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"Your architecture," said visiting architect Ahmed Sidky of Saudi Arabia last month, "shows the same sense of urgency that an outsider notes in everything American."

#### Creativeness

This is the year creativeness-or creativity, as it is also called-publicly and perhaps forever lost its ancient status as a wonderful and mysterious gift of God and came under the cool and determined scrutiny of ever so many cool and determined (whether gifted or ungifted) people. In California last month, the theme of the annual meeting of the California Council of the American Institute of Architects was "Creativeness in Architecture" and some highly gifted architects and one highly gifted engineer were asked to address themselves to it. The final convention speaker, architect Harry Weese of Chicago, offered a sort of checklist of "enemies of creativeness" which could be tacked over any drafting board. The seven enemies: 1. Dogma -"We are being honest to the machines but dishonest to architecture. This is a generation of extruders and glaziers." 2. Pressures-major among them the overemphasis on the superhighway-"Highway engineers have the bull by the horns and they are running away with it." 3. Convention-"copying the masters results in sterility, which is more dangerous than ugliness. "4. Fashion- especially in new structural forms-"unless we are careful we can kill these new forms before they have a chance to develop. We have to learn the clichés and how to avoid them." 5. Difference for difference's sake-"a very deep trap." 6. Lack of courage, strength and conviction, and especially in matters concerned with the total environment-"Urban renewal has to be solved. We have to stop running away from it." And on preservation of historic monuments: "If we can't keep some continuity in the development of our buildings, we will be wiping out history." 7. Self-seeking and lack of empathy-"Architects have to understand others' problems in order to design creatively. We cannot withdraw. We must find out what's happening. Understanding is the prerequisite of a solution."

#### Art as Product

Paintings which function as wall. ceiling and floor sections were for sale at the Herman Miller Furniture Company Showroom in New York last month. The paintings, ranging in size from 82 by 38 in. to 144 by 81 in., were displayed in a special exhibit which made them parts of the room settings at the showroom. These handy partitions were a group of "dance paintings" by Xanti Schawinsky of which architect and designer George Nelson, whose company designed the installations, had this to say: "Speaking as an architect and designer rather than as a critic of painting, it appears to me that a very significant development is in the making with Schawinsky as one of the leading forces. The methods used by this group of contemporary artists have resulted quite inevitably in a kind of esthetic expression which has far more meaning as a wall than as a painting in its traditional sense. Furthermore, due to the relative rapidity with which paintings of this type are executed, the costs-omitting the inflationary tendencies aided and abetted by the art dealers-are such that these large works can often be comfortably fitted into the budgets of modern interiors. A new and healthy merger of painting and architecture, quite comparable to much that has been going on in sculpture. therefore seems to be in the offing. The paintings are created by Schawinsky by fastening shaped pads to his feet and literally "dancing" on the canvas.

#### Art, Science and Engineers

As all engineers know, all engineers would be philosophers if they were sure this would not disturb their reputation as "practical" as well as inventive men. At one session of the recent American Society of Civil Engineers convention in New York, two engineering educators gave them a chance to reflect on the art and science of engineering under the impeccably practical title "The Importance of Balance in Engineering Education." Prof. L. E. Grinter of the College of Engineering of the University of Florida emphasized the importance of sciences competence among engineers, reminding them that "the greatest need for engineers is always on the frontiers of knowledge." Prof. J. B. Wilbur of the Department of Civil Engineering at M.I.T. raised the question of whether the "new emphasis" on science is wise in view of the urgent current need for "well-balanced engineers and, indeed, well-educated men." He asserted that the need for scientists and engineer-scientists must not be allowed to obscure the need for engineers and engineer-humanists. "In engineering the art is still clearly of the essence," Prof. Wilbur declared, adding that optimum balance between science and art must be sought. The art of engineering he defined as "that means by which we are sometimes able to reach understandings and results not attainable purely through the orderly process of scientific analysis." And he added that perhaps the most important function of the truly professional engineer is "to harmonize and relate the conflicting tendencies and situations which are and always will be found outside the realm of pure science.'

#### For the Whole Architect

The principal of London's Architectural Association, Michael Pattrick, urging in a recent speech the need for raising educational standards, had some things to say about the results that must be sought by "When architectural educators. training is finished all architects must be prepared to be part artist. part constructor, part businessman and part leader. I do not think it matters much in what order you place them; perhaps the artist ought to come first, as the purely creative side is the sole responsibility of the architect and if he cannot do this with reasonable competence, he really should not call himself an architect at all. But it is no good possessing this quality at the expense of all the rest. Architecture is essentially something built, not just drawn and talked about. . . . The essence of our work is compromise-compromise between all factors affecting building, not just some of them; and the perfect balance can only be sought in one brain, not in a committee. . . . The architect whether he likes it or not has got to be an all-rounder and we had better accept the situation of being a jack-of-all-trades even if we are master of none."

#### A Record Special Report

#### FINNISH ENTRY WINS TORONTO CIVIC CENTER COMPETITION OVER JURY RESERVATIONS

Viljo Rewell, 48-year-old architect from Helsinki, has won the \$25,000 international architectural competition for a new city hall and civic square for Toronto.

The competition, which had the warm praise of the jury for its exemplary conduct under the guidance of Prof. Eric Arthur of Toronto as professional adviser, attracted in its final stage eight proposals which are certain to provoke wide discussion among architects. (Rewell's winning design is shown on this page—with its designer in the lower photo; the other seven final entries are shown on pages 12-13.) Are the proposals addressed to a program or a jury? Is there a basic assumption that an architecture of novelty is the only route to success with a jury? Do competitions, in fact, produce architecture? Such questions may be followed by an even more heretical one: are competitions good for architecture?

The international jury, consisting of Sir William Holford of England, Ernesto Rogers of Italy, Eero Saarinen of the United States and C. E. Pratt and Gordon Stephenson of Canada, had some reservations about the winner which did not prevent a "unanimous" decision but which did produce a "minority report" strongly criticizing the design on functional grounds.

Text of the jury report follows: September 25, 1958

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Before proceeding to report on its findings the Jury wishes to commend the City of Toronto and the Professional Adviser on an extremely well run professional international competition. It also wishes to extend its highest compliments to the 520 competitors from 42 different countries on the excellence of their submissions. The standard was unusually high and it was a most exacting task to select the eight finalists.

In this last stage of the competition these competitors have again developed and presented their proposals excellently. The drawings and models were of an exceptionally high standard. Altogether the Jury is convinced of the great merit of an international competition as a means of arriving at a design for such an important project as the City Hall and Square of Toronto.

#### The Decision

All members of the Jury unanimously accept the majority decision that Continued on page 12



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The Jury is unanimous in the view that the best interests of the City will be served by the implementation of the winning design, and that a concerted effort should be made to give it the finest possible expression. To achieve this the architect should be given full cooperation and the maximum support of all concerned.

The Jury agrees that, accepting the basic design submitted by Mr. Rewell, there are possibilities for modification which would improve it.

(Sgd) William Holford

C. E. Pratt Ernesto N. Rogers Eero Saarinen Gordon Stephenson

The minority, Sir William Holford and Professor Gordon Stephenson, have reservations on several important aspects of the winning design.

#### Majority Report

#### **Basic Considerations**

In the competition conditions the following statement is made: "In the eighteenth century, the cathedral and the town hall frequently dominated the urban scene both physically and spiritually. The City Hall in Toronto is largely overshadowed physically, but it still dominates by its presence. The City Hall in Toronto differs, in that respect, from those centers of civic administration in North America where the 'Hall' is just another office building hardly differentiated from the commercial structures which surround it.

"One of the reasons for this competition is to find a building that will proudly express its function as the center of civic government. How to achieve an atmosphere about a building that suggests government, continuity of certain democratic traditions and service to the community are problems for the designer of the modern city hall. These were qualities that the architects of other ages endeavoured to embody in the town halls of their times."

The Jury regarded this as the most important consideration in the competition and considered it very care-

#### OTHER ENTRIES IN FINAL STAGE OF TORONTO COMPETITION



David E. Horne (age 30)—Toronto. Mr. Horne, the only Canadian finalist, got his

M.Arch. degree at M.I.T. this year on an R.A.I.C. College of Fellows grant



William B. Hayward (age 28)—Philadelphia —assisted by Harold J. Borkin and Joseph J. Wehrer, Ann Arbor, Mich. Mr. Hayward, an instructor in the Department of Archi-

tecture, University of Pennsylvania, and the only registered architect of the three, notes that the design was a three-way collaboration



Halldor Gunnlogsson (age 40)-Copenhagen-and Jorn Nielsen (age 39)-Copen-

hagen, partners in architectural practice in that city



John H. Andrews (age 25)-Westfield, N. J. Australian, registered there in 1957, Mr.

Andrews got his M.Arch. degree at Harvard this year as a scholarship student



Frank Mikutowski (age 37), Richard J. Rafferty (age 34) and George E. Rafferty

(age 40)—South St. Paul, Minn.; assisted by D. W. Grebner



Above: Perkins and Will, Architects-J. D. Lothrop (age 37), partner in charge, White

Below: I. M. Pei (age 41), Architect—New Galantay (structura York; assisted by Anthony N. Candido, Henderson, Vince

and Capelle

Galantay (structural engineer), William C. Henderson, Vincent de Pasciuto-Ponte (city planner), Pershing Wong



fully. In a project of this sort the City Hall must bear a significant conscious relationship to its surroundings. Toronto being a dynamic city, many buildings of various heights and shapes will be erected near the Square, each adding to the varied silhouette against which the City Hall must be seen. In this situation a choice must be made between several approaches.

1. The City Hall could be made similar to surrounding buildings and be absorbed into the downtown landscape. Any distinctiveness it would have would derive from its setting in the Square, but the building itself would be basically similar to many office buildings. In the opinion of the Jury such an approach was inadequate and did not meet the requirements.

2. The City Hall might be made so tall that it soared above all others in the downtown area, to become the dominant feature of the Toronto skyline. Certain competitors attempted to achieve this. However, to the Jury this did not seem practical as it resulted in a very expensive and, in certain regards, inefficient building, and there was no way of ensuring that the effect would be maintained.

3. A relatively low, horizontal building placed within the Square could stand detached from the buildings around it, achieving an effect of dignity by its simple contrast with its background. The Jury regarded this concept as very promising and, indeed, five of the final proposals are in this category.

4. The City Hall could be a distinctive building, different in form and materials from standard commercial buildings. It would be impressive when seen from the Square and its immediate neighborhood, and also a distinctive feature of the silhouette of Toronto as seen from the distance.

In appraising the eight finalists the majority concluded that the winning architect had achieved a design which fulfilled this last approach excellently.

Many other considerations were also carefully weighed in arriving at a decision. The design of the Square is very important. The winner not only achieves a handsome space but successfully emphasizes the present City Hall, a building which the whole Jury regards as a most handsome example of its period. He takes full advantage of the continuity of the Square with the open space in front of Osgoode Hall and encourages the extensions to lead to University Avenue, creating a larger space within which Osgoode Hall is placed. The

#### News of Architecture Abroad



#### UNESCO House Completed; Will Open This Month

UNESCO House opens to the public on November 3, four and a half years after groundbreaking. The building (AR, Dec. 1952, July 1953, April 1955, and Feb. 1958), which UNES-CO itself describes as "the most international building in Paris," is the work of Marcel Breuer of the U. S., Bernard Zehrfuss of France, architects, and Pier-Luigi Nervi of Italy, engineer. Their design was approved by a panel of five architects: Le Corbusier, Sven Markelius, Lucio Costa, Walter Gropius and Ernesto Rogers. Eero Saarinen was also consulted.

Of the three buildings comprised in the site (see site-plan at right) the Y-shaped secretariat and the trapezoidal conference hall are completed, and the square, four-story building which will house permanent delegations and non-governmental organizations (at upper right in the site plan) was started last autumn, and will be finished at the end of this year. The site, south of the Eiffel Tower, is one half of the semicircular Place de Fontenoy, whose other half is taken up by French government offices. One of the reasons for the form of the secretariat is to allow one of its three curving facades to continue the shape of the Place.



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#### Buildings in the News



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Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., recently dedicated by the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod. Architects: Eero Saarinen & Associates. General contractors: Hagerman Const. Corp.; Wermuth, Inc.; Grewe Contractor, Inc.



Above: Midtown Plaza, a planned private \$15-million redevelopment in downtown Rochester, N. Y., would cover more than seven acres and include an air-conditioned pedestrian mall, underground parking for 2000 cars, underground truck deliveries, and about 300,000 sq ft of retail expansion. Most of the land has been acquired by the Midtown Holdings Corporation, sponsor, whose president is Gilbert J. C. McCurdy, also president of McCurdy's, a large department store, shown expanded and modernized at right. An 18-story office building, left, is also planned; it would include three hotel floors and a restaurant. Architect: Victor Gruen. Right: Construction has started on Four Gateway Center in Pittsburgh, being built by the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States. The 22-story stainless steel office building is to have 415,000 sq ft; each floor will give 264 by 62 ft of unobstructed space. Elevators and other service facilities are to be in the separate external core. Completion of the building, on the "Golden Triangle," is scheduled for 1960. Architects: Harrison & Abramovitz. General contractor: George A. Fuller Co.



The new 20-story Crown Zellerbach Headquarters Building in San Francisco, above, is expected to be occupied next summer. The landscaped plaza around it, below, will include a pool, 59 by 14 ft, in which will be a large bronze fountain designed by David Tolerton. The circular building is a branch bank. Architects: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Hertzka & Knowles. General contractor: Haas & Haynie







Above: Canada House, 26-story, 175,000-sq ft office building in New York, cost \$6.5 million. Architects: Eggers & Higgins. General contractor: Walsh Construction Co. Cram, Goodhue & Ferguson's St. Thomas' Church (1913) is at left. Below: Completion is planned in 1961 for the First National City Bank of New York's 41-story office building, on Park Avenue next to the Seagram Building, visible at right. Estimated cost is \$50 million. Architects: Carson & Lundin and Kahn & Jacobs. Structural engineer: Charles Mayer. Mechanical engineer: Meyer, Strong & Jones. General contractor: George A. Fuller Co.





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#### Meetings and Miscellany



North Central A.I.A. Convention Three hundred forty-five architects, 45 wives, and 170 exhibitors attended the North Central States Regional A.I.A. Conference and 24th annual convention of the Minnesota Society of Architects, held in St. Paul on October 2 and 3.

The proceedings, in the Hotel St. Paul, featured eight seminars on current architectural work whose subjects and architect presenters were: Toronto City Hall Competition, Philip Will, Jr., and Frank Mikutowski; Brotherhood Lutheran Building, Minneapolis, Perkins and Will; St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Ralph Rapson; Milwaukee Veterans Memorial Building (Eero Saarinen, architect), Maynard W. Meyer of the associate architects; General Mills Building, Minneapolis, John Weese of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; St. John's University Buildings, Collegeville, Minn., Marcel Breuer: First Lutheran Church, Virginia, Minn., E. A. Jyring of Jyring and Whiteman; new University of Minnesota School of Architecture, John Rauma of Thorshov and Cerny.

In the Minnesota Society of Architects' Second Annual Honor Awards Program, awards were given to: St. Mary's Greek Church, Minneapolis, Thorshov and Cerny; Dormitory, Faribault School, Haarstick and Lundgren; Shepherd House, St. Paul, Ralph Rapson; Girl Scout Camp, Cass Lake, Magney, Tusler & Setter. There also were nine Merit Awards. The jury consisted of Ralph W. Hammett, Harold Spitznagel, and Richard M. Bennett.

A high point in the meeting was the presentation of citations to five professors emeriti of the University of Minnesota for their long service and devoted attention to architectural students. The five were: Frederick Mann, F.A.I.A., Roy C. Jones, F.A.I.A., Leon Arnal, F.A.I.A., Robert T. Jones, F.A.I.A., and Rhodes Robertson, A.I.A.

Distinguished guests present at the meeting included A.I.A. National President John N. Richards (and Mrs. Richards); Alfred Bendiner, F.A.I.A.; and Ned Axt, all of whom gave stimulating talks.

New officers of the Minnesota Society elected were: Clair Armstrong, Minneapolis, president; George Townsend, St. Paul, vice president; Kenneth Backstrom, Minneapolis, secretary; Milton Bergstedt, St. Paul, treasurer.

-James S. Hornbeck

#### New England Architects Meet

The New England Regional Council of the A.I.A. met September 12-14 at the Motor Hotel in Bar Harbor, Maine; the gathering numbered about 90 people, including architects and their wives from all six New England states. Also present were members of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Royal Architects Institute of Canada with their wives and John Noble Richards, president of the A.I.A., and his wife.

The meeting got underway Friday

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with dinner and a talk by Dr. C. Harry Atkinson on "Building and Equipping for Christian Education." Robert Denny then presented the first showing of a new film, "A Place to Worship"; the film was developed by the A.I.A. and the Saturday Evening Post for public relations purposes.

Saturday morning got off to a good start with a business meeting of the New England Regional Council delegates followed by a panel discussion on "Religious Art and Liturgical Requirements in the Design of Religious Buildings." The panel members were: Maurice Lavanoux, Liturgical Arts Society, New York; Dr. Arland A. Dirlam, architect, Boston; Willis N. Mills, architect, Sherwood, Mills & Smith, Stamford, Conn.; Dr. C. Harry Atkinson, editor, Protestant Church, New York. The moderator was Walter Campbell, Boston architect.

The evening was devoted to the banquet, at which Alonzo J. Harriman, the new Regional Director, presided. John Noble Richards introduced our Canadian guests. Maurice Lavanoux gave us a most interesting talk on "The Evolution of Religious Art and Architecture in Many Lands."

Sunday, some people made tours of the island before returning to their homes. We were blessed with beautiful fall weather.

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#### **Producers' Council Meets**

The 37th annual meeting of the Producers' Council, Inc., in Miami, September 17-19, was the kick-off for a major distribution process study aimed at lowering the cost of marketing construction products. The effort is headed by Robert W. Lear, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp., who is chairman of the Council's distribution study committee. Committee meetings are working out details.

With "Dynamics of Distribution" as its theme, the convention at the new Dupont Plaza Center focused attention on the theoretical as well as the actual problems of distributing manufactures and left most of the delegates with the feeling their concerns could profit by adaptation of some of the techniques outlined.

A P.C. Chapter Officers' Conference, running concurrently with the distribution conference, proved again to be the annual opportunity for chapter executives to exchange ideas and brush up on good operating procedure. The chapter officers were told by Walter A. Taylor, director of education and research for the American Institute of Architects, that in this day of highly complex building technology, it is necessary for the architect to absorb all possible useful outside information to help him with his professional task. Mr. Taylor urged the producers to train their representatives to "think, act, and talk like consulting engineers" when selling to architects.

The Council elected H. Dorn Stewart, president of the Barrett Division, Allied Chemical Co., New York, as its new president, succeeding Fred M. Hauserman, E. F. Hauserman Co., Cleveland, who had served for two years.



-Ernest Mickel

ceremonial A mace. commissioned by the Class of 1957 of Adelphi College, Garden City, N. Y., and recently presented to the president. Sculptor Robert Cronbach, assistant professor of art at the college, designed and executed the mace. which is more than six ft high. The wings and seal are polished brass, the staff polished mahogany, the base, black wood

#### **I.I.T.** Names Acting Director

Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago announces the appointment of Reginald F. Malcolmson as acting director of and associate professor in the department of architecture, following the retirement of the former director, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Mr. Malcolmson, who was educated and practiced architecture in Ireland, is an associate in the R.I.B.A. He came to this country in 1947 to study with Mr. Mies and received an M.Arch. degree from I.I.T. He joined the faculty in 1949 and was appointed assistant to Mr. Mies in 1953.

#### Architectural Photos Needed

The American Institute of Architects is planning its third exhibition of architectural photography, to be selected by a jury of three from prints submitted by photographers. The exhibit will be shown in the A.I.A.'s Gallery early in 1959 and then will be circulated. Entries, due by November 10, should be sent to Mrs. Alice G. Korff at the A.I.A., 1735 New York Ave., N.W., Washington 6.

#### First Rasch Award to Gropius

Walter Gropius, F.A.I.A., recently received the first Rasch Award at the opening of an exhibition, "Fine Arts and Design," in the galleries of Associated American Artists, New York. Dr. Gropius was honored for his "significant contribution to the integration of creative art and industrial utility and for his dedication to a higher living standard for all mankind." The award, founded by Emil Rasch, head of a German wallpaper firm, is intended to be given periodically. Dr. Rasch personally made the presentation to Dr. Gropius.

#### Magenau Joins A.I.A. Staff

Eugene F. Magenau has joined the staff of the American Institute of Architects as director of professional relations. He succeeds Byron C. Bloomfield, now with the M.B.S.A. (AR, Oct. '58, p. 25). Mr. Magenau, from Concord, N. H., is a member of Lyford & Magenau there.

#### Scheick Now With T.E.C.O.

William H. Scheick recently was appointed vice president-research and development for the Timber Engineering Co., research-engineering affiliate of the National Lumber Manufacturers Assn. He succeeds Carl A. Rishell, soon to retire. Before joining T.E.C.O., Mr. Scheick was for nine years executive director of the Building Research Institute and Building Research Advisory Board.



"Blush," carpet design by Liisa Suvanto, won first prize in the design competition conducted in Finland by the Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co., Inc., in cooperation with the Finnish Society of Crafts and Design. The colors are bright orange, vermilion, and pink

At B.R.I. and B.R.A.B., meanwhile, a temporary administrative setup, until there is a definite replacement for Mr. Scheick, puts Milton S. Coon, Jr., and Robert M. Dillon in the top spots, respectively, of the two organizations.

#### **Building Center in Georgia**

The Architects and Engineers Institute, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga., celebrated its second birthday last month. The Institute is owned and sponsored by the Georgia Chapter, American Institute of Architects, and the Georgia Engineering Society.

The Institute's four-story, 80,000sq ft building is gradually becoming a regional center for the building industry; not only architects and engineers, but also the general public visit the structure, much of which is rented to exhibitors of building, engineering, and electrical products. The building also contains offices for the two sponsoring groups, the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers, and other societies; a technical reference library; and dining facilities.

The Institute, a non-profit organization, is governed by a nine-member board, four each from the two sponsors and a lawyer who is legal counsel. Three ex officio board members are the presidents of the two sponsors (Clement J. Ford is president of the Georgia Chapter, A.I.A.) and an Exhibitors' Association representative.

#### **Cuban Medal to Neutra House**

The De Schulthess house in Havana, presented in the October issue of AR (pp. 187-188), was recently awarded a gold medal by the Cuban Institute of Architects. The architect was Richard J. Neutra.

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#### FOREIGN BUILDINGS PROGRAM: 11 PROJECTS COMPLETED, 29 UNDER WAY, 16 IN DESIGN

Eleven of the 16 new building projects in the program of the State Department's Office of Foreign Buildings have had their architects approved and are moving into the design stage under the same guiding principles that have motivated two score earlier buildings in this continuing plan. Eleven projects in the program have been completed.

Congress voted the same amount of money for the current year's operations in OFB—\$18.5 million—as it did for the last fiscal period. Considering inevitable attrition due to inflationary pressures, this means that the fiscal 1959 program cannot stay at the same level as that of 1958, but will fall back a little. The Department has no means of measuring the exact losses occurring from inflation, but it knows they are there, hobbling the program to some extent.

Here is the list of new projects in the program by location, building and architect, on which architects have received final approval:

Algiers, Algeria—office building; John Lyon Reid, San Francisco.

Canberra, Australia—annex to office building; Milton L. Grigg, Charlottesville, Va.

Dublin, Ireland-office building; John Johansen, New Canaan, Conn.

Fukuoka, Japan—office building; Hervey Parke Clark and John F. Beuttler, San Francisco.

Mexico City—embassy office building; Southwestern Architects-Engineers, Austin, Tex.

Niagara Falls, Canada—office building and residence; Thornton Ladd & Associates, Pasadena, Cal.

Saigon, Vietnam—office building; Nathaniel C. Curtis Jr., and Arthur Q. Davis, New Orleans.

São Paulo, Brazil—office building; Mies van der Rohe, Chicago.

Singapore—office building, A. Quincy Jones and Fred E. Emmons, Los Angeles.

Taipei, Taiwan—office building; Walter E. Campbell and Nelson W. Aldrich, and Lawrence B. Anderson, Herbert L. Beckwith, and William E. Haible, all of Boston.

Warsaw, Poland—office building and staff housing; Welton Becket and Associates, Los Angeles.

Other current projects on which architects have not yet been approved finally, but where selected architects are visiting sites, include an embassy office building at Montevideo, Uruguay; a consulate office building and residence at Palermo, Sicily; an embassy office building annex at Ottawa, Canada; a consulate office building and staff apartments at Rotterdam, The Netherlands; and a consulate office building and staff housing at Tabriz, Iran.

The final selection of architects and the approval of design in this program of building acquisition abroad lies with the State Department; but since 1953 an advisory commission of private architects has been an important part of this selection and approval. Furthermore, the program's architectural objectives have since then reflected the philosophy set out by an original panel member, Pietro Belluschi, dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who wrote in part:

"To the sensitive and imaginative designer [the building] will be an invitation to give serious study to local conditions of climate and site, to understand and sympathize with local customs and people, and to grasp the historical meaning of the particular environment in which the new building must be set. He will do so with a free mind without being dictated to by obsolete or sterile formulae or clichés, be they old or new; he will avoid being either bizarre or fashionable, yet he will not fear using new techniques or new materials, should these constitute real advances in architectural thinking.

"It is hoped that the selected architects will think of style not in its narrower meaning, but as a quality to be imparted to the building, a quality reflecting deep understanding of conditions and people. His directness and freshness of approach will thus have a distinguishable American flavor.

"The committee feels that if the above philosophy is adhered to, we need not fear criticism; on the other hand, if we act timidly, solely in the hope of avoiding any and all criticism from whatever quarters, we shall surely end up in dull compromises, with the result that we shall have nothing but undistinguished buildings to represent us abroad. We would thereby have forfeited our opportunity to display the high American cultural achievements in the field of architecture generally recognized by architects of the more advanced nations of the world."

The membership of the advisory commission is a changing one with the appointees rotating singly from time to time. The present panel consists of Eero Saarinen, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; Edgar Williams, New York; and the latest member appointed, William Wurster, dean of the College of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Wurster succeeded Richard Bennett, Chicago.

The panel last met in May this year and at this writing was tentatively scheduled to convene again in October. It reviews all aspects of the program and advises the State Department on the many architectural phases of building abroad.

There has been general agreement since the panel was organized and the program has taken shape under its guidance that the arrangement constitutes the most successful of its kind in government. The American Institute of Architects at its Centennial Convention in Washington, D. C., on May 19, 1957, conferred on the Office of Foreign Buildings a Citation of Honor recognizing the excellence of this undertaking.

To help the selected architect adapt his design to the site, the State Department sends each man to visit the location before he starts design, and the architect may make a second visit during the construction of his building.

The eleven OFB structures which now have reached the stage of completion and occupancy are:

Hong Kong, office building; Kobe, Japan, office building and staff housing: Bangkok, Thailand, staff apartments; Lagos, Algeria, office building and staff housing; Accra, Ghana, West Africa, office building and staff housing; New Delhi, India, office building and staff housing; Leopoldville, Belgian Congo, office building and staff apartments; Djakarta, Indonesia, office building; Tegucigalpa, Honduras, residence and office building; Nagoya, Japan, office building and staff housing; and Basra, Iraq, office building and residence. Exclusive self-locking panels keep

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# News from Canada by John Caulfield Smith

### NEW CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT UNDER WAY FOR OTTAWA'S CARLETON UNIVERSITY

Carleton University, founded in 1942 in a residential section of Ottawa, has obtained and begun development of a 130-acre tract of land for a new campus. A special group of architects formed for the project and known as "Architectural Associates for Carleton University" is composed of Watson Balharrie of Ottawa (Balharrie, Hel-mer and Morin); Hart Massey of Ottawa; Prof. John Bland of Montreal (director, School of Architecture, McGill University); Prof. Eric Arthur of Toronto (School of Architecture, University of Toronto); and Campbell Merrett of Montreal (Barott, Marshall, Merrett and Barott). Adjeleian, Goodkey, Weedmark and Associates Ltd. of Ottawa are the consulting engineers for structural, mechanical and electrical work.

Development of the site, which is bounded on two sides by the Rideau River and the Rideau Canal, has been influenced by the natural contours of the land—a high area, with three abrupt changes of level, will become the focal point of the campus. Some 65 acres are level and will be used for athletic facilities and, if necessary in years to come, for some buildings.

The master plan anticipates an eventual enrollment (in 50 years or more) of between 5000 and 6000 students (from 700 full daytime students and 1400 part-time evening students in 1957-58); and the development is planned so that at several interim stages the campus will present a harmonious and finished appearance.

In the first stage, now under way, the Main Court will be created. It is planned to accommodate the entire college up to an enrollment of 2000, which is considered possible by 1965. Subsequent expansion will create an Arts Court, the lower level colleges, a Bywash Water Court and a Northern Extension.

Three buildings (shown in photos of renderings at right) are now under construction on the Main Court —the Henry, Marshall Tory Building for Science; the Maxwell Mac-Odrum Library; and the Arts Building. The first two of these buildings will be completed during this academic year, when the entire college will be moved from its present cramped quarters.

Other major buildings contemplated within the next few years, though not yet fully planned, include a student union, to make a fourth building on the main court, an administration building and additional athletic facilities.



Above: photo of section of master plan model showing (background) Main Court, where three buildings shown in photos of renderings below are under construction. Architectural Associates for Carleton University (see story) are architects for all. 1. Science Building, estimated cost about \$1.5 million; general contractor, George A. Crain & Sons Ltd. 2. Library Building, estimated cost about \$1 million; general contractor, Doran Construction Co. Ltd. 3. Arts Building, estimated cost about \$1 million; general contractor, Queensview Construction and Development Ltd.



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The building will be one story, with a balcony in the sanctuary. It will include facilities for religious education and social functions; and the plan will permit carrying on several functions simultaneously without interference. Total area is about 8000 sq ft. Relationship between the interior and the surrounding walled garden is an important aspect of the design; sliding doors will give access from interior to garden.

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The building will have a 12-story tower 85 ft wide and 163 ft long and a two-story annex adjoining the tower on the north. On two sides the ground floor of the annex is set back 10 ft from the building lines; the resulting overhang of the second story provides protection for sidewalks along the facades and a driveway along the north face leading to a drive-in wicket. Services are grouped in a utility core in the tower; a twostory penthouse will house mechanical and air conditioning equipment.

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## News from Canada

### New Notes

GEORGE N. WILLIAMS. Ontario's chief architect and deputy minister of public works, was honored at a dinner party given by the Premier and other members of the Ontario Cabinet on the occasion of his retirement. Now 67. Mr. Williams has spent 44 years in the provincial service. . . . The P.Q.A.A. ARCHITECTURAL EXHIBITION at the Museum of Fine Arts, Montreal, was officially opened by Mayor Sarto Fournier on October 17. . . Robert Cripps, of the architectural firm of Weir, Cripps and Associates, has been elected chairman of the newly formed TORONTO CHAPTER OF THE SPECIFICATION WRITERS ASSOCIA-TION OF CANADA. D. J. Harrison and Ivan Lavender, both specification writers, are vice chairman and secretary-treasurer, respectively. . . About 100 students enrolled this fall in the School of Architecture of the UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, establishing a new record. . . . H. Arthur Henderson has been appointed chief architect of the ALBERTA DE-PARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. He succeeds Ronald Clarke, who resigned to enter private practice. . . . TORONTO CHAPTER, O.A.A., heard Matthew B. M. Lawson, commissioner of planning for Toronto, at its September 17 meeting. In dealing with his subject, "The Redevelopment of the Civic Square Area." Mr. Lawson made particular reference to the south side of Queen Street, which faces the new city hall but was not covered by the recent competition. . . . December 8 and 9 are the dates selected for the next CANADIAN SOIL MECHANICS CON-FERENCE. It will be held at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

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### Fiscal 1959 Construction Spending Tops Earlier U. S. Estimates

The Budget Bureau found at midyear that it had to revise upward rather sharply its January expenditure estimates for fiscal 1959, the period beginning July 1. An analysis of the new figures, released in September, indicated that construction programs, both direct and indirect, had a lot to do with the bulge.

Altogether, housing, in all its various forms, caused the fiscal experts to add a round \$1 billion to their earlier estimates. Military construction, added to direct military research and development, caused the anticipated 1959 outlays to jump by \$365 million to \$6.4 billion. Natural resources as a category accounted for an increase of \$199 million over the January budget.

Receipts in the highway fund were found to be less than earlier expected and expenditures for road purposes were bound to increase during the current fiscal period due to accelerated construction author-



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Increases over the January estimates were noted also for Veterans Administration hospital construction and modernization, for research and construction expenditures for the National Institutes of Health, grants to states for hospital construction under the Hill-Burton Act and grants to Federally impacted school districts to help them with their school housing needs.

### Preparations Begin for 1961 U. S. Conference on Aging

The special staff on aging of the Health, Education, and Welfare Department began preparations for assisting the states and their local communities in the conduct of local studies and conferences in advance of the White House Conference on the Aging to be held in Washington, D. C., in 1961.

Funds were voted by the 85th Congress to enable HEW to make an immediate start on the preliminary planning. HEW will cooperate with other Federal departments and agencies represented on the Federal Council on the Aging.

The 1961 conference is expected to follow the broad outline of the Conference on Education held in Washington a few years ago.

The architect's interest in the design of housing for the elderly, one of the subjects to be covered in the forthcoming meeting, was emphasized at the National Housing Center conference on "Housing our Senior Citizens" held last May. At that time leading home builders told the conference there was a wide open field for the construction of housing for the elderly. Rental housing for senior citizens has deteriorated severely while sales housing has remained fairly satisfactory, one of the spokesmen said. It was estimated then that there would be an annual market in the United States for 150,-000 rental units for older persons.

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1935	93.8	91.3	104.7	108.5	105.5	72.3	67.9	84.0	87.1	85.1
1939	123.5	122.4	130.7	133.4	130.1	86.3	83.1	95.1	97.4	94.7
1946	181.8	182.4	177.2	179.0	174.8	148.1	149.2	136.8	136.4	135.1
1947	219.3	222.0	207.6	207.5	203.8	180.4	184.0	158.1	157.1	158.0
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	246.6	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	274.9	271.8	212.8	214.6	204.2	202.8	205.0
1952	278.2	274.8	271,9	265.2	262.2	218.8	221.0	212.8	210.1	214.3
1953	281.3	277.2	281.0	286.0	282.0	223.0	224.6	221.3	221.8	223.0
1954	285.0	278.2	293.0	300.6	295.4	219.6	219.1	233.5	225.2	225.4
1955	293.1	286.0	300.0	308.3	302.4	225.3	225.1	229.0	231.5	231.8
1956	310.8	302.2	320.1	328.6	324.5	237.2	235.7	241.7	244.4	246.4
1957	318.5	308.3	333.1	345.2	339.8	241.2	239.0	248.7	252.1	254.7
June 1958	323.7	312.3	242.9	356.9	349.8	241.0	237.3	251.8	257.7	258.5
July 1958	333.1	318.9	356.8	375.5	365.8	245.1	240.6	257.5	264.5	263.7
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1939	110.2	107.0	118.7	119.8	119.0	105.6	99.3	117.4	121.9	116.5
1946	167.1	167.4	159.1	161.1	158.1	159.7	157.5	157.9	159.3	160.0
1947	202.4	203.8	183.9	184.2	184.0	193.1	191.6	183.7	186.8	186.9
1948	227.9	231.2	207.7	210.0	208.1	218.9	216.6	208.3	214.7	211.1
1949	221.4	220.7	212.8	215.7	213.6	213.0	207.1	214.0	219.8	216.1
1950	232.8	230.7	221.9	225.3	222.8	227.0	223.1	222.4	224.5	222.6
1951	252.0	248.3	238.5	240.9	239.0	245.2	240.4	239.6	243.1	243.1
1952	259.1	253.2	249.7	255.0	249.6	250.2	245.0	245.6	248.7	249.6
1953	263.4	256.4	259.0	267.0	259.2	255.2	257.2	256.6	261.0	259.7
1954	265.6	260.2	263.7	273,3	266.2	257.4	249.2	264.1	272.5	267.2
1955	273.3	266.5	272.2	281.3	276.5	268.0	259.0	275.0	284.4	279.6
1956	288.7	280.3	287.9	299.2	293.3	279.0	270.0	288.9	298.6	295.8
1957	292.0	283.4	295.2	307.1	302.9	286.3	274.4	302.9	315.2	310.7
June 1958	297.6	288.3	306.2	320.0	315.0	290.3	275.0	312.9	329.1	322.5
July 1958	297.6	288.3	305.2	320.0	315.0	290.7	275.6	313.2	329.1	322.6
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index for city A = 110

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

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$$\frac{110-95}{95} = 0.158$$

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### Architect-Planner Cooperation Furthered By New Report

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY APPEARANCE. Edited by Henry Fagin and Robert C. Weinberg. Regional Plan Association, Inc., 205 E. 42nd St., New York 17. 159 pp., illus. \$3.50 (\$2.50 each for 10 or more and for members of R.P.A. and N.Y. chapters of A.I.A. and A.I.P.).

BY EDMUND N. BACON Executive Director, Philadelphia City Planning Commission

Any architect or city planner who fails to read Planning and Community Appearance does himself a disservice. Society as a whole will benefit from the fact that its authors, Henry Fagin and Robert C. Weinberg, assisted by the Joint Committee on Design Control of the New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, and the New York Regional Chapter, American Institute of Planners, faced up squarely to a problem that is central to American life. The greatest contribution of the book is the clear identification of the nature of the problem. The description of community appearance in terms of geometric patterns, linear features, landmarks, lookout places, and areas of distinctive character is a great advance over the kind of thinking on this subject up to now.

The identification, of itself, should be a real stimulus to practitioners of the architectural and planning professions. Tradition dictates, however, that the authors of books of this character not only identify the problem but also suggest solutions. It is here that one feels a sense of strain.

In the best of all possible worlds, a "Community Design Plan" has no more right to a separate existence than would a design plan have in a building distinct and separate from its circulation plan, functional plan, *continued on page 400* 

### Hotels Around the World

HOTELBAUTEN, By Alexander Koch. Verlagsanstalt Alexander Koch, Stuttgart. Available from Museum Books, Inc., 48 E. 43rd St., New York 17. 320 pp., illus. \$15.

### BY WILLIAM B. TABLER, A.I.A.

In this great age of travel *Hotel*bauten (with text in English, French, and German) is the first real book on hotels, the product of travel. It graphically portrays the international construction picture, for each hotel is the showcase, each city and country the host, judged accordingly by travelers. It is timely, since we are faced with the greatest hotel expansion program this world will ever see—in this "jet age" of travel, new hotels will replace the luxury ocean liners, the floating hotels of the past.

It is a valuable handbook for hotelmen and architects, for it contains an outstanding collection of photographs-both interior and exterior -and includes many that have not previously been published. There is excellent coverage of interiors; emphasis is placed on bedroom design (furniture layouts and sketches are shown). Complete plans of many of the hotels are included to enable those interested to study the organization and solutions to the complex hotel planning problem. This is very helpful in the hotel field, where there has been little planning research and there is so much to be done. It was also a pleasure to see motels covered, but with their rapid development in the United States, many more examples could have been included.

As a textbook it could have been even more valuable if the text were less descriptive and more critical. Most of the plans illustrate how the hotels were planned, rather than how they were rebuilt when operated. Cost data would also have been very *continued on page 64* 



A highway interchange near Belton, Texas: "The new highways exemplify the linear features that will be prominent in the geometry of future urban patterns"

### Reinforced Concrete Examined

REINFORCED CONCRETE IN ARCHITECTURE. By Aly Ahmed Raafat. Foreword by Mario Salvadori. Reinhold Publishing Corp., 430 Park Ave., New York 22, 239 pp., illus. \$15.

#### BY SEYMOUR HOWARD

Collected here between the covers of this one ambitious book are photographs of many of the important architectural examples of reinforced concrete, particularly those which take advantage of the strength and stiffness inherent in curved surfaces. These are supplemented and explained by the author's numerous lively sketches.

Mr. Raafat (B.Arch., Cairo, 1949; M.A., Michigan, 1953; Ph.D., Columbia, 1957) came to the United States in 1952 on a Fulbright scholarship and spent five years here in study and in working for Ammann and Whitney and for Perkins and Will. He started this book as his doctoral dissertation at Columbia. with the encouragement of Dean Arnaud, Professors Salvadori and Fitch, and others. It is the kind of survey which will help many architects and laymen get an overall picture of the history of reinforced concrete and of the architectural forms which it makes possible. The author is particularly to be congratulated on his historical research, adding to the usual information on the history of concrete such interesting material on early developments as the patent for reinforced concrete granted in 1878 to the American engineer Thaddeus Hyatt.

On the whole, however, Mr. Raafat has tried to include too much in his book. While it is desirable to show that reinforced concrete construction has many aspects, it is also necessary to present at least one of these aspects so thoroughly that the reader begins to develop a basis for critical judgment. All the examples shown are not of equal value, either as structural or esthetic achievements. One of the most distressing features of the current interest in structures is the indiscriminate praise given to buildings in which structure, any structure, suitable or not, is "expressed." It may excite at first, but, unless it is an appropriate solution to the problem, it soon palls.

Mr. Raafat shows a more critical approach in his chapter on "Architectural Expression," which has many perceptive glimpses into the esthetic problems of the new forms and their relation to structural problems. "Large end stiffeners" (as recontinued on page 64



## How strong is the hinge?

Hurthville Elementary School, Hurthville, New Jersey: Architect: Vincent King, ALA, Phildeolahais, General Contractor: Lessis Bigliders, Inc., O. King, ALA, Phildeolahais, General Contractor: Lessis Bigliders, Inc., Anneat Competition for Better School Design.





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## Required Reading

### Hotels . . .

helpful, since a hotel must make its money out of the building.

In spite of all this, I found the book very interesting and heartily recommend it as required reading to those concerned with planning and operating hotels. It is a "must" for any architectural library.

### Concrete . . .

quired to maintain the shape of a long barrel shell) "if exposed on the perimeter of the shell, are always misleading to its nature. Architects conscious of expression tend to extend the shell beyond these stiffeners, thus bringing it to the foreground." This type of problem illustrates the point at which architect and engineer must work together. Insofar as he has promoted this understanding, Mr. Raafat has succeeded in his aim of contributing to the maturity of a new architectural style.

### Architecture as Art

MASTERS OF MODERN ARCHITECTURE. By John Peter. George Braziller, Inc., 215 Fourth Ave., New York 3. 230 pp., illus. \$15.

Mr. Peter has produced an impressive and useful book. Virtually all the work included is, of course, familiar to architects and engineers; nevertheless, the volume is valuable as a convenient and handsome collection of photographs. Facts and statistics are given in a separate section of descriptions of the buildings (these might more conveniently have been printed with each cut) and brief biographies of the architects. Also included are a bibliography and indexes to architects, structures, and building types.

Seven men-Sullivan, Wright, Le Corbusier, Gropius, Mies, Nervi, Neutra-are represented not only by photographed work but also by samples of their writing. Among the other architects and engineers whose work is here are Maillart, Aalto, Breuer, Mendelsohn, Johnson, Noyes, Pei-the complete list is a long and distinguished one (95 major works are illustrated). Mr. Peter's concise illustrated introduction is a valuable summary of the main trends in the evolution of contemporary architecture. He comments: "The real challenge to modern architecture comes, as ever, from the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs of man. It is in fulfilling these needs that the art of architecture chiefly consists." -P. C. F.

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# Western Section®

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# What is a Regional Conference For?

A great many architects in the Western states went to A.I.A. regional conferences this fall. But a great many more did not. Perhaps the reason so many did not go was that they could not see clearly the benefit to them personally of spending several days listening to and talking "theory."

Perhaps the sum of their decision is contained in the remark of one architect who did go to a conference (of unusual quality and dimension). He said, "That was fine and I enjoyed it. But I have to ask myself, What meaning is there in it for me?"

Sixty years ago psychologist William James answered this question, and although what he said then was addressed to teachers, it applies with equal force to architects—and others—today.

"The inessential 'unpractical' activities are in themselves far more connected with our behaviour and our adaptation to environment than at first might appear. No truth, however abstract, is ever perceived that will not probably at some time influence our earthly action, action in the widest sense-speech, writing, yesses and noes, and tendencies from things as well as toward things, and emotional determinations, in the future as well as in the immediate present. As I talk here, and you listen, it might seem as if no action followed. You might call it a purely theoretic process with no practical result. But it must have a practical result. It cannot take place at all and leave your conduct unaffected. If not today, then on some far future day, you will answer a question differently by reason of what you are thinking now. Some of you will be led by my words into new veins of inquiry. These will develop your opinion, for or against. That opinion in turn will be expressed, will receive criticism from others in your environment, and will affect your standing in their eyes. We cannot escape our destiny, which is practical; and even our most theoretic faculties contribute to its working out."

Architecture is by its very nature both theoretical and practical its beginnings have to be theoretical and its end result must be practical. To be both, it must be the expression of a wide range of experiences, active and passive, and of knowledge acquired and intuitive. But who can say which is the more important background, which the more productive source? Who would rule out the theoretic and leave the practical only? Does the application of a general formula produce a better end result than the thought process stimulated by a particular problem? The formula may do it faster, but the thought process is more likely to produce the better solution.

Turning the mind occasionally toward the theoretic is a necessity if the creative avenues are to be kept open. Charles Darwin lamented in his later life the loss of his earlier taste for poetry, music and the other arts as "a loss of happiness . . . possibly injurious to the intellect and more probably to the moral character by enfeebling the emotional part of our nature."

A revisiting of the wells of inspiration is a benefit in any wellrounded life; in the life of creative architecture it is essential. To provide these wells is the mission of a once-a-year meeting of like minds. And that is what a regional conference should be. E.K.T.





# TWO LOW-BUDGET SCHOOL PROJECTS



Addition, Jefferson Elementary School, Tacoma, Washington

This single-loaded corridor scheme for an eight-classroom wing added onto an existing elementary school proved an economical solution: including architects' fee, its cost came to \$10.84 per sq ft. The simple struc-tural system consists of concrete block piers, 28 ft apart, which carry the entire roof load. The diamondshaped trusses of the roof structure are hung on steel

beams which rest on the concrete piers. A continuous skylight with a luminous ceiling beneath provides uniform lighting in the rooms. Electric radiant heat in the concrete floor slab is used with supplementary units in the windows. David Hopkins was mechanical engineer; Walter Gordon, electrical engineer; Sitts and Hill, structural engineer.

Tacoma



This building-once a concrete block roadhouse-makes temporary but pleasant provision for a newly organized Episcopal day school with classes from kindergarten through fourth grade. Wherever possible existing internal spaces were left unchanged. The kitchen remained where it was, but the bandstand and coatrooms became offices and the rest of the space was divided into classrooms. The chapel was added, a simple and small but effective space. Three sides of the original building are surrounded by an outdoor corridor roofed with translucent plastic and walled with a louver screen painted light blue. The old building was painted dark blue to de-emphasize it. Cost of renovation and addition, including new wiring and heating system, was \$17,000. Colors here and at Jefferson School are by Thomas Jensen.



IN THE NORTHWEST Liddle & Jones, Architects







## New campus for West's only Episcopal Theological Seminary

In masterplanning the new campus for the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif., the architects, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill of San Francisco, faced two very practical problems: how to provide for off-street parking, and how to provide for continuous operation of the school during a four-phase construction program. The parking area, located for easy access from the most important of the three streets that bound the site, acts as a buffer between the street noise and campus. First units to be constructed will be the academic building (at bottom left in top photograph) and the parking area adjoining it. The chapel, located on the highest part of the site, the administration building and the upper terrace will be phase two of the program; refectory, dining court, kitchen, dormitories and leisure facilities are later phases. Focal point of the group, physically as well as symbolically, will be the chapel. Designed as a cube whose only light will come from above, the chapel will have a gray masonry base, concrete columns, redwood walls and a one-foot-high glass band along the perimeter. Below the concrete diagrid roof structure with its skylight units will be a horizontal plane of glass, varying in tone from dark gray at the outer walls to light gray at the center aisle, with the greatest light over the altar. A wood louver ceiling in triangular shapes will be hung below the glass plane. The upper terrace is designed to function as part of the chapel, as point of origin for ecclesiastical processions and as a place for special services.



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Oregon's Centennial Exposition, due to open in June, 1959, will be a 100day event and will include major participation of the arts and architecture, probably primarily in exhibitions, but also in structures for the Fair. Stewart and Richardson, Portland architects, are preparing the master plan.

John Storrs, also of Portland, is architect for a pavilion for the State's forest industry. The pavilion, a series of 50 sq ft hyperbolic paraboloids supported at six points, will be a permanent structure like its earlier counterpart, the huge log Forestry Building of the Lewis and Clark Exposition in 1905.

The inevitable Disneyland-type of attraction will also be included but will be in the Northwest historical tradition, with a frontier town, an Indian village, a "Lewis and Clark village," and a boom town.

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#### It's San Francisco in 1960

The national A.I.A. convention will be held in San Francisco in 1960, the board of directors of the Institute has decided. Although Denver was the original location for the 1960 convention, uncertainty about readiness of the new Denver Hilton caused a change in plans. (The Hilton will open in the fall of 1959, as a result of the recently negotiated lease between Zeckendorf and Hilton, but A.I.A. could not know that this would be effected in time to permit a Denver convention.)

A steering committee from the Northern California chapter, host to the convention, is already at work on the plans. John Lyon Reid is chairman; members include Henry Shubart, William Stephen Allen, and George Rockrise.

#### Roller Coaster Bridge Not Doing Well

The North Bay bridge from San Rafael to Richmond is not doing so well as its promoters—the State of California—thought it would. When it was being built some four years ago, architects deplored its design, but too late to remedy it in any way.

The bridge, opened to traffic two years ago, is a two-level structure with a hump in its back which gives it the effect of a roller coaster and caused Dr. Stephen Pepper of the University of California's Department of Philosophy to refer to it as an "esthetic disaster."

The disaster of its design caused not a ripple among the engineers of the State Toll Bridge Authority, though the sight of the bridge invariably makes every architect who sees it cringe. But now that dollars are involved, the State is getting worried. For the number of cars which use it is about one half the number expected and the revenue is about a third less than predicted.

#### Solar Still Desalts Water

A California engineer, Edward Marie of Castro Valley, is building a sea water conversion system which, he says, can be operated economically and can also be used to harness the sun's heat for industrial power.

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#### East to Denver, North to Canada, Home to Monterey

Fall being the time for regional conferences (of which more on page 64-1 of this issue), and the West having three A.I.A. regions for its 11 states, the fall is the time for much traveling. This year it was all concentrated in the brief space of three and a half weeks, but the distance it encompassed was anything but concentrated.

First to Denver, where Zeckendorf's Courthouse Square project is impressively reaching a point of evaluation the May company-Daniels & Fisher store is complete and in use, the hotel is rising above ground. The shopping space in the hyperbolic paraboloid in front of the main store is delightful, as pleasant an experience in commercial interiors as possible. And the plaza beside it, though small, has inviting qualities. A few blocks away Mile High Center looks better than it did before, wearing its sober dignity with a sort of assurance. But its plaza and fountain area looked lonely. Even in the heat of a terrible September day, there was no one around refreshing himself in the sight and sound of the water.

It is hard to believe that this is the same Denver of before the war because its air of vitality is so great and the manifestation of this vitality is so much in the new buildings which are everywhere—some good, some indifferent, some bad. The curtain wall is, of course, ubiquitous. Like New Orleans' special kind of cream cheese which has disappeared, the individuality of the office building and the apartment house seems destined to be lost in the overwhelming anonymity of the curtain wall.

From Denver to Colorado Springs—with almost 200 other architects—to see the Air Force Academy, a complete city on its 17,000 acre site, not just a school. The Academic complex is a tremendous experience—but that's a story for another month.

Then to Yosemite where the Structural Engineers Association of California held its annual convention. The Ahwahnee, built in 1927, still looks well, still holds its own among the hotels of the National Parks, still fits its surroundings with an enviable appropriateness. The newer work in the Valley seems more imposed, less a straightforward acceptance of the conditions of the locality and of the potentials for architectural expression.

Although it rained for four days straight at the Northwest Conference, held in Harrison Hotel, Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia, nothing could dampen the companionship of the architects from the four states that comprise that region. Hawaii, when it becomes a part of the Northwest (willy-nilly, that's what the A.I.A. says it will be!) next year, will find the warmth of fellowship it little could have expected on the mainland.

Seattle is as yet unmoved by its plans for the 1961 fair, but it has a theme (Century 21) and a primary architect (Paul Thiry) and a chairman of cultural arts (Robert L. Durham), and a site on First Street Hill. So it's off to a good start.

Southward to Monterey, the weather turned fair and warm, and the California Council convention proved a tremendous success, even more of a success that its planning committee had dared to hope it might be. With "Creativeness in Architecture" as theme and a list of speakers that read like Who's Who in Architecture, and a setting like Monterey—it seemed a cinch. But back of it was a lot of hard work. I know: along with Tom Elston, Bill Gillis, Worley Wong and Walter Stromquist, I worked on it under chairman Loy Chamberlain.

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Latest reports in the series to be issued are for clothing storage, food preservation and storage for household textiles. Earlier, requirements for indoor dining, indoor play area and toy storage for pre-school children, inside drying lines for laundry and installation heights for separate ovens were issued.

Other areas to be studied include bathroom, bedroom, business, kitchen, living and special activity.

The reports are available from any of the Agricultural Experiment Stations in Tucson, Ariz.; Berkeley, Calif.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Honolulu; Moscow, Ida., Bozeman, Mont.; Reno, Nev.; State College, N. M.; Corvallis, Ore.; Logan, Utah; Pullman, Wash.; and Laramie, Wyo.

#### Gruen To Study Fresno Business Center

Complete studies of the central area of Fresno, Calif., will be made by Victor Gruen Associates, as a result of contracts which have been signed by the city's Redevelopment Agency executive director, the president of a group of downtown businessmen, and the chief administrative officer for the city of Fresno.

The studies will include land use plans for the central area; traffic plans to be integrated with the metropolitan area, with special differentiation of the traffic flow of automobiles, trucks and pedestrians; parking plans; civic building locations; and phased implementation of the plans.

#### Inter-County Area Planning Lacks Support

A three-and-a-half-year-old agency in Colorado known as the Inter-County Regional Planning Commission and made up of the city of Denver and four neighboring counties— Jefferson, Arapahoe, Adams and Douglas—is having hard sledding because Denver's 1958 budget failed to include funds for its share of support to the Commission. It was only a matter of \$31,200, but it meant the difference between the Commission's continued existence and its demise.

That the Commission's work had been good and that it was needed was undeniable. But, said Denver's mayor after looking over the budget, "planning is the only thing we can get along without." Others disagreed, particularly in the light of Denver's constantly increasing population and the new suburban developments around the city.

Since the city's attitude seemed adamant, other means for keeping the Commission alive have been suggested. One of these is that the city of Denver may be able to provide much-needed staff work instead of actual dollars, thus participating in the Commission by work if not by money. The suggestion further indicated the possibility that funds might be available, to add to the counties' contributions, which the state would obtain through the federal interstate highway program.

The work of the Commission in its three-and-a-half year existence has been largely in providing basic studies for future park, recreation and transportation development as well as area-wide sewerage and water use, future land use, recreational zoning and model subdivision regulation.

#### Van Gogh Show Sets S.F. Record

A record crowd of 67,139 people visited the M. H. De Young Memorial Museum to see 84 paintings and 71 watercolors and drawings by Vincent Van Gogh during the show's second week. On one day—Sunday— 19,700 people filed through the museum's gallery to see the paintings, most of them never before shown in San Francisco, and some never exhibited before in the United States.

The collection, a comprehensive group containing some of Van Gogh's most celebrated works, will be on exhibit until November 30.

#### Seattle Fair Bill Approved

President Eisenhower has signed the Seattle "Century 21" exposition bill, authorizing appointment of a federal commissioner and assuring some federal participation in the fair.

The exposition, planned for 1961, will be held on the First Street Hill site which ultimately will become Seattle's new civic center. Paul Thiry was recently named primary architect for the exposition, and other architects for specific buildings will be named shortly.

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Although the redesign will "not affect seating capacity, parking, spectator comfort, function or beauty," according to Gale Livingston, chairman of the Exposition Recreation Commission, some changes are apparently to be made in the roof's unusual structural design. The original design used a wood truss to span the building's 360 ft width. The laminated wood truss solution was one of 19 proposed solutions studied in connection with the building's design. (Western Section, January 1958, pp. 48-2, 3.)

A statement by the commission chairman said that if the building were being built by a private corporation instead of a municipal body "it is entirely possible that we would have proceeded with the low bid, making the necessary change orders to bring the cost within available funds. As a municipal body guided by the advice of the City Attorney and dedicated to the public interest we have no alternative other than to change certain specifications and submit them for rebid."

Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Portland, are architects for the center.

#### Three Los Angeles Firms Get Federal Job

Three firms, working in association, will be architects for the new \$32,177,000 Los Angeles Customhouse and Federal Office building. They are Welton Becket & Associates, Albert Martín & Associates and Paul R. Williams & Associates. Working drawings are due to be completed by 1960, according to General Services Administration,

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#### Lloyd Center Signs to "Whisper"

When Lloyd Center, Portland's huge new shopping center now under construction, opens in 1960 its signs will conform—at least for the most part—to a general limitation in size, type and design, says Alfred Fast of John Graham & Company, architects for the project. Signs that turn, flash or move are taboo, he says; they give too much of a county-fair aspect to the center.

Instead of shouting, the center's signs are due to "whisper": they will be strips around the buildings or across the shop fronts. Instead of competing for size, they will be kept within bounds to play their part in producing a pleasant environment.

The center is designed to provide shopping malls on two levels and will have the largest under-cover parking garage in the country with space for 3500 cars. An additional 7000 spaces will be provided outside. Besides a variety of small shops and a large department store, the center will have a skating rink with a restaurant; planting areas and a centrally located park with—to quote Mr. Fast—an "architectural" lake (a lake which is in the plan but which will depend for its realization on the willingness of the client to provide necessary funds for its development).

Lloyd Center is strategically located on Portland's East side to serve the majority of the city's population.

#### Calendar of Western Events

- NOVEMBER 6-8: Fall meeting, National Academy of Sciences, University of California, Berkeley
- NOVEMBER 7-9: Annual fall conference, Pacific Arts Association, Northern California Section, Asilomar, Calif.
- NOVEMBER 8-11: Annual convention, National Association of Real Estate Boards, Masonic Temple, San Francisco
- NOVEMBER 13: Regional technical conference, Society of Plastics Engineers, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles
- NOVEMBER 15: Pacific Section, Society of Architectural Historians, San Francisco meeting, Society of California Pioneers Building, 456 McAllister Street, San Francisco
- NOVEMBER 30: Closing, Vincent Van Gogh Exhibition, M.H. deYoung Memorial Museum, Golden State Park, San Francisco
- DECEMBER 5-6: Northern California chapter, Associated General Contractors, convention, Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco
- JANUARY 24-27: Sixth annual meeting, Consulting Engineers Association of California, Mark Thomas Inn, Monterey, Calif.
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Right: Powers Control Center in boiler room. Center photo: one of 5 air conditioning systems and 9 of 68 Powers Sub-Master Thermostats controlling conditioned air to various spaces.

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It is of interest also that, in walking through Noyes' building, one seems to have—no matter in what area or space he may be—a strong sense of identification with his surroundings. This kind of planned orientation is a design plus of significance.

An orderly structural pattern is evident visually in the buildings shown; as well as a restrained, yet sprightly use of bold color here and there against a predominantly white, or off-white, or natural-material foil. There is, of course, nothing new in these ideas; but the measure of Noyes' architectural achievement rests in the considerable style with which they are carried out.

The following individuals in the Noyes' organization are to be credited—at his request—for their heavy contributions in carrying out the work shown: In architecture— Arthur DeSalvo, Associate; Richard Brunjes; Charles Baffo; Robert Anderson; Warren Kaffka. In industrial design—Ernest Bevilacqua, Associate; Allan McCroskery. In interior design—Hugh and Kathryn Smallen, Associates.









IBM Education Center, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (above and left)

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Skylight-Ault House; see page 174

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Courtyard Gate—Ault House; see page 174











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upon. The emphasis is rather upon the consideration of the product in basic terms; much as though such an object had never existed before, and must be an expression of function, manufacturing processes, and materials in a form most suitable to such needs, operations, and stuffs. There is no idea that here is "this year's" or "next year's" model. The IBM electric typewriter—designed by Noyes some

odd 10 years ago—is a case in point. This product has survived to become almost a classic of its kind, and is still going strong.

Noyes holds the further belief that industrial products cannot exist for themselves alone, but must be conceived as elements or objects within a building or planned milieu.



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The architect's own house in New Canaan, Conn., recipient of several awards (Record Houses of 1957, pp. 124-128)



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### HOSPITAL BASED ON RESEARCH



DAVIS MEDICAL FOUNDATION, MARION, INDIANA

ARCHITECTS: Harry Weese, Bruce Adams, John van der Meulen Associate: John Dinkeloo Planning Consultant: Carl W. Walter, M.D. Administration Consultant: A. C. O'Connor Structural Engineer: Frank J. Kornacker Mechanical Engineer: Samuel R. Lewis





Orderly growth of the hospital is made possible by the scheme for 80 beds, shown at the left, with provisions for eventual expansion to 300 beds with additional medical and surgical facilities at a later time. The final layout is shown at the right. Separation of the 80 bed wing and the future nursing tower will permit the additions to be made with minimum disturbance to the patients and staff using the 80 bed complex



#### THE PROBLEM:

The research and design for the hospital were sponsored by Davis Medical Foundation, Marion, Ind. Its president, Merrill S. Davis, M.D., says: "Remarkable advances have been made in medicine and its related sciences in the past fifteen years. As a result of the great strides, virtually every community in this country can have the very best medical care.

"The most apparent defect in this picture of medical progress is the failure to provide physical facilities which are economically feasible. The efficiency with which physicians and their assistants can function has been greatly handicapped by obsolete design. Patient comfort and provisions for expansion have often been overlooked. The need for an entirely new concept for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of hospitals is apparent.

"The Davis Medical Foundation has sponsored a study of these problems. The work has been going on for five years. To confirm the opinions developed through the research, consultants were employed. This hospital design is the result of the translation of their studies into a concrete proposal."

### THE CRITERIA:

The Planning Consultant, Carl W. Walter, M.D., says: "Planning a general hospital for wage earners in a community has increased in complexity as medical care has improved due to the increase in medical knowledge and to appreciation of the role that personality plays in disease. Care of the patients as a whole can only be accomplished in an integrated unit where a patient's physician, his consultant specialists and laboratory technicians have the opportunity to study the patient under optimum circumstances and where all the diagnostic facilities are readily at hand. With fatigued, anxious patients who are not properly prepared for medical examinations, the medical staff is handicapped.

"The hospital care of the patient has undergone an enormous change in emphasis. Early ambulation, control of infection, the role of the psychiatric factors in well-being, and the maintenance of homeostasis introduce new concepts in hospital design. The elaboration of medical technology and the development of team nursing all bring changes to the design of a nursing unit.

"The ill patient is apprehensive and anxious. The stress stimulates defense mechanisms. Personalities change. Patients become irritable, suspicious, and defensive. They long for security; in most people's minds this means the seclusion of a private room. Here the patient can find protection from annovances. The sick patient in our culture appreciates privacy because he is as loath to inflict unpleasantness on his fellow as he is unwilling to share others' miseries. Patients like to have their own needs determine the degree of privacy they wish. It is their need for their rest or sleep which is most important to them. In modern society, the physician-patient relationship can only blossom in privacy. The days of sharing confidences in a noisy ward with a blustering doctor have disappeared.

"Habits among patients are deeply ingrained. They like fresh, running water to drink; they want to wash their hands. Many have a deep revulsion against the use of the public toilet; they have learned to wash their hands after attending to their sanitary needs. A hospital that does not provide water at the bedside and individual toilets offends most patients.



"As patients get better they like to roam. Exercise aids in bodily functions. Most convalescent patients are gregarious. They like to exchange experiences with their fellows; they like to eat together. Ultimately, they develop the urge to help others. This means that hospitals must provide Commons Rooms where these activities can occur under supervision."

The architects, Harry Weese, Bruce Adams, and John van der Meulen and associate, John Dinkeloo, say: "The Davis Medical Foundation wanted to achieve a hospital design based on their long research, one which would solve the Marion, Ind., community medical problems in a manner consistent with advances in medicine, hospital organization and design, and long-range community planning. The Foundation's research indicated that there would soon be a need in the community for a general hospital of 300 beds to supplement the already overcrowded city hospital.

"The new hospital, planned to be located at the site of the existing Foundation clinic, is the answer to the needs set forth in the program developed by the planning team. The advanced ideas in hospital organization and planning of Dr. Carl Walter of the Harvard Medical School staff are responsible for many of the differences in this scheme.

"The hospital scheme assumes that the Foundation acquire more land at their present attractive site (as they have already begun to do) and that they maintain their practice in the existing facilities while the new hospital is under construction. The site is located on the north bank of a river a few blocks away from the center of the town. The only unusual site planning problem is the danger of flood which limits the lower level of the building to non-critical uses." Hospital Based on Research

The eighty rooms of the original construction, shown below, will be converted to the use of ambulatory or convalescent patients after construction of the nursing tower. These rooms are like motel or hotel rooms, each with a private bath, parking nearby and a view of the river. Patients here will ordinarily walk to the dining rooms, recreation areas and medical facility spaces. Many patients will be able to come and go at will when not being treated or examined.







Each floor of the tower contains 40 beds in private rooms. The planning team felt that this was the optimum size for a nursing unit. Each room is equipped with a built-in toilet-lavatory at the bedside. These fold into the wall when not actually in use

### THE SOLUTION:

The planning consultant, Dr. Walter, says: "The design joins a group practice clinic with diagnostic and consultation facilities, a motel-like ambulatory diagnostic unit, and a hospital to provide the facilities for the physician to care for his patients under ideal circumstances. Ample parking space assures an unharrassed arrival, the ambulatory diagnostic unit gives opportunity for overnight preparation and collection of laboratory samples in the resting state, and private consultation rooms are an enormous aid in arriving at a proper diagnosis. Wellequipped examining rooms, where consultation with specialists is easy and where diagnostic procedures can be carried out quickly by the interested physician, save the patient time and inconvenience and add to the ease of caring for patients by supplying the necessary information while the physician's interest in that particular patient is at its height.

"The ambulatory diagnostic unit accommodations also provide minimal care facilities for patients who are recovering from a procedure, those who are being rehabilitated in the physiotherapy department, or chronic care patients who return periodically for observation.

"The design gives expression to patient needs by providing well-equipped, small, private rooms. The hexagonal-shaped rooms have working spaces at the sides of the beds, provide running water within easy reach of every patient, and enable him to use the toilet, adequately screened by a sturdy partition. Odor and noise are eliminated by proper ventilation and acoustic treatment. The maximum of privacy is afforded by the location of the bed. The properly placed window permits the patient to see the landscape without being exposed mercilessly to the sun or light. "Nursing care is facilitated by shortening the path between patients and the source of supply by grouping the hexagonal-shaped rooms about a short working corridor. The doors to each room are located so that the nurse can readily inspect each patient without disturbing him. In this way many patients can be checked by nurses while en route to another destination. Isolation of the nursing floors from the remainder of the hospital insures quiet and permits exploitation of mechanical services in providing food and care for dishes.

"Functional grouping of the high traffic areas, such as X-ray, physiotherapy, kitchen-dining areas, laboratories, operating and delivery rooms, and clinics on two floors, permit concentration of hospital activities in a manageable unit where expansion or change, wrought by progress, can be accomplished without disturbing the nursing areas."

The architects say: "Noteworthy qualities of this hospital include integration of the various functions of a complete medical center, separation of seriously ill patients from convalescent or ambulatory patients, consolidation of surgical functions in one area, nursing units of 40 beds each grouped around nursing service cores, the motel-like ambulatory patients' rooms, and provision for orderly expansion.

"The clinic areas relate to diagnostic facilities which in turn relate to surgical and nursing areas in a close and direct way. Administration areas are grouped at the entrance between the clinic and nursing elements. Service areas are related directly to their uses.

"The nursing floors contain the most apparent changes from existing standards. All seriously ill patients will be provided with single rooms grouped together to allow maximum supervision with minimum travel by the nurses."



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# 8 HOUSES

Designed and Built With Budget in Mind





1. Paul Rudolph, Architect

Venice, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Taylor, Owners

A rectilinear plan, the use of relatively inexpensive materials, and especially the fact that the owner, in the words of the architect, "knew enough about human nature and building to serve as his own contractor," kept the cost of this house down to approximately \$17,000 or \$18,000.

The house is not large, but has a seeming spaciousness and a very real openness due largely to the patio at its center. This patio is open except for screening and has a domed roof of laminated ribs, and  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plate glass. Gravel walkways inside the screening along two sides of the house extend the space visually and make it possible to keep windows and doors open in inclement weather.

Unusual privacy is achieved by the unbroken long wall of the living room and the tomato-stick screens outside the bedroom doors and along both sides of the covered walk to the carport. Construction is wood frame on concrete slab with built-up roof; walls are masonry block.





### 2. Thomas C. Babbitt, Architect

Litchfield, Conn. Thomas C. Babbitt, Owner; Albert R. Treva, Contractor; Nelva M. Weber, Landscape Architect



"This house," the architect explains, "is an attempt to find a form that is economical, and that feels warm and closed-in at night and in cold weather and open and spacious in the warm daylight; in short, a house for the New England climate. The roof that reaches almost to the ground encloses the space strongly. relieved and lightened in the daytime by the small glass lights at the eaves, yet giving a sense of warmth and shelter, especially at night, with the natural redwood trim and battens inside. The glass gable ends, on the other hand, 24 ft high, bring light from three sides into the main living space and make of it a light pavilion during the daytime. Added advantages of the height of the space are summer coolness and the feeling of space for large parties, although the room is comfortable in size for two as well.

"The heating system is a forced warm air system with outlets in the floor beneath the glass. There is a small cellar, for mechanical equipment only, and the rest of the house is built over an insulated crawl space which is used as a warm air plenum. This lets some of the heat into the living space through radiation from the floor, which is therefore warm in spite of the high ceilings. The air return is near the ceiling in all cases." Cost was \$27,962 excluding site work and services, or \$13.41 per sq ft.





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## 3. George Matsumoto, Architect

Raleigh, North Carolina.

George Matsumoto and Frank Walser, Owners; Frank Walser, Contractor; Interiors by Woman's Day. Designed and built for Woman's Day and the Douglas Fir Plywood Association



This compact and versatile vacation cottage was designed for Woman's Day magazine and the Douglas Fir Plywood Association as a "build-it-yourself" project to cost about \$1500. The actual cost of the pioneer model shown here, however, was \$7040.73far above the original estimate because of the rush nature of the job (the magazine deadline) and various unexpected set-backs. Readily available materials had to be used because of the time factor: a better grade of plywood than planned, for example, 3/4 in. thick instead of 5/8 in., and lumber which had to be trimmed down to the required lengths. The experimentation in painting and finishing which is almost inevitable in a pilot model boosted the cost of these items way above normal. To bring water to the site it was necessary to dig an unusual 144 feet. and plumbing costs were further increased by the need of a septic tank which ordinarily would not be in the budget.

"The cabin is dictated in design," the architect says, "by the plywood module; it has a steep roof to shed water easily, and the bunkhouse unit is the flexible unit which can be varied in design to meet varied needs. The bunkhouse is purposely detached so that children can go to sleep ahead of the adults and be reasonably separated from noise and light in the living unit." The cabin is braced in both directions for structural strength, and raised off the ground for protection against insects and moisture.









## 4. Olindo Grossi, Architect

Weston, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene G. Reid, Owners; William McGuiness, Engineer; John Bross, Contractor



BASEMENT

"Economically this house worked out quite well," says the architect, Dean of the School of Architecture at Pratt Institute. "It is a simple rectangle in plan, 24 ft by 42 ft 4 in. There are 876 sq ft on the main floor, 504 sq ft on the bedroom floor and 920 sq ft on the lowest floor, counting the studio and bath at full value and the storage at half value. This adds up to a total square footage of 2300 which averaged out to a neat \$10.50 per square foot, excluding well, long driveway, etc., by owner."

The double-balconied plan derives from the clients' basic requirements: a large sense of space with which they associated a bedroom balcony; and a studio for the owner's wife, who is a painter. Only two bedrooms were needed since there is just one child, but plans call for the addition of two more bedrooms and a bath in a separate structure linked with the main entrance.

Construction is wood frame on a concrete block foundation with exterior walls of vertical pine siding. Interior wall surfaces are vertical cypress in the living areas, gypsum wallboard and/or ceramic tile in kitchen and bathrooms. A flat L-shaped steel fish plate was concealed at each head corner of the allglass south wall to prevent vibration from strong winds.





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# 5. Mark Hampton, Architect

St. Petersburg, Fla. Joseph McBath, Owner; Phill Hall, Interiors

The fact that the owner had both the time and the ability to do his own subcontracting was one of the most important factors in keeping the cost of this house down to \$9.63 per square foot. Other costsaving measures reported by the architect were: the use of monolithic terrazzo floors throughout (lowcost locally); radiant electric heat throughout; one size standard jalousie unit and fixed glass unit which enabled one subcontractor to erect almost all of the long east and west elevations; and an inexpensive repetitive structural system.

The site, a suburban lot measuring 50 by 40 ft with several very large trees along its eastern edge, was not a natural one for the glass-walled house required by the clients. A further complication was the absolutely essential separation of master bedroom from the rest of the house since the owner works at night every other month. The solution was a long narrow house placed as closely as possible to the western border of the property, with living room and bedroom opening to small courts formed by carport and storage room walls respectively.

Construction is steel beams supported by 3-in. pipe columns on 10-ft centers; 10-ft wood joists frame into the wide flange sections of the beams. Copper-colored grasscloth was used on solid walls in living room and bedroom to tie in with the redwood screens on the exterior. Cost of the house excluding land and architect's fee: \$14,735.42.





### 6. Designers & Builders, Architects

Weston, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Taylor, Owners; Designers & Builders, Contractors



UPPER FLOOR

The foundation, stone fireplace and chimney place intended for a "builder's Cape Cod" were already in position when the owners of this house bought the property. Since the budget dictated strict economy, the house was designed around these existing elements, and exposed structural fir was used throughout. "We could not afford to hide *anything*," the architects say. Plasterboard sandwich panels were used on the outside face of 4 by 4 posts on 4-ft centers, shingled horizontally around the kitchen, bath and bedroom; set vertically in the big space; run in 9-ft panels up to the ridge of the living room roof; and cradled between flat beams on the rest of the roof.

"The owners wished all upper rooms to look west into the woods, and wanted the big space to seem to partake of the woods. Only small timbers were used to give the space lightness and delicacy. Trusses 4 ft o.c. made up only of double 2 by 6's separated by a flat 2 by 4 tie joined with four hardwood dowels at each end span the 16-ft-wide living room. The rafters were left separated at the peak to receive a continuous 2 by 6 ridge for continuity."

Cost of the house, excluding lot, landscaping and furnishings, was approximately \$15,800. The owner since has completed redevelopment of the lower floor so that he now has almost 2000 sq ft of space at a construction cost of less than \$18,000.







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# 7. Henry Hill, Architect

Berkeley, Calif; Miss Shirley Todd, Owner; Eckbo, Royston and Williams, Landscape Architects; B. J. Teigland, Contractor



"Are architects for people like me?" That was the question the owner of this house hesitantly asked her architect on her first meeting with him when she listed her requirements and put her budget at an all-inclusive \$10,000 maximum. The architect gave her an immediate and emphatic answer in the affirmative, and subsequently proved his point with the house shown on these two pages: exactly what she wanted, for \$200 under her budget, or \$9800 including lot and architect's fee.

The house is very small—one reason for its low cost—but seems surprisingly large because of its open plan. The bedroom is several steps above the living room area, following the contour of the land, and is separated from the living room only by the fireplace wall; even so, it has a strong feeling of privacy, enhanced by the small screened patio outside it and the adjoining bathroom.

Since the owner is a business woman living alone, ease of maintenance was a major factor in the design and planning of the house. Materials were chosen for easy upkeep, and landscaping was limited to low shrubs in front of the house which would not interfere with the view, a simple ground cover which would need minimum attention, and a small planting area at the rear of the lot.





Roger Sturtevant







## 8. Richard B. McCurdy, Architect

Orange, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Emmons, Owners. Richard B. McCurdy, Contractor





The main features of economy in the design of this house, writes the architect, were "the flat plate roof construction, the use of the alcove kitchen, the very small bedrooms, and the fact that standard dimension framing was used throughout instead of post and beam. Other design factors resulting in lower costs included: placing of all access and ventilation openings at gable ends, permitting unbroken solid walls at all eaves; use of tiltup wall erection, walls being fabricated on the floor, completely framed and sheathed and painted while in a horizontal position; diagonal cedar sheathing left exposed as siding; all ventilation and access by means of jalousies set in doors, eliminating the necessity for screens, screen doors, and much finished carpentry; and concentration of all services and plumbing in the central area." Cost of the house, excluding lot, architect's fee, painting and landscaping, but including the complete built-in kitchen unit, was about \$15,500.



# A Large Module for Motor Company General Offices



Hube Henry, Hedrich-Blessing

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Ford Division, Ford Motor Company General Office Building, Dearborn, Mich. ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS: Welton Becket and Associates Albert Kahn Associated Architects and Engineers, Inc. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: Cornell, Bridgers and Troller CONTRACTORS: Bryant and Detwiler Company

# **General** Offices





Planned for use by more than 2000 employes, the office is located on a 67 acre site. The building includes a five-story main section with basement and penthouse. A one-story wing on the south and a twostory wing at the front house permanent functions such as shipping departments, auditorium, and dining areas. Provisions are made for parking 2000 automobiles in close proximity to the building.

The building structure is reinforced concrete with 30- by 30-ft bays. The floors and roofs are waffletype flat concrete slabs, with the exception of the cafeteria roof which is constructed of a series of thin-shell concrete barrel vaults. Exterior walls are aluminum curtain wall frames with inserts of porcelain-enameled metal and plate glass. Some portions of the ground-floor curtain wall are faced with ceramic tile, in colorful patterns. Masonry walls are used in the interior for enclosing stair wells, toilet facilities, mechanical rooms and the like. For flexibility, office partitions are movable and are constructed of wood and glass.

The architects prepared sun control studies for the building in order to determine if solar devices should be used for controlling heat on the walls and glare, and if so, what types of controls would best function for this climate. As the finished building shows, it was decided that horizontal floor projections would be employed together with groups of gold-anodized aluminum louvers. Careful study resulted in a system which the architects believe will almost completely exclude direct sunlight from the building. By holding the sun controls above eye-level, the view of the occupants is unimpeded.

Vertical transportation is provided by escalators. The architects felt that efficient use of escalators limited the maximum height to five stories. Heating and air conditioning are supplied through unlined ceiling acoustical tiles and unobtrusive metal enclosures under the windows.







Hube Henry, Hedrich-Blessing

Before engaging architects the clients prepared a number of studies on the use of interior space. From these, a schedule of space allocations for executives and other employes was compiled. In order to make the spaces fit the clients' requirements, yet retain future flexibility, the architects studied many modules and bay sizes (figures A through D above), finally deciding upon the scheme used (6-ft module and with 3-ft submodule in a 30- by 30-ft bay). Also closely studied were the effects of different modules on the costs of lighting and heating installations. A saving of approximately 60 per cent of cost of wall heating units resulted from choice of 6 ft as compared to a 4-ft module. By placing lighting troffers on 6-ft centers (allowed by 6-ft module), rather than on closer centers, further savings were made. The module used allows movable partitions to be placed in almost any useful location, allowing for future rearrangement



# **General** Offices





Hube Henry, Hedrich-Blessing

The use of escalators for vertical transportation dictated the use of the lowest practical ceiling heights. Story heights of main building (including corridors) are 9 ft 4 in. from finished floor to ceilings to facilitate the future relocation of interior partitions. Greater heights are used in mechanical spaces, auditorium, dining rooms, and other specialized areas. Concerning the office interiors, the architects say, "our basic aim was to provide an atmosphere of quiet calm conducive to the type of concentrated intellectual activity for which the building was designed." In the public spaces, bright cheerful colors, natural wood, and textures are used in contrast to the more subdued treatment of the private areas. Typical treatment of a conference room, dining area, and a passageway are shown in the figures at left





East Grand Rapids Junior High School, Michigan

Perkins & Will, Architects

# SCHOOLS CAFETERIA AND KITCHEN FACILITIES

Of the many facilities common to most types of schools, none is subject to as many current variations as those devoted to serving meals. They are being divided, subdivided, and combined with other functions in dual- to myriad-purpose arrangements. Kitchens range from complete restaurant set-ups to mere serving stations, with cooking done elsewhere. These pages present the basics of cafeteria and kitchen planning, and show some of the more interesting and pleasant new schemes.

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# Planning for Student Dining

By Charles William Brubaker, Partner, Perkins & Will, Architects-Engineers Chicago and White Plains



Fig. 1. Dry storage, Lyons Township High School

Good planning can spell the difference between mid-day melee and a gracious meal. A successful kitchen-cafeteria relies upon the administrators' and architect's cooperative study and understanding. Never underestimate the invaluable help and suggestions of a qualified dietician who is familiar with the day to day problems. Many factors besides number and age of students to be fed determine the physical layout and the equipment to be provided. A check-list includes:

- what is the school board's philosophy on student feeding?
  will service be a one-meal luncheon? Multi-choice?
- will the cafeteria serve only a single function?
- is the cafeteria to double as study hall? Auditorium?
- will the kitchen provide after-school snacks? refreshments for student and public gatherings?
- what problems does the geographical location of the school present? any delivery problems? codes?
- how may advantages from the school's location be exploited?

When the aims of the school foods program have been fully determined, it is up to the architect to design and implement a kitchen and cafeteria which operate as a unit, smoothly and efficiently; which provide relaxed, pleasant dining. It is essential that the plan provide an easy flow of food processing.

#### Delivery and Storage Areas . . .

Routing begins outside. A loading platform is the point of delivery, and the point of pickup. Size of garbage and waste area depends upon frequency of pick-up. An incinerator is useful here. Full trailer delivery area is needed if school participates in government surplus food program. One outside entrance to kitchen can eliminate confusion. If direct-line layout is used, delivery men need never enter preparation area.

Refrigerated storage should be maintained at two temperatures:  $40^{\circ}$  to  $50^{\circ}$  F for daily-consumed foods, and  $-5^{\circ}$  to  $0^{\circ}$  F in deep-freeze section. Walk-in refrigerators and freezers have new versatility. Carts containing food for overnight storage are pushed directly into walk-ins. Much of this is the result of preparing for more than one meal at a time. The curb at the walk-in has been eliminated: a 7-inch depression in the floor under the refrigerator and a 9-inch-deep cavity under the freezer allow for insulation and achieve a constant finish floor. Refrigerator shelving can be portable and adjustable. Strong, light, chromium-plated shelving is available.

Dry storage space is figured at  $\frac{1}{2}$  sq ft per meal daily, based on two weeks staple supply. Portable and adjustable metal enamel shelving or heavy duty mesh give flexibility. Four air changes per hour insure good ventilation; clearance between walls and shelving allows for cleaning. (Fig. 1.)

Non-food supplies should have a separate storage space.

#### Planned Preparation . . .

Controlled traffic and controlled sharing of equipment are layout aims. Four primary types of preparation are: cooking, baking, salad, vegetable. The cooks are usually centrally located. Their basic equipment includes kettle, steamer, ranges, roast ovens, ample table space with sink and undershelf, pan rack. Separate ovens, alongside hot top cooking ranges are now preferred for roasting. Consider wall-hung kettles and steamers. (Figs. 2 and 3.)

Vegetable preparation personnel share the cooks' mechani-

cal equipment. Their area is fitted with preparation table, shallow sinks and peeler (unless vegetables are packaged).

Salad preparation, often near vegetable preparation area, also requires separate table with overshelf, a shallow sink, access to a mixer, refrigerator and disposer. (Fig. 4.)

The baker's area is receiving more emphasis. "Home-baking" is a drawing power for students. Government surpluses make home-baking economical. One successful dietician remarked, "we can produce rolls for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents while a slice of commercial bread costs 2 cents." Baking equipment includes ovens (rotary ovens are fine if volume warrants) with spice bins above, flour and sugar bins below, bakers' table, mixer, cooling racks, sink, bakers' stove or kettle, and portable pastry trucks. (Fig. 5.)

Space and equipment for food preparation is calculated in terms of the number of children to be served and the type of service. Space for small kitchens may be from 2 to  $21/_2$  sq ft per meal served; less is needed for use of pre-prepared or frozen foods. When 2000 to 3000 persons are to be served,  $11/_2$  to 2 sq ft per meal is ample. This includes storage.

The law stresses cleanliness but why not more enamelled metals and rich red quarry tile or gay ceramic tile? Consider heavy flexible sheet vinyls applied to walls with mastic or vinyl-covered metal doors. Must wood and brick be totally excluded? If properly designed and executed, a kitchen can be both clean and gay. Admit that a lot of time will be spent cleaning the preparation area every day, so think of how things can be cleaned: hosed down, wiped off, scraped, polished, scrubbed, etc. Airborne grease is trapped in the filters, waterborne in grease traps. Make them easy to get at, or locate as manholes outside. Free-standing equipment can be cleaned on all sides. Remember floor drains. (Fig. 6.)

#### Lunch is Served . . .

Orientation of kitchen to cafeteria is effected by placement of serving line(s), and establishes the atmosphere of the dining area. A partition between the serving counter and dining area will screen noise and motion of serving. The serving counter is a display case as well as a cafeteria line. Good serving facilities give students a lunch which has retained its original appearance, flavor and temperature and provides it for them quickly and efficiently. The average lunch period is 30 minutes long. Students are cheated if they must spend the majority of that time waiting for their lunch. Six persons pass through an average multi-luncheon serving line per minute; eight through a one-meal luncheon serving line. Consider an item-adding cash register for every serving counter providing multi-meal lunches involving money changing. The maximum serving capacity of one counter in one lunch period should be recognized as 150 to 180 persons. Cross traffic is eliminated if lines are routed from hall entrances-considered desirable if lines may form in corridors, away from cafeteria. The average serving line includes: tray carts, silver carts; hot food units with glass protector; cold pan with glass display shelves; milk lowerator; ice-cream cabinet; cashier.

A six-ft serving counter may be adequate for a one-meal lunch when all students receive an identical tray of food. A twenty-four ft serving counter is required for a multi-meal lunch. Many kitchen experts feel that refrigerated cold trays



Fig. 2. Cooking center



Fig. 3. Cooking center



Fig. 4. Salad and vegetable center



Fig. 5. Bakery center

### Planning for Student Dining



Fig. 6. Serving line, Milburn J. High School



Fig. 7. Divided serving line



Fig. 8. Snack counter



Fig. 9. Pass-through counters

are not necessary if kitchen and serving-line function smoothly. If lettuce, etc. is kept in refrigerators until serving time it will not wilt in the short time it is displayed. Vending machines may take the load off counters. Vending companies service their machines which may contain sandwiches, icecream, and even fruit. State codes govern use of these machines. (Figs. 7 and 8.)

At Proviso West High School, Hillside, Illinois and Linton High School, Schenectady, New York, cold and hot counters were separated, preventing bottlenecks. At Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Illinois, one-meal luncheons will be served from a double setup. Trays at one side will contain dessert. Students preferring simple fare will pick up a tray without dessert at the opposite side.

Pass-thrus are an efficient way of quickly and easily replenishing a large cafeteria serving line. They also hide the preparation area and give ventilation. (Figs. 9 and 10.)

#### Relaxed Dining . . .

Cafeterias now double as study-halls, lecture rooms, gymnasiums, auditoriums, little theaters, public meeting rooms, television classrooms, etc. This is usually less satisfactory for dining, unless care is taken to insure the atmosphere.

Proper lighting has been determined at 20 foot candles if space is used as cafeteria only. If it is to be used as a studyhall, it should receive the same lighting as classrooms. To keep cafeteria odor-free, air is brought into cafeteria and exhausted through kitchen. Whether tables are permanent or wheel-away, keep them small to encourage quiet conversation; approximately 29 inches high for older children-24 inches high for younger children. Ample cafeteria space is necessary to prevent confusion: 12 to 15 sq ft per person. Folding partitions are useful for permitting cafeteria space to cater to more than one activity, and break up large cafeterias into smaller rooms. Huge cafeterias do not encourage relaxed dining. Any purpose the cafeteria is to serve, other than dining, will help determine the type of furniture required. (Fig. 11.) The so called "conventional" arrangement in which a kitchen and cafeteria are adjacent, separated by serving counters, is giving way to "remote-service." Central kitchens have been designed to handle numerous cafeterias.

Portable equipment is the answer to challenges in remote service planning. Hot and cold food trucks, plus suitable vans to transport trucks from kitchen to other buildings are required. Serving counters under the separate roofs of campus style schools can be made up entirely of small portable items -hot food trucks, mild lowerator, ice-cream cabinet (or lowerator), etc.-all on wheels. These are filled in the kitchen and pushed to destinations; avoid steps intercepting routes. The whole concept of cafeterias has become one of a service agency for the educational process. The ratio of effectiveness in accomplishing this is inversely proportionate to the number served. The award-winning White Plains Senior High School, White Plains, New York, had to face this problem of "bigness." 2250 students will attend the school in its initial stage. To avoid mass confusion and anonymity of individuals, "divisional units" for 500 pupils each were designed. To retain "small school" atmosphere in eating facilities, the architects designed two cafeterias stacked two high



HIGH SCHOOL, East Grand Rapids, Michigan. Perkins & Will, Architects. J. & G. Daverman Co., Associate Architects. Barnes Construction Co., Contractor.

This very pleasant school consists of four building units: two-story academic unit, connected by a lobby and administration wing to a gymnasium, and a boiler and home arts unit. The exterior is fieldstone, accented by red doors and a yellow panelled and white-frame curtain wall.

serves a simple, one-meal lunch and has the serving counter directly in the corridor. The cafeteria doubles as a multi-purpose room, and has an adjoining outdoor dining terrace.









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# Warson Woods Elementary School, Warson Woods, Missouri

Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Architects. Caudill, Rowlett & Scott, Associate Architects. Smith, Hanlon, Zurheide & Levy, Mechanical and Structural Engineers. Frank T. Hilliker & Associates, Kitchen Consultants. An amazingly comprehensive multi-purpose room forms the core of this kindergarten-through-sixth grade school. Its functions include: theater, indoor play area, gymnasium, group project area, dining space, auditorium. It also serves as virtually the only circulation space in the plan: what might otherwise be corridors are converted into peripheral areas of the room. The center is dropped four steps below these areas. The steps help define activity areas, provide extra seating.

The importance of the room is clearly expressed both inside and out. The vaulted "space-frame" roof





Piaget Studio

rises above the surrounding building, and provides a clerestory with vertical louvers. Continuous plugin strips will be placed along the bottoms of the beams to give maximum flexibility for lighting.

Dining arrangements can be set up anywhere desired in the room. The kitchen is compact, and has a serving counter opening directly on the multipurpose area. The structure is part masonry bearing walls, part steel frame. The lower roofs are precast concrete planks, partitions are masonry block. Floors are asphalt tile, ceilings are acoustical tile. Warm air runs through cellular floor to vents.







Joseph W. Molitor photos



# Greenfield High School, Greenfield, Mass.

James A. Britten, Architect. Ralph A. Lawrence, Educational Consultant. Lift Slab, Structural Engineers. Buerkel & Co., Inc., Piping, Heating and Ventilating Engineers. Wendell K. Simpson, Electrical Engineer. Bolt, Beranek & Newman, Acoustical Engineers. Jo Ray, Site Design and Landscaping. This very complete high school has all its many facilities organized in a very forthright and pleasant manner. This is especially true of the relationship of the entrance lobby, cafeteria, auditorium and gymnasium. They form a block suitable for public as well as school use. The cafeteria itself may not only be used for dining, but for public meetings, student dances and parties. The room is approximately 50 by 116 ft, and divided by folding partitions into two areas. Each has access to the kitchen serving area. The seating capacity is 550 per setting. There is also a faculty dining room for 40 people. One area is developed where all deliveries, including fuel, school, cafeteria and shop supplies and equipment may be made.

The school is designed for a present enrollment of 850 students, with all common facilities adequate for 1100. The plan includes: 38 classrooms of all types, 4 shops, library seating 100. The Music section opens on the court to form an amphitheater.











# Greenfield High School

The central court doubles as play area and amphitheater. The glass wall of the music room (left rear in photo) folds back

The main lobby gives immediate access to offices, cafeteria, auditorium and gymnasium, facilitating use by public

The two-story classroom wing is steel and concrete, entirely fireproof. Exterior of school is red brick. Floors are plastic tile

The library is on second floor by student's entrance, has adjacent conference rooms, work area and visual aids room

# Architectural Engineering

NEW(S) UNDER THE SUN. "Don't rely on the climatology of today for a building you design with the intention it shall last 300 years or so," said Dr. Walter Orr Roberts at the Western Mountain region conference of A.I.A. in September. [Apparently Dr. Roberts has discounted forced obsolescence.] The reason for climate change: "Subtle changes in the sun's emanations of electrified particles may be the cause of changes in climate which could directly affect the suitability of the building's design." Concerned more with the status of things at the moment, John I. Yellott, solar consultant, reported that, while we know how to convert the sun's energy to electricity and into refrigeration, these methods are not economical; also are still primitive.

AN ELECTRIC "SUN". Engineers of the Illuminating Engineering Society report the lighting of a space to 10,000 foot-candles (equivalent to the intensity of sunlight received by the earth) for the first time in history at a recent I.E.S. meeting in Toronto. Experiment, performed on a stage, used 150 floodlights.

NOTHING NEW UNDER THE (ELECTRIC) SUN. Half-a-century seems to have made little difference in the typical attitude of architects toward the contemporary forms of electric light. This RECORD editors discovered when they turned back to a series of 10 articles, "What Do We Know About Lighting" published in 1913-1914 issues of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. Some of the thorns: Yellow vs. White Light. Author, a lighting consultant, cited case of 50 draftsmen in one office exchanging the newly developed tungsten filament lamps (white light) for the more preferable (in their view) carbon filament lamps (yellow). And the author left no doubt that he preferred yellow light for the home. [Anybody ever hear of fluorescent and incandescent? | Glare. "These mirror-images of glaring reflectors are factors of great distraction in large offices devoted to clerical work." Uniformity. "The visual function is depressed by too great a lack of contrast in surface brightness between the working page and the wall . . . an extremely dark wall affords too abrupt a contrast. Jargon. ". . . prospective victim is regaled by high sounding technical terms until goaded to desperation by 'lumens,' 'fluxes' and other such utterances . . ." Academic Approach. "We have passed the stage where the greatly overrated questions of "intensity" and "uniformity" of light need occupy our minds. We are not concerned about the engineer's efficiency of one watt per square foot." . . . "From the architectural viewpoint there is no preconceived method of lighting an interior, and the dogma of always expressing lighting in terms of energy, or intensity, tends only to produce ugly and commonplace monotony."

WHAT STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS WANT TO KNOW. Those topics of greatest interest to structural engineers, internationally, are indicated by the program for the joint meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering, last month in New York. Major items were: Plasticity in Steel; Ultimate Strength in Reinforced Concrete and Folded Plate Structures; Model and Analytical Research—Dams and Shells; Research in Dynamics [for earthquake and blast]; Stability in Metal Structures; Prestressed Concrete and Concrete Bridges; Steel Bridges and Building Frames; Shell Structures. SHARPENING COST FIGURES. As competition for the building dollar gets keener, so does the eyesight of clients watching their purse strings. On the professional side, latest to speak out on costs was Charles Luckman, (Pereira & Luckman) keynoter of the Prestressed Concrete Institute meeting in September. His warning on estimates: "For decades, architects have leaned too heavily on the fact that they did not have a legal responsibility to produce a building within the original budget. Architects do have, and must accept, the full moral responsibility for working closely with the client to properly correlate what the client wants with what the client can afford within the budget. Better cost estimates are a necessity. If the architect is to effectively combat the 'package' deal competition, he must make his services as complete as those of his competitor in the package field."

On the producers' side is a new report, "Ultimate Wall Costs," published by Structural Clay Products Institute, that will be much read, discussed and used. By "ultimate cost" of exterior walls, the authors, C. T. Grimm and James C. Gross, mean what it will cost an owner to buy and maintain a wall and to pay for heating and air conditioning. Some significant factors included are: the cost of money, depreciation, taxes, foundation costs, floor space taken by walls, salvage value, and speed of erection. While the reader may not agree with all the details, or necessarily all the discussions, the basic method has a thoroughness that makes it hard to beat for meaningful cost analysis of walls or, for that matter, with interpolations, for other building components.

FIRE RESEARCH AT LIFE-SIZE SCALE. Canadian fire researchers must now be acknowledged authorities on why people can't escape from fires in homes and small buildings. In a unique opportunity, scientists at the Division of Building Research, National Research Council were able to burn down six houses (both brick and frame), a school and a town hall, all instrumented with test equipment (recovered during fire). These buildings were in Aultsville, Ontario, an area now flooded by the St. Lawrence Seaway, thus the project's tag-"The St. Lawrence Burns." Fires were started by putting a torch to wood cribbing, the equivalent of a typical amount of furniture. Checks were made on smoke intensity, carbon monoxide, temperatures, and noise (awakening influence). Sobering observation: In two minutes after start of a fire, an open, second-floor bedroom was cut off by smoke; after nine minutes carbon monoxide would have been lethal.

#### THIS MONTH'S AE SECTION

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# LIGHTING: A key to spatial character

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In both of these lobbies, light marks the location of elevators and corridors and permits the occupant to move about freely. In one, it also creates an atmosphere of dignity and repose—with a little drama thrown in for good measure. In the other, though certainly more than adequate for circulation, it causes the polished walls to dissolve in specular reflection. Not quite half a century ago, ARCHITECTURAL RECORD published a series of articles titled, somewhat stiffly: "What Do We Know About Lighting? A Study Theoretical, Scientific & Practical," in which the author lamented the architect's inability to assimilate such technological advances as the tungsten lamp into the art of building, and deplored the architect's dependence on those concerned with the mechanics and theoretical aspects of lighting design. Were the articles not nestled among such period pieces as " 'The Towers of Manhattan' and Notes on the Woolworth Building" and "Notes on Gargoyles, Grotesques and Chimeras," the casual reader might surmise that their author was commenting on the contemporary scene-a jolting conclusion when we compare the Tower Seagram with the Tower Woolworth, Gabo with gargoyles. We obviously know a great deal more about lighting in 1958 than we did in 1913, and our sources and techniques have been much improved, but it would seem that they are being used no more imaginatively.

Now, as then, light is commonly treated as a necessary appendage that must be added to perform a specific function, rather than as a building material whose unique characteristics demand that it be included in the design from the beginning. One wonders how it is that a profession which embraces so eagerly the esthetic possibilities offered by new developments in structure and materials can overlook the ability of light to create a made-to-order visual atmosphere.

To begin with, of course, there is a basic difficulty in visualizing light. Even if lighting is considered in the initial stages of design, the architect may lack the verbal and graphic vocabulary with which to communicate the pattern of light and shade he sees in his mind's eye to the consultant who will finally translate it into equipment. Unless the designer is familiar with the qualities, functions and characteristics of light, and the techniques involved in its use, the final installation may fail to achieve the desired effect.

On the following pages, these fundamentals are reviewed, with sources and techniques discussed in the context of their role in molding the visual character of the spaces they illuminate.

## Appraisal of form and texture









Directional light from above, rear

Directional light, frontal











Silhouette



Diffuse light plus directional light



In the illustrations opposite, the form and texture and color of the lighted object remains in every case the same: only the lighting changes. Yet that single variable profoundly alters the apparent character, stimulating a wide range of reactions in the observer.

Dealing as they do with isolated objects and settings, photographers and stage designers have long been aware of—and taken advantage of this dynamic effect of light on static forms and surfaces. Architects are perhaps equally aware of the dynamic quality of light; but, dealing as they must with integrated functional spaces, they often lose sight of the fact that the "illusions" created by changing patterns of highlight and shadow may be as real as the space itself.

The technique of varying the intensity and direction of light in order to emphasize (or de-emphasize) form and texture is almost axiomatic. However, unless the characteristics of both the light sources and the elements to be lighted are carefully studied, even such obvious manipulations may fall short of the mark. Worse, they may produce an effect quite different from that intended.

Plaster and similar finishing materials, for example, are intended to appear perfectly flat and uniform, and a source which "emphasizes their texture and form" by washing them with a grazing light will also accent any small defects in workmanship or finish. For such surfaces, a frontal component or very diffuse general lighting may be more appropriate.

Other surface characteristics similarly affect the development of an effective lighting scheme. Matte surfaces, which reflect their light in all directions, may be lighted and viewed as a relatively uniform plane; on the other hand, such materials as glossy paint, marble and glass begin to approach the conditions found in lighting mirrors or specular metals. Depending on the relative positions of the light source and the observer, they may not visually indicate their own characteristics at all, but may appear dark or even act as "mirrors," reflecting a direct image of other lighted objects and surfaces.

Thus the most expensive materials can fail to make their potential impact if "savings" are achieved by skimping on the lighting; the most carefully planned space can quickly lose its character if light is thoughtlessly super-imposed.

Diffuse light

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Hand in hand with a careful study of the elements to be lighted must go an equally careful analysis of the space which they comprise and the spatial effect which the lighting is to reinforce—or create.

At one extreme is the flat uniformity of diffuse lighting. Texture and form virtually disappear as highlights and shadows are reduced or eliminated entirely; in an enclosed space, no element seems more important than any other. It is in this direction that the distraction-free environment necessary for sustained visual tasks is found.

At the other end of the scale are the sharply contrasting highlights and shadows produced by directional light. When brightness patterns are carefully controlled, such light can be highly dramatic, but the drama is achieved at the expense of the observer's ability to see and appraise objects within the space.

For most spaces, of course, appropriate lighting lies between these two extremes, with diffuse and direct light proportioned to strike a proper balance between ease of seeing and emotional excitement.

In some cases, it may be desirable to manipulate light to provide a suitable atmosphere for a variety of activities. Illustrations 4, 5 and 6 show how a constant minimum level of illumination can be maintained (note the floor brightness), while changing brightness patterns on the vertical surfaces and ceiling alter the mood and focal emphasis within a room.

The first (4) shows a diffuse space in which the focal interest is also diffused and the occupant is encouraged to move about at will. Well-suited to the activity of "finding a seat or a friend" or for the congregation of a large group, such an atmosphere could also be used for offices where flexibility and a minimum of distractions are desirable.

Reducing the overall brightness and introducing more contrast (5) reduces the diffusion and increases the feeling of directed activity until (6) the occupant's attention is completely controlled: he sees only what he is supposed to see. However, the horizontal illumination from the downlights still permits circulation and even note-taking or programreading.

This use of high brightness contrast for getting and holding attention is well-established in the theater, but as a display technique and as a means of guiding circulation, the use of controlled brightness patterns is often overlooked.



The high contrast, dramatic space . . .



Spaces in which brightly lighted objects and surfaces are displayed against a dimly-lit background may in themselves be highly dramatic: the taut interplay of light and shadow produces an atmosphere charged with emotional excitement. But the same sharp contrast that contributes to the dramatic effect may greatly reduce the observer's ability to accurately appraise forms and surfaces



... The diffuse space



Diffuse lighting gives the low contrast illumination necessary for prolonged visual tasks, but it well nigh obliterates the highlights, shades and shadows by which we perceive form and texture. By introducing some variation in brightness, the monotony of such a space can be relieved, and the form and texture of included objects re-emphasized at no expense to the observer's ability to study them







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Downlighting units (general lighting)

Once the spatial concept has been defined, the designer's problem is to select from the many techniques available to him the one that will most effectively establish it. Many complex factors—not the least of which is cost—enter into the planning of any specific lighting installation, but the basic principles involved can be simply demonstrated by three applications of controlled lighting to a single activity (in this case, worship).

In the first example shown opposite (7), high contrast produces a highly dramatic mood. The lighting units are designed and positioned to keep stray light from striking the walls and ceiling, while focal points are highlighted and become completely dominant. The choice of dark and receding colors intensifies this effect so that the physical enclosure itself is de-emphasized in favor of the chosen focal points.

The second space (8) involves the reverse of this effect in that wall surfaces here are intentionally emphasized through a combination of perimeter wall-lighting and light colors. The result is much more diffusely lighted space—less dramatic perhaps, but better suited for study and appraisal.

A first reaction might be that the level of illumination is much higher here than in the first example. Actually, well-controlled recessed downlights provide virtually the same horizontal illumination at the pews in both spaces. The difference lies in the handling of the vertical surfaces which appear as major elements in the field of vision.

The third illustration in this series (9) again shows a diffusely lighted space. In this case, however, the indirect light source (the ceiling) also becomes a very dominant brightness factor. To relieve the extreme uniformity that might result from such a diffuse system used alone, variation is introduced through dark accents and irregular brightness patterns on the vertical surfaces around the perimeter.

Although these examples are all church applications, the principles and techniques of spatial manipulation which they illustrate apply to *any* space or activity. Consideration of surface reflectance and distribution of light will produce similar emotional effects for the lobby, the corridor, the store, the auditorium and the office, each solution evolving from the unique requirements of the space involved. AND AND SENSE

Control of light and direction are due to very accurate (external) *reflector* control built into the fixture itself



Directional units (accents and spots)



Wall lighting techniques





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ALL UNITS

Control of light and direction are due to accurate *lens pattern* control built into the glass facing of the fixture



Adjustment or aiming due to *reflector* design or adjustment, *lens* design (as asymmettric, or adjustment of the *lamp* itself











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Note. heavy solid line directly lighted surfaces; broken line: light distribution



DOWNLIGHTING SYSTEM. Essentially a high contrast situation with relatively high brightness at floor. Walls and ceiling have low brightness level; objects are sharply defined highlights



WALL WASH. Walls are high brightness elements; floor and ceiling, lighted indirectly, have low brightness. Lighting is diffuse, but downlights add contrast, modify light distribution curve shown



CEILING WASH. Directly lighted, high brightness ceiling reflects light to floors and walls, which have relatively low brightness. Lighting is diffuse in quality, almost linear in distribution







## LIGHTING: Design techniques (luminous elements)

Luminous ceiling (and luminous elements)

Of course the designer need not be limited to the indirect lighting techniques already noted. The design possibilities of large-area self-luminous elements for diffuse lighting, for example, have already captured the imagination of many designers and the public as well.

The illustrations opposite show self-luminous elements which have become major factors in the concept of space. The first (10) involves spatial emphasis or de-emphasis through variation in surface brightness, which is controlled primarily by the reflectance characteristics of those surfaces. The area specified for congregation and free public movement is characterized by diffuse lighting and light finishes which reinforce the generally unfocused atmosphere. As the observer leaves this public area to enter the more private parts of the building, however, he passes through a high-contrast change of pace at the stairs. The more dramatic atmosphere of this area, then, provides a transition between the free-movement public spaces and the more private, controlled areas beyond. The emotional characteristics of the lighting, together with a careful consideration of the effects of light on the surfaces involved, play an important part in establishing the emotional function of this space, so that people may "feel" what they are expected to do here.

In larger spaces involving mass circulation, large-area luminous elements may take on some of the functions performed by spotlighting in smaller spaces. Illustration 11 presents an unusually large scale application of this principle, which is actually used quite often where the tellers' area of a bank, the information desk, the special display in a department store and similar areas of particular interest are set under a luminous element. This technique may step up the level of illumination for the more difficult seeing tasks and appraisal problems involved with these activities as compared to the general circulation areas, and like the spotlight, it attracts attention and interest. Used skillfully, it can also become an aid to circulation control.

The self-luminous wall (12) is another large-area element which can become a major, dominating factor in the design. This element may be uniform or non-uniform in brighttext continued on page 240



Detail shows construction typical of luminous ceilings and elements in which diffusers or shielding are suspended in a modular grid below ceiling-mounted fixtures

#### Luminous walls and panels



Details of representative vertical luminous elements resemble those for luminous ceilings. Lamps are shown mounted both vertically and horizontally within the cavity.







LUMINOUS CEILING produces diffuse light and generally unfocussed atmosphere for congregation and free public movement.





LUMINOUS ELEMENT steps up illumination level for specific activities, assumes attention-getting function of spotlight







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## LIGHTING: Design techniques (luminous elements, continued)

ness, and introduces design and color possibilities totally unlike those of any other design technique. A major consideration, however, is the need for careful control to prevent the plane's becoming a source of glare and visual discomfort. This consideration is also important in the use of windows—which are, in a sense, self-luminous wall elements —to introduce natural light.

A window in a space serves two principal functions. Architecturally, it is a transparent screen: it is also essentially a vertical luminous panel for lighting the room. A successful solution for one function cannot automatically insure a good solution for the other, and in too many cases, window walls introduced and considered only as architectural elements produce acute problems of discomfort for the occupants. Excessive glare and variable light distribution are representative of the visual problems.

It should not be inferred from this that natural light is not a valuable tool, but rather that this source needs to be considered as *one* of the many lighting tools available to the modern architect. In this sense, it has several advantages as well as some disadvantages. As a light source it should be considered and analyzed just as any other lighting system; architecturally it should be analyzed as a design element with brightness characteristics similar to those of the luminous wall panel.

In many cases, such an element properly controlled—is perfectly compatible with the concept of space and environment. But the luminous (window) wall is not automatically the ideal solution for all spaces and activities—either as a source of light or as an element of brightness. The advantages, spatial effects and emotional appeal of the well-planned "transparent screen" may be overshadowed by the environmental problems created unless these problems are recognized and controlled.

Where the designer plans the lighting as a ceiling pattern of luminous elements, this system too can introduce a generally diffuse lighting quality to the space. The illustrations here indicate two examples of this very widely-used and variable technique. The first (13) involves directindirect units, while the second (14) shows a pattern of indirect coffers. In both cases, other supplementary systems (downlights, spotlights and wall washes) counterbalance the uniformity of the luminous base, reintroducing points of focal attention, form, sparkle and brightness contrast.

## Representative wall "accent" techniques (fluorescent)



Valance: above eye level



Cornice: no upward component



Bracket: at or near eye level



Extended (or suspended) unit

## Representative wall "accent" techniques (incandescent)



## Coffer design techniques





Direct-indirect units give ceiling pattern of large luminous elements. Generally diffuse light is accented by spots and washes







Downlights and washes again counterbalance uniformity of light from large luminous elements—in this case, indirect coffers

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## LIGHTING: Exterior spaces

Just as the lighting of interior space can express the planned environment and the emotional quality desired by the architect, so exterior space can express its organization through planned patterns of brightness compatible with the activities and circulation needs.

Exterior lighting involves many of the same principles and lighting conditions that have been discussed for interiors. When the building itself is treated as an object of sculptural form displayed within the larger space of its natural or man-made surroundings, light molds this form just as it does any piece of displayed sculpture or merchandise.

Natural light renders the building with a "wash" of diffuse light periodically spot-lighted by a direct source, the sun. This condition is similar to that of the diffuse interior and has similar characteristics. The principal difference is that interior space can be controlled in respect to *both* form and light, while in exterior design (in daylight), we have no control over the light condition and must manipulate the building form and its detail to comply—as architects have done down through the ages.

At night, however, the situation becomes almost identical in many ways with the high contrast dramatic interior. The designer is now free to manipulate both light and form. Architecture takes on a "second aspect" —a second expression of the building's use, of its form and color, and of the ingenuity of its designer.

The interior lighting of the ceiling and wall surfaces, beside affecting the previously discussed conception of interior space, can also become a major factor in determining the exterior appearance (and appreciation) of the building viewed at night. Sometimes this effect has value as a public relations or advertising technique-but for the architect, it suggest that the building's character can and should be expressed inside and out, day and night. At all times a building is, in a sense, a composition of design elements-and the clarity or unity of this composition depends on the character and organization of the light that renders it.

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## HOOK KNURLS ADD BODY-BOUND FIT TO HIGH TENSILE BOLTS



When driven, knurled bolts cold-work joint material, producing spiral-grooved holes

A new fastener for building steel that is bearing through most of its length and uses one less washer than the standard high-strength bolt has been announced by Lamson & Sessions Co., the designers, and has been used in construction with good results. The fastener is a high strength bolt with a special knurling on the shank. This knurling is done in a shallow spiral and each knurl has a ball-shaped entry surface with the back relieved at an angle to form



Bearing bolt is shorter than standard h-s bolt, requires no washer under bolt head

a buttress which, while strengthening the knurl, makes the bolt easier to drive by eliminating pile-up of sheared material and consequent galling of the hole. The bolt itself is slightly tapered for half the grip length and the head is shaped to conform to the standard rivet set. All these features are said to make the bolt easy to drive through a misaligned hole far enough so that it can be pulled in the rest of the way with the nut. The bearing bolts are



Entry face is ball-shaped for easier driving; angled back develops "hooking" action

 $1_8$  in. shorter than standard highstrength bolts and use one washer under a standard nut.

Results of tests conducted on the new fastener by Professor W. H. Munse of the University of Illinois have been published in a report entitled "An Evaluation of the Behavior of Structural Connections Assembled With Hook-Knurl Bolts," which is available from the Lamson & Sessions Co., Cleveland 2, Ohio.

### BRITISH-MADE "MUSHROOMS" AT THE BRUSSELS FAIR



British Industries Pavilion during construction is an airy web of mushroom-shaped supports enclosed in a curtain wall frame of prefabricated timber stiffened by light steel braces

Of the many steel-framed buildings that sprang up on the grounds of the Universal and International Exhibition in Brussels this summer, one of the more interesting was the mushroom-columned pavilion that housed the exhibits of the Federation of British Industries. Its announced purpose was to show British-made wares, and the building indeed resembled a giant showcase, with its glass-clad walls revealing even the workings of the electrical substations within.

The inner workings of the structure itself, however, are perhaps more intriguing, if for no other reason than that its 60,000 sq ft of roof rest on only six columns. Each column is located at the center of a square bay made up of latticed girders spanning as a folded plate between curved diagonal ribs. The ribs and columns act as three hinged frames with the horizontal members of the girders acting as ring ties; the whole assembly forms a distinctly mushroom-like support.

The exterior walls are completely glazed with fixed glass set in a low cost prefabricated curtain wall framing system of glue-laminated timber stiffened with light steel lattic wind braces. At the south end, a mural in opaque colored glass is used to reduce solar heat gain and glare.

Architects for the pavilion were Edward D. Mills and Partners, with Felix J. Samuely and Partners as consulting engineers.

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Section through support shows column, ribs, girders and bracing for exterior wall



Latticed steel girders form folded slab, act as ring ties between diagonal ribs



Quickly-erected frame for glazed curtain wall is of low cost, glue-laminated timber



#### "WROUGHT" ALUMINUM SCREENS FOR INDOORS AND OUT

While decorative metal work is certainly not new to architecture, its current revival has produced some new twists, the latest being the use of "carved" anodized aluminum in screens and grilles that are reminiscent of wrought iron in feeling; lighter in design, in color and in actuality. Fabricated of solid metal in thicknesses ranging from 1/4 to 3/4 in. and sizes ranging from 2 by 2 to 4 by 12 ft, they are strong and durable but less bulky than screens of most conventional materials, and can be installed in standard window mullions or curtain wall units. Maintenance costs, as might be expected, are negligible. Any flat design or pattern with a minimum radius of ½2 in. can be accurately reproduced, or the architect may select a stock pattern. The colors, necessarily limited to those obtainable through the anodizing process, are red, blue, green, gold, brass, bronze, copper or natural, with others available on special request. Morris Kurtzon, Inc., 1430 S. Talman St., Chicago 8, Ill.

### MOVABLE WALLS WITH AN AIR OF PERMANENCE

Movable wall systems have become well nigh standard for office interiors, but in many instances their chief asset is also a liability: impermanent walls often look that way. One type that doesn't is the Vaughan Wall which combines several kinds of floor and ceiling runners and door frames with laminated gypsum panels in various thicknesses and finishes, including wood veneer, paint and vinyl. Fabricated on the job in 2 ft modules and heights up to 12 ft, the panels are installed in the usual way and have the usual advantages of flexibility, mobility, salvagability, integral wiring, etc. They also have tongue-and-groove joints which eliminate intermediate posts and create the illusion of a continuous permanent wall. Less illusive are such attributes as a .42 sound rating, a one hour fire rating and a cost reportedly less than that of similar movable wall systems. Vaughan movable interior Walls, Inc., 11681 San Vincente Blvd., Los Angeles 49, California.





### NAKASHIMA-DESIGNED FURNITURE: TOMORROW'S TRADITIONAL?

A New York newspaper recently described the emerging "architectural" style in furnishings as being "square and boxy as if designed by an architect." By this definition, nothing could be less architectural than the furniture grouping shown at right —which was designed by an architect. A sampling from Widdicomb-Mueller's new Origins collection by George Nakashima, the pieces reflect the love of fine craftsmanship and fine materials that characterizes Nakashima's approach to design, architectural and otherwise: a walnut cocktail table is inlaid with Carpathian elm, dowels are left exposed, the natural sap line of the wood becomes a primary decorative feature. Seating pieces include a cane-backed sofa and a tall "butterfly wing" chair of walnut upholstered with foam rubber, as well as occasional chairs whose seats and backs are formed of hand-shaved spindles. Tables, storage units, room dividers and other occasional pieces round out the collection. Widdicomb-Mueller Corp., 514 Fifth St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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#### **PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS: 4**

Minimum Standards prepared by the National Swimming Pool Institute\* Items are numbered consecutively for convenience in identification

20. Filters, Diatomite: Where diatomite filters are used, they may be of either pressure or vacuum type. The filter rate shall not exceed 2.5 gpm per square foot of filter surface area.

The cycle of operation between cleaning of the diatomite filters shall be not less than a 24 hr period of continuous operation and this shall not be deemed to apply to initial operation of a pool, but only after operation for a period of 3 days or such period as is necessary to initially clear the pool.

Provisions shall be made to introduce a pre-coat to completely cover the filter elements, upon placing the equipment in initial operation and/or after each cleaning. The equipment shall be so arranged that during pre-coating, the effluent will be refiltered or disposed to waste without passing into the pool until the effluent is clear of suspended matter.

Equipment shall be provided for the continuous feed of filter aid to the filter influent and the equipment shall have a capacity to feed not less than 0.1 lb of this material per square foot of filter area over a 24 hour period.

Exceptions to the above may be made in Types B, C, D, E & F pools, in cases where this equipment need not be provided.

The tank containing the diatomite filter elements shall be constructed of intermediate carbon steel, plastic or other suitable material which will satisfactorily provide resistance to corrosion, with or without coating, and shall be of adequate strength to resist all stresses resulting from loading with a factor of safety of 4, in relation to the ultimate strength.

The septum or elements which support the filter aid shall be of corrosion-resistant material and shall be provided with openings, the minimum dimension of which shall be not greater than .005 in.

\* The technical data presented here gives basic requirements for public and semipublic design, systems and equipment. It is intended by the NSPI to serve as recommended minimum standards, and not as a model code. The septa shall be constructed to be adequately resistant against crushing or deformation, with the maximum differential pressure between influent and effluent of not less than the maximum pressure which can be developed by the circulating pump and of adequate strength to resist the stresses developed by the cleaning operation, with the impact developed from on accelerated washing operation.

In the complete filter installation, where dissimilar metals are used which may set up galvanic electric currents, the metals shall be insulated with a suitable dielectric which will satisfactorily prevent corrosion from electrolysis.

The filters shall be designed and installed in such a manner that they can be readily disassembled and elements removed and they shall not be installed where inadequate working space above or around is available for such disassembling.

The filter plant shall be provided with pressure differential gauges and air-relief outlets where necessary.

21. Filters, Other: In the absence of complete information on operating characteristics, durability, etc., of cartridge and other type filters, no minimum standards can be established at this time and their installation on public pools may only be made on a trial basis.

22. Compound Gauge: The pump suction header shall be provided with a compound gauge between the pump strainer and the pump, which will indicate both positive and negative head.

23. Strainers: At all pressure type filter plants or where the circulating pump is used for vacuum cleaning the pool, a suitable strainer or screen shall be provided to remove solids, debris, hair, lint, etc. Where a wet well is provided, the strainer shall consist of a removable screen through which all water entering the pump shall pass. Where no wet well is provided or where the suction cleaner or any other suction line is piped directly from the pool to the pumps, a pot-type strainer with removable strainer basket shall be provided. The strainer basket shall be of rigid construction sufficiently strong to prevent collapsing when clogged. One extra strainer basket shall be provided.

Any type of screen or strainer basket shall be fabricated of a corrosion-resistant material or shall have a protective coating of such material.

Screen or strainer basket shall have maximum openings no greater than 34 the size of the solids which will pass through the pump impeller without clogging and the total clear area of all openings shall be not less than 4 times the area of the largest sized pipe from the pool to the strainer influent.

24. Rate-of-Flow Indicator: Every swimming pool provided with recirculation and refiltration system shall be provided with a rate-of-flow indicator on the pump discharge line leading to the filters and shall be calibrated for measuring both water for filtration and backwash and the activating element creating the pressure differential for indication of flow shall be installed with adequate clear distance upstream and downstream to obtain a reasonable degree of accuracy.

The rate indicator shall be calibrated for and provided with a scale reading in gallons per minute and shall have a range of 10% below the established filtration rate and 10% above the backwash rate established.

Where diatomite filters are used, the activating element of the flow indicator shall be installed in the filter effluent line.

#### POOL POPULATION, SANITARY FACILITIES

25. Capacity of Pool in Bathers: The maximum number of persons in bathing attire within the pool enclosure or the bathing area shall be limited to one person per 20 sq ft of pool and deck area combined.

26. Bathhouse: Adequate dressing and sanitary plumbing facilities shall be provided for every public swimming pool. An exception to this may be made in Types B, C, D, E & F pools where available facili-

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ties are provided in cannection with the general development for other purposes, etc., of adequate capacity and number, in close proximity to the pool.

Every bathhouse shall be provided with separate facilities for each sex with no inter-connection between the provisions for male and female. The rooms shall be welllighted, drained, ventilated and of good construction, with impervious materials employed in general, finished in light colors and so developed and planned that good sanitation can be maintained throughout the building at all times.

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(a) Minimum sanitary plumbing facilities shall be provided as follows:

Males: One water closet combination, one lavatory and one urinal shall be presumed to be adequate for the first 100 bathers.

One water closet and one urinal shall be provided for each additional 150 bathers or major fraction thereof. One lavatory shall be provided for each 200 additional bathers.

A minimum of three shower heads shall be provided which shall be presumed to be adequate for the first 150 males and one shower outlet shall be provided for each additional 50 male bathers.

Females: A minimum of two water closet combinations shall be provided in each bathhouse building and this shall be presumed to be adequate for the first 100 females.

One additional water closet combination shall be provided for each additional 75 females or fraction thereof.

A minimum of two shower heads shall be provided, which shall be presumed to be adequate for the first 100 females and one shower shall be added for each 50 additional females.

One lavatory shall be provided as a minimum, which shall be considered adequate for the first 75 females. One additional lavatory shall be provided for each additional 75 females in attendance, or major fraction thereof. These minimum criteria for bathhouse plumbing facilities shall be based upon the anticipated maximum attendance in bathers. Facilities for either sex shall be based upon a ratio of 60% of the total number of bathers being male and 40% being female.

Shower and dressing booths shall be provided in female dressing space and dressing booths shall be provided with curtains or other means of seclusion. This condition may be subject to variation for schools and other institutional use where a pool may be open only to one sex at a time.

(b) Drinking Fountain: Not less than one drinking fountain shall be provided available to bathers both at the pool and in the bathhouse.

(c) Hose Bibbs: Hose bibbs shall be provided for flushing down the dressing rooms and bathhouse interior.

The floors of the bathhouse shall be concrete, free of joints or openings and shall be continuous throughout the area with a very slight texture to minimize slipping but which shall be relatively smooth to ensure complete cleaning. Floor drains shall be provided to ensure positive drainage of all parts of the building with a slope in the floor of not less than ¼ in. per foot, toward drains.

(d) Hot Water: Heated water will be provided at all shower heads. Water heater and thermostatic mixing valve shall be inaccessible to bathers and will be capable of providing 2 gpm of 90 F. water to each shower head, and no other water shall be supplied.

No differences in elevation, requiring steps, shall be provided in the interior of male and female dressing areas. No steps shall be permitted between the bathhouse and the pool deck areas adjoining and should it be necessary that the bathhouse floor be at a different elevation from the pool decks, ramps shall be provided at the access doors. Where ramps are used between the bathhouse and pool decks, the slope shall not exceed 3 in. per ft and shall be positively non-slip. All partitions between portions of the dressing room areas, screen partitions, shower, toilet and dressing room booths shall be of durable material not subject to damage by water and shall be so designed that a water way is provided between the partitions and floor to permit thorough cleaning of the floor area with hoses and brooms.

(e) Soap dispensers: Soap dispensers for providing either liquid or powdered soap shall be provided at each lavatory and between each pair of shower heads and dispensers must be of all-metal or plastic type and no glass permitted in these units.

(f) Mirrors: Mirrors shall be provided over each lavatory and toilet paper holders shall be provided at each water closet combination.

(g) Water: All water provided for drinking fountains, lavatories and showers shall be potable and meet the requirements and conform with the standards of the U. S. Public Health Service.

27. Food Service: Where provision is made for serving food and/or beverages at the pool, no containers of glass or other material which might be a hazard to bathers' feet, when broken, shall be used. The area shall be so arranged and posted to prohibit the consumption of food and beverages on the pool decks proper.

#### ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 28. Lighting and Wiring

(a) Submarine Lighting: Where submarine lighting is used, not less than 0.5 watts shall be employed per square foot of pool area.

(b) Area Lighting: Where submarine lighting is employed, area lighting shall be provided for the deck areas and directed toward the deck areas and away from the pool surface insofar as practical in a total capacity of not less than 0.6 watts per square foot of deck area. Where submarine lighting is not employed and night swimming is permitted, area and pool lighting combined shall be provided in an amount of not less than 2 watts per square foot of total area.

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(c) All wiring in connection with requirements for a swimming pool for lighting or power shall conform with the codes of the National Underwriters' Laboratories (National Electric Code).

(d) In addition to any other grounding, each submarine light unit shall be individually grounded by means of a screwed or bolted connection to the metal junction box from which the branch circuit to the individual light proceeds.

(e) Overhead Wiring: No electrical wiring for lighting or power shall be permitted to pass overhead within 20 ft of the pool enclosure.

#### DRAINAGE PIPING

29. Mechanical Pool Fittings: Where overflow gutters are installed, outlet spacing shall not be greater than 15 ft on centers.

Overflow gutter branch lines from each drain fitting shall be not less than 2 in. I.P.S.

Pool inlets and outlets shall be provided and arranged to produce a uniform circulation of water and the maintenance of uniform chlorine residual throughout the pool; there shall be at least four inlets for the smallest pool.

Provisions shall be made to adjust the flow through all inlets.

Maximum flow rates (in gpm) through various sized inlet branches shall be not more than as follows: Size & gpm; 1 in. = 10; 1½ in. = 20; 1½ in. = 30; 2 in. = 50.

In pools with surface area greater than 1500 sq ft or length in excess of 60 ft, inlets shall be placed around the entire perimeter. In any case, an adequate number of inlets shall be provided, properly spaced and located to accomplish complete recirculation and the maintenance of a uniform and adequate sterilizing medium at oll times.

30. Main Drain Spacing: When the outlets to pool pump suction are installed near the end of a pool, the spacing shall be not greater than 20 ft on centers. An outlet shall be provided not more than 15 ft from side wall.

The outlet grate clear area shall be such that when the maximum flow of water is being pumped through the floor outlet, the velocity through the clear area of the grate shall not be greater than 1½ ft per second. Outlet grates shall be anchored and openings in grates shall be slotted and the minimum dimension of slots shall be not more than ½ in.

Where outlet fittings consist of parallel plates, of so-called anti-vortex type where the water enters the fittings from the sides rather than through a grating facing upward, entrance velocities may be increased to 6 ft per second.

All pool fittings shall be of non-corrosive material.

**31. Piping:** The determination of sizes of pipe, fittings and valves on the complete main pump suction line from the swimming pool shall be based upon a rate of friction lasses for piping of not more than 6 ft per 100 ft of pipe, based upon Hazen-Williams formulas for 15-year old piping.

All piping on the discharge side of the pump for filiration and to the point for discharge of backwash water from the filter plant shall have pipe sizes determined on a basis of friction losses which shall be not more than 12 ft per 100 ft and the velocity in any pipe shall not exceed 10 ft per second and pipe selection shall be made based upon Hazen-Williams formulas for 15-year old pipe. In the determination of pipe sizes required, the criterion which would call for the largest pipe size shall govern.

All pool piping shall be supported by piers or otherwise to preclude against possible settlement which will either provide dirt traps or air pockets and a condition which would result in rupture of the lines.

All pressure and suction lines shall have a uniform slope in one direction of not less than 3 in. per 100 ft. Gravity waste lines around the pool 6 in. or smaller shall have a minimum slope of  $\frac{1}{20}$  in. per ft. Lines larger than 6 in. and all outfall waste mains shall be designed with a size of pipe and slope to freely carry the maximum flows required with no surcharge or back pressure in the lines. All piping and equipment shall be provided with positive means. of completely draining all water to prevent damage from freezing.

32. Direct Connections to Utilities: No direct mechanical connection between a source of domestic water supply shall be made to a swimming pool or to its piping, thereby eliminating a cross connection to what may become a source of contamination.

The water supply for filling the pool, when derived from a potable supply, shall be by means of an over-fall fillspout to the pool, or an over-fall supply to a surge tank, wherein the water will freely overflow at deck level or the top of the surge tank, before coming into contact with the water supply outlet.

The disposition of sanitary sewage from the bathhouse shall be into a sanitary sewer, a septic tank or other waste line which meets with the approval of local health authorities.

Whenever any waste from the swimming pool is connected to a sanitary sewer or a storm sewer, an air-gap or a relief manhale shall be provided which will positively preclude against surge or backflow introducing contaminated water into the swimming pool or the water treatment plant as covered elsewhere.

**33. Pump and Motor:** Pump and motor unit shall be provided for recirculation of the pool water which has been selected for performance and will meet the conditions of quantity required for filtering and cleaning the filters with the total dynamic head developed by the complete system. The requirements for filtration shall be based upon the maximum head loss developed immediately prior to washing the filters. The motor shall be non-overloading in continuous operation for filtration under all conditions but may be overloaded within the service factor for conditions of backwash and for emptying the pool.

Pump performance curve for the unit to be installed shall be provided and submitted to proper authorities.

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34. Vacuum Cleaner: Where facilities are installed integrally in the pool piping system for the operation of a vacuum cleaner, the piping shall be required to produce not more than 15 ft total head loss at the pump, while moving four gallons per minute per lineal inch of cleaner head.

35. Sterilizing Agent: Some means of sterilizing the pool water shall be used which provides a residual of sterilizing agent in the pool water. Either chlorine or bromine may be used for this purpose. In either case, adequate feeding equipment and equipment for testing residuals must be employed. Inasmuch as chlorine is almost universally used, minimum standards for the use of chlorine are given below.

In all public pools, chlorine shall be supplied by means of a gas chlorinator which controls and introduces the chlorine gas into water solution and introduces it into the pool water, Exceptions to this may be made in Types B, C, D, E & F swimming pools, where chlorine may be applied in the form of hypochlorites fed by a positive feed pump suitable for use with hypochlorite in solution.

Equipment for supplying chlorine or compounds of chlorine shall be of capacity to feed 1 lb of available chlorine per 3000 gallons of pool volume per 24-hour period. This may be reduced by 50% for Type E pools.

36. Instructions: All valves shall be permanently tagged and valve operating schedule shall be provided for every operation. Instructions shall be supplied in not less than two copies.

### POOL WATER AND TREATMENT

37. Chlorine Compartment: Where gaseous chlorine equipment is provided below grade in a filter room or in any part of a building which provides housing, the mechanical proportioning device and cylinders of chlorine shall be housed in a reasonably gas-tight corrosion-resistant and mechanically vented enclosure. Air-tight duct from the bottom of the enclosure to atmosphere in an unrestricted area and a motor-driven exhaust fan capable of producing at least one air change per minute shall be provided. Automatic louvers of good design near the top of the enclosure for admitting fresh air are required. An opening at least 18 in. square, glazed with clear glass, and artificial illumination shall be provided in an amount such that the essential performance of the equipment may be observed. at all times, without opening the enclosure. Electrical switches for the control of artificial lighting and ventilation shall be on the outside of the enclosure adjacent to the door. The floor area of the enclosure shall be of adequate size to house the chlorinator, fan scales and one extra chlorine cylinder. Gas mask approved by the Bureau of Mines for protection against chlorine gas shall be provided, mounted outside the chlorine compartment.

33. Coagulant Feeder: Coagulant feeder of cast-iron pot type with piping arranged to provide a restriction in the flow or other means of creating a pressure differential which will circulate a portion of the filter influent on a ratio proportionate to the rate of flow shall be provided. Pot shall be of good grade gray cast iron with quick-removable, tight-gasketed cover and will be piped with IPS brass pipe to circulate through the feeder with a tapping at the bottom of the feeder for entering water and a tapping at the top for supplying coagulant solution to the filter influent. Control valves, one of which shall be needlepoint type, and a drain cock for draining the equipment when the plant is out of operation shall be provided. The capacity of the pot shall be not less than 2 oz of lump or nut potassium alum per square foot of filter bed area.

39. Testing Equipment: A test set shall be provided for the determination of free chlorine residual and the pH hydrogen-ion content in the pool water of colorimetric type with test tubes and supply of phenol red solution and orthotoluidine agents. Color standards shall be as follows and the carrying case and test tubes shall be provided of plastic or other material which is permanent and unbreakable:

Chlorine color standards-0.1, 0.3, 0.6, 0.8 ppm; pH color standards-6.8, 7.2, 7.6, 8.0

40. Quality of Water: The equipment when operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, shall provide water meeting the following standards:  Shall meet United States Public Health Service requirements for bacteriologically potable water.

(2) Shall have a degree of clarity such that a disc 2 in. in diameter which is divided into quadrants in alternate colors of red and black shall be clearly discernible through 15 ft of water and the different colors readily distinguishable.

(3) Shall have a minimum free available chlorine residual at any point in the pool of not less than 0.25 ppm and not more than 1.0 ppm at any time.

(4) The pH or measure of hydrogen-ion content at no time shall be below 7.0 and shall be maintained between this limit and 8.0 on the hydroger-ion scale.

**41. Pool Temperature:** Temperature of indoor pools shall be maintained between 75 and 85 F., with exceptions mode in Type E pools.

#### WADING POOLS

By definition, a wading pool shall normally be a small pool for non-swimming children, only, used only for wading and shall have a maximum depth at the deepest point not greater than 24 in.

Owing to the high degree of pollution likely to be present, a wading pool shall have a maximum turn-over cycle of 4 hours. The supply ta the wading pool shall consist of filtered and chlorinated water from the large pool filtration and recirculation system. The circulating outlets from the wading pool may be wasted or may be returned to the circulation system of the large pool at the suction side of the pump for re-filtration. Also a waste outlet shall be provided at the deepest point of the wading pool, by means of which it shall be completely emptied to waste.

In general, standards of sanitation in circulation, surface skimming and all other details shall be equal or superior to those for swimming pools. It is considered to be very desirable to install a spray pool in lieu of a wading pool, wherein no water stands at any time but is drained away freely as it sprays over the area.

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Portland Cement Association Opens "World's Largest Testing Machine" The Portland Cement Associations' new Structural Development Laboratory at Skokie, Illinois, is unique in that the building itself is a giant testing machine which will provide facilities for testing large scale structural elements up to 120 ft in length.

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steel rods are attached to the object under test, extended through holes in the floor, and attached to jacks underneath it. Test loads are applied by the jacks, which can exert a total force of as much as 2 million pounds on a 50 ft beam.

Two early projects being undertaken in the laboratory are aimed at improving methods of connecting precast concrete members and achieving continuity between prestressed members.

### PHA Approves Use of Structural Steel for High-Rise Buildings

The Public Housing Authority has issued a circular to Regional Directors urging them to consider the use of structural steel framing for public housing projects. Because of the need for heavy fireproofing, reinforced concrete has heretofore been considered the most economical structural system.

The modification of the Authority's position followed a study of comparative cost estimates which showed that steel frames fireproofed with lath and plaster may be competitive with reinforced concrete frames for high-rise buildings.

## Skyscraper to Straddle Tracks

Without Disrupting Rail Operation A survey conducted by the planners of New York's mammoth Grand Central City project in consultation with engineer James Ruderman shows that the 50 story, 3 million sq ft structure can be erected over 123 railroad tracks without seriously affecting or being affected by train traffic in and out of Grand Central Terminal, which is on the site adjacent. According to Ruderman, the major problem will be scheduling the early demolition, excavation and steel work so as to minimize interference with rail operations.

He is currently formulating a plan to place the huge supporting columns for the estimated 50,000 ton steel skeleton between the tracks and platforms so that they do not impede the flow of train and passenger traffic. The foundations will go through both levels of track with steel grillages placed under the track. The site study further revealed that the north wall of Grand Central Terminal cannot be incorporated into the new structure because at the time it was erected no provision was made for insulating its steel frame against train vibration. To produce a soundproof, vibration-free frame for Grand Central City, special insulation mats will be installed between the north wall of the Terminal and the adjacent south wall of the new building. Similar mats will also be used under the columns.

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At the lower level, completely surrounded by a thick reinforced con-



crete shell, is the shelter area, which includes mechanical and emergency power equipment, emergency water well and conventional and chemical toilets, as well as the dining and serving areas. The shelter area is entered by either of two concreteenclosed stair towers. The entrance ports are protected from debris by concrete canopies and wing walls. Actual closure of the bomb shelter area occurs at the lower level, where a heavy blast-and-radiation-proof door can be rolled into position and secured by means of an inflatable gasket. Emergency escape hatches at the opposite end of the dining room provide an alternate means of exit.

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The grandstand was designed by the California State Division of Architecture with Edwin A. Verner, San Francisco, as structural engineer.



### Plastic Wall for Conn. School

With the exception of narrow horizontal "vision strips" and porcelain enamel spandrels, the curtain wall for a new \$4 million high school in Stamford, Connecticut, will consist entirely of translucent sandwich panels. The panels, which are made up of rigid sheets of plastic laminated to a metal grid core, are expected to give better light control and less heat loss than similar areas of glass. According to architects Urbahn, Brayton & Burrows of New York City, their low cost and ease of maintenance make them particularly suitable for school use. Cabinets will be built against the opaque spandrels so that the exposed portions of the wall are almost wholly translucent.

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Special activities unit, Westmoor High School, Daly City, Calif., houses gymnasium, auditorium, cafeteria, music room. Architects: Mario J. Ciampi, A.I.A.; Allyn C. Martin, Paul Reiter, associates.

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## Comment on the Winning Scheme

The majority is convinced that the basic concept of the winning design has great strength. Certain features, it is felt, could be modified with advantage and comments on these, as well as many fine features, are made in this section in the hope that they may be of value to the winner, and the City, in developing the final design. The majority feels certain that because of the strength and soundness of the proposal such modifications could be readily accommodated without detracting from its excellence. A great deal of detail remains to be worked out after consultations in Toronto and this should afford the opportunity to consider the various points raised.

The Civic Square has been carefully shaped in its broad lines and is enhanced by the enclosing arcade which both helps give it definition and provides shelter to the pedestrian. The pool has been well placed on the axis of the present City Hall. However, a great deal of the landscaping, trees and surface feature detail must be worked out to provide the necessary human interest, and it is rather unfortunate that the winner has developed this aspect so little at this stage.

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Above this main floor is a mezzanine devoted to traffic circulation and above this again is a second mezzanine with government areas which have to be close to the Council Chamber. This achieves a very satisfactory relationship between the different areas. Generally this space is efficiently used, a most important consideration in view of there being almost half the total floor area in this horizontal part of the building. However, there appears to be a surplus of vertical circulation facilities and this should be reconsidered.

The Council Chamber and related executive offices are well located in the center of the building, but the arrangement of the offices could well be restudied after consultation with those familiar with their operation. They have the potential of a very interesting series of rooms.

The two office towers are superb esthetically, their carefully shaped and related curves achieving a balance and total effect of strength and dignity. They also offer many fine views from the inner walls. Undoubtedly these advantages have been achieved at some expense and it is hoped that the architect will do whatever he can to reduce costs. It is suggested that both space and structural economies be sought. The architect is to be commended for the substantial saving in space already made between the preliminary and final competitions. Further analysis of plans might produce additional savings. Structurally the greatest economy which, it appears, could readily be pursued would be in devising ways of reducing the size of the cantilever at present shown. In reviewing plans for the towers the placing of departments to ensure their most efficient relationship might also be reviewed.

The architect has switched the positions of the two office towers between the preliminary and final competitions, possibly influenced by certain remarks of the Jury following the preliminary competition. There are, however, other factors to be considered and the majority has some reservations about this change. Not only did the earlier arrangement offer a simpler and more economical air conditioning problem but a wider knowledge of development of the district around the Square also indicates some advantage in the earlier proposal.

Any adjustments in these regards should leave the basic concept strong and clear and it is the majority's view that this would be possible. The City

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## Minority Report

The jury were unanimous in regarding the winning design as the most original in conception of any of those submitted.

They were less unanimous about the suitability of this monumental design to the site prepared for it, and as an answer to the requirements of the administrative program. On this there were strong differences of opinion-as there are likely to be in any democratic assembly.

As a minority we were highly critical of some aspects of this design. We were also conscious of the carefully drawn conditions, the cost of the project in the minds of the Council and the public, and the need for a building which is efficient and workable, and flexible enough to meet the requirements of growth and change.

In this dilemma the easiest but less constructive course for the minority would have been withdrawal from the Jury, with whom however we have been in agreement over all decisions in the preliminary stage and over many in the final. Instead we have written this minority report containing our reservations. This will of necessity expose the degree of disagreement or doubt held by the minority, and the reason why these disagreements could not be resolved. as is usual, within the Jury itself. But since no worthwhile judgment is entirely uncritical, the reservations may also be useful to strengthen or modify the design of the City Hall and the City Square as it is finally executed.

## Reservations Concerning the Winning Design (No. 006)

#### Relation to the City

1. On the east and north sides, and to some degree to the west as seen from University Avenue, the winning design shuts out the city around it, presenting blank concrete walls (356 ft and 290 ft in height) to surrounding streets and buildings. This might have an adverse effect on the future redevelopment of these sectors; whereas the new City Hall could otherwise be expected to spark off a number of surrounding projects, eventually leading to a really significant renewal of this part of the City. Much could be done to reduce this adverse effect.

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opinion should hope to attract citizens of all ages in a rich and varied way, still appears in the final stage of the competition as a somewhat stark design. It could be given greater landscape interest and amenity, and a more human scale.

#### The Building as a Working Proposition

3. The four main elements in the scheme-the Civic Square, the fourlevel base or podium (which covers nearly half the site), the two office towers, and the Council and Executive suite-are connected to each other by an external ramp, by escalators, by a large number of elevators in ten different places, as well as by emergency stairs. Internal circulation within the building is complicated, as it involves movement from one office tower to another or to the Council suite; and the onesided office towers have longer horizontal lines of communication than are found in two-sided arrangements of offices.

4. The Council Chamber and suite, although placed in the very focus of the design, have defects as working accommodation, and a poor outlook.

## Structure and Cost

5. The form of construction proposed for the office towers is probably the most expensive which could be devised for vertical slabs. The huge cross-buttressed reinforcedconcrete walls support floors which are, in effect, trays cantilevered in one direction. The open ends of the trays are covered by a glazed curtain wall. It is doubtful whether the cantilevers would register in the mind of an external observer, and it seems reasonable to suggest that the form of construction could be modified and reduced in cost.

6. Because of the variety of unusual structural forms, and the considerable space demanded for circulation, the design as presented would, in our estimate, cost much more than the figure which the Council had in mind. By considerable revision, economies in space and structure could be made without changing the main effect of the composition.

Both in the Conditions of Competition (para. 15), and in the report of the Jury on the preliminary stage, the need for reasonable economy was stressed. In order to realize the design and preserve its integrity, even with the revision suggested, the Council should be prepared to increase the sum voted.



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- 24-25 National Conference on Metropolitan Growth, sponsored by U.S. Chamber of Commerce-Washington
- 30ff Annual Convention and Exposition, National Swimming Pool Institute; through December 3—Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles
- 30ff Annual Meeting, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; through December 5—Hotels Statler and Sheraton-McAlpin, New York

#### December

- 3-4 Building Research Institute Conference on Field Applied Paints and Protective Coatings, co-sponsored by National Paint, Varnish & Lacquer Association and Painting & Decorating Contractors of America—Shoreham Hotel, Washington
- 8-10 Winter Meeting, American Nuclear Society—Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit
- 10-11 "Creative Trends in Urban Building," fourth annual Na-

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#### January

- 14-15 Building Research Institute Conference on Acoustical Design in Buildings—Hotel New Yorker, New York
- 18-22 15th Annual Convention and Exposition, National Association of Home Builders—Chicago
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# Office Notes

Offices Opened

William P. Greening, A.I.A., and Joel W. Sayers, Jr., A.I.A., announce the formation of a partnership, Greening & Sayers, Architects, at 200 Seabreeze Blvd., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Robert S. Loomis announces the formation of a partnership for the practice of professional engineering in structures and soils mechanics with Raymond H. Loomis under the name of Loomis and Loomis, Consulting Professional Engineers, 252 Broad St., Windsor, Conn.

Norbert L. Troller, A.I.A., has opened an office at 230 E. 73rd St., New York 21.

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### Firm Changes\_

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The firm of Wm. Henley Deitrick and Associates, Architects, of Raleigh, N. C., announces that it has opened a branch office at 206 Davis Bldg., Wilson, N. C., with Bosworth C. Beckwith in charge.

The partners of I. M. Pei & Associates, New York, announce that Araldo Cossutta, Leonard Jacobson, and Vincent de Pasciuto-Ponte have been appointed associates.

#### New Addresses

J. Lloyd Conrich, A.I.A., 45 Second St., San Francisco 5,

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#### Corrections

The RECORD deeply regrets an error on page 213 of the September issue. The credit for the Temple University Medical Center should have read: James A. Nolen, Jr., and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architects. The RECORD also regrets an error in the name of the project manager for the Medical Center, which should have been given as Harold J. Olson.

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# Meetings and Miscellany

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#### News From the Campus

STUDENT ANNUAL: The 1957-58 Student Annual, the second in the series edited by architectural students to show work in the American schools of architecture, has been published by the American Institute of Architects. It may be ordered from the A.I.A for \$3 a copy (\$2 for students and libraries).

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS: Clemson College—joining the School of Architecture (recently elevated from departmental status): Ewart Arthur Wetherill, assistant professor

of architectural design; Elbridge S. Gordon, instructor in art; Kirk Robins Craig, part-time design critic. . . . Cornell University-College of Architecture, critics, 1958-59: George Nemeny, Serge Petroff, Hansen & Thuesen, John Simonds, Richard Aeck, Fred Langhorst, Lloyd Flood, Fred Emmons, William Caudill, Dan Kiley, Caleb Hornbostel, Buckminster Fuller. . . . Illinois Institute of Technology-Alva C. Todd, lecturer in electrical engineering; Paul A. Thomas III, instructor in architecture. . . . University of Michigan-



Serenus Glen Paulsen, associate professor of architecture; Robert C. Metcalf, assistant professor of architecture; Harold J. Borkin and Arthur P. Opperman, instructors in architecture; William A. Werner, visiting lecturer in architecture; Walter L. Chambers, professor of landscape architecture and chairman of the department: William J. Johnson, associate professor of landscape architecture; Wells I. Bennett, professor emeritus of architecture and dean emeritus of the College of Architecture and Design. . . . Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute-Alcoa Foundation Series visiting lecturers, 1958-59: Josef Albers, Fred N. Severud, Carl Feiss, R. K. Thomas, William B. Tabler, Minoru Yamasaki. . . . Syracuse University-Rolf G. Strahle, assistant professor of architecture; George T. Rockrise. visiting critic.

AWARDS: Frank P. Brown Medal of The Franklin Institute to Charles M. Spofford, professor emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, for his engineering, esthetic, and educational accomplishments. ... National Institute for Architectural Education: William Emerson Memorial Prize to Gerald C. Gugini, Princeton '57, for his design of an interfaith chapel; ARCHITEC-TURAL RECORD Prize to L. G. Hildinger, Oklahoma State University, for the design of a resort hotel; First Prize sponsored by Tile Council of America to L. W. Rylee, Georgia Institute of Technology, for an outpatient rehabilitation center; First Kenneth M. Murchison Prize to J. S. Daley, Oklahoma State University, for a small office building in a tropical climate; 1958 Thesis Award to David B. Falconer, Yale University, for a boat yard. . . . First place, "Solite Competition Award" contest, sponsored by the Southern Light-Weight Aggregate Corporation, to Sinclair S. Hui, Virginia Polytechnic Institute. . . . Yale University: Everett Victor Meeks Graduate Fellowship in Architecture to Robert G. Ernest; Charles O. Matchem Fellowship to Robert M. Swedroe; Annic G. K. Garland scholarship to Folke E. Nyberg; William Sutherland Mc-Cay Fellowship to Stanford O. Anderson and Melvin Charney; Franklin U. Gregory Memorial Fellowship to William Ming Sing Lee; James Raymond Goodrich Prizes to John E. DeCell III and Peter S. Hockaday: H. I. Feldman Prize to David P. Jeffrey; Alumni Fellowships to Thomas G. Green, David L. Niland, Thomas E. Woodward, department of architecture, Konrad Perlman, section of city planning.



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The Southern Area Boys' Club, Los Angeles. Kistner, Wright & Wright, architects; Myers Bros., Los Angeles, general contractor. Cost: \$196,000 (excl. equipment)

Building Service Department which acts in an advisory capacity to all clubs. Typical plans for clubs of all sizes and a volume of standard details are made available. Preliminary drawings are then submitted to the organization's Building Consultation Service for review, as are working drawing specifications.

The Building Service Department



The Boys' Club of New Bedford, Mass. Bishop & Hackett, archs. Est. cost: \$700,000

also has put together a 34-page manual "establishing principles for guidance of Boys' Clubs, their architects, engineers, and builders contemplating new building projects." The various types of areas in a club and their requirements are described; included is a table of finishing materials showing "desirable" and "satisfactory" materials for floors, wainscots, walls, and ceilings, by room types.



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### Lumber Industry Campaigns for Greater Use of Wood

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The opening guns in this intensified struggle sound this fall with the launching of a \$1-million program by the lumber manufacturers through their National Lumber Manufacturers Association.

As N. Floyd McGowin, N.L.M.A. president, puts it, the industry is faced with a challenge it no longer can ignore. This comes, he says, from the makers of competitive materials —steel, brick, plastics, aluminum "and other products that have toppled lumber from its once-dominant position in the market place."

The challenge will be met with a positive, coordinated plan of action, the lumber manufacturers have decided. All segments of the lumber industry have been invited to join the campaign.

The job, according to Mr. McGowin, will be the all-embracing one of preselling the customer on wood as opposed to competitive materials "so that our regional associations and individual companies can move in and promote their particular brands and species."

Another phase of the campaign involves the expansion of N.L.M.A.'s work in the field of building codes and fire insurance rates. This looks toward the elimination of so-called "discrimination" against wood and wood products.

A technical promotion field staff is working with architects, engineers, contractors, school officials and others who influence the use of wood.

### Mechanization Called Spur to Work for Building Trades

Lathers and plasterers have been told by a prominent government spokesman that mechanization in their trade has actually increased the volume of work. The official was W. F. Patterson, special assistant to the Secretary of Labor.

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training designed to equip workers to meet new skill needs," Mr. Patterson commented. Of training in general, he said that every conceivable public relations medium should be used to convince architects and prospective home buyers that the industry training program can furnish the manpower necessary for the application of lath and plaster.

Mr. Patterson warned that the pace of the apprentice recruitment program must be stepped up by the lathing and plastering industry or it will face a serious shortage of workers in future years. His remarks were given before a recent Long Beach, Cal., convention of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers International Union.

### Increase in Speculative Housing Shown in New BLS Survey

The Bureau of Labor Statistics ran a survey on housing in the calendar years 1955 and 1956 and found that approximately two thirds of all privately owned single-family houses started in nonfarm areas were constructed by speculative builders. The builder group included large tract operators and small-scale speculative builders as well, defined by BLS as contractors who plan and execute construction of houses or apartments on their own land to their own specifications for sale or rent.

As for the remaining one third of new houses started in those two years, the agency found that responsibility for acquiring a building site and arranging for construction was assumed by a person who intended the house for his own use. Construction of such houses was divided about equally between builders operating as general contractors and owner builders who executed construction plans without the services of a general contractor by employing subcontractors directly.

BLS found that when the general contractor and speculative or operative builder were combined, they accounted for around four fifths of all new nonfarm housing started in the two-year period.

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# New Effort Planned to Speed Up Waste Treatment Construction

Early indications of the Administration's proposed efforts to speed up the construction of waste treatment facilities throughout the country appeared recently when Health. Education, and Welfare Secretary Arthur S. Flemming confirmed reports that Congress would be importuned to authorize 30 per cent of the present Federal telephone tax for this purpose. He told a press conference that under such an arrangement an additional 10 per cent of the present tax would be distributed among the states. Passed out under a variable formula with relatively larger grants going to lower income states, this would mean that some \$145 million in annual Federal grants would be available to cover both waste treatment construction and vocational education.

During the first two years of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1956, communities received grants for more than 1000 projects which involved \$95 million in Federal grants and \$610 million in state and local funds.

But the Administration is anxious to substitute the tax deferment plan for the present Act which authorizes \$3 million a year for five years in annual Federal grants to support state and interstate pollution control programs. Admittedly, under the new plan, states would be left to the guidance of their own consciences as to application of the funds. Secretary Flemming said he would expect the states to demonstrate good faith by using the Federally collected funds for cleaning up their streams.

HEW and its Public Health Service, which administers the present law, take the view that pollution control grants differ from other types of Federal allotments such as highway funds in that the pollution control problem is purely local.

Under the 1956 Act, states and interstate agencies have used program grants for hiring technical personnel, purchasing special laboratory and field study equipment, research and stronger enforcement of state laws. The research phase has been centered largely at the Robert A. Taft Sanitary Engineering Center at Cincinnati. Some 30 projects presently underway at the center aim principally at development of more effective and cheaper sewage treatment processes. Other research at Cincinnati involves methods of freeing water supplies from viruses

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and bacteria, detergents, insecticides, radioactive contaminants, and other substances which can make water unfit or unsafe, HEW explained.

# Addenda

The program of Federal aid for airport construction and improvement what was left of it at least-was scheduled to pass from the Civil Aeronautics Administration in the Commerce Department to the new Federal Aviation Agency. Congress created the new FAA and directed that it absorb the functions of CAA and most of the duties of the Civil Aeronautics Board, also a Commerce agency. President Eisenhower last month named Lt.-Gen. Elwood R. Quesada (USA-ret.) to head the new unit. He had been the President's special adviser on aviation matters. Also to FAA go the functions of the Airways Modernization Board, an organization also headed by General Quesada. The construction assistance program is running out its string since President Eisenhower vetoed the measure which would have extended it beyond the June 30 expiration. All contract authorization was allotted to states months ago.

Construction grants for health research facilities numbered 177 and involved \$30,200,095 in Federal funds for non-Federal institutions during the fiscal year ending June 30, the U.S. Public Health Service said. Grants to help build, equip, or expand the 177 research facilities were awarded on a matching basis to 134 institutions throughout the country.

The Business and Defense Services Administration of the Commerce Department issued new figures for estimated maintenance and repair expenditures in the construction industry showing that in 1957 the figure advanced to a new high of \$17.7 billion. The total for last calendar year exceeded the old record of 1956 by \$800 million, or four per cent. This continued a long-term climb. The statistics were from a study just completed by the Construction Industry Division of the BDSA, All major classifications of construction shared in the increase, the agency pointed out. The increase in outlay was due to higher unit costs applied to more structures and facilities rather than to a greater amount of work on the average structure or facility, the announcement explained.



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or structural plan. Indeed, it is this very integration of multiple facets into a single concept that distinguishes a work of architecture from mere building. With equal force in City Planning, the question of appearance should be integral with the total planning concept.

However, this is not, fortunately, the best of all possible worlds. It is very likely that we must go through the self-conscious process of producing something somewhat similar to the community design plan as advocated by the authors before we will get out of the very bad stage we are now in. We may have to have architectural control by boards, but I do not think we should have a single board for a whole community under any circumstances. I think that all of the responsibility for the threedimensional aspect of site planning at the governmental level should be left to the Planning Commission and not given to a special "design board." And, to my mind, the mark of our success in really treating with the problem of community appearance would be our arrival at the point where architectural control boards could be dissolved (except in historic areas).

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By categories, the largest percentage increase in September was registered by heavy engineering contracts: at \$863,415,000, they were up 62 per cent from September 1957. Residential building contracts totaled \$1,460,270,000, a 27 per cent increase from the 1957 month; nonresidential building, at \$892,234,000, showed a three per cent increase.

Commenting on the September figures, Dodge vice president and economist Dr. George Cline Smith noted that the September increase of 26 per cent was the greatest increase over the corresponding month of 1957 that has been recorded so far this year. "However," he added, "September marks the third month in a row with an increase of more than 20 per cent over last year, and the fifth consecutive month in which the dollar volume of contracts amounted to more than \$3 billion."

Publicly owned projects, Dr. Smith reported, continue to provide the major part of the stimulus, but in September privately owned projects also increased sharply. Publicownership contracts rose 29 per cent over September 1957 and private projects were up nearly 25 per cent.

The residential total in September covered 114,642 dwelling units, an increase of 33 per cent over the 1957 month and the largest percentage gain in this category this year. The spread between the percentage gain in dollar volume and in the number of units reflects the trend toward smaller average size units, particularly apartments.

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