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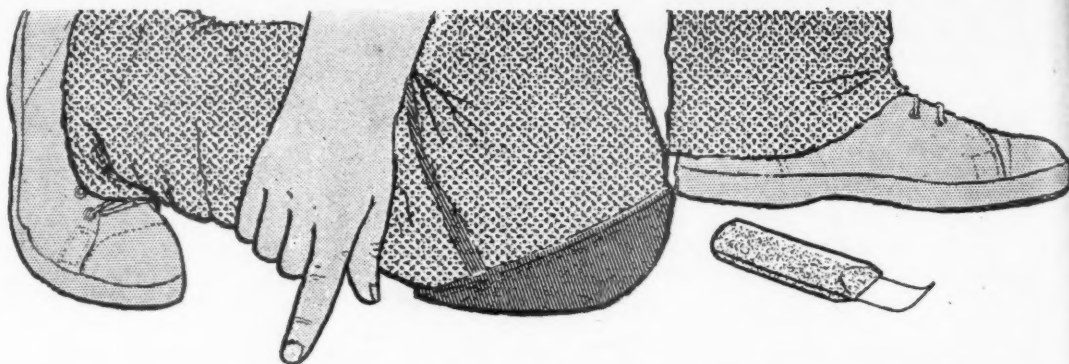
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LMBA	London Master Builders' Association. 47, Bedford Square, W.C.1. Museum 3891
MAFF	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Whitehall Place, S.W.1. Trafalgar 7711
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NAMMC	Natural Asphalt Mine Owners and Manufacturers Council. 94/98, Petty France, S.W.1. Abbey 1010
NAS	National Association of Shopfitters. 9, Victoria Street, S.W.1. Abbey 4813
NBR	National Buildings Record, 31, Chester Terrace, Regent's Park, N.W.1. Welbeck 0619
NCBMP	National Council of Building Material Producers, 10, Storey's Gate, S.W.1. Abbey 5111
NEFMAI	National Employers Federation of the Mastic Asphalt Industry. 21, John Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C.2. Trafalgar 3927
NFBTE	National Federation of Building Trades Employers. 82, New Cavendish Street, W.1. Langham 4041/4054
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NFHS	National Federation of Housing Societies. 12, Suffolk St., S.W.1. Whitehall 1693
NHBRC	National House Builders Registration Council. 58, Portland Place, W.1. Langham 0064/5
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NSAS	National Smoke Abatement Society. Palace Chambers, Bridge Street, S.W.1. Trafalgar 6838
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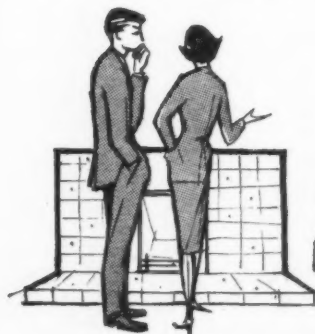
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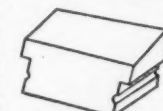
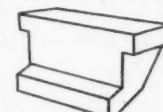
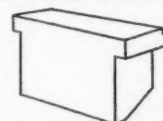
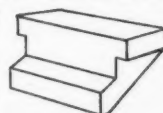
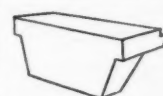
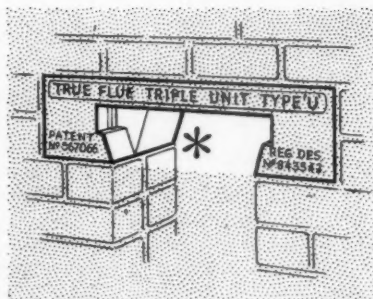
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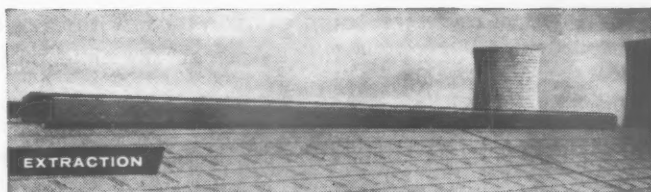


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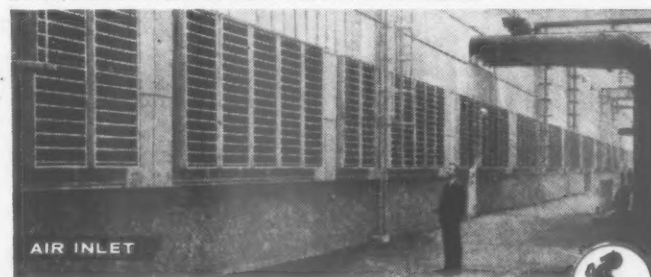
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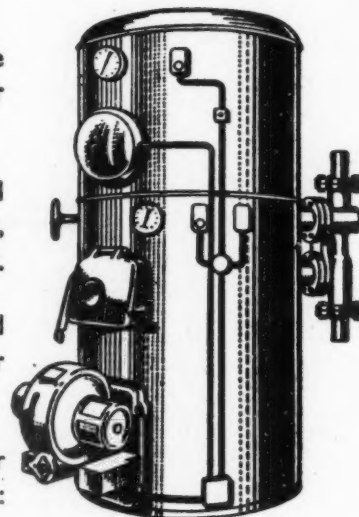


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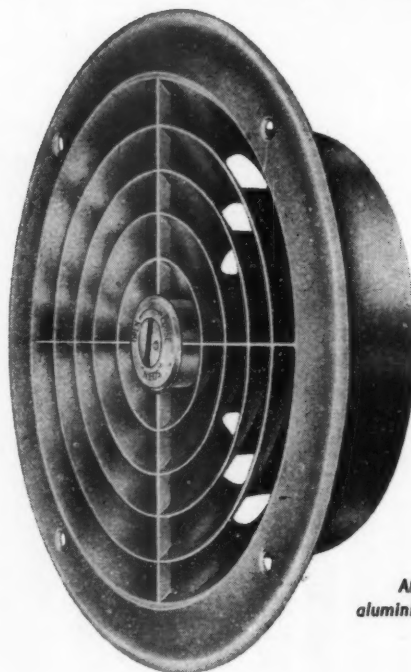
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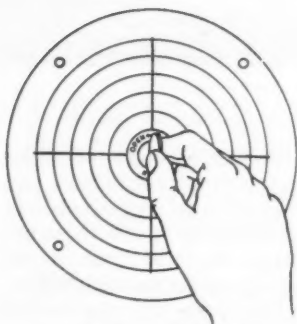
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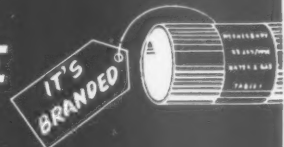
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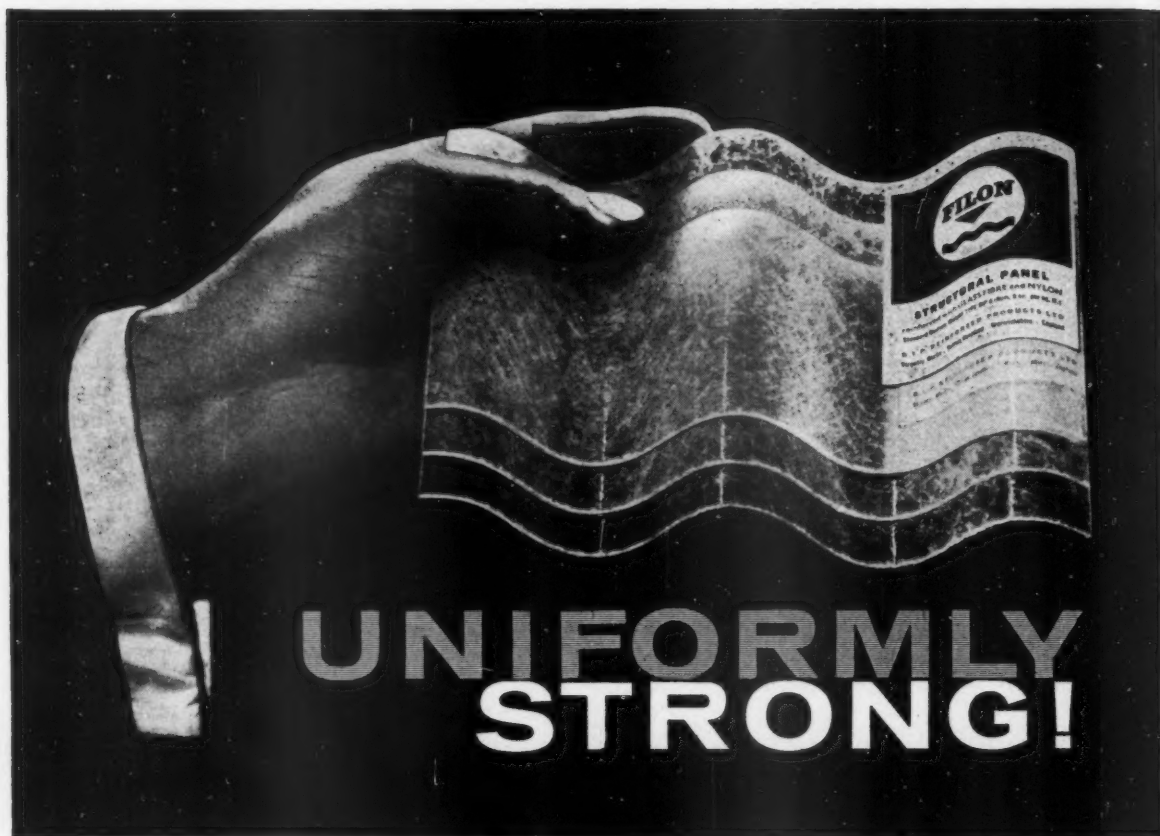
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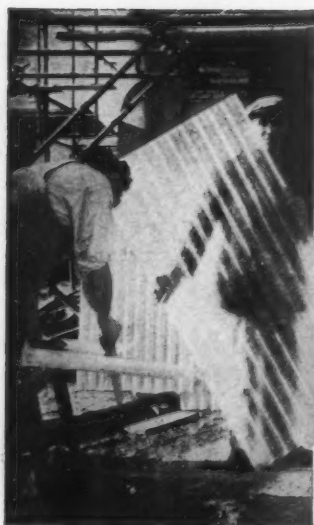
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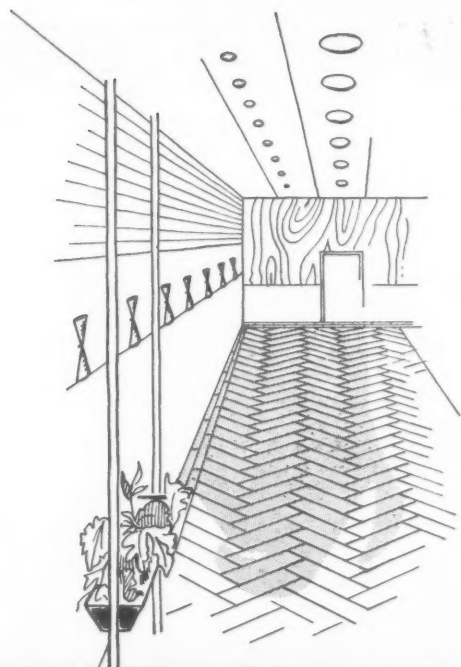


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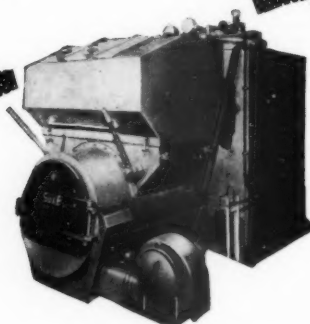
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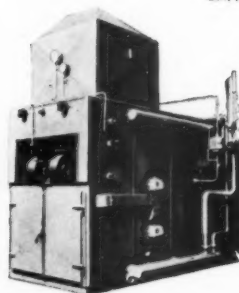
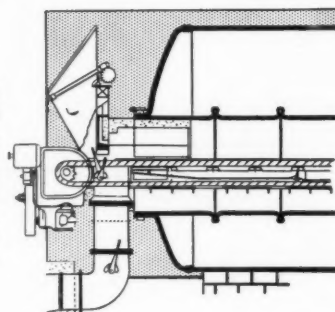


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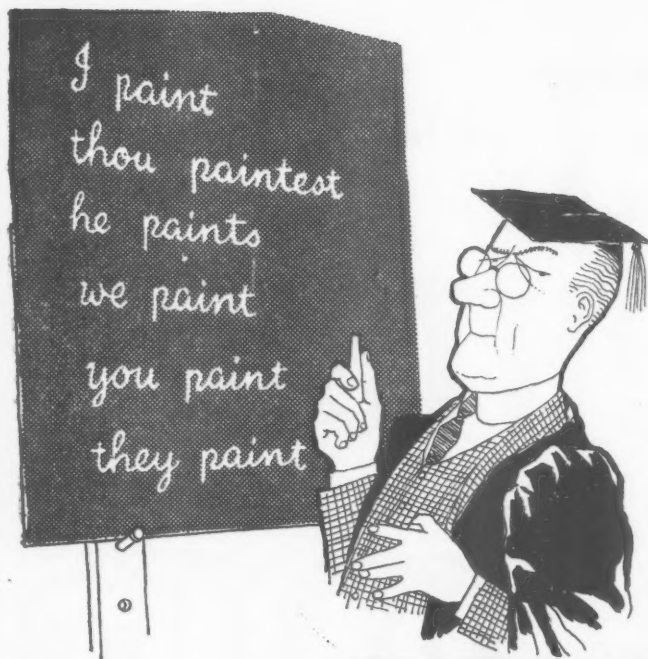
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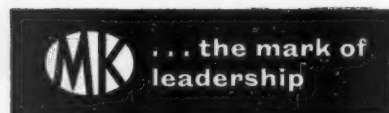
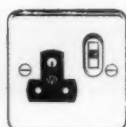
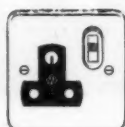
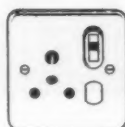
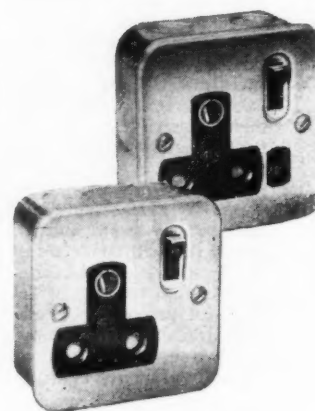
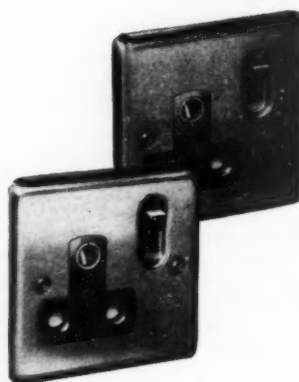
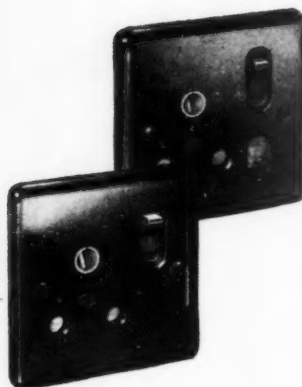
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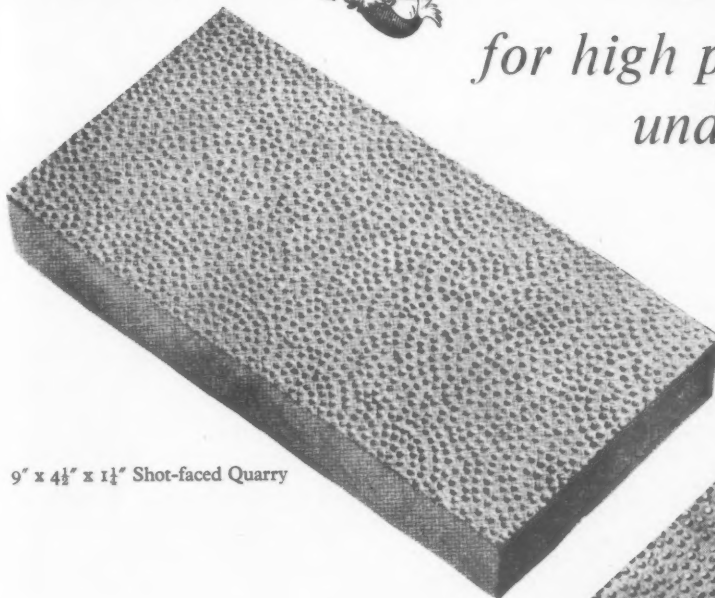
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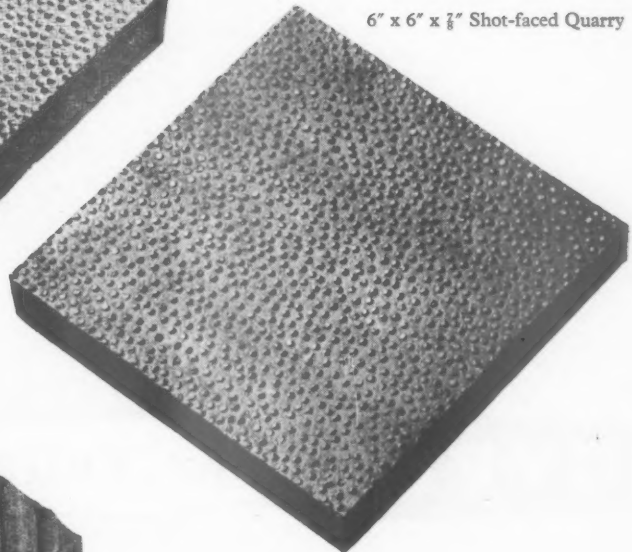
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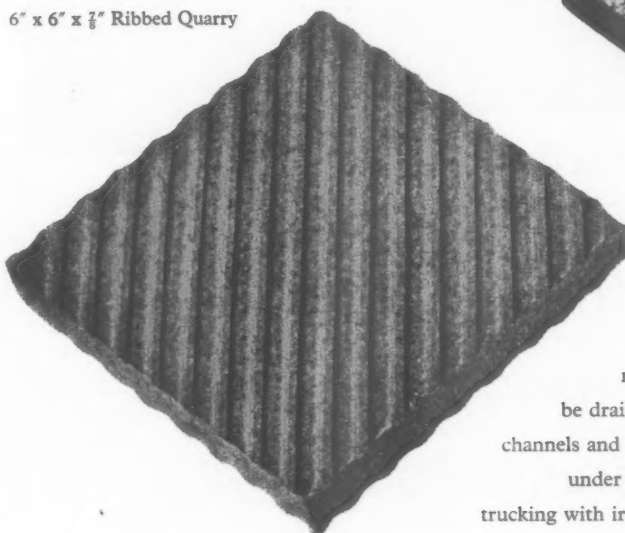
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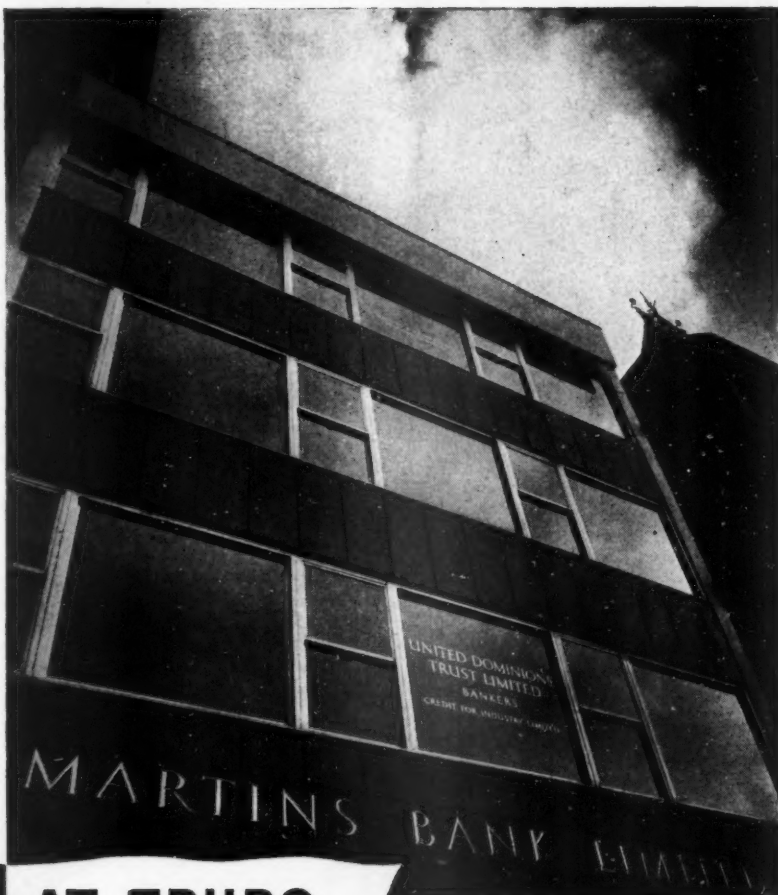
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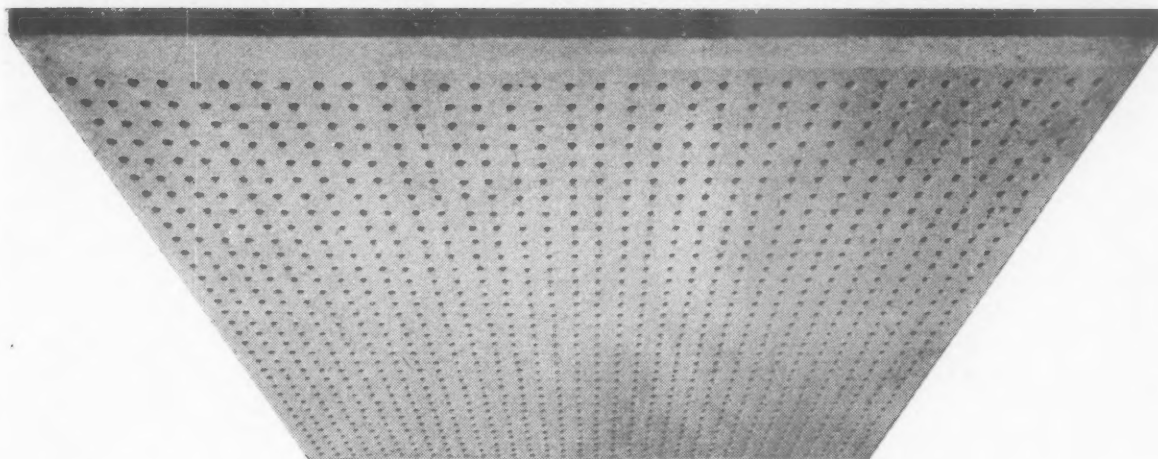
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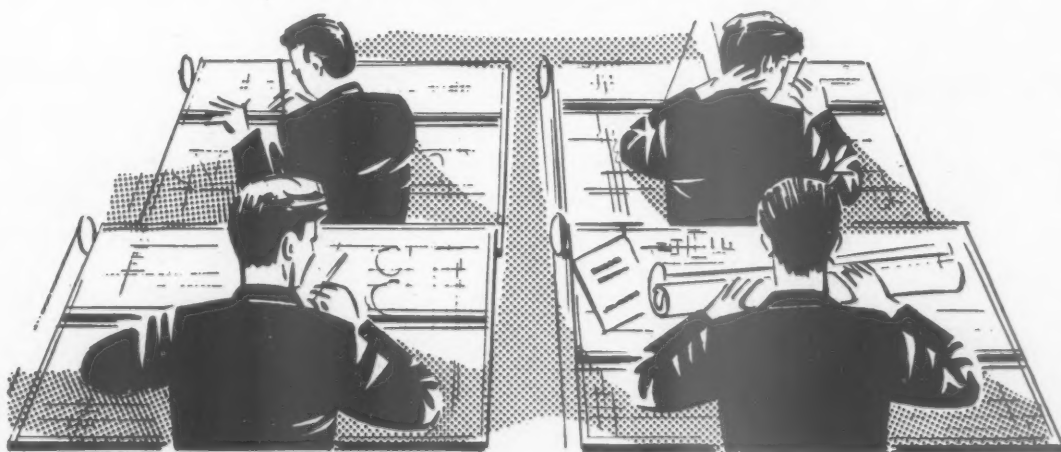
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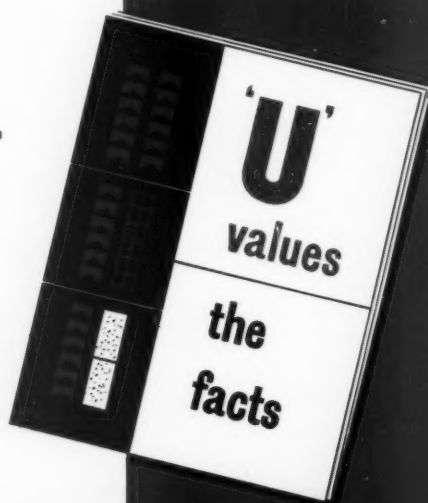
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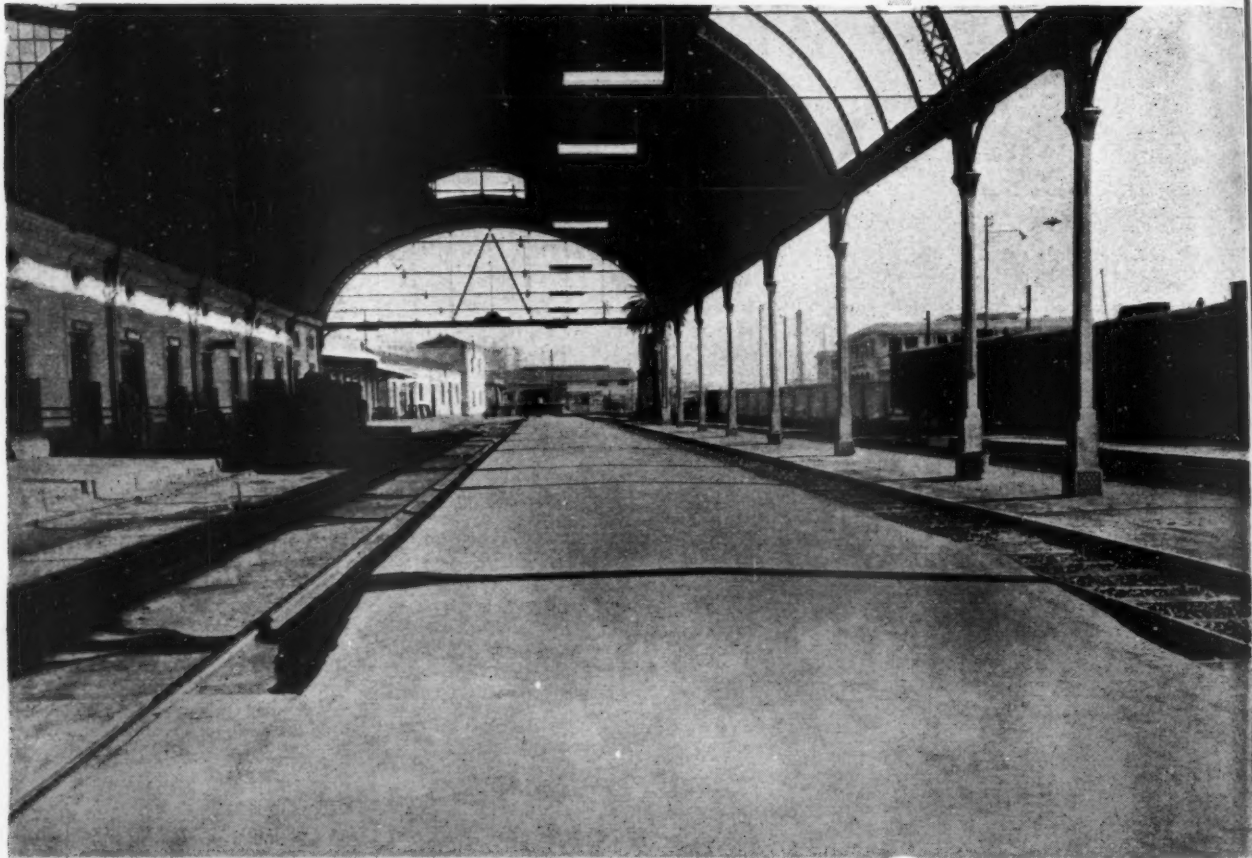
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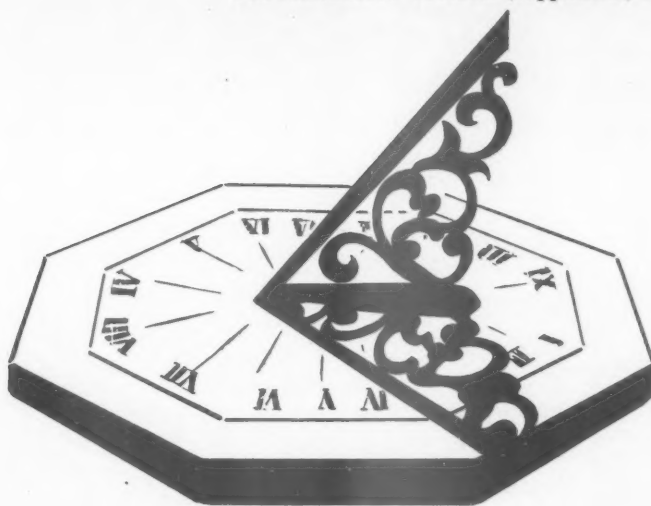
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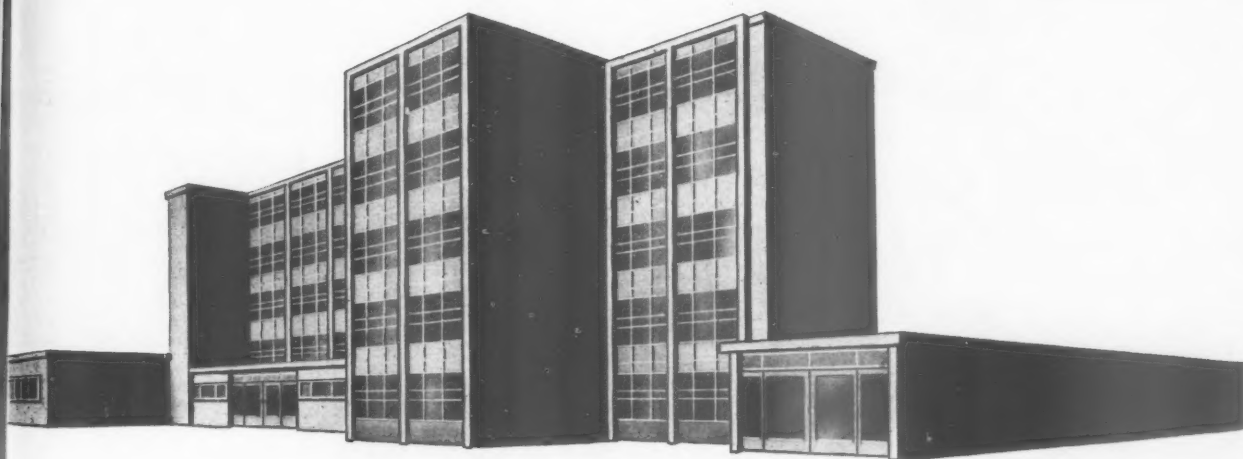
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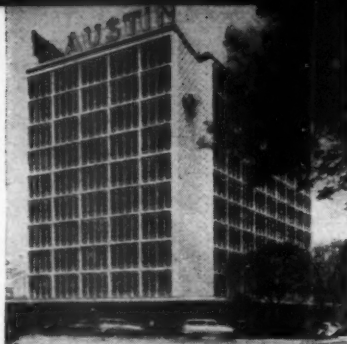
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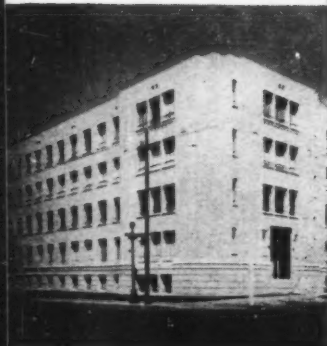
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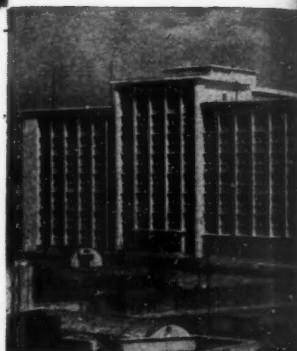


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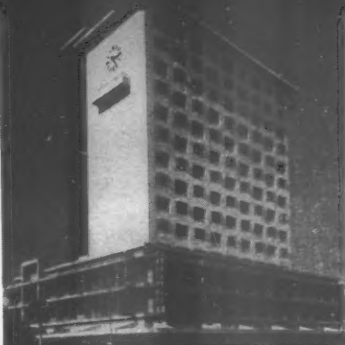


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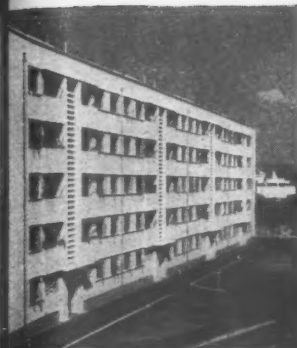
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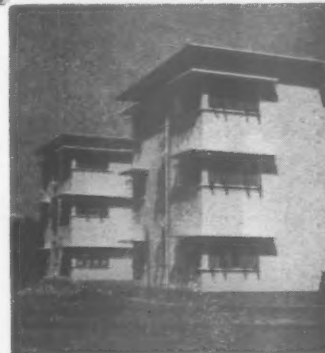
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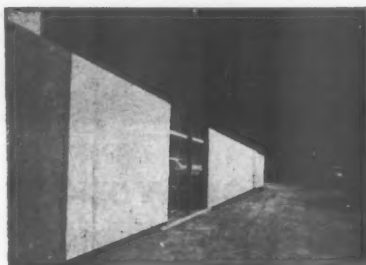
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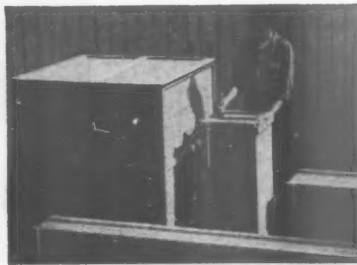


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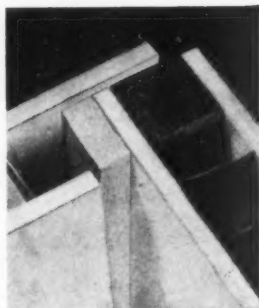




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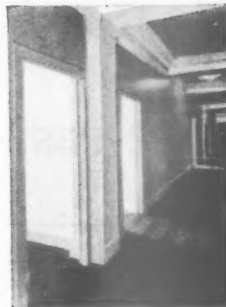
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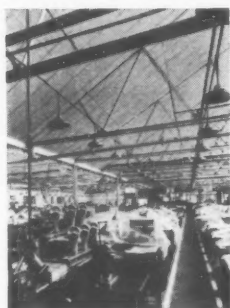
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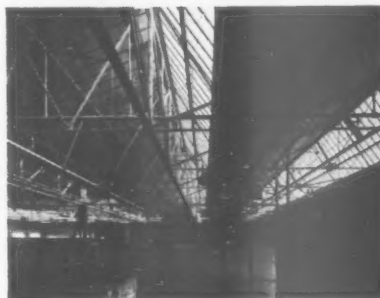
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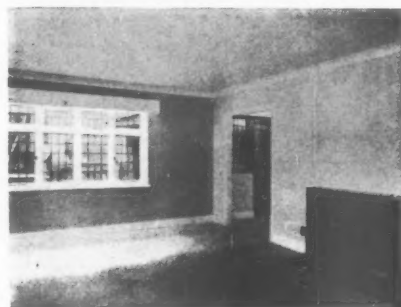
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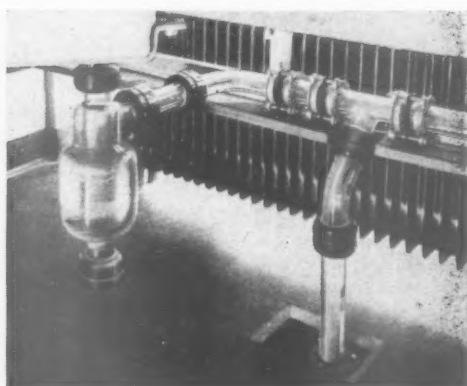
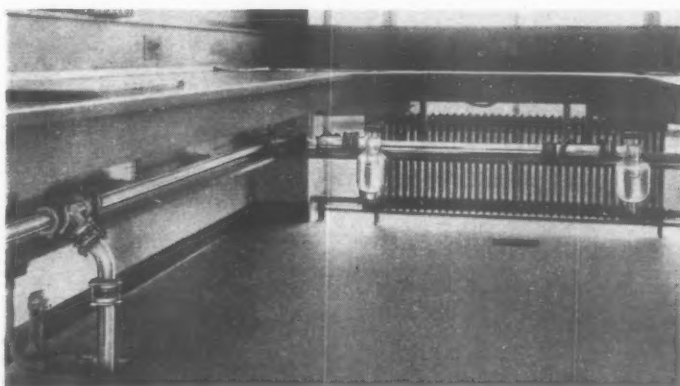
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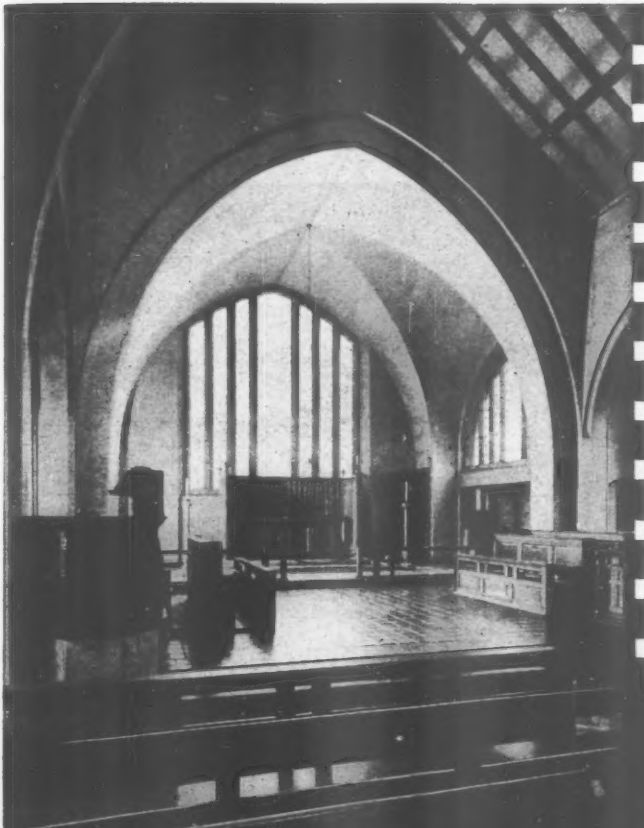
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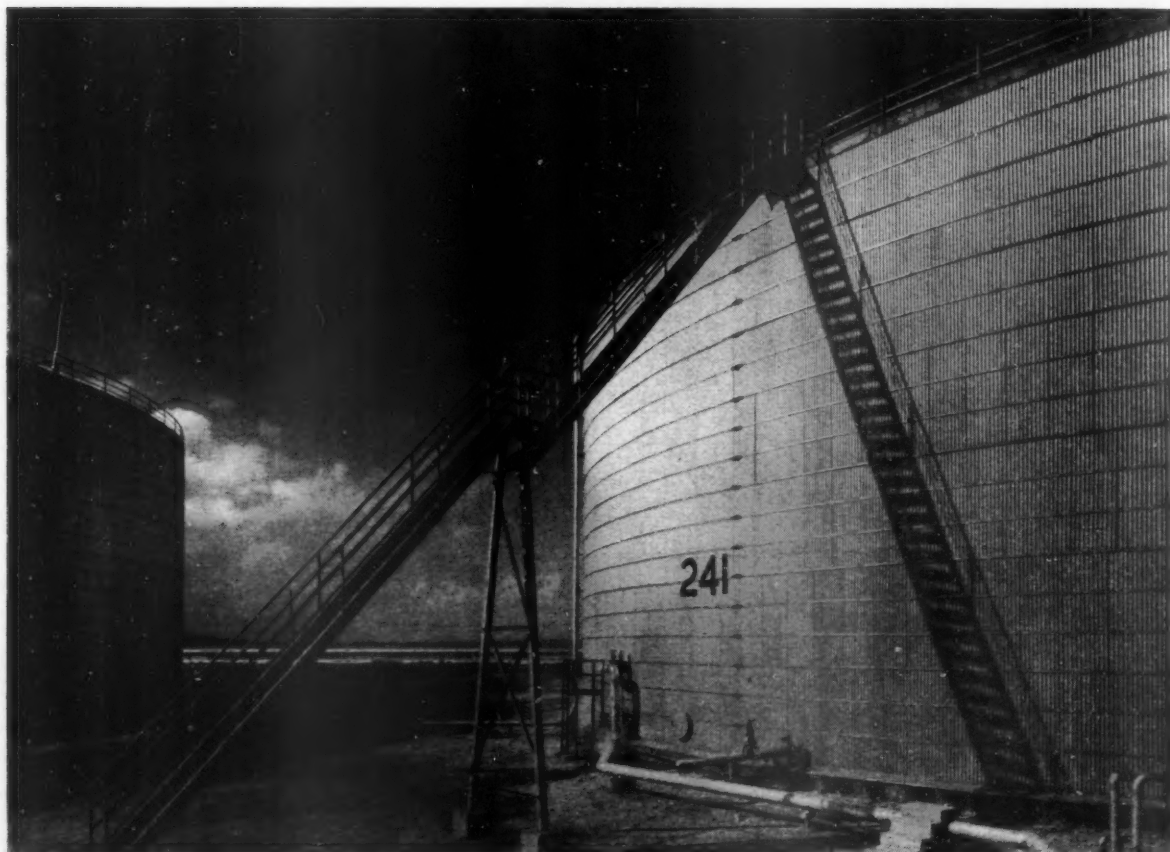
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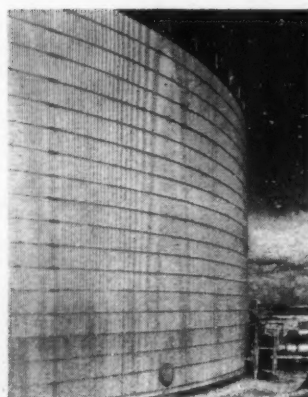
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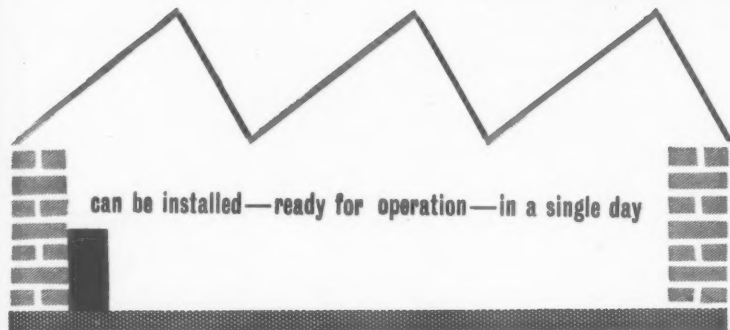
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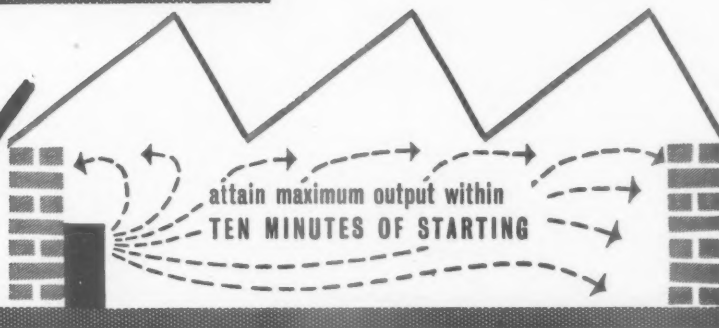
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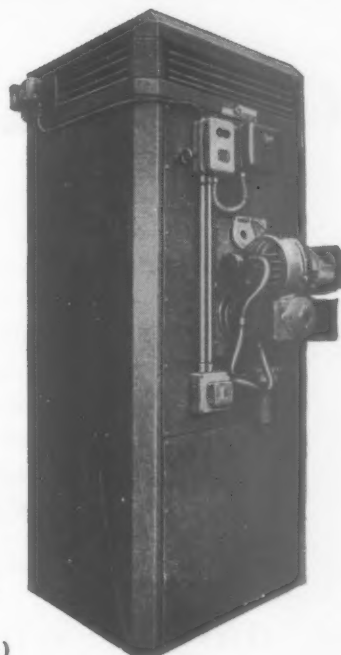
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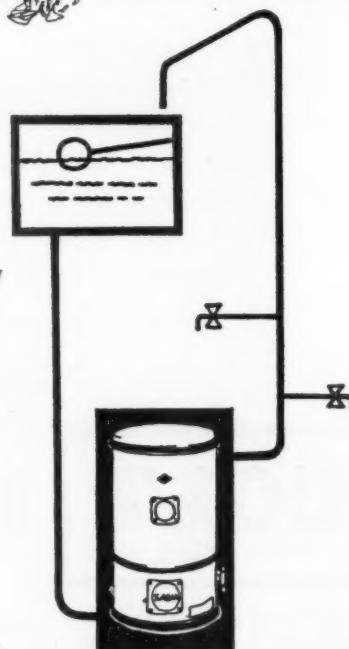
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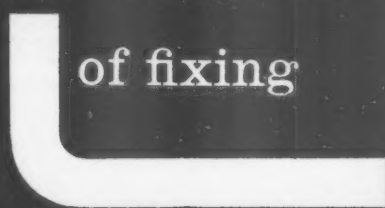
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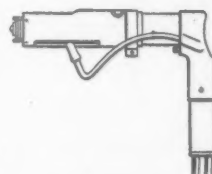
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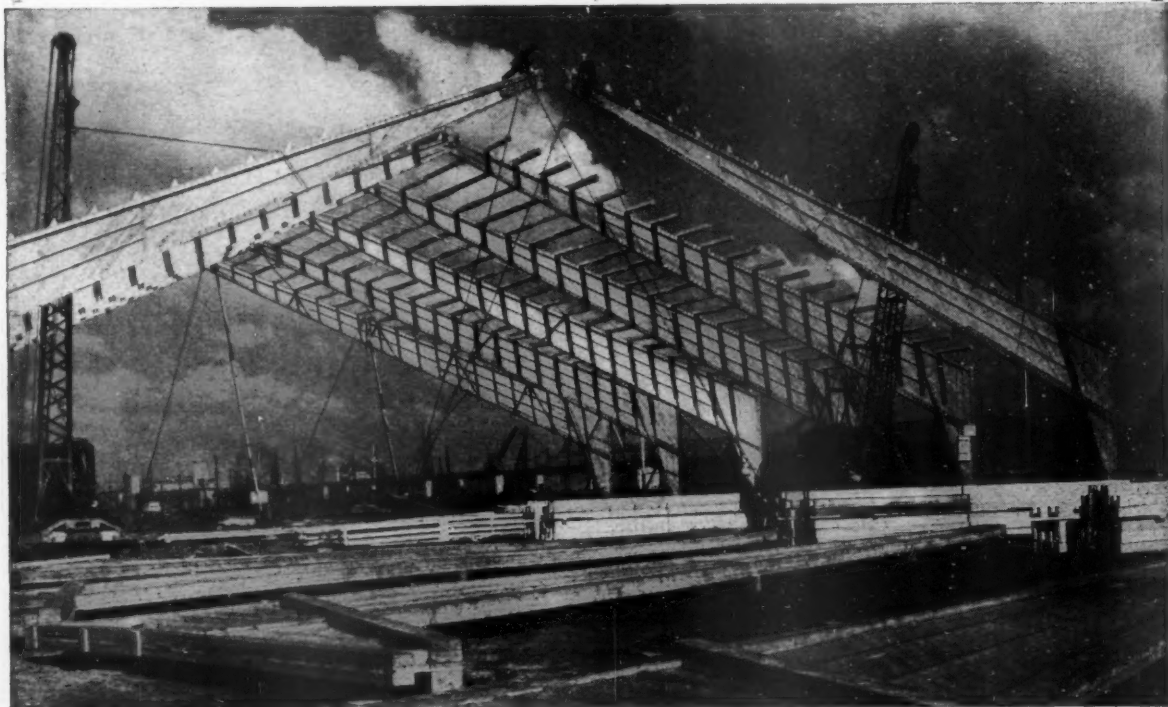
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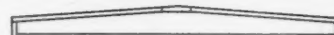


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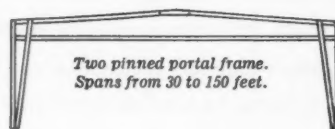
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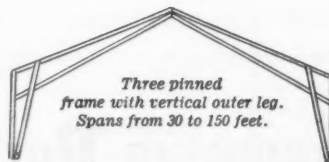
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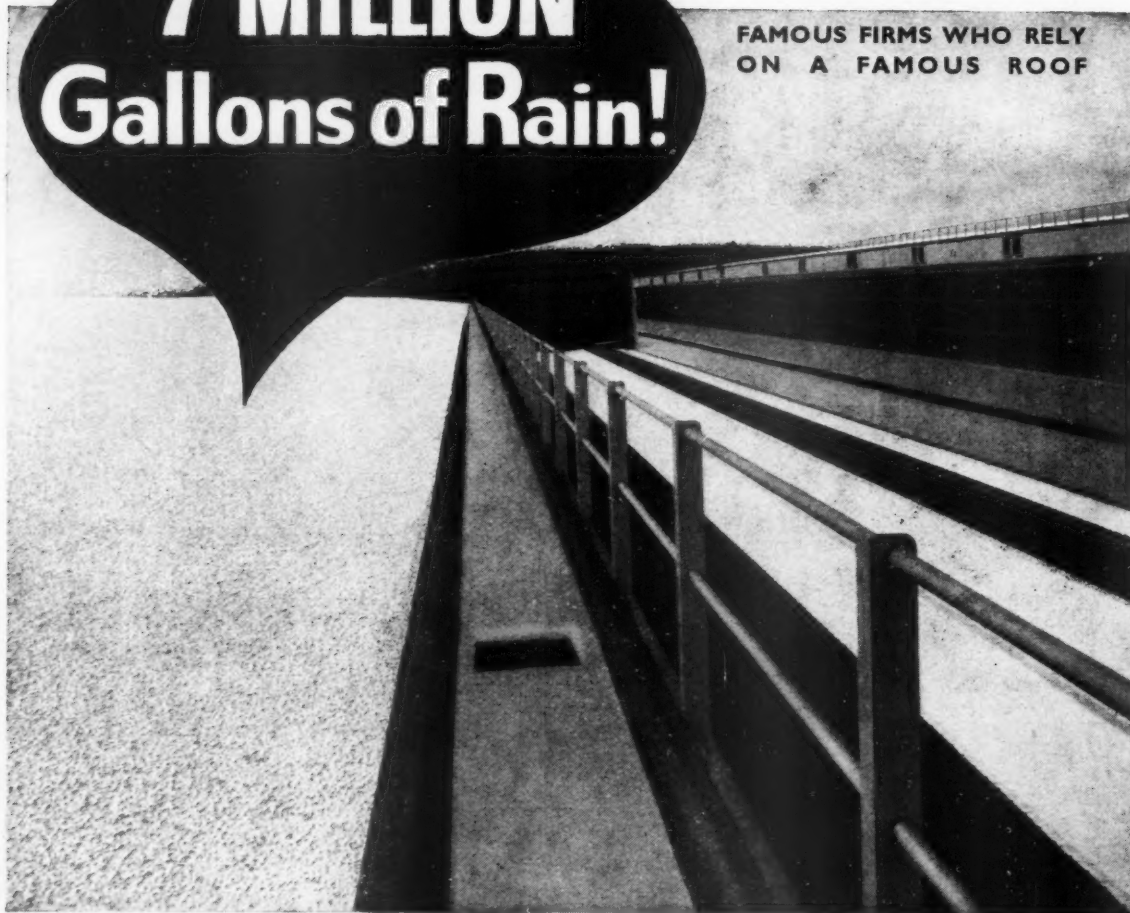
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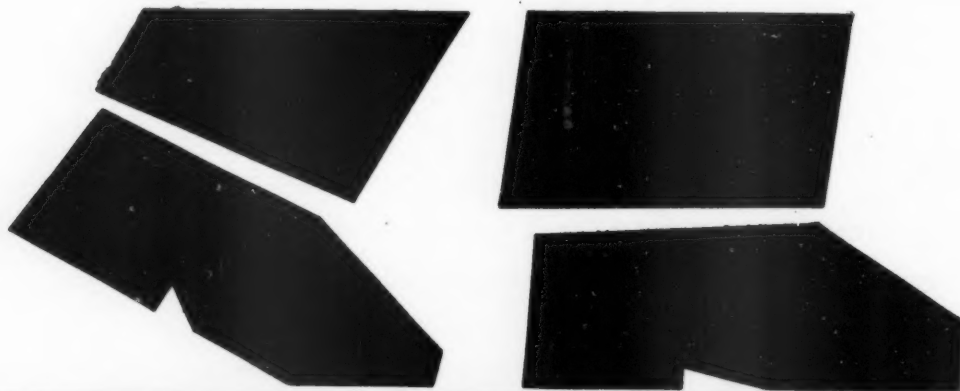
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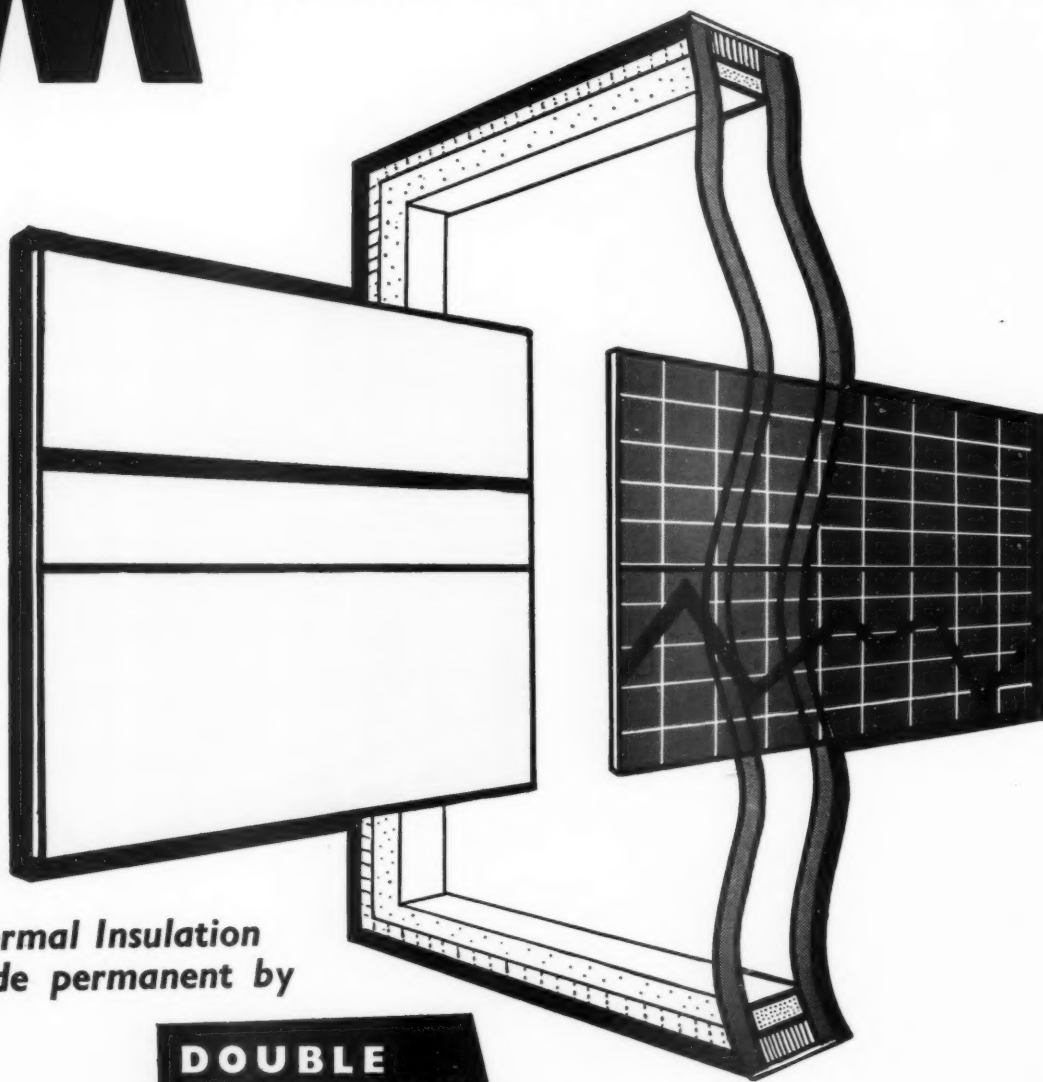
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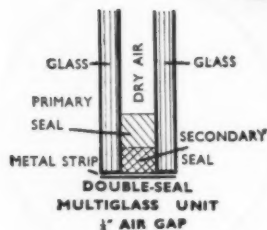
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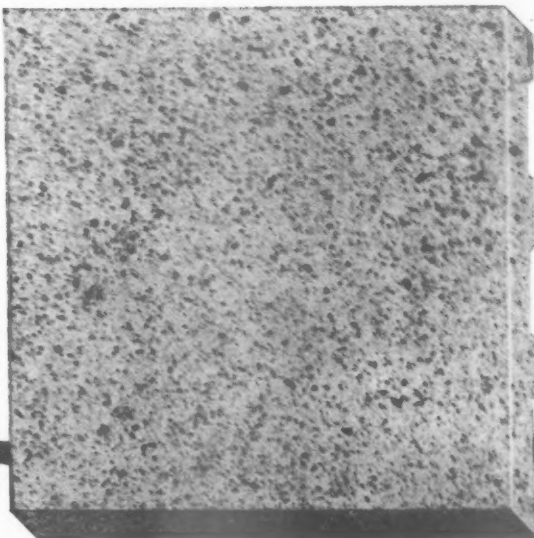
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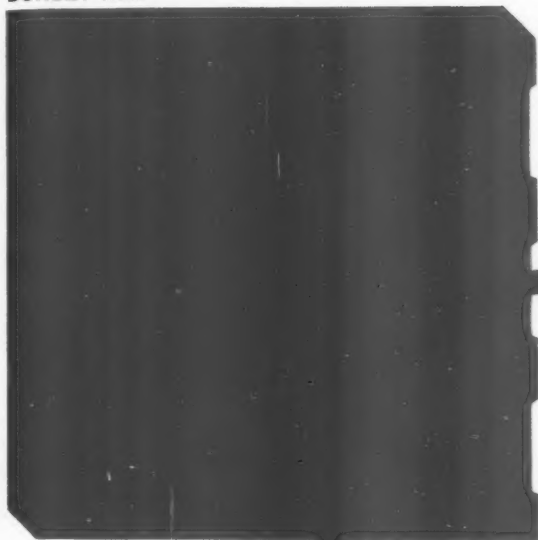
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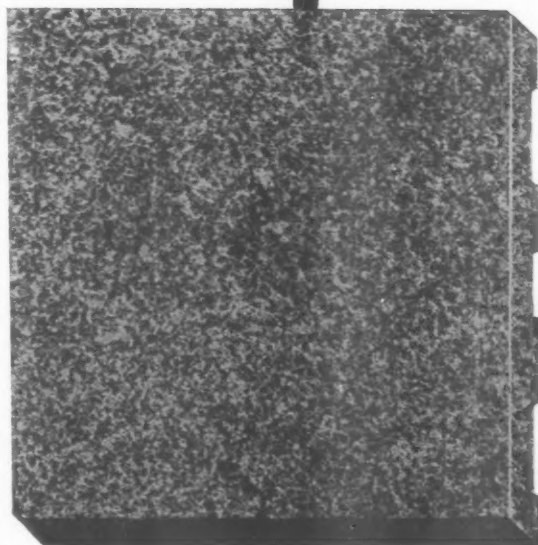
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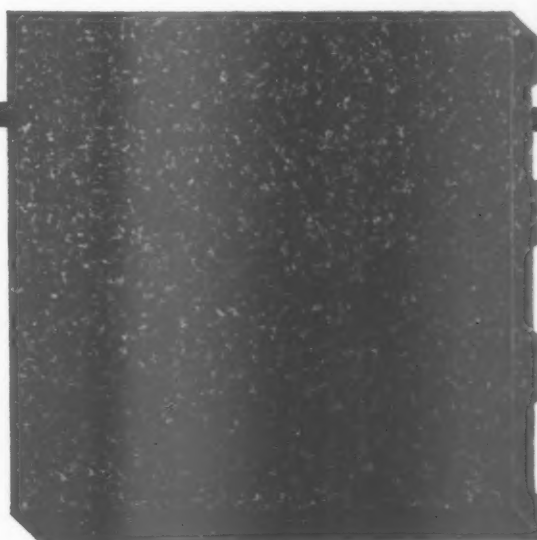
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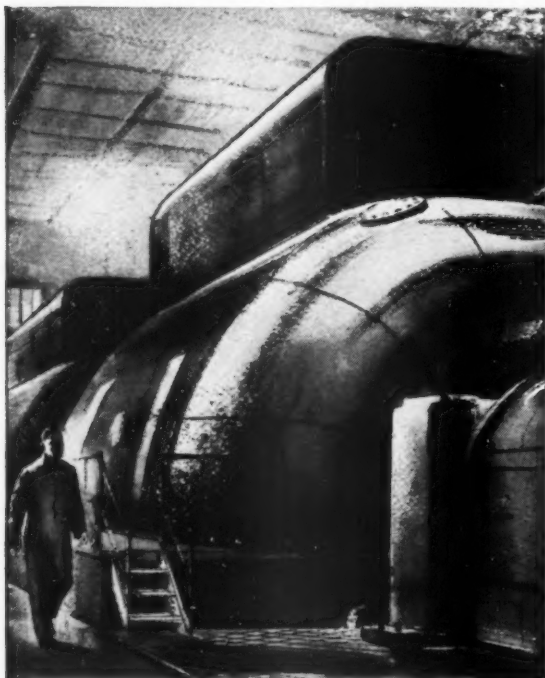


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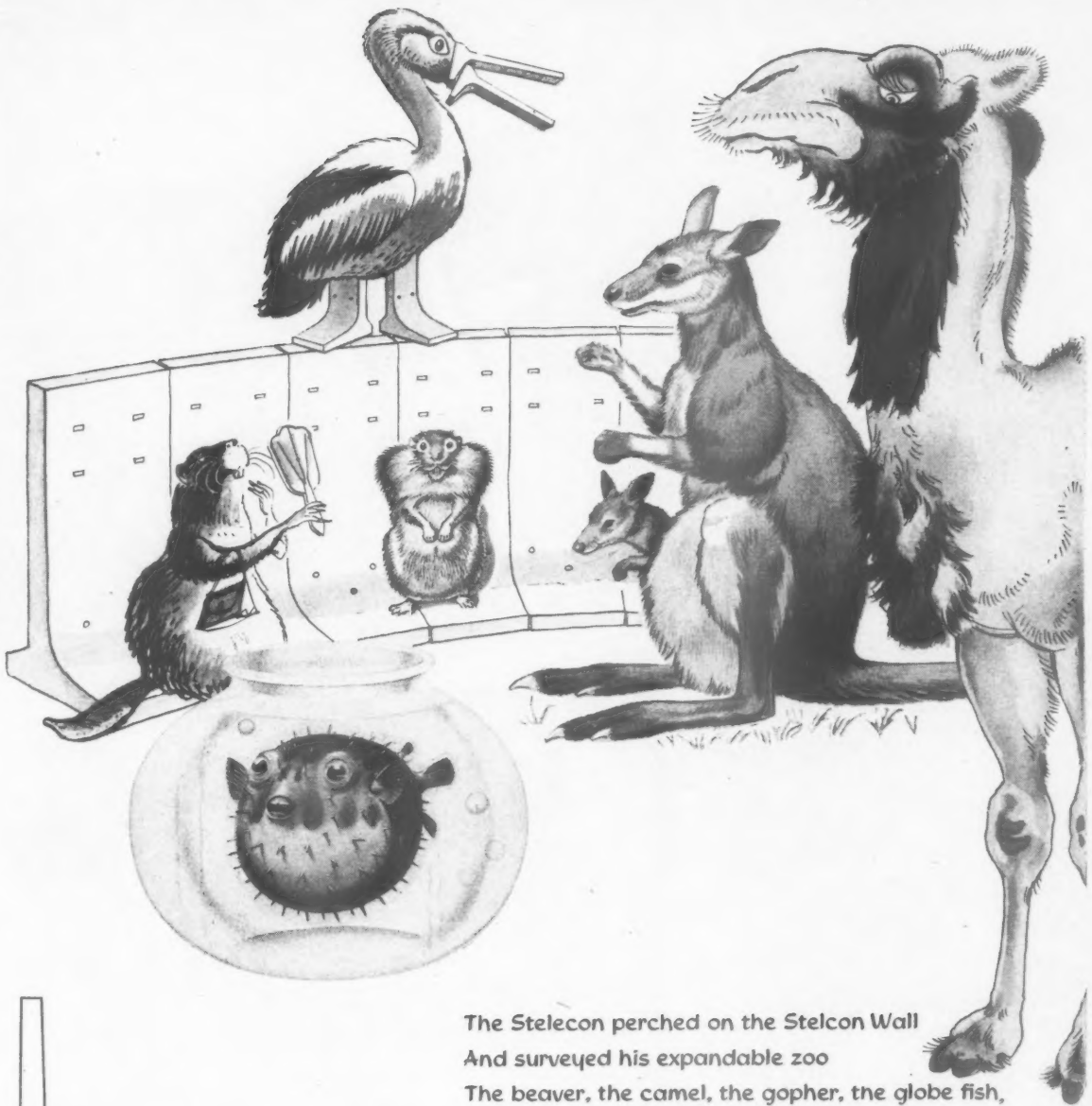


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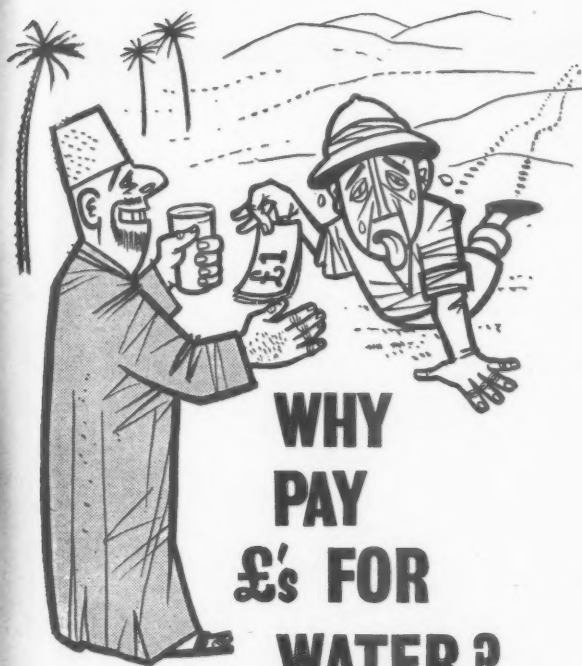
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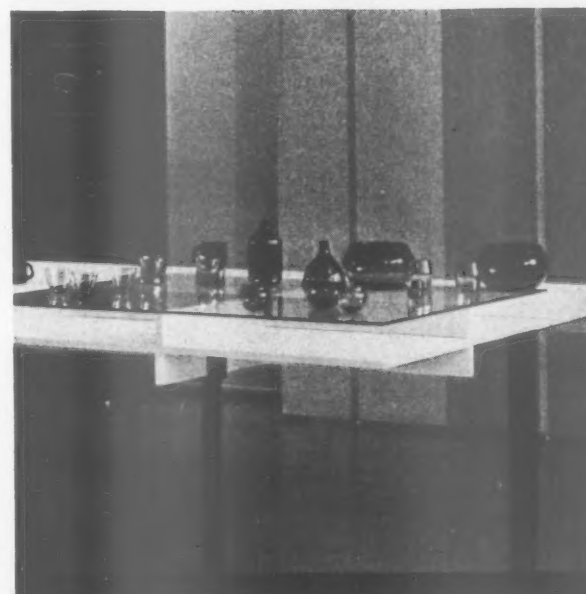
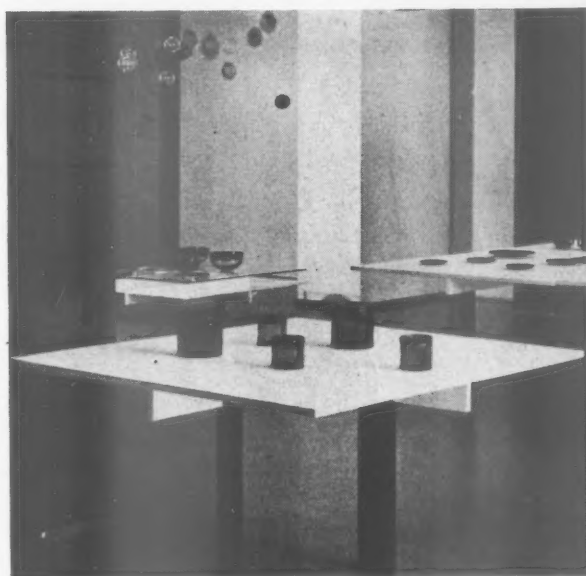
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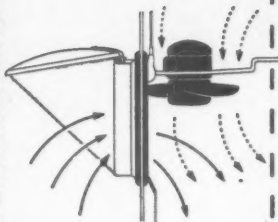
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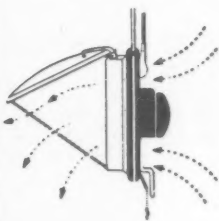
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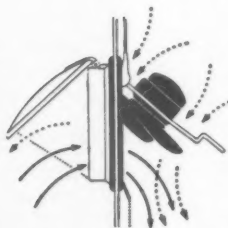
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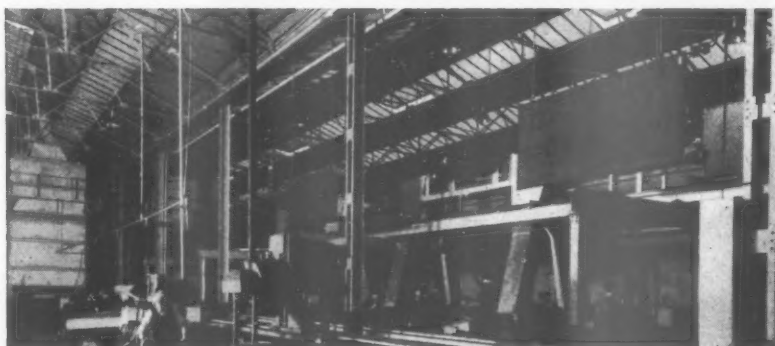
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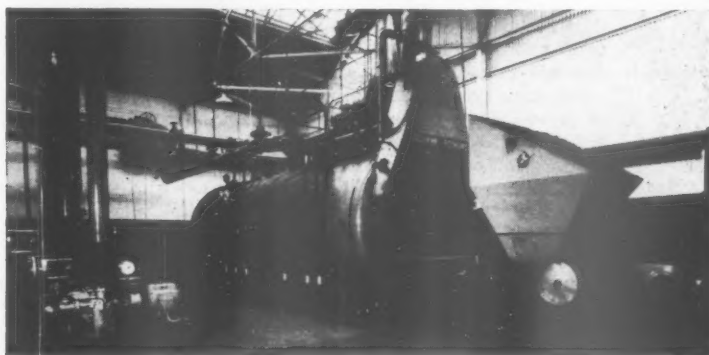
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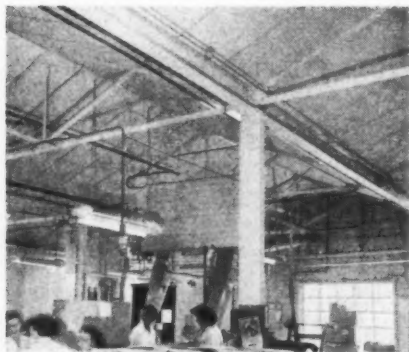
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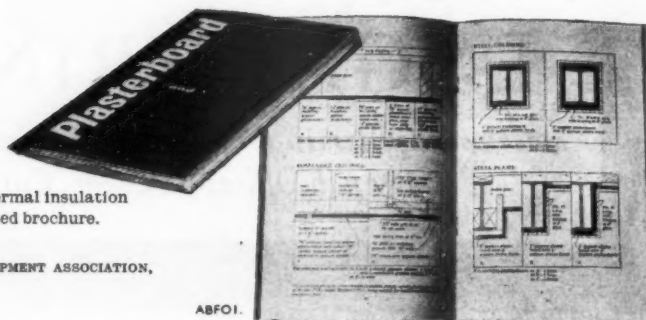
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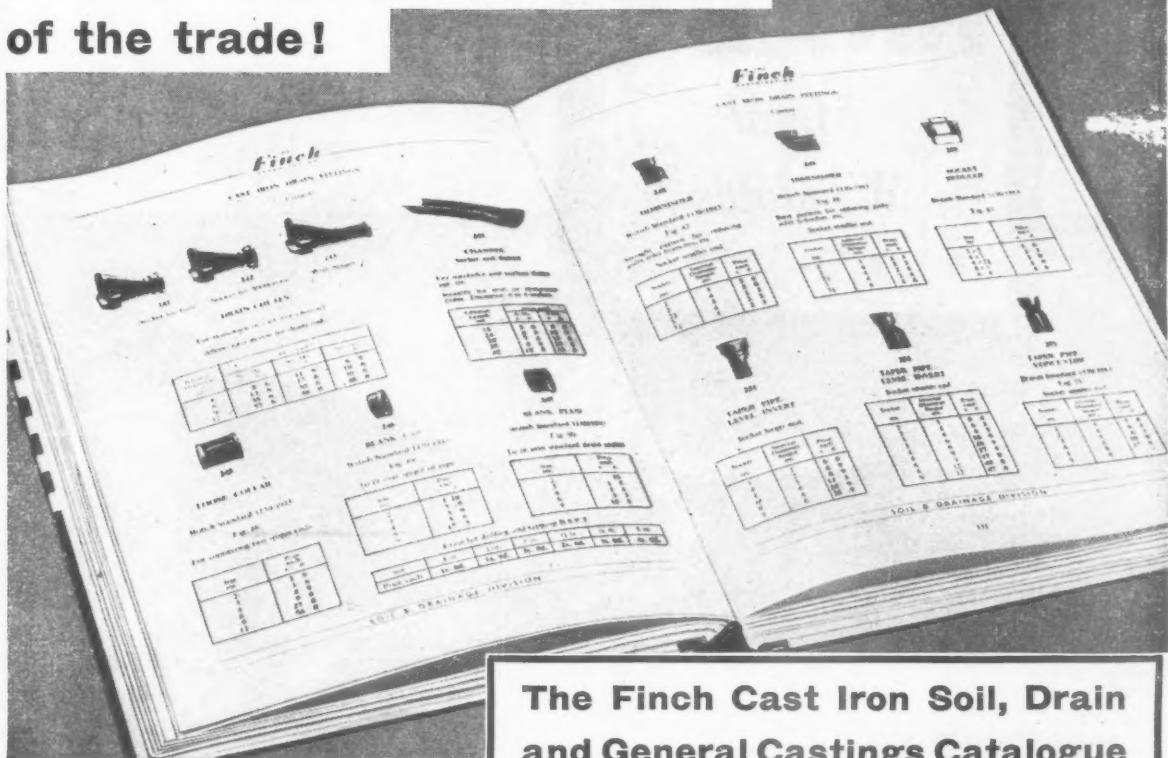
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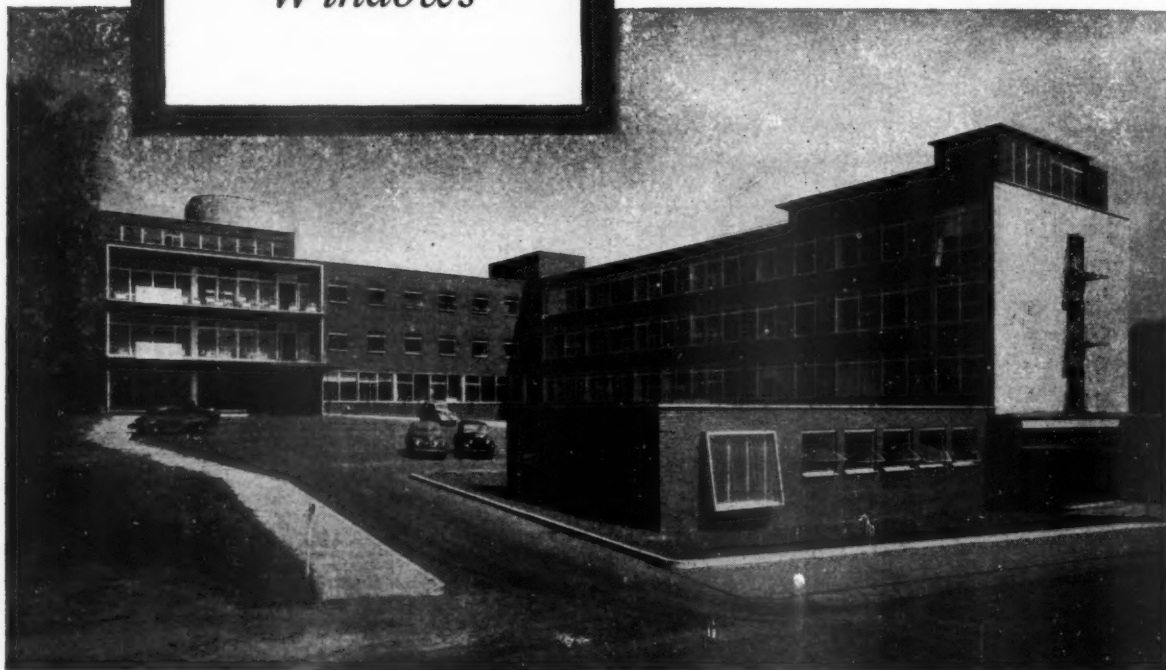
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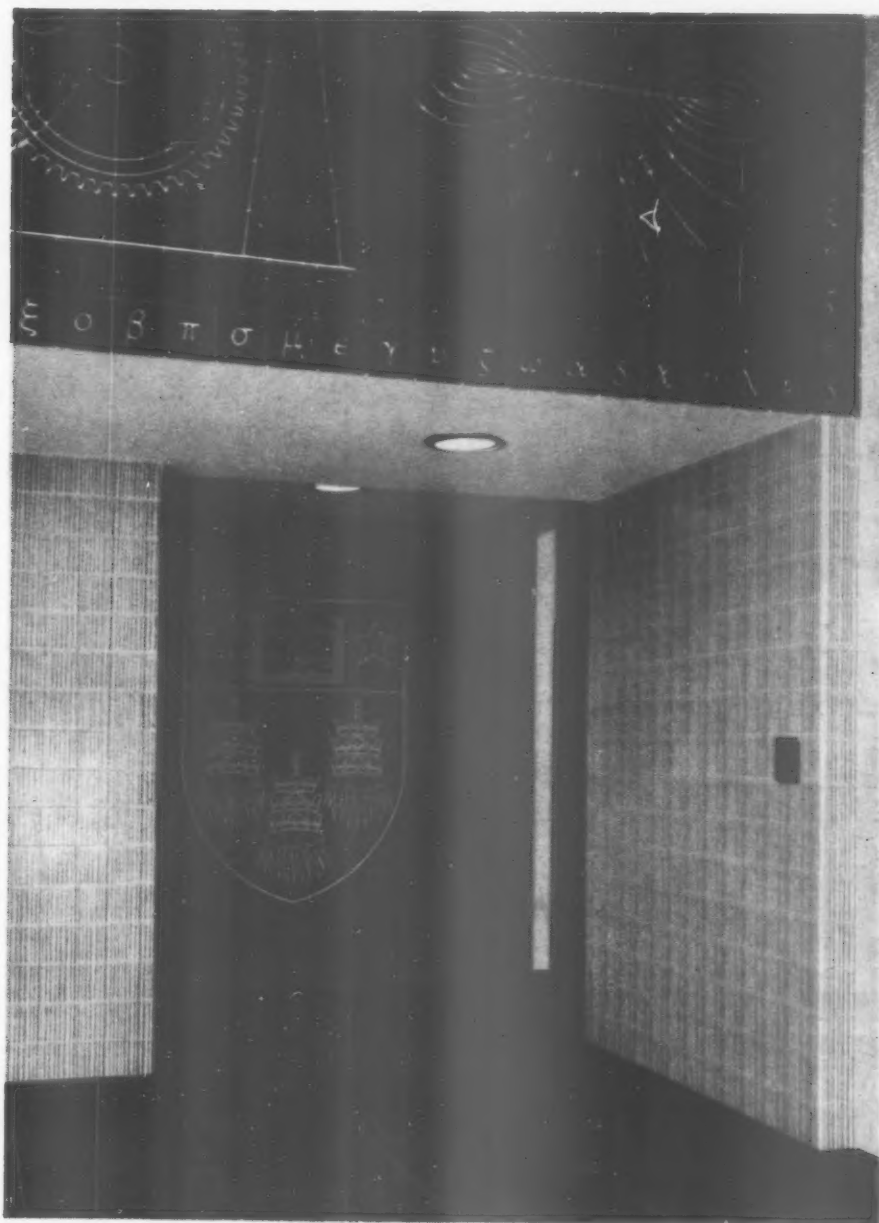
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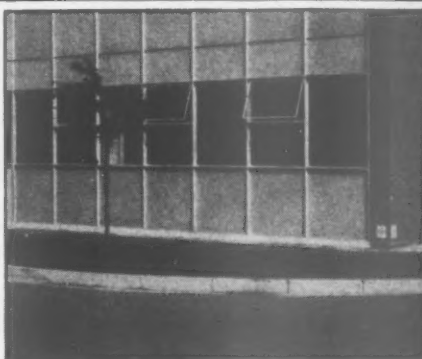
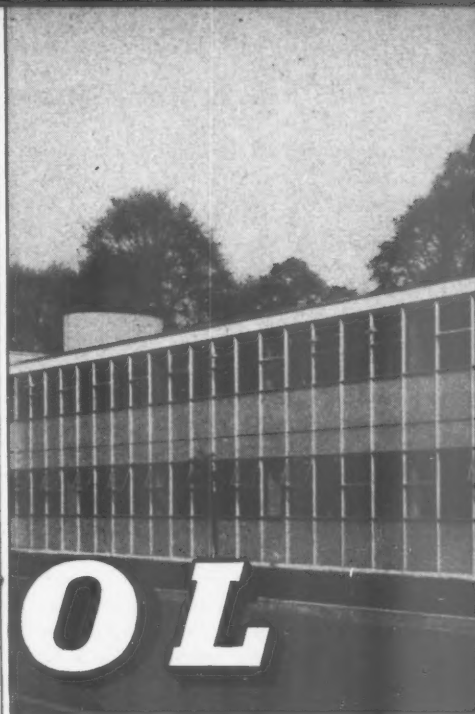
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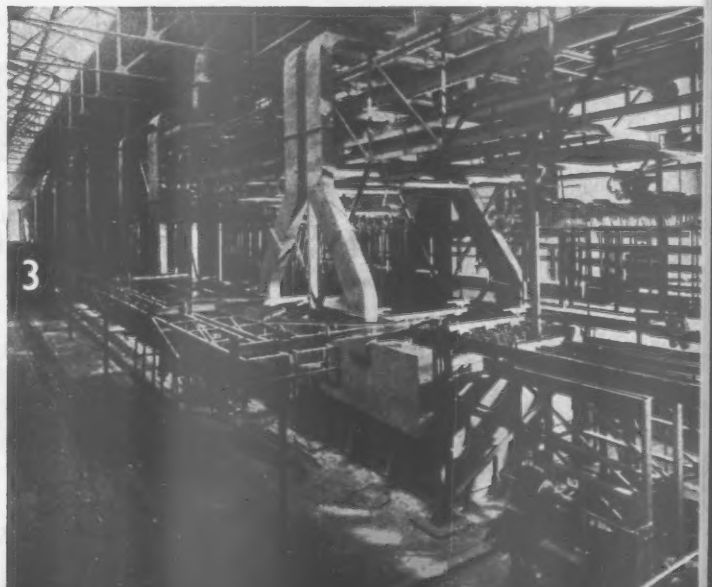
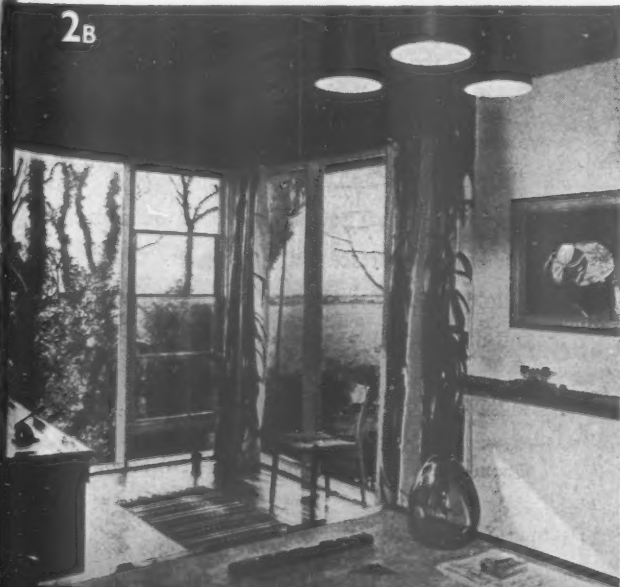
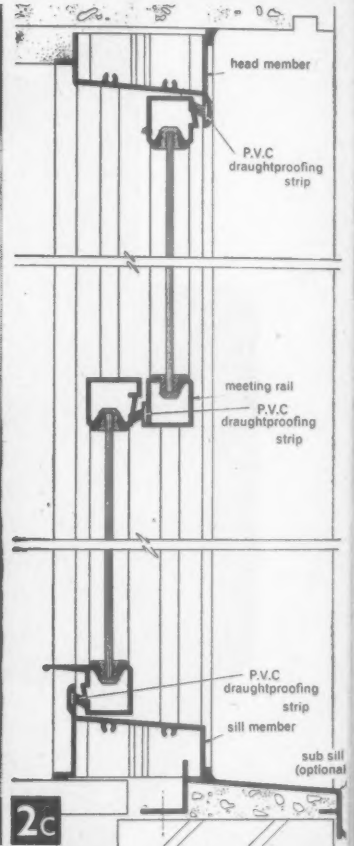
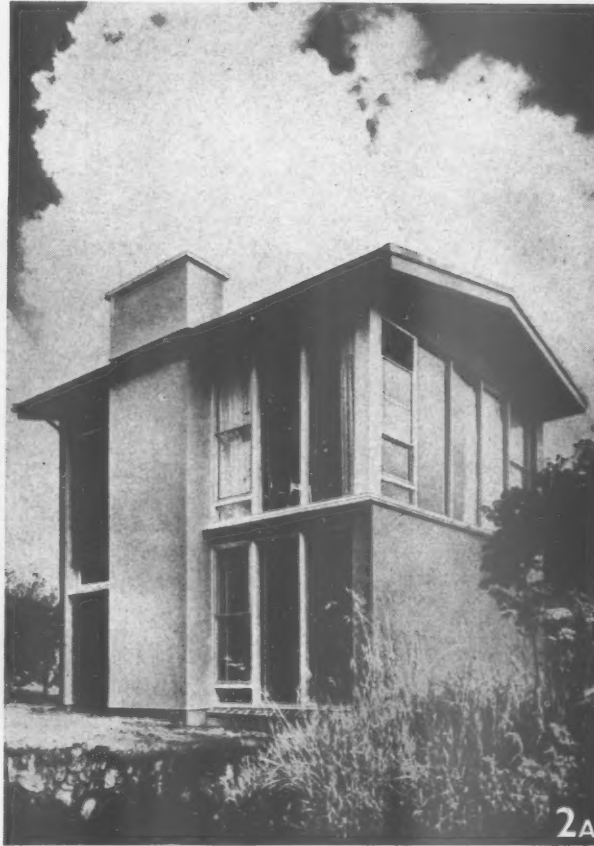
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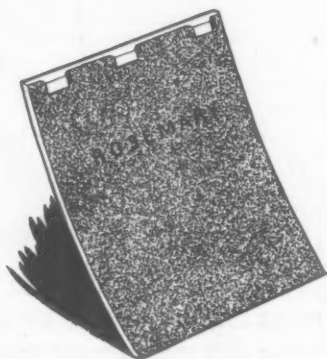
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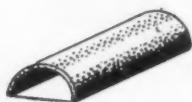
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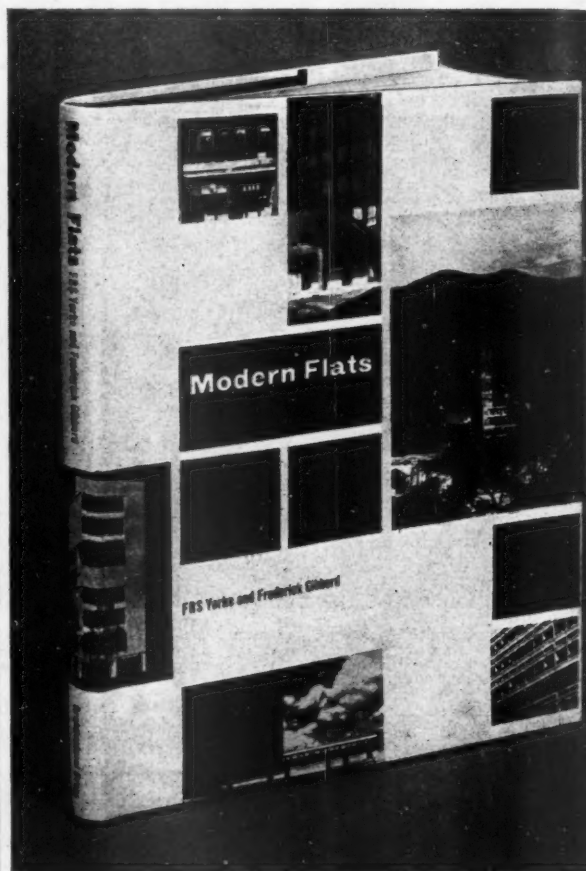
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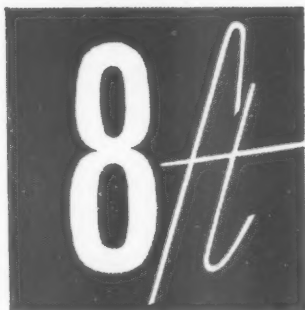
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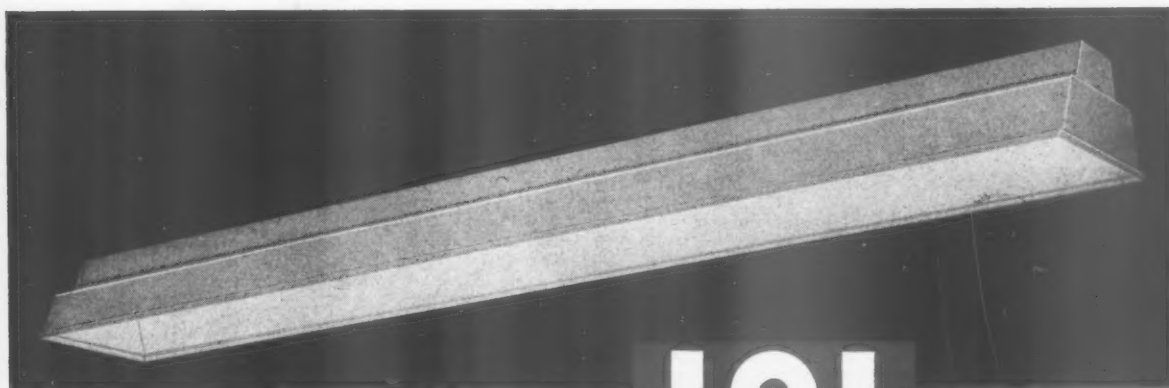
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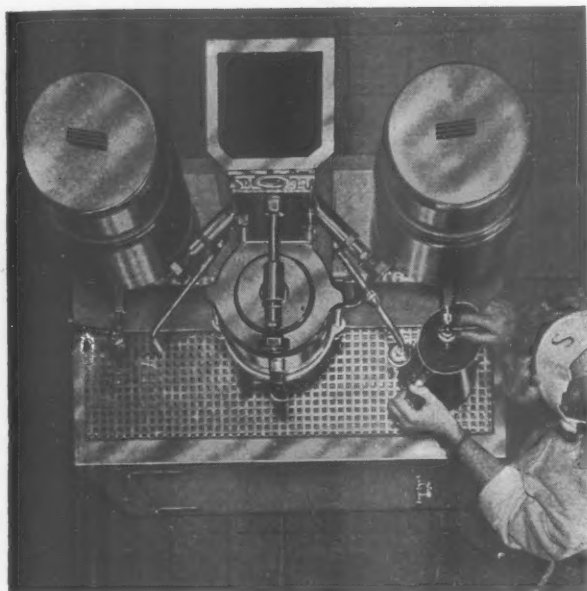
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NOT QUITE ARCHITECTURE

'TOWN ROADS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW'

A clever title for this Exhibition, gentle and disarming, making you think of towns rather than cities, and of "town houses," and leading you on to recall gracious and comfortable 18th century town development. A clever drawing on the front of the brochure too, a peaceful Stockholm waterway with a slender bridge, and an unobtrusive double-carriageway road slipped in along the bank of the canal. So you are led into the Exhibition in a calm and complacent mood, and then given the most brutal slap in the face. It is doubtful if there ever was an exhibition which left the visitor with a deeper single abiding impression than this one. The impression is of vast, sinuous roadways of enormous width driving their way ruthlessly across solidly built-up city areas, spewing off complex side shoots at intervals and flaring out into spiralling patterns of fantastic complexity where they occasionally meet another similar roadway. You can recognize different urban backgrounds in the photographs—the radial patterns of European cities and the rectangular "lots" of America, but the new roads themselves are much the same everywhere and seem to drive their way forward like the swaythes of some Cyclopean steamroller, in utter disregard of the old street patterns. The American examples, as might be expected, dominate the whole Exhibition. The display has one purpose and one purpose only and that is to drive home the kind of roads we ought, in the opinion of the organizers, to be building here. It is none too clear what purpose is served by the few examples of British work—they seem to have been included in a benevolent way to show that we are doing something—but they stand in almost pathetic contrast to these foreign schemes.

"The new roads seem to drive their way forward like the swaythes of some Cyclopean steamroller, in utter disregard of the old street patterns". Right, an urban "Expressway" in Boston carves its way through the city: below, an intersection. Two photographs from the "Town Roads For Today And Tomorrow" exhibition arranged by the British Road Federation.



What is the purpose of these roads? What will they gain us? Are they road engineering gone stark, staring mad, or do they really represent the price we have got to pay for having the motor vehicle? There really cannot be any doubt to any thoughtful person that roads of this kind do represent a price, and a very severe one. These roads absorb a great deal of land, they savagely disrupt and sever the land-use pattern, if built on embankments or viaducts (which is mostly the case in the exhibition), they cast a blighting influence on adjoining property, and for the civic designer they are the most awkward possible embarrassment with their uncompromising slewing lines and their upward and downward slopes. These schemes, of course, can only be illustrated comprehensively by means of aerial photographs, but these

hardly give a fair picture for the ordinary person who will have to live with them on the ground. It is not perhaps quite fair to say that the roads are the same everywhere, some of the European examples, particularly those that are sub-surface, do seem to have a good deal more regard for civic decencies than the American examples.

The general purpose of these roads seems to be to provide a through-connection from a main road approaching a city to the centre of that city. Consider one of the London radial roads, for instance. Take A10 which leads northwards from the City. It reaches for some 10 miles through a solidly built up area, passing consecutively through the old, but still flourishing, centres of long-since coalesced towns. It obviously carries a vast amount of traffic, and though it may



be questioned whether anyone really knows what this traffic is doing, it is a fair assumption that much of it is "through," if not in relation to the whole length of the road, at least to long sections of it. It doesn't take long to conclude that widening the road on its existing alignment is a hopeless proposition, and that the only possible solution is to thread a new limited-access road on a more or less parallel line through the less densely developed hinterland. So is born the urban motorway. It is a case that is difficult to fault, for the new road not only benefits the through-traffic, but brings relief to the old road.

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What can be argued for one road, however, can be argued for another. Abercrombie, in his Greater London Plan, distinguished ten major radials, and that would seem to be the minimum programme of routes requiring this drastic treatment. Though it is the minimum, it is in fact a gigantic programme. In the outer regions of such a vast sprawl as London, 10 radial motorways could probably be absorbed, but what is to happen to them when they converge on the centre? Abercrombie brought his modestly-improved radials to within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the centre and then cut them short, joining them up with the "A" Ring which he hoped (on no evidence at all, as far as one can see) would divert sufficient traffic from the centre to reduce the problem therein to manageable proportions. Presumably the same would be done for these 10 full-blooded urban motorways, or would they just be left pointing at the centre, or terminated in multi-storey car parks, or what?

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The Exhibition leaves speculations of this kind completely unanswered. You realize after a while that it is an engineers' exhibition demonstrating pretty convincingly and rather frighteningly the kind of roads you need for through-traffic in city areas. It is in no sense a planners' exhibition to show how you come to terms with all the motor vehicles which sooner or later, somewhere or other must pour off the motorways, let alone all those vehicles that never get onto them. Perhaps it is unfair to level this as a criticism at the Exhibition, which had a limited purpose only, but the case for urban motorways would be more convincing if it could be shown that they are linked to some sound, overall, strategic plan for dealing with motor traffic in urban areas, and that they are not just going to pour more traffic than ever into city centres and so render confusion worse confounded. The considerable sacrifices they involve might then appear more acceptable. Meanwhile it would seem a matter of positive urgency that someone should make a frank assessment of the benefits these roads are bringing in those cities where they have been built, benefits in the broadest sense of the term that is to say, not mere calculations of financial savings per vehicle/mile, on which narrow basis we could easily be led to lay waste a substantial part of every city.

B. D.

The Editors

THE SCANDAL OF THE MOTORWAYS

WE view the construction of new motorways, and the probable construction of urban motor roads, with very mixed feelings. The prospect of some relief from intolerable delays and congestion must please any motorist. But it is far from certain that the cure of urban congestion is anything like as simple as those who are clamouring for urban motor roads seem to think. Our correspondent's report on the Roads Today and Tomorrow Exhibition (pages 211-213) clearly exposes the dangers of over-simplification.

This is primarily a planning problem, and it is all too easy, in providing the new motor roads, to create visual outrage in town and country on the largest scale, and to disrupt the communities in which we live, without solving the long-term problem of congestion.

It is a national scandal that, after all the experience of motorways in other countries, Britain's first motorways are being designed without the fullest consultation and co-operation of planners, landscape architects and architects. It is not consultation to submit three designs for an overpass to a county architect, and to invite him to say which he likes best, or to invite the landscape architect to titivate a road with planting after its line has been decided, or to confront the planner with a line that cuts a neighbourhood in two or leaves sites incapable of sound development. The planning and design of motor roads should be the job of design teams of engineers, planners, landscape architects and architects, all working under the planning officer who alone is in a position to take an overall view of the problems to be solved. The provision of motor roads must be part of a comprehensive planning solution to the biggest planning problem of today, —motor traffic. No more urgent task faces the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Ministry nominally responsible for planning.

Unless consultation and co-operation begin at the inception of the design process a massive programme of motor road construction could be utterly disastrous. How real this danger is can be seen, not only from looking at the Roads Today and Tomorrow Exhibition, but also from reading the lamentable story (on page 218) of the RIBA's vain attempt to secure the representation of architects, and of all others technically qualified to assist, in the Committees that are studying new motor roads in built-up areas.

Were the RIBA merely attempting, as has been maliciously suggested, to take the engineers' jobs away from them it could not have won the support of the Royal Fine Art Commission, the Civic Trust, the Institute of Landscape Architects and the Central Council of Civic Societies. But the voices of the RIBA and its supporters (who, we hope, will soon include the TPI) must be raised very much more loudly. They should, without delay, concert a policy and then, with

the support of as many organisations and individuals as possible, launch a powerful campaign to put it before the government. This, surely, is where the Civic Trust (President: Duncan Sandys) or the Public Relations Committee of the RIBA could take the lead.

There are good reasons for believing that public opinion can be won over. Even the Minister of Transport, Harold Watkinson, may not be so obdurate as his rebuffs to the RIBA suggest. For, at the opening of the road exhibition before the television cameras, he spoke about fitting the roads into their "background," and said "this is perhaps where architects and others can help." There is no "perhaps" about it, but what Mr. Watkinson should understand is that architects and others cannot really help within the present administrative set-up.



NO ROOM FOR TOP ARCHITECTURE

We are always blaming building societies and deadheads on planning committees for the suppression of good modern architecture, but we too often forget Mr. Brown. The film of *Room at the Top* reminds us about him. Mr. Brown, the small-town tycoon, is first seen on the screen interviewing the architect who is designing him a new factory. Several models are put on his desk—all very nice and contemporary—but with a roar of rage he throws them at the architect and tells him he won't have any of this fancy stuff because "its not a nylon stocking factory." I can't help thinking there is a Message here for some of us. Insist on client-architect co-operation

or—like the poor young man in the film—you may find you have made some expensive models of just the sort of thing your client doesn't like.

DO IT THEMSELVES

One day the building industry will have to become responsible for its own research. That is the opinion of K. J. Pearce, the new president of the London Master Builders Association. How right he is! If his views reflect those of builders it seems there has been a tremendous and welcome change of heart.

I shouldn't be mentioning this at all because Mr. Pearce aired his views at an off-the-record, not-to-be-published lunch meeting for the Press. However, *The Builder* has been uninhibited enough to blow the gaff, so there is no reason why JOURNAL readers should not be told a few secrets. Mr. Pearce gave the impression that the NFBTE is discussing how research work should be financed, whether advice should continue to be free and, if so, whether it should be free to people like architects who might not be contributing to funds.

Now that the news is out, will the NFBTE please tell us more? And will the LCC tell us about the proposed College of Building which, according to Mr. Pearce, will be opened much earlier than expected on a site already chosen? Apparently it will be residential (excellent) and will offer a degree in building. But how will it be related to the LCC, London University, the AA and the Brixton School? For years it has been said that the last two will be closely connected. Why the secrecy?

CHURCHILL COLLEGE

The architects selected for the first stage of the competition for Churchill College (given on page 220) both pleases and perplexes. It pleases because all the dead wood has been cut out. None of the older generation who have cluttered up British universities with tasteless lumps, between the wars and immediately after, gets a look in. Instead we have a very imposing list of leading architects of the modern movement. That, I think, is the phrase, though one or two have been leading rather a long time, and one or two have barely started. The list includes two concessions to local architects: David Wyn Roberts, the Cambridge architect, and Tayler and Green; and, very interestingly, three relatively untied members of the "younger" school (middle-aged by layman standards) the Smithsons, William Howell, and James Stirling and James Gowan. The inclusion of this particular group of architects suggests more than a sensible endeavour to give younger ideas a chance. It suggests that the Trustees have a definite idea of the kind of architecture they want.

The list perplexes, however, just because it is, apart from the last named, so varied in character. Twenty firms is a large number for a limited, two-stage competition. Once the decision was made to make it a two-stage competition, why not make the first stage open to everyone? Nothing would be lost, and some genuinely (and reasonably so) hurt feelings could have been avoided, and Cambridge, which matters more, could hardly have lost by it. It would have meant harder work for the assessors though.

Incidentally, ASTRAGAL was delighted to learn of Churchill's alleged impatient growl: "When am I going to hear the sound of chisel on stone?" This suggests his design preference, but he's more likely to hear the "glup, glup" of the concrete mixer if the brutalists win.

AFFRONT TO BACK GARDEN?

Mr. Wood, of Hedge End, Hants, built a boat in his back garden. And then, just to keep out the weather, he put a canvas shelter over it. This was "detrimental to the visual amenities of the area," so down it must come. No doubt the local planning boys have the law well on their side, but isn't it a

pity that they do things of this kind, thus encouraging the public to think of planning only as gratuitous interference?

GOOD STAFFS WORK

Last November I said something pleasant about an enterprising county architect's department, and then asked what other counties were doing—naming nine. One of these, Staffordshire, has built a two-form entry grammar school in nine months, which the MOE say is a record time. Congratulations to the county architect, A. C. H. Stillman, and the builder, A. F. R. Godfrey.

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What about the other eight counties? Any offers?

CHANGES AT THE COID

Sir Gordon Russell is to retire from the directorship of the CoID at the end of the year. This will seem like the removal of a familiar landmark from the London scene. Sir Gordon was a founder-member in 1944 and became director in 1947, and the present organization has grown up under his eye and guidance. Whatever the younger and brasher boys may find to fault in the Council, they must admit that it has made its mark and has achieved much of what it set out to do—and that this is largely the director's doing.

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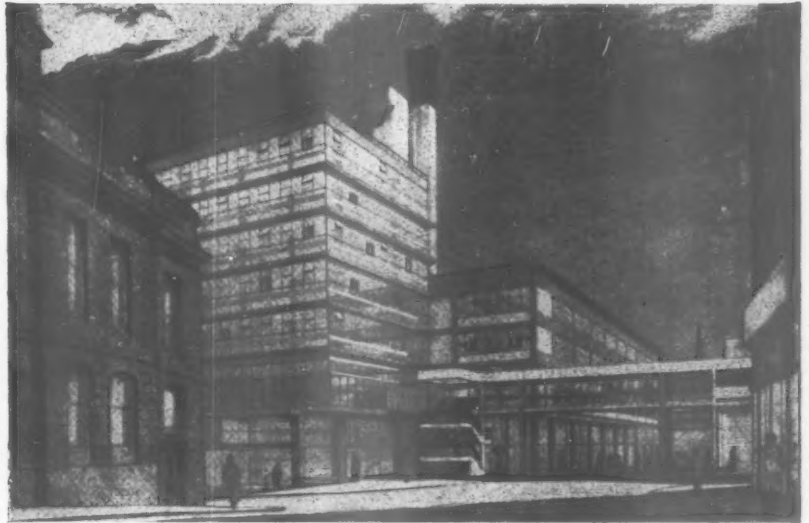
Paul Reilly, who has been Sir Gordon's deputy since 1954, is to take over the directorship, which is just as it should be. It may be a little early to wish both well, but let me do so and run the risk of repeating myself at the end of the year.

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There were a great many other reminiscences in a Lutyens evening at the AA last Wednesday. Strange figures from another age crowded round the dining-room tables to discuss a golden age of prosperity, measured by the number of Earls and Dukes whose carriages came to the office door—and by the names of industrialists who complained because final accounts were four times greater than they had



Coventry's circular, car-topped retail market is likely to be surpassed in interest by Sheffield's retail market (J. L. Womersley, city architect; project architect, Andrew Derbyshire). The market will be finished this summer, but some of the offices and shops will not be finished until next year. Concrete cantilevered platforms over the market area provide stockrooms for the stalls. The markets are on two levels, with a further gallery level over, which is connected by pedestrian bridges over the street to a new department store opposite. This is the first stage in a policy of multi-level traffic segregation in the reconstruction of Sheffield's central area—a development other cities should study and emulate.

budgeted for but they paid up and came back for more. The reminiscences often revealed the character of Lutyens. And some new unknown drawings of fantasy projects of his early youth added an even greater touch of unreality to the high Edwardianism of the occasion.

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Speaking for this generation, Robert Jordan gave a lively assessment of the man he described as a brilliant "pasticher." He used Britannic House to sum up his view of Lutyens: "If you want to see how good it was, look at Baker's Bank of England, and if you want to see how bad it was look at the Palazzo Farnese."

ALL TIMES AND STYLES

The SPAB has published a report* to mark its 80th birthday. In his original manifesto, William Morris wrote "It is for all these (ancient) buildings, therefore, of all times and styles that we plead and call upon those who have to deal with them to put protection in the place of restoration." The Society took many years to establish itself and has always held small funds, yet it survived to achieve much more important work in a quiet way.

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The birthday report lists landmarks

* Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. Report of the Committee for the 74th-80th years.

in the lifetime of the Society. Among these were the Ancient Monuments Protection Act of 1900, the formation of the National Buildings Record and the historic Building and Ancient Monuments Act of 1953. But the most important work of the Society is its vigilant watch on all attempts to destroy and "improve" ancient buildings, not only of all times and styles but all classes worthy of preservation—any work, to quote Morris, "over which dedicated and artistic people would think it worth while to argue at all."

DON'T LET'S BOAST

Architectural papers are more modest about their circulations than the daily Press. The AJ doesn't boast about being "the greatest architectural weekly on earth," but its editors do take a legitimate pleasure in the circulation figures published in the current issue of *Rate and Data*—the advertisers' bible of circulations and advertisement rates. For January-June 1958 the certified net circulation was 14,055 copies. What about the other papers? *Architect and Building News* does not publish a certified net sale, but gives its "audited" circulation for January-December 1957 as "over 10,000." *The Builder* gives an Audit Bureau of Circulation figure of 15,567 for January-June 1958 (how many of these are architects?). *The*

Architectural Review comes first among the monthlies with a certified 9,996; *Architectural Design* has 7,945; *Architecture and Building* 5,770 (no period specified); *The Architect and Surveyor* "approximately 3,750"; *Industrial Architecture* "Published Statement, 6,000" and *Official Architecture and Planning* makes no circulation claims at all.

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Surely it is better to publish no figures than to publish one of these nicely rounded off figures without a certificate behind them.

HOW HOT IS YOUR FLOOR?

Have you ever specified electrical underfloor heating in a small house, either for yourself or for a client with a responsible and scientific frame of mind? If so, would you be willing to undertake tests with equipment by BRS, who are planning an investigation of underfloor heating in small houses? ASTRAGAL has been asked to find some guinea pigs. Let me have your name if you are eligible and willing.

MAN BITES MAN

The Coal Utilisation Council has launched a £600,000 publicity campaign to persuade us all to burn more raw coal, and miners are marching to the House of Commons to protest against pit closures. Yet the National Coal Board has installed oil-fired central heating within, one supposes, a mile or so of a pithead. For further details see the study (on page 239) of the miners' social club at Nivensknowe.

COUNTER-ATTACK COUNTERED

ASTRAGAL has just heard a sad story of the defeat of a zealous counter-attacker. This man appealed, on behalf of fellow residents of his neighbourhood, against the local authority's decision to put up some thoroughly unsuitable concrete lamp standards. The authority was very nice about it, and said it was simply a matter of cost. The good citizen asked the difference between what was going up and the steel posts that he and his fellow critics wanted. He was politely given a figure, and off he went to collect the money. When he went back triumphantly to the town hall, bearing enough pound notes to buy off a bit of Subtopia he was told, in effect, to mind his own business.

ASTRAGAL

"Critics are often criticized," said Edward Mills at Portland Place this week, when giving the annual criticism of RIBA Prizes and Studentships. We venture to take him at his word.

CRITICIZING THE CRITIC

Edward Mills criticizes RIBA Prizes

Will the visitor to 66, Portland Place this week agree with this year's RIBA critic Edward D. Mills that the entries "with a few notable exceptions were scanty and poor"? For 12 of the competitions there was a total of only 67 entrants, an average of a little over 5 people per prize. The biggest entry amongst these 12 competitions was, needless to say, for the biggest prize, the Rose Shipman Studentship of £600. The removal of this event reduces the average to a mere four entrants per prize. This seems to confirm Edward Mills' point that the entries were scanty. Nine of these competitions were open to the whole membership of the RIBA: eighteen thousand or so architects. Two competitions have not been included in these figures. They are the two design competitions: the RIBA Intermediate Design Prize and the Victory Scholarship, open respectively to students and members (or students who have passed final's). These competitions attracted 275 and 132 entries to the first stage of the competition, and these were then reduced by the juries to 10 for each. This seems a reasonable participation (at least from a poor juryman's viewpoint) in a gamble for prizes of a mere £100 and £150. Edward Mills describes the prizes as "considerable sums." The Rose Shipman at £600 certainly is, but the others, in the days of football pools and Premium Bonds, are small beer. In this peculiar and harassed age, to trouble to enter for these low-prize competitions must indicate either tremendous enthusiasm for hard, extra work, a strong-willed year-master, or supreme confidence in one's ability to win.

If we accept Edward Mills' comment that the entries were scanty (with two exceptions) were they also poor? It is harder to judge this because not all the work submitted (essays for instance), is exhibited. A brief appraisal of the drawings hung for the two design prizes, for the study of colour, and of measured work, seemed to confirm Edward Mills' statement. The drawings hung do not impress either by the painstaking presentation which might have been lavished on them in the five months available (for the two design competitions) nor for any startling imaginative qualities on the part of the architects.

If, then, Edward Mills is right, and this year's entry is poor, by what standards is he judging? Let us take the two design subjects: the RIBA Intermediate Design Prize and the Victory Scholarship. The jury for the first (Peter Chamberlin, R. Meadows, J. E. Moore, J. H. Moya, John Ratcliff, Alan Reed and Edward Mills) decided to split the prize between two of the ten participants in the second stage. And the jury for the second, the Victory, consisting of Frankland Dark, R. J. Howrie, Leonard Manasseh, Sir Leslie Martin, Miss Betty Scott and Edward Mills, decided not to award the prize at all, they were so "disappointed with the quality of work submitted" and they awarded three certificates of Honourable Mention instead. How bad was this work? The answer depends, of course, on the judges' familiarity with the work of architectural schools. By their standards it was not high. But if it is judged by the standard of the profession as a whole it is excellent. This suggests a topsy-turvy state in the profession. In what other could the performance of students (ad-

mitedly in one aspect only of their subject) be better than the bulk of the practitioners? On the opposite page, for the benefit of the disbelieving, are the winning and commended designs, and also two of the failures. The failed design for the intermediate prize (centre, opposite page) gets the briefest, but not quite the rudest comment from the critic: "Mope's drawings were reasonable, but his plan was dull, his administration block badly planned and his elevations pedestrian." The harshness of this last comment at least can be judged from Mope's sketch. These buildings for a small riding school and stabling seem quite exciting enough for their relatively humble purpose; of the two winning designs, Mr. Mills praises Cowasjee's sketches, but criticizes his tight planning and the fact that the riding hall was not enclosed (a competition requirement the lack of which cost Cowasjee half the prize-money.) His fellow prize-winner, Hugh Cannings, was praised for architectural character and sound structure, of the remaining unsuccessful eight, only one was totally inadequate (Marco) and as his *en loge* drawings were similar, one wonders how he ever came to be selected for the second stage. The others were all designs which editors of architectural journals would be prepared to publish if they were, and capable of being, built, and rather preferable to the average work done by the profession.

In the Victory Scholarship, which is open to members, as well as students, the standard is not much higher, if at all. The subject chosen, Pleasure Pavilions in Richmond Park, is however, harder. The building designs required were for an open air theatre, a restaurant (serving eggs and bacon, sausages and, rather oddly, wine) and a bandstand. Once again, one entry should never have passed the first stage. Of the commended, A. Sangster (showing no supports for his covered ways) is praised for allowing the park to dominate the buildings. A. G. Batty (A.R.I.B.A.) has a design which is called over-elaborate, over-formed, unreadable, but well planned, and John Newton's buildings are clumsy but well presented. Roda, an also ran, has a scheme which is harsh, geometrical, hard to read, and he "has not appreciated the lighter side of the programme." A comment which, however, one could equally well apply to the winners. Of Mr. Mills' other comments two merit attention. The juries for the two major "research" fellowships (Alfred Bossom, £250 and Rose Shipman, £600) asked him to state that "intended research work must be original (our italics) and not merely finding out what other people are doing." One hesitates to query the statements of distinguished jurists such as Llewelyn Davies or C. C. Handiside, but what subjects have they in mind suitable for "original research" by one man on £250 or £600? Is it possible on this scale?

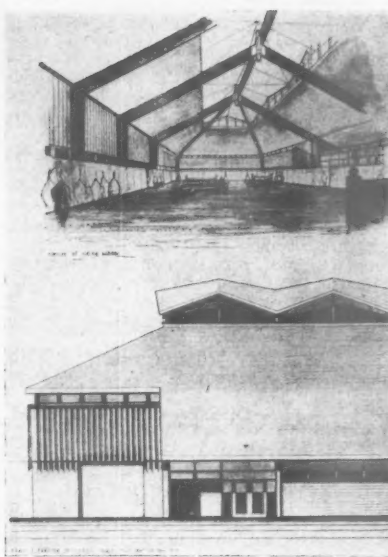
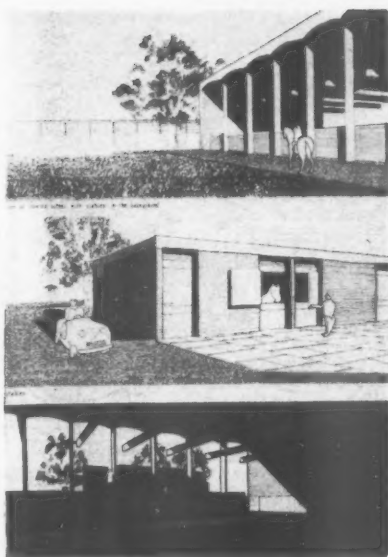
Lastly, he appeals for more entries from older members. We agree, but appeals have been made before, and still neither numbers nor standards improve. The RIBA prizes are, regrettably little valued. They command little respect. The situation will not be mended by appeals. Some re-thinking of aims and means must be carried out.

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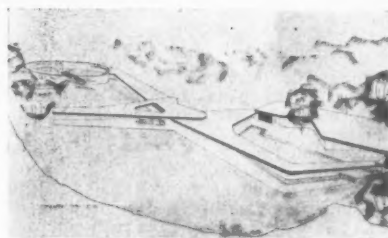
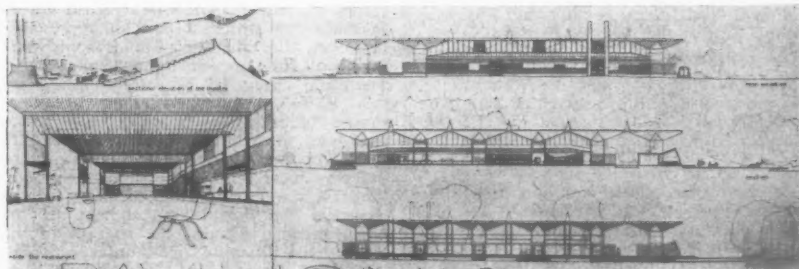
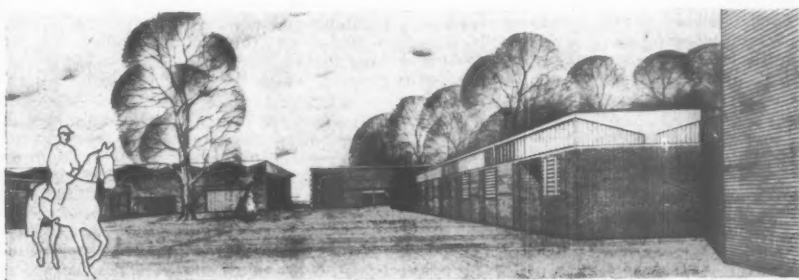
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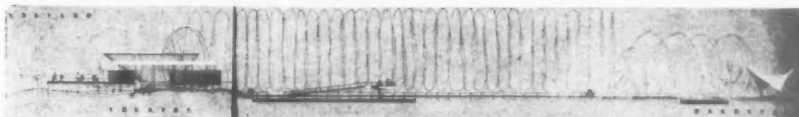
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Above left, joint winning design for riding stables by Noshirwan Cowasjee; above right, joint winning design by Hugh Cannings. Below, unsuccessful entry with "pedestrian elevations" by "Mopes."



Above and left, Honourable Mentions were given to these designs for Pleasure Pavilions in Richmond Park by A. G. Batt and A. Sangster. Below, unsuccessful entry by "Roda" which, according to Critic Edward Mills, "has not appreciated the lighter side of the programme."



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National Architecture

SIR,—I write from another foreign country, curiously not mentioned by Peter Womersley. I would go further and say that loose talk about "souls" of small (or large) areas of land is the sort of talk that conceals sloppy and pretentious thinking. If national characteristics exist, they have got to be more specific before they can be recognizable.

In the field of architecture, modern techniques of building and systems of communication have not, as far as I can see, emancipated us altogether from regionalism, nor do I think that they are likely to do so. Until it is as cheap to send a large factory-made component 300 miles as 30 miles communications will not be playing their full part; and when will this be? At any rate, the difference in climate and geology between, for instance, Cornwall and East Anglia, is always likely to produce regionalism of a sort. Bricks are not made in Cornwall, but the ingredients of concrete are plentiful; therefore brick buildings not only look out of place, but are out of place. Concrete blocks are now made to dimensions which are multiples of $4\frac{1}{2}$ in., but no doubt will eventually get around to 4 in. Whereas steel construction is cheap, it is cheaper to have steel components custom made in, say, Exeter, than ordered out of the catalogue from Birmingham.

I am also impressed by the fact that an intimate knowledge of local conditions, which only the designer on the spot can acquire, is strictly necessary to produce good buildings (I hesitate to say great architecture; we have as yet, alas, none).

These are the sort of facts which can produce a genuine regional architecture. I am aware that perhaps they apply only to the extreme periphery of these islands, but they are likely to remain relevant, and also over the whole wide world. I cannot see the sort of international architecture Peter Womersley talks about, actually coming about. Systems of geometry and aesthetics are international currency, but habits of life and the wherewithal to build are bound to vary.

MICHAEL KIRKBRIDE.

Turco.

Lifts in Flats

SIR,—I have read with interest the article by Eastwick-Field and Stillman (AJ, December 18, 1958) especially the section dealing with lifts on pages 884 and 885.

In fairness it should be understood that Continental standards are not acceptable in Britain so that true comparison is not possible. The standard German lift shown is no different from the simple equipment which has been available in this country for many years, and the main objection to it is that very few architects will permit the use of hinged doors on lift entrances. This alone would prevent manufacturers in this country from standardizing such an arrangement however economical it might be.

The authors criticism of the appearance of our reeded aluminium against the enmelled steel is partly answered by their own comments about the scratching, but when one considers the really foul purposes to which lift-cars are subjected in flats, consideration of fine finish is out of place.

If an answer were required to the rhetorical question "Have we faced the problem of taking furniture—perhaps even a piano—to the twentieth floor?" it would be—Yes. No experienced architect would plan lifts of only eight-persons capacity in a twenty-storey building, and in fact many of the point blocks in this country have lifts designed to carry a stretcher.

Returning again to the comparison between the two lifts, the British machine illustrated is not made to a price but to a rigid client's specification (the LCC) and from my own experience in overseas trading a German lift made to a similar specification would be considerably dearer than the British counterpart.

In this country we now have the British Standard Specification for lifts BS2655, Parts 1 and 3, and we also have the British Standard Code of Practice CP407.101, in which public authorities, insurance companies, professional institutions, as well as architects and lift makers, were all responsible, and having decided on this high standard of design it is worthy of full support. This, however, is not being given at the present time and the lift maker is bedevilled by dozens of different specifications, all calling for different types of design, many of them detailed and some of them even specifying equipment which if made could be dangerous.

I should like to know, as a lift maker, which way it is that we are to go: whether it is mass production for lower costs, higher standards regardless of cost or hand made lifts to individual specifications. Until this decision is made the lift industry will continue to operate in small groups and no real progress can be made in the reduction of costs, or what is more important, in the improvement of our ability to face Continental and American competition in the lucrative overseas markets.

B. P. HUTTON.

Director, Marryat & Scott, Ltd.

Bye-law Control

SIR,—I refer to the letter from J. D. H. Wickham (AJ, December 11), and the subject of fire resistance. In a similar case of a building in the same (warehouse or factory) class but much smaller, an approach to the Ministry of Housing & Local Government, for an opinion, revealed that if an application under Section 67 of the Public Health Act, 1936, was made to the Minister, the Ministry would be prepared favourably to consider an application for relaxation under Section 63, bearing in mind, however, that the interpretation of the Bye-laws is a matter for the Local Authority.

E. G. ENGLISH.
Building Inspector.

Workshop.

Coventry College

SIR,—We were pleased to see your presentation of the Coventry College of Art and Technology (AJ, November 27). It is a job which will undoubtedly be of considerable interest to your readers.

We regret, however, that we unfortunately omitted to give you information about the item which is of vital importance to architects and engineers—cost!

The contract cost of the precast concrete structural frame (with H-frames), upper floors and roof, precast staircases, including 2,500 sq. yds. of *in-situ* concrete walling, was £41,500. This is the equivalent of 15s. 4d. per sq. ft. for the area of 54,000 sq. ft.

You may care to tell your readers this to complete the information.

E. G. B. BUSH.

Director, Concrete Limited

London.

Assessors' Reports

SIR,—I cannot see why ASTRAGAL should be so surprised to find that reports on competitions are made in confidence and that instructions to assessors are given in confidence: after all he knows that the RIBA decides in confidence whether to recommend a scheme for competition and if not, who, in confidence, shall be given the work.

Why quibble about the confidential reasons for awarding a few crumbs to a known recipient when millions of pounds of our bread and butter are farmed out confidentially every year to anonymous architects.

JOHN BASING.

London.

DIARY

Why Modern Architecture During the Last 100 Years has been Unable to Create a Cultural Tradition. Lecture by Professor Bruno Zevi at the AA, 36, Bedford Square, W.C.1. 8 p.m. FEBRUARY 5

Space in Antiquity and the Renaissance. Second lecture by Professor G. de Santillana at University College, Anatomy Lecture Theatre, Gower Street, W.C.1. 5.30 p.m. FEBRUARY 6

Le Corbusier. Discussion on the BBC Third Programme. Speakers Berthold Lubetkin, Graeme Shankland, James Stirling, Colin Rowe and George Kassaboff. 9.45 p.m. FEBRUARY 6

David Mocatta by David Cole. RIBA Library Group Meeting at 66, Portland Place, W.1. 6 p.m. FEBRUARY 9

Dissemination and Assimilation of Technical Literature, A Growing Problem. Discussion at the IEE, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, W.C.2. 5.30 p.m. FEBRUARY 9

Prague Revisited and Reassessed. Talk by Walter Bor at the Housing Centre, 13, Suffolk Street, S.W.1. 6 p.m. FEBRUARY 10

Symposium on Modern Homes. Liverpool Architectural Society Symposium, at Bluecoat Chambers, Liverpool. FEBRUARY 13

Planning South. An exhibition of architecture and planning in South London. At County Hall, North Block Extension. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. UNTIL FEBRUARY 21

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. UNTIL MARCH 6



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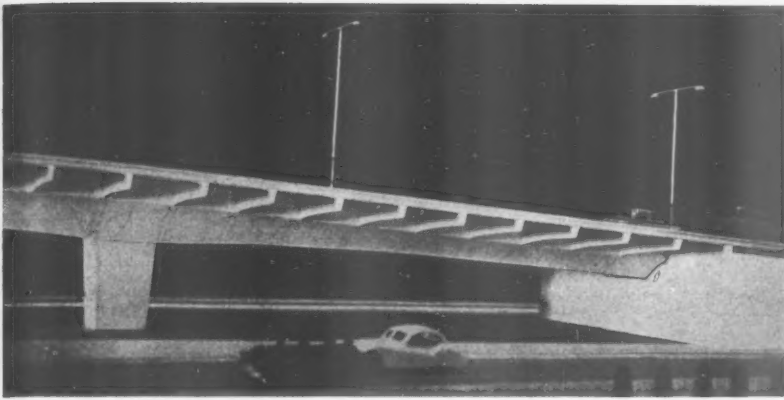
Motor Roads Campaign

The RIBA has received the support of the Royal Fine Art Commission, the Civic Trust, the Institute of Landscape Architects, and the Central Council of Civic Societies in its attempt to secure better planning and design of motor roads. But it has been completely rebuffed by the Ministry of Transport and the Local Authorities which it has approached.

In December the Minister of Transport announced the formation of Committees in a number of the larger cities to study the planning of new motor roads in built-up areas related to the new system of national motor ways. The RIBA Council felt that "the impact of this new construction on the plan of towns and cities was insufficiently appreciated, and that representations on the need for the fullest co-operation of all those technically qualified should be made." The Council also agreed to make the strongest possible representations on the planning, landscaping and design of structures on national motorways. Therefore, after the Ministry had rejected the RIBA's suggestion that architects should be members of the urban motor road committees, the Council decided to make representations to the city authorities who were setting up these committees, to draw the attention of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to the problem, and to enlist the support of the RFAC, the Institute of Landscape Architects, the Association of Municipal Corporations and the Civic Trust, for their support.

The replies from the Town Clerks of the Cities approached have been illuminating. Birmingham (where it is understood that a working group has been set up, presumably under Sir Herbert Manzoni the City Engineer) has not bothered to reply. Newcastle-upon-Tyne has sent a bare acknowledgment. Leeds replied that a Committee has been set up of West Riding local authorities, composed of two councillors, the Clerk and the Engineer from each authority. Manchester replied that a Working Party has been set up for south-east Lancashire, consisting of the Surveyors to the County and Borough Councils. Their work is of a "preliminary and technical nature, comprising a survey of traffic requirements, estimation of adequacy of present systems and consideration of what can be done to alleviate conditions by better control, parking, etc." The Town Clerk does not consider it necessary to appoint the City Architect having regard to the present work.

Liverpool has not yet set up a Committee, although an exploratory meeting of local



The new Hammersmith flyover, designed by G. Maunsell and Partners in association with Joseph Rawlinson the LCC's Chief Engineer, and Hubert Bennett, the LCC Architect, will carry two lanes of traffic in each direction for half a mile. The roadway is cantilevered from a central spine carried on thirteen single columns with spans of 140 ft. The cost is estimated at £1,201,000. In the first designs prepared in the Chief Engineer's department the bridge was supported on rows of four columns at 40 ft. intervals. The new design costs no more in total, the extra cost of the bridge being offset by savings on the acquisition of land and rearrangement of the ground level layout. The result is not only a more graceful bridge but a very much more open and useful ground layout.

authorities in the Merseyside area has been held under the chairmanship of the Divisional Road Engineer. If a Committee is ultimately set up the Town Clerk undertakes that the RIBA's suggestion "will be borne in mind."

The Council of the RIBA has now approached the Town Planning Institute, Central Council of Civic Societies, Association of Building Technicians and the Arts and Amenities Committee of Members of Parliament. So far the RFAC, the Civic Trust, ILA and Central Council of Civic Societies have pledged support. The Presidents of the Allied Societies in Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, and Newcastle-upon-Tyne have been asked to take the matter up locally, and some individual approaches have been made at a high level on certain quarters.

LGAS

To Be "Association of Official Architects"

The Local Government Architects' Society and the other professional societies in local government hope to win the right to take part in negotiations with the employers—but not on the terms they originally expected. To get agreement with the National Association of Local Government Officers the professional societies will have to abandon their aim of securing a negotiating Panel in which the staff side would consist entirely of representatives appointed by professional societies. But they hope to get a professional Panel appointed through NALGO, that would enable architects to participate in negotiations.

This was the picture of the present state of negotiations between the professional societies in local government, NALGO and the employers, given at the general meeting of the LGAS on Saturday. Arthur Ling was in the chair, and Basil Spence sent greetings from the RIBA which were reinforced with a personal welcome from Gordon Ricketts, who hinted that the RIBA would go as far as its Charter and Byelaws permitted to give material help to the new Society. The meeting transformed the Society from a provisional to a permanent organization, with an annual subscription of 15s., approved a draft Constitution (providing for a General Council of about 30 members, 12 to be elected nationally) and changed its name to

the Association of Official Architects. The new Society will confine its membership to chartered and registered architects (motions to include students and unqualified assistants being heavily defeated), and will not organize salaried assistants in private practice. But it held the door open by giving the General Council power to admit architects in other forms of employment later.

The Executive's report to the meeting stated that the Society had been accepted by the group of professional societies in local government as a constituent member. The group had submitted a memorandum to NALGO and the Employers proposing the formation of a Panel for the discussion of all matters affecting salaries or conditions of professional officers, to consist of equal numbers of employers and staff (the latter to be nominated by the professional societies), the decisions of the Panel to be subject to ratification by the National Joint Council (on which NALGO represents the staff). NALGO has replied that a Panel is agreed in principle, subject to certain amendments. A satisfactory Panel to NALGO would be one in which the professional societies would nominate representatives through the NALGO machinery, while the staff side and the employers' side of the NJC would appoint the representatives. But NALGO rejected a proposal that grading and other disputes affecting individual professional officers should be heard by an Appeals Committee appointed from the Panel.

The Executive commented in its report that while NALGO was prepared to allow increasing co-operation with the professional societies, and some form of Panel, it considered that all negotiations must be taken by and through NALGO as the appropriate trade union. It also recorded that in a frank exchange of views NALGO representatives made it clear that if the Society were to restrict itself to being a "professional" society relations were likely to be friendlier than if LGAS were to become a trade union. "In that event LGAS would be considered as a rival to NALGO, as an extension of sectional unions could lead to the extinction of NALGO itself."

Thurston Williams, Chairman of the Provisional Executive Committee, was not able to clear up this confused situation entirely, because confidential negotiations were continuing. It had become clear in the negotiations with NALGO, he said, that both sides would have to make concessions. A professional panel in which the staff side consisted entirely of professional repre-

sentatives negotiating directly with the employers was acceptable neither to NALGO nor to the employers.

Thurston Williams was very emphatic that agreement was possible in the near future, and put two alternatives before the meeting. They could either accept a form of negotiating machinery with NALGO, not necessarily and probably not at all what had been anticipated, but which would bring architects to the negotiating table. Or they could decide to have no truck with NALGO and assert their rights as an independent society to represent their members direct to the employers, to go into isolation and fight it out. The other professional societies, he warned, had done this for 10 years or more, and there was no future in it for their Association.

On NALGO's objection to the Society becoming a trade union he explained that while NALGO did not want competition in the trade union field, it had issued a statement jointly with the Association of Local Government Engineers and Surveyors recognizing that both were trade unions, and that it was better for them to co-operate than to conflict.

After questions and some discussion the following resolution was passed, almost unanimously:

"That the meeting believes it to be in the interest of local government architects that they be directly represented on the body responsible for defining their conditions of service. It believes that this may be achieved in agreement with NALGO, representing local government officers as a whole. It instructs its representatives, together with the other professional societies, to continue their discussions with NALGO and the Local Government Associations to achieve this objective."

The meeting also decided that the Association should become a certificated trade union.

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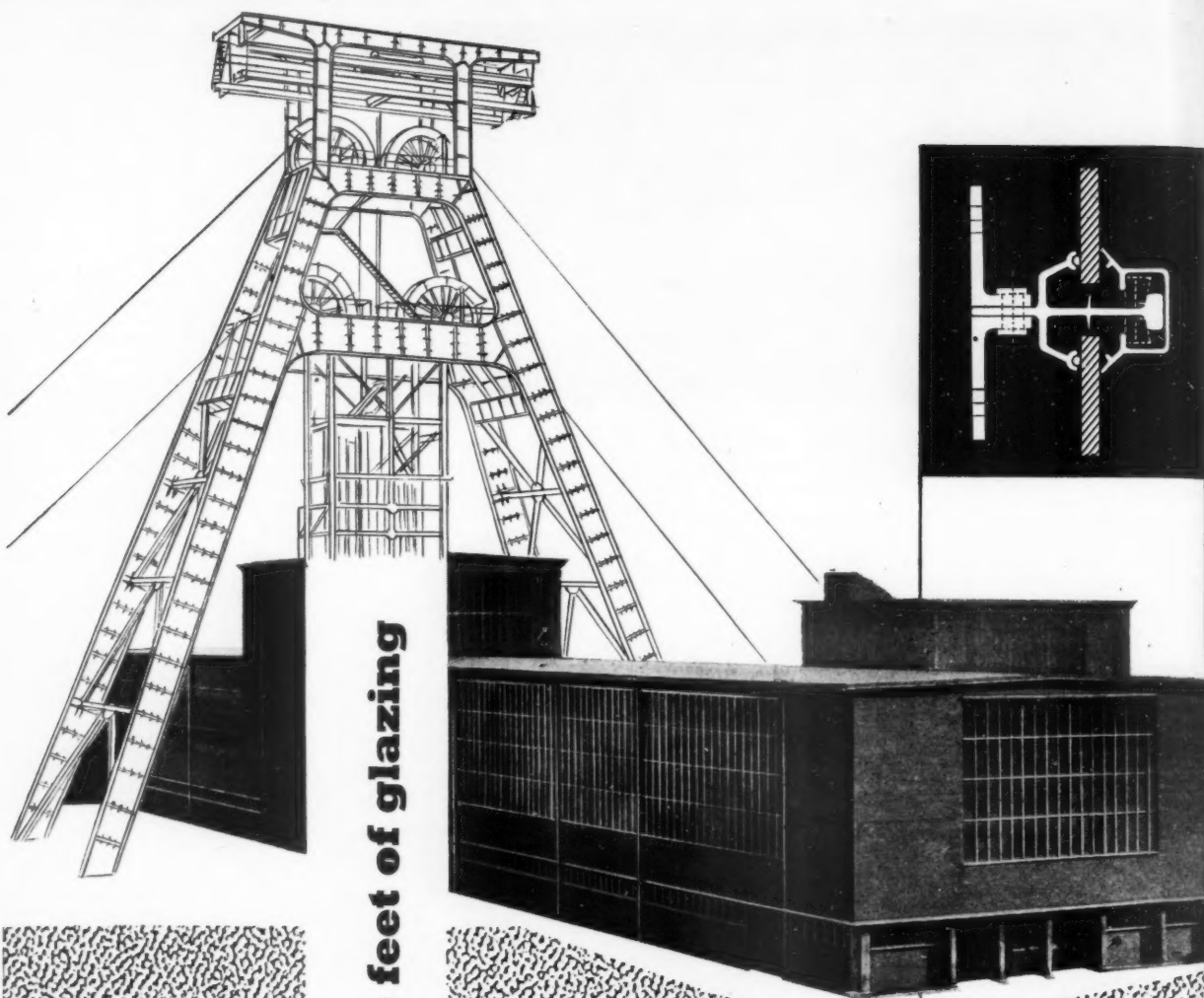
NFBTE

Fewer Apprentices

The Builders' AGM is never without at least one exciting moment. This year it was provided by a house builder who got up from the body of the hall to make an impassioned denunciation of local authority architects who "empire build" direct labour departments and take work away from local builders. "This," he said, "is a serious menace that threatens our future and our children's future!" and went on to hint at the "Terrifying ideas that one hears from socialists in their unguarded moments" and asked for the formation of a "vigilance committee" by the NFBTE.

Although he was clapped to the echo, no one took up the theme. It is a sign of the times in the building world that the builders were much more concerned about the recruitment of apprentices.

It appears that many building employers are unwilling to take on apprentices because they are not at first able to earn very much money for them. There were 3,000 fewer boys on the register last year than the year before and A. H. Bowden of Swindon asked "what are we going to do about the 3,000 we haven't got when the pipeline flows full again?—we can blame the government for some things and the manufacturers for others, but if we are short of men we have only ourselves to blame." This led to a conflicting discussion on Building Advisory Committees which link (or should link) Further Education Colleges with the industry, the low standards of education required for apprenticeship and the difficulties of working the day release system of training. One contractor got up to criticize the out of date methods taught at schools, another to say that boys are not interested unless they have to sacrifice something.



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Earlier in the meeting the pending operatives' claim for 4d. an hour and a shorter working week aroused, besides the inevitable resistance, a suggestion that the sliding scale adjustment of February in each year, in fact only represents about 55 per cent. of the increase in the cost of living and that this is why the industry has to face the tendering uncertainties of other claims during the year. There was clapping when the speaker said "it is not fair for the National Federation to set its face against all claims!" Other items in the discussion were these: A suggestion that the answer to firm price tendering was to delete clause 9 of the RIBA contract; a report that the outer London wage zone (4s. 8d. an hour) is to be abolished and made the same as the inner zone (4s. 8½d.); a plea for builders to become members of the IOB—to gain the same professional solidarity as "the architects and dentists" and farewell tributes to Stanley Hearder, the retiring Director, and a welcome to the new one, Peter Trench.

J. C.

RICS

Value in Town Planning

When presenting a paper at the RICS on January 27 called "Value for Money in Town Planning," Dr. N. Lichfield attempted to introduce a form of cost analysis into town planning. Dr. Lichfield said that we had always to ask what the benefits of a particular planning proposal might be and whether their benefits were as high and their costs as low as they might be. To do this he suggested a comparative analysis between alternative proposals.

When faced with a land-use problem, sufficiently complex to require analysis, the planner could do what others do when tackling development problems—prepare a "balance sheet." He would list as precisely as possible the likely implications of the completed proposal or alternatives. These would be in terms not only of the

expected costs and benefits to the local planning authority, but also the expected costs or benefits to others. Dr. Lichfield realized that there were certain intangibles always to be taken into consideration which were not measurable in money, the unpleasant smell of a tannery, or the beauty of a clump of trees. However, he said that as far as possible items should be measured in comparable terms. When farmland was taken for housing the community lost agricultural produce but gained vegetables and fruit grown by householders. It was preferable to put this in terms of money value than to try to compare the loss of wheat with a gain in apples and brassicas.

Dr. Lichfield went on to illustrate his system with the situation arising in a small attractive village of some 3,000 inhabitants. The village straddled a main trunk road and something had to be done to alleviate traffic congestion in the town and its attendant evils. Road widening was out of the question due to cost and loss of local amenities, thus leaving a by-pass as the only solution. The problem was to decide whether the northern or southern route would give value for money. The table shows what factors were taken into consideration and summarizes how much more (+) or less (–) the southern route (S) would cost than the northern (N). The result of this analysis was to show that route S was considerably the cheaper in total money.

Turning to the intangibles, however, Dr. Lichfield said that route S would result in noise to 25 dwellings (J), interfere with the use by the villagers of their heath for recreational purposes, involve the destruction of fine trees (C), and injure the view of the hills in the distance.

Route S would injure local amenities and perhaps life, but would save money for the Ministry of Transport. Route N would save local amenities but involve considerable net money costs.

In these cases the analysis did not show clearly that one alternative shows less cost and greater benefit. The issues were clear but the balance was not. Judgment was

necessary and the analysis helped in making it.

Dr. Lichfield concluded his paper with a plan for the extension of the recent work of the Cost Research Panel of the Institution, relating to the cost of building dwellings at different heights and density to the measurement of the variation with density of other development costs. Was it practicable to find methods of attaching money values to non-remunerative uses such as playing fields and parks?

CHURCHILL COLLEGE

A Closed Competition

A two stage closed competition for the design of the new Churchill College on a site in Madingley Road, Cambridge, has been arranged by the Churchill College Trust Fund. The assessors are Sir John Cockcroft, the Master of the College, Noel Annan, Provost of Kings, Sir William Holford, Sir Leslie Martin and Basil Spence. The following 21 firms of architects were asked if they would like to compete:

Architect's Co-Partnership, Sir Hugh Casson and Neville Conder, Chamberlin, Powell and Bon, Yorke, Rosenberg and Mardall, David du R. Aberdeen and Partners, H. T. Cadbury-Brown, James Cubitt and Partners, Fry, Drew, Drake and Lasdun, Frederick Gibberd, Erno Goldfinger, William Howell, Lyons, Israel and Ellis, Robert Matthew and Johnson-Marshall, Powell and Moya, David Wyn Roberts, Richard Sheppard, Robson and Partners, James Stirling and James Gowan, Tayler and Green, Alison and Peter Smithson, Lionel Brett, Norman and Dawbarn. Of these, 20 are understood to have accepted the invitation.

No fee is offered for work in the first stage of the competition, which closes on April 13. Four architects will be selected for the second stage, which closes on June 29, and will each be paid a premium of £500. In the event of the Trustees not approving the winning design it will be open to them to reject it on paying "an appropriate fee." The trustees are not bound to carry out the design if the architect cannot bring the tender within the original estimate. In that event no further fee is payable. If the trustees do not appoint the author of the selected design as architect for the works for any other reason an additional fee is payable.

Architects have been appointed for the design of two other new Cambridge Colleges on neighbouring sites: Chamberlin, Powell and Bon for a new women's college, New Hall, and Denys Lasdun for Fitzwilliam House.

Table of planning "balance sheet" (left) and plan (below) showing two alternative by-pass routes referred to by Dr. N. Lichfield.

Item	Extra cost (+) or savings (–) of route S compared with route N				Incidence
	Capital		Annual		
	+	–	+	–	
	£	£	£	£	
1. Capital Cost		60,000			Ministry of Transport
2. Repairs, etc., New ..				500	Ministry of Transport
Existing				75	Ministry of Transport
Existing				75	County Council
3. Re-accommodation ..	21,000				Ministry of Transport
4. Amenities of dwellings	6,000				Owners and occupiers
6. Trade of hotel		10,000			Hotel owner
7. Farming		10,000			Ministry of Transport
8. Recreation	4,000				Ministry of Transport
9. Development values ..	2,000				Landowner
	4,000				Central Land Board
10. Rateable Values ..				300	Local Authority
13. Traffic				2,000	Motorists
	25,000	70,000		575	Ministry of Transport
	4,000			75	Central Land Board
				300	County Council
	8,000	10,000			Local Authority
					Various owners and occupiers
				2,000	Motorists
Total	37,000	80,000		2,950	All

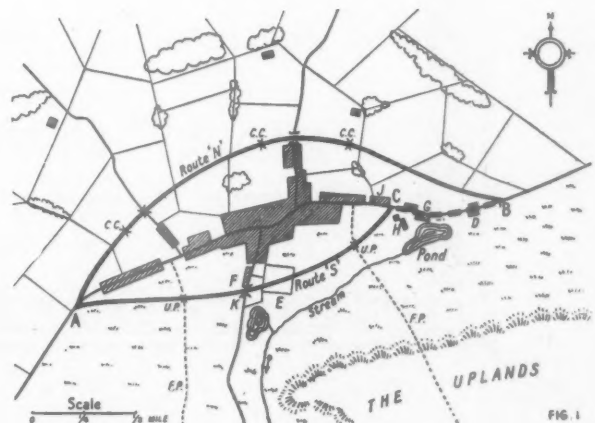
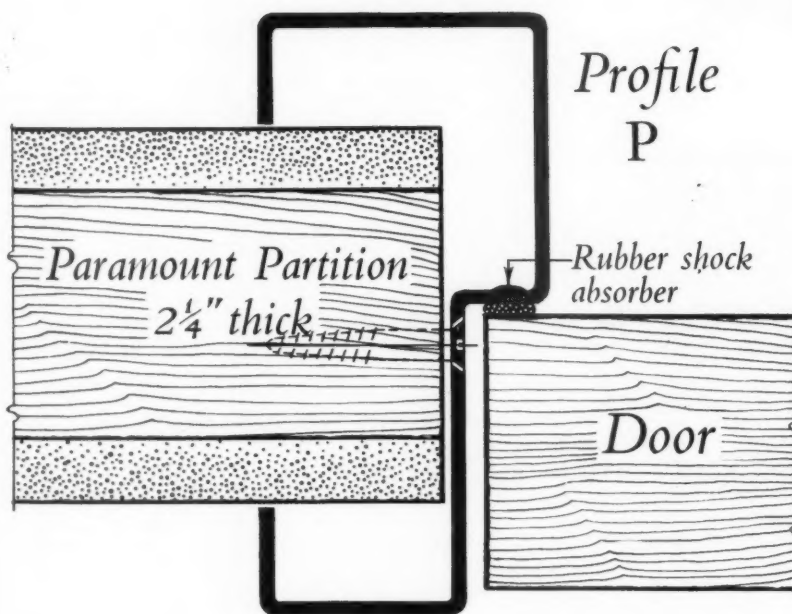


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CIB CONFERENCE

Research, Documentation

The International Council for Building Research, Studies and Documentation (CIB) will organize an international congress (open to members of the CIB, their representatives and any other experts in the sphere of building) in Rotterdam from September 21 to 25 inclusive.

The subjects concerned will relate to building research—both fundamental and applied—and to building documentation and transmission of knowledge. Attention will be given to a number of special aspects of building in tropical regions. Dargan Bullivant, AJ Research Fellow, will attend the conference.

The following are some of the subjects to be discussed: "Design and calculation of structures; safety factors." Introductory lecture by Prof. E. Torroja, Director of the "Instituto Técnico de la Construcción y del Cemento," Spain.

"Research problems relating to the application of heavy concrete elements." Introductory lectures by Prof. G. Kutznetsov of the Academy of Building and Architecture of the USSR and Dr. M. Jacobsson, Director of Statens Nämnd för Byggnadsforskning, Sweden.

"Fundamental aspects of transmission of knowledge." Introductory lecture by L. M. Giertz, architect, Director of the Swedish Institute for Building Documentation.

Further information can be obtained from: The Secretariat of the CIB, c/o Bouwcentrum, P.O. Box 299, Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

HOUSING CENTRE

Landscape in Housing

Sylvia Crowe, giving a lunch-hour talk on landscaping of housing estates at the Housing Centre, ran true to her brisk and well-established form. Her three main points could be summed up as follows:

Landscaping is an integral part of the layout and the architecture and should be developed simultaneously with the rest of the scheme by a team of planners, architects and landscape architects; each site has its own sense of place which should be brought out to its best advantage.

The social side of landscaping should be fully appreciated. Open-air rooms should be provided in form of inter-connecting open spaces, graduated from the private back garden and the intimate sitting-out space and playground to the large public open space where people meet and a variety of activities can be pursued. These various open spaces should be linked with pedestrian ways which could be attractively designed to avoid the dreary alley way between concrete posts and wire netting, and lead to different places of interest such as schools and shops. The morale of people living in a new housing estate depends a good deal on whether or not the landscaping is carried out before they move in—once you start them off amongst a heap of builders' brick bats it will be very difficult to establish good landscaping later on.

Landscaping makes a tremendous contribution to the architectural composition, particularly trees are an important element. There should always be at least a few big trees to give a sense of containment and scale (they require plenty of space around them unless you build on rock). Some large open-branched trees, e.g., robinias, help to frame buildings while small trees (thorns, peaches, hornbeams) are very useful for screening corners, gaps and untidy allotments. Trees help to accentuate closure and openness.

Miss Crowe made a special plea for using more hard surfacing of varying colour and texture, especially in places where heavy

foot traffic can be expected (at corners, around bus stops and telephone kiosks). She also suggested an answer to those unhappy triangular grass patches which so often degenerate into mud at road junctions—break back your hard surface as close to the buildings as possible, you thus keep your corners tidy and you regain the continuity of the floor space; at the same time, keep people away from ground floor windows by means of cobbles or planting. Introduce hazards to stop people from going where they shouldn't—the lamp post or telephone box may come in useful here.

All this may not be startlingly new but is surely common sense and convincing. Maybe some of the ideas Sylvia Crowe put forward are a little more expensive than the stock answers, but would not more sensible and more sensitive landscaping pay in the long run?

W. G. B.

BC

Recorded Talks

The Building Centre has started a new loan service of illustrated recorded talks by architects and other authorities on technical subjects. Each talk lasts 45 minutes and is on a double-sided long playing record. The illustrations are in a film strip containing from 80 to 150 pictures.

At present only one recorded talk is available for borrowing. It is "Coventry Cathedral" by Basil Spence. A talk on "Curtain Walling" by William Allen, and Edward Mills, will be available shortly. Other talks are in preparation and it is hoped to issue them at the rate of about three a year.

Borrowers must provide themselves with an ordinary record player or radiogram and a 35 mm. film strip projector. Synchronization of the two instruments is not necessary, change of picture being signalled to the projector operator by a "pip" sound in the recording, similar to a radio time signal.

At present the talks are being made available to RIBA Allied Societies and Schools of Architecture, but it is hoped to extend the range of borrowers shortly. There is no charge for borrowing, except payment of return postage. There are several copies of each recorded talk so that requests to borrow should be met without delay. Societies and schools are, however, asked to give ample notice of the date of the meeting for which they wish to have the talk and to return the recorded talks promptly.

LIVERPOOL

Research Programme

The Department of Building Science, established last year, at the University of Liverpool School of Architecture, has begun its teaching programme and has initiated several research projects on specialized topics within the general field of science in building. Of particular interest to architects is an investigation of problems in factory design and construction with special emphasis on the economics of daylighting, to be started early in the new year in collaboration with the School of Architecture.

Two appointments have been authorized in the Department of Building Science. One is a permanent teaching and research appointment for an architect to work on the application of scientific principles to the design of building elements and to develop appropriate advanced courses for students taking a post-graduate diploma in Building Science. The other is a temporary appointment (approximately two years) for an architect to lead a small research project.

HOUSING IN 1958

273,695 Completions

The number of houses completed fell below 300,000 in 1958 for the first time in six years. Completions in Great Britain numbered 273,695 compared with 301,090 in 1957. Of these 145,547 were by public authorities and 128,148 by private builders. In England and Wales 241,525 houses were completed, 117,438 by public authorities, 124,087 by private builders.

In Brief

Nominations are invited for buildings completed in the years 1956-8 in the area of the Sheffield, S. Yorkshire and District Society of Architects and Surveyors for the award of a Bronze Medal.

H. J. Whitfield Lewis, Principal Housing Architect to the LCC since 1950, has been appointed Architect to Middlesex County Council.

Sir Gordon Russell has decided to retire from the Directorship of the Council of Industrial Design on December 31, 1959, when he will be 67 years of age. He was an original Member of the Council when it was set up in 1944 and was appointed its Director in 1947. The Council has appointed Paul Reilly, who joined the staff in 1948 and has been Deputy Director since 1954, to succeed Sir Gordon Russell on January 1, 1960.

The Leeds School of Architecture announces that the closing date for the Arthur Louis Aaron VC Scholarship for 1959 is February 23. The scholarship, value £250, is an annual travelling scholarship for post-diploma study in architecture.

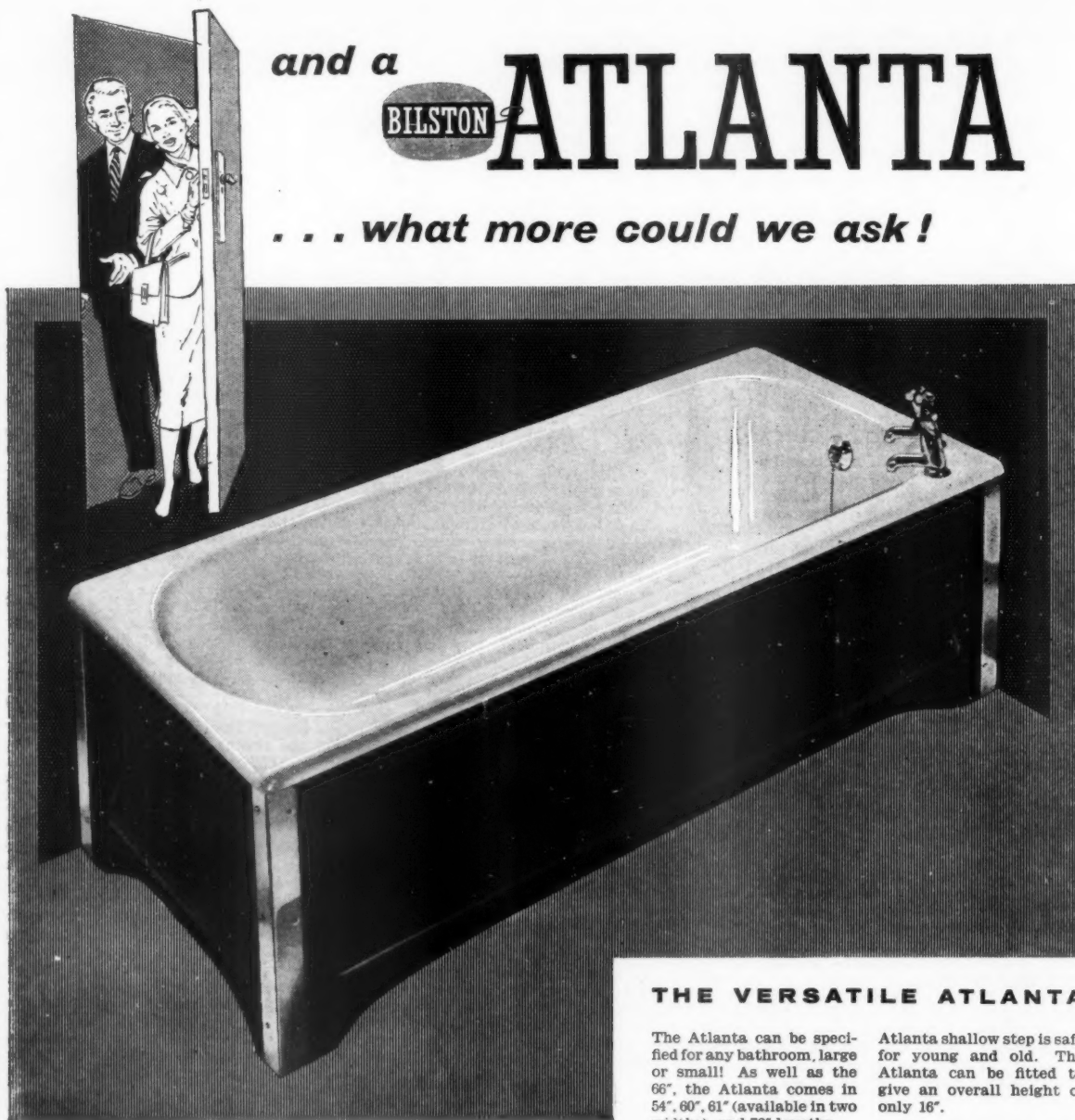
The National Council of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors has elected R. E. J. Harding, F.I.A.S., A.M.S.E., formerly Senior Vice-President, to the office of National President for the ensuing year. He is Surveyor to the South Eastern Electricity Board.

The Imperial College of Science and Technology has appointed Miss Sylvia Crowe, President of the Institute of Landscape Architects, as landscape consultant in connection with the development of the College's central site in South Kensington.

It is reported from Sydney that the building of Joern Utzon's Opera House, the winning design in the international competition, is to begin this year. The clearance of the site is almost complete, and Utzon, who has visited Sydney twice to inspect the site and discuss details, is now engaged on the working drawings. The estimated cost is £A3,500,000.

The four films made by the BBC Television Service in collaboration with the Civic Trust are to be shown on Tuesday at 10.15 p.m., beginning on February 17 under the title *Who Cares?* The first, *Any Old Iron* tells the story of the volunteers who clear up military eyeshots, the second, *A New Way Home* was shot in Birmingham in the slums and in a new housing estate. The third, *A Road To Ruin*, deals with "subtopia," and the last, *Spare That Tree* is concerned with trees in towns.

Of the 354 candidates examined in the RIBA Final Examination in November-December 1958, 92 passed the whole examination, 1 passed subject to approval of thesis, 79 passed Part I only, and 182 were relegated.



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BOOK REVIEW

Architecture of the North

Scandinavian Architecture. By Thomas Paulsson (Leonard Hill [Books] Ltd.). 42s.

For the first time in any language we are presented with a comprehensive and coherent account of the architecture and town-planning of Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland from Iron Age to Aalto. The author is the son of that famous Swedish architect, Gregor Paulsson, and is himself well known in his country as a writer and critic on architecture, town-planning and the fine arts. This conscientious and scholarly job manages well to condense a vast subject into 250 pages of text, thus revealing the disparities, unities and inter-connections of the architecture and town planning of the four closely-linked countries.

Like the presentation of the book with its 80 line drawings and 184 half-tone pictures (mostly photographs but some old prints and sketches), the style of writing is plain, factual and somewhat cold, the approach being less critically aesthetic and less technical than sociological. The book's sub-title advisedly includes the phrase "Buildings and Society . . ." and the blurb states: "Monasteries, palaces, farmhouses, and walled towns are seen in their context; banks, railway stations, villas, restaurants in theirs; for every period, town planning or the lack of it is characterized as well." Written in Swedish and translated into English by the author's wife, the book is described in the preface as "a handbook, as complete as possible, addressed both to the person interested in architecture and the person interested in Scandinavia in general." Reasonably the selective balance favours Sweden and Denmark because history and geography have been comparatively unfavourable to architectural development in Norway and Finland—at least up to recent decades.

The book makes clear how strong have been the influences of the rest of Europe on the North through the centuries and right up to this century, when designers native to the countries have come into their own and Scandinavia has made returns with interest. In the past all the Scandinavian countries have often called on the services of foreign architects, and many of them, like the first Tessin and Jean de la Vallée in Sweden, settled down in the countries to which they had been invited. Back in the Middle Ages the English influence was particularly strong in Sweden, and after the Reformation there, Dutch influence dominated for a while. Nevertheless, in glancing through the picture pages, one is frequently struck by fascinating eccentricities—the stave churches of Norway (probably developed from pagan temples), the bold round, defensive mediaeval church of Osterlar on Bornholm, the strange church of Kalundborg with its Greek-cross plan and its close cluster of five towers, the fantastic palaces of that fabulous builder, Christian IV of Denmark, with their rich decorations and romantic, turreted silhouettes. Even Stockholm's Royal Palace, so grandly baroque and European in its planning and detailing, has something Scandinavian in its serene and simple massing, especially when seen across the waters in the snowy dusk of a winter's evening.

Of course there are many omissions in the book and more might have been written and illustrated about the indigenous and charming timber vernacular of the peasants and about that remarkable native Swedish engraver, military engineer and architect of the 17th century, Eric Dahlberg. But this is on the whole a balanced, competent and intelligent work which was badly needed.

ERIC DE MARE.

THE ARCHITECT'S RESPONSIBILITY

A Planning Officer's View on Aesthetic Control

In this contribution to the argument about aesthetic control a Scottish planning officer says that it is time architects came to terms with their social responsibilities.

There are probably few architects who would not recognize that they have a social responsibility as well as their responsibilities to their client and to the advancement of their art. Many architects as soon as they receive a commission from a client seek to clarify the public interest by consulting the Local Planning Authority and then view their job as an endeavour to obtain an acceptable design out of both the private and public requirements.

This early consultation with the Local Planning Authority can be of immense value to an architect. He will find in one office up-to-date survey maps giving full information about the site, its utility services, information on special aspects of the site such as subsidence or flooding risks, and a history of recent or proposed developments in the area. In addition there will be for larger projects quite a wealth of demographic, economic and traffic information and analysis. He will be able to find out to what degree public policy or plans have been formulated for the area, either in such things as road-widening lines, density, redevelopment, preservation or general civic design and standards in excess of the bye-law ones. Planners are only too ready to be helpful with information and to be positive, and there are many cases where architects have used planners as allies in the struggle to raise architectural standards and persuade clients to take longer term views of their requirements.

It almost amounts to professional negligence if the architect does not take cognisance of this. He is also unfair to his private client if building plans should be produced in ignorance of the planning requirements. The majority of cases where architects' designs are rejected are those in which there has been no prior consultation. Once plans have been produced compromise is seldom possible and the results are seldom worth the effort. The best that can be achieved is that better materials are used, more care given to the building's surroundings and (that most useful dodge of architectural students) trees put in at strategic points.

Few Scottish Planning Authorities have detailed, three-dimensional plans prepared for their areas and thus are very willing to let architects work out their own detailed solutions to suit their clients' needs. Planners have to rely in this way on architects to create the better environment that they are trying to bring about. Most prefer to lay down the broad landscape, the layout or the street setting in which the building is to be designed. Successful examples of this are

comprehensive development areas such as the Gorbals or cases where planners have negotiated with land proprietors that tree belts will be retained or planted to background private house development, and that only architect-designed houses are built, where small town precincts are to be retained or created. However, most planning officers are convinced that if a positive design policy is to be pursued then it cannot be left to the architectural profession in general, but only to a nominated few—so diverse and dissimilar are the architects, and several authorities are trying to negotiate such arrangements with developers and land-owners of feuing areas as they are termed in Scotland. (A feu is, for practical purposes, a lease in perpetuity.) Planning Authorities are by no means given the credit for this work in background arrangement or for their efforts to ensure that correct professional advice is sought from the architects, engineers or landscape architects.

Planners are naturally most disappointed that so very few architects are prepared to recognize a wider responsibility than that which they owe to their clients and themselves. This can simply be demonstrated by the very few plans that arrive in a planning office which show the elevations on either side of a proposed new building or the setting in which it is to be placed, or even the fall in level across the site. Only the very best architects seem both to work out the main lines of the garden layout to private houses or even to design the path and the garden walls. Townscape seems to be beyond all but the most conscientious. In many cases their drawings make no attempt to help the Planning Committee understand their proposals, but rather by their starkness and lack of local detail on the drawings frighten and antagonize them.

It is time that all architects came to terms with their social responsibilities and the planning profession, of which many distinguished members are architects; that architects consulted the planning authorities earlier, co-operated in framing and furthering community plans and stopped designing in a void. Once this is done there will be less news of modern buildings being refused planning permission, and more of satisfactory urban renewal. It is also to be hoped that the current trend for architects to play a distinguished part in local affairs will continue. The majority of planners welcome and indeed encourage this local interest as a positive force in moulding the future, and the Planning Committees are quick to respond to informed and vigorous local interest.

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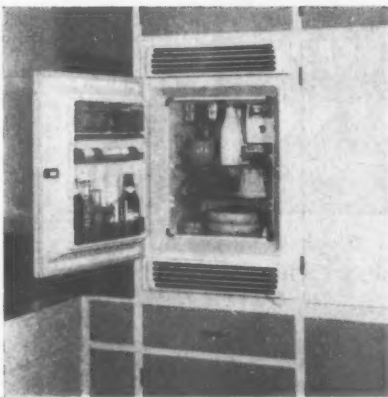
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THE INDUSTRY

Brian Grant describes two refrigerators, a new air-conditioning system, plastic-coated steel and a booklet on the application of asphalt.

Below, two new Electrolux refrigerators: top, the L.26; bottom, the M.27: Below right, the Brightside high velocity air conditioning system; the ceiling is removed to show hot and cold ducts, attenuation boxes and low pressure distribution ductwork to rooms and ceiling diffusers.

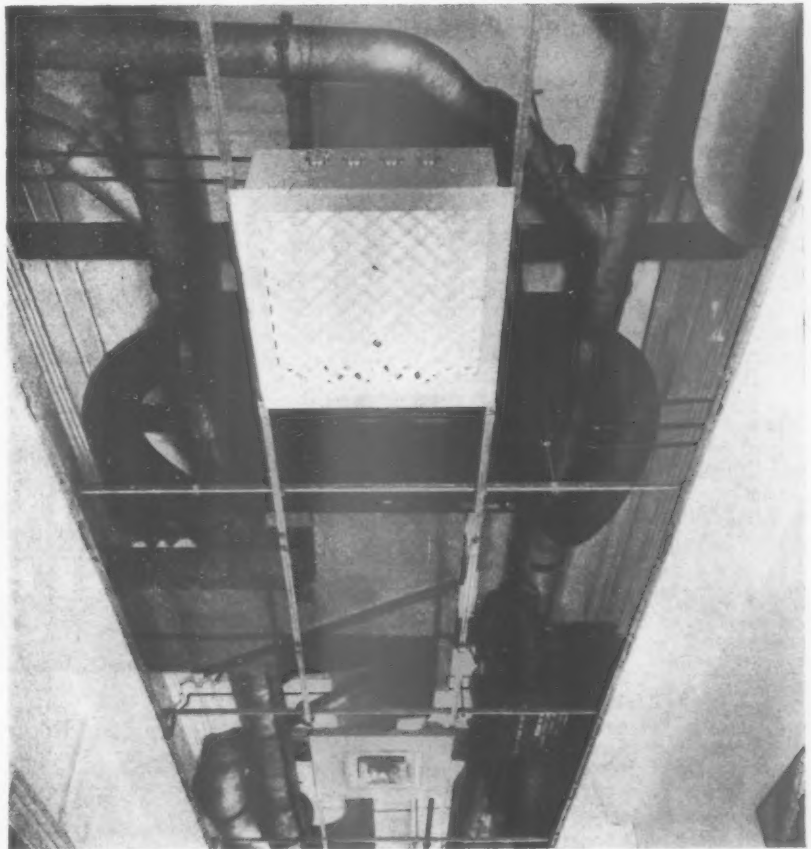
**New refrigerators**

Two new models have been introduced by Electrolux during the past few months. The newer is the L.26, which costs only £49 7s. and has a capacity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cub. ft., with three internal shelves. Standard colours are white and cream. The other model is an enlarged version of the well-established M.17, and is known as the M.27, having a capacity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cub. ft. With a depth of 24 in. and a width of just over 22 in., it is too large to be built into the BS range of cabinets, but at £55 it seems better value than the smaller model which costs £45 for a capacity of $1\frac{1}{2}$ cub. ft. Both the L.26 and the M.27 have the usual shelves in the inner face of the door. (Electrolux Ltd., 153, Regent Street, London, W.1.)

High-velocity air conditioning

Brightside have recently installed in their

Sheffield offices a high-velocity air conditioning plant which is partly for experimental purposes, but which is also available for inspection. With the present-day relatively low speed air conditioning plants the areas of ducting become quite considerable, and from the building owners' point of view are waste space. If higher air velocities allow duct sizes to be reduced in depth by, say, 1 ft., then this will allow an extra floor in a 10-storey building for the same overall height, and the vertical duct sizes can also be reduced, giving increased floor areas. High velocities are defined as 6,000 to 8,000 ft. per minute with a fan pressure of about 6 in. w.g. Brightsides have installed a dual duct system in which the air is heated by high pressure hot water. The hot duct raises the air temperature to 130 deg. F., the "cool" duct providing air at 60 deg., though both



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these figures can be varied if necessary. Each space to be heated has a mixing box and outlet in which the air streams are mixed as required, the outlet temperature being controlled by a room thermostat. One of the troubles with a high velocity system is excessive noise, so that a good deal of care has to be taken in the design of sound attenuators both in the outlets and in the connections to the fan. I understand that the system was originally evolved in this country, but has been developed in America, where its advantages for multi-storey buildings have been appreciated. Now that we, too, are going a lot higher it should be well worth investigating. (*The Brightside Heating & Engineering Co. Ltd., Don Road, Sheffield.*)

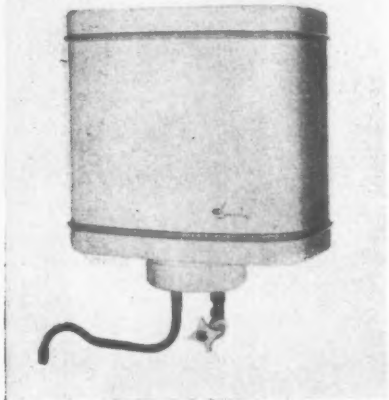
Plastic-coated steel

When Stelvetite plastic-coated steel was introduced some 18 months ago, it was suggested in these notes that the material might have considerable possibilities for all sorts of fittings in the building industry. Since the material can be formed, welded and deep drawn with normal steel working tools, this suggestion involved no particular degree of intelligence or optimism, but it is interesting to see that quite a number of

finish, although the p.v.c. will admittedly be more corrosion resistant than a galvanized surface. Another likely outlet is in office furniture, where stove enamelled desks are often an uninteresting colour, and cold to the touch, both of which troubles could be avoided with the p.v.c. coating. There is also the likelihood of a Stelvetite covered refrigerator before long, and it is also suggested that the material could be used for the lining as well. At the moment the standard colours are red, green, grey, white and black, the latter with a smooth finish. Other colours can be supplied in minimum quantities of 25,000 sq. ft. (*John Summers & Sons Ltd., Hawarden Bridge Steelworks, Shotton, Cheshire.*)

The application of asphalt

The NAMMC has just issued a useful pocket book on the correct application of asphalt to basements, roofs and floors. While it may be assumed that most of the specialist firms know a good deal about their job, it may often be something of a relief to the clerk of works, or the architect, to have some independent means of checking what is being done. The booklet is pocket (A.6 paper) size, and makes a convenient summary without unnecessary trimmings. Copies are free. (*The Natural Asphalte Mine-Owners and Manufacturers' Council, 94/98, Petty France, London, S.W.1.*)



The Santon Lincoln water heater, which is made of plastic-coated steel by John Summers & Sons Ltd.

firms have already started using it for purposes as far apart as roofing and furniture. For some reason the finish of the p.v.c. coating does not appear to be distorted in any way by deep drawing, although it must, of course, be considerably stretched, but samples of sinks, shown at a recent exhibition, showed no failure of the coating, even at the sharp corners. Uses involving less forming, such as water heater cases (Santon), kitchen work tops (Ezee) and clock cases (Smith), provide a pleasant appearance at reasonable cost, and another useful application is in fume ducting, where the p.v.c. lining provides the corrosion resistance and the steel provides the strength. About roofing applications there may be some doubt, for the cost (22 gauge) is 2s. 8d. a sq. ft. for material only, and this seems rather a lot to pay for a coloured

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10.175 design: building types HOUSING HANDBOOK

Flats and Maisonettes, 1958—Design and Economy. (HMSO. 10s.)

This handbook was reviewed in the JOURNAL on December 18, 1958. It is chiefly concerned with a comparison of building costs between high and low level buildings on rehabilitation schemes; but also incorporates a considerable amount of information of interest to the architect concerned with the design of flats and maisonettes in general. Most of this information is found in the appendices.

In the main text, however, the subject of access is dealt with quite fully. The treatment of this subject falls into two parts. First, in chapter two, the problem of vehicle and pedestrian access to the buildings is discussed and, second, in the latter part of chapter four, there is a survey of the different forms of access to the dwellings themselves from within the buildings. This section covers comprehensively the different methods of access and discusses their respective uses as well as qualities. The methods include staircases, balconies and also lifts.

Chapter four also gives a number of other items for consideration: heating, storage and washing space, refuse disposal and safety precautions.

One section of the appendices is of particular interest. This gives an interpretation of the LCC code for means of escape in so far as it affects the planning of flats and maisonettes. The subject is treated fully and is illustrated with diagrams.

Appendix A gives advice on the calculation of the number of dwellings of different types required for a given density of habitable rooms per acre; and such differing subjects as sunlighting and minimum floor space requirements are dealt with in other appendices.

15.142 materials: applied finishes and treatments WOOD PRESERVATIVES

Coal Tar Oil Types of Wood Preservation. BS 3051:1958. (BSI. 5s.)

This booklet follows two earlier publications, *Coal Tar Creosote for the Preservation of Timber* (BS 144) and *Pressure Creosoting of Timber* (BS 913). This new Standard covers tar oils obtained from coal. These are not included in BS 144.

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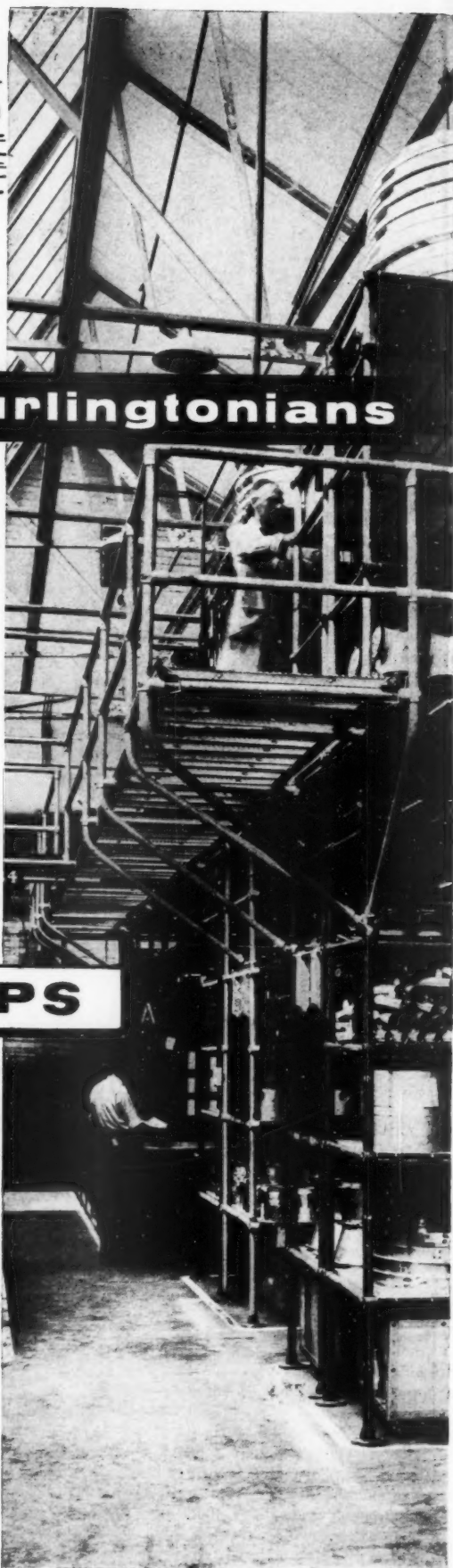
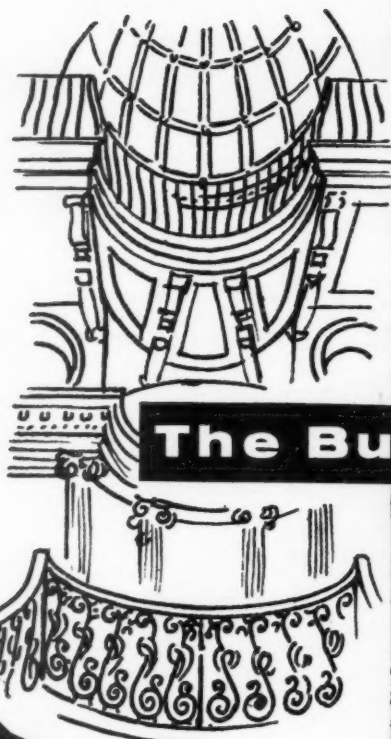
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16.129 materials: miscellaneous
ASPHALT FOR DPCs

Mastic Asphalt for Tanking and Damp-proof Courses. BS 1418:1958. (BSI. 4s. 6d.) This new standard forms part of a series dealing with mastic asphalt for building and is a revision of the 1947 publication. There is useful information in the appendix on the important aspects of the application of mastic asphalt tanking. Among the 12 subjects dealt with are the protection of horizontal asphalt, brickwork and keying, and continuity of lining.

22.93 sound insulation and acoustics
FOLDING PARTITIONS

Noise Reduction of Folding Partitions. By Howard C. Hardy and James E. Ancell. *Noise Control.* Vol. 4. No. 6. November, 1958.

This article refers to the concertina type folding partition formed of leather cloth or some other fabric mounted on a patent metal folding mechanism. This device originated in USA, is now available in this country, and architects will need to consider its performance as a sound insulator very carefully before using it. It must be accepted that the demand for "moving walls" will continue, either because of a need to economize by duplicating the uses of space or because modern notions of "space organization" must be served. The article points out that because these structures are very light in weight they cannot have high sound insulation. There is also strong likelihood that the "fit" of the partition will not be good, and the resulting gaps will lower insulation even further. Assessed insulation based on a "mass law" curve which seems to bear no relation to the accepted values in this country and Europe generally, are compared with actual measurements and found to give good agreement. This could be because the accepted weight of the partition appears to include the metalwork. This cannot possibly contribute to the "acoustic" weight of the partition any more than the weight of studs in a stud partition can be taken into account in assessing sound insulation. If one takes a reduced weight value (for the facing materials only) and uses the commonly accepted "mass-law" the insulation comes to about the same as the authors give. Typical values (average over the frequency range 125 to 4,000 c/s) are, for a "typically good" installation 22 dB, and for a "typically poor" installation 11 dB.

The last part of the article discusses whether and in what circumstances this order of insulation is enough. It is concluded that a "typically good" folding partition will provide a suitable acoustic barrier between two areas in which meetings, conferences, luncheons, class exercises or lectures can be held, subject to the following conditions existing:

1. Both sides should be served with about the same sound power. For example, if one side has an amplification system, then the other side must have one too.
2. The greater the amount of absorption on

either side of the partition the better.

3. The "sweep strips" at top and bottom of the partition must fit properly.
4. The area of the partition should be kept as small as possible.
5. All listeners should be as close to the speakers as possible.
6. Where there are two lecturers they should be placed back to back with the partition separating them.
7. A small amount of background noise (such as traffic, ventilation) is an advantage. To this list the writer would wish to add one more item. Warn your clients that this type of partition should really only be regarded as a visual space divider, and that its use as a sound barrier will almost certainly lead to complaints about its poor performance.

25.131 water supply: sanitation
BUILDING DRAINAGE

New Trends in Plumbing and Sanitation. Symposium at the Royal Society for the Promotion of Health. *Journal of RSH* for January-February, 1958. 10s.

In October of last year, the RSH gathered together four experts to report on the latest findings in the field of plumbing and sanitation. Clarke, Sobolev and Griffiths—all of BRS—and W. M. Collinson^{*} were the speakers; on the subjects of ball valves, spray taps, single stack plumbing and underground drains and sewers.

The greater part of the papers gave what is by now well known knowledge, but two aspects of the sanitation problem that are not yet common currency were revealed—both of them significant and one surprising: unvented rows of sanitary fittings and failures of underground drains.

Since the pioneer work of Wise and Croft, research on unvented single stack plumbing has proceeded. It is very nearly standard practice by now to use the single stack system up to four storeys; and above this height to vent only the w.c. traps. One advance on this is to vent every other w.c., and a further advance it now seems, may be to use a larger diameter stack. One scheme in Hamburg, with a 5-in. stack copes adequately with 15 storeys. Tests with 6-in. stacks by BRS show a substantial safety factor against induced siphonage and back-pressure. It now seems ironic that the coming of a BSS to the cast iron pipe trade eliminated the 5 in. pipe from their catalogues.

There has now been further research into the possibility of using rows of w.c.'s and basins without venting. Conclusive recommendations have yet to appear in public, but it seems that a top floor row of eight w.c.'s will not lose its seals if unvented. Below a top floor, one vent may be needed, and it may not even have to be at the "upstream" end of the row. This is all very encouraging. With basins, the waste pipe design depends very much upon whether or not there are spray taps fitted. With them, we could perhaps use much smaller wastes than has been thought necessary hitherto.

The most unsettling part of the symposium dealt with failures of underground pipes: "...it would appear that most rigidly jointed brittle pipelines even when laid in accordance with the current Code requirements and so satisfying the model byelaws, will be fractured sooner or later." The paper gives a detailed account of the various types of failure—mainly due to thermal or moisture movement of concrete jointing, haunching and bedding, or to ground movement. All three kinds of pipe—ceramic, concrete and cast iron are liable to fail. The solution to the problem firstly is some form of flexible joint, which, for smaller pipes of ceramic, has yet to be discovered. Secondly, if pipes have to be encased, the encasement should be interrupted at the joints. Pitch fibre pipes offer a small risk, provided long lengths have some kind of telescopic joint. How the sanitary inspectors will react to proposals based on this paper is less certain.

26.133 services and equipment: miscellaneous
LIFTS

Electric Lifts Part 1—General Requirements. BS 2655:1958. (BSI. 15s.)

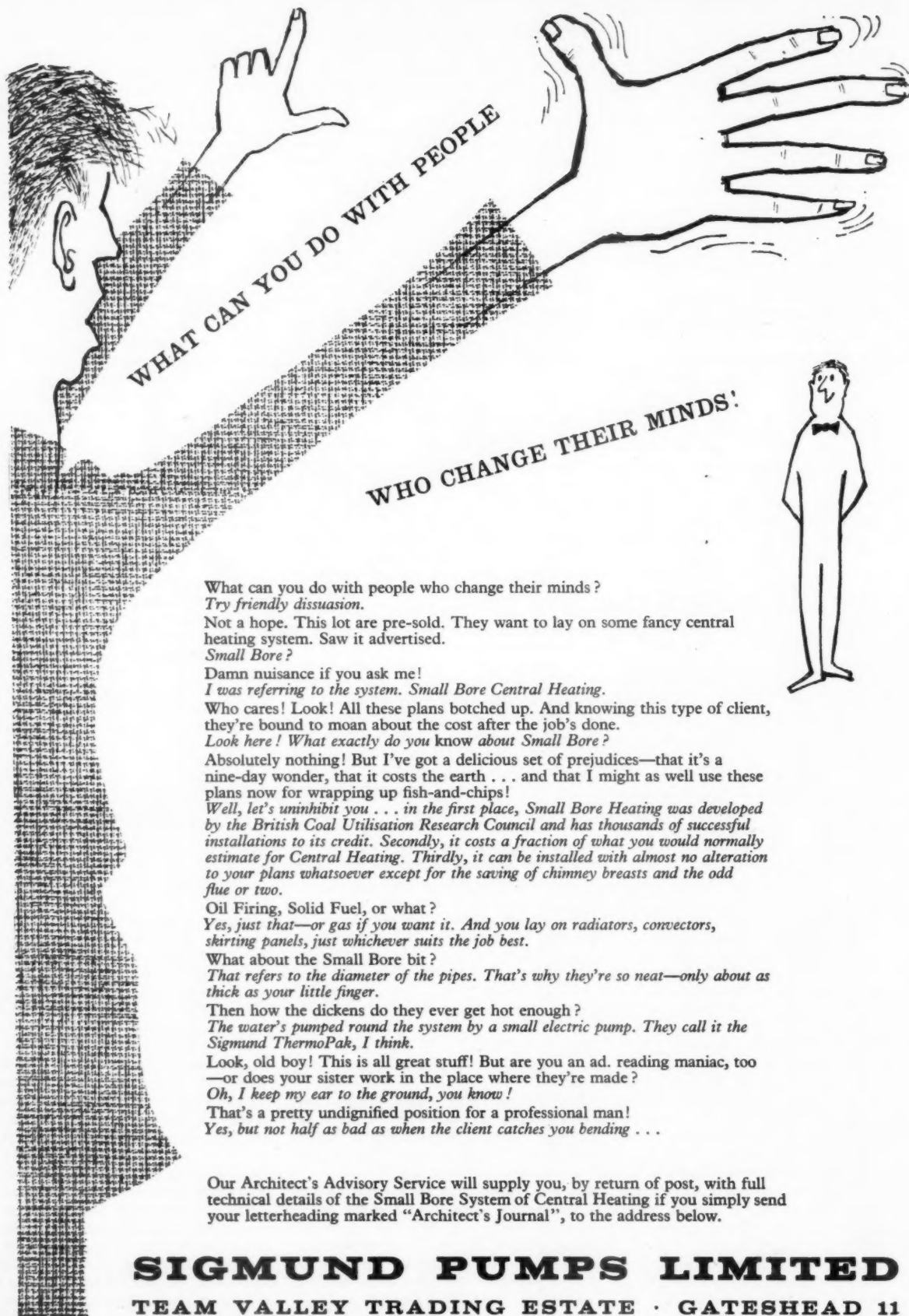
This Standard is a confirmation rather than a revision of the one published in 1957. It forms part of a series of three and deals largely with safety precautions. It is split into four sections, i.e., specification, specific requirements for passengers and goods lifts, testing and lastly service lifts. The appendices contain notes on the Factories Acts, structural requirements, doors and gates, and the suppression of radio and television interference. A further revision is contemplated to include more detailed design requirements. Part 3, which is not yet published, will be on outline dimensions for electrical lifts giving recommended dimensions for lift wells, and areas for machine rooms.

27.22 furniture and fittings
LOCKS

An Encyclopædia of Locks and Builders Hardware. By F. J. Butter. (Josiah Parkes Ltd., Union Works, Willenhall. 21s.)

This is in fact a re-appearance in a slightly different guise and an amplification of the same author's classic *Locks and Builders Hardware: Design, Manufacture and History*, published in 1948. It has the same elegant line illustrations (though more of them) and the same clear, succinct descriptions; while the adoption of the encyclopædic form makes it easier to find out what exactly is a monkey tail bolt or a puzzle lock when you are in a hurry.

The only criticism we have to offer is that the content seems more comprehensive with regard to locks than with regard to the other items of hardware and that rather less than justice is done to recent American and Continental practices. The book naturally has a slight bias in favour of the products of Messrs. Josiah Parkes, but this does not seriously impair its value as an architect's work of reference.



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7. PRACTICE

architectural management: a method study, 4
supervision and control

Having completed their review of the architect's work at the pre-contract stage*, the authors, W. Sinclair Gauldie and Arthur F. S. Wright, now pass to the post-contract stage. They propose (among other things) a method enabling the architect to take his own copy of the contract documents on his site visits, a drill for recording variations and systems for keeping a check on the progress of the work in terms both of time and of money.

POST-CONTRACT STAGE—GENERAL

Once the contract is let and the contractor has been supplied with full and correct drawings, specification and/or bills of quantities, the architect has only to provide "such periodical inspection and supervision as may be necessary to ensure that the works are being executed in general accordance with the contract." That is all we are engaged (and paid) to do—at least in theory. In practice, the position is rather different, especially here in Scotland where each trade is normally contracted separately, so that the work of co-ordinating their several activities falls willy-nilly upon the architect.

Our own attitude to the post-contract stage of our work is inevitably coloured by this separate-trades background, but it seems to us that similar conditions must often be faced today even where a single main contractor is employed. Modern building increasingly involves the employment of specialist or nominated subcontractors, whose work has to be correlated by the architect almost as if they were independent contractors. Consequently, much of the time of the architect and clerk of works tends to be taken up by these administrative matters, instead of being spent in the proper field of supervision—a fact only too often reflected in the quality of the finished work.

In these circumstances, any lack of organizational efficiency within the architect's practice is reflected quite clearly in his activities during the "supervisory" stage, especially if the time expended is compared with the one-third proportion of the total fee, as laid down in the Scale. In point of fact, his time and effort at this stage, if the work is to be properly supervised and administered, can amount to a good deal more than a third of the total, and it is common experience that a job which has shown a profit up to the signing of the contract will often show a decided loss by the time the final settlement is complete.

Two further factors must be taken into account:

(i) Actions or counterclaims for negligence are commonly founded on allegations of faulty supervision.
(ii) Supervision and contract-administration are skills in which the newly-qualified architect has received virtually no formal education. He has to pick them up on the "learn-while-you-earn" principle—which often means at the expense of his employer or the client. In particular, it is both unfair and unwise to have him constantly making snap decisions on the site about matters which should have been settled in the pre-contract stage.

Broadly speaking, then, the whole of the architect's work must be so organized that the people responsible for site-supervision have command of the job through the existence of complete information prepared in the pre-contract stage. Furthermore, procedures must be adopted to make the inevitable tasks of co-ordination less burdensome, and to regularize those aspects of supervision for which the architect carries a heavy legal responsibility.

The following sections will show how we have applied the Information-Decision-Communication breakdown to these problems.

POST-CONTRACT STAGE—
INFORMATION

Information which should be at the disposal of the site supervisor can be divided into two categories: I. "Prior" information, *i.e.*, information available from the pre-contract stage.

II. "Concurrent" information, *i.e.*, information which is built-up as the work proceeds, providing a back-reference to the successive stages of the site-work.

It will be convenient to consider the two categories separately.

I. Prior information

The pre-contract procedure already described enables the architect to start supervision with a complete but not unwieldy set of working drawings: a specification drawn up in a form which enables all broad standards of materials and workmanship to be readily checked: and bills of quantities for reference to detailed points of specification and cost.

Problems

The main remaining problem is the old one of *availability* of information: much valuable time can be wasted in a search for the foreman's battered site-copy. Furthermore, the architect must have a consistent method of noting any amendments, which should be transferred to the office-copies of the drawings. Therefore the architect should always be able to visit the job with a complete set of drawings of his own, which he can annotate as necessary.

Solutions

We deal with this in two ways. For smaller jobs, each drawing is folded once (to 20 in. × 14 in.) and they are fixed between stiff covers to make a book of that size (Fig. 1). This is satisfactory up to about 20 drawings, beyond which it becomes unwieldy.

* See AJ January 8, 22 and 29, 1959.

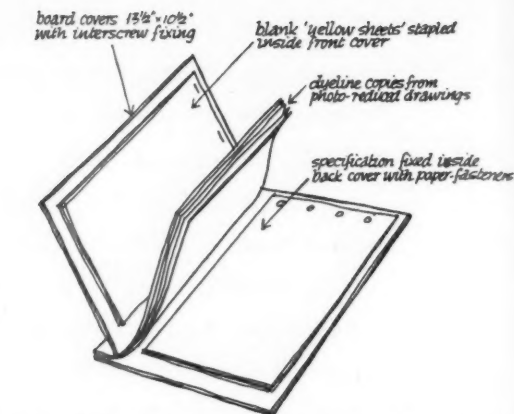
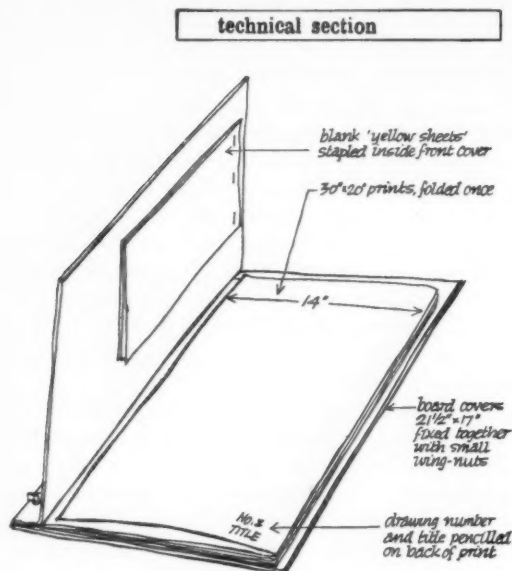


Fig. 1 (left). Large size site book for carrying folded imperial sheets. For use on small jobs. Fig. 2 (above). Small size site book for carrying photo reduced drawings. For use on large jobs.

For larger jobs we use foolscap-size prints made from photo-reduced sub-masters, and inserted, together with the specification, in a binder (Fig. 2). This is the better way and, although it is relatively expensive, the initial cost must be balanced against time saved on the site. We cannot stress too strongly that a building cannot be effectively supervised unless unnecessary obstruction and loss of architect's time on the site are cut to the minimum.

II. Concurrent information

We can assume that, as a matter of ordinary procedure, all correspondence and telephone messages are brought promptly to the notice of people concerned and are competently filed.

Apart from these, the concurrent information will consist of:

Problems

(a) Periodical record of site activities.

The architect in charge must be able to get a general picture of progress at any given minute without having to sift the memory of an assistant.

On distant jobs especially, he needs prior notification of certain stages which will require inspection.*

(b) Amendments and variations.

Recordings of amendments to drawings, etc., is essential, but will be neglected unless made easy.

Variation orders are contractually most important, but are liable to be slipshod if the method of issue is too casual or too cumbersome.

(c) Programming relative to time and cost targets.

Programmes are easily upset by architect's after-thoughts, and by his acceptance of over-optimistic promises from nominated suppliers or sub-contractors. The danger of over-running a cost target is sometimes

not apparent until it is too late to take effective counter-measures.

Solutions

(a) A periodical record of this kind is commonly required from a Clerk of Works as part of his routine duties, and a *pro-forma* of similar (although less detailed) character (Fig. 3) is used by us to record the architect's site visits. Its "official" title is "Architect's Job Record," but more commonly we refer to these *pro formas* as "the yellow sheets," since they are cyclostyled on yellow paper for easy identification.

It is a rule that blank "yellow sheets" are always taken on visits of inspection, and that they are filed as written (not typed out) so that a holograph entry can be produced in the event of dispute.

On distant jobs, there is always a danger that the contractor will fail to give timely notice of certain operations at which the architect ought to be present. The liability for failure to inspect at such times is potentially heavy enough to make it worth while to supply the contractor with a set of stamped addressed postcards carrying such messages as "Sandwich floor d.p.c. to be laid on . . . / . . . / . . . Please attend." The postcards are punched for hooking on to the "reminder board" already mentioned, as a double check on the appointments book. This procedure eliminates the more dangerous lapses in supervision.

It should be added that a contractor too lazy or disorganized to post a stamped card is unlikely to be employed again. Perhaps we ought also to point out, for the benefit of the unconverted, that a stamp is appreciably cheaper than a trunk call.

(b) Amendments may become necessary even on the best-regulated jobs, and the recording of these is greatly assisted by having the drawings, specification and blank "yellow sheets" all together on the job in a kind of book, as already noted. Alterations of dimension or construction are noted on the drawings for subsequent transfer to the originals. Amendments

* Important in view of the decision in a recent law case, when it was held that clause 1 (b) of the RIBA Scale (absolving the architect from constant supervision) is no defence against a negligence claim arising out of failure to inspect at a critical stage of the work.

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ARCHITECT'S JOB RECORD

JOB _____ DATE _____

ACTION REQUIRED :

VARIATION :

Fig. 3 Architect's job record form ("Yellow sheet").

of materials are noted on the specification, so that on completion it gives a true record for cost-comparison purposes. Reference to the BQ's at this stage is then normally necessary only for purposes of comparing prices when spot decisions on variations are inescapable: this saves a good deal of time.

Any procedure for issuing variation orders should take into account the fact that such an order is really a highly important piece of *correspondence*, being essential evidence in cases of dispute. Chiefly for that reason, we have rejected the method of writing orders in a carbon-interleaved book on the site: a variation order is not just a memorandum-flimsy, and its wording may need deliberate care.

Instead, we provide space at the foot of the "yellow sheet," for drafting variation orders on the site. On return to the office, the draft order is vetted by the partner in charge before turning over the sheet to a typist for filing. When she gets it, she types the word-

ing of the order into a *pro forma* letter, a copy of which is filed separately.

In this way we have, within one set of covers, not only the full information handed down from the pre-contract stage, but also a simple method of recording site-decisions and amendments, and of issuing variation orders.

(c) Programming (or, more accurately, time scheduling) of main contracts is already a well-documented subject, and the technique of programming our Scottish separate-trades contracts is rather a specialized study. We shall therefore confine ourselves here to some observations on the extent of the architect's control over several factors which upset programmes. He must first of all avoid upsetting the appletart himself by unnecessary amendments: this is a well-worn truism which we are repeating simply to emphasize the value of the studied routine of briefing and pre-planning already described.

Secondly, he must keep himself informed of the deadlines for delivery of any detail drawings which have been unavoidably held-over until this stage.

Thirdly, he must keep himself informed of the delivery periods of nominated suppliers and sub-contractors, and should check that the main contractor places these orders in time. The contractor is only too liable to lay the blame for delays upon the architect's nominees, and he may be justified if they have been chosen without proper regard to availability, or with too trusting a belief in their initial promises.

Therefore, in our view, a time-schedule which does not incorporate datelines for (a) delivery of drawings, either from architect or specialist, and (b) ordering of nominated materials or services, is, at the best, only half-effective. There is probably a good case for supplying the contractor with *pro formas* on which he must report:

1. That he has confirmed the supplier's delivery date.
2. That he has placed the order.

The danger of over-running cost targets is always present where unknown factors are present, as, for instance, on many alteration jobs. It is complicated in our practice by the necessity of checking the cost-to-date of each trade to obtain a check on the cost-to-date of the job as a whole. We are therefore changing over from the old-fashioned "contract book" to a record system which we have devised in collaboration with Shannon Systems, and which gives at a glance the *running* totals for each trade and for the job as a whole (Fig. 4).

The *card* provides, on one side, an index to the various contract amounts, with an elemental breakdown of the total price. The reverse gives our own office costs and compares them with fees: marginal panels provide for signalling the fees position at the various stages of the work, by means of coloured tags—green for "ought to be rendered," black for "rendered-awaiting payments," red for "rendered and paid."

The *overlay* provides the means of recording running totals at the date of issue of each certificate. The amount entered is *not* the amount of the certificate

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Masonry	1679	17.8	200	200	200	200	200
Carpentry	1221	0.2	200	200	200	200	200
Plumbing	188	0.10	200	200	200	200	200
Electric	160	12.4	200	200	200	200	200
Painting	280	11.4	200	200	200	200	200
Roofing	516	0.7	200	200	200	200	200
Other	108	10.3	200	200	200	200	200
TOTAL	4568.22	400	1160	1990	2140	2340	2418.22

Fig. 4. Shannon record card with overlay showing running totals for each trade.

(which can easily be checked elsewhere) but the "total certified to date." The whole total is added-up each time a certificate is issued for any of the trades: for any trade which does not receive a certificate on that date, the previous total is carried forward—in brackets, to avoid confusion.

To check the amount of any individual certificate, it is necessary to refer to the counterfoil in the certificate book. In practice we find that it is much more commonly necessary to check the cost-to-date, so we have accepted the lesser inconvenience.

The same visible record system also provides running information on our own office costs for each job, signals the stages at which our fees fall due, and gives an abstract and analysis of total costs at completion.

POST-CONTRACT STAGE—DECISION

The essential difference between drawing-board decisions and site-decisions is the element of time: in the latter case the time allowed for the decision may be measurable in minutes. The architect's leadership will be judged by his ability to meet this situation effectively. Failure in this respect undermines his authority and always has a destructive effect on morale, which is soon reflected in the progress of the work. For this reason, we have laid stress on the importance of making all possible decisions at the pre-contract stage.

For those which *must* be taken during construction—e.g., condemnation of bad work, or amendments due to site conditions—the "yellow sheet" is invaluable. Decisions made on the spot are recorded in the top section, and decisions or action which must be taken on return to the office are noted under "Action Required" in the middle section.

Back in the office, this "action" must be taken right away; if any part of it has to be postponed, it is transferred *before the end of the day* to a punched card and hung on the reminder-board so that the "yellow sheet" can be filed. This routine keeps the urgent

decisions constantly under the eye, and ensures that they are not shelved or overlooked.

The ability to make site-decisions swiftly, correctly and painlessly is partly a matter of temperament and will be considered further in the section on "People." For people not temperamentally endowed with this gift, the most that can be done is to systematize the process by means of such simple "drills" as we have described.

POST-CONTRACT STAGE—COMMUNICATIONS

This normally consists of:

- Any delayed or revised drawings.
- Word-of-mouth instructions.
- Correspondence.
- Routine issue of certificates.
- Variation orders.

(a) needs no comment here, apart from noting the value of the "job-book" of drawings for conveying amendments from the site to the office. (b), (c), and (d) likewise should require no amplification. (e) has already been dealt with above.

The shortness of this section is in itself a result of the closely-integrated nature of the system we have been describing, the aim of which is to leave nothing for the architect to do in the post-contract stage except to see that the work is properly done at the contract price within the time available. This ideal is not always attainable, but it is by no means as impossible as is sometimes supposed.

From this study of the architect's operations before and after the letting of the contract, it will be apparent that the systematization of a practice involves fresh thinking about the architect's functions, since they are interdependent and "streamlining" any one of them automatically means reviewing all the others.

This in turn may lead to re-examination of the rôles of the various people in the practice. We will deal with this in the next, final article.

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Church and presbytery at Glenrothes New Town, Fife

CHURCH and PRESBYTERY

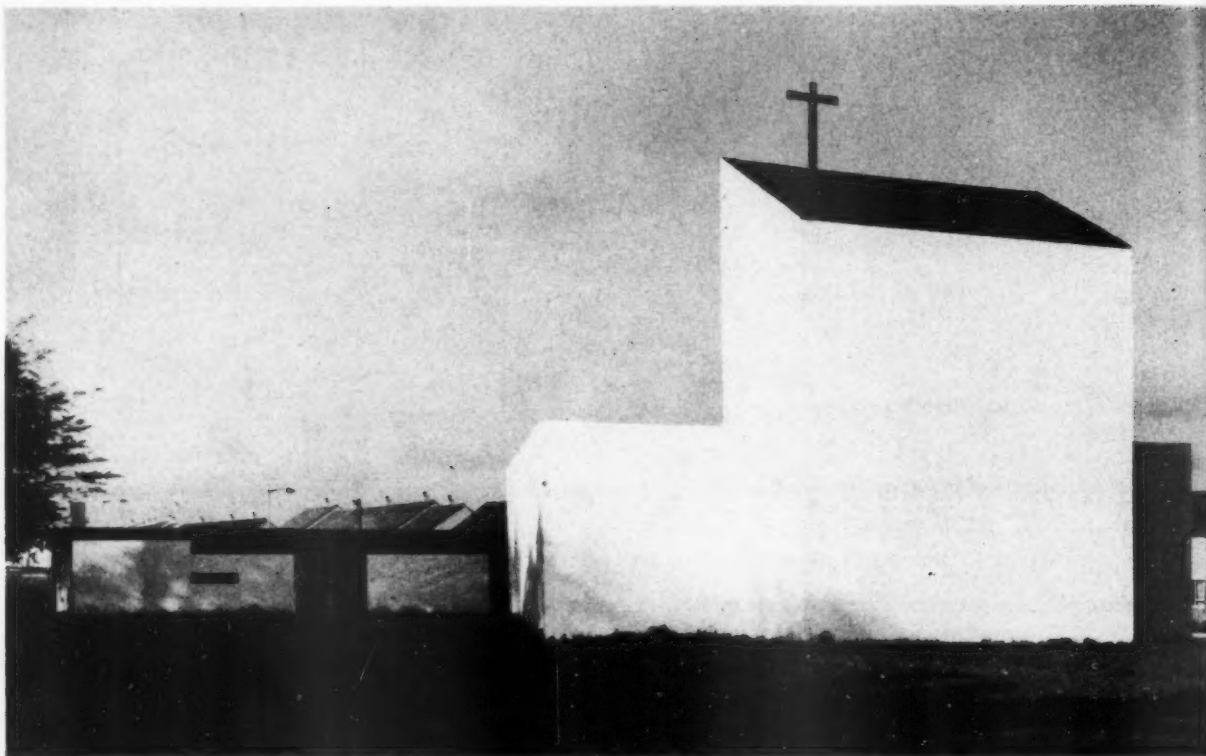
ST. PAUL'S CHURCH and PRESBYTERY at GLENROTHES NEW TOWN, FIFE; designed by GILLESPIE, KIDD and COIA; assistant architects A. MACMILLAN, I. METZSTEIN and J. COWELL; quantity surveyors MACKINTOSH and ROBERTSON

This Roman Catholic church stands on a prominent site in the New Town, which is still at an early stage of construction. It is not only by far the best building yet to be seen in the New Town (the architectural standards of which are poor), but despite certain mannerisms is probably the most successful modern church to be built on this side of the English Channel. The church will be one of the subjects of a critical article to be published later in the JOURNAL.

Viewpoint 1: the two buildings from the south-west.



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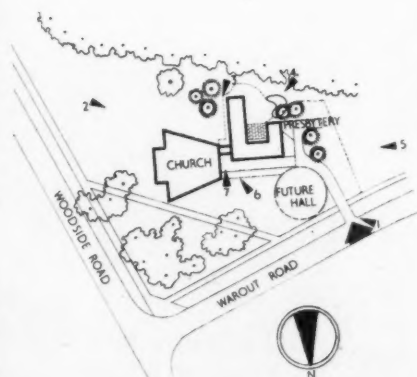
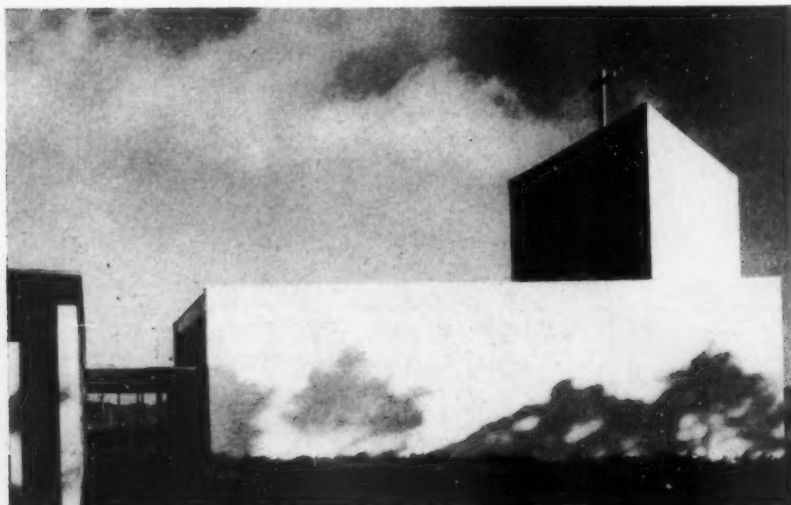


The church is trapezoidal in plan with a rectangular sanctuary built out at the wide end. These two main spaces are lit only from behind; the "nave" of the church from a completely glazed entrance wall and the sanctuary from a high concealed clerestory. Approaching the site along Woodside Road from

the east, therefore, no windows are visible and the two forms appear clear-cut against the sky (viewpoint 2, above). The roof of the sanctuary is covered with Scottish slates, with the copper rainwater gutter let into it short of the eaves in order to avoid any overhang.

Viewpoint 3, below, shows the tall clerestory window of the sanctuary and the glazed porch connecting the church to the presbytery. The clerestory has laminated timber transoms,

triangular in section to resist wind pressure, with random-spaced mullions spanning between them. It will be the subject of a Working Detail in a later issue of the JOURNAL.



Site plan showing photographic viewpoints



The presbytery, seen top left from the south-west (viewpoint 4), displays fashionable mannerisms to a greater extent than the church, where for example, "randomizing" has been confined to the sub-division of the two large glazed areas. On the presbytery, however, different window shapes, sizes and positions abound. The three windows in the long wall light the corridor of the priest's wing; the room at the end of this wing is his sitting room. Its south wall consists of a free-standing "brick sculpture" containing a fireplace, bookshelves, etc., surrounded by glazing.



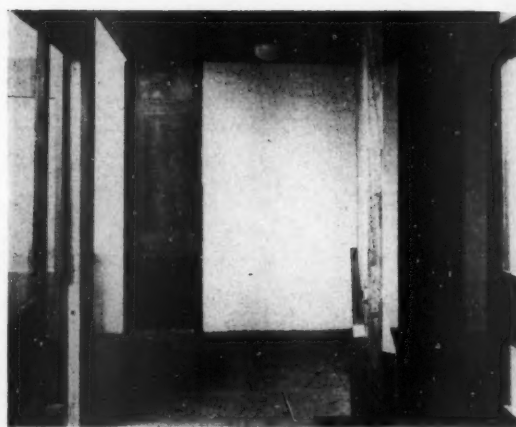
Centre left (viewpoint 5), the building group from the west. The future hall, circular on plan, will stand in the curve of the approach road on the left of the photograph.



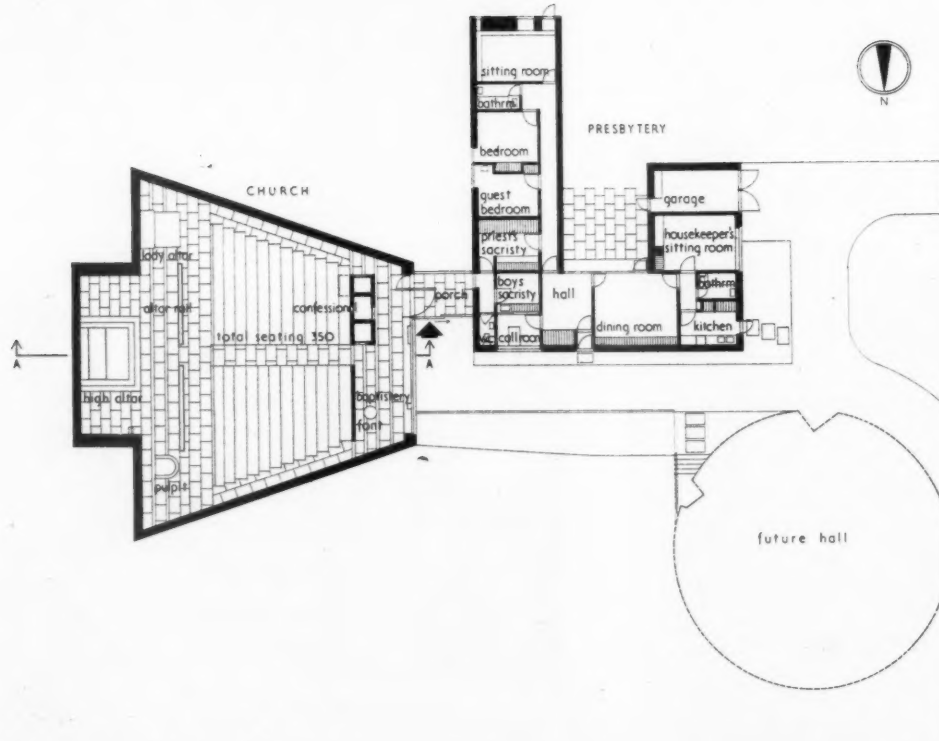
Viewpoint 6, below, shows the glazed west wall of the church; the random subdivisions are filled with painted glass. All timber exposed externally is treated with a dark stain and varnished. The north wall, on the left of the photograph, shows signs of peeling paint. This is, however, the only place where this has happened; the more exposed faces to the north-east are in good condition and it may be that this one wall was painted before it had dried out sufficiently. The painting specification is: one coat sealer, one white undercoat, one coat semi-gloss oil paint.

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Entry to the church is through the glazed timber porch (viewpoint 7, below) which has a sliding door occupying half its north side.



The porch is separated from the church by a pivoted door across its entire width, seen open, above, of solid Douglas fir boards. This door, although very heavy, runs smoothly on a floor spring and is arranged to remain open at 90 deg. The boarded ceiling of the porch is continued into the church, forming a bridge to the brick confessional (the priest's door of which is visible in the centre of the photograph).



Ground floor plan [Scale: $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1' 0''$]

analysis

CLIENT'S REQUIREMENTS

A church to seat 350 people, with high altar, side altar, baptistery and confessionals, and a presbytery for a priest and his household, including two sacristies, and a call room. A hall is to be built later.

PLANNING AIMS

The site provided by the Development Corporation, close to the town centre, is roughly triangular, bounded on two sides by roads and backed by a fine belt of mature trees. The buildings are placed on the higher part of the site and are visible from a considerable distance all round the town. They were designed to embody the relatively modest accommodation in such a way as to establish and maintain their identity although surrounded by new town housing, the character sought being that of a parish church rather than a miniature cathedral.

The presbytery has been kept low and subordinated to the church, which is dominated by a large slated tower over the sanctuary. This tower not only serves as a landmark but internally floods the high altar with light from a concealed source above, thereby heightening the ceremony of the Mass. A feature of the exterior is the absence of windows in the traditional sense; instead the main entrance wall and the face of the tower take the form of glazed screens, the degree of interest and modelling being related to their position. Attention is thereby concentrated on the liturgical elements of the building, the high altar, the font and the confessionals. The simple character of the exterior is maintained inside, where the white painted walls form a background for the movement and colour of the ceremony and set off the warm tones of the timber ceiling and seats. Natural Blaxter stone has been used for the liturgical elements, *i.e.*, altars, pulpit, font, sanctuary lamp and holy water stoup; both for its symbolic associations and to help establish the desired simple parochial character. The floor is of concrete paving slabs. The presbytery is a single-storey U-shaped building with a flat roof, presenting to the public plain facades with relatively few and small openings set in plain brick walls providing the necessary privacy and visually directing attention to the front screen and church entrance. The future hall is to be circular on plan.

SUMMARY

Ground floor area: (church) 3,050 sq. ft.; (presbytery) 1,650 sq. ft.

Total floor area: (church) 3,050 sq. ft.; (presbytery) 1,650 sq. ft.

Type of contract: Scottish National Building Code, separate trades, fixed price materials, variable wages.

Tender date: January 4, 1957.

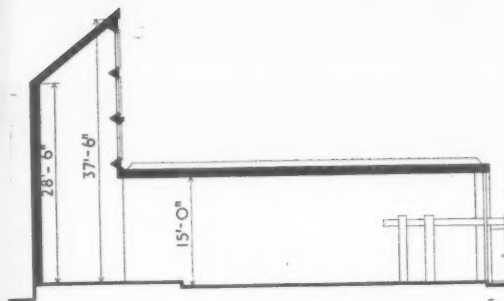
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Work finished: June 28, 1958.

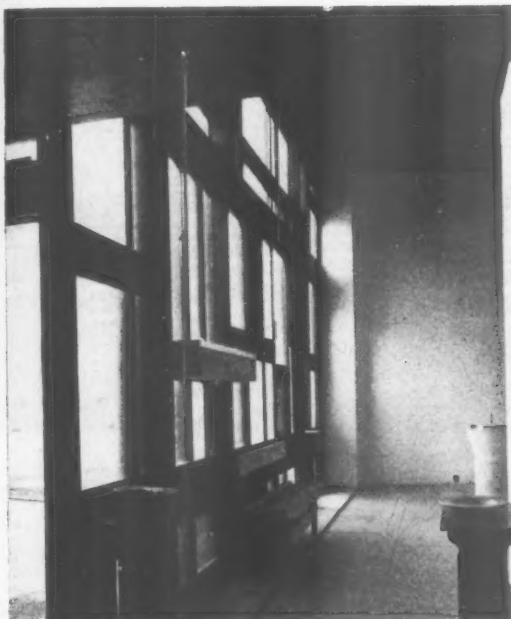
Final cost of foundations, superstructure and finishings (including all furniture): (church) £12,408; (presbytery) £7,512.

Final cost of external works: (church) £1,705; (presbytery) £788.

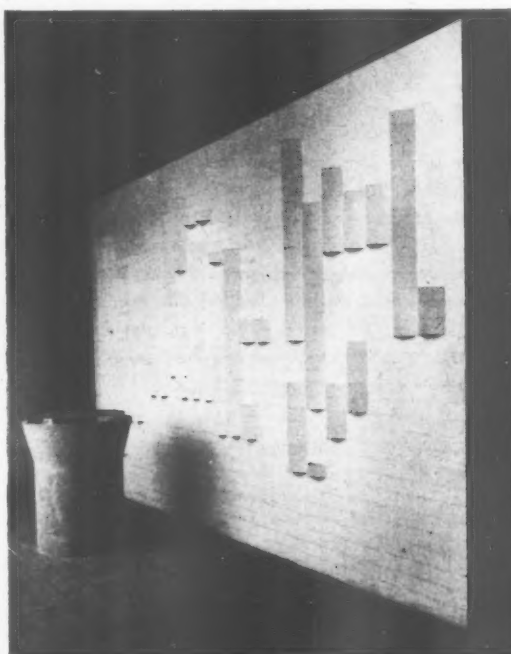
Total: (church) £14,113; (presbytery) £8,300.



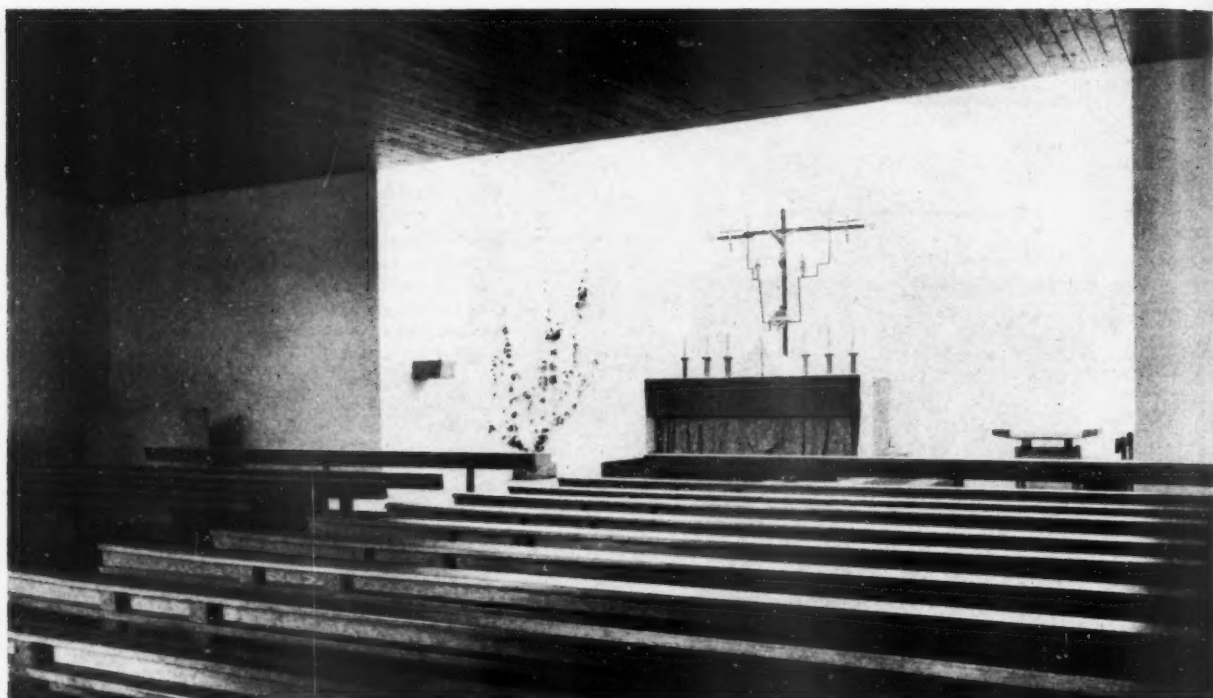
Section A-A [Scale: $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1' 0"]



Turning left from the porch, one passes into the baptistery, above, at the west end of the church and screened from the remainder of the space by a 9-in. brick wall with a random pattern of diagonally-placed bricks, below, against which the font is set.



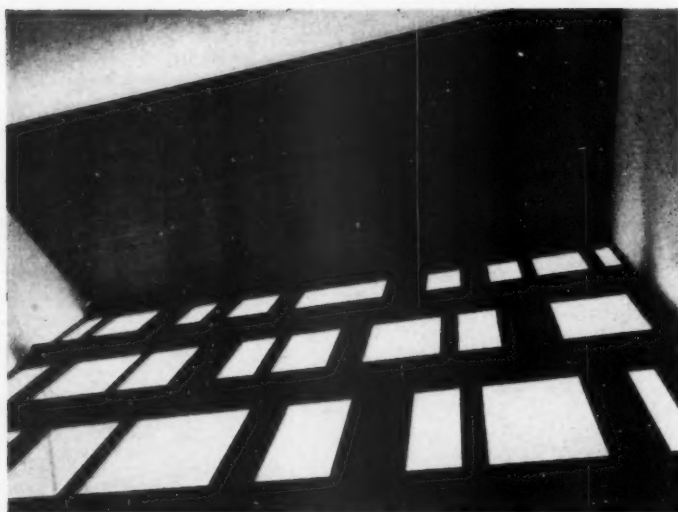
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The main church interior, above, appears shorter than it is in reality on account of the perspective foreshortening of the splayed side walls. This device brings the sanctuary apparently closer to the congregation. The blank east walls on either side of the sanctuary are used as backgrounds to the pulpit (right of photograph) and side altar (off picture to the right). The altars, font, pulpit and other important items are of Blaxter stone. The altar crucifix, extended to support symbols of the Passion and additional figures, was designed and made by Benno Schotz. Candlesticks and furniture were designed by the architects. The altar stands clear of the east wall.



Centre left, looking back from the sanctuary towards the two brick screens; the confessional to the left (which is box-like) and the baptistery wall to the right (a slab). The porch roof, reduced to half its width, protrudes as a cantilever beyond the confessional for no apparent reason. The ceiling is of Douglas fir boarding with random holes through which the church is lit after dark. The pews are also of Douglas fir and will be the subject of a Working Detail in a later issue of the JOURNAL.



Left, a view (not normally seen by anyone) of the interior face of the sanctuary clerestory window. The sanctuary is artificially lit by concealed fluorescent tubes on the fascia at the bottom of the clerestory window.

analysis

	cost per sq. ft.		Church		Presbytery	
	s	d	s	d	s	d
Preliminaries and insurances	8	0	11	6		
Contingencies: nil (not allowed for in Scottish contracts).						

Work below ground floor level	9	7½	7	7
Normal concrete strip foundations.				

STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

External walls	13	4	6	10
1-ft. 9½-in. cavity wall for church;				
11-in. cavity for presbytery, both using				
grey facing brick, painted, outside and				
inside.				
Ratio: $\frac{\text{solid wall}}{\text{floor area}} = \text{church } \frac{1 \cdot 6}{1}$				
presbytery $\frac{0 \cdot 87}{1}$				

Windows	3	7½	3	0½
Church: laminated transome beams				
with irregular centred mullions in				
Douglas fir.				
Ratio: $\frac{\text{windows}}{\text{floor area}} = \frac{0 \cdot 29}{1}$				
Presbytery: timber framed with				
standard section metal opening lights.				
Ratio: $\frac{\text{windows}}{\text{floor area}} = \frac{0 \cdot 30}{1}$				

External doors	7½	7½		
Church: solid Douglas fir boarded				
pivoted door and glazed timber sliding				
door.				
Ratio: $\frac{\text{doors}}{\text{floor area}} = \frac{0 \cdot 02}{1}$				
Presbytery: glazed timber.				
Ratio: $\frac{\text{doors}}{\text{floor area}} = \frac{0 \cdot 06}{1}$				

Roof construction	12	10½	9	9½
Church: two main castellated steel				
beams with patent plywood decking.				
Tower: 7-in. × 2-in. joists and				
sarking.				
Presbytery: plywood decking with 2-in.				
woodwool slabs.				

Glazing	8½	1	10	
Church: polished plate and painted				
glass.				
Presbytery: 24-oz. sheet glass and ¼-in.				
polished plate.				

Total of structural elements	31	2½	22	1
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PARTITIONING AND FITTINGS

Internal partitions	11½	1	10	
Church: brick partitions; area, 468 sq. ft.				
Presbytery: 1,467 sq. ft. of brick				
partitions, 62 sq. ft. of timber.				

Screens			5½	
None in church.				
Glazed timber in presbytery.				

	Church		Presbytery	
	s	d	s	d
Internal doors	2½		2	5
Church: 3 single doors of flush ply-				
wood.				
Presbytery: 15 single doors of glazed				
timber.				

Ironmongery	1	3	3½	
All Swedish, nickel silver.				

Fittings	16	5½	12	9
Church: altars, font, pulpit, stoup,				
altar rail, sedilia, credence table,				
seating for 350 people.				
Presbytery: built-in wardrobe in				
Douglas fir, drawer cupboard and				
shelving, bookcases, cupboards.				

Total of partitions and fittings	17	8½	20	9½
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FINISHES

Floor finishes	1	9½	6	2½
Church: concrete slabs with polished				
concrete slabs in sanctuary. Area,				
3,050 sq. ft. Price per sq. yd., 13s 6d.				
Presbytery: hardwood strip (1,386				
sq. ft. at 38s 6d per sq. yd); ribbed				
tiles (198 sq. ft. at 81s 9d per sq. yd.).				

Wall finishes	6	3	3½	
Church: brickwork, flush pointed and				
painted.				
Presbytery: ¾-in. cement plaster or				
facing brick.				

Ceiling finishes	10½	1	4½	
Church: 6-in. tongued and grooved				
Douglas fir boarding.				
Presbytery: 4-in. tongued and grooved				
Douglas fir boarding, ¾-in. plaster-				
board and ¾-in. plaster.				

Roof finishes	3	8½	3	3½
Church: 3-layer mineral surfaced felt				
on woodwool slabs. Area, 2,720 sq. ft.				
Tower: Scottish slates.				
Presbytery: 3-layer mineral surfaced				
felt. Area, 1,971 sq. ft.				

Decorations	8	2	2	
Church: brick walls, white emulsion				
paint; ceiling, varnished; windows,				
stained and varnished.				
Presbytery: white emulsion paint on				
plaster walls; joinery varnished				
internally and stained and varnished				
externally.				

Total of finishes	7	6½	16	3½
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SERVICES

External plumbing	1	7½	1	10
Church: 3-in. copper r.w.p.s in brick				
chases and copper gutter on tower roof.				
Presbytery: 3-in. copper r.w.p.s,				
placed within building.				

analysis

	Church		Presbytery	
	s	d	s	d
Hot and cold water installation	—		1	1
Church: nil.				
Presbytery: two storage cylinders with immersion heaters.				
Sanitary fittings	—		1	10½
Church: none.				
Presbytery:				
<i>Type of fitting</i>	<i>No. of each type</i>			
W.c.s	3			
Lavatory basins	3			
Baths	2			
Sink (double bowl)	1			
Heating and Ventilation	3	11½	3	7½
Electric floor heating in both buildings.				
	<i>Church</i>	<i>Presbytery</i>		
U of walls	0.27	0.3		
U of roof	0.25	0.25		
Gas installation	—		10½	
Mains supply to cooker point in kitchen of presbytery.				
Electrical installation	1	8	3	6
Church: tungsten, with concealed fluorescent lighting in sanctuary.				
Conduit generally with some patent copper-sheathed. A.C. power supply.				
Presbytery: mainly mild steel enamelled conduit and tungsten lighting.				
Total of services	7	3	12	9
Drainage	2	2½	2	1½
Rainwater to storm water sewer, soil and waste to street sewer.				
Other external works				
Paving, grass, tree planting.	9	0	7	5
Shillings per sq. ft. of floor area:				
Church: £12,408 (excluding external works)				
3,050 (measured inside external walls)			81s	4½d
Presbytery: £7,512 (excluding external works)				
1,650 (measured inside external walls)			91s	0½d

COST COMMENTS

Following closely on the two church analyses published on December 4, 1958, there is an interesting examination to be made here of the effect on cost of the difference in architectural approach. The following table gives a summary of costs of element groups:

	Glenrothes		Crawley		Ipswich	
	s	d	s	d	s	d
Preliminaries	8	0	6	7½	1	7½
Foundations	9	7½	7	6½	6	5½
Structure	31	2½	25	3½	32	10
Partitions and fittings	17	8½	5	5½	3	5½
Finishes	7	6½	15	0½	13	11½
Services	7	3	10	6½	8	5½
Total	81	4½	70	6½	66	9½
Sq. ft.	3,050		3,100		4,590	
Number of places	350		250		—	

Points to note when comparing:

1. Furniture and fittings in the Glenrothes church amount to 16s 5½d; these are not included in the other two analyses. Subtracting this, a figure of 1s 3d is obtained for *Partitions and fittings*, and 64s 10½d for the total.

2. The services for Glenrothes are lower than the other two, although a certain allowance should be made for the lavatory accommodation included in the nearby presbytery.

3. The basic difference of structural shape, especially of roofs, appears to have no radical effect in total cost of the structural elements although the disposition of costs between the individual elements of this section varies considerably.

4. The simplicity of finishings has a very apparent effect on cost in the Glenrothes church. The ceiling cost is particularly low for the finish provided.

The presbytery at Glenrothes, analysed separately, shows perhaps a rather surprisingly high cost in comparison with the church, especially as a number of the main forms of construction are similar. It is rather difficult to see where the additional money has been spent, although there are two finishes which are expensive compared with the church: (a) Plastering to only part of the wall surfaces accounts for 3s 3½d per sq. ft. of floor area. In the ceiling element, by deducting the cost of the Oregon pine, there results a high yardage cost for plasterboard and skim. Both these high costs for plastering might possibly be due to the form of contract, where each trade is let.

(b) Wood flooring at 38s 6d per sq. yd. compared with concrete slabs at 13s 6d per sq. yd. in the church.

CONTRACTORS

Builder: J. Ramsay Leslie. *Joinery:* J. Anderson & Sons. *Glazing:* J. Thow Ltd. *Plumbing:* Wm. Spittal & Son. *Bituminous felt roofing:* Ruberoid Co. Ltd. *Plastering:* Howie & Rougie. *Tiling:* Galbraith & Winton Ltd. *Electrical work:* Ellis & McDougall Ltd. *Painting:* A. T. Rolland Ltd. *Sanitary fittings:* Shanks. *Paints:* Sherwoods.

critical study

MINERS' SOCIAL CLUB AT NIVENSKNOWE, BILSTON, SCOTLAND



This building, designed by T. Bowhill, Gibson and Laing (associate architects) under the direction of D. D. Jack (chief welfare architect, National Coal Board, Scottish Division), is rather remarkable for several reasons:

(a) 30,000 sq. ft. of well-equipped building at a cost of a little over 67s. per sq. ft.

(b) The positive—and imaginative—contribution to miners' social welfare which it represents.

(c) The quantity and quality of decorative art, by designers in allied fields, which it accommodates.

(d) The comparatively rapid building time (one year) and apparently careful control of costs.

(e) The number and variety of facilities it includes, and the arrangement where-

by they can almost all go on at the same time.

Apart from all this, it claims to be the first building of its kind in the country. The object of the scheme is to provide a social centre for the Lothians area—within a radius of about 25 miles. Here, the industrial and non-industrial staffs of the mining industry and their families, can meet and enjoy themselves in various pursuits. The imaginative faculties of the architects engaged is surely matched by the imagination and sheer drive of those whose idea it all was in the first place. Apart from an infinite number of cigarette burns over floors and counters plus a badly damaged fountain (now restored) at the main entrance, there were signs generally of only approval and respect some



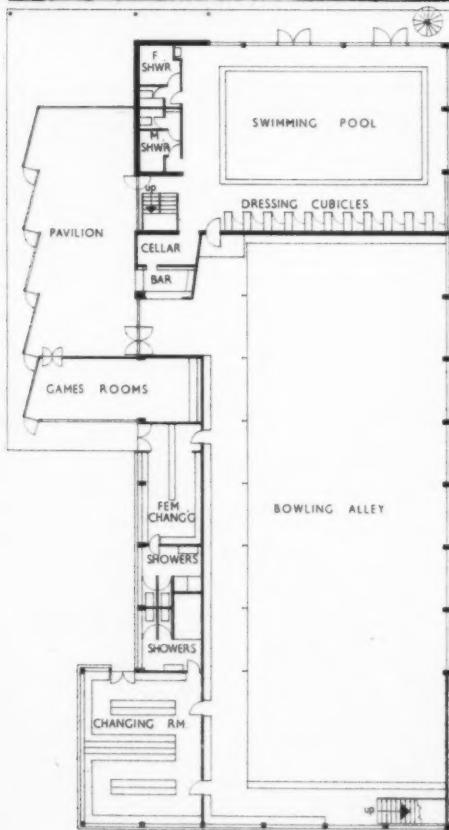
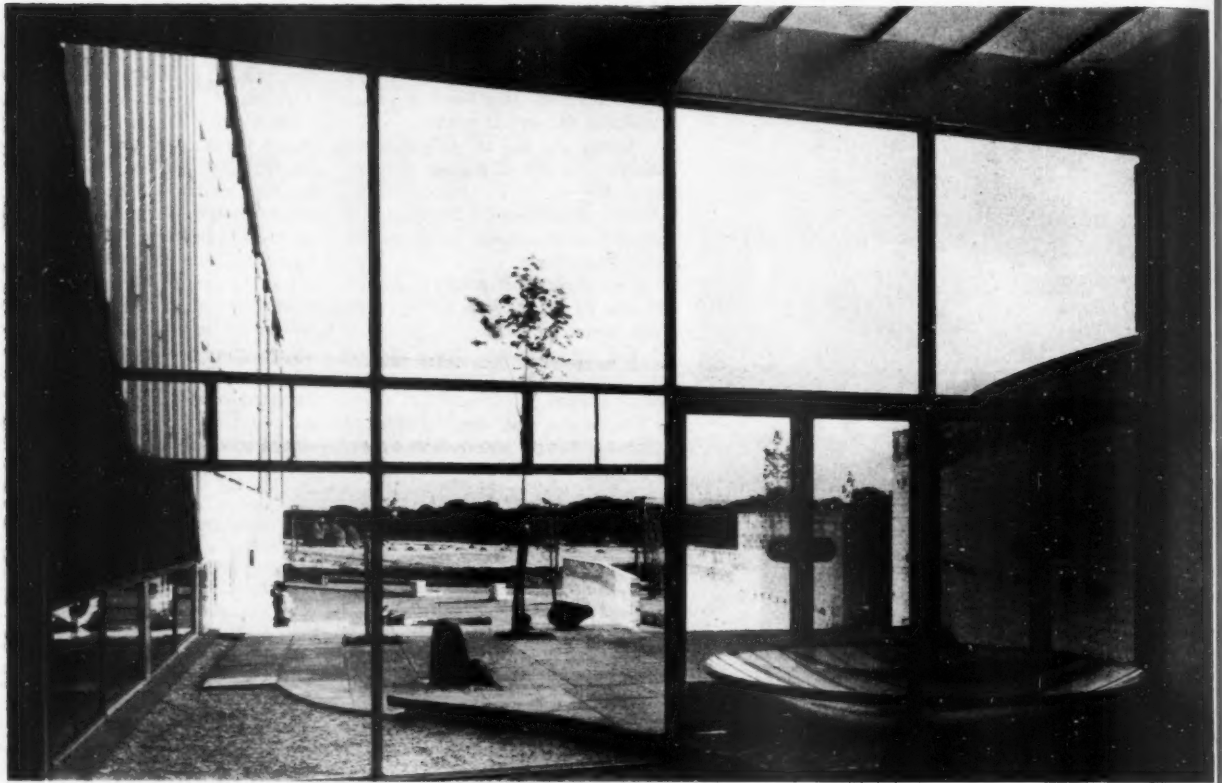
Above left, the building from the north west. Left to right: changing rooms, main hall, lavatories and committee rooms, and lounges far right. The timber cladding to the main hall is red oxide dyed, and the vertical joints covered with red cedar beads. Centre left, general view from the south west. The spandrel panels to cafeteria and lounge windows are of coloured glass. The water tank on the roof is clad with Douglas fir, and the odd-looking projection beyond houses the stair in the pro-

jection room, which was a later addition to the specification. Below, view from the south east showing main entrance and car park. This photograph also shows the kitchen entrance which is unfortunately immediately alongside the main entrance, though the high screen wall successfully separates these two on the closer approach. The small windows in the gable end of the main hall light dressing rooms, etc. Here again, several changes were made and it was apparently difficult to avoid this.



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MINERS' SOCIAL CLUB AT NIVENSKNOWE, BILSTON, SCO



Above, view to the west from the entrance vestibule. Left, the vestibule from the upper foyer level. The three wood sculptures on the right-hand wall are by Norelle Keddie.



Lower ground floor plan
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two months after the opening. Now, six months later, there are changes in behaviour almost certainly due to the nature of the architecture which many of the more cynical club members, who were vociferously doubtful early on, now appreciate very much.

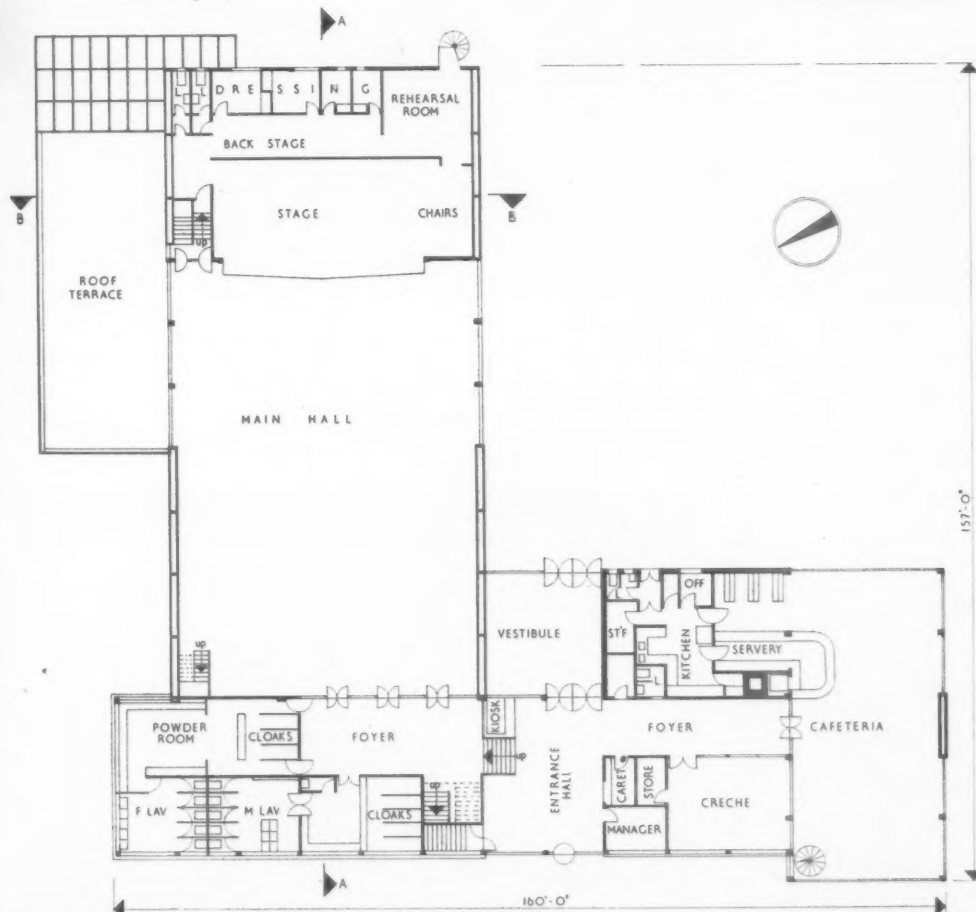
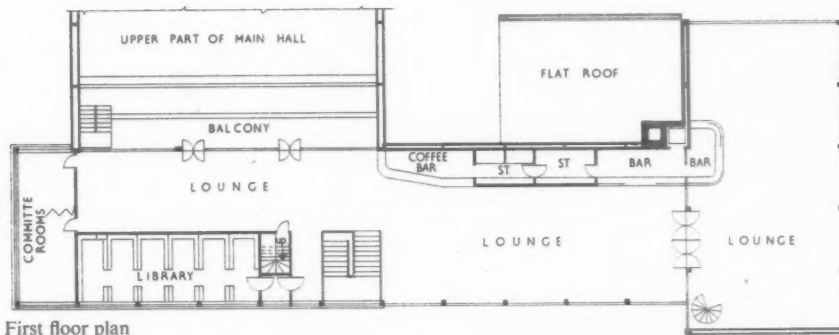
The building contains ample foyers, children's crèche, cloakrooms, cafeteria, kitchen, staff rooms, library, committee rooms, lounges, cocktail bar, coffee bar, indoor bowling alley, open-air balconies, games rooms, changing rooms, showers, swimming pool with gallery, and a pavilion (to be used in

conjunction with the playing fields) with its own bar. That in itself would be fairly good going for £100,000 but when you add an assembly hall with seating for 1,200, a properly equipped stage, dressing and rehearsal rooms, then the whole thing is hard to believe. This enterprise is the result of the joint efforts of the miners themselves and the Coal Board, together with associate architects, working so well with each other that it seems each part of that team is agreeably surprised at the outcome. General impressions vary:

"... I thought—a helluva lookin' place,

yon . . . then when it was built a bit—fascinatin' . . . y'know, Billy Butlin' come to Bilston, sort o'style. . . ." (Coal Board Official).

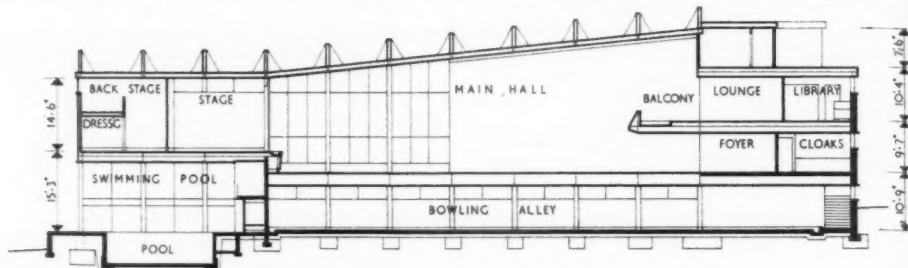
"... terrific. There's nothing like it anywhere. All the miners' doing too. Our own idea you know. . . ." (Miners' Union Official). The latter opinion was among those expressed by the Scottish Miners' President, who was also disappointed because the swimming pool was not suitable for children, nor the bowling alley (at present 2½ rinks) large enough for international competitions (3 rinks). Asked if they had directed



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critical study

MINERS' SOCIAL CLUB AT NIVENSKNOWE, BILSTON,

Section A-A [Scale: $\frac{1}{8}'' = 1' 0''$]

Above, the main lounge on the first floor, looking towards the cocktail lounge from the top of the stairs. Below left, the cocktail lounge, looking towards Norman Forrest's wood carved feature panel on the end wall. An interesting aspect of this

building is the visual emphasis given to each part of the interior by the grouping of the light fittings; in fact, the suspended lights over the window tables on the left were preferred by the architects to be at a lower level, but they were forced to raise

that this should be so, it soon became clear that no proper specification from the clients had been made in these respects. This situation, arising in what generally appears as close client-architect understanding, indicates yet again the urgent need for some kind of *pro forma* for all jobs with which many committees are concerned.

SITE: The building is some six miles south of Edinburgh and is set upon a knoll in flattish country commanding magnificent views to the Pentland Hills to the west and overlooking the mining areas to the east.

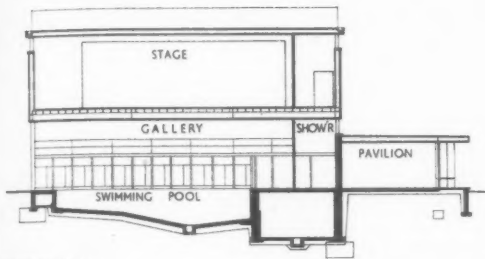
North-east of the building there will be a properly landscaped recreation ground and meanwhile landscaping is confined to the immediate environs. This aspect of the design was also handled by the associate architects and includes areas of turf, granite setts, concrete slabs, grass banking, and asphalt (over car-parking area), occasionally interrupted by brick walls (high) and stone walls (low). Transplanted trees include birch, chestnut, and plane.

CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES: The building generally is of rigid steel frame construction, with lattice girder booms carrying the roof over the main hall.

the level due to fears of their being damaged—particularly in the bar. All furnishings except the tables and chairs at the window are Danish and this applies throughout the building. Below right, a view from inside the doors of the main hall.

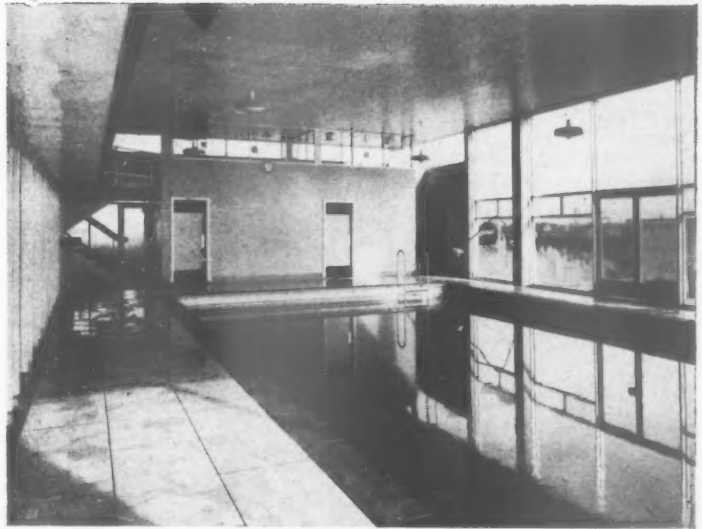


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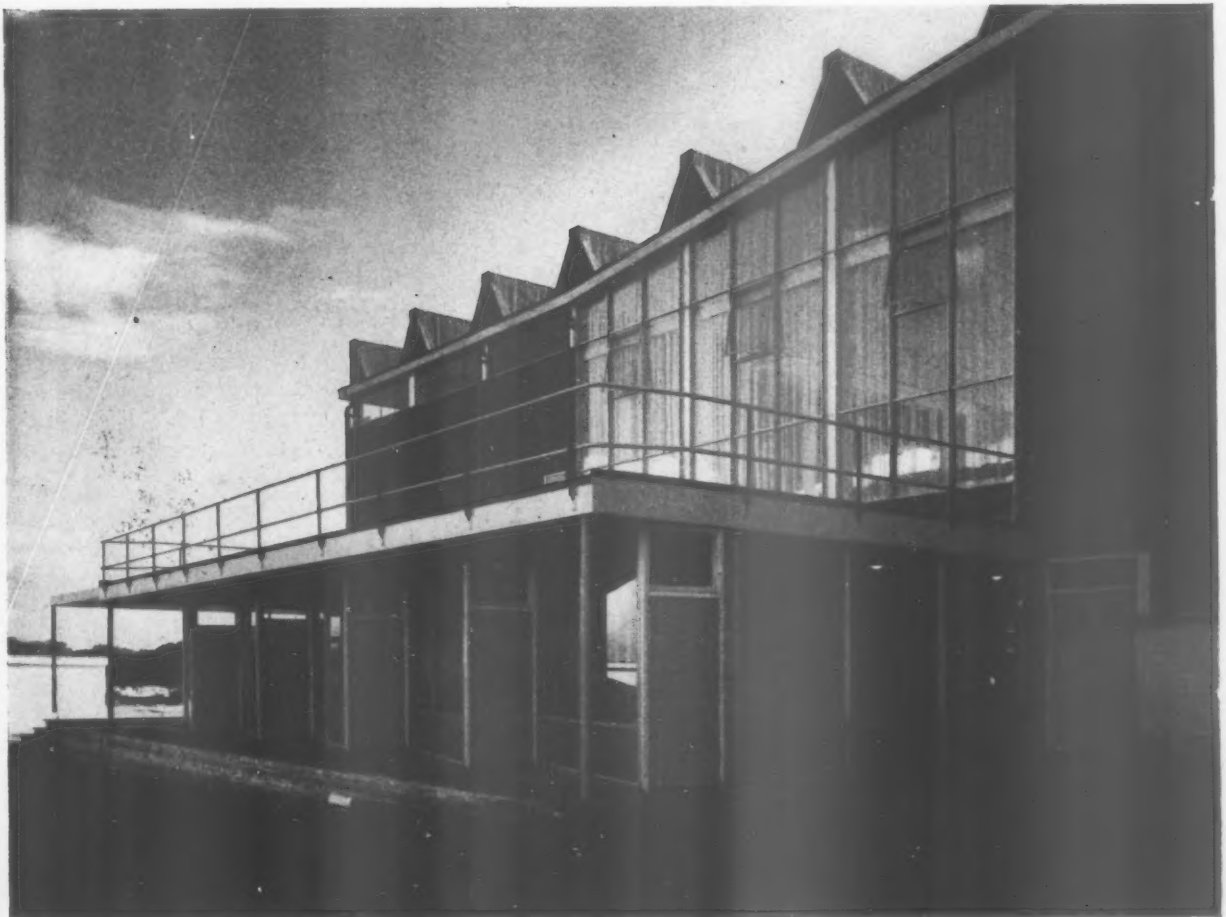
Section B-B
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Normal pad foundations are used, together with strip where necessary under brick screen walls. External walls are either of facing brick (sand lime of Scots manufacture), aluminium curtain walling with 32-oz. or $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plate glass infill, or Canadian "ranch-wall" construction with external quality plywood sheet infill. Windows are generally of aluminium with purpose-made sashes. Staircases include two small spiral stairs in steel, one simple concrete stair with grano finish over treads, and three broad beam concrete stairs with teak treads. The beams spanning 60 ft. over the main hall area are set at about 12-ft. centres, and the r.s.j.'s over the lounge wing span 30 ft. and are set at about the same centres; in both cases



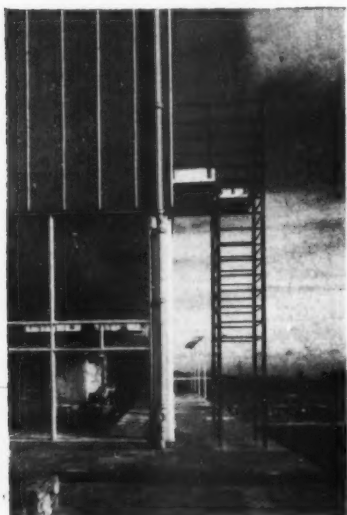
Below the stage of the main hall is the small swimming pool, above, with its own observation gallery. Below, the open air terrace over the pavilion on the north side. This terrace is directly accessible from the main hall area and can be used during intervals. The large lattice girder upstand beams over the main hall

required some lateral restraint and this is effected by light rolled steel sections running diagonally between the lower flanges of these beams and stays from the upper flanges. These stays form rather a strong triangular pattern; crinkling of the bituminous felt which covers the beams is emphasised by the sun in this photograph.



critical study

MINERS' SOCIAL CLUB AT NIVENSKNOWE, SCOTLAND: continued



the roof deck is formed with timber joists spanning the intervening 12 ft. between these beams, and built-up bituminous roofing forms the finish. Where roof lights are necessary, plastic domes are used.

Internal partitions in brick are sometimes plastered, sometimes of facing brick with raked joists. Elsewhere screen partitions are 3 in. \times 2 in. timber stud with veneered plywood panels of 5 in. \times 2 in. mahogany frames with decorated glass infill.

Heating is by low pressure hot water from a calorifier (in conjunction with an oil-fired installation) and copper flow and returns are employed generally. The lighting is 95 per cent tungsten and 5 per cent fluorescent. All kitchen equipment is electric, and the only hoist in the building is an electric lift in the kitchen area to the lounges and bars above.

FITTINGS AND FINISHES: Floors are either of wood block (about 4,500 sq. ft.), thermoplastic tile (about 3,000 sq. ft.), or terrazzo in certain restricted areas. There is also more than a thou-

Outside the swimming pool on the south-east corner of the building is a fire escape, above left, from the stage area above. This is very simply designed, and painted black and white. Left, detail of a radiator (Danish type) in Baltic whitewood paneling. Finally, below, perhaps the finest

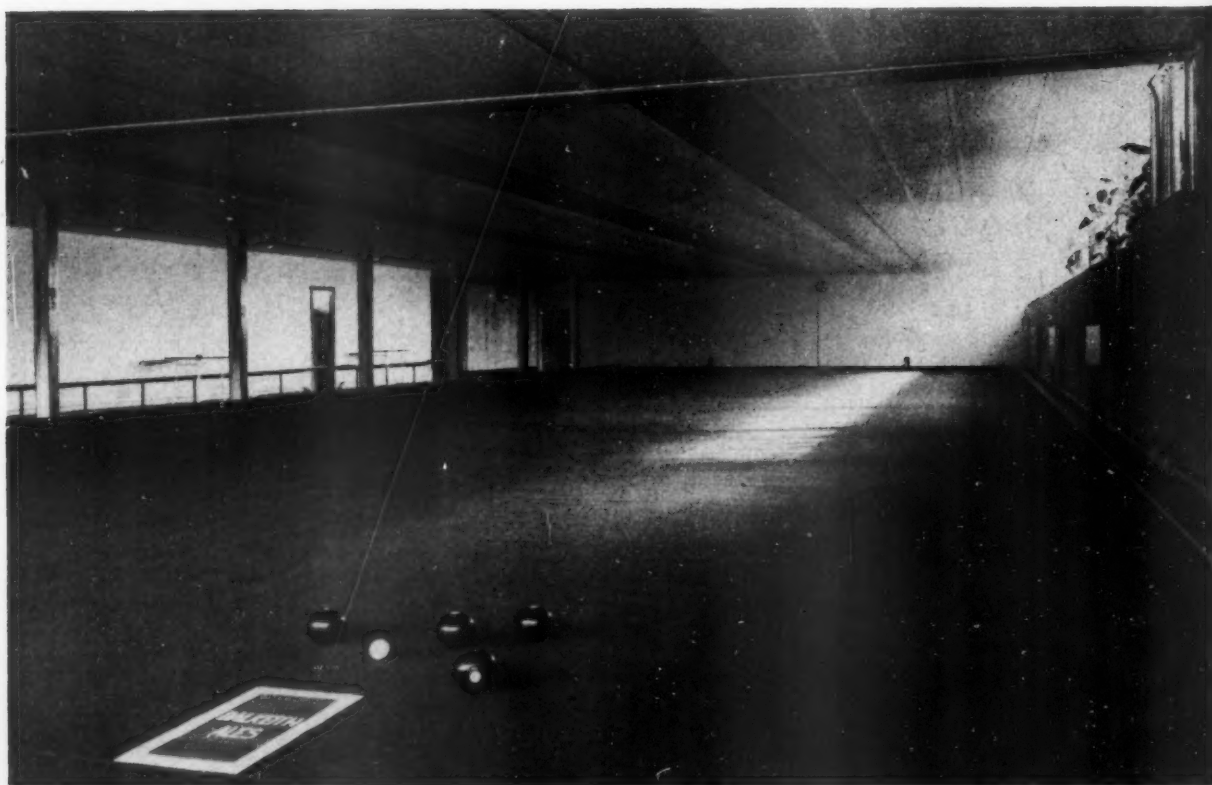
sand square feet of linoleum, and more than 10,000 sq. ft. of hardwood strip in the main hall and lounges. Ceilings are of asbestos insulation board or V-jointed timber strip.

Almost all the furniture and most of the light fittings come from Denmark.

The several pieces of sculpture, ceramic panels, decorative glass, etc., were designed and executed by a group of artists who are all connected with Edinburgh: John Lawrie and Val Rossi (associated with the Juniper Workshop) (glass and ceramic work); Norman Forrest (sculptor); and Norelle Keddle (wood, metal and ceramics).

The tender date was in May, 1957, and work began in the August of the same year and was finished in August, 1958. The partner in charge at the office of the associate architects was W. Reid; the architect in charge I. Marshall, and the assistant architect I. H. Oliver. The quantity surveyors were Thomas and Adamson, in association with J. H. Schofield, quantity surveyor to the National Coal Board. For contractors, see page 246.

room in the building. This is the bowling "green" with a floor of rubber-backed green bowling felt on building paper on grano finish, and an illuminated ceiling over. The steelwork is exposed and painted black and white, while the walls are of white-painted brick.



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GLAZED WALL: HOUSE AT DUSSELDORF

B. M. Pfau, architect (Material supplied by Barrie Sheldon)



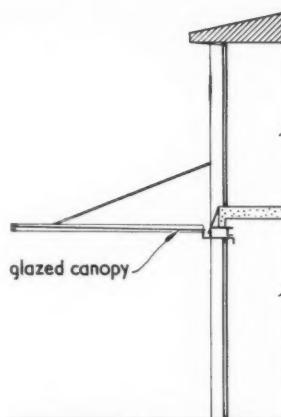
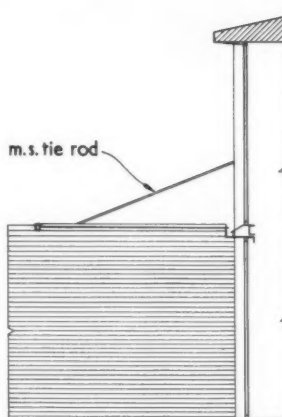
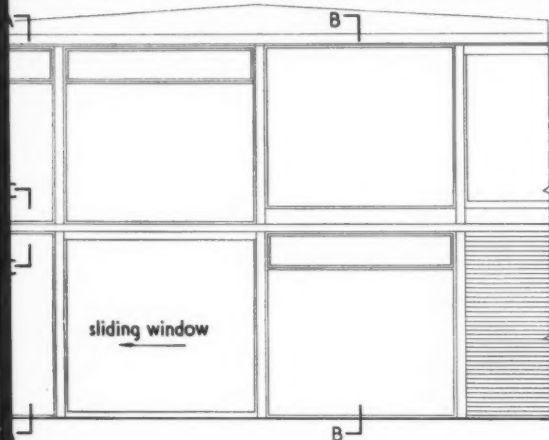
This is an unusual example of the use of steel in domestic detailing to produce an effect of extreme lightness and simplicity. Though it is barely visible in the photograph, a glazed canopy extends outwards from the horizontal member at first floor height. Within a depth of about 8 inches are accommodated the gutter for this canopy, the overhead gear for the sliding doors and the furled venetian blinds.

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WALLS AND PARTITIONS: 74

GLAZED WALL: HOUSE AT DUSSELDORF

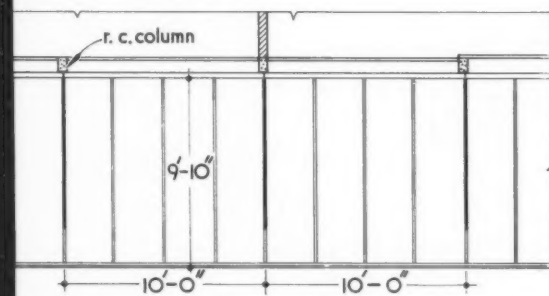
M. Pfau, architect (Material supplied by Barrie Sheldon)



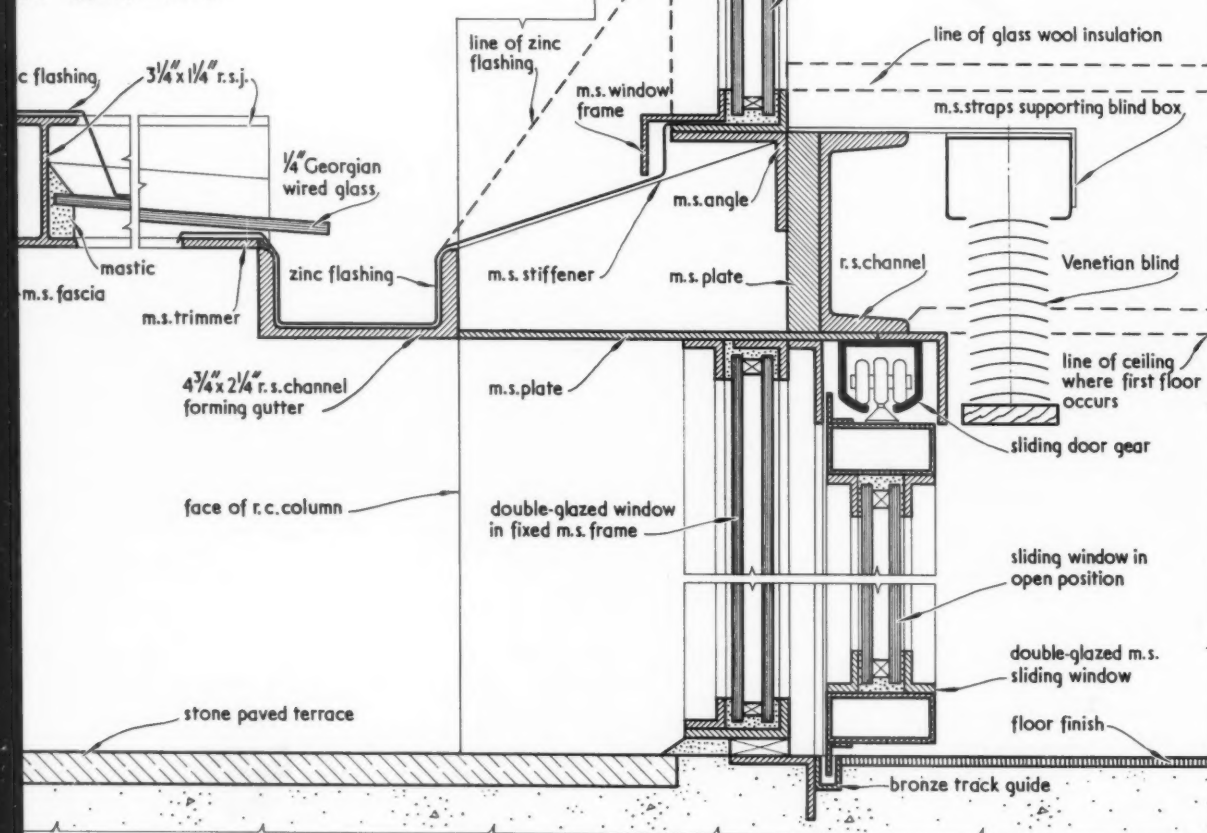
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SECTION C-C. scale $\frac{1}{4}$ full size

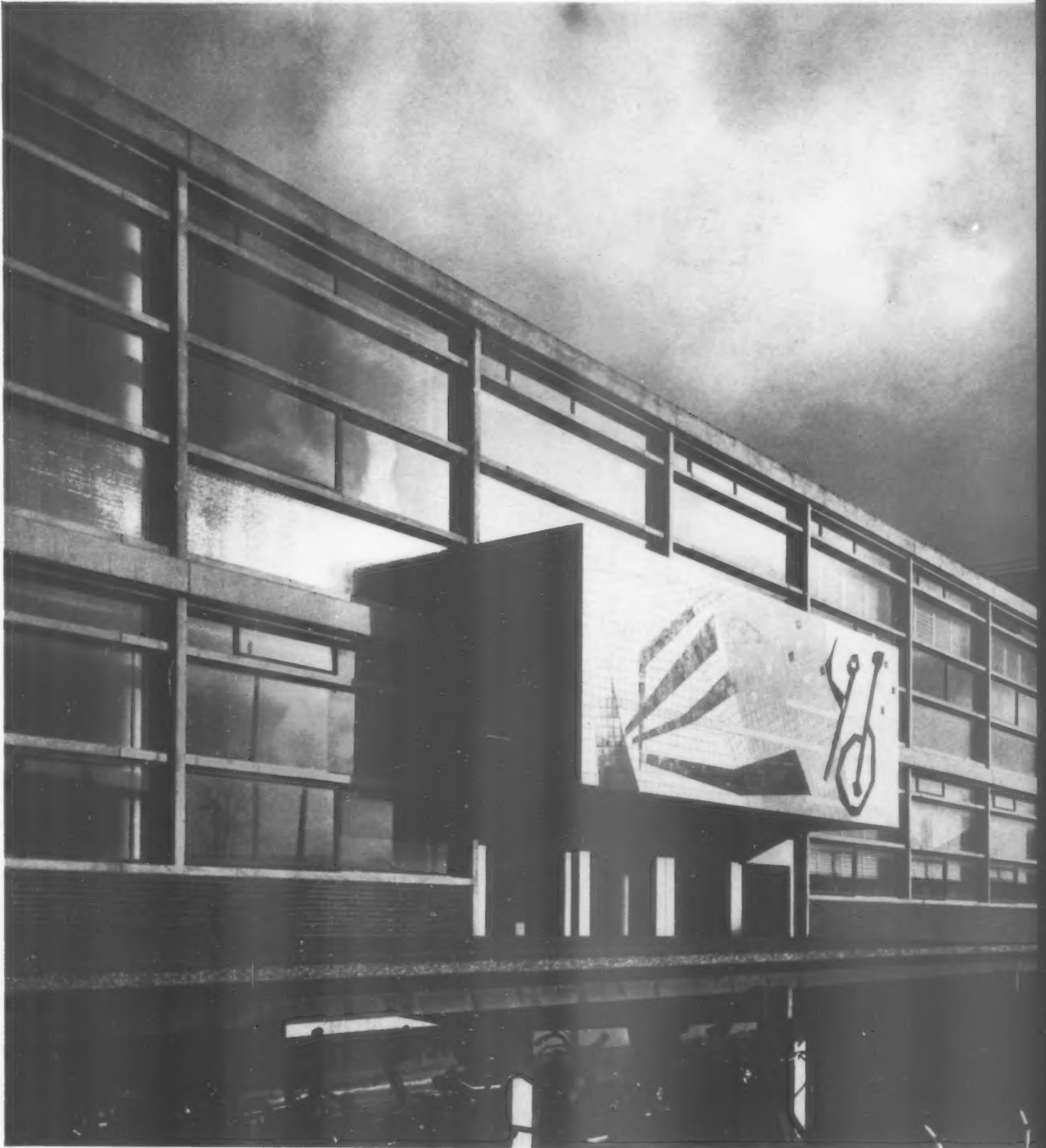
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WALLS AND PARTITIONS: 75

GLAZED WALL: TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT DELFT

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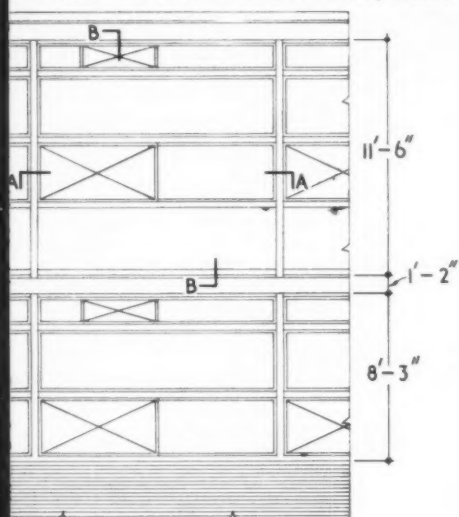
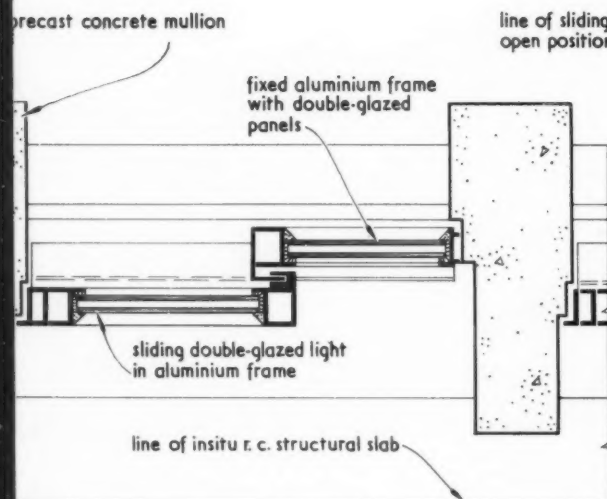
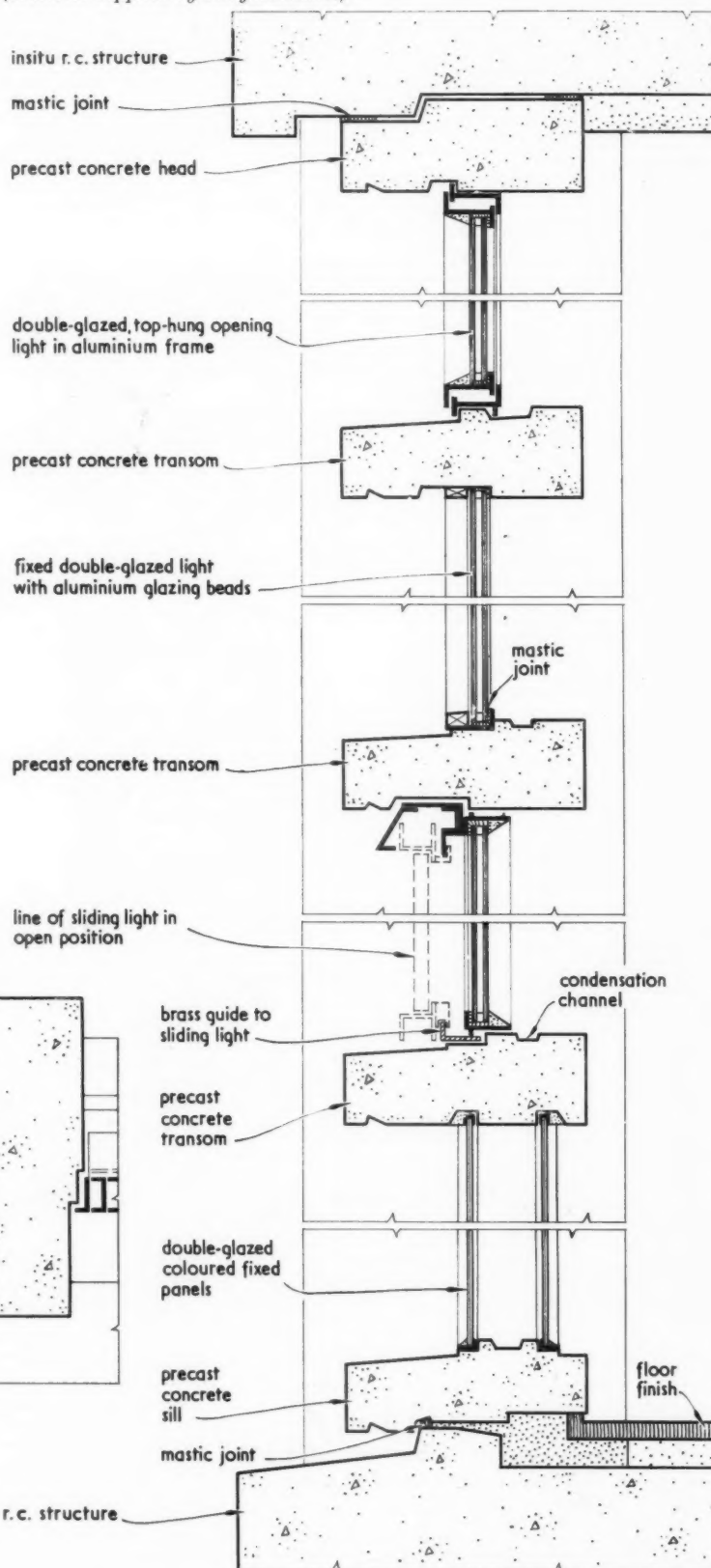
This detail shows once more the excellent use Dutch architects make of precast concrete. Notice the use of chases in the transom sections to minimise the effect of the metal frames and the detail of the horizontal sash which opens by sliding outside the fixed sash.

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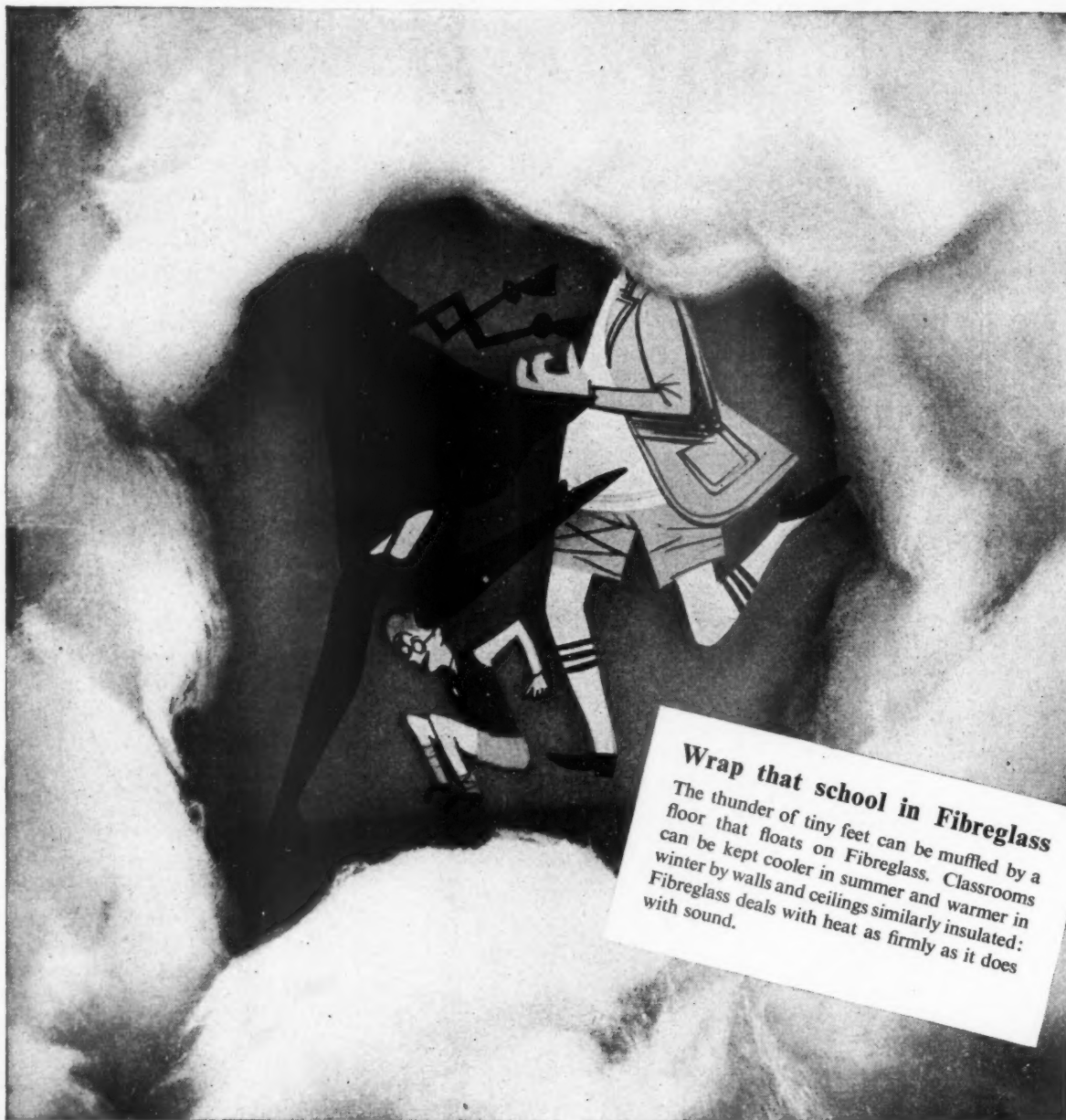
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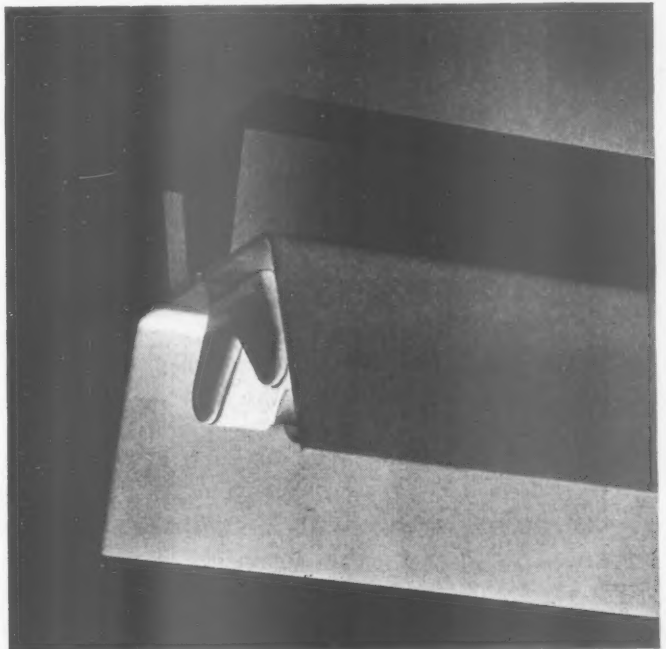


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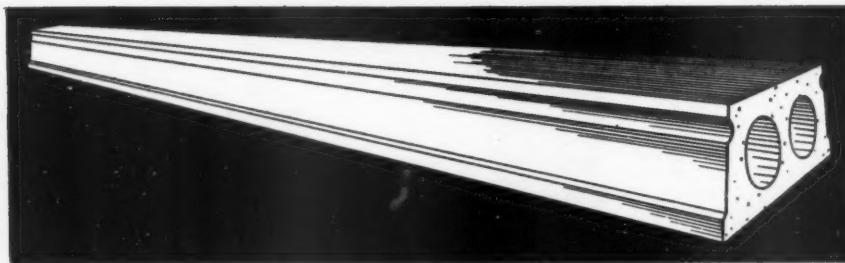
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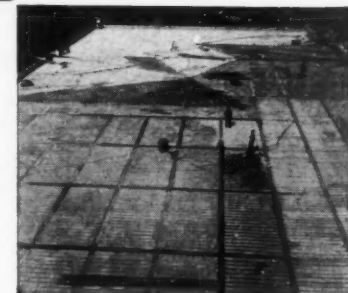
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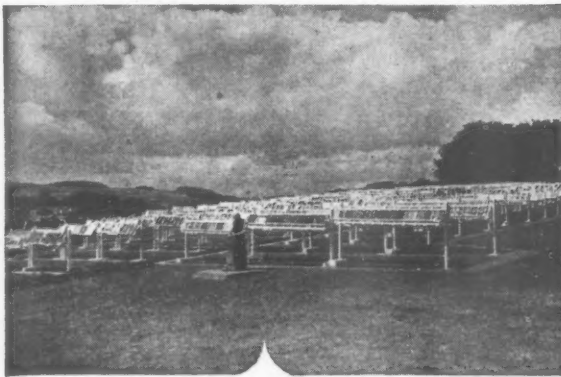
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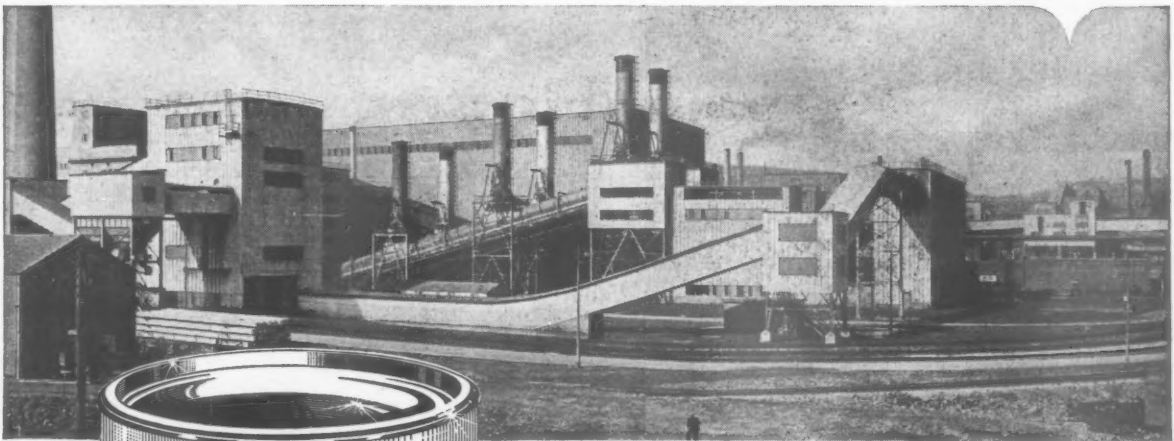
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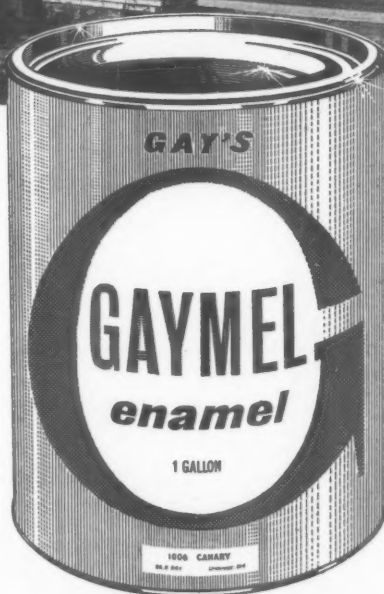
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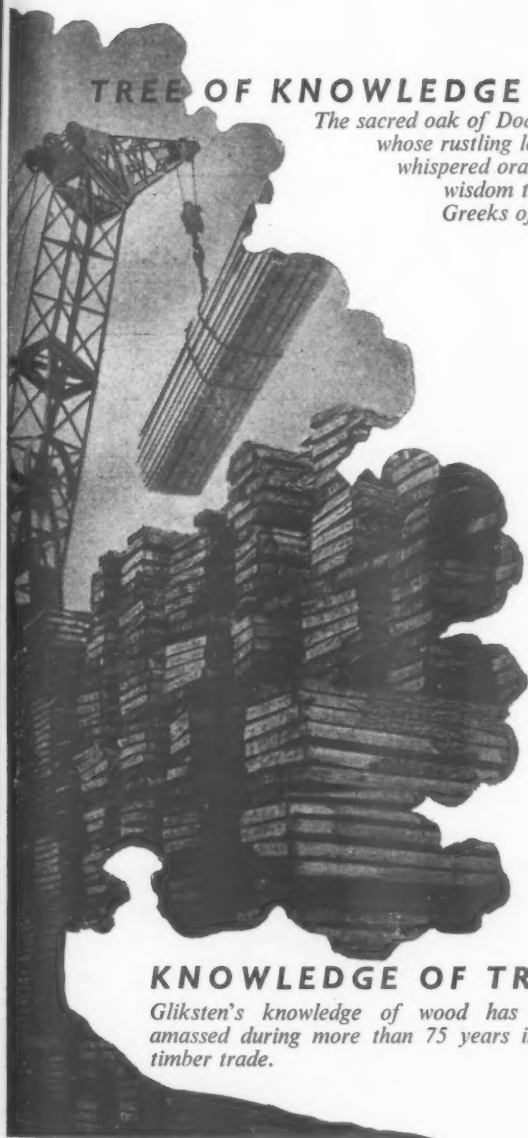
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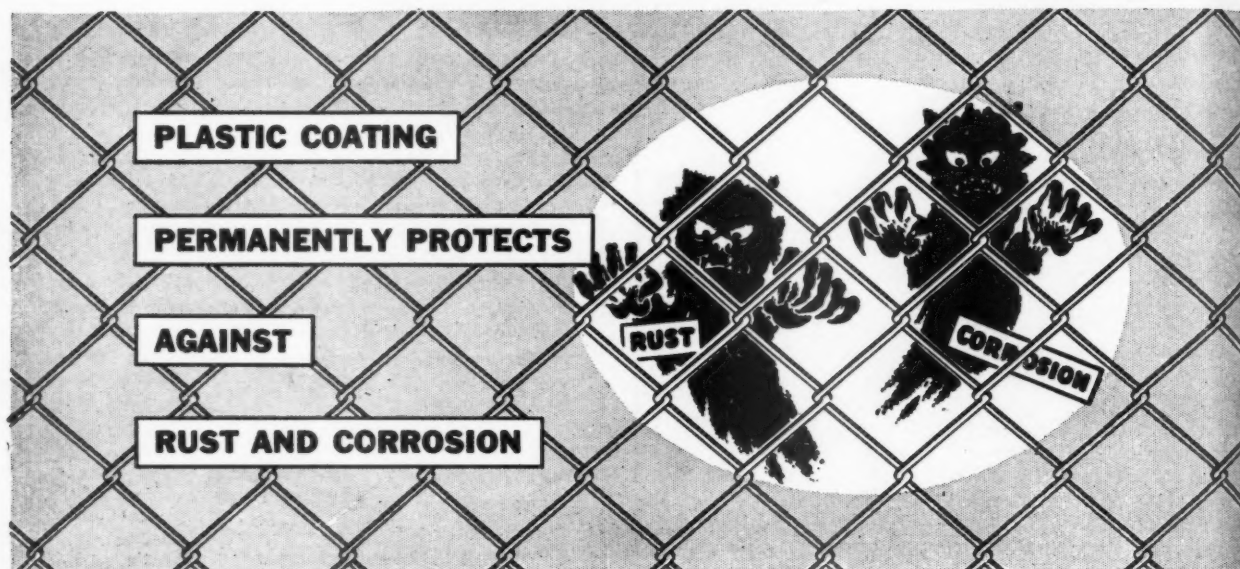
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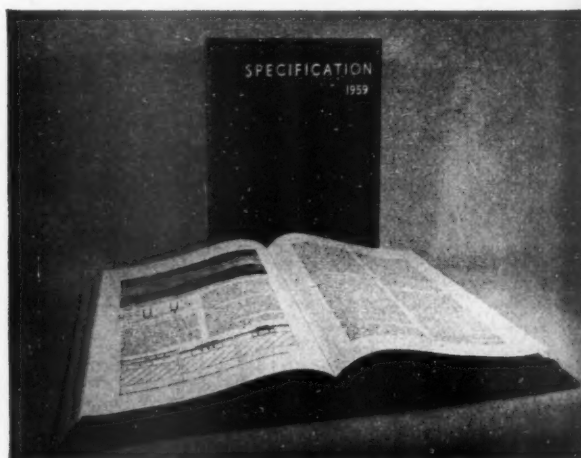
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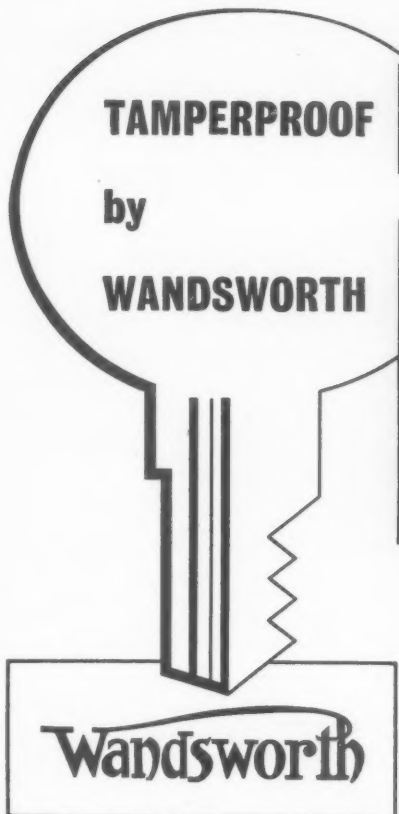


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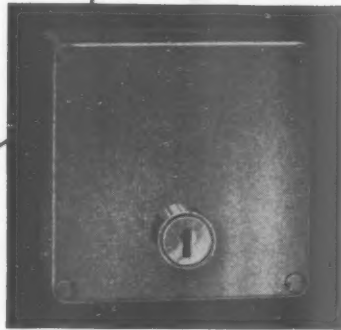
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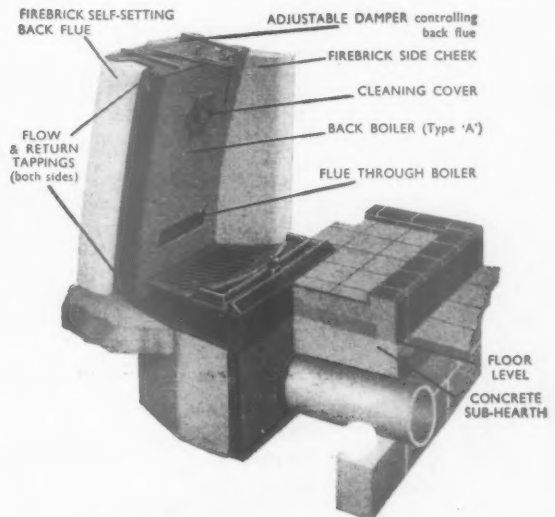
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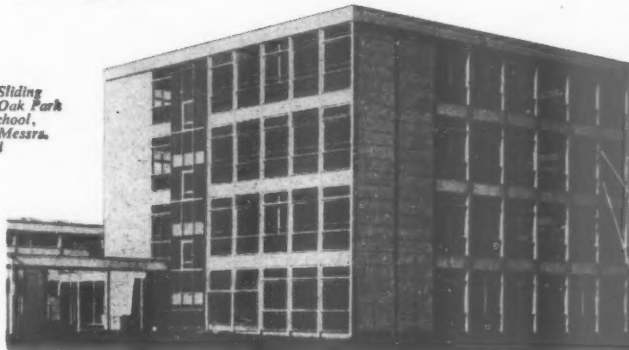
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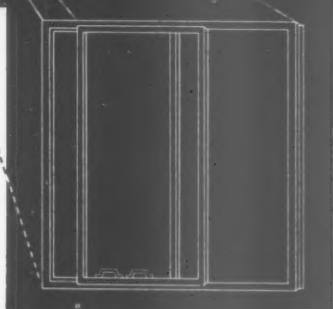
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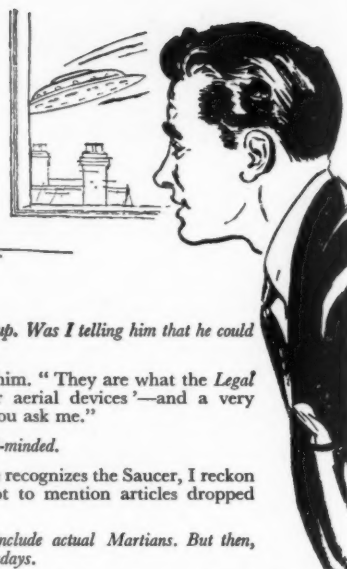
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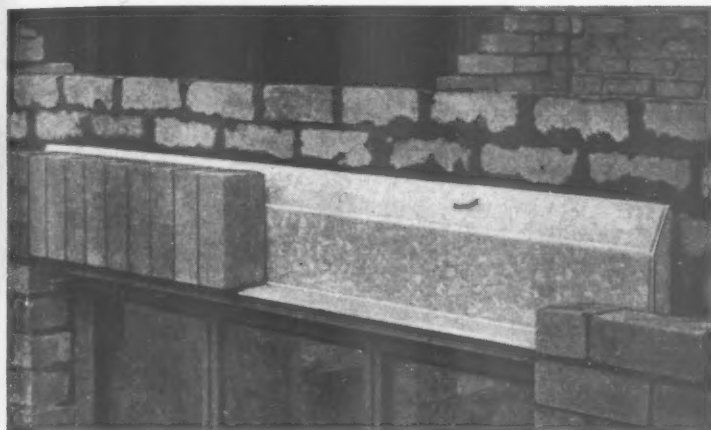
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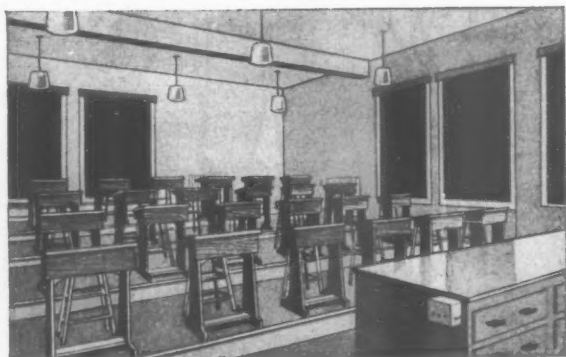
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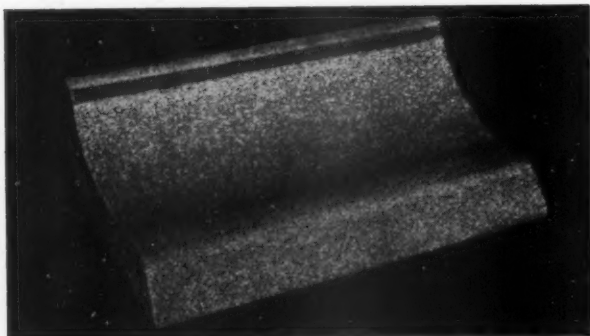
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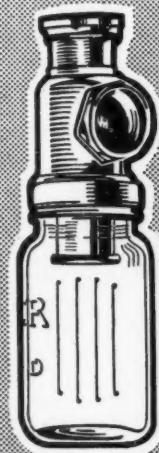
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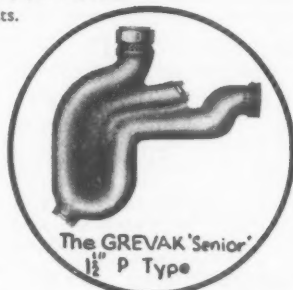
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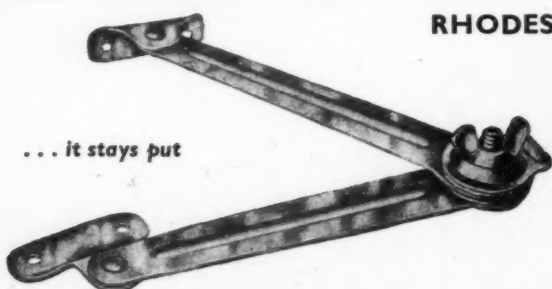
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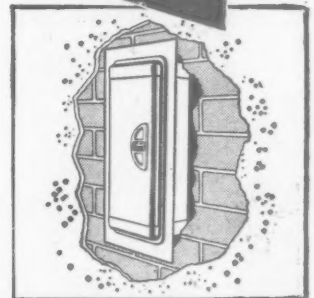
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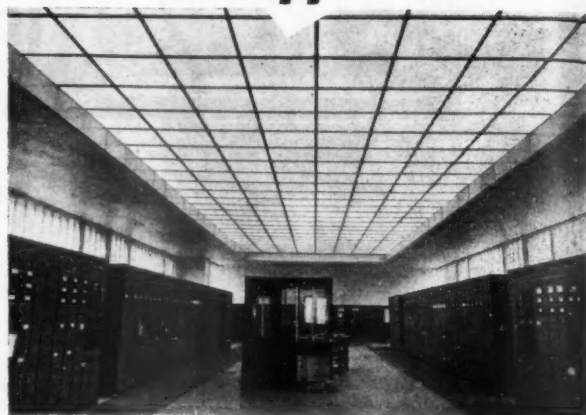
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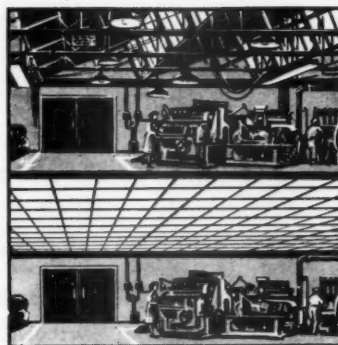
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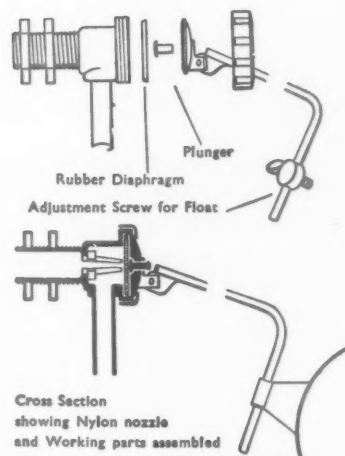
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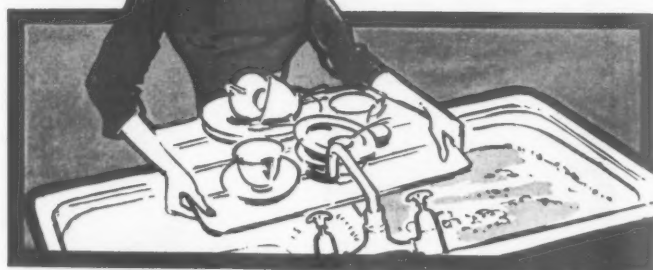
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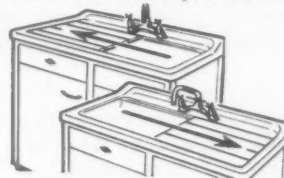
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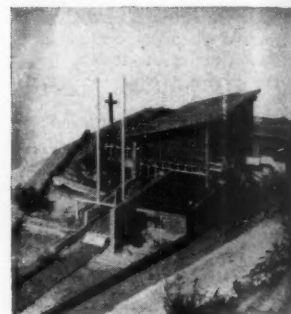


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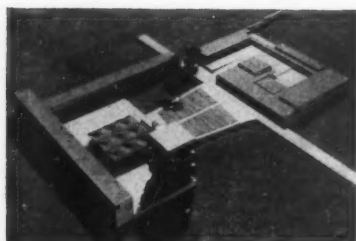
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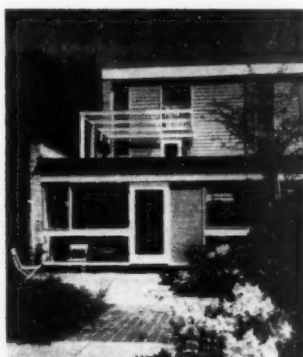
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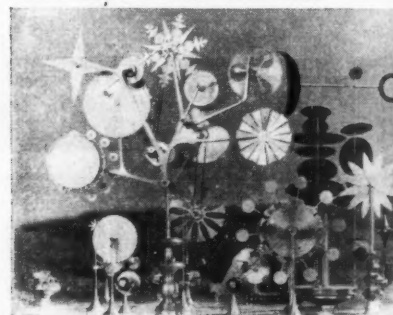


Nigerian University: Library, Arts Faculty, Administration and Students' Union buildings, and an open-air auditorium, at Nsukka, Eastern Nigeria, designed by James Cubitt and Partners, and pre-viewed in this issue.

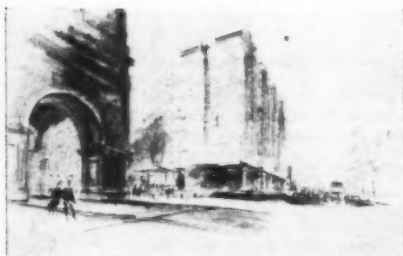


Spec and Span: this house at Teddington is among the buildings discussed in a full-dress survey of Eric Lyon's Span speculative developments by R. Furneaux Jordan.

Sun Mill: the ingenious solar toy designed by the ever-inventive Charles Eames, to dramatise the potentialities of the sun as a source of energy, a cosmic mobile.



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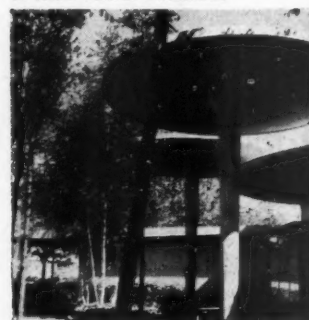


Royal College re-housed: Sir Hugh Casson's impression of the view along Kensington Gore, past the Albert Hall, to the proposed new building for the Royal College of Art. Architect: H. T. Cadbury-Brown.



High Knightsbridge: a night view of the Bowater House office block by Guy Morgan and Partners, another stage in the transformation of the London scene.

Swiss Mushrooms: entrance canopy to the Tiefenbrunnen bathing beach by Josef Schütz, an example of indivisible landscaping/architecture from Ian Nairn's article on recent work in Switzerland.



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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTH SHIELDS
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above appointment in the Borough Engineer's Department, salary in accordance with Grade A.P.T. IV (£1,025 x £50—£1,175).

Housing accommodation will be made available to the successful applicant if necessary. The selected applicant 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 Clerk.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL
ARCHITECTS' DEPARTMENT

Vacancies for SURVEYING ASSISTANTS in Building Regulation Division and District Surveyors' Service for work in connection with applications under London Building Acts, and by-laws. District Surveyors' Offices are located in Metropolitan Boroughs and work involves negotiations with developers and supervision of works in progress.

Salaries up to £260 with starting rates according to qualifications and experience.

Application form and particulars from Hubert Bennett, F.R.I.B.A., Architect to Council, EK/56/58, County Hall, S.E.1 (2282).

ADMIRALTY

Good quality ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS are required at Pinner (Middlesex) for work with Professional Architects on the preparation of designs for the following wide range of new works:—

- (a) New Housing designs and estate layouts.
- (b) All forms of single accommodation comprising sleeping, messing and recreational buildings, including gymnasias, stores, educational buildings and cinema/lecture halls.
- (c) Specialised buildings for technical equipment.

(d) Industrial buildings, stores and offices associated with H.M. Dockyards.

Facilities can be granted to those still studying for professional qualifications, but preference given to near qualified candidates wishing to obtain widest possible experience.

Salary according to age, qualifications and experience, ranges from £250/£270, and opportunities occur for promotion to Leading Grade, salary maximum £1,015. Five-day week. Annual leave 18 days rising to 22 days after 10 years' service. Appointments are temporary but with long term possibilities.

Candidates, who must be British subjects, are invited to apply in writing, giving details of experience, to Civil Engineer-in-Chief, Admiralty, Chamberlain Way, Pinner, Middlesex.

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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 (£575—£725 p.a.), the commencing point to be fixed according to qualifications and experience.

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,
Clerk of the Council.

Town Hall,
Denton, Nr. Manchester.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTH SHIELDS
PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above appointment in the Borough Engineer's Department, salary in accordance with Grade A.P.T. IV (£1,025 x £50—£1,175).

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 Clerk.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS

Required by
MINISTRY 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 £550 (scale 21) to £870 p.a. London (slightly less elsewhere).

Five-day week. 34 weeks annual leave initially. Starting pay according to age, qualifications and experience. Good prospects of promotion with salaries of £1,015 p.a. and above.

Opportunities for permanent posts leading to pensions (non-contributory).

Interviews at Regional Offices where possible.

Applicants should be of Intermediate R.I.B.A. standard. State age, training and experience to Chief Architect, Ministry of Works, Room 435, Abell House, John Islip Street, S.W.1.

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GLASGOW CORPORATION TRANSPORT
VACANCY FOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the appointment of an Architectural Assistant.

Applicants must have served a recognised apprenticeship and have had the appropriate technical education. Experience in the design of industrial buildings will be an advantage.

The salary scale will be A.P. IV (£700 x £20—£760 per annum).

Applications, stating age, experience, qualifications, etc., should be lodged with the Subscriber not later than 14 days after publication of this notice.

E. R. L. FITZPAYNE,
General Manager.

46, Bath Street,
Glasgow, C.2.

17th January, 1959.

BOROUGH OF WILLESDEN
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S
DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified 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 Special Grade (£750—£1,030 p.a.).

- (c) TECHNICAL ASSISTANT within Grade A.P.T. II (£425—£495 p.a.). (Maintenance work and improvements on schools. Intermediate R.I.C.S. (Building) is advantageous.)

London weighting, maximum £30 p.a. is payable in addition to the above salaries.

The Council is unable to assist with housing accommodation.

Forms of application and conditions of appointment may be obtained from the Borough Engineer & Surveyor, Town Hall, Dyne Road, Kilburn, N.W.6. Applications to be returned to the undersigned not later than 9 a.m. on Monday, 9th February, 1959.

When writing for application forms candidates must state for which appointment they wish to apply.

R. S. FORSTER,
Town Clerk.

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BOROUGH OF WREXHAM

Applications are invited for the appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Salary A.P.T. I (£575 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,
Town Clerk.

Guildhall,
Wrexham.

19th January, 1959.

LEEDS: CLERK OF WORKS: UNIVERSITY
OF LEEDS

Applications for appointment of Clerk of Works invited for new Westwood Student Hostel. Work on advance roads to start March 1959, and Stage 1 Building (£400,000) June, 1959. Total contract to complete over approximately five years £900,000.

Appointment will be temporary but for the duration of the contract. Commencing salary £900. No grade or fixed increment but salary to be periodically reviewed. No child allowance.

Membership of University Pension and Insurance Scheme considered after probationary period of three months.

Holidays: Two weeks plus statutory holidays. After three years, usually increased to three weeks.

Apply in writing by 12 noon, 9th February, stating age, experience, testimonials, to Jones & Stocks, F/R.I.B.A., 7, Blenheim Terrace, Leeds, 2.

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WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ARCHITECTS' DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS: Salary scale £750—£1,030.

Applications are invited for appointment of Assistant Architects from persons who have passed Parts I and II of the R.I.B.A. Final or Special Examination or their equivalent at one of the recognised schools of architecture. The successful applicants will work in teams on large projects, but opportunity will be given to men with enthusiasm and ability to design and carry out smaller projects under a Group Architect.

The appointments are on the established staff and subject to the Scheme and Conditions of Service of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities and the Local Government Superannuation Acts, 1937-1953. The Council is unable to offer housing accommodation but consideration will be given to the granting of financial assistance towards the payment of removal expenses.

The commencing salary will be determined upon the successful applicant's ability and experience.

Applications are to be on forms which can be obtained from G. R. Barnsley, F.R.I.B.A., County Architect, Shire Hall, Warwick.

L. EDGAR STEPHENS,
Clerk of the Council.

Shire Hall,
Warwick.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF BLACKBURN
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS

Applications are invited for the above established posts on the Special A.P.T. Grade (£750—£1,030).

Candidates must have the necessary qualifications and experience relative to the Grade. Housing accommodation available if required.

Application forms (from the Borough Engineer, Town Hall, Blackburn) are to be returned by Saturday, February 14th.

FRANK SQUIRES,
Town Clerk.

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NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS

Applications are invited from qualified Architects for posts within the following scales:—

- A.P.T. Special Grade (£750 x £40—£1,030)
- A.P.T. IV (£1,025 x £50—£1,175)

The work of the office includes a large programme of architect-controlled prefabricated construction, entailing continual technical development work and research into planning requirements.

Forms of application from the County Architect, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, to whom they should be returned as soon as possible.

A. R. DAVIS,
Clerk of the County Council.

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

- (a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT—salary within A.P.T. Grade IV (£1,025/£1,175 p.a.).
- (b) SENIOR ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR—salary within A.P.T. Grade IV (£1,025/£1,175 p.a.).

- (c) ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR—salary within Special Grade (£750/£1,030 p.a.).

Applicants must be Chartered Architects or Chartered Quantity Surveyors respectively, with experience in municipal housing including multi-storey flats and shopping centres.

Apply on application forms obtainable from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Civic Centre, Southampton, by Monday, 16th February, 1959.

2869

CORBY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
ASSISTANT ARCHITECT

Applications are invited for an appointment as an Assistant Architect on the staff of the Corporation's Chief Architect. The salary will be within Grade A.P.T. V (£844—£1,029) of the Whitley Council scales for New Towns Staff, and the commencing point will depend upon experience and qualifications.

The work of the Corporation offers wide experience in the design of houses, Town Centre buildings, and factories, both in large schemes and in individual buildings.

The appointment will be subject to Superannuation under the Local Government Scheme.

Housing is available and assistance will be given with removal expenses.

Applications stating age, education, training, qualifications, experience, present and past appointments and salary, together with the names of two referees, must reach the undersigned by Monday, 16th February, 1959.

R. F. BROOKS GRUNDY,
General Manager.

Spencer House,
Corby.

Northants.

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LAMRETH METROPOLITAN BOROUGH
COUNCIL requires ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS in Housing Department. Salary £725—£845 p.a., plus £20/£30 London weighting (A.P.T. II). Applicants must have passed Intermediate R.I.B.A. or equivalent and have two or three years' practical experience.

Work of department includes design and construction of housing estates, including multi-storey buildings, and conversion and improvement of older type residential property. No housing accommodation provided. Application form from Town Clerk, Town Hall, Brixton Hill, S.W.2.

Closing date: 14th February.

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS AND LAND-SCAPE ASSISTANTS experienced in preparing schemes, working drawings, specifications, and supervising contracts. Land surveying and good draughtsmanship essential. Interesting work on construction of new parks and open spaces and ancillary buildings and laying-out works at housing estates, schools and playing fields. Up to £1,090 or £860 according to qualifications and experience. Apply giving brief particulars to Chief Officer, Parks Dept., County Hall, London, S.E.1 (Waterloo 5000, Ext. 8076). (191.) 2877

COUNTY BOROUGH OF HUDDERSFIELD
BOROUGH ARCHITECT AND PLANNING OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT
 Applications are invited for the following posts:—
 (a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT—Grade A.P.T. V (£1,175—£1,325).
 (b) TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT—Grade A.P.T. I (£575—£725).

Applicants for post (a) must be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. The Department has in hand a large programme of building including a new Civic Centre. Applicants for post (b) should have experience in Development Plan survey work and development control procedure.

The posts are subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service, as adopted by the Council, and to medical examination. Housing accommodation will be made available if necessary.

Applications, with the names of two referees, to reach the Borough Architect and Planning Officer, High Street Buildings, Huddersfield, not later than Monday, 16th February, 1959. Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify.

HARRY BANN,
 Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
 Huddersfield. 2883

CITY OF SHEFFIELD
CITY ENGINEER & SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT
SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT—GRADE A.P.T. V

Applications are invited for the position of Senior Planning Assistant on the permanent staff of the City Engineer & Surveyor & Town Planning Officer (H. Foster, M.A., M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E.). The post is established in Grade A.P.T. V (£1,175—£1,325 p.a.); commencing salary will be in accordance with experience and qualifications. Candidates must possess both Planning and Architectural experience, and will be required to be Members of either the Town Planning Institute or the Royal Institute of British Architects. Superannuable post, N.J.C. Conditions of Service, Medical Examination.

Applications, stating age, education and training, qualifications, experience, present and past appointments (with dates and salaries), and quoting the names of two referees, should be submitted to the undersigned by the 27th February, 1959.

JOHN HEYS,
 Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
 Sheffield, 1. 2884

LANARK COUNTY COUNCIL
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required for County Architect's Department. Motherwell. Must be A.R.I.B.A. with office experience. Salary scale A & P. Grades VI and VII (£890-£1,025). Placing according to qualifications and experience.

In addition to large School Building Programme, work in Department embraces every aspect of building with exception of Housing. Appointments therefore provide excellent opportunity for extending experience on an interesting and varied programme.

Medical examination. Superannuation. No canvassing.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, together with names of three referees, should be lodged with County Clerk, P.O. Box 1, Glasgow, within two weeks of date of advertisement. 2828

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
ILFORD COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION

Applications are invited for the appointment to the following posts in the Education Architect's Section of the Borough Engineer's Office:—
 (a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Grade III-IV (£845—£1,175 per annum).
 (b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Special Grade (£750—£1,030 per annum).
 (c) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Grade I (£575—£725 per annum).

Plus appropriate London weighting in each case. The posts are superannuable and subject to medical examination. Commencing salaries will be fixed within the grades according to experience.

Applicants for posts (a) and (b) must be Associates of the R.I.B.A. and have suitable experience in the design and development of school buildings. Applicants for post (c) must have passed the Intermediate R.I.B.A. examination or its equivalent at a recognised School of Architecture. Applications should be made on a form to be obtained from and returned to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Ilford, together with copies of not more than three recent testimonials, within 14 days of the appearance of this advertisement. 2839

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HAM
BOROUGH ARCHITECT AND PLANNING OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT
RE-ADVERTISEMENT

Applications invited for the permanent post of SENIOR GROUP ARCHITECT: A.P.T. Grade V (£1,175 + £50—£1,325 p.a. and L.A.). Commencing salary according to qualifications and experience.

Must be A.R.I.B.A., capable of handling large and high density housing schemes and controlling staff.

Application forms and details from Borough Architect & Planning Officer, 70, West Ham Lane, Stratford, E.15, returnable by Tuesday, 24th February, 1959. 2848

BOROUGH OF GOSPORT
APPOINTMENTS OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECT AND JUNIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR

Applications are invited for the following appointments in the Borough Engineer's Department:—

(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT—Special Grade, £750 + £40—£1,030 per annum.

(b) JUNIOR QUANTITY SURVEYOR—Either Grade A.P.T. I (£575—£725 per annum) or A.P.T. II (£725—£845 per annum), according to qualifications and experience.

Applicants for (a) should have passed Parts I and II of the R.I.B.A. Final examination, and will be required to work in conjunction with low-cost housing and multi-storey development.

For (b), applicants should possess an appropriate Intermediate qualification and will be engaged mainly to assist on housing work.

Both appointments will be subject to the following:—

(i) The National Scheme of Conditions of Service.
 (ii) Medical Examination.
 (iii) The Local Government Superannuation Acts.

(iv) One month's notice on either side. Applications, giving age, full details of qualifications and experience, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should reach the undersigned not later than first post on Wednesday, the 18th February, 1959.

EDWARD ADDENBROOKE,
 Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
 Gosport, Wants. 2863

INVERNESS COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY ARCHITECT & PLANNING OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited for the following appointments in connection with the preparation and carrying out of an expanding programme of major capital works:—
 (a) SENIOR ASSISTANT TO COUNTY ARCHITECT AND PLANNING OFFICER: Salary £1,317 13s.—£1,533 19s. The successful applicant may be considered for the vacant appointment of Deputy.

(b) FOUR SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS AS SECTION LEADERS: Salary £1,025—£1,235.

(c) SENIOR AND ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS: Salary £770—£1,085.

Appropriate placing on scales will be given in accordance with qualifications and experience. For appointments under (b) and (c) housing accommodation may be made available, if required.

Forms of application from County Clerk, County Buildings, Inverness, with whom applications should be lodged by 14th February. 2859

HUNTINGDONSHIRE
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Applications are invited for the following appointments:—
 (a) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Special Grade (£750—£1,030) or Grade A.P.T. III (£845—£1,025) according to qualifications.
 (b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade A.P.T. II (£725—£845).

Further details and application forms may be obtained from The County Architect, County Buildings, Huntingdon. Completed application forms should be returned to the undersigned by Thursday, 19th February, 1959.

A. C. AYLFORD,
 Clerk of the County Council.

County Buildings,
 Huntingdon. 2868

COVENTRY
ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

(a) SENIOR GROUP PLANNING OFFICER (Development Control): N.J.C. "A" (£1,200 + £50—£1,380).

(b) PLANNING OFFICERS: Special Grade (£750 + £40—£1,030).

(c) PLANNING ASSISTANTS: A.P.T. I (£575 + £30—£725).

Additional £25 on salary up to £795 in approved cases.

Vacancies exist in Development Control, Central Area Reconstruction, Comprehensive Development Area and Redevelopment Plan and Research Sections. For (b) applicants must be qualified planners and, in Development Control Section, possess additional appropriate qualification. For (c) Intermediate qualification essential.

Appointments may be made within the grade in special circumstances. Posts permanent and pensionable subject to satisfactory medical history.

Housing accommodation in approved cases. Removal expenses loan available.

Application forms, etc., from Bull Yard, Coventry, returnable within 14 days of publication. 2862

CIVIL SERVICE—QUANTITY SURVEYORS AND ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYORS required by Admiralty, War Office, Air Ministry and Ministry of Works, in most parts of United Kingdom and occasionally overseas. Although unestablished, these posts have long term possibilities. London salaries for those suitably qualified and experienced over 25 years of age, range from £805 to £1,250 per annum. Vacancies also exist for Quantity Surveying Assistants and others having some experience in Quantity Surveying at salaries ranging from £350 per annum upwards. Write, quoting reference J.Q.S., to Room 403, M.L.N.S., Technical and Scientific Register (J), 26, King Street, London, S.W.1. 2834

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
SURVEYING ASSISTANT required for work in connection with the selection and purchase of sites and buildings for the Council's large and varied building programme.

Applicants must be experienced in the surveying of land and buildings and in dealing with site and property matters generally. A knowledge of valuation is desirable but not essential. They must have passed the Final R.I.C.S. Examination or hold a similar qualification.

Salary within scale £750—£1,030 a year. Commencing salary according to qualifications and experience. N.J.C. Conditions of Service. Further details and application forms from County Architect, Springfield, Maidstone. Closing date 18th February, 1959. 2851

THE SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD desire it to be known among practising Architects that they are considering the appointment of an ARCHITECT to be responsible for the design and erection of a new hospital at Sidcup in Kent.

Architects who wish to be considered for appointment are invited to inform the Secretary of the Board at 40, Eastbourne Terrace, W.2, and to give details of their qualifications and ability to undertake a commission of this nature. 2854

CITY AND COUNTY OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

The City Architect will be pleased to receive applications for the following vacancies in the NEW TOWN HALL SECTION of the Department:—

(i) PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Lettered Scale "A" (£1,205—£1,380 per annum).

(ii) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Division, Grade V (£1,175—£1,325 per annum).

(iii) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, A.P.T. Division, Grade IV (£1,025—£1,175 per annum).

The post of Principal Assistant Architect will involve day-to-day responsibility for the development of the design and for the preparation of working drawings for this large scheme. A high standard of design ability and an appreciation of and experience in good quality building work is essential.

Application forms and full particulars may be obtained from George Kenyon, A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., City Architect, 18, Cloth Market, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1. Applicants must state the post applied for when requesting particulars.

Closing date for receipt of completed applications, Saturday, 21st February, 1959.

JOHN ATKINSON,
 Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
 Newcastle upon Tyne, 1. 2889

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ASSISTANT FOR DESIGN SECTION—Salary £750 to £1,030 p.a.

Applicants must be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, or Associate Members of the Town Planning Institute with Design experience. Housing available at Peterlee and Newton Aycliffe, 12 miles from Durham.

Forms and further particulars from County Planning Officer, 10, Church Street, Durham. Closing date 17th February, 1959. Canvassing members of the Council is prohibited.

J. K. HOPE,
 Clerk of the County Council.

Town Hall,
 Newcastle upon Tyne, 1. 2891

BOROUGH OF EPSOM AND EWELL
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT
APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT—A.P.T. II

Applications are invited for the appointment of an Architectural Assistant on Grade A.P.T. II at a commencing salary up to £875 per annum including London weighting, according to qualifications and experience.

The Department, at present, has a considerable volume of architectural work on hand and applicants should have had experience in the preparation of plans, specifications, etc., and preference will be given to candidates holding a part of the examination leading to associateship of the R.I.B.A.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, with the names of three referees, should be sent to Mr. Colin Cobbett, A.M.I.C.E., M.I.Mun.E., Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, so as to reach him not later than Wednesday, the 18th February, 1959.

EDWARD MOORE,
 Town Clerk.

January, 1959. 2901

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN OFFICER

Applications are invited for the appointment of Development Plan Officer, on J.N.C. Grade A, at present £1,100-£1,380 per annum. The appointment will have effect from 1st April, 1959. Applicants must have experience of the administration of the Town & Country Planning Acts, particularly in relation to the preparation of Development Plans.

Applicants must be Corporate Members of the Town Planning Institute by examination and should in addition have a recognised qualification in Engineering, Surveying or Architecture. Further particulars from the County Director of Planning, Shire Hall, Nottingham, to whom applications should be submitted by 16th February, 1959.

A. R. DAVIS,

Clerk of the County Council.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECT

Applications are invited for the appointment of Architect on J.N.C. Grade A, salary at present £1,100-£1,380 per annum. The appointment will have effect from 1st April, 1959. Applicants must be Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and in addition membership of the Town Planning Institute would be an advantage. Experience in the design and grouping of buildings, the re-development of built-up areas and preparation of housing layouts required.

Further particulars from the County Director of Planning, Shire Hall, Nottingham, to whom applications should be submitted by 16th February, 1959.

A. R. DAVIS,

Clerk of the County Council.

BOROUGH OF CROSBY CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the appointment of an Architectural Assistant in the Borough Engineer's Department at a salary within the Special Grade for Architectural Assistants (£750 x £40-£1,030), according to qualifications and experience.

The successful applicant will be engaged mainly upon works of a Capital nature, including the construction of a new Swimming Bath, and some experience in such work will be an advantage. Housing accommodation will be made available upon satisfactory proof of need.

Applications on forms obtainable from the Borough Engineer at the address below must be received, suitably endorsed, as soon as possible. Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify.

HAROLD O. ROBERTS,

Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
Waterloo,
Liverpool, 22.

2905

BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL

Applications are invited for the following appointments in the County Architect's Department:—

- (a) ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR, A.P.T. V (£1,175-£1,325 p.a.).
- (b) ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR A.P.T. IV (£1,025-£1,175 p.a.).

Applicants must be Associates of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors with considerable experience in the preparation of Bills of Quantities and settlement of final accounts. The appointments are superannuable and subject to medical examination.

A weekly allowance of 25s. and return fare home once every two months may be paid for six months to newly appointed married officers of the Council unable to find accommodation.

Applications, on forms provided, must be returned by 14th March, 1959.

F. B. POOLEY,

County Architect.

County Offices,
Aylesbury.

2895

BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE ASSISTANT ARCHITECT

Special Grade (£750-£1,030); commencing salary according to qualifications and experience. The successful applicant will be engaged in the first instance on the working drawings for a new Central Library. Housing accommodation if required. Forms and particulars from Borough Surveyor, Palace Avenue, Maidstone.

T. SCHOLES,

Town Clerk.

2893

THURROCK U.D.C. (Engineer and Surveyor's Department) require ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT under Architect to the Council. Salary: A.P.T. III: £945-£1,025 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.

2824

EDINBURGH CORPORATION PLANNING ASSISTANT, A.P.T. Grade VIII (£1,005-£1,085).

Applications are invited for the above-mentioned appointment. Qualifications—Corporate membership of the Town Planning Institute, additional qualification in Architecture, Engineering or Surveying would be an advantage. Previous experience in Town and Country Planning Department of a local authority is essential. The appointment is to the permanent staff and will be subject to National Conditions of Service, Superannuation Acts, and to the passing of a medical examination. The appointment will be terminable by one month's notice on either side. Applications, stating age, qualifications, experience, present and past appointments, together with copies of two recent testimonials, should reach the Town Planning Officer, City Chambers, Edinburgh, not later than Monday, 23rd February, 1959.

2897

NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT required—good experience of design and construction necessary, preferably in hospital work. Applicants must be Associate Members of the R.I.B.A. Salary scale £700 x £25 (3) x £30 (1) x £35 (6)—£1,015 plus £20-£30 London weighting. Ref. 696.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS also required. Applicants must have Intermediate R.I.B.A. Salary scale £325 (age 21) x £20 (4) x £25 (5)—£730 plus £20-£30 London weighting. Ref. 697.

Commencing salary above minimum may be paid according to relevant practical experience appropriate to the posts. Whitley Council conditions, superannuable.

Apply, stating age, qualifications (with date) and experience, with names of two referees, to Secretary, North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, 40, Eastbourne Terrace, W.2, by 19th February, quoting appropriate reference number.

2930

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

COLLEGE OF ART AND CRAFTS BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

Principal: MEREDITH W. HAWES, A.R.C.A., A.R.W.S., N.R.D.

Director of the School of Architecture: DOUGLAS TOWSE, D.P.A.R.C. (L.R.C.), F.R.I.B.A.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING APPOINTMENT

Applications are invited for a full-time appointment for a period of one year, which combines research and teaching. The subject for study relates to the visual qualities of architecture.

Salary will be in accordance with the Burnham (Further Education) Scale 1955 (Grade A), £475 x £25-£900 plus 5 per cent.

The successful applicant will be required to take up duty on May 1st, 1959.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Principal, College of Art and Crafts, Margaret Street, Birmingham, 3 (s.a.e.).

Closing date: 23rd February, 1959.

E. L. RUSSELL,

Chief Education Officer.

2925

BOROUGH OF WALTHAMSTOW

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT

Applications are invited for the above appointment in the Borough Architect, Engineer and Surveyor's Department (F. G. Southgate, A.R.I.B.A., M.I.Mun.E., A.M.T.P.I., Borough Architect, Engineer and Surveyor) at a salary in accordance with the Special Grade A.P.T. Division (£750-£1,030 exclusive of London weighting) with the commencing salary according to experience.

Applicants must be Associates of the R.I.B.A. and have had experience of housing schemes.

Applications, stating age, qualifications, experience and present occupation, together with the names of two referees, one of whom should be the present or former employer, are to be received by the undersigned not later than noon on Friday, 20th February, 1959, endorsed "Assistant Architect."

G. A. BLAKELEY,

Town Clerk.

County Offices,

Walthamstow, E.17.

2923

29th January, 1959.

PETERLEE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPOINTMENT OF TWO ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS

Applications are invited for the appointment of two Architectural Assistants on Salary Grade £679-£811. They are required for work on industrial and housing projects and should be of Intermediate R.I.B.A. standard with office experience.

The appointments, which are superannuable, are subject to the Corporation's Conditions of Service and will be terminable by one month's notice on either side. The successful applicants will be required to pass a medical examination. Housing accommodation will be made available if required.

Applications, stating age, experience, qualifications and giving the names of two persons to whom reference may be made, should reach the undersigned not later than 12th February, 1959.

A. V. WILLIAMS,

General Manager.

Shotton Hall,

Old Shotton,

Peterlee, Horden,

Co. Durham.

2929

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Vacancies for PLANNING ASSISTANTS. Duties include investigation of development proposals, surveys, report writing, preparation of data for Public Inquiries. Starting salaries up to £860 according to experience and qualifications. Application form and particulars from Hubert Bennett, F.R.I.B.A., Architect to Council (Ref. AR/EK/11/59), County Hall, S.E.1. (186.) 2917

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL invite applications from QUALIFIED ARCHITECTS for posts in County Architect's Department which has a programme of varied and interesting jobs, including Colleges, Civic Buildings and new buildings for the various county services. Salary £750-£1,030. Application forms from County Architect, Shire Hall, Bedford, to be returned by 14th February.

2896

BRACKNELL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Applications are invited for the post of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT in the Chief Architect's Department. The salary will be in the Higher General Division which rises to a maximum of £531. Commencing salary will be determined according to experience.

Superannuation Scheme, medical examination, Housing available. Apply by 23rd February, 1959, giving age, education and qualifications, experience and appointments held (with dates and salaries), with names of two referees to General Manager (A.A.), Bracknell Development Corporation, Farley Hall, Bracknell, Berks.

2926

COUNTY BOROUGH OF WOLVERHAMPTON

APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING ASSISTANT

Planning Assistant required in the Planning Section of the Borough Engineer's Department. Salary A.P.T. Grade I (£675-£725 per annum). Commencing salary in accordance with qualifications and experience. Candidates should be good draughtsmen preferably with experience in a Planning Office.

N.J.C. conditions of service. One month's notice on either side. Medical examination. Superannuable post.

Applications, stating age, training and experience, naming two referees, to the Borough Engineer, Town Hall, Wolverhampton, by 17th February, 1959.

2924

COUNTY BOROUGH OF CROYDON

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for this appointment in the School Architect's Section from persons of the R.I.B.A. Intermediate examination standard.

Salary, commencing according to qualifications and experience, between £695 per annum and £875 per annum on a scale rising (when fully qualified) to £1,060 per annum.

Application forms from Chief Education Officer, 19, Katharine Street, Croydon. Closing date 23rd February, 1959.

E. TABERNER,

Town Clerk.

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CITY AND ROYAL BURGH OF DUNFERMLINE

DEPARTMENT OF BURGH ARCHITECT AND TOWN PLANNING OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade A.P.T. IV-V (£700-£830), 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, Abbot Street, Dunfermline, not later than Monday, 16th February, 1959.

Applicants must disclose in writing whether to their knowledge they are related to any Member or Senior Officer of the Town Council, and canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification.

Housing accommodation may be arranged for suitable applicant.

J. DOUGLAS,

Town Clerk.

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City Chambers,

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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. 2553

ASSISTANT 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 2580.

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

ARCHITECTURAL 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 must have surveying experience and a sound knowledge of construction. Work involves Surveying and Preservation of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings.

Pay between £250 and £370 per annum, according to age and experience. Five-day week, three-and-a-half weeks annual leave. Opportunities for promotion and permanency.

FEMALE LEARNER TRACERS and TRACERS are also required in these Drawing Offices. Pay for Learners, £3 10s.—£6 8s. per week; Tracers, £4 4s.—£10 10s. per week, according to age and experience.

State age, qualifications and experience to Chief Architect, Ministry of Works (F), Room 435, Abell House, London, S.W.1. 2588

ROBERT MATTHEW & JOHNSON-MARSHALL have vacancies in their London office for qualified ARCHITECTS at various levels to work on a variety of interesting projects. Apply in writing with full particulars to 24, Park Square East, N.W.1. 2729

INTERMEDIATE and Final standard ASSISTANTS required. Minimum two years' office experience. Salary according to ability. Theo. H. Birks, 38, Portland Place, W.1. LAN. 7236

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Senior and Junior, required at once. Apply by letter, stating qualifications and salary required. Martin & Martin, W. H. Ward, 106, Colmore Row, Birmingham, 3. 2756

ASSISTANT 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.

ARCHITECTURAL 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 & Weldon Ltd., Ings Lane, Castleford, Yorkshire. Salary will be by arrangement. 2734

INTERMEDIATE ASSISTANT, with several years' office experience, required. Five-day week. Salary according to ability and experience. Details of training, experience, etc. to: Felix Walter, F.R.I.B.A., 4, Raymond Buildings, Gray's Inn, W.C.1. 2736

RILEY & GLENFIELD require MALE ASSISTANT of Intermediate standard. Work: Church, industrial, housing and public house. Some general office experience is necessary. Tel. CWA. 7328. 2737

CROYDON—Experienced and competent ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required. Write, stating full particulars, to Graham Crump and Denis Crump, F.R.I.B.A., Chartered Architects, 43, George Street, Croydon. 2744

ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS for Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd. Architect's Department, 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 are supernumerary, subject to medical examination. Five-day week in operation. Applications, stating age, experience, qualifications and salary required, to: W. J. Reed, F.R.I.B.A., Chief Architect, Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd., 99, Leman Street, London, E.1. 2743

ASSISTANTS required in small but busy office in West Country. Wide variety of work. Five-day week. Please send full particulars of experience, training, etc. Salary by arrangement. Ronald Vallis, F.R.I.B.A., 6, North Parade, Frome, Somerset. 2750

ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, recently qualified men, or those near finals, required in the Architect's Department of Richard Costain Ltd. Permanent and pensionable posts. Address applications to Assistant Personnel Officer, 111, Westminster Bridge Road, London, S.E.1. 2752

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required by Sir William Halcrow & Partners for Architects' Department. Intermediate and Final standard. Salary according to age and experience. Apply, giving particulars of age, qualifications and experience, to E. J. D. Mansfield, A.R.I.B.A., Sir William Halcrow & Partners, 47, Park Lane, London, W.1. 2761

ASSISTANT for general practice. Either keen Junior or good Draughtsman up to Final standard. Ability and enthusiasm more important than qualifications. Details and availability to Saunders & Partners, 13, Queens Parade, Grimsby, Lincs. 2732

ASSISTANTS required by Mayfair Architects and Planning Consultants with varied home and overseas practice (five-day week). Telephone for appointment, Regent 2291. 2766

ARCHITECTS' Department, Groves & Whitnall Ltd., require permanent ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, £750—£800 capable of preparing working drawings and details from sketches, providing information for Q.S., writing specifications for minor works, and generally taking charge of projects to completion. Age 25 to 35 preferred. Driving licence an asset. Modern, well equipped, progressive office, small in numbers. Canteen. Contributory Pension Scheme. Applications, with maximum information, to Company Architect, Regent Road Brewery, Salford, 5. Applicants for previous post may re-apply. 2726

SCHWEPPE'S Architects Department requires ASSISTANTS of R.I.B.A. Intermediate standard. Interesting and varied work in connection with company expansion. Some travelling involved. Applicants must be resourceful and able to work with minimum supervision. Five-day week; canteen; pension scheme. Write stating age (which must be under 30), previous experience and salary required to Personnel Manager, Schweppe's House, Connaught Place, W.2. 2845

ARCHITECTS are required by the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, in the Chief Architect's Department at its Industrial Group Headquarters, Risley, Warrington, Lancashire, to work on a large building project, and be responsible for detailed design of individual buildings within the project. Close co-operation with engineering sections will be involved.

Candidates must hold the professional qualification of Associate of the R.I.B.A. or be Registered Architects. A thorough knowledge of modern building construction, specifications, costs, and contractual procedure is essential.

Salary between £1,300 and £1,740 according to qualifications and experience.

Contributory Superannuation. Staff housing scheme.

Send postcard for application form, quoting reference 2902/J41, to Recruitment Officer at above address.

Closing date: 15th February, 1959. 2841

COMPANY ARCHITECT required to take charge of Architect's Department of large firm of building and civil engineering contractors. Candidates must be capable of designing and supervising building projects from inception to completion. An interest in the use of modern materials and new building techniques would be an advantage. Apply giving full particulars of experience, qualifications, salary required, etc., to Box 2856.

MATKIN & HAWKINS require competent ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT. A responsible and progressive post. Varied and interesting programme. Good salary offered according to experience. Pension scheme available. Applications giving full particulars and salary required to Barclays Bank Chambers, Fawcett Street, Sunderland. 2890

SCHERRER & HICKS require in their London Office ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS with contemporary outlook willing to use own initiative. Salary £600 to £900. Write giving full particulars of experience and salary required to 19, Cavendish Square, W.1. 2829

LANCHESTER & LODGE urgently require an ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT meeting Final standard to assist on large and interesting University project. Write full particulars: 10, Woburn Square, London, W.C.1. 2832

LANCHESTER & LODGE urgently require a JUNIOR ASSISTANT with minimum of 2 years' experience. Write full particulars: 10, Woburn Square, London, W.C.1. 2833

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Intermediate standard, required in Architect's Department for work in connection with flat, maisonette, shop and housing developments throughout the country. Applicants must be competent draughtsmen with contemporary outlook. Good salary and prospects. Pension scheme in operation. Apply T. W. Matthews, Esq., Davis Estates Ltd., 346-350, Kilburn High Road, N.W.6. 2835

COLLINS, MELVIN, WARD & PARTNERS, require ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT for their Sheffield office. Write: 281, Glossop Road, Sheffield, 10, or telephone 29922, for an appointment. 2836

ASSISTANT required in small but busy office specialising in commercial development, about Intermediate standard but not necessarily school trained. Good prospects to keen ambitious man. Salary £650. Philip Nicolle, Chartered Architect, 53, London Road, St. Albans. 2846

SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required with good training and experience, capable of handling jobs from beginning to end. Excellent opportunities for suitable applicants. Apply in writing stating age, experience, training and salary required to J. Stanley Beard, Bennett & Wilkins, National Bank House, 101, Baker Street, London, W.1. 2855

PRINCIPAL in new practice in Ilford requires part-time ASSISTANT, contemporary outlook essential. Post might suit married woman. Write Box 2847.

JUNIOR ASSISTANT required for varied work in private practice, Croydon district. Write with age, experience and salary required to Box 2844.

BRIGHTON AND HOVE. Experienced Senior and Junior ASSISTANTS required for small office. Salaries up to £800 per annum. Box 2843.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required by London Architects, should have experience of Commercial and Industrial work and City Buildings. Salary £750 to £1,000 according to experience and ability. Five-day week, luncheon vouchers and pension scheme. Write Box JA/122, c/o 95, Bishopsgate, E.C.2. 2840

CORNISH firm requires young qualified ASSISTANT to develop and run Newquay office. Box 2850.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Intermediate/Final standard, for industrial and commercial projects. Five-day week, excellent prospects. Particulars of age, experience, and salary required to Hal Williams & Company, 43, Bedford Square, W.C.1. 2852

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS of Senior and Intermediate standard required for varied and interesting programme of work. Experience in contemporary design and construction essential. Salary by arrangement. Applications giving full details of experience to Cruickshank & Seward, F.R.I.B.A., 196, Deansgate, Manchester 3. 2853

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT with at least five years' experience required in small but busy London practice. Varied and interesting work. First-class Draughtsmanship essential. Applications giving full particulars and salary required to Box 2854.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required. About Intermediate standard, knowledge of specifications an advantage. Full particulars to D. B. Lawrence, A.R.I.B.A., 594, Southgate, Sleaford, Lincs. 2857

I REQUIRE a young architect enthusiast at once for my growing Norwich practice. Junior partnership offered as soon as able to take charge. Starting salary approximately £750. But will increase quickly as justified. Very interesting small and large jobs coming on. Car owner essential. Send full particulars. Box 2937. 2861

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT (Associate) required by private firm in Nigeria. Single man. Eighteen month tour in first instance. Passages, living accommodation and car provided. Salary according to age and experience. Box 2933.

INTERMEDIATE ASSISTANT required by Guy Morgan & Partners in their London office. Phone SLOANE 0624 for appointment. 2936

NORFOLK Office requires Single ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT of about Intermediate Standard. Experience in Local Authority Housing an advantage. Reply with details of age and salary required to Box 2935.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required for Brewery Architect's Office. Capable of proceeding from sketch stage, largely licensed houses and hotels; good knowledge of design and construction essential; previous experience in brewery work not necessary. Full details, age and salary required to the architect, Thomas Ramsden & Son Ltd., Stone Trough Brewery, Halifax. 2940

TAYLOR WOODROW require two ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS capable of producing working drawings and details. Age immaterial if experienced. Salary £800 to £1,000 p.a. Please write Personnel Manager, Taylor Woodrow Services Limited, Western House, Western Avenue, Ealing, W.5. 2940

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE firm of Architects within 30 miles of London, with a varied practice, require two qualified ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS. Five-day week, salary according to age and experience. Please write giving full particulars to Box 2861.

ONE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, qualified and two ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Intermediate standard, for Manchester firm of Architects. Write stating age, qualifications and experience to Box 2860.

NORTH & PARTNERS, Chartered Architects, Broadway, Maidenhead, have a vacancy in their Drawing Office for ARCHITECTURAL Senior and Intermediate ASSISTANT in the salary range £750 to £1,000. 2874

ARCHITECT (Chartered) required for West Midland practice with branch offices in Shropshire. Suitable recently qualified applicant. Basic salary in range £650—£750 plus share of profits. Modernised country cottage available. Apply giving full particulars. Box 2875.

ASSISTANT required to Architect and Surveyor. Some experience and good draughtsmanship essential. Apply to Herbert Cox & Gear, 2, Harpenden Road, St. Albans, Herts. 2876

TWO JUNIOR ASSISTANTS required, must be probationers of the R.I.B.A. and prepared to join an office scheme of day release for study at Hammersmith School of Architecture, for Intermediate R.I.B.A. Hare & Pert, A.A.R.I.B.A., 29, Elm Street, Ipswich, Suffolk. 2888

OPPORTUNITY for ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, preferably with school training, at least two years' office experience, to handle complete jobs, mainly domestic, with the minimum of supervision. Very pleasant office, young staff, contemporary outlook. Salary £500-£600 a year, according to ability. Write, giving details of experience, etc., to Kenneth Steel & Hadley (Colman, A.R.I.B.A.), Chartered Architects, 7, The Crescent, Taunton. 2878

TECHNICAL OFFICER required, Bristol Building Centre, to answer enquiries on building products, etc. Salary commencing £350 p.a. Apply in writing to the Secretary, Bristol Building Centre, Colston Avenue, Bristol 1. 2879

BIRMINGHAM Clifford Tee & Gale, F.R.I.B.A., require an intermediate standard ASSISTANT and a qualified ARCHITECT for interesting commercial and industrial work. Please apply to Mr. B. G. Cox, F.R.I.B.A., 4, Frederick Road, Birmingham 15. Tel.: Edgbaston 3076. 2886

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required in London and Bishop's Stortford Offices. Intermediate to Final standard. Apply: Gerald Lacoste & Partners, 241, Regent Street, W.1. 2887

YOUNG ARCHITECT required. Croydon area. Must be conversant with housing schemes and estate development and capable of working on own initiative. Survey, planning and submission of complete schemes for approval. Reference given to man with qualifications. State age, salary, experience, and if car owner. Box 2902

KENNETH SCOTT ASSOCIATES urgently require one qualified unmarried ASSISTANT to work in their Actra office and two ASSISTANTS of Intermediate R.I.B.A. standard with some office experience to work in their London Office on a hospital project. Write with full particulars of qualifications and experience to: 154, Shepherds Bush Road, London, W.6. 2907

VERNER REES, LAURENCE & MITCHELL urgently require two ASSISTANTS between Intermediate and Final. Salary by arrangement. Prospects. Ring PARK 3900 for interview or write 38, Holland Villas Road, W.14. 2906

NORMAN & DAWBARN invite applications from ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS at Intermediate/Final standard with at least three years' office experience. Salary between £750 and £900. Work mostly in London. Write to: 7, Portland Place, W.1, giving full particulars. 2904

INTERMEDIATE standard ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required. Office in Holborn area. Salary range £500/£800, dependent on experience and capability. Write Box 2903.

HAMMETT & NORTON require ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS with contemporary outlook and sound knowledge of construction to work on Hospital, Hotel and University projects. Salary £600-£900. Apply in writing giving full particulars to 29 Sackville Street, London, W.1. 2902

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Intermediate standard required, for Bath Office. Salary in accordance with experience, maximum £500 p.a. Box 2898.

ANDREW BUCHAN'S BREWERIES, LIMITED, RHYMNEY, MON. requires a SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT in their Estate Department for work on alterations to licensed premises. Applicants should be experienced in all phases of Architectural work, and should preferably be under 35 years of age. Salary £350. Superannuation Scheme. Car Allowance. Accommodation provided if required. Particulars of training, qualifications and experience should be forwarded to the Company Architect. 2914

CLYDE NAVIGATION TRUST ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS are invited for the appointment of a qualified Architectural Assistant on the Staff of the Trust.

Applicants must have several years' experience in the design and construction of industrial and office buildings. A knowledge of estimating and the preparation of specifications and bills of quantities would be an advantage.

The appointment will be initially in the salary range of £1,080/£1,280 per annum according to age, qualifications and experience. The post is pensionable and carries good prospects of early promotion to the higher senior salary grade.

The successful applicant will require to pass a medical examination and become a member of the Trustees' Superannuation Fund.

Applicants should state age, education, qualifications, full particulars of training and experience, and present salary.

Applications, which will be treated in strictest confidence, should be lodged with the Engineer, Clyde Navigation Trust, 16 Robertson Street, Glasgow, C.2. 2919

ASSISTANT required, with a sound all-round knowledge. Good draughtsman and draughtsman to fit into an office carrying out many types of work. Experience in domestic and school building essential. Write or telephone A. R. Dannatt & Son, F.R.I.B.A., 65A, Duke Street, Chelmsford 3857. 2927

LEWELLYN SMITH & WATERS require SENIOR and JUNIOR ASSISTANTS for a widely varied programme of work. Salary according to experience. Please write, stating qualifications, experience and age, to 103, Old Brompton Road, S.W.7. 2446

SHELL-MEX AND B.P. LTD. require for their Birmingham Office a fully qualified and experienced SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT for work on varied commercial projects, including Service Stations. Salary according to experience. Position will be pensionable. Excellent working conditions. Apply in writing giving full details of age, qualifications and experience to the Staff Supervisor, Shell-Mex and B.P. Ltd., 14, Bennetts Hill, Birmingham, 2. Second applications cannot be accepted. 2918

IPSWICH. ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT. Intermediate or up to Final standard, required immediately for interesting work on domestic, commercial, and hospital schemes. Salary according to experience. Applications also invited now for SENIOR ASSISTANT, to be appointed later this year; position of responsibility requiring initiative. Apply in writing with full details to Leslie & Peter Barefoot, 22, Thorofare, Ipswich. 2921

BURLES & NEWTON require JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS. The appointments offer experience and opportunity. Reply 25, Bedford Row, W.C.1. 2920

INTERMEDIATE and Final standard ASSISTANTS required. Minimum two years' office experience. Salary according to ability. Theo. H. Birks, 38, Portland Place, W.1. LAN 7236. 2932

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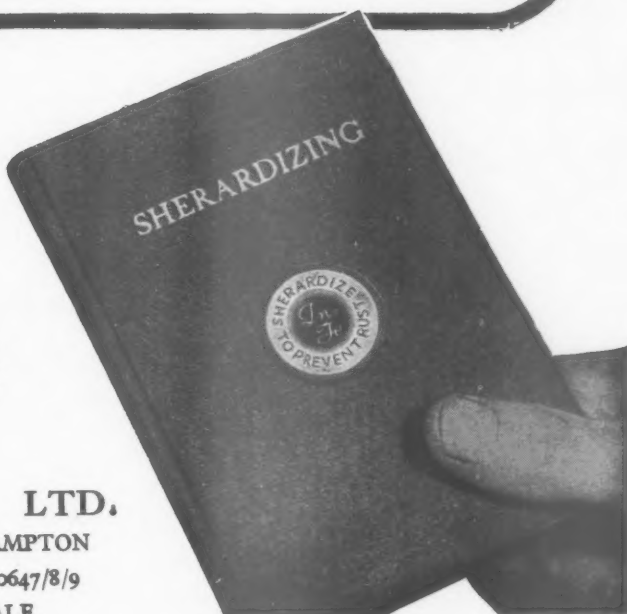
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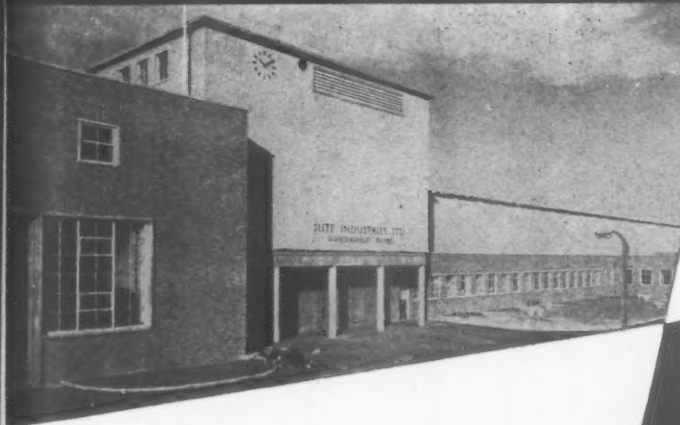
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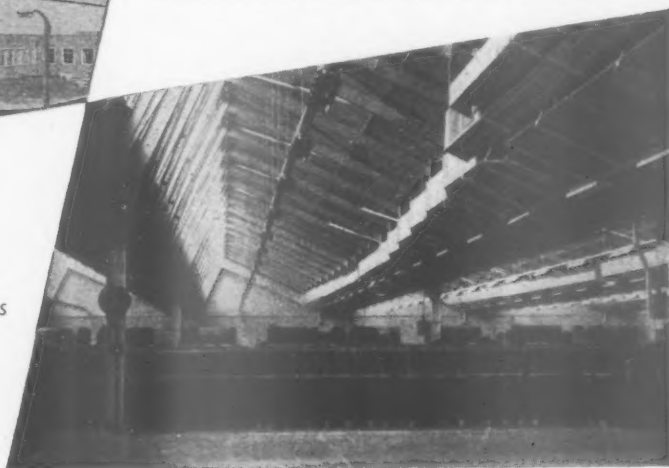
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