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# STEEL REPLACES COPPER AS BRAKE ON BUILDING

Strike Losses Prolong Steel Controls; Aluminum and Copper Eased Again

Latest news is that April 1 will bring revisions of NPA's basic construction orders which will more than equal the relaxations once planned for July 1 and stymied by the steel strike. The ban on recreation building, oldest of the building curbs, will be lifted; commercial construction will get the same treatment as industrial; selfauthorization will be allowed for multi-family housing. Orders at the new level can be placed now for April 1 delivery.

SETTLEMENT of the 55-day steel strike with its estimated cost to steel production of 20 million tons was followed by both bad news and good for architects and builders.

As expected, steel controls were tightened; the effect of the strike was to postpone lifting of CMP restrictions on steel, perhaps by as much as six months. Defense Production Administrator Henry Fowler has estimated April 1, 1953 as the earliest date by which the steel supply can be expected to reach its pre-strike level. Under the strict priority system NPA established to assure access to the curtailed steel supply for military and defense-related projects, it seemed unlikely that many non-defense starts in the industrial and commercial categories would be possible before 1953.

The good news of relaxations in curbs on copper and aluminum came almost simultaneously with the tightening on steel. Self-authorization levels were nearly doubled, in some cases more than doubled, by the new amendments to CMP Regulation Six. Further, NPA lifted the ban on the use of copper and aluminum for drains, gutters, downspouts, store fronts and for decorative purposes. All copper and aluminum curbs were expected to go as soon as stockpiles of these metals were returned to the substantial levels of early this year.

# TABLE III.—United States copper position 1950 and projected 1975

|                      | 1950*  | 1975     |
|----------------------|--------|----------|
| Consumption (actual) | 1,730  | 1 2, 500 |
| Production:          |        |          |
| Mine                 | 907    | 1 800    |
| Secondary            | 475    | 1 700    |
|                      | 1, 382 | 1, 500   |
| Imports (net)        | 448    | 2 1,000  |

Statistics and U. S. Bureau of Mines. 1950 production and imports, Bureau of Mines.

<sup>1</sup> Projected.

<sup>2</sup> Required.

## LONG VIEW ON COPPER: DESIGN ECONOMY RECOMMENDED

These charts from the report of the President's Materials Policy Commission show the pattern of production and consumption which lead the Commission to urge a technology of substitution to avoid future bottlenecks in copper supplies

|                           | Percent of total free<br>world |                         |     |  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----|--|
| Region                    | Mine<br>produc-<br>tion        | No<br>cop<br>co<br>sumj | n-  |  |
| United States.            | 36<br>14                       |                         | 49  |  |
| Other North America       | 14                             | -                       | 42  |  |
| Total Western Hemisphere  | 68                             |                         | 55  |  |
| Free Europe               | 4                              |                         | 37  |  |
| Africa                    | 23                             | \$                      | 1   |  |
| Australia and New Zealand | 1                              |                         | 4   |  |
| Other Eastern Hemisphere  | 4                              |                         | •   |  |
| Total                     | 100                            |                         | 100 |  |

\*Based on data from the International Materials Conference.

# TABLE V.—New copper position of the rest of the free world 1950 and projected 1975

#### [Thousand short tons]

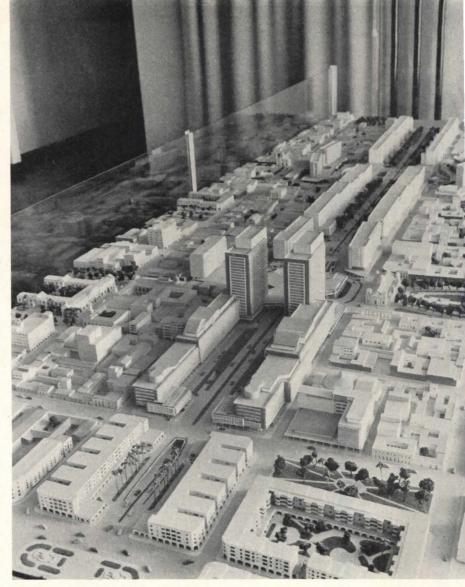
|                              | 1950   | 1975               |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Consumption (new copper)     | 1, 343 | 1 2, 050           |
| Net exports to United States | 448    | <sup>2</sup> 1,000 |
| Mine production              | 1,608  | 2 3, 050           |
| 1 Destanted                  |        |                    |

<sup>1</sup> Projected. <sup>2</sup> Required.

SOURCE: 1950 consumption and production based on Inernational Materials Conference data. 1950 exports from U. S. import statistics, U. S. Bureau of Mines.



Right: architect's model of the whole scheme for Avenida Bolivar; tall buildings (center) are 28-story offices now under construction; bull ring (left foreground) is carryover from old Caracas. Above: helicopter view of first two completed buildings, highway entrance



# **\$300 MILLION AVENIDA BOLIVAR MODELS NEW PLAN FOR**

THE LONG-RANGE PLAN for redevelopment of Caracas has been launched with a mammoth initial project that is expected to serve as a model for all the subsequent reconstruction of the Venezuelan capital.

More than 400 buildings in the heart of the city have been torn down to make way for the \$300 million Avenida Bolivar, a mile-long eight-lane express highway with underground terminals for 600 buses and underground parking for nearly 1600 cars. Twenty-four new buildings — 12 on each side of the central thoroughfare — will provide office and living space, shops and restaurants. Two eight-story office buildings, each planned for 1500 workers, have now been completed; two more office buildings, each 28 stories high and providing for 2000 workers, are under construction. The highway itself is completed, but multi-level auxiliary routes to pass beneath the 28-story buildings are still under construction.

The completed office buildings cover 300,000 sq ft of ground area. They are occupied by government offices and the headquarters of the project directors.

The new wealth from oil discoveries that will bring production to an estimated two million barrels a day in 1953 has been the catalyst in the revival and revision of a 15-year-old scheme to solve the acute problem of congestion in the 400-year-old city.

Photos: Hamilton Wright

The original Avenida Bolivar plans were made by architects and city planners called in by the government in 1937, then blocked by property owners and "traditionalists;" in 1946, with conditions increasingly bad, the government made another attempt.

A National Urbanism Commission was created to study the problem; it revised the old plans and this time it was possible to rally support for them. In 1948 the Compania Anonima Obras de



Left: louvered façade of ''North'' building, one of two completed structures; both have second-floor terrace cafeterias, sheltered walks for pedestrians

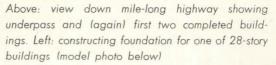


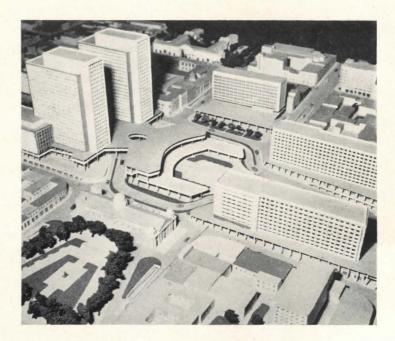


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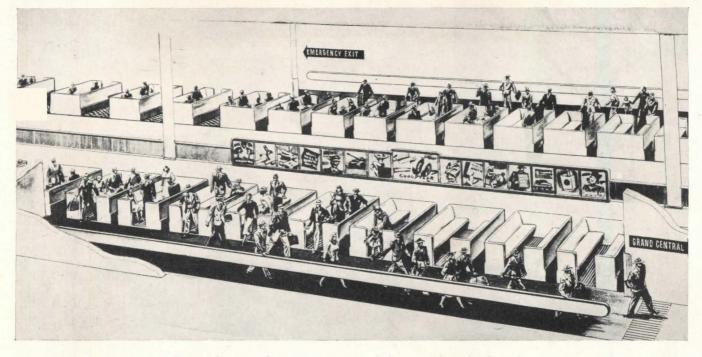
la Avenida Bolivar was organized with authority to condemn land and buildings to acquire needed space and to pay for these properties in government-backed bonds. The Avenida Bolivar company was set up with a capital of \$10 million, jointly owned by the Government Banco Obrero, the Venezuelan Development Corporation and Caracas.

Overall direction of the project is in the hands of Dr. Miguel A. Marquez Rivero, president of the Avenida Bolivar company. Dr. Carlos Dominquez is head architect and chief engineer; assistant architects are Dr. Carlos Raoul Villanueva and Maurice Rotival.





Above: section of the architect's model shows 28-story buildings now under construction; terraces will have outdoor dining rooms



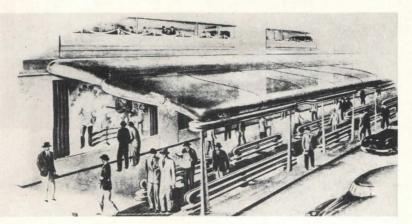
Sketch of proposed passenger conveyor belt system shows loading platform and synchronized belt with individual cars. Unloading belt is at rear

# CONVEYOR BELT SYSTEM MAY REPLACE SUBWAY SHUTTLE

LAST MONTH in New York saw the announcement of a new engineering development which may have far-reaching consequences. The city's Board of Transportation has asked for \$3,800,000 to replace the 34-year-old half-mile subway shuttle between Times Square and Grand Central Terminal with a passenger conveyor system designed to accommodate 15,000 people an hour. Cost of the conveyor system itself was estimated at \$1,750,000, or about \$700 per sq ft. The remainder of the requested funds will be used for changes in existing tunnel. Experiment and research have been conducted by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, which, together with the Stephens-Adamson Manufacturing Company, has worked out engineering details. Briefly, the system is to work as follows:

At either end of the shuttle will be a 6 ft wide loading belt, traveling at the rate of 1½ mph. Synchronized with this will be another belt carrying a continuous stream of small passenger cars with seats. Each car will seat 10 people and 25 cars will pass the loading platform

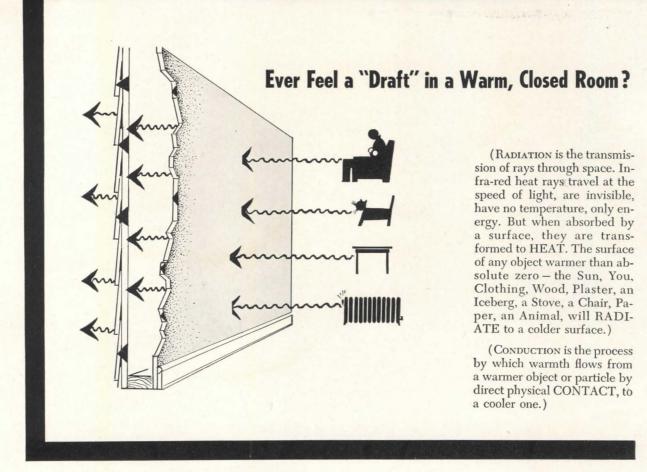
Below: N. Y. Transit Chief Sidney Bingham foresees use of belts as "moving sidewalks" for cross streets, stadium and airport exits, large market areas. Right: experimental Goodyear passenger belt



every minute. After leaving the loading point cars will be gradually speeded up to 15 mph over conveyor belts and banks of rubber-tired accelerating wheels. At the other end, they will be slowed again to  $1\frac{1}{4}$  mph at a synchronized unloading platform. Then they will be turned around on a large wheel and sent in the opposite direction. The cars themselves will not be locked on the belts, but will be guided so that they will remain on the belts, without yawing. More specific details are not yet available, since patent arrangements are still in progress.



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People often complain of "drafts" in a room with air-tight walls and windows. Why? To a large extent because, by Nature's law, warmth *flows* to cold by RADIATION as well as by CONDUCTION. Cold walls, too, draw heat out of contacting air by conduction, causing a downward current of cold air.

The exposed skin of people and the outer surfaces of their clothing lose heat as infra red heat rays flow from them, at a 90% rate, to a cooler wall plaster surface, which absorbs the rays at a 93% rate and transforms them again to heat. If insulation is lacking or has packed down, most of this heat is transmitted by radiation to the colder outer wall at a 93% rate, absorbed, and then dissipated to the colder, outer air. Ordinary insulation in the wall space, or a solid wall, augments heat flow by direct conduction.

So people are uncomfortable, perhaps only in spots. More fuel is burned to obtain greater comfort. Unnecessarily high, less wholesome temperatures result.

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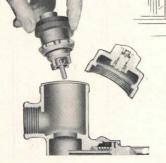
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#### A.I.A. TREKKERS AT NICE

Some of the members of the post-convention Architects' Trek to Europe June 28-August 1 snapped in a time exposure by David H. Horn of Fresno, Calif., at the Hotel Ruhl, Nice. Seated: Leon Chatelain Jr., Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Walter T. Rolfe, Houston; Alben Froberg, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Froberg; Mr. Rolfe; Paul Gerhardt Jr., Chicago; Mrs. Chatelain; Talmage C. Hughes, Detroit; George Bain Cummings, Binghamton, N. Y., Trek leader, and Mrs. Cummings; Hiram A. Salisbury, Houston; Paul L. Gaudreau, Baltimore, Standing: Mrs. R. V. Higginbotham, Dallas; Arthur Hooker, Muskegon, Mich.; Mrs. Thomas D. Broad, Dallas; Mrs. Hughes; Richard Walker, R.I.B.A., Trek director; W. Sarcent Lewis, New Haven, Conn.; Miss Abigail Lewis, his daughter; and David Horn

#### GREAT CONVOCATION MARKS ENGINEERING CENTENNIAL

THE LARGEST CONVOCATION of engineers in history will assemble September 3-13 in Chicago for the Centennial of Engineering marking the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Some 30,000 engineers representing every branch of the profession and 61 American and foreign societies are expected to take part in a program that will include 12 symposiums on basic aspects of engineering's impact on civilization; technical and other functions sponsored by more than 40 individual societies; engineering exhibits in the Museum of Science and Industry; and a dramatic stage production portraying significant developments in engineering.

Nearly 500 engineers from 20 nations in Europe, South America and Asia will attend the Centennial.

John O. Merrill, A.I.A., of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architects & Engineers, and Walter C. Voss, A.I.A., of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will deliver major addresses in the symposium on Structures and Construction. Other symposiums will deal with the role of the organized profession; education and training; food; tools; trans-

portation; mineral industries; chemical industries; communications; energy; health and human engineering; urbanization.

The American Institute of Architects, which will celebrate its own centennial in 1957, paid its tribute to the civil engineers with the special exhibit "Re-Union of Architecture and Engineering 1852-1952" at its 1952 convention.

## LINE MAGAZINE SEEKS TO **PROVIDE STUDENT FORUM**

LINE MAGAZINE, the publication founded last year by architectural students for architectural students, is starting its second year with a determined crusade for more student contributors, more student editors and — a necessity for survival more student subscribers.

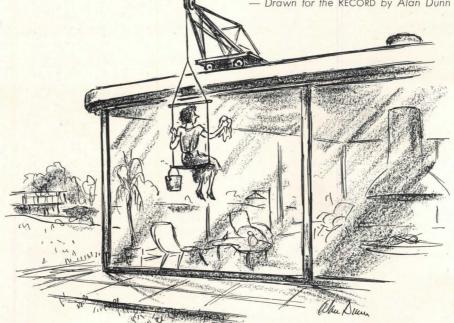
Robert Laden of Cooper Union, who has succeeded Julian Sachs of Catholic University as editor-in-chief, emphasizes that the columns of the magazine are open to all architectural students. A staff of regional editors will attempt to keep the magazine in touch with schools of architecture throughout the country.

Three issues, the first in October, are offered for the subscription price of one dollar; architect subscribers are welcomed. The two issues published last year had a circulation of under 1000; a large increase is needed to make the magazine self-supporting. It carries no advertising.

Arthur Hald of Catholic University is business manager; David Dambowic of Cooper Union is art director.

Regional editors are: North Atlantic - Robert Laden, Cooper Union; New York State — A. Rothenberg, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Middle Atlantic - A. Noel Alterman, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; Southeastern - Vince de Gutis, North Carolina State; Central States - Bayes Norton, Miami (Ohio) University; Upper Middle West -Roger Mohagen, North Dakota Agricultural College; Central Middle West -Manfred Wolfenstein, Kansas State; Southwestern - Jerry Kirkwood, Texas Institute of Technology. Editors for the California and Northwest regions were being sought.

- Drawn for the RECORD by Alan Dunn



Far right: David Warsaw, Detroit Concrete Products Association president; Michigan Dean Wells Bennett; A.I.A. 2nd V.P. Norman Schlossman; C. Allen Harlan, president, Detroit Electric Co.; Mrs. G. Mennen Williams, wife of Michigan's governor; President Leo Bauer; right: Adrian Langius, Frank Lopez, Park Commissioner W. F. Doyle, A.I.A. Regional Director John Richards, President Ivan Kirlin of Kirlin Co., A.I.A. Secretary Clair W. Ditchy; and in foreground — Roger Allen



Above: Mrs. Ivan Kirlin; Leo Bauer; his sisters, the Misses Ann and Mary Bauer;

Frank Lopez; Mrs. Robert Franden; Mrs. Lopez; Ivan Kirlin; Robert Franden



Above: Small House Competition First Prize Winner William P. Smith and Mrs. Smith. Below (foreground): Herbert L. Hawthorne, who won third prize, and Mrs. Hawthorne; the second prize winner, Donnally Palmer, and Mrs. Palmer





W. Stewart Woodfill, proprietor of the Grand Hotel, and guest, Jack Benny



Conference Chairman Ralph Knuth and one of his daughters

## MICHIGAN ARCHITECTS MIX FUN AND BUSINESS AT MACKINAC

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP were the major theme of the ninth annual midsummer conference of the Michigan Society of Architects July 31–August 3 at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Ralph W. Knuth of Flint, conference chairman, had judiciously interspersed the serious business to add flavor to a four-day holiday.

Entries in the Small House Competition jointly sponsored by the Society and the Concrete Products Association of Detroit were on exhibition and prizewinners (see page 22) were announced at the closing banquet. The competition drew 57 submissions from architects, architectural students and draftsmen in 39 Michigan towns.

Dr. Walter Cocking, editor of *The* School Executive Magazine, in one of two formal speeches on the conference program, said new concepts are needed for secondary schools — "let's dream a little," he urged. His own dream, he said, is the campus-type plan with a number of small buildings instead of a single building under one roof.

In his address at the banquet, Frank G. Lopez, senior associate editor of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, suggested that architects must be concerned with the layman's reaction to architecture both for the practical reason that *clients* are laymen and out of a broader concern with the position of architects and architecture in the culture of our times.

One of the memorable sidelights of the conference was the presentation by Lawrence Plym of the trophy case made as a gift to the society by the Kawneer Manufacturing Company to house the "Man of the Year" awards annually bestowed on one society member (this year Clair W. Ditchy) by the Portland Cement Association.



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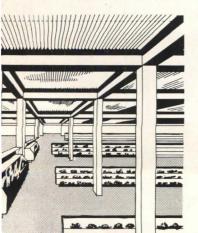
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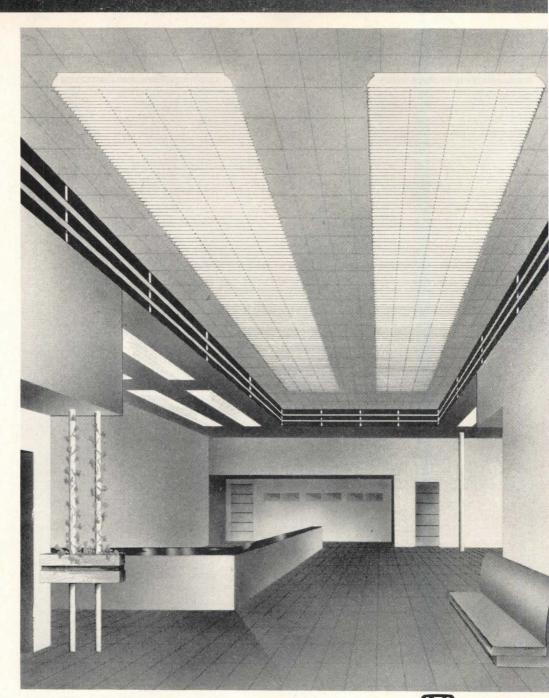
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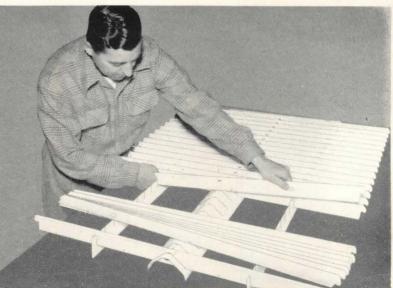
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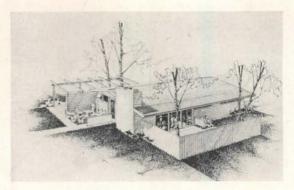




#### MICHIGAN (Continued): SMALL HOUSE AWARDS

Prizewinners in the Small House Competition co-sponsored by the Michigan Society of Architects and the Concrete Products Association of Detroit were announced at the Society's Mackinac meeting. The top three designs, shown on this page, and 10 mention winners begin a tour of Michigan cities this month

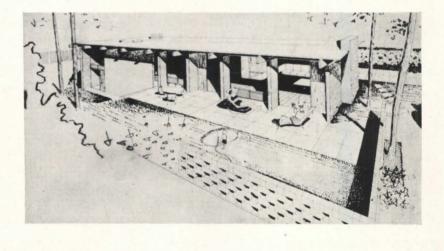




First prize of \$1000 went to William P. Smith Jr. of Willow Run Village, Mich., a draftsman. All three of the top prizes were awarded to draftsmen

Donnally W. Palmer of Royal Oak, Mich., received the second prize of \$750. Entries had to be designed for concrete masonry construction

Third prize of \$500 was awarded to Herbert L. Hawthorne of Detroit for his entry. Ten mentions, \$100 each, went to Edward C. Bassett, R. C. Donkervoet, Joseph F. Dworski and Edward P. Elliott, Morris Jackson, W. K. Kagawa, J. R. Livingston, Douglas D. Loree, Robert J. Meacham, Avar Naggar and Leonard S. Parker



# FIVE A.I.A. REGIONS PLAN OCTOBER SESSIONS

THE FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ever held by the South Atlantic District of the American Institute of Architects leads off the fall and winter round of A.I.A. district sessions. The meeting, sponsored by the Georgia Chapter, is scheduled September 18–20 at Atlanta. "Schools in the Southeast" will be the theme of all the seminars.

Next month will bring five A.I.A. regional meetings and four conventions of state chapters. The Northwest district will have a regional council meeting at Spokane; the other conferences will be full-dress regional gatherings with working seminars on a wide variety of subjects.

State meetings: Oct. 1-13 — Architects Society of Ohio, at Cincinnati; Oct. 2-4 — New York State Association of Architects, at Lake Placid; Oct. 9-11 — California Council of Architects, at Yosemite; Oct. 29-31 — Texas Society of Architects, at El Paso. Scheduled regional conferences: Oct. 2-3 — Great Lakes District, at Cincinnati; Oct. 3-5 — Northwest District, at Spokane; Oct. 9-11 — Central States District, at Kansas City; Oct. 9-11 — Sierra Nevada District, at Yosemite; Oct. 24-25 — Gulf States District, at Montgomery, Ala.

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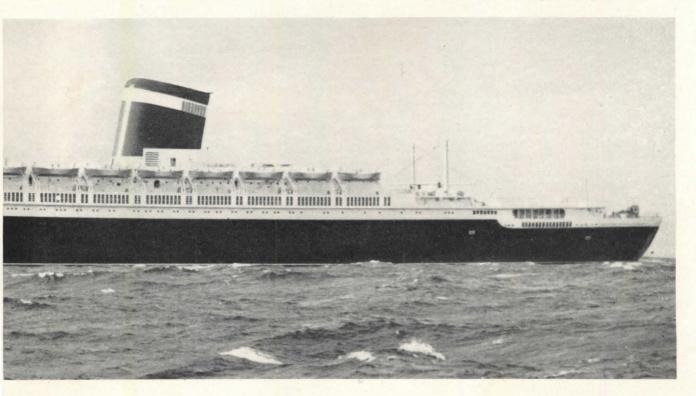
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# SARAH LAWRENCE BUILDS NEW FINE ARTS CENTER

Now UNDER CONSTRUCTION on the campus of Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, N. Y., is a Student Arts Center building designed by Marcel Breuer. Although the structure will be primarily an arts laboratory and college center for 350 students and 65 faculty members, it is also intended to serve the surrounding Westchester community as a meeting place for college events and community functions. When completed, it will cost approximately \$500,000.

When the college, hard pressed for additional facilities, decided to build the center, it had a complicated set of requirements to offer the architect. "Every part of this program had to be designed for multiple use," Mr. Breuer has said: "Teaching vs. performance, social life vs. meditation, cost-dictated simplicity vs. multi-purpose complications."

Specifically, the building had to provide for an auditorium, theater, dance studio, student living room, snack bar, college store, music rooms and workshops.

The auditorium and stage are situated on the upper level of the building (see diagram, page 354). A roof terrace at the front leads into the auditorium on this level. Immediately below it is the area which accommodates the living room and snack bar.

On a slightly lower level behind this and just under the auditorium is the dance studio, flanked on either side by dressing rooms and quarters for music instruction and practice. Orchestra lift and sub-stage are at the rear, with space for mechanical equipment to one side.

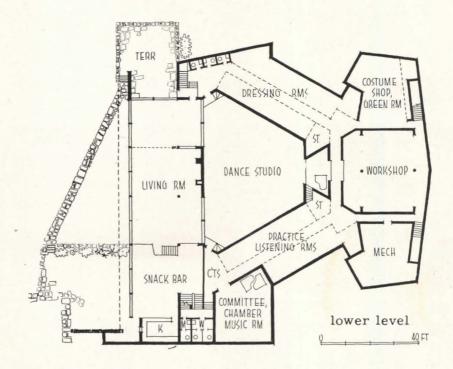
The dance studio will accommodate 40 students, the living room 80 to 100 persons, and the snack bar will be equipped to serve 60 customers an hour. The front façade of the living room is completely glazed and leads onto an open flagstone terrace.

The 500-capacity auditorium-theater has removable alternate rows of seats which can be replaced with work tables or cabaret tables for forums, college dances and the like. Each seat is swiveled, to permit audiences to follow swift stage action.

An ingenious orchestra lift can be raised from ground level to conventional pit level, to floor level of the auditorium (Continued on page 354)



Above: view of model from front shows glass-walled living room, with terrace above. Auditorium and stage are at rear, upper level



Plan, above, shows facilities on lower level. Dance studio and rooms at sides of building are below auditorium. Below, model from side



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# TWO OFFICE BUILDINGS PLANNED FOR TORONTO

Two LARGE OFFICE BUILDINGS scheduled to be constructed soon in Toronto will increase the city's available office space by approximately 325,000 sq ft.

One of them, a 15-story building designed by Earle L. Sheppard, architect, will be one of the city's largest office structures in terms of rentable floor space. This will amount to about 175,000 sq ft. To be known as the Exchange Building, it will front on the south side of Adelaide Street, between Yonge and Bay Streets. Indoor parking will be provided for tenants in a threelevel parking garage below ground. The structure will be L-shaped and of steel frame construction. The exterior will be faced with stone. Cost is estimated at about \$3,000,000.

The second building, for which Page & Steele are architects, will be a 12story structure and with its walls of glass will be the first building of its kind in Canada. It will be erected on the southeast corner of Richmond and York Streets, and will cost an estimated \$2,500,000. No name has yet been chosen for the building, which will also feature a three-tiered parking garage in the basement. It will provide 150,000 sq ft of floor space, and the ground floor will be rented to banks or stores. Construction will begin when steel restrictions are relaxed, and is expected to be completed within 18 months.

The provision for indoor parking facilities is an innovation in Toronto office structures. The Exchange Building was to have been the first in the city to include an indoor garage, but will now be sharing its honors.

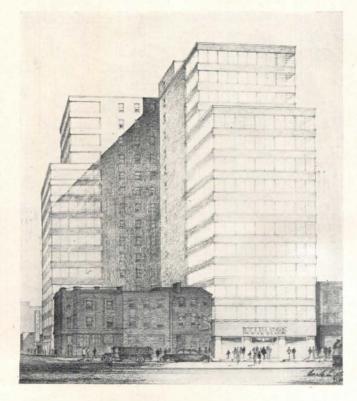


#### **DESIGNED FOR PROMOTION**

The house shown here was designed by Venchiarutti & Venchiarutti for use in a public relations project sponsored by the Ontario Association of Architects. An article pointing out the advantages of retaining architects to design residences was also prepared. The article, together with a mat of the drawing above, was sent to editors of newspapers in all Ontario communities of 20,000 or more population. Appearance, practical planning, higher resale value were stressed

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Ken Bell



Fifteen-story Toronto office building will have indoor parking garage. Earle L. Sheppard, Architect



Canada's first glass-walled office building, to be built soon in Toronto. Page & Steele, Architects

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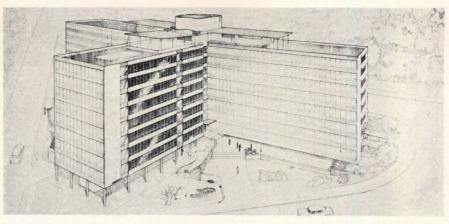
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## Housing Leads July Contract Award List

July construction contract awards valued at \$139.4 million carried the total for the first seven months of 1952 slightly above the billion dollar mark, according to MacLean Building Reports Ltd.



Graham Warrington



Hycroft Towers Apartments, Vancouver, B. C., are reported to be the largest in Canada. Of the 155 apartments, 25 are "double" luxury dwellings which may be subdivided, permitting increase to 180 apartments if necessitated by economic conditions. Architects are Semmens & Simpson, Vancouver

These figures, however, both for the month and for the year to date, are under last year's totals of \$362.8 million for July and  $$1\frac{1}{2}$  billion for the first seven months.

Housing led the field in the month's activities. In contrast with substantial drops in industrial and engineering construction, and also with a less drastic decline in commercial construction, residential building rose \$20.9 million over last year's figure to a total of \$64.7 million.

#### **Commercial Drops**

Commercial construction for July amounted to \$39.3 million, as compared with \$47.4 million for July 1951. Industrial construction figured for only \$11.5 million, down \$40.6 million from last year, and the \$23.9 million total for engineering work was off \$159.6 million from the previous figure.

Heading the list of big jobs for the month were a project of 147 houses at Edmonton; a \$1 million Toronto a partment; and housing developments in the Ontario centers of Ancaster, Levack, Dixie and Kitchener.

Other major items include a bridge, a dock and a grain elevator, all in Vancouver; a \$1 million sewage disposal plant in Oshawa; a \$2 million factory and 43 office buildings in Toronto; and a \$2.6 million airport in St. Johns, Nfld.

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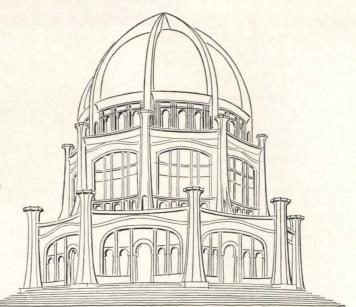
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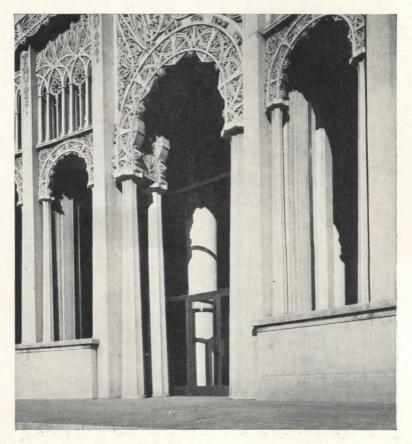




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#### Six Community Planning Fellowships Are Awarded

Six fellowships for postgraduate study in community planning during the academic year 1952–53 have been awarded.



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Winona YMCA, Winona, Minn. Architect: Bertram A. Weber, Chicago, III.

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Columbia Securities Office Building, near Vancouver, B. C., houses an Automobile Finance Company. Located on a major highway, in a typical ribbon development with competing neon signs, it relies on simplicity of design for attention. Architect is Duncan McNab, Vancouver

Winners of the prizes, offered by Central Mortgage & Housing Corp., are: F. Gerald Ridge, M.A., of Hamilton, Ont.; Earle A. Levin, B.Arch., of Winnipeg, Man.; M. B. M. Lawson, B.Sc., of Vancouver, B. C.; Zane Bakun, B.Sc., of Winnipeg, Man.; W. P. Paterson, B.A., B.S.W., of Vancouver, B. C.; Hugh Owen (diploma from Architectural Association of London), Toronto, Ont.

Mr. Lawson and Mr. Owen will do their postgraduate work at the University of Toronto. Mr. Ridge will study at McGill, Mr. Paterson and Mr. Levin at the University of British Columbia, and Mr. Bakun at the University of Manitoba.

The purpose of the fellowships, which are worth \$1200 each, is to aid students in receiving advanced training in community planning and allied fields which will enable them to enter practice either privately or in public service work. The funds are provided under Part V of the National Housing Act, which permits grants for housing research.

#### New Type of Concrete Trusses In First Canadian Appearance

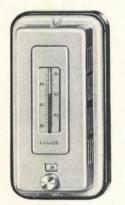
Eight reinforced concrete Vierendeel trusses, the first of their kind in Canada, have been employed in the construction of a new bottling plant for John Labatt Ltd., London, Ont., brewers.

The trusses were used to span a 38-ft tank room and at the same time support a mezzanine floor and another floor with (*Continued on page 36*)

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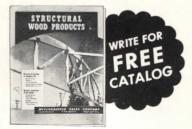
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a heavy machinery load. The lack of diagonal members in the Vierendeel girder permitted a large amount of heating, plumbing, process piping and air conditioning ducts to be put through it.

Architects on the \$2 million project were Harley, Ellington & Day Inc., of Detroit and John M. Watt & Associates, London, Ont. Structural engineers were C. C. Parker & Associates, Hamilton, Ont.; general contractor was John Hayman & Sons Co. Ltd., London, Ont.

F. Forsythe Jr.



Thesis-project design of small hospital and chapel, above, won 1952 Pilkington Traveling Scholarship for Roger Moranville of McGill University. Given each year to a graduating student of a Canadian architectural school, it is worth \$1500 plus traveling expenses to and from England. Jury for this year's competition, shown below, included Toronto architects George Pokorny, J. C. Parkin and L. E. Shore



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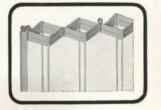
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# BRAB STARTS NEW PHASE OF CONSERVATION STUDY

DPA Contract Renewal Turns Efforts to Implementing Basic Recommendations

IMPLEMENTATION is the watchword in this second year of the Building Research Advisory Board's research on conservation in building construction for the Defense Production Administration.

BRAB is now seeking ways to put into practice the findings of its first year's study, as presented to DPA June 30 in a rather monumental report including some 200 separate recommendations.

Two important approaches will be contacts with technical bodies on stand-

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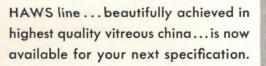
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Evaluation of the Report of the President's Materials Policy Commission as it relates to the problem of conservation in building may also be part of BRAB's project; and an attempt may be made to set up a set of principles to guide conservation in real emergencies.

BRAB Executive Director William Scheick indicated the Board would continue to consult the same advisory personnel and add some new ones for the second part of the study.

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## WALTER GREENE HEADS FHA



WALTER L. GREENE, the new commissioner of the Federal Housing Administration, has been with FHA since its inception in 1934, when he became administrative officer in the Birmingham, Ala., insuring office. He went to Washington in May 1937 as a supervisor in the Underwriting Division of FHA. In 1945 he was named zone commissioner in charge of 11 western states, Alaska and Hawaii. Since 1947 he has been deputy commissioner and chairman of the Finance Committee.

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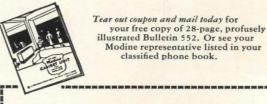
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| 1930                   | 127.0          | 126.7   | 124.1                                      | 128.0                   | 123.6          | 82.1           | 80.9    | 84.5                                       | 86.1                    | 83.6         |
| 1935                   | 93.8           | 91.3    | 104.7                                      | 108.5                   | 105.5          | 72.3           | 67.9    | 84.0                                       | 87.1                    | 85.1         |
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| 1948                   | 250.1          | 251.6   | 239.4                                      | 242.2                   | 235.6          | 199.2          | 202.5   | 178.8                                      | 178.8                   | 178.8        |
| 1949                   | 243.7          | 240.8   | 242.8                                      | 246.4                   | 240.0          | 189.3          | 189.9   | 180.6                                      | 180.8                   | 177.5        |
| 1950                   | 256.2          | 254.5   | 249.5                                      | 251.5                   | 248.0          | 194.3          | 196.2   | 185.4                                      | 183.7                   | 185.0        |
| 1951                   | 273.2          | 271.3   | 263.7                                      | 265.2                   | 262.2          | 212.8          | 214.6   | 204.2                                      | 202.8                   | 205.0        |
| Apr. 1952              | 277.2          | 273.7   | 269.9                                      | 274.0                   | 270.1          | 217.8          | 220.1   | 210.5                                      | 207.7                   | 211.1        |
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The index numbers shown are for combined material and labor costs. The indexes for each separate type of construction relate to the United States average for 1926–29 for that particular type — considered 100.

Cost comparisons, as percentage differences for any particular type of construction, are possible between localities, or periods of time within the same city, by dividing the difference between the two index numbers by one of them; i.e.: index for city A = 110index for city B = 95

(both indexes must be for the same type of construction).

Then: costs in A are approximately 16 per cent higher than in B.

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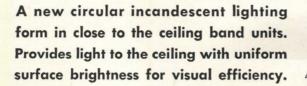
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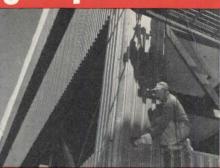




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#### BUILDING MODERN FURNITURE

How to Build Modern Furniture. Volume II – Designs and Assembly. By Mario Dal Fabbro. F. W. Dodge Corporation (New York, N. Y.), 1952. 8½ by 11 in., 160 pp., illus. \$6.00.

REVIEWED BY MORRIS KETCHUM, JR., A.I.A.

This is a picture book. Straightforward instructions briefly point the way; drawings and models are the real text. The story starts with the home woodworker's tools and equipment. Brace and bit, plane and saw, clamps, marking devices, gauges, chisels, drills, workbenches and a completely equipped home workshop are analyzed as to form and function. The next section demonstrates the use of these tools: the right way to lay out full size drawings, to mark material for cutting, to saw, plane, chisel, glue, nail, sandpaper and finish woodwork. Basic furniture design in relationship to its use and to the size of the human body follows. This section shows standard measurements for nearly every type of furniture commonly used in the home. The final section, which makes up the greater part of the volume, gives complete instructions for building 60 different pieces of furniture. Perspectives, photo of scale models, elevations, "exploded" assembly drawings and text show how to apply the information and advice contained in the first part of the book. Everything looks easy but, as in any craft activity, time and tears must be added to the final formula. For those enthusiasts well equipped with talent, time and patience, the effort will be rewarding.

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home workshop, in today's house, has left basement gloom for first floor light, air and sunshine. It is only fitting that its owner should also leave behind the insanities of amateur "basement borax" furniture.

Above and beyond this expert guidance for amateur craftsmen, "How To Build Modern Furniture" offers professional designers — cabinetmakers, interior designers, architects — an authoritative reference work. To be sure, the scope of reference is limited to a single material — wood. Many other materials used in the manufacture of furniture, including plastics and metals, which have been described in Volume I, are necessarily excluded from Volume II as (Continued on page 48)

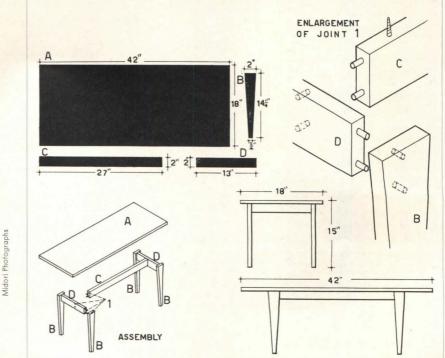
Typical page, below, gives details for coffee table shown in room setting above. From "How to Build Modern Furniture"

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#### VOCABULARY FOR ARCHITECTS

Dictionary of Architecture, by Henry H. Saylor, F.A.I.A., John Wiley & Sons, New York, 1952. 4 by  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. 221 + 5 pp. \$4.50.

This pocket-sized book contains slightly over 4000 definitions and 16 plates of illustration. Pronunciation of difficult words is given in phonetic rather than diacritical form, while the pronunciation of obvious words is omitted. There is no cut-in thumb index, which might have added convenience to the volume's usefulness.

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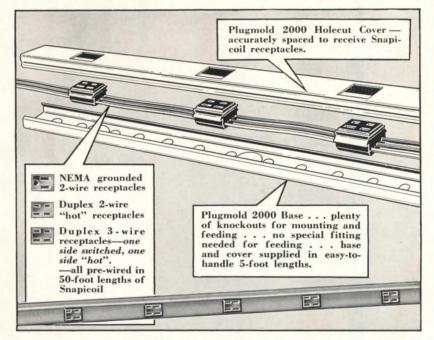
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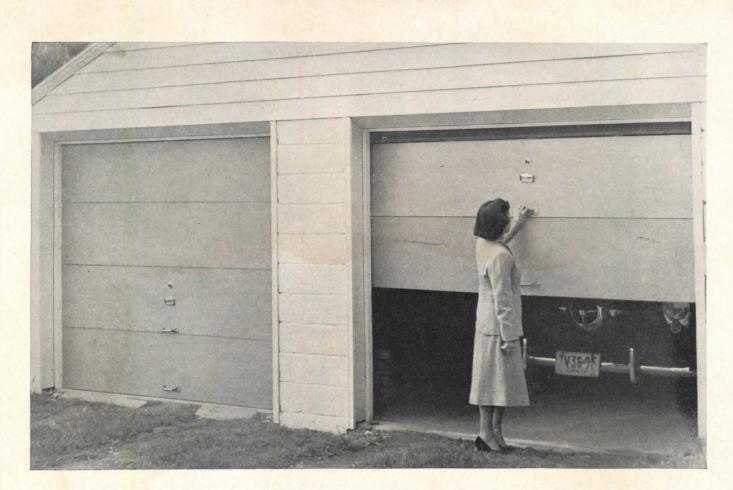
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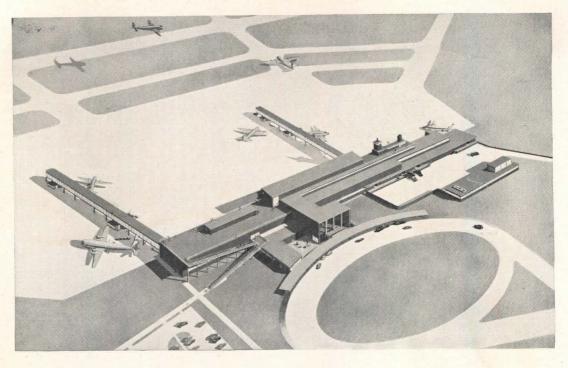
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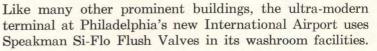
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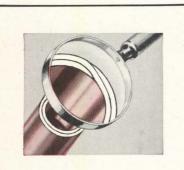
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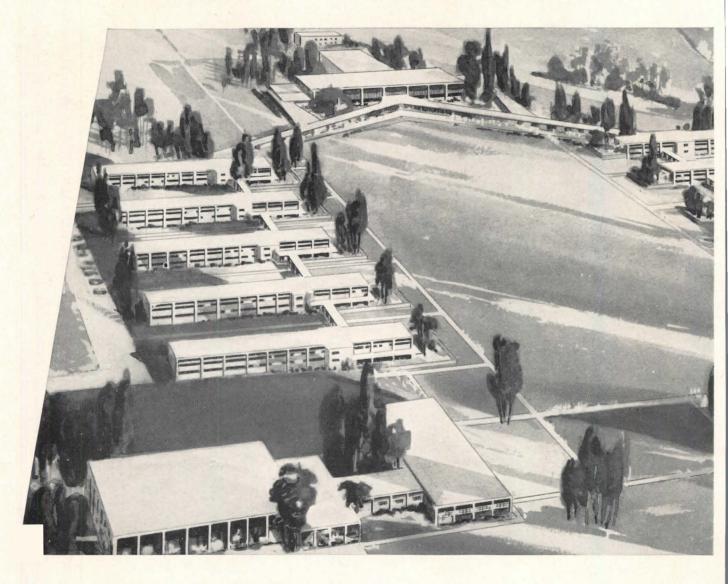
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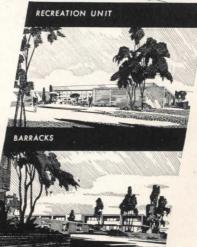
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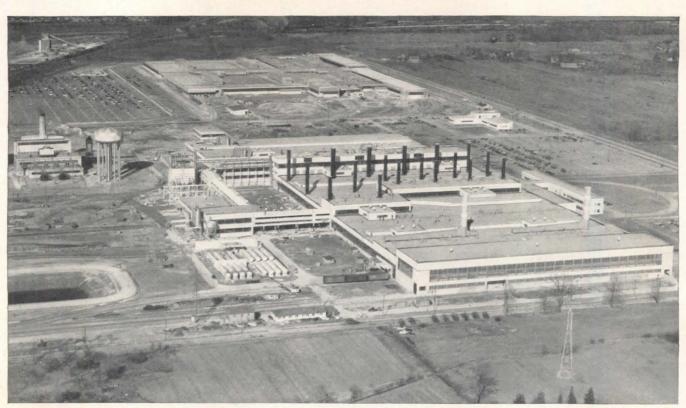
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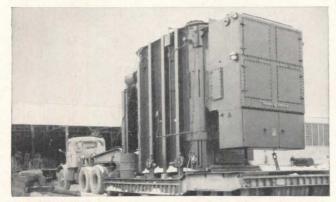
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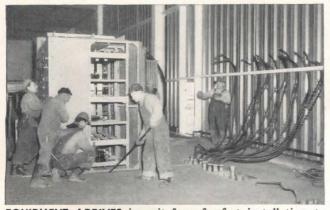


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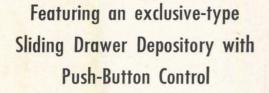
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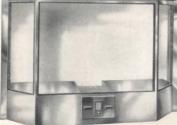
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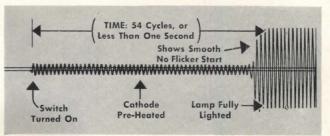
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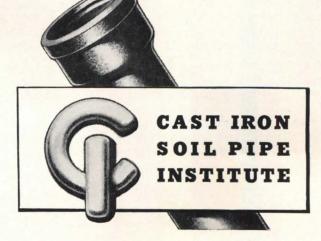
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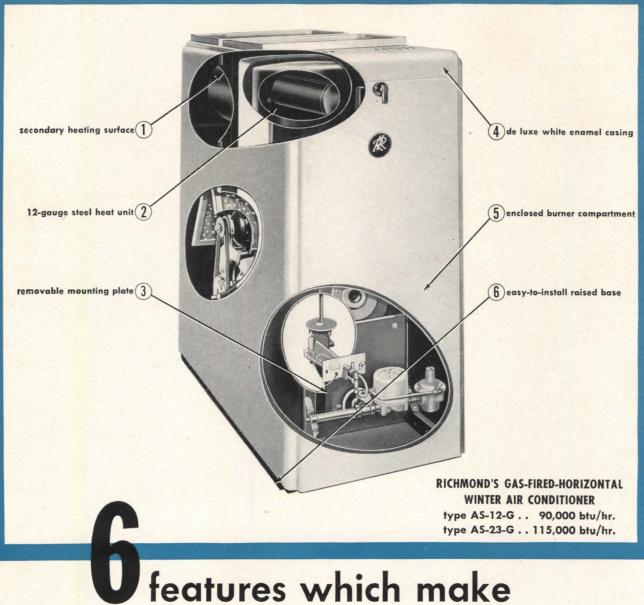
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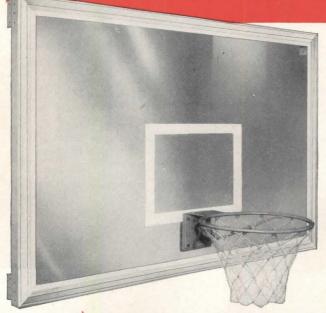
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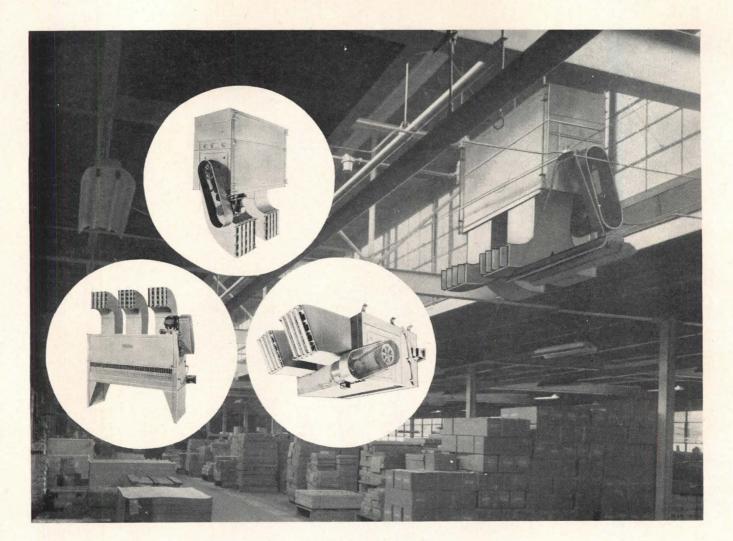
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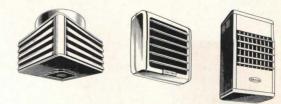
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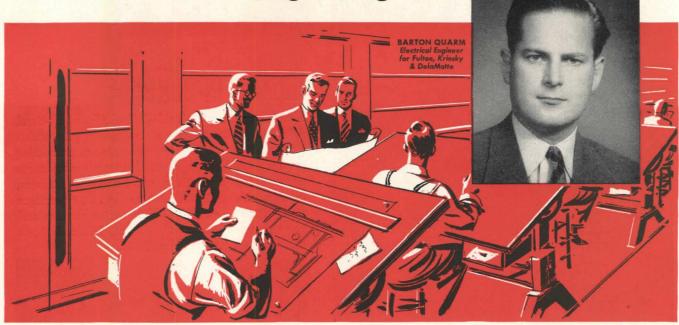
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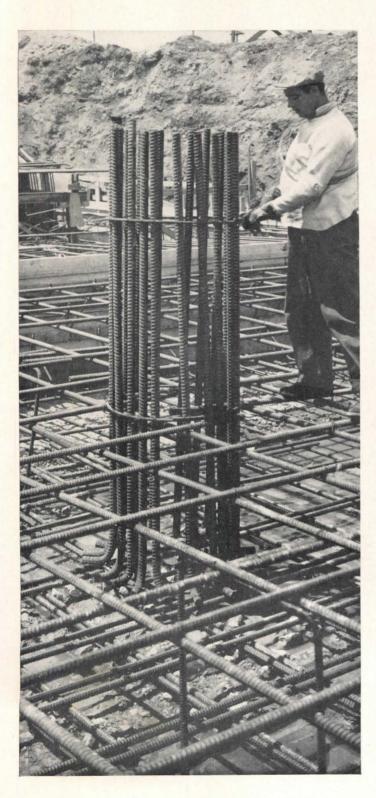
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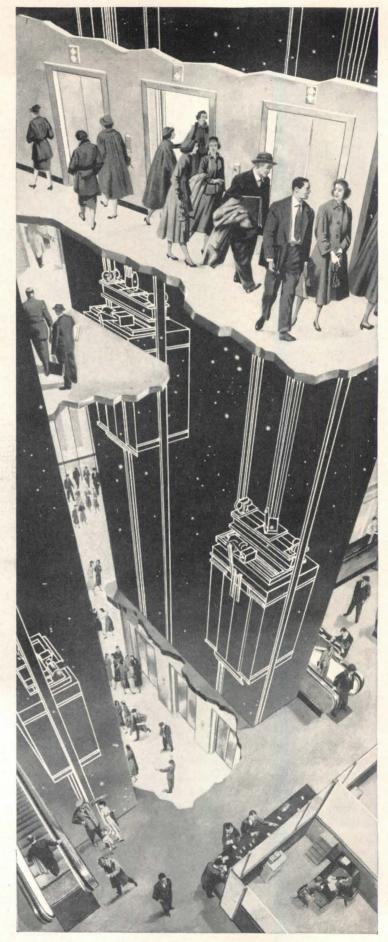
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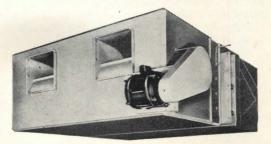
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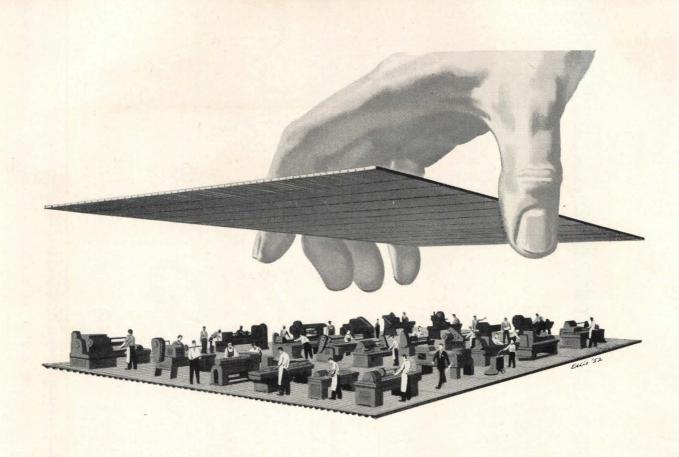
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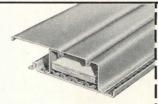
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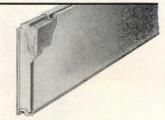
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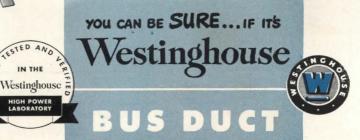
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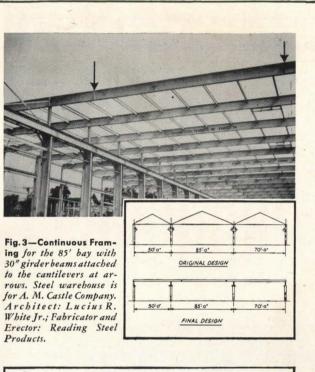
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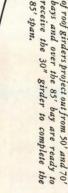
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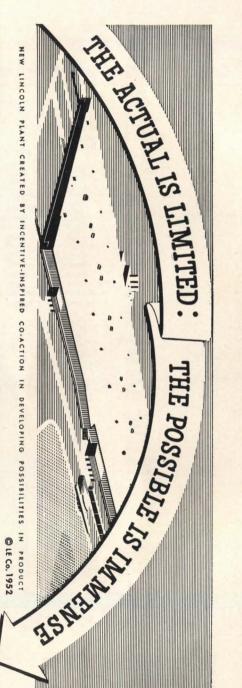
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- Q: What's it covered with?
- A: A tough, heavy paper that's ...
- Q: Hold it! I've heard about that cover. They say that it can't be stored outdoors.
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#### Q: Now what about insulation?

- A: You'll get adequate insulation in most cases. Besides the amount provided by the gypsum sheathing itself, you must remember that you always use a finish too, like siding or shingles or brick. This combination, plus the air pocket between, provides good insulation.
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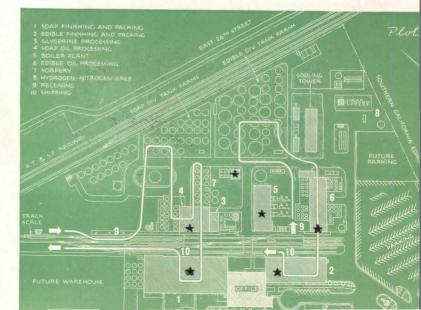
- A: It's the least expensive sheathing on the market, as low as 50% less than other sidewall sheathing costs. This is a proved fact!
- Q: I'm sold. Where can I get it?
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## They matched modern plant design with modern power distribution

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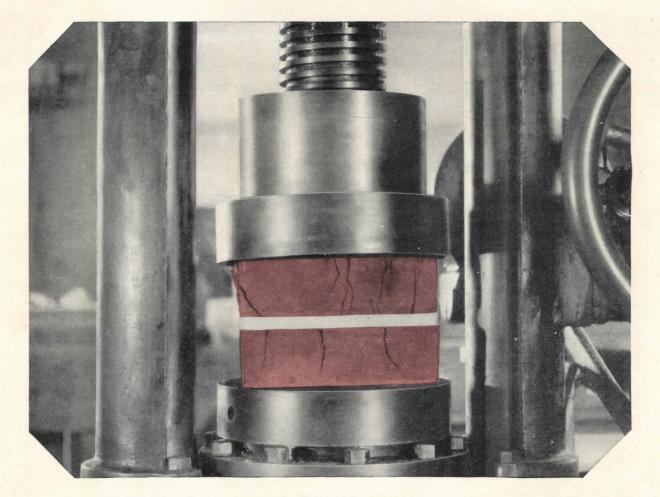
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### AIR CONDITIONING EXISTING OFFICE BUILDINGS

By WILLIAM P. HENSZEY, Kimball & Henszey, Consulting Engineers, New York



WILLIAM P. HENSZEY received his B.S. and M.S. degrees at Penn State, where he specialized in thermodynamics. Successful installation of his designs include government buildings in Egypt, cotton mills in India, cold-storage plants in South America and many

other interesting and diversified projects in this country and abroad. Since he became associated with Mr. Dwight D. Kimball, their firm has done considerable work in the air conditioning of existing buildings.

Office structures already built need not be without modern air conditioning. The installation of a satisfactory system may entail alterations, but such jobs are being undertaken daily to change obsolete, poorly ventilated buildings into comfortable, efficient business offices.

#### TYPES OF AIR CONDITIONING

Differences in construction, floor layouts, cubic measurements, exposures, and availability of water, steam, electrical and drainage facilities naturally affect design recommendations. Other factors include space requirements for ducts and equipment, sources of outside air, zoning, and the need to comply with city codes.

The following types of air conditioning installations are being used: Window or console room air conditioners — This type unit is completely self-contained. It is simply placed on or next to the window sill and plugged into a suitable sized electrical circuit. Air for room ventilation and refrigerant condensing is taken in through the window. Condensate, removed from the air passing through the unit, is thrown on the condenser coil where it vaporizes and is discharged into the outside atmosphere by the condenser fan. Unit sizes range from  $\frac{1}{3}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  h.p.

Self-contained duct-type unit—Refrigerating and airhandling equipment, consisting of compressor, condenser, cooling and/or heating coils, filters, fan and controls, are combined in one cabinet. Refrigerant condensing is accomplished by city, well or cooling-tower water, usually at a rate approximating 3 GPM per ton of refrigeration. Certain manufacturers make units combining an evaporative condenser with the unit. Capacities range from two to twenty-five tons refrigerant effect. Central Station "Built-up" Systems—Variations of this type of system are multiple. In general, they consist of a refrigeration compressor, condenser, cooling coils or washer, heating coil, filters, fan and controls all supplied separately and erected in the field.

Lately, the trend has been toward use of individual office under-window units supplied with hot or cold water from an apparatus room in the basement. Some manufacturers' units have a separate fan drive with direct outside air supply through the building wall. Another manufacturer has had great success piping relatively high-pressure, treated outside air to each underwindow unit. This primary air acts as a motivating force to pull three times more secondary air over the cooling or heating coils and distributes the mixture into the room. Desired temperatures are maintained in both cases by a thermostatically controlled water-supply valve in unit.

Double-duct zoning-type fan-coil units, having cold and warm air duct supply to each zone or room, also fulfill the need for individual-office temperature control.

In all types of systems using ductwork to carry the air from cooling or heating units to the conditioned space, wider use is being made of higher duct air velocities and static pressure, with consequent savings in duct space requirements. Specially designed sound traps, plenum chambers and outlets have made this possible.

#### A ROOM AT A TIME

Single offices are best handled by small "packaged" window units or console models. Their installation gives the advantages of flexibility for tenant changes and progressive installation. First cost is low, and little building alteration is necessary. Room units, however, have small ventilation capacity. This is important in any season. Such units are often removed from the window and stored during the heating season. Some noise emanates from the unit, and cost of operation is fairly high when compared with so-called "built-up" systems.



#### **GROUPS OF OFFICES**

Groups of offices or complete floors of larger office buildings can be air conditioned most effectively by single or multiple self-contained duct-type systems located advantageously throughout the floor to be served.

Ducts, leading from units and suspended from ceilings, convey conditioned air into rooms. Hallways also serve as passage for return air to the units. In most cases, the existing heating system remains unchanged.

Some features of this type of air conditioning are:

- 1. Economy of operation during intermediate seasons when advantage can be taken of cool outside air.
- 2. Flexibility allowance for tenant changes.
- 3. Relatively low maintenance costs.
- 4. Winter ventilation as might be desired.
- 5. Humidification, if required.
- 6. Small enough in size so as not to require a licensed operating engineer demanded by many city codes.

The principal drawbacks include the possibility of low corridor ceilings, because of ductwork, and loss of rentable space used by equipment.



Attractive, modern offices of Henry Sears & Co., New York. Note arrangement of ceiling air diffusers of this central-station air conditioning system.

#### THE ENTIRE BUILDING

When modernization plans call for a system to completely air condition an entire existing building, a large central-station water-chilling plant is most often selected.

The large-capacity system usually has its refrigeration machinery located in the basement, cooling tower on the roof and fan-coil or air-washer units placed advantageously throughout the building. The location of these will depend upon zoning and other load requirements.

While the first cost of the large central-station plant may appear high, this type of system offers economy of operation and maintenance in multi-room buildings. The services of a licensed operating engineer may be stipulated by most city codes for systems of this size.

The method of conditioned air distribution and degree of temperature control depend to a considerable extent upon the physical characteristics of the building and the purchaser's air conditioning budget. Generally, unzoned duct-type systems with hall returns are least expensive, multiple-zoned systems next, and individually controlled under-window units in combination with separate interior-zone systems are the most expensive.

There is a wide and growing acceptance of types of air conditioning which allow temperature control in each office. Manufacturers have been quick to grasp this fact and are constantly improving the quality of their underwindow-type units which give year-round comfort.

#### **EVALUATING REQUIREMENTS**

The following yardstick should be helpful in analyzing the average office building's air conditioning requirements. Figures are based on an average sensible heat factor of .91, 110 square feet of floor area per person, and 2.5 watts lighting load for each square foot of floor area.

For interior zones—1 cfm per sq. ft. floor area For exterior zones—2 cfm per sq. ft. floor area .35 tons of refrigeration per person .0032 tons of refrigeration per sq. ft. floor area

In New York City and many other metropolitan centers, the price of installed equipment ranges from \$700 to \$1,100 per ton of refrigeration, or an average of \$2.00 to \$3.50 per square foot of floor area. The cost of remodeling an existing office building is normally more expensive than if air conditioning had been installed at the outset. This is principally due to cutting and patching, architectural changes, and costs incurred by disadvantageous equipment location.

New buildings of today, however, are designed to include air conditioning. True, for the older building, the need is there. But regardless of the age or type of structure, air conditioning is being successfully installed in many fine existing office buildings.

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Popularity of air conditioning is steadily growing. Employees in every business office welcome it. In addition, management now recognizes the intrinsic value of this improvement. It increases employee efficiency and morale...promotes better health—reduces absenteeism.

In every business district there are dozens of existing office structures without air conditioning. Many of these, however, will be installing systems in the future. This paper has outlined in brief some of the types available and their suitability for different requirements.

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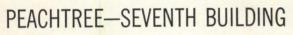
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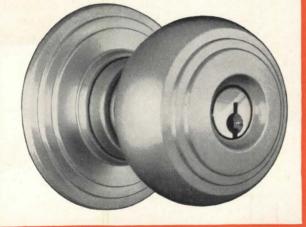
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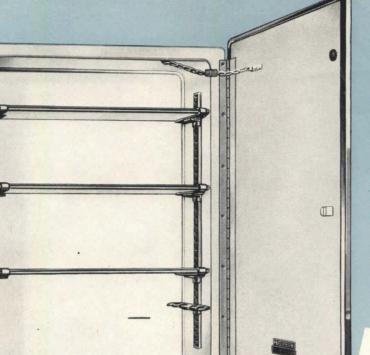
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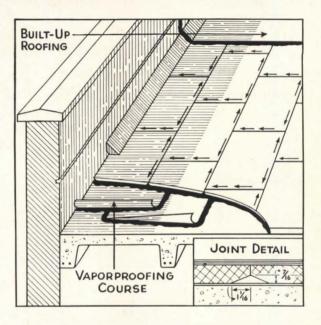
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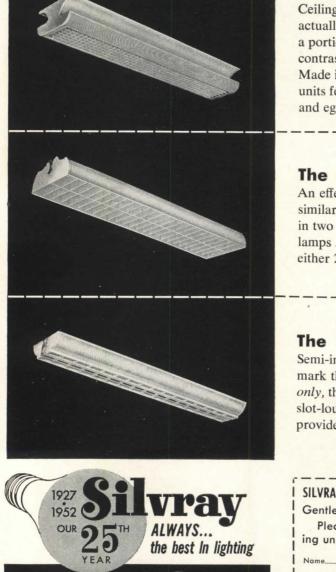


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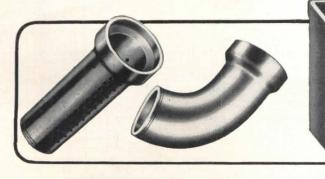
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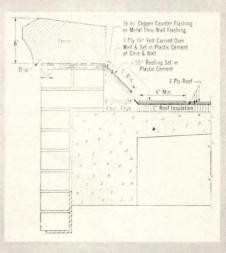


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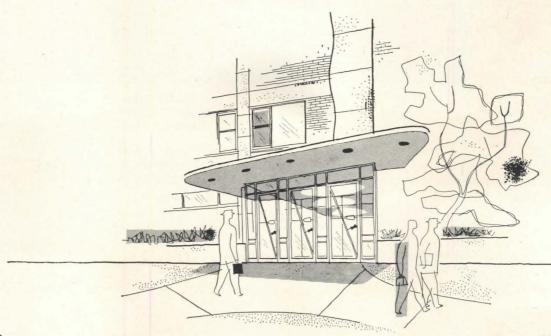
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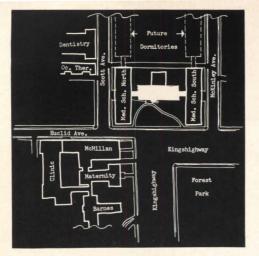
The MEDICAL SCHOOL of Washington University was housed in two parallel four-story buildings 200 ft apart that were built during the first decade of the century. Traffic between the buildings traveled through a one-story corridor which formed the center bar of an "H" plan. The time wasted in descending to the ground floor to get from one building to the other dictated that the new laboratories building, in addition to its other functions, should serve as a continuous bridge at all levels and unite the two buildings into a complete, self-contained medical school.

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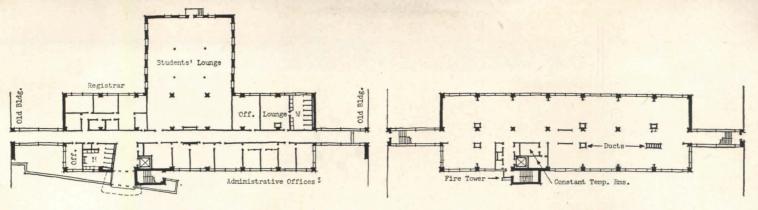
Left: site plan. Below: view from Kingshighway; this is the west façade. Facing page: glass-walled corridor



Hospital — Maternity, Childrens', Macmillan and Barnard as well as several other medical and research institutions.

Since the west-facing building was thus adopted for many compelling reasons, and since the west sun in St. Louis is formidable, utilities, elevators, stairs, etc. are located on this side and the windows are glazed with heat resistant glass. The bay depth on the east side is increased since this is the most desirable area. The layout is strikingly similar to the typical long, narrow tower floor of many recent office buildings.

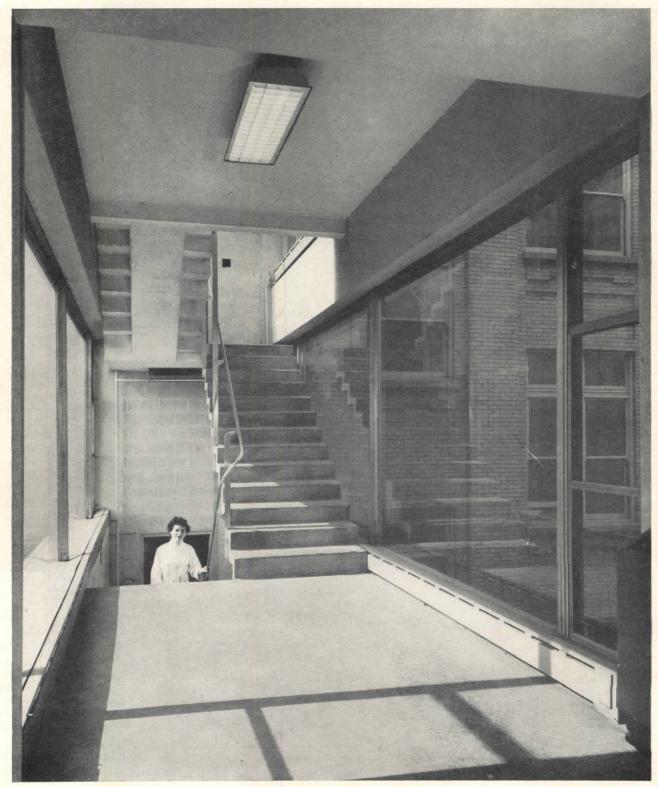
The old buildings had very high ceilings, which accounts for the various stairways that occur in the glass-enclosed connections between the new and old structures. The new building is of reinforced concrete with the structural frame protected by, yet expressed in, Indiana limestone. The panels are filled in with brick and aluminum-framed windows.



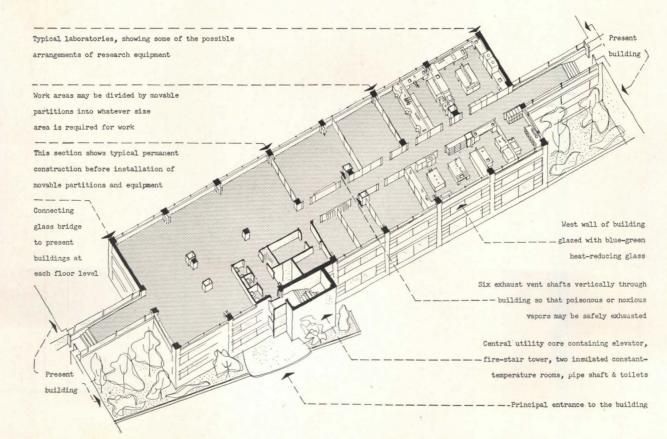
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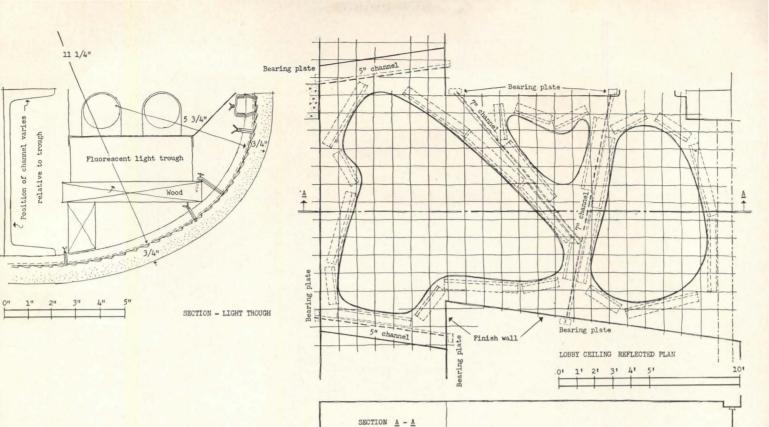
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Since an inevitable result of research is change, it was early determined that as far as possible, partitions and equipment should be demountable and interchangeable. This led to standardized bays and locations for all services, which include hot and cold water, compressed air, vacuum, gas, steam, 110 and 220 v AC and 110 v DC current, exhaust duct connections. All services are exposed. Each floor has two constant-temperature rooms which may be warm, cool or cold. Several bays, equipped to handle atomic materials used in medical research, have independent ducts to dispose of wastes safely. Photo and details at right and above: sculptured ceiling in lobby was formed by lathers and plasterers from scale and full-size details



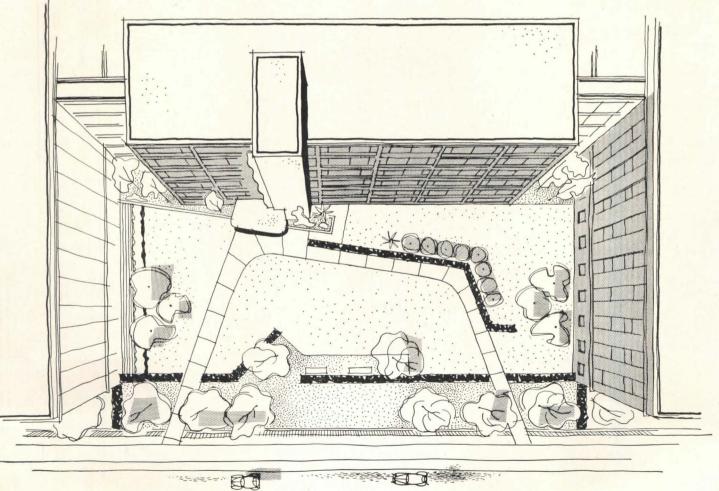
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Window-washing problems were solved by tracks permanently secured to window heads. Each track has two rolling carriers to which window-washer's harness is snapped, enabling washer to start at one operable sash and work across to the other. Below: landscaping of entrance court was designed by Thomas D. Church



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#### "THE END OF THE MODERN MOVEMENT IN ARCHITECTURE"\*

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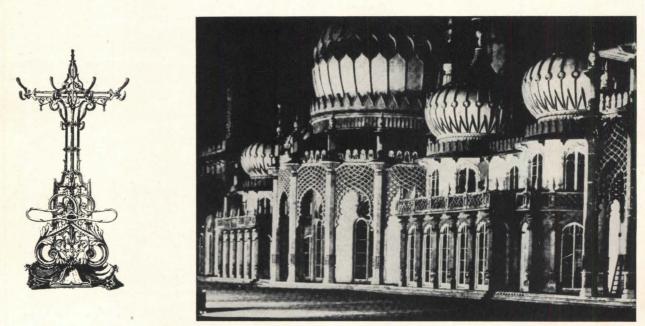
**M**<sup>ODERN</sup> is probably one of the most ambiguous and certainly one of the most variously employed words in the English language. Unlike most adjectives, so far from defining or expanding the meaning of the noun to which it is attached, its own meaning is entirely governed by the word which follows it.

Thus when we speak of "the modern woman" we summon up a vision of some South Kensington Hedda Gabler, all shirt-waist and pince-nez, peddling madly round Battersea Park thinking about Mrs. Sidney Webb. If, on the other hand, we say "modern girl" this vision is replaced by a tubular siren showing acres of very shiny pink-silk stockings rhythmically jigging to the strains of "Yes, Sir, that's my baby." When employed in connection with art or architecture,

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. . . early Cubism by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer . . ."



". . . proclaimed the doctrine of salvation through decoration . . ."

modern retains all its period flavour and may mean anything except contemporary. In ordinary usage the phrase "modern painting" is now practically confined to works produced in Paris between the emergence of Van Gogh and the coming of Surrealism; while "Modern Style," particularly if pronounced in a slight foreign accent, refers to those tendencies in design which flourished in Vienna and Munich at the turn of the century.

So overburdened has this unfortunate adjective become, that we have been forced to invent derivatives such as "modernistic," a term of contempt correctly employed to describe a type of all too popular decoration out of early Cubism by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer; or borrowing from abroad, to acclimatize a word such as *Modernismus* in an effort to distinguish English works which display a perhaps imperfect understanding of the principles enunciated at the Bauhaus. But to what precisely do we refer when we speak of the "Modern Movement"?

Thanks largely to the exhaustive researches of Mr. Morton Shand and Professor Peysner, we know quite well when and how the modern movement started, and can follow the course of its early development. What,



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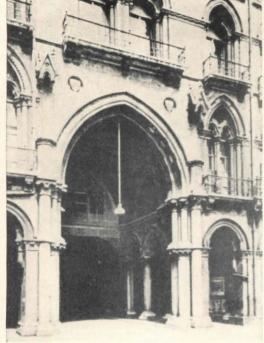
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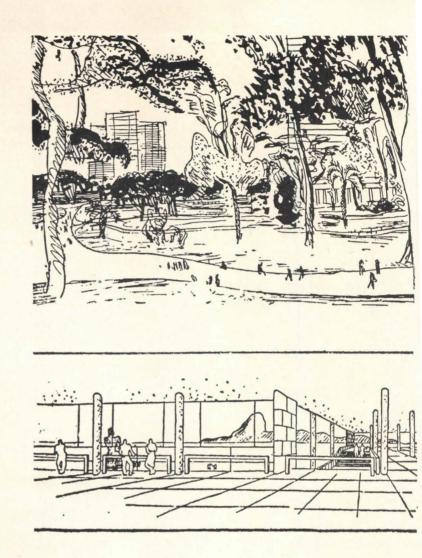
'. . . the work of such men as Van de Velde . . .'

however, remains in doubt is exactly where we, and it, stand today. Does 1951 mark the final triumphant flowering, or just a further stage on the upward march, or the end of the whole thing and the beginning of something quite new? Is Mr. Hugh Casson, for example, an Alberti or a Bernini? The rest of my remarks here will be largely directed towards encouraging the last assumption.

It was generally proclaimed by the fathers of the modern movement that it represented a complete break with the past, and in so far as it was directed towards the abolition of "style," as generally understood, it could not possibly be compared with any other historical architectural school. This contention, which is of course commonly made by all artistic pioneers at all periods, we will treat with the contempt it deserves, and draw what I hope may be a helpful parallel with the history of the Gothic Revival. I choose the Gothic Revival not in order deliberately to infuriate supporters of the Modern Movement, still less the rather smaller circle of Gothic Revivalists, but because not only has it a clearly defined beginning, middle and end, but thanks to Mr. Betjeman and Sir Kenneth Clark, its history is now generally familiar. And, moreover, the moment



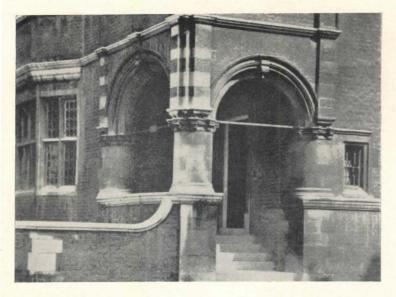
". . . similarity between the rôles played by Sir Gilbert Scott and Le Corbusier, although perhaps less immediately striking, is none the less considerable . . . probably did more than any of their contemporaries not only to put their respective movements in the limelight, but keep them there." Above, St. Pancras Station, by Sir Gilbert Scott. Right, some drawings by Le Corbusier



one begins to make the comparison one is immediately struck by some curious parallel.

Both movements started with what one may perhaps describe as a romantic fun-and-games stage, represented in the case of the Gothic Revival by Strawberry Hill and Fonthill, and in the case of the Modern Movement by such works as the interior of Maxim's Restaurant in Paris and Horta's house in the Rue de Turin. Then, after a short period of settling down, when the early exuberance had slightly diminished, represented in the one case by the Commissoners' Churches and in the other by the buildings of Voysey or Berlage, comes the doctrinaire period, all manifestos and witch-hunts. Pugin dismisses all the work of his contemporaries and predecessors as trivial, worthless, and based on a complete misunderstanding of the principles involved, and assisted by the Camden Society lays down the new law; Gropius and Loos do the same for Art Nouveau and the Jugendstil and the work of such men as Van de Velde. And in both cases it is at this moment that the movement, hitherto purely architectural, tends to become involved in extra-curricular activities - in the one case tractarianism, in the other social planning. Then comes the high summer in both cases marked by the emergence of the twin-figures of the Prophet and Publicist.

Here, however, ensues a curious reversal of rôles, for in the one case the Prophet exerted his influence through the medium of words and in the other chiefly by practical example, but, nevertheless, the points in common between Ruskin and Frank Llovd Wright are fundamental, the differences largely superficial. Both men, it seems to me, tower head and shoulders above all their fellows; the thoughts and outlook of both are deeply coloured by an evangelical background; and both, it must be admitted, exhibit aspects at which it is





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". . . that Gothic was the only style for churches." Liverpool Cathedral; Sir Gilbert Scott

. . Norman Shaw's experiment . . . provoked a storm of criticism . . . . "



". . . soulless barrenness of late eighteenth century . . ."

possible for trivial minds (which at some time or other includes most of us) to laugh. In the case of the publicists, the similarity between the rôles played by Sir Gilbert Scott and Le Corbusier, although perhaps less immediately striking, is none the less considerable. Sir Gilbert, it is true, built a great deal more than Le Corbusier and wrote a good deal less, but both men were in their own ways superb showmen and knew no equal in the handling of clients, and probably did more than any of their contemporaries not only to put their respective movements in the limelight, but keep them there.

To all intents and purposes the Gothic Revival was over by the 'seventies. Dozens more Gothic buildings were erected after that decade, but either they were largely hack work, or, if of merit, exhibited features which had little to do with nineteenth-century Gothicism and heralded a coming change. The event which



"... and in the history of the later Gothic Revival the office of G. E. Street played a rôle comparable to that of the Bauhaus in the Modern Movement" may be held definitely to mark the end was Norman Shaw's experiment with Queen Anne; a deviation all the more important in that Shaw came from the Street stable, and in the history of the later Gothic Revival the office of G. E. Street played a rôle comparable to that of the Bauhaus in the Modern Movement. Shaw's heresy, of course, provoked a storm of criticism from the stern unbending Goths, and the curious thing is that the slight note of hysteria there detectable strangely resembles that which characterises the weighty condemnation in strong, if recently acquired, American accents delivered against that latter-day deviation from the Modern Movement known, for reasons that are not immediately obvious, as the New Empiricism.

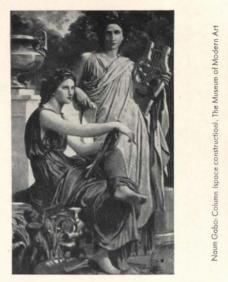
But similarities in the course of the development of two movements are not themselves, even if convincing, sufficient to indicate that they will necessarily end at the same stage or in the same way. For that, it is necessary to examine rather more closely the fundamental doctrines on which each were based. There one is at once struck by a strange fact; it is not suprising that these should be totally different but it is curious that they should be so neatly antithetical.

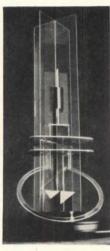
At all times and in all places the rôle of the architect lies between that of the plumber and the sculptor; but seldom midway. If, like the majority of nineteenthcentury architects, he is an aesthetic snob, he will get as close to the sculptor as he can; if, like most contemporary architects, he is an inverted snob, he will suck up to the plumber. Thus, roughly speaking, most of the Gothic Revivalists and of the Modern Movement boys are equidistant from the centre which makes their conflicting theories almost exactly complementary, and, in my view, equally suspect. The Victorian architect. reacting strongly against what to him, and almost all his contemporaries, was the soulless barrenness of late eighteenth-century and Regency architecture, proclaimed the doctrine of salvation through decoration. His immediate successors, not unnaturally surfeited with Early English capitals, terra-cotta enrichments, and neo-Baroque swags, pronounced decoration anathema and advocated the much-needed abolition of ornament and concentration on the beauty of form. However, what tended to get overlooked in the excitement was the fact that simplicity is not enough: that whereas an ill-designed building, or teapot, or page of type may be rendered unbearably vulgar by applied decoration, in its total absence it is revealed as devastatingly mean.

#### **REVEALING FUNCTION THROUGH FORM**

But apart from these theoretical over-simplifications the most striking fact in common between the two movements was their faults, totally dissimilar as were the products. Of these, one of the most important was an ineradicable tendency to give a general validity to theories that were by their very nature particular. Thus the Goths maintained, perfectly correctly given the liturgical requirements of the Catholic faith and the prevailing intellectual climate of their time, that Gothic

Painting by William A. Bougereau; courtesy, New York Public Library







"... le Douanier Rousseau ... aimed at painting like Bougereau, but happily came nowhere near his avowed intention"

was the only style for churches. Where they went wildly wrong was to advance from this premise the untenable proposition that Gothic was the only style for railway stations. Similarly the Moderns were 100 per cent correct in maintaining that crenellations and lancets were out of place on power stations in which true beauty was to be obtained only by the revelation of function through form. When they went on to apply this theory to all architecture they were still perfectly justified on paper, but almost never in practice, for the very good reason that whereas the function of a factory, or a power station, or a hospital is exactly ascertainable, there exists a whole class of buildings, including domestic, where this is only partially true, and in all monumental architecture function can be defined only in the very vaguest terms.

It is in their varying reactions to this last awkward fact that the leaders of the Movement reveal the existence of a schism. If one may judge from the results



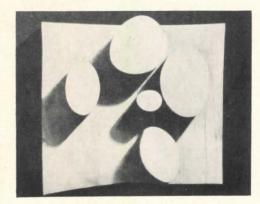
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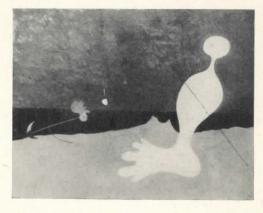
de Chirico: The Duo. The Museum of Modern Art



Picasso: Seated Woman. The Museum of Modern Art



Hans Arp: Objects arranged according to the laws of chance



attributable to those responsible for organising the com-

petition, who seemed to have but the vaguest idea of

what they really wanted or what a cathedral is, an

ignorance the more astonishing as the purpose and

nature of a cathedral have so recently been admirably

defined by the highest authority in the Archbishop of

York's book on the Church of England. If they wanted

a building which would combine the advantages of a

glorified parish hall blown up to meet diocesan re-

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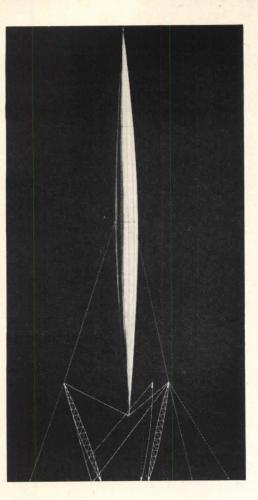
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Joan Miro: Personage throwing stone at a bird The Museum of Modern Art

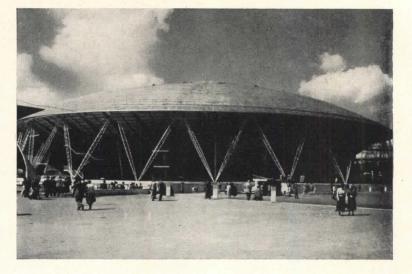
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of the symposium on monumentality recently held by the ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW — which is not altogether easy, as the gift of clear literary expression seems, with the notable exceptions of Messrs. Summerson and Mumford, to be but grudgingly extended to modern architectural writers - the purists side-step the whole question by taking refuge in sociology and saying that the very idea of monumental architecture is ridiculous, uncontemporary, and not to be encouraged: an attitude which in view of the fact that a very large proportion of the building public, including both banking corporations and commissars alike, is still crazy for monuments, and whopping big ones, is not helpful. Far more praiseworthy is the reaction of those who admit the need and go gallantly ahead in an effort to meet it: even though, as at Coventry, that effort ends in almost total failure.

Let me say at once that this failure is not in my view to be laid at the door of Mr. Basil Spence. Rather is it



Courtesy: British Information Service



"Here [South Bank Exhibition] a hand-picked selection of the younger exponents of the Modern Movement were given a free hand to do what they liked without the necessity of making even a formal observance to theory"

#### MYSTIQUE OF THE MACHINE

But it is in their respective attitudes to the machine that both movements proved finally inadequate. The Goths invited disaster through fear, which so inhibited them that they were quite unable to take advantage of the mechanical revolution of their time, and finally led them into the cosy wilderness of arts and crafts. The attitude of their successors was more complicated. On the surface it was coloured by a mystique of the machine which found its earliest and dottiest expression in Marinetti and the Futurist manifesto and was later rationalised by such men as Professor Giedion. But underneath, deep down in the collective subconscious of the movement, there remained — inherited from William Morris who, it is important to remember, was a Janus figure standing exactly at the cross roads a profound misgiving lest the price to be paid for all the manifest advantages to the consumer of "mech anisation taking command" prove disastrously high in terms of the spiritual well-being of the producer. However, further to expand this statement, with all its inevitable sociological implications, might well involve me in expressions of opinion to which in this tense pre-electoral atmosphere vile minds might attach a partisan significance.

Moreover to speak solely of failure is unjust and unhelpful, for the end of artistic movements is not commonly marked by failure but by the achievement of unintended success, which provides a springboard for fresh leaps. An extreme example of what I have in mind, drawn from modern painting, is afforded by le Douanier Rousseau. He, as we know from his correspondence, aimed at painting like Bougereau but happily came nowhere near his avowed intention. But in the process he produced a number of masterpieces of a quite different kind. Without for one moment attributing to Hugh Casson and his colleagues a comparable degree of naïvety, the view that the Modern Movement has now reached its term is far more plausibly supported by the triumphs of the South Bank than by the inadequacies of Coventry.

Here a hand-picked selection of the younger exponents of the Modern Movement were given a free hand to do what they liked without the necessity of making even a formal observance to theory. Indeed, it would have been impossible for them to do so even had they so wished, for the purpose for which exhibition buildings must, one supposes, be fit, is to exhibit, and one of the most enjoyable things about the South Bank exhibition was that there was virtually nothing of the smallest interest to exhibit. Thus one could enjoy the wonderful Piranesi-like drama of the interior of the Dome of Discovery, without bothering one's head, any more than one suspects did Mr. Tubbs, as to whether this imposing arrangement of ramps and moving stair-

cases was in fact the best or most functional method of displaying all the pseudo-scientific bric-a-brac with which it appeared rather hurriedly to have been filled. Similarly in other pavilions, where the exhibits ranged in exotic fantasy from a row of cows being milked to a London omnibus, one was able undistracted to concentrate on the architectural qualities of the buildings themselves. As one did so one gradually became aware in many individual cases, but not all, and in the general effect of the whole ensemble, of something quite new — of a quickening wind stirring the grim, bare branches of modernism and a wind, moreover, that was certainly not blowing from the direction of Massachusetts.

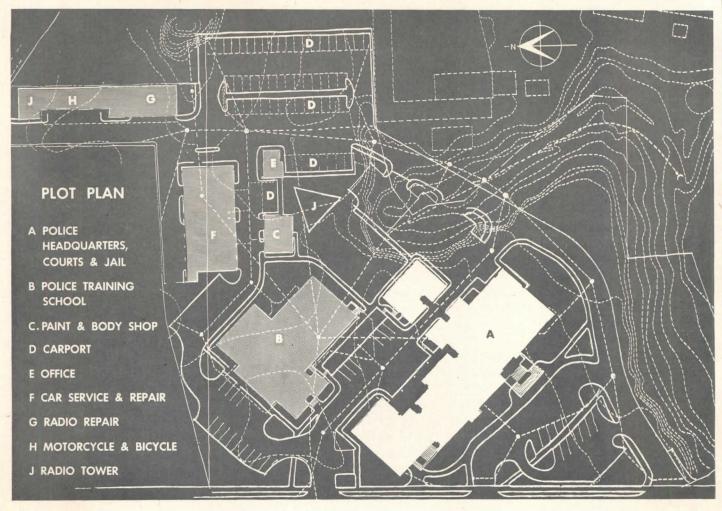
#### THE NEW SPIRIT IN ARCHITECTURE

Is this new spirit — which I shall not attempt to define, for definition and analysis have been the curse of modern architecture - the first swallow of a new summer, or just a belated straggler from the old autumn of the picturesque, as certain of the more austere upholders of the international style would have us believe? It is at this stage quite impossible to say, but one thing is certain. If a really live and profitable movement is to develop from this beginning, then many of the most cherished illusions of the Modern Movement will have to go overboard: that frenzied rejection of the past, for instance, that ridiculous attitude of having absolutely no connection with the period next door, which has had such disastrous effects on architectural education. Then that inhibiting fear of the cliché must at all costs be overcome, and it must be realised that a good supply of sound, generally acceptable clichés is one of modern architecture's most urgent requirements; that whereas the success of eighteenthcentury architecture, for example, as of eighteenthcentury poetry, lay very largely in just this invention of clichés, that could safely be entrusted to local builders to exploit without becoming wearisome, the failure of the Modern Movement wholly to get clear of the coterie stage was in a very large measure due to the fact that the best they could produce in the way of clichés was a window that turned a corner and a couple of pavement lights. Above all, the modern architect must at all costs come down from his functional tower of reinforced ivory and realise that a public which has for years been asking for half-timbered bread is not going suddenly to be satisfied with a cantilevered stone.

If, in fact, we are witnessing a new departure, then it would be churlish to conclude without paying a tribute to the stern, if sometimes inhibiting, discipline which the Modern Movement imposed. If one thinks as I do that it always remained inextricably confused between ends and means, it nevertheless fulfilled an essential task. As with abstract painting it was not, as some might think, a blind alley but a necessary diversion, and those who passed through it are likely to have travelled considerably further than those who stuck to the main road.

Elizabeth Meigs Eidlitz photo

Drawing by Tom Ballenger



### **HOUSTON'S LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

Police Administration, Corporation Courts & Jail Building Houston, Tex. Kenneth Franzheim, Architect

O<sup>NA 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ACRE PLOT FACING BUFFALO BAYOU, Houston has just completed a group of six buildings which will serve as a law enforcement center for the city. The main building (white in the plan above) houses the executive and administrative sections of the police department, three courtrooms, the city jail and a communications center for radio, telephone and television equipment. Ancillary buildings in the group contain the police training school and gymnasium, maintenance shops for mobile and radio equipment, storage garage.</sup>

The street façade of the six-story principal building provides entrances for public, judges, lawyers and police, while the jail and prisoner entrance is located at the rear and reached by vehicle. These two segments of the building population are divided by separate stairs and elevators, brought together only as the workings of the law require. The jail function is divided into two main elements: reception and detention, which are at ground level — cell blocks on the fifth and sixth floors. This duality provides a means of isolating those arrested for minor illegalities from those with criminal tendencies or records. Only the latter reach the top floor cells, which are arranged to segregate prisoners into classes, especially as to age.

The exterior is of limestone and Texas granite. Windows, exterior doors and trim are aluminum.

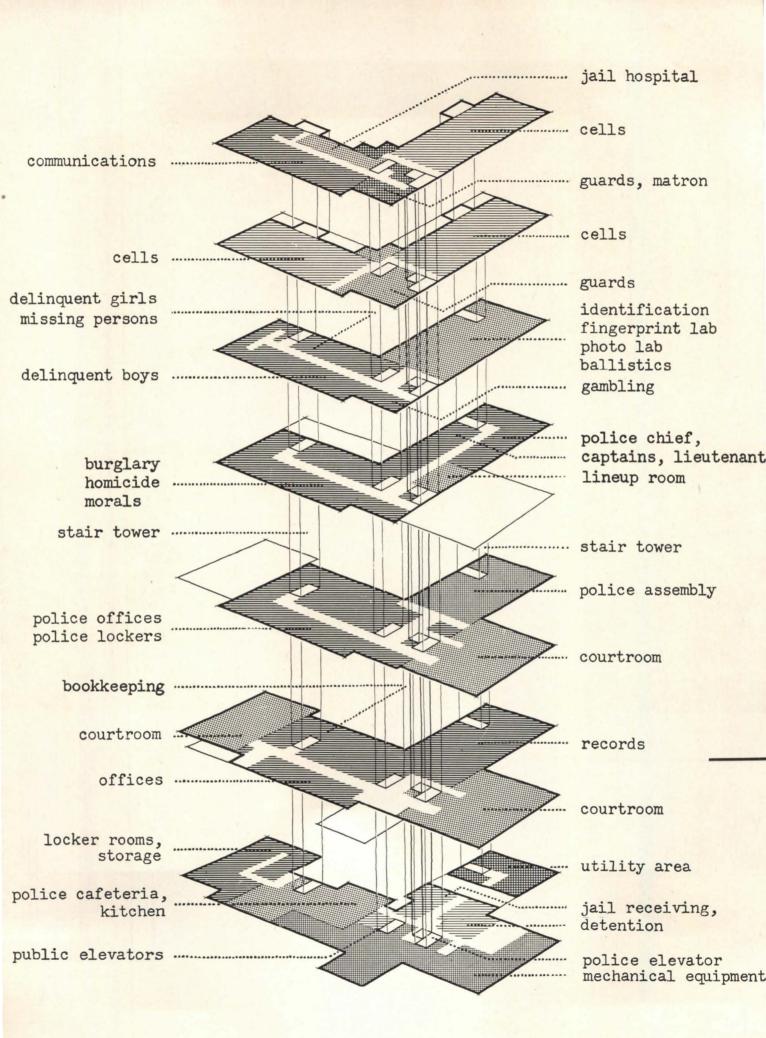




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Public entrance is through street façade (above) into lobby (below) from which one gains access to courtrooms, offices and elevators. Prisoners are brought by vehicle to opposite side of building (left) — are detained at this level until case can be classified

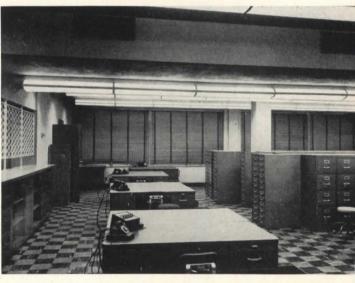






The three courtroom interiors (typical one shown at left) are treated in similar fashion. Police department offices (below, right and left) are air conditioned, pleasant, well lighted. Bottom photo shows 450 ft radio tower rising above building

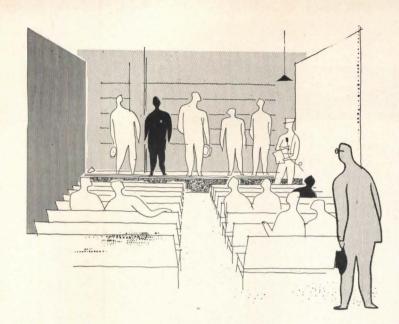


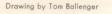


Perspective plans on opposite page show in diagrammatic form the seven floor levels that make up the building. Stairs and elevators are the vertical elements connecting the plans. Shown in their proper three dimensional relationship are the principal plan areas (courtrooms, cells, etc.) as well as the various departments within the police organization



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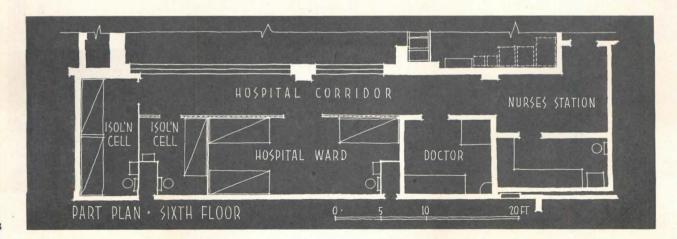


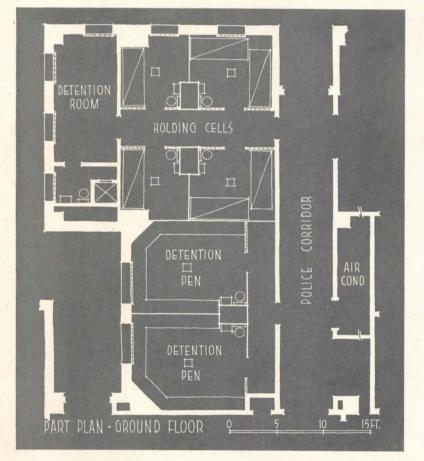


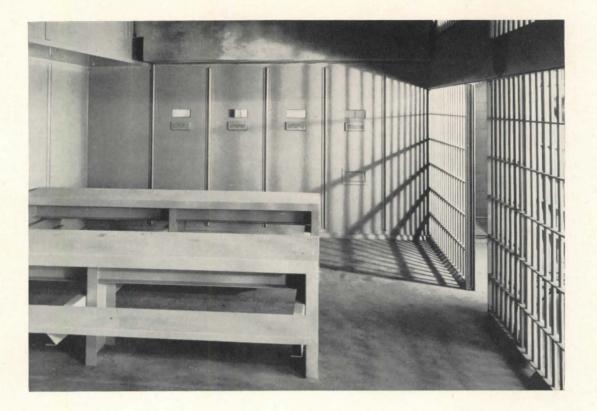


(Above) Police assembly room at second floor level — used for large gatherings of police and detectives for special briefings, etc. (Plan at left) Jail reception and detention area at ground floor level. Prisoners are held here to be screened and segregated into minor offender or criminal class. Only the latter are booked and put in a cell. (Plan below) Jail hospital at sixth floor level

has facilities for both emergency and routine treatment of prisoners



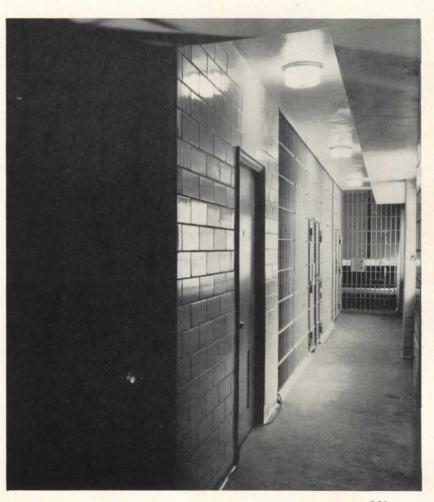




(Above) Cell block day room and dining area. Note wall apertures for seeing and talking to visitors. (Below, left) Typical cell contains bunks for four prisoners, lavatory and toilet. (Below, right) Prisoners' corridor is paralleled by guards' corridor, which separates cells from windows

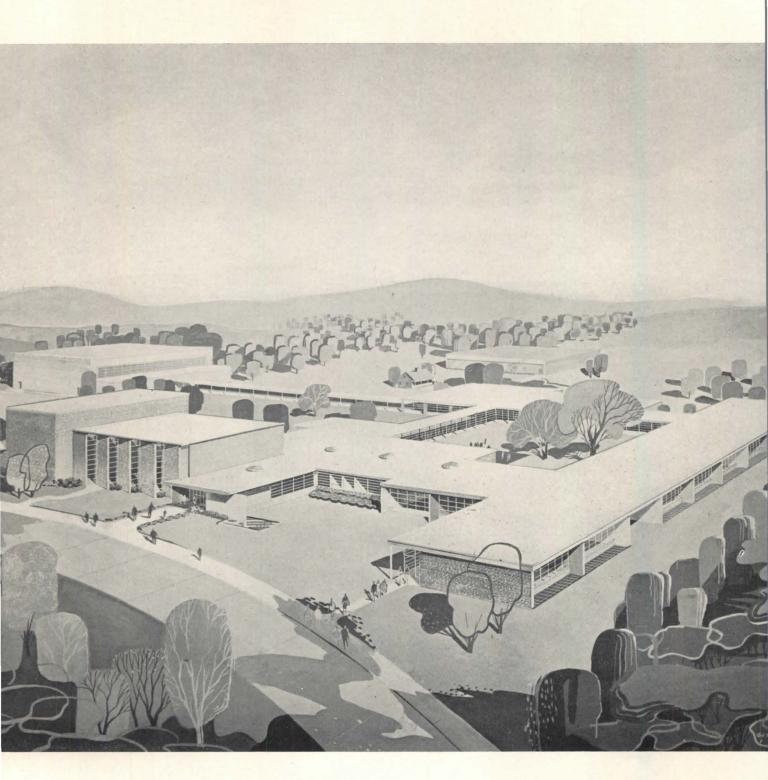


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# LANGLEY-BATH-CLEARWATER

William G. Lyles, Bissett



Classroom unit, right foreground, forms one side of a court around which other units are grouped. Gymnasium (far left) and shop (center background) are isolated

### HIGH SCHOOL, AIKEN COUNTY, S.C.

Carlisle & Wolff, Architects; Engelhardt, Engelhardt & Leggett, Consultants

S ELDOM ARE THE COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS involved in S school design as well resolved as they are here. The consultants and architects cooperated enthusiastically; the consolidated junior-senior high school is closely geared not only to the communities' adult needs but, more important, to the actual nature of the three mill towns it serves; the plan is a clear demonstration of the "core" curriculum which is emerging in secondary schools; the amenities of a campus scheme (domestic scale, clear definition of purpose, integration with site) are obtained, yet the close-coupled building units are organized to facilitate circulation; and construction is so rationalized that costs are extraordinarily low for this quality of work. The contract was awarded in January 1952, at a price of \$7.96 per sq ft.

It is a six-year high school — grades 7 through 12 for 600 pupils, designed to provide a stimulating educational environment for pupils and to serve the community for meetings, recreation and social betterment. The variety of activities likely to take place in a school of this kind is hard to forecast, but the intent is to stir up and respond to real community needs. For instance, adults might experiment, in the home economics unit, with cloth from local mills for dressmaking and home decoration; or food habits might be studied through school gardens, diet and cooking courses or community canning projects.

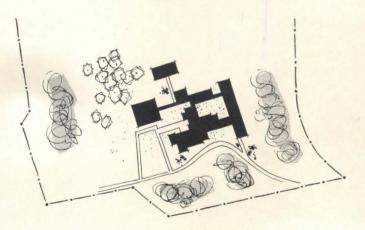
In addition to present needs, the AEC H-bomb plant is in the county and, although the effect of increased population on this school is unpredictable, all of the 55-acre site was laid out as to eventual usage and the school plant was designed to be expansible to double its capacity.

Regarding curriculum: the school houses both junior and senior high school grades. The number of pupils in each may vary widely, and to duplicate specialized facilities would have been too costly, so the two are housed jointly. In the junior high program, one teacher has a class for the two or three "core" subjects (language, social studies, math, etc.); this provides a transition from elementary school experience to the more departmentalized senior high school program.

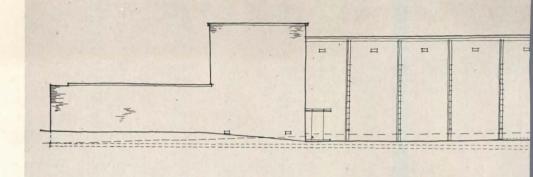
Laying out the units around a central court made it possible to use the court as an adjunct to both the cafeteria and the library; yet surrounding school rooms are not affected by any noise this might cause since there is a corridor between to act as a buffer. Also, the rooms face outward to the pleasant countryside. Trees supplement wide eaves in keeping direct sunlight out of the rooms. Location of shop, gymnasium, auditorium and service areas, adjacent to the auditorium unit, was predicated on easy accessibility for adults and students, on segregation of noisy areas and on minimum extent of paved roadways.

Rooms are mostly 30 by 30 ft (except that home economics rooms are larger) for maximum flexibility. Partitions between them are load-bearing slag block, painted and extending beyond exterior walls. The standardized bays thus achieved are spanned by open web joists about 6 ft on centers; ceilings are combination acoustical and insulation board which serves as a form for the poured gypsum roof. Exterior windowwalls run to the ceiling between joists and are made up of projected steel sash and mullions. Exterior corridor walls of glass are occasionally interrupted by sections of masonry to receive doors and to accommodate bulletin boards and tack strips. Walls between classrooms and corridors are prefabricated, of specially designed cabinets 3 ft high, with wood double-hung sash above.

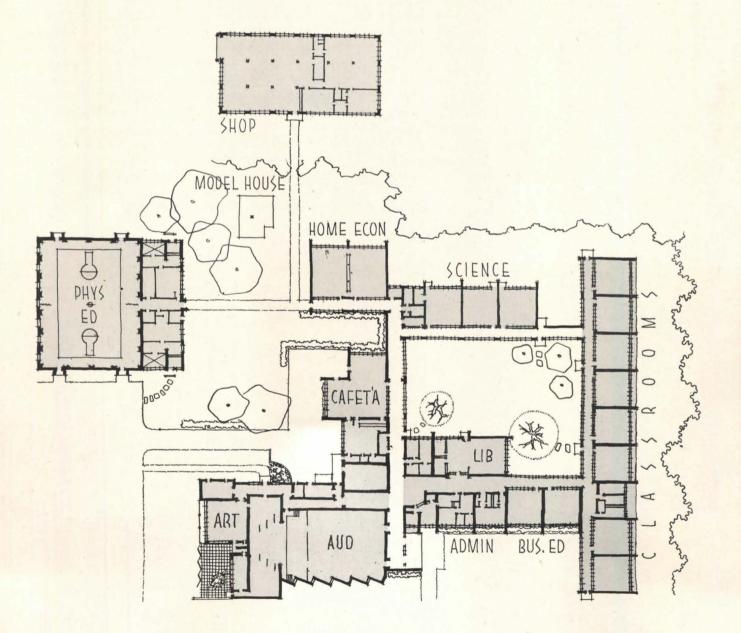
> Portion of the 55-acre site; entire area was studied and usages were defined for future expansion. The school won an award of merit at the American Association of School Administrators' Boston exhibition last spring

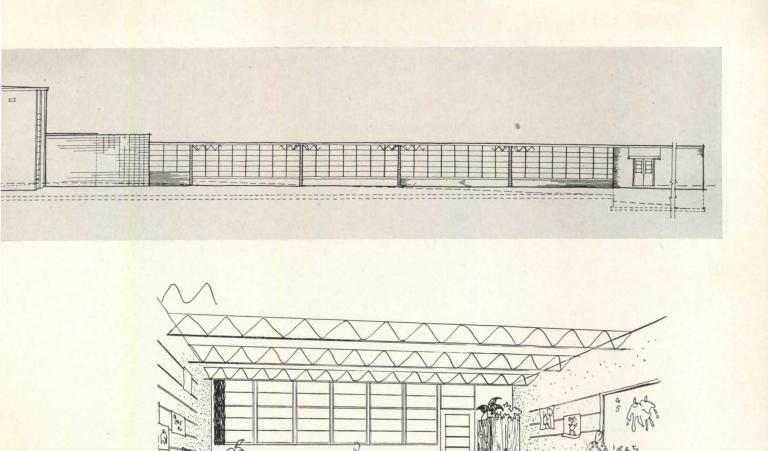


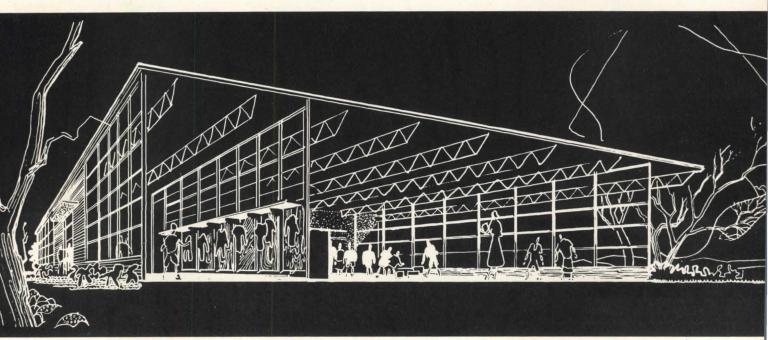
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In plan, facilities are clearly organized; circulation between classroom unit and specialized departments or laboratories is simple and direct; noisy shop, gymnasium and auditorium are separated from quiet areas





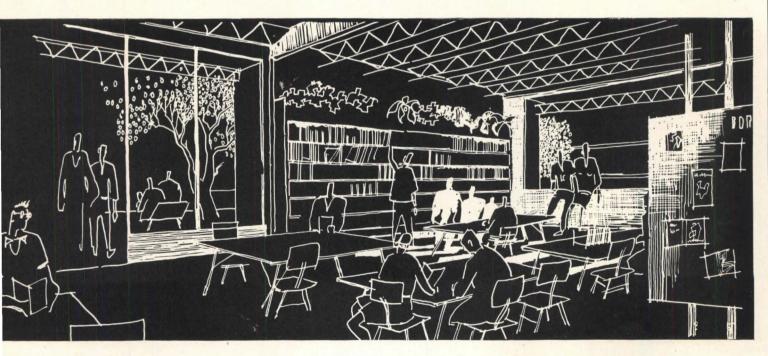


Perspective section through classroom wing, corridor at left

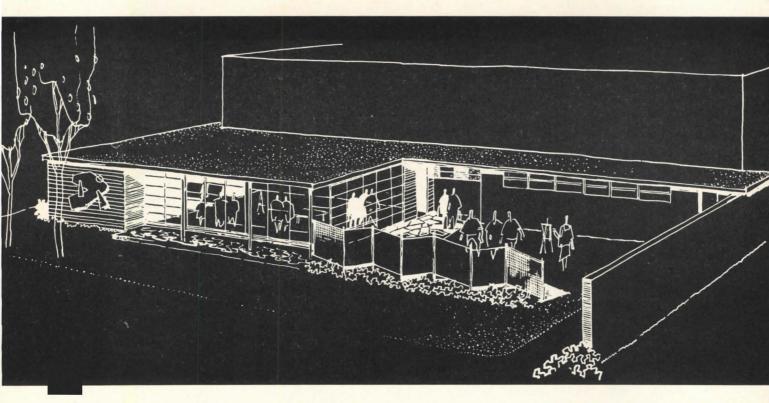
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There are two general science laboratories and one combination chemistry-physics-biology laboratory with adequate science material storage





Library seats 75, has workroom for library and visual aids, a conference alcove for student use and connects directly to shaded outdoor area Art classroom, at one end of auditorium unit, has its own outdoor area for working, exhibitions, etc. This also has ample storage space





Cafeteria serves also as student social center, for group meetings, etc. Connected to outdoors, it is L-shaped rather than a barn-like large space



Hedrich-Blessing



## **CENTURY ELECTRIC COMPANY, ST. LOUIS**

Wm. B. Ittner, Inc., Architects & Engineers

This manufacturing plant faces the old Union Station across Aloe Memorial Plaza on St. Louis' Market Street. Focal point of the plaza is Carl Milles' fountain with its graceful figures and soft play of water. The juxtaposing of fountain and industrial plant sets up an interesting contrast between the lithe forms of the sculpture and the disciplined lines of the building.

The factory as we now see it was built in two stages: first a one-story plant designed to support seven more floors — three years later the present structure built about and above the original one. The lot was formerly a pond and presented problems in the design of the footings.

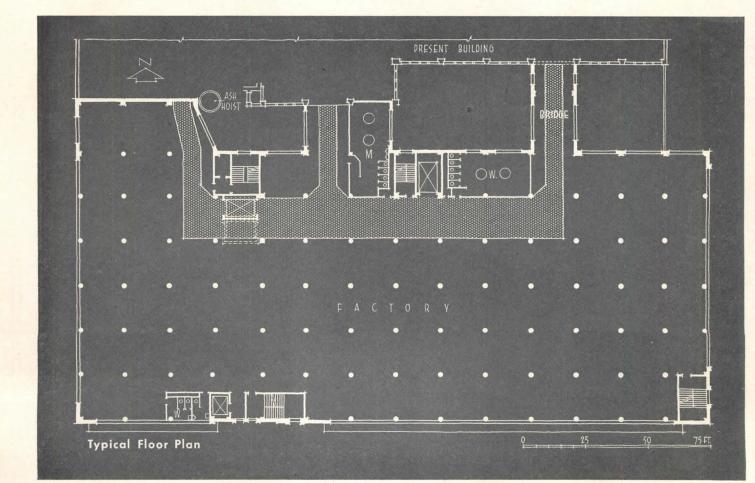
The program called for a large clear factory area for light manufacturing served by passenger and freight elevators. Such a plant is suitable for multi-story construction in a downtown area since it presents no health hazards or public nuisance. The top five floors are at a common level throughout, but due to the loading dock and freight handling facilities on the side street, there is a stagger in level here which results in a building seven stories on the plaza and eight stories on the side street. Atop the roof is a large, glass enclosed all-purpose room suitable for worker-management meetings, film projection and recreation. This room opens to a terrace affording a pleasant view of the city.

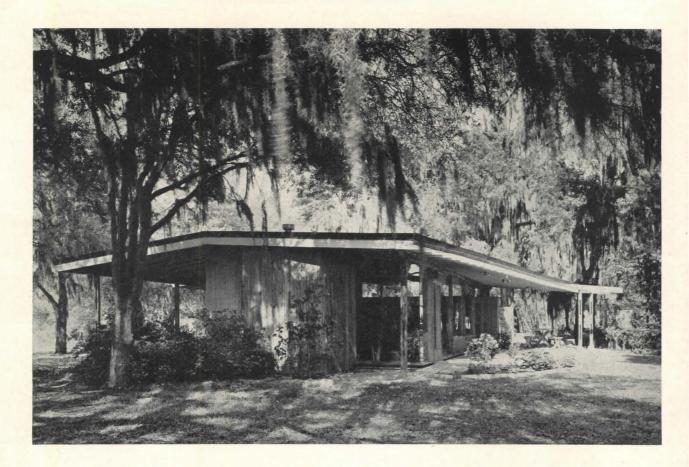
Structure is a reinforced concrete frame with concrete rib tile floor construction. The exterior is faced with terra cotta in dark green and cream color. Exterior trim is satin finish aluminum throughout. Horizontal sunshades on west façade (right) are 3 ft 6 in. concrete extensions of the floor slabs. Top surface is lead covered — bottom is concrete in coffered form. Vertical strip of glass block lights the main stair of the building.

Plan of typical floor (below) shows open area for light manufacturing. Shading indicates circulation and connection with existing building adjacent, owned by the same company



Lester C. Haeckel





## LOUISIANA WEEKEND HOUSE

Dr. and Mrs. Morris Shushan, Owners; Curtis & Davis, Architects

THE EXTREMELY ATMOSPHERIC SITE chosen for this weekend house in a northern suburb of New Orleans was a big factor in its final design. Careful orientation and a low roof pitch made it possible to preserve the entire existing grove of beautiful old oaks. In keeping with its natural site, the house is constructed of wood frame, with the structure exposed where possible. Natural textures were used for all finishes.



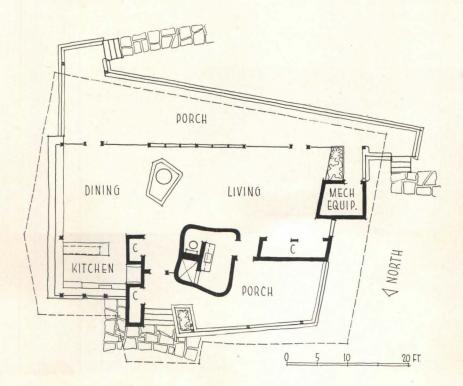
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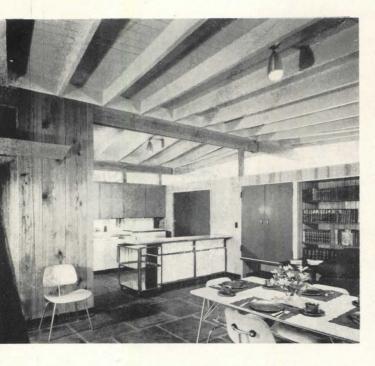


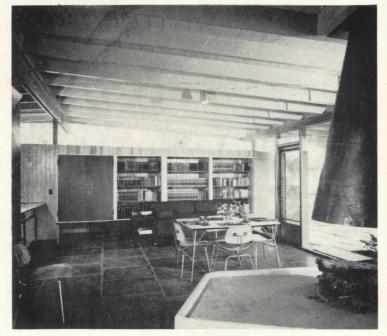


The openness of the plan and structure of the house is the result of the owner's request for as much spaciousness as possible in a limited area. The basic program called for one large room with a flexible arrangement and necessary facilities for entertaining. Although intended only for weekend use at present, the plan makes provision for the future addition of a bedroom by enclosing the covered terrace adjoining the bath. A mechanical room and insulated ducts are provided for future installation of air conditioning. Materials used include polished pecky cypress walls, flagstone floors, pine ceiling and glazed tile hearth.

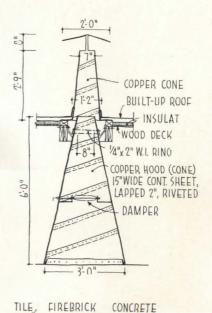








Fixed glazing in all rooms, except storage closets and bath, permits good views of oak grove, enlarges apparent area of house. Roof overhangs and trees shade glass; louvers on doors and below big windows give ventilation. The specially designed fireplace, shown in photo, left, and detail, below, has coneshaped copper hood, raised hearth



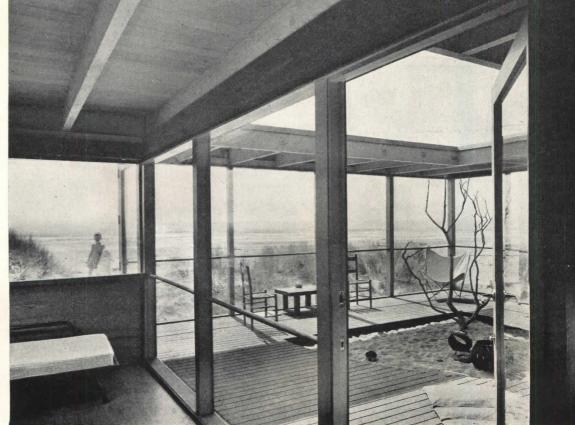
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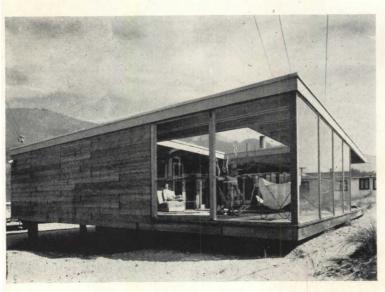


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### CALIFORNIA BEACH HOUSE



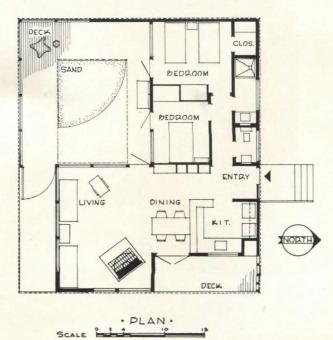


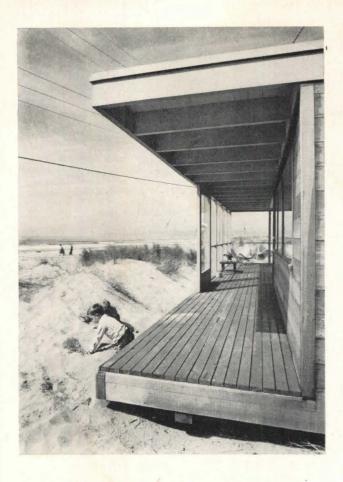
Stinson Beach, Marin County, Calif. Mrs. Harry A. Yeazell, Owner Francis Joseph McCarthy, Architect

THIS simple, compact little house was designed for a grandmother who plans to rent it in the summer months to "inland vacationers". During the rest of the year, it will be used for weekend and winter vacations for herself, her children and grandchildren. The plan is basically one large all-purpose room, with two small bedrooms. Two daybeds in the living area double for sleeping. The glassed-in deck provides a sheltered place for sunbathing and for supervised play of the children. A small deck was provided outside the kitchen for outdoor meals.

The house is set on piles and girders several feet above the natural line of the sand dunes to avoid having to control the movement of the sand. Redwood was used for both interior and exterior walls, exposed ceiling beams and roof sheathing. The roof is tar and gravel. All interior floors are linoleum.

> The partly open roof over the deck provides both sunny and shady areas for outdoor living. In winter, heat is provided by fireplace, portable electric heaters



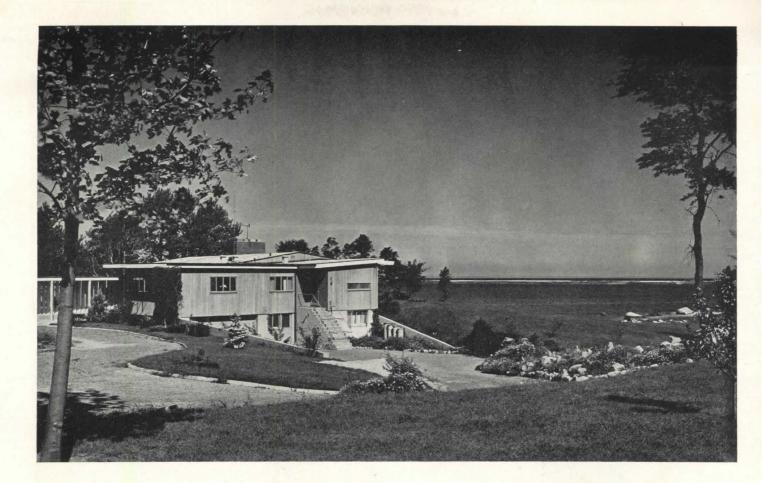


The plan and fenestration of the house were designed to give a sense of openness and good views across the dune grass to the sea, yet at the same time provide protection from winds and ocean glare Roger Sturtevant





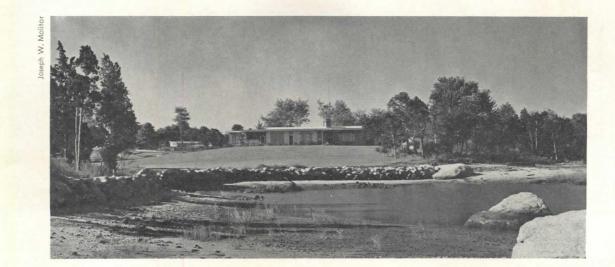




## COUNTRY HOUSE ON LONG ISLAND

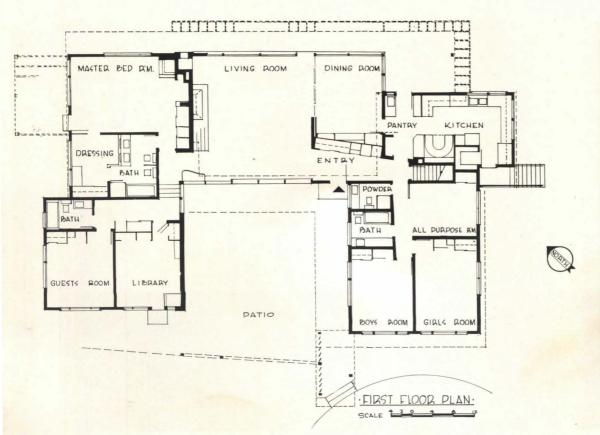
Residence for K. L. Rawson Serge P. Petroff and Harvey P. Clarkson, Architects

This neatly designed country house, although intended for a somewhat more formal way of life than the two preceding houses as well as for year-round occupancy, still reflects much of the same spirit in its use of natural materials and open planning in its major living areas. Principal rooms are oriented to face the view afforded by the hilltop site and have exterior walls made mostly of glass. The front entrance of the house is on the opposite side of the building and passes through a cloister-like patio formed by the guest roomlibrary wing and the children's wing. This separation of sleeping quarters affords a great amount of privacy to each of the occupants. The patio itself may be opened out to the front lawn by raising a series of venetian blind panels in the enclosing wall. The house has naturalfinished vertical siding, white trim.





The U-shaped plan (below) has centralized living and service areas, flanked by three sleeping wings. Actual living space is extended by a sheltered terrace and a patio

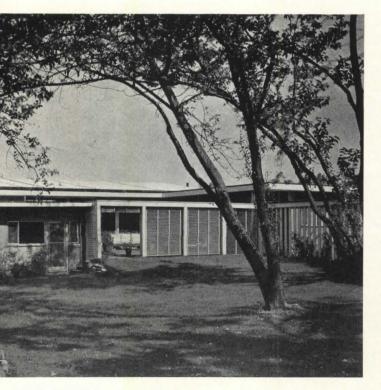




Photos at far left and below, center show the northeast façade, with its covered terrace off the glasswalled living rooms. The kitchen also opens directly on the terrace to simplify service for outdoor dining

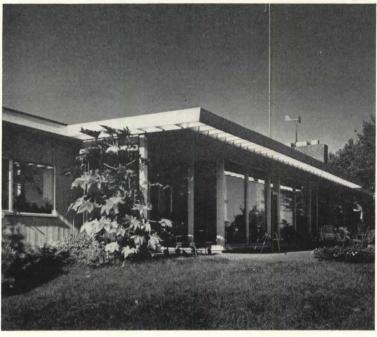


Privacy is gained for patio at front of house by venetian blinds hung on wood frame (above and below, left). Front entrance is shown directly below





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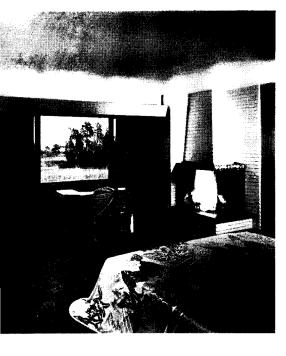
The large living room (above) opens on both the terrace and the patio, is separated from dining area by folding partition. Study, guest room and master bedroom (below) open off corridor by fireplace wall

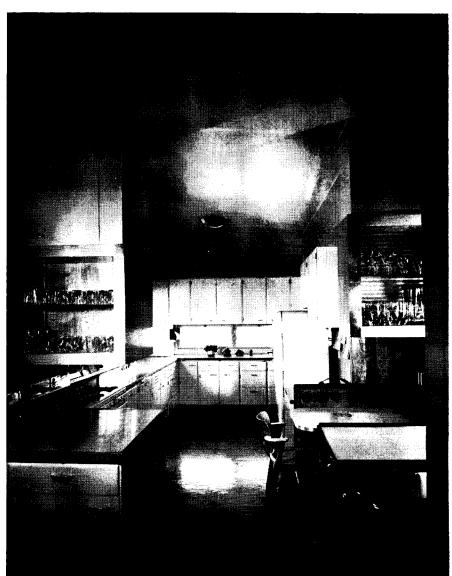






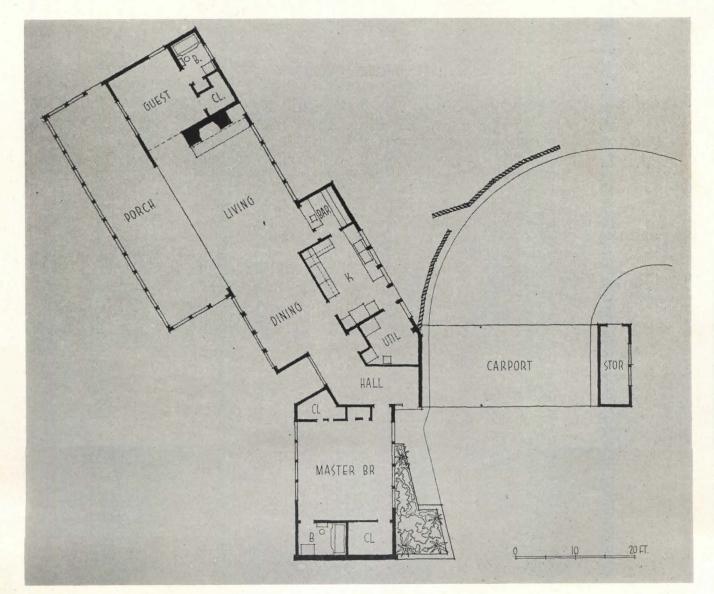
Well-equipped kitchen (right) opens directly to dining room and dining terrace, both of which are visible in the photo above

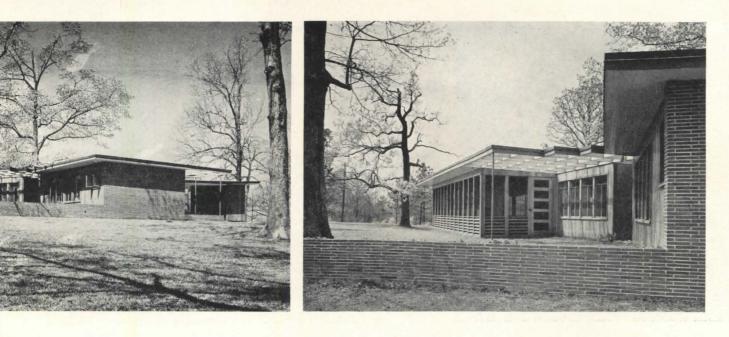












The house is oriented to eliminate glare of hot summer sun, has large screen porch on southeast

### **MISSISSIPPI HOUSE DESIGNED FOR HOSPITALITY**

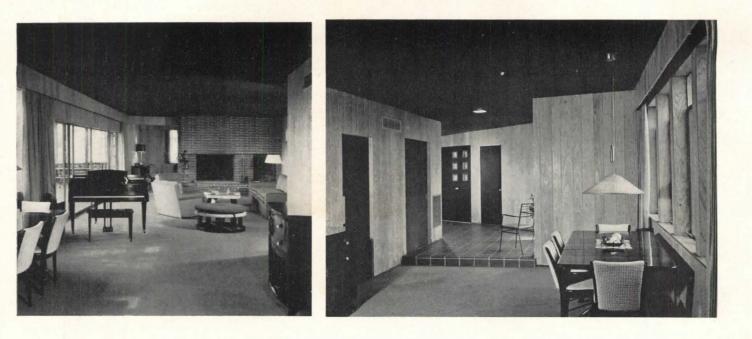
Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison, Owners James T. Canizaro, Architect

SASSAFRAS SIDING, painted tidewater cypress trim, and a large screen porch combine to give a strong regional flavor to this Jackson, Miss. house. The natural finish siding is complemented by the use of a variety of colors for the trim: window trim is gray-green; opensquare overhangs are a lighter green; overhang soffits are pale yellow; the roof is gray slag; and all the steel lally columns are a Chinese vermillion. The windowless street façade and all garden walls are dark red roman brick, with recessed horizontal joints.

The plan of the house was arranged so that the living room, dining area, guest room and porch could be opened into a single area for entertaining. The bedroomsitting room is separated from these rooms by the entrance hall. The entrance drive and carport were arranged to allow ample parking space for guests' cars.

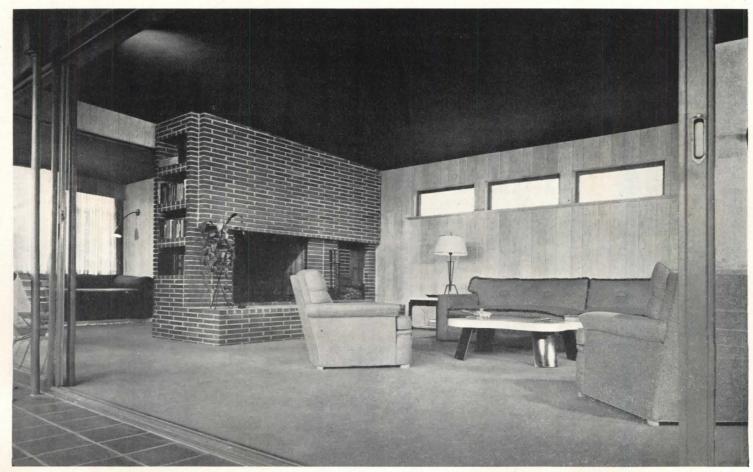
Below, left: entrance drive, carport. Screen porch (below, right) has overhang, louvers to keep out rain





Interior walls of living room (above, left and below) and of entrance hall (above, right) are of natural finish ash. Ceilings are plaster, painted dark brown. Living room floors are wood covered with light green carpet; floors in the entry and on the screen porch are finished with quarry tile. The guest room can be separated from the living areas by a draw curtain

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## WAIKIKI BEACH SHOPS

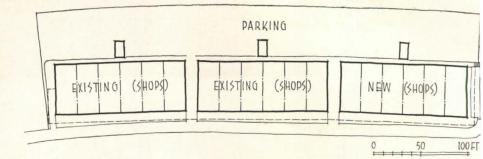
#### Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawaii

Wimberly and Cook, Architects

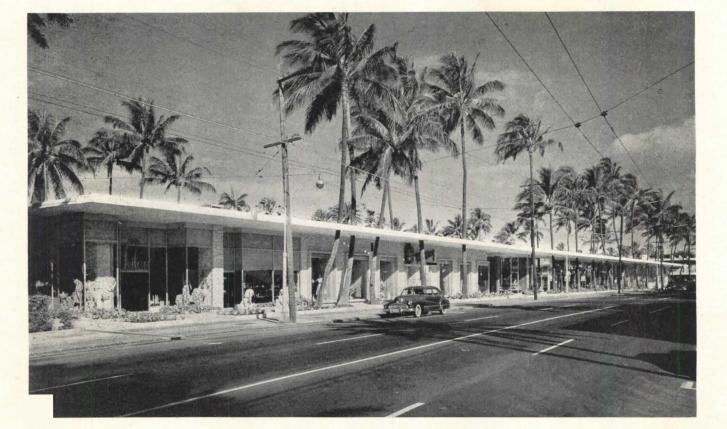
COMPLETE SIMPLICITY in both plan and construction mark this new store building at Waikiki. When the project was started only two or three prospective tenants were interested, and maximum flexibility was called for to meet the needs of whatever tenants might eventually rent space. The site, on the grounds of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, is 120 ft deep, with a 438-ft frontage on Kalakaua Avenue, one of Waikiki's main thoroughfares. Off-street parking was a must. Another requirement, stipulated in the property lease, was that the total height of the building be restricted to 30 ft.

To simplify financing, the building was designed as three identical units, each 136 ft long and 52 ft deep, which could be built one at a time, but which would look like one continuous structure when completed. The three units also made it easier to follow the slight curve in the street and the slight drop in sidewalk elevation.

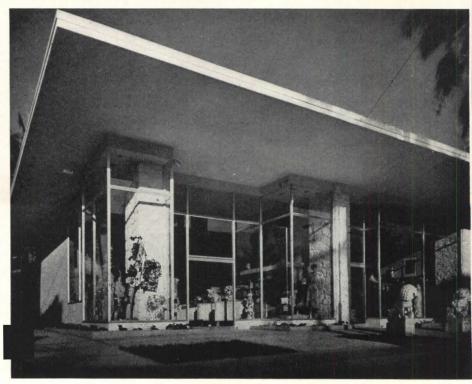
Each unit consists of six 22 ft 8 in. bays, suitable for use either singly or in combination. Ceilings are high enough to permit installation of mezzanines if desired. Flexibility is further stressed in the basic structure — a simple flat slab resting on three rows of seven columns each. Front walls are glass from floor to ceiling, rear walls concrete block, plastered. Dividing partitions are metal lath and plaster. A parking lot runs the full length of the building at the rear, reached by two 10-ft passages between units.



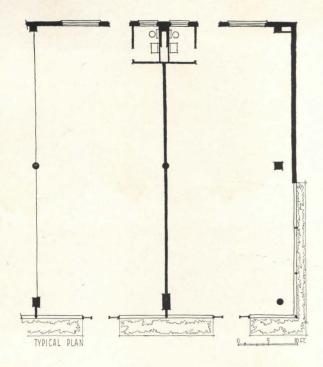
WAIKIKI BEACH SHOPS



The three units are tied together chiefly by continuous concrete overhang. Tenants who leased space before building was finished had privilege of taking allowance for basic design to apply to cost of shop designed especially for their own requirements; McInerny's, in first building (above, right and opposite), had special front using a native sandstone

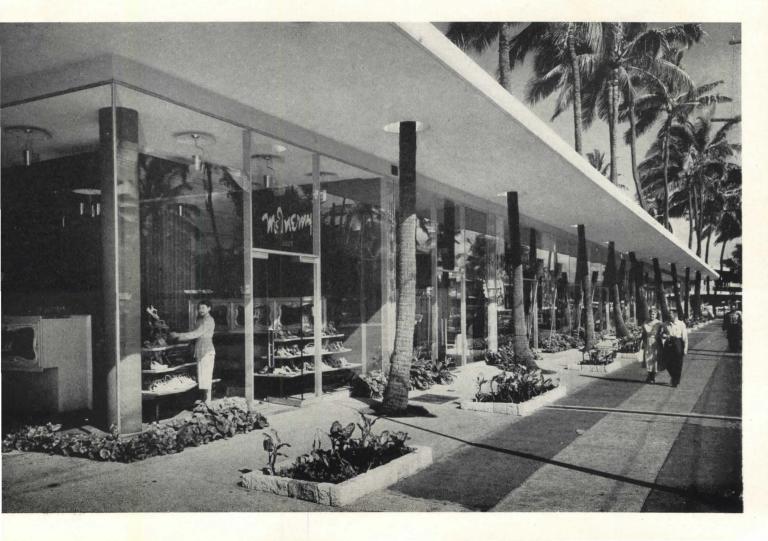






Above: typical interior and corner shops. In latter, street half of end walls is glass from floor to ceiling, rear half is concrete block, plastered

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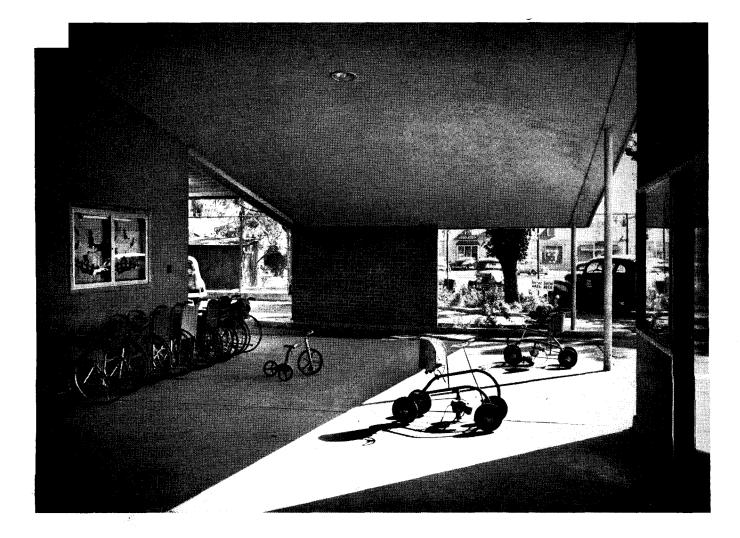
Home instruction or "borrowed" classrooms — makeshifts like the furniture above — were formerly the lot of Fresno County's cerebral palsied children. Now they have their own facilities below and following pages — specially designed for them

# SUNSHINE SCHOOL FOR THE CEREBRAL PALSIED

Fresno, Calif.

David H. Horn and M. D. Mortland, Architects

Clinton C. Ternstrom, Associate Architect



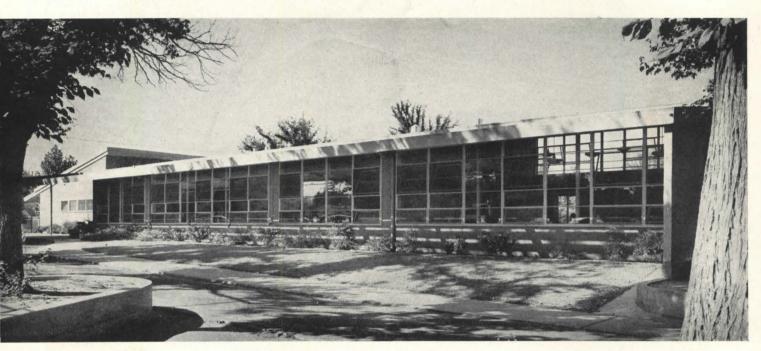
I WAS ONLY FIVE YEARS AGO that the city of Fresno, Calif., started its program for cerebral palsied children. The first class was organized in April 1947 with eight children, one teacher and a part-time physical therapist, meeting in a single room in an elementary school. In 1948 larger quarters were assigned, ten more children were enrolled, and the staff was increased to two teachers, two physical therapists and two matrons. The amazing growth of the school made it obvious that the program deserved its own permanent home, and work was started in the fall of 1949 on a building especially designed to meet the needs of the handicapped youngsters. Children and staff moved into the new Sunshine School in February 1950.

The architects of the new building had many a problem to solve before the plans were completed. After visiting and investigating all similar schools in central California, they drew up a long list of requirements:

1. Space — and plenty of it — for the special equipment, much of it on wheels, needed by the children as they move about.

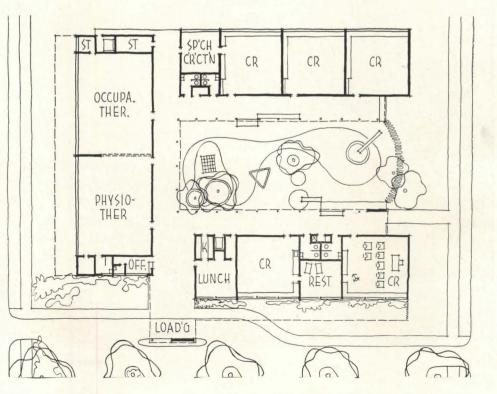
2. Only one level throughout, with no stairs to impede the progress of the children, many of whom are dependent on wheel chairs or other wheeled vehicles.

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The entire building is at grade level to accommodate children in wheel chairs and other wheeled vehicles; even door saddles are eliminated. Opposite, covered entrance walk, wide enough for parking and manipulation of children's wheeled vehicles. Above: south classroom wing





Above: entrance porch and south classroom wing, with entrance drive closely adjacent so children can get easily from cars to wheel chairs. Below: physical therapy includes training in walking and stair climbing

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Despite limited budget, the school is a pleasant one visually. Large windows in classroom wings provide adequate light through most of the year; overhangs and louvers eliminate penetration of high sun



David H. Horn

3. Special toilet room facilities, including extra space around fixtures and vertical and horizontal bars adjacent to fixtures to aid children in self-care.

4. Extra large doorways to provide clearance for wheeled equipment (3 ft 6 in. was found to be adequate); large kickplates over the lower parts of all doors to protect them from equipment; metal door jambs.

5. Open-fronted sinks and work counters to permit access by students in wheel chairs.

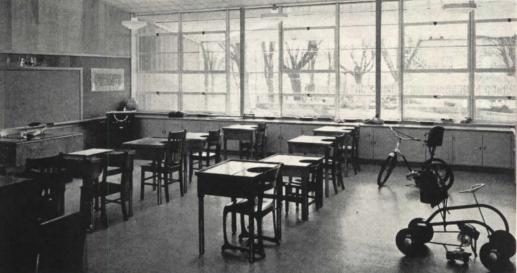
6. Large storage areas to accommodate storage of specialized and constantly changing equipment.

7. A protected play court.

Instead of having an unusually large budget to meet all these special requirements, the architects were faced with very limited funds, and many compromises had to be made. Classrooms, for example, originally were to be about a third larger than the 1000 sq ft provided to accommodate each 15 pupils. Additional rooms for rest, speech correction and consultation had to be abandoned.

The building was made U-shaped, with classroom wings on north and south and therapy rooms on the





Above: another view of physical therapy room, and a typical classroom. Desks are free-standing, easily shifted



David H. Horn

Above and right: play court is protected by building itself from occasional winds, sun and unwanted watchers



#### SUNSHINE SCHOOL

west to provide the protected play court requested by the administration. Both classroom wings have north light and corridors along the court. Louvers over windows on south and west walls eliminate direct sun, and obscure glass in the lower windows of the two therapy rooms prevent observation of activities from outside.

Original plans called for the corridors surrounding the court to be glass-enclosed but available funds would not stretch that far. As things turned out, the open corridors are much more satisfactory — they are more flexible, more pleasant in the warm San Joaquin Valley, and eliminate the expense of inevitable breakage by youngsters using wheel chairs.

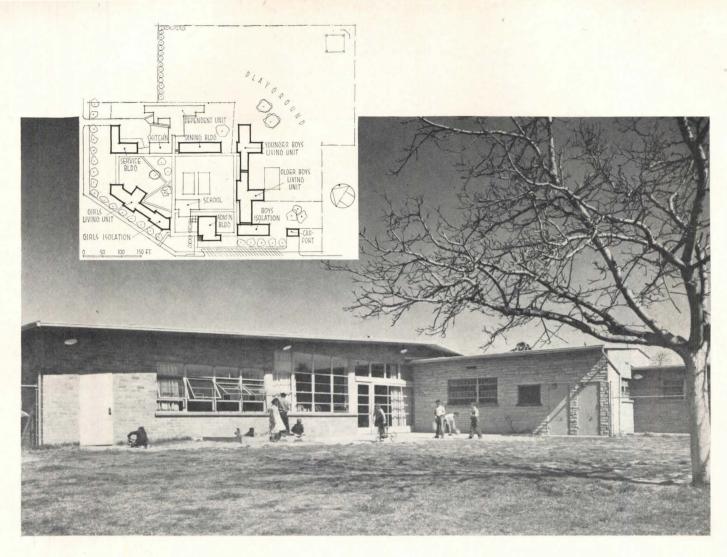
The building is steel and wood, on reinforced concrete foundation. Exterior walls are stucco, interior walls are plywood, floors are concrete slab. Construction was in two stages: first, the south wing and physical therapy room, a total area of 6673 sq ft; and second, the north wing and occupational therapy room, a total area of 6855 sq ft. Costs were held to an average of \$11.25 per sq ft and \$0.85 per cu ft, excluding architects' fee; per pupil cost over 30-year period was \$110; per classroom cost was approximately \$11,810.



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Claspill's Studio





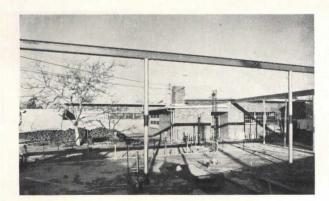
## DEPENDENT UNIT, RIVERSIDE COUNTY JUVENILE HALL

Arlington, Calif.

Milton H. Caughey, Architect

ALL TOO OFTEN the child taken by court order from an undesirable home environment is placed in an institution which cares also for juvenile delinquents. That the two groups can be well segregated even so is proved by the plans of the Riverside County Juvenile Hall. The Dependent Unit, shown on these pages, is a completely separate building, with its own dining room and playground, but shares kitchen and administration facilities with the rest of the institution.

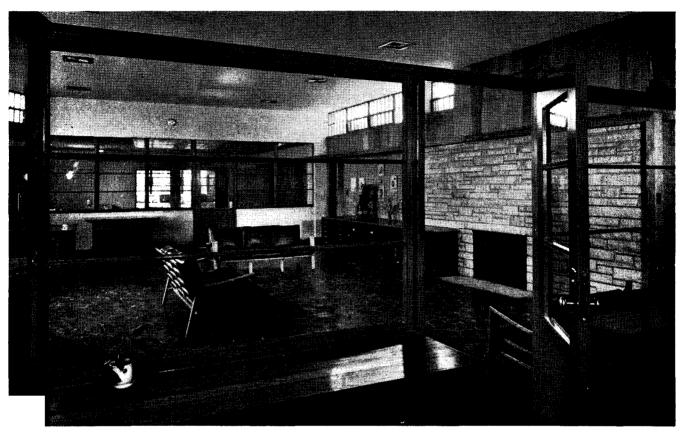
A homelike atmosphere, of course, is the chief consideration in the planning of both dependent and delinquent units. Flexibility is almost equally vital for both:



the population varies greatly in age, sex and number, and both sex and age segregation is necessary. Constant staff supervision and visual control of all areas is also essential in both departments.

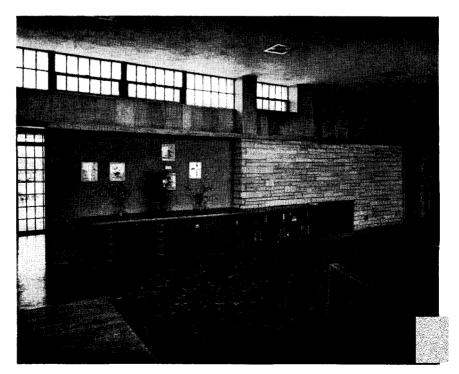
A dependent unit, however, offers still further planning problems because it must provide for children ranging in age from one day to 18 years. At Riverside (see plan, page 164), there is an eight-bed nursery with its own kitchenette; boys' and girls' dormitories, at opposite ends of the building, have six beds each; there are also eight single rooms, three of which, directly behind the control desk, may be used for either boys or girls. A pantry, immediately inside the main entrance, is the connecting link between the institution's kitchen and the dependents' dining room.

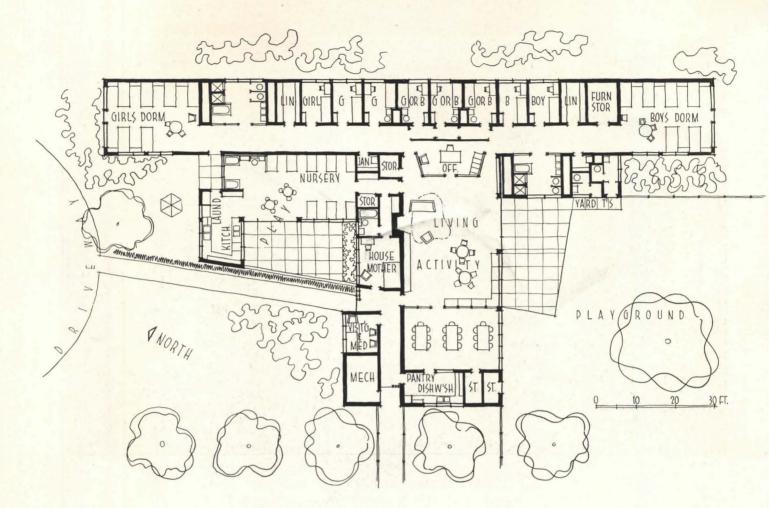
The building has slab floors, reinforced brick walls and slab roof. Sash on the "security perimeter" are psychiatric type; sliding doors between activity and play areas are of safety glass, plumbing fixtures are tamper-proof and heating is by radiant panel (considered safest). Colors throughout are bright and gay, with each corridor door a different color.



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Use of stonework on both exterior and interior of the Dependent Unit was expensive, but emphasizes residential character of building. Play area (opposite, top) may eventually be closed off from delinquents' by solid wall to prevent visual contact. Supervisor can watch living room, dining room (behind glass partition in photo above) and all corridors without leaving desk





Dependent Unit has own driveway and entrance; three central single rooms provide locking facilities for unusually disturbed newcomers. Below: left, pantry, equipped for therapeutic dishwashing; right, nursery



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# NAVY BUILDINGS

ARCHITECTURAL RECORD'S BUILDING TYPES STUDY NUMBER 190

Bureau of Yards and Docks serves the Navy with an infinite variety of constructions on shore and at sea; maintains a staff of architects and engineers under the Civil Engineer Corps; but still has a considerable volume of work for private architects and engineers

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## VARIETY IS CHALLENGE IN NAVY BUILDINGS

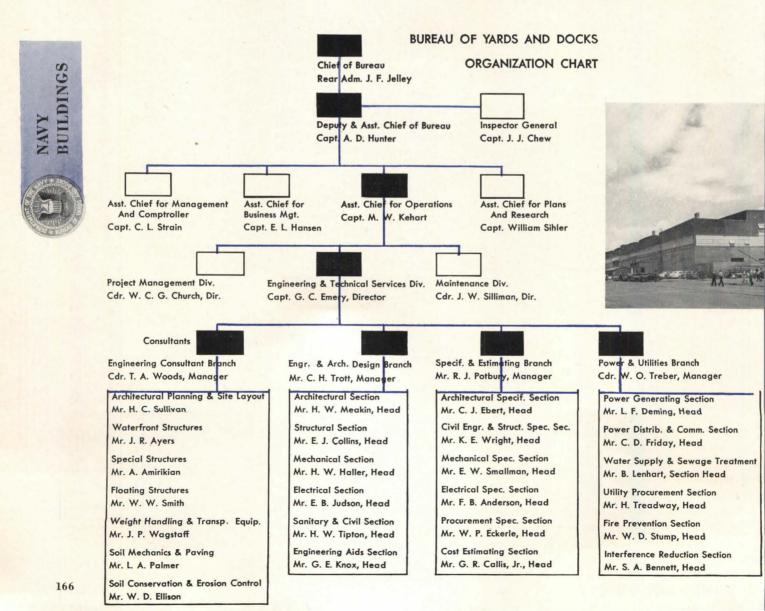
FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS the Navy has been growing with the country it protects, ever adding to its commitments, its technology, its personnel, its shore establishments. Now it must be prepared to fight literally anywhere in the world, and its building organization, the Bureau of Yards and Docks, must be ready to follow the fleet to any point on the globe, with facilities for building anything from a ship to a railroad.

Variety in the Bureau's building operations is probably the greatest challenge to its designers and to architects and engineers who undertake commissions for BuDocks. Probably no other building organization, even including other military establishments, has had to satisfy so many different requirements, for Navy work encompasses virtually all types of civilian and military buildings and then adds on top of those all varieties of more strictly naval operations. Housing, stores, churches, schools, hospitals, power plants, office buildings — the Navy builds them all. Railroads, highways, air fields, bridges, factories, warehouses — the Navy needs all those. Harbors, dry-docks, ship yards, munitions depots — these are only a few. Almost \$10 billion went into naval bases in the last war.

Bureau of Yards and Docks is a complete building and operating organization. Its function is to design, build and maintain facilities for the fleet; being, or hiring, every functionary known to building. Its clients consist of all the other offices and bureaus of the Navy listed on the opposite page.

The Bureau of Yards and Docks is staffed by officers of the Civil Engineer Corps, and civilian personnel, all of whom are trained and experienced in some phase of architecture or engineering. This applies to both the central Washington headquarters and district offices. The headquarters staff is organized according to the chart herewith; the district offices are listed on page 173.

After the last world war the personnel of the Bureau was cut back, of course, to a permanent peacetime basis. It is still operating thus, though Korea has enlarged its work. Policy is to maintain its permanent organization and undertake such design activities as will keep this staff occupied and to control design policies and act as



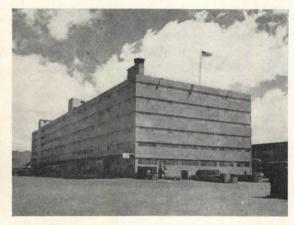
Bureau of Aeronautics: control tower and hangars, Barbers Point, Hawaii



Bureau of Yards and Docks Annex, Washington, D. C. (above)



Bureau of Naval Personnel: auditorium-gym, San Pedro, Calif.

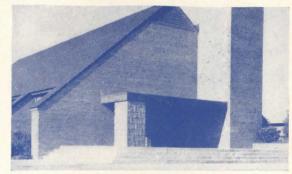


Bureau of Supplies and Accounts: shipping and receiving bldg., Pearl Harbor, Hawaii Bureau of Ordnance: machine shop, Mare Island, Calif. (left)

consultants to the field on unusual and difficult projects, using private architects and engineers for any extra load. While during the war the BuDocks design staff, including both architects and engineers, was quite large, it was still unable to do more than a small proportion of the work the huge war program involved and concentrated mainly on specialized design and design policies. Now the situation is roughly the same smaller staff, smaller work load, but a large proportion of the actual drawings for construction projects done by private architects and engineers.



U. S. Marine Corps: chapel, Parris Island, S. C.



Bureau of Medicine and Surgery: Aeia Hospital, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii



Bureau of Ships: foundry, Mare Island, Calif.



Office of the Chief of Naval Operations: master plan for U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.



## AUSTERITY IS CURRENT NAVY CRITERION





**R**<sup>ECENT</sup> CONGRESSIONAL EMPHASIS on economy in all military matters has given the Navy a special criterion for all construction work — austerity.

Architects and engineers with commissions for the Navy have always known that economy in design was a major requirement. But austerity is an extraordinarily harsh form of economy, and it is currently changing designs and construction. It is not merely a matter of leaving off ornamentation and doodads; austerity is cutting into space allowances, is paring down normal allotments for equipment and facilities, and generally imposing more rigid restrictions on everything from materials and finishes to whole partis.

BuDocks is, of course, still using all its know-how to produce sound construction while effecting economy in contract prices, for the Bureau must operate and maintain all its constructions. It is in effect its own building client in this respect, and so is fully conscious of the point at which first-cost economy brings excessive operating and maintenance costs. It is rather scrutinizing anew its more or less standard types of buildings to see wherein its normal practices might be made more austere.

The specific news in austerity is that the Bureau is cooperating with the Sub-committee on Military Construction of the Committee on Appropriations, House of Representatives, under the chairmanship of Congressman John J. Riley (South Carolina) in a scrutiny of its current building projects and its current planning in a search for all reasonable economies. All public works officers were alerted last spring, in fact were called to Washington for a three-day session on ways and means of effecting the specific economies considered to be practical. Beyond that, teams of CEC officers and Bureau consultants are visiting the district offices to check individual plans. The first two months of this effort yielded direct savings of over a million dollars in current projects and contracts. This measure of savings is expected to continue, of course, as present blueprints progress into contracts.

Austerity scrutiny centers first on the more repetitive types of buildings — personnel facilities of all types from barracks and mess halls to hangars and warehouses. It is in these types of structures that the Bureau can be most effective in obtaining economies through setting standards of space and types of construction. The principle of economical construction can be applied to all of the Navy's hundreds of types of projects, even the most specialized, but the mandate of austerity applies most directly to repetitive types.

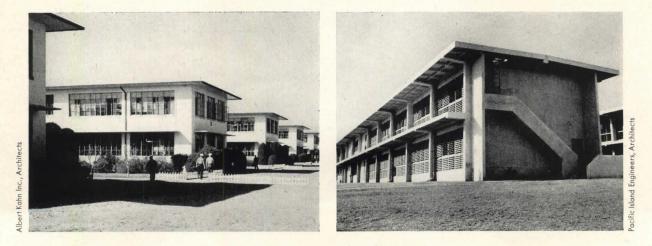
With everybody in America so conscious of mass psychology or morale, the standards of personnel buildings might be discussed at great length. In a recent interview Congressman Riley himself brought up the point. After pointing out that all concerned were alert to the morale factor, he expounded a principle quite close to one of the major tenets of modern design - human satisfaction with a building is not simply a function of its cost, or monumentality, but grows out of the architect's skillful integration of everything from functional suitability to the beauty of proportion and simplicity. If fixed standards seem restrictive in this respect, from the standpoint of service morale there is another reason for them: morale suffers from variations in facility standards in different bases and different services. That is a major reason for design "criteria," or "definitives," the principal purpose of which is to set some limits, both top and bottom, for comparative types of buildings.

It is important that standardization efforts in the austerity program are not intended to dictate too closely the selection of building materials or construction practices. It is well understood that throughout the



Pacific Island Engineers, Architects

Typical repetitive-type Navy buildings for enlisted men: Above, left barracks, Adak, Alaska. Above — married men's quarters, Guam. Below, left — barracks, Jacksonville, Fla. Below, right — barracks, Guam



country (the Navy in fact builds almost all over the world), there are wide local selections of materials, and methods as well. To force use of imported materials would be obviously expensive, and to push contractors into unfamiliar procedures would be equally silly. New ideas and techniques are always welcome, provided they do not impose such artificial strains on local building.

Austerity considerations can be quite complicated in

application to the wide variety of Navy work. Even in similar types of buildings the circumstances may differ depending on the relative permanence of the operation or its location on the globe. But BuDocks experts are giving it intensive concentration in all current operations, and will save money wherever possible without dilution of its reason for existence — to "serve the fleet" with all manner of land-based facilities. O<sup>F</sup> ESPECIAL INTEREST TO ARCHITECTS and engineers is a current program of master planning of all permanent Navy bases. Each of the regular Navy establishments of all kinds is under careful study to develop a long-range plan on the recognized theory of master planning as it might apply to a city.

As applied to a Navy establishment, this theory has several special reasons and purposes. Preparedness is perhaps the outstanding one. The last was at least a two-ocean war for the Navy, and permanent and temporary establishments of many kinds were built under frightful pressure. Nobody can say where on the seven seas the Navy might next have to fight, and BuDocks might have to follow the fleet almost anywhere. But certain bases are predictable, and various degrees of expansion can be planned for, just as in a growing city.

Integration of thinking is another reason in the Navy. BuDocks, as already brought out, works for several bureaus of the Navy, each having its own interests and objectives at any given establishment. Yet each base is under an established command. And, of course, the planning staff at BuDocks must accommodate the interests of all these in setting a pattern for buildings and facilities.

Then, too, a Navy base might grow like a city -

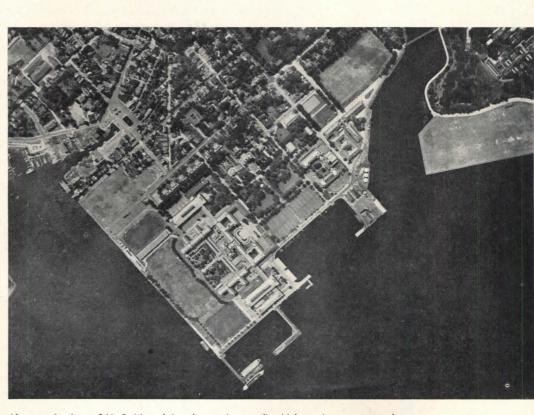
slowly for some years then in an explosive burst.

So it is considered wise to have a master plan ready for any contingency, so that quick additions will not block logical development in the future; so that any Navy entity, asked suddenly to supply a certain facility, has a guide to immediate decisions.

In the Navy there are three types of planning involved. One is "strategic planning" in which military experts set up exact military missions. Second is "facility planning" which establishes the type and amount of facilities at each shore base to support the strategic plan. And, third, "site planning" — the normal architectural and engineering planning of the shore establishment.

Master planning of today encompasses the several types of construction previously outlined; peacetime, preparedness, wartime, mobilization, also postwar planning involving the conversion back to peacetime operation.

One step in the documentation of the planning study is a comprehensive manuscript, for the Bureau's manual, on planning, which will soon be published as part of the background material for architects, both in and out of the Bureau, who may have a part in the master planning of the Navy's establishments.



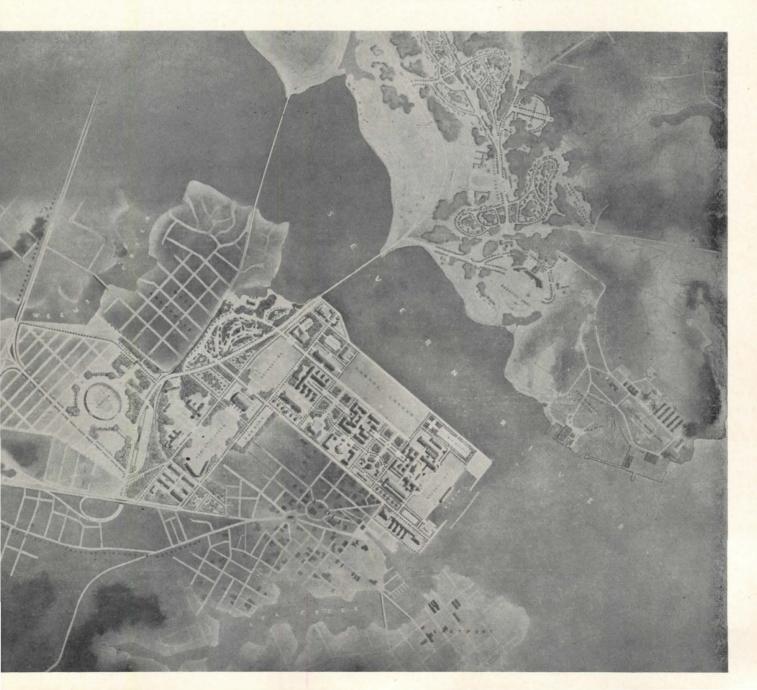
Above: air view of U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., as it appears today



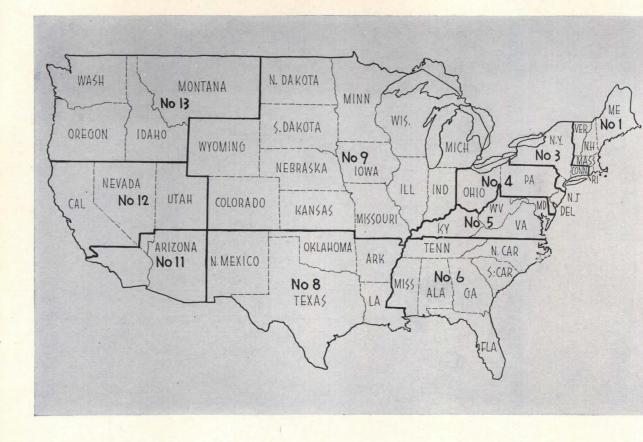
NAVY BUILDINGS



Typical of BuDocks' Master Planning Program is the study (below) for the proposed expansion of the Naval Academy and a related housing development across the river. A recent air view of the same area appears above







## HOW TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR NAVY WORK

E "A-E's" in navy parlance, to augment the Bureau's design staff was resorted to considerably during the last war and postwar years. And BuDocks actively encourages architects and engineers to file their qualifications with District Public Works Officers, and possibly with Washington, so that contact can be quickly and intelligently established.

Almost any architect or engineer might find scope for his talents in the very diverse work of the Navy construction program. If he does not have, in his own office, sufficient range of design skills or staff for the required work he can effect combinations or associations which might qualify. Probably most established design offices are already familiar with the policies of the Bureau, and with the procedures, for they were in operation through the war years and since. But the Bureau still has personnel whose business it is to maintain liaison with private architects, engineers and associated groups, and to keep up-to-date records and brochures. For the Navy program is likely to continue active for some time to come. Moreover, in existing world conditions the Navy is keeping prepared for sudden bursts of construction activity should they be required. The Bureau wants to keep in touch with design talent for quick mobilization. Since there are something like 600 different categories of design and construction work, some highly specialized, the talent file assumes some importance.

Most design and construction contracts are given out by the district offices, and ordinarily architects and engineers need make no contact in Washington. If brochures are prepared, however, it is just as well to send a copy to Washington as well as to the district office. They are especially welcomed there if the design staff described includes some special know-how experience in aerodynamics, for an example. Information on such individual experience is tabulated on I.B.M. cards for quick reference.

The Bureau has architectural and engineering staffs in Washington and in district offices; the present policy of economy, however, keeps these staffs relatively small, so that a great deal of design work has to be farmed out. The central staff is largely occupied with policy making, special design problems, standards, criteria, manuals and overall supervision.

As noted elsewhere in this study, the Navy is more than slightly allergic to the thought of "standard" plans. It does use them, in its "criteria" or "definitives," but the Bureau is keenly aware of the stultifying effect of arbitrary dictates when applied locally. It is also aware that good design is a precious quality. In short, it does not want to stifle initiative and creativeness in the work of its A-E's.

| NAVAL<br>DISTRICT | LOCATION                            | NAVAL<br>DISTRICT | LOCATION                                |
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| 1                 | 495 Summer St., Boston, Mass.       | 11                | 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, Calif. |
| 3                 | 90 Church St., New York, N. Y.      | 12                | San Bruno, Calif.                       |
| 4                 | Naval Base, Philadelphia, Pa.       | 13                | 1611 W. Wheeler, Seattle, Wash.         |
| 5                 | Naval Base, Norfolk, Va.            | 14                | Pearl Harbor, Hawaii                    |
| 6                 | Naval Base, Charleston, S. C.       | 15                | Balboa, Canal Zone                      |
| 8                 | Bldg. 16, U.S. NB, New Orleans, La. | 17                | Kodiak, Alaska                          |
| 9                 | NTC, Great Lakes, Ill.              | and the second    |   |
| 10                | San Juan, Puerto Rico               |                   |   |

#### NAVAL DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS OFFICES

Locations of the various Naval District Public Work Offices listed above are centers BuDocks recommends architects to contact for work within the district. The chart at left gives boundaries of the districts in the U. S.; construction and design in theaters of war are done by SeaBees

As to contacting the Bureau, here are the official instructions:

"Construction contractors and architect-engineers should contact the District Public Works Office having jurisdiction over the areas in which they would like to work.

"Construction contractors or architect-engineers who are interested in performing work for the Bureau of Yards and Docks should provide information on their organization, background, and experience to each District Public Works Officer having jurisdiction over the areas in which they would like to work. The same information should be furnished to the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C. If there is a material change in these data, the submission of amended information from time to time would be advisable. The following will be of assistance in recording the qualifications of contractors:

"NAVDOCKS 382 — Architect-Engineer Firm Data "NAVDOCKS 720 — Contractors' Data Brief

"These forms provide a convenient means of summarizing information concerning interested firms or individuals.

"If brochures are available, it is suggested that they be submitted also. It is not intended that contractors be required to incur the expense of preparing brochures as a condition to their receiving consideration; neither is it intended that the forms are required if the brochures contain adequate information. Brochures, when available, are usually of mutual benefit.

"When joint ventures are formed as a means of securing large manpower and equipment potentials and of pooling the talents of contracting firms with special capabilities, information on such groups may be consolidated on the NavDocks form 720. If brochures on joint ventures are submitted, it is desirable that the record of each participant be shown separately . . ."

"Selections of architect-engineers for specific projects are generally made by the District Public Works Officer. For those cases which require approval of the Chief, Bureau of Yards and Docks, the recommendations of the District Public Works Officers are submitted prior to the final selection of the architect-engineer and the award of the contract.

"Contracts with architect-engineers will be negotiated contracts in every case because of the professional nature of the work. Selection of architect-engineers is subject to the following policy:

"Emphasis will be placed on selecting firms or individuals experienced in the design of the particular type of project involved, and having the ability to organize sufficient personnel to expedite the work. Where their qualifications are determined to be satisfactory, preference will be given to firms or individuals located in the same general geographical area as the project under consideration."

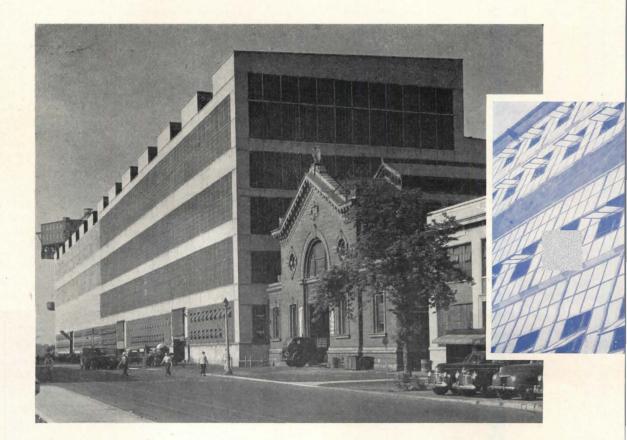
## INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS ARE BIG PART OF WORK

**PERHAPS** "INDUSTRIAL ARCHITECTURE," when applied to the Navy, most readily brings to mind its countless great waterfront structures — its enormous cranes, docks and piers. Even with the obvious importance of these facilities, they form only a portion of the Navy's industrial projects. The complete range includes shops, factories, mills, foundrys, warehouses — in short, all the vital facilities for equipping, repairing and supplying the land, sea and air wings of the Navy. True, in times of emergency it must rely heavily on civilian industry. In less critical times, however, it must preserve a degree of self-sufficiency for reasons of economy and preparedness.

BuDocks looks with pride at the industrial buildings it has constructed, a few of which are illustrated here. The Bureau has continuously sought to incorporate practical and economical new ideas and techniques in each of the projects, as well as to achieve good functional design. The planning has included the skills of specialists on new mass production methods, plant layout, safety and other aspects of factory design. Considerable attention has been paid to the personnel factor in addition to operational and maintenance efficiency and economy. Light, space, ventilation, sanitation and the psychological appeal of color are all given much thought.

Although BuDocks produces some standardized types — the repetitive warehouses and storehouses the less usual structures reflect a keen interest in structural developments and uses of new materials. In various instances it has employed large steel spans, reinforced concrete and welded rigid frames, precast concrete beams and arches, continuous frames, thin solid panels and curtain walls, large glass areas and many other types, and in each case to provide a particular advantage for a particular building.

Throughout its field of industrial architecture, BuDock's policy might be summed up by linking utility and economy with pleasing appearance and imaginative planning. It adheres to the philosophy that architectural effect is not necessarily obtained by the application of ornament, that a capable architect will produce the desired effect through suitable proportion, mass and composition, and by skillful handling of construction materials.



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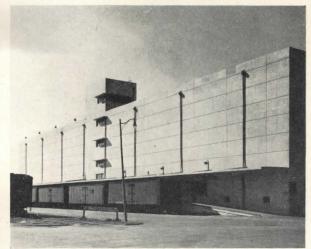
Above: electrical shop, Terminal Island, Calif., is example of concrete rigid frame construction. Right: machine shop, San Pedro, Calif., has thin curtain walls, large areas of corrugated wire glass. Below: warehouse at Naval Supply Depot, Bayonne, N. J., has repetitive roofs of thin shell concrete. Below, right: cold storage building, Oakland, Calif., is of reinforced concrete, has no windows, for easy temperature control



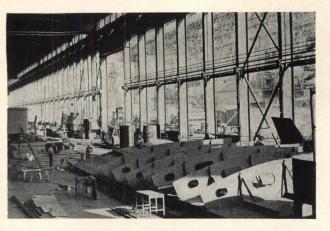


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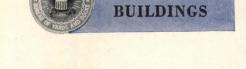


Far left: machine shop, Philadelphia, Pa., contrasts sharply with turn-of-century shop next to it. Inset photo, above left: fenestration detail of supply warehouse, Norfolk, Va.



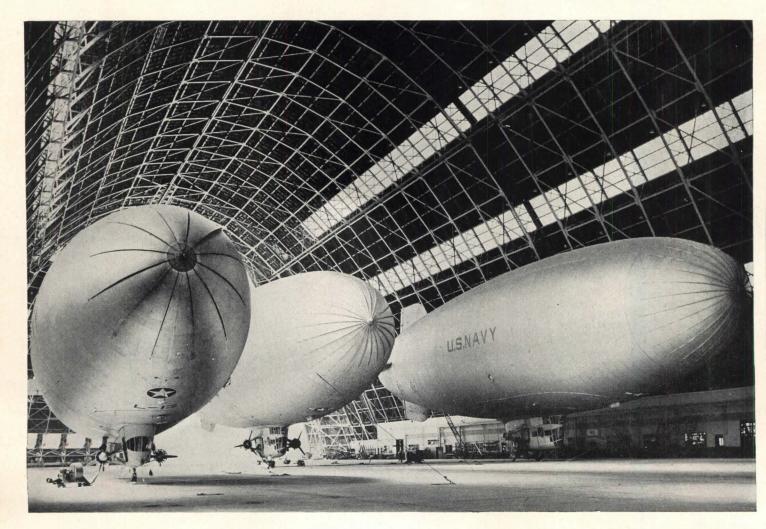
Left: interior of sub-assembly shop, Norfolk, Va.; one of the first welded steel structures done by the Navy. Below: foundry, Naval Shipyard, Philadelphia, Pa.; rigid frame structure frees interior space for convenient placement of machinery





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Below: lighter-than-air hangar, Weeksville, N. C.; two-hinged welded arches are among world's biggest





## **PAVILLION PLAN FAVORED FOR HOSPITALS**



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U. S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, N. Y. York & Sawyer, Architects

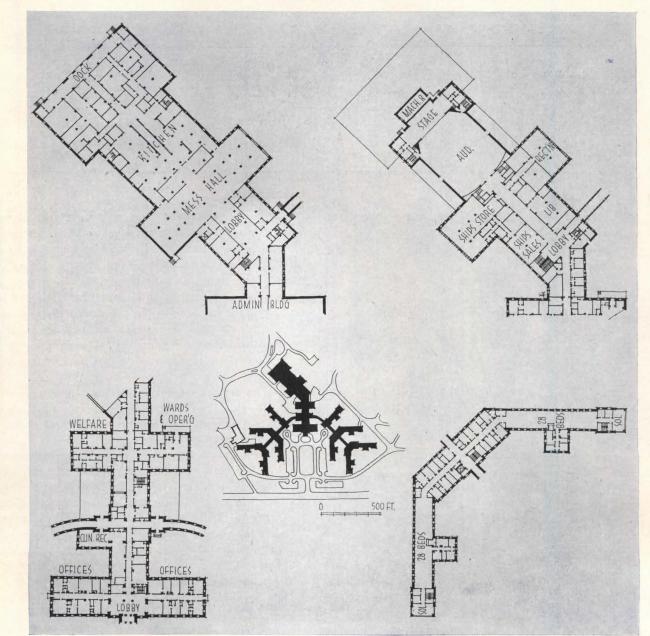
ONE OF THE LATEST OF THE NAVY HOSPITALS to be completed is this large group at St. Albans, N. Y., which illustrates official Navy thinking on the subject. The design stems from a pavillion type concept, with a central administration building, backed by a subsistence and recreation wing, and flanked by a series of projecting wings for the wards. The wards themselves are of the open type, with 28 beds each and centralized toilet facilities in a projecting bay. The pavillion type plan arrangement assures a double exposure for each of the wards.

The architects' design for the building simply reflects this plan disposition. Prime consideration was given to careful detailing and good construction in the building, and to the selection of durable and easy-tomaintain materials.

Other plan types for hospitals are under constant consideration. Decisions rest not only on new developments in hospital planning, but on special problems arising from the military point of view. Many areas where the Navy builds are subject to earthquake or typhoons. In possible combat areas, the target that a structure presents is of great concern. Factors such as these explain the continued use of the pavillion plan.





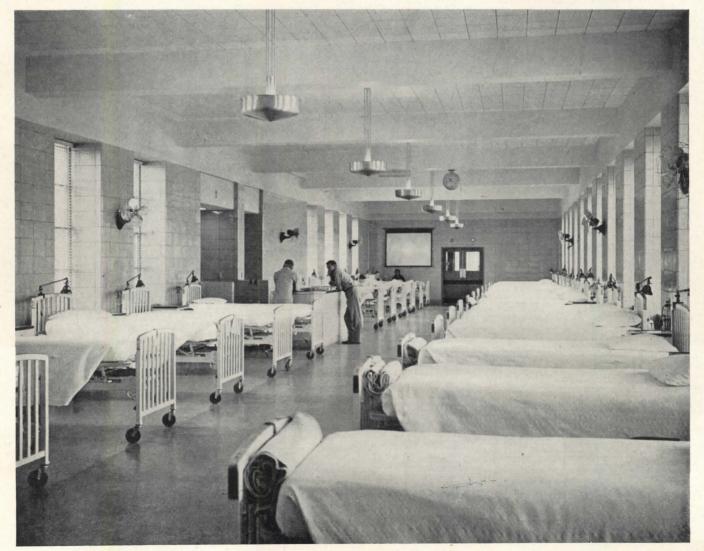






Below, left: key plan of hospital with details of central administration and subsistence building, typical nursing unit. Above, center: subsistence building lobby. Above: occupational therapy room. Below: typical open ward

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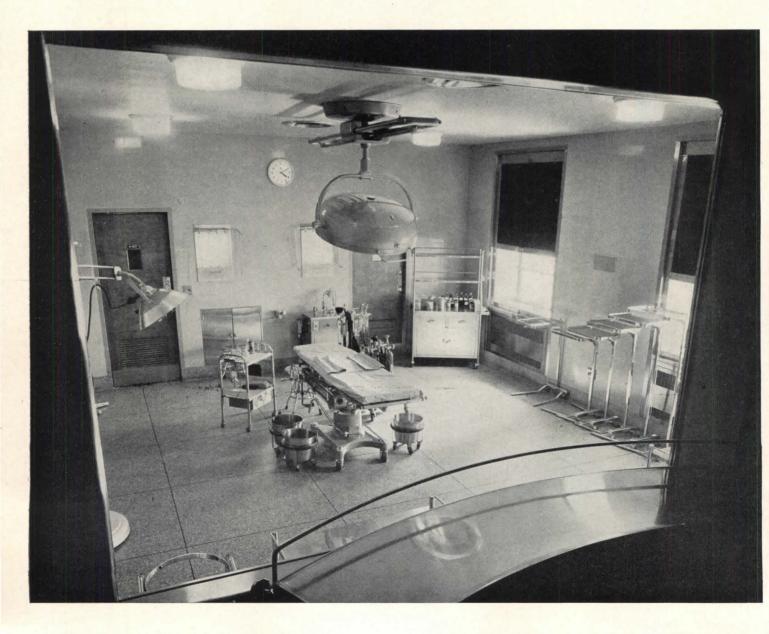


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Specialized rooms in the St. Albans Hospital include: Left — radioisotope laboratory; above — sterilizing and supply room; below — typical operating room



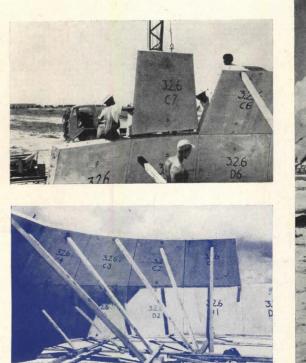
## PERSONNEL SHELTERS FOR BLAST PROTECTION

A program is a project to develop a shelter which will assure a reasonable degree of personal safety for its occupants against atomic blast and radiation. BuDocks' basic research on blast-loading and structural deformation has led to the development of several types of ribbed thin-shell precast concrete shelters, three of which are presented on this and the following page. To provide economical and practical designs, it was considered necessary to utilize the full resistance of the critical structural members, just short of collapse. This led to a sectional framing arrangement which would permit replacement of any parts which developed extensive cracking, spalling or local fractures from blast pressures. The use of sectional precast units also lends itself to either local or mass fabrication, and to stockpiling against an emergency. Similar, ribbed-shell panels could also be used to reinforce or form protective shells for existing buildings.

The three shelters shown here were designed to be covered with earth in immediate target areas, left exposed with ribs projecting inward in peripheral areas.

-DOOR-DETAIL "A" ROOF PLAN DETAIL "A" SECTION

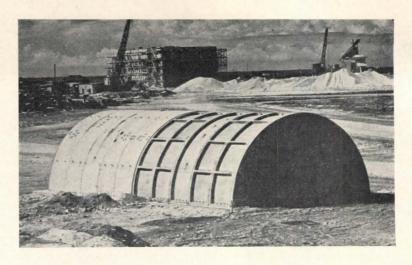
Ribbed-shell dome shelter has trapezoidal panels, bolted together in conical tiers, and circular crown



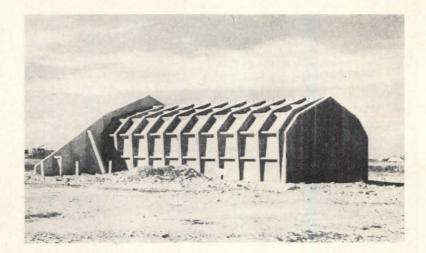


Easily erected panels are of like size in each tier. Units are bolted to precast or poured foundation





Ribbed-shell circular frame shelter (above) is concrete version of "Quonset" hut, has two-segment arch bolted at crown. Ends are flat ribbed panels



Gable frame shelter provides greater clearance, has deeper ribs to offset less favorable stress pattern







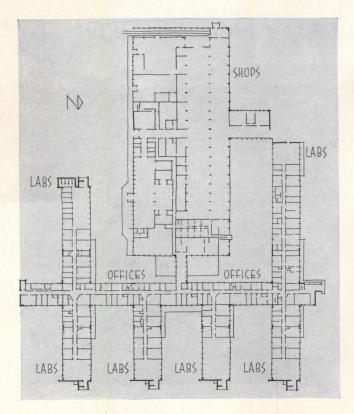


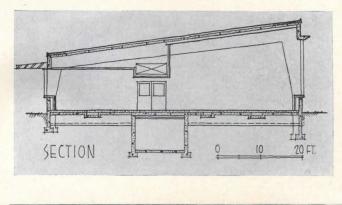
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## INYOKERN ORDNANCE RESEARCH LABORATORY

This New TYPE OF RESEARCH LABORATORY, designed for the Bureau of Ordnance, is typical of the special problems in both planning and site conditions that BuDocks handles. The trimly designed reinforced concrete structure is located in the midst of a desert at Inyokern, Calif. Optimum interior conditions were required for the scientific research programs; this was met by carefully designed air conditioning and dust- and glare-control systems. The varying nature of the experiments also called for a maximum of plan flexibility. A rigid frame section (shown below, right) was adopted to free the laboratory wings of load-bearing columns and partitions. All piping and utilities are run in pipe tunnels below the floor. The lab wings flank a two-story office section and a large wing housing machine, carpentry and other shops.







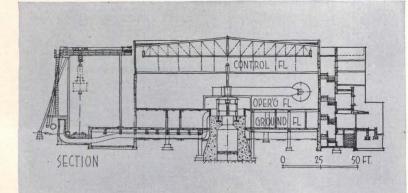
THIS EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY for the Bureaus of Aviation and Medicine and Surgery was planned specifically to house a powerful new centrifugal machine which subjects pilots to the extreme gravitational conditions encountered in high-speed aircraft. The centrifuge has a 50-ft arm attached to a motor capable of accelerating to 180 miles an hour in 7 seconds; a subject seated in an air tight gondola at the end of the arm can be rotated either forward or backward at the same time he is being whirled horizontally. A variety of instru-

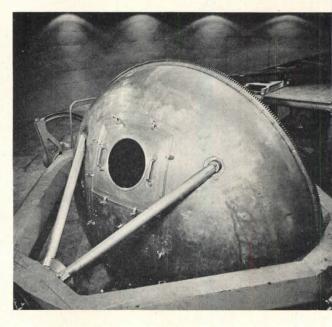
ments record the subject's reactions. The plan and structure of the building were designed to accommodate the functions of the machine and its subsidiary laboratories and facilities, as well as to withstand the weight, stresses and strains it imposes.

A site was chosen at the U. S. Naval Air Development Center, Johnsville, Pa., where foundations could be built on solid rock to prevent excessive vibration. The building is built of reinforced concrete, with the roof supported on radial trusses.



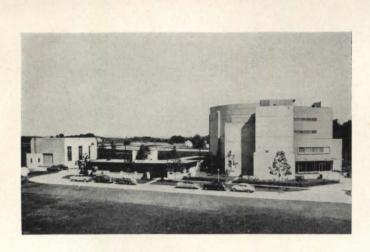
The centrifuge (far right) around which the building was designed, can exert a force equal to 40 times the gravitational pull of the earth on a pilot seated in the gondola (closeup right)

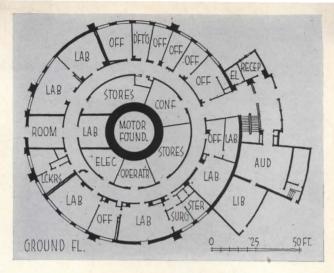


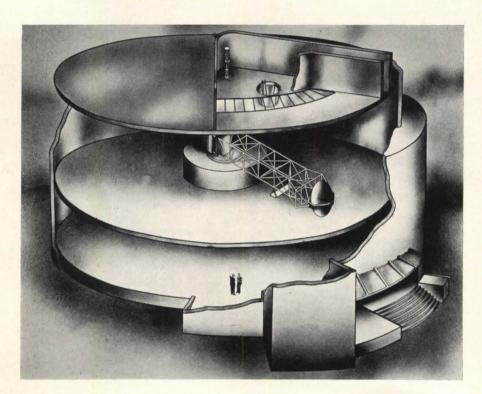


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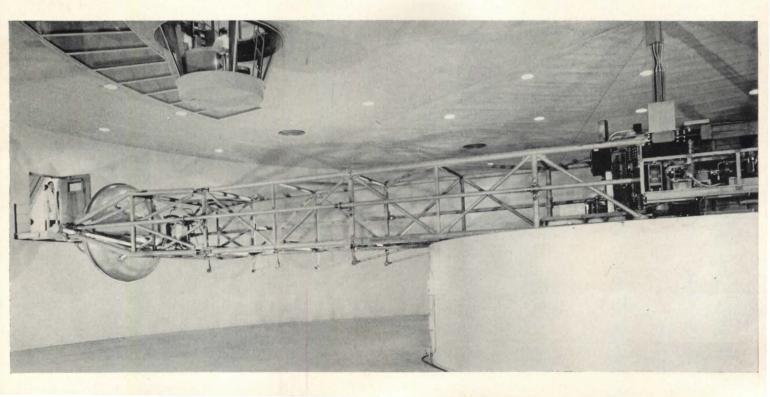


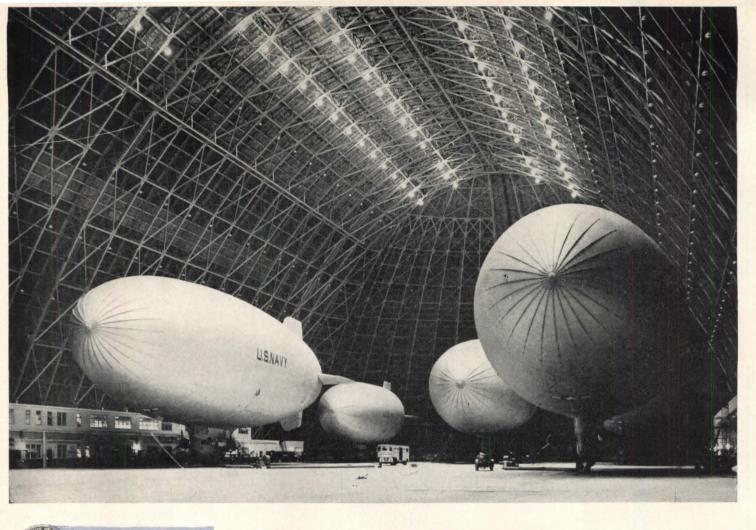




The first floor of the building (plan above) is allocated to the entrance lobby, offices, labs, an auditorium, shops, store rooms and a corridor for installing or removing the huge centrifuge motor. The second floor houses the centrifuge itself. The entire chamber is shielded with copper to eliminate electrical interferences with recording instruments. A mezzanine floor over the lobby and auditorium contains an emergency physiologists' room and a low pressure chamber. The top floor has the recording room, physiologists' space and a glass enclosed control blister which is suspended down into the centrifuge chamber

Equipment Designed By—Special Devices Center, Office of Naval Research and McKeirnan-Terry of Harrison, N. J.



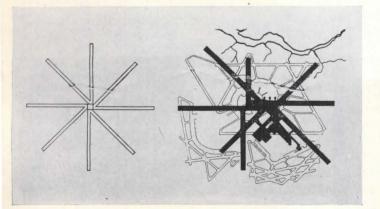




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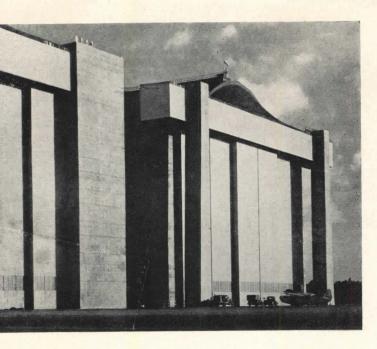
## NAVY AIRFIELDS EXPAND FOR JETS

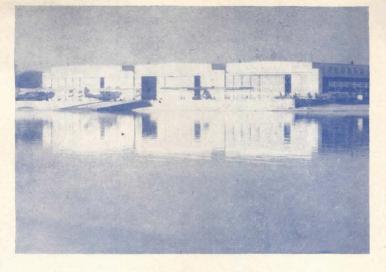
THE RAPID PROGRESS IN THE DESIGN of military aircraft during the postwar years has caused a tremendous spurt in the planning, design and construction of airfields to keep apace. The new jet planes and heavy bombers have heavier wheel loads, increased landing speeds, and rely heavily on instrument flying. These developments require longer, stronger and more durable runways than were necessary heretofore. As the Navy has practically changed over 100 per cent from reciprocating to jet engines, BuAir has set up a long range program for the development or conversion of appropriate



fields. Six master operational bases are now under construction, three on the East Coast — Oceana, Va., Cecil Field, Fla., Brunswick, Me. — and three on the West Coast — Whidbey Island, Wash., and Miramar and Moffit Field in California. These are to be supplemented by a series of auxiliary bases, some operational, and some industrial for maintenance and overhaul. In case of emergency, the auxiliary operational fields would in turn be converted to master bases with satellite fields. To keep up with the preparedness program, bases are being developed simultaneously in a three part program: first, runways and vital jet field storage facilities; next, hangars; and finally, the variety of buildings and facilities needed to complete the fields.

Although there can be no static rules to the planning of runways, due to the almost continuous modification of military aircraft, BuAir currently favors a flexible offset pattern. This wheel-spoke pattern (see diagram far left) eliminates taxiing, has control tower as center for all landings and take offs. Such a plan can be expanded by parallel duel runways. A typical airfield of this type is the Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, N. C., shown at left superimposed on plans of three of the larger public airports.





The Navy builds four categories of air facilities: lighter-than-air stations, seaplane bases, landplane bases, and seaport and industrial air stations. Several typical examples are illustrated here. Far left: lighter-than-air hangar interior, Weeksville, N. C. Left: exteriors of similar hangars, Richmond, Fla. Above: Seaplane hangar, Pensacola, Fla. Below, left: Naval Air Station, Barber Point, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Below: nose hangars, Guam



The photograph below shows a typical seaplane hangar at Jacksonville, Fla.



# CRITERIA DEFINITIVES STANDARDS

A CHITECTS AND ENGINEERS in the Bureau of Yards and Docks cringe slightly at any mention of "definitives," but they do have them for many types of buildings. They do not like the basic idea of "standard plans," and are always afraid that their work in "criteria" or "definitives" will be misunderstood, but they yield to the necessities of a huge operation with similar types of buildings erected in many places and many circumstances, and to the need for keeping these buildings comparable with similar ones at different bases, and comparable with similar types built by other military services.

Obviously, central headquarters must fix standard allowances for repetitive types of buildings like barracks, mess halls, storehouses, dispensaries. Many factors in design depend on top-level policies, or on requirements established at department level, as, for example, design of military hospitals. These matters are not to be left to individual inspirations, no matter how refreshing those might be. At BuDocks, however, there is full realization that any stated standard is likely to be inapplicable in some details to some given location, or might be "copied cold" when it ought to be changed.

But the definitives and criteria do prove useful in the field, for they state the Navy's wants in easily understood terms, and they serve as a check list reminder of many items which fresh inspiration might just overlook.

Standards at BuDocks include permanent, semipermanent, emergency (built during the last war), and mobilization (definitives ready for a quick, new emergency program). Permanent is of course for continued use in permanent bases, with minimum maintenance expense. Semi-permanent differs very little from the first, but contemplates higher maintenance costs for continued use. Mobilization is the lowest standard, with smaller space allowance, fewer facilities, use of noncritical material and so on. The mobilization drawings envision a rapid building program of minimum buildings, with SeaBees buzzing about the world.

Currently, austerity is trimming allowances pretty much all along the line, as explained elsewhere.

It is understood, of course, that any prepared criteria apply only to standard, repetitive types of buildings. There could not possibly be any frozen or canned designs for a centrifuge building, a guided missile laboratory, a tropical harbor, a dirigible hangar, but these unique constructions are actually more typical of Navy design work than the ubiquitous barracks.



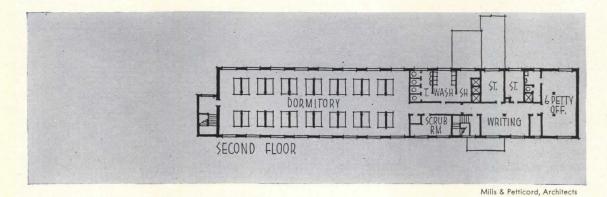
# ENLISTED MEN'S BARRACKS

Each of the military services has an explicit program to achieve a large degree of standardization and economy in its 1953 program for repetitive type buildings. In the barracks category, each is working toward a separate solution peculiarly adapted to its own requirements. The principal saving sought through these standard designs is the sizeable reduction of the gross area per man, without reducing each man's actual living space. The directions Navy thought is taking along these lines are illustrated in the two examples on the facing page. The rendering and top two plans show a two-story mobilization type barracks for enlisted men. This scheme was devised some time ago for emergency use. The bottom plan shows one of the floors of the most recently issued scheme for a permanent type enlisted men's barracks. This scheme has three storys, houses 172 men single bunked. It is sub-divided into three 48-bed dormitories for enlisted men and two 14-bed dormitories for Petty Officers or Non Commissioned Officers. Lockerheight partitions divide rooms into cubicles of four bunks each. The scheme allots 72 sq ft per enlisted man, 82 sq ft per N.C.O. and an overall gross area of 125 sq ft per man, including service areas. Emergency double bunking must maintain 50 sq ft per man, net area.

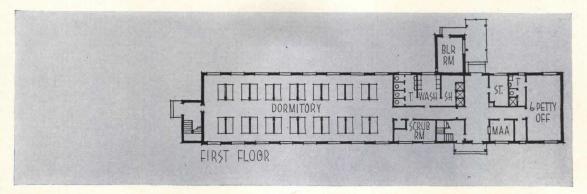




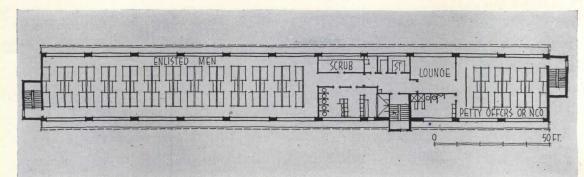
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Two-story mobilization type barracks (above, below)



Three-story permanent type barracks, typical floor (below)



#### **ONE-STORY GENERAL WAREHOUSES**

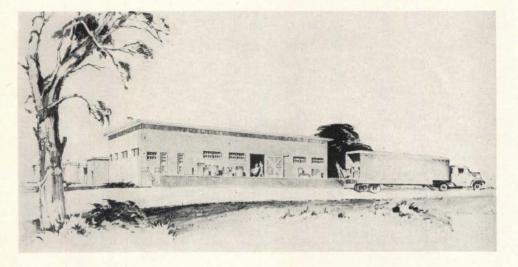
THE GREAT QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS, foods and goods necessary to maintain a military operation place warehouses as one of the most vital of the repetitive building types. To permit a systematized method of operation and easy interchange of equipment, BuDocks has set up criteria and definitive drawings containing basic principles and design information for site selection, design and construction of a permanent standard warehouse of one story. This type is illustrated in plan and section at the bottom of the page.

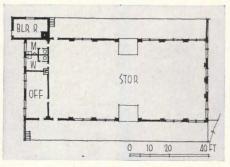
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The scheme is based on a compartment unit which may be used in multiples of, say, three or five, to form a complete warehouse. Particular attention is paid to the fire resistance of the structure and the combustibility of the goods to be stored. Each of the compartment units is separated by fire walls and has a floor area of approximately 40,000 sq ft.

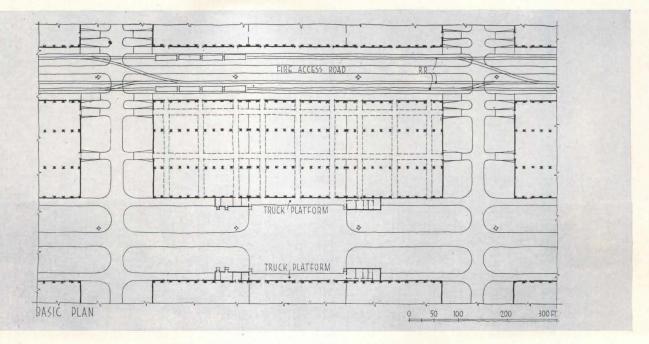
BuDocks also has a small, single compartment mobilization type warehouse scheme on hand for use in an emergency period. This design is shown directly below.



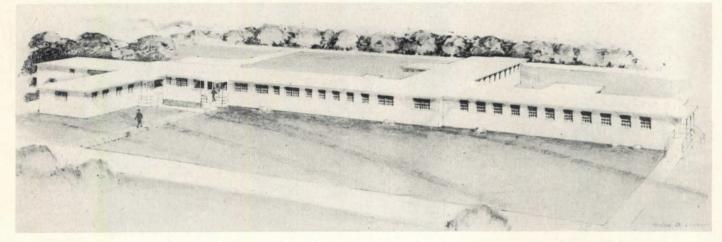


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Above: mobilization scheme for a small warehouse. Below: three-compartment permanent warehouse

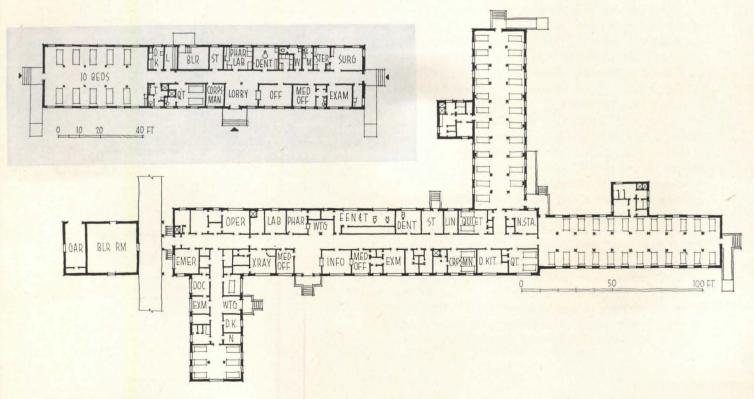


To SUPPLEMENT THE PERMANENT HOSPITAL FACILITIES in periods of emergency, BuDocks has a series of mobilization schemes for various size dispensaries. All the designs use the standard open type wards, with grouped washroom facilities. As in the permanent hospitals, the wards are ranged around a central unit housing offices, labs, clinics and operating rooms. The main difference in the various mobilization schemes for dispensaries is simply one of size, rather than any major change in plan organization.

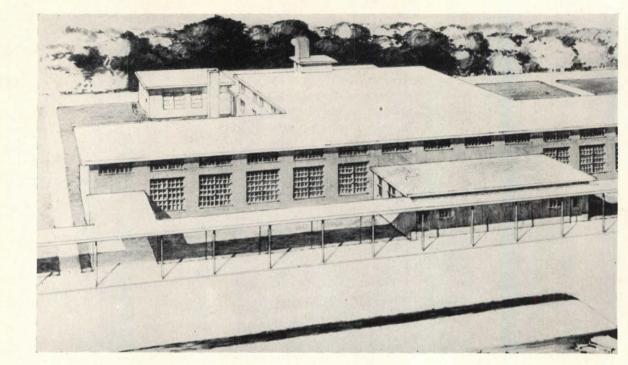


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A 50 bed dispensary is shown above and large plan below. The small plan in blue is a 10 bed unit



#### ENLISTED MEN'S SUBSISTENCE BUILDINGS

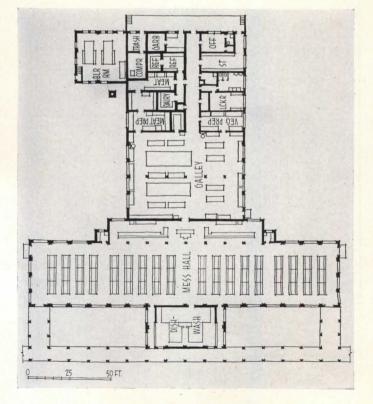


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MESS FACILITIES FOR NAVY and Marine enlisted personnel at Naval Shore Establishments have, in general, a standardized plan based on circulation patterns. The sizes and number of units at each base are directly dependent on the capacities of the barracks. For all bases except those of the Fleet Marine Force, one subsistence building is provided for each group of barracks having a total "normal capacity" up to 3300 men. The term "normal capacity" denotes the capacity of the barracks when single-bunked. "Emergency capacity" denotes capacity when double-bunked, or about 50 per cent more. Fleet Marine Force bases have one subsistence building for each barracks group with a "normal capacity" up to 1000 men.

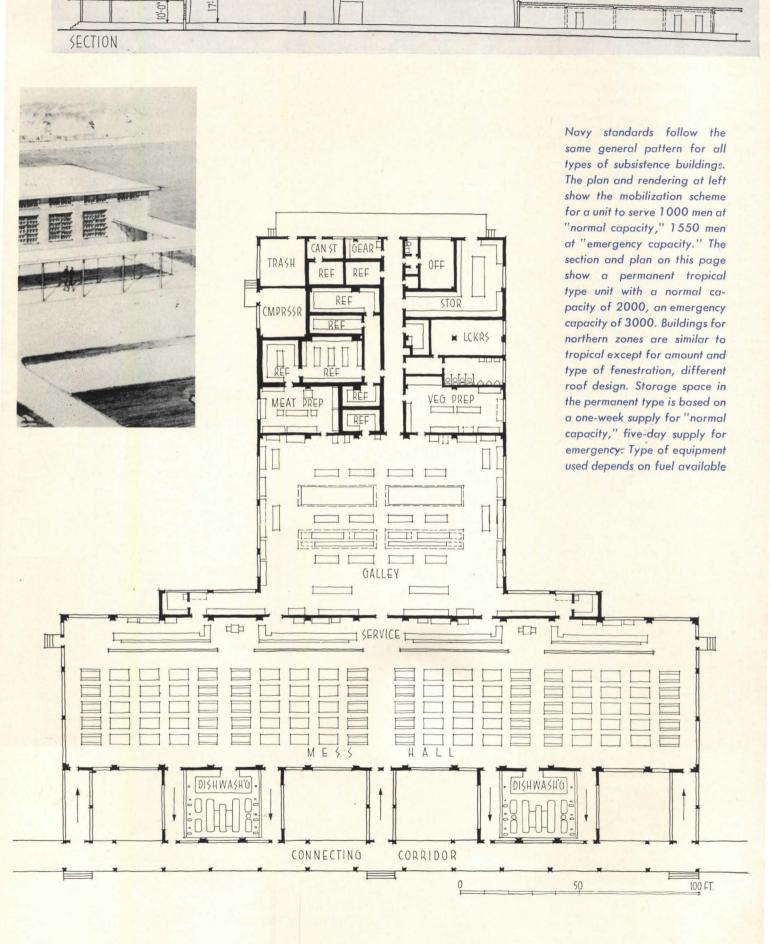
Mess halls are designed for cafeteria service of 85 per cent of the "normal capacity" of the barracks in about an hour, and 85 per cent of the "emergency capacity" in about 1½ hours. These figures are based on the assumption that about 15 per cent will be absent for various reasons.

Galleys, however, are designed to serve the total "normal capacity," and have space for any additional equipment needed to serve the total "emergency capacity." Calculations are also based on time allowances of ten persons per minute passing through the serving line, 15 minutes per person for actual eating time. One cafeteria serving counter, one scullery for dishwashing and about 200 seats are provided for each 425 men to be served.



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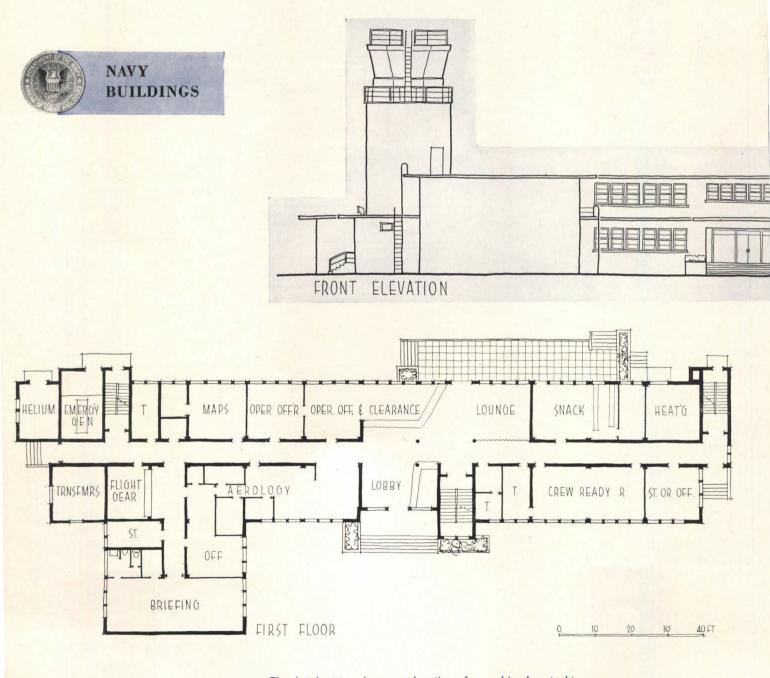
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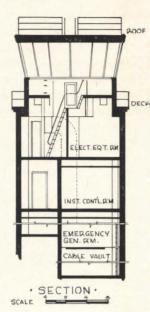
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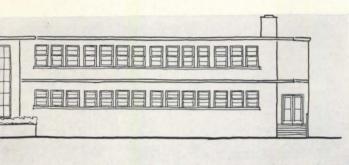
THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THE AIRFIELD construction program, discussed previously, has greatly increased the importance of a standardized "criteria" for control towers and operations buildings. The traffic control tower itself is the nerve center of an air station. Within it are centralized facilities for giving taxiing instructions, takeoff clearances, approvals to deviate from prescribed traffic patterns and many other kinds of information on traffic, airfield conditions and weather. The tower must be higher than any near-by structure that could limit or obstruct the operator's vision. Where the terrain is level, a height of 40 ft from the ground to the floor of the control room is considered the minimum.

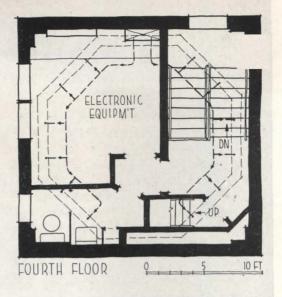
The control tower is often constructed as part of the operations building for the sake of convenience to offices and facilities for aerology, operations, communications and Ground Control Intercept. In some instances, however, a separate tower is desirable.

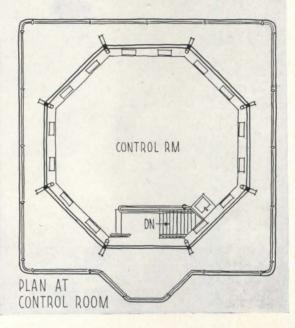


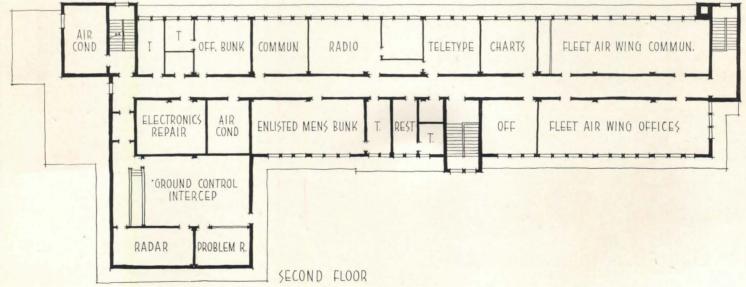
The sketch at top shows an elevation of a combined control tower and operations building as proposed by Navy Definitive Plans Below: section through control tower which fits above emergency generator room on first floor plan. The two plans at right are typical floors in tower: electrical equipment room, control room











The floor plans at bottom of page show suggested layout for a permanent operations building, with rooms for crews, offices, repairs CHAPELS

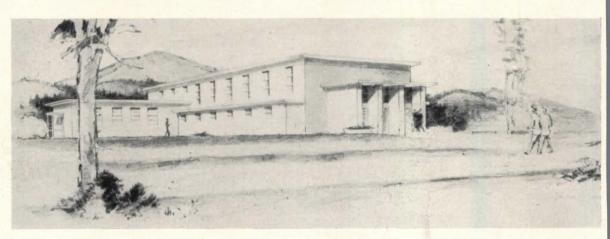


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BUILDINGS

**B**<sup>UDOCKS HAS BUILT MANY CHAPELS with fresh designs on Naval bases scattered over the globe. At present, the drive for economy has the Bureau Staff constantly seeking new ways to provide adequate buildings for lower cost.</sup>

In general, standardization plays a lesser role, except perhaps in plan and size, for permanent chapels. In case of a rapid build-up of bases, however, a direct, simple mobilization scheme has been prepared to take care of personnel needs. The scheme is, of course, nonsectarian and makes provision for use by all faiths and denominations. The main chapel has a conventional plan, 594 seats. It is flanked by wings housing an 84seat morning chapel and a 108-seat Sunday school. These wings could be added or deleted as budget, time and other conditions warranted.



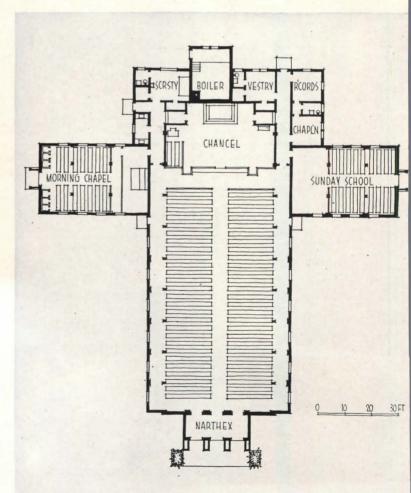
Mills & Petticord, Architects

#### The mobilization chapel scheme is shown in the rendering and plan at right



Rebert Co. Inc. Architects

Above: two permanent chapels—top, chapel at Shoemaker, Calif. Bottom, Catholic chapel, Jacksonville, Fla.



# PLANTING THE SITE

#### By Maud Sargent, Landscape Architect

This article deals with the more functional aspects of landscape architecture and was preceded by articles on site engineering including land drainage and building foundations. Here the author tells (1) which are the most desirable trees, shrubs and ground cover, (2) how they can be integrated with buildings and other construction, and (3) how to prepare the soil for them

scape beyond the project bounds cannot be controlled, the project itself must blend with its surroundings.

Not only must the exterior of the project be considered, but the view from the inside looking out is also important. Too often a large window looks out on a dismal aspect and the "landscaping" consists of an assortment of evergreen shrubs massed around the base of the building giving the impression that it is necessary to conceal the juncture of building and ground.

#### **Practical Considerations**

#### Conservation

1. Erosion Control. Since construction is not always completed at the proper time for planting, some quick growing cover crop should be planted to prevent erosion. Ground covers, grasses and low plants form good protection against erosion, and so do trees and shrubs, as they shade the ground and help to maintain a constant moisture content.

2. Air Conditioning. Vegetation is a natural agent for humidifying and purifying the air. On small projects this factor is negligible, in metropolitan planning it should be considered.

3. Maintenance of the Water Table. Planting is usually done around reservoirs to maintain the water table and protect the purity of the water.

#### Windbreak

1. The drifting of snow and the formation of ice may be discouraged by windbreaks.

2. Comfort and protection of buildings and plants may be improved by windbreaks. Shelterbelts in the great plains areas are a necessity. Windbreaks may consist of a single row of trees or shrubs or several rows of strategically located clumps of trees or shrubs. Deciduous and evergreen material can both

# ELEMENTS USED

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#### SHADE TREES

use: strong element in three dimensional design; shade; screen; windbreak.

#### **EVERGREEN**



oblong white pine



conical hemlock, fir

**P**LANTING THE SITE should be regarded as an integral part of any project involving additions or alterations to the surface of the earth. It is not just a "dressing up" operation, but should be planned right along with the building.

There are practical as well as esthetic reasons for planting the site, although esthetic reasons are among the most practical.

#### PURPOSES OF PLANTING

#### **Design Considerations**

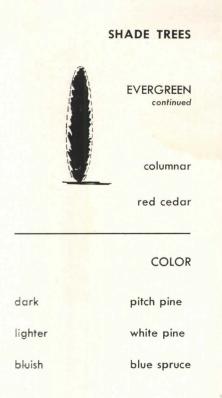
The design is three dimensional, and the main structure and the strongest elements of the design are trees. Shrubs form the fill-in material and may be used as color accents and emphasis. Lawn or ground cover forms the background.

Planting may be used to accent design; to build up emphasis to more important parts of the project; to bring out certain aspects and minimize others. This may be done by the use of various foliage and flower effects, and even fruit and colored bark in the winter season.

Accents and increased perspective can be obtained by the use of various foliage textures — the coarse catalpa (Catalpa speciosa) or Empress tree (Paulownia tomentosa) minimizing distance, and the fine textured honey locust (Gleditsia triacanthos) or tamarack (Larix laricina) giving an impression of greater distance. They can be used with carefully graded intermediate textures to create perspective. Color is also used to create conscious effects, changing with each season. See "Elements Used in Planting Design."

The building should look like it belongs to the site, and the site should blend with its surroundings. A landscape project cannot be enclosed in a frame; it cannot be seen in its entirety except in relation to its surroundings. Since the frame cannot be selected and the land-

# ELEMENTS USED











oblong

honey locust, tulip tree

be used, but, of course, evergreen plants give more year round protection.

Sturdy plants must be used such as red or white pine or hemlock among the evergreen trees; hornbeam beeches or pin oak among the deciduous trees; columnar junipers and arborvitae among the evergreen shrubs; and privet species, buckthorn and blackhaw among the deciduous shrubs.

#### Shade

Planting may be used very effectively to assist in keeping a building cool; it will make an appreciable difference in the temperature. A deciduous tree, of course, will not cast much shadow in the winter when the warmth of sun is desirable.

#### Screen

1. Undesirable views may be screened out by either a hedge or clumps of plants. Typical hedge plants are yew (evergreen) and privet (deciduous), but there are many other possibilities.

2. Service areas are usually screened from other parts of the project.

3. Noise and dust can be screened out to a considerable extent by planting (an important consideration in designing playgrounds).

4. Glare from lights can be eliminated in some places. In a divided lane highway or parkway, shrub planting in the center strip will cut down the glare of headlights.

5. Focus on certain points can be created by screening out distracting views.



Taconic State Park Comm.

Johh Gass photo

Natural landscaping helps separate opposing lanes of traffic on this parkway

#### Implement flow of traffic

1. Main roads or drives may be emphazied by tree planting. Curves in a road may be more clearly distinguishable from greater distance by planting trees on the outside of curves. Intersections and inside of curves must have a clear view.

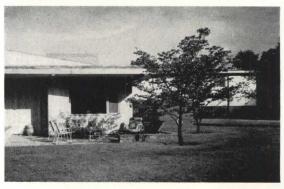
2. Effective barriers can be made by planting shrubs. Dense growing or thorny ones will discourage unwanted short cuts by pedestrians.

3. "Slow" signs on a highway may be emphasized by trees which converge at that point.

#### SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN PLANTING DESIGN

#### Highway and Parkway Planting

Erosion prevention. Modern highways and parkways frequently have steep



Ezra Stoller Photo

These trees, when grown, will provide welcome shade for the terrace and house. Albert Kennerly, Architect

DECIDUOUS (Summer)

banks of cut or fill to eliminate steep grades and sharp curves. Even when these banks are made at the angle of repose of the specific soil (a three to one slope generally) and if the underdrainage has been provided (See ARCHITEC-TURAL RECORD, July 1952, p. 155) there will be erosion unless the banks are planted with some sort of ground cover. Grass is sometimes satisfactory, only it requires mowing. Honeysuckle and Memorial Rose are two good ground covers for banks that require little maintenance.

Disease and pest free plants are required to keep maintenance budgets low. Long lived trees for permanent beauty are preferable, but since they are usuping Center Development Group in Philadelphia is now planting 64 Ginkgo trees in front of stores along Germantown Avenue.

Street noises. Trees will reduce noises. This has an appreciable effect on upper floors.

#### Specifications

1. Plants must be sturdy, long lived, free from diseases and pests. They must not have surface growing roots that will eventually lift up pavement (maple trees, for example) and they must not have roots that will get into sewers and clog them up (poplars and willows). Where planted in, or overhanging, pavement areas they must not have



Standard Oil Co. (N. J.)

Strategically placed trees form visual barriers between the cloverleaf and the roads tangent to it

ally slower growing than the others, they are frequently interplanted with fast growing trees that can be removed later. Oaks, for example, are among the more permanent trees, and ash and poplar are among the quick growing. Trees native to the area are usually preferable.

#### Street Trees

The importance of street tree planting in cities is becoming more universally recognized. Curiously enough the larger cities seem to place more emphasis on street trees than the smaller ones which, although they may have more trees proportionally, are not always so assiduous in caring for them or in replacing them as it becomes necessary.

Shade. Trees reduce the heat reflected from paving and buildings, and they are just as useful in commercial as residential areas. The Chestnut Hill Shopflowers or fruit that will drop.

2. They should be planted 40 to 75 ft apart, at least 25 ft from an intersection and 10 ft from a fire hydrant, and at least 3 ft from the curb.

If they are planted in the sidewalk area they should have a rectangle of open earth around the trunk at least 6 by 7 ft. This may be covered by granite or concrete blocks laid with open joints so that the rain water can penetrate to the roots. Sometimes an iron grating is placed over the area to allow people to walk on it without packing the earth so hard that it becomes impervious to water.

Among the most satisfactory street trees are planes, red oaks, Ginkgos and silver lindens. Norway maples are one of the most commonly used street trees, but they have an uninteresting shape and all maples have surface-growing roots.



white oak

lombardy poplar

columnar



American Elm

vase

shaped

DECIDUOUS STRUCTURE

winter effect



linden, pin oak

# ELEMENTS USED



#### **Parking Areas**

Trees around the edge of the lot and in between rows of cars will be a welcome addition to any parking lot. Some protection is required to keep cars from bumping them; a raised curb is adequate if the trunk of the tree is 3 ft from the curb. The same considerations as for street trees must be used in selecting material and planting for parking areas.

#### **Foundation Planting**

A mass of shrubs should not be planted all around the base of the building. Although it may be desirable in the design to have a long continuous line, in general it is better to have groups of plants in the foundation planting and have spaces where the junction of building and ground is clearly visible so that the building appears to set solidly on the ground.

The size of the building and the site must be considered in the selection of plant material because the ultimate height and spread of the plants must be commensurate with the size of building and site. It is better to select mature plants than to crowd in too many young ones that may eventually grow too tall. A three-foot hemlock may look just right under the window when it is planted, but it is a forest tree and in five years it will cover the window entirely. Evergreen and deciduous material are both more effective when they are used together than when either one is used alone.

#### Playgrounds

An open area for active play is not the only requisite. Shaded areas for rest and relaxation are also part of the recreation needs. A planting barrier of trees and shrubs will reduce noise and make the playground more of an asset to the adjacent property owners.

Trees may also separate use areas in the playground and make an attractive design. Sturdy, long lived trees and shrubs should be used and ones without edible fruit on them.

#### Parks

In general, park plant material should be as for streets and playgrounds except that flowering and fruiting trees are desirable provided they are hardy and pest free and planted so as not to drop fruit on the pavement. Plants should be selected with regard to the park's size.

#### **Private Homes**

The primary consideration in planting design for private houses are:

- 1. Character of the surroundings.
- 2. Character of the site.
- 3. Character of the house.

4. Personal tastes and living habits of the occupants.

5. The amount of time the occupants are willing to spend on upkeep.



Sigurd Fischer photo

Apartment house planting requires simplicity of design and a sense of scale

6. Screening from neighbors may be desirable; or the more open feeling of a park, in which the open spaces of many neighbors merge, may be preferred.

- 7. Service area to be screened.
- 8. Human scale and livability.

#### **Housing Projects**

The neighborhood concept can be emphasized by planting design of the project as a whole. The whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Personal tastes of individuals generally are subordinated to give character to the whole project.

#### **Apartment Houses**

With the recent trend toward more land for the building, the planting becomes more important. Simplicity of design is essential.

The scale of the building must be considered in relation to the plants. Planting suitable for a low, one-story house would hardly be appropriate for a multistory dwelling.

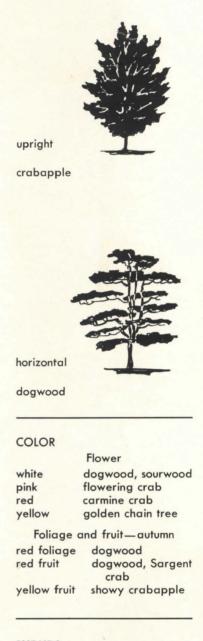
Planting may be used to direct the flow of traffic. Fences may be concealed or the hard lines softened by planting shrubs and vines.

#### **Industrial Sites**

The modern trend is toward larger

#### SMALL FLOWERING TREES

use: accent and for variations in height.



#### SHRUBS

use: for fill-in design; accent; screen; erosion prevention; windbreak.

#### EVERGREEN

rounded

mountain laurel

industrial sites and lower percentage of land coverage. This is partly due to the recognized need for off-street parking for employees and partly to a growing awareness that an industrial plant can be an attractive part of the community and can promote good public relations. Space around an industrial plant, if landscaped, can reduce noise considerably. It is an asset to have an attractive area where employees may eat and relax during the lunch hour.

#### FORMAL AND INFORMAL PLANTING DESIGN

The character of the project and its surroundings will determine whether it will be formal or informal. By formal design is meant the use of straight lines and geometrical patterns rather than axial symmetry.

In general the closer to the building or structure, the more formal will be the planting. The transition from the purely

#### Topsoil

The topsoil is then spread and leveled off 2 in. above the finished grade to allow for compaction. The depth of topsoil occurring naturally varies considerably with the site. For planting operations 8 to 12 in. of topsoil are required for lawn or ground cover areas and tree pits and shrub beds are backfilled with topsoil.

#### Drainage

Usually the surface drainage will take care of the moisture in the soil if the minimum slope of a lawn area is 0.5 per cent. There may be some unusual conditions where it may be necessary to lay a tile drain field.

#### **Tree pits**

Tree pits should be at least 18 in. greater than the diameter of the roots of the tree and at least 1 ft deeper than the roots. The bottom of the tree pit should



Sigurd Fischer photo

Trees are desirable in commercial as well as residential areas, cutting off heat radiated from paving and buildings. Fresh Meadows, N. Y. City. Voorhees, Walker, Foley and Smith

man-made structure to the purely natural landscape can be made by the planting design. Each designer will do it in a different way. The ultimate test is whether it looks as though it belonged there.

#### PREPARATION OF THE SITE FOR PLANTING

#### Fine grading

The ground first must be levelled off at 8 to 12 in. below the finished grade and smoothed, raked free of stones, roots, etc. be scarified to a depth of several inches to help the roots penetrate the subsoil. The turf removed from the top of the tree pit should be turned upside down in the bottom of the hole. The tree is then set at the same level as it was growing previously and the hole backfilled with topsoil.

Before the hole is completely filled, the earth must be settled in place with water. A saucer of earth slightly larger than the tree pit is made around the tree to hold the water. If the tree is planted on a slope the ground must be graded

#### **ELEMENTS USED** IN PLANTING DESIGN



honeysuckle



rounded

vase

shaped

spirea

around the tree to catch and hold water. This saucer should be left for a year before leveling off to grade.

#### Shrub beds

Shrubs are preferably planted in groups rather than as individual specimens. The whole shrub bed is excavated to a depth of 2 ft, the shrubs are set in place at the same level as they were growing before and the area is backfilled with topsoil, and settled with water.

#### Lawn areas

Ground limestone should be applied in the amount of 4000 lb per acre and commercial fertilizer (2-16-8). Lime should be applied at least a week before the fertilizer.

If seeding is done by hand it must be done in two directions to secure an even stand.

Grass must be pretty well grown be-

cedar posts with bark attached, about 21/2 in. in diameter and 8 ft long sharpened at one end and driven at least 3 ft in the ground. The tree is guved to these posts by No. 12 guage wire and the tree trunk is protected by short lengths of rubber hose. This kind of staking is the best for trees which are in a location where people might walk into the wires without seeing them. Otherwise it is best to stake the trees with three guys attached to 2 by 4's sharpened at one end and notched at the other and driven almost flush with the ground.

#### Pruning

After planting, most trees and shrubs should be pruned back so that the tops of the plants will not lose so much moisture until the roots are established. Trees may be pruned back about one third of the total branching system. All pruning cuts must be clean cuts and



Lighting combined with trees and shrubs comprise traffic islands at Bullock's, Pasadena, Calif. Welton Becket and Assoc., Architects and Engineers

fore it can withstand the hot sun. Lawn seed is usually made up of mixtures of several kinds of grass seed including Kentucky Blue Grass, Illahee Creeping Red Fescue, Rhode Island or Colonial Bent, Red Top and domestic rye grass. The rye grass, being annual, will germinate more quickly and give cover while the permanent grasses are maturing more slowly. Wild white clover is a good addition to a lawn. The amount of seeding is usually about 200 lb per acre.

#### **Finishing Up**

Staking the trees

All newly planted trees should be staked immediately after planting. Street trees are usually staked by two white

branches must be cut back to the next branch. Shrubs should also be cut back in the same manner and about the same amount.

#### Mulching shrubs

Newly planted trees and shrubs should be mulched by having an inch or two of humus spread over the tree pit or shrub bed. For ericacious plants, that is rhododendron, mountain laurel, highbush blueberry, etc., the mulch should be of oak leaf mold free of sticks and stones.

#### Feeding

1. Lime. Most plants thrive best in a fairly neutral soil but the decomposition of organic matter has a tendency to

New York City Park Dept.

Playground trees help to screen out noise and dust—can also separate use areas

build up the acidity of the soil and this must be counteracted by the addition of ground limestone. Different plants have different tolerances for acidity and should be planted in groups accordingly. For example, lilacs grow best in quite an alkaline soil and should not normally be associated with ericacious plants such as highbush blueberry which likes a pretty acid soil.

Some soils are more acid than others because of the nature of the particles which make up the mineral structure of the soil, or the basic rock strata which underlie it. In the eastern part of the United States, the soil has a tendency to become acid, and addition of lime at intervals is usually required.

In some parts of the country, however, the soil is so alkaline as to require neutralization before plants will grow. Lime, in addition to being one of the plant nutrients, has an effect on the texture of the soil. Strongly acid soil will pack down and become hard and almost impervious to water.

There are new chemicals on the market that help to condition the soil for favorable plant growth. They do not supply any plant nutrients, however, but make the soil more favorable for plant growth.

2. Manure (organic fertilizer). The advantage of manure over commercial fertilizers is that it supplies organic matter to the soil which helps to maintain the water content of the soil as well as to supply nutrients. The manure must be well rotted, more than nine months and less than two years old. Fresh manure is too strong and will injure the roots of plants with which it comes in contact. Manure which is too old has lost much of the nutrient chemicals.

Green manure is a cover crop of alfalfa or rye grass which is turned into the soil while it is still green. This adds humus to the soil and nitrogen as the green plant disintegrates in the soil.

3. Commercial fertilizer. The main nutrient elements for plants are nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. In commercial fertilizers these elements are listed in that order and indicating amounts of each.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR A GOOD PLANTING JOB

Material must be selected which is free from diseases, pests, abrasions and broken or poorly pruned branches. Some specimen trees and shrubs will have to be selected for their specific growing habits and shapes and will have to be oriented at the site for the best appearance.

**Careful interpretation of plans.** Sometimes in actual planting operation, in order to carry out the spirit of the design, it is necessary to deviate somewhat from the plans. For example, if it is desired to screen out a certain view it may be found to be more effective on the actual site to shift some of the plants one way or another.

Adequate maintenance is a very important factor in the appearance of a planting job in subsequent years. A planting job will rarely look its best immediately after the initial planting job is finished, and unless it is properly maintained it may never attain its maximum potentialities.



Hedrich-Blessing Studio

Landscaping furnishes pleasant atmosphere for grounds outside cafeteria at an industrial lab. Holabird & Root & Burgee former and

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SHRUBS-DECIDUOUS

broad spreading dwarf Japanese quince



columnar enkiathus

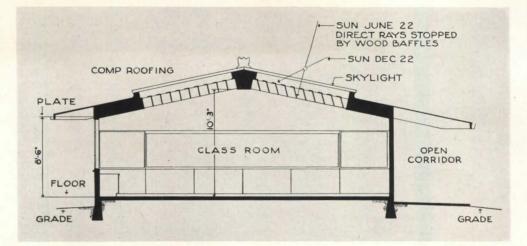
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VINES AND GROUND COVER use: carpet the ground; erosion prevention; screen or soften building or walls.

| CARPETING MATERIA                | LS                                   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| for shade<br>for sun             | bugle plant, ivy<br>thyme, moss pink |
| LOW SHRUBBY GRO                  | UND COVER                            |
| for shade<br>for sun             | yellow root<br>pachistima            |
| GROUND COVER FC<br>sumac species | R DISTANCE                           |

#### VINES

| clinging vines | ivy, trumpet vine |
|----------------|-------------------|
| twisting vines | wisteria          |
| (need :        | support)          |
| trailing vines | memorial rose     |
| (cover slopes  | or low walls)     |



Double skylight eliminates necessity for high windows on side walls; also provides ventilation, solar heat

### LOUVERED SKYLIGHT, VENTILATOR COMBINED

C. A. Caulkins Jr. and Associates, Architects, San Francisco and Santa Rosa, Calif.

QUITE A NUMBER of daylighting systems for schools have originated on the West Coast — encouraged to a great extent by the favorable climate. The new idea in skylights shown here, already in use in 17 schools and planned for several more, combines a louvered skylight with an adjustable ceiling ventilator; and curtains can be pulled over the skylight for audio-visual aids.

The skylight covers approximately 60 per cent of the ceiling, and the ventilator runs the full length of the classroom.

#### Light, Heat, Ventilation

A specially designed set of inverted, "L"-shaped louvers hang below the skylight which allow daylight to enter the room, but shut out the direct rays of the sun year 'round. Problems of heating, cooling, ventilation, and audio-visual education are all involved in this skylight design.

A 10-in. space is provided between the heat-absorbing glass of the skylight and the louvers, so when the weather is warm, the heated air under the glass is sucked out through the ceiling ventilator by stack action; this creates a circulation of air throughout the classroom.



"L"-shaped louvers cut out direct rays of sun at all times, but still permit lots of daylight to get through. They can be darkened by means of curtains when audio-visual aids are being used



Adjustable, ceiling ventilator runs the length of the classroom. It pulls out the hot air under the skylight, induces room circulation, and can be closed as desired during the cooler weather In cold weather, the ceiling ventilator can be closed as much as desired, and the room gets heat from solar radiation. Even though the sun may not be shining on a cold day, the architect says that many times there is enough solar heat to shut off the thermostat.

Darkening for audio-visual education is accomplished by means of curtains located between the skylight and the top of the louvers. The whole area can be darkened quickly, and there is still ample ventilation. According to the architect, the cost of shades is less than half that of curtains at conventional clerestory windows.

#### Louver Design

Before the double skylight was employed (see sketch) schools designed by Caulkins had high north windows, and top lighting was used to give more daylight to the far side of the room, providing a practically uniform level of illumination at the desk tops.

In order to keep out the glare of the sun, the architect experimented with various depths of louvers, but the louvers had to be so close together to eliminate the direct rays of the sun, that light penetration was insufficient.

Finally the architect experimented with louvers of various shapes and found that inverted "L"-shaped louvers did the trick. The dimension of the aperture at the top of the louver was the same as the distance between the original straight louvers. However, the distance between the "L"-shaped louvers was considerably greater, allowing a play of light between them.

#### Applications

After officials of the Eucalyptus School near Sevastopol, California were shown models and studies on the louvered skylight, they decided to incorporate it in their one-room building. Other officials were enthusiastic, and this toplighting system was incorporated in 15 schools in rapid succession (see photos).

Next the architect decided to cut down the height of the north windows in his school designs and depend entirely on top lighting (see sketch). Two schools like this have been completed, and there are several more on the boards. With this design, the side walls were reduced in height from 11 ft to 8 ft 6 in. This cross section has about 25 per cent less volume than a flat-roofed school with 11-ft ceilings, and is said to reduce the cost more than enough to pay for the skylights.

# GUIDE FOR

# A-BOMB RESISTANCE OF BUILDINGS

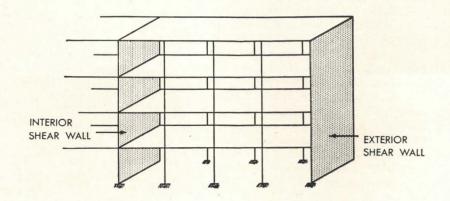
Civil Defense manual suggests methods to strengthen new buildings against blast

**F**<sup>OLLOWING CLOSELY two national conferences dealing with the problems of protecting buildings from atomic bombs is the publication of a new Civil Defense booklet, "An Interim Guide for the Design of Buildings Exposed to Atomic Blast."\*</sup>

Intended primarily for architects and engineers, the booklet describes briefly the effects of atomic explosions on buildings; suggests methods of increasing the strength of new buildings; and points out hazards which should be considered in the design of shelter areas in buildings. Its prime purpose is to indicate the general nature of the problem resulting from an atomic explosion, and the steps to be taken until a more complete design manual is available.

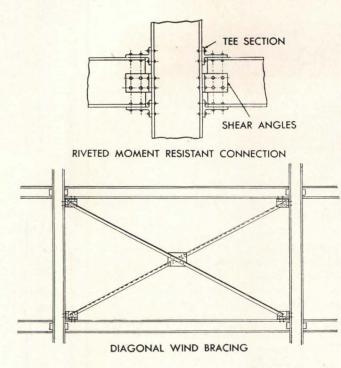
According to the Federal Civil Defense Administration, resistance to atomic blast can be built into multistory buildings for an average additional construction cost of only about three per cent. This figure has been backed up by cost data on two reinforced concrete frame buildings designed for both conventional loads and for \*Available from the Supt. of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C., 15 cents. recommended blast loads. Building "A" was an 11-story building, 158 by 190 ft. Building "B" was a 9-story structure of irregular floor plan with irregular wings. The increase in general construction cost for building "A" amounted to 2.2 per cent, and for building "B", 3.8 per cent.

Some indication of how buildings would withstand an atomic blast is given in the guide with a list of typical buildings in the order of their blast resistance (ranging from a high degree of resistance to practically none): (1) Reinforced-concrete and heavy steel-framed multi-story buildings, designed for wind or earthquake resistance; (2) Industrial buildings with continuous steel frames, rigidly connected and strongly braced in all directions; (3) Strongly braced wooden frame houses that are relatively low and wide; (4) Light, shed-type commercial and industrial buildings with long-span trusses and beams, light columns, and little lateral bracing and with large areas exposed to blast; (5) Masonry wall-bearing structures with ordinary floor, beam and column, or bearing partition construction; (6) Tall, light woodframe buildings such as three-decker flats.



Shear walls, generally of reinforced concrete, are strongly recommended to supply resistance to lateral forces. They may contain openings for windows

#### **TECHNICAL NEWS — Guide for Blast Resistance of Buildings**

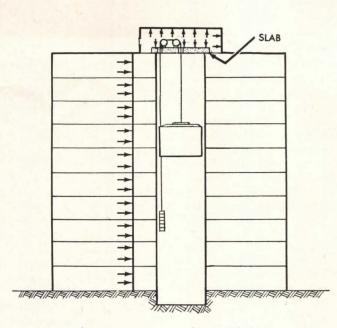


Moment-resistant connections and diagonal bracing supply resistance in steel frames, but concrete shear walls are better

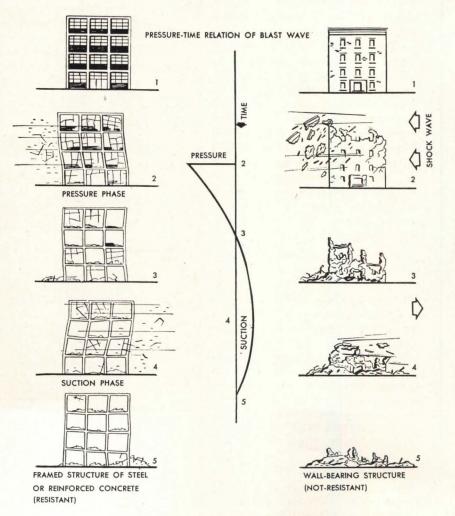
It is not within the scope of this guide to provide a structural design procedure; however, a table of recommended live loads for blast resistance is given, and it is said that a design developed with these values will give reasonable probability of survival (partial damage) to structures at one-half mile or more from a 20 KT bomb. To explain the use of this table, there is an analysis of a hypothetical structure under static and dynamic loads showing the improvement in blast resistance that can be expected for various degrees of strengthening.

The guide notes that a number of Japanese buildings subjected to atomicblast showed good resistance, the most satisfactory being built with what amounted to shear walls. A section of the booklet then tells where and how shear panels should be used for maximum effectiveness.

Preferred materials for walls and panels are either reinforced concrete that is well tied into the rest of the structure or lightweight, relatively fragile sheets such as gypsum or asbestos. A concrete wall strong enough to remain in place produces no fragments, may not require replacement, and is strong enough to strengthen the structure. Weak panels encourage breakage without exertion of large forces on the rest of the structure, and generally produce less dangerous fragments than do heavier walls.



A resistant cover may be provided to reduce pressures within an elevator shaft and prevent damage to equipment within



Above: relative resistance of two types of structures to atomic blast

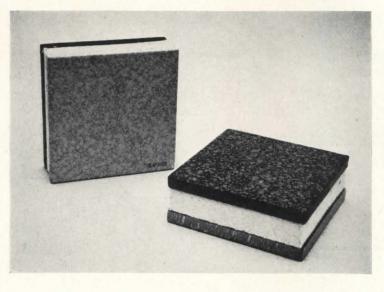
# PRODUCTS for Better Building

#### Metal-faced Panels for Curtain Wall Construction

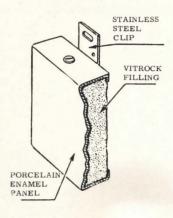
With the increasing interest today in the use of prefabricated panels for curtain wall construction, many manufacturers have developed panels employing porcelain enamel and other facings in conjunction with a variety of core materials. Three of these are reviewed here:

• Davidson "Vitrock" panels are manufactured by a process in which a gypsum base is bonded to the porcelain enamel skin after enameling has been completed. This process is reported to successfully eliminate objectionable waviness and distortion in the finished panel, and the base material is said to furnish good insulating and sound deadening qualities. While the panel skins are held on magnetic holding blocks, a quick-setting, shrink proof gypsum base material is applied. Anchors welded to the inner face of the skin secure the Vitrock core to form a onepiece integral flat-surfaced unit. The panels are installed with stainless steel fastening clips and do not require any further structural reinforcement than the same panels without the Vitrock base would require. Available in almost any color or texture desired. Davidson Enamel Products, Inc., 1102 Kibby St., Lima, Ohio.

• Seaporclad panels are laminations of porcelain enameled steel to thermal and noise insulating cores. Kaylo, Marinite 23, Celotex, Honeycomb paper and other insulating materials are used for the cores. If so desired, the panels can be supplied with inside surfaces of Galvaneal, aluminum and other metals. Sizes of the panels range up to 4 by 10 ft with cores of varying thickness. Varied textures in any color can be obtained, affording a wide flexibility in design. Light weight of the panels is reported to speed assembly and erection of curtain walls and to effect considerable savings in structural steel framework. Seaporcel Metals, Inc., 28-20 Borden Ave., Long Island City 1, N.Y. (Continued on page 220)

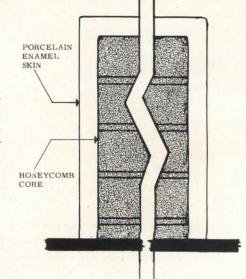


Seaporclad panels developed by Seaporcel have porcelain enamel outer face, thermal and noise insulating core. Sandwich type uses any of several metals for inner face



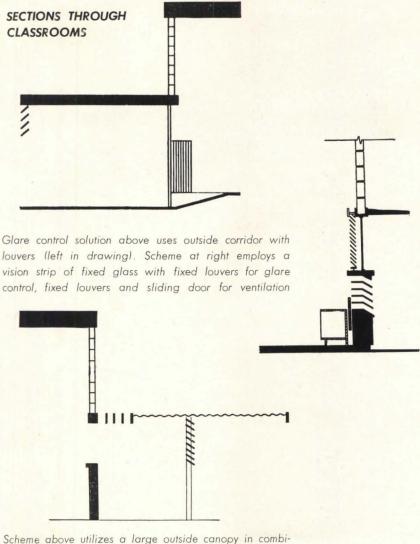
Davidson Vitrock panels, left, employ a gypsum base bonded to the porcelain enamel skin and secured with welded anchors

U. S. Plywood's Armorply panel, enlarged detail shown right, is available in a variety of facings and cores, is of sandwich-type construction

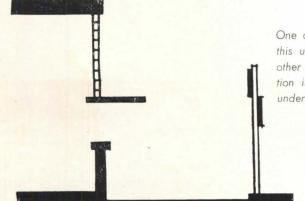


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## LITERATURE FOR THE OFFICE



Scheme above utilizes a large outside canopy in combination with louvers. Sky is shielded at all times, and the canopy also serves as a covered passageway



One of the simplest schemes, this uses screens of wood or other rigid materials. Ventilation is good, since air flows under the screen

#### Reducing Glare From Vision Strips

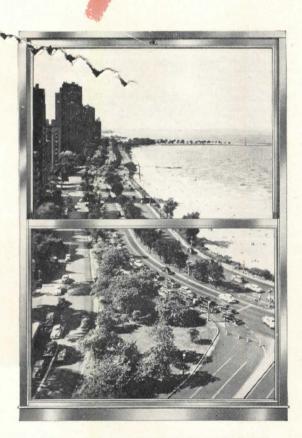
A Study of Vision Strips as Related to Glass Block Fenestration: A Project Conducted by the Texas Engineering Experiment Station in Cooperation with Kimble Glass Co. The second in a series, this report concerns a number of suggested solutions to daylight control problems encountered with vision strips employed in conjunction with glass block fenestration. The book suggests several projected schemes for providing proper vision, glare control and ventilation control where vision strips are used. These are classified in three categories of approach: through landscaping, through architecture and through manufactured products. In the first of these, methods of controlling glare and ventilation through the use of tree rows, rigid sky screens, play sheds between classroom wings, outside walls and vertical baffles are explored. Among the architectural schemes proposed are: outside corridors with louvers; projected glass block lighting panel; vision strip lowered to eye level of seated children; louvers suspended from a sun hood; a manufactured louver screen; screens of expanded metal; louvers in conjunction with a canopy; and fixed glass vision strip with separate venetian louvers for ventilation below and either fixed louvers or venetian blinds for sun control. The third approach is concerned with special transparent materials which might reduce sky brightness while permitting clear vision. In all, there are 14 schemes suggested, each analyzed in terms of both lighting and ventilation, and each illustrated with drawings, plans and sections. A section dealing with the results of brightness, visibility and color distortion tests of acrylic materials is included. 38 pp., illus. Kimble Glass Co., Subsidiary of Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo 1, Ohio.\*

#### Vertical Transportation

Westinghouse Vertical Transportation, 1952 Edition, B-4585. Booklet illustrates the manufacturer's line of elevators, (Continued on page 272)

\* Other product information in Sweet's File, 1952.

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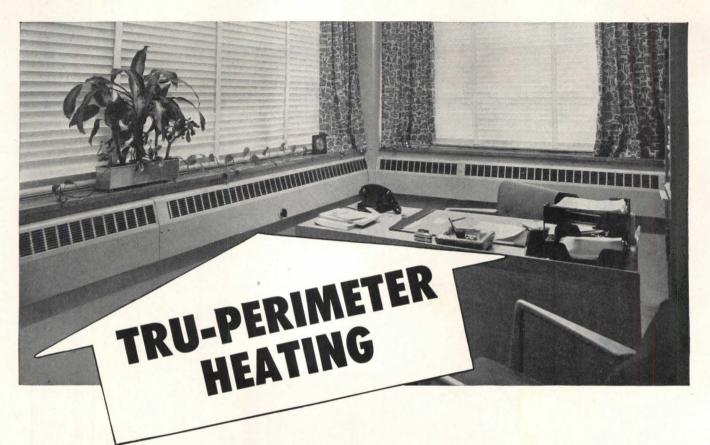
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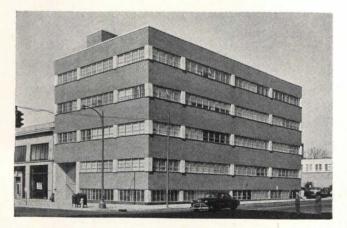


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#### STRUCTURAL FORMS-5: Long Spans in Wood

By Seymour Howard, Architect, Instructor at Pratt Institute

#### GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS OF WOOD AS STRUCTURAL MATERIAL:

#### CHARACTERISTIC

Not homogeneous (orthotropic) (long cylindrical cells parallel to one axis)

Natural defects (cross-grain, spiral & diagonal; knots)

- Decay hazard in exposed conditions
- Swells or shrinks with changes in humidity

Although remaining elastic, under long-term (25 years or more) loads, a permanent sag or deflection takes place

Note: These characteristics are listed as important differences be-tween wood and the idealized, perfectly homogeneous and perfectly elastic material used in the mathematical anlaysis of strength of materials.

#### FIRE SAFETY

As is well known, heavy timber 16 in. nom, 5 in. min actual in least dimension) and plank construction is much better fire risk than thin sections and boarding. This fact gives glued laminated arches and frames some advantage over wood trusses and lamella arches. It also

explains usual spacing of 8 ft for arches and frames, with 2 in. planking. (Next step is usually 16 to 20 ft spacing with purlins.) Small width (2 in. nom) arch rafters, spaced 24 in. o.c., with 1 in. boarding, are usually limited to farm structures and small warehouses.

| RECOMMENDED S   |                                |              | (Maxima in Parenthesis)<br>TYPE OF                    |                                |                               |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| STRUCTURAL UNIT   | SPAN                           | SPACING      | STRUCTURAL UNIT                                       | SPAN                           | SPACING                       |
| Joists  | Up to 24 ft                    | 16 to 24 in. |   |                                |                               |
| Sawn Beams  | Up to 30 (40) ft               | 4 to 20 ft   |   |                                |                               |
| Glued Laminated Beams                                     | Up to 60 (100) ft              | 4 to 20 ft   | TRUSSED RAFTER  | 20 to 50 ft                    | 24 in.                        |
| BOWS RING TRUSS<br>DEPTH/SPA 1 & Yr                       | 40 to 150 ft<br>(20 to 232 ft) | 16 to 20 ft  | ARCH RAFTER OR<br>ARCH RIB                            | 20 to 60 (80) ft               | 24 in.                        |
| FINK TRUSS<br>BEST FOR SLOPES OVER 25°                    | 40 to 60 ft<br>(20 to 90 ft)   | 12 to 20 ft  | RISE/SPAN ≈ 0.45<br>(THREE-HINGED ARCH)               |                                |                               |
| BELGIAN TRUSS   | 40 to 60 ft<br>(20 to 90 ft)   | 12 to 20 ft  | TWO-HINGED ARCH<br>RISE/SPAN-MIN V8<br>USUAL V6 TO V4 | 30 to 100 ft                   | 2, 8 ft or<br>16 to 20 ft     |
| PRATT TRUSS<br>FOR SLOPES UNDER 25°                       |                                |              |   |                                |                               |
| PRATT TRUSS (FLAT)<br>DEPTH/SPAN≈V8↑                      | 40 to 120 ft<br>(20 to 150 ft) | 12 to 20 ft  | THREE-HINGED ARCH                                     | 20 to 100 ft                   | 2, 4 to 8 ft c<br>16 to 20 ft |
| (WARREN & HOWE ALSO USED)<br>CRESCENT TRUSS               | 40 to 80 ft<br>(20 to 160 ft)  | 16 to 20 ft  | THREE-HINGED ARCH                                     | (30 to 180 ft)                 |                               |
| LAMELLA   | 40 to 120 ft<br>(25 to 165 ft) |              | RISE/SPAN-MIN V8<br>USUAL V6 TO V4                    | 30 to 100 ft<br>(30 to 175 ft) | 8 ft or<br>16 to 20 ft        |
| ARCH<br>RISE/SPAN: MIN VB<br>USUAL V6 TO 1/2<br>MAX 1/1 + |                                |              | V<br>THREE-HINGED<br>RIGID FRAME                      |                                |                               |

Note: Glued laminated sections used in trusses for curved chords and heavily loaded straight chords and web members. Steel may be used for tension members. Glued laminated sections used for all arches and rigid frames, except that joist sections (2 by 8 to 2 by 12s) used for lamella arches. Recommendations based on articles by Verne Ketchum (Chief Engineer, Timber Structures, Inc.) and "Architectural Construction" by Theodore Crane (Wiley, '47) and other sources. \* Some authorities recommend ½ to ½ for depth/span ratio. † Some authorities recommend ½ to ½0.

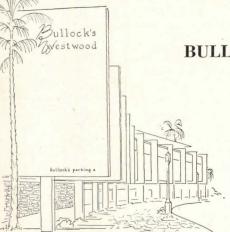
#### CONSEQUENCE

- Allowable stresses vary for pure tension & compression, tension & compression (extreme fiber) in bending, compression across grain, and also for shape of cross section ("Form factor"); depend on direction of stress with respect to direction of grain
- Allowable stresses reduced to compensate theory of probability used in laminated sections permits higher stresses than for solid sections
- Preservative treatments for permanent structures, with possible exception of reduced allowable stresses for temporary structures
- Wood dried to expected service conditions of humidity before fabrication & assembly; for glued laminated sections, all laminations held to a 5% range of moisture content (e.g. 6% to 10% incl.)
- Use double calculated dead loads or normal E÷2 for figuring allowable deflection



ACOUSTICAL MATERIALS AT WORK

Armstrong's Travertone was used in the attractive Bullock's Tea Room, as well as in the Employees' Dining Room.



#### Architect: Welton Beckett and Associates

General Contractor: C. L. Peck

Acoustical Contractor: R. W. Downer Co.



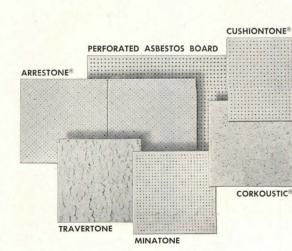
#### BULLOCK'S DEPARTMENT STORE, Westwood, California

The architect for this smartly styled branch of Bullock's considered many factors in choosing the acoustical materials. Acoustical efficiency, beauty, and fire-safety were important. Another factor was the need for a materian well adapted to the mechanical suspension system to be used.

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#### ARMSTRONG'S ACOUSTICAL MATERIALS

#### STRUCTURAL FORMS-6: Long Spans in Wood

By Seymour Howard, Architect, Instructor at Pratt Institute

#### GLUED LAMINATED WOOD-BASIC DATA



plies are at right angles)

SPECIES

poses of appearance or service

Southern yellow pine

Douglas fir

White oak

Sitka spruce

TYPICAL SECTIONS

Note that grain of all laminations is parallel to length of member (in plywood, grain directions of adjacent

KINDS OF WOOD

1. Other species may be used for special pur-

2. For exterior uses, plies may be brush or retort-

pressure treated with creosote, creosote and oil,

pentachlorophenol or suitable salts, before gluing



USE

General

General

Ships

Aircraft

#### Lower-grade wood can be used for inner plies

Outer plies can be chosen for high strength and/or appearance

Wood throughout section can be inspected before fabrication, unlike solid timbers, which may contain hidden defects

Wood throughout section can be seasoned uniformly, reducing chances of large checks and shakes often found in solid timbers

For service conditions involving low moisture contents, inspection and seasoning permit higher design stresses than for solid timbers

#### KINDS OF GLUE

INTERIOR USE (normal moisture not more than 15% in service conditions) Water-resistant adhesives:

1. Casein Glue (Fed Spec C-G-456), water and mold resistant

2. Urea Resin Glue (Fed Spec C-G-496) - (not for service conditions above 150 F)

EXTERIOR USE (outdoors, underwater or service conditions causing greater than 15% moisture content [e.g. some textile industries] Waterproof adhesives:

- 1. Phenol, Resorcinol and Melamine type resin glues, room and intermediate temperature setting, joint military specification Jan-A-397
- 2. Phenol, Resorcinol and Melamine type resin glues, high temperature setting, joint military spec Mil-A-5534

Notes: Chemists and manufacturers are still developing new adhesives; at present time water-resistant types are less expensive

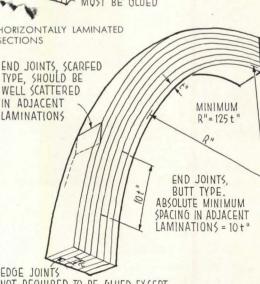
#### END AND EDGE JOINTS IN LAMINATIONS





HORIZONTALLY LAMINATED SECTIONS

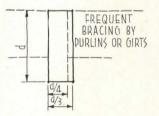
END JOINTS, SCARFED TYPE, SHOULD BE WELL SCATTERED IN ADJACENT LAMINATIONS



NOT REQUIRED TO BE GLUED EXCEPT OUTSIDE LAMINATION. STAGGER JOINTS 2"

#### EXTREME SECTION

proportions recommended for curved members to prevent elastic instability



WIDTH OF Nominal 3 in. 4 in. 5 in. 6 in. 8 in. 10 in. 12 in. 14 in. 16 in. LAMINATIONS Actual 21/4 in. 31/4[in. 41/4 in. 5, 51/4 in. 7 in. 9 in. 11 in. 121/2 in. 141/2 in.

| Actual                          | Minimum Radius                           |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Thickness                       | of Curvature = 125 t in.                 |
| 1/4 in.                         | 2 ft - 7 1/4 in.                         |
| 3/16 in.                        | 3 ft-31/16 in.                           |
| 3/8 in.                         | 3 ft-10 1/8 in.                          |
| 1/2 in.                         | 5 ft-21/2 in.                            |
| 5/8 in.                         | 6 ft - 6 1/8 in.                         |
| <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> in. | 7 ft - 9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> in. |
| 13/16 in.                       | 13 ft-81/16 in.                          |
| 1½ in.                          | 15 ft-7½ in.                             |
| 1 5/8 in.                       | 16 ft-11 1/8 in.                         |
| 2 in.                           | 20 ft-10 in.                             |
|                                 |  |

(Note: See National Design Specification of National Lumber Manu-facturers' Association, and standard specs for structural glued lami-nated lumber of West Coast Lumbermen's Association and of Southern Pine Inspection Bureau for more detailed information.) \* Butt joints cannot transmit stress; design must take account<sup>2</sup><sub>2</sub> of this.

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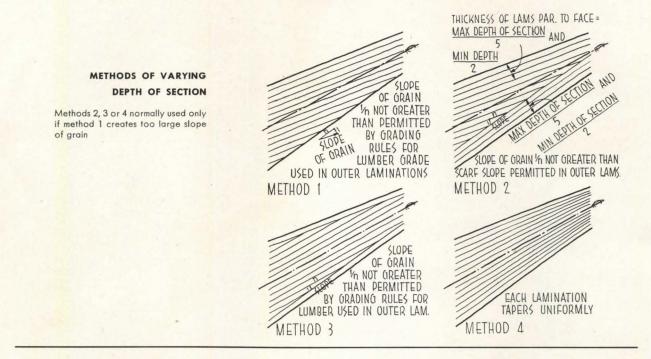
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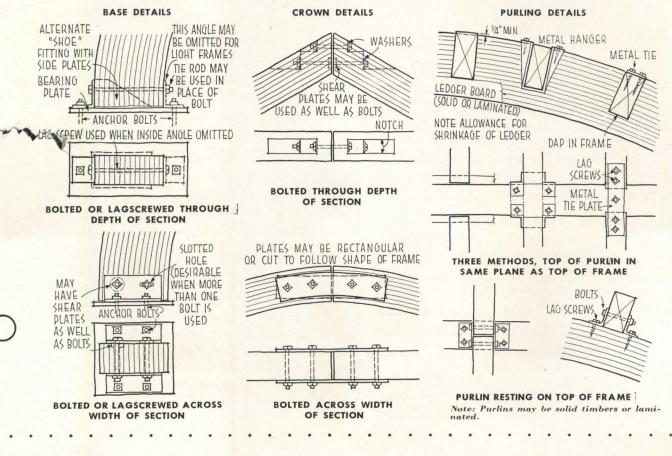
#### STRUCTURAL FORMS-7: Long Spans in Wood

By Seymour Howard, Architect, Instructor at Pratt Institute



#### TYPICAL FASTENING DETAILS

Notes: • Special details should be developed for bases of frames and arches exposed to the weather to prevent water from lying around ends of members. • Indoors as well as outdoors, ends of members should be painted two coats or otherwise treated to reduce tendency to check.
When more than one bolt is used (except parallel to long axis of wood) slotted holes should be used in jointing metal plate to permit movement caused by swelling or shrinking.



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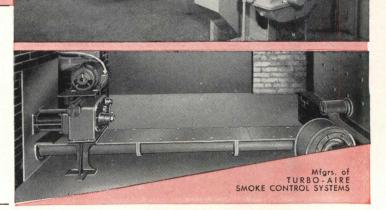
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#### PORCELAIN ENAMEL-10: Sign Letters

Prepared by Harold Edelman, A.I.A. Instructor at Pratt Institute

6. Attachment Methods — attachment methods are usually designed to eliminate visible fastenings. They vary considerably among manufacturers, but the basic types are as follows:

a. Letters attached to wall panels before the latter are erected. Bolts are tack welded to back of letter, placed through slotted holes in the wall panel and secured by nuts. Panel and letter are erected as one.

b. Letters attached to masonry or wall panels by means of clips fastened to the wall surface.

c. Letters are constructed with straps on the rear which have keyhole slots that drop over bolt heads projecting from the wall surface.

d. Curb boxes or raceways are used as a continuous support under the letters which are secured to the curb by means of clip angles. Precautions must be taken not only for proper flashing but for bracing large letters against wind stresses.

Any of these methods may be used with a variety of spacers to project the letters from the wall surface. Chair mounts may be used to raise letters off the top of curb boxes, raceways and canopies.

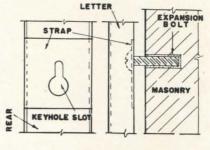
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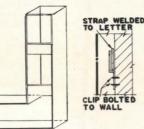
#### ATTACHMENT OF SIGN LETTERS



Flat letter attached as (paragraph 'a')

Raised letter attached as (paragraph 'b')





Raised letter attached as (paragraph 'c')

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