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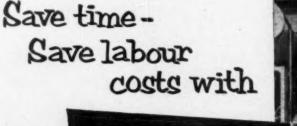
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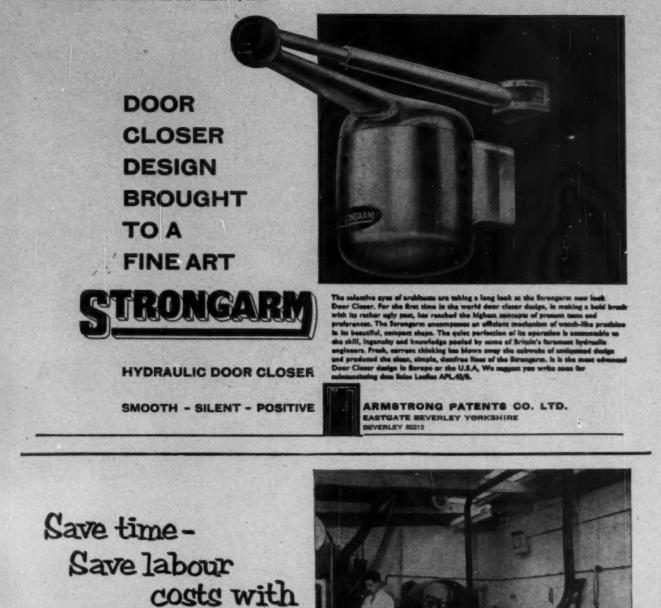
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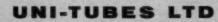
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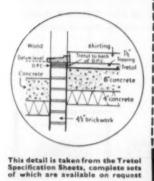
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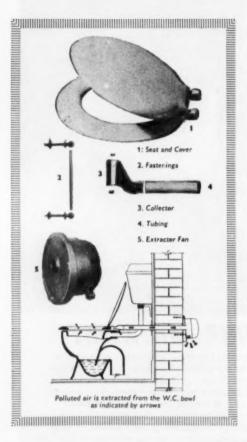


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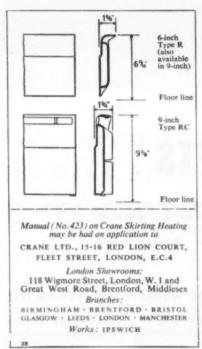


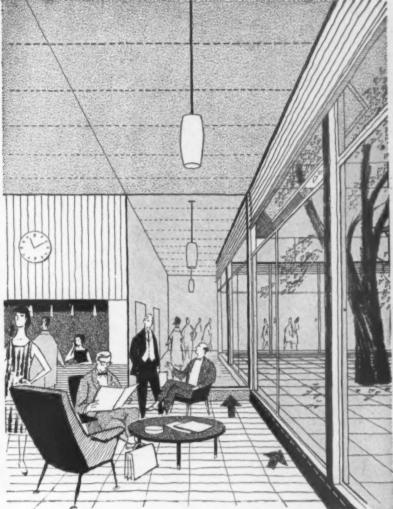
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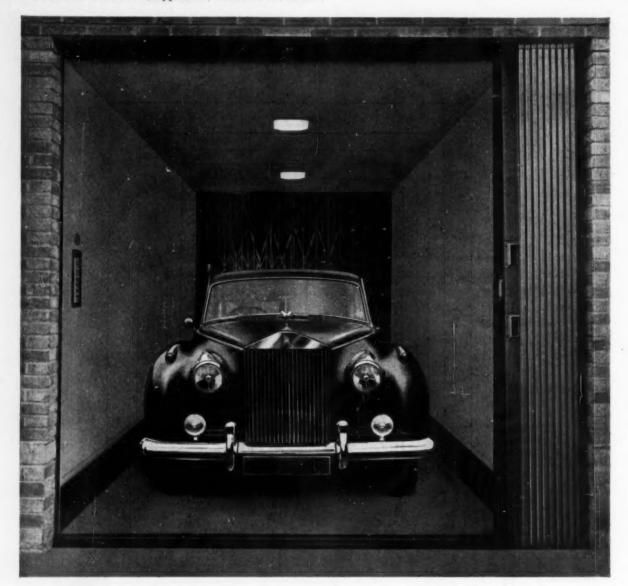




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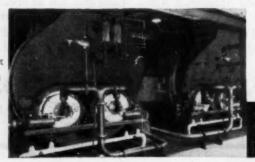
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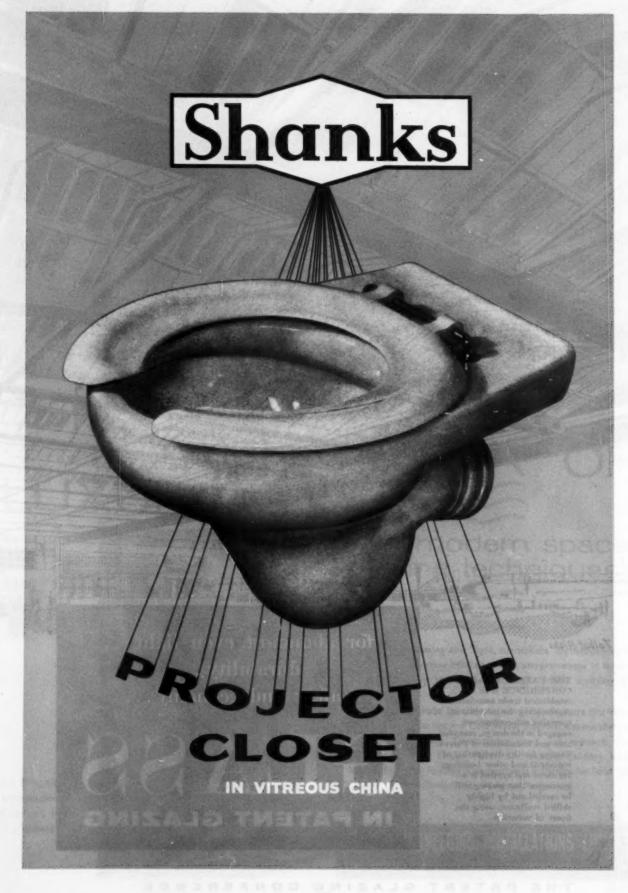
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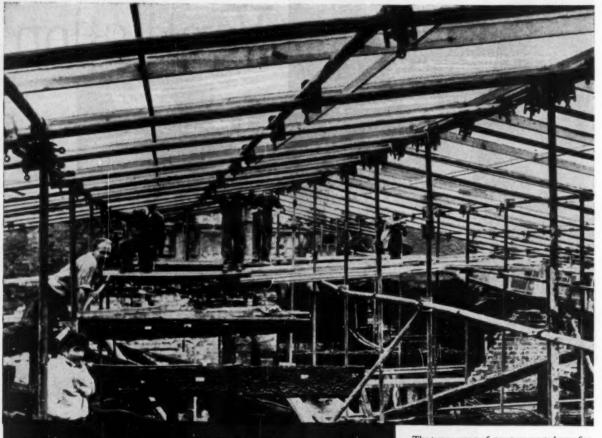


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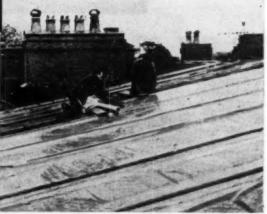
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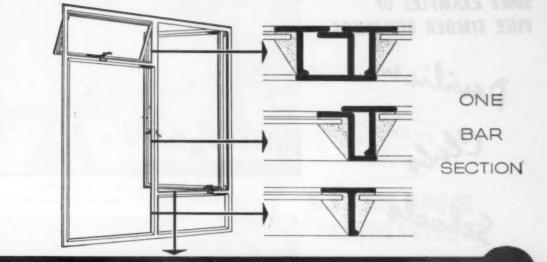
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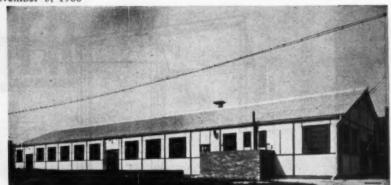
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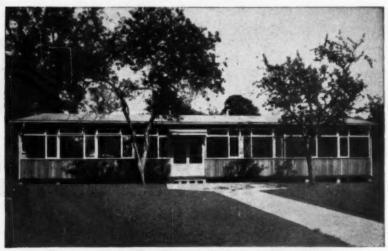
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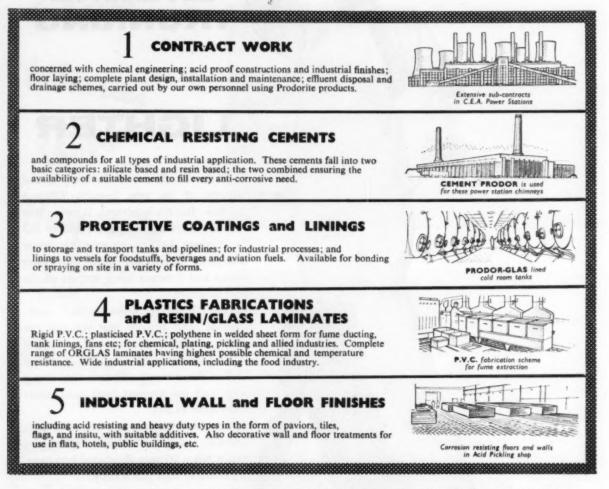
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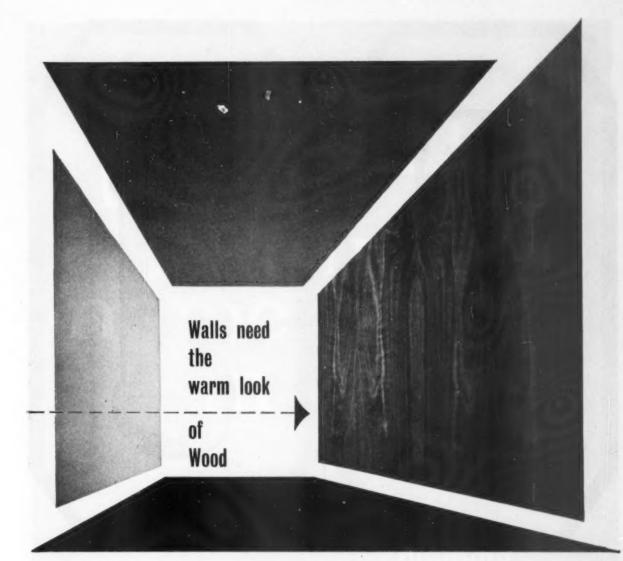
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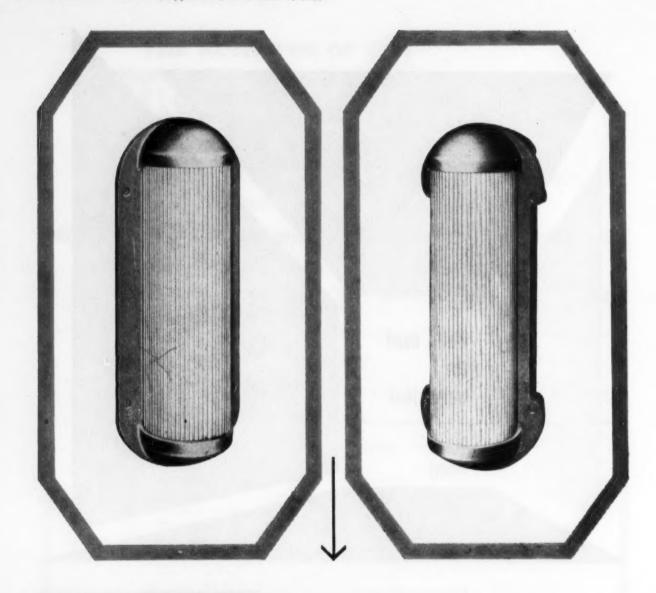
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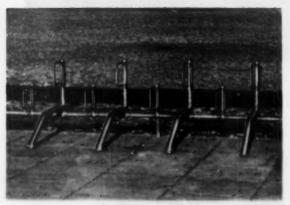
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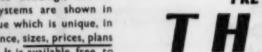


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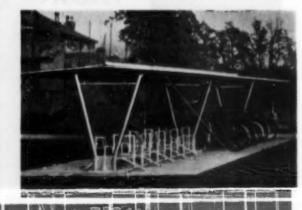


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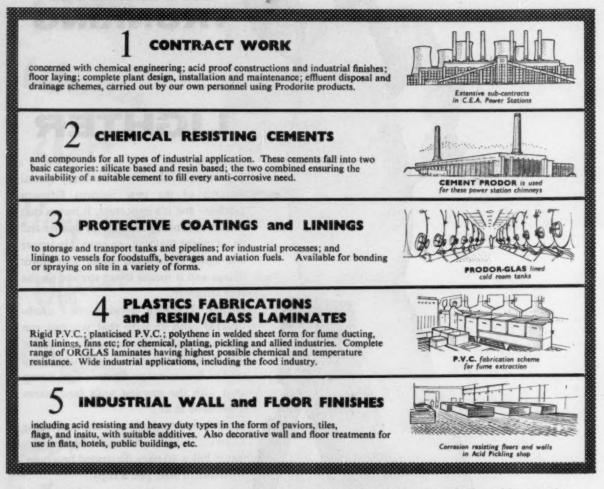
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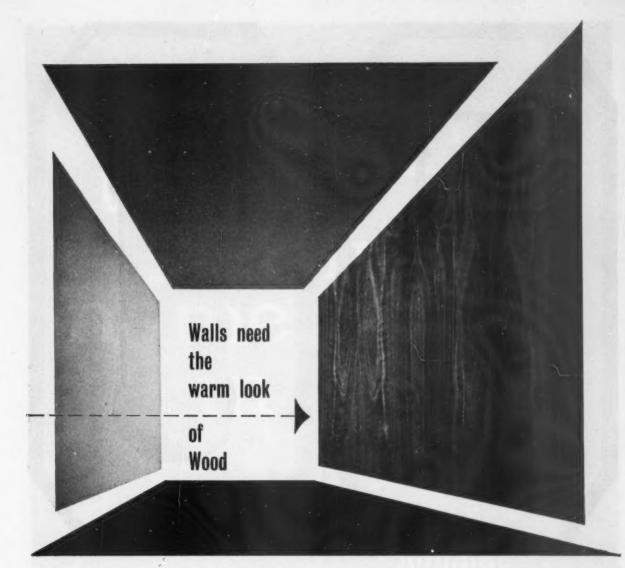
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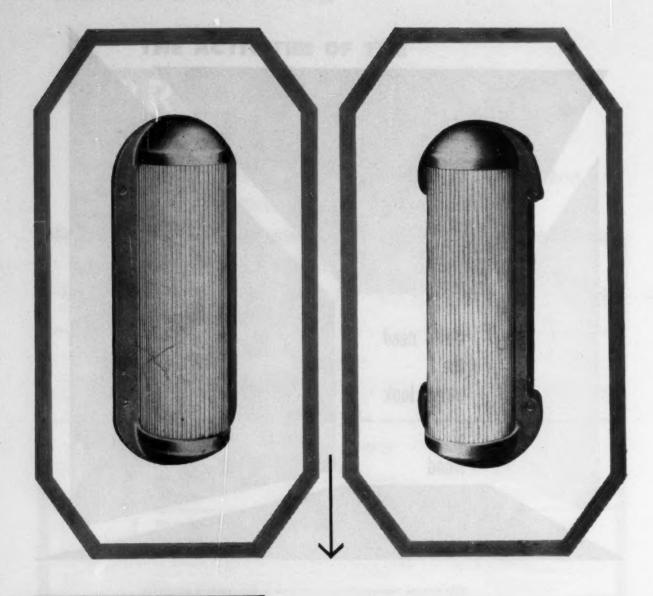
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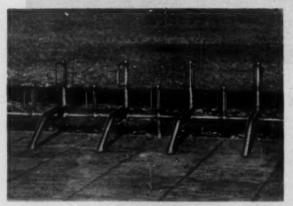
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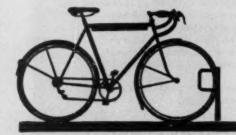
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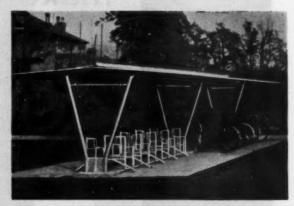
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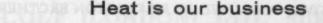
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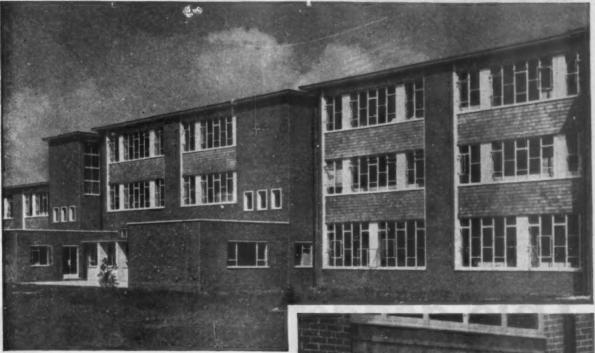
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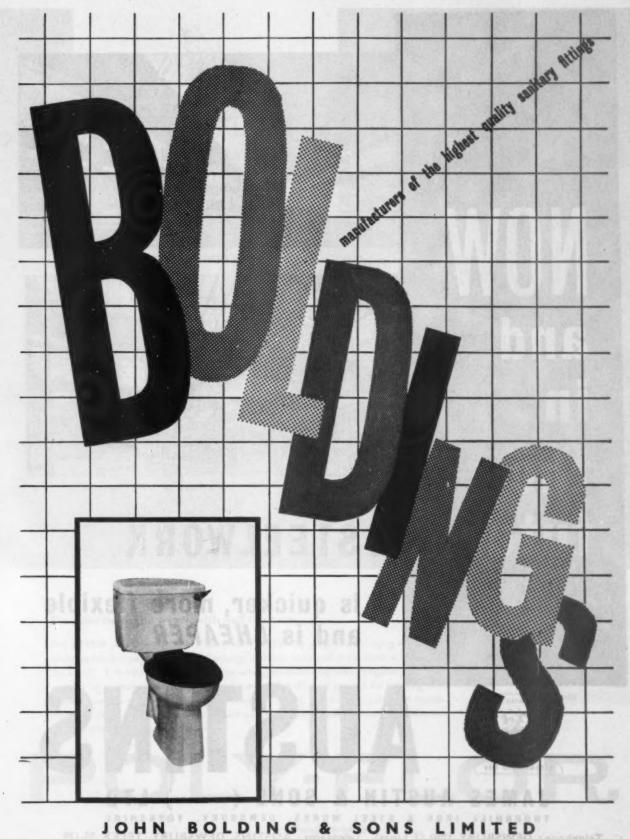
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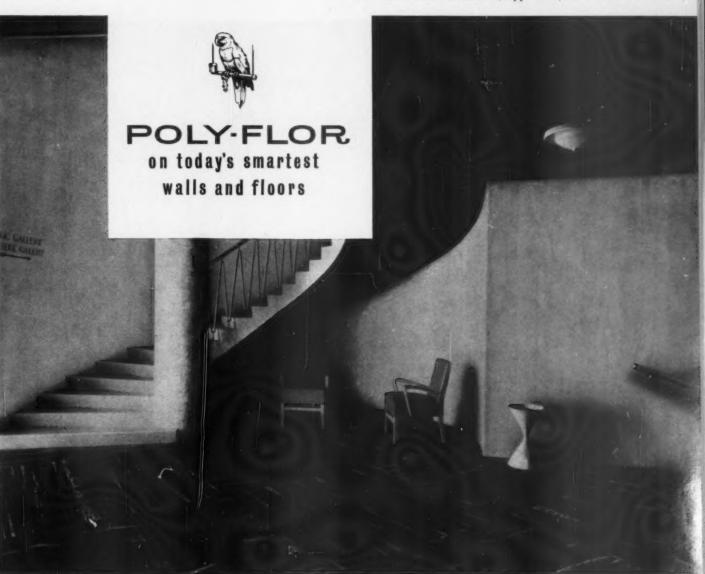
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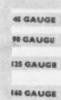
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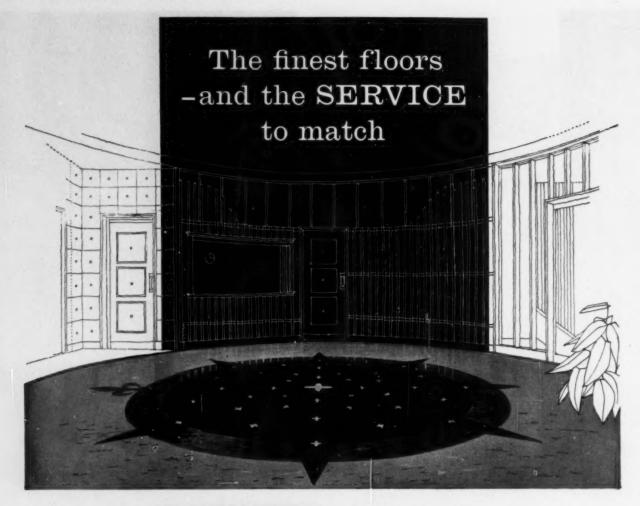
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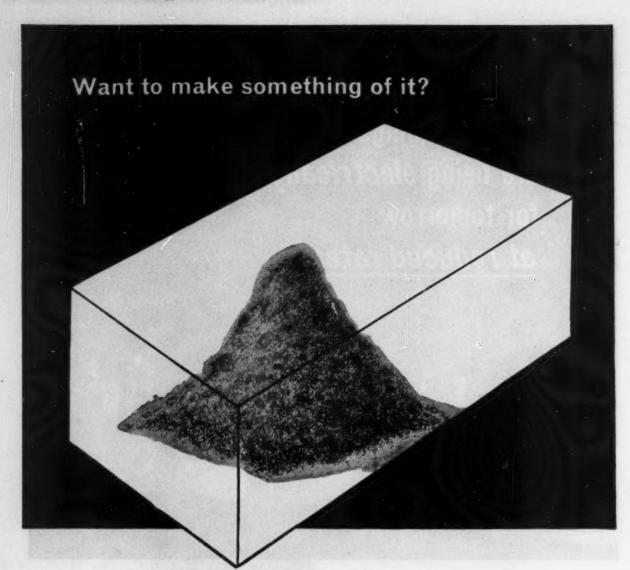
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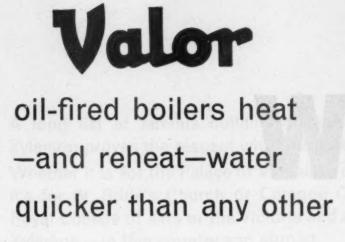
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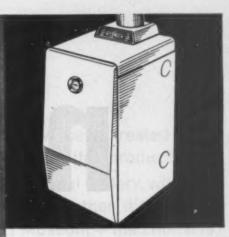


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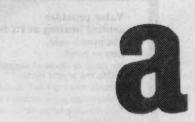


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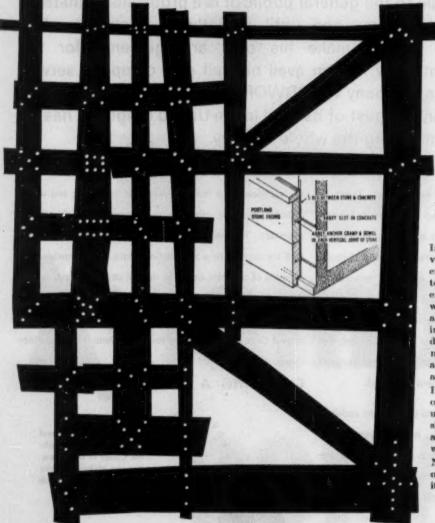
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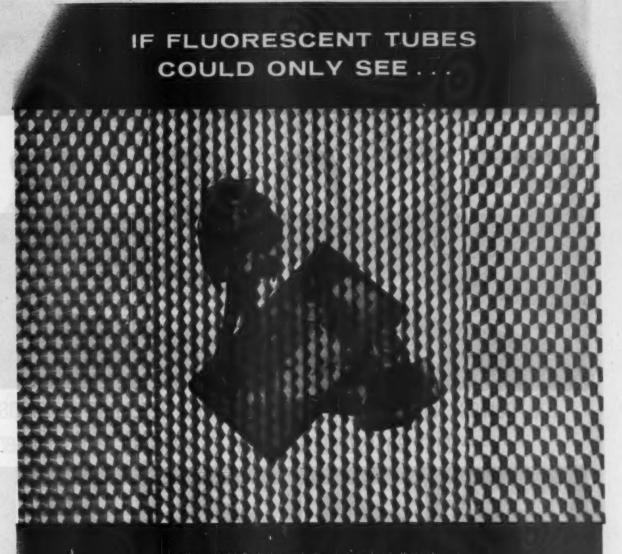
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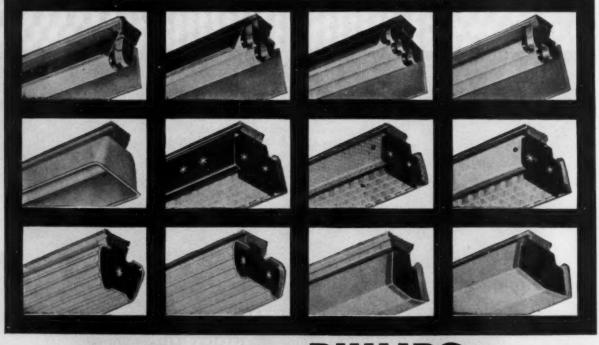
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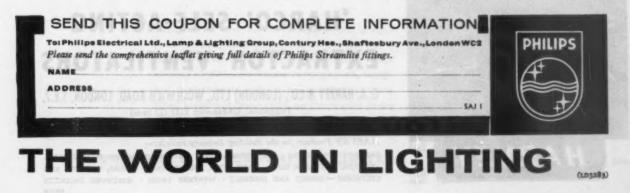
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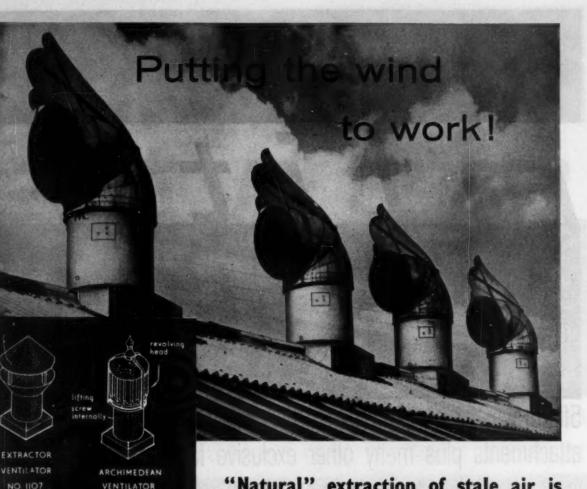
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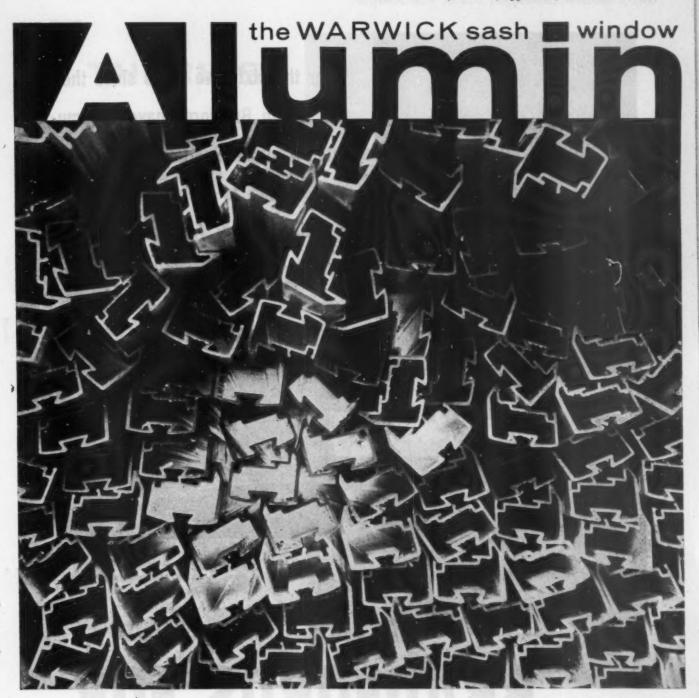
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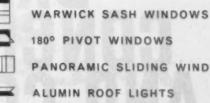
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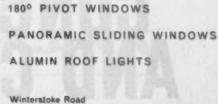


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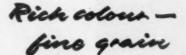
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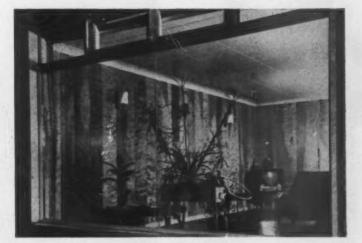
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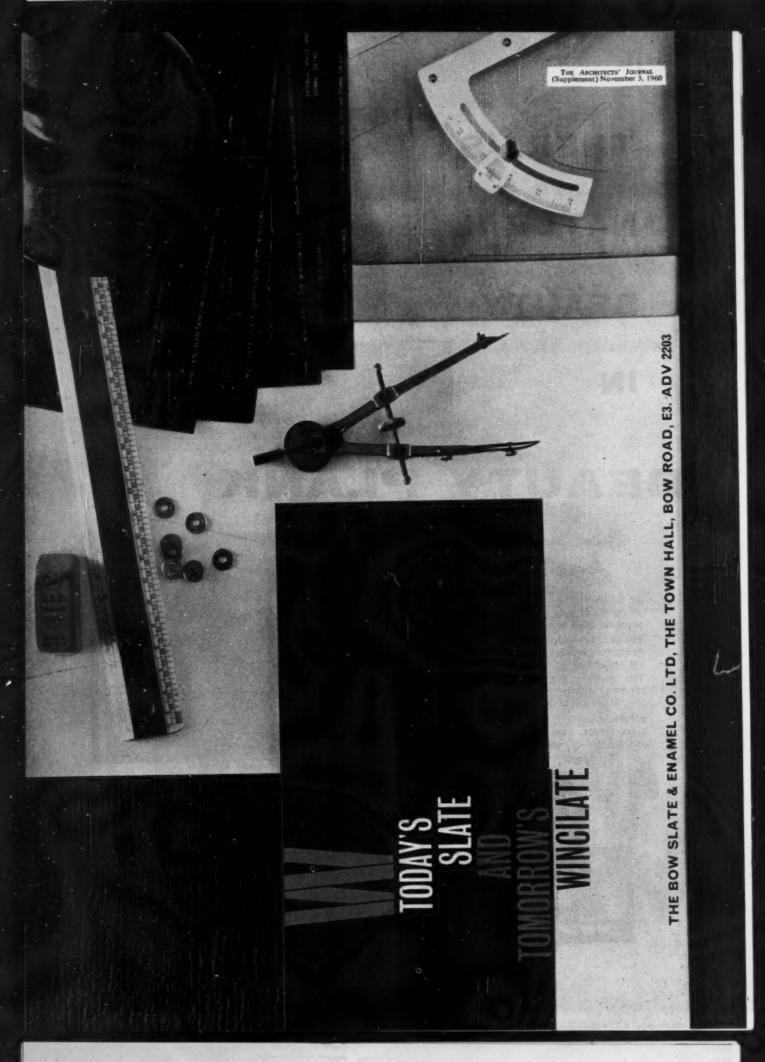






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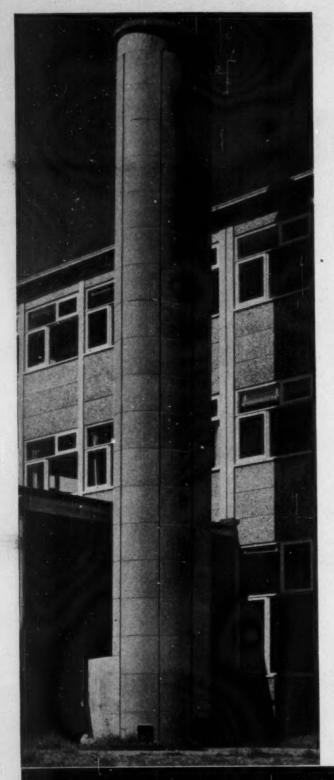
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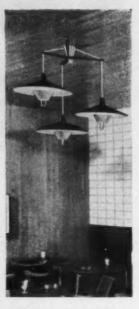




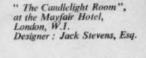
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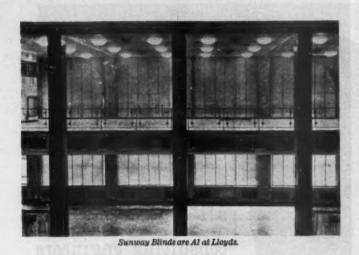
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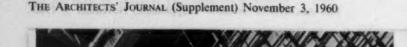
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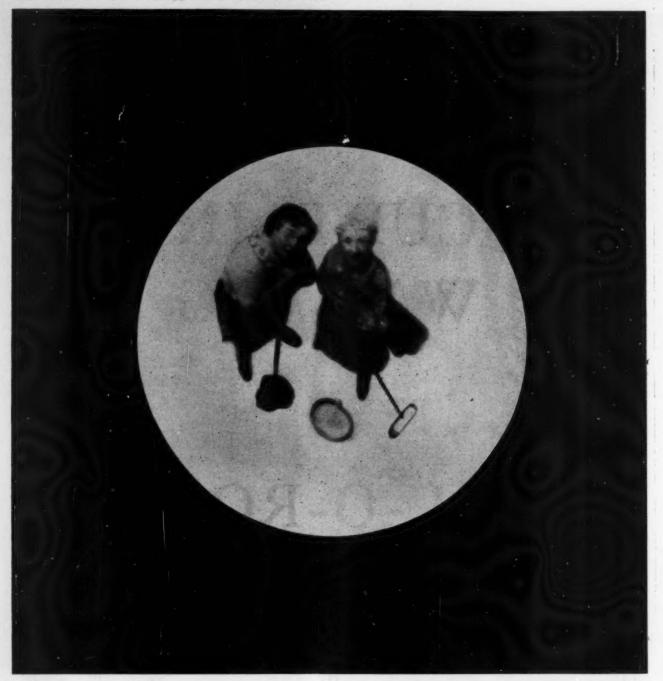
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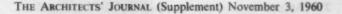
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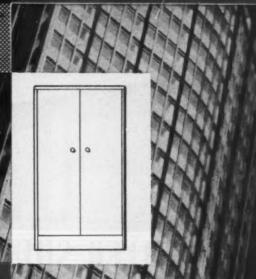
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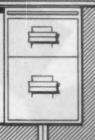
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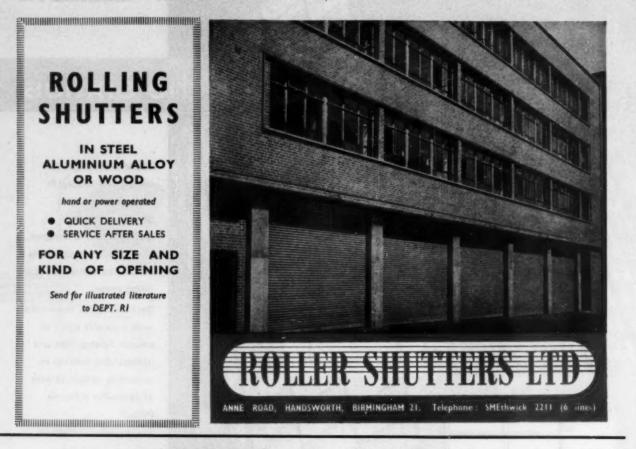
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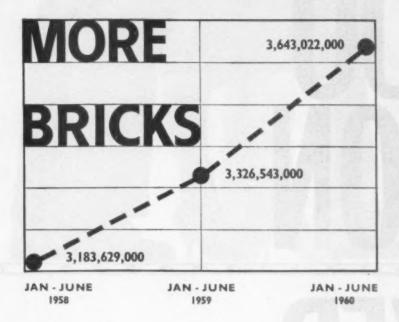
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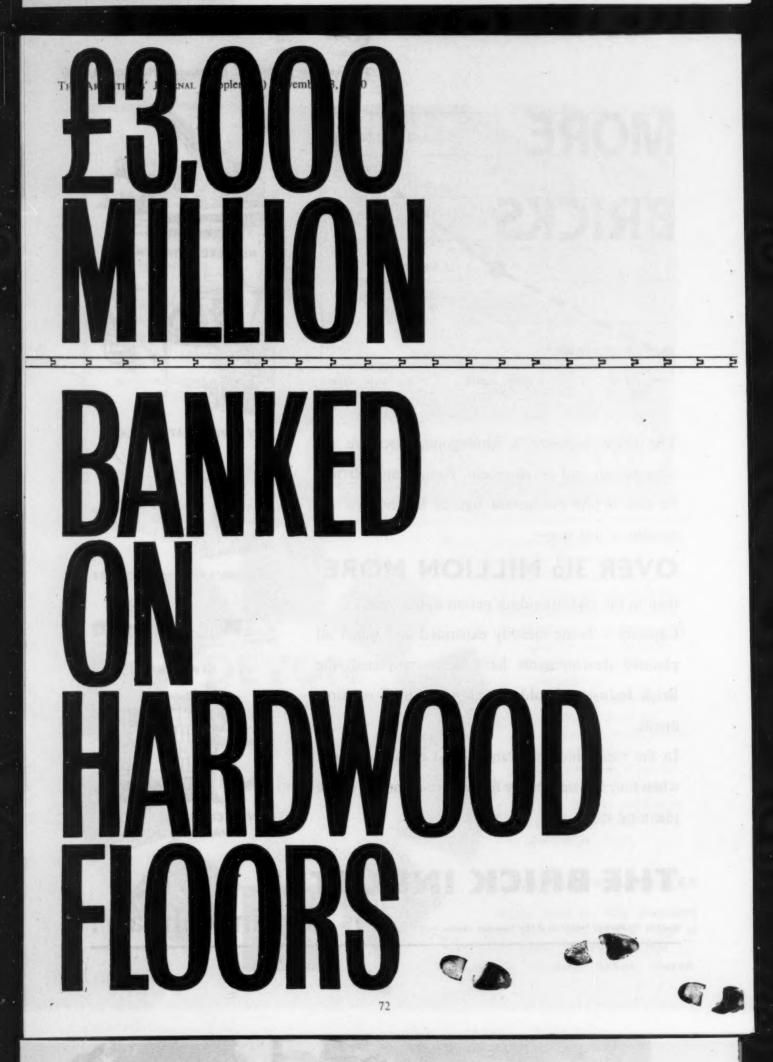


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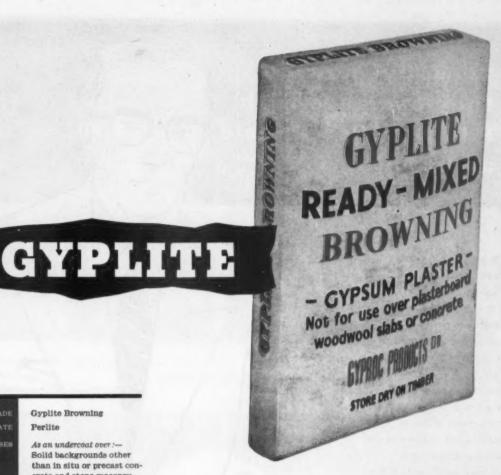
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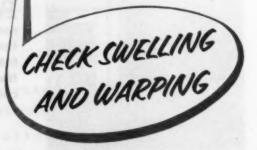
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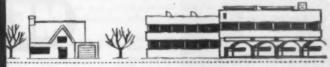
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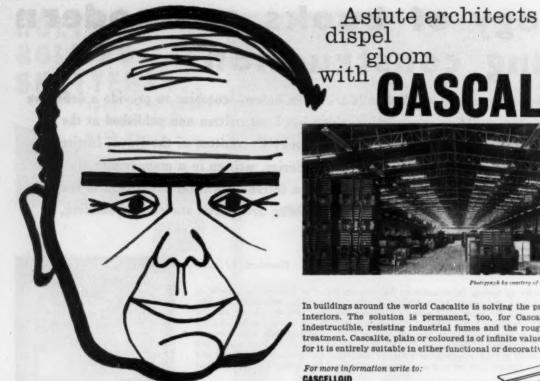






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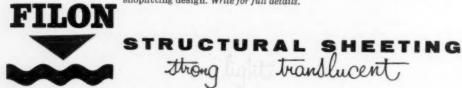
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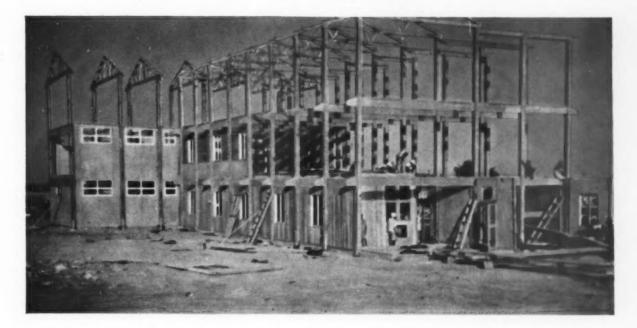
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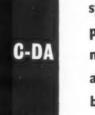


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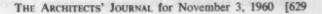
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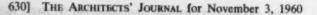
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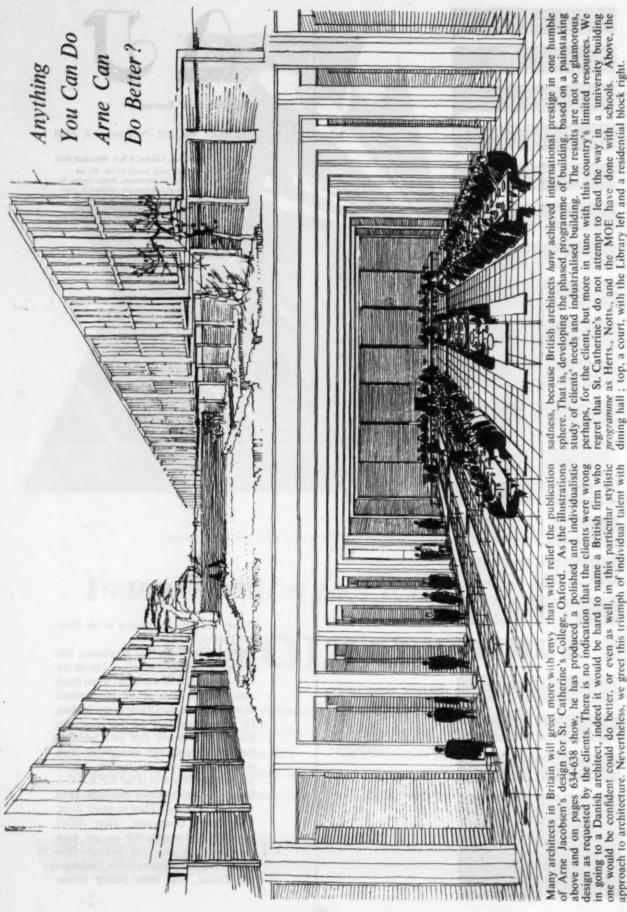
NOT QUITE ARCHITECTURE

STUDENT REVOLT

A.J. 11 89 Scene: Staff-student meeting at the Eastern Poly.

Prof.: Well, ladies and gentlemen, this is something of an innovation. I recall my own young days as a student when these little matters were solved by personal visits from Professor Reilly to the studios. Of course nowadays the administrative burden is so heavy that such personal contacts are well-nigh ----(growls from students, who rush the speaker, led by Ioe Buckley, President of the E.P.A.S.G.). Joe: J'accuse! I accuse the staff. How can they teach us? They've never lived. They aren't committed. They didn't even join the march. All we get from them are the same old Spanish War moans, last war mock-modesty, Dixieland and Donne. And those beastly Green-





approach to architecture. Nevertheless, we greet this triumph of individual talent with

sleeves recorder sessions at the end of term parties. What it all adds up to is that they just don't speak the same language as we do. There isn't one of them that wouldn't sell his grandmother for a fellowship at some Ivy League joint. I say that we should get rid of the whole boiling and have someone we can really admire—someone who isn't always spouting a lot of guff about the Modern Movement.

(The teaching staff are overpowered and led out in chains.)

Now let's elect a committee to nominate someone.

Female student: You choose, Joe.

Joe: Right, Fiona. We'll have you, Jim, Pat and Fred. The rest of you can have the day off.

(Fade out, to the tune of There'll be some changes made—the Eddie Condon disc.)

Two weeks later. The newly elected Prof. enters his study, followed by the committee. New Prof.: God, what a crummy hole. Joe: Yes, Bill, but don't worry, we'll change it for you. Fiona had a smashing idea about it.

New Prof.: Do you mind? And you can call me Doctor. Now get that Paul Nash off the wall and put the colour shot of the 1958 Caddy in its place. Once God's Own Country brought out the Rambler I knew they were finished. Get that desk cleared of all those student grant papers. I want room for my signed picture of Colin Chapman.

That's better. Now someone take a telegram.

Begins—to Head of People's Architects University, Peking. Entire student body of this college insist I visit your country earliest to study impact of political system on teaching methods. Will bring own secretary. Reply paid, etcetera. Copies to Architectural Press, Nature, Time and Botteghe Oscure. Now, back to the shop floor, all of you. You can stay, Fiona. I want to talk about foreign travel....

Two weeks later. The shop floor.

Student: This space ship won't come out right. I just can't understand these slide-rule leaflets. What about you, Joe? Joe: I don't know. I wanted to do some Bucky Fuller domes but as he says, they're square. I must be getting old. And then there's Fiona

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PLAIN SPEAKING

N his inaugural address AA President Edward Playne described himself as an " architectural old fogy." Few of his fellow architects would disagree with the description, yet the views of this old fogy are well worth attention. He advocates: the acquisition of the whole area of cities and their redevelopment to a proper plan over many years; setting up a central planning department to establish development principles for urban renewal; inter-professional teamwork to make cities free from noise and dirt and fit to live in: the design team (because the individual can no longer have all the qualities necessary to design and get built a complex modern structure); a residential college of building for architects, engineers, surveyors and builders; more time for designing, building and planning their construction, with an extra charge in the scale of charges if the contract has to start within a minimum time after the receipt of instructions.

Such a volley of enlightened, forward-looking good sense from a confessed old fogy must cause many of the *avant-garde* furiously to think. Now is the moment to press Government and Institute to implement these old fogy ideas.

REDUNDANT CHURCHES

Thanks to pioneers in the SPAB, it is now an established principle that we preserve our historic buildings, if need be out of public funds. But one class of building which always evaded this wise provision was the disused church. It was illogical that this should be so, since the disused church was in many cases medieval and the only building of this period in the neighbourhood. It was illogical also to expect the parishioners to keep it up since the usual reason for its disuse was that the parishioners had moved elsewhere. The Church of England is to be congratulated on having at last put forward a businesslike proposal for dealing with this problem. This proposal, which is described on page 639, involves the standardising of procedure in a form which will give a reasonable chance of finding an alternative use. It involves also the treatment of the problem on a national, not a diocesan or parochial, basis and a division of financial responsibility between the Church, the State and private benefactors. Perhaps to avoid alarming the Treasury, the makers of this proposal put the amounts likely to be needed 632] THE ARCHITECTS' JOURNAL for November 3, 1960

at £5,000 to put each church in order and £150 per annum to maintain it. This makes a capital sum of between $f_{12}m$. and £2m. and an additional annual expenditure which will rise to between £60,000 and £70,000.

Although we welcome this attempt to set a price on the proposal, we fear that the price is too low and for this reason may force those who have to make the decisions to destroy more than they ought in order to have enough to pay for the remainder. However modest a parish church may be from the point of view of architectural style, it is still too valuable as a social and religious document to be submitted to financial pressures of this kind.

finishes you want? It is difficult to get good finishes unless you are always on the site. Craftsmanship is dying in Denmark and the only answer-for large public buildings and offices-is prefabrication. But I much prefer to do the craft kind of building myself.

DANGER-CAUTION AT WORK

Saarinen was also over here last week. facing critics at a Press Conference on his US Embassy building. Someone said the design fell between two schools, being neither traditional nor modern.



You will be reading about Arne Jacobsen's buildings for St. Catherine's College elsewhere in this issue. But here are some interesting notes a colleague has sent me (not verbatim, but paraphrased) of part of an interview with the amiable Dane who is over here for a week or so.

Your "Egg" chair has caused a lot of interest over here. When you are designing furniture do you take note of anthropometrical data? I do not rely on figures and drawings. You cannot design a chair by drawing it. Instead I make a clay model first and mould it to the human body.

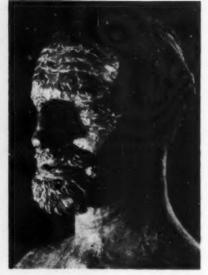


Saarinen's U.S. Embassy, Grosvenor Square. See "Danger-Caution at Work".

ing as possible-landscaping, lighting, furniture, fabrics, cutlery and so on. Do you think every architect should be capable of doing more than the building itself? I think that every architectural student should learn to do some industrial designing, even if he is no good at it. This will teach him to know what he wants from others and to respect what they do. We have introduced industrial design into the curriculum for architectural students at the Danish Academy.

Your strong views on architectural education are well known. Is Denmark producing a high proportion of good architects? Only four out of eighteen students are likely to be any good. The ideal would be to set up a system by which the good architects were designers and the not-so-good were doing routine work. But you can't organise that sort of thing in a democracy.

What is your standard of building You try to design as much of a build- like? Can you easily get the quality of



Epstein's bust of Sir Basil Spence, unveiled on Tuesday at the RIBA.

" Sometimes," said Saarinen, " the most daring thing to do is not to be daring." Charmingly and persuasively he explained how he had arrived at his final design; how the podium made the ground floor the piano nobile, and how the building was divided horizontally into public offices on the ground floor, with private offices above and stores, garages, etc., underneath. Those of us who listened quietly and attentively didn't notice until later what a lot of dark offices were included in the " etc." underneath. But it is too early to write a fair criticism. There's still a lot to be done, and there is something rather inhibiting about wandering around the unfinished building amongst what seems like feverish inactivity.

MEDAL FOR DARK DEEDS

A colleague reports that it was good

to see Frankland Dark (of Farmer and Dark) collecting the South Eastern Society bronze medal last week for Bowater's laboratories and offices at Northfleet. It was better still, he says, to find that the buildings' users were contented with them and could produce only tiny criticisms after persistent questioning. He was not so pleased, however, to discover that Brenda Colvin's careful planting had been uprooted in parts by a Bowater gardener of the bedding-out-a-blaze-of-colour school. Nor was he happy to see a roundabout wrecked by municipal "keep left" signs.

He tells me, by the way, that two sensible proposals were put forward at the presentation ceremony. Frederick Gibberd, who made the presentations, suggested the builders responsible should also get a medal—not just a copy of the diploma. And Clifford Culpin, chairman of the award committee, said the method of entering designs for the award should be less haphazard.

MATTER OF PRINCIPAL

Michael Pattrick's resignation as principal of the AA School—to take effect from next summer—has provoked Abner, of the Architect and Building News, to write curiously of the days when Mr. Pattrick took over: "restlessness . . . was the keynote among staff and students and academic standards were dangerously low." Abner does not say what evidence he has for this outrageous slur on the school's previous principal, Robert Jordan—a man whose term of office produced some imaginative and sensitive architects.

A good successor will not be easy to find. Perhaps the AA council will remember how ex-principal Frederick Gibberd once suggested he should run his practice from within the school. And they might give some thought to George Fairweather's proposal that there should be a controlling team instead of a maestro.

CLORE'S IN THE CONTRACT When he was interviewed by the BBC

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about the Cotton-Clore merger, Jack Cotton still seemed pretty bitter about the architectural profession as a result of the Monico enquiry. Asked to comment on the RIBA's concern about local authorities accepting the highest bidders for redevolpment, he said that architects were rather peculiar people: he had worked with them over the years, and didn't always agree with them, certainly he didn't think that it was in the architect's own interests to attempt to dictate policy-the local authorities were perfectly capable of making their own decisions. The original Monico scheme, he said, had been accepted by the LCC; the Ministry of Housing turned it down as a result of an organised publicity campaign-organised, perhaps, by some of the more prominent architects. He had now waited for seven years to get going on the site, and he hoped he could start building before another seven years went by.

Mr. Cotton is entitled to his opinions. But architects would have more respect for what he has to say if, as a developer/estate agent, his name was not associated with a firm of architects.

NIGHT OUT

Last week the new blood running at 66, Portland Place relaxed enough to throw a party. Apart from a dinner and a stiff-necked reception or two the RIBA has done little entertaining since the war. The result was outstandingly successful: 900 guests, two bands on two dance floors (Florence and Jarvis halls), three bars, Eames films and a deceptively easy quiz arranged by Reyner Banham which had additional entertainment value to the spectator because of the fantastic mistakes made aloud by the learned participants.

BASA had made a brave attempt to decorate a building which has a remarkable number of un-dancy rooms. However, the main stair-hall and landings, thronged with people, and overlooking the dancing provided an endlessly lively and fascinating scene.

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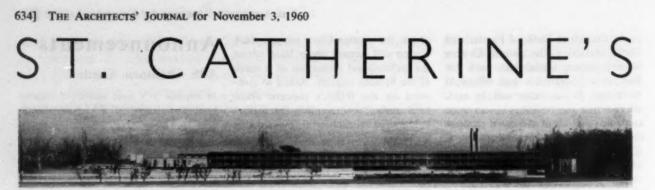
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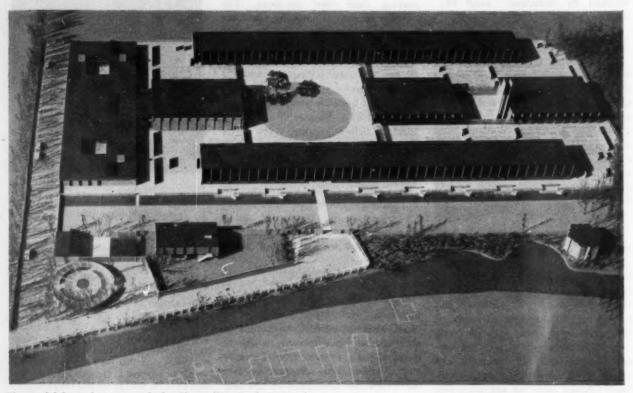
RIBA New Standard of Entry

It has already been announced that as from the 1st September, 1961, applicants for Probationership of the RIBA will be required to possess two appropriate passes at Advanced Level of the GCE (or the equivalent) and that the same qualifications should be required as from that date for admission to the Recognised and Listed Schools of Architecture. Representations have been made to the Board of Architectural Education that this may leave some doubt about the position of applicants for Probationership up to 31st August. 1961, who have only five Ordinary level passes (or the equivalent) and in particular of students who may achieve these passes in the Spring and Summer of 1961.

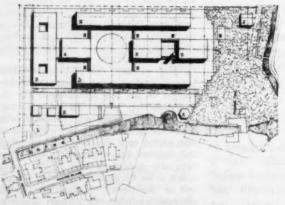
In order to clarify the position the RIBA have decided to bring forward the introduction of the new arrangements for the Probationership so that the last applicants who can be admitted with Ordinary level passes (or the equivalent) only will be those who gained such passes before the Spring and Summer Examinations of 1961. They have also decided in view of the ruling issued to the Recognised and Listed Schools, and of the limited facilities for training otherwise available, that students should be advised in their own interests not to register as Probationers from now onwards unless they have two appropriate " A " level passes (or the equivalent).



The model from the west from across the Cherwell, showing the low silhouette of the building, with the high bell tower



The model from the west, with the Cherwell in the foreground



KEY A dining hall B library C locture theatres D west residential block E east residential block E common-rooms and service block proposed site for future chapel Master's lodgings squash courts music rooms bicycle park covered ways linking the blocks Professor Arne Jacobsen, the Danish architect, has now produced sketch plans and a model of his design for the new St. Catherine's College at Oxford, for which he was commissioned by the University about eighteen months ago. The aim of the scheme is to provide an environment which will cater fully for the best traditions of college life in Oxford, carried out with the utmost clarity and disciplined simplicity, but avoiding any sense of monumentality.

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COLLEGE OXFORD

The building is sited to the east of the main concentration of colleges on Holywell Great Meadow, which is north of Magdalen and just across the River Cherwell from Manor Road, along which is the site for the new library building by Sir Leslie Martin published last month (AJ, 6.10.1960). About eight acres of land have been purchased from Merton, an area which has already been used as a tip in the thirties, but which will still have to be raised a further two feet or so to bring the building above flood level. There are many trees, and apart from the Cherwell on the west side, the site is surrounded by playing fields, so that the setting of the building will be rural.

The St. Catherine's Society was founded about a century ago as a non-residential college with the aim of providing an inexpensive method for studying at Oxford. Owing to a large increase in the number of State and other grants since the war, the Society feel that this function is no longer required, hence their scheme to change into a more conventional college for about 400 men. Two basic aims of the Society are to have a high proportion of students in residence, and for about half the undergraduates to study the sciences, in comparison with about a quarter for the University as a whole. In addition to about three hundred study-bedrooms, the scheme provides sets of varying sizes for 45 Fellows, commonrooms, dining hall, kitchens, libraries, lecture theatres, seminar rooms, music rooms and the Master's lodgings.

The building will be approached from Manor Road by a bridge over the Cherwell at the north-west corner of the site, the road continuing along the whole north side for service access and parking. The amount of parking space is limited, but it must be remembered that car ownership is normally not permitted to undergraduates. Near the road bridge is a circular cycle store, and beyond it the Master's lodgings. These are separated from the college proper by a pool running the full length of the building, with access by a single bridge for pedestrians into the central court with its circular lawn.

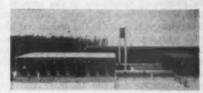
The college is symmetrically planned round a north-south axis, with long residential blocks on the east and west sides, and the communal facilities between. At the north end is the common-room block, with the kitchen centrally placed on the north side so that it can not only serve the dining hall to the south, but also the junior common-room on the east and the equivalent accommodation for Fellows on the west. Careful planning allows for an internal yard, provision for dustbins and the like, so that the north side of the college in no sense becomes the back of the building.

The dining hall, library and lecture blocks are designed so that within identical structures of the same size, the enclosure in each case is varied to suit the planning. The first floor of the library is, for instance, cantilevered out beyond the frame, and the walls of the lecture theatres are modulated inside to improve their characteristics as acoustic reflectors. Between the library and lecture blocks is a seventy-foot-high bell tower; this was included in the brief from the client, and is the only part of the scheme which will contribute in any way to the skyline of Oxford, the rest of the building being deliberately kept low in its massing.

The architect lays great stress upon the relationship between the individual blocks and the landscaping between, this representing a sincere and carefully developed present-day interpretation of the traditional layout of Oxford quadrangles. Professor Jacobsen spent a considerable amount of time visiting various colleges in the University, so as to be able to examine the way in which they function, and the virtues if any of the medieval and renaissance planning. The layout is one of the results of this study. The college is conceived as resting on a continuous podium of paving. This is, however, broken up by carefully sited screen walls and planting so as to form a series of courts. Linked with this is the series of covered ways joining the blocks, continuity being completed by the recessed ground floors of the residential buildings. The whole is very deliberately carried out in a formal pattern both for the blocks and the landscaping between. The architect believes that this high degree of formalism, which he admits was difficult to achieve, was essential to create the order and clarity that he felt to be the character the building required.

Outside the main complex the architect has sited two additional small buildings on the heavily treed south end of the site. These consist of a small hexagonal block housing two music rooms, and a pair of squash courts: in addition the architect has indicated a possible site for a future chapel which is not included in the present scheme.

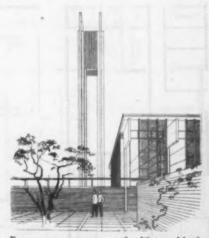
In general the architect is anxious to have a building which will mature gracefully, and he relies for this on the use of mainly natural materials, chiefly a pale buff brick, combined with the use of aluminium for windows, and bronze for the perforated screens in front of the library windows and certain other details.



Part of the model, with the lecture block on the left, the library on the right and the bell tower between



The terrace on the west side, looking across the water garden to the Master's lodgings



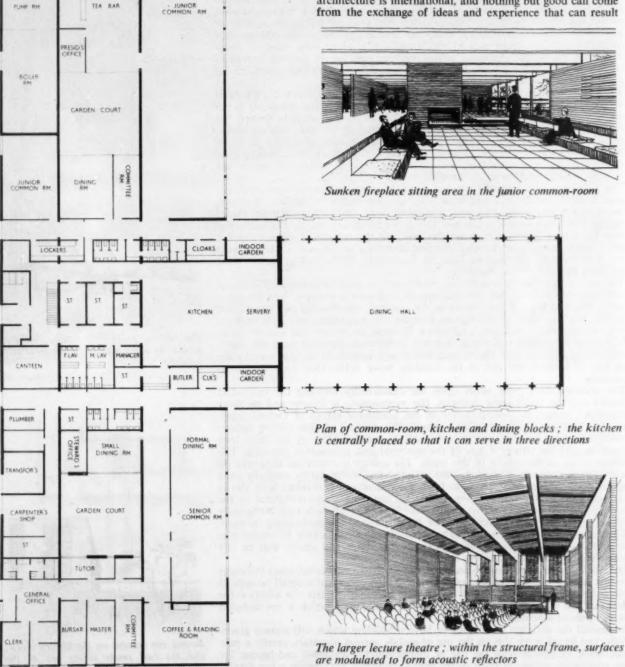
Bronze sun screens on the library block, and the bell tower rising out of the library court

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St. Catherine's College (continued)

The structure will be in situ concrete, but this is conceived as having the highest possible quality of finish, and only exposed externally in limited area. The concrete frames will be expressed internally in the central blocks in combination with fairface brickwork and natural timber. A similar treatment will occur in the residential block, but in combination with a certain amount of plaster and other finishes. In these cases the structure will be concrete cross walls, with in situ floors and roof. The general effect will be to have a high proportion of natural finishes internally, and this is appropriate for the all male and semi-monastic college environment. The architect insists, however, that this will be most carefully detailed, and carried out with the highest possible quality of workmanship. In his view it would be quite wrong to regard the building as new-brute.

The clients, particularly in the person of the future Master of the College, Alan Bullock, express themselves as extremely delighted with the design. The decision of the University to appoint Professor Jacobsen was no whim. The building committee who recommended his appointment, before making this choice, inspected many recently completed university buildings in this country, and interviewed several British architects prominent in this field. They then visited a number of Jacobsen's buildings in Denmark, and met him before putting forward his name. This appointment of a foreign architect was obviously an experimental step to take, with a certain element of risk. Not that in principle there is anything wrong with the idea. On the contrary, architecture is international, and nothing but good can come from the exchange of ideas and experience that can result

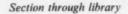


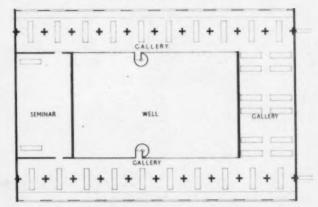
from this type of commission. Accepting that Oxford has now abandoned reactionary architecture, which has so badly marred the University in the recent past (think of Nuffield College), this appointment nevertheless shows a lack of confidence in British architects, at least the ones that the committee interviewed and whose buildings they inspected. Why is this? One of the most interesting points about Jacobsen, which is surely relevant, is that he is one of the very few successful architects who restrict the size of their practice. His office is limited to a maximum of about ten assistants. He deliberately turns down commissions unless he can give his full personal attention to every detailed aspect of the design, and says that he has refused several large and important jobs in order to concentrate upon St. Catherine's. This is surely a reflection on the big offices in this country, which have been mainly responsible for university buildings in this country since the war. Giving the commission to Jacobsen is a clear expression of opinion from an intelligent and knowledgeable client.

The scheme is obviously a very carefully thought out and intelligent piece of architectural design. Jacobsen himself

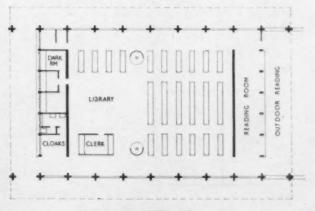
is very modest about it, and says that both he and the client will only be proved right or wrong when the building is finished in about 1964. The clients wanted personal service and an individualistic design, and it is quite clear that they are getting both. But it is equally clear from examining the scheme in detail that it is going to offer no more-certainly no positive contribution to the design of university buildings. This is for two reasons. The first is in the inherent nature of the design. In its layout, planning and detailing the whole scheme is based on an aesthetic which has been applied externally, and which one cannot identify as growing naturally out of the client's brief. This is true of the layout; for instance the sense of enclosure Jacobsen admires in the older buildings, and seeks to emulate in the actual design, seems to trickle away round and over the screen walls and be lost. On closer examination, and as far as one can judge from the present drawings, the design is full of details which are an imposed aesthetic, with grilles over windows, setbacks in brickwork, strips of window separating frame and cladding, and the like, features which bear little relationship to a true statement of structure or function. Not that



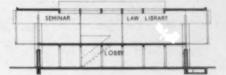




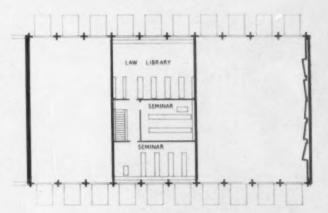
First floor library plan



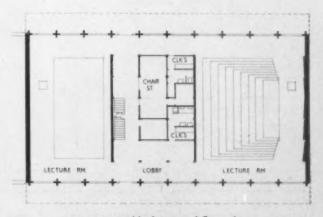
Library, ground floor plan



Section through large lecture theatre



Lecture room block, first floor plan

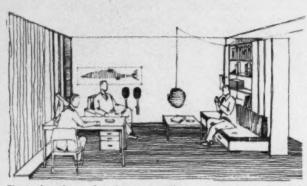


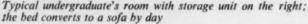
Lecture room block, ground floor plan

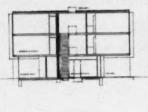
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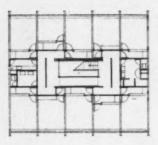
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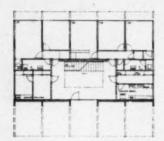
Jacobsen is unique in doing this sort of architecture: on the contrary there are signs elsewhere—in Scandinavia, in America with people like Paul Rudolf, and even in this country—of the growth of this new expressionism. And, at the same time, there seems to be a link between this building and the work of the early moderns, Dudok, the young Mies, and even Wright, in the endless repetition of detail. The second reason is a policy one, which is the responsibility of the clients. As long as they continue to commission single buildings from individual architects there can be no great advance in university building design. In continuing this policy they ignore all the great examples of programme building in the past, where the highest quality of architecture was achieved by continuity, such as the Romanesque monasteries and pilgrim churches of France, the Baroque of the counter-reformation in south Germany, or even many of their own colleges: quite apart from more recent examples, particularly in the schools field here, the one big success of current architecture that this country has to offer. It is to be hoped that it will not be long before the universities, either individually or collectively, will make this experiment in continuity. The biggest opportunity in the near future will, of course, be the buildings for the new university at York.





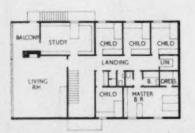






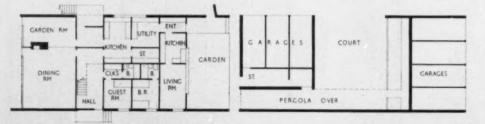


Plan of music practice rooms



First floor plan of Master's lodgings

Ground floor plan, upper floor plan and section of a typical bay in the residential blocks. The ground floor is recessed on the inner side so as to form covered circulation, and the planning of the three-storey blocks is based on the traditional staircase access. Although varying in area from 130 to 165 sq. ft., each student's room has an external frontage of 10 ft. Lobbies are provided to insulate the rooms from staircase noise, and washing facilities and w.c.s are included on each floor. A bathroom and scouts' room are provided at the foot of each staircase, and the ground floor is devoted partly to tutors' rooms.



Ground floor plan of Master's lodgings with courtyard garden and associated garages

NEWS

BURY ST. EDMUNDS

Campaign was a Winner

The Bury St. Edmunds town council, at a special meeting on October 18, reversed its decision to sell the Corn Exchange for demolition and replacement by shops, and voted 17 to 7 not to proceed with negotiations with Sir Cyril Black's group of companies.

The vote was unquestionably a victory for public opinion, actively organised and loudly expressed, and two of the councillors who changed their vote said frankly that they had done so as a result of finding out how strongly local people felt about the proposed deal.

One remarked that though much of the opposition was "sentimental" it was evident that people were prepared to lose something in hard cash for their sentiment in retaining the Corn Exchange. Another defended "the right of people to be sentimental about their possessions." Sentiment, he said, made the town treasure its town hall, its cathedral and many other things.

Many who spoke insisted that, having decided not to sell the Corn Exchange and the School of Art, the Council must keep them in a proper state of repair, and almost every opposition speaker pressed for the development of a new shopping area in the derelict Brentgovel Street-Loom Lane area.

It was announced that the County Planning Officer had received a letter from the MOHLG which said it would consider the demolition of these buildings of special architectural and historic interest regrettable and asked the Council to consider shopping developments elsewhere.

C of E COMMISSION

Redundant Churches

Lord Bridges, the Chairman of the Commission set up by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to consider the problem of the Church of England's redundant churches, held a press conference on October 26 to present the Commission's report.* There are about 370 churches now thought to be redundant and it is expected that the shift in population will cause another 420 churches to become redundant in the course of the next 15 or 20 years. In order to handle this problem the Commission propose a standard procedure which will include a waiting period of from one to three years from the original declaration of redundancy to enable an alternative use to be sought. If at the end of this period no alternative use can be found it is proposed that the Church Commissioners consult a new advisory board which will represent both the Church and the Preservation Societies before they, the Commissioners, can proceed to demolition. It is also proposed that a Redundant Churches Fund shall be set up to look after churches for which no use can be found, but which are to be kept as monuments. It will be the Fund's business not merely to put them in order in the first instance but to maintain them. In order to do these things the Fund is to raise money partly from the Church herself (for the Church of England does not want to lose her claim to these churches as she might want them back), partly from the State (on analogy with Historic Buildings Grants), partly from private donations. The Commission estimate that in 20 years they may find some 400 churches on their hands, involving a capital expendi-

* Report of the Archbishops' Commission on Redundant Churches 1958-60. SPCK. 66.

Caravan Advertises Bathroom Grants



This mobile information unit, which is to travel the country advertising to local authorities and the public how to get the grants available towards the cost of putting bathrooms, etc., into old houses, has been designed by John and Sylvia Reid, for Bilston Foundries Ltd., a member of Allied Ironfounders Ltd. The trailer contains a small room before and after conversion, and a simple diagram of a hot water system. A back-projector shows a film illustrating the improvements that can be made to pre-1945 houses with the help of Standard Grants and it can be watched from either outside or inside.

ture of between $\pounds 1\frac{1}{2}m$, and $\pounds 2m$, and an ultimate annual maintenance bill of $\pounds 60,000$ to $\pounds 70,000$.

ILA

Power and the Landscape

The case for putting electric wires underground was firmly supported by Sylvia Crowe, past president of the ILA and consultant to the Electricity Generating Board on power station projects, when she spoke to a meeting of the ILA on October 21.

"It should not be a choice between electricity for every farm or a decent looking countryside," said Miss Crowe. "Surely we can afford both." Even in the case of high tension transmission she looked on the careful siting of lines as a temporary expedient. "I look forward to seeing, in perhaps ten years' time, a land free from wires," she said,

"in which, at decently long intervals, magnificent power stations will rise as natural focal points of an uncluttered landscape." Miss Crowe outlined the problems associ-

ated with electric power generation and transmission through the countryside, illustrating her points with slides of several projects.

Generating stations, whether hydro-electric, nuclear, or coal fired, are all constructions of huge scale, but with great possibilities of architectural quality, she said. Sub-stations and transformers are small but so far show little visual quality of design. Transmission presents quite separate problems of linear pattern.

She submitted that the task of the landscape architect fell into five parts:

1. Assessment of the landscape and a decision on the relationship to it of the new structure.

2. Formulating an overall plan which is firm in concept but flexible in detail.

3. A continuing watching brief throughout the planning and construction periods.

4. Drawing up the final plan for execution when the work is completed, or for such parts of the plan as can be executed from time to time.

5. Arranging for maintenance.

A lively discussion followed in which it was obvious that the mixed attendance of engineers and landscape architects was mutually stimulating. The engineers' case was stated by Sir Christopher Hinton, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, who pointed out that landscape architects had much to learn and were just as prone to error as engineers. He was fully in favour of employing landscape architects, but disliked the policy of hiding or camouflaging engineering works.

The other side of the picture was presented by Howard Lobb, who discounted the idea of camouflage and stressed the problems of scale in the countryside, created not by the power stations themselves, but by the paraphernalia which attends them, notably the sub-stations.

The meeting was held at the Electricity Advisory Council's rooms in Winsley Street, London, W.1.

TCPA

Design for Motorised Living

A Report on two Conferences by Nigel Seymer

It is encouraging, for anyone who dreads the transformation of our great cities into Motropolis, that at two recent conferences on the problems of traffic—above all, the problem of the private car—the experts who spoke, some of whom are in key positions to decide transport policy in the future, have shown no intention of lying down under the car.

At the Fifth International Study Week on Traffic Engineering, recently held at Nice, papers were presented on "Traffic and parking needs generated by building development" and on "Individual and Mass Transport in Urban Areas," in which the control of private transport in the centres of cities was put forward as perfectly practical politics ; while at the TCPA's conference on October 17 and 18, devoted to the problems created by the private car, Mr. C. D. Buchanan, newly appointed Urban Road Planning Adviser to the Ministry of Transport, set the keynote when he said : " Much of our future happiness and wellbeing depends on the extent to which we can control the motor vehicle and make it serve our ends without becoming our master."

Necessary Research

Concentration on the problems of facilitating the movement of vehicles had resulted in preoccupation with problems of providing for through-traffic. "By-passes are a case in point," he said. "Many by-passes were built between the wars . . . and while I would not deny their value nor that many more are needed, the fact remains that most by-passed towns, even quite small ones, are still choc-a-bloc with traffic.

"I am sure the reason is that a new social habit has arisen; the motor vehicle has become part of the ordinary equipment of daily life, useful for a thousand-and-one comings and goings." Investigation would show that the "penetrative abilities of the motor vehicle" which could "worm its way anywhere, get right inside buildings and even climb tight spiral ramps to the roof," was a very important factor in the traffic problem in the centres of towns.

Mr. Buchanan urgeed the need for "a few thorough-going studies to reveal just what use is being made of motor vehicles, one of the main points of which would be to discover "the 'essentialness' of traffic—what traffic is essential to urban life and what could be dispensed with (should the need arise) as being in the nature of a luxury."

New Town Formula

The "New Town formula" of central

pedestrian shopping areas had worked quite well in the conditions of new town development—a clear site and a small town. "I am much less sure of its applicability in a large standing town," Mr. Buchanan went on, "where the bounding roads are enormously difficult to carve out, where the creation of areas of homogeneous use poses serious difficulties of shifting 'non-conforming uses,' and where the conversion of the streets to pedestrian use involves the insertion of rear-access roads.

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"In fact, when you get down to it on a drawing board, you find that it pretty well involves complete reconstruction, and if this is to be the case then I think there are advantages in multi-level planning . . . saving of space is not the least of them, and if you bring the traffic underneath the buildings then obviously you save the space required for horizontal movement between vehicle and destination."

Searching Questions

"If we decide to give the motor vehicle its head," he continued, "it is just as well to know what we are in for. We could give the motor vehicle its head almost without realising it by embarking on the radial urban motorways which on a narrow view are such a logical answer to the dreadful conditions on the radial roads." And he offered this "question to cogitate on": "Looking ahead, some factor is going to put an eventual limit to the total number of vehicles in circulation. Will it be the capacity of the motor industry? The purchasing power of the public? The number of licensable drivers? Or could it possibly be the capacity of built-up areas to handle traffic?

"Could the existing pattern and fabric of towns be preserved by any policy deliberately aimed at reducing traffic to manageable proportions by means of restrictions? I am not going to express a view . . . All I am saying is that if, as I honestly think is the case, the motor vehicle is going to demand very expensive and farreaching changes to towns, then it is logical to ask whether we really need have all this motor traffic . . . Suppose some traffic could be cut off (e.g., private car traffic firmly checked at peripheral car parks). what would the essential residual traffic amount to? Would it still be enough to demand major modifications to the central areas?"

Design for Motorways

Turning to the design of urban motorways,

Mr. Buchanan asked:

"What are the planning and architectural problems involved in accommodating big new roads in urban areas? Is there any way of making them less savagely destructive than the American examples appear to be?

"This of course is a planning as well as a design problem. Much could probably be done to reduce the impact of these roads by careful location, placing them, say, in belts of open space, or between communities and land use zones. This aspect needs consideration from the earliest moment such schemes are mooted so that a fair balance can be secured between traffic and environmental needs.

" I think what has worried the architectural profession recently is that decisions regarding the location of these roads would be taken on traffic and engineering grounds alone, without regard to planning or architectural considerations. There is, however, a sheer design problem as well ...

"I think it is questionable whether any urban area can absorb more than a limited amount of roads of this kind, and the thought goes through my mind that this may be one of the factors controlling the amount of traffic that urban areas can cope with."

Fundamental Values

Earlier in his paper, Mr. Buchanan had submitted that "urban areas, and particularly urban centres, are rapidly becoming horribly uncivilised places under the influence of motor traffic," and that "it is our whole urban tradition which is at stake and not just minor matters of movement and parking." He went on:

Most of us live our lives in urban areas. but we seem to be forgetting what towns ought to be like We should have in our minds the vision of urban areas where we don't have to run for our lives at the approach of a motor vehicle; where we don't have to wait mud-bespattered in driving rain for the buses; where we don't have to breathe in vehicle fumes; where we don't have to converse in signs because of the noise: where we don't have to struggle along narrow congested pavements; where we don't have vehicles stationary or moving cluttering up every yard of available space: and where we can wander freely about and take stock of our surroundings and receive the stimulus that a coherent urban environment can give.

"This is a fundamental question of values. I have no doubt that measures to deal with road traffic will involve every now and then sacrifices of things we value—buildings. meadows, narrow streets, views and privacy —but these losses will be easier to bear if we know we are working towards the creation or retention of things as good elsewhere.

How Much Traffic?

"The prospect that terrifies me is that we shall dodge along from one improvement to the next, widening out and opening up, destroying things of value right and left, but even so never catching up with the motor vehicle. I think that is the sad lesson of the last 40 years.

"I have just referred to the 'stimulus of a coherent urban environment,' and this means that for myself I firmly believe that in any measures we consider for adapting cities to motor traffic we must seek to continue in the main-stream of urban tradition with its emphasis on compactness, easy social exchanges, architectural unity, and freedom of movement for pedestrians. The difficulty we are up against is that the motor-vehicle operates strongly against urban qualities. Already it has proved an arch scatterer of development and given its head it will continue with the job.

" I know that we are on the threshold of the motor age, that the boom still lies ahead, but I do not think there is any reason to panic and to abandon the great tradition of compactness in favour of the sprawl and dispersal that wholesale acceptance of the 'drive-in' philosophy would involve.

"I think this is the real challenge ahead —to see how far we can retain cities broadly in the traditional concept (though perhaps much changed in detail) whilst securing reasonably full exploitation of the many remarkable qualities of motor transport."

Terrifying Prospect

In introducing his paper. Mr. Buchanan stressed that we can't both have our cake and eat it; we shall be forced to say "this place was designed for so much traffic and no more." In the discussion Mr. Edmonds, chairman of the LCC Town Planning Committee, said that, being still on the right side of the point of no return, we can still say this.

But even if we accept the argument that we must somehow stem the rising flood of motor traffic the question arises "How can we set bounds to the growth of this traffic, or restrict the entry of cars to certain areas?"

Mr. G. J. Roth (a Cambridge economist who previously studied engineering) maintained that motorists are not paying the full cost of their use of city streets, and advocated the use of the price mechanism to regulate traffic growth.

This was also suggested, more tentatively perhaps, by Alan Day (L.S.E. economist), who wondered whether a mileage tax on miles driven in the big cities could not be imposed, say on the basis of the compulsory reading of car mileometers on entering and leaving the conurbations. He thought speedy and efficient arrangements could be the object being to make private car owners contribute at least 2d. a mile to the community, to cover their costs to the community in congested cities.

Role of Public Transport

Mr. Day added that the principle that motorists should pay the full rent of the space they use for parking their cars "is now slowly becoming established with the spread of the parking meters, although rents per square foot of parking-meter space in Mayfair are still uneconomically low. If it turns out that most people prefer the comfort and independence of

private transport when each covers its costs, then public transport should be allowed to go the way of the stagecoach." he suggested. "In fact. I imagine the full costs of private transport for some kinds of journey will always seem intolerably high, relative to the costs of public transport," said Mr. Day. "In particular, this is likely to be true of the daily tidal flow to and from the big city centres, particularly London. For this periphery-to-centre type commuter traffic, public transport is likely to be so much cheaper than private, if both are properly costed, that public transport is likely to continue to play the major role."

Mr. Day's confidence that public transport could compete effectively with the private car even if we started building radial motorways in our large cities, provided each covers its costs, was not shared by Mr. J. D. C. Churchill, of London Transport. He maintained that there is a good economic case for subsidising the contruction of new "rapid transit" facilities (e.g., the Victoria Line tube), as has been recognised in the U.S.A., where even Los Angeles may at last start to build such facilities, encouraged by the success of the new underground railways in Toronto and Cleveland.

Mr. Churchill's doubts about the adequacy of Mr. Day's formula were shared by Mr. Peter Self (author of "Cities in Flood"). who asked whether its application might not result in the Los Angelesation of the London region; and by Mr. Willmott (Deputy Director of the Institute of Community Studies), who thought that such a laissez faire approach was inadequate, and that public transport, far from being allowed to die, should be improved-there was, he said, a very real fear of " autodomination." We might, Mr. Willmott thought, get a different answer to our problems by finding out what sort of society people wanted to live in.

In this, he echoed the questions which had been put by Sir William Glanville, Director of Road Research, in his General Report presented at Nice on "Individual and Mass Transport in Urban Areas." These included the following:

How can urban communities be helped to choose the best transport system, bearing in mind all the consequential effects of alternative systems on the kind of town or city in which they will live?

Would it be possible to make experiments (a) in planning cities with alternative policies of transport, (b) in actually carrying out alternative policies to determine their effects?

How far, if at all, should public transport or parking facilities be subsidised?

A Sensible Answer

A sensible answer to the first question was given in another paper presented at Nice by F. Peter, Head of the Town Planning Office of Basle. He answered the question "How is the parking problem to be solved in fullydeveloped central areas?" as follows:

"There are, broadly speaking, two possible solutions.

"The first is to foster the growth of private motor traffic, and provide even greater space

for traffic and parking to enable it to develop without friction. If parts of the existing central area are sacrificed for this purpose, then the area will be increasingly destroyed by reduced density and roads slicing through it. If only those parts of the city immediately surrounding the central area are used, then the area can at first be preserved. But its growth will be prevented, which in the long run will lead equally to its decay.

"The second possible solution is to preserve and foster the central area, maintaining and even increasing its concentration and making possible its organic growth. If this solution is adopted, the creation of new space for traffic and parking can only be permitted to a very limited extent, which means that the growth of private motor traffic in this area must be very limited.

"We must, therefore, decide either to fosterprivate motor traffic, or to preserve and develop the central business district. The two policies are mutually exclusive.

"In Europe above all, we place a greater value on preserving the old central areas, which in most cases are not only business but also cultural centres. But if we want to preserve them, then it is essentially wrong to ask 'How can we provide the necessary space for traffic and parking in the central areas?' since any solution on these lines would lead to destruction of the central area. Rather we should ask 'How can the existing central area be preserved and fostered despite the never-ending increase in motorisation?'

Setting a Limit

"It can only be done if we voluntarily abandon any idea of bringing private cars into the central area in unlimited numbers in the future, but seek instead to make the area easily accessible by other means of transport. This does not mean that we must completely ban private motor traffic from the area. In order to find out what volume of such traffic we can permit in the area, we can check how much space is at present available for traffic and parking, and how much more can be made available without destroying the urban structure; and then decide how much private motor traffic the area can cope with, with the most rational utilisation of this traffic and parking space. "The limited amount of parking space sets an exactly calculable limit on the amount of private motor traffic, which again has its effect on road planning. It would obviously be pointless to foster the growth of traffic beyond this point by building more new roads. In most cases the existing road space will be quite sufficient.

" It can never be the function of planning to put the clock back, or to want to halt the development towards full motorisation. But it must guide development.

"The residential and industrial districts, covering large areas, must be adapted to the automobile. In the central areas of cities, on the other hand, cultural and economic values are decisive, and the demands of private motor traffic must be subordinated to them. Only by such evaluation and guidance will it be possible to preserve our cities as lively, healthy organisms."

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All-Gas House Competition

In this competition, sponsored by the Scottish Gas Board, the first premium of two hundred and fifty pounds is awarded to A. Clayton and T. E. Adams, the second of one hundred and fifty pounds to Allan M. Clissold and the third premium of seventy five pounds to A. S. Matheson. The assessor for the one hundred and ten entries was Professor F. Fielden.

The conditions in this competition were minimal. A design for a detached house was requested, at a maximum of eleven hundred square feet and at a cost (excluding the site) of not more than four thousand pounds. The estimate for the house could, however, be based on the assumption that it was one of up to a hundred houses being built under the same contract. The design was to be flexible enough to be adaptable to differing family needs, but it had to be capable of accommodating a married couple with two schoolchildren (a girl and a boy) plus the occasional guest. Within the price limit a garage was required, over and above the maximum floor area. The sponsor requested that special attention be paid to provision of adequate storage of all types, to a suitable standard of thermal insulation, and to maintenance costs. They made it particularly clear in addition that it was not their intention that the house should in any way be a showroom illustrating as many uses as possible for gas. What they expected was a stimulating and imaginative contribution to the problem of small house design in terms of planning, aesthetics, structure, fittings, equipment and cost. Their only stipulation was that all the major services other than lighting should be gas. This has therefore been a competition of ideas, although

On the basis of his three criteria the assessor says that unfortunately no single entry combined all three in a satisfactory manner. It was the second and third factors which made me choose Messrs. A. Clayton and T. E. Adams' scheme as the winning design. With its first floor living and the continuity created by the linking together of the recessed ground floor with screen walls along the road frontage it is a most imaginative piece of design, a first rate exhibition house and, as the authors have shown in their drawings, it makes an excellent contribution to the urban environment. the Scottish Gas Board have every intention, if practicable, of building one or more houses to the winning design in either the Edinburgh or Glasgow areas. In the meantime, they are putting all the entries on show to the public in the Edinburgh College of Art until November 11, together with a display of gas-fired heating systems and appliances. Of the hundred-odd entries the assessor says that some were disappointingly commonplace, but that a large number showed competence, ingenuity and visual imagination. In making his assessment, he explains that he was guided by three basic requirements. First, a house which had a fundamentally livable plan, suitable for the typical family, and giving a high proportion of usable area; second, a design which would visually make a positive contribution to the domestic environment; third, that the design, when repeated with perhaps minor variations would be an attractive element of urban design. This latter requirement was not unfortunately explicitly written into the conditions, and most of the entries show no evidence of this problem having been considered. The winning entry was, in fact, one of the few submissions which included a drawing showing how the design could be used successfully in a repetitive way to form a satisfactory urban street frontage.

One of the aims of first floor living, the authors state in their report, is to give added privacy. It is unfortunate in this respect that the kitchen and dining space windows tend to overlook the next-door garden. But the major weakness of the design is, as the assessor points out, that it has planning faults, and the living space is nothing like as generous as the schemes placed second and third. If the Scottish Gas Board do carry out their intention of building one or more of these houses, it is to be hoped that the planning can first be modified to overcome some or all of these faults.

First premiated design by A. Clayton and T. E. Adams

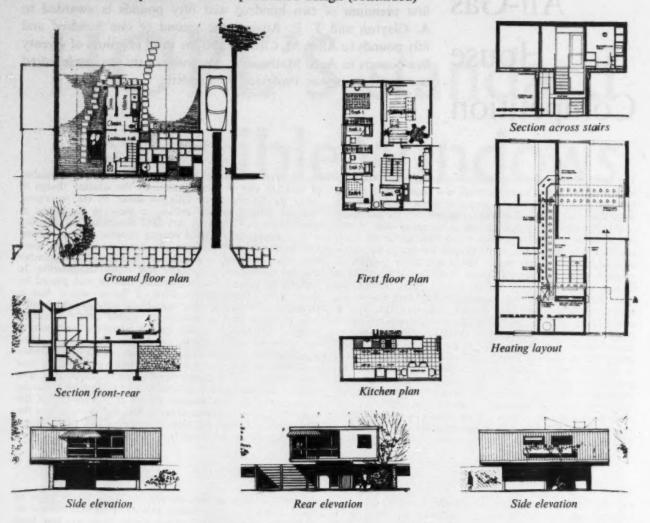


Site plan

Front elevations

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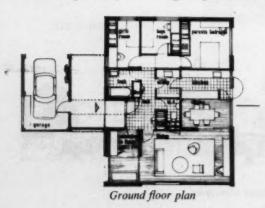
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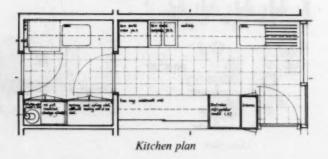


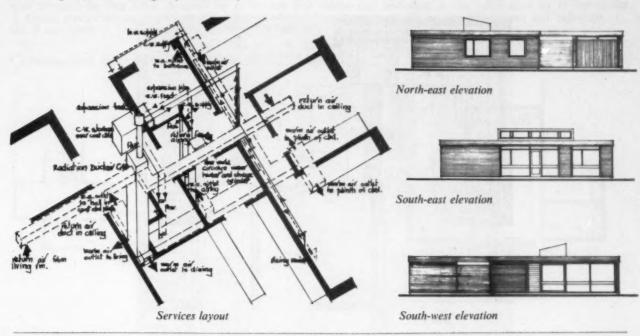
The design placed second by A. M. Clissold, is perhaps the most workmanlike plan to be entered, a combination of service core and tight circulation, giving a relatively large living area. Its design, in the view of the assessor, makes better use of space than that placed first, but lacks its sheer exuberance. This entry is one of the few submitted with a

carefully thought out and well written report. The assessor has something quite pertinent to say about the somewhat naïve reports which were often monuments of rationalisation, and seemed almost without exception to be last-minute compositions produced whilst the drawings were being prepared for the post.

Second premiated design by A. M. Clissold

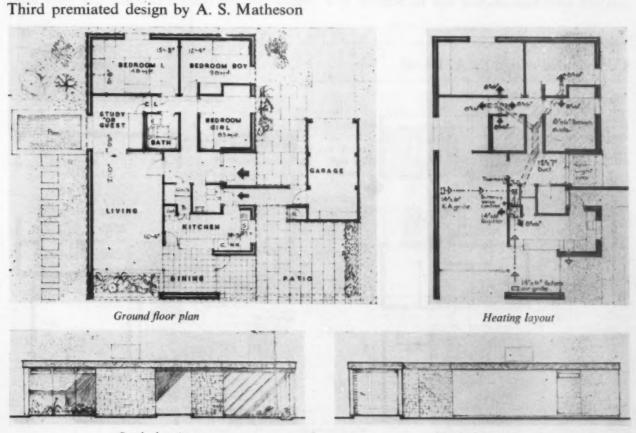






Second premiated design (continued)

The third premiated design by A. S. Matheson he finds extremely competent and attractive; perhaps a little fussy, but an extremely livable-in house, and capable of wide application. Of the three winners, this is the only one to retain the traditional back door (for the servants?) This it achieves by making the living area a through traffic route. In addition; like many of the entries, it needs a fairly generous frontage, a factor that the assessor may well have considered, but does not mention in his report.



South elevation

North elevation

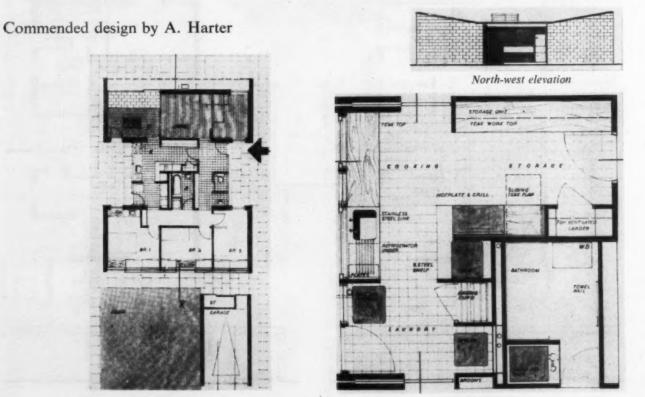
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PLAN Kitchen plan

All-Gas House Competition: Third premiated design (continued)

In addition to the premiated designs, the assessor commends a further four entries. These include a rather new-brute house by Miss Alice Harter, which has a clearly articulated plan with living areas separated from the bedrooms by a

service and entry core. The assessor is obviously disturbed by the appearance of this design which, he writes, *I would* hate to see proliferated in any development area. High level windows over the bedroom cupboards seem pretty brutal

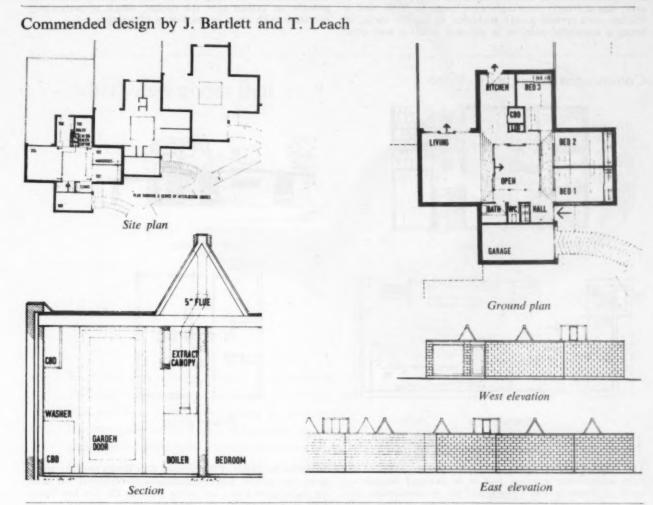


Ground floor plan

Kitchen plan

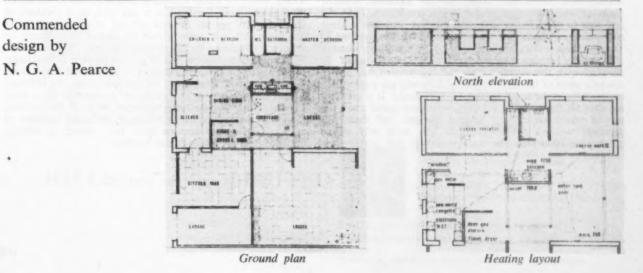
too. The assessor says that he was fascinated by the monastical skywards-looking house designed by J. Bartlett and T. Leach, particularly in its relation of one unit to another. He is not much in favour, however, of top-lit bedrooms.

There is also the snag in the interlocking development they show that bedrooms in one house abut on to the noisier parts of its neighbour, the living room and bathroom.



The entry by N. G. A. Pearce, with its internal court the assessor found an interesting plan. The planning of the living room, however, would make it difficult to use: and on the subject of intercommunicating children's bedrooms to plan them so that one is accessible only from the other

would be quite unacceptable within the conditions. It is interesting to note, in addition, that although the courtyard is basically an attractive idea, close examination of the plan reveals that because of it, a rather high area of the house is sacrificed to circulation.

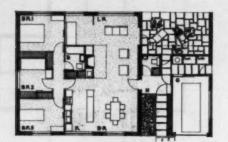


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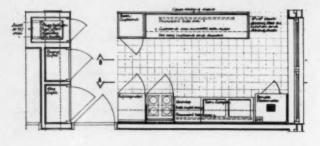
All-Gas House Competition (concluded)

The last commended entry, by B. Cobb, the assessor regards as a quiet, charming and unpretentious house which, however, has a living room somewhat loose in form, and a kitchen with certain access problems. It has the virtue of being a successful exercise in minimal external wall area. Perhaps a very small detail, but the design also deserves commendation as being one of the very few entries to provide an extract over the cooker, which is particularly necessary with open or semi-open planning.

Commended design by B. Cobb



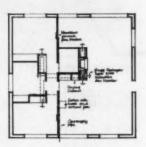
Ground plan



Kitchen plan



Front elevation



Heating layout

The assessor is very rightly disappointed that several of the more imaginative schemes had to be rejected because of errors of planning which just could not be overlooked: this was more particularly unfortunate, as some of these faults must have been apparent to the authors, and could have been overcome with a little serious thought. A typical error was the one where the children had to go across the living room to get to the w.c., hardly satisfactory in the evening when there are visitors. The assessor is also disillusioned about the design of the kitchens, detailed plans of which were requested in the conditions. I do not feel that in the whole of the entries there was one scheme that made any serious contribution to domestic planning.

Despite these indications of a not very sparkling average standard of design, the Scottish Gas Board should be satisfied with the attention that the competition has drawn towards some of the newer types of domestic gas equipment. particularly in the field of whole-house heating. It is interesting that all three of the winning entries are based upon the use of warm air central heating systems. All three are carefully worked out applications and need only minor corrections in detail. The background to this competition has been the desire of the Scottish Gas Board to make architects more aware of the fundamental revolution in gas heating techniques which has taken place in the last few years. This is, incidentally, also matched on the production side of the Board's activities. They are currently installing a Lurgi pressure-gasification plant in Fife, on the site of a large opencast mining area, a German process which is the first of its kind in this country. The essential point about the method is that the gas is produced at high pressure, which, when the whole scheme is complete, will be circulated through southern Scotland in a gas grid, at a pressure of about 250 lb. per sq. in. and moving at some forty miles per hour. All this activity has the object of reducing or at least maintaining the present price of gas. This, of course, is of vital interest in the use of gas for heating in buildings, particularly the domestic house. The architect is often faced in this field with conflicting information from the different supply authorities and the major oil companies as to what running costs will be using different fuels. If the winning design in this competition is built, it could be valuable as an accurate trial of running costs for a house specifically designed for gas whole-house heating.

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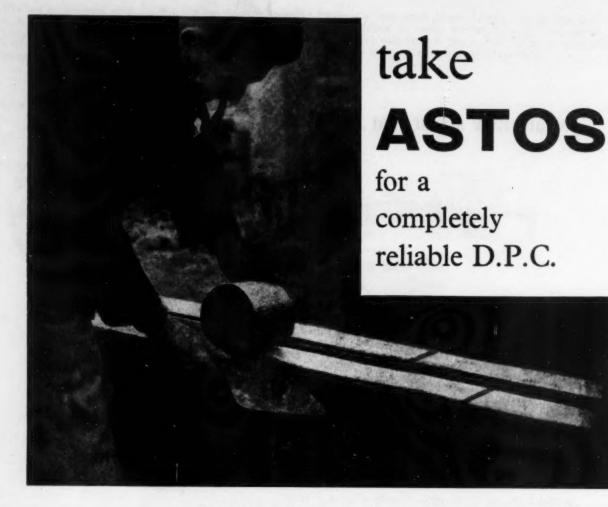
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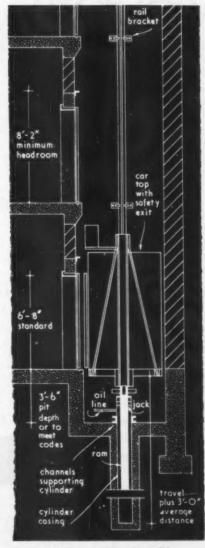
This week Brian Grant describes a range of multi-coloured paints, a gas-fired incinerator, and a pamphlet on hydraulic lifts.

Multi-Coloured Paint

A colour card from Sissons shows the range of Porterfleck multicolour paints, which are applied in a single spray coat and are touch dry in two hours. The range of colours is virtually unlimited, but the card shows 30 or more. The thickness of the coating is four or five times as great as the normal paint film, and will mask irregularities in plaster, joints in boards and other defects. The paint is washable and the makers claim that it is exceptionally hard wearing. (Sissons Bros. & Co., Ltd., Bankside, Hull.)

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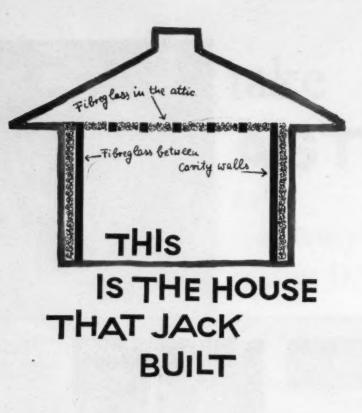
Hammond & Champness hydraulic type lift

stabiliser, smoke and fumes being drawn into a firebrick chamber where they are rendered smokeless and odourless. All metal parts exposed to flame are made of heat resistant stainless steel. Price is £72 9s. (Victor Products (Wallsend) Ltd., Wallsend, Northumberland.)

Hydraulic Type Lifts

Whereas hydraulic lifts were pretty common pre-1914 one would nowadays tend to look on them as semi antiques due for replacement. Yet for medium height lifts there is much to be said for hydraulic systems, which nowadays use oil and not water, and derive their power from an electrically driven oil pump rather than from a high pressure water main. Hammond & Champness have just issued a leaflet on the subject, setting out the advantages of lifts of this kind when a comparatively short rise is needed. Perhaps the most important is that there are no vertical loads on the lift well structure (though guide rails are, of course, necessary) no counterbalance weights or ropes, no winding gear or brakes, and a minimum of electrical gear to maintain. Furthermore the operating motor and oil pump are a comparatively small unit which can be placed anywhere within reason. The only limiting factor is the bored hole to take the ram, on which the entire lift system is supported. This must be equal to the total lift height, plus about 3 ft.

The oil pump is in operation only during upward movement, descents involving no more than the balance of the oil in the ram, which is returned to a supply tank over the motor unit. Control is by push button with electro magnetic valves, and floor levelling is accurate to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. Speeds up to 125 ft./min. are available, which the makers say is the most practical speed for short rise lifts. (Hammond & Champness Ltd.. Gnome Works. Blackhorse Lane, London, E.17.) THE ARCHITECTS' JOURNAL for November 3, 1960



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22.96 sound insulation and acoustics

Effect of Painting on Sound Transmission Loss of Lightweight Concrete Block Partitions. Hale J. Sabine.

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The idea of a "sound insulating paint" is usually and rightly regarded as a pipe dream. However, there are circumstances in which paint can improve sound insulation by an appreciable amount and this article describes tests proving this fact. It is well known that lightweight concrete block walls, because of their porosity have very low sound insulation unless they are plastered on at least one side. Some of the recently introduced machine made blocks employing expanded aggregates and/or cement foaming agents have faces which are smooth and regular enough to allow them to be used without any applied surfacing material (plaster or sheeting) in certain applications. This may result in very poor sound insulation performance unless the surfaces are sealed in some way.

Tests carried out on various types of lightweight block wall gave sound insulation increases of between 3 and about 15 dB, depending on the type of block. Briefly, the smaller increase is obtained with blocks having a close texture and non-communicating pores, while large increases can be expected when blocks of more open texture are painted. Dense concrete blocks show no increased insulation after painting.

Direct reference to the types of block tested would be of little value because it applies to material of U.S.A. origin and counterparts are not necessarily to be had in the U.K.

The paint coats employed on both sides of the walls consisted of two coats of resinemulsion paint applied at the rate of 52 sq. ft. per gallon for the two coats. It should be noted that the final insulation of the painted walls does not exceed, and in some cases does not quite reach, the mass law insulation value. Stress is laid on the need to paint the whole of the wall if sound insulation increase is required, and not to omit parts which are not exposed, for example inside fitted cupboards.

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8. SURVEYING & SPECIFICATION

site investigation, 2

In his first article Geoffrey Williams considered the broad objects of site investigation and dealt with such questions as how many bore holes should be sunk and how deep they should go. This week he completes his review of this subject by considering the actual techniques to be adopted both when sinking the holes and when recording data. He ends with a reference to geophysical methods of site investigation.

Cost of site investigation

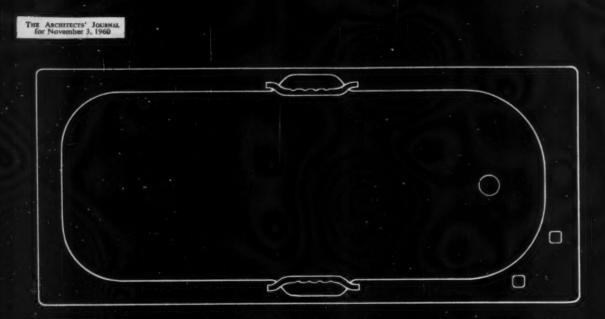
The amount of work required will differ so much from one site to another that it is extremely difficult to give any idea of how much money site investigation in general will cost. The cost of making boreholes through soft ground varies from £1 to £3 per foot of depth, depending on the soil, plus the cost of transporting the equipment to and from the site. Taking a reasonable number of undisturbed samples and standard penetration tests may increase this cost by about 5s. per foot, whilst diamond drilling to prove rock below a borehole could cost from 40s. to 90s. per foot depending largely on the hardness of the rock. All in all the full investigation might cost from £3 to £6 per foot of boring. Using the Dutch penetrometer (discussed later in this article) might cost from 10s. to 15s. per foot of penetration.

Boring and Sampling

No matter how good the conditions appear to be and how simple the foundations intended, it is always wise to confirm them with trial holes or borings on the actual site of the building, although in some cases it may be sufficient to limit them to a few shallow trial holes—for instance if all the information points to there being sound bedrock within a few feet below the ground surface.

Until quite recently it was frequently difficult to persuade clients to spend money on making borings or trial holes on any site, but recently some clients seem to have become so accustomed to having borings made that it is hard to convince them that on some particular site only a few shallow trial holes are necessary.

Usually trial holes, as opposed to borings, are only justifiable when a shallow investigation is required and the depth does not justify the cost of bringing



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Fig. 1. Typical portable boring rig suitable for most site investigation

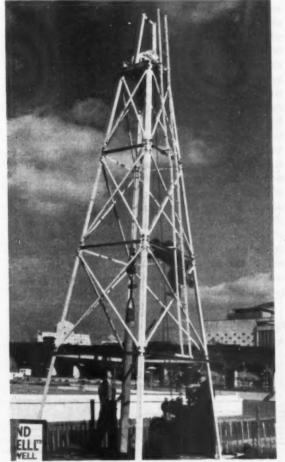


Fig. 2. Heavier boring rig suitable for deep drilling

drilling equipment to the site and erecting it. Trial holes have the advantage that the ground can be examined *in situ*, and undisturbed samples for laboratory tests can be cut out by hand. Generally, sinking trial holes becomes much more expensive when the ground water table is reached; in this case borings are cheaper, whatever the depth.

The majority of site investigations are carried out by sinking borings. Their most usual size is 6 in. diameter, and in the majority of soils they are lined for their entire depth with steel tubes called "casing" which is withdrawn when the boring is finished with. On the relatively rare occasions when it is necessary to make deep borings through sands, gravels or firm clays it may be very difficult to withdraw the casing because it is held too tightly in the ground. In such cases it is advisable to start the boring with a casing of much larger diameter, and when such a depth is reached that this casing becomes tight in the ground, a second smaller casing is lowered inside it and boring proceeds inside the smaller casing. This process may be repeated several times in a deep boring if the first casing is sufficiently large.

Occasionally for very small jobs on dry clay sites, where the depth of the investigation will not exceed a few feet, it is possible to economise by making unlined borings with a post-hole auger, instead of excavating trial pits.

When boring deeper holes in firm clay, where the sides of the hole will stand without casing, there is a temptation to avoid difficulties in withdrawing the casing by not driving it down, but by boring on into the clay beneath the casing, leaving the hole unlined. This procedure should not be permitted without due consideration, firstly because nearly always some material will fall from the unlined upper parts of the hole and it may be picked up from the bottom of the hole and mistakenly assumed to be typical of the ground at the bottom. Secondly casing would be required if the hole went beyond the bottom of the clay stratum and into sand or gravel, where the sides of the hole would not stand up without casing.

Deep borings can be bored without casing by filling the hole with drilling mud—that is dense liquid whose pressure supports the side of the hole. However, this method is not recommended for site investigation work because the drilling mud can become mixed into the samples of soil, and cause them to be no longer typical of the *in situ* soil.

The majority of boring for the site investigation for building foundations can be done with a light portable drilling rig, equipped with a small portable engine, such as that illustrated in Fig. 1, and operated by two or three men. Such a rig will drill to depths of 100 ft. or 150 ft. in most ground. If deeper holes are required, heavier and less portable drilling rigs are required, such as that shown in Fig. 2.

It is important that the drilling should be done with great care, and not hurried, because it is quite possible for inexperienced drillers to drill through layers of soil

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of up to 1 or 2 ft. in thickness without noticing them. It is also important that the samples of soil brought to the surface should be as truly representative as possible of the natural soil *in situ* in the ground. At first sight there is a similarity between sinking borings for site investigations and drilling small wells, but in practice it is found that men whose experience is in well-drilling are not often very successful at site investigation, because as a class they tend to work too fast and are not sufficiently careful to observe changes in strata.

The reliability of the information obtained from a borehole depends very much on the method adopted for removing the soil from inside the casing. In most soils the quickest method is to insert a water jet into the casing to loosen the soil and to wash it out suspended in the water. This method, commonly known as "wash boring," should never be permitted in siteinvestigation work, because the water jet will disturb the soil so much that the material brought to the surface will be quite different from the undisturbed soil *in situ*. Clays will be softened, whilst the finer constituents of sand and gravel will be washed away and the samples will give the impression that the soil is coarser and more permeable than it really is.

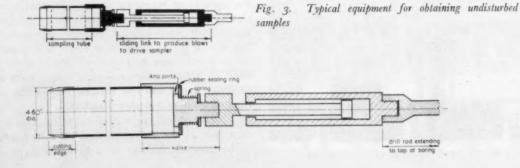
It is much better in site investigation work to employ the "shell and auger" method of removing the soil from the boring. Clays are removed by means of an auger, which is a corkscrew-like tool that is screwed into the ground and is then raised to the surface with the soil upon it. Sands and gravels are removed with a "shell "-that is a tool consisting of a tube several feet long, open at the top and with a flap-valve at the bottom arranged so that water can flow up into the tube, but cannot flow down out of the tube. The hole is charged with water and the shell raised and lowered rapidly at the bottom. A mixture of sand, gravel and water then enters the bottom of the shell through the valve. The water overflows from the top whilst the sand and gravel accumulate in the shell until it is raised to the surface and emptied. In hard soils a heavy chisel-shaped tool is useful to break up the ground at the bottom of the boring before it is removed.

During shell and auger boring only the minimum quantity of water should be added to the borehole. In clays it should never be necessary to add any water, because even the hardest can always be removed with chisels and augers and the addition of water will make them appear to be softer than they really are. In sands and gravels it will always be necessary to have sufficient water in the casing for the shell to operate, and in dry ground it may be necessary to add water. In permeable ground, with a high ground water level, the level of the water in the borehole should never be allowed to fall far below the ground water level outside the borehole. Sometimes a lot of water is removed when the shell is lifted out of the borehole, and if the water level inside the casing is allowed to fall very much below the level of water in the ground outside there will be a rapid flow of water through the ground into the bottom of the borehole. This may disturb the ground beneath the casing, so that it will seem to be looser than it really is, and sometimes more ground may be carried up into the casing than is removed with the shell, so that the hole ceases to progress.

"Disturbed" and "Undisturbed" samples

Types of samples taken in borings are of two kinds-"disturbed" samples and "undisturbed" samples. Undisturbed samples are intended to be absolutely undisturbed samples of the soil as it exists in the ground, so that neither its composition nor its structure is altered, its water content is neither increased nor decreased, and it is neither compressed nor allowed to swell while the sample is being taken. This is, of course, an ideal which can only be approximated to in practice. All samples are disturbed to some extentalthough the amount of disturbance can be reduced by using complicated sampling equipment and painstaking workmanship. It is much easier to obtain undisturbed samples of clay than of sands or gravels, but fortunately in the design of most building foundations only undisturbed samples of clay are required. Small specimens can be cut from the undisturbed samples in the Soil Mechanics laboratory, and their strength and compressibility can be determined by tests in much the same way as other structural materials such as steel or concrete can be tested. The results of the tests are then used as the basis of the design of the foundation. However, the properties measured in the laboratory will not be typical of the in situ soil if the samples are disturbed, and sometimes sample-disturbance can cause the laboratory results to be seriously misleading.

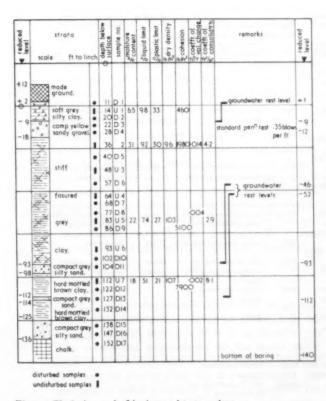
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It has been found that sufficiently good samples of clay for foundation design can be obtained by the use of the type of sampling equipment shown in Fig. 3commonly known as a "U4" sampler. This equipment consists of a thin-walled steel tube with a cutting edge attached to its lower end and a spring-loaded valve attached to its upper end. The sampler is driven into the clay at the bottom of the boring until the tube is filled with soil, and it is then pulled up, the valve causing a suction to develop above the sample that helps to retain it in the tube. The sampler is raised to the surface, the cutting edge and the valve are removed, and a thick coat of wax is applied to both of the exposed faces of the soil sample to ensure that its moisture content remains equal to that of the ground from which it was taken. Steel caps are then screwed into each end of the sampling tube to protect the sample during transport to the laboratory.

When the sampler is driven into the ground, a volume of soil equal to the volume of its walls must be displaced, and this will cause disturbance of the sample. Clearly the thinner the walls, the less will this disturbance be, and the sampler walls should be as thin as possible. Most engineers include in their specification a limit on the thickness of the samplers to be used.

Sample disturbances will also occur if the sampler is not driven as smoothly as possible into the ground, and particularly if it is permitted to rock from side to side during driving. This will certainly happen if





the sampler is attached to the bottom of a rod that extends to the top of the borehole and it is driven down by blows on the top of the rod. It is essential for the sampler to be driven by a sliding link mechanism introduced between the rod and the sampler itself. The weight of the rod can then be used to drive the sampler by raising it to the extent of the sliding link and allowing it to fall. Experience has generally shown that this is the most convenient method that can be relied upon to give sufficiently undisturbed samples.

The taking of undisturbed samples is expensive and they can only be taken easily in clays. Furthermore they are heavy and cumbersome, and they cannot be inspected easily. Consequently it is also necessary to retain samples of the material brought up by the boring tools, since they can be easily taken from any type of soil, and they can be conveniently stored in glass jars, and can be inspected at any time. Such samples are usually referred to as "disturbed" samples and they give an indication of the nature of the soil but not an exact numerical value of its strength or compressibility. To be of any value, disturbed samples of sands and gravels must contain all the particle sizes in the same proportions as they occur in the ground, whilst the water content of disturbed samples of clay must not differ from the water content of the clay in situ. If this is not so the samples will be misleading as far as the hardness of the clay is concerned. For the same reason, jars containing disturbed samples should be tightly sealed as soon as they are taken, and should be kept sealed at all times. Samples of the clay that have been allowed to dry out are quite useless. Disturbed samples should be taken at every change of stratum, and they should also be taken at every few feet of boring in thick strata where there are no perceptible changes.

Keeping Records

Sinking borings and trial pits is of little value unless reliable and accurate records are kept of all the information that they reveal. The basis of all such records must be the record kept by the foreman as the work proceeds, noting each change of stratum as it is encountered and each disturbed or undisturbed sample as it is taken. Errors can occur if the foreman delays making out his record until the end of the shift.

The foreman's record should be checked by the engineer in charge of the investigation, who will be able to examine the disturbed samples of soil at leisure in the laboratory and amend their description if it is necessary. He will also add to the record the results of the laboratory tests on the undisturbed samples, and any other information necessary to complete the records.

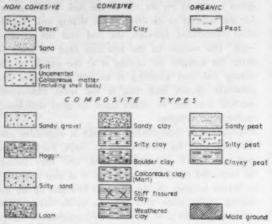
The results of each boring or trial pit should finally be listed on a record sheet (see Fig. 4).

The strata are best shown by means of a section of the boring drawn on the record sheet, the various

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types of soil being indicated by the British Standard conventional symbols, which are given in Fig. 5.



The level of each change of stratum is given, with the datum to which all the levels are to be referred. All disturbed and undisturbed samples are indicated against the level where they were taken, and the results of all laboratory tests are entered against the sample to which they refer. The record should also give full information on all observations of the groundwater level, the names of the clients and the firms who carried out the boring and the laboratory testing, the date when the work was done, the type of equipment and the size of the casing used and whether or not the casing extended to the full depth of the hole. A means must also be given of identifying the position of each boring or trial pit on the site-in most cases this will be done by assigning a number to each boring, and producing a plan showing the positions of all the borings.

The verbal descriptions of the various types of soil must be very precise, care being taken that each

Fig. 5. BS symbols for earth types

Table 1.-General basis for identification and classification of Soils after BS Code of Practice CP 2001 (1957)

	Size and nature of particles		~	5	Strength and structural characteristics			
	Principal soil types 1 2		Composite types 3	Strength 4		Structure 5		
	Types	Field identification		Term	Field test	Term	Field identification-	
	Boulders Cobbles	Larger than 8 in. in diameter Mostly between 8 in. and 3 in.	Boulder gravels	Loose	Can be excavated with	Homo-	Deposit consisting essentially of one type	
Coarse grained, non-cohesive	Gravels	Mostly between 3 in. and No. 7 BS sieve	Hoggin Sandy gravels		spade. 2-in. wooden peg can be easily driven	geneous	essentially of one type	
	Uniform	Composed of particles mostly be- tween No. 7 and 200 BS sieves, and visible to the naked eye	Silty sands	Compact	Requires pick for excavation. 2-in. wooden peg hard to drive more than a few inches			
	Sands	Very little or no cohesion when dry Sands may be classified as uniform	Micaceous			Stratified	Alternating layers	
	Graded	or well graded according to the distribution of particle size Uniform sands may be divided into coarse sands between Nos. 7 and	sands Lateritic sands	Slightly cemented	Visual examination Pick removes soil in lumps which can be abraded with thumb		varying types	
		25 BS sieves, medium sands between Nos. 25 and 72 BS sieves and fine sands between Nos. 72 and 200 BS sieves	Clayey sands					
	Low Silts Plas- ticity	Particles mostly passing No. 200 BS sieve	Loams	Soft	Easily moulded in the fingers	Homo- geneous	Deposit consisting essentially of one type	
	ucity	Particles mostly invisible or barely visible to the naked eye. Some plasticity and exhibits marked	Clayey silts					
		dilatancy. Dries moderately quickly and can be dusted off the fingers. Dry lumps possess cohesion but can be powdered easily in the fingers	Organic silts Micaceous silts	Firm	Can be moulded by strong pressure in the fingers	Stratified	Alternating layers of varying types	
Fine grained, cohesive	Medium Plas-	Dry lumps can be broken but not powdered	Boulder clays	_	Exudes between fingers when squeezed in fist	Fissured	Breaksinto polyhedra fragments along	
	ticity	They also disintegrate under water Smooth touch and plastic, no	Sandy clays	Soft	Easily moulded in fingers	Intact	fissure planes No fissures	
	Clays	dilatancy. Sticks to the fingers and dries slowly	Silty clays Maris	Firm	Can be moulded by strong pressure in the fingers	Homo- geneous Stratified	Deposits consisting essentially of one typ Alternating layers of	
	High Plas- ticity	Lean and fat clays show those	Organic clays	Stiff	Cannot be moulded in fingers	51111100	varying types. If layers are thin the so may be described as	
		properties to a moderate and high degree respectively	Lateritic clays	Hard	Brittle or very tough	Weathered		
Organic	Pents	Fibrous organic material, usually brown or black in colour	Sandy, silty or clayey	Firm	Fibres compressed together			
			peats	Spongy	Very compressible and open structure			

word in the description is used in a defined sense which will mean the same thing to every experienced engineer. Table 1 is reproduced from Civil Engineering Code of Practice No. 1 and defines most of the terms used in describing soils. It is desirable to restrict the terms used to describe the soils to the terms given in this table, and to use the terms exactly as they are defined. The description of each type of soil should include the following information, usually in the order listed:

I. Density, hardness and structural characteristics.

2. Odour when present.

3. Colour.

4. Type of soil particles.

Composite soils are mixtures of more than one of the principal types. The final word in their description should be the type of particle that is predominant—e.g., sandy-clay would be predominantly clay and clayey-sand would be predominantly sand.

Typical full soil descriptions would be as follows:

Homogeneous, compact, yellow sand;

Stratified, soft, yellow and white silty clay;

Stiff, fissured, blue clay.

If the boring records do not describe the various soils in such full, precise terms, there is a strong suggestion that the site-investigation contractor has not done his work conscientiously.

The following terms are particularly liable to be misapplied, and care must be taken to use them only in the sense defined in the Code of Practice:

Silt. A silt is a particular type of fine grained soil of very low plasticity, which behaves like a clay of very low plasticity in some circumstances and like a very fine sand in others. True silts are quite rare in Great Britain.

Loam. This is a general term describing soil that consists of clay, silt and sand in approximately equal amounts; but it has been used generally to such an extent that it is of little use in the precise definition of soil.

Marl. This term should be confined to clays containing lime, and not applied to any hard clay.

"Firm." It will be noted in Table 1 that firm clay can be moulded by strong pressure in the fingers. Clay that can be easily moulded in the fingers should be described as "soft," and clay that cannot be moulded in the fingers should be described as "hard." Admittedly the strength of the fingers varies from one individual to another, but the range is hardly as great as the range of soils that are commonly described as being "firm."

Groundwater

In addition to noting the soils encountered, the groundwater conditions should always be observed in the borings because they will have a great effect on the design and execution of all the works below ground. The boring records should indicate the levels at which the ground water was first encountered, and the level at which it came to rest in the borehole. The rest-level of the groundwater should be observed care-

fully and sometimes it is necessary to leave the boring undisturbed for several hours from the point where the groundwater was encountered, taking observations at intervals until it is certain that the water level in the hole has come to rest. There are several common errors made in observing the groundwater conditions which must be guarded against, the two most obvious being introducing water into the boring, or removing it, during the drilling operations and driving the casing through a waterbearing stratum to be sealed off in an impermeable layer below. It is less widely appreciated that any pumping of the groundwater can lower its level over a very wide area, and it will rise to its original level when the pumping ceases. Thus when important groundwater observations are being made, the neighbourhood should be examined to ensure that no work is in progress that may cause a temporary lowering of the groundwater level.

Near the sea and tidal rivers, the groundwater will usually rise and fall with the same frequency as the tides, but with a smaller range. This effect can be easily investigated by observing the levels of the water level in the borehole throughout a period of 12 hours, provided that the bottom of the casing is not sealed off in an impermeable stratum.

Penetration Testing

Besides the most common method of taking undisturbed soil samples in a borehole, and testing them in the Soil Mechanics Laboratory, there are several methods in use of investigating the strength of the subsoil by driving various types of probes into it. The two most common methods in Great Britain are the "standard penetration test" and the "Dutch penetrometer" method.

In the standard penetration test a standard thickwalled sampling tube, of 2 inches diameter, is driven into the ground at the bottom of the borehole by blows from a weight of 140 lb. dropping freely through a height of 30 inches. The number of blows required to drive the tube through a distance of one foot is a measure of the hardness of the ground. The tube will retain a certain amount of soil which can be kept as a disturbed sample of the ground in which the test was made, but this should not be confused with an undisturbed sample because the walls of the samplers used in the standard penetration test are so thick that the samples obtained with them are useless for laboratory testing.

The standard penetration test is useful because it is a simple quick test that can be done in ordinary borings to obtain an indication of the strength of

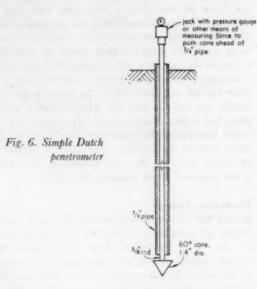
Table 2 Approximate correlation between penetration test, density and bearing pressure of dry sand

Number of blows per foot in standard penetration test	Density of sand	Allowable bearing pressure on thick stratum of dry sand	
0-10	Loose	1 ton/sq. ft.	
10-30	Medium	1-3 tons/sq. ft.	
30-50	Dense	3-5 tons/sq. ft.	
Exceeding 50	Very dense	6 tons/sq. ft.	

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sands and gravels where undisturbed samples for laboratory tests cannot be obtained easily.

Table 2 gives an approximate correlation between the number of blows per foot in the standard penetration test and the density of the sand or gravel. The third column suggests a safe bearing pressure for normal size footings near to the surface of a thick stratum of dry sand. If the sand is saturated with water the values of the bearing capacity should be halved. These values are, of course, only intended as a guide, but they should be generally applicable to small buildings.



The Dutch penetrometer is shown in Fig. 6. It consists of a steel cone, 1.4 in. diameter with a 60° point, attached to a f-in. diameter rod which is driven into the ground inside a 1-in. gas pipe. By measuring the force to push the cone for a short distance ahead of the pipe, a measure is obtained of the resistance of the soil at the level of the point. The pipe is necessary to separate the friction of the ground on the rod from the resistance at the point. This equipment can be used to depths approaching 100 ft. in suitable ground, and it is cheaper than making borings. However the information that it gives is confined to the penetration resistances of the ground, and no information is obtained about the types of soil. Furthermore it is difficult to decide from the penetrometer results alone what bearing pressure is safe under a footing at a particular depth.

The penetrometer is very useful, however, for determining the depth to a clearly defined hard stratum beneath a soft overburden, and for observing how this depth varies over a large site—possibly to decide what lengths of piles are required to reach the hard stratum. A number of borings should be made, however, to obtain detailed information about the various strata and to confirm the penetrometer results.

In fact penetrometer tests are nearly always of greatest use when they are used on large sites to supplement a small number of borings, and to ensure that there

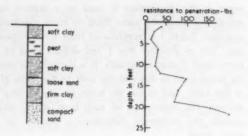


Fig. 7. Typical comparison of Dutch penetrometer result with boring

are no variations in the strata between the borings. However, there is only a limited range of sites where this can be done.

Geophysical Methods

There are, of course, various geophysical methods of site investigation available, in which various physical properties of the ground, such as its electrical resistance or the manner in which sound waves are propagated, are measured at the surface, and the nature of the subsoil is deduced from them. These methods are generally not so useful on building projects as they are on civil engineering projects, where the sites tend to be more extensive and the designers are interested in the properties of the soil to much greater depths. One very simple geophysical method may be mentioned however, because it provides a cheap way over a large site of determining the depth to rock or a hard stratum where it is overlain by soft materials-to determine how the length of piles will vary from one part of the site to another, for instance. A peg in the surface of the ground is struck with a sledge hammer, and a nearby geophone, which is a microphone-like device buried in the soil to detect sound waves travelling through the ground, picks up the noise of the initial blow and then that of its echo from the hard layer beneath. The time interval between the initial blow and the echo is determined electrically, and from it the depth to the hard layer can be deduced. The apparatus is very portable, and the test can be carried out easily and quickly, so that a large number of tests can be carried out all over a site. This method is limited, however, to sites where there is a clear distinction between the hard layer and the soft overburden, and it is essential to confirm the results by a few borings.

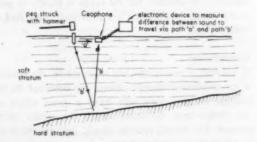


Fig. 8. Method of obtaining depth of hard stratum by use of a geophone

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AFTER BALLIOL

The BASA supplement can perform two quite distinct but essentially complementary functions. It can provide specific information about what is going on in the schools, and, naturally, about BASA activities that are organised for school participation. It can also provide a public platform for the further exploration of the major problem, that of architectural education, that BASA has been almost alone in facing. We can confidently hope that the new RIBA Education Committee will make a far more searching investigation into this vital subject than any previous committee, but its deliberations will presumably be in private—what BASA can perhaps do is to provide a forum for positive and original ideas, incidental to attempting its own eventual 'definition of what the end product of architectural education is.

The basic aims of BASA have not changed very much since its formation -what was wrong then is wrong now-but the clarifying of these aims has marked a significant advance. BASA is no longer a dissatisfied adolescent kicking at authority because it is there: it is growing up. It has moved from acting " with a view to improving the educational and social position of Architectural students " (BASA Supp. March 1959) through to Bristol early this year : " architectural education should be based on a wide general education and should stimulate the student to evolve a philosophy related to a changing society, and teach him to realise this philosophy in the technics of the society (BASA Supp. Feb. 1960), and on to Oxford in September. This conference, together with Mr. W. L. Stuart's article (BASA Supp. Sept. 1960) which immediately preceded it clarified finally some of the hitherto confused issues involved. Mr. Stuart's most pertinent comments dealt with the core of the problem: "All recent discussions on education, including BASA's, have been concerned with the requirements of entry to the educational system without any specific statement of what the system is intended to produce." He goes on to acknowledge that " a definition of the end-product of the educational system is the nettle which no one is prepared to grasp." To improve standards of architecture it is essential to establish standards towards which the educational system can strive-the definition of the end-product is a necessary precursor of any valid curriculum. Or is it? There are two approaches to the grasping of this nettle :

1. the definition of the end product of the educational system can only be produced by employing the best combination of existing education techniques.

2. the definition of the end product of architectural education can only be established when the function of the architect is seen in relation to that of other professions similarly involved with the planning and progress of the artefactual environment.

Roughly paraphrased these two approaches represent the short term and long term policies—the means predisposing towards if not predetermining the end, or the end justifying the means. At Balliol last month, two papers, both read during an afternoon, seemed to express and argue these apparently diverse points of view. Both are published in this issue: "Architectural Education and its Technical Aspects," by James Gowan, ARIBA, and "An Overall View of the Architect's Training," by Sir Leslie Martin, RIBA. Are the actions recommended in these two papers irreconcilable?



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LETTER FROM BRISTOL

SIR, I think you will be pleased to hear that many of the suggestions made at the Oxford conference have already been accepted by this school. The syllabus is being altered so that in future years the final examinations will be taken at the end of the fourth year, leaving the fifth year completely free to the thesis design and research making it, apart from the RIBA portfolio exam, a post-graduate year. Of course, this will raise the standard of the Intermediate Exam. Already with the present fourth year the number of their lectures has been increased so that part of the finals can be taken this year, and lecture courses revised for the rest of the school. Starting with this year's first year no more part-timers will be taken. A student-staff committee has been set up, which was suggested by our Principal, to tackle the problems of education from both angles, and this committee will meet as an informal discussion group once a fortnight. May I suggest that other schools do the same and instead of letting the Principal suggest they join him in such a group, that they suggest that he and other chosen members of staff join them in such a group to show the students' interest in education?

An area has also been set aside in which scale models of structures can be built and tested (e.g. the hyperbolic paraboloid).

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RWA School Bristol AN OVERALL VIEW OF THE ARCHITECT'S TRAINING

Prof. Sir, Leslie Martin



I assume at the outset that training can mean education. I assume that the process of architectural education should entail a stretching of the mind and an enlargement of experience through the exercise of intelligence and judgement in the solution of problems. I shall assume throughout that architectural training has this generalised aim of all educative processes and that it is not just a matter of acquiring certain professional habits.

Having said that, it is nevertheless necessary to ask the narrower question: "What is the ultimate objective of training?"

We might try to answer this by looking at what has been and is being built around us. If we do this we are struck by a contrast.

There is on the one hand the pioneering work of a few individual architects. We know it well. It is widely illustrated and is the subject matter of books. It is analysed and discussed in the schools. It is, of course, very important that there should have been a Ronchamp, an IIT Campus and a Saynatsalo. These are individual masterpleces of architecture in the traditional sense. They are the unpredictable achievements of genius. They each achieve uniquely a new balance between form and technical standards and a new consideration of human needs and environment.

But in contrast to this and in magnitude completely obscuring and overwhelming these few isolated buildings there are the stark evidences of deterioration in every aspect of our environment. Cities which once worked no longer do so. They are destroyed by a redevelopment and expansion which adds up to nothing more than operational and visual anarchy. The technical standards by which this is achieved are in themselves completely unbalanced and, on the whole, cannot be compared with the standards which are common in many forms of mechanical equipment. In the

name of one human need—for instance, mobility—we unquestionably accept the destruction of half a dozen others.

But I need not go on. You have rightly stressed as the most urgent architectural task the complete reordering of our environment. If this is the case, then it is for this task that we should be educating architects. It is a task of such complication that the incidence of individual genius alone is incapable of dealing with it.

I have made a contrast between a few isolated works of genius and the vast architectural problems that remain unsolved.

By and large our educational systems have tended to arrange themselves around the first of these, as if our intention were to produce an abstraction—The Architect. But this means different things to different people. If we were to list all the virtues which different people expect an architect to possess, we would have described some kind of paragon who just cannot exist. This is too vague an objective to provide any realism in an architectural course.

On the whole, it is accepted that the architect is primarily concerned with design but since we have laid stress exclusively on monuments and pioneers we have laid a particular stress on originality—on being "different." Our courses are often built around this cult of design originality. Lectures in history stress it; construction has to be exciting; other courses are loosely and somewhat irrelevantly arranged around it.

There are several reasons why this approach should be questioned. First, the definition of the end product, and therefore the whole intention of the course is too vague. Second, although this system of education has been widely developed in Europe and the U.S.A. it is doubtful whether the number of architects of genius has appreciably increased. Let us say at once that real genius will look after itself.

What the system has produced is a remarkably strong tendency for everyone to want to be different from the next man, for forms to be changed without relation to real changes in things and situations, in fact, just for the sake of change. This at its worst results in a frantic search for new forms which even some otherwise capable architects find it hard to resist. This is no way to tackle the most pressing architectural problem of our time. As a society we have lost the power to control the form of our environment. The task ahead of the architect is not that of being different: it is to see how that power can be regained. This is a matter of seeing clearly the job of work that we have to tackle together as architects. The first need is a clear statement of the problems to be solved. It is necessary to define what has to be done before we can say what form training should take. The purpose of

training is to develop the diversified talents which are necessary to solve known problems—and in the process of doing this to give the student the ability to act.

What I am suggesting is that education should be directed towards a more concrete end. That end should not be an abstraction—such as the ideal concept of "The Architect"—but the common solution of that problem in which all architects should feel themselves vitally involved. The student must feel himself equally involved if his education is to have any purpose and meaning.

How is this to be done? I am suggesting that the object of education is the study of the form of our environment. Few problems could be more complicated, more diffuse, or more overloaded with prejudice. Furthermore, a subject of this complexity cannot be studied by architects in isolation, it must be shared by many others, sociologists, economists, historians. For the purpose of education we have to find a means of making various aspects of the problem clear and intelligible.

As I see it, post-graduate research could provide an operational framework for clarifying the issues that are involved and parcelling out the problems to be solved. The methods of studying the various pressures that control the form of our environment and the possibilities of breaking these down into related studies of manageable dimensions is at present being worked out at Harvard and, in a less comprehensive way, in other post-graduate schools. Indeed, it is feasible to suppose that an area of study carried out by research students at the level of "Strategy" could be broken down into sections of decreasing complexity capable of development at the "Tactical" level by students from the second year onwards during their course of training. It is inherent in this proposal that the grounds for the "strategic" decisions should be carefully explained to the students taking part. Conversely, it is realistic to realise that students themselves have neither the necessary time, the facilities for inter-faculty co-operation, nor the experience to conduct effective research themselves.

Exercises involving the replanning of towns on the basis of inadequate research carry all the defects of the *beaux-arts* esquisse produced behind locked doors. In the proposal I have made, research is carried out at its proper level—but it might well benefit by a "feed back" from the studio to research group itself.

Post-graduate research on the problem of urban environment on an extensive scale is therefore not only an urgent national need; it is equally urgent as an essential means of forging the tool of education itself. For if it is organised in a certain way it is through postgraduate research that a course orientated towards a realistic end might be given its backbone.

By post-graduate research of this kind I do not, of course, mean conventional town planning. We, as architects, are concerned with man in relation to his environment and with all the pressures that form that environment. Some of these pressures are beneficial, some detrimental. The way in which they interact represents the pattern of the problem. Within that pattern we are concerned with the correction of the parts that do not fit. Let us take an example. Let us assume that as a matter of urban approach it is necessary to achieve fairly high densities, say 150 people per acre Not long ago there would have been one answer-slab blocks of 8-storey flats. But whilst this solution is one way of putting a number of people on to a given area, we now know that it fails to answer many other requirements-on the human side it limits the desirable range of accommodation and possibly disrupts existing family groupings. There is a loss of privacy, loss of private open space, etc. On the technical side there is a complicated building problem, high cost, etc. A combination of high buildings and low buildings goes part of the way towards meeting these defects but by no means satisfies all the requirements that can be stated. When these are seen clearly and written down, it becomes evident that new relationships of dwelling space within a 31- or even 2-storey building can achieve the necessary densities and, at the same time, may give more satisfactory answers to the requirements of the stated needs. In this particular field the interrelated aspects of the problem could be written down concisely. It would be parcelled into a neat and relatively self-sufficient exercise in a course of training.

The generalised study of environment may thus lead into a particularised aspect of urban renewal: within a given situation this study will again be anatomised into specific aspects of human association. According to the given instance these will be either " simple " (a new university) or "complex" (combined residential, shopping, recreational, etc.). But in all cases reductions of areas of study may be introduced graduating down from groups of buildings to a specific building with its limited range of environmental and constructional characteristics. Reductions can be continued right down to the scale of a highly localised ergonomic analysis (for instance, the movements of a fork-lift truck or operations within a projection booth). If programmes of study are properly stated they are allembracing. Subjects that are frequently isolated and independent like structure, internal climate, acoustics, etc., are built into them and into the problem. Courses of lectures are not sepate things-they must be meshed into the developing series of empirical exercises. (In saying this I do not exclude archi-

tectural theory.) There are no separate subjects. Each problem should be limited, clearly defined and then thoroughly worked out in all its implications.

The great merit of the study of environment as the subject of training is that the object contains all the independent architectural problems. At the same time, it relates them to each other. The task within the schools is to decide the ground which each institution has the capacity to cover. From then on the problem of teaching seems to me that of taking new facts and problem patterns as they are disclosed by research and tying them up into manageable parcels of study of varying degrees of complexity so that they build up into a course which however diversified can at any moment be recalled to its central unifying principle.

My colleague Colin St. John Wilson said to this Association at its last meeting that "somehow one has to devise a course the development of which is reasonably open to positive observation, discussion and judgement." But he also said that "architectural education is like the training of a jungle fighter—he is trained so that he can ultimately act in a completely selfreliant way under entirely unprecedented circumstances."

Whilst a developing series of problems presented as I have suggested could meet the first requirement (open to positive observation, discussion and judgement), this needs as its preliminary the methodical preparation of the jungle fighter. Although problems could and should be broken down to such an elementary level that they would be suitable for first-year study there must also be, at this stage, the necessary complement of preliminary training. (Various types of preliminary courses have been devised in recent years of which those used in some American schools and at Ulm are interesting examples.) It is also here, in the preliminary course, that theory plays an important role and that the student is made fully aware of the orientation of his course.

Before, and as, the student meets his problems he must be trained by this preparatory course in the methods of attacking them step by step at the tactical level rising with increased experience towards a grasp of the strategy of complex situations. This brings us back to the point at which we began the post-graduate research worker and thereby completes the "life cycle" of a period of training.

It seems from these considerations that the whole progression of a course can in some ways be a reflection of the design process itself. The design of a complicated building (the actual constructive putting together of the form of the building) does not begin with "doodling." It is preceded by a number of preliminaries. The designer does not immediately tackle everything. He studies parts that can be isolated. He

breaks the problem down into the study of areas, circulation systems, structural systems. It is through this preliminary process that he discovers—to use Lou Kahn's phrase—" what the space wants to be."

The designer has, in fact, tackled the problem in two stages. At the first stage, he is clarifying separate parts so that he can give these proper weight when he comes to fuse them. It is only then that he can act like the jungle fighter "with the speed that can be taken for intuition." It is this stage, the perfection of the method of attacking problems, that has to be learnt by practice before the problem itself can be solved with economy and certainty. Architectural training itself should be equally economical and it does not seem out of the question, by concentration on main issues, to reduce the normal duration of a course to a broad grounding in three years with a further year for advanced study.

I am well aware that the overall view of education that I have presented is highly generalised. I have simply urged that architectural training should be directed towards a realistic end; that this end should be the major task ahead of the profession—the reforming of our surroundings.

It can be argued at once that this subject is too vast to be intelligible and that changes in architectural education cannot wait for effective post-graduate research and then wait again for its findings. Of course not. My argument is that research into the problem of environment is an urgent national need. At a university level it is already being developed and the inter-departmental links between workers in various faculties are strengthening. Each centre of architectural training could strain itself to make some contribution to this field of study and, at the same time, forge a link between research and training. No single institution can study everything: but if a common objective is accepted it can select those aspects of work in which its contribution will be most effective.

It should also be made clear that the fact that we move towards a common end does not prevent differences of emphasis. A university, a college for higher technical education, or a college of art differ in their potentialities and in their powers of interdepartmental co-operation. I do not ignore at this point the co-operation that would be possible with the profession itself, and it seems to me that practical example and the live project could assume a new role in education. The integrative approach could be common to all courses though each could give its studies a particular inflection. What is certain is that around such an end all the constituent elements of a course could be built up and it is only when they are related to a concrete aim that they can have relevance and meaning for the student.

ARCHITECTURAL EDUCATION AND ITS TECHNICAL ASPECTS

James Gowan

The Industrial Revolution is regarded as the genesis of the modern movement in architecture and we tend to accept this upheaval as a phenomenon which isolates us from the past. A basic tenet of the New Architecture was that the traditions of craftsmanship and style had been interrupted in a very final sense and were to be superseded by a new range of aesthetics which were uniquely post-industrial.

This is the philosophy expounded by Moholy-Nagy in his book The New Vision, which is the most important work on the theory and teaching of the architecture of this period. The work is 30 years old and makes, so it appears to us now, a number of fairly wild assumptions. One is that the New Architecture would be made wholly of new materials. The experiments were made with glass, steel, plastics and so on and although complete freedom was implied in the programme, traditional materials were virtually disregarded. The book also assumed that mechanisation would solve every problem; instead of possibly every repetitive problem. And it initiated an attitude towards research based entirely on visual and tactile values, which was a parody of the idea of objective research. Every so-called experiment at the Bauhaus resulted in the stock-type solution, a little machine, and artists played at being scientists without the technical background.

The fundamentals of architecture have not changed much in the last 2,000 years. If an unbiased observer were rash enough to compare the Parthenon with a latter-day temple, like Castrol House, he would have to admit that though Castrol House was bigger and technologically more up to date, it was inferior in workmanship and visually less profound. The development of architecture, in an historical sense, has not been a summation of accumulated wisdom but rather the adaptation, extension and reassessment of certain constants to the needs of a particular society. We can still discuss any work of architecture, regardless of style and in spite of the Industrial Revolution, in terms of the same values. Vitruvius was concerned with the art of architecture, its historical precedent, constructional matters, and the practicalities of site and so on. These are still relevant, but the scope of architecture has increased beyond religious and public buildings, beyond the Ruskinian

limitations which regarded industry and commerce as debased activities, to include everything which has a visual impact on our lives.

These are the assumptions on which, I suggest, we should base our education, rather than the idea of a totally revolutionary architecture involving totally new disciplines which was propagated in the 1920s. They imply that, given certain academic standards in our schools, a reasonably high level of architecture should result.

What in fact is the case? There are nearly 20,000 qualified architects in the country and if we assume that three of these are engaged on a building every two years, we should have 1,500 competent pieces of architecture annually. In fact, only a handful of buildings each year could probably be described as architecture. This considerable deficiency is a serious reflection on the competence of the graduate and, indirectly, on the methods of training.

The following remarks are intended to show certain shortcomings in our present systems and to point to improvements which should be made in them, if we are to achieve a standard of architecture proportional to the number of designers who receive a complete architectural training.

The curriculum of most schools is geared to the needs of the best students. Aims are never stated, standards are rarely made clear, assessments are personal and in this loose situation the exceptional student flourishes, with a surfeit of encouragement, and the remainder survive as best they can. I regard this situation as morally reprehensible. If the school accepts the fees it accepts a measure of responsibility. I consider the responsibility is that the school should guarantee the basic minimum standard which its graduate will attain and that it should define precisely what that standard is. I think that teaching and architecture are not concerned with abstractions but with reality, and that to teach one has to take up a position, and to take up a position, one has to teach a sort of architecture and a particular approach to architecture. This implies creatively or mentally active staff, that is productive architects or scholars, directed in a positive manner by the principal. The importance of the quality of the staff cannot be overstated; we only have to recall the impact of Eric Brown at Kingston, or Colin Rowe at Liverpool, or Paul Rudolph at Yale to see the degree of change which one person can effect. And exceptional students have the same catalytic impact. The administrator-type principal is very much a middle of the road solution, which can produce no more than an effective organisation. The creative stimulus is left to others, tutors and students; and policy changes are the result of pressure and dissatisfaction from the bottom up.

There are a number of factors in architecture which are fundamental, and therefore inseparable from teaching. These are the tangible aspects of our attempt to rationalise a creative activity and therefore cannot be truly comprehensive. But from the point of view of study, which after all is an academic situation, I regard them as basic. The programme is principally composed of the client's brief. This is a key document. Whatever the purpose of the building, social, industrial or educational, the client/user is the contact with reality, with society, and he states the physical requirements and describes the usage. The brief gives a schedule of accommodation, room sizes and their interrelationships, equipment, finishes, special requirements, cost limits and time schedules. This document defines the problem and should therefore be exhaustive and detailed. A brief which we received from a local authority recently ran to 100 pages of foolscap, and included a detailed description of every room. Other requirements of society are legislative; the obligatory statutory approvals, which define constructional methods, clearly, and T.P. standards, very badly. The architect stands in a critical relationship to these requirements, negotiating any change he considers necessary. But the brief should not include any directive on aesthetics, the form or the visual aspects, for these are the architect's prerogative and should be entirely under his control. Certain T.P. restrictions, such as lay people and town planners passing judgement on architects' designs, default in this respect and should be resisted. In terms of teaching, this requirement of an accurate brief can be met by programmes which specify thoroughly all the requirements of a building required by an actual client, who really knows what he wants.

The relevance of the site is very much a reflection of one's personal attitude towards architecture. The romantic and the organic, accept each tree and undulation as sacred phenomena which must not be disturbed. The mechanistic, with an eye on repetitive production, universal type designs and a single style environment are concerned with imaginary sites which, as at the IIT Campus, closely resemble a drawing board. But if one looks at prehistoric earthworks, like Maiden Castle, or 16th-century castles on mounds, like Launceston or the industrialised landscape of St. Austell, or a golf course for that matter, one is very conscious of the plastic potential of the site that

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could be achieved with present-day mechanisation. As far as the school is concerned, the important thing is that each design programme should have a real site, easily available for inspection and surveying.

In the schools a great deal of time and energy is wasted on misdirected effort until eventually the student evolves some sort of methodical approach. I know it is easier to define a method than to work to it; it is firstly an analysis of the programme, breaking it down into the main functional elements, deciding on key circulation, and by small-scale diagrams defining the basic organisation. Visiting existing examples and questioning the client/user is probably the most profitable research, or discussing the technicalities with specialists. A good library and a good system of filing information are particularly important. Keeping notes, recording ideas and actually writing a digest of the problem are useful aids. The aim is to arrive at an informed condition of mind, where one can think in terms of essentials, in terms of whole integrated ideas.

I attach a good deal of importance to draughtsmanship. The whole process of building involves one in an enormous amount of drawing and a degree of facility is essential. This just means hard work. An architect has to transmit his ideas by description, on paper, from the drawing board. There are certain techniques and aids that have to be learned; the accuracy of the isometric and axonometric is particularly useful; models are helpful for massing but misleading in detail; the ability to represent the actual materials distinctly. Perspectives and freehand sketches are very casual tools, liable to gross misinterpretation and have a limited purpose. Their main use seems to be to mislead clients. Accurate and formal representation of materials is particularly important because I do believe that unless you can draw effectively what you have in mind, you do not fully understand what you are doing.

There has been a great deal of discussion about the teaching of *structure* and the most recent paper on this subject has been by Niels Lisborg. This describes the development of his work at the A.A. His main concern is to integrate the study of the elements of structure (tendon, strut and so on) with specific structural problems which are posed by his programmes. Models of wood and wire are built to attain stated performance standards, such as o inculcate a feeling for structure without of

attaching too much importance to mathematics. From a participation point of view this approach is very successful. The model-making is thoroughly enjoyed by everyone and the studio swims knee-deep in plaster. One can only judge a method of teaching by the end-result, which is a crop of derivative structures, suspension bridges and stressed skin jobs. I have two main criticisms. Models are extremely deceptive in structure experiments because of the reduction in scale. It is possible, at a small scale, to support a brick on a few tiny pieces of balsa wood and therefore give the appearance of a very simple minimum structure, which in reality would result in a massive, expensive framework. And the second criticism is about the aim; which is to create a feeling for structures. If you read Niels Lisborg's comments on the various experiments, you find that the criticisms are not primarily factual and structural but aesthetic-" This is a good looking structure "-and so on. They are value judgements, they are very subjective, they deal with style and styling.

I think the student should understand and be advised of the physical property and behaviour of wood, steel and concrete under load, should understand the behaviour of the various elements of structure, beams, columns, planes, trusses; should be able to do the calculations and should know the codes of practice thoroughly. The various testscrushing concrete, tensioning steel, testing beams-cannot be done in a school and therefore must take place in a department of engineering which has the facilities. The actual lectures could well be held there too, as it is, for example, at Edinburgh, because I feel it is important that one should be given the basic information is as analytical a manner as possible-without the overtones of loaded aesthetic opinions. Geometry is inseparable from structure; the two words almost imply the same thing; and structure is the armature of form. If you look at a fortification like St. Mawes, with its three cylinders

interlocking at varying levels, you see that this elemental complex resolves a number of things simultaneously: the problem of resisting attack, all-round vision for defence, the curved structural stone walls, a diverse radial geometry, a rich interrelationship of internal spaces. The factors of function, structure, geometry and space are fused in a most compelling manner. It is very well ordered.

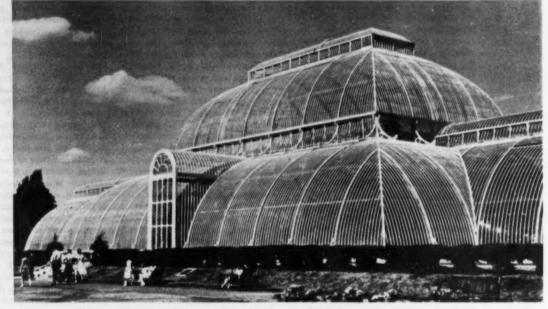
I attach a good deal of importance to the various materials with which one builds: timber, brick, stone, glass, steel, concrete, and so on. Each of these has its own particular characteristics. The brick, for instance, generates solid opaque structures, vertically emphatic because they transmit loads in this way, with a low void-to-solid ratio, and because of bonding, with limited flexibility of profile. Brick, being a somewhat clumsy element, produces heavy, simple details and the characteristics of the material run through the whole building like a predetermined discipline. I tend to regard a building as a lump of cheese : whichever way you cut through you find it homogeneous. A particular fault of post-19th-century British architecture is to use too many materials in a casual, thoughtless way. In the school I think that it is essential to do design studies limited to the use of these basic traditional constructional materials and to follow this up with working drawings. These studies make clear that you have to think in a different way for each material; in a manner which has regard for the inherent characteristics of the materials you are using. I think these studies ought to be backed up with observation, possibly a visual research, because this country is rich in example. But you obviously have to be prepared to look in fairly unexpected places for these things. Constructions such as the St. Pancras railway bunkers, which are very top-heavy concrete affairs, are object lessons in the potentialities and characteristic forms of poured concrete. The technical information has to be fed into these studies. I think the main



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problem is to ensure that the data are factual, so that they let the student work out his own ideas on aesthetics. Certain publications do this admirably: Fitzmaurice's *Principles of Modern Building*, BRS digests and the Codes of Practice. Fitzmaurice takes the subject in a completely analytical way; there is no chatter about aesthetics or style. First, he describes the material and its physical properties—these are of vital life, after which it can be relegated to a museum. It is true that, as history comes closer to one's own time, the objectives become more tangible and real. The study of modern history is particularly important in the first years of the school, when it can assist in forming opinions. But a word of caution—the fairly earthy operation of building has been elevated by historians to a rare level of intellectualism, so that there is little connection now between the two activities.

Peter Trench's analysis of future trends in the building industry is probably the are likely to increase the price if demand becomes excessive. Second is social—as the function of a building comes closer to the human condition, as it becomes more personal, so the resistance to the aesthetics of mechanisation increases. This affects the whole range of domestic and residential building, where most people are prepared to make a last stand by their hearth and home. Third is the inflexibility of mechanisation. We have now reached a state of development where it would be practically impossible to build, say, the Decimus Burton **Palm House**, with its curved glazing bars and



the principles of the material-and in the case of brick he describes the clay, absorption, permeability, compressive strength, dimension, fire resistance firing, salt content, thermal expansion, and so on. These are facts about the material. Second, he describes the behaviour of the material as structure-these are the principles of construction-he deals with permissible pressures, slenderness ratio, eccentric loading, mortars, crystallisation of salts, creep, thermal expansion, and so on. Finally, he tackles detailing, rain exclusion, damp, and so on. The book deals only with clay, stone and concrete and though the continuation of this series has not been published, it is a model of how to present factual information.

The other sort of information which has to be phased with the design studies is data on services, specialist suppliers and specialist techniques. In spite of the complication of sales-pushing, I think that it is essential to bring technical representatives into the schools to discuss and describe their products.

I should comment on *history* and its place in the curriculum. It has an indirect importance in establishing standards of comparison and judgement. I tend basically to agree with the Duchamp attitude that any work of art is expendable, and has a limited period most informed and accurate that has been made recently. He predicts a twotier industry—small builders doing the odd-jobbing, the medium-sized firms surviving in the present boom but gradually being squeezed out by the large companies, with their comprehensive facilities, packaged deal, teams of architects, etc., and large-scale mechanisation. The present sort of architect we are training, the art school type with a smattering of building construction, will be eaten alive in such an organisation.

I think contract managers should lecture at the school on how they run their jobs, and that we might even be daring and invite a few builders along and hear what they think. In a systematic way, the mechanical equipment should be explained by the manufacturers, and visits arranged to sites to see them in operation. Lectures must be extended to cover production methods, scaffolding, large-scale window cleaning and so on. Although we must have this technical knowledge, I do not regard the machine as anything more than an important tool. Mechanisation, at an intellectual level, makes certain fallacious assumptions. First is cost-here it is reasoned that if you make more and more of a particular commodity, the price drops correspondingly. In fact, fixed prices, price rings and monopolies curved glass. One is aware of an increasing resistance among manufacturers to experiment, to make specials or develop new standards. Acceptance of mechanisation is gradually becoming the acceptance of a particular product. Ideally one aspires to flexible techniques like the rubber mould for the infra-red drying of laminated timber which accommodates any shape and is not preset to everlasting repetition.

Time and time again, a client refers to the architect for advice on land purchase and 30 on. There should be a series of lectures in the final years on legal and financial matters. These should give a working knowledge of land and property values, mortgaging and the legal and financial aspects of building.

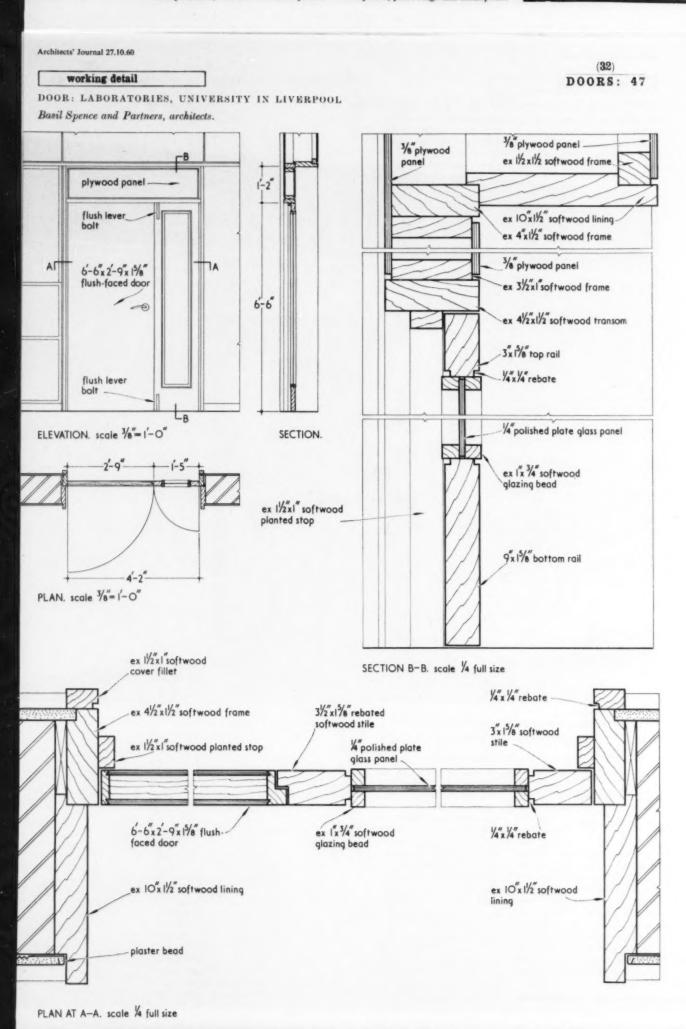
My final observation is on the professional side of the training. Obviously one has to acquire by lectures a working knowledge of professional practice, and the limitless complications and interpretations of the Form of Contract. I do think we could make more use of the membership than we do. To affiliate a student with an older member, so that he can learn first hand about professional procedure, seems to me to be a mutually beneficial idea and would in a way perpetuate one of the most important benefits of pupilage. Architects' Journal 27.10.60

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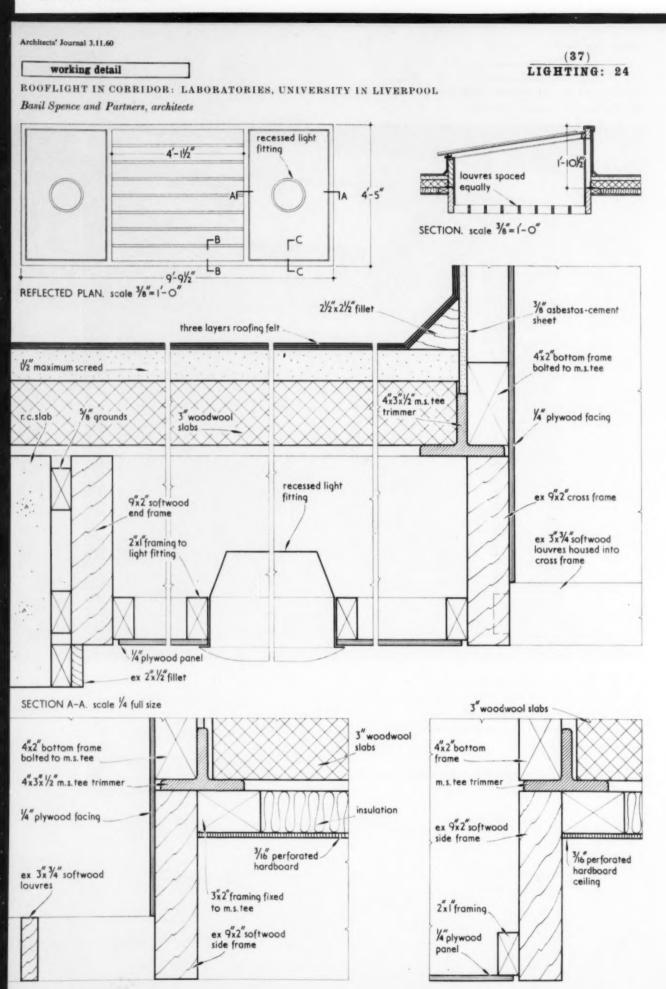
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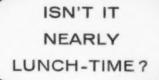
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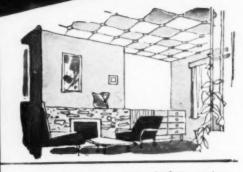
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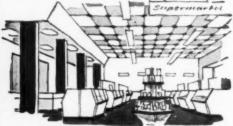
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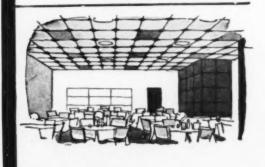
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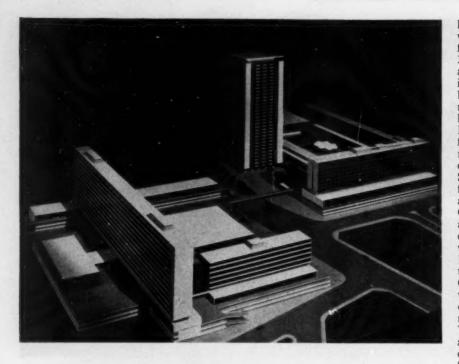
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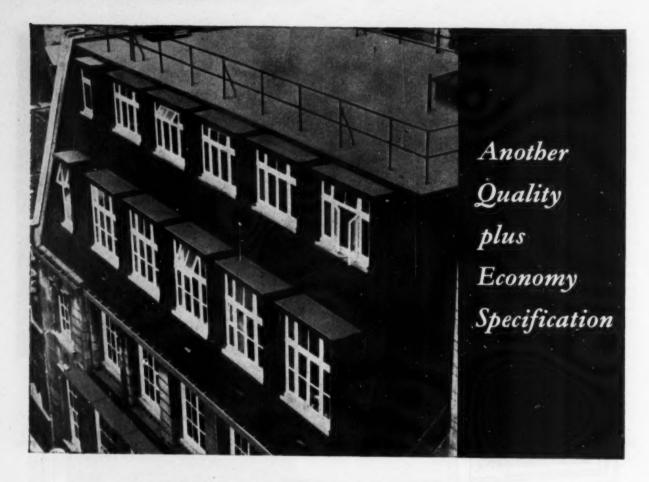


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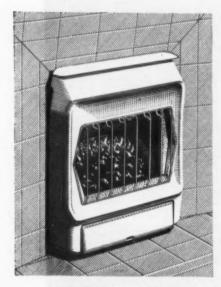
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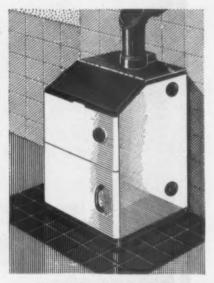
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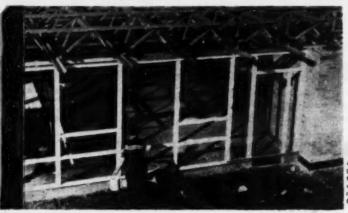
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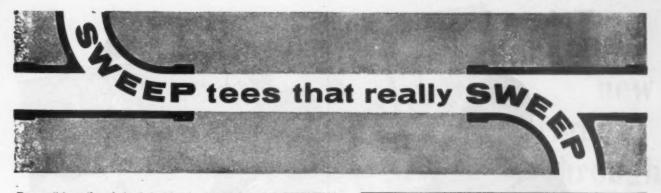


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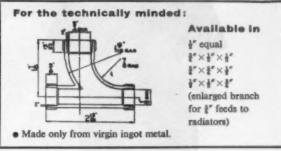




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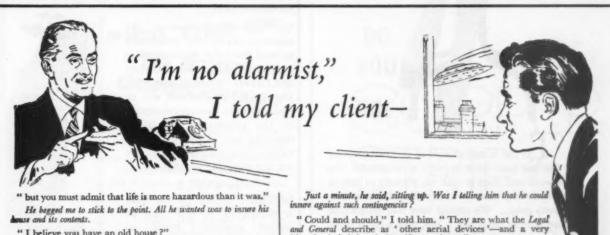
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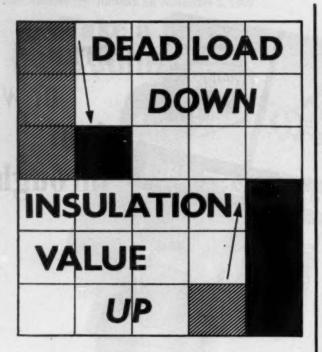
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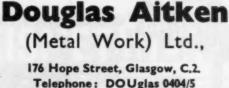
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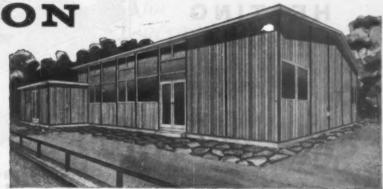
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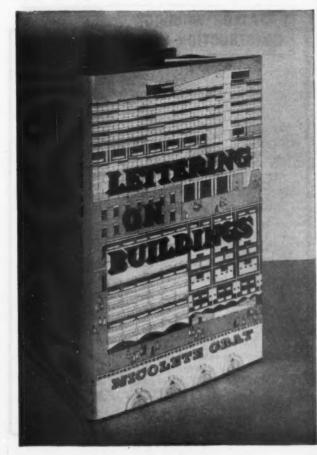
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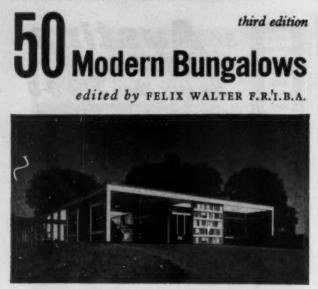
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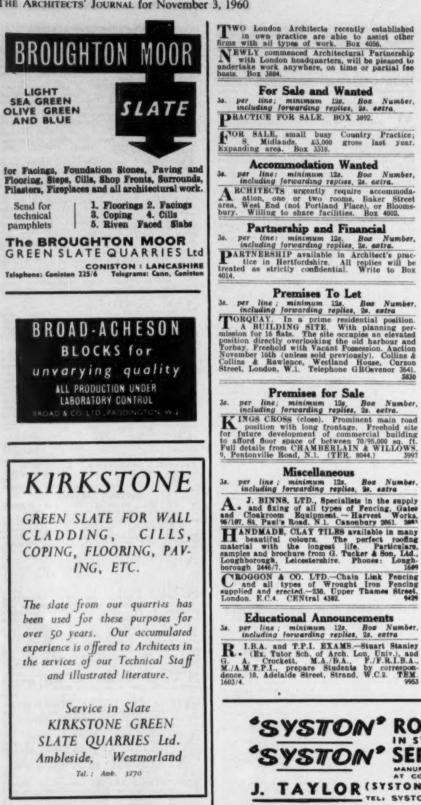
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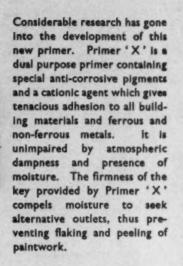
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