Today's News - October 31, 2002

Our latest issue of WhoWhatWhen is chock full of news notes. — The saga of Melbourne's Federation Square rivals that of Sydney's Opera House (and, depending on who you talk to, just may give Sydney a run for its money as a national architectural symbol); the architects are glad it's over. — Meanwhile, the Sydney Opera House upgrades move along. — La Scala Opera House in Milan faces its own controversies (includes great links to articles documenting the brouhaha). — In Los Angeles, voters will decide on a proposition that would include almost $100 million for LACMA that would "subsidize the questionable design by trendoid architect Rem Koolhaas." — A government officer says that "never in a month of Sundays could the Scottish Parliament have been built for £40 million," and that delays included having to virtually redesign the building to specific needs, which begs the question of why the original design was so lacking. — Urbanism and architects taken to task in the UK; a new book claims that architectural profession is "completely out of touch;" and architects are as guilty as anyone for many urban ills. — Pearman reviews a blockbuster show. — Vancouver has big plans to win 2010 Olympics...and much more.

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The new heart of Melbourne: Federation Square has forever changed the size, shape and feel of our city - Lab architecture studio - The Age (Australia)

Federation Square: 'It's not our problem any more': Many critics bad-mouthed their design. But now that it's built, the architects say, the work speaks for itself. - Don Bates, Peter Davidson/ Lab architecture studio - The Age (Australia)

A New Aria for the Architect of Sydney's Opera House - Joern Utzon; Richard Johnson - New York Times

La Scala Puts Restoration on the Web: will allow the public to follow the contentious renovation - Mario Botta [web links] - Andante

City Observed: Design and the Body Politic By Sam Hall Kaplan - KCRW

Comment: In a month of Sundays: presiding officer of the Scottish Parliament speaks in defence of the Holyrood project...is dismissive of concerns - Enric Miralles - Edinburgh Evening News

Urbanists demand 'radical' summit: a new book, Re:urbanism...saves its most savage critique for the architecture profession - The Architects' Journal (UK)

What did architects ever do for us? Who should take the rap for society's ills? The government says bad architects are as guilty as anyone - BBC

CABE wins new role as urban space champion: to promote good practices regarding urban green space - The Architects' Journal (UK)

Six cities shortlisted for culture capital bid: ...one-time favourite Belfast shocked at exclusion - The Guardian (UK)


Olympic Park to Become Heart of "Second Capital" to Beijing - People's Daily (China)

Vancouver 2010 Olympic corp proposes $170 million in facilities - Vancouver Sun

A Disney Resort Remodels for Business Travelers: rooms are being redesigned by the original architect, Michael Graves & Associates - New York Times


This week at ArcSpace: Yokohama International Port Terminal by Foreign Office Architects; New Copenhagen Metro by KHRAS Architects [images] - ArcSpace

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