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#### DESIGN FOR FALLOUT PROTECTION

With the Administration urging on the public the necessity of fallout protection, and funds already appropriated for a nationwide survey by architects and engineers of the shelter possibilities of existing buildings, the subject of fallout shelters has suddenly become a hot topic. A six-page article will provide a summary of the latest technical data available for architects and engineers on shelter design.

#### TEACHING SCIENCE TO ARCHITECTS

The problem of relating developments in building technology to the teaching of architecture has been met at the University of Sydney by the establishment of an "architectural science laboratory" where students perform some 40 experiments on structures, building materials, lighting, acoustics, etc., during a five-year course in architecture. Professor Henry J. Cowan, head of the Department of Architectural Science at Sydney, describes the objectives and methods of the laboratory in an illustrated article in next month's issue.

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# Le Corbusier, Psychiatrist

In announcing the beginning of construction of the Visual Arts Center, by Le Corbusier, Harvard University has released a short statement by the master which might be said to contain a prescription for curing the ills of the modern mechanized world.

The Center, scheduled to be opened in the fall of 1962, will house, in open flexible space, a number of design workshops "where undergraduates and advanced students will work in a variety of media and materials, and where they will experiment with various aspects of line, form, colors, texture, light and communication." The project recalled to Le Corbusier his own student days and a sort of principle which has remained with him. He wrote to Harvard, in his native French:

"Between 1902 and 1917 Le Corbusier was, in his native country, closely involved in the birth and organization of a special educational section for architectural evolution. Thanks to an exceptional teacher, young and full of initiative (L'Eplattenier), an educational center limited to twenty students, men and women, existed during fifteen years exciting the interest and the hostility of people. In one single place was taught drawing or color, volume, modelling, etc. . ., construction (furniture, etc.), jewellery, embroidery, etc., etc. . . Le Corbusier began with a burin in his hand and the goldsmith's hammer and chisel, realizing, though

very young, excellent works. He made his first house when he was seventeen and a half without ever having studied architecture. This house, subjected to the influence of that time and of his teacher L'Eplattenier, gave an opening to architectural decorations: 'scraffiti', mural painting, furniture, wrought iron. embossing, etc. . . During the following years this school undertook building works (decorative, of course, since it was the fashion at that time): metal, stone, mosaic, stained-glass windows (concertroom, church, fragment of a public edifice, etc. . .). One day everything collapsed before the rivalry and the hatred which had roused the Old School against this New Section. ... the manifestation of individualities, the divergencies, finally overcame the enthusiasm.

"And the whole concern collapsed. "From this first experience Le Corbusier has kept the instinct of the prophetic, indispensable, practical and beneficent relations between the hand and the head. The rupture of this collaboration of the hand and the head brought by mechanism and bureaucracy has fomented little by little a monstrous society which would be on the decline if no reaction interfered.

"Harvard University's initiative has therefore found in Le Corbusier a ground which is naturally favorable to the implantation of the ideas which constitute the present programme of this University."

-Emerson Goble

# Letters

# CONTROVERSIES ON BUILDING TECHNOLOGY

#### Technology of Architecture: Do Schools Reject it?

Your leader (July A.R.) was timely but, alas, few of the leading architects or university professors will stir out of their comfortable chairs to follow you. I'll bet if you mentioned "scientific building research" to the majority of the heads of architectural schools they would cringe as though you had called them a dirty word. You say that "true research in Universities hasn't even come up to the batter's box": how shamefully true! Why? Because they are primarily concerned with teaching skills and the programs offered in most of the schools of "architecture" are twenty or even thirty years behind the times.

In the past four years I have contacted practically every architectural school in the U.S., trying to arouse some interest in independent research programs for (1) color and light; (2) sound and acoustics; (3) standards of fireproofing and waterproofing. Not one of them is even vaguely interested. I find many socalled architectural teachers willing to TALK research providing it is in terms of FORM or DESIGN, but none ready to talk seriously about technical building problems. Small wonder that fledging architects leave school with no more mental equipment than the architect of 30 years ago. In fact, were it not for research conducted by industry, the activities of the B.R.C., and for the examples given by architects of other countries, the American architect would be in worse shape than he is. Do you wonder that European or Canadian architects may be ahead? . . .

Truth is that many teachers are completely out of touch with the grubby business of BUILDING and, on the other hand, too many architects would be lost without Sweets Catalog. Now, were YOU serious or were you just filling up space? If you were serious, I suggest you repeat the theme and challenge the architectural schools to explain why they are so afraid of practical building and experimental technology that they appear to be trying to divorce architecture from building problems!

> Herbert D. White Associate Professor of Architectural Technology Southern Illinois University

#### Building-oriented Engineers: Do Architects Welcome Them?

Mr. Goble's comments ("Recognition for Engineers") in the September issue of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD are extremely refreshing, particularly when found in a leading architectural publication. One can only hope that the message will not go unheeded among many of the architectural readers.

While I'm inclined to agree with Mr. Goble that bloodshed is probably not imminent, I've witnessed several conflicts of the type described by Mr. Gamble, where bloodshed would have seemed a milder alternate solution.

I have observed the bartering of architectural "esthetics" and engineering "practicality" with respect to specific problems, and all too often I've seen a decision by the esthetician which annihilates the possibility of a reasonable engineering solution.

Many architectural designers are so imbibed with the idea that an engineer cannot be "building oriented" that they fail to recognize the many who are. Quite often the "building oriented" engineer, once recognized, strikes a note of terror in a number of architectural minds, and the apparent recourse is the well known esthetic veil.

Now after due consideration, I'm convinced that intensive probing of the matter on the pages of the RECORD would be a healthy situation and would be a real service to the readers.

William L. Barnes Professional Engineer (A.E.) Grand Junction, Colorado

#### "Architectural Engineering": Practitioners Want Hearing

The article in the August ARCHITEC-TURAL RECORD "Technology with Circumspection" by you is most interesting and, I think, most timely.

As an architectural engineer (a graduate in architectural engineering at Pennsylvania State University in 1931, a registered architect since 1939, a professional engineer since 1941 and in practice for myself and in partnership since 1940) I have been fighting for over ten years to have my alma mater maintain a balanced architectural engineering course. By this I mean one in which the graduate, as his wishes and talents decree, can become a registered architect or a registered engineer or, as in my case, both.

To support me in this project I have been in touch with a number of other graduate architectural engineers. Some are practicing actively only in architecture, some in engineering and others in the combined field. Our major rallying point is that no matter what our present activities, we all feel that the well balanced architecture-engineering curriculum was a very fine education. The architects feel the extra engineering training enhances their abilities to create new and better architecture. Those doing engineering believe you cannot create new and better engineering for buildings without a thorough understanding of the problems of architecture. In the combined field, I can say from my own experiences, it is most gratifying to see a building take shape when you get intimately into all the phases, stages and coordinations as a building grows from the first concept to a worthy structure.

At the present time our group is aware of the activities of many men in our profession who have primarily an architectural background, and as you point out, many in the teaching profession as well, who are doing everything possible to eliminate the A.E. courses, or at least change them so that architectural design will play so minor a role that the student cannot even become a second rate architectural draftsman, let alone a designer. The words of Charles W. Moore in your article express our opinion of this opposition as being due to "discomfort, incomplete understanding, or just plain fear." We are also aware that many of these teachers do everything possible to discourage students from going into or continuing in architectural engineering. It is rather unbelievable, but it appears to be true, that whenever any decisions are to be made pertaining to the architectural engineering curriculum everyone is consulted except the practicing, graduate architectural engineers. We who appreciate the great value of this broad but thorough education are getting fed-up with this attitude.

The art in fine architecture grows continued on page 224



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# Buildings in the News



East-west section showing basement and five floors



Elevation of the east façade

# CORBU DESIGNS HARVARD VISUAL ARTS CENTER

The first American building designed by Le Corbusier will be Harvard University's new Visual Arts Center, scheduled to open the fall of 1962. Containing approximately 50,000 sq ft, the five-level building houses, in open flexible space, design workshops where undergraduates and advanced students will work and experiment in a variety of media and structural materials.

The workshops are separated into three areas: two-dimensional and three-dimensional, with workshops located on the second and third floors; and a workshop devoted to "light and communication" (photography, motion picture, sound, etc.), situated underground with studios and a lecture hall seating 180 students. On the fourth floor, movable walls will provide for seminars, exhibits and experimental projects. A penthouse on the fifth floor will be used by the director of the Center.

The walls use deep sun baffles that change according to the orientation of the façade and control the natural lighting of the interiors. Large rooms open to roof terraces which provide outdoor exhibit spaces. The building is planned for cross ventilation, with air conditioning only in the lecture hall and special basement workshops.

The Visual Arts Center is the gift of Alfred St. Vrain Carpenter and the late Mrs. Carpenter of Medford, Ore., to the program for Harvard College.





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The single structure housing the Vivian Beaumont Repertory Theater and the Library-Museum at Lincoln Center was designed by Eero Saarinen Associates with Jo Mielziner as collaborating designer, and Skidmore, Owings and Merrill as associated architects.

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SPINGOLD THEATER ARTS CENTER AT BRANDEIS Adolph Studley



The Nate and Frances Spingold Theater Arts Center at Brandeis University was designed by Max Abramovitz for teaching and performance. Calling for three basic stages—the three-sided platform, theater in the round and end stage, plus the combination of these, the plan provides facilities for rehearsal and dance studios, classroom, seminar and laboratory teaching and allows for expansion, including a painting and sculpture museum.

The Center will occupy a section of the Campus which is a series of natural bowls and stone out-croppings. The service area, with storage, dressing rooms, mechanical equipment rooms and a truck receiving area, is at ground level. Cars move in under the main level overhangs to the lower foyer entrance. Pedestrian approach will be up a ramped plaza and a pair of monumental stairs. Classrooms, seminars, administrative offices surround performing and working sections. Observation and study balconies are on upper level.



**300-ft. concrete dome** (reported to be the largest of its type anywhere) is the dominant feature of this new auditorium in Anderson, Ind., for the General Ministerial Assembly of the Church of God. Dome was cast at ground level, contoured over a mound of earth. It was then post-tensioned with twelve 40-wire assemblies supplied by Ryerson—and finally lifted into

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## HOSPITAL BUILDING UPTREND EXPECTED TO REACH NEW PEAKS

HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION currently is enjoying a healthy recovery after a two-year lapse. From 1958 through 1960, new building was in the doldrums with successive declines in contract valuation. This year, however, the dollar volume of hospital contracts easily will register a record high. With awards for the first nine months well ahead of last year, we estimate the 1961 total at \$980 million, about 18 per cent above 1960. Floor area represented by hospital contracts will be up sharply to about 43 million sq ft. The outlook for 1962: contracts should approximate their 1961 performance.

ON THE AVERAGE, hospital building has the highest construction cost per sq ft of any building category. This shows up clearly in the spread between dollar volume and physical volume of building. Despite the anticipated gain over 1960, floor area of hospital contracts in 1961 will not match the 1950 peak of 45 million sq ft in the 37 eastern states alone. At no time in the past decade has hospital floor area come close to that mark even after addition of the 11 western states to the Dodge statistical coverage in 1956. In the meantime, dollar volume of contracts has trended irregularly upward with new highs set in 1956, 1957, 1958, and expected again this year. Of course, the general rise in material and labor costs has affected hospital construction as much as any other building type. However, there are some special factors to consider in building hospital facilities to accommodate modern equipment and new treatment practices. Such features as special oxygen piping to individual rooms, decentralized feeding facilities, extra elevators, lead shielding for X-ray equipment, and extremely complex plumbing have helped to boost construction costs.

THE FUTURE DEMAND for hospital facilities promises to be intense. For one thing, the number of the elderly will increase substantially in the 1960's. According to the United States Public Health Service, people in the 65 and over age bracket "consume hospital services at twice the rate of younger people." Rising real incomes and wider coverage of health insurance plans will allow more families to seek the hospital treatment they need. Furthermore, although the backlog has been worked down, there is still a serious shortage of general hospital beds in some areas. In response to these factors, we anticipate a strong upward trend in hospital building during the decade.

FLOOR AREA of hospital buildings as well as dollar volume will rise to new peaks in the 1960's. According to the Modern Hospital Publishing Company, the inclusion of more complete diagnostic and related treatment facilities in new hospitals and the practice of putting fewer beds in hospital wards are largely responsible for the trend toward more floor area per bed.

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1930	127.0	126.7	124.1	128.0	123.6	82.1	80.9	84.5	86.1	83.6
1935	93.8	91.3	104.7	108.5	105.5	72.3	67.9	84.0	87.1	85.1
1939	123.5	122.4	130.7	133.4	130.1	86.3	83.1	95.1	97.4	94.7
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
1958	328.0	315.1	348.6	365.4	357.3	243.9	239.8	255.7	261.9	262.0
1959	342.7	329.0	367.7	386.8	374.1	252.2	247.7	266.1	272.7	273.1
1960	351.6	337.2	377.7	395.8	380.6	259.2	253.3	274.7	282.5	278.8
July 1961	367.3	346.6	405.4	431.3	403.9	254.8	247.3	275.0	284.0	274.5
August 1961	365.9	344.8	405.1	431.1	403.5	254.8	247.3	275.0	284.0	274.5
September 1961	366.2	344.9	405.7	431.7	404.0	256.0	249.1	276.4	284.9	275.2
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September 1961	196.5	181.8	210.4	223.6	210.5	196.6	199.7	190.6	192.5	190.6

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1930	108.9	108.3	112.4	115.3	111.3	90.8	86.8	100.6	104.9	100.4
1935	95.1	90.1	104.1	108.3	105.4	89.5	84.5	96.4	103.7	99.7
1939	110.2	107.0	118.7	119.8	119.0	105.6	99.3	117.4	121.9	116.5
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	266.6	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	2813	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
1958	297.0	278.9	304.9	318.4	313.8	289.8	274.9	311.5	326.7	320.8
1959	305.4	296.4	315.0	329.8	323.9	299.2	284.4	322.7	338.1	330.1
1960	311.4	301.0	322.2	337.2	329.2	305.5	288.9	335.3	352.2	342.3
July 1961	317.0	303.8	330.2	348.2	332.7	311.8	293.8	347.4	364.6	351.2
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September 1961	187.0	183.1	178.1	190.6	179.4	195.1	195.6	197.3	199.7	203.3

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

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index for city A = 110

index for city B = 95(both indexes must be for the same type of construction).

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

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

Conversely: costs in B are approximately 14 per cent lower than in A.

$$\frac{110-95}{110} = 0.136$$

Cost comparisons cannot be made between different types of construction because the index numbers for each type relate to a different U.S. average for 1926-29.

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# Meetings and Miscellany



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#### New Chief Economist Named By F. W. Dodge Corporation

Dr. Gordon W. McKinley has been appointed a vice president and chief economist of F. W. Dodge Corporation, publishers of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD among many services and publications in the construction field.

Dr. McKinley, who will also act as economics consultant to the RECORD, has previously been executive director of economic and investment research for Prudential Insurance Company of America. Before joining Prudential in 1951, he taught economics first at Lehigh University and later at Ohio State.

A 1938 graduate of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont., with a B.A. degree, Dr. McKinley received his master's and doctoral degrees from Ohio State University. He is the author of numerous articles in professional journals and co-author of the book *The Federal Reserve System*.

#### Architectural League Holds Gold Medal Competition

Open submissions are invited for the 1962 National Gold Medal Exhibition of the Architectural League of New York, to be held next April 6 through 27 in the League building, 115 E. 40th Street, New York.

Both open submissions, which

must be received at the League by January 2, and a group of invited submissions will be eligible for the League's Collaborative Medal of Honor and for Gold and Silver Medals and Honorable Mentions in the fields of architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, mural decoration, sculpture and design and crafts. Submission is open to any practitioner who is a citizen of the U.S., whether or not he is a member of the League; work submitted must have been completed between Jan. 1. 1959 and Dec. 31, 1961 and, in the allied arts, must have a relationship to architecture.

Complete details and entry blanks may be obtained upon request to the League.

#### Dunn Appointed Head of A.G.C.

William E. Dunn has been appointed executive director of the Associated General Contractors of America, to succeed the late James D. Marshall.

Mr. Marshall died on November 3rd from complications following an operation. He had been connected with the A.G.C. since 1925, having become assistant managing director in 1940, executive director in 1953, and in 1956 chief executive in the management of the association.

In announcing the appointment of Mr. Dunn, M. Clare Miller, A.G.C. president, said: "Mr. Dunn has been affiliated with the A.G.C. national staff for 14 years, and has been assistant executive director for nearly six years. During this time he has been closely associated with Mr. Marshall in the administration of A.G.C. policies and operations."

#### Morgan Receives Building Stone Institute Award

The Building Stone Institute Annual Architect Award for distinguished use of natural stone was presented this fall to Lloyd Morgan, F.A.I.A.



(Left to right) Lloyd Morgan and Gen. C. J. Hauck, chairman of Building Stone Institute Awards Committee

He was cited for "inspiring contributions in the field of architecture . . . imaginative creativity in utilizing natural stone in distinguished buildings of enduring beauty throughout the world."

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#### New Postgrad, Undergrad Programs at Columbia

In recognition of the increasing demand for specialized architectural study, Columbia University's School of Architecture has instituted two new postgraduate programs. The new programs, both leading to the degree of Master of Science in Architecture, provide the opportunity for architects to gain intensive specialized training in the design of medical or educational facilities.

Dean Charles R. Colbert said, "Columbia's School of Architecture is, to the best of my knowledge, the only architectural school in the United States offering degrees in 'specialties'-that is, degrees in building-types or problem areas. We ... believe that this is a highly significant innovation in architectural education. What it means in essence is that the design of medical and educational facilities will at last be entrusted to architects and planners specially equipped to handle the numerous problems inherent in the design of these complex buildings."

The program in medical facilities planning will be conducted by the School of Architecture in conjunction with the School of Public Health, the educational facilities program, with Teachers College.

"The new programs," Dean Col-

bert explained, "are based on the assumption that mere technical competence is not sufficient for the design of buildings so vital to the community welfare. To design an effective educational or medical plant necessitates an understanding of the disciplines of education and medicine themselves . . . Students come to us imbued with the viewpoint of the architect; we intend to expose them to the viewpoints of the educator and the hospital administrator."

In addition to the postgraduate programs, Columbia's School of Architecture will offer for the first time the degree of Bachelor of Planning, as well as the traditional degree of Bachelor of Architecture. Moreover, to insure that future architects and planners will be able to work effectively with each other, all undergraduate students at the School, irrespective of their intended fields of specialization, will be required to take a core curriculum of courses in both architectural and planning design.

According to Dean Colbert, "Essentially our revamped curriculum has two aims. The first is to provide community planners with comprehensive professional training. The second is to provide a basis of communication between architects and planners, diminishing the schism that has grown up between them and, hopefully, producing more intelligent building programs.

"The new emphasis," Dean Colbert said, "is on the city-which is, after all, the central problem confronting both architects and planners today. The sad plight of today's metropolises, the haphazard fashion in which urban centers have been allowed to grow, might well have been avoided had there been more communication between architects and community planners. Future projects for urban rehabilitation-which many large cities have already embarked upon-will be similarly ill-fated if this communication-gap is allowed to continue. We at Columbia hope to do our part in insuring that history does not repeat itself. It is a task upon which the very future of urban society depends."

#### Hellmuth Elected Fellow in International Institute

George F. Hellmuth, Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, St. Louis, has accepted election to life membership as a Fellow in the International Institute of Arts and Letters, Kreuzlingen, Switzerland. The Institute's world-wide membership consists of 1760 Fellows and Corresponding Members "qualified by notable achievements in Arts, Letters or in Sciences and other fields of culture."

#### SAARINEN MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD IN M.I.T. CHAPEL

A memorial service for Eero Saarinen was held on September 9 in the renowned circular chapel he designed for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The service was conducted by his—and his father Eliel's—longtime friend and client, J. Irwin Miller of Columbus, Ind., and it went as follows:

Let us remember the life of a good man. Hear the words of the Psalmist:

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked

Nor stands in the way of the sinner, Nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

- But his delight is in the law of the Lord
- And on His law he meditates day and night.
- He is like a tree planted by streams

of water

That yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

Let us remember the life of a man who loved and was loved. Hear the words of Elizabeth Browning:

- Go from me. Yet I feel that I shall stand
- Henceforward in thy shadow. Nevermore

Alone upon the threshold of my door Of individual life, I shall command The uses of my soul, nor lift my

hand

Serenely in the sunshine as before, Without the sense of that which I forebore,—

- Thy touch upon the palm. The widest land
- Doom takes to part us, leaves the heart in mine

With pulses that beat double. What I do

- And what I dream include thee, as the wine
- Must taste of its own grapes. And when I sue
- God for myself, He hears that name of thine,

And sees within my eyes the tears of two.

Let us remember the life of a great man, who wrought more than most. Hear the words of Pericles:

- To famous men all the earth is a sepulchre, and their
- virtues shall be testified, not only by the inscription
- in stone at home, but by an unwritten record of the
- mind, which more than of any monument will remain with

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#### Schuyler Collected

AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE AND OTHER WRITINGS. By Montgomery Schuyler; edited by William H. Jordy and Ralph Coe. The Harvard University Press, Cambridge 38, Mass. 664 pp., illus. 2 vols., \$12.50 the set.

Starting with, as a base, Schuyler's 1892 volume American Architecture, the editors have added many articles which appeared in both architectural and general periodicals. Since Schuyler is so often quoted, and since access to his writings has till now meant a search for books and magazines 50 and 60 years old, this collection is welcome both as general reference and general reading.

Schuyler, the editors remark in their lengthy introduction, has long been required to bear a burden of perspicacity which he is not fully equipped to support, and which, it might be added, it is unfair to demand. He was, they go on, no more infallible than his times permitted. His ideas had been formulated by a study of Ruskin, Violet-le-Duc and an obscure but highly interesting Bohemian-American architect, Leopold Eidlitz. This study led to his acceptance of 19th century architectural standards which the editors enumerate as individualism, tangibility and

articulation-valid standards in discussing the Gothic revival, but not particularly germane to the problems of the skeleton-frame skyscraper. The editors contend that Schuyler's aherence to these basics made him fail to appreciate the esthetic possibilities of the new structures. In truth, he did often seem puzzled that buildings which so satisfactorily fulfilled his rational requirements should disappoint his eyes; he once compared his reaction to a Sullivan skyscraper as that of the "East Indian to his idol: we know that he is ugly but we feel that he is great."

Montgomery Schuyler

-from American Architecture and Other Writings

Still, he struggled against his undoubted prejudices, and if he did not see the worth of the new architecture, he knew it, and said so often and feelingly and in print (voluminously in ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, often in magazines like Harper's and Scribner's). And if he occasionally seems wistful that architecture did not develop as he imagined it might as a young man, neither does he seem, as one reads him, to regret it much.

In addition to some of his articles on skyscrapers, the editors have included Schuyler on Victorian Gothic, on the "Richardsonian interlude," on the Beaux Arts, on Sullivan and Wright, and on bridges—this last group giving insight into Schuyler's interested in pure engineering, but quite possibly included for its sheer charm.

As for the pertinence of Schuyler's opinions, they would seem to have little today, as he discusses an architectural fight which was long and bitter, and is now quite over. In their introduction, the editors suggest that his views may not lack pertinence: "Since World War II, modern architecture has come back to the ideals of individuality, tangibility and articulation, and to a renewed interest in history, which reintroduces the dilemmas of creative eclecticism as well. Today Schuyler's criticism assumes new relevance. . . . And so does its underlying premise: 'It is more feasible to tame exuberances than to create a soul under the ribs of death.' Could it be that the critic for a lost cause will become the prophet for a new one?"

There is another reason for an edition of Schuyler's writing—it makes wonderful reading. The prolixities and allusions of his old-fashioned style are not difficult and are anything but boring. And he exhibits what has been called the "biliousness" of good criticism, informing his words with considerable force and conviction even at this distance in time.

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#### A Sculptor's Architecture

THE ARCHITECTURE OF MICHELANGE-LO. By James S. Ackerman. The Viking Press, Inc., 625 Madison Ave., New York 22. Vol. I, 156 pp., illus.; Vol. II, 155 pp. (catalog). \$12.50 each.

Michelangelo appears to be very much with us these days. Not that he hasn't always been, certainly, but in recent months we have seen books on his painting, on his sculpture, on his theories and on his life. What this impressive resurgence of research signifies the reviewer cannot guess, but it is producing good fruit —in this case, an excellent history of Michelangelo's architecture.

Mr. Ackerman discusses the "why" of Michelangelo's architecture in an introduction covering his theories, as far as these can be determined. Very little evidence exists of these: only, in fact, a fragment of a letter written by him, and what can be deduced from the reactions of his contemporaries. His approach, as interpreted here, was organic-not the rather botanical organic approach of the 19th century, nor the Renaissance "humanist" approach of divine proportions. It depended on an ultimately abstract theory of human anatomy and, particularly, movement.

The "how" of his buildings is treated in individual chapters on each of them. Michelangelo's buildings were never finished until the last stone was in place. They started with dynamic drawings taking next to no consideration of structure, and proceeded through many steps of readjustment to structural versus visual facts until completion. It is quite a feat, under these circumstances, to reconstruct the progress of any of them. Mr. Ackerman has accomplished it.

He has, indeed, accomplished it twice. Once for the general reader, in Volume I, and again for the serious scholar, in Volume II—a catalog of the buildings described by original and secondary sources. The volumes are sold separately.

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## The Record Reports

#### Four Bridges Win A.I.S.C. Competition

In a competition which has been sponsored for 32 years by the American Institute of Steel Construction, four steel bridges in four different categories have been designated the most beautiful opened to traffic in the United States during 1960.

The top prize winners and four honorable mentions were chosen from 89 entries located in 29 states by a distinguished jury. The jury included: A. L. Aydelott, A.I.A., A. L. Aydelott and Associates, Memphis; Thomas S. Buechner, Director, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Professor Glenn W. Holcomb, President, American Society of Civil Engineers, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Ore.; George Lindstrom, Lundstrom & Skubic Architects, Chicago; and Geoffry Platt, F.A.I.A., New York.

Special ceremonies will be held at a later date in which stainless steel plaques will be affixed to the four prize bridges and certificates awarded the designers, owners and structural steel fabricators of the honorable mentions.



Winner of the Class I Award, for bridges with spans 400 ft or more, was Summit Bridge, over the C & D Canal, Summit, Del. The owner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; designer: J. E. Greiner; fabricator: American Bridge Division, United States Steel Corporation. The jury praised the long, low silhouette, graceful arch of the through-truss design that blends with the gently rolling countryside.



The Class II Award, for bridges with fixed spans under 400 ft and costing more than \$500,000, was won by Roosevelt Boulevard Bridges, over the Schuylkill River, Philadelphia. The owner: Pennsylvania Department of Highways; designer: Richardson, Gordon & Associates; fabricator: Bethlehem Steel Company. The jury noted "the excellent balance between steel girders and concrete piers creating an honest design that embodies classic lines, stately proportions."

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The Class III Award, for bridges with spans under 400 ft, costing under \$500,000, went to Cemetary Access Bridge, Milwaukee, Wis. The owner:

Milwaukee County Expressway Commission; designer: Howard, Needles, Tammen & Bergendoff; fabricator: C. Hennecke Company. The jury commented, "the most impressive entry in the competition. The imaginative integration of the tapered legs and curving girder into one continuous rigid-frame is at once graceful and exciting."



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The Class IV Award, for movable bridges, was granted Rio Vista Bridge, over the Sacramento River at Rio Vista, Calif. The owner: State of California; fabricator: Judson Pacific-Murphy Corp. Division, Yuba Consolidated Industries, Inc. The jury cited this bridge for its straightforward design. In contrast with most lift bridges, these two towers are "decorative as well as functional, providing stark contrast with the horizontal line established by the approaches."

Honorable mention awards were given Bonner Springs Bridge, Bonner Springs, Kan.; Mansfield Reservoir Bridge, Hollandsburg, Ind.; North Fork Consumnes River Bridge, Placerville, Calif.; and Grand River Bridge, Harpersfield, Ohio.

Mr. M. G. Gaskin, chairman of the board of Taylor & Gaskin, Inc., Detroit, and chairman of the A.I.S.C. Committee on Awards, said, "The number of entries received indicates an increasing interest on the part of state highway departments and bridge engineers in the use of structural steel for its strength, lightness, durability and esthetic possibilities. The jury particularly commended those bridge designs which did not intrude on their natural settings but were handled with restraint and sensitivity."

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# SPACE-FRAMED ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

SOM's skillful blend of structural expression, changing scale, notable landscaping, and fine detail results in distinguished architecture for the Upjohn Company







The building serves solely as the administrative nerve center for an industrial and distribution complex composed of buildings located both here and abroad



General Office Building, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan

This handsome new general office building for The Upjohn Company is notably appropriate for both its setting and purpose; makes use of an unusual space frame to carry out those objectives in distinguished fashion.

The building is in the form of a spreading pavilion surmounting a lower level structure—or base plinth-devoted principally to services. This parti followed a study of various alternate ideas, including high-rise structures. The pavilion's long, horizontal line fits easily into place in the softly rolling Michigan prairie; and has its plinth tied to the 80acre site by native stone retaining walls. A series of pools in courtyards and at base level-as well as three new man-made ponds -serve to echo the lakes that characteristically dot the region.

The idea of an informal relationship between departments and a free flow of spaces led to the pavilion concept, and the idea of diminishing scale and detail from prairie to courtyard.

William E. Hartmann, Bruce G. Graham, and William E. Dunlap were the SOM principals, supported by the mechanical, structural, and architectural departments.



Two photos above show how water is used effectively to tie building and parking area (top) and motor entrance (bottom) to the surrounding countryside





## Upjohn Office Building: COURTS PUNCTUATE A SPREADING SQUARE

In essence, the scheme consists of a single spreading pavilion 432 ft square, approached and serviced from below; and punctuated by a series of various sized courtyards. The largest of these—left center in the plan, and pictured at left extends through both levels to become an impressive entrance yard; the remainder of the courts are smaller in scale and one story high.

The pavilion is sheltered by a steel space frame supported on metal clad columns—Greek cross shape in section—spaced 48 ft on centers both ways. The space frame is effectively expressed by the continuous coffered ceiling of 6 ft square pyramids of reinforced plaster, and by the aluminum perimetric frieze of tetrahedrons.

The strong structural statement gives cohesive unity to a variety of spatial experiences within a changing scale pattern that progresses from the bold strokes of the motor entrance (p. 103) through the entrance court to the almost Japanese character of the smaller courts (p. 109). Flooring materials for both interior and exterior areas were carefully chosen to maintain the flow of scale from large to small, and to express in visual terms the use of space. General Office Building, The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Mich. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architects & Engineers Sasaki, Walker & Associates, Landscape Consultants Edison Price, Lighting and Fixture Designer Richard Kelly, Consultation for entrance and wall washer lights Virginia C. Mosely, Interiors Consultant O. W. Burke Co., General Contractor







The architect's working drawings are reproduced to show the handling of the space frame and glass curtain. The 3-ft deep space frame was analyzed mathematically and this analysis verified by load testing a scale model and a full-size mockup.

The lighting units, which comprise the top of each ceiling pyramid, were designed by Edison Price in collaboration with SOM. They are a square composed of 4-24 in. lamps above baffles that virtually eliminate the light source from direct view. The ballast assembly tops the fixture (see detail). The result is notable; a soft, pervasive luminescence pleasantly free of glare, yet affording a quality of direct light desirable for reading and for correct modeling of form and texture.




Upjohn Office Building THE COURTYARDS Several of the courtyards are shown on these two pages, so the reader may gain some idea of the variety in their size and treatment. They reflect faithfully the scale progression of the building—from the expansive, two-story, 150 ft-square entrance yard and pool (above) to the more intimate, Japanese-like character of the one-story, 50 ft-square garden spaces. At left, the bottom photo shows a detail elevation shot of the glass curtain, lighting effect, and space frame edge pattern as they appear at dusk







## Upjohn Office Building INTERIORS

The photo below shows a reception area at lower level, overlooking the large entrance courtyard. The lower structure is of concrete and therefore has flat ceilings.

Above, one sees a reception and secretarial area; and to the right, a typical private office. The effect of the coffered ceiling lighting is such that the source is nearly invisible, and the greatest intensity of illumination occurs on desks and the floor. A noteworthy aspect of the interiors is their quality of uncluttered, flowing spaciousness





Warren Reynolds

# A Church for the Deaf

Good lighting, both artificial and natural, and good sight lines were prime factors in Ralph Rapson's design for a low budget Lutheran church for worshippers who must follow the service by reading the minister's lips



First floor plan





Above: view from north. Below: main entrance. Design character of church reflects its location in fine residential neighborhood.



NAME: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church for the Deaf LOCATION: St. Paul, Minnesota ARCHITECTS: Ralph Rapson, Rapson Architects STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Meyer and Borgman CONTRACTOR: Isadore and William Goldetsky

This church for the deaf would be of interest even if it were not for its special function because it is an unusually handsome structure built within a strictly limited budget. As well as serving as a church, the building is the vital social and educational center for the deaf people of St. Paul. Built for \$73,335 (not including \$3,000 for landscaping, retaining walls, bridge and furniture) at a unit cost of \$13.30 per sq ft, it seats 120 persons in fixed pews with overflow and expansion space for approximately 50 additional seats. Educational facilities are provided in the basement for approximately 75 to 100 children.

The court plan with connecting bridge to the street was conceived to give the deaf people a semi-private area for comfort and relaxation. The court permits overflow and expansion. At the basement level the terrace provides vitally needed additional social and educational space.

The structure consists of precast concrete floor panels, concrete block basement walls, stacked-bond brick cavity walls on the upper level and wood roof construction. A forced warm air heating system is used with provision for future air conditioning. Warren Reynolds



A Church for the Deaf: Lighting and Interior Details



The roof is separated from the wall structure providing a continuous halo of light as part of the design approach which provides a high level of illumination from both natural and artificial sources to facilitate lip reading. Interior walls are brick with a sand finish. Plaster ceilings and pews are painted white for high reflectivity as well as appearance



# Recent British Church Design: An Agreement to be Radical

by Peter Hammond

The Reverend Peter Hammond, a leading British critic of church architecture and author of the well known book on contemporary English churches *Liturgy and Architecture*, here describes and criticizes recent British churches which best express changing liturgical thought



Coventry Cathedral by Sir Basil Spence and Partners

From the early fifties onwards a steady stream of illustrated surveys of modern churches has poured from the continental and American presses. In most of these books, as well as in the numerous periodicals dealing with modern church design, the work of British architects has been virtually ignored. This is understandable: as recently as two years ago there was scarcely a single example of authentic modern architecture to be found among all the hundreds of new churches built in this country since the early thirties. The monumental survey Kirchen, published in Munich in 1959 and containing photographs of postwar churches all over the world, includes only two examples of British church architecture, and it is significant that one of these is the only church in the whole book based on a plan which is still widely regarded in this country as the "normal" or "traditional" layout for a parish church: "traditional," in English ecclesiastical parlance, usually means "late 19th century."

A few determined editors have scraped the barrel to produce a church or two, usually from the New Towns or the suburbs of Coventry, designed in what is commonly described as "a contemporary idiom" or "the modern style," and is in fact largely a byproduct of the Festival of Britain. The still unfinished Anglican cathedral at Coventry, in many ways the most impressive monument in this genre, is too large to ignore; but it tends to baffle Continental writers, who characterize it as "une solution d'un romanticisme très nordique," or, like M. Pichard, regard it as a sign that "l'Angleterre s'engage dans un renouvellement de l'art religieux très nourri de symbolisme."1 Elsewhere, one may find a passing reference to the work of Eric Gill (who died twenty years ago), to Graham Sutherland's painting and Henry Moore's sculpture at St. Matthew's Northampton; perhaps to George Pace's restoration of the medieval cathedral at Llandaff, in Wales, and to the Epstein Majestas which now dominates the nave. That is about all, and it does not amount to very much; certainly not enough to justify another essay on church architecture in Britain.

In actual fact, the last four years have seen the beginnings of a debate about church design which could lead to a revolution in British ecclesiastical



Anglican parish churches at Willenhall (exteriors) and Tile Hill (interior) Coventry, 1957. Architects: Sir Basil Spence and Partners



Typical examples of conventional nineteenth century planning uninformed by functional analysis. Despite the use of new materials and structural systems no attempt has been made to think out afresh the nature of the activities which these buildings serve. They reflect an essentially medieval understanding of the Church and its liturgy: a popular *idea* of a church. The old pictorial preoccupations persist. The altar at Tile Hill forms one element in a two-dimensional 'composition'. Like the new cathedral at Coventry these churches merely exemplify new ways of evoking familiar associations



architecture, guite as radical, and based on sounder foundations, than that which took place during the vears from about 1840 onwards as a result of the work of the Cambridge Ecclesiologists. While it is far too early yet to speak with any confidence of a renewal of church architecture in Britain, there has without question already been a decisive change in the intellectual climate and this is now beginning to bear fruit in the shape of a few genuine modern churches-as distinct from the essays in vestigial historicism and "contemporary" fancy dress with which we are all painfully familiar. I strongly suspect that in years to come architectural historians will regard the period from 1957 to 1960 as marking a real watershed in the development of church architecture in this country. It is no longer true that the cause of modern church design in Britain is bound up with the churches of Sir Basil Spence and the work of the stained glass department of the Royal College of Art. On the contrary, the kind of approach to church architecture which has produced the new cathedral at Coventry is now widely recognized, by churchmen and architects alike, as a hangover from 19th century romanticism.

In a recent essay on the development of the modern movement in Britain Sir John Summerson asserted that there is today what there was not twenty years ago, a real school of modern design in this country. He was careful to add that what he had in mind was not "national character" or "Englishness" or anything like that, but rather the very general agreement that one finds today among serious British architects as to what is the right approach to modern building. This agreement, he pointed out, "goes deeper than a sharing of stylistic conventions, which come and go fashionwise; it is an agreement to be radical, to be continuously critical of results, and to go back again and again to the program and wrestle with its implications . . . This radicalism is the great thing in English architecture today. Once lose it and 'English modern' becomes just so much provincial back-wash from the Channel and the Atlantic."2

It is of course in the field of school design that the effects of this radicalism can be most clearly seen today. The outstanding success of our school building program since the war has been very largely due to the readiness of those concerned to start from first principles, to ask fundamental questions, and to modify theoretical conclusions in the light of systematic criticism of results. Where church architecture is concerned one finds an entirely different approach. The one question which, prior to 1957 at least, was never asked was precisely: "What is a church for?" It was generally assumed that the purpose of a church was fixed and unchanging; that the architect's task, so far from involving any re-assessment of recent tradition in the light of first principles, let alone the painstaking analysis of the human

and social activities which the building served, was simply one of creating "a devotional atmosphere." In March 1957 one of our most intelligent architectural critics actually began a study of a new church with the words: "I do not have to begin in this instance by analyzing the function of the building. We all know the purpose of a church, which is a simple one in that it is fixed and unalterable and therefore does not involve the architect in a search for improvements in the program he is set, as a factory often does or a hospital." 3 How far we have progressed in the course of four years may be seen by comparing this quotation with another, from a recent number of The Architectural Review, in which it is roundly asserted that "to regard the Liturgical Movement as a most promising new source of valid forms in church architecture is to miss its point completely. . . . It postulates a complex of spatial and functional relationships between priest and congregation, the ritual and the instruments of ritual . . . The Liturgical Movement relieves the architect of neither functional nor formal responsibilities. It sets a program . . . Its interest for the architect lies in the kind of brief it will give him when he is asked to design a church-not vaguely emotive in the recent atmospheric manner, not fanatically precise over trivia, as with the Ecclesiologists of the last century, but concerned with functions and people. Such a brief, while in no way impairing the religious qualities of the buildingquite the other way about—puts the conceptual stages of church design on the same imaginative and intellectual footing as applies in the most forward areas of secular architecture at present." As the writer goes on, this is an approach which makes it possible for architects "to tackle church design without feeling-as has so often been the casethat they are abandoning the moral fundamentals of their architecture, based on truth and honesty in material and function, and relapsing into a theatrical pseudo-mysticism."<sup>4</sup> Clearly, a great deal has happened since 1957.

I do not propose to describe in any detail the events which have brought about this decisive change in the climate of church building. All else apart, I have been far too closely involved in the debate to be capable of writing about its rapid development with the necessary detachment. It may, however, be useful to recall a few of the more important landmarks.

In January 1957 the publication of that most depressing survey, Sixty Post-War Churches, brought home to many people the fact that an immense opportunity was being entirely wasted: that hundreds of thousands of pounds were being squandered on buildings of the most deplorable quality, few of which even merited serious criticism. In April, in a correspondence in the pages of The Architects' Journal, the concept of "the program" was first in-

troduced into the public discussion of church design in this country by Robert Maguire and Keith Murray-whose first church, at Bow Common, in the East End of London, was then at the project stage. In May, I drew attention in a broadcast talk to the lamentable situation disclosed in Sixty Post-War Churches and stressed the need for a fresh approach to the whole business of designing a church: an approach starting from the fact that a church is first and foremost a house for a worshipping and missionary community-not an autonomous monument or a pavilion of religious art. I pointed out that the problems which needed to be faced were theological rather than "artistic," and I underlined the importance for church architecture of the movement for radical reform within the Church which is commonly (though not altogether happily) known as the Liturgical Movement. Finally, I stated the case for setting up some kind of research institute where architects, theologians, pastors and sociologists could tackle the problems of church design within the context of changes in the Church's understanding of itself, its worship and its mission in contemporary society.

The response to this talk made it guite clear that others were thinking along the same lines, and in June a small group of clergy and architects met for two days near Cirencester to discuss possible courses of action. As a result of this meeting an association was formed, primarily for study and research, but with the further aim of fostering, not least in official ecclesiastical circles, a greater awareness of the questions at issue. In 1958 this was enlarged and given a rather more formal character as the New Churches Research Group; a manifesto was published, a series of occasional papers launched, and several conferences were organized with the cooperation of university departments for extramural studies. Since then the campaign for a radical approach to church design has steadily gathered momentum. Conferences, local and denominational study groups, lectures and publications have all played their part in creating a new climate of opinion. The annual conferences and study tours organized by the University of Birmingham have stimulated interest in what is being done on the Continent. In April 1960 the consecration of the church of St. Paul, Bow Common, and the publication of my own book *Liturgy* and Architecture gave a considerable boost to the movement for reform, and it was observed that church architecture had become a subject fit for serious discussion in the columns of The New Statesman.

Even in official circles the new ideas have been winning support, and in the summer of 1960 the National Assembly of the Church of England passed a resolution calling for the setting up of a special commission to prepare a statement of advice for those building new churches. This commission has now





Chapel of St. Michael's College, Llandaff. Architect: George Pace. A small chapel for an Anglican theological college, completed in 1958

Below: Roman Catholic parish church at Glenrothes New Town (1959). Architect: J. A. Coia. A very simple brick structure including church and presbytery. A parish hall will eventually be built to the northwest of the church



been formed, a majority of its members being drawn from the New Churches Research Group, and its work is likely to result in the publication of an official document incorporating the results of much of the fresh thinking of the last four years. This is again a notable sign of the progress made since 1957.

What in fact has been achieved? I think that the most encouraging aspect of the present situation is the growing recognition that the design of a church, like that of any other building, must start from the analysis of human activities. One has to begin by emptying one's mind of architectural concepts in order to ask: "What are people going to do in this building?" A church is primarily a functional structure serving the complex of communal acts which are known collectively as *liturgy*; it should, as Reyner Banham puts it, "support this program of religious acts as snugly as a modern school supports the program of current advanced pedagogy." It is hardly necessary to add that this kind of approach to church design inevitably means a great deal of hard thinking about the nature of the activities which the building should serve and articulate. For example, it is impossible to establish a satisfactory spatial relationship between the baptistery and the eucharistic room without first analyzing the theological relationship between baptism and Eucharist. The layout of the Eucharistic room itself demands a consideration of the nature of the community which participates in the weekly assembly of the local church. Again, the outward form of the church building inevitably depends to a considerable extent upon the changing relationship between the Church and society at large; the size of a church is bound up with that of the pastoral unit which it serves. In brief, it is impossible to abstract church architecture from its social context or to consider the form of a church building in isolation from current developments in theology, liturgy and sociology. This is what I mean by a radical approach to church architecture.

There is always a certain time-lag between the intellectual acceptance of new ideas and their embodiment in actual buildings. This is likely to be particularly marked when the ideas themselves strike at the root of established procedures and where, as in Britain today, responsibility for commissioning architects and approving their designs is to a great extent vested in local committees which are still quite unconscious of the need for reform. It has to be recognized that, despite the changes that have taken place in the climate of opinion during the last four years, there has as yet been no general improvement in the architectural character of most of the buildings erected during this period. Church architecture is still dominated by pictorial and romantic preoccupations; few of the churches built between 1957 and 1960 reflect the new concerns which have already transformed the whole character of the debate about church design in this country. I have often wished during the last four years that it was possible to call a halt to church building for a time, so that clients and architects alike could face some fundamental issues.

Nevertheless, things are beginning to happen. As long ago as 1952 George Pace's design for a university chapel at Ibadan marked a decisive departure from the conventions of High Victorian church planning, and several modest churches built by this architect within the last five years stand out from the general run of recent buildings by virtue of their simplicity, their straightforward handling of natural materials and their adaptation to the exigencies of the liturgy. The Roman Catholic parish church of St. Paul, at the New Town of Glenrothes, in Scotland, which was consecrated in 1959, showed quite clearly that the same concerns which had already transformed church architecture in Continental countries affected by the Liturgical Movement were beginning to extend to the British Isles. The wedgeshaped plan and shallow rectangular sanctuary make possible a high degree of congregational participation in the liturgy. The relationship between the various buildings forming part of the whole parochial center is carefully studied, and the architectural treatment provides a refreshing contrast to the vestigial historicism which had hitherto prevented even the more enterprising experiments in the adaptation of the plan to modern liturgical requirements from rising to the level of serious architecture.

But the most impressive embodiment of the new approach which I have been describing is undoubtedly the Anglican parish church of St. Paul, Bow Common, completed early in 1960. Here for the first time is a church exemplifying the radicalism and the readiness to go back again and again to the program which Sir John Summerson regards as the hallmark of serious architecture in this country. As I wrote shortly after the consecration of the church, this is a major landmark in British ecclesiastical architecture: a pioneer work which promises to be as important in its own field as the village college at Impington, or Denis Clarke Hall's pre-war school at Richmond, in that of school design. It represents the first serious attempt which has been made in this country to apply to the problems of church building the disciplines of functional analysis which have already borne such remarkable fruit in the design of our post-war schools. Here architecture has been shaped by worship; the form of the building springs from and articulates the complex of liturgical values and relationships which provides its raison d'être. In its combination of theological and architectural seriousness, its concentration on essentials and its clarity of spatial organization the church seems to me to be one of the very few really outstanding



Anglican parish church of St. Paul, Bow Common, London (1960). Architects: Robert Maguire and Keith Murray. A radical departure from conventional planning formulas. The square sanctuary is placed beneath the large, almost central lantern and is further defined by a hanging corona of rolled steel sections. Around the central space is a broad processional way. The church will eventually be surrounded by high blocks of flats. The vicarage, to the northeast of the church, has still to be built. For a detailed study of this church see *The Architectural Review* for December 1960





Project for an Anglican parish church at Perry Beeches, Birmingham (1961). Architects: Robert Maguire and Keith Murray. The congregation will enter the church through a baptistery which will form a distinct spatial entity, though it will be visible from the eucharistic room. To the south of the sanctuary is the place for the ministry of the word. The choir and organ are placed to the north of the sanctuary. In this church, as at Bow Common, the seating arrangements will be flexible, and the relationship between the ministers and the whole body of the laity will be determined not merely by the seating but by the spatial organisation of the whole interior

achievements of the last decade: the first major contribution that this country has made to the renewal of sacred architecture. To quote Reyner Banham again, "it serves the needs of the Church without ceasing to be a modern building. Modern, that is, not in terms of current decorative clichés, structural acrobatics or fashionable formalisms, but modern in the sense of the hard core of moral conviction that holds together any number of formal and structural concepts on the basis of what Lethaby called 'nearness to need'." <sup>5</sup>

A second Anglican parish church by the same architects—St. Matthew, Perry Beeches, on the outskirts of Birmingham—which should be completed before the end of 1962, promises to be no less interesting. Here the parish priest, like the architects, is a member of the New Churches Research Group, and the project embodies the results of a great deal of analysis and reflection; indeed, the program is probably the most carefully considered document of its kind that has yet been formulated. All else apart, this project could be of great exemplary value from the point of view of procedure and it is hoped that a detailed case history may eventually be published.

At Glenrothes New Town-apart from the churches sadly lacking in architectural distinction -another new church is nearing completion. This is the Presbyterian parochial center, including church, large and small halls, manse and ancillary accommodation, designed by Anthony Wheeler and Frank Sproson. It is a notable landmark in the Church of Scotland's post-war building program and a clear sign of the new influences that are now at work. American readers may care to compare this building with the First Presbyterian Church at Stamford, Connecticut (commonly known on this side of the Atlantic as the Stained-Glass Whale). The two churches are the product of widely divergent approaches: the one based on the radical analysis of theological and liturgical principle and human needs, the other on a romantic idea of a church stemming from an insufficiently critical view of the Middle Ages as seen through 19th century spectacles.

There are several other churches in this country now at the project stage which show the extent to which the former approach is beginning to issue in actual buildings. They include an Anglican parish church at Rugby, designed by Denys Hinton; another, at Gloucester, by Robert Potter and Richard Hare, whose earlier church at Crownhill, near Plymouth, completed in 1958, is a building of considerable interest from the point of view of the plan; and several recent projects by Norman Haines, including one for a prototype church for new parishes in the Welch diocese of Llandaff. The New Churches Research Group symposium *Towards a Church Architecture*, to be published in 1962, will include a further group of projects illustrating the progress which has been made within the last four years.

Again, it is encouraging that the whole question of user studies, hitherto entirely neglected, is at last beginning to be faced; this could provide a most profitable field for research projects carried out at the parochial and diocesan level. The need for applying current techniques of cost programming to church building is also at last receiving the attention that it merits; there have been some lamentable examples of extravagant expenditure on bell towers. stained glass, sculpture and similar items, at best of marginal importance and frequently downright meaningless, to the neglect of what is essential. The value of serious cost programming lies above all in the fact that it compels an architect to consider what is of central importance in a church and what is peripheral. It is not without significance that the church at Bow Common is an inexpensive building by English standards, while the Roman Catholic church at Glenrothes cost just about one third of what is commonly regarded as normal and reasonable. By contrast, some of the very worst churches built during the last ten years have also been among the most expensive: the recently completed church of St. George at Stevenage New Town is a notable example.

There were those who hoped that the new radicalism in church design might affect the outcome of the recent competition for the Roman Catholic cathedral at Liverpool. The Archbishop's letter, annexed to the official conditions issued in October 1959, suggested that theological and liturgical criteria might play a more important part in this competition than they had done at Coventry. Admittedly, the conditions themselves were extremely unsatisfactory; it is debatable, to say the least, whether the primary function of a cathedral church is to enable congregations of 3000 to take part in Eucharistic worship; many of us would maintain that genuine participation becomes impossible in a building designed to accommodate more than about 500 people, and that the liturgical function of a cathedral is quite different from that of a large parish church. In any case, such hopes as had been aroused by the Archbishop's letter were somewhat diminished by the appearance of the Official Answers to Questions in January 1960, when competitors learned that the assessors, who included the architect of the Anglican cathedral at Coventry, would look first for a splendid conception. Such words had a familiar ring, and the misgivings to which they gave rise were fully confirmed when the results of the competition were announced. Whatever criteria had guided the assessors in their choice of 21 curiously heterogeneous entries for award or commendation, it seemed evident that considerations of use or usefulness had played a very minor role. Among the commended designs was one in which it appeared to be impos-





Presbyterian church of St. Columba at Glenrothes New Town (1961). Architects: Anthony Wheeler and Frank Sproson. A parochial center including church, two halls and manse. The plan has much in common with that of the Anglican parish church at Bow Common, though here the choir is placed to the east of the sanctuary and the position of the font reflects current Presbyterian practice

sible to use the high altar at all.

But it was the assessors' remarks about Frederick Gibberd's winning design which showed that, despite all that has happened during the last four years, the complex of the monument is still something that has to be reckoned with: that the romantic approach to church architecture still lingers on. The assessors seem to have been unaware of the fact that the plan of the winning design is based on what is now generally accepted to be an inadequate conception of the nature of the liturgical assembly; they were apparently untroubled by any misgivings in regard to the naïve symbolism of the immense crown of thorns or the implied doctrine that form follows dedication. It was sufficient that the winning design "powerfully expresses the Kingship of Christ": that "the visitor will be left in no doubt that this is a temple built to the honor of Christ the King." Clearly a great deal has still to be done before there can be any question of a widespread renewal of church architecture in Britain.

To sum up: while the prospect is far less bleak today than it was in 1957, while the radicalism which is so characteristic of the best secular architecture in this country has at last begun to extend to church design, and while the church at Bow Common provides a foretaste of renewal, the Liverpool competition is a sobering reminder that there are dangers as well as exciting possibilities inherent in the present rapidly changing situation. Although many of the revolutionary assertions of 1957 are well on the way to becoming the popular slogans of 1961, some of them are undoubtedly becoming pretty debased in the process. There is plenty of evidence to suggest that quite a few of the architects who have recently "gone liturgical" have been motivated solely by the desire to keep abreast of what is now commonly regarded as a new fashion, the latest swing of the pendulum. The adoption of a few fashionable planning formulas does not amount to a new approach to church architecture. What happens during the next ten years will depend very largely on our readiness "to be radical and to go back again and again to the program and to wrestle with its implications"; above all, on the recognition that the fundamental problems of church design are problems concerning the nature of the Church itself, the worship which is its characteristic activity, and the relationship between the Christian community and society at large.

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Winning design for the new Roman Catholic cathedral at Liverpool by Frederick Gibberd (1960). A vast wigwam-like structure based on a circular plan with central altar, designed to accomodate 3000 people. The central tower, filled with panels of stained glass, is to be surmounted by an immense crown of thorns. It is instructive to compare this project with secular buildings by the same architect (e.g. at London airport). The possibilities inherent in the implied doctrine that form follows dedication provides a fascinating field for speculation

# A TOWN HOUSE ON A SPECTACULAR SITE

ARCHITECTS: Anshen & Allen LOCATION: San Francisco, California CONTRACTOR: Hugo Noller Jr., Inc. STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Robert Dewell







TAYLOR STREET

### Town House in San Francisco

The wonderful views afforded by one of San Francisco's cascading sites, were very intelligently exploited in this three-level town house. The hilly location, well up from the highways and freeways, drops sharply to the south and east, and adjoins other buildings to the north. The plan reflects this by opening major rooms to the vistas, and by placing the house (with a blank wall) along the northern property line. The main living and sleeping areas are on the upper floors, with recreation and outdoor living areas nestled in privacy at the lower level. Each of the major rooms upstairs also has some access to the outdoors via a terrace or balcony. The upper floors overhang the ground floor to make the best use of the little available level land.

George Knight



The middle, or "living" floor, is essentially an open plan, with a kitchen that can be used open or closed (note photo lower center). The dining area is set apart only by a slight change in floor level. The L-shaped fireplace wall includes built-in bookcases, hi-fi, and a niche for a piano.

The structure of the house is a combination of wood frame and steel columns and girders. Foundations are concrete. The exterior, which makes a design feature of the balcony doorways, is of stucco and wood trim, painted in three shades of terra cotta. The roof is 4-ply, with asbestos finishing felt, and has wool batts for thermal insulation. Windows have steel casements; plastic domes are used over interior bathrooms.









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#### Town House in San Francisco

The kitchen (top photo) is fitted with walnut cabinets to match the living room paneling when folding doors are left open. The floor is vinyl tile, ceilings are plaster. Equipment includes built-in range, oven and refrigerator, stainless steel sink, garbage disposer and laminated plastic counters. The bathrooms (center photo) have ceramic tile floors and walls, hardboard ceilings. Counters are plastic, with built-in basins. Showers have thermostatic valves.

Bedrooms share the view through fixed glass panels (lower photo), flanked by doors opening on little balconies which punctuate the façade (curtains cover doors in photo)

# HOSPITALS

With so much going on in architecture these days, particularly in hospital architecture, it is increasingly difficult for busy architects and engineers to keep up with the times. The hospitals in the pages following should help to remedy this. Each of the examples shown was chosen because it gives some indication of important trends in hospital design. Several have intensive care or other specialized types of nursing units. One illustrates the trend toward inclusion of psychiatric units in general hospitals. Another combines architecture for healing with architecture for teaching and research. Still others are examples of newer ways of planning for effective nursing, for efficient handling of supplies, for improved patient rooms. All of the hospitals reflect a trend toward recognition of the therapeutic value of good architecture. All are attempts to cause architecture to assume a positive role in the healing processes.

Things are happening in hospital architecture, and one of the reasons is the great number of serious and capable architects and engineers working in the field. Another important reason is that these professionals are participating in a great boom in hospital construction. This opportunity seems likely to continue for some time to come. It now appears that the current year will set a record for hospital construction of some 43 million sq ft of new construction at a cost of about \$982 million. This represents an increase, over 1960, of approximately 20 per cent in sq footage and 18 per-cent in dollar value. For 1962, F. W. Dodge Corporation economists are predicting another great year for hospital architects, with volume and dollar values closely approximating the 1961 totals.



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## GENERAL CARE IMPROVED BY SPECIAL CARE UNITS

El Camino Hospital reflects the strong conviction of its architects that a hospital must not only function efficiently in all of its services but must also provide a pleasant environment for all who use it, from doctors and patients to kitchen staff. Its design accordingly gives equal emphasis to efficient circulation and clear-cut relationships between medical services, and to color, textures, and scale. Also an important factor in its design are the special patient facilities such as the intensive care unit, and its counterpart the pediatric special care unit, and the psychiatric unit for short-term care of acute psychiatric patients.

When it opened in September, the building provided 307 beds; when the fifth and sixth floors are added, the bed count will be raised to 450 and further expansion can be made by adding wings on the north and west. Space for expansion was provided but left unfinished in radiology and surgery areas.

El Camino's circulation sytem is based on a clear separation of the kinds of traffic it includes: supplies and food, received on the ground floor and processed there, are transported vertically to other floors without ever crossing the path of soiled or clean linen or other goods. Human traffic is also separated: visitors and ambulant patients use elevators which open into public corridors. Patients are conveyed from nursing floors to diagnostic and treatment areas by elevators opening into service corridors.

The psychiatric wing has a decidely residential air with cheerful colors and easy indoor-outdoor relationships. Day rooms and the large outdoor activity area offer opportunities for group activities with relatively unobtrusive observation of patients. NAME: El Camino Hospital

LOCATION: Mountain View, California

ARCHITECTS: Stone, Marraccini & Patterson Norman W. Patterson, Partner-in-Charge Dean L. Folker, Architect-in-Charge

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Smith & Moorehead

MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS: Buonaccorsi & Murray

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS: Osmundson & Staley CONTRACTOR: Barrett Construction Company











Second, third and fourth floors are nursing floors, each with a specialized area in addition to typical medical and surgical wing. Second floor has obstetrical, maternity and nursery areas; third floor, pediatrics; fourth floor, intensive care. The difference in width between east and west wings on the third and fourth floors is explained by these specialized areas. All rooms have their own toilet facilities and so can be used for any level of intermediate or self-care. Each floor has a solarium for ambulant patient lounging.

Although the double corridors used on nursing floors require more floor area, their convenience in minimizing distance from nurses' station to patients' rooms was a compensating factor. Circulation in the obstetrical and nursery area is based on segregation of the nursery area but permits a close relationship between delivery rooms and facilities for special services for newborn babies



Lobby



Meditation Room







Dining Terrace From Corridor





Psychiatric Activity Court From Day Room

Intensive Care Unit Plan

The intensive care unit is shown in the plan above and the illustration below. On the fourth floor, it provides for complete and continual supervision of 14 beds, and is equipped with oxygen, suction, and other life-saving emergency equipment. Pediatrics special care unit on the third floor, although different in plan, permits the same kind of complete supervision of beds. In all patient areas, including intensive care, environment is as little institutional as possible: furnishings, colors, views out of rooms and views along corridors help to make a pleasantly human experience of patients' hospital sojourn



Nurses Station

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Intensive Care Unit



Second Floor Roof Garden

#### El Camino Hospital

Jurses stations on each floor are loated in the service core between the wo corridors and open to them, pernitting quick access to all rooms. Chart lesk has specially designed rack which an be used from either side, avoiding ossible conflict between doctors and urses in using charts.

Rooms are designed so that bed loations can be staggered, permitting ach occupant to have privacy (with urtains partially drawn) and at the ame time a view out to the hills and leasant surrounding country. Arangement takes slightly more floor rea but therapeutic value of view was onsidered to justify the additional loor area.

Nursery plan incorporates examinng room so that doctors can examine babies without entering nursery; only urses enter nursery. Viewing gallery s along corridor just inside roof deck



Typical Patient Room Plan





Nursery Plan



**Typical Patient Room** 



Gerald Ratto photos

# NEW PATIENT ROOM PLAN FOR UTILITY, CONTROL

Roseville is a small 101 bed, community hospital, yet it has a number of unusual features in unusual combinations. The most immediately apparent difference between this hospital and many others is the layout of the patient rooms. By placing toilet rooms on the outside walls, the architects have been able to gain several advantages: space ordinarily wasted in vestibules has been used for patient sitting areas near the windows, nurses' steps are saved in caring for patients, and better control is gained through the wider view of the room from the corridor.

Another interesting feature of the hospital is the arrangement of the central service cores in the nursing units. All plumbing in the cores is placed along the long center partitions of the cores, for maximum utility at lowest costs. Also of interest is the small intensive care unit of five beds, provided at one end of the main floor general nursing unit.

The current Roseville project is an addition of 67 beds to an existing hospital of 34 beds. When completed, the new portion of the building will house all of the hospital facilities except administration and the maternity and pediatric departments which will remain in the older section. The complete hospital will contain 52,000 sq ft, of which 37,000 will be in the new wing. The cost of the new work is estimated at a total of approximately \$1.6 million, including equipment and fees. Construction is reinforced concrete frame, with precast exposed aggregate panels on exterior, aluminum windows, metal stud and plaster partitions, and fluorescent lighting. The building will be air conditioned. NAME: Roseville District Hospital LOCATION: Roseville, California ARCHITECT: Rex Whitaker Allen STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Haluk Akol MECHANICAL ENGINEERS: Kasin, Guttman & Assoc. ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: Mel Cammisa CONTRACTOR: Campbell Construction Co.





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# SERVICE CORE IS FOCUS FOR NURSING UNIT

This hospital, which will eventually have a maximum capacity of 238 beds, demonstrates some further developments of the outside toilet patient rooms and service cores used by the architects in other hospitals they have designed. The new project shown here replaces the facilities now occupied by the French Mutual Benevolent Society, an organization of about 8000 members which has operated hospitals for over 100 years in San Francisco.

In this project, the central service core is quite complete, and contains highly developed clean and soiled utility rooms, just behind the nurses station. The central service corridor permits service traffic within the unit to be completely separated from that of patients, medical staff, and visitors. By placing the service core in the central arm of the T-shaped plan, patient room corridors can be double-loaded, reducing steps and circulation confusion. Patient toilet rooms are on the outside wall, resulting in better use of space. In addition, each patient room will have a private, solarium-like, sitting area near the window and overlooking the gardens below.

This hospital will be constructed of reinforced concrete with floor to ceiling glass in patient rooms. Windows and decorative exterior panels will be of aluminum. The hospital will be built in several stages. Ultimately, it will contain 103,700 sq ft of space, and is estimated to cost \$3.25 million total.

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#### NAME: French Hospital

LOCATION: San Francisco, California ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTS: Rex Whitaker Allen and John Carl Warnecke STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Smith & Moorehead MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS: Kasin, Guttman, and Malayan LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT: Lawrence Halprin CONTRACTOR: Swinerton & Walberg





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# IMPROVED PATIENT CARE ON A SINGLE LEVEL

By utilizing the existing grades of the site, the architects of this little, 66 bed community hospital were able to place almost all of the patient services, including emergency, on one floor. As it turned out, it was possible, because of the grades, to give the emergency suite a second floor, ground level entrance at the rear, yet provide nearly all of the ground floor areas with windows.

Through close attention to the details of planning, the emergency, surgical, obstetrical, and x-ray departments were grouped together in one end of the building, around central sterile supply. Each of the departments is related to others important to its operation, yet none is incorrectly related, to any appreciable extent, to departments from which it should be separated. Nursing units are varied, some having double-loaded corridors, while others are adjacent to single-loaded corridors around a central nurses station. The net result of this is that a variety of nursing situations may be set up according to the amount of nursing care particular patients may need.

This hospital was planned for eventual expansion from the present 66 beds to a total of 110. All service facilities were planned for the final size of the building. The present structure contains 59,000 sq ft and cost approximately \$1.4 million, including equipment and fees. The building is of steel frame, with brick and aluminum-framed, porcelain enamel and glass curtain walls. Interior partitions are metal stud and plaster.

#### NAME: Highland Hospital

LOCATION: Beacon, New York

ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS: Cannon, Thiele, Betz & Cannon

ELECTRICAL CONSULTANTS: Walter Sherry & Assoc.

CONTRACTOR: Chiappinelli-Marx, Inc.



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Lobby



Central Nurses Station



**Operating** Room



**Operating Suite Vestibule** 



Central Sterile Supply

#### Highland Hospital

Lobby: located on the ground floor, the lobby permits patient and visitor entry to second floor via stairs shown in the background. The service entrance is also on the ground level, at the end of the building. Because of the sloping site, the emergency and doctors entrance opens on grade at the rear of the building on the second floor.

Nurses Station: the main nurses station shown is centrally located between two nursing unit corridors. It affords good control of patients, services, and visitors. A small dining room and kitchen, just behind the nurses station, is used for ambulatory patients' meals. Bed patients meals are prepared in the main kitchen on the ground floor.

Operating Rooms: two operating rooms and a recovery room are provided in the surgical suite. These are grouped around central sterile supply and are so placed that space is provided between them for washup. Close by, but separated from surgery, are the x-ray suite, the laboratories, the emergency suite and the waiting room.

Central Sterile Supply: placed between the surgical and obstetrical suites, the surgical supply area is so arranged that supplies can be delivered directly to either of the other suites, quickly and efficiently



# SIMPLIFIED PLAN FOR ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY

NAME: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Hospital LOCATION: Melbourne, Australia ARCHITECTS: Stephenson & Turner This general hospital is owned and operated by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. The plan is straightforward, efficient, and comfortable. It stems from a few major concepts carried out in good form. All services, including tray service for food, are centralized. Nursing units are on a simple, double-loaded corridor plan, with toilet and bedpan washing facilities for each patient room. Nurses stations have service core facilities adjacent. These concepts have been expressed in their simplest terms to produce a hospital that functions well.





**Operating** Room



Laboratory



Nursery

The design of this 137 bed hospital in Australia is basically L-shaped with nursing units in the long arm and major services such as surgery, emergency, and obstetrics in the shorter arm. With this scheme, it was possible to stack all of the areas that require particular types of mechanical and electrical equipment, thus simplifying placement of vertical chases. Since the nursing units are not air conditioned, but the other areas are, the mechanical equipment room was placed on the top floor directly over the areas it serves, thus simplifying duct runs and lowering costs.

The structure of the hospital is reinforced concrete frame on spread concrete footings directly below the basement floor slab. Floor construction consists of continuous flat concrete slabs with hollow block infilling. By introducing horizontal ducts at the junction of floors and columns, the placement of vertical ducts was facilitated. The architects found that this structural system reduced the cubic contents of the building and enabled them to place ducts and piping at each floor level with ease and economy. Exterior walls are brick; interior partitions are lightweight concrete block, mostly plastered and painted. The approximately 91,000 sq ft of the present building cost the equivalent of about \$1.8 million, including architects' fees. An addition has been planned for 75 beds.



Nurses Station



#### St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Hospital

The main floor of this hospital is mainly devoted to administration, emergency suite, and the chapel. Radiology is made part of the emergency area. The kitchen, central sterile supply, laundry, and pharmacy are located in the basement. The supply room and pharmacy are directly connected with nursing stations above by dumbwaiters. Also in the nursing stations are laundry chutes to basement and food service lifts.

The food preparation, serving, and dishwashing cycles were closely studied and provisions made for efficient handling. Similarly, flow diagrams were made of the laundry and supply cycles, and these services planned into the hospital for efficiency and saving of time.

Nurses stations are provided with central linen storage rooms, janitors closets, and pantries with refrigerators. All three operating rooms are served by one sterilizing room, in order to gain economies in construction and better control







SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR





# HOSPITAL FOR HEALING, TEACHING, AND RESEARCH

The combination of good architecture with the solutions of the complex problems of a teaching hospital resulted in this design for the Downstate Medical Center. In this building, the architects have attempted, with considerable success, to interweave architecture for healing with architecture for learning and for clinical research. The building, along with the existing basic sciences building to which it will be attached, will eventually provide facilities for 350 bed-patients, approximately 110,000 cutpatient visits a year, and for an enrollment of 800 medical students.

The basic scheme of the building is an eight-story hospital tower, with clinical research facilities in one end and in a wing connecting the tower to the basic science building. Research activities are, for the most part, located on the nursing floors to which they relate, medical research on the medical nursing unit floor, surgical research on the surgical nursing floor. The architects feel that a better solution would have been a similar floor plan with all hospital facilities in one wing, all research in the other, but the limits of the site prevented this kind of solution.

The new building will contain approximately 600,000 sq ft and its estimated cost is \$20 million. About one fourth of the floor area will be research. Nursing units will have 20 beds and there will be four units per floor. The nursing team for each unit will consist of one registered nurse and two nurses aides or student nurses. Exterior walls will be precast concrete with exposed marble aggregate. Windows will have low, 9 in. stools, to facilitate the bed-patients' views. NAME: Downstate Medical Center LOCATION: Brooklyn, New York ARCHITECTS: Urbahn, Brayton and Burrows


Rendering by Helmut Jacoby





#### Downstate Medical Center

The typical floor plan indicates the relationships between the research facilities, the basic sciences building, and the nursing units. Most floors are similar, but in some instances such close relationships were not necessary.

In order to reduce the chances of spreading staph infections in the maternity unit, a basic scheme of units of two two-bed patient rooms with nurseries for four bassinets was developed. Each unit has its own work room and nurse. In case of infection, a single four bed unit may be isolated, and after discharge of mothers and babies, may be disinfected without disturbing the operation of other units on the obstetrical floor





# Architectural Engineering

Model Tests for Complex Structures Mathematical analysis of complicated and unusual structural shapes can be exceedingly tedious and time consuming. With shells, space frames and all their cousins being very much in demand today, engineers are looking for ways to make model analysis more practical and meaningful in determining deflections and stresses. Although models still exist of some of the great Renaissance buildings, chances are that their many purposes was to aid builders in devising means for constructing the structures.

A short history of model analysis and the development of present methods are presented in a paper by Henry J. Cowan, Professor of Architectural Science, University of Sidney, in the proceedings of the 1961 Australian Building Research Congress. Cowan points out that 40 years ago a method was developed by George E. Beggs in which minute deflections of models under load were measured by microscope—a rather laborious procedure. Models have been used much more often, Cowan observes, in the design of dams, where construction costs are far higher than for buildings, and in the design of aircraft structures, where savings in weight have been essential. Countries having facilities for model testing include Italy (Nervi tested a model as early as 1935), Portugal, Spain, France, England and Russia. Currently there is interest in the United States at several of the larger engineering schools. Cowan's paper briefly describes model investigations done in his laboratory on a reinforced concrete folded plate dome and on a 36-story steel frame in which wind load was particularly important. Example of a U. S. model test is discussed on p. 152.

A growing dependence upon mathematics and theoretical methods as sole solutions to complex engineering problems has come under fire by Dr. Max M.

Frocht, professor of mechanics and director of experimental stress analysis at the Illinois Institute of Technology. When the shape of an element and the load upon it are complicated, theoretical methods alone are not sufficient for analysis,

## Less Theory, More Experiments

**Building Research** 

 according to Dr. Frocht, and recourse must be made to experimental methods. Nowadays, he says, it is much easier to find well prepared theoretical analysts than competent experimentalists.
A Report on Canadian
Building Research 1960 is the first of a series of annual reports upon the work of the Division of Building Research of the National Research Council of Canada.

Building Research 1960 is the first of a series of annual reports upon the work of the Division of Building Research of the National Research Council of Canada. A major activity last year, described in the report by Robert F. Leggett, Director, was revision of the National Building Code of Canada which was first published in 1941, and first completely revised in 1953. About half of the urban population of Canada lives in municipalities that use one of the earlier editions of the code in some way. Announced also in this report is the start of a new service, Canadian Building Abstracts which is a part of a slowly but steadily developing international building abstract project stimulated by the International Council for Building Research, Studies and Documentation (CIB).

New Directions in Power Generation "It is entirely conceivable that there will be a period in our future when central power stations will give way to individual fuel cells in every home," said James D. Flynn of the Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company at a symposium on fuel cell developments and applications during the Fall General Meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. The fuel cell has no moving parts since chemical energy of a fuel is converted directly into electrical energy. If current interest in their research is maintained, it is likely that fuel cells will serve as power sources in special applications within the next five years, Flynn averred.

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## INTEGRATING MECHANICAL SYSTEMS:

## A Design Approach

The author gives a procedure for better relating mechanical-lighting-structural systems, describes an experiment using radiant cooling for more efficient pick-up of heat from lighting, and gives a method for quick calculations in mechanical design.

Architectural and engineering design factors must be related quantitatively to provide a proper frame of reference for intelligent decision making. The occupancy requirements created by the modern office building, the research laboratory, the hospital, the multi-purpose school—each with specific requirements for air conditioning, modular flexibility, higher lighting levels, etc.—demand more space planning and evaluation of building systems and products than ever before.

With a wider choice of new materials and products, the architect finds design decision making more complex. To state the problem another way, the architect must find a basis of relating the practical significance of architectural design factors as they effect the selection of components and systems by the mechanical, electrical, and structural engineers and vice-versa. The variables of one technology must be related with variables of all associated technologies before economic criteria for decision making can be applied.

Prior to completion of a building design in which integration of building systems is to have some significance, two conditions must be satisfied:

- 1. All the design variables must be properly related.
- 2. The interacting system energies must be evaluated.

The following outline is presented to indicate the sequence of steps that the architect should take with his engineers to successfully integrate a building design:

- 1. Ascertain the function which the occupant—building combination is to perform.
- 2. Determine the requirements and restriction to which the design must conform.
- 3. Determine the conditions under which the occupant—building combination must operate.
- 4. Determine the characteristics of the necessary systems which may

be a part of the building.

- 5. Block out alternate systems which will perform the required job.
- 6. Within each of the proposed designs, examine the appropriateness of selected components in terms of:
  - a. Functional character.
  - b. Compatability with design restrictions.
  - c. Reliability under expected operating conditions.
- 7. Select the most promising design and proceed with preparation of detailed drawings and specifications.
- 8. Design necessary system components and means of controlling operating conditions arising as a result of the total building design selected.
- 9. Refine the total designs in terms of:
  - a. Economy of construction.
  - b. Efficiency of operation.
  - c. Ease of maintenance.

#### SYSTEMS DESIGN TECHNIQUE: An example

The use of the systems approach as a practical architectural and engiby Gershon Meckler Meckler Engineering Company Consulting Engineers Toledo, Ohio

neering design technique will lead to a significant contribution toward achieving the total integration of environment with structure. The interaction of building systems requires that successful building ceiling and floor products, which serve as components of building systems, be designed and developed as a function of systems design.

The panel air system illustrated in this article is an example of how structural, mechanical and electrical components can be integrated. It is a split air-water system which removes the heat load from the conditioned space by radiant and convective cooling. Humidity is removed independently by chemically dehumidifying outside air. The system consists of a radiant ceiling located in interior and perimeter spaces and a completely unzoned air distribution system operation at air calculation rates of approximately four air changes per hour.

The panel air system utilizes cellular floor as an integral component of the mechanical-structural-electrical and lighting system. As a structural member, cellular air floor is a





#### RADIANT COOLING SYSTEM COMPARED WITH CONVENTIONAL DESIGN

Drawing at the top illustrates the components of an integrated radiant panel—air system. Radiant cooling panels in the vicinity of the fluorescent lamps pick up heat from the lamps directed upward; radiant heat from the lamps directed downward is captured by the radiant cooling lighting diffuser. The result is that only minimal ductwork is required as compared with a conventional system shown in the lower drawing. Depth of the floor-ceiling system in the radiant panel—air system is governed by the depth of the girder. In the conventional design, sufficient space must be provided for fitting in the various duct systems



#### EXPERIMENTAL PANEL COOLING SYSTEM

The sketch at left defines the various elements in an integrated panel cooling—lighting system. As lighting levels go higher, more efficient means need to be found for getting rid of the heat. In the system shown here, all but about 9 per cent of the heat from the lamps can be removed by the upper and lower radiant panels

#### DESIGN OF A RADIANT LOUVER BY NOMOGRAPH

All of the known factors are circled in the nomograph charts. Lines are drawn through them in the succession shown by the large numbers to end up at number 7, the heat removed by coolant in a radiant louver



load bearing subfloor. As a component of the building electrical power system, it serves to provide raceways for power, lighting, signal, telephone and security services. As a component in a mechanical system it serves to provide uniform distribution of supply and return air to the conditioned space.

Inherent in the concept of integration of building systems is the ability of the systems designer to select components and arrange them as required in accord with good design practice without restricting the building architecturally. To do this practically, our firm has developed a technique which utilizes nomographs permitting simultaneous evaluation of the variable design factors established by:

- 1. The architectural designer.
- 2. The climate and indoor comfort requirements.
- 3. Occupancy requirements.
- 4. The mechanical and electrical systems designer.
- 5. The energy requirements of the associated building systems.

What is required is a more effective method of evaluating and optimizing the design variables of interrelated systems as they affect each other. Where several variables are subject to change and with the magnitude of such changes undeter-

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mined, nomographs provide a useful method to avoid repeating arithmetical calculations, while permitting a study of simultaneous changes in several design variables.

#### NOMOGRAPHS

Nomographs can be prepared to aid and assist the architect and mechanical systems designer in making his material selections and optimizing building energy requirements. Nomographs are geometrically constructed. They represent the mathematical equations which relate quantities known or selected with design factors required for systems evaluation. The effects of changes in all of the major mechanical system design variables can be represented in relatively compact nomographs. Used as described, nomographs:

- 1. Show the effect of simultaneously changing three or more design variables upon equipment selection and/or arrangement.
- 2. Eliminate interpolations between several tables or graphs, and minimize design time without loss of a reasonable degree of accuracy.

To demonstrate the application of the nomograph as a design tool let us consider the following problem: Recessed luminaires utilizing single F48PG17/CW lamps are to be used to provide a 150-footcandle installation. Determine the quantity of heat that must be removed by water coolant in the radiant louver of each 4-ft integrated recessed luminaire to provide space cooling. (This system is similar to that shown on the foregoing two pages.) The interior office space to be illuminated is a 30- by 30-ft bay and the desired conditioned space temperature is 75F. The unzoned air temperature for all building occupancy zones is established at 63 F and the air circulation rate is 4 air changes per hour. All variations in space temperature shall be controlled directly by the luminaire radiant louver. Occupancy requirements are as follows:

a. One person/75 sq ft.

b. 1.5 watts/sq ft for equipment The mechanical designer supplies the following information: The space sensible load (aside from lighting) is Ptu/

	Duu/							
	hr-sq ft							
People	3.3							
Equipment	5.2							
Total	8.5							

Applying the lumen method to determine the number of luminaires required to provide 150 footcandles at the working plane, the electrical designer supplies the following information:

a. Number of luminaires = 54

b. Luminaire spacing = 3 ft 4 in.



on centers.

- c. Total lamp watts input per luminaire = 110.
- d. Louver area per luminaire = 4 ft sq.
- e. Total electrical input to lighting system = 8.7 watts/sq ft (29.7 Btu/Hr-ft<sup>2</sup>).

Referring to the nomagraph, all of the known or selected system design variables (designated by circles) are located on the appropriate scales. Solution is accomplished by connecting with straight lines each scale of the nomograph computer in the order indicated by circled numbers. The solution of each section of the nomograph computer requires that any two of the three variables connected as illustrated be known or selected. Determination of the third variable is automatic and is used in the solution of the scale adjacent to it, etc., until a complete path is made connecting all these scales, pivots and indexes of the nomograph computer in the order as illustrated by the line numbers. At number 7 we see that the heat removed by radiant louver at the design load =  $36.7 \text{ Btu/hr-ft}^2$ of louver or 147 Btu/hr per luminaire that must be removed by the mechanical cooling system.

The nomograph illustrated shows the effect of variables normally used in the calculation of space illumination levels on the cooling capability of the combined air convection and radiant cooling mechanical systems. The requirements of space lighting and cooling are determined simultaneously and various luminaires are evaluated from a lighting as well as a cooling capability. The area available for viewing the space load depends upon the number of luminaires required. The lighting load removed by the louver is related directly to the heat equivalent of electrical energy required to operate the lamp sources and the distribution of conductive, convective and radiant energy leaving each lamp source.

#### SUMMARY

The use of the nomograph as illustrated will help establish the framework for decision making from which the selection of the associated building systems is optimized, and the use of system energies is conserved. Before integration can be achieved, however, the criteria for system design must be established by the architectural designer.

# MODEL TESTS PREDICT SPACE FRAME BEHAVIOR

#### by Kenneth C. Naslund

The author worked on the structural analysis described in this article when he was chief structural engineer of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in Chicago. He is now a partner in the structural engineering firm, The Engineers Collaborative.

The roof structure of the Upjohn Company office building consists of a series of shallow steel trusses joined to form a space frame.

The design of this type of structure by conventional means is very time consuming. A stress analysis by means of a scale model was selected as the best approach to design. Full-scale field tests were conducted on a 66- by 66-ft prototype to spot check the model test results.

The development of a space frame as a solution for the complete architectural problem involved many factors:

1. The structural system was required to follow the basic module of the building (6 ft square). Conventional methods of analysis for this space frame would have been either too tedious to run through or overly conservative in results. With a technique rarely used in this country, the designing engineers performed load tests on a plastic model and confirmed the results with a steel prototype. Upjohn Company General Offices, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Architects and Engineers

2. It was to provide double cantilevers at exterior and interior corners of the building and its many courtyards.

3. The framework was also required to support individual pyramidal domes to form a modulated ceiling, expressing the nature of the structure.

4. The space frame had to be economically designed while satisfying the requirements of design stresses, fabrication, shipment and erection.

Column centerlines are 48 ft apart in each direction with every other bay carrying a 66- by 66-ft unit which provides cantilevers of 9 ft over the centerlines to support the 30- by 30-ft and 18- by 30-ft suspended span units. Courtyards, with the exception of the largest, are formed by the omission of 30- by 30-ft and 18- by 30-ft suspended span structural units.

The use of conventional methods of analysis for the 66- by 66-ft units was ruled out early because the highly indeterminate nature of the structure would have required an excessive amount of engineering time to solve the many different edge loading conditions on the units. Two possible approaches might have been: 1) a conservative analogy to a plate, or 2) a very conservative estimate of the distribution of stresses in the system by coefficients such as those recommended for use in the design

STEEL PROTOTYPE-66 by 66 ft, 3-ft deep, columns 48 ft o-c



PLASTIC MODEL-built to 1/20 scale



of reinforced concrete flat plate systems. These choices were not satisfactory because they meant a waste of material and a poor engineering approach to solution of the problem. It was decided therefore that the analogy to a plate would be used only to obtain the probable distribution of moments in the system. Steps taken in the structural design were:

1. A small-scale plastic plate flexible enough to give easily measured deflections due to scaled down loads was constructed.

2. Deflections were measured when this plate was subjected to its equivalent uniform load and various edge loadings.

3. From the deflection measurements design moments, preliminary design stresses and member sizes were established. [This procedure is not illustrated nor discussed further in the article.]

4. A model of the three dimensional structure at 1/20 linear scale was built. Stress and deflection measurements were taken.

The scale model was built of acrylic plastic and represented the 66-ft square cantilever unit. It consisted of 779 individual pieces scaled down proportionately from the preliminary member sizes established from the plate loadings. To shape the model member the same as the structural shapes selected would have been an expensive and unnecessary refinement because the primary stresses in the structure were the direct stresses (tension and compression) with secondary bending stresses consequential only in the immediate vicinity of the columns. Thus, model members were made rectangular.

Because of the geometry of the structure, it was determined that instrumentation on one-half of a quadrant (or one-eighth of the unit) would provide complete design data. Therefore, the more important members in this portion of the unit were instrumented with SR-4 strain gages placed so that both direct stresses and bending could be determined.

The model was tested first with a uniform load and resulting stresses noted. Then a single load was applied at each panel point (every 6 ft) around the perimeter and stresses recorded for all the instrumented members for each of the load positions. With this data, influence diagrams giving stresses for point loadings to simulate weight of suspended spans were developed. Values from these diagrams combined with stresses due to uniform load furnished enough information for a complete design.

Deflections were also measured on the scale model under uniform load at (1) the center of the bay, (2)the edge at midspan between columns, (3) the column centerline at midspan, and (4) the corner. These values for deflection were verified during the load test on the full scale mock-up.

Typical influence diagrams for deflections and direct stresses derived from the scale model tests are shown on page 000. The ordinates on the influence diagrams for stress represent the direct load in the member resulting from a unit load applied at a position on the ordinate. The numbers along the bottom of the diagram designate the load positions. The sign convention used was positive for tension and negative for compression.

Fortunately, this project, because of its unusual architectural features, required the construction of a full size mock-up of one bay (including the roof structure) to study details of construction. Since it presented a wonderful opportunity to check the model stress analysis, a load test was conducted following a procedure similar to that used on the scale model. Eight members were instrumented with SR-4 strain gages and a









Stress diagrams indicate the relative magnitudes of stress as a unit load is moved around the periphery of the frame. A 10 kip load at point 5 should produce a 7.5 kips compression in member 21-SQ. Deflection diagrams are given here for 10-kip loads at positions 1, 4 and at the center of the space frame 10 kip load applied separately at each of six edge panel points. (These are identified by the circled numbers on the drawing, page 153.) The resulting stresses checked with those predicted from the scale model influence diagrams.

While good agreement was obtained between the scale model and the full size mock-up data for chord members, the diagonals over the column did not have such good agreement. This was attributed to the rather substantial bending which results in these members under load. Full scale mock-up members were structural angles and tees, and those used on the scale model were rectangular in cross section. It is apparent that for any future model analysis where bending is likely to occur in combination with direct stress, the physical shape of the members and the results will have to be subject to critical examination prior to their use for final member selection.

In addition to considerable bending being indicated in the diagonal members directly over the columns, some bending was observed in most of the other members, but this was of minor significance except for the bottom chord members immediately adjacent to the column.

While this method of structural model analysis is basically suited to analysis of truss type structures with direct stresses, it is presently being used for shell type structures as well as building frames. This method could be used to analyze, or check the analysis of special building frames. It undoubtedly produces a much clearer and more complete picture of what various combinations of loads produce in the way of stresses in a complete structure and in a shorter time.

#### Fabrication and Erection

Steel erection and fabrication of the 1200-ton space frame was performed by Whitehead & Kales Company of Detroit. It consists of over 200 factory-fabricated trapezoidal, triangular and parallelogram sections shipped 150 miles by truck to the site. Each truck shipment consisted of two or three space frame sections along with beams and columns. At the job site, a series of false-work beams were bolted for temporary alignment and positioning of the space frame sections. Most field connections were welded, although 49,000 high-strength bolts were used.

#### FLOOR FRAMING SYSTEMS: 1

by JOHN G. MASCIONI, Assistant Professor, Pratt Institute, Structural Engineer

Basic floor framing schemes are illustrated and described on the following pages. For comparison, typical designs have been developed for each scheme. Four bay sizes, 20 by 20 ft, 20 by 24 ft. 20 by 28 ft. and 20 by 32 ft. have been investigated to note the relative effect of span length on the depth of construction. In general, the average area of the four bays, 520 sq ft, may be considered larger than the economical size bay for wood construction and solid concrete floor systems; approximately economical for the ribbed concrete floor sys-

#### 1) Wood Joists

A wood-framed structural floor used primarily for residences and one-story buildings. Deflection limits its application for long spans. It is used frequently with wood or masonry wall bearing construction. Design of joists is based upon an E =1,650,000 psi and f = 1200 psi. Supporting the joists are plywood box beams with reinforced plywood webs for the heavy shear loads. An adaptation of this system is the stressed skin panel in which the strength and stiffness are increased considerably by glue-nailing plywood to the top and bottom of the wood joists.

#### 2) Wood Plank and Beam

The depth of floor construction is considered the thickness of the decking which is usually a nominal thickness of 2 in., 3 in., or 4 in. Decking can be either planking laid flat or laminated lumber laid on edge and side nailed. The underside of the decking is usually left exposed. Minimum depth of construction, an important advantage, produces large deflections and limits the application of this system primarily to roofs. Random length planking in which only one end bears on a support is the most economical. Design is based upon an E = 1,760,000psi for wood purlins and 1,800,-000 for glue-laminated girders. In smaller buildings a post could be placed under the purlins thereby eliminating the girder.

tems; and smaller than the economical bay for steel and prestressed concrete floor systems. Design is based upon a total superimposed load of 60 lb per sq ft. All dead loads with the exception of the structural floor should be deducted to arrive at the effective live load. As the key plan shows; equal spans are assumed on the sides of the bay investigated. Beams, therefore, are designed to support loads from adjacent bays. Design of the spandrel beam, which depends on all the various construction and architectural re-



quirements, has been omitted. Reinforced concrete design is based upon 3000 psi  $(f_e')$  concrete. The allowable stress in steel for both steel framing and reinforced concrete is 20,000 psi.





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#### FLOOR FRAMING SYSTEMS: 2

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#### 3) Open Web Steel Joists

This floor system is widely used and is very economical for light occupancy loads. In addition to the poured concrete slab shown here, it is employed with wide variety of decking and planking commercially available. Open webs facilitate the installation of pipes, ducts, and conduits. Joists tested by the Steel Joist Institute are standardized in depth up to 48 in. for spans up to 96 ft for roofs. The span of joists should not exceed 24 times the depth.

#### 4) Steel Purlins and Concrete Slab

This system is one of the oldest fire-resistant floor systems. Beams should be spaced at approximately 8 ft to permit the use of welded wire fabric. Light weight concrete is used to reduce the dead load of the slab. For its principal application, office buildings, fill is required for the installation of utilities. A modification of this system consists of using lighter sections, such as Junior beams, at closer spacing so that standard plywood forms may be clipped to flanges and easily removed after the slab has hardened.

#### 5) Cellular Metal Decking

The principal advantage of this floor system is the flexibility provided by the cells for the installation of utilities and for the location of electrical and telephone outlets. Other important advantages are light weight and fast erection. It is widely used to advantage in office buildings. Available in various depths for both short spans and long spans. Light weight concrete is not structural but serves as fill and finish and for fire protection of the top. In addition to the unit shown here, there are other similar products commercially available. For non-fireproof roofs, decking may be left exposed and the concrete fill omitted. To Be Continued





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# SOUND SYSTEMS

This article discusses the two principal types of sound reinforcing systems central and distributed. It also goes into the various types of loudspeakers and their proper location. Some of the attendant problems such as location of microphone and speaker to avoid squeal due to feedback are also covered

In many situations, to obtain adequate loudness and good distribution of sound it is necessary to augment the natural transmission of sound from source to listener by means of a sound reinforcing system. In large sports arenas, in airport terminal buildings, in large auditoriums and in other noisy locations, it is almost always necessary to provide sound reinforcement. Even in rooms where most strong-voiced speakers can be heard clearly, the weaker voices must be amplified, and there is often the requirement for amplifying recorded material or movie sound. In all cases, however, the design of the sound reinforcing system must be carefully integrated with the design of the room and with its acoustical characteristics.

Sound reinforcing systems consist of three essential components: microphone (means "very small sound"), amplifier, and loudspeaker. The microphone is placed somewhere near the source of sound; it picks up the sound energy radiated by the source and converts it into electrical energy which is then fed to an amplifier. The amplifier increases the magnitude of the electrical signal and supplies it to the loudspeaker which converts the electrical energy to air-borne sound energy again for distribution to the listeners at the proper level. (See Fig. 1).

There are two principal types of sound amplification systems: central and distributed. The preferred type in most situations is the central system in which a loudspeaker (or cluster of loudspeakers) is located directly above the actual source of sound. Only *one* loudspeaker position is used in a system of this sort, and it is capable of giving maximum realism. (We will not be concerned here with "stereo" sound *playback* systems.) The listener with his two ears is able very readily to localize the direction of the source of sound and, if the amplified signal comes from the same direction as the original sound, he gets an impression merely of increased loudness or clarity but not of artificial "amplified" sound. (Fig. 2.)

The other principal type of sound reinforcing system is the distributed type. In this system one uses a large number of loudspeakers located overhead (not along the sides of the room facing across), and usually a low level amplified signal is supplied to a small area. This type of system operates much like downlighting. We cover the room with small "pools" of sound, each listener receiving sound from only one loudspeaker. This type of system is used in any situation where the ceiling height is inadequate to use a central system or where all listeners cannot by Robert B. Newman and William J. Cavanaugh Bolt Beranek and Newman Inc. Consultants in Accoustics

have line-of-sight on a central loudspeaker. It is also used in such spaces as large convention halls, hotel ballrooms, or large conference rooms where there must be a very flexible arrangement of the space for amplifying sources of sound in any position in the hall. It is the logical system for most airport terminal buildings where the amplified signal usually must be somewhat higher in level in order to override the high background noise levels due to aircraft operations. The distributed system is a flexible system, and, while it does not give maximum realism, in reinforcing live activities, it can be made to provide high intelligibility in many difficult situations. (Fig. 3.)

In good practice today one rarely locates loudspeakers at the two sides of the proscenium opening, nor does



Fig. 1. Basic elements of a sound reinforcing system



Fig. 2. Central loudspeaker system



Fig. 3. Distributed loudspeaker system

## **Building** Components



Fig. 4. Poor loudspeaker placement can mean ineffective sound reinforcement



Fig. 5. Horn-type highly directional loudspeakers and their coverage patterns



Fig. 6. Loudspeaker grille sizes are determined by the coverage patterns of the loudspeakers behind them



Fig. 7. "Feedback" to the microphone can result unless the loudspeaker location and directional characteristics are carefully considered

one have a crossfire from loudspeakers distributed along the two sides of the room, nor as in one recent instance, from the four corners of a large reverberant space. These "semi-distributed," semi-high level systems never work well, and the hearing conditions in a space can usually be improved by actually shutting them off! (Fig. 4.)

#### **Central Systems**

The loudspeaker for a central system usually consists of a cluster of directional horns, some of which handle the high frequency end of the audible spectrum, and larger loudspeakers

handling the low frequency end of the spectrum. The high frequency horns are usually exponential, multicell or radial horns and are arranged in clusters to give coverage of specific areas of the seating. It is important that the horns have excellent directional characteristics, and that the level of operation of the several units be individually adjustable. Bends or folds in horns usually destroy their evenness of coverage and directional control: both the radial and exponential horns usually employ direct expansion of the wave front. One cannot achieve high quality sound amplification without loud-

speakers with carefully controlled directional characteristics (see Fig. 5.) If a loudspeaker system is to be used only for speech purposes, the system need not have any low frequency loudspeakers and can be housed in a smaller space than a full frequency range system used for music as well. Usually, a speech system is cut off at approximately 300 cycles per second (i.e., these loudspeakers do not amplify sounds below that frequency). This results in no loss in realism and actually improves intelligibility in rooms with "boomy" characteristics.

The designer of an auditorium incorporating a loudspeaker system must realize that the loudspeaker system will take a great deal of space and that it cannot be tucked conveniently into a one-foot slot. The grille in front of the loudspeaker must be completely transparent to sound and must contain no large scale elements (see Fig. 6.) Every listener in the room must have line of sight on the loudspeaker; we do not count on reflection of sound from room surfaces to fill in any areas not covered by direct line of sight.

The operator of the sound system should be located toward the rear of the seating area where he can hear the system as it is heard by the audience. He should not be behind a glass window in a booth, receiving sound only on a monitor loudspeaker. The power amplifiers can be in any convenient location but the actual controls must be "in the room."

Microphones must be placed near the sources of sound and, if there are to be many sources, as in the amplification of a play, there must be many microphones suspended overhead or concealed in the scenery so that the actors are always relatively close to these pickup devices.

There is the important problem of feedback of sound energy from loudspeaker to microphone, and the relative locations of microphones to the loudspeakers must be carefully considered to avoid the familiar squealing or howling of a poorly designed and operated system. This is a matter for detailed consideration by the designer of the system, and is not primarily an architectural question except in so far as relative location of loudspeaker to microphone is concerned. (Fig. 7.)

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## ACOUSTIC CEILING DOUBLES AS CONDITIONED-AIR OUTLET

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Sets will be available on a leasepurchase arrangement. Valspar Corp., 200 Sayre St., Rockford, Ill.

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#### "Black Light"

"Black Light," the near-ultraviolet radiant energy which causes certain materials to fluoresce, can be of special value to lighting designers and engineers. Booklet LS-141 gives information on black light sources, representative black light applications and basic black light design procedures. Inquiry Bureau, Dept. B1-61, General Electric Co., Nela Park, Cleveland 12, Ohio.

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(A.I.A. 16-1) An illustrated folder gives details about vertical sliding pass windows, either stainless or plain painted steel, designed for use in food service areas between kitchen and dining room. The Richmond Fireproof Door Co., P. O. Box 911, Richmond, Ind.\*

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#### **Marine Retail Establishments**

The Outboard Boating Club of America has directed the compilation of three manuals on marine retail establishments. Of special interest to architects is a 34-page manual, "Setting the Stage for Sales" by Milton Woll of Booz, Allen and Hamilton. This manual covers space requirements for boat displays, servicing, plot selection, lighting, etc. Other manuals cover boating salesmanship and management of marine retail establishments including record forms, advertising, etc. Outboard Boating Club of America, 307 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago 1, Ill.

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#### **Epoxy Mortar**

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available are 8.1, 10.2 and 12.3 cu ft. The wood-construction kitchens range in width from 79 in. up to fit almost every space. Major Line Products Co., Inc., Hoquiam, Wash.

#### **Plastic Shower Stall**

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#### Marble Anchoring System

(A.I.A. 22-A) Light-weight, weathertight marble veneer can be anchored simply and rapidly with the Zibell system, described in a 12-page booklet which gives other specification for marble as well. The Georgia Marble Co., 11 Pryor St., Atlanta 3, Ga.

#### **Buying Plywood**

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#### **Industrial Fans**

(A.I.A. 30-D1) Construction features, electrical characteristics and performance charts on Greenheck SB line of fans is given in an 8-page bulletin. Greenheck Fan & Ventilator Corp., Schofield, Wisc.

#### Sound Control

(A.I.A. 39-B) Geocoustic, a cellular glass acoustical unit which employs the patch technique in controlling sound, is discussed in a 12-page booklet, which includes actual job photographs and sketches. Background data on the material is included. Pittsburgh Corning Corp., One Gateway Center, Pittsburgh 22, Penn.\*

#### Industrial Doors for Every Use

Doors for special conditions are discussed in a collection of bulletins which give specifications for freezer, cold storage, shock absorber, humidity control, high temperature and fire doors. *Clark Door Co.*, 515 Hunterdon St., Newark 8, N.J.

#### **Roof-Top Air Conditioning**

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\* Additional product information in Sweet's Architectural File

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#### On the Calendar

December \_

- 3-7 18th Annual National Association of Home Builders Convention-Exposition McCormick Place, Chicago
- 5-7 Building Research Institute 1961 Fall Conferences—Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.
- 14-15 Conference on soil mechanics and foundations, presented by

the University of Wisconsin Extension Division—Madison, Wis.

January\_

- 22-25 National Plant Engineering & Maintenance Show and Conference — Convention Hall, Philadelphia
- 25-27 Annual meeting, Society of Architectural Historians — Boston

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- 29ff Semi-annual meeting, American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.; through Feb. 1—Chase-Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Mo.
- 29-30 17th Annual Short Course in Residential Construction, sponsored by the University of Illinois Small Homes Council-Building Research Council in cooperation with the Division of University Extension; theme: "New Methods and Materials for Better Home Building" — Champaign - Urbana campus, University of Illinois
- 30ff 18th Annual Technical Conference, sponsored by the Society of Plastics Engineers; through Feb. 2—Penn Sheraton Hotel, Pittsburgh

#### February

12-15 12th Exposition of the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Industry, sponsored by the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute — Great Western Exhibit Center, Los Angeles

#### **Office** Notes

#### Offices Opened

Edwin M. Stitt, A.I.A., Registered Architect, formerly with Charles Bacon Rowley & Associates, Inc., announces the opening of his office at 8528 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio.

William Smull, A.I.A., has reopened his office for the general practice of architecture at 575 Madison Ave., New York 22.

Leo Kornblath Associates has opened an office at 1819 L Street N.W., Washington, D.C., the third since the architectural-interior design firm was founded a year ago. Other offices are in New York and Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

Pasqual F. Notartomaso, Registered Architect, announces the opening of his new office at Scranton National Bank Building, Rm. 1102, Scranton 3, Pa.

New Firms, Firm Changes\_

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chitect and civil engineer, for the past six years affiliated with Brandow & Johnston, Los Angeles, has joined the staff of Burke, Kober & Nicolais, Los Angeles architectural and engineering firm.

The engineering and architectural firm of Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury, 126 East 38th St., New York City, has named Charles D. Morrissey to the partnership.

Mark T. Jaroszewicz, A.I.A., has joined the firm of Tarapata-MacMahon Associates, Inc., Architects and Engineers, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., as a senior designer and project administrator.

William J. Bain Jr., A.I.A., has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Naramore, Bain, Brady & Johanson, Architects and Engineers, Seattle, Wash.

Angus McCallum, a former partner in the Kansas City architectural firm of Kivett & Myers & McCallum, has returned to independent practice



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William E. Dunlap and John R. Weese have been elected general partners in the firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. Mr. Dunlap will be with the Chicago office and Mr. Weese, with the San Francisco office.

Edward J. Tedesco Associates, Architects, 15 Pleasant St., Woburn, Mass., announce the association of Emmanuel J. Rempelakis and Frank Paul Orlando.

#### New Addresses

Vincent C. Cerasi, Landscape Architect-Land Planner, 130 Lake St., White Plains, N.Y.

Waisman Ross & Associates, Architects, Engineers, Planners, 10 Donald St. N., Winnipeg 1, Manitoba.

#### Elections

The Industrial Designers Institute elected the following national officers for two years terms at the Board of Trustees annual meeting in Boston: chairman, John Vassos, F.I.D.I., Norwalk, Conn.; president, Leon Gordon Miller, F.I.D.I., Leon Gordon Miller Associates, Cleveland, O.; executive vice president, Jon W. Hauser, Jon W. Hauser, Inc., St. Charles, Ill.; secretary, Theodore C. Clement, Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N.Y.; treasurer, Yasha Heifetz, Clinton, Conn.; regional vice presidents: Joseph Parriott, F.I.D.I., Westport, Conn.; Montgomery Ferrar, Southfield, Mich.; and Donald W. Brundage, Brundage Associates, San Francisco, Calif.

Officers elected for 1962 by the Council of the Society of Plastics Engineers, Inc. are: president, James R. Lampman, manager of *continued on page 216* 

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General Electric Company's Organic Chemical Engineering Materials and Process Laboratory, Syracuse, N.Y.; vice president, engineering, John M. Berutich, sales engineer, Haveg Industries, Inc., Louisville, Ky.; vice president, administration, Richard B. Bishop, consultant and research associate. Holy Cross College. Worcester, Mass.; secretary, George P. Kovach, manager, Product Development, Foster Grant Co., Inc., Leominster, Mass.; and treasurer,

Samuel H. Greenwood Jr., sales manager, Press Div., F. J. Stokes Corp., Philadelphia, Pa.

#### **Education Notes**

Eight new instructors joined the University of Detroit's Department of Architecture this semester. They are: Louis F. Michel, Ann Arbor; Robert Camblin, Detroit; Barry N. Merenoff, Royal Oak; Mark T. Jaroszewicz. Birmingham: John W.



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Edward H. Lyons was recently appointed supervisor of cooperative training for the University of Detroit College of Engineering and Architecture.

Martin L. Beck, F.A.I.A., practicing architect and president of the New Jersey State Board of Architects, has been named to the newly created post of director of planning and supervising architect of New York University.

Charles W. Harris has been appointed associate professor of landscape architecture for two years. effective Feb. 1, 1962, at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. At present Mr. Harris is in Italy as Chief of the Landscape Section in the Rome Office of the Architects' Collaborative International, Ltd., in the building of the University of Baghdad.

The following new appointments. to the faculty for the 1961-62 scholastic year have been made in the Department of Architecture, University of Notre Dame: Julian E. Kulski, architect and city planner, a member of the A.I.A., American Society of Planning Officials. American Institute of Planners; Kenneth A. Featherstone, architect and design consultant, a member of the R.I.B.A.; Solomon J. Lim. with professional experience in architectural design, drafting, specification writing and supervision.

#### Soil Mechanics Conference To Be Held at Wisconsin U.

A conference on soil mechanics and foundations will be presented by the University of Wisconsin Extension Division, Madison, Wis., on Dec. 14 and 15. In a program designed for the practicing architect and structural engineer, guest lecturers will include: William G. Murphy, associate professor of Theoretical and Applied Mechanics, Marquette University; Ralph B. Peck, professor of Foundation Engineering, University of Illinois; B. K. Hough, consulting engineer. Soils and Foundation Engineering, Ithaca, N.Y.; and Don U. Deere, professor of Civil Engineering and Geology, University of Illinois.

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getting fed-up with this attitude.

The art in fine architecture grows as much out of good engineering as from purely an artistic approach. If this were not true any artist might as well practice architecture. This in no way underrates the importance of either of these phases and does not exclude the many other social, economic or environmental factors that must play their roles if true "Architecture" is to be achieved. If Pier Nervi, educated primarily as an engineer, can create some of the world's most magnificent and original architecture, there is every reason to believe that properly trained architectural engineers will also become leading practitioners in architectural design if they are given good architectural courses during their education.

At the present time Pennsylvania State University is in the process of making major revisions to the architectural engineering curriculum. As has been mentioned earlier in this letter, I have been fighting changes made during the past ten years. These unfortunate changes have been primarily changes in the timing of courses. All architectural design courses are completed during the first three years of the five year curriculum. This has made it virtually impossible for any of the graduates to pursue an active career in architecture for they have completed all their architectural design before they have had an opportunity to learn any engineering and, during those final two years they have forgotten much of the fragmentary architectural design courses they were given.

When I, and most of the other architectural engineering graduates in our group took this course we had architectural design courses up to the day of graduation and at that time it was only a four-year course.

Our group believes you can be of great help to the "building" profession if you will carry on with the thought provoking questions you have raised in this article. We A.E. graduates are so few, it is imperative that we get all the help we can from those who agree with us.

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Let us hear now the wisdom of the man himself, spoken out of his heart to us for our profit and use, words which ruled his life, and might well shape ours:

It is on the individual, his sensitivities and understanding, that our whole success or failure rests. He must recognize that this is a new kind of civilization in which the artist will be used in a new and different way. The neat categories of bygone days do not hold true any longer. His job requires a curious combination of intuition and crust. He must be sensitive and adaptable to trends and needs; he must be part of and understand our civilization. At the same time, he is not just a mirror; he is also a co-creator and must have the strength and urge to produce form, not compromise.

Architecture is not just to fulfill man's need for shelter, but also to fulfill man's belief in the nobility of his existence on earth. Our architecture is too humble. It should be prouder, more aggressive, much richer and larger than we see it today. I would like to do my part in expanding that richness.

I think of architecture as the total of man's man-made physical surroundings. The only thing I leave out is nature. You might say it is the man-made nature. Now this is not exactly the dictionary definition of architecture which deals with the technique of building, but this is mine. It is the total of everything we have around us, starting from the largest city plan, includes the streets we drive on and its telephone poles and signs, down to the building and house we work and live in and does not end until we consider the chair we sit in and the ash tray we dump our pipe in. It is true the architect practices only on a narrow segment of this wide keyboard, but that is just a matter of historical accident. The total scope of the job is much wider than what he staked his claim on. So to the question, what is the scope of architecture? I would answer: it is continued on page 240





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