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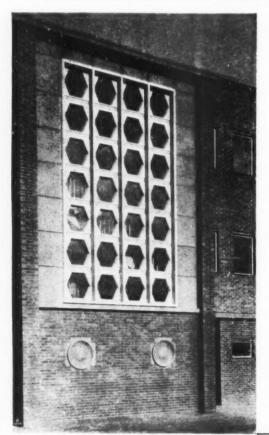
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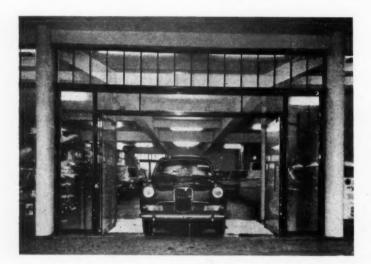
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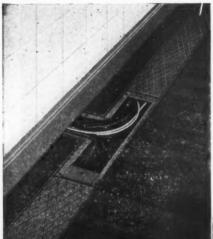
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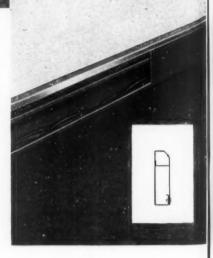
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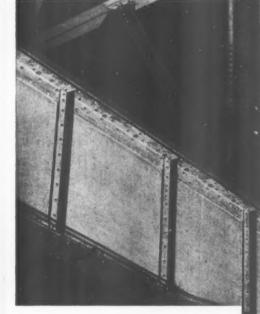
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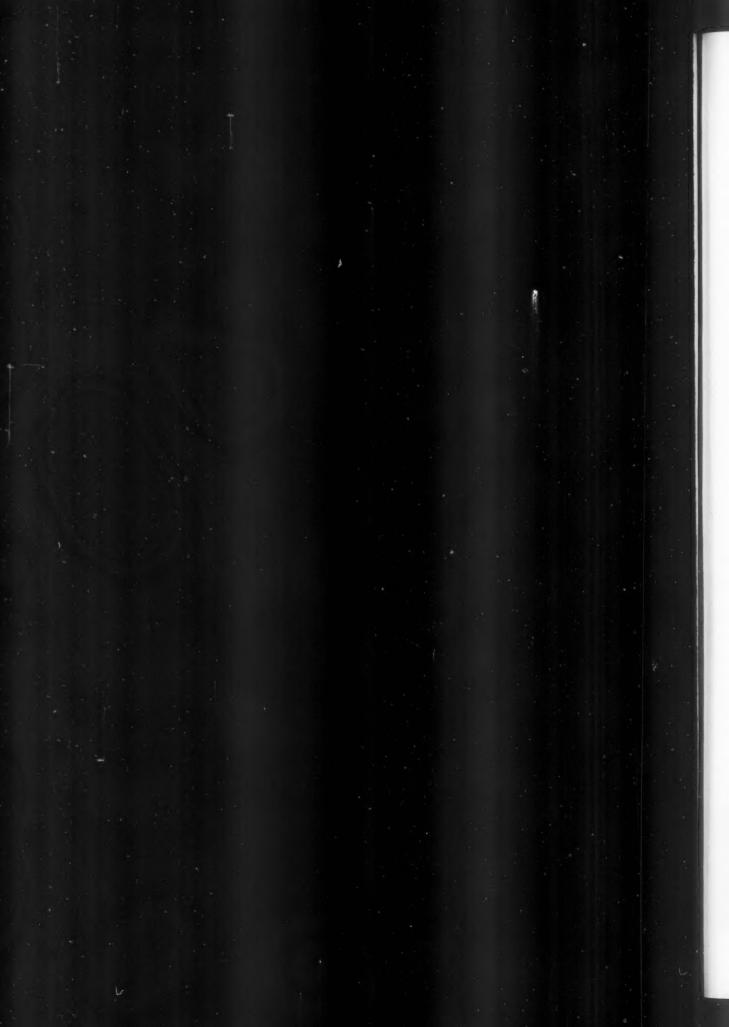
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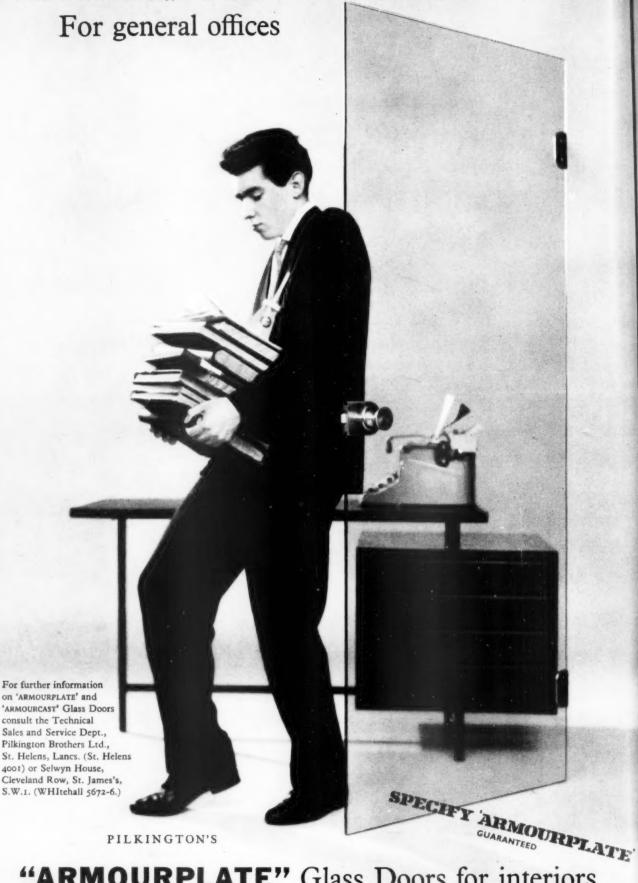
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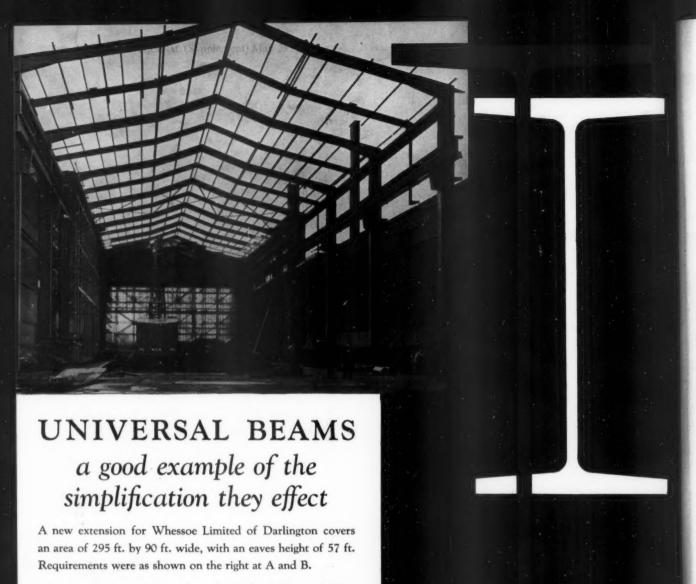
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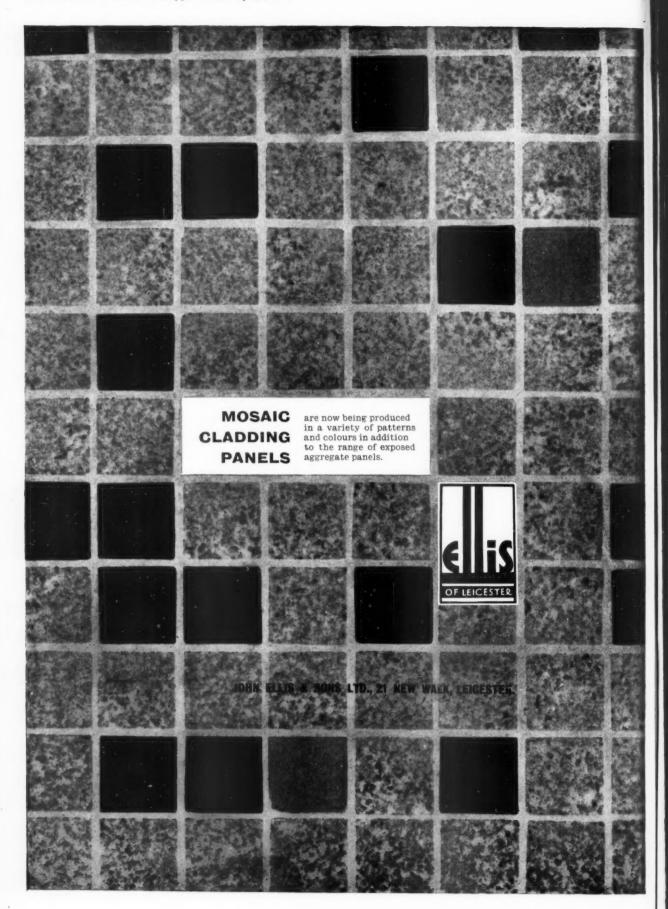
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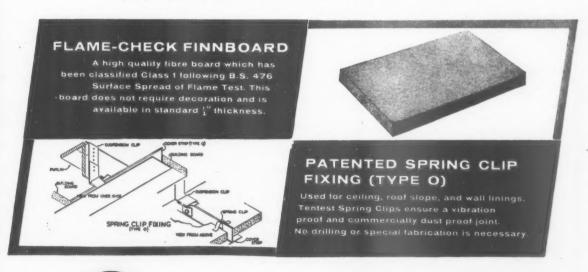
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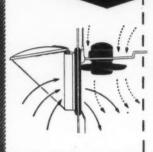
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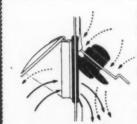




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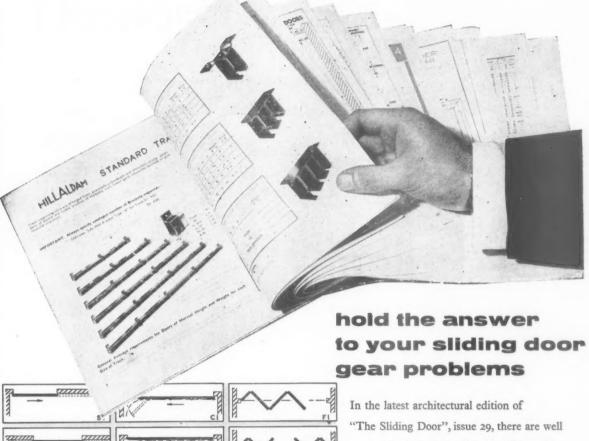
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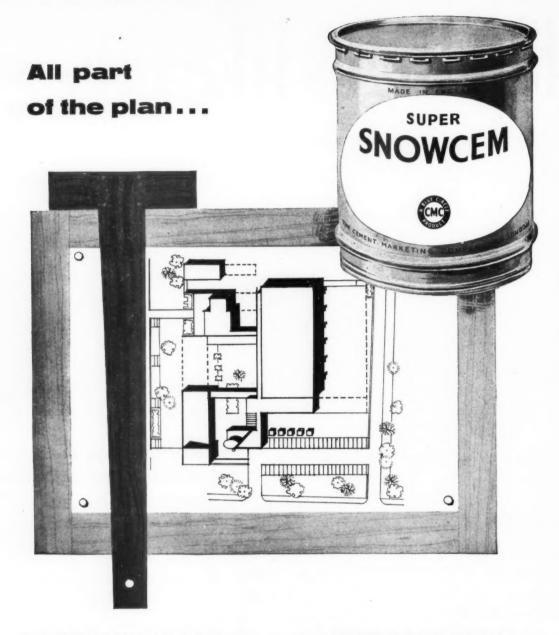
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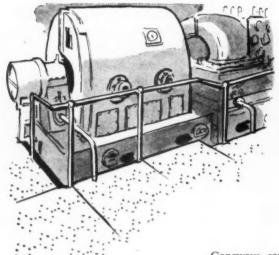
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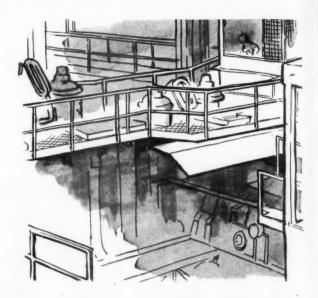
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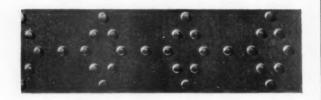
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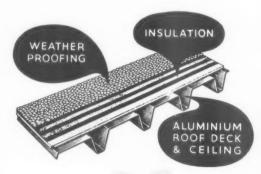
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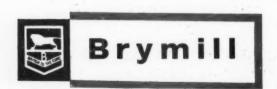
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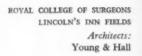
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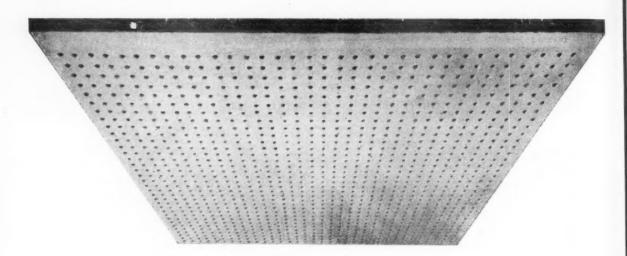


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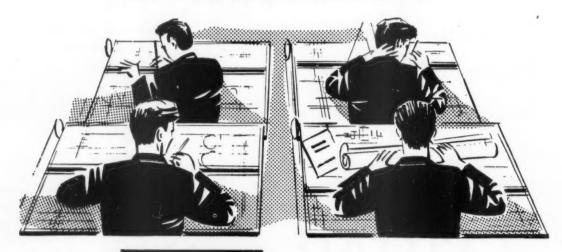
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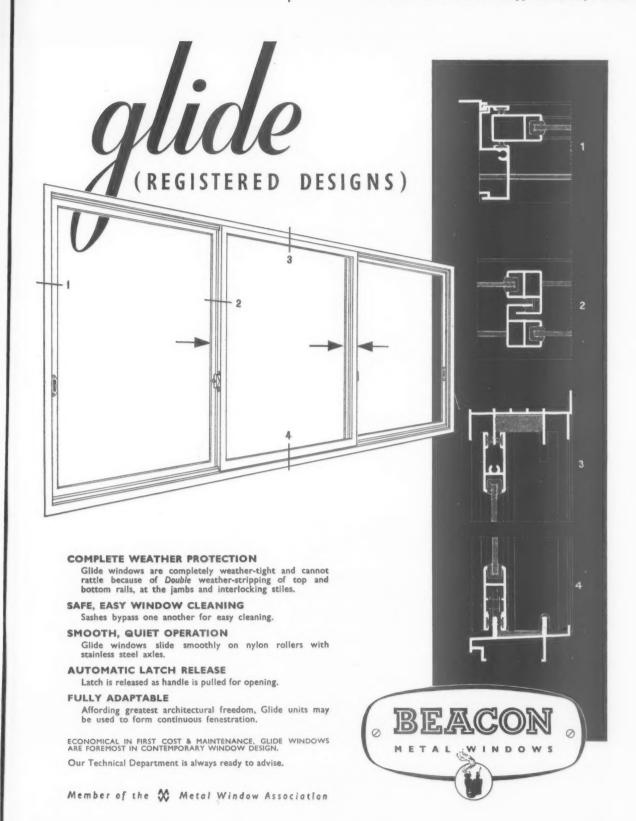
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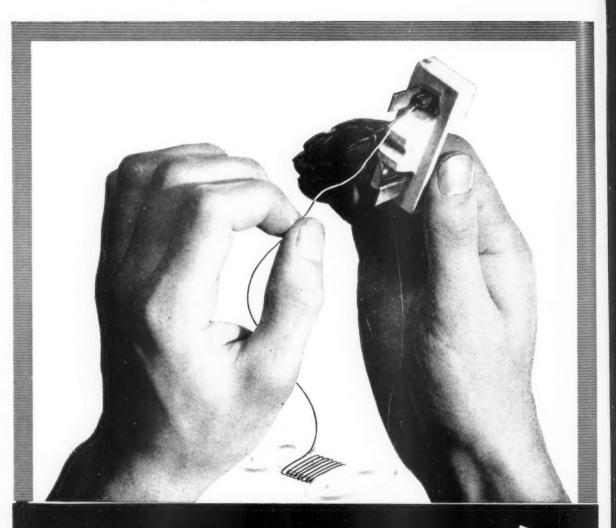
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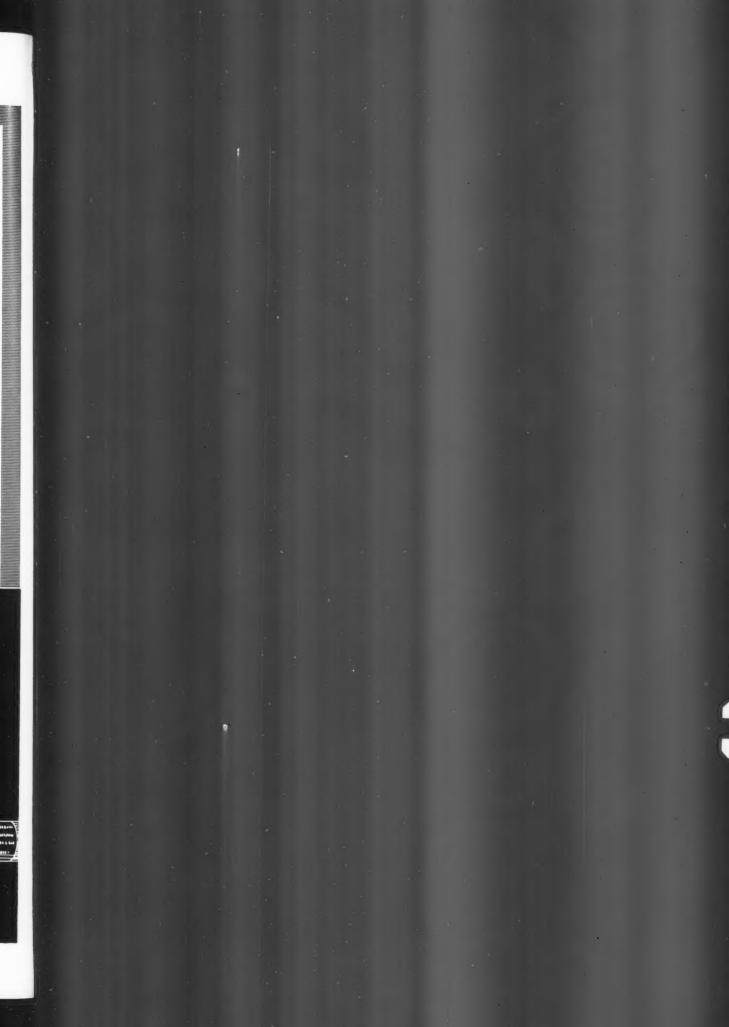
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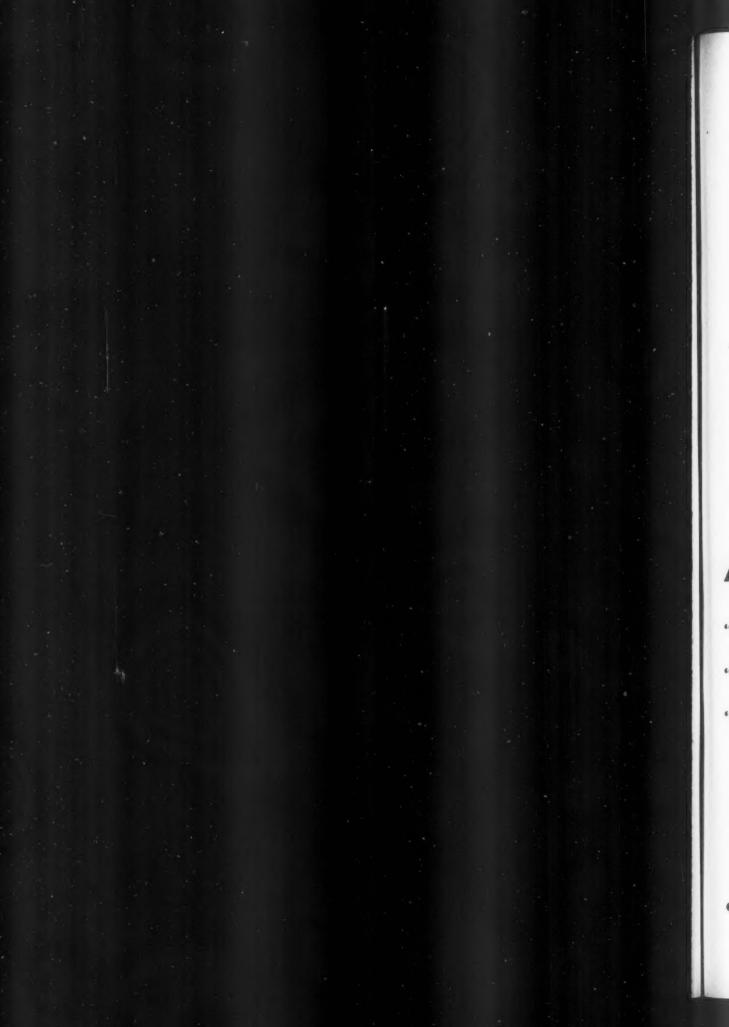
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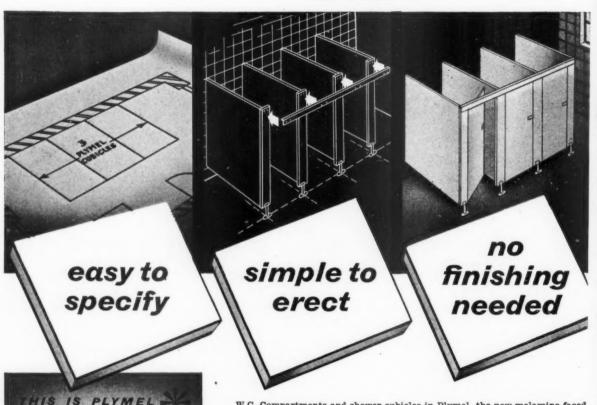
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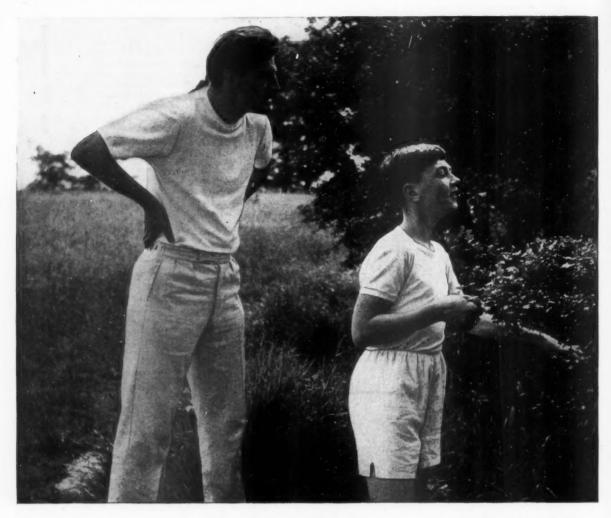
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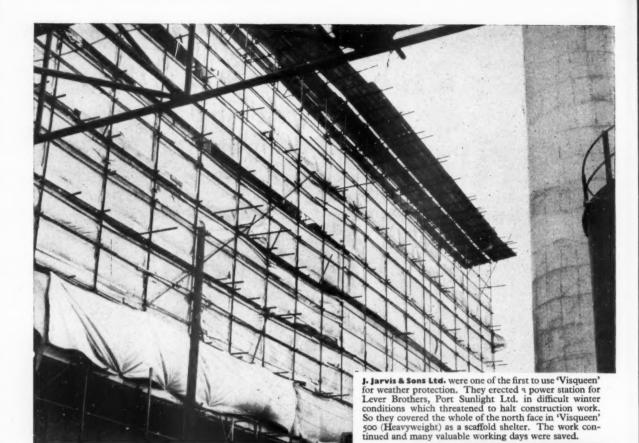
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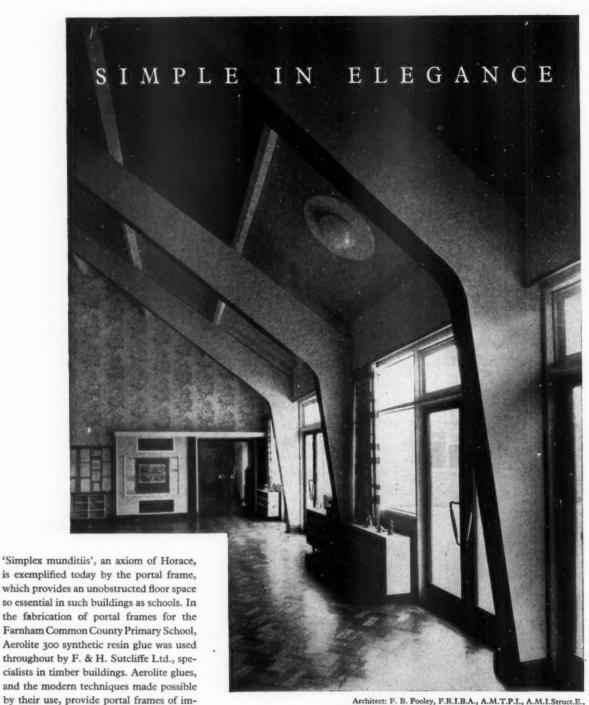
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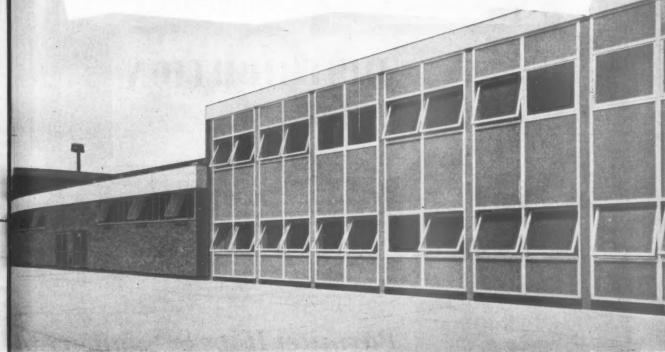
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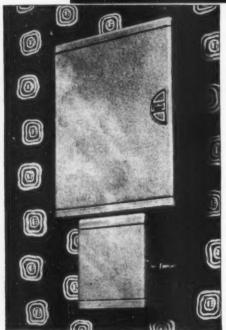
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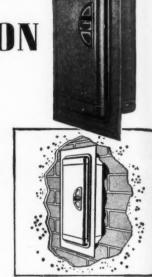
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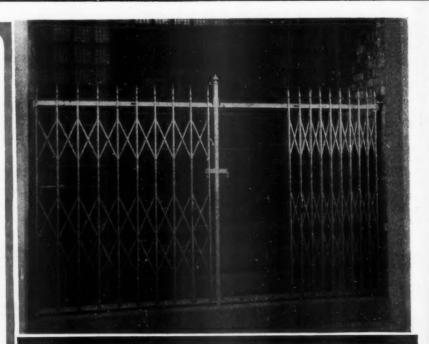
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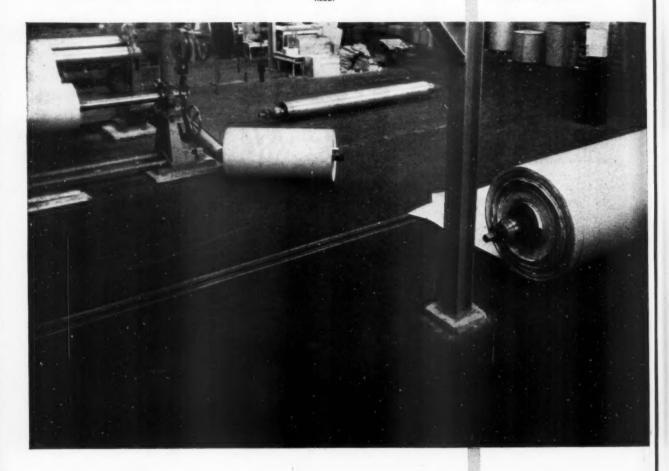
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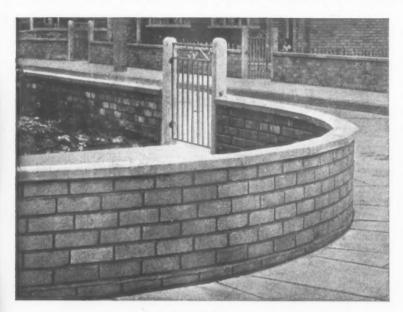
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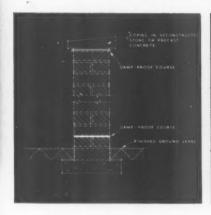
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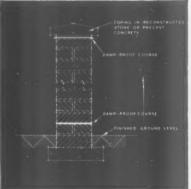


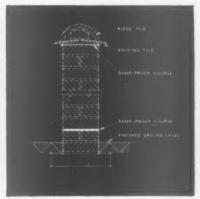
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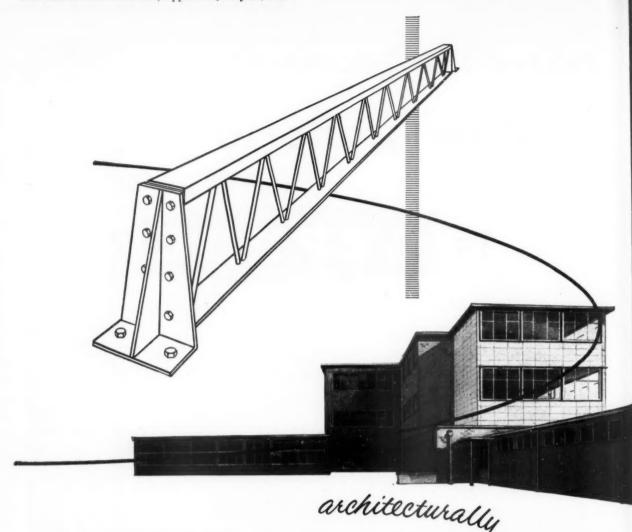
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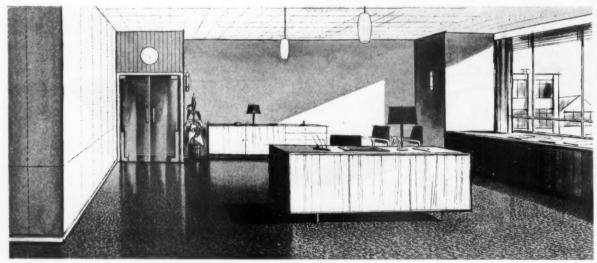
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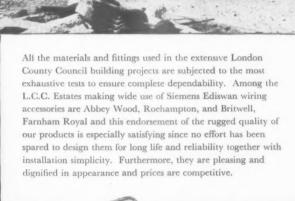
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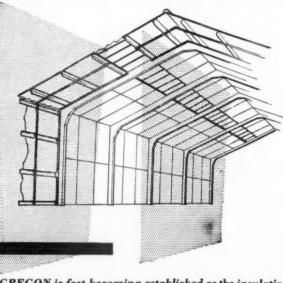
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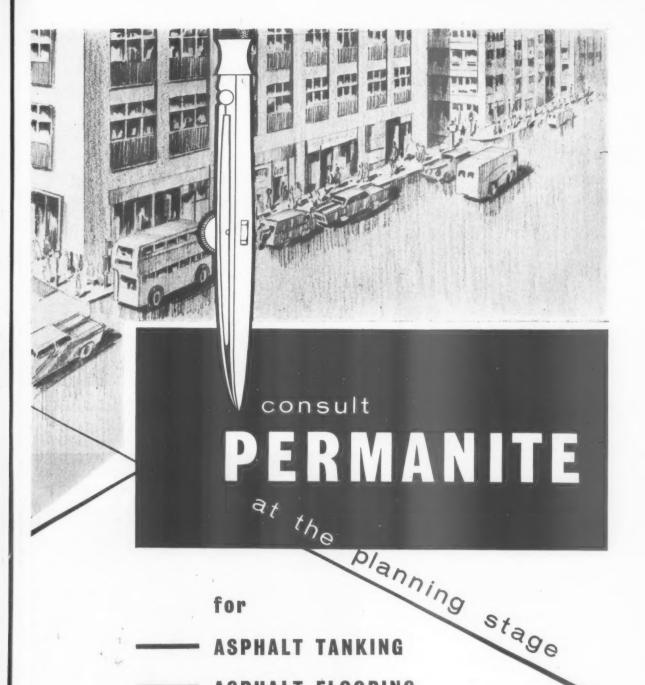
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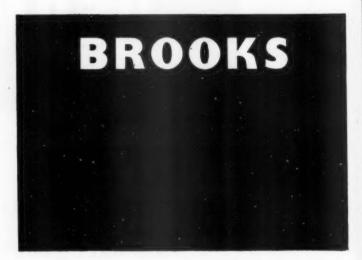
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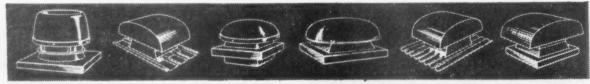
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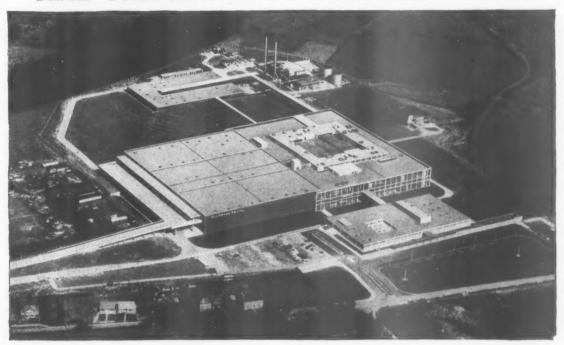
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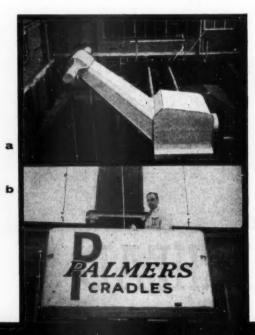
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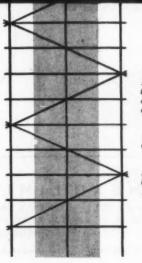
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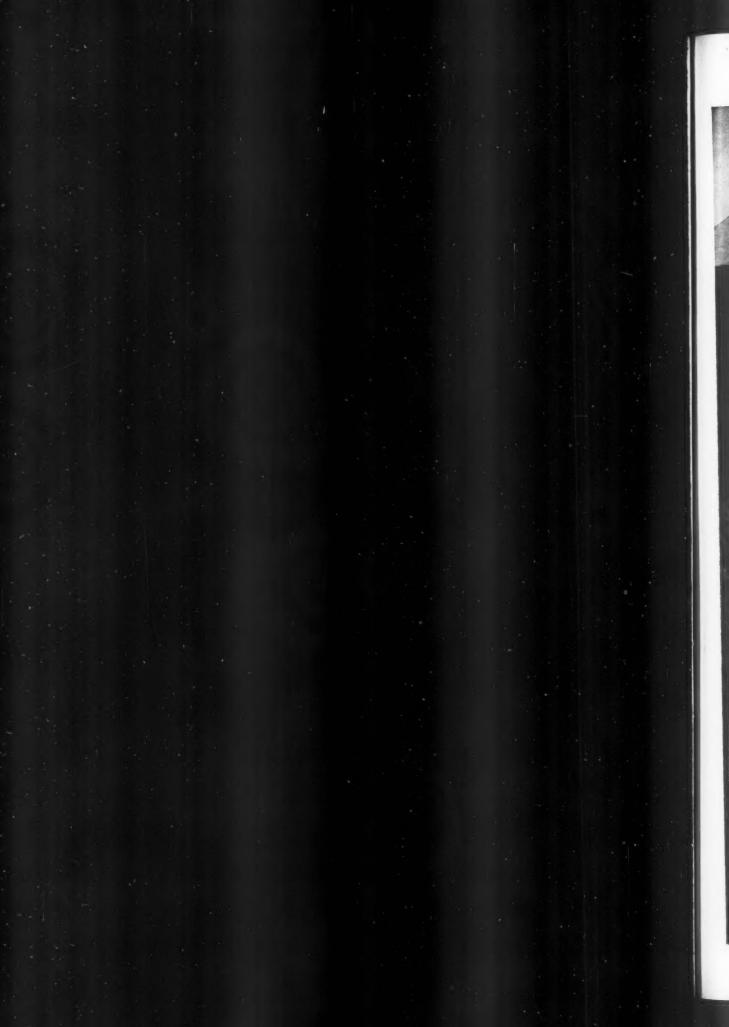
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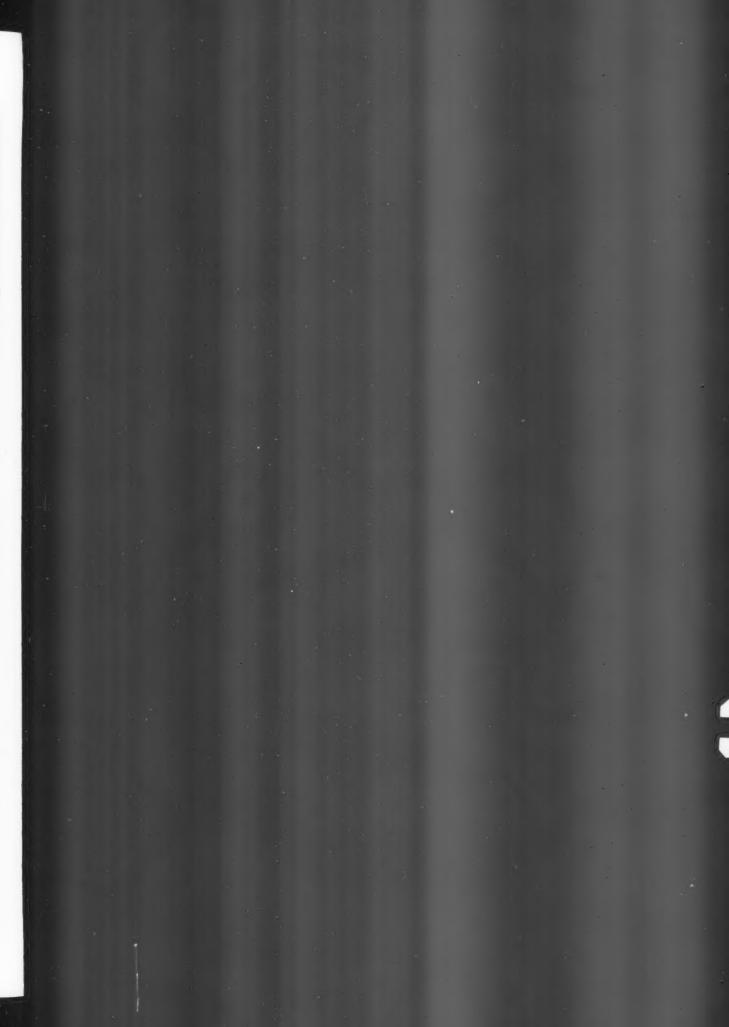
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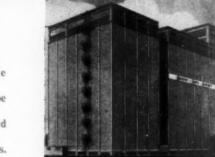


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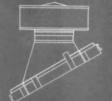




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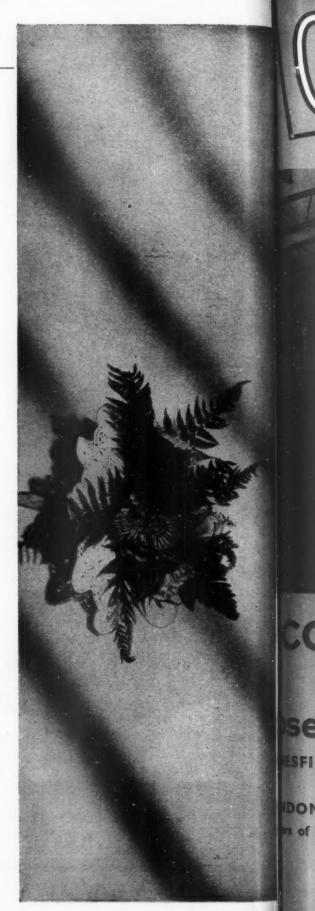
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NOT WITH A BANG BUT A FLICKER

The Machine Æsthetic finally ground down to a standstill in Farmers, Builders' Merchants, Fulham Road, between Chelsea and Kensington, on January 30, 1959.

Whatever people may say about the old modern architecture only playing at being a machine architecture, it certainly succeeded in making an architecture in which common industrial artifacts of the time were perfectly at home; bicycles, bowler hats—and light bulbs.

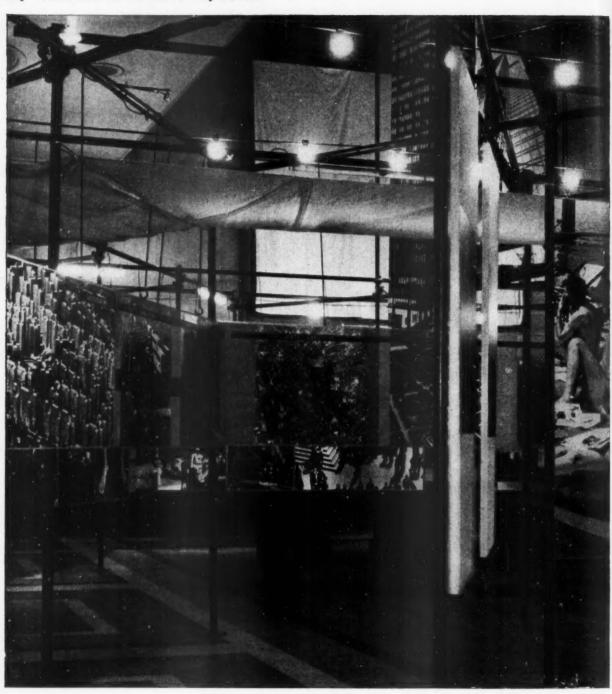
The naked light bulb (which only Mackintosh had previously been able to cope with—see the top floor of the Glasgow Art School), became one of the key symbols of the Twenties. Light bulbs were scattered throughout the early houses of Le Corbusier, accepted as uninhibitedly, indeed as enthusiastically as was the famous bidet that Madame Le Corbusier is supposed to have covered with a crinoline doll.

And if you missed the light bulbs in Corb, The Light Bulb was inescapable in Picasso's



Guernica. That finally fixed the light bulb in the iconography of modern art. All this was a long time ago, I know, but it took Farmers in the Fulham Road to really shake





Half the Battle

The first major venture of SPUR (the Society for the Promotion of Urban Renewal) is an excellently conceived exhibition now on view at 66 Portland Place until June 6. From that date onwards, if the public relations officers of the allied societies are alive to their responsibilities, the exhibition should be on tour round the British Isles, because this is the exhibition that MPs, town clerks, treasurers, borough engineers, developers of all kinds and every committee-man responsible for any form of building must see. But they must see it accompanied by ardent propaganding architects who can explain the neartragedy of the exhibition. For the sad thing about the exhibition is that it is necessary to have it at all. In many respects this exhibition "Better Towns for Better Living" is only a

more accomplished, mature version of those exhibitions of the '40s which asked for a brave, new, planned post-war world. It is now evident that our SPUR-planners know more precisely what they want, and they make their proposals sound very attractive. And that, after all, is half the battle. Unfortunately they cannot suggest a way of achieving their aims without setting up government machinery extra to what at present exists in order to get things started. This is the pathetic side of the exhibition, and the reason why officialdom visiting the exhibition must be accompanied by architects hissing in their ears: "this is the Britain we want, and have wanted for twenty years or so, but we cannot get it because clients and officials are just not doing their job."

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Civ at Ed Str me out of my acceptance of it as an unchanging finally-achieved type-object of the twentieth century. For the Philips 230 v. 60w. they offered me on that day was miniaturized, and has a new shape. After the first hour of scandalized incredulity at the desecration of a sacred image I forced my mind to accept that that old modern architecture was really over, and put it in the Anglepoise with its old-style lamp shade.

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RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL SON

RBAN renewal has arrived on the scene with a series of loud bangs that demand and (we hope) will receive public attention. Following the jubilee exhibition at Liverpool University's Department of Civic Design, with its emphasis on comprehensive development, and Chamberlin, Powell and Bon's revised Barbican scheme, which may give London its first large-scale experience of multi-level planning, the RIBA and SPUR have launched a public campaign with an exhibition, a symposium and public meetings, for the rebuilding of the worn out and congested centres and inner rings of our great cities and larger towns.

Anybody reading the 224 pages of the 1958 Report of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government would conclude, however, that the Ministry was not thinking about these problems in 1958, far less doing anything about them. But the clamour for urban renewal seems by now to have penetrated Ministerial ears. Henry Brooke, the Minister of Housing and Local Government, startled his hearers when he spoke at the Liverpool exhibition by proclaiming the need to concentrate on urban renewal and comprehensive development, and urged the importance of "much more research" to improve the efficiency of planning. Had this spirit animated the Ministry since the war it would not have disbanded its planning research and its regional planning organizations, and some of the recent disasters (such as those caused by the office boom) might have been avoided. However, better late than never, and we welcome Mr. Brooke's conversion with the enthusiasm reserved for prodigal sons.

His words will have now to be translated into deeds. The SPUR exhibition eloquently demonstrates that the government will have to spend much more on urban renewal if it is to make any impact on the problem. SPUR suggests that a National Agency for Urban Renewal, financed by an urban renewal budget, should be established to carry through a small number of big experimental urban renewal projects. The main thing is that the Government itself should adopt the policy of urban renewal, provide machinery for regional planning and obtain a large vote for three purposes: to set up a large planning research division within the Ministry, to finance many more comprehensive development areas, and to finance the experimental projects suggested by SPUR. By restoring housing subsidies in comprehensive development

areas the government could, as Arthur Ling suggested, switch

local authorities to the attack almost overnight.

What Mr. Brooke has in fact done this year is to abolish all planning grants, including those for comprehensive development (except for war damaged areas). Until this niggardly policy is reversed talk of urban renewal will be pie in the sky—or possibly pie for commercial developers who will be prepared to take the plums for themselves, while leaving rate-conscious local authorities to grapple reluctantly and ineffectively with the unprofitable parts. This is more or less what is happening now. But unless development is planned comprehensively to include such unprofitable works as a new road pattern and multi-level circulation, open spaces and the removal of badly sited industry, the real evils and problems will not be tackled, and the real opportunities cannot be grasped. We cannot get urban renewal on the cheap.

LIGHT ON HEATING

It was an excellent idea of the organizers of the Yerbury Foundation to invite the Danish Heating engineer, Jorgen Varming, to give the Foundation's first lecture on Mechanical Services and Architecture,* and it was an excellent idea of Mr. Varming's to carry his subject into the sphere of education. Architects in England tend to think that they themselves and the other professional people with whom they come in contact, are what they are because of the different jobs they have to do; and that the apparently insurmountable difficulties in communication which they experience are part of the order of things. In fact this is not so. We are the heirs of an unduly compartmented idea of building technology and of an educational system which has been founded upon it. Architects as a class are perhaps more aware of this than their professional engineering colleagues, because it is their duty to solicit the collaboration of the others and to co-ordinate their effort to produce a single whole. As they are the first to see this, they have a duty to press the point.

It is always difficult for the members of one profession to urge that members of the others should be educated differently from what they are, but if architects must accept this ungrateful task, they do so with the clear sense that they are equally critical of their own education and are bent on doing something about it. Mr. Varming spoke of the heating and ventilating engineers as the Cinderellas of the building professions and called for a rise in professional status to give them an equal standing with the Structurals and the Civils. Certain it is that all of the building professions—architects included—must look to their academic and professional status if they are to attract a fair share of university graduates. What is wanted is a re-appraisal of the scope of the professions, leading to the setting up of a common educational system which will correspond to the reality of building and will ensure that all members of the professional team have a sufficient insight into the work of the others to make communication easy and natural.



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OUT OF THE SLOUGH?

The RIBA symposium on "The Living Town," which will be reported in our next issue, left me with an optimistic feeling that, even if planning is now in the Slough of Despond (as Robert Matthew put it), a real effort is being made by the RIBA to lift it out. Several of the papers were of a very high order, particularly Arthur Ling's realistic approach to the practical problems, Matthew's withering indictment of the abandonment of planning by the Government, Hugh Casson's epigrammatic advice on "town sense" and Percy Johnson-Marshall's slide lecture on the past and its problems.

The one really loud, spontaneous burst of applause was given to Peter Chamberlin's remark (after quoting Lord Montgomery and General Omar Bradley) that when retired generals become concerned about the appearance of the world he was encouraged to hope that peace might be round the corner—and "some of the money spent on unproductive fireworks might be used to make constructive town planning possible."

The big question, it seems to me, is what are the RIBA and SPUR going to do next? The Press virtually boycotted the symposium (how good, one wonders was the RIBA's Press work?) and SPUR's stimulating exhibition,

See report on page 796.

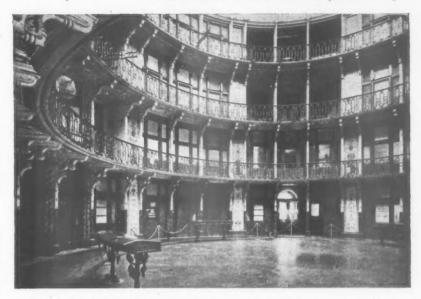
which everyone should go to see, will only reach a very small audience. It will certainly help if the Civic Trust sends the exhibition round the country, for its weaknesses in signposting and titling can easily be put right. But the gulf between the architects and town planners and the public is immense. It is astonishing, but true, that Arthur Ling's slides of Coventry's city centre came as a startling revelation to a well-known sociologist who has been studying community problems in London for some years.

Couldn't the Civic Trust, which has still to make two more films with the BBC, combine them to make one really good documentary on urban renewal? Will the RIBA, if it is serious about launching a campaign, not have to consider (perhaps with the help of the building industry) sponsoring a major documentary on comprehensive development?

PLANNING FOR YESTERDAY

Basil Spence, who opened SPUR's exhibition of "Better Towns for Better Living," said that we lived in cities planned for another age, but that while our ancestors didn't expect radical changes we did expect them, and if we planned without thought for the future our successors would have just cause to criticize us.

It wouldn't be so bad if we were even planning for the present, let alone the future; but it seems that much of our planning—particularly for roads—is based on conditions of the immediate past. Is it because planning is so difficult that we become lazy and avoid doing a proper job? The other day Myles Wright, professor of civic design in Liverpool's Planning School (fiftieth birthday this month), described how planning history had repeated itself twice during this century. He said that once the demand to get something done had led to legislation, resolution wavered. Then, he said, people became disillusioned about the feeble results of legislation and new endeavours were made. But these were not endeavours to find out what went wrong and to put legislation right: instead there was a concentration of attention on side issues, such as preservation, new towns, or urban development trusts. There is a danger of this in SPUR's proposals.



Admirers of Bunning's Coal Exchange, which is threatened with destruction by road improvements, will be happy to know that Chamberlin, Powell & Bon propose to incorporate the cast-iron rotunda (above) in the School of Music in their Barbican plan (below). The open galleries would give access to many small music studios, while the rotunda would serve as a central concourse and chamber music hall. See report on page 795.



I hope SPUR will lead to action as well as theorizing. It may even get some support from Henry Brooke, the Minister of Housing and Local Government. If you feel sceptical turn to page 793, where you will find a report of the Minister's astounding statement that he believes in the need for more research and more comprehensive thought. An inspiring idea spoken at the opening of yet another inspiring exhibition: "Urban Development and Civic Design" which celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the Liverpool Civic Design School.

MUSEUM PIECE

Much as I regret the coming departure from the Review of Ian Mc-Callum, its Executive Editor, I can only congratulate him on his appointment as Director of the new American Museum to be established near Bath in 1961, and congratulate the Halcyon

Foundation of New York on its choice. The orthodox thing would have been to appoint some well-known American curator, but McCallum's combination of American expertize and ability to interpret America to Britain, as well as his flair for display (so brilliantly seen in his handling of the Architectural Review) should make the new Museum exceptionally valuable and stimulating. It will illustrate the development of the American Decorative Arts from the 17th to the 19th century, but the collection will be brought gradually up to date to contribute to an understanding of American art in the present time. It will be housed in Wyatville's Claverton Manor.

AA: STOP PRESS

The ease with which the Council of the Architectural Association can become out of touch with the membership was shown at an informal meeting held this week to discuss the integrated training of students of architecture, engineering, building and surveying. (Perhaps some constitutional reform is due at the AA on the lines of the RIBA.) Before the meeting ASTRAGAL had little idea what the feeling of the membership would be. In fact, the meeting showed that the great majority of the members present wanted integrated training and further discussions with the LCC (the sponsoring body whom the AA Council sum-

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e, is oing boyone rk?) tion, marily rejected a few weeks ago) on how to achieve it. A few speakers expressed doubts, such as whether integrated training should be broadened to include planning and certain sciences so as to avoid producing "technocrats," but only one speaker, ex-president Brandon Jones came out vociferously against any association with the LCC and only he had any alternative proposal: not for a new educational set-up, but for a standing co-ordinating committee to be formed to persuade London schools to collaborate in some not very clearly defined manner.

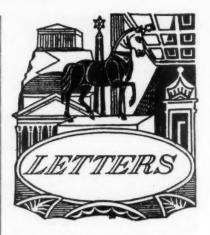
As an indication that the AA members mean business, even if some of the Council don't, a forest of hands shot up to support the suggestion that a referendum of members be taken immediately on the question of the need for integrated training, so, perhaps, if good sense prevails, things can go ahead when the new Council forms next week.

A Student Committee resolution was passed round at the meeting, despite the last moment protestations of the AA secretary, asking the Council to set up a committee to consider the AA's future and "the type of education necessary to produce the architects we ought to be." Of course that is just what should be going on all the time, as ASTRAGAL has said before. More about all this, the Editors assure me, next week.

NEW PARISHIONERS

David Woodbine Parish, an active man in building industry reforms, is shortly to become chairman and a director of Bovis Ltd. I hope that the president-elect of the NFBTE, who was until recently chairman and managing director of the firm of Holliday & Greenwood, will still find time for his other work. He takes over from Sir Keith Joseph, who returns to other appointments with the Bovis Holdings Group. Sir Keith, whose activities as an MP, a barrister and a City liveryman might well call to mind a splendid, sonorous vacuity, has a good grasp of architectural affairs. He could be a great help to the profession in the House of Commons where, heaven knows, we get very little help.

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Experiment or Expire

SIR: With, now, occasional time to spare, I sometimes read Editorials and correspondence. Over the years, I have evidently missed both edification and amusement, as well as fury at quite fantastic errors of fact or judgment. One of the most staggering of these appears in the Editorial about the AA ("Experiment or Expire") in your issue of May 14 which states that their advisory council consists of the older type of privately practising architect "who has little knowledge of or sympathy with public service and local government."

Really! What do the Editors think that we back-numbers have been doing all our lives but working with and often for Central and Local Governments? How can we possibly have failed to acquire a "little knowledge" as well as sympathy and admiration during our innumerable contacts and discussions? The Editorial then proceeds to state that the many younger AA members know their potentialities. Not, mark you, "many" but the many"; implying that not some but all the youngsters, even those who work in a corner on a drawing board all day have, by some miraculous intuition, acquired what has consistently been denied to a previous generation. I am all for "up the undertwenty-fives" and have considerable sympathy with those tribes that bump off (or perhaps the tense should be past) their Chiefs when in their view they are becoming vieux jeu"; but the implication in this Editorial that the young are all for and the old are all against the venture with the LCC just is not true.

GRAHAM DAWBARN

London

RIBA and Motorways

SIR: Mr. King (AJ, May 21), understandably, does not like my view that by virtue of the nature of their training, architects should ultimately take the lead in urban planning. This view, given in reply to a question, was (as your report made clear) carefully qualified, and until supermen of the kind visualized by Mr. King emerge I am sure we should maintain our claim. But this is not the important point. The essence of the RIBA's case, as I see it, is that urban motorways are not a self-contained engineering problem, but an inextricable part of town planning or civic design or whatever you choose to call it. Once you grasp this point, inter-professional arguments about which is best at "design" become irrelevant, a team is the only answer, and it is obvious that the team must include an architect. The leadership can be left to look after itself.

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Gallery Lighting

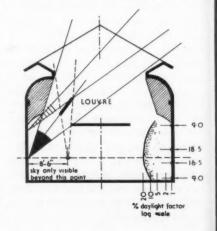
SIR: In order to be fully useful, I feel that the recently published Working Detail of the Birmingham Art Gallery requires some additional diagram to show how the section works from the point of view of the natural lighting. The accompanying sketch was originated by BRS, who prepared the design for the City of Birmingham. The work done at the Station in developing the project included tests carried out in a large scale model of the gallery, and was largely done by John Bickerdike.

In fairness to all concerned it must be pointed out that certain modifications have been made from the BRS proposals in carrying out the alterations to the gallery. In brief these are:

(a) The use of the end walls for picture hanging. The BRS scheme was a solution in section only, the end walls being occupied by artificially lit show cases. The natural lighting of these end walls has not been resolved in the final design.

(b) In the original scheme there were wide canopies over the entrance doors, to screen the glazing from view when entering the gallery. These were omitted.

(c) The colours of the original scheme were chosen so as to darken the upper parts of the room, particularly the upper coving and the louvres. In the final outcome these have been painted much lighter colours, so that they are rather brighter than originally visualized by BRS. One result is that you are far too aware of the upper parts of the



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Despite these criticisms there is no doubt that the re-modelling, which provides just about the best lighting conditions in this country for pictures, is worth visiting by anyone interested in this type of problem. The effect is particularly striking in the Pre-Raphaelite room (the Gallery having a superb collection of the group) where the meticulous detail and rich colouring can be seen to the very best advantage.

AJ SPECIALIST EDITOR (LIGHTING)

BASA Discussion Groups

sir: In an effort to overcome the national inertia and try to continue where the Cambridge Conference left off, we feel that there is a need for discussion groups which could meet at regular intervals throughout the country and provide a permanent framework for ideas and opinions to be exchanged. Probably the most fruitful kind of discussion group would be one composed both of students and young qualified architects. Purely student debates are often vitiated by the fact that students have not had enough

office practice to realize all the problems involved, but they are in a position to provide mental stimulation of the kind that is so frequently lacking in every-day office practice where the more fundamental issues of architecture are often conveniently by-

The form of group envisaged is that each school of architecture should organize a meeting once a fortnight to discuss a specific agenda. The ideas exchanged in the various discussion groups would then be collected by BASA's permanent secretary and sent out to the groups at monthly intervals.

The first of these meetings in London will take place on Monday, June 8, and is to be held at 24, Park Square East, near Regent's Park tube station, at 7 p.m. (beer and sandwiches will be provided).

I hope that as many architects and students who are interested in this scheme will come to this first meeting, which will decide the issues to be discussed and the way they are to be tackled.

> JEREMY MACKAY-LEWIS President, BASA

London.

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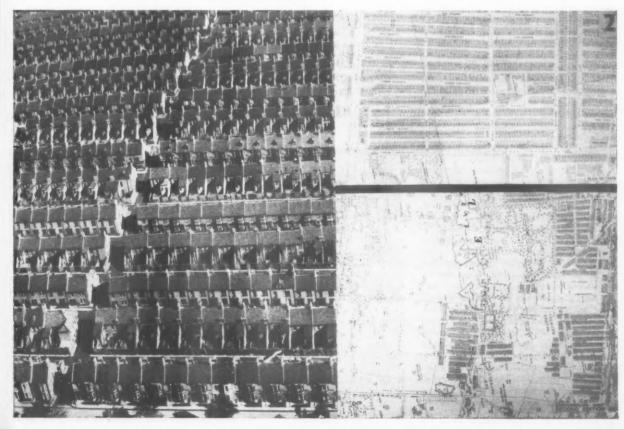
LIVERPOOL JUBILEE

Henry Brooke Supports Comprehensive Planning

In his address before opening the Jubilee Exhibition in the department of Civic Design, Liverpool, Henry Brooke, The Minister of Housing and Local Government, concentrated on the theme of the displaythe need for a comprehensive plan to guide and where necessary to regulate development of all kinds. This, he agreed, was still one of the main objectives of planning. During the past fifty years we had gained a great deal of valuable experience and achieved some notable successes, but the main emphasis up to now had been in areas

The Liverpool School of Civic Design was started in the year of the first Planning Act, in 1909. To celebrate its fiftieth anniversary the Department has arranged an exhibition at the school, which was opened recently by Henry Brooke, the Minister of Housing and Local Government (see this page). The exhibition, on 24 screens, shows examples of urban development typical of the last fifty years and examines the major influences that have determined the appearance of development. Part of a typical screen is shown below. The aerial view is part of Scotswood on Tyne and alongside are two ordnance survey maps of the area showing precisely the growth of this by-law housing during the period. With successive screens the exhibition shows how planning ideas have progressed and how

everyday development has failed to match up to the promise of the legislation. The last screen states . . . " post-war hopes have not been fulfilled . . . there has been renewed alarm at the very small improvement of the general appearance and layout of new buildings . . Just as in the 1920's new societies have been formed to protest and protect. It is hoped that this exhibition has suggested that the problem in 1959 is the same as in 1909. It is to find a way to ensure that all urban building development takes place in accordance with a plan or design prepared in advance and in sufficient detail. This has been done in . . . individual cases . . . The great objective now is to transform the exceptional into the customary.



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where development was taking place for the first time. He believed that in future planning must become more concerned with the urgent and difficult problem of reshaping and redeveloping those parts of our towns that have stood for many years and are now old and outworn. The area involved was large and the problems complex, but clearly it was the next major step forward now that slum clearance was well under way.

".... in this sphere of urban renewal," said Mr. Brooke, "we have so much yet to learn, quickly and thoroughly—how to fit cars into the town, to meet all sorts of new needs which the people's rising standard of living demands, how to provide best for changing methods of marketing and distribution and how to deal with the hotly competing claims for land use; how to achieve modern progress and yet preserve what is old and good."

Mr. Brooke then referred to a number of points arising from past experience in this field. In the first place, he said, it was evident that "piecemeal planning will not do." Comprehensive development was needed and in a form that would bring in as many agencies as possible-both public and private. Secondly, more attention should be paid to three-dimensional planning and in particular to the needs of tall buildings. Thirdly we must recognize both the value of research and the need for more of it. To reap the full benefit from the very large amount of money being spent each year on building, far more research was urgently needed. Lastly, not nearly enough was being done to explain to the ordinary person what it was that planners were trying to do, how they intended to do it and that planning was for the benefit of the general public and not for the planners themselves. In this respect the Department's Jubilee Exhibition was particularly valuable.

In conclusion, Mr. Brooke paid tribute to the contribution that the Liverpool Department of Civic Design had made over the past fifty years to town planning in Britain and throughout the world and suggested for the Department to contribute even more that there would be no lack of opportunity during the next fifty years.

P. S. BRENIKOV

SPUR

Exhibition at RIBA

The exhibition "Better Towns For Better Living," which was opened at the RIBA by Basil Spence on Friday (and remaining on view until June 6), marks the first public appearance of SPUR, the Society for Promotion of Urban Renewal. Its purpose in this exhibition is to make "a dramatic presentation of the virtues and vices of modern cities and the exciting possibilities that exist in the future." Having done so, it announces the policy that SPUR intends to advocate to secure its aim of urban renewal, the main plank in its platform being the creation of a National Agency for Urban Renewal.

The designer, Christof Bon of Chamberlin, Powell and Bon, has obviously had to cope with a good many difficulties—a shoestring budget, lack of time (there were still large gaps in the exhibition at the press view) and an embarrassing amount of material which SPUR's many sub-committees wished him to include. He has used as screens standard flush doors hung from scaffolding, a cheap and sensible idea which has the advantage that the doors can be hung sideways or the right way up, separately or joined together by hinges, and are easily transported. The main disadvantage seems to be the disconcerting number of legs one can see underneath.

The visitor first sees a series of large photographs which tell him what's wrong with the city today: overcrowding, traffic congestion, pollution, monotony, neglect, profligate land use. The captions are either non-existent or literally telegraphic, being enlargements of telegrams, and while many visitors may feel that they know what's wrong already, non-technical visitors at least are more likely to feel that they need a clearer introduction to the subject than the captions provide. Dr. Johnson's quip "when a man is tired of London he is tired of life" introduces another section, similarly displayed, of excellent photographs showing all the good things of city life.

Having contrasted the evil with the good, SPUR poses the alternatives:

"If things are allowed to slide, our congested cities, our rising demands for living space and our eight million motor cars will inescapably produce in Britain what they have already produced in America. Los Angeles at present stretches from as far as from London to Manchester and our own brand of subtopia could easily do the same—a deadly monotonous and dangerous environment for our children to grow up in, rotting and rotten city centres, collapsed urban land values and no open country to escape to.

"If we want it and work for it, we can recapture the traditional picture of Britain as a network of cities, towns and villages set in an unspoilt countryside of matchless variety and productivity. In this picture town and country complement and set off each other, each is at its economic best, and people have the spice of contrast in their lives.

"Nobody pretends our worn-out cities fit into this rosy picture. Urban renewal is inevitable, and the only question is whether it is to be haphazard, plot-bound, distorted by competitive interests, or co-ordinated, imaginative and supported by the researches of some of our most creative minds."

At this point, when it turns to its constructive ideas and proposals, the exhibition also turns to very much smaller photographs to illustrate some points about towns—the importance of compactness, with mediæval and modern examples, for instance, of towns within cities, and on the character of city centres. Under "How To Do It" the exhibition emphasizes that mixed uses in towns may often be more desirable than zoning large areas of single use, shows how the new roads must serve the town, not dominate it, and how open space must be built up into a single town system that permits pedestrian movement throughout.

Unfortunately, when the exhibition comes to policy, the part that might be thought to matter most, it becomes most difficult to follow. The visitor loses his way, and has to study small type really hard. This is a pity because the screens are well worth studying, particularly one which analyses national income and the breakdown of capital expenditure (its conclusion is that we spent £50 to £60 million in 1957 on renewing urban housing, £1,616 million on Destruction (the Defence budget) and £334 million on advertising).

One conclusion is that we have got to spend more money on urban renewal. Specifically SPUR advocates:—

1. A small number of experimental pilot schemes on sites up to 75 acres (twice as large as the Barbican) to test unfamiliar ideas. Projects would take five years to build, 10 years from initial research to assessment, and would be undertaken in

A screen from the SPUR exhibition "Better Towns For Better Living," displaying SPUR's ideas on the way to co-ordinate the many skills involved in urban renewal.

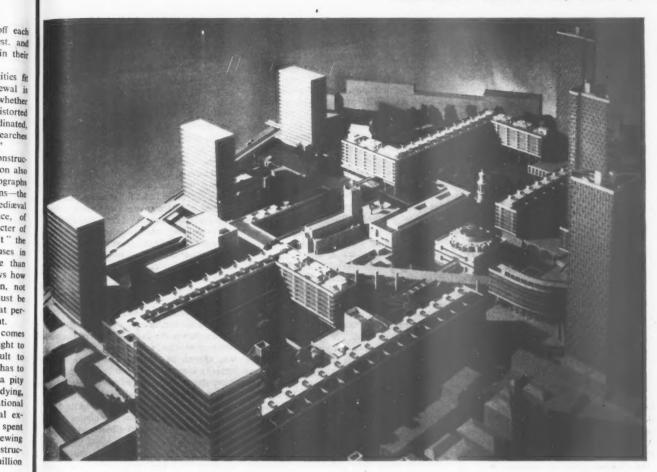


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co-operation with local authorities by a National Urban Renewal Agency, financed from an urban renewal budget.

2. Reconstruction committees in every town and city, not necessarily confined to council members, to promote comprehensive development and to investigate the physical and economic aspects of renewal in each

3. Inter-professional planning teams in all large urban areas. These teams would include new skills-the "townscapist" and the urban economist" are mentioned.

In planning, it places emphasis on multilevel circulation (exploiting the third dimension to liberate planning and architecture from the tyranny of the road pattern) and the building of new towns within cities.

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With the presentation of the Chamberlin, Powell and Bon scheme for the redevelopment of the Barbican to the Court of Common Council of the Corporation of the City of London, we have at last, nearly 14 years after the end of the war, a set of definite and detailed proposals for the use cf these 35 acres of bomb-damaged London. The central idea, as it was in the architects' original scheme in 1957, is to reverse the modern trend towards building residential

A view of the model of the new Barbican scheme from the north-east. In the centre can be seen the enclosed roadway with the pedestrian way on top passing the new school of music building which makes use of the old Coal Exchange. To the right of the picture are the three 37-storey blocks of flats.

areas on the outskirts, by bringing dwellings back into the heart of the City. The 2,150 flats planned are designed for use by people with high incomes, for whom the architects have provided the most up-to-date and labour-saving accommodation possible, and they have provided space for more than one car per dwelling in the covered garage spaces below the blocks.

It is in its treatment of cars, and of the City's traffic problem generally, that this scheme is of greatest interest. From the point of view of civic design, the safety of the pedestrian is not the only consideration, but also the human comfort of being able to move about without constant awareness of fast-moving traffic, its noise and smell, and to attain quiet at night, free from commercial traffic noise, though so near important commercial traffic routes. This has been achieved at Barbican by the adoption of multi-level circulation, so that it seems that the only way that anyone can get run over is by jay-walking in the car parks. At the same time, the City Engineer's requirement for a traffic route running roughly north and south through the centre of the site has been successfully provided for by means of a completely enclosed roadway

with a pedestrian causeway on top.

As the architects point out, the principle that pedestrians and traffic should be provided with completely separate routes has been accepted for more than a century on the railways, where pedestrians always cross the line by bridge or subway. This principle has been followed through at Barbican with great tenacity.

The three tower blocks proposed in the 1957 scheme, on the interim model of the project, were rectangular in plan, but second (or third or fourth) thoughts have changed this for a polygonal, wedge-like shape. These blocks have not been sited symmetrically but related to the main axes of the scheme, and both their present shape and positioning will give them a different aspect from various viewpoints in the area, preventing the monotony that might arise from three identical blocks on the same axis. These three 37-storey tower blocks, together with the three 18-storey office blocks, serve as a vertical relief to the horizontal treatment of the other residential buildings, which are arranged in forms comparable in shape and scale to traditional London squares. One gets the impression that it will be possible to walk about the whole area with new views opening up at frequent intervals, the principal open spaces enclosed by the long terraces of buildings south of the Barbican, and laid out on a large scale, with grass, mature trees and water, in the style familiar in London parks and squares. Formal gardening is restricted to the podium from which these larger spaces are surveyed, and the small sunken, enclosed courts where the pattern of planting can be appreciated by pedestrians on the higher level.

A full report on this scheme will be published in next week's JOURNAL.

AA

Yerbury Foundation Lecture

The Yerbury Foundation was established by the Architectural Association just over a year ago. It is actively supported by all the professional bodies concerned with building and its trustees include architects, industrialists and builders. Its object is "to develop the technical skill of the architect by financing improvements in graduate and postgraduate architectural training." It intends to establish a senior lectureship in building engineering services at the AA school in the near future.

The first project sponsored by the Foundation to further its aims was a lecture delivered at the TUC Building on May 20, by the Danish engineer, Jorgen Varming, his subject being "Mechanical Services and Architecture."

The theme of the lecture was the need for closer co-operation and understanding between architect and engineer-a need which is even recognized by some architects, though the profession has a sad record in this respect. The lecturer, Danish born and English trained, practises as a consulting mechanical engineer with Nils Steensen in Copenhagen and with Steensen and Sean Mulcahy in London and in Ireland. Postwar projects include the Brynmawr Rubber Factory by Architects Co-Partnership, the Dublin Bus Station by Michael Scott and, more recently, Joern Utzon's Sydney Opera House. Recent work in Denmark includes the Institute of Nuclear Research Laboratories and the first Danish Atomic Research

Jorgen Varming introduced his subject by tracing the history of building services. This, he claimed, went back no further than about the turn of the century when architects were first confronted with the phenomenon of conditioned air. He suggested that, whilst many factors contribute to the present unsatisfactory relations between architect and engineer, these relations had an unfortunate start in the resentment shown by many architects towards the intrusion of the engineer's pipes and ducts into their buildings. An early effect of this resentment was the architect's insistence that all services should be concealed. Cooperation between the professions, therefore, had an unfortunate beginning and has tended to deteriorate since then.

The present lack of co-operation, Mr. Varming suggested, can be related to the way

in which a building project usually starts. Most often the architect is briefed by his client, conceives his design and brings it to the stage of client approval and working drawings before calling in his consultants. This is an extremely unsatisfactory state of affairs for, not only is it frustrating to the consultant to be confronted with a virtually unalterable design, but also he must often cram his services into inadequate space or otherwise arrange them in a manner which is less than efficient. And when collaboration-such as it is-commences, it finds expression in a peculiar way. Architect and consultants work separately on their final drawings in three or even four offices, so far apart that communication is by telephone or letter.

Mr. Varming pinpointed the problem as one of organization and education; and his solution is at once simple and radical. For any large project there should be a joint office "with accommodation for the joint staff of architects and structural, mechanical and electrical engineers, all working on the mutual scheme and preferably nothing but this scheme." This he describes as a selfcontained team unit. The arrangement presupposes briefing all consultants at the initial design stage. He offered this solution with a confidence based on his own experience. The Danish Atomic Research Station built on virgin land just outside Copenhagen was completed against a very tight time schedule. Professor Bohr, the architect, employed several means to speed the programme during the design stage. One of these was to establish a joint office, accommodating forty people, for architects, structural, mechanical and electrical engineers to work together. The success of this large-scale experiment leaves no doubt as to the efficiency and desirability of the joint office system.

Architects in the audience winced visibly, when the lecturer, expanding the theme of teamwork, suggested that if the architect proved, as in some cases, to be "more artist than organizer" the practical leadership of the team should be vested in the civil engineer or any of the other engineers provided their tact, administrative ability and appreciation of architectural value came up to standard!

The spirit of co-operation should begin during the respective training of architect and engineer according to Mr. Varming. Students of architecture, structural, mechanical and electrical engineering should collaborate on final year projects. He pointed out that whilst most architects sooner or later have contact with engineers, only 10 to 20 per cent, of engineers will ever have dealings with architects. Among engineering students very few, if any, go through their studies realizing that they will spend their lives in contact with architecture. The emphasis should be on co-education at a later (possibly post-graduate) stage. Mr. Varming's plea for a measure of co-education is rooted in his belief that much of the blame for the poor collaboration between architect and engineer stems from the fact that the professions do not know enough about the work and aims of each other. Architects regard services as a necessary evil to be stuffed in somewhere as inconspicuously as possible, and mechanical engineers treat architectural design with considerable suspicion. It is interesting to note that for some years now the AA School has provided, in its fourth year, for students to carry out a design problem in collaboration with mechanical engineering students from the Borough Polytechnic. This is a step in the direction of Jorgen Varming's coeducation.

On the question of education as a whole he examined both English and Continental systems. He criticized the latter which allowed young graduate engineers to enter the profession on the strength of their academic qualifications alone, whereas in England practical experience was demanded before recognition. In England, on the other hand, the heating engineer is not recognized by the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (Why? Because the work of the heating engineer-heat transfer, the behaviour of air jets, pipe flow, air conditioning-is physics, not mechanical engineering, which is concerned with mechanics.), and he attributed to this reason the fact that so few university graduates go in for heating and ventilating, whereas in Scandinavian countries the majority are graduated civil engineers. Heating engineers, fully trained as civil engineers, tend to be much more alive to architecture. The situation could be improved by the Institution of Heating and Ventilating Engineers obtaining a Royal Charter.

Mr. Varming then showed some slides to illustrate—as he put it—"the interdependence of these two disciplines." One series of slides illustrated the design drawings of one of the eight selected competition schemes for the Toronto Town Hall. It was obvious that the designers had obtained the advice of a mechanical engineer in preparing their scheme.

A second group of slides showed some boiler houses with layouts designed by the lecturer for heating, ventilating and DHW use. These were intended to support the view, put forward by the Danish Building Research Station, who have been studying the subject, that money and effort spent achieving well-planned, well-lit boiler rooms results in a substantial economy in subsequent running costs. A last group of slides illustrated details of mechanical services.

Mr. Varming's audience was composed largely of engineers, with architects in the minority, and the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. Taylor, Vice-president of the IHVE. In seconding the vote of thanks Edward D. Mills took the opportunity of reminding those present that whilst the architect was sometimes guilty of not calling in his consultants until a late stage he often had difficulty in the first place in persuading his client to employ consultants at all! Unfortunately the decision to adjourn to the AA immediately after the lecture removed any likelihood of formal discussion. This was a sadly missed opportunity, for the occasion clearly was ripe for a frank airing of views between architects and engineers and the organizers would do well to reconsider their decision for future occasions.

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The trustees of the Yerbury Foundation propose to follow up Jorgen Varming's lecture with others in the autumn on the relationship between design and productivity. These will include effect of shape on building costs and methods, relation between design and speed of building, and communications.

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How it was Cleaned Up

Judging from the reception accorded the Magdalen Street Project at its opening conference, architects up and down the country will soon find themselves being pitchforked into similar street-rehabilitation schemes, and it may be useful for them to know something of what it was like to be involved in the prototype.

Firstly, group working—so long preached by nearly everyone but practised by so very few-was a great success. We were, of course, very fortunate in our leader, since Misha Black is one of those few who can inspire without eclipsing and unify without uniformity. In our remote provincial fastness it was a stimulating experience to work with a top-flight designer, and to get five busy practising architects round a board indulging in mutual criticism and selfcriticism was quite an achievement in itself. Are there some general lessons here? Could our provincial centres be kept architecturally up to scratch by occasional injections of London talent in this manner (rather than by getting you-know-who to design your new office block), and could not private architects come out of their shells more often and collaborate rather than compete? If only private architects could become more co-operative and official ones less hierarchical we might really be getting somewhere.

Secondly, the clients. Each sector-architect on Magdalen Street had some ten to twenty different owners or occupiers to deal with, some involving complications of leaseholds and sub-lettings as well; with few exceptions these co-operated enthusiastically. Some of them were family businesses where everything could be sorted out over a cup of coffee in the small back office. Others were chain shops, and finding someone prepared to take decisions in a large impersonal organization at the other end of a long telephone line is not so easy. The amount of letter writing, telephones andoccasionally—anger per pound of fees earned was consequently pretty high. You have to do this sort of thing for love really. but it does seem worth while in the end. On the whole the shopkeepers took surprisingly kindly to proposals to cut down fascias, install reduced size lettering to one of the approved faces, remove redundant signs and so on. Most of these proved to be as expendable as the 6-ft.-high cast iron box belonging to the Electricity Board in front of St. Saviour's church, which was sunk without trace under the pavement. As for colour schemes, the great thing was to

convince each client that his own premises

would stand out from all the rest of the

street. This is not so cynical as it sounds,

since the design policy was to achieve variety in unity, and to accentuate and dramatize the varied features of the street rather than to impose any forced uniformity on them. Most of the shopkeepers now feel that their own building could have been just a trifle brighter rather than otherwise—which is remarkable in a street which was, until three or four months ago, predominantly chocolate-coloured.

SHEILA GOOCH

YORK INSTITUTE

Course on Urban Renewal

The need for post-graduate and refresher courses for practising planners is great, and has been largely unfulfilled until the advent of the courses which now form a regular part of the activities of the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies at York, directed by Dr. W. A. Singleton. Such a course was that on Urban Renewal held at York from April 9 to 14, and provided an opportunity for practising architects and planners to hear a series of views of different aspects of this urgent problem.

Urban Renewal must necessarily be seen against a background of possible changes in the settlement pattern as a whole if it is to be realistic, and the emphasis in the initial lectures was on this wider aspect of renewal. A team of lecturers from Manchester University School of Town and Country Planning dealt with some of the major factors of policy necessary for a comprehensive policy of renewal: G. F. Chadwick with the size and urgency of the task of replacement of obsolete housing (5½ million houses attaining the age of 100 years by the end of the century and therefore being obsolete, or some 8½ million being 75 years old by this date, out of a total housing stock of 154 million); J. N. Jackson with the additional housing demand arising from a diminution in the average family size, anticipated as being from 3.2 to 3.0 persons by the end of the century, and requiring one million new houses (two million if the family size drops to 2.8), a further two million houses needed for the additional population increase of 6.2 million by this time, and a further halfmillion to cover the present demand from overcrowding; a total programme of from 9 to 13 million houses needed in 40 years if we are to keep pace with social demand. D. F. Medhurst showed how new factors in the location of new industries (nuclear power, oil refining and petro-chemicals) might lead to a movement towards new coastal settlements as secondary and ancillary service industries were also attracted there: to what extent is continued investment in some of the older conurbations justified?

Colin Clarke, of Oxford University, showed very cogently the relationship between transport facilities and population densities, reaching the conclusion that dispersal of population was inevitable unless there were quite unforeseen reversals of current social and economic trends: Subtopia has very deep roots not realized by some who regard it as purely a visual affliction. D. F. Medhurst then reviewed the influence of the

motor-car on housing layout, suggesting that it should be planned as a utility service and putting forward a new type of courtyard house arranged in modified linear patterns as a possible solution.

E. E. Hollamby, of the LCC Housing Division, dealt with housing renewal and rehabilitation, and in particular the combined attack on redevelopment and renewal taking place in such areas as Southwark and Paddington. Following this, he dealt with other aspects of inner urban housing including the recent change of emphasis (noted in Flats and Houses, 1958) to moderately high density development using low building heights. Suburban renewal then formed the theme of Graeme Shankland, illustrated by the recent Boston Manor project, and central area renewal in its diverse forms.

Bryan Antey presented a very provocative view of the economics of renewal, arguing that the key to renewal is the enhancement of land values, and that renewal was a normal commercial activity which could largely be left to private enterprise. The social consequences of renewal and the importance of understanding the repercussions on people of planning policy decisions were stressed by J. N. Jackson, based on an investigation of social conditions in inner urban and on "overspill" estates. Following this, Percy Johnson-Marshall, in dealing with the aesthetics of renewal, gave a very comprehensive review of current design tendencies in the field of renewal, whilst R. W. Brunskill drew upon his recent experience as a Commonwealth Fellow to make comparisons in the field of American practice.

As a respite from the lecture room the Course then visited Sheffield where the City Architect, J. L. Womersley, explained the renewal schemes in progress there, visits being made to the Park Hill redevelopment area and other sites.

The course concluded with N. Lichfield covering the various agencies operating in this field and improvements in the methods of attacking renewal problems which might be possible, whilst the writer explored the visual possibilities of the landscape resulting from comprehensive rebuilding, both urban and general. It is hoped that further courses on urban planning problems will be held from time to time at York.

G. F. CHADWICK

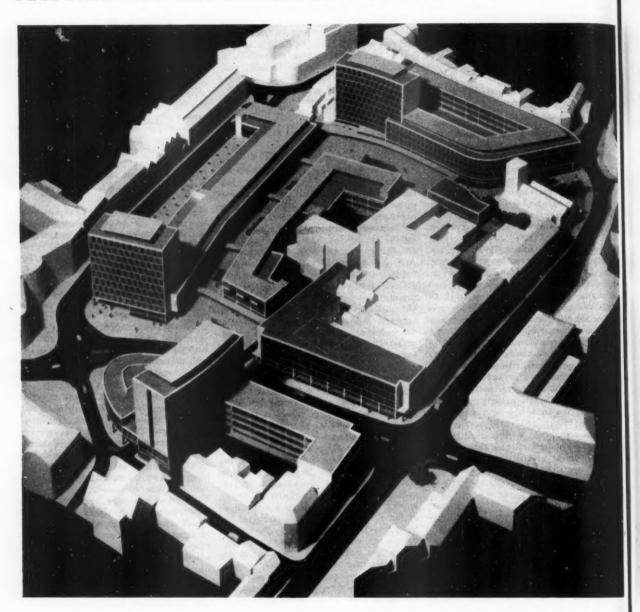
News in Brief

Dr. W. A. Singleton, Director of the Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, York, has been appointed Hoffman Wood Professor of Architecture at Leeds University for the session 1959-60.

Jack Whittle, deputy architect and planning officer at West Ham, has been appointed deputy housing architect to the LCC.

The annual golf match between the RIBA Golfing Society and the Building Alliance Golfing Society was played at Royal Mid-Surrey, Richmond, on May 21 and resulted in a win for the BAGS, by twelve matches to ten, with two matches halved.

PROPOSALS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LION YARD, CAMBRIDGE



The project for the development of the Lion Yard area of Cambridge recently put forward by Edger Investments Ltd. and designed by Stone, Toms and Partners, proposes to provide three 9-storey blocks, two for offices and the third for a hotel, a new central public library, shops and parking space for some 730 cars. The project is the largest ever put forward in Cambridge and construction is expected to take about $2\frac{1}{2}$ years if it is finally approved by the County Planning authority. At present it has only the recommendation of the City Council. The model shown here is only an outline of the proposed general layout of the site, and in no sense the final word in the

matter of architectural detail. But one cannot help wondering how this scheme will alleviate the present traffic problem in the town. Parking 700 cars in such a restricted area during the day is undoubtedly an achievement, but that these cars will be able to get away easily is not evident from the model, the plan of which seems very tight. A scheme for the redevelopment of the Lion Yard area was first suggested by Sir William Holford and Professor Myles Wright in their report, Cambridge Planning Proposals, in 1950. This scheme was one of seven submitted by various developers to the City Council.

The AJ Fellowship: "Information for the Architect," 3

THE NEED FOR STANDARDIZATION

by Dargan Bullivant

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WHAT SHOULD BE STANDARDIZED?

At present the papers and documents which are intended to be used in the practitioner's office show too great a variety of form to be handled easily in the office. Producers of information seem on the whole to be unaware of the difficulties and confusion caused by such variety. This applies particularly to producers of trade literature but also to institutes, associations and Her Majesty's Stationery Office. What now seems to be required is a limitation to the unnecessary variety of form and size now in use.

The most important points on which general agreement should be sought are:

- 1. Basic form and paper size—for satisfactory filing.
- 2. Pre-punching-for standard equipment.
- 3. Loose leaf methods-for keeping papers up to date.
- 4. Classification—for simple handling and locating in the files

Classification will be dealt with in the next article. It is the purpose of this article to deal with basic form and paper size and hole punching and in particular to describe the basis for standardization of sizes which is being introduced into this country called the "A" series. This series of sizes has been adopted by the BSI and the RIBA for all its paperwork and is especially important for all organizations and individuals in the building industry.

Basic Form, Standard Size and Pre-punching

Three basic forms are in use at present: books, pamphlets and sheets. The pamphlet is the form most commonly used in a small size without holes for filing. It is, generally speaking, the most difficult to handle in the office. The large number involved and their small size make their use in loaning, returning and storage in the office extremely difficult.

It is now considered that documents for use by practitioners should be limited to:

Books-defined by having a square back wide enough for a title, and

Filing papers—in the form of thin monographs, leaflets and single sheets and periodical cuttings.

These should all be to size A4 and pre-punched with two holes at $3\frac{1}{8}$ in. (80 cms.) centres placed symmetrically on the left-hand long side.

Periodicals which are really neither of these two forms should be considered as collections of papers for filing. This is possible if each article starts on a right-hand page and deals with only one subject at a time. The page layout should also allow for at least 1 in. filing margin after the page has been cut out.



Fig. 1. A Variety of Sizes. Periodicals, pamphlets, from official and trade sources in a variety of sizes. Some to BS 1311, some not.



Fig. 2. Lack of Standardization at the HM80. At least four different formats are being used for building publications, but the formats are not related either to the subject treated or the department of origin.



Fig. 3. A4 Size for Filing. A selection of Scandinavian periodicals, pamphlets, data sheets, trade leaflets and architects' specifications all to A4.



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Too Many Sizes

Many letters have appeared in the Press in recent years complaining of the unnecessary number of sizes used for publications and the chaos caused in the user's office. There are three principal reasons for this. Firstly, at the root of the problem is the large range of paper sizes produced. The present British Standard 730:1951 for Paper and Boards gives several tables of machine-made papers normally held in stock by mills and merchants. The lists are very long and are not exhaustive of the sizes actually used. Tables 1 to 5 list some of the sizes in use collected from different sources. No guarantee of completeness is given. Furthermore this large list of sizes is not followed nearly as closely as it should be and being broadsheet sizes, not trimmed sizes, they make possible an unfortunate diversity in the final trimmed sizes of printed matter of the same nominal format.

The second reason is that the many producers of information are without guidance on the needs of the users. The production of a great deal of trade product information is in the hands of advertising agents who are not always clear about the distinction between advertising gimmicks and technical information which must be fileable if it is to be used when it is required. The absence of an authoritative information service on trade products such as exists in many countries in Europe and America means that there is no standard

The third reason is that it is only recently, in March, 1958, that a move in the direction of a rational basis for size standardization has been made. In that month the British Standards Institution started a progressive changeover of all its paper work and publications to the International A series sizes used in at least 26 other countries, BS1311 for Trade and Technical Literature was amended to accept sizes A4 and A5. This move was supported by the British Federation of Master Printers which changed to A sizes for its letter paper and most of its publications. Several large paper makers and merchants started to build up stocks and make paper available throughout the trade and more recently over the counter to the general public. Incidentally, the Architects' Journal adopted A4 format in 1942.

A New Drive For Standardization

The BSI move and its significance soon became clear as correspondence, duplicated drafts, and printed papers all appeared to the same sizes from the BSI. In June, 1958, the matter received some publicity at a meeting at the RIBA when a paper on "The Problem of Technical Information" was given by Eric Bird. During the autumn a pilot exercise in using the new paper sizes was carried out by the Technical Section of the RIBA and later in the year the Council of the RIBA approved a joint recommendation of several RIBA committees in regard to the sizes and design of RIBA papers and publications. As fresh stocks of paper are ordered they will in future conform in size to the A series of international paper sizes as given in BS 1311 (amended 1958). The Council also agreed to urge others in the building industry to collaborate in

this change of sizes and further suggested that A4 should be used for all literature which is intended for filing or retention for reference. Since then a number of RIBA publications have appeared. A number of them are shown in Fig. 4. It is understood that the RIBA Journal will change over as present paper stocks. are exhausted.

SIZES OF WRITING AND PRINTING PAPERS TABLE 1

Double Imperial	30" × 44"	BS.
Imperial	22" × 30"	BS.
Quad Crown	30" × 40"	BS.
Double Crown	20" × 30"	BS.
Double Royal	25" × 40"	BS.
Royal	20" × 25"	BS.
Double Medium	23" × 36"	BS.
Medium	18" × 23"	BS.
Quad Demy	35" × 45"	BS.
Double Demy	22½" × 35"	BS.
Demy	$17\frac{1}{2}'' \times 22\frac{1}{2}''$	BS.
Copy or Draft	16" × 20"	
Double large Post	21" × 33"	BS.
Large Post	16½" × 21"	BS.
Double Post	19" × 304"	BS.
Post	15½" × 19#	BS.
Pinched Post	14½" × 18½"	BS.
Quad Foolscap	27" × 34"	BS.
Oblong Double Foolscap	134" × 34" ·	BS.
Double Foolscap	17" × 27"	BS.
Foolscap	13½" × 17"	BS.
Brief	131" × 161"	AALAA.
Pott	12½" × 15"	

SIZES OF BOUND BOOKS

TABLE 2

Demy 16mo.	58"	×	43"	Foolscap Quar	to 81"	×	63"
Demy 18mo.		X	33"	Crown 4to.	10"	×	75"
Foolscap Octavo	63"	X	41"	Demy 4to.	1114"	H	83"
Crown 8vo.	74"	×	5"	Royal 4to.	124"	M	
Large Crown 8vo.	71"	×	51"	Imperial 4to.	15"	×	11"
Demy 8vo.	84"	×	55"	Crown Folio	15"		10"
Medium 8vo.	91"		6"	Demy Folio	174"	×	111"
Royal 8vo.	91"	×		Royal Folio	20#		123"
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SIZES OF PERIODICALS

TABLE 3

Architects'				RIBA Journal	11"	X	81"
Journal Architect and	112"	X	83"	Architectural Design	12"	187	93"
Building News	1112"	×	81"	Architectural			- 0
Architecture and Building	12"	×	9"	Review	12"	×	93"
Builder	1112"	×	81"				

SIZES OF DRAWING PAPERS

TABLE 4

Emperor	48"		72"	Double Medium			36"	
Antiquarian	30"		53"	Imperial	22"	X	30"	BS
Double Imperial	30 "	X	44"					
Ouad Crown	30"	X	40"	Double Crown	20"	×	30"	
Double Elephant	27"	X	40" BS.	Elephant	20"	×	27"	
				Cartridge	21"	×	26"	
Grand Eagle	283"	×	42"	Super Royal	19"	×	27"	
Atlas	26"	×	34"	Royal	19"		24"	
Colombier	234"	×	344"	Crown	15"	×	20"	
Double Royal	25"	×	40"					

SIZES OF ENVELOPES

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A period of transition

The change over to these sizes will no doubt take time but there can be little doubt that the move is the right one. The period of transition for publications within the building industry could be reasonably short as documents are being replaced all the time. Many manufacturers reprint or replace catalogues every twelve months and new stocks of stationery are constantly being ordered. The BSI and RIBA have both offered to give guidance to inquirers wishing to make a change over. It is expected that with the developing trends in European trade many manufacturers will find more requests that their publications should be fileable in other countries and this will hasten the trend.

A number of other organizations in the industry have started a changeover including the C&CA and the NAMMC. Others are expected to follow very shortly.

THE "A" SERIES SIZES

In the early twenties an effort to standardize paper sizes took place in Germany which was followed by some 26 countries all over the world and is now being introduced into the United Kingdom. The new formats introduced at that time reduced substantially the number of sizes required which was economically advantageous to the industry and led to a considerable simplification in paper handling, filing and equipment design for the user. Anyone who has visited offices in Scandinavia or Germany will remember the degree of order which they achieve in the handling of all paper work as the system of standardization applies to stationery, duplicated documents, printed papers, catalogues and periodicals and drawings.

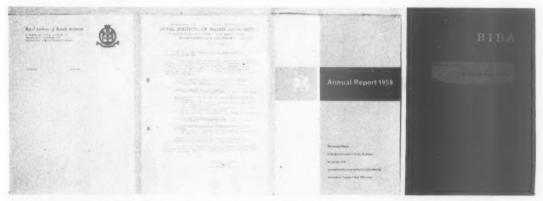
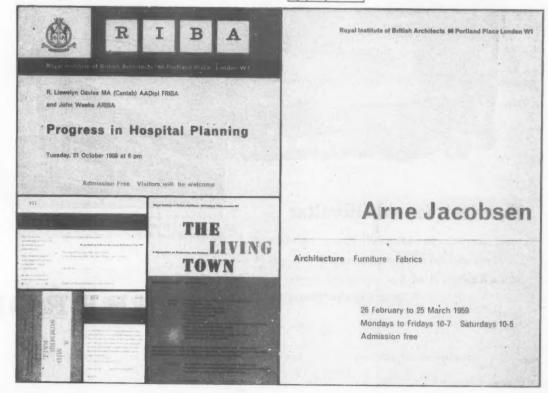


Fig. 4. RIBA Stationery, Duplicated and Printed Papers. A4 is suitable for the three kinds of papers, which may often have to be filed together. It replaces Quarto $(8 \text{ in.} \times 5 \text{ in.})$, Foolscap $(13 \text{ in.} \times 8 \text{ in.})$ and Trade and Technical BS 1311 $(11 \text{ in.} \times 8\frac{1}{2} \text{ in.})$ by one size.



Fig. 5. RIBA Use of "A" Series. A selection of recent posters, handbills and cards and tickets from the "A" range. Designed by Herbert Spencer.





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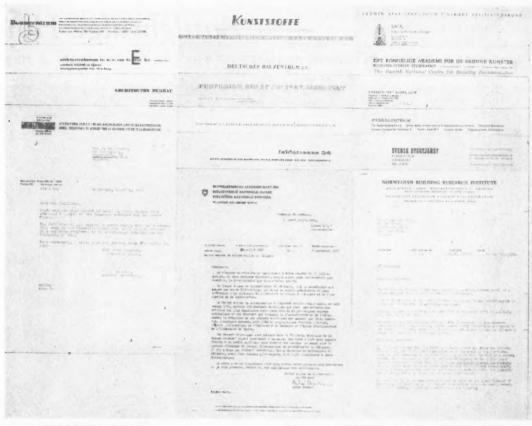
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The use of "A" Series sizes in Europe

The degree to which "A" series sizes are used in Europe varies but in several countries, notably Scandinavia, they are used for practically 100 per cent for all paper work. Fig. 6 illustrates the use of A4 for business stationery in Scandinavia, Holland, Germany and Switzerland. The letters are from architects, manufacturers and institutes. Fig. 3 shows the use of A4 for periodicals, research reports, standards, technical digests, architects' specifications and trade literature.

In France, USA, and the British Commonwealth, these sizes have been used for certain limited purposes but interest is now growing rapidly. The Commonwealth countries have also agreed to change as soon as practicable to the "A" series.

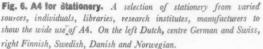
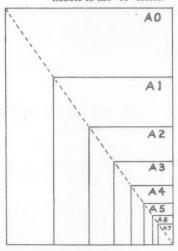
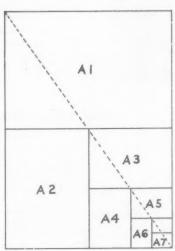


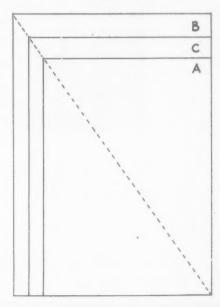
Fig. 7. "A" Series. Each size in the series is the same proportion 1: \square 2 (below left).

Fig. 8. "A" Series. Each size may be halved or doubled to produce another size in the range (below centre).

Fig. 9. "A," "B," "C" Series. International Standard Paper Sizes are based on three series. The "A" is used for all trimmed finished papers. The "B" and "C" are used for envelopes (below right).

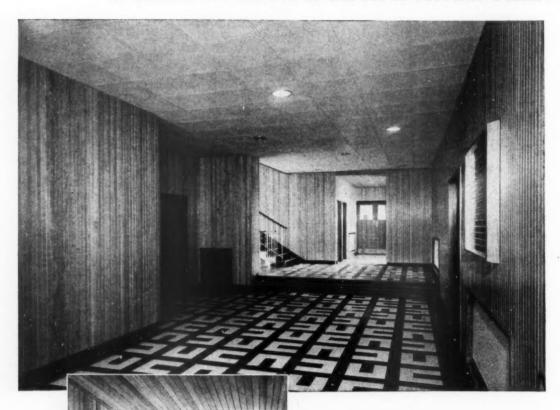






Battlebridge House

AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF THE USE OF DECORATIVE HARDWOODS



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CONTINENTAL PAPER SIZES. "A" SERIES

TABLE 6

Paper Sizes

shown in Fig. 9.

A0 A1 A2 A3	33·1" × 46·8" (841 × 1,189 mm.) 23·4" × 33·1" (594 × 841 mm.) 16·5" × 23·4" (420 × 594 mm.) 11·7" × 16·5" (297 × 420 mm.)
A4	$8\cdot 3''\times 11\cdot 7''\ (210\times 297\ mm.)$ The most commonly used size, it falls between the present foolscap (13'' \times 8') and the previously recommended size for Trade and Technical literature (11'' \times 8½"). It will therefore replace three existing sizes which often have to be filed together by one. It gives a page of two columns and is wide enough for diagrams and tables. Uses. Periodicals, books and manuals with large illustrations, data sheets, duplicated documents, and normal business stationery.
A5	5.8" × 8.3" (148 × 210 mm.) The equivalent of our present stationery 8vo sheet, but large enough to be far more widely used for innumerable items of commercial stationery. Uses. Small periodicals, booklets, personal stationery, invoices, handbills, index cards.
A6	$4\cdot1''\times5\cdot8''$ (105 × 148 mm.) Replaces many formats with no more than $\frac{1}{2}$ in. between them. Uses. Labels, postcards, index cards, tickets and slips.
A7	$2\cdot 9'' \times 4\cdot 1''$ (74 × 105 mm.) Uses. Small labels, tickets and small index cards.

CONTINENTAL ENVELOPES. "B" and "C" SERIES

34 C4 35 C5 36 C6 C7	$9.8'' \times 13.9''$ (250 × 353 mm.)
4	$9.0'' \times 12.7'' (229 \times 324 \text{ mm.})$
5	$6.9'' \times 9.8'' (176 \times 250 \text{ mm.})$
5	$6.4'' \times 9.0'' (162 \times 229 \text{ mm.})$
6	$4.9'' \times 6.9'' (125 \times 176 \text{ mm.})$
6	4.5" × 6.4" (114 × 162 mm.)
7	3·2" × 4·5" (EI × 114 mm.)
6/7	3·2" × 6·4" (81 × 162 mm.)
5/6	4·3" × 8·7" (110 × 220 mm.)
100	· 4·9" × 12·7" (125 × 324 mm.)

Fig. 10. Envelopes to the "C" Series. A selection of envelopes from the "C" series. This shows all the ones in common use. The "B" series envelopes are slightly larger to take bulky papers.

C5/6	C4
C6	
C7 C7	C4

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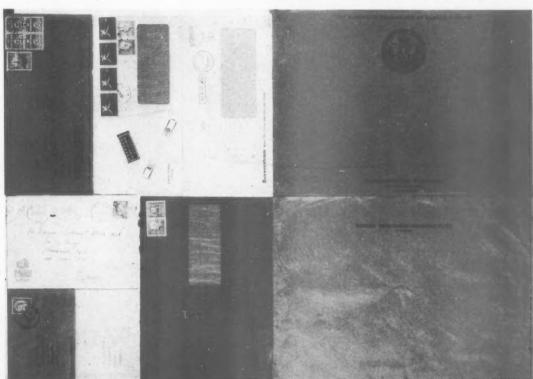
The international paper standards are based on three parallel ranges of sizes, A, B, and C. The "A" series from A0 to A10 are the trimmed sizes of the paper and this series is the one used for all finished work. The most common sizes being A4, A5, A6 and A7. The "B" and "C" series sizes, which are all slightly larger, are not intended as alternative sizes for the same uses but are intended only for envelopes and posters. The relationship of the A, B and C series is

The proportion of all the sizes in the A, B and C series is that of the, so-called, Golden Proportion which has the property of providing smaller sizes merely by halving the larger dimension, or providing larger sizes by doubling the shorter one, all being the same proportion. The advantage of a series of sizes which retains the same proportion throughout is widely recognized, especially for work involving enlargement and reduction. Fig. 8 shows the broad sheet A0 and the relationship of the other sizes in the "A" series. Fig. 7 shows how the sizes in the series all retain the same proportion. The two main sizes are A4 (113 in. × 81 in.) and A5 which is exactly half (8½ in. \times 5½ in.). These are included in BS 1311 for Trade and Technical Literature and are preferred and used by BSI and the RIBA for their own paperwork. The larger sizes, A1, A2 and so on, meet the needs for which we employ some half-dozen common sizes of printing papers in various subdivisions, not to

An important point to note is that the "A" sizes are trimmed sizes and are therefore exact. Stubs or tear-off books or index tabs are always additional to the "A" dimensions which are those of the ultimate product.

mention writing and drawing sizes. Tables 1 and 4

show some of the present sizes.



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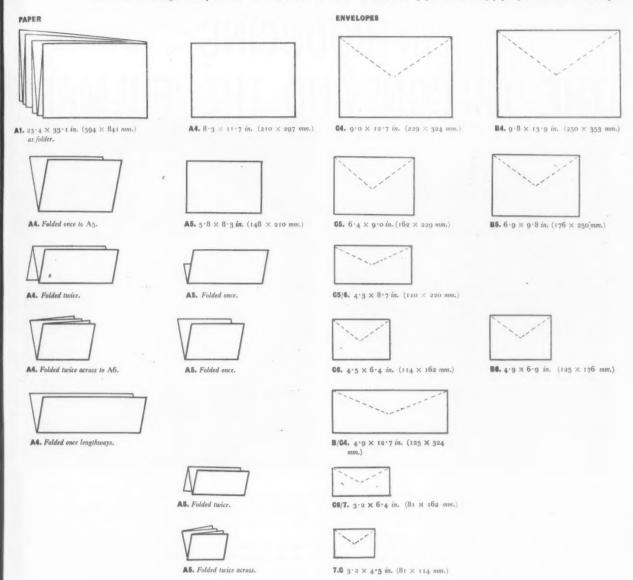
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Fig. 11. International Standard Paper Sizes. The "A" series sizes envelope to fit it, for example, A4 fits flat in C4, folded once into C5, are the size of trimmed finished papers and the "B" and "C" series sizes are used for envelopes. Each "A" size has a "C" size

folded twice across into C6 and folded twice in the height into C5/6. Folded drawings fit into C4. Bulky papers fit into "B" size envelopes.



Envelope Sizes

Standard envelopes for use with the "A" formats are in "B" and "C" sizes. The most commonly used envelopes are the C4, C5, C5/6, C6 and C7 of which the C6 is the normal size for correspondence and commercial use. The C5/6 is also very commonly used. The complete range of envelopes needed is no more than 10 and these can replace about 40 different formats in the present BS 730.

Fig. 11 shows the full range of envelopes and their uses with "A" size papers.

Equipment

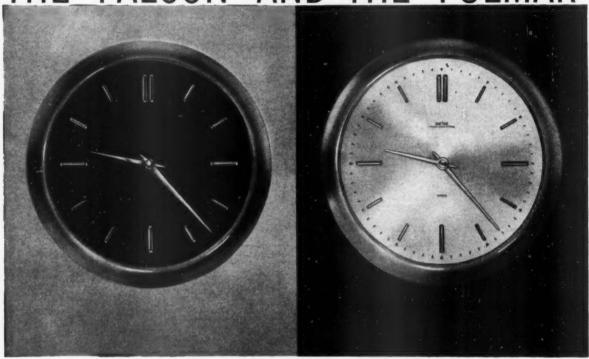
In those countries where the A sizes are used completely, the office equipment is designed to conform. Folders, files, boxes and cabinets are all slightly smaller than those used here. Until such time as the use of these sizes predominates, it will probably be necessary to make use of existing equipment for storage and duplication. There appear to be no insuperable difficulties to this from the user's point of view.

For example, A4 papers will fit quite well into foolscap folders. There are no difficulties with typing, copying, and duplicating equipment, most of which is designed to take "A" sizes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. All organizations in the building field should examine the advantages to be gained by adopting the "A" series sizes for all stationery, duplicating and printed publications.
- 2. That the chief institutes representing practitioners, the RIBA, NFBTE and RICS should make joint propaganda and publish guidance for all producers of publications for building.
- 3. That all official departments publishing through HMSO should press for the adoption of "A" series sizes by HMSO.

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THE INDUSTRY

From the industry this week Brian Grant describes plastic external plumbing, a convection heater and kitchen furniture.

Developments in plastics

The Marley Group is now producing 2½-in. down pipes and 4-in. half round gutters with all the normal fittings, in rigid p.v.c. Prices are comparable with cast iron, and the wall thickness is $\frac{3}{32}$ in., but the glossy grey surface

Down pipes and half round gutters in rigid p.v.c., by Marley Tiles.



does not need painting, and is resistant to corrosive atmospheres. Lengths have been standardized at 6 ft., but the material is very easy to cut. At the moment only the sizes noted above are in production, but 4½-in. and 5-in. gutters and 3½-in. pipe will be available soon for industrial use.

The same firm has also recently evolved a system for joining sheets of vinyl flooring by a hot air welding process in which the gap between sheets is filled with a round beading of plastic, which may be in the same or in a contrasting colour. By cutting a suitable vee groove in the sheet it is also possible to produce patterns. After the welding a small fillet is left proud of the surface of the sheet, and this is cut off with a specially shaped scraper to leave a level surface. (The Marley Tile Co. Ltd., London Road, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent.)

Heating equipment

The illustration on the right shows a thermostatically controlled convection heater which Simplicity are now producing in addition to their oil-fired models. The new heaters have a heat exchanger unit of copper finned tubes and brass headers for the hot water, and an adjustable speed fan gives a maximum output of 30,000 B.Th.U. per hour with a water inlet temperature of 180 deg. F. The fan is rated at 25 watts, and the BTH motor is particularly silent, having a neoprene centre bush which prevents frequency hum from being transmitted to the fan blades. For domestic use the fan speed may be dropped to 420 r.p.m., when the sound level is only just above the threshold of audibility. Dimensions are only 3 ft. by 2 ft., with a depth of 1 ft., price being £49 12s. 0d., less, the makers claim, than the equivalent surface area in conventional radiators. An air filter is available as an extra (£6 9s. 0d.), and the heaters are, of course, equally suitable for gravity or pump accelerated systems. (Simplicity Heater Co., 10a, Langley Road, Staines, Middlesex.)

Kitchen furniture

Karoline Mark II kitchen furniture has sloping fronts and top hung sliding doors which are guaranteed not to stick, and which also eliminate the dirt trap of the bottom runner. The units are made in timber, and are produced in a full and quite reasonably priced range, from £50 17s. 6d. for a double draining board stainless steel

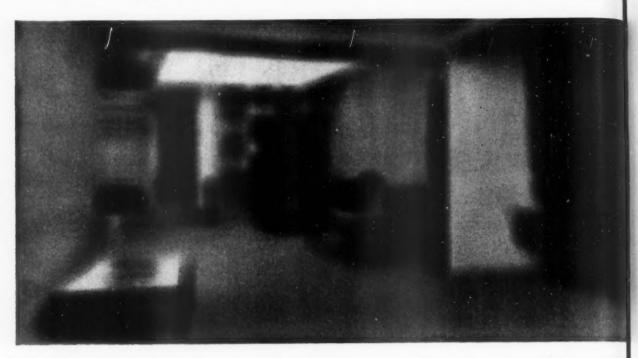


The Simplicity thermostatically controlled convection heater.

sink and cupboard unit to £21 for a 21-in. square drawer unit. Wall and corner units are also produced. (K. L. Cobb Ltd., Suffolk House, Laurence Pountney Hill, London, E.C.4.)

Karoline Mark II kitchen cupboard unit.





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cost variations in common building items, 2 internal doors

Having dealt with wood windows in their first article*, the authors, Messrs. Handisyde and Taylor and Arthur J. Willis and Thompson, pass to a consideration of wood doors, basing most of their examples on the variations given in BS459, Part 1. In their third article they will complete their study of doors by considering wood linings and frames.

Internal doors have been chosen as the subject for this second article in the series on cost variations in common building items because they occur in all types of building and, perhaps just because of their familiarity, they seem sometimes to be specified without sufficient consideration of their possible effect on the cost of the job. It is perhaps worth noting, that the effect of door prices will be greatest in buildings with small rooms, since then the number of doors per sq. ft. of job is high. External doors have not been considered because it is felt that in most buildings there are so few of these that their cost would seldom be a factor of great importance in relation to the job as a whole, unless a very elaborate design was used when presumably it would be appreciated that it was something special requiring separate consideration for cost.

Flush doors

(j) Plywood with walnut veneer for polishing, with matching lipping to all edges

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Note: All comparisons are based on doors 2 ft. 6 in. \times 6 ft. 6 in. All figures given below are percentages in relation to Type 1 (a) (100 per cent.). The figures given include for hanging doors on a pair of $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. butts, steel for types (a) to (f), and brass for types (g) to (j) and for priming and painting two undercoats and one finishing coat and for waxpolishing where stated. All lippings are hardwood.

Door type

	1 1 in. (finished) interior quality flush door to comply with BS459 Part 2A	2 13 in. (finished) interior quality flush door with framing to comply with BS459 Part 2A	3 1½ in. (finished) interior quality flush door with solid core	1 in. (finished) interior quality flush door with solid core	5 1½ in. (finished) half-hour type fire-check flush door to comply with BS 459 Part 3
Finish to both faces					
(a) Hardboard, without lipping (b) Hardboard, with lipping to	100*	103		-	-
both vertical edges (c) Hardboard, with lipping to	109	111		<u>-</u>	
all edges (d) Plywood for painting,	116	119	-	-	-
without lipping (e) Plywood for painting with	132	136	186	192	194
ipping to both vertical edges f) Plywood for painting, with	141	145	195	201	203
lipping to all edges (g) African mahogany plywood for polishing with matching	148	153	203	209	211
ipping to both vertical edges (h) African mahogany plywood for polishing with lipping to	-	178	228	235	244
all edges		187	237	243	252

The formation of an opening 1 ft. 8 in. by 1 ft. 8 in. fitted with beads and glazed with ½-in. polished plate glass would result in an addition of about 55 to any of the above percentages

[•] April 23, 1959.

^{*} Values are given as a percentage and not as a price in order to warn readers that they are approximate only. Nevertheless an indication can be given of the amount involved in each case by taking 100 as representing about £3 15s. 0d.

technical section

Panelled and glazed doors

Notes: All comparisons are based on doors 2 ft. 6 in. \times 6 ft. 6 in. All percentages given below are in relation to flush door type 1 (a) (100 per cent). The figures given include for hanging doors on a pair of $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. butts, steel to softwood doors and brass to hardwood, and for painting softwood and wax polishing hardwood doors. The figures for glazed doors include for $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. polished plate glass bedded in velvet and fixed with beads to match timber of door.

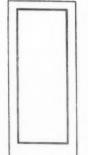
- 1. $1\frac{3}{3}$ -in. (finished) softwood two-panel standard door with plywood panels to comply with BS459, Part 1, Type 2
- 2. 1\frac{1}{3}\text{-in. (finished) softwood four-panel standard door with plywood panels to comply with BS459, Part 1, Type 4
- 3. 1½-in. (finished) softwood four-panel standard door with three plywood panels and one panel open for glazing, to comply with BS459, Part 1, Type 4G 4. 1½-in. (finished) softwood two-panel standard door
- 4. $1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. (finished) softwood two-panel standard door with plywood panels to comply with BS459, Part 1, Type 2X
- 5. 1\(\frac{1}{4}\)-in. (finished) softwood four-panel standard door with plywood panels to comply with B\$459, Part 1, Type 4X
- 6. 1½-in. (finished) softwood standard glazed door open in one pane to comply with BS459, Part 1, Type 10 7. 2-in. (nominal) softwood purpose-made one-panel door, chamfered on solid both sides, with ½-in. panel 8. 2-in. (nominal) Agba purpose-made one-panel door, chamfered on solid both sides, with ½-in. panel 9. 2-in. (nominal) softwood purpose-made rebated and

chamfered door glazed in one pane

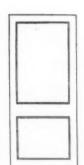
Locks and furniture

The figures below are the percentages which should be added to those given above for doors for the various types of locks and furniture.

- 1. Mortice latch with pair of satin anodized aluminium lever handles on stamped back plates p.c. 10s. per set and fixing to softwood
- Mortice latch with pair of satin anodized aluminium lever handles on stamped back plates p.c. 10s. per set and fixing to hardwood
- 3. Two-lever mortice lock with pair of satin anodized aluminium lever handles on stamped back plates p.c. 13s. 6d. per set and fixing to softwood
- 4. Two-lever mortice lock with pair of satin anodized aluminium lever handles on stamped back plates p.c. 13s. 6d. per set and fixing to hardwood
- 5. Three-lever mortice lock with pair of medium quality lever handles on cast back plates p.c. 31s. 6d. per set and fixing to softwood
 - Three-lever mortice lock with pair of medium quality lever handles on cast back plates p.c. 31s. 6d. per set and fixing to hardwood
 - 7. High quality mortice lock with pair of satin nickelbronze lever handles on cast back plates p.c. 41s. 6d. per set and fixing to softwood
- 8. High quality mortice lock with pair of satin nickel-bronze lever handles on cast back plates p.c. 41s. 6d.
 per set and fixing to hardwood



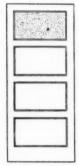




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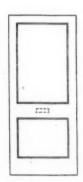
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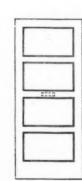
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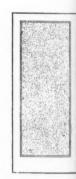
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Type 4X



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Type 10

Door types from BS 459 part 1 referred to in these prices. No scale.

Conclusions

- 1. The cost of a door, plus fairly normal ironmongery, can vary by something like 400 per cent. according to quality. In a house, where the range in cost would be more likely to be about 100 per cent. the effect on a four-bedroom house would be of the order of 10 per cent. on the cost of the job. In larger buildings where probably the room sizes would be larger and therefore the number of doors to a given area would be smaller, the difference in cost of doors would become relatively less important.
- 2. The effect of changing door thickness from 1½ in. to 1½ in. is not sufficient to justify the thinner door, except where extreme economy is essential, but to change from a framed flush to a solid core flush door

- involves an increase of nearly 40 per cent. on the cost.

 3. The cost of glazed openings in flush doors is very
- considerable if plate glass is used for safety but is reduced appreciably if 32 oz. sheet glass is accepted.

 A Panelled doors are something like 20 per cent more
- 4. Panelled doors are something like 20 per cent. more expensive than cheap flush doors, but not very different in price from the cheaper types of plywood-faced flush doors. They are appreciably cheaper than solid-cored plywood-faced flush doors.
- 5. High quality veneers nearly double the cost of a decent quality plywood painted door.
- 6. The possible variation in cost of fairly normal door furniture is about equivalent to the difference between a medium quality painted flush door and a moderate priced hardwood polished flush door.

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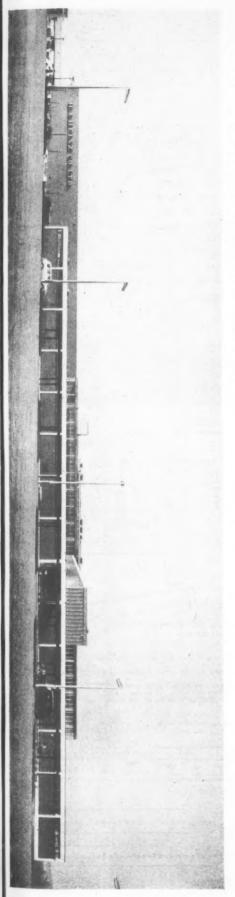
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This new factory near Wigan, in Lancashire, is for the mechanised production of canned foods in a well-known range of "Varieties," such as baked beans, baby food, soups and spaghetti. It exemplifies how exacting the architectural problems can be when the process demands a high standard of cleanliness, efficiency and flexibility, the machines require a complex

arrangement of services, and the client expects a compact, economical, ordered solution which takes full account of both machines and people. The imaginative way in which this challenge has been met by both architect and client is the object of this study. A detailed cost analysis is not available.

From the entrance to the site one approaches the office and welfare building behind which is the larger form of the main factory



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Firstly, a vast "larder" is required where the raw materials are stored. The food has to be washed, cut up, prepared and placed in the cooking utensils. From these, after cooking, it flows by gravity to the filling lines where it is canned; the cans are then sealed and placed in large autoclaves to be sterilized, after which they are labelled, packed and taken to the warehouse for despatch.

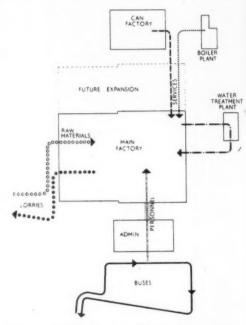
It should be noted that the process has two fundamental characteristics:

- The very highest possible standards of cleanliness must be maintained;
- 2. Pumping of most foods is not permissible, and a gravity flow is therefore required to and from the cooking utensils. The concept of designing the factory on two working levels arose out of two factors:
- I. A decision that on grounds of maintenance costs, condensation hazards and general cleanliness, there would be no sources of natural light provided in the roof. Instead there would be a simple, unbroken roof covering with artificial lights incorporated in the suspended ceilings. Here can be seen the influence of current American practice in factory design.
- 2. A need to provide a 30-ft. drop in many of the production lines in order to give the necessary gravity flow to and from the cooking utensils without resort to the use of elevators. This concept envisaged the upper level being used for the storing of the raw materials and for preparing and cooking the various foods; the lower level would be for filling, sterilizing, packing and despatch. The problem was then how to deliver with ease the large tonnage of raw materials required at the beginning of the production process without the use of hoists or lifts which are slow and cumbersome.

The diagrammatic section and circulation diagrams, right, show how this two-storey concept has produced a clean and compact solution. The slope of the ground has been used to incorporate ramping roads outside the building which enable lorries to deliver all raw materials to the upper working level and collect the finished goods from the lower working level. The diagrams show the flow of the product from preparation to cooking, thence by gravity to the filling lines where they meet the cans. From the filling lines the return journey takes the canned food westwards (i.e. in the opposite direction from the inward flow) generally by mechanical conveyors via the autoclaves to the labelling and packing lines and finally to the warehouse.

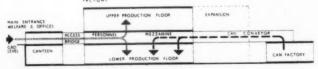
Both the raw materials store and the upper production floor required a working height of 14 ft. 6 in. whereas in the warehouse a clear height of some 24 ft. was required. The latter height enabled a mezzanine floor to be inserted between the two production floors and on this mezzanine floor have been concentrated most of the mechanical services, the main circulation for all personnel, minor offices and laboratories which need to be "embedded" in the factory, and the staff lavatories. Further, site levels have enabled the main personnel entrance (which passes through the office and

The main factory, the core of the scheme (seen fram the air, opposite) stands as a detached rectangular block connected by a bridge to the administration building. Future expansion of the factory will take place in a northerly direction and the dispositions of the ancillary buildings, especially the can-making plant, around the perimeter road, are governed by this fact. The canmaking plant can expand westwards and the canteen and locker rooms in the office and welfare building can expand eastwards. There are two main entrances to the building, one for personnel and one for visitors, the latter (opposite the car park) also being used by administrative staff. Outside the personnel entrance is a long steel-framed canopy over the pavement where people wait for and alight from buses and cars. Oddly enough no such provision is made at the visitors' entrance. The car park is to some extent screened from view at the site entrance by the one-storey building housing the gas and electricity intakes, with the security office at its extremity. The bicycle park is also screened from view by a pronounced slope of the ground.

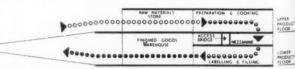


Diagrammatic plan showing circulation of personnel, raw materials and services

These diagrams show the basic circulation in relation to the external access to the main factory. Goods vehicles, personnel, cans and piped services all flow to and from the factory without crossing one another's paths at the same level.



Diagrammatic north-south section



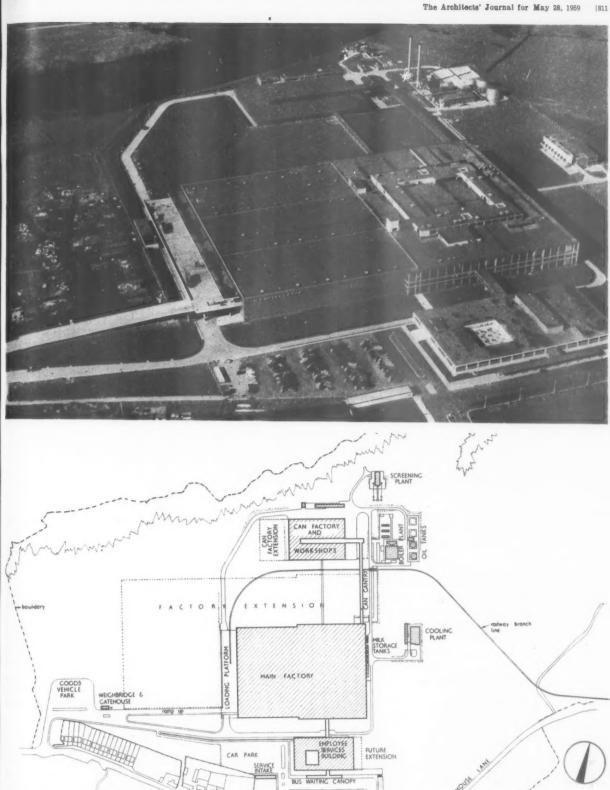
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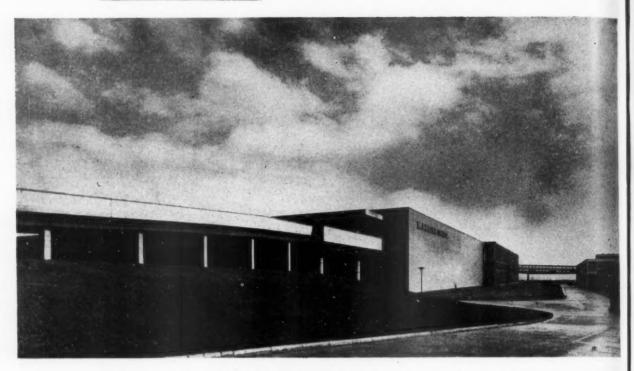
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Site plan



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Goods vehicles approach the factory from the south-west and this view from the weighbridges shows how the varying levels of the site have been used in relation to the needs of access to the buildings. The concrete ramp on the left takes lorries to the

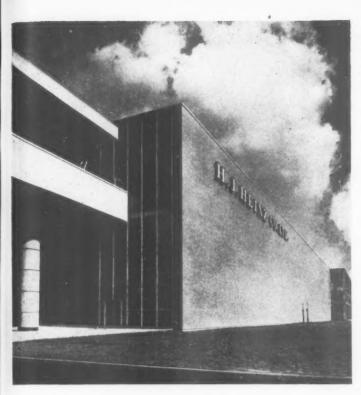
unloading platform where they deliver their loads directly into the raw materials store. The office and welfare building can be seen on the right with the service road serving the lower floor. The main entrances are on the upper floor.

welfare building) to be placed at the same level as the mezzanine floor. Thus personnel leaving their transport can reach the mezzanine level directly by means of a bridge (i.e. without going up or down stairs) and within the mezzanine they circulate without passing through production departments; on reaching the appropriate stair they can then go up or down directly to the area in which they work. The two basic functions of the factory-warehouse and production-occupy roughly half each of the nearly square form of the resulting building, a form in which they are most efficiently accommodated. This division finds a clear material expression in the solid enclosing wall to the warehouse portion (where very few people work) and the glazed enclosure to the production portion (where very many people work and where the views of sunshine and passing clouds add considerably to their well being).

The south-west elevation of the warehouse portion has however been given a curiously powerful expression of symmetry, created largely by emphasising, with full height glazing, the relatively unimportant escape stairs at each corner. This symmetry is not related to any axiality in the plan and will certainly be meaningless when the factory is extended northwards. The water consumption of the whole project is equal to the daily consumption of Wigan and a storage capacity of 500,000 gallons was required. Water for the food manufacturing process is contained in the reservoir below the office and welfare building. Water used in the retorts and boilers is recirculated through the water treatment plant, where it is cooled by forced draught fans chlorinated and filtered; the capacity of this plant is $I_{\frac{1}{2}}$ million gallons per day.

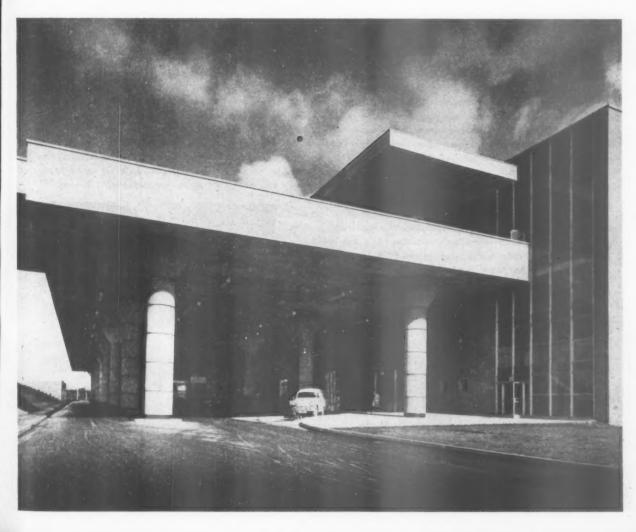
A recurring problem facing most architects in their endeavours to bring installations and services into the total concept of design, is to persuade specialist sub-contractors concerned that their schemes must be organised fully on paper first, in the closest collaboration, if they are to be organised at all. So often comparatively bare schematic drawings are prepared and the fitter is left to do his best on the site. Throughout this Heinz project the architect has been largely successful in enforcing this discipline and achieving carefully integrated designs of services and structure; but there is still evidence of lack of forethought, for example in the case of the boiler plant, which is constituted on the basis of exposed plant and machinery, some of which is untidy and haphazard.

The project as a whole has made a valuable contribution to the progress of industrial architecture in Britain for its interpretation of the basic essentials of factory design. The influence of the American trend in factory design can be seen in its reliance on artificial illumination and its resulting compactness and depth. It may in detail lack the vital spark which is needed to lift the mere acceptance of techniques to a point where they become a part of the quality of the total concept. Nevertheless its contribution is a significant one and points away from the unquestioning acceptance of extensive, sprawling buildings as the economic answer for a factory; the economics of land use and mechanical handling are now too important to allow of such lazy thinking.



Left: the strong solid wall of the warehouse portion of the factory, built in local red engineering bricks, acts as an effective foil to the projecting glazed curtain of the production part beyond. At each end of the unloading platform the solid brick wall is broken by full-height glazing to escape stairs in these two corners; the adjacent small windows under the platform serve lavatories and minor offices.

Below: a close-up view of the reinforced-concrete unloading platform on which lorries unload under a canopy. The loading docks for finished goods from the warehouse can be seen underneath the platform. The concrete ramp to the platform can be heated electrically by embedded wires (thermostatically controlled) to prevent the surface being frozen or snow covered.



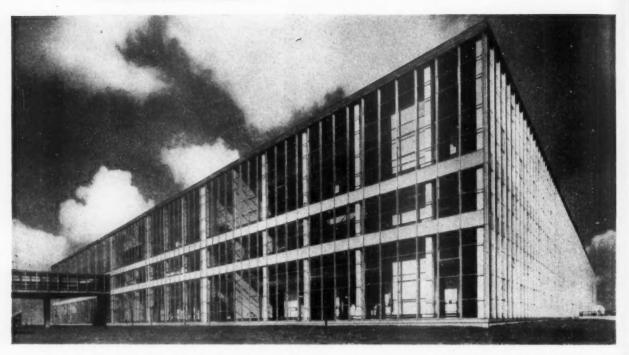
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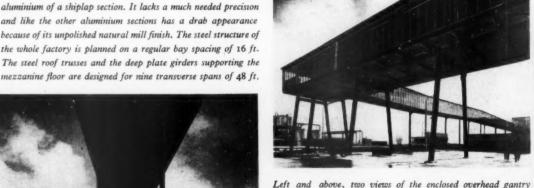
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The glazed curtain wall of the production areas of the factory is a patent system of aluminium box mullions at 4-ft. centres into which a variety of infill panels can be fixed; the bands of infill panels seen at the two intermediate floor levels are faced in a plastic material of light grey colour. The use however of ordinary single glazing leaves one wondering how the inhabitants will react to the glare and the solar heat. The system was chosen primarily because its design is based on a split mullion which allows all thermal movement to take place in the mullions themselves; in many other systems thermal movement takes place between transomes and mullions which is often a source of trouble, especially at such vulnerable points as that where the glazed wall turns a corner. An incidental advantage of the system was felt by the architect to be its 4-ft. spacing, which gives a better scale and more transparent quality to the facades. The eaves fascia is constructed of three bands of extruded aluminium of a shiplap section. It lacks a much needed precision and like the other aluminium sections has a drab appearance because of its unpolished natural mill finish. The steel structure of the whole factory is planned on a regular bay spacing of 16 ft. mezzanine floor are designed for nine transverse spans of 48 ft.

each. Beyond the outer perimeter of this column spacing, which is in line with the perimeter walls of the warehouse, is a 9-ft. projection to the columns behind the curtain wall; this projection is spanned by small r.s.j.s and the suspended ceilings follow the resultant profile of the soffit, thus giving a narrow raised ceiling around the periphery of the production areas. The upper production floor is supported by a closer arrangement of short r.s.j.stanchions carried off the deep plate girders of the mezzanine floor. Both production floors are designed for loadings of 350 lb./sq. ft. and are of in-situ r.c. slabs. The mezzanine being designed for only 140 lb./sq. ft. is of precast prestressed concrete units, this being a more economical structure. The foundations are generally of r.c. pile caps on bored piles. Each pile carries approx. 45 tons, and the average tonnage per pile cap is 400 tons.

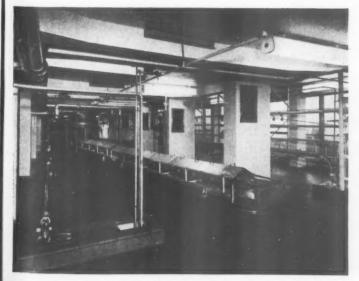


Left and above, two views of the enclosed overhead gantry containing several "race tracks" or can conveyors. The cans are extracted at high level from the can making plant, the enclosed gantry running over the roof of the plant, and conveying them automatically to the mezzanine level of the main factory, whence they drop automatically to feed the filling lines. Patent glazing encloses the sides of the gantry which includes a walkway for purposes of maintenance.





Above, part of the interior of the upper production floor where the preparing and cooking of the food takes place. There is a clear height of 14 ft. 6 in. from floor to ceiling; the latter is constructed of asbestos insulating board with added insulation and a vapour seal. The floor is surfaced with red engineering brick paviours set in acid-resisting waterproof cement. Watertight and insect-proof fluorescent light fittings and warm air outlets are set flush in the suspended ceiling. In the raised portion of the ceiling around the periphery are hung unit heaters which blow warm air downwards on the single glazed curtain wall; these together with the hot water tubular heaters at floor level are intended to minimise condensation on the glass. There are few partitions on the production floors and these are demountable. All permanent partitions and concrete encased columns are finished with glazed tiles.



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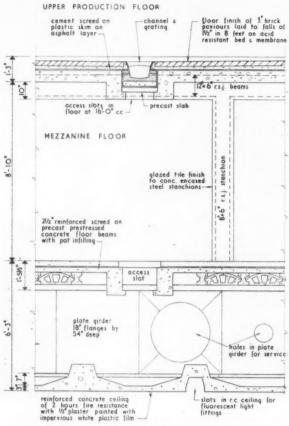
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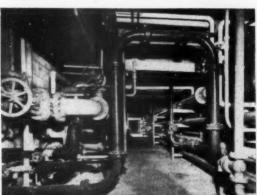
Left, a view of the cooking service area, which is a relatively small part of the mezzanine floor under the cooking retorts which are too large to be wholly above the upper production floor level. From these retorts the covered conveyors carry baked beans to a point where they drop through stainless steel hoppers to the filling lines below. Wherever food hoppers, can conveyors or services drop through holes in the floor, the brick paving is raised as a small plinth to avoid water spilling down the holes when the floor is being washed. Vertical ventilation ducts are built on to the r.s.j. stanchions by using concrete blocks to extend the casing of the stanchions on one side. The whole casing is finished in glazed tiles and louvres are inserted where required.

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LOWER PRODUCTION FLOOR





Section through mezzanine floor showing typical suspended floor and ceiling construction. The architects had to design the floors and ceilings in the production areas to meet very exacting requirements and this section shows the typical solution. The primary requirements for the construction are as follows: (a) All the plant and equipment is frequently washed with hot water and the whole interior is hosed down. Therefore it is vital that the upper floor is absolutely watertight. (b) The floor and ceiling had to be constructed in such a way that they could be perforated in a pre-arranged manner without harming the waterproofing. (c) The floor must be easily repaired and made good after being cut up either by damage or by the cutting or altering of further holes or channels in the floor. (d) The floor must be hard wearing, easily cleaned and washed, non-dusty and able to withstand frequent variations of wetness and dryness, some of the liquid being acidic. Various different floor finishes were tested in the client's existing factories during the preliminary stages of this project and special investigations were made to find a suitable jointing material, which with wet floors is nearly always the weakest factor. The ultimate choice was red engineering brick paviours set in acid resisting cement. This floor finish is used throughout the production areas, irrespective of the arrangement of plant, for reasons of internal flexibility. The cutting of holes or channels, if limited to a regular system of prearranged slots in the floor and ceiling construction, can be carried out with only minor making good. Note that in addition to the layer of asphalt in the floor there is an additional waterproofing film of thin plastic sheet laid on the asphalt; this enables the screed to be broken up during alterations without damage to the asphalt. The reinforced concrete ceiling to the lower production floor is designed to fulfill three functions as follows: 1. As a floor to the 4-ft. deep service access space within the depth of the plate girders supporting the mezzanine floor. 2. As a means of giving a 2-hr. standard of fire resistance to these exposed steel girders. 3. As a waterproof tray which is coffered on its top side to localise any water leakage from valves or joints. All the ceilings are coated with an impervious plastic film of material normally used for cocooning plant when in cold storage. It not only gives a washable finish but acts as a vapour seal.

Above and below, two typica! views of the mezzanine floor, a large part of which is taken up with ventilation ducting, steam, water and drainage services.

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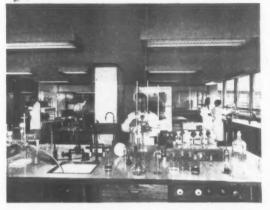
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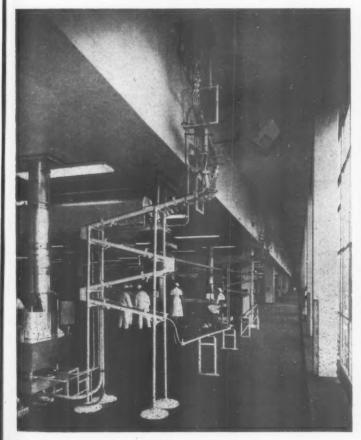
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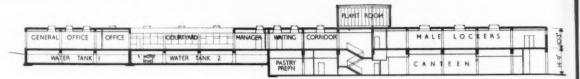


Two portions of the mezzanine floor (on the north-west and south-west sides) are allocated as refreshment areas adjacent to the lavatories. These are the only part of the factory where smoking is allowed (left). Centre left, in the quality control laboratories, which are strategically placed on the mezz anine floor, all routine testing of products is carried out. They are largely artificially lit (to a standard of 20 lumens per sq. ft.) with a floor-to-ceiling height of about 8 ft. The suspended ceiling is of acoustic tiles and the floor finish linoleum. Bottom left, the interior of the lower production floor where the filling, sterilizing and labelling of the canned goods takes place. There is a clear height of 12 ft. from floor level to the suspended reinforced concrete ceiling. The floor, as elsewhere, is surfaced with red engineering brick paviours. The food hoppers and "race tracks" for delivering the cans to the filling lines can be seen dropping through the ceiling; these drops can be arranged in a variety of positions in accordance with a prearranged system of prefabricated slots in the floor and ceiling construction; the slots are sealed off when not in use. Most of the machinery and plant rests upon concrete pads which are stuck down (not bolted) to the brick floor finish; there is thus little or no damage to the floor when plant has to be rearranged. Below right, after packing, the finished goods arrive in the warehouse, which has a clear floor-to-ceiling height of 24 ft. As can be seen, this height is fully used by the adoption of the timber pallet system using fork lift trucks. The steel structure of the warehouse is planned on a column spacing of 24 ft. × 32 ft. The floor is designed for a live load of 900 lb. per sq. ft. and is surfaced with a granolithic screed.

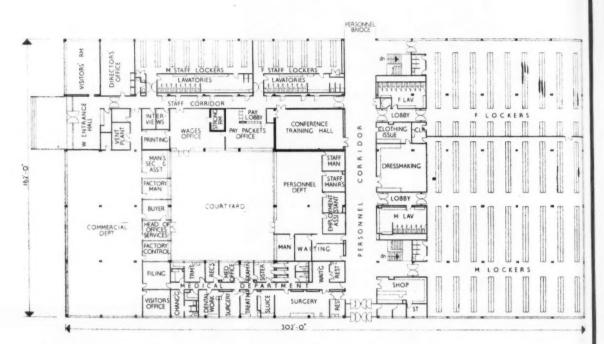




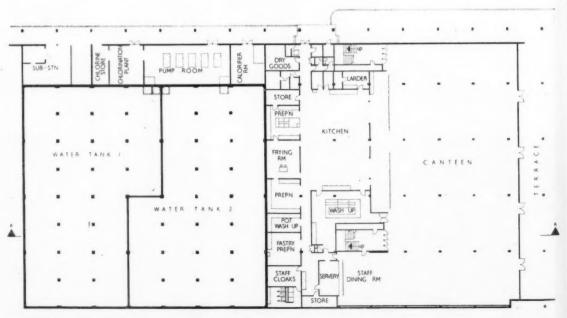
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Long section through employee service building [Scale: $\frac{1}{48}$ " = 1' 0"]



First floor plan

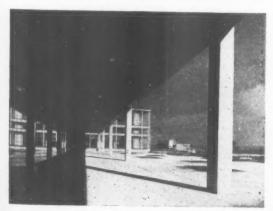


Ground floor plan of the employee service building [Scale: 4h" = 1' 0"]



The entrance to the employee services building. In the foreground is the bus waiting canopy.

Looking north from the partially covered terrace outside the canteen. The whole of this side of the canteen is glazed and looks out on this terrace and a formal garden beyond. The present capacity of the kitchen and canteen is 2,100 meals, the dining area being designed for three sittings of 700 each.



CLIENTS' REQUIREMENTS

The more important of the clients' requirements can be summarised as follows:

(a) Accommodation:

 Raw materials store
 140,000 sq. ft.

 Production area
 300,000 sq. ft.

 Packing and warehouse
 140,000 sq. ft.

 Separate can-making plant
 40,000 sq. ft.

 Workshops
 20,000 sq. ft.

Separate Office and Welfare building

building 66,000 sq. ft.

(b) Expansion: Further expansion of both warehouse and production areas is required although the latter is limited to about 50 per cent. of the initial production area for

administration reasons.

(c) Flexibility: Owing to the many different processes involved in the production of the various foods, and the varying outputs required of each type according to season and demand, the maximum flexibility of plant arrangement was required. The ever-changing design of machinery available for food production reinforced this need.

(d) Compactness: A compact design was required not only on grounds of maintenance and administration costs, but in order to keep distances of travel for personnel in the course of their work, and to and from welfare and refreshment facilities, to a minimum.

SITE

The site is at Kitt Green, a small hamlet near Wigan, and covers some 150 acres, parts of which cannot be built on because of disused coal mines beneath. The site has a considerable slope down to the north east with an average gradient of I in 40. The most suitable portion of the site was to the south-west, amounting to about a third of the total, on the brow of a hill commanding an open view eastwards.

SUMMARY

Drawing office work began: early June, 1954. Basic design agreed: end of March, 1955.

Excavation began: early November, 1955.

First section of warehouse handed over: mid-April, 1957. Remainder of warehouse handed over: end of September, 1957.

Can-making plant and workshops handed over: end of October, 1957.

Raw materials store handed over: end of November, 1957. Bean production department handed over: end of March, 1958.

Routine laboratories handed over: end of June, 1958. Reservoir under offices handed over: August, 1958. Canteen and locker rooms handed over: early September,

Soup production department handed over: end of Septem-

ber, 1958. Remainder of office and welfare building handed over:

mid-December, 1958. Project completed: end of March, 1959.

COST SUMMARY

	Total cost	Cost per cu. ft.	Gost per sq. ft.	Per cent. cost of total
Warehouse section excluding platform, ramp and canopy) Production section Office and welfare	£820,000 £1,880,000	2s. 4d 4s 8d	58s 6d 80s 0d	15 per cent 33 per cent
building	£410,000	6s 3d	82s 0d	7 per cent
Other buildings, including can making factory, workshops, platform, etc.	£530,000			9 per cent
Site works, sports field, road diversion Installations and	€480,000			8 per cent
services (excluding clients' equipment)	£1,620,000			28 per cent
Total	€5,740,000			100 per cont

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SERVICES

Heating

A large quantity of steam is required for the food processing machinery and this naturally influenced the choice of heating system. A large independent boiler plant has been built using oil-fired water tube boilers having a total capacity of 85 million B.Th.U.s per hour. For the factory, live steam is taken to air heater batteries in the plant rooms, but the ducted warm air is supplemented by l.p.h.w. radiators, convectors and unit heaters. In the offices generally the heating is by l.p.h.w. radiators.

Ventilation

Full air conditioning was considered but was rejected on grounds of cost. The present mechanical ventilation scheme is a combined supply and extract system (except in warehouse portions). The system cleans all incoming air by oil filters and the balance of supply and extract varies according to the local need; for example, in the production areas the supply of warmed air is 90 per cent. of the volume extracted, giving air changes of 10 supply and 12 extract. Generally up to 75 per cent. of air extract may be recirculated.

Lighting

In the production areas of the factory, semi-recessed hot cathode fluorescent fittings with plastic diffusers are used; these are moisture and insect proof. In the warehouse areas suspended fluorescent open reflector type fittings are used. The designed levels of illumination are:

Production areas, 20 lumens/sq. ft., with the opportunity of increasing to 28 lumens/sq. ft. by addition of extra tubes in each fitting;

Warehouse, 8 lumens/sq. ft. Routine laboratories, 20 lumens/sq. ft.

Lifts and Hoists

In the productions areas two electric passenger/goods lifts of 9,000 lb. capacity and one goods lift of 1,000 lb. capacity are provided. Other hoisting plant consists of light duty monorails and fork lift trucks.

Fire prevention and escape

No sprinkler installation is provided but the structure generally is designed to give a 2 hour standard of fire resistance. Uncased steelwork however was accepted for the roof of the raw materials store. The latter, together with the warehouse below is divided into isolated sections by means of firebreak walls. Generally, fire alarms, 4-in. fire hydrants and hosereels are provided internally and externally. A "Personnel trapped" alarm is provided in each of the cold rooms.

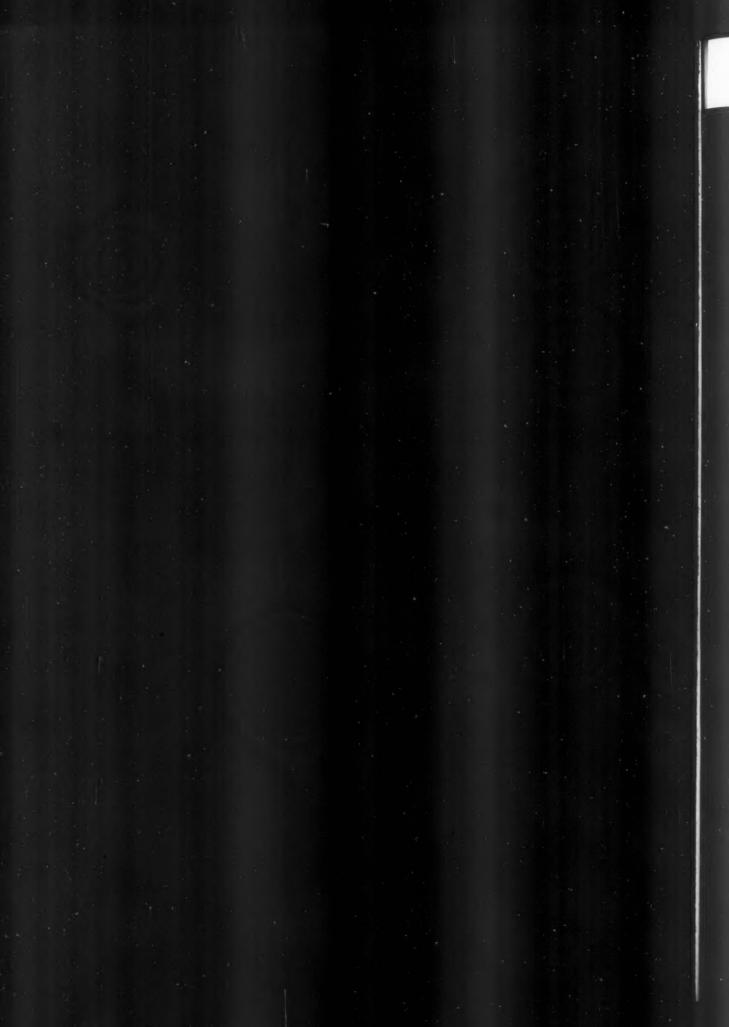
CONTRACTORS

General contractors: A. Monk & Co. Ltd. Sub-contractors— Piling: Franki Pile Ltd. Drainage goods and plastering materials: Warrington Slate Co. Ltd. Limestone aggregates Richard Briggs & Sons Ltd. Concrete plasticizers and waterproofers: Chemical Building Products Ltd. Mersey sand: William Cooper & Sons Ltd. Expansion jointing materials: Expandite Ltd. Gravel aggregates: Holland Gravel Co. Ltd. Cement: Ribblesdale Cement Ltd. Precast concrete floors: Pierhead Ltd. Facing bricks and briek paviours: The Accrington Brick Co.; Lathom Brick Co. Ltd. Glazed block partitions: Leeds Fireclay Ltd. Building blocks: Lignacite (North Eastern) Ltd. Sandlime bricks: M. McCarthy & Sons Ltd. Black coping stones: Shaws Glazed Brick Co. Lightweight building blocks: Thermalite Ltd. Wa'erproof membrane and ESB suspended floors: Neuchatel Anticorrosion Co. Ltd. Tanking and SIB roofing: Neuchatel Asphalte Co. Ltd. Waterproofed brick paviour flooring: Acalor Ltd. P.v.c. floors: British Doloment Ltd. Hardwood and semastic floors: Horsley Smith & Co. (Hayes) Ltd. Linoleum floors: Korkoid Decorative Floors; Semtex Ltd. Warehouse canopy glazing: Corroglaze Ltd. Waterproofed metal deck roofing: Robertson Thain Ltd. Felt roofing: Val de Travers Asphalte. External louvred panels: Colt Ventilation Ltd. Wall cladding: W. H. Heywood & Co. Ltd. Curtain wall and internal partitions: Holoplast Ltd. Curtain wall cleaning cradle: Palmers Travelling Cradle & Scaffolding Co. Metal windows and vertical patent glazing: Williams & Williams Ltd. Steel partitions: Roneo Ltd. W.c. partitions: Wm. Mallinson & Sons Ltd.; Venesta Ltd. Plywood for concrete shuttering: J. Holt & Son (Plywood) Ltd. Joinery: Walter Lawrence Ltd. Laboratory equipment and services: W. E. Marson & Co. Timber for concrete shuttering: David Roberts, Sons & Co. Ltd. General joinery, doors, etc.: Super Wood Products Ltd. Tea kiosks: Tyson (Contractor) Ltd. Eaves trim and canteen louvre frames: Aluminium Alloy Fabrications Ltd. Sliding doors: Bolton Gate Co. Staircase and special sheet metal work: Frederick Bray & Co. Metal shelving: Constructors Ltd.; Beanstalk Shelving Ltd. Staff entrance, glazed screen and grilles: Culford Art Metal. Duct covers: Dover Engineering Works Ltd. Lightning conductors: W. J. Furse & Co. Wire lockers: G. A. Harvey & Co. Ltd. Sliding door gear: E. Hill Aldam & Co. Ltd. Column guards in warehouse: "Rigifix," Huntley & Sparks Ltd. Internal guard rails: Light Steelwork (1925) Ltd. Fire doors and boiler feed pumps: Mather & Platt Ltd. Hoist blocks: Herbert Morris Ltd. Ironmongery and door furniture: Quiggin Bros. Firing devices: Rawlplug Co. Ltd. Strong room door: Ratner Safe Co. Ltd. Column guards in production area, external guard rails, miscellaneous steelwork: Staveleys Ltd. Fabric reinforcement: GKN Reinforcements Ltd. Structural steelwork: Peirson & Co. Ltd. Reinforcement steel: Whitehead Iron & Steel Co. Ltd. Tubular scaffolding: Mills Scaffold Co. Ltd. Special windows: Luxfer Ltd. Ceiling: Anderson Construction Co. Ltd. Ceiling suspension: Campbell Denis Ltd.; Steel Bracketing & Lathing Co. Ltd. Precast plaster ceiling: Clark & Fenn Ltd.; Petradene Ltd. Hardboard ceilings: Tentest Fibre Board Co. Ltd. Marble wall facings, terrazzo floors and staircases: Art Pavements & Decorations Ltd. Floor tiling: Carter & Co. Ltd. Glazed wall tiling: W. B. Simpson & Co. Ltd. Sanitary fittings: Wm. E. Farrer Ltd. Plumbing and glazing materials: Samuel Gratrix Ltd. Pitch fibre drainpipes: The Key Engineering Co. Ltd. Cast iron pipes: Staveley Iron & Chemical Co. Ltd. Incinerators: Sugg & Co. Ltd. Refrigerator plant: J. & E. Hall. Ductwork and hoods: Henry Hargreaves & Co. Ltd. Water chlorination plant: Wallace & Tiernan Ltd. External pipe services: G. N. Haden & Sons. Electrical Engineering: Barlow & Young Ltd. Electrical switchgear: Brush Electrical Engineering Co. Ltd. Electrical control gear: Watford Electric & Manufacturing Co. Ltd. Special light fittings: Allom Heffer & Co. Ltd. Oil tanks and pumps: Matthew Hall Ltd. Water treatment: Permutit Co. Ltd. Kitchen equipment: Falkirk Iron Co. Ltd. Cold stores: Prestcold Refrigeration Ltd. Telephones, loudspeakers, clocks, etc.: Siemens, Edison Swan. Conveyors and hoppers: Frederick Braby & Co. Comminutor: Jones & Attwood. Tretoplast plastic coating: Tretol Ltd. Painting and decorating: G. A. Fryer & Son (Warrington) Ltd. Fairfaced concrete treatment: Gunac. Landscaping: Clapham Nurseries Ltd. Security fencing: Peerless Fencing & Products Ltd.

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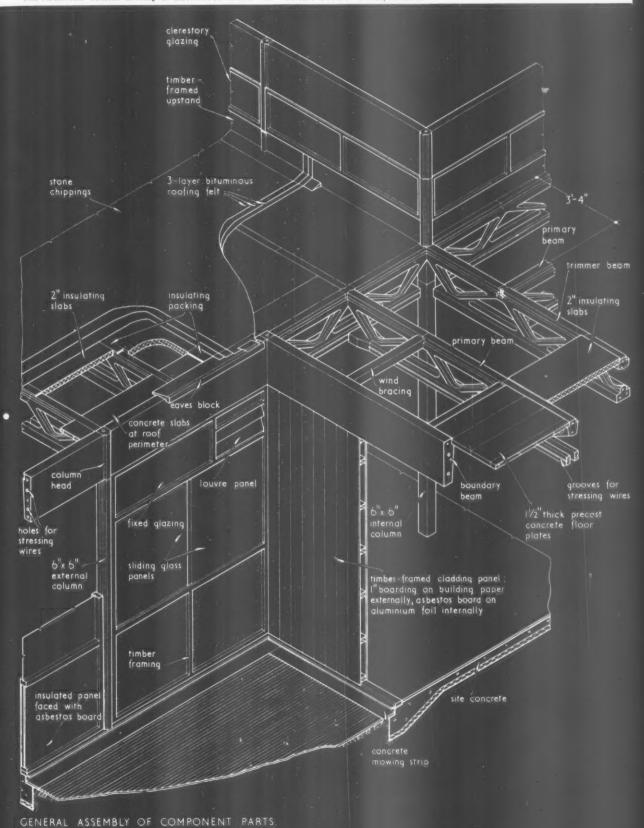
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25.B3. · LAINGSPAN· PRECAST CONCRETE SYSTEM OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SCHOOLS: 1

This Sheet, the first on Laingspan construction for schools, gives a general description of the system. It consists of prestressed or post-tensioned concrete components which can be assembled to form a complete structure and includes floor units, lightweight partitions, staircases, cladding and glazing. It can be used for buildings up to four storeys high. Sheet 25.B4 gives details of the construction of the beams, alternative column heads and the jointing of members: the two Sheets should be read in conjunction.

General

The manufacturer evolved the system in association with the Development Group of the Ministry of Education Architects and Building Branch, whose detailed research into the requirements of school building has resulted in a system that is sufficiently flexible to meet all normal conditions. A. J. Harris, B.Sc. (Eng.), M.I.C.E., was the consulting engineer for the prestressed concrete design and the manufacturer's Research and Development Group contributed their specialised knowledge of advanced concrete casting techniques and site practice. The components have been exhaustively tested at each stage of development. Considerable economies in designing and erecting time are effected by the flexible modular system, and the full exploitation of prestressing techniques results in a saving in steel consumption and an appearance of lightness in construction.

Design and Main Components

The plan is based on a 3 ft. 4 in. module and the vertical increment is 10 in. All components are easily handled, but are made as large as possible to reduce the amount of jointing on the site.

Columns: All columns are 6 in. by 6 in., prestressed, in lengths up to 15 ft. 10 in. in 10-in. increments. Perimeter columns are of cruciform section so that they can receive beams or cladding from any side, and internal columns are of square section. A range of standard column heads is available for varying conditions of support for floor and roof beams, trimmers and boundary beams.

Primary beams. These are assembled on the site from precast web units and slotted boom units, both 3 ft. 4 in. long. The slots are provided for the passage of services into partitions occurring on the grid lines in either direction. The beams are post-tensioned after erection. The overall depth of the beam is 1 ft. 6 in. and the maximum span 33 ft. 4 in. for floors and 46 ft. 8 in. for roofs. The overall

thickness of finished floor or roof is 1 ft. 8 in.

Trimmer beams: These are assembled as primary beams (light section) or precast in one piece (heavy section) in lengths of 6 ft. 8 in. and 10 ft. 0 in.

Boundary beams: These are in fine-finished precast concrete, post-tensioned after erection, in lengths of 3 ft. 4 in., 6 ft. 8 in., or 10 ft. 0 in.

Bracing units: These are precast units, for use between the boundary beam and the first parallel primary beam, for wind bracing.

Floor plates: Precast floor plates $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. thick, for setting into the rebates in the top booms of the beams, are available for floors. They are also used around the perimeter of the roof for wind bracing.

Sill and eaves units: Precast concrete sill units form an accurate base for the perimeter columns and throated eaves units fit over the boundary beams.

Cladding, glazing, partitions and staircases are described on Sheet 25.B4.

Loading

Any column can be freestanding. Loading conditions are unrestricted within the normal context of the system, except that, in multi-storey buildings, the height of columns should be restricted to one storey. The live loads which can be carried by floors and roofs are 60 lb and 15 lb.. per sq. ft., respectively. These loadings can be appreciably increased under certain span conditions and information is available from the manufacturer on request.

Thermal Insulation

The U value of the cladding is 0.18.

Further Information

The manufacturer maintains a technical advisory service available to answer questions dealing with Laingspan.

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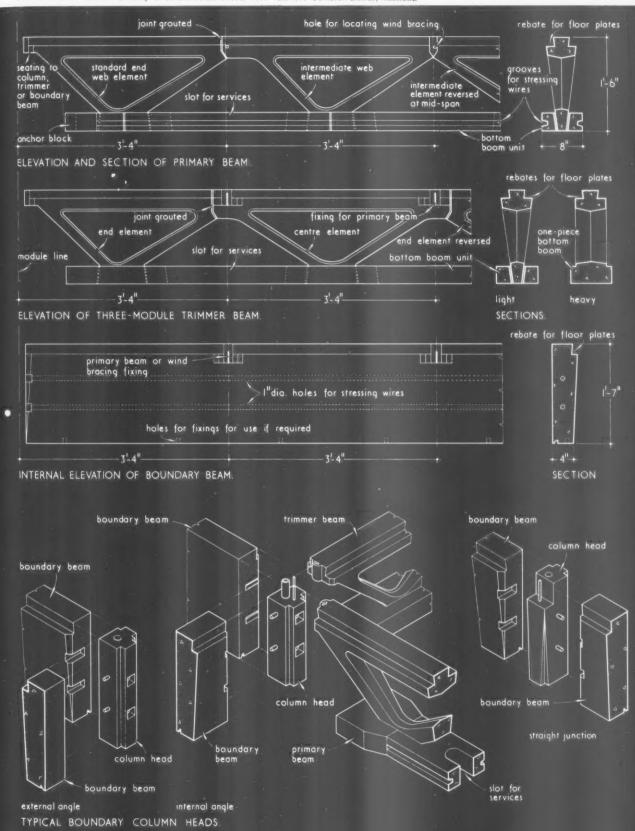
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This Sheet is the second on Laingspan construction for schools. The drawings on the face give details of the main components and the notes below outline the sequence of site operations. The Sheet should be read in conjunction with Sheet 25.B3 which gives a general description of the system and lists the main components which it utilises.

Additional Components

In addition to the main structural components described on Sheet 25.B3, the following are included in the system.

Cladding: The standard cladding panels are timber-framed. The internal face is asbestos board backed with aluminium foil and the external face 1-in. vertical softwood weather-boarding on building paper. The weather-boarding is finished with Ranch house treatment. If desired, the boarding can be hardwood. Alternatively, concrete sandwich panels can be used for apron or solid walls in a variety of finishes, e.g., patterned, aggregate-faced, applied proprietary finishes. In certain circumstances the use of concrete panels restricts the column spacing to 6 ft. 8 in. for 4-storey structures only.

Glazing: All-day sliding plate-glass windows are normally used with Naco louvred ventilators and fixed lights over, but alternative types of window can be specified. Insulated panels beneath windows are clad externally with coloured asbestos sheeting, but alternative facing panels are obtainable. Single or double door units are available.

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Staircases: Standard precast string and step units are included in the system. Their standard plan area is 16 ft. 8 in. by 10 ft. 0 in., including a half-landing. The staircases are free-standing and do

not depend upon the surrounding walls for support.

Sequence of Operations

After the site concrete has been laid, the sill units are laid around the entire building perimeter. As the position of the columns is determined by this operation, the accuracy with which it is carried out is very important to the success of the construction. When the columns are erected and the boundary beams placed on top, the latter are tensioned and a rigid external frame is formed. The internal columns, beams and wind-bracing are then assembled: the bearing end of a beam is provided with a steel loop, cast into the concrete and welded to the reinforcement, which engages with a steel pin in the top of the column or top boom of a trimmer.

Cladding: The cladding units are held at the sides by friction joints which can be fixed from inside the building without the use of scaffolding.

Floors and roofs: Floors are finished with in-situ topping and roofs with 2-in. insulating slabs, three-layer bituminous roofing and stone chippings.

Services: All main services can be accommodated through the webs of the beams and smaller services can be carried vertically through slots in the boom member of the beam which register with holes in the partition blocks.

Provision for blinds: Blind boxes are provided for, recessed in the ceiling and adjacent to all external walls.

Further Information

The manufacturer maintains a technical advisory service available to answer questions dealing with Laingspan.

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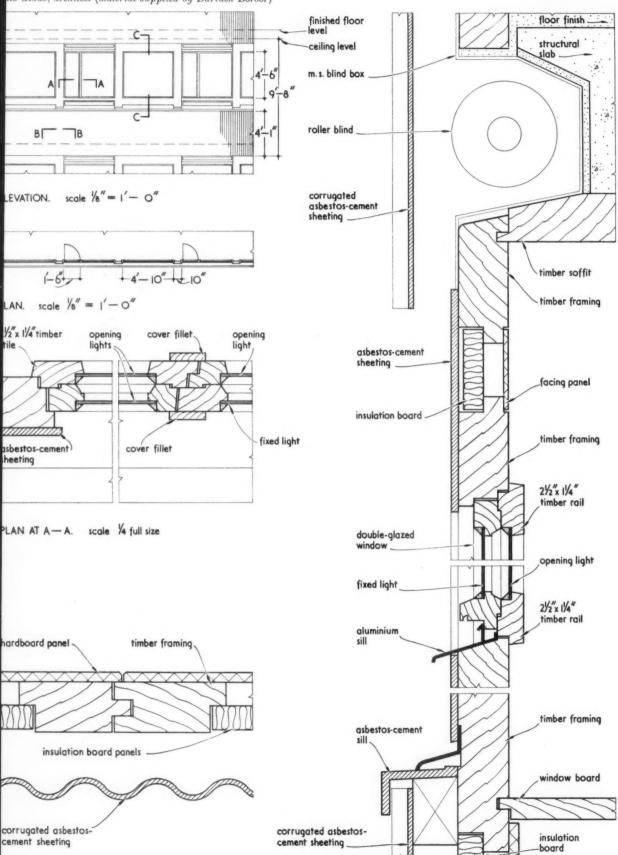
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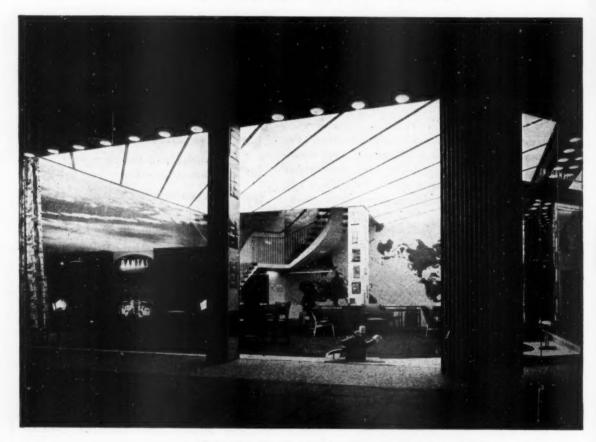


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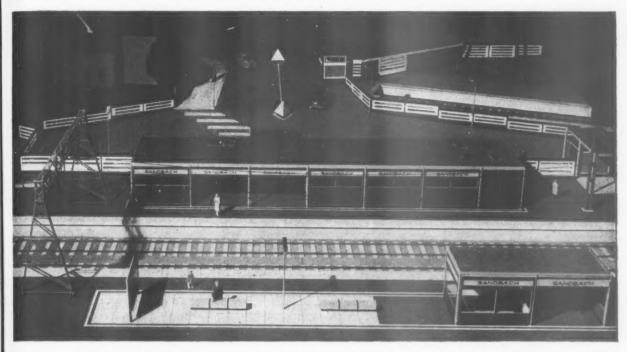
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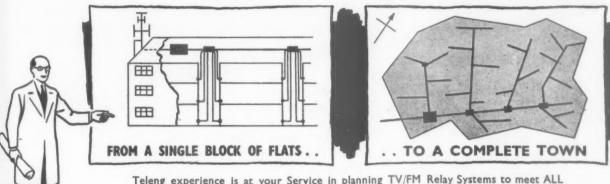
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Alister MacDonald, F.R.I.B.A., has taken Edward Jamilly, Dip.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., into partnership, and the practice will continue under the style of Alister MacDonald and Partners, from Aldine House, 10/13, Bedford Street, W.C.2 (telephone Temple Bar 0794 & 8169). D. Keith Compton, A.R.I.B.A., and Cyril F. Manning, A.R.I.B.A., become associates of the new firm.

Paul Lerche-Thomsen and Michael Murray, M.A., A.R.I.B.A., have joined in partnership and are now practising from The Coach House, Wrotham, Kent and 1,B. Middle Temple Lane, E.C.4 (telephone City 5928).

Fuller, Peiser & Co., chartered surveyors, have now moved to Thavies Inn House, 3/4, Holborn Circus, E.C.1 (telephone Fleet Street 6851).

George A. Hall, A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., James O'Donahue, B.Arch., and Colin Wilson, A.R.I.B.A., have opened an office at 18, Bluecoat Chambers, School Lane, Liverpool 1 (telephone Royal 3659), where they will practice under the style of Hall, O'Donahue and Wilson, and will be pleased to receive trade literature.

C. D. Andrews, F.R.I.B.A., has retired from the post of Regional Architect to the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board and has joined the firm of Tooley and Foster, chartered architects, Midland Bank Chambers, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. as Hospital Consultant. His successor is F. A. C. Maunder, R.S., Dip.Arch., F.R.I.B.A., M.T.P.I.

Edward D. Mills & Partners, F.R.I.B.A., have changed their address to 9/11, Richmond Buildings, Dean Street, Soho, W.I. The telephone number is unaltered, Gerard 8305/6.

P. J. Wood & Co., building and valuation surveyors, have moved to 98, Grays Inn Road, W.C.1 (telephone Holborn 6574). Bernard Lawton, A.R.I.C.S., and E. W. Varley, A.R.I.C.S., chartered quantity surveyors, have now moved their office to 41, Wigmore Street, W.1 (telephone Hunter 1856).

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13.F1, 14.B2, 14.B4 REFERENCE BACK

13.F1. Readers are asked to amend the figure given under "Thermal Insulation," last sentence, to 0.29 B.t.u.

14.B2. Reverse of Sheet, heading "Sizes and Weights, etc." amend figures for 12 in. × 8½ in × 3 in. block, gault, to read: weight, 116, yards per ton, 19½; 12 in. × 8½ in. × 4 in. and 12 in. × 9½ in. × 4 in. blocks, gault, to read: weight, 148, yards per ton 15½. Heading "Laying Instructions" delete existing paragraph and substitute "Phorpres hollow

blocks should be laid in 1:1:6 cement lime/sand mortar, or its equivalent (if other plasticisers are preferred to lime); too rich a mortar mix and thick joints should be avoided. At floor and ceiling, partitions should be wedged in accordance with the recommendations in BS Code of Practice CP 122:1952." Heading "Conduit Partition Blocks" delete first paragraph and substitute "While in general practice clay blocks can be accurately chased, conduit partition blocks have been specially designed to eliminate chasing where there is a known requirement."

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14.B4. Face of Sheet, drawing headed "Channel Block" add to height 2\{\frac{1}{2}}\) in. alternative dimension 1\{\frac{1}{2}}\) in. and to widths 7\{\frac{1}{2}}\) in., 11\{\frac{1}{2}}\) in. Reverse of Sheet delete paragraphs headed "Thermal Resistance."



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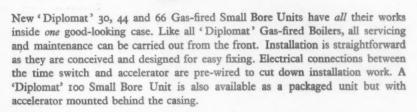
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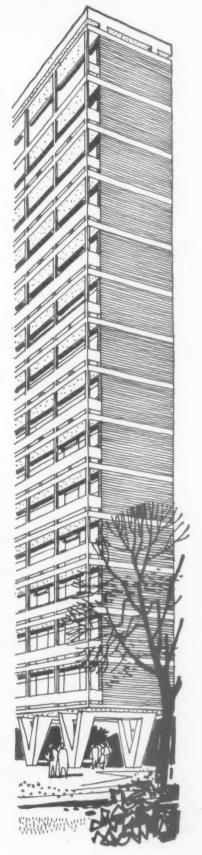
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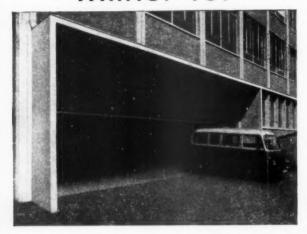
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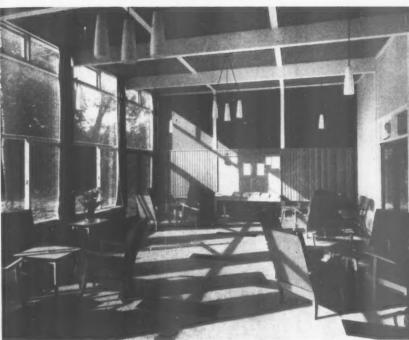
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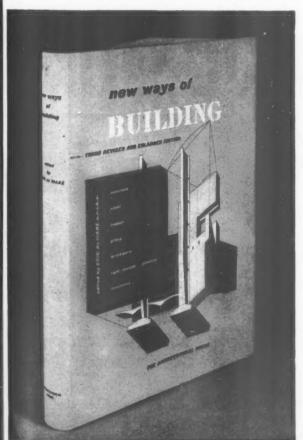
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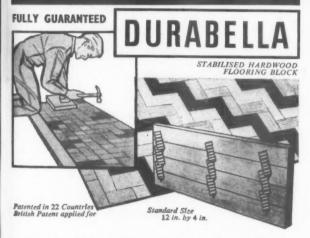
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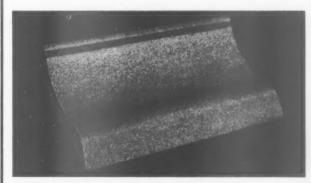
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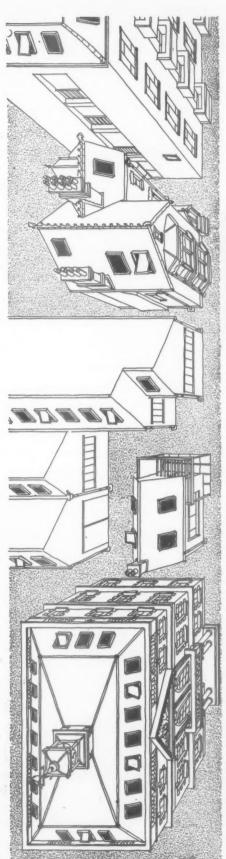
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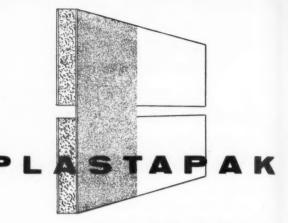




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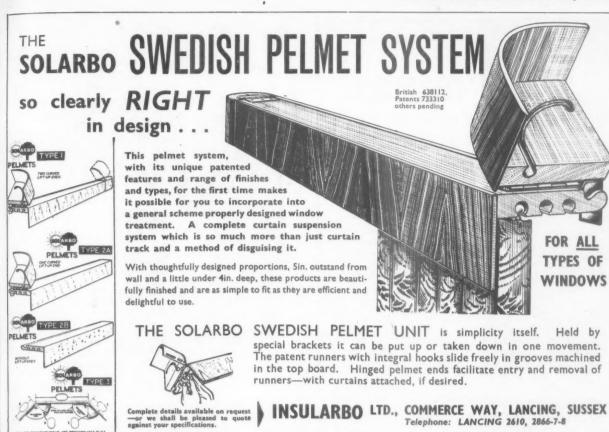
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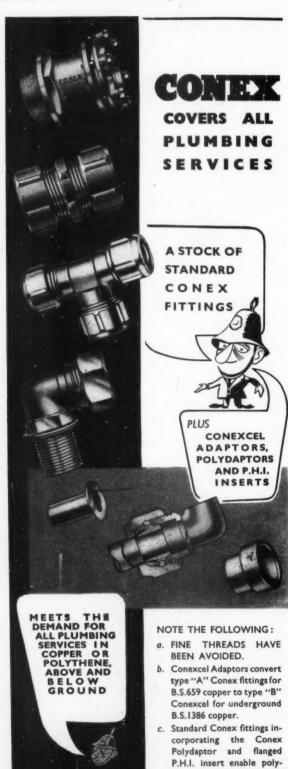
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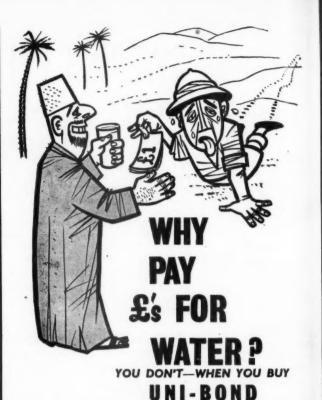
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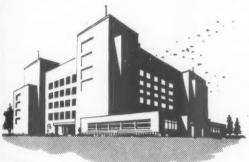
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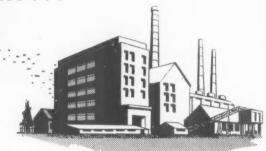
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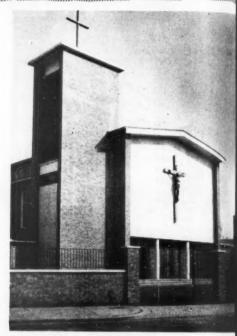
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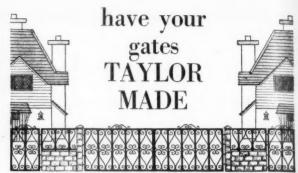
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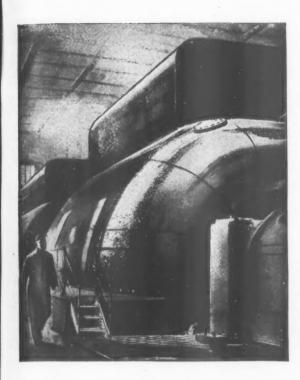
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post. To prepare schemes for comprehensive
redevelopment and to advise on layouts and
design. Experience in this work is essential.

(b) One SPECIAL (QUALIFIED) GRADE
post. To be responsible for preparation of Town
Maps. Experience of Development Plan work is
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(c) One SPECIAL (QUALIFIED) GRADE
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(d) Two GRADE I ASSISTANTS. For work connected with Town Maps, redevelopment schemes and in the review of the Development Plan. Candidates must be good draughtsmen. A degree in Geography, Economics or Estate Management would be an advantage. Applications (endorsed "Confidential—County Planning Vacancies"), stating age, qualifications and experience, with details of present post and salary, and the names of two referees, must be received by the County Planning Officer, "Elmhurst," Penrhyn Road. Kingston-upon-Thames, not later than 8th June, 1959.

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COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF ABERDEEN
Applications are invited for two vacancies as
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS in the County
Architect's Department. Salaries: (1) A.P.
VIII. 21.085—21.085 per annum, and (2) A.P.
VI-VIII. 2880—21.085 per annum.
Applicants must be Associates of the Royal
Institute of British Architects. The appointments
are superannuable. Application forms may be
obtained from the undersigned. Closing date: 4th
June, 1959.

JAMES I. CRAIG.

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County Buildings, 22, Union Terrace, Aberdeen.

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CITY OF NOTTINGHAM
ESTATES DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT of Internediate R.I.B.A. standard, in the Chief Architect's Section.
The salary will be within Grades A.P.T. I and II. £575—£345 (under review), in accordance with qualifications and experience.
The person appointed will be a member of a small team with the opportunity of working on a wide variety of housing projects.
The appointment will be subject to the National Joint Council's Scheme of Conditions of Service. Applications, stating age, qualifications, experience, present appointment and salary, and naming two referees, should be sent to the Estates Surveyor & Valuer, The Guildhall, Nottingham, by Tuesday, 9th June, 1959.

T. J. OWEN.

T. J. OWEN, Town Clerk.

The Guildhall, Nottingham.

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ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

ILFORD COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION
Applications are invited for the appointment
to the following posts in the Education Architeet's Section of the Borough Engineer's Office:—
(a) TWO SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS.
A.P.T. Grade III—IV (£880—£1,220 per annum).
(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Special
Grade (£750—£1,030 per annum, subject to review).
(c) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Grade I
(£500—£755 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 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. Hord, together with copies of not more than three recent testimonials, within 14 days of the appearance of this advertisement.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE. UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

NUFFIELD RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Applications are invited for two posts in connection with research on problems of urban reconstruction. Appointments are for a period of three years, subject to satisfactory work in the first year, at a salary of £800–£1,000 p.a. according to qualifications and experience.

Full details are available from the Secretary. School of Architecture, 1, Scroope Terrace, Cambridge.

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
ADDICATIONS are invited for the appointment
of SENIOR ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER
in charge of the Development Plan Section on
A.P.T. V Scale (£1,229—£1,375).
The person appointed will be responsible for the
survey analysis and preparation of the County
Development Plan, including Town Maps.
A planning qualification is essential.
Application form and further information from
County Planning Officer, County Hall, Newcastle
upon Tyne. 1.
Closing date 6th June, 1959.

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CORBY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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R. F. BROOKS GRUNDY.

Corby Development Corporation,
Spencer House,
Corby, Northants.

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ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES

APPOINTMENT OF SECOND ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
SPECIAL SCALE, 2785 to 21,070
Commencing at not less than 2905 per annum plus London weightine. Applicants must be qualified and have had at least five years experience, including periods spent on theoretical training. Details and application form from Rorough Surveyor. Guild Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. Closing date 22nd June. 1959.

A. B. ROGERS,
Town Clerk.

Guild Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. 21st May, 1959.

SINGAPORE POLYTECHNIC

The Board of Governors invite applications for the following appointments in the DEPART-MENT OF BUILDING AND ARCHITECTURE; (a) SENIOR LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE; (b) TWO ASSISTANT LECTURERS, GRADE II IN ARCHITECTURE; (c) ASSISTANT LECTURER, GRADE III IN ARCHITECTURE; (d) ASSISTANT LECTURER, GRADE III IN OWN PLANNING; (d) ASSISTANT LECTURER, GRADE III IN CARPENTRY AND IOINERY, Qualifications: (a) (b) Diploma of recognised School of Architecture; experience in Architectural practice/teaching; (c) Diploma or degree of a school of Architecture; experience in Architectural practice/teaching; (c) Diploma or degree of a school of Architecture; experience in Architecture, Civil or Municipal Engineering an advantage; (d) recognised qualification in Civil and/or Structural Engineering, with practical experience in design and supervision of concrete structures; (e) Ist Class full technological certificate of City and Guilds; technical Teacher's Certificate an advantage; (m) Salary Scale: (a) Ms 1.800 × Ms 50-

Class full technological certificate of City and Guilds; technical Teacher's Certificate an advantage.

Monthly Salary Scale: (a) M\$ 1,300 × M\$ 50—M\$ 1,950; (b) (e) M\$ 1,000 × M\$ 50—M\$ 1,550; (0) (d) M\$ 1,200 × M\$ 50—M\$ 1,550; (0) cone M\$ 2s. 4d. at present.)

Appointment of overseas persons is on contract for three years. Favourable Endowment Insurance Scheme; or the College will be prepared to take over and maintain employer's contributions to former F.S.U. policies. Accommodation with heavy furniture at rental of M\$ 120 p.m.; free medical attention, and half cost of maintenance in hospital; free passages for member of staff, his wife and up to three children under 18, on first appointment, leave and completion of service; home leave at rate of 60 days per year's service, normally taken on completion of three years' service.

Application forms (four copies) and further information obtainable from Council for Overseas Colleges, 12, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2. Closing date 5th June, 1959.

ROROUGH OF SWINDON

Closing date 5th June, 1959.

BOROUGH OF SWINDON ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
Applications are invited for an appointment of Assistant Architect. A.P.T. Special Scale. 2750—24,030 per annum. (This scale is at present under review by the National Joint Council.) Applicants must have passed the R.I.B.A. Final Examination and will be engaged on work in connection with a large and varied development programme. including housing schemes and industrial buildings, arising from the expansion of the town.
Consideration may be given to an allocation of housing accommodation.
Applications on forms obtainable from the Town Clerk, Civic Offices, Swindon, must be returned not later than 5th June, 1959.

SHEFFIELD REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD
ARCHITECTURAL STAFF
Applications are invited for the posts of:

(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT: Commencing salary £1,050 on the scale of £1,050
× £30 (3) × £35 (3)—£1,245.

(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT: Salary according to age and experience within the scale £730—£1,055 per annum.

Candidates must be Registered Architects and have passed the requisite examinations. Appointment is subject to Whitley Council terms and conditions of service, to the National Health Service (Superannuation) Regulations, and to one month's notice on either side. Applications, together with the names of three referees, should be sent to the Secretary. Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. Fulwood House, Old Fulwood Road. Sheffield, 10, not later than the 15th June, 1959.

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CITY OF CANTERBURY

Applications are invited for the appointment of CHIEF TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT. Special Scale (£750-£1,030). Commencing salary for the appointment will be according to ability and experience.

Applicants must be Associates of the Town Planning Institute and preference will be given to those possessing an additional qualification in Architecture. Applicants should have experience in dealing with three-dimensional design problems in connection with redevelopment and reconstruction. Experience in statutory planning is also desirable, particularly with regard to the forthcoming review of the Development Plan. Housing accommodation will be made available if required.

Applications, together with the names of two referees, must reach the City Architect & Planning Officer, Mr. John L. Berbiers, F.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., not later than Wednesday, 10th June, 1959.

Canvassing will disqualify.

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Municipal Buildings. Canterbury.

BAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING ASSISTANT required, for work on
Development Plans. Intermediate Examination
minimum qualification. A.P.T. II (2765—2880)
and car allowance.
Annications. giving full particulars, including
names of two referees, to County Planning
Officer, County Hall, Ipswich, by Friday, 12th
June, 1959, from whom further information may
be obtained.

BOROUGH OF STOCKTON-ON-TEES
BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the appointment of
ASSISTANT ARCHITECT at a salary of A.P.T.
III (£380-£1,065) or the new Special Grade.
Forms of application from the Borough Architect, 28, The Square, Stockton-on-Tees, to be returned not later than the 6th June, 1959.
Housing accommodation will be available for married applicants.

JOHN R HAWORTH

JOHN B. HAWORTH, Town Clerk.

Barclays Bank Chambers, 49, High Street, Stockton-on-Tees.

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS for work on the Board's capital programme (including major hospital development, estimated cost £23m., at Peterborough and District Memorial Hospital). Candidates must be registered architects and have had good general experience; hospital experience will be an advantage. Salary £1,050-£1,245.

Applications, stating age, qualifications, experience and details of present position (Salary, etc.), with names of three referees, to Secretary of Board, 117, Chesterton Road, Cambridge, by 5th June, 1959.

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SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the following appointments on the established staff, viz.:—
(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS, A.P.T. Grade IV (£1,055—£1,220).
Applicants for posts in this grade must be Associate Members of The Royal Institute of British Architects with a good standard of design ability and a sound knowledge of modern methods of construction and be capable of handling projects from sketch plans to completion.
(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT—Special Grade (£750—£1,330 subject to revision).
Applicants must have passed Parts I and II of the R.I.B.A. Final or Special Examination. or the equivalent at one of the recognised schools of architecture. Commencing salary will be within the grade, dependent upon the candidate's qualifications and experience.
(c) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT—A.P.T. Grade I (£610—£765).
Applicants must have passed the Intermediate Examination of The Royal Institute of British Architects.
All appointments are subject to the usual conditions of Local Government Service. Applications, accompanied by the names of two persons to whom reference can be made, should reach the undersigned not later than Thursday, 4th June, 1959.

R. O. HARBIS, F.R.I.B.A.
County Architect.

R. O. HARRIS, F.R.I.B.A.. County Architect.

Park Street, Taunton. 15th May, 1959.

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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN
CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the following post of TEMPORARY ASSISTANT ARCHITECT on a fixed salary of £1,250 per annum. Applicants should be A.R.I.B.A., fully experienced, with sound knowledge of construction, capable of producing good contemporary design and of carrying large contracts through to completion. Applications, stating name, address, age, qualifications, experience, previous and present appointments held, and the names and addresses of three architects to whom reference may be made, should be sent to G. McI. Keith. A.R.I.B.A., A.M.T.P.I., City Architect, 11, Broad Street, Aberdeen, on or before 5th June, 1959.

Town House.

Town House, Aberdeen. 21st May, 1959.

CITY ARCHITECT'S OFFICE

MANCHESTER

Applications invited for appointments on the permanent staff of (a) ASSISTANT, ARCHITECT'S ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, salary special scale at present £750—£1030 is under review. The commencing salary will be fixed according to qualifications and experience. And (b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, salary A.P.T. I, £610—£765. Five-day week, Removal expenses allowed. Housing accommodation for a limited period may be provided for the successful candidate for the senior appointment.

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HARLOW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Applications are invited for the following

Post A. ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. £735-£939 Post B. ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, £934-£1,146

Post C. ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, 2679-2811

Post C. ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. 2579—2811
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Candidates for posts A and B should be
A.R.I.B.A. or equivalent and candidates for post
C should have passed R.I.B.A. Intermediate or
equivalent. All should have had experience in
the design and supervision of buildings. Housing
provided in suitable cases. Applications within
seven days to General Manager, Terlings. Harlow.
Essex.
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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTHAMPTON BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT Applications are invited for the following permanent

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(a) ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER (Development Control). Special Grade (£750—£1,030), to assist with Development Control, examining applications, site inspections, interviews with applicants, preparation of reports. Applicants should be A.M.T.P.I., architectural qualification or experience an advantage.

(b) PLANNING ASSISTANT, Grade A.P.T. II (£765—£380), for Survey, Development Plan review, Redevelopment Areas and Compulsory Purchase Orders. Candidates should have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Town Planning Institute or other appropriate body.

(c) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade I (£610—£765).

(c) ARCHITEUTURAL association (£610-£765). Commencing salary according to experience; candidates should state their housing needs. Application forms from the Borough Architect, Civic Centre, Southampton, returnable by 6th June, 1959.

THE UNITED NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE HOSPITALS
Applications are invited for the appointment of ASSISTANT ARCHITECT in the Staff Archicel's Department of the above Group of Hostals.

pitals. The salary scale: £730 \times £25 (2) \times £30 (2) \times £35 (2) \times £40 (1) \times £1,055 p.a. The commencing salary will be fixed within the Grade by reference to relevant experience and to

Grade by reference to relevant experience and to age.

The successful applicant will assist in the preparation of a Master Plan of future building development for the Royal Victoria Infirmary. Newcastle, and he will also be required to carry out under the supervision of the Staff Architect certain building schemes for which the department is responsible.

Applicants must be Registered Architects and Associate members of the R.I.B.A., with a sound knowledge of the planning and construction of public buildings. Experience in hospital building work would be of advantage.

Applications, stating age, qualifications, past and present appointments, present salary and details of experience and training, together with the names of three referees (two of whom should be architects), should be forwarded to the House Governor & Secretary, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, by not later than 30th June, 1959.

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(a) SENIOR QUANTITY SURVEYORS—Special
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Housing accommodation available if necessary it an economic rent. Five-day week.

Details and application forms (returnable by 5th June) from City Architect, Council House, Bristol, 1.

DORSET COUNTY COUNCIL,
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required in the
County Architect's Department. Salary within
A.P.T. Grade II. £765-2380 per annum. Applicants should have passed the Intermediate
R.I.B.A. Examination.
Application forms from the Clerk. County Hall,
Dorchester, to be returned by 11th June, 1959.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ARCHITECT required at a salary within the range £1.790 to £2.280 a year, according to qualifications and experience. Candidates must be Fellows or Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects and have had wide experience in the practice of architecture.

Further details and forms of application obtain-able from the County Architect. Springfield. Maidstone to whom applications must be returned by not later than the 19th June, 1959. 4504

NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD Applications are invited for the following posts: ASSISTANT BUILDING SUPERVISOR (Ref.

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£25 (4) × £30 (2)—£765, plus £20—£30 London weighting.

The work is varied and interesting and entails preparation of surveys, working drawings and specifications under supervision, of works of a minor character. The Board operates a scheme of financial assistance to students studying for professional examinations.

Starting salaries in both grades may be above minimum having regard to relevant practical experience. Whitley Council conditions. Superannuable.

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Apply, stating age, qualifications (with dates) and experience, together with the names and addresses of two referees to: Secretary, North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, 40, Easthourne Terrace, London, W.2, by 8th June, quoting appropriate reference.

OUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HAM Applications invited for appointment of DEPUTY BOROUGH ARCHITECT AND PLANNING OFFICER (salary: £1,776 13s, 4d, by three annual increments to £2,000 p.a. incl. and £100 car allowance).

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Applicants must be experienced in Redevelopment of Urban Areas, including High Density Housing, Town Planning Administration, and management of large Building Contracts. Successful applicant must be prepared to accept a high degree of responsibility for a large and varied programme.

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Details, together with application form, which should be returned by 16th June, 1959, from the Borough Architect & Planning Officer, Thomas E. North, O.B.E., F.R.I.B.A., Dist.T.P., M.T.P.I., 70, West Ham Lane, Stratford, E.15.

G. E. SMITH,

Town Clerk.

CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION (The Crown Corporation which administers the National Housing Act of Canada) requires experienced TOWN PLANNERS in the Architectural and Planning Division, at Head Office in Ottawa, for work in connection with housing and planning activities across the country.

nousing and planning activities across the country.

Applicants should be corporate members of the Town Planning Institute and possess a university degree or equivalent in architecture or engineering. Experience in physical planning is essential. Special consideration will be given to those who have experience in the New Towns, the London County Council or a progressive office working on good housing.

Applicants selected for interview will be advised of starting salaries, and these are commensurate on qualifications and experience. Salaries are reviewed annually and advancement is based on merit.

Travel assistance grants to help defray the cost of moving to Canada will be given on the following scale:

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CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Anolications are invited for the post of ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Salary Grade, Special Scale.
(Subject to amendment.)
Applicants must have passed the Final
Evamination of the R.I.B.A.
Details of qualifications, experience, etc., together with copies of three recent testimonials, to
County Architect. County Hall, Carmarthen, not
later than Saturday, 6th June, 1959.
W. S. THOMAS.

Clerk of the County Council.
County Hall,

County Hall, Carmarthen, May, 1959.

COUNTY OF ESSEX
BOROUGH OF WALTHAMSTOW
COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION
Applications are invited for the following
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(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT—Special Grade, 2750 to £1,030 per annum.

(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Grade I, £510 to £05 per annum.

(c) ASSISTANT BUILDING SURVEYOR, A.P.T. Grade I, £610 to £765 per annum.

London weighting of £30 p.a. (under 26 years f age £20) applicable to the appointments. Commencing salary according to qualifications and experience.

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For appointment (a) applicants must have passed Parts I and II of the Final Examination of the R.I.B.A. Experience in school planning and construction an advantage.

For appointment (c) applicants should be capable of preparing estimates, specifications and supervising minor works of maintenance and afterations.

Forms of application to be obtained from and returned to the Borough Education Officer, Town Hall, Walthamstow, E.17, within two weeks of the appearance of this notice.

BEDLINGTONSHIRE URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL

(a) Appointment of TWO ENGINEERING
ASSISTANTS.
(b) Appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT.
Applications are invited for the above appointments in the Engineer and Surveyor's Department, at a salary in accordance with A.P.T.
Grade 1, £610-£765.
Applicants must have had training in a Municipal Engineers Office and be a student member of one of the appropriate Institutions, be a competent draughtsman and capable of carrying out surveys for engineering and building works.
The appointments are superannuable and subject to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service, and a satisfactory medical examination.
The successful candidate will have an opportunity of obtaining varied experience including highways, housing development and main drainage.
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Applications, giving full details of age, training and experience, together with the names of two referees, must be delivered to the undersigned not later than Friday, the 12th June, 199.

Housing accommodation will be considered.
F. S. FORSTER.

Clerk to the District Council.

Council Offices, Bedlington, Northumberland.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SHORE-Applications are invited for the appointment of ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT. Salary within Grade A.P.T. II, £755—£875 p.a., according to experience and qualifications. (A recommendation of the N.J.C. on revised salary scales will shortly be considered by the Council.) Subject to medical examination, Council's Superannuation Scheme and N.J.C. conditions. Applications, stating age, training and experience, and giving the names of two referees, to reach Borough Architect, Town Hall, Old Streek. E.C.1, by 13th June, 1959.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL
CHARTERED QUANTITY SURVEYORS regraded to fill positions in Quantities Divisions
Bills of Quantities Section, Architect's Department. Applicants should have had at least thre
years' experience on working up and some experience of junior taking off.
Up to £1,090 (at present under review), according to experience. Application form, returnable
by 18th June, and particulars from Huber
Bennett, F.R.I.B.A., Architect to Council,
AR/EK/54/59, County Hall, S.E.I. (1167.)
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SPALDING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
ARCHITECTURAL AND SURVEYING ASSISTANT required. Salary A.P.T. II of the National
Scale (£765 to £880 p.a.). Medical examination.
Superannuation. Council house available. One
half of removal expenses offered, Good draughte
man and experienced in taking off and preparing
Bills of Quantities and settling final accounts.
Application, with names of two referees, to the
Clerk of the Spalding Rural District Council
Priory Road, Spalding, not later than 6th June.
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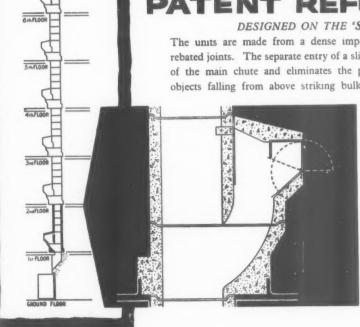
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