work to these is of a size calculated to reduce voltage drop to an absolute minimum.

Cabinet type heaters have been wired so that they can be used for air circulation in hot weather.

All installations have been designed for extension when the College is completed.

Type of point	No. of each type
Light points (including	1,082
emergency lighting)	
Class change bells	46
13-amp sockets and plugs	385
Heater units and thermostats	60

Lifts

2 passenger lifts carrying 20 people.

2 service lifts linking kitchen to refectory.

Total of services	33s	6 ld
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Drainage (within curtilage of building)
Separate surface water and soil drainage.
Stoneware drains.

Siteworks

Concrete paving slabs, tarmacadam, cobbled area, bollards, hexagonal flower-pots, grassing, external drainage.

Shillings per sq. ft.:

£282,509 13s 1d (excluding external works)

63,096 sq. ft. (measured inside external walls)

COST COMMENTS

It is interesting to compare the cost of the element groups of this 8-storey teaching block with those of previously analysed colleges, especially with the six-storey block at Slough.

	Oswestry (AJ, June 12, 1958)	Dartford (AJ, April 28, 1955)	Slough (AJ, May 8, 1958)	Bedford	
	Percentage of to	tal cost			
Element group					
Prelims, ins. and contns.	5	4	7	5	
Work below ground	12	8	2	2	
Structure	31	37	44	32	
Partitions and fittings	10	18	11	6	
Finishes	17	10	13	14	
Services	25	23	23	41	
Floor area (sq. ft.)	20,474	72,640	27,815	63,096	
Tender dates	October, 1954	October, 1951	October, 1955	June, 1954	
No. of storeys	2	4	6	8	

d A pattern of broad distribution of costs in these teaching blocks begins to take shape. Where the percentage for an element group falls outside the expected pattern this is printed in bold type and a possible explanation is given below. Structure: The proportion of costs taken by the structura elements at Bedford does not continue the upward trend wit increased storey height shown by the others. This is due to the fact that the first three schemes analysed were built around a steel frame, whereas Bedford has a concrete frame; a fac which may also partially explain the length of contract perio (October 1, 1954 - July 5, 1958).

Slough's structural cost included curtain walling in the analysis, at a unit cost of 36s 2d per sq. ft. (without glazing). Partitions and fittings: Unlike Slough, Bedford's analysis doe not include any laboratory fittings. Dartford's 18 per cent of total cost included demountable partitions.

Finishes: Dartford had self-finished partitions which neede no further decoration; hence a low percentage. Oswestry's floor finishes were predominantly wood block or terrazzo.

Services: The percentage cost of this element group at Bedford has travelled almost off the graph. The cost has not gone of vertical circulation—the combined costs of staircases and life amounts to just over 9 per cent, compared with almost 10 per cent at Slough. Most of the extra cost has gone in the heating and ventilation element (14s 7¾d per sq. ft. of floor area), with forced air convector units to classrooms and independent ventilation systems to laboratories, kitchens, refectory and fume cupboards. In addition, all the service installation have been designed for future extension.

One cannot but wonder whether 41 per cent of the total cos spent on the services is a disproportionate amount of the whole, and whether this also meant that other elements had to be skimped in some way.

When further Colleges are analysed it will be interesting to see whether they continue this cost pattern.

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General contractors: H. M. Hill & Sons (Ampthill) Ltd. Sub contractors: Electrical work: Troughton & Young Ltd. Heatin and ventilation: William Freer Ltd. Metal windows: Crittal Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Internal drainage: J. S. Wright Linoleum and thermoplastic flooring: Semtex Ltd. Hardwood strip flooring: Hollis Bros. Ltd. Cork tile flooring: Horseley Smith & Co. Ltd. Terrazzo paving: Art Pavements and Decorations Ltd. Internal and external wall tiling and quarry tile flooring: Harradine Rouse & Co. Ltd. Exposed aggregat slabbing: Empire Stone Co. Ltd. Patent felt roofing: Permanite Ltd. Lifts: Express Lift Co. Ltd. Horizontal ducting: Camp bell Denis Ltd. Shop fittings: Eustace and Partners. Tar macadam: R. E. Crawley Ltd. Ironmongery suppliers: Jame Gibbons Ltd. W.c. partitions: William Mallinson & Sons Ltd. Travelling cradle: Palmer's Travelling Cradle and Scaffol Co. Ltd. Flush doors: F. Hills. Paint: Permoglaze. Light fittings: Troughton & Young, Forrest Modern, GEC, Merchan Adventurers, Falks, Frederick Thomas. Wallpaper Sandersons. Slate: Bow Slate and Enamel Co. Ltd.

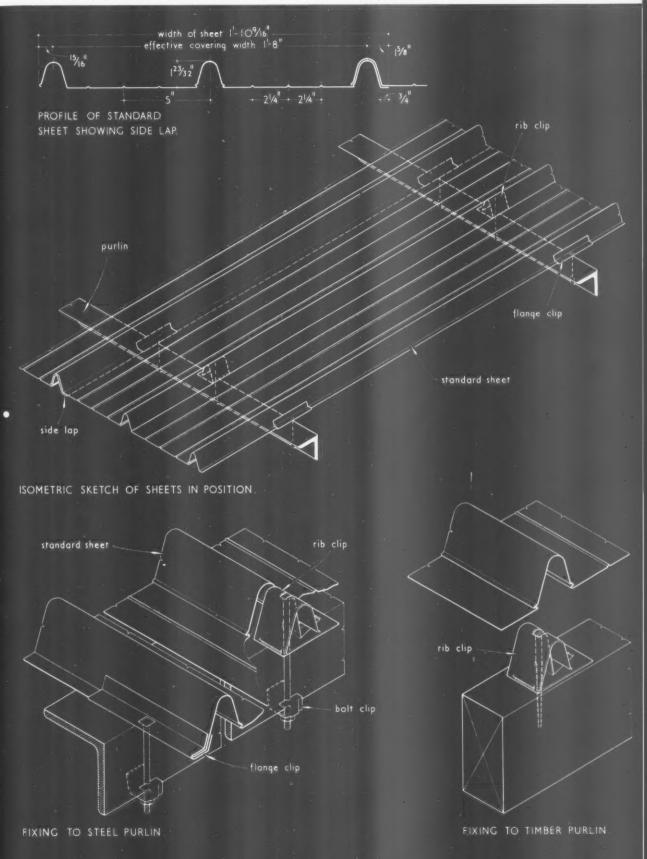
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16.B2 · NORAL SNAPRIB· ALUMINIUM-ALLOY SHEETING 1: GENERAL DATA

This Sheet describes the Snaprib roofing system. The drawings on the face show the profile of the aluminium-alloy sheets and the method of fixing. Details of treatment at ridge, eaves and other parts of the roof, as well as its application for vertical cladding, are given on Sheet 16.B3.

Material and Construction

The sheets are in 22 s.w.g. aluminium-alloy NS3 to B.S.1470:1955 (Noral 3S alloy) in hard temper. The profile of the sheet is as shown in the drawing, the side corrugation of each snapping over that of the adjacent sheet. The under corrugation in each case is positively fixed to the structural supports by means of the flange clip and the intermediate corrugation of each sheet, by the shaped rib clip which snaps into it. Full-width and half-width overlap sheets are available but seldom required as the sheets are obtainable in lengths to extend from ridge to eaves in most buildings (see Sizes): this effects a great saving in labour when fixing.

The sheets are 1 ft. $10\frac{9}{16}$ in. wide with a covering width of 1 ft. 8 in. They are available in lengths up to 30 ft. 0 in. (or over to order) except in the Pyluminised finish, which are only available up to 15 ft. 0 in., and the Alocromed finish, which is not available over 30 ft. 0 in.

Weight

The standard full-width sheet weighs 1 lb. per foot run.

The maximum design loadings for various purlin spacings for sheets fixed by the recommended methods are as follows:

Crs. of purlins (ft. and in.)	Design loading (lb./sq. ft.)
3 6	25.0
4 0	22.0
4 6	19.0
5 0	16.0
5 6	14-0
6 0	12.0

The figures are based on a factor of about 2½ on the failing loads established in testing under conditions of reverse loading. Tests for deadloading show that the sheets will withstand loads over 80 lb./sq. ft. for purlins at 5 ft. 0 in. centres.

The drawings on the lower face of the Sheet show the method of fixing the rib and flange clips to steel and timber purlins. The sheeting flange should be pierced as shown in the left-hand detail. In tropical climates and for temporary work, a special flange clip is available and the sheet flange should not be pierced. The recommended maximum purlin spacing is 5 ft. 0 in. for roofs and 6 ft. 0 in. for vertical construction. Sheets are normally laid from left to right, the rib clips being inserted before laying for convenience. Where it is necessary to cut the last sheet at the end of a roof an allowance for an upstand of at least 2 in. should be made. Fixing accessories should be of aluminium wherever possible; the manufacturer can supply accessories designed for fixing to all types of purlin specially made to individual requirements. No. 12 galvanised steel woodscrews should be used for fixing to timber purlins, 1in. long for flange clips and 3 in. for rib clips.

Insulation: All aluminium sheets possess a high degree of natural reflectivity and, therefore, low thermal radiation. However, it is usually desirable to introduce a measure of insulation to maintain an even more equable temperature within the roofed structure and the conventional methods of insulation can be used. Where it is desired to incorporate insulating board in the roofing this can easily be done by either the under-purlin or over-purlin method. The former requires no special technique but the following points should be noted. With metal angle purlins, the normal strap hangers must be long enough to clear the ends of the bolts which project below the lower flange of the angle. For I, T and channel purlins, special fixings for the rib clips are available which have no projections below the base of the purlin. With timber purlins the insulating board can be fixed in the normal manner, there being no projections below the purlin base.

For over-purlin insulation, the insulating material may be fixed direct to the purlins, at the same time as the roof sheeting, by using slightly longer bolts than required for sheeting alone. Details of a method of insulating a roof that is already erected, are obtainable from the manufacturer.

Under normal conditions no special precautions against corrosion need be taken where aluminium comes in contact with standard insulating materials. However, where the insulation may be composed of alkaline materials, e.g. soft glass wool, asbestos board, fibreboard, unprotected strawboard or woodwool slabs, it is advisable to provide a layer of building paper or felt.

The sheets are supplied in a textured stucco finish as standard but plain-surfaced sheets are available to order. Both stucco and plain can be obtained, Pyluminised (matt medium grey) or Alocromed (pale green); colour matching, however, cannot be guaranteed. Both chemical finishes are suitable for normal conditions of exposure, but provide an excellent key for painting if required.

Further Information

Details of all special fittings and flashings are obtainable from the manufacturer who will also supply a list of accredited fixing contractors.

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COST ANALYSIS, PLANNING AND CONTROL: 2

This Sheet is the second of a series on cost analysis. Sheet 1.C1 outlined the purpose and method and this Sheet describes in more detail the preparation of cost analyses and their uses. Sheets 1.C3 and 1.C4 give definitions of the list of elements shown on Sheet 1.C1.

Preparation of Analyses

The analysis is prepared from a fully-priced bill of quantities, working drawings and the specification. Alternatively, the bill may be written up in element order when it is prepared. Where the building consists of blocks of differing function, e.g. factory with offices attached, it is preferable to analyse each block separately.

Description of element: This is an indication of quality and should give the type of construction, materials used and items included in the element cost, e.g.

Staircase Cast in-situ r.c. with granolithic finish on all faces. Balustrade: ½-in. m.s. bars 3 ft. high at 5-in. crs.; 2 in. by 11 in. hardwood handrail.

Cost of element: The costs are obtained by assembling all the bill prices under their appropriate element headings on a collection sheet. Guidance in ascribing items is given by the definitions which appear on Sheets 1.C3 and 1.C4. When the collection of prices is complete, each element should be totalled and divided by the floor area, e.g.

Staircases Os. 51d. per sq. ft. of floor area. The total of all the element costs should equal the fraction

total cost of contract

total floor area

Where items in several elements are covered by a single price which cannot be sub-divided e.g. r.c. frame, walls and floors, it should be made clear in the descriptions what is included in, or excluded from, the element costs.

Quantity factor: This is a figure, appropriate to most elements, to indicate the quantity of the element, e.g.

Partitions, 4 in. : 908 yd. super Internal doors, single : 48 : 14

Electric lighting points The analysis may also show a cost per unit of element obtained thus:

cost of element

area (or no. of items) of element

Alternatively, quantity factors for elements such as external walls may be expressed as a ratio to give some indication of planning economy, e.g.

external walls

= 0.560floor area

Circumstances of contract: A cost analysis is only complete when it gives, besides the information

described above, notes on market conditions and other factors affecting price, e.g.

Type of contract (whether based on tender or

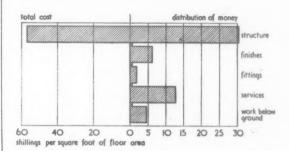
negotiated)

Use of special plant, e.g. tower crane Whether labour was imported

Unusual methods of construction

Special factors affecting builders' pricing Whether work was phased.

The sq. ft. unit: As stated on Sheet 1.C1, costs are expressed per sq. ft. of floor area to relate them to the accommodation provided and to enable comparisons with other buildings to be made. The alternative of showing costs as percentages of the total can be mis-leading because two elements of the same cost in buildings of different total cost would appear as different percentages. For quick "reading" of the cost pattern of a building, analyses can be shown graphically as follows: the diagram shows an average distribution for office blocks.



When to Analyse

Ideally, analyses should be prepared after settlement of the final account. Published analyses are usually based on tender because of long delays in final account settlement.

Application of Cost Analyses

Perhaps the most important use of analyses is the cost sense they engender in those who make regular use of them, which forms a background to the specific uses of analyses, described on Sheet 1.C1, namely

1. Tracing the causes of exceptionally high or low

2. Relating expenditure to function and quality

3. Comparing the costs of different methods of con-

All these uses involve comparison which may require certain checks and adjustments.

Different builders price bills in Pricing method: different ways. If, for example, the figure for Preliminaries in one analysis is very much higher than that of another comparable analysis, it may be necessary to apportion the Preliminaries' cost among the other elements.

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Grouping: If in two analyses, different elements perform the same function, comparison of costs is made by adding a number of elements together, e.g.

	S.	d.	S.	d.
frame	2	6	-	_
external walls	5	0	5	6
windows	3	0	2	9
external doors	1	0	0	10
internal structural walls	-	_	2	0
	11	6	11	1

Quantity: Comparison of different methods of construction will require adjustment for difference of quantity, by conversion of the element cost to a cost per unit of element, e.g. Electrical Services

2s. 9d. per sq. ft. of floor area × 7,000 sq. ft. floor area

71 electrical points

= £13 12s. per point.

Quality: Comparisons of costs are meaningless without a parallel comparison of quality. For example, with Electrical Services, comparison of costs per sq. ft. floor area or of cost per point, must take into account the illumination levels provided, the amount of control gear, the quality of material, etc.

The architect or quantity surveyor, wishing to gain knowledge of the costs of a particular type of building, might put two or more examples side by side, as shown below (for brevity, the Services groups only are given):

Services		A.		B.		C.	
	S.	d.	S.	d.	S.	d.	
Sanitary Fittings	1	1	1	2		10	
Waste, Soil and Overflow							
Pipes	1	8	1	0	1	0	
Cold Water	1	0	1	1	2	0	
Hot Water	1	0		11	2	6	
Heating	6	4	8	3	7	11	
Ventilation		5	-	-	-	-	
Gas		1		1		2	
Electrical Services	4	10	3	6	1	6	
Total	16	5	16	0	15	11	

The comparison might prompt such questions as—
1. Since the total of element cost per sq. ft. of floor area is much the same, what factors of design, clients' requirements or contract circumstances have caused

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the distributions of cost to differ so remarkably?

2. Why do Sanitary Fittings in A cost 30 per cent. more than in C?

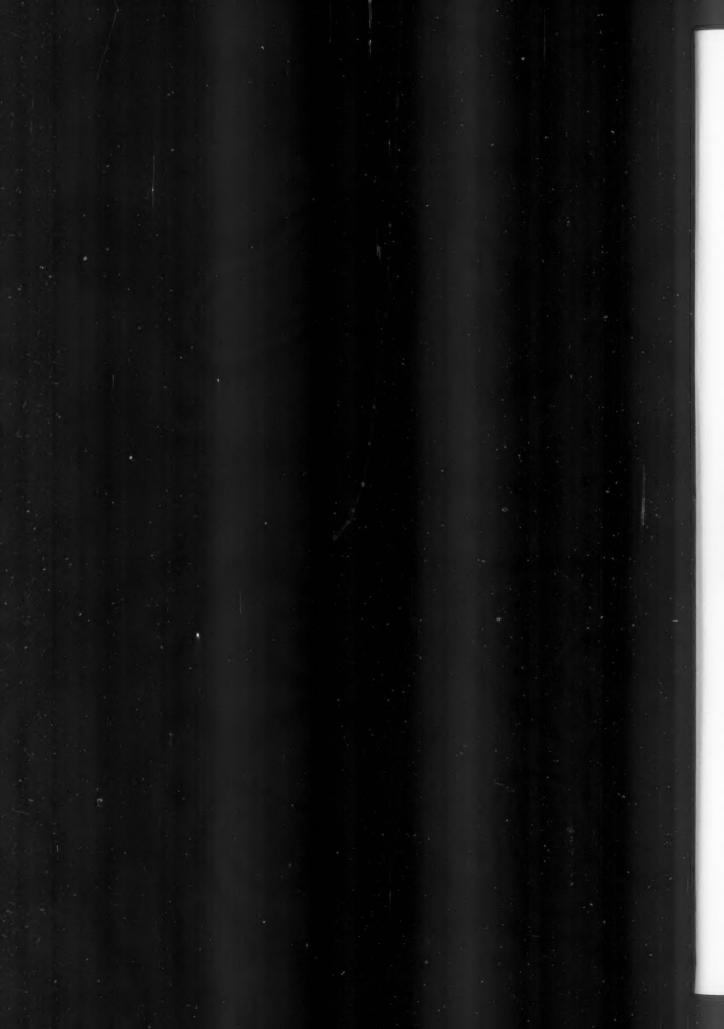
3. If Electrical Services in B and C cost 1s. 6d. and 3s. 6d., respectively, is 4s. 10d. for A disproportionate to the importance of this element?

In investigating more closely to find answers to questions like these, it is important to assess differences of quality and quantity and to be fully informed on the technical, functional and aesthetic characteristics of the buildings as a whole.

Compiled by John Carter, A.R.I.B.A.

Total cost of building





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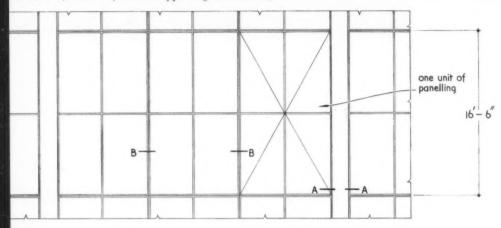


This "windowless" aluminium curtain wall is built of panels 16 ft. 6 in. high by 9 ft. 0 in. wide. The panel stiffeners which are of the "bulked form" characteristic of aluminium, project on the outside of the wall, as the panels are designed to present a fairface surface internally. All visible surfaces of the aluminium, both inside and out, are gold-anodised.

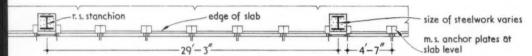
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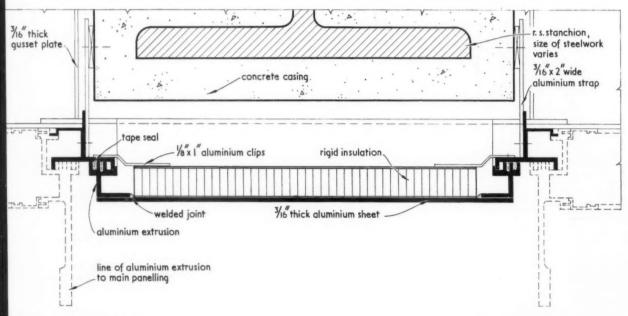
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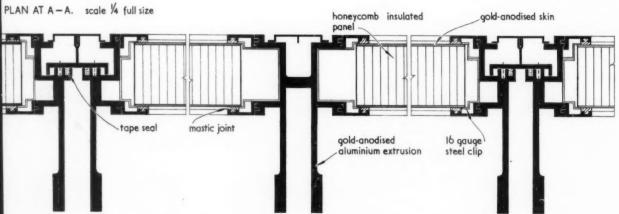
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TRADE

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The North British Rubber Company, Ltd., have elected R. D. Hunt a Director and appointed him Deputy Managing Director assuming responsibility for sales and marketing.

G. A. Harvey & Co. (London), Ltd., have made the following appointments: K. Tardif, Home Sales Manager; H. Barker. Export Sales Manager; and H. F. Jones, London Area Manager.

Scaffolding (Great Britain), Limited, have opened another three depots, these are at Gosbeck Road Colchester (telephone Colchester 77142); Ware Street, Bearsted, Maidstone (telephone Maidstone 87833); and Bessemer Road, Norwich (telephone Norwich 27871). Scaffolding (Great Britain), Limited, have also appointed N. Barton as manager of their Preston depot at Victoria Street, Preston (telephone Preston 57204), and D. S. Cooper as manager of the company's Edinburgh depot at West Savile Terrace, Newington, Edinburgh (telephone Edinburgh 43191).

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The Worcester Branch Office of British Insulated Callender's Cables, Limited, has been allocated another telephone number—Worcester 6074. This is in addition to their present one which is Worcester 2070. The address of their Norwich office is now 56, Pitt Street, Norwich (telephone Norwich 21526); and Cardiff, Station Terrace, Queen Street, Cardiff (telephone Cardiff 24716).

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Burtain Ltd. have now moved their offices and stores to 4, Thames Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey (telephone Walton-on-Thames 4579).

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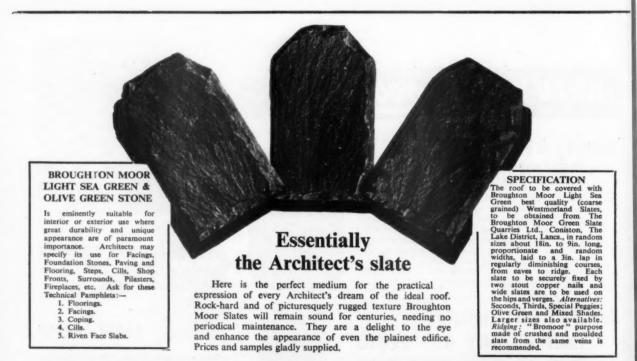
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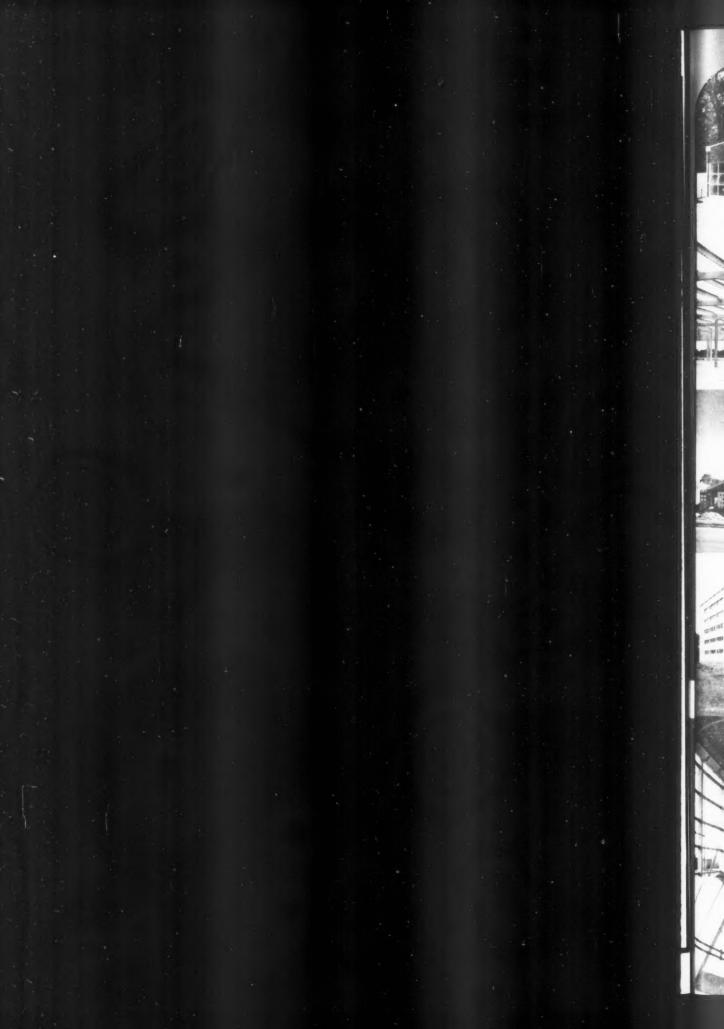
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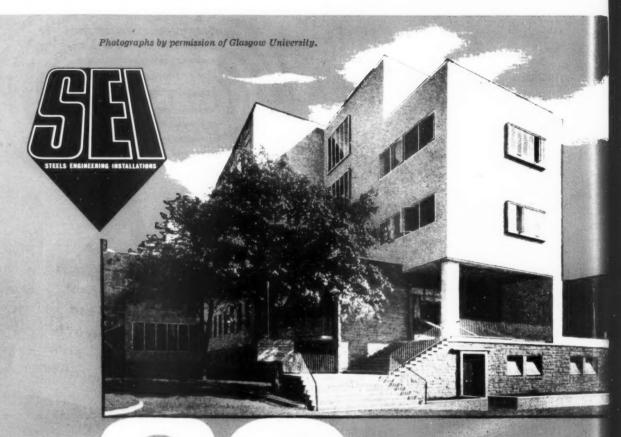
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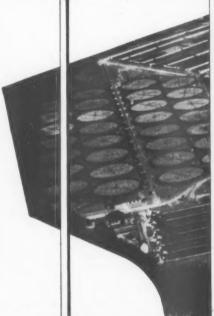
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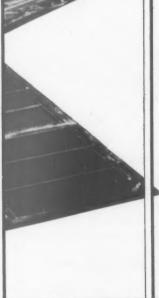
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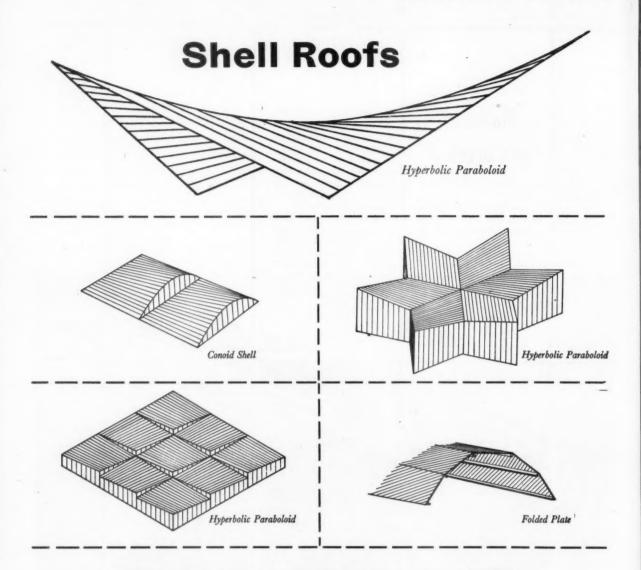
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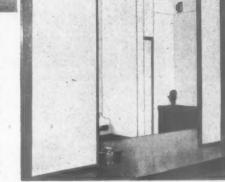
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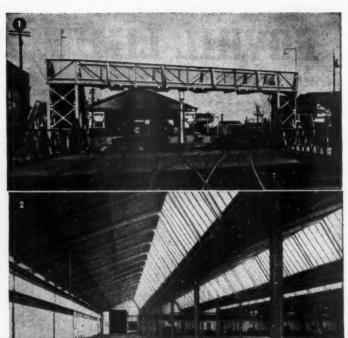
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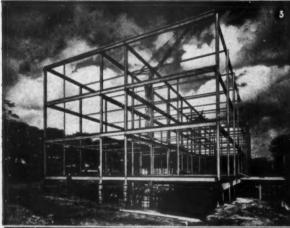
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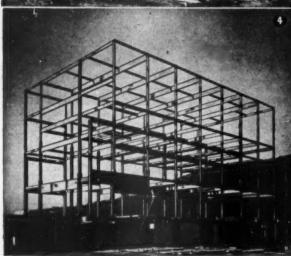
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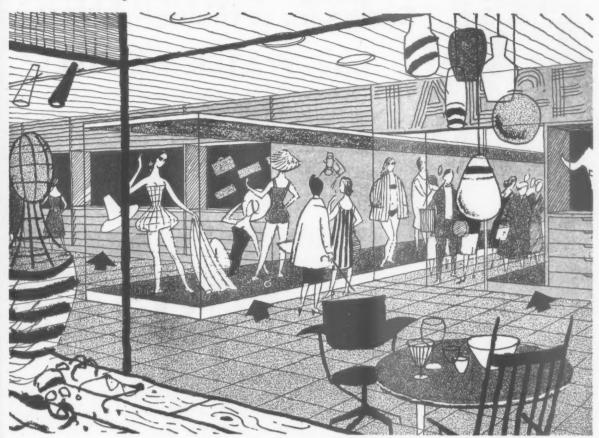
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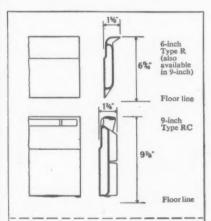


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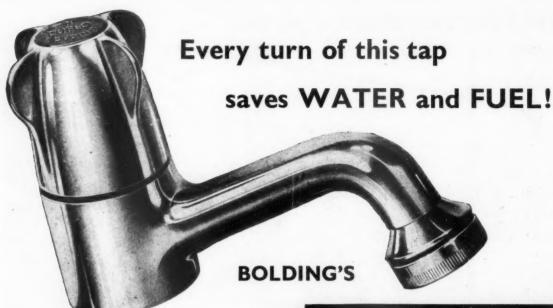
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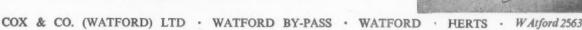
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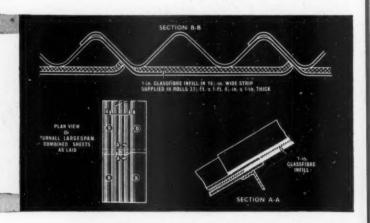
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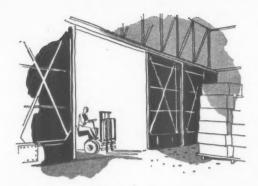
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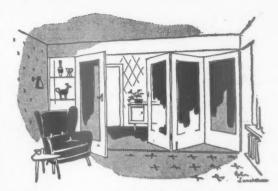
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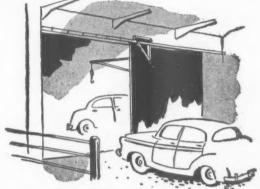
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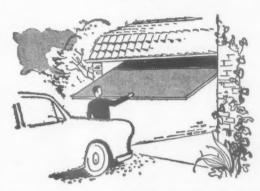
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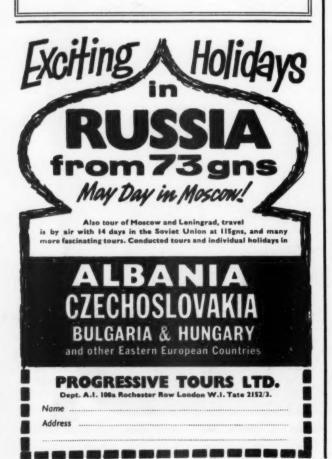
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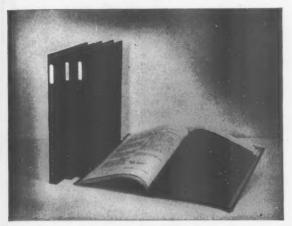
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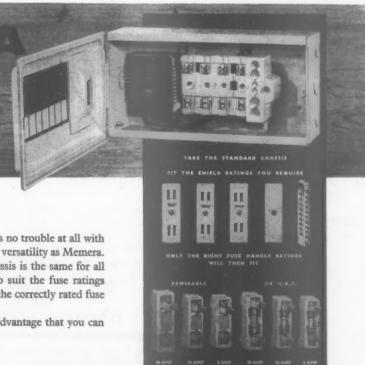
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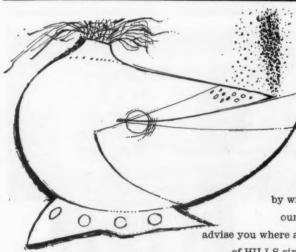
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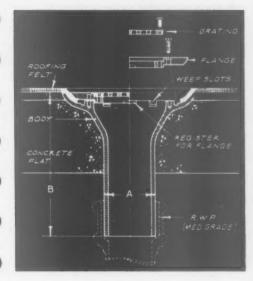
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Application form and particulars from Bennett, F.R.I.B.A., Architect to (BK/52/58), County Hall, S.W.I. (2168)

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SURRHY COUNTY COUNCIL
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Applications invited for following appointments:

1. ASSISTANT ARCHITHOT, Special Grade, 1768-61,439 p.a. plus £39 p.a. London Allowance. Must be A.E.I.B.A.

2. ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade IV, £1,626-£1,175 p.a. plus £39 p.a. London Allowance. Must be Chartered Quantity Surveyor with experience of estimating, saking off, valuing works in progress and final accounts for large public buildings, including all Specialist Works.

3. ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR.

Works.

3. ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Grade I, £575—£726 p.a. plus London Allowance of up to £36 p.a. according to age. Must have passed frammation B.L.C.S. and had Grade I. 2575-2735 D.a. plus London Allowance of up to 530 p.a. according to sage. Must have passed First Examination R.I.C.8. and had several years' experience in an approved office.

4. ASSISTANT STRUCTURAL ENGINERS. Special Grade. 2759-28. Qualified Civil or Structural Engineer, experienced in design and detailing in steel and/or reinforced concrete.

5. ASSISTANT STRUCTURAL ENGINERS. Grade I. 2575-2756 plus London Allowance of up to £30 p.a. Knowledge of detail and some design in steel or concrete. Full details, present salary and three copy testimonials to County Architect, County Hall, Kingston, as soon as possible.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HAM BOROUGH ARCHITECT AND PLANNING OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT Applications invited for the established post of DEPITY GROUP ARCHITECT, Special Grade. 2750 × 240-21,030, and London Allowance. (Commencing point in Grade according to experience and qualifications.)

Must be A.K.I.B.A. Application form and details from Borough Architect and Planning Officer, 70, West Ham Lane, Stratord, E.I.5, returnable by Tuesday, 10th February, 1959. 2679

BEESTON AND STAPLEFORD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT Applications are invited for the above appointment. Salary A.P.T. Grade I £575-2725. Commencing salary according to qualifications and addresses of two referces, should be forwarded to the Surveyor, Town Hall, Beeston, Nottingham, not later than 31st January, 1959. 2697

EAST BARNET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT

not later than 31st January, 1959.

EAST BARNET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT Applications are invited for the appointment of a Senior Assistant Architect in the Engineer and Surveyor's Department. The salary will be within Grade A.P.T. III (2945—21,025) plus London weighting of £20 or £30 per annumaccording to age. If necessary, the Council would be prepared to consider providing housing accommodation. Conditions of Appointment and Forms of Application, returnable by the 5th February, 1959, may be obtained from the Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Station Road, New Barnet, Herts.

SOUTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL

HOSPITAL BOARD

Applications are invited for the appointment of an ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR on the permanent staff of the Board's Regional Architect generally in accordance with Whitley Council conditions of service. Applicants for the post must be Corporate Members of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (Quantity Surveying Branch) and have had sound practical experience in working up and taking off of quantities for contracts. checking contractors accounts, estimating and analysing prices.

The commencing salary for the post will be within the scale £700 × £25 (3) × £30 (1) × £35 (6)—£1,015 p.a., plus London weighting allowance. Application forms may be obtained from the undersigned at 40, Eastbourner Terrace, W.2, and must be completed and returned by not later than 10th February.

E. G. BRAITHWAITE,

Secretary.

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Good quality ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
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(a) New Housing designs and estate layouts.

(b) All forms of single accommodation comprising sieeping, messing and recreational buildings, including symnasia, stores, educational buildings and cinema/lecture halls.

(c) Specialized buildings for technical equipment.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTH SHIRLDS
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS
Applications are invited from suitably qualified
persons for the above appointment in the Borough Engineer's Department, salary is accordance with Grade A.P.T. IV (21,036 × 280-

EL175).

Housing accommodation will be made available to the successful applicants if necessary.

The selected applicants will be required to pass a medical examination for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme.

Application forms are obtainable from the Borough Engineer, Town Hall, South Shields, and should be returned to him not later than 10 a.m. on Monday, 9th February, 1959.

R. S. YOUNG.

Town Clark.

EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

ASSISTANT ARCHITEUTS
Special Grade: £750 × £49-£1,00
Applications are invited for the above appointments; commencing salary according to qualifications and experience.
Full particulars of age, present and previous positions, qualifications and experience, together with copies of two recent testimonials to the County Architect, Mr. E. J. Symcox, F.R.I.B.A., County Hall, Ipswich, by 3rd February, 1959.

County Hall, Ipswich, by 3rd February, 1959.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT require unestablished INSPECTORS (non-pensionable). Duties include conduct
of Public Local Inquiries in England and Wale
into matters arising under Housing Acts and
Town and Country Planning Acts. Qualifications,
one or more of the following: Registered Architect. Corporate Membership of R.I.B.A., T.P.I.,
I.C.B., IMun.E., R.I.C.S., Chartered Auctioneers
and Estate Agents Institute or Land Agents
Society. Practical experience in Housing design
and development and town and country planning
essential. Age 35 years or over. Salary (men)
£1,430 at age 40 or over to £1,720. Women's rates
slightly lower until 1961. Forms from M.L.N.S.,
Technical and Scientific Register (K), 26, King
Street, London, S.W.I. Quoting J.108/8.

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CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Appointment of SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade A.P.T. IV (21,025,459/12,175).
Applicants should be Members of the Royal
Institute of British Architects and have had extensive experience of the design and construction
of schools and other County buildings, and should
be capable of supervising assistant staff as necessary.

be capable of supervising assistant staff as necessary.

The appointment is subject to the Local Government Superannuation Acts, 1937 to 1953, the National Scheme of Conditions of Service, a satisfactory medical examination and termination by one month's notice on either side. Commencing salary in accordance with experience. Applications, stating age, present salary, present and previous appointments, details of training and experience, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be submitted to the undersigned, not later than 3rd February, 1959.

CHARLES PHYTHIAN, Clerk of the County Council. Shire Hall,

CHARLES PHYTHIAN,
Clerk of the County Council.
Shire Hall,
Cambridge.

12th January, 1959.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
Required by
MINISTEY OF WORKS

For employment in London and Provinces on design and detailing work on construction and maintenance of all types of public buildings.
Salary range 2550 (age 21) to 2870 p.s. London (slightly less elsewhere).
Five-day week. 3½ weeks annual leave initially. Starting pay according to age, qualifications and experience. Good prospects of promotion with salaries of £1,015 p.s. and above.
Opportunities for permanent posts leading to pensions (non contribatory).
Interviews at Regional Offices where possible. Applicants should be of Intermediate E.I.B.A. standard. State age, training and experience to Chief Architect, Ministry of Works, Room 436. Abell House, John Islip Street, S.W.1. 2444
COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTHAMPTON

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTHAMPTON requires under N.J.C. conditions of service:

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, A.P.T. Grade

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, A.P.T. Grade II, 4725-2845.

Applicants are required to have passed the Intermediate B.I.B.A. examination or its equivalent at one of the recognised schools of architecture, and preferably have had experience in local government housing.

Apply on application form obtainable from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Civic Centre, Southampton, by not later than Monday, 9th February, 1959.

February, 1969.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF SUNDERLAND CHEF ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS

A.P.T. Grade IV (£1.025—£1.175)

Applications are invited for the above posts. Particulars of the appointments may be obtained from Borough Architect, Grange House. Stockton Road, Sunderland.

Applications must be addressed to me and received at my office, Town Hall, not later than 19th February, 1959.

Canvassing will disqualify.

G. S. McINTIRE,

Town Clerk.

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DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the following appointments, vis.:— (a) SENIOE COUNTY PLANNING ASSIS-TANT, A.P.T. Grade IV (salary £1,025—£1,175 per

(a) DEPUTY AREA PLANNING OFFICER (b) DEPUTY AREA PLANNING OFFICER (Wrexham), Special Scale (salary £750—£1,636 per

(Whenham), Special Scale (sainty Ecou-La, 1988 per annum).

Appointment (a) is to the Headquarters Staff of County Planning Department at Ruthin and appointment (b) is to the Area Planning Office Staff at Wrexham.

Application forms and further particulars can be obtained from me. Completed applications, giving the names of two referees, must be related by 7th February, 1959.

W. E. BUFTON,

Clerk of the County Council.

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AIR MINISTRY WORKS Design Branch resizes in LONDON and PROVINCES ARCHITECTIBLAL ASSISTANTS experienced in slanning/preparation of working drawings and details for permanent and semi-preparanent buildings. Salaries in LONDON up to 1.05 for men and 2925 p.a. for women. Somewhat lower in PROVINCES. Starting pay dependent on age, qualifications and experience. Long-term possibilities with promotion and pensionable prospects. Five-day week. 3 weeks 3 days leave a year. Lability for overseas service. Normally natural horn British subjects. Write stating age, qualifications, employment details including type of work done to any Employment Exchange quoting Order No. Borough 100.

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT (HOUSING)
Grade A.P.T. IV—21.025—21.175
Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above permanent appointment on the staff of the City Architect, Mr. J. L. Womersley.

The person appointed will be required to prepare layouts of housing areas and to design, prepare working drawings and supervise to completion all types of dwellings including multistory flats. Preference will be given to application the considerable experience of this type of work.

The City's Housing Programme consists of:

(i) Estates in outer areas comprising mixed development of houses and flats, (ii) estates in inner areas containing a substantial proportion of high flats, (iii) the redevelopment of outworn areas.

The appointment offers considerable scope to progressive architects possessing the requisite qualifications, present and past appointments (with dates and salaries), experience and the names of two referees should reach me by Monday, 9th February, 1959.

JOHN HEYS, 2764

JOHN HEYS, Town Clerk

E. R. L. FITZPAYNE, General Manager.

6. Bath Street. Glasgow, C.2. 17th January, 1959.

BOROUGH OF SCUNTHORPE
Applications are invited for the following appointments in the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Office:

(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS. Special Grade (2150-21,030 p.a.).

(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. II (2725-2845 p.a.)

(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. II (£725— £845 p.s.).
Applicants for the Special Grade posts should be fully qualified and for the Grade II appoint-ment should be of Intermediate A.E.I.B.A. (c) QUANTITY SURVEYING ASSISTANT, A.P.T. II (£725—£845 p.a.).
Applicants should be of Intermediate examina-tion standard and capable of all stages of work-ing up for Bills of Quantities, site measuring, final accounts, interim certificates and junior taking off.
Housing accommodation will be available if required.

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Applications giving particulars of age, experience, qualifications and appointments, together with the names of two referees should be submitted to the undersigned not later than Friday, 13th February, 1959.

T. M. LISTER,

Town Clerk.

Municipal Offices, 54, High Street, Scunthorpe, 19th January, 1959.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF BATTERSEA Applications are invited for the following appointments to the permanent staff:—
(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT BUILDING SURVEYOR, A.P.T. Grade IV, £1,025—£1,175 per

vertus, A.F.T. Grade II., £725—£845 per annum.
London Weighting (£30 per annum at age 26 and over) is payable in addition for each appointment.

London Weighting (£20 per annum at age 26 and over) is payable in addition for each appointment.

Applicants for appointment (a) should be associate Members of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (Building Sub-division) and have experience in the conversion and improvement of house property and maintenance works to all types of buildings. Some administrative experience would be an advantage.

The successful applicant for appointment (b) will be engaged upon taking off and working up Bills of Quantities for conversions and improvements to existing properties and new housing schemes.

Previous Local Government experience is not essential. The commencing salary in each case will be according to professional qualifications held and to experience.

The appointments are subject to the Local Government Superannation Acts, 1937-53.

Further particulars and application forms obtainable from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, S.W.II, closing date 9th February, 1959.

BOROUGH OF WIDNES

BOROUGH ARCHITECTUS DEPARTMENT ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS

(a) Applications are invited from registered Architects with A.R.I.B.A, and Planning qualifications, mainly for work in connection with new Public Baths. Salary within Special Grade (£750 × £40 to £1,030) according to qualifications and experience.

(b) Applications are invited from candidates who have passed the R.I.B.A. Intermediate Examination. Salary within Grade A.P.T. I (£55-£725 per annum) according to ability and experience.

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N.J.C. Conditions. Superannuation Scheme.
Medical Examination.
Applications, quoting two referees, to Borough Architect. Brendan House. Widnes Road, Widnes, by Monday, 9th March, 1959.
Canvassing disqualifies.
FRANK HOWARTH.
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Widnes. 29th January, 1959.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WALLASEY
APPOINTMENT OF TOWN PLANNING
ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for the above appointment on the staff of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor at a salary within the Special Grade, 2750 × 240 × 21,030 per annum. Assistance will be given by the provision of housing accommodation, if required. Applicants should have had experience in a Planning, Architectural or Municipal Engineer's Office. Full particulars and Form of Application, which must be returned not later than Monday, the 16th February, 1959, may be obtained from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Wallasey.

A. G. HARRISON,
Town Clerk.

GLENROTHES DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION
MODEL MAKER required for Architectural and Planning Department. Salary scale £531—2631 per annum with placing. Experience in the making of scale models from plans essential. Photographs of models made by applicate should, if possible, accompany applications. Medical examination under Superannuation Scheme. House to rent available. Applications to the Secretary and Legal Adviser, Glenrothes Development Corporation, Glenrothes, Fife, by 28th January, 1959.

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SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE AND TOWN
PLANNING
ARTHUR LOUIS AARON V.C. SCHOLARSHIP
The Management Committee invite applications
for this Scholarship of £250, open to past or
present students, who, at the time of taking up
the award, hold the Diploma in Architecture of
the School. The Scholarship is awarded for
travel and study in Architecture.
Applications should reach the Clerk to the
Leeds School of Architecture and Town Planning,
43a. Woodhouse Lane, Leeds, 2, from whom
further details may be obtained, by the 23rd
February, 1959.

GEORGE TAYLOR

GEORGE TAYLOR, Chief Education Officer. 2724

CITY OF BELFAST
Applications are invited for the following positions in the Education Architect's Depart-

Applications are invited for the following positions in the Education Architect's Department.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT Class I Applicants must have passed the Intermediate Examination of the R.I.B.A. and should have a sound practical experience in design and construction.

Salary: £590 × £30-£770 × £35-£875.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER
Candidates must hold a recognised qualification in Civil or Structural Engineering, e.g. A.M.I.C.E. or A.M.I.Struct.E., and have sound experience in the design of structural Engineering, e.g. A.M.I.C.E. or A.M.I.Struct.E., and have sound experience of econcrete. including foundation work, and should also have a practical working knowledge of site investigation and general experience of five years after qualifying, including three years office designing is also necessary.

Salary: £970 × £40-£1,250 per annum.

Commencing salary fixed according to experience, etc. Sucranuation contributions of approximately 6 per cent. of remuneration will be payable. Reciprocal pension arrangements exist between the Corporation and certain Public Authorities.

Preference given to suitably qualified ex-service Candidates.

Canvassing will disqualify.

Application forms, etc., obtainable from the Education Offices, 40 Academy Street.

Completed applications must reach the undersigned by Friday, 30th January, 1959.

JOHN DUNLOP,

Town Clerk.

P.O. Box 234.

City Hall, Belfast. P.O. Box 234. 16th January, 1959

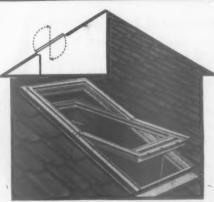
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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY SPITAL STREET HOUSING SCHEME Traders are invited for the erection of one block of 12 dwellings (three storeys) and one block of 45 dwellings (four and five storeys). Forms of Tender, with conditions, etc., obtainable from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Municipal Offices, 227/233 Commercial Road, E.1, upon payment of a deposit of ten guineas. Closing date for Tenders 23rd February, 1959. WILFRED REEVE, Town Clerk.

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL
ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Vacancy in Historic Buildings Section for ARCHITECT, Grade II (salary £1,057—£1,305) to supervise work relating to Sec 29 and 30 of Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, including collecting relevant historical information, advising on proposals of private owners relating to histed buildings and preparing Building Preservation Orders. Applicants must have special knowledge of history of architecture in England, preferably with experience in Town and Country Planning.
Application form returnable by 14th February and particulars from Hubert Bennett. F. R. B. B. A., Architect to Council. Ref. AR/EK/6/59, Country Hall, London. S.E.l. (130)

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT ARCHITECT'S, A.P.T. IV, £1,055 to £1,205 (if over 26). All round experience and ability to assume responsibilities of senior member of architectural group handling large building projects from sketch plan to completion. Should be A.R.I.B..

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT'S, Special Grade, £780 to £1,060 (if over 26) to work in teams on large or small projects. Keen assistants with ability will have opportunity of designing and executing smaller projects under Group Architects. Should have passed Parts I and II of R.I.B.A. Final. Also appointments in A.P.T. III (£275—£1,055 p.a.) if unqualified but experience. Commencing salaries according to qualifications and experience. Established and pensionable, subject to medical assessment. Application forms from County Architect. 1, Queen Anne's Gate Buildings. Dartmonth Street, S.W.I., returnable by 18th February.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS as supernumeraries for period not exceeding to experience. Write immediately to County Architect, above address.

All posts: Prescribed conditions (Quote Z.10, A.J.).

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEPNEY
SIDNEY STREET HOUSING SCHEME
Tenders are invited for the erection of five
terrace-blocks of 2-storey houses, two blocks consisting of four houses each and the remaining
three of eight houses each, providing 32 houses
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Forms of tender, with conditions, etc., obtainable from Messrs. Sydney Clough, Son & Partners, 39 Devoushire Street, W.I. upon payment of a deposit of ten guineas.

Closing date for tenders—3rd March, 1959.

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Town Clerk, 2740.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE
Applications are invited for the post of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT on Special Classes,
Grade (£750-£1,030 p.a.),
The successful applicant, if fully qualified, will
be offered housing accommodation.
Applications, including the names of two
referees, to the Borough Surveyor, Town Hall,
Rochdale, by 1st February, 1959.
Canvassing or non-disclosure of relationship to
any member or senior official of the Council
will disqualify. Appointment subject to medical
examination.

K. B. MOORE, Town Clerk. 2715

DENTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT Applications are invited for the permanent appointment of a Junior Architectural Assistant in the Engineer and Surveyor's Department, A.P.T. I (£675-£125 p.a.), the commencing point to be fixed according to qualifications and experience.

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The appointment will be subject to the National Joint Council Conditions of Service, the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Acts, the passing of a medical examination, and will be terminable by one month's notice on either side.

Applications stating age, qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of three referees, should be delivered to the undersigned not later than Monday, 9th February, 1959.

Canvassing, directly or indirectly will be deemed a disqualification.

JAS. SMITH.

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Town Hall, Denton, Nr. Manchester.

Denton, Nr. Manchester.

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPOINTMENT OF TECHNICAL STAFF
Applications are invited for the following
posts in the County Architect's Department under
the N.J.C. Conditions as follows:—
ONE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade
A.P.T. IV, salary £1.026—£1.175 per annum
TWO ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS,
Special Grade for Architectural Assistants, salary
£756—£1.030 per annum.
TWO QUANTITY SURVEYING ASSISTANTS,
Grade A.P.T. II, salary £755—£45 per annum.
TWO UANN SURVEYING ASSISTANTS,
Grade A.P.T. I. salary £755—£725 per annum.
Forms of application, particulars of posts and
conditions of service can be obtained from the
undersigned.
Applications, together with three testimonials,
must be forwarded to Colin L. Jones, F.R.I.B.A.,
County Architect, Queen's Hill, Newport. Mon.,
not later than Saturday, 7th February, 1959.
VERNON LAWRENCE,
Clerk of the Council.
County Hall,
Newport.

County Hall, Newport, Mon.

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BOROUGH OF HESTON AND ISLEWORTH Applications are invited for the undermentioned appointments in the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department:—

(a) SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT. Salary in accordance with A.P.T. Grade II (£725 × £30—£345 plus London weighting).

(b) PLANNING ASSISTANT. Salary in accordance with A.P.T. Grade I (£7575 × £30—£725 plus London weighting).

Applicants for (a) should have passed the Intermediate examination of the Town Planning Institute or other equivalent and have had experience in a town planning department of a local authority.

The Council is unable to assist the successful candidates with housing accommodation.

Applications are to be submitted by 9th February, 1959, on forms to be obtained from and returned to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, 38, Lampton Road, Hounslow.

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DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL
DARTMOOR NATIONAL PARK
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL
PLANNING OFFICER
Special Scale—2750 × 240 to 21,030
Applications are invited for this post and
preference will be given to persons holding an
architectural or landscape qualification.
Forms of application giving further details
and returnable by 9th February, 1959, from:
County Planning Officer, "Bellair," Topsham
Road, Exeter.

BOROUGH OF WILLESDEN
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYORS
DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited from suitably qualifie and experienced persons for the following permanent appointments:—
(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT within Grade A.P.T. IV (£1,025—£1,175 p.a.).
(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT within Grade (£750—£1,030 p.a.).
(c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANT within Grade (£750—£1,030 p.a.).
(d) TECHNICAL ASSISTANT within Grade A.P.T. II (£725—£345 p.a.). (Maintenance won and improvements on schools. Intermedials R.I.C.S. (Building) is advantageous.)
London weighting, maximum £30 p.a. is payabin addition to the above salaries.
The Council is unable to assist with housing accommodation.
Forms of application and conditions of appoinment may be obtained from the Borough Engineer & Surveyor, Town Hall, Dyne Road, Knurch and Conditions of appoinment may be obtained from the Borough Engineer & Surveyor, Town Hall, Dyne Road, Knurch and Conditions of appointment they wish a with the property of the p

R. S. FORSTER, Town Cleri

CORPORATION OF KIRKCALDY
Burgh Engineer's Department—ARCHITEC
TURAL ASSISTANT. Salary A.P. Grade VII
(£T70—2955). Applicants must be Associates d
R.I.B.A. or hold equivalent qualifications as
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Housing accommodation made available if n qui'sed and removal expresses paid.

Post pensionable; medical examination. Ca-vassing direct or indirect disqualifies. Declar relationship to member of Council or chie

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Applications stating age, details of training qualifications and experience and the names and addresses of two referees to Burgh Enginee. Town House, Kirkcaldy, by 7th February, 198

CORPORATION OF LONDON
Require ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT is
the City Surveyor's Department. Applican's
must have passed Intermediate R.I.B.A. Nes
and accurate draughtsmanship, with a soun
knowledge of building construction, essential
Salary by arrangement.
Applications in writing stating age, qualifications and experience, with names of three referee
to City Surveyor, Guildhall, London, E.C.2
within 14 days.

within 14 days.

CITY AND COUNTY OF BRISTOL
CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications invited for permanent staff posts.
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SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS—
GRADE IV-(£1025-£1.15).

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GRADE IL-(£725-£845).

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according to qualifications and experience. The
appointments are for work on a new Technical
foliege and are expected to be for a period of
not less than 3 years.
Further details and application forms returnable by 13th February, 1959, from the Town Clerk,
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BOROUGH OF TOTTENHAM
Applications are invited for the following

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Grade—£750 to £1,030 p.a. Applicants must
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£725—£245 p.a. Applicants must have at least
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ARCHTECTURAL ASSISTANT (Estab.) APT I -2575 to £725 p.a. Applicants must have passed RIBA Intermediate Examination or equivalent London Weighting Allowance of £20 or £30 p.a. according to age.

Commencing salaries within grades according to ability and experience.

Application form and Conditions of Appointment from Borough Engineer (AJ), Town Hall, N.15. Applications to be delivered by Thursday, 11th February, 1959.

CITY OF LEICESTER

CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited for the appointment of an ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, salary Special Grade £750—£1.030 per annum.

The successful applicant will be engaged on bossing work including large scale central area redevelopment.

Applicants must have passed Parts I and II of the Final Examination of the R.I.B.A.

Applications with the names of two referees should be sent to the undersigned not later than Monday, 9th February, 1959.

18 Loseby Lane,

Leicester.

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J. H. LLOYD OWEN.

City Architect.

Leicester.

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CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited for the vacant position
of SENIOR ARCHITECT to take control of
the Housing Design Section. This is a post
which offers great opportunities to a man with
a lively interest in progressive design, new
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The salary for this post will be within the joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers. Benuties and other Senior Officers' Scale "G" (21,790 rising by annual increments of £55 to £2,865 per annum) at a commencing salary according to experience.

The post, which is permanent and superannuable, is subject to a medical examination and to three months' notice on either side.

Applications, endorsed with the heading of the post, stating age, present position and salary, qualifications and experience, together with the names of two persons to whom reference can be made, should reach the undersigned not later than 20th February, 1969.

A. G. SHEPPARD FIDLER.

City Architect.

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Birmingham, 1.

CITY OF WAKEFIELD

CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited for the following superannuable appointments:

(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS

Special Grade (2°50 × 240-2°1,030).

Applicants must be A.R.I.B.A. and preference will be given to those having municipal experience.

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(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
(Grade A.P.T. I (£757 × £30-£725).

Grade A.P.T. II (£758 × £30-£725).

Grade A.P.T. II (£725 × £30-£725).

Grade A.P.T. II (£725 × £30-£726).

Applicants must have passed the Intermediate
B.I.B.A. Examination or parts of the R.I.B.A.

Final and the salary grading will depend on the

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(c) SENIOR ASSISTANT ENGINEERS

Special Grade (£750 × £40-£1.30).

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Grade appointments will depend on qualifications
and experience.

Housing accommodation will be considered in

respect of posts (a) and (c).

Applications stating age, training, qualifications
and experience together with the names of two

referress to be sent to the City Engineer. Town

Hall, Wakefield, by the 14th February, 1959. 2811

BOROUGH OF WREXHAM

Applications are invited for the appointment of
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT. Salary A.P.T. I
(2575 to £725 per annum). Point of entry according to qualifications and experience.

HOUSE provided if required.

Applications to the undersigned by 12 noon,
9th February, 1959.

PHILIP J. WALTERS

PHILIP J. WALTERS, Town Clerk,

Guildhall,
Wrexham.
19th January, 1959.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF CARLISLE
Applications are invited for the appointment of
ASSISTANT ARCHITECT in the City Surveyor's
Department at a salary in accordance with the
Special Scale 2750-21,030.
Starting salary according to qualifications and
experience. Applicants should be A.R.I.B.A. and
will be engaged in the first instance on work
included in the Authority's Educational Building
Programme.
Forms of application from City Surveyor,
18 Fisher Street, Carlisle, returnable to him not
later than February 12th, 1959.

H. D. A. ROBERTSON, Town Clerk.

Vacancies for ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS.
Salary within scale 2720 to 21,055. Applications by 12th February, 1959. Details from Regional Architect, 40, Eastbourne Terrace, W.2. 2785.
THURROCK U.D.C. (Engineer and Surveyor's Department) require ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT under Architect to the Council. Salary—A.P.T. III: 2465–21,025 p.a. Candidates should be associates of the R.I.B.A. and must be experienced in the design, preparation of drawings and specifications of various building and architectural work undertaken by a local authority. Appointment pensionable. Housing accommodation may be provided if successful candidate resides more than 20 miles from Thurrock. Applications, stating age, qualifications, and experience, and quoting three referees, to Clerk of the Council. Council Offices, Grays, Essex, by 11th February, 1959. Canvassing disqualifies. Relationship with Members or Senior Officers of the Council must be disclosed.

CITY ARCHITECTS OFFICE, MANCHESTER Applications invited for the appointment on the permanent staff of:—

(1) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, salary A.P.T. Grade IV, 21,025 to 21,175 per annum. (2) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, ARCHITECT, salary A.P.T. Grade IV, 21,025 to 21,175 per annum. Housing accommodation for a limited period may be provided for the successful candidate for the senior post. Five-day week in operation. Removal expenses allowed. Forms of application from the City Architect, P.O. Box 488, Town Hall. Returnable by 12th February, 1959. 2008.

CITY ARCHITECT'S OFFICE, MANCHESTER Applications invited for appointment of a TEMPORARY CLERK OF WORKS to supervise the erection of the New Swimming Baths, at Wythenshawe, costing approximately 2250,000. Contract period approximately 225,000. Contract period approximately 225,000. Contract period approximately 24 years. Salary grade A.P.T. II, 2725 to 2845.

Applications invited for appointment of a TEMPORARY CLERK OF WORKS to supervision of buildings which are varied and interesting in character. Applicants should be qualified or should have Int

J. P. MACEY, Housing Manager.

Bush House, Broad Street. Birmingham, 1.

BRAINTREE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL TEMPORARY ARCHITECTURAL AND Applications are invited from persons with sound experience in the preparation of surveys plans, details of construction, quantities and design of housing schemes. Preference will be given to applicante with R.I.B.A. Intermediate or equivalent. N.J.C. service conditions. Salary A.P.F. II, £725 to £484 p.a. Write, giving age, experience, qualifications and two referees, to me, by 3rd February, 1959. No forms. Canvassing disqualifies.

W. HUMPHREY, Clerk of the Council.

St. Peter's Close,
Bocking, Braintree, Essex.

CITY OF DURHAM
ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
Applications are invited for the above appointment. Salary within Special Grade for qualified architect or within A.P.T. Grades I/II according to experience for assistant who has passed Intermediate R.I.B.A. examination. Applicants must be capable of initiating design, working drawings and details. Housing accommodation if required. Contribution made towards removal expenses. Appointment superannuated and subject to one month's notice on either side, to passing of medical examination and to N.J.C. Scheme of Conditions of Service. Canvassing disqualifies. Applicants must disclose relationship to members or senior officers of the Council.

Applications stating age, training, present and previous appointments, experience and names and addresses of two persons to whom reference may be made to be delivered to the undersigned before 6th February, 1959.

D. B. MARTIN-JONES, Town Clerk.

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22. Claypath,
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CITY AND ROYAL BURGH OF
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DEPARTMENT OF BURGH ARCHITECT
AND TOWN PLANNING OFFICER.
ADDICAtions are invited for the post of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade A.P. IV—V
(£700—2830) with placing according to experience.
Applicants should be Intermediate R.I.B.A. or
equal, and should have had experience in Local
Authority work.
Applications stating age, experience, qualifications and present appointment, together with
copies of two recent testimonials should be lodged
with Leonard Howarth, Burgh Architect and
Town Planning Officer, 6 Abot Street, Dunfermline, not later than Monday, 2nd February, 1959.
Applicants must disclose in writing whether to
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Housing accommodation may be arranged for
suitable applicant.

J. DOUGLAS,
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City Chambers,
Dunfermline.

9th February, 1959.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF FULHAM
TWO ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS
Borough Architect's and Housing Department.
A.P.T. II, 2725/2845, plus London weighting 220/230 p.a. according to age. Two years' Office experience and R.I.B.A. Intermediate. Multistorey housing experience an advantage. Fiveday week. Application forms from Town Clerk, Town Hall, S.W.6. Closing date 9th February.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL

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include three-dimensional planning within London's eight major Comprehensive Development
Areas (including Stepney/Poplar. South Bank
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Starting salaries up to £860 according to experience and qualifications. Application forms
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F.R.I.B.A., Architect to Council (Ref. AB/EK/7/
59). County Hall, London, S.E.1. (146) 2804

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COMPETENT ASSISTANT, with several
with little supervision, required in Branch Office,
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A BCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required from about Intermediate standard to recently Qualified, for interesting and varied work in practice mainly concerned with commercial projects. Five-day week. Congenial working conditions. Salary by arrangement. Apply in writing giving full particulars, age, to J. Aifred Harper & Son. Union Chambers, 65, Temple Row, Birmingham.

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About Intermediate level. Write stating age, experience and salary deeired. Box 2001.

DONALD WARD & PARTNERS require to the contemporary outlook and willing to use own initiative. Salary range £600 to £900. Congenial working conditions. Five-day week. Apply 29, Chesham Place, Belgrave Square, S.W.I. Telephone Belgravia 3361.

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SENIOR ASSISTANT required of Intermediate/
Final standard in Croydon office. Varied practice of interesting work. Good draughtsman and sound knowledge of construction essential, together with ability to manage jobs. Five-day week. Salary according to experience. Apply George Lowe & Partner, 4, High Street, Croydon 3668/9.

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NORFOLK Office requires Single ARCHITEC-TURAL ASSISTANT of about Intermediate standard. Experience in Local Authority Housing an advantage. Reply with details of age and salary required to Box 2627.

COLLINS, MELVIN, WARD & PARTNERS require STAFF to work on Hospital, Office and University projects. Age and experience are less important than design ability and enthusiasm. Five-day week, quarterly bonuses, pension scheme. Telephone Welbeck 9991 for appointment.

WILL any JUNIOR ASSISTANT who prefers to work in a small Private Office, and is interested in the preservation of Historic Buildings, please apply to L. H. Bond & R. W. Read, 44. Castlegate, Grantham.

NORTH & PARTNERS, Chartered Architects, Broadway, Maidenhead, have a vacancy in their Drawing Office for ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Intermediate standard. Salary approximately £690.

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A SSISTANT required in busy West End practice, about 25 years of age and R.I.B.A. Intermediate standard. Good opportunities for taking responsibility. Please write giving details of experience and salary required. Box 2590.

JUNIOR ASSISTANT required in busy West End practice. Good opportunities for obtaining all round experience. Write giving age, salary required. etc. Box 2581.

A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS with three years' training, experience in Architect's Office, of Intermediate R.I.B.A. standard, and with a keen interest in Historic Architecture, required by MINISTRY OF WORKS HISTORIC BUILDINGS AND ANCIENT MONUMENTS DRAWING OFFICES, LONDON. Applicants have surveying experience and a sound knowledge of construction. Work involves Surveying and Preservation of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings.

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State age, qualifications and experience to Chief
Architect, Ministry of Works (F), Room 435, Abell
House, London, S.W.1.

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House, London, S.W.I.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required in Chief Architect's Office of large Company with offices in Central London. All staff facilities; five-day week. Please state age, qualifications, experience and salary required. Box 2408.

ROBERT POTTER & RICHARD HARE, F./A.R.I.B.A. have the following vacancies:

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Intermediate R.I.B.A. standard. Initial
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Write stating qualifications. experience and
salary required to De Vaux House. Salisbury.
Wilts. 2664

ENIOR ASSISTANT with good all-round experience required for small practice in London. Applicant must be able to take responsibility under minimum supervision and be interested in the development of private housing schemes. Salary 2900—21.000 according to experience. Write in first instance to Box 2663

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KEN ASSISTANTS between Intermediate and Final required for display and interior design work in department stores. Box 2657.

JUNIOR ASSISTANT with some office experience wanted immediately. Good draughtsmanship essential. Five-day week. Writerial particulars and salary required to Musman & Cousens. 12. Upper Berkeley Street. W.1. 2650

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NOTTINGHAM. ARCHITECTS and ARCHITECTS' ASSISTANTS required:—
1. Qualified with a minimum of two years' experience. Salary £350—£1,150. Starting salary

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2. Unqualified with a minimum of four years' experience. Salary £500-£300. Starting salary to be agreed.
Bartlett & Gray, Castle Gate Chambers. Castle Gate. Nottingham.

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Expending firm of architects urgently requires experienced SENIOR ASSISTANT to work in their Guidford office. This is an important position and the person appointed must have had experience of the design and detailing of pre-fabricated steel structures in addition to general architectural experience. The post offers good prospects and scope for initiative. Experience and ability are of greater importance than qualifications. Write in confidence giving experience and salary required to:—Scott, Brownrigg and Turner, 32. London Road, Guildford. 2696

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS of Final and Intermediate standard required immediately in Leigh office engaged on varied and interesting programme of Municipal Buildings, Schools, Churches, Housing, etc. Applications giving full particulars and salary required to J. C. Prestwich & Sons, M.A. F./A.R.I.B.A. Bradshawgate Chambers, Leich, Lancs. 2641

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WAIT. Qualified ARCHITECT required for office in Kuwait. Applicants should be capable of starting and supervising office, negotiating with Kuwait Government, Kuwait Oil Company, etc., for design and erection of buildings. Bachelor quarters provided, salary subject to negotiation according to experience. State age, experience and qualifications to L. W. VASS LIMITED, AMPTHILL, BEDFORD.

MIDLAND firm of architects seek CHIEF ASSISTANT for new office in Merseyside Area. Position should lead to partnership for right man. Design and organisational ability, experience and good local contacts essential. References will be required. Box 2699.

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H. SAUNDERS & SON require additional ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS is their Southampton and Portsmouth Offices, in connection with an interesting programme of work, including commercial and shopping developments and school projects.

Preference will be given to applicants showing potential ability at the design stage.

Applications giving details of experience and salary required should be addressed to: 22, Brunswick Place, Southampton, or 49, Commercial Road. Portsmouth.

Road. Portsmouth.

PINBURGH Architects require Senior
Qualified ASSISTANT with a view to
partnership after a probationary period. Box
484, Robertson & Scott, 42, Charlotte Square.
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MINTERMEDIATE and Final standard ASSISTANTERMEDIATE and Final standard ASSISTANTS required. Minimum two years' office experience. Salary according to ability. Theo. H. Birks, 38, Portland Place, W.I. LAN. 7236.

A SSISTANT for general practice. Either keen standard. Ability and enthusiasm more important than qualifications. Details and availability to Saunders & Partners, 18, Queens Parade. Grimsby, Lincs.

A SSISTANT required by Chartered Architects
practising in South Coast town. Qualifications secondary to office experience (two
years minimum). Pension Scheme, five-day week,
£750 p.a. Apply Box 2733.

A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required,
Intermediate or recently qualified standard,
to assist the Company Architect on new buildings and alterations connected with the development of a Chemical Works. Apply in writing,
stating age. experience, etc., to the Chief
Engineer, Messrs. Hickson & Welch Ltd., Ings
Lane. Castleford, Yorkshire. Salary will be by
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INTERMEDIATE ASSISTANT, with several years' office experience, required. Five-day week, Salary according to ability and experience, Details of training, experience, etc. to: Felix Watter, F.B.L.B.A., 4, Baymond Buildings, Gray's 1776

RILEY & GLANFIELD require MALE ASSIS-TANT of Intermediate standard Work: Church, industrial, housing and public hones. Some general office experience is necessary. Tel. CHA. 7328.

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CROYDON.—Experienced and competent
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Write, stating fullest particulars, to Graham
Crunp and Denis Crunp. F/A.R.I.B.A., Chartered
Architects, 43, George Street, Croydon. 2744

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TANT, recently oualified or near Final
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A SSISTANT ARCHITECTS for Co-operative Menet. Cardiff. Salary scale £600-£870 p.a. Applications are invited to fill positions at the Cardiff Branch Office. Salary according to age qualifications and experience. The posts as uperannuable, subject to medical examination Five-day week in operation. Applications, stating age, experience, qualifications and salary required, to: W. J. Beet F.R.I.B.A., Chief Architect, Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., 99, Leman Street, London, El.

JACKSON & RDMONDS, Architects, has vacancies for STAFF in Birmingham as London Offices. Salary grades between £500 architects, bar training, experience and salary required, to 116, Colmore Row, Birmingham, 3.

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A RCHITECT'S ASSISTANT of Intermediate standard, or above, required in the office of Leonard J. Multon & Partner, F/F.R.I.B.A. G. Greenfield Crescent, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15. Please telephone for appointment: Edgbasta.

A SSISTANTS required in small but busy office in West Country. Wide variety of work Five-day week. Please send full particulars a experience, training, etc. Salary by arrangement gonald vallis, F.R.L.B.A., 6, North Parade Frome, Somerset.

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A SSISTANT ARCHITECTS, recently qualified men, or those near finals, required in the Architect's Department of Richard Costain La Permanent and pensionable posts. Address applications to Assistant Personnel Officer. 111, Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.I. 27.

S ENIOR ASSISTANT required to act as 8th Architect on industrial project in Midland commencing June for a duration of 15 months Experience of site supervision and laboraton design essential. The successful applicant will brequired to work in the firm's London office futwo months before commencement. Salar approximately £1,250 according to qualification and experience. Write Box 2753.

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and experience. Write Box 2753.

A RCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Senior and Junior, required at once. Apply by letter stating qualifications and saiary required Martin & Martin & W. H. Ward, 106, Colmon Row, Birmingham. 3.

A SSISTANT required for small expanding practice in Central London. Salary up to 2750 according to ability. Good opportunity for responsible person with contemporary outlook Box 2755.

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QUALIFIED ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required for contemporary practice. Write stating age, experience and salary required, & H. A. Halpern, A.R.I.B.A., 26a, High Street Chatham, Kent.

ASSISTANTS required by Mayfair Architech and Planning Consultants with varied home and overseas practice (five-day week). Telephome for appointment, Regent 2291.

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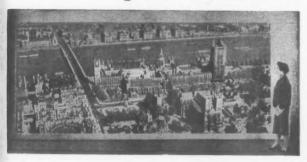
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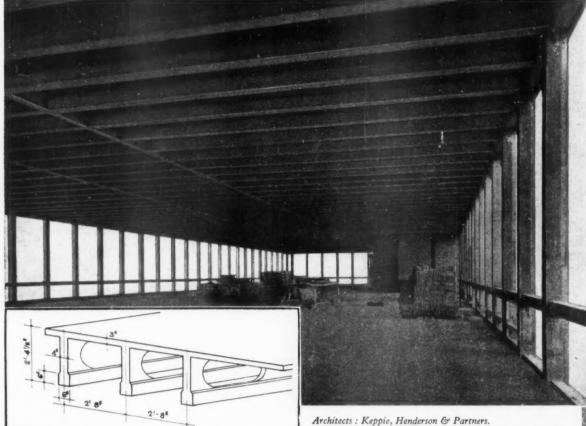
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