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summer approaches, it seems to me at I've been reading more than ever out "total and comprehensive apoaches" to the problems of our cities. cause the problems of any city reach It fingers in every direction-and espeally into Washington-more and more oughtful minds are thinking about not st city planning but regional planning d national planning. This raises some estions that worry me quite a lot: 1) ho is going to develop the "total and mprehensive approach"?; 2) Who is ing to decide, at any such scale as a reonal or national one, which "total and mprehensive approach" is the right he?; and 3) Who is going to administer What role will local planning and local chitects play within that "total and mprehensive approach"?

Some of the most evocative (and orrisome) ideas I've heard lately were esented by Bill Slayton of Urban Amera at last month's international conferice on Cities in Context at Notre Dame. 'hile firmly, and repeatedly, arguing for liance upon "the market mechanism ther than a bureaucracy to deal with e problem," he suggested that, "We ould establish a national policy on uranization-a policy that addresses itself where the increasing population ould be located." The mechanism ould be new cities "of at least a guarr of a million." He also suggested "state evelopment corporations with the ower of eminent domain to acquire raw nd and authority to issue tax-free bonds

to buy the land and develop it." He called for a new "governmental mechanism-a governmental organizationthat can control or guide future metropolitan development." He argued, though I don't see how, that "such a structure need not threaten existing political entities," but insists that "particular predelictions [of local political jurisdictions] should not permit them to skew or thwart the rational development of the metropolitan area." (I can understand the frustrations involved, but think it is important to remember that "particular predilictions" have for a long time been highly thought of under such labels as "home rule.") Finally, Slavton suggested that "perhaps we should take a look at the more basic questions of how large, in terms of numbers, should the United States be? . . . Would we not be better off to try to maintain a constant population level and provide that population with as much of the resources and amenities as we can rather than channeling much of our economic growth into those activities that must provide for an increased population."

Many other proposals on such a broad scale are being made. Item: The Department of Housing and Urban Development has invited proposals for nothing less than "a comprehensive plan for designing, developing, organizing, implementing, managing, reporting, and analyzing . . . the entire low-cost experimental housing research and development program together with a plan for "proper and careful selection of some Model Cities (maybe 20) to participate in this program." Proposals were due April 19th, and as this is written there is no information on how many proposals were received and from whom. But surely it is logical to interpret this as an approach by HUD to the "systems people" and I, for one, consider this another rather worrisome prospect.

I'd like to be very clear about one thing: I'm all for making big plans and not just, I hope, because it is so much in vogue. The need for big plans is clear on every side and in every morning's newspaper. But let's go back to my list of worries: I'm worried about who is going to develop that "total and comprehensive solution," who is going to decide that it is the right one, and who is going to administer it.

Which means I'm worried about the control over local skills and talent and involvement inherent in such broad-scale approaches. The bulk of the money for "total and comprehensive" effort is going to come from the Federal government, and the power to distribute money is the power to wield great influence. The Federal record for generating quantity of building is really very good. But its record for generating quality of environment is —with some notable exceptions—certainly not all that could be hoped.

So I would hope most earnestly that any new public policy growing out of any new approach would demand a high quality of environment and provide the money to pay the best architects to create it. For it is only on the architect's drawing board that two-dimensional plans for development of cities can be translated into three-dimensional designs for truly pleasant places to live. The approach can be national, but the architecture must be created a community at a time.

-Walter F. Wagner, Jr.

PERSPECTIVES

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"If you can't stand the heat get out of the Open Plan!"

A new tribute to Walter Gropius

Walter Gropius, who will be 85 on May 17, was three months ago presented with the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts by the University of Illinois. At the special convocation honoring Professor Gropius, the "Encomium" was delivered by his former student and later associate in both education and practice, now Dean of the College of Architecture and Art at the University's Chicago Circle campus, Leonard J. Currie. Dean Currie's words are a reminder of monumental contributions to the development of dynamic strategies of education and of practice to respond to the emerging social imperatives of an urbanizing society. And the contributions, of course, are continuing in Professor Gropius' continuing vigorous involvement in vast architectural projects on three continents. Excerpts from the address follow.

Considering this place and this occasion, it seems fitting to refer primarily to the highlights of Gropius' contribution to education, to his prescience with regard to the challenges arising from the evolutionary changes in a rapidly urbanizing society, and to his vision in identifying the institutional and formal devices required to shape human environment in response to social goals and imperatives.

The story is well known of how Walter Gropius took over the Weimar Art Academy—then arts- and crafts-oriented —secured support for a dynamic new school which he called the Bauhaus, brought together the most formidable array of talent—innovative artists such as Kandinsky from Russia, Paul Klee from Germany, Feininger from America—and before long had them joined by such great designers, architects, and teachers as Moholy-Nagy, Albers, Breuer, Herbert Beyer, Schlemmer, and Kepes—as diverse and dedicated and contentious a group of creative people as has ever been assembled. Small wonder that their interaction gave off sparks that illuminated the entire world of the creative arts. And who provided the cohesive force to hold these energies in dynamic tension but the man with the seminal idea of the Bauhaus— Walter Gropius. It was surely on this forge that he shaped and tempered and tested one of his favorite maxims—"diversity within unity."

Excitement ran high in the Harvard Graduate School of Design during the winter of 1936-37, when we got the word that Gropius, then in London, had accepted the position of chairman of the Department of Architecture. He was to arrive by February of 1937 and would take over the instruction in the Master's class. The architectural profession and architectural education were at their nadir in the United States. The pause in building activity during World War I had been followed by the boom of the 1920's-a period of lavish, shoddy, imitative building of almost orgiastic bad taste-and then the depression and the virtual cessation of building after 1930. With the profession so moribund, it is small wonder that the architectural schools lacked vitality. The American Beaux Arts system -a pale carbon copy of the Paris school -was engaged in endless competitions with projects quite unrelated to the real world or to the needs of society.

At Harvard Gropius did not replicate the Bauhaus—which can never be done anywhere again—but rather he provided a new thrust within the organized system of higher education of the United States.

I know that he often found progress painfully slow, and the walls between departments exceedingly high. Yet Gropius managed in his 15 years at Harvard to set in motion the forces that changed the whole direction of architectural education in the United States—and ultimate throughout the world. Of course, he d not accomplish this all alone. As usua he attracted talented collaborators wh formed part of a team effort. But Gropii was the spearhead, the leader and th symbol of the sweeping changes th were to take place in schools of arch tecture, city planning, art and desig throughout the country. He accurate anticipated the new and evolving patter of professional practice and hence of e ucation to meet the needs of dynamical changing society.

In an interview shortly after his con ing to Harvard, Gropius was inveighir against dogma in education. He said, ". It would be an absolute horror for me my appointment would result in th multiplication of a fixed idea of 'Gropiu architecture.' What I want to do is to make young people realize how ine haustible the means of creation are if the make use of the innumerable products of our age, and to encourage these your people in finding their own solutions.'

The lessons we have all learned from Gropius are too numerous to cite, bu they include: bringing art and technolog into a new unity; emphasis on methodprocess rather than form-an oper ended system-a notion applicable no only to the building of an urban enviror ment but to the creation of an education tional ambience; teamwork, not only ir tra-professional but broadly interdisc plinary as well; erasing the 19th Centur artificial division between the fine an the practical arts-bringing art out of the exclusive concern of the museum an back into a harmonious relation to th daily lives of all people; the social cor cern of the architect and city builderchange from the design of elegant build ings for individual clients to an attitud of responsibility to the community an to society as a whole.



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The theme of the convention is A.A.N.," standing for "Man, Architecre and Nature." Speaking on "Man" II be Whitney M. Young, Jr., executive rector of the National Urban League, d Gene C. Brewer, chairman of the bard of the National Forest Products Asciation and president of U.S. Plywoodhampion Papers, Inc. Donald Canty, itor of Urban America's CITY magane, will be discussion leader.

The "Architecture" theme will be scussed in a series of seven workshops aling with the following topics: how compete with the package deal; auto-

esign Methods Group will old first annual conference

e first annual international conference the Design Methods Group will be held the Massachusetts Institute of Techlogy from June 2-4. The Design ethods Group was formed in June 1966, a conference in Canada for the purpose exchanging information about research design methodology.

The conference will be jointly sponred by the Urban Systems Laboratory, e Department of Architecture, and the epartment of Civil Engineering at I.T.; the Department of Architecture d the Laboratory for Computer aphics at Harvard University, and the hool of Architecture at the Boston Aritectural Center.

The major portion of the program Il consist of papers which emphasize e importance of a given methodology the broad intents of environmental search and design. Registration inforation can be obtained by writing: onference Planning, Department of chitecture/7-304, M.I.T., Cambridge, assachusetts 02139. mation in the drafting room; design for preservation; the Federal government client and partner; how to set up a design concept team; the community's right to design quality; and planning for profit.

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson will be the main speaker on the theme of "Nature," presenting the first B.Y. Morrison Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the Agricultural Research Service of the Department of Agriculture in honor of the first director of the National Arboretum. Speaking with the First Lady will be a panel which will include: Orville L. Freeman, secretary of the Department of Agriculture; Dr. M. Gordon Wolman, member of the A.I.A. Potomac Planning Task Force and chairman of the Department of Geography at Johns Hopkins University; and Marvin B. Durning, a Seattle attorney, who was named "National

Louisiana student wins first Eaton Yale & Towne fellowship

W. Barry Graham, a student in his final year in the Department of Architecture at Louisiana State University, has been named the recipient of the first annual Eaton Yale & Towne Urban Design Fellowship. The fellowship, administered by the American Institute of Architects, provides a stipend of \$3500 for one year of study in an approved graduate program of urban design, with an additional award of \$1200 for a minimum six-week foreign study tour of urban developments.

Bush-Brown is named design adviser to HUD

Albert Bush-Brown, president of the Rhode Island School of Design, has been named Adviser for Design to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, succeeding George Rockrise, who has returned to private practice (March, page 36). Mr. Bush-Brown will serve on a consultant basis, and will work closely with Ralph J. Warburton, special assistant for urban design. Conservationist of the Year," in 1965 by President Johnson.

Presenting the Purves Memorial Lecture will be Miss Barbara Ward, internationally known author, editor and economic interpreter, who will speak on the topic "Hope for an Urbanizing World."

Ten foreign architects have been elected Honorary Fellows of the A.I.A. and will be invested at the convention. The 10 are: Franco Albini, Italy; Georges Candilis, France; Charles-Edouard Geisendorf, Switzerland; Eric Lyons, England; Frei Otto, West Germany; James E. Searle, Canada; Gin Djih Su, China; Sir Leslie Hugh Wilson, England; Iosya Yoshida, Japan; and Bruno Zevi, Italy.

In addition, the A.I.A. has named a sixth honorary member—Richard C. Lee, Mayor of New Haven (for the other five see March, page 35).

Mr. Bush-Brown has resigned as president at Rhode Island effective at the end of June.

In resigning his post Mr. Bush-Brown said: "Our performance for our students and for the public of Rhode Island strains our current resources. The model our faculty and staff would like to build in the future outstrips any predictable resources. It is time to reassess that model and to shape the school's future more closely to the resources that are available here, and that task is best undertaken by new leadership."



Americans buy London Bridge; it will be erected in Arizona

London Bridge, the 1005-foot-long structure over the Thames, has been bought for \$2,460,000 through competitive bid-

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ding by the McCulloch Oil Corporation of California. The bridge, dedicated in 1831 and designed by John Rennie, will be dismantled and rebuilt over a scenic waterway to be developed as an international resort at Lake Havasu City, Arizona, located 232 miles east of Los Angeles on the lower Colorado River (see drawing on page 35). The London Bridge was sold by the city because it no longer accommodated mounting traffic and because it has been sinking into the river bed at a rate of one inch every eight years under its weight of 130,000 tons. It will be replaced by a new bridge.



James Hornbeck retires: 16 years a RECORD editor

James S. Hornbeck, A.I.A., a senior editor of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, has retired for reasons of health after 16 years on the RECORD staff. Mr. Hornbeck joined the RECORD in 1952 after 19 years of experience in architectural education and practice, including two-and-a-half years with Harrison & Abramovitz and three years with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in New York. His professional experience also included two years with the Manhattan Engineer District, with wartime work on the design and development of industrial buildings related to the atomic bomb project at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

After getting his B.S. in Architecture at Penn State University in 1931, Mr. Hornbeck taught for five years at Penn State before doing graduate work at the Harvard Graduate School of Design. His interest in teaching continued and after coming to the RECORD he also taught design theory for several years in the evening program at the School of Architecture of Columbia University.

As a member of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Hornbeck has been active on such committees of the New York Chapter as Architectural School Liaison, Esthetics, Publications and the Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship. Mr. Hornbeck has also been a member of The Architectural League of New York, and has served as editor of the League's News-Bulletin and chairman of its Membership Committee.

On the RECORD, Mr. Hornbeck was responsible for many major architectural features and Building Types Studies; and he initiated and was the editor responsible for developing the RECORD's continuing series on Architectural Details.

Obituaries

Winston Elting, well-known Chicago chitect, died on January 25 at the age 60. At the time of his death Mr. Elti was Professor of Architecture at the U versity of Illinois, Chicago Circle Camp and chairman of the board of the recen organized architectural firm of Mega Inc. He was a past director of the Chica Chapter of the American Institute of A chitects and was elevated to fellowsh in the A.I.A. in 1956 for design.

Frank Grad, founder and senior paner of Frank Grad & Sons, architects a engineers, Newark, New Jersey, died January 19 at the age of 85. Mr. Gristarted his firm in 1907 after graduatifrom the Vienna Technical School. 1932 he was joined by his two son Bernard, an architect, and Howard, engineer, who will continue the practice Mr. Grad was a member of the America Institute of Architects, New Jersey Societo of Architects, and the Society of American Military Engineers.

Stanley B. Tankel, Planning Direct of the Regional Plan Association, Ne York City, died of a heart attack on Mar 31 at the age of 45. Mr. Tankel w adjunct associate professor at the Scho of Architecture, Columbia Universi trustee and member of the Executi Board, Open Space Action Committ and vice chairman of the Landmarks Pre ervation Commission, City of New You Under his direction, the Regional Pl Association has been preparing a ne master plan for the New York region.



H. H. Richardson lives again: When the competition-winning building for the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce designed by H. H. Richardson was gutted by fire on January 10, 1911, the pink granite facade was dismantled and removed to a site seven miles outside of the city. In 1927 the stones were moved to another site to be used on the facade of an observatory which was never completed. And now, 40 years later, a design competition has been initiated by an interested group of architectural students and faculty from the University of Cincinnati. The purpose of the competition, called Operation Resurrection, is to use some of

the stonework as design elements in a parklike setting in Burnet woods, on a small rise directly north of the College of Design, Architecture and Art. The design competition, which will close May 3, will have a first prize of \$200, a second prize of \$100, and a third prize of \$50. The competition is being financed in part by the sale of H. H. Richardson buttons for 25 cents and sweatshirts for \$4.50 (as modeled, above center, by members of the faculty of the Department of Architecture). Front row, from left, John M. Peterson, William Widdowson, Richard Wheeler, head of the Department of Architecture, Denis Mann, Donald Stevens, and Robert Williams. At rear: Clay Hickers and Harris N. Firoosz. The sweatshirts (whi have been ordered by a Pittsburgh archite tural firm for their baseball team) a buttons can be obtained by writing to: Ope tion Resurrection, Department of Archite ture, University of Cincinnati, Cincinna Ohio. Other groups which have given th active support and encouragement to t project include the Cincinnati Chapt American Institute of Architecture, Conte porary Arts Center, Miami Purchase Assoc tion, Cincinnati Historical Society, Sm Haines Lundberg Waehler—Architects, a the Besl Transfer Company.



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The Central Library for the Public Library of Knoxville and Kno County, Tennessee, designed by Bruce McCarty & Associates, Arch tects, will be located on a busy downtown corner and is intended be inviting to the passer-by and casual shopper. The \$1.2-million brary will have a reinforced concrete structure with brick exteriwalls. It will contain approximately 67,000 square feet with star facilities for 350,000 books. Facilities provided will include readir and work rooms, staff offices, an auditorium, children's room, ar a special area for the McClung collection of historical books.



A Fine Arts Building at the University of Southern Mississippi at Hattiesburg, designed by Benham and Dawson, an affiliate of Benham—Blair and Affiliates, architects-engineers, will be a \$1.5-million concrete and masonry structure with stairwells on either side prominently expressed on the facade. The building will house a 780-seat auditorium, rehearsal and individual practice rooms, classrooms, faculty teaching studios and offices and workshop and storage areas.



A church and community center for the New York Society of th Methodist Church, to be located in the Taft Housing Developmen New York City, will be a one-story, 10-room, multi-use structure. I will contain a large meeting room/sanctuary for 200 people, smalle meeting rooms for groups of 30, and offices. The \$338,000 project will be constructed of a new giant brick with fenestration limited to clerestory and atrium to prevent vandalism. Architect is Edgar Tafe





to additions to the Radcliffe College resintial quadrangle, Cambridge, Massachutts, designed by Integrated Design Services oup, Architects Associated Engineers, inude the South House Central Unit, above t, and faculty housing, above right. A third w unit in the quadrangle was designed by Max Abramovitz. I.D.S.G. was retained by the college to help convert the quadrangle from dormitories to a house system, as well as to design the new additions. The South House Central Unit will contain a dining room and kitchen, a master's apartment, tutor's offices and apartment residences for 12 girls and two visiting professors. The faculty housing will provide two four-bedroom, three three-bedroom, and two two-bedroom row houses, all with studies and/or studios. Studios on roofs of new and existing buildings as well as parking under the main green are projected.



A research-computer Center at Carnegie–Mellon University, Pittsburgh, designed by architects Deeter, Ritchey, Sippel, is an eightstory building for a site on the side of a deep ravine, and will be entered at the fifth-floor level below a cantilevered, 150-seat auditorium prominently expressed on the facade. It will complete an existing quadrangle, and is intended to relate to existing structures by height, massing and scale of the facade. Below grade will be a two-story research library with balcony, which will be skylighted from plaza level. The building will have faculty offices on the perimeter and laboratories and offices for various departments on the interior. Major building materials will be buff-colored concrete with random-width board finish and smooth-finish precast concrete panels. The \$13-million project will contain 305,000 square feet.

complex of four fraternity houses at Carnegie–Mellon University, esigned by architects Curry and Martin, will be organized around a hadrangle-recreation space. The four three-story units will each buse 36 students and provide dining space for 60 students. Three the units will have study areas separated from two dormitory areas the housing 18 disposed in "L-shaped" plans, while the fourth unit ill have nine combined study-sleep units. The houses will have wallearing masonry structures with precast concrete floors, which in is application limits the width to 24 feet (the precast span), and arying in depth from 28 to 12 feet. Budget for the four units is \$1.3 illion. Master planners for the entire Carnegie–Mellon campus e Sasaki, Dawson, DeMay Associates, Inc.





A Fine Arts Complex, also at Carnegie–Mellon University, designed by Paul Schweikher, Architect, will house the departments of drama, architecture and design. The building will contain two 500-seat theaters, with a proscenium theater stacked above a thrust-stage theater, as well as a smaller experimental theater seating 200. The theaters will share an entrance lobby, workshops, dressing rooms and instructional facilities. Elsewhere in the complex will be the facilities for architecture and design, including studios, workshop laboratory, drafting rooms, classrooms, and offices. Other facilities include a library, 250-seat auditorium, and student-faculty lounge. In general, the structure of the \$9-million project will be poured-in-place reinforced concrete, with punctuations of color and texture inside and out in other materials such as stone, metal and fabrics.

BUILDINGS IN THE NEWS

A half-mile long park on a 7.5-acre site 80 feet above the Hudson River, Yonkers, New York, will consist of three elements connected by walkways, and a dramatic two-level, 250-foot-long cantilever bridge with stairways leading down to the river itself. The site, over railroad tracks, had been used

by the city as a dump for a landfill project. The Hudson River Valley Commission, a New York State agency charged with upgrading the area, disapproved the landfill project and made seven recommendations for better ways to utilize the area, one of these recommendations being a park. The



main element of the design will be a centu area including a three-level sitting are walkways, and a multi-level playgroun Flanking areas will contain a 40-car parki lot, quiet sitting areas and lookouts. The proect will cost upwards of \$1.5 million. Jose Roth and Associates are the architects.



A 54-story office building for United States Steel Corporation in downtown Manhattan, designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architects, will rise from a two-and-one-half acre site, a full acre of which will be made into a public park. The building's frame is a modified exterior frame wall, using six-foot-high spandrel girders to connect the exterior columns with vertical trusses for support in the mechanical core. Gray tinted windows will be recessed from the cool gray of the exterior supporting members (see rendering above). It will contain more than 1,750,000 square feet of usable space. The building is the outgrowth of an extensive research project commissioned by U.S. Steel and carried out under the direction of SOM by a team of architects, engineers, the builders, and the developer.





A domed multi-use stadium for New Orleans (with top of mod removed) will place the baseball home plate in the "coffin corne of the football field, so that the first base line will correspond wit the football side line, and the third base line will be close to th football goal line. Maneuverable seats will bring baseball fans close to the action. The 70,000-seat stadium (80,000 with temporary seat will cost \$46.6 million, not including a proposed three-level, 7000 car garage. The project is a joint venture of architects and enginee Curtis and Davis and Sverdrup & Parcel in association with Nola Norman and Nolan, and Edward B. Silverstein and Associates. **30-million police headquarters complex**, New York City, designed Gruzen & Partners, architects, will consist of a 15-story building th its three-story lobby giving access to several one- to five-story uctures. The complex, which will contain 750,000 square feet, will clude a 1200-seat auditorium, a 400-seat cafeteria, a press room ting 175, an underground parking garage for 478 cars, and a cond garage for 200 cars. It will have a reinforced concrete strucal system and the main building material will be a medium-own speckled brick with deeply recessed bronze-tone windows. e complex will relate to other municipal buildings by a three-acre dscaped pedestrian plaza which will bridge a street.





A 53-story office building for the Astor Hotel site on Times Square, in the theater district of New York City, will include two theaters in its 10-story base element—an 1800-seat legitimate theater and a 1500-seat motion picture theater. The inclusion of theaters in new office buildings in the district came about through the efforts of the Urban Design Team, a group of young architects and designers within the City Planning Commission, who recommended that a zoning amendment be enacted allowing developers to build larger structures if they included theaters. The zoning amendment now has been passed, and the City's Board of Estimate has given approval opening the way for start of construction. Architects for the project, which will contain 1.4 million square feet, are Kahn & Jacobs.



new campus for Thornton Junior College South Holland, Illinois, will be a suburban, tomobile-oriented campus consisting of a ties of modular three-level structures concted by ramps and bridges, with a student eet forming the spine of the project. Aritects for the \$21-million campus are Fridstein Fitch & Partners. On the lower level of the structure will be the music department, theaters, two-story student center, lecture halls, two-story library, dining, two-story vocational and technical departments, health and physical education. The intermediate level will house speech and drama, administration and classrooms. The upper level will contain classrooms, laboratories, art studios, multi-purpose areas and audio-visual facilities. The campus is designed for 5000 day students and 10,000 night students. A depressed parking lot for 4,000 cars, will occupy one-fourth of the site.





BUILDINGS IN THE NEWS



South Richmond High School, designed by Daniel Schwartzman Architect & Associates, is one of the newly programed comprehensive high schools for the City of New York. The program calls for close integration of the vocational facilities with the academic high school's elements. Enrollment is to be 4,000 students. There are provisions for flexible study complexes, including a resource center for each; team-teaching in "large group complexes" and flexible shop complexes, convertible in whole or part to study spaces. Both auditorium and library are to be made available for community use and public utilization of the athletic facilities is programed. "Within the confines of the established Board of Education standards," says Mr. Schwartzman, "the design creates a feeling of physical openness and also integrates the structure with its 20-acre site and the proposed residential environment." The main entrance is via a covered entrance terrace under the east

classroom wing, leading into the landscap central court with its banked amphitheat adaptable for outdoor performing arts and o cussion meetings, descending to ground le on the west. On the north and south sides the court, cantilevered forms of lecture roo and library introduce sculptural variety a provide protected play area for the remec classrooms located at the ground level. Struture is reinforced concrete with sandblast spandrels and exterior columns.



Camera Hawaii

A bank/office complex for Victoria Ward, Limited, in Honolulu, h been designed by Au, Cutting, Fairweather & Smith, Architects ar Planning Consultants. The \$1.3-million project will contain 40,00 square feet of rental office space in three separate two and thre story structures, including a branch bank and TV drive-in teller f cility. The reinforced prestressed concrete structure provides parkir for 160 cars on a partially excavated lower level. A landscaped plawill serve as an entry court, and a bridge covering a portion of th plaza level ties the three buildings into a complex. The complex w have an exterior of natural concrete aggregate finish.

Schenectady County (N.Y.) Public Library, designed by Feibes & Schmitt, Architects and now under construction, is organized around a threestory light well which spatially interlocks the ground floor public areas and staff work areas above. Located on urban renewal land and adjacent to McKim, Mead and White's Post Office and neo-colonial City Hall of the 1920's, the library will be important as a cultural and exhibition center. Open stacks for 100,000 volumes will house part of the 300,000 volume collection. Lively patterns of sun and shadow are achieved by using corbelled brick and sculptured concrete. Both interior and exterior surfaces are sandblasted Mohawk River pebble concrete and brown brick. The ceilings of coffered waffle slab construction emphasize the sculptured concrete effect.



Gene Tobl



Theater-auditorium for the city of Sarasota, Florida, is designed b William Wesley Peters, Architect, member of Taliesin Associate Architects of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. Of 1,794-seat max mum capacity, the theater-auditorium will be adaptable for use as concert hall, recital hall, drama theater, and opera house as well as musical comedy theater. A separating acoustic curtain can be lowere to reduce the hall to half-size for more intimate uses. It will be possible to vary the acoustic characteristics for a given performanc through the use of transparent mesh surfaces on walls and ceiling with provision for variable degrees of sound absorption. Acoustic consultant is Vern O. Knudsen. Theater consultant is George O Izenour Associates. The plan is based on a parallelogram module The building is designed as part of a master plan developed by th architects. Structural engineers are Fraioli-Blum-Yesselman. Mechani cal and electrical engineers are E. R. Ronald & Associates.

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S. business to increase capital spending in 1968

herican business plans to spend \$66.5 ion for new plants and equipment in 58, an eight per cent increase over 57, according to the 21st annual survey business' plans for new plants and upment, conducted by the Economics partment of McGraw Hill Publications. out one quarter of the total capital tlay will be for buildings.

"This planned increase is two perntage points higher than was indicated the survey by the U.S. Department of mmerce and the Securities and Exange Commission released in midarch," said Douglas Greenwald, chief pnomist of McGraw-Hill Publications.

"While this planned gain brightens outlook for plant and equipment exnditures, it is nowhere near the 16.7 r cent gain that occurred in the 1966 pital spending boom," Greenwald ded.

"In 1966, plant and equipment instment amounted to 8.2 per cent of the bas national product. Even though instry has upped its plans since last fall, s year's expenditures will come to only per cent of an estimated \$845.6 billion \P," Greenwald said.

Preliminary planning for 1969 now dicates that American business plans to end nearly \$66.2 billion, only one per nt lower than 1968 spending plans. Ins for 1970 and 1971 are down two per nt in each year from the previous year's rel.

nufacturers plan to spend 8.5 billion this year

inufacturers expect to add six per cent their productive capacity this year; 47 r cent of their planned investment will for expansion, with the remaining 53 r cent for modernization and replacement. The industries are almost equally divided between those that will concentrate on expansion and those emphasizing modernization and replacement.

Eighty per cent of this year's capital spending by manufacturers go into facilities directly related to goods production. The remaining 20 per cent will be for nonproductive facilities such as warehousing, office building and distribution.

This year, expenditures for pollution control—air and water—are expected to rise 34 per cent, to about \$1.6 billion, as compared to the \$1.2 billion spent in 1967. Most industries expect to increase their spending in this area; the exceptions are paper, railroad equipment manufacturers and shipbuilders, and those included in miscellaneous non-durables.

Aerospace and some non-durables may reduce capital spending

Durable goods producers indicate their plans are now 10 per cent higher than 1967's spending. Sizable increases in spending are planned by the machinery, electrical machinery, and fabricated metals and instruments industries. Within the durable goods group, only the aerospace industry currently expects a decline in investment this year.

Current spending plans of the nondurables goods industries call for a gain of only four per cent this year. The chemicals, paper and pulp, and textiles indus-

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tries all expect to spend less this year than they did in 1967. However, planned increases by three industries—rubber, petroleum, and food and beverage industries—are large enough to offset the declines.

Airlines to spend nearly \$3 billion this year

In the nonmanufacturing area, planned changes range from an increase of 36 per cent for the airlines to a decrease of 12 per cent for railroads. Only the railroads expect a drop in investment; they now plan outlays of \$1.35 billion this year compared with \$1.53 billion in 1967. The electric and gas utilities plan to increase their investment to well over \$11 billion, a rise of 12 per cent.

The airlines, pursuing an aggressive investment program, plan to spend nearly three billion dollars this year.

Computer graphics probed at Yale conference

"Computer Graphics and Architecture" was the subject of a three-day conference at Yale University April 18 to 20. Some 200 architects, planners, and teachers were brought up to date on the vanguard of research and application of the visual capabilities of computers. Since the so-called "hardware" phase of development (involving linkage of cathode-ray tubes and light pencils to sophisticated storage and retrieval capabilities) appears to have gone beyond the capacities of usable "software" or program material, the main thrust of the conference was to report on software developments.

To become effective as a tool for architects, the computer is now being taught to respond to architectural modes of communication. "Architects should be able to speak to computers in the language of architects," said Nicholas Negroponte, professor of architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in a talk describing the "Urban 5" program for computerized graphic aids to design. This system uses the cathode ray tube and light pen as a means of transmitting building plans to the computer. The machine can then apply limiting parameters (such as allowable amounts of southfacing glass or requirements for structural stability) and alert the architect when limits have been exceeded. The demonstration machine was programed to warn the operator by printing out his name and telling him what error he had committed.

Once a design has been recorded and accepted by the "Urban 5" program, the machine can project the plan and have it drawn by a plotter. It can also produce a series of changing perspectives. On a larger scale, this program can be used to reproduce a whole city street and, through operation of controls, can convey the impression of walking through the street.

"While the Urban 5 system is not proposed as practical for most architectural offices today, Professor Negroponte envisions the possibility of wider use through time-sharing which would reduce its cost. He regards it even today as a valuable teaching aid for architectural students.

Another system, originally developed by NASA and General Electric to simulate moon landings, was programed for architectural design by Peter Kamnitzer, professor of architecture at UCLA. Using a mathematical-data input, the machine is able to create a building or urban space and display it on a color television tube as a three-dimensional projection. Then, by manipulating a "joy stick" device, the operator is able to maneuver around, through and over his creations. Aside from its value as a design aid, Mr. Kamnitzer envisions "color-televising systems' output to acquaint the pul with urban projects before they are bu using movies made of the output for chitectural presentations; and as a tea ing aid." Architects at the conference sponded warmly to a talk by Bri Graham of Skidmore, Owings and M rill, who spoke on the computer's pres role in architecture. Mr. Graham show how SOM used it to optimize data their John Hancock Center, as well as other projects.

The conference concluded with panel discussion by Louis Kahn, Char Moore, Stephen Coons and Warren M Culloch. Any architects worried ab being replaced as designers by techn ogy may be reassured by the over sense of the conference which was t computers—fantastic tools though th may be—will never replace nor even it tate the intuitive component of desi As Kahn put it: computers may out-p form the brain, but never the mind.

Young architect speaks out on union problems as societies take action

In the April bulletin of the California East Bay Chapter, A.I.A., James Mawson entered the following position paper that seems to echo widely held opinion especially among younger members of the profession—regarding conditions fostering unionization of professional offices of architects and engineers.

"Recently, the architectural and engineering professions have again had to face the spectre of unionism. However, this time the threat of unionism is not just an apparition, it is a reality. This can be seen from the fact that many firms architectural and engineering—have gone and are presently going through the throes of a union drive.

"About five months ago, at a conference held in Chicago, nearly 500 architects and engineers gathered to discuss this mutual problem and to learn of the full scope of union activity and of the countering steps that might be taken. This topic was again discussed at a Grass Roots conference held in February in San Diego, and finally again at a C.C.A.I.A. conference of presidents in March in Santa Barbara. At that last meeting, it was decided to hire Case & Co. (the same firm that recently completed a study on the cost of architectural services) to make a state-wide study on the employment practices of our profession.

"A few minutes' study of the survey that the National A.I.A. released covering technical salaries paid by architectural firms points to the crux of the problem. Draftsmen are just not being paid enough money commensurate with their education or technical experience. Nor are they being paid a wage comparable to those persons in the building trades who execute their designs. However, every time this topic is raised, architects automatically point to low fees as the principal reason for low salaries. What architects don't see is that they are the only professionals who continue with fee schedules completely and hopelessly outdated.

"Wages alone, however, are not the only problem. Most young draftsmen hope someday to be in a management position. To prepare for that day, draftsmen must learn what to do by observing the actions of the architects that they work for. During this observation period, they are faced with situations which are professional or non-professional, or ethical or non-ethical. They are, by the time they become architects, aware of what the architect's professional and ethical responsibilities are to his client and to his profession, but they are not made aware of the architect's moral responsibilities to his employes.

"The A.I.A. must begin to police itself. It must begin to take its place next to the other strong professional societies. It must seek a new method for determining its fees. It must bring its wages paid to its technicians up to the levels in other professions. Professionalism cannot be put in a paycheck, but if we don't perform these needed duties, unionism cannot be avoided."

Architects and engineers propose joint action on union problems

A joint interprofessional action committee to deal with unionization problems has been recommended by the individ employer-employee committees of C.E and N.S.P.E. The recommendation the parent bodies was made followin meeting at Chicago in February co-spe sored by six national groups concerr with unionization of professional fin They are A.I.A. A.S.C.E., American Co gress on Surveying and Mapping a Legislative Council for Photogramme C.E.C. and N.S.P.E. All societies co mended the action and indicated th would consider joining and would w come other interested societies.

A.G.C. president calls national labor conference

A national conference on labor matt in the construction industry has be called by Fred W. Mast, president of Associated General Contractors of Am ica. The conference will be held in Wa ington, D.C. May 20 and 21 at the She ton Park Hotel. About 300 representation of all segments of the industry will be vited to participate.

Labor problems on urban rehabilition will undoubtedly come up for or cussion at the Washington meeting. T A.G.C. Labor Committee has recomended that a subcommittee be a pointed to meet with representatives other national construction employer sociations and representatives of the ternational Unions to negotiate a suital national labor agreement limited to we performed under the provisions of to Demonstrations Cities Act with appropate regard given to areas where e ployees are not represented by a unite URRENT TRENDS IN CONSTRUCTION orge A. Christie ief Economist craw-Hill Information Systems Company

Aobile homes and modular apartments gain markets

ul Rudolph's stimulating concept of e mobile home as the "20th century ick" (AR, April, 1968) suggests that th proper redesign its potential couldsily and economically be expanded high density, multi-family use.

In the relatively short space of time at the mobile home has been around, has already established itself as an imprtant force in the housing market. Up now, though, this force has been felt most solely in the very low-price end the one-family home market.

Last year, mobiles accounted for 15 er cent of all newly built housing. In 65, they represented about 12 per nt of the total-up from an average of per cent during the years 1960-65, d only 5 per cent from 1950 to 1960. Measured against just one-family busing demand, the mobile share is gger-one out of every five of the mbined 1967 total of conventionallyuilt single family and mobile units. But s in the low-cost field that the mobile really a standout. According to the obile Home Manufacturers Associaon, mobile homes account for more an three quarters of all new homes ld for \$12,500 or less.

Low cost is clearly the key to the mobile home's success to date. But it's not the *only* reason for its growing popularity. While factory mass-production methods can quickly produce a dwelling unit of reasonable comfort and utility that sells for well under \$10,000, there are other advantages . . . as well as disadvantages.

One trend that has been strongly at work for the mobile market in recent years is the population mix. The primary markets for these units—young adults and retirees—have been and will continue to be the fastest growing segments of the population.

Credit markets have also favored growth of mobile home sales. Most are financed through installment credit departments of commercial banks over relatively short periods of time. This really paid off during the credit squeeze of 1966-67 when mobiles were able to continue to get financing while the traditional sources of credit for conventionally-built housing (savings and loan associations primarily) ran dry.

There are obvious disadvantages to mobiles as they exist today. To the architect, their design may head the list. Site limitations, (controlled by local zoning laws) and transportation of the finished unit to its site (typically the longest trip the mobile home ever takes) are others. Biggest drawback, though, is that the useful life of the average mobile is far shorter than that of a conventionallybuilt house.

The future of the mobile dwelling will be influenced by several conflicting trends:

 Land scarcity and stricter zoning make desirable "close-in" sites for mobile parks harder to find

 Rising income level encourages ownership of conventional single family housing

 Obsolesence of older units accelerates replacement with bigger new ones

 Use of mobile as an element of multi-family structures opens new potentials

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aspect of construction costs needs rification more than accuracy of esnating—especially at it applies to artect's projections. The A.I.A. book, *eative Cost Control*, although otherse a thoughtful and useful work, treats a matter scarcely at all—confirming, rhaps, the difficulty of the topic.

ndards of accuracy not clearly defined

e question of how accurate a given thitect's estimate might be, presupses the existence of standards for gaugg accuracy. If such standards do exist, s clear that there is no general agreeent among architects as to what they and how they apply to individual esnating tasks. The subject might best be rsued by asking two questions:

1. What is the goal or target of an hitect's estimate?

2. What are the factors governing ainment of that goal; the possibilities achieving "bulls eye" on the target?

me use the eventual bid the bench mark of accuracy

e have all heard architects or estimas cite their estimating records in a tistical fashion—"We hit most of our os within 3 per cent of the low bid" "Our estimates range from minus 5 r cent to plus 10 per cent, measured on the low bid" or "Our estimates aim the middle third of the bidders and alost always fall within that range."

Such expressions suggest that acracy can be measured and that the two estions above might be rephrased:

1. What, theoretically, constitutes 0 per cent accuracy?

2. What are the practical limits to realization?

e contractor then becomes e arbiter of accuracy

ith respect, first, to the definition of acracy, it is clear that the target or goal is established in some manner by the contractors actually bidding the job, and an architect's estimate might be considered an anticipation of bids.

However, since the architect's lexicon includes terms such as "poor bids" or "non-competitive bidding", it seems equally clear that mere anticipation of bids is not enough. Rejection of bids as "non-responsive", or "too high", etc. assumes a standard against which they are measured. To avoid circularity, then, a working definition of an architect's estimate might be "an estimate of the bid likely to be received from one of a slate of interested, responsible bidders". Whether low bid, median bid, or some other representative is to be taken as the target is a matter of individual preference, dictated usually by job features or owner's desire.

Another way of phrasing our working definition might be "an estimate of the fair and reasonable cost to the performing contractor, to which are added reasonable markups for overhead and margin". This may be regarded as a mode of setting benchmarks for contractors' reasonable bids.

Responsible bids and reasonable costs both affected by market conditions

Whether the two definitions are in fact compatible depends on the interpretations placed on the modifying words-"interested, responsible" in the one instance, and "fair and reasonable" in the other. If the conditions of the construction market are optimum, the interpretation is not critical. If, however, the market is not fluid, or if its capacity is taxed by too much work, one cannot rely on contractor competition to keep prices reasonable. If "responsible" contractors must pay significant premiums to attract competent tradesmen, their bids will, of course, reflect this fact. If pre-cast concrete yards are overly busy, their subcontract quotations can be expected to rise. Whether the architect's estimate should include these "extra" costs depends entirely on what the estimate is intended to express.

Let owners understand the basis of the estimate

It is of the utmost importance that the estimator's target be fully understood by both architect and owner. It is not unreasonable, surely, to clarify this matter with the owner in advance: "This building, on an optimum bid basis, will cost \$1 million, but to advertise it on this market, now, will result in bid premiums of perhaps \$125,000." When thus informed, the owner can consider his option to delay award or even to build in another place, although in practice, the owner seldom exercises this option, being bound, for a number of reasons, to build now. In any event, the definition of a proper target for an architect's estimate should consider the conditions under which awards will be made or not.

Functionally, then, an architect's estimate is a statement to an owner that a given sum of money should be budgeted to accomplish the desired construction, within limitations to be set forth by the owner. Since, in the experience of most architects, the funds available for the project are barely adequate for the construction under the best of market circumstances, a comfortable contingency cannot substitute for estimating accuracy in the first place.

If the accuracy of an architect's estimate is, in any of the foregoing ways, to be gauged by the resulting contractor bids, it is clear that seeking means for achieving accuracy involves some prior understanding of the factors governing preparation of contractors' bids.

Bidding methods differ on a given item of work

A persistent concept in the mythology of estimating holds that there is a "right" price for a contract, which is a function of the "true" cost to perform the work. Much has been written recently about statistical approaches to contractor bidding, all of which assume that, armed with a knowledge of the true cost and a history of competitors' bidding habits, a contractor may calculate the probable low bid. A study of contractor bidding practices conducted by my firm over a number of years, has confirmed that contractors disagree substantially about the basic cost to accomplish a specific construction task, and differ widely in their approaches to estimating.

Responsible bids differ in spite of common bases

To illustrate the difficulty in assessing true cost, consider a typical building project which we studied. Seven general contractors presented bids; the spread from low to high was 12 per cent; from low to third was 51/2 per cent. The three low bidders all fit the description of interested, responsible bidders. They have incurred considerable expense in bidding and all want to perform the work. One is inclined to conclude that 51/2 per cent is a fair way of stating the limits of accuracy that can be expected in anticipating the low bid. After all, the contractors approximated one another's bids by that close a margin, and an architect's estimator might aspire to the same degree of approximation.

However, these are general contractors and their bids are comprised in large measure—say 75 per cent—of quotes to them by subcontractors. Our examination revealed that they shared virtually the same package of significant subcontractor quotes; that is, they shared the same body of information regarding the "true" cost of 75 per cent of the work; and further, that the three bidders had used very nearly the same profit markup. Thus the difference between the low and the third bidder was either

a) a disagreement as to the "true" cost validity of the subcontractor quotes received, or

b) a disagreement as to the value of the 25 per cent of work to be performed by their own forces, a discrepancy then of .055/.25 or 22 per cent, or

c) a combination of both.

Our examination went further. We made the same kind of analysis of the HVAC subcontractors who had quoted the job and discovered a similar pattern. The five subcontractor quotes varied from least to greatest by 18 per cent, and each included a shared package of quotations from suppliers or second tier subcontractors. Presumably the same would hold true for the plumber, the electrician and other bidding subs. Two conclusions emerge from this analysis. First, we are fishing in murky waters indeed, and second, that the dollar difference between general contract bids for a single job in no way defines the limits of accuracy in evaluating the true cost of that job.

Total job bids tend to level sub-bid differences

It would appear that performing contractors differ as to the costs of accomplishing given construction tasks by a substantial margin. When these costs are summarized, the individual differences are largely offsetting and the net difference in total bid price implies a consensus which, as an approach to accuracy, is misleading at best.

Most general contractors would confirm this conclusion. They know from their dealings with subcontractors that differences between proposals for a given plumbing or electrical job differ not only in profit and overhead markups but also in the fundamental evaluation of the cost to perform the work which each reflects. This is not to say that it will necessarily cost one contractor more to perform the work than another, but rather that contractors will differ, and differ materially, in their estimates of the cost to perform the work.

Sometimes actual costs derive from estimated costs

Indeed contractors have discovered that what it actually costs them to complete a contract is related, frequently, in a derivative way to what they have estimated the cost to be. In other words, the estimate sets a norm which *must* be accomplished, a budget which *must* be adhered to. There are limits, of course, to this Stakhanovism, but many contractors have achieved significant results when after bidding too low, they set themselves to "save" a project by more imaginative efforts, better equipment, or closer supervision of the work.

Thus "true" cost is not a Platonic concept of which estimates are finite realizations. If the term has any meaning at all, it denotes a *range* of costs, within which a contractor, if lucky, can accomplish a given construction effort.

The architect's estimate shoots at a moving target

The contractor's estimate of the cost of the work must be seen for what it is —an estimate, truly, an approximation, an attempt to anticipate future events with its own rather broad limits of probable accuracy. However, it is the contractor's estimate, not his actual incurred cost, which serves as the target for the architect's estimate, since the latter will be measured against bids, not p formance records.

Thus the architect's estimate is approximation of an approximation. accuracy vis-a-vis actual incurred co may never be known.

How then, one might ask, is it possible for an architect to estimate co with any assurance that he will approimate the bids? Clearly, many archite do experience some success in their esmating efforts, and the reason rests several factors.

Averages and experience help architects to hit the mark

First, there is the fact that while two of timators may disagree substantially about the true cost of a specific, finite item work, they will be in much closer agree ment about the aggregate cost of maitems of work. It is for this reason the bids taken for individual subcontracted vary more than bids taken for all-inclusive general contracts. Estimates pripared by architects also will be closer the low bid for the aggregate contrathan it will be for any individual transubcontract.

This pattern has been the experien of almost every agency which awar work to several "prime" contractors f a single structure. They find no difficul in estimating the total cost within, sa 10 per cent, but find the estimates f plumbing, HVAC, electrical and gener construction work may be much farth off the mark.

The second factor which improv estimating accuracy is historical prec dent. The experienced cost of a building system influences the estimating effort of contractors far more than archited realize. In many cities, for example plumbing contractors bidding on his rise dwellings figure their bids on a "p apartment" basis, because their recor reflect costs in this manner. General co tractors, also, will "shop" subcontract seeking the cost-per-square-foot for the system which they believe supportab by experience. In this way, difference in agreement about the cost of specif work items are bypassed in seeking a over-all price which seems reasonable

The moral of the foregoing is simp that the architect should be mode about his, or anyone else's, ability to estimate building costs. A good estimate requires consideration of all the pert nent information that can be gathered of one comes close to target on the over-all project but misses badly on in dividual project features, this must be recognized as inherent in the process Estimates and estimating practice can always be improved but there is no sucthing as 100 per cent accuracy.

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Baltimore	7.9	290.2	308.7	+4.30	
Birmingham	7.3	262.9	282.7	+2.01	
Boston	8.5	258.4	273.5	+2.43	
Chicago	8.9	318.2	334.6	+2.77	
Cincinnati	8.8	278.3	295.8	+4.55	
Cleveland	9.6	302.6	321.6	+5.46	
Dallas	7.5	266.6	275.3	+1.72	
Denver	8.1	290.6	309.0	+2.48	
Detroit	9.2	298.4	313.3	+3.75	
Kansas City	8.2	256.5	271.5	+2.49	
Los Angeles	8.3	292.1	319.6	+2.76	
Miami	8.4	283.2	297.3	+3.45	
Minneapolis	8.7	286.0	304.0	+2.77	
New Orleans	7.8	259.3	274.8	+3.16	
New York	10.0	301.1	323.9	+2.10	
Philadelphia	8.5	283.1	297.2	+2.16	
Pittsburgh	9.1	269.8	286.8	+4.00	
St. Louis	9.1	281.5	298.3	+1.24	
San Francisco	8.5	371.3	406.2	+2.21	
Seattle	8.4	263.3	294.2	+3.47	

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Atlanta	289.0	294.7	298.2	305.7	313.7	321.5	329.8	33	32.4	333.4	334.6	335.7	345.6		-	-
Baltimore	272.6	269.9	271.8	275.5	280.6	285.7	290.9	29	90.4	291.5	294.9	295.8	302.9	_	-	-
Birmingham	240.2	249.9	250.0	256.3	260.9	265.6	270.7	23	72.9	274.0	273.8	274.7	278.5	-	-	
Boston	232.8	237.5	239.8	244.1	252.1	257.8	262.0	20	62.9	263.9	264.8	265.7	269.3	-		-
Chicago	284.2	289.9	292.0	301.0	306.6	311.7	320.4	32	20.4	321.3	327.3	328.4	329.4	-	-	-
Cincinnati	255.0	257.6	258.8	263.9	269.5	274.0	278.3	2	78.7	279.6	287.3	288.2	291.4	-		
Cleveland	263.1	265.7	268.5	275.8	283.0	292.3	300.7	30	0.00	301.3	302.6	303.7	316.5			
Dallas	239.9	244.7	246.9	253.0	256.4	260.8	266.9		67.6	268.5	269.5	270.4	272.3	-	-	-
Denver	257.9	270.9	274.9	282.5	287.3	294.0	297.5	29	97.6	298.5	304.0	305.1	304.9		-	-
Detroit	259.5	264.7	265.9	272.2	277.7	284.7	296.9		98.0	299.1	300.1	301.2	309.2	-	-	-
Kansas City	237.1	237.1	240.1	247.8	250.5	256.4	261.0	26	60.8	261.9	263.4	264.3	267.5	-	-	-
Los Angeles	263.6	274.3	276.3	282.5	288.2	297.1	302.7		03.6	304.7	309.0	310.1	312.0	-	-	-
Miami	256.5	259.1	260.3	269.3	274.4	277.5	284.0		83.4	284.2	285.2	286.1	293.1	11.	-	-
Minneapolis	260.0	267.9	269.0	275.3	282.4	285.0	289.4		92.0	293.1	299.2	300.2	300.0	-	-	-
New Orleans	242.3	244.7	245.1	248.3	249.9	256.3	259.8		62.3	263.4	266.7	267.6	270.6	-	-	-
New York	265.4	270.8	276.0	282.3	289.4	297.1	304.0	3	09.4	310.6	312.5	313.6	315.9	-	-	-
Philadelphia	262.8	265.4	265.2	271.2	275.2	280.8	286.6		87.1	288.1	292.8	293.7	293.3	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	243.5	250.9	251.8	258.2	263.8	267.0	271.7		72.2	273.1	274.1	275.0	283.0	-	-	-
St. Louis	251.9	256.9	255.4	263.4	272.1	280.9	288.3		90.3	291.3	292.3	293.2	293.7	-	-	-
San Francisco	327.5	337.4	343.3	352.4	365.4	368.6	386.0		88.1	389.2	389.6	390.8	396.4	-	-	-
Seattle	237.4	247.0	252.5	260.6	266.6	268.9	275.0		76.5	277.5	282.6	283.5	286.2	-	-	-

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blic, institutional and some other cateries of buildings do not lend themves to economic evaluation on an instment basis. Budgets, therefore, are ached to the programs of such buildgs on the basis of many considerations d judgments other than that of return. the budget magnitude cannot be deterned (or adjusted) on the basis of ecomic return, the initial budget often comes inviolate and unduly rigid—escially so when it is locked into a public propriation.

When bids come in over budget on s type of building, the architect is usuy left with the burden of proof that his sign is appropriate and that either the ogram or the budget must be adjusted. t too often he is expected to wave a agic wand of highly sophisticated cost control methods to equalize bid cost with budget-and then maintain control.

Sophisticated cost control

can't overcome excessive program

The public client is deemed by some to be a very special client. Therefore, it is implied, his projects require special cost control techniques. When the architect is confronted by an inadequate and inflexible budget for an overly ambitious program (both generally established before the design process begins), what unusual cost controls should he apply to the public client's project?

The truth is that cost control techniques used by the architect for any given scope of project must be the same regardless of the nature of the client, public or private. Professional responsibility does not vary from client to client; why then should any special conditions surround cost control for the public client? Appropriate conventional cost controls should be applied from the very first discussions of program and budget for any project, public or private.

Public clients blame the architect when bids come in too high

If we recognize that the approach to cost control is essentially the same for both private and public clients, then we have to probe more deeply into reasons underlying the special apprehensions that seem to preoccupy both architect and client regarding cost control of public work. Roots of the problem seem to lie in the inflexible, often unrealistic budgets mentioned earlier which bring architect and client to an impasse.

It is in this stand-off confrontation that some widely held misconceptions about architects assert themselves. For example, there is the notion that the architect is incapable of designing within a budget, that his estimates are concocted with a certain X-factor built into them, and further that the architect operates throughout, from design to bidding documents, with little if any regard for cost. It does little to allay such baseless notions to point out that if the architectural profession were really deficient in these important areas of responsibility, it surely would not enjoy the continuous patronage of the private corporate business community.

Public agencies are seen as unrealistic budgeteers

On the other side of the coin, the public client or government agency is looked upon in some quarters—similarly without basis—as being incapable of setting up a proper budget and program to build anything. The impression is that the budget is pasted together by obscure methods and then modified by another mysterious X-factor. Further, reports persist that the client presents, throughout the preparation of construction documents, his arbitrary directives of the design which have little relation to preestablished cost limits.

The solution lies

in approaches-not methods

The point is that misconceptions are attributed too easily to both architects and public clients. An architect who has dealt extensively with public clients knows that they are as much concerned about the cost of construction as any private client. Therefore, the problem seems to be not the method of cost estimating or of working within a budget, but rather the approaches and attitudes between architect and client. Again: approaches to cost control methods, public and private, should be virtually the same; attitudes are the variable.

Public clients must guard the people's money

Each public agency will have its own format as to how and when various costs of a project are to be presented. While

this is also true of private clients, the private format is generally more familiar, more flexible and therefore, to some, seemingly more rational. Much of the frustration of architects and other professionals in dealing with public clients stems primarily from preconceptions about "how the government works" and the amount of red tape that must encumber the work; notions which have little to do with the actual professional relationship involved. Understanding is the key; understanding not only of the architectural problem but also of the characteristics which set the public client apart from the private client.

The chief difference lies in the government agency's position in our society with respect to allocations of construction money. "Public" means just that: public money. The responsibilities of the agency for that money are custodial and strongly circumscribed by law. A private corporation may, by direction of its own management, allocate more money for a project. A government agency, under similar circumstances, may have to send a special appropriation bill through Congress or pass through city council approvals for additional funds. And this is rightly so-even though the process is longer, more involved and sometimes unsuccessful. The money is not "theirs" but "the people's" money.

The architect must quickly state when budgets are inadequate

The importance of understanding this funding process is underscored in a situation, for example, in which a government agency presents an architect with an inadequate budget for an ambitious building program. This budget, set under stringent conditions, is all that is availble for the project. Now the architect, applying his cost-estimating methods, must abide by them and state from the outset that this project cannot be built to meet the program within the budget. This action creates a mutual awareness of position that must prevail throughout the duration of the project.

The client can, of course, begin the process of trying to increase the budget or reduce the program. At this point, it is important that the architect understand the difficulty of the client's situation and not allow what may appear to be inertia to pervade all subsequent decisions with the client. Neither the architect nor the client should delude himself when both know the budget is too small. If either persists, frustration begins to hamper decisions.

The fact that the architect almost always deals with his professional counterpart on the client's staff—and that both aspire to achieve the best possible design—is too often forgotten by both. Even when relationships appear congenial, an apprehensive attitude portends disappointment in the end.

Some public standards may seem unduly restrictive

Another source of irritation is the injection into public work of a great many standard restrictions and design limitations. Antagonisms rise when application of some of these standards seems to the architect to be irrelevant and expensive. But the public client, particularly the large Federal agency which is responsible for tremendous amounts of construction, has found that cost control requires much standardization—especially when the agency deals with a great many professionals of varying degrees of experience in public work.

Still another unfamiliar irritant for architects is the fact that very often public budgets, programs and sometimes even preliminary designs are set in order to establish appropriation requests before the architect becomes involved in the project. This reversal of the private approach to budgeting seems to be another disconcerting evidence of inflexibility of the public client's position.

A third-party cost consultant could help both sides

When mandatory requirements seem to the architect to be at odds with reality in his cost analysis, one device he can use is to retain an independent cost consultant for preparing estimates throughout project development. This could prove advantageous in several ways. First, architect and client are not drawn into battle directly over methods of estimating. Second, a disinterested party (the cost consultant) may be better able to convince the client that the initial budget was unrealistic. Third, the consultant's estimate can serve as a gauge of both client's and architect's accuracy.

All facets of cost estimating and control deserve the best attention at the earliest point and then continuously to completion. But apprehensive attitudes on the part of client and architect give rise to excessive preoccupation with "control of costs." The costs issue becomes a rationalization for ignoring perhaps the most basic problem itself—that of finding the means of establishing an initial realistic budget in concert with the building program.

In the offices of both architect and public client there is too much speculative reaction to the other's pre-supposed actions. Far more important is ferreting out suspect and competitive attitudes which prevent understanding and hinder cooperation.



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Franklin Square Hospital: a response

Your article on Franklin Square Hospital (February, page 135), while it contained imaginative ideas, presented most unfortunate cost data. It states, concerning a modern 300-bed hospital capable of being expanded to 600 beds, that "Total cost, including site work and separatelybid fixed equipment will be about \$5.3 million—\$17,667 per bed."

Using the cost per bed as an index is misleading since it does not indicate what space or services are provided. From data shown in our own Cost Comparison Table, the Towson, Maryland Hospital, which Mr. Wilson uses as a Hill-Burton hospital comparison, provides more than twice the cost per bed. Mr. Wilson reports a total cost figure of \$17,667 whereas the cost provided by our grant applicant is \$25,369-a difference of approximately 50 per cent. He may not have been aware of the data filed by the applicant listing cost which totaled \$7,610,687. Mr. Wilson's figure of \$5.3 million was construction cost only and did not include: Group II and III equipment; site survey and soil investigation; supervision on the site; insurance and moving; relocated fixed equipment; reused movable equipment.

We cannot refrain from commenting on the low square foot per bed, especially since this hospital expects to expand to 600 beds.

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These comments are not meant to discourage experimentation by Franklin Square and other hospitals in cost reduction in purchased services such as laundry, food supply and power as well as the other shared sponsors to show incomplete cost data.

> Wilbur R. Taylor Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Silver Spring, Maryland

... and a reply

Mr. Taylor's point that construction cost comprises only part of the total project cost is well taken. Too often many of the supplementary costs are grossly underestimated or ignored in the establishment of the initial project budget. It should be noted that the Architectural Record article was treating only the subject of construction costs and the procedures adopted for their control.

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David H. Wilson David H. Wilson & Associates Towson, Maryland

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Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Architects and Engineers have admitted Robert F. Darby, A.I.A. and Dr. C. I. Harding, A.A.E.E. as partners. The new partners are both located in Jacksonville.

The Office of Masten and Hurd, Gwathmey, Sellier, Crosby, Masten, Hurd, Architects announced the retirement of Charles F. Masten, F.A.I.A. The firm continues its practice from its new location under the designation: Gwathmey, Sellier, Crosby, Architects, the Office of Masten and Hurd, One Kearny Street, San Francisco 94108.

Schutte-Phillips-Mochon, A.I.A., Illinois architects, planners and engineers have announced the change of the firm's name to Schutte-Mochon Inc. Ralph J. Phillips continues with the firm as an engineering consultant.

Ronald D. Schwab and Paul M. Twitty, Architects, have formed a partnership under the name of Schwab and Twitty, Architects, A.I.A. for the comprehensive practice of architecture at 400 Royal Palm Way, Palm Beach, Florida.

Harold Spitznagel and Associates, Architects, Engineers, Planners have announced a change in name to The Spitznagel Partners Inc. The firm is located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

ADDENDA

On page 35 of the February issue we incorrectly reported that I. M. Pei and Partners had been commissioned to develop the design of the proposed Robert R. Young Village development in New York City.

Attention is also called to the misleading statement appearing on page 35 of the March issue that Marcel Breuer's "notable works include the UNESCO World Headquarters Building in Paris". In fact, the UNESCO buildings (there are four) were not designed by Mr. Breuer alone but by Breuer with Pier Luigi Nervi of Italy and Bernard Zehrfuss of France.


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The program in this case was to designfor a site with existing buildings and many fine old trees-a fine-arts center to include two theaters, a concert hall, rehearsal halls, rooms suited for presentations of ethnic music, a cinema, a library, art studios and galleries, and classrooms. Roche's solution: this complex of very small buildings-tucked under the trees and linked with walkways and passageways-creating a sub-campus. To eliminate heavy equipment and minimize construction damage to the trees, all buildings will be constructed with a 3foot 8-inch by 2-foot 6-inch by 14-inch lightweight (aggregate concrete) block. This construction discipline gives all the buildings within the complex the simple shapes and openings visible in the drawings at left of the concert hall. Most buildings open to controlled views of the handsome site.









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REPERTORY THEATER, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR

The site for this 1,450-seat theater, which is expected to be under construction this year, was the last remaining park space on campus. The building will be placed across the rear of the park where there are few trees and where it will screen the park from a powerhouse.

During the day, a wall of reflecting glass—set back from the columns to form an arcade—will create an image of additional park space, but at night when the theater is lighted, the glass will permit a view of the life of the theater inside. The 8-foot columns will support concrete beams as long as 145 feet.



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RESEARCH LABORATORY, NEW YORK CITY

The design and the structural system for this high-rise laboratory grew out of the need for extensive mechanical and electrical services throughout the building. The outside columns are in pairs which enclose the service risers. Between the beams spanning to the inside columns are service runs and fume hoods.

The exterior will be precast concrete in floor-high panels. The windows will be shaded by precast eyebrows or "awnings" set within the depth of the columns, which will reach down almost to eye level and eliminate the need for drapes or blinds. The windowless spaces at the base of the tower will house the extensive mechanical equipment and storage spaces.













FINE ARTS CENTER

It is interesting to compare this design solution with the Creative Arts Center at Wesleyan (page 152), since many of the same kinds of varied spaces are called for but the solutions are very different.

At Wesleyan, the various fine-arts facilities are scattered in a complex of small buildings (for very good design reasons) while here they are organized into a single building (also for very good design reasons).

Because of its site astride the main mall, the building will form a gateway to the central campus and serve as a bridge —symbolically as well as physically—between existing humanities buildings and existing science buildings. It is sited and designed to create a constant exposure for students of all disciplines to the finearts facilities: a concert hall for 2,200 (drawings right), a 750-seat repertory theater, an experimental theater, a recital hall, art studios, a gallery, a library, the music school, television studios.

The design creates two different scales: the bolder and simpler on the gateway elevation; the smaller and more fractionated on the rear, relating to the scale of the smaller existing buildings leading off in both directions.







NATIONAL FISHERIES CENTER AND AQUARIUM WASHINGTON, D.C.

with Charles Eames as program designer

The 100-foot-high steel-framed greenhouse—designed to exhibit complete ecological systems and certain to be an extraordinary environmental experience —is but one section of this complex and unique building. On the same terrace level are a variety of outdoor exhibit spaces and landscaped areas. A number of broad stairwells lead down to the lower level which houses a number of marine exhibits, research facilities, a library, offices, and orientation theaters.





KEVIN ROCHE JOHN DINKELOO AND ASSOCIATES



I.B.M. PAVILION, NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

designed in collaboration with Charles Eames

This pavilion was designed not only to express the wonder of the computer world, but to prove that human-scale techniques are the basis. Visitors participated in a series of experiences within a grove of 32-foot-high steel trees designed to suggest that thin sheet steel could be used as an expressive as well as a structural material.



NEIMAN-MARCUS, DALLAS

The prestigious character of this store is reflected in the of tinctive detailing in white brick—the flared corners of per eter recesses, the massive parapet, and the major exterior trances from grade at both floors. The rounded projections skylighted shields admitting daylight through the windows the fitting rooms within.



FORD FOUNDATION HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK CITY

The challenge was to create an office building that would not isolate the individual in a cubicle with no sense of his working community and with no view. The large park enclosed by the C-shaped building with its 10-story-high sheer glass wall not only accomplishes the goal, but gives the passerby enjoyment In addition, the design conscientiously observes the lines and planes created by the other buildings in the area and extends the existing public parks.





ORANGERY

This fascinating greenhouse for orar trees is located at the end of a priv walkway lined with trees. The build is a 25-foot cube with retractable w dows and screens. A slatted skylight p vides changing patterns of light on t circular rear wall.





UMMINS ENGINE COMPANY ARLINGTON, ENGLAND

minimum of clutter and of the rawss often associated with manufacturg plants makes this simple rectangular x a positive contribution to its comunity. Factory and office space are flexe working areas, each capable of exnsion. Where possible the interior aces are open so that the manufacturg process is in one large room. Each rlin is mounted on an 18-inch steel F plinth that rests on the main steel der, giving a 36-inch space between e girder top and roof deck for all main lity runs and 18 inches under purlins r branch utilities.









RICHARD C. LEE HIGH SCHOOL, NEW HAVE

This strongly patterned concrete bui ing creates permanence and dign among dilapidated structures and rel bilitation. The school houses 1,600 s dents in four separate areas, each a lor span modular building 136 foot by 1 foot with movable partitions, and ea connected to the central library. T peripheral corridors have continue windows above a bank of lockers. T wide overhangs, supported by colo nades of square piers, shade the gla insure efficient air conditioning, and po vide sheltered area outside. Ramps allo entrance on both levels.

ROCHESTER INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ROCHESTER, NEW YOR



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This complex of buildings presents closed face to the grey and winter Rochester climate, but is designed create instead a series of pleasant in terior views. From the student-unit lounge (lower left in plan) students of see over the swimming pool, the gy and the skating rink in one direction and enjoy a winter garden in another.







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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HEADQUARTERS, NEW HAVEN and NEW HAVEN COLISEUM

These two buildings-for separ clients-are on the same site in dov town New Haven. The form and str ture of the 26-story Knights of Columb building, now under construction, gr out of an unusual program requireme floors of 10,000 square feet each, small than building economics normally c tate. Further, since most of the space to be used for insurance operations, op floor space was needed. The design so tion called for the unusual structural s tem: The core of the building conta only the six elevators; mechanical space toilets, and stairs are housed in the fo tile-clad concrete towers. The towers su port 80-foot girders, which in turn su port the steel floor structure.

The Coliseum includes an arena, exhibition hall, and a parking garag A water condition and a street whi had to be left open suggested using t four-level, 2,400-car garage as a roof t the other two units. Further, since a g rage has a regular and orderly structu (here, 62 feet o.c.) and the arena a verspecial structural system, it is easier relate the two with the garage on to Over the column-free arena spacespan of 184 feet—the garage/roof is su ported by the superstructure shown the elevation below. Construction w start this year.





NATIONAL CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION WASHINGTON, D.C.

The form of this seven-story office building clearly grows from the wedgeshaped site on DuPont Circle. The design gains strength in the narrowest though most important face by the folding back of the reflecting glass walls and the deep entrance court, sheltered by a glass roof. The open office floors wrap around and overlook an interior courtyard in which the elevator core stands free.





ARCHITECTURE FOR A CITY'S NEW IMAGE

The elegance and distinction of this city hall have special significance to the residents of Seaside, California. Not only does the handsome building house the city's administrative, governmental and police offices, but its architectural solution epitomizes the new Seaside which is replacing the unplanned, ramshackle old Seaside

photos: Morley Baer





he building is the first city hall that the city of Seasidea small coastal community which became a city only 14 years ago-has had. The first settlers-mainly squatters whose tarpaper shacks blighted the dunes on which they were builtdid nothing to develop a community. Even the expansionduring World War II-of nearby Fort Ord did little more than add hastily built housing and tawdry commercial establishments to the unplanned, unzoned little town. In 1954 Seaside became an incorporated city, with its own government and a population of over 15,000. Zoning and building codes were enacted, a General Plan was adopted. Seaside's determination to change its public image was real and earnest. Its population has grown to over 24,000. The new city hall evidences the dignity with which the community views itself today-and with which it wishes to be viewed. The simplicity of the building-its plan is square, its four sides similar but not identical, its lines horizontal in keeping with Seaside's low-rise character -is appropriate to the scale of the area and of the community. An ivy-covered earth berm surrounds the lower of the two floors so that the building appears to sit on a promontory. Landscaping is appropriately simple, with grassy lawns around the building site, and olive trees in planters set in the berm. The exterior walls of the building are essentially alternating T-shaped concrete block columns and fixed glass panels. A 12foot overhang shields south and west sides from sun, east and north sides from glare.



FUTURE



The Council Chamber is at the center of the main floor. A shallow thin shell dome 40 feet in diameter roofs its central area. Concealed lighting at the base of the dome floods the chamber with soft light which is enhanced by skylights over the corners of the chamber. Skylights also break the ceiling in the 12-foot gallery which surrounds the chamber and provides access to offices on the building perimeter.

SEASIDE CITY HALL, Seaside, California. Architect: Edward Durell Stone; structural engineers: Pregnoff & Matheu; mechanical engineer: George A. Greene, Jr.; consulting engineer: M. G. Herbert; landscape architect: Edward D. Stone, Jr.; contractor: Joseph B. Fratessa.





VE ECENT HOUSES

RICHARD NEUTRA

Raymond Lifchez

1963 a fire destroyed Neutra's in VDL Research House I of 1932 b left, below). When rebuilt 1964, the house showed some inges: notably a glass penthouse lition (right) and large, tical aluminum louvres on the th facade (bottom left). See were added to compensate for loss of shade trees in the fire. I louvers are shaped b let-plane wings. By continuous ning they automatically mpensate for the rotation of the th and the position of the sun. In 1923, the year Neutra arrived in New York from Europe, LeCorbusier's Vers Une Architecture first appeared in book form with illustrations of American grain silos, factories, bridges and city skylines. The polemical text urged revolution in architecture. In the Twenties, America with her vast industrial resources and advanced technology, promised the means by which a truly modern architecture could be realized. Avant-garde architects of that remarkable era shared LeCorbusier's idealism, and it was surely with the spirit of a revolutionary that Neutra left the Old World for the New.

Shortly after his arrival, Neutra published a documentary on architecture in the United States. He explored in detail the new methods of construction of skyscrapers and factories: a kind of architecture then unknown abroad. At the same time he himself built radically new buildings in California by adapting similar methods of construction to his designs for houses. From this period, the Lovell House (Los Angeles, 1929) and his own residence, the VDL Research House I (Los Angeles, 1932; see below) are now fixed in the corpus of great modern buildings of the twentieth century.

Today, Neutra has still never wavered from his position that technology is the architect's servant. He would find it prejudiced to believe that technology removes man from nature. His forms have a unique style precisely because they are derived from a comprehension of the relationship of materials and technology in making meaningful forms for human accommodation. With similar understanding, each of Neutra's buildings is also conceived in relationship to its site. There is established a sensitive unity between interior spaces and the outdoors, a relation particularly meaningful to the architect, who believes that a home must fit into the given environment. To Neutra, a home is the vantage point from which one views the world, and it is through a consciousness of the world that we realize ourselves and our desires. In this way, a house becomes our "anchor" in reality.

Neutra once wrote, "I have tried as well as I could to compose my designs housing human activities with an eye to the travel of the sun, to prevailing breezes, and to relate them more sensitively to the landscape than perhaps an ancient uninhabited temple or windowless pyramid tomb had to be. This subtle relating to the landscape combined with a by no means infinite number of measures of form giving, yields a surprising manifoldness, so to speak, all over a common denominator."







VDL RESEARCH HOUSE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

While the VDL Research House I was, in 1932, meant to be a demonstration of most progressive building methods, it showed, above all, how to build on a small urban lot of only 60 by 70 feet, and to give privacy and a feeling of spaciousness to its residents. Its design was dictated by Neutra's philosophy of an organic architecture which establishes human needs and biology as the first determinants for form. In 1932, many of the materials used were not to be found in residential architecture: pressed wood, steel sash, large amounts of glass, custom-built sliding doors, fire-enameled metal wall coverings; structural innovations included prefabricated electrically-vibrated reinforced concrete joists and a suspended arched concrete floor slab. When the house was rebuilt in 1964, certain changes were made in the interior and on the patio side of the original house design. Today, the lower floor serves 'as the headquarters of the Richard J. Neutra Institute; the Neutras live upstairs.

Most important, rebuilding the Research House gave Neutra an opportunity to once more explore the relationship of technology and human comfort.

VAN DER LEEUW RESEARCH HOUSE II, Los Angeles, California. Architect: Richard J. Neutra; research and project architect: Dion Neutra; structural and civil engineers: Woodward Tom and Stanley Malora; civil engineer: Arthur Levin; mechanical engineers: John Keer Associates; structural engineer: Joseph Kinoshita and Associates; contractor: Walter R. Johnson.







SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR





The roof surrounding the glass-enclosed penthouse is flooded with water which insulates it from the hot California sun (below). More important, a certain ambience is created in which the penthouse becomes a sequestered pergola visually linked to Silverlake beyond. A number of new structural innovations were also made, mostly to insure that this second house would not burn. In Research House II, electricity becomes an important element. A new electrical system allows for versatile lighting effects, intercom-paging, stereo music, fire alarm signal and FM-TV antenna distribution throughout the house.



ms are compactly knit around patios (above and below) a spatial unity is achieved ween inside and outdoors. errace (right below) off of Neutras' bedroom suite pen to the patio below, is raised above the garden ise so as to allow a view Silverlake to the east. e new penthouse (right middle above) is a "glazed island." ter retained on the ond-story roof gives the sion of being an extension the lake's surface.

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COVENEY HOUSE GULPH MILL, PENNSYLVANIA

The theme of this small house is growth. Provision for change is allowed for by the spaciousness of the site and by the plan. No matter how the house may be extended—to accommodate more sleeping rooms to the east or west, or more service area to the north—the core of the house, composed of the family rooms and kitchen, remains the center of general activity.

The skylighted kitchen in this central location serves an adjacent formal dining area. Over a front counter Mrs. Coveney can supervise the children at play in the family room. Similarly, she has a view of the family room, from the laundry as well.

The house is approached from the north and one enters directly into this center of activity. To the left is the master bedroom suite, to the right is the children's wing, and straight ahead one reaches the formal living room with a place for dining. The three prongs of the house are separated by the family room, yet each is accessible through it.

All major rooms have southern exposure. The living room has an intimate sitting corner oriented around a fireplace. Both areas share the large expanse of glass and open up onto a terrace.

RESIDENCE FOR MR. AND MRS. DAVID J. COVENEY, Gulph Mill, Pennsylvania. Architect: Richard J. Neutra; resident architect: Thaddeus Longstreth.









chitect Richard Neutra oys a quiet moment in front of Coveney's fireplace (below right). a family room filled with Idren can be supervised from of Mrs. Coveney's two work inters: in the kitchen and in the ndry (right). en the children have their meals

he kitchen counter. the right, one catches a glimpse

the dining room.

er dark, recessed lighting in eaves expands the spaciousness the living room beyond glass wall, and at night,

i lighting reduces window ections in the interior (upper). A winter view of the house m the southeast—the master

froom wing is at the right.







HOUSE ON A WOODED SITE BRYN ATHYN, PENNSYLVANIA

On a large, thickly wooded property, Neutra has sited this house so that it overlooks a deep valley. The house was built for a young family and had to be planned with an eye to the future, as there may be more children. The building, supported by strong boxbeams and outriggers, is adapted to a steep portion of the site in such a way that the large family rooms are adjacent to a central court at grade. The bedrooms and den, more private, quiet places, face outward toward the woods, with their windows raised substantially above the terrain.

Main entrances are reached from opposite sides of the house away from the family court. A service door is adjacent to the garage (below the terrace to the west). The formal entrance is at the south. Here, the way in is accented by a pool which reflects the southern sunlight into the hall and onto a stair leading to a circulation gallery above. In these ways, Neutra has made full use of the sloping site to define separate areas of privacy: a general entry for deliveries, a formal entry for family and guests, general activity rooms for the family with an adjacent court, and the quiet, intimate spaces for each member of the household lifted into the surrounding trees.

RESIDENCE, Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. Architect: Richard J. Neutřa; resident architect: Thaddeus Longstreth; contractor: Synnestvedt Construction Company

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View from the south-west (above) shows the large terrace which extends the living room space into the outdoors (left). Beyond the terrace and separated from it by a solid masonry wall is the formal entrance into the house. The entrance hall and stair are illuminated by the reflections off of the need at stard are illuminated by the reflections off of the pool at grade. are mummated by the reflections off of the pool at grade. The living and dining rooms are separated by a change of level and by a low cabinet and aquarium. A garden court adjacent to and by a low caomec and aquanum. A garden court adjacent the living, dining and play rooms serves as a private outdoor area for the entire family in good weather.

photos upper right and below by Lawrence S. Williams, Inc.; all others by Julius Shulman

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FRIEDLAND HOUSE SUBURB OF PHILADELPHIA

This house continues the idiom of Neutra's houses of the 20's and 30's with its taut, white masonry surfaces and long expanses of strip windows. Though there is stylistic continuity in all of the architect's work, the Friedland house clearly belongs more to the style of the VDL Research House I than any of the other houses published here. The massing of its spaces into large, simple rectangular volumes gives the building a certain serenity and monumentality which seems correct for such a large and impressive residence. Approaching from the east, the drive circles a reflecting pond and leads visitors beneath a porte-cochere. The glass entrance is the only opening in an otherwise windowless masonry wall. The two storied entrance hall, with its marble floor and elegantly spiraled stair, is in harmony with the overall impressiveness of the house. The composition of all parts of the house relies on simple, clearly defined geometric forms. In this way the house is related to the important buildings of the early Modern movementbut as in all of Neutra's work becomes a new and resourceful interpretation of his esthetic.

RESIDENCE FOR MR. AND MRS. JACK FRIED-LAND, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Architect: Richard J. Neutra; resident architect: Thaddeus Longstreth



Lawrence S. Williams, Inc.; ph





The spiral stair in the entrance hall (left) is constructed with cantilevered treads extending out over a reflecting pool. The pool is made in two basins, one inside the house and the other outside, and the water appears to extend through the glass entrance wall. At night the pool is illuminated from underwater, reflecting the surface of the water on the underside of the porte-cochere and giving a unique, general illumination to the entrance way. The family room (below) has a southern exposure and the dining room has an adjacent area outdoors, which is shaded by the swimming pool terrace above.





CASA EBELIN BUCERIUS NAVEGNA, SWITZERLAND

This extensive residence for one of Europe's foremost publishers is isolated almost 2,000 feet above Lago Maggiore in southern Switzerland. The magnificent lake view, however, becomes visible only after one has passed through the entrance hall and into the living rooms which have spacious balconies facing toward the south and east and the lake below. As in many of his designs, the architect protects the rim of such high, elevated balconies and terraces by wide and shallow "waterguards." As reflecting pools these "waterguards" mirror the clouds during the day and at night the moonlit mountain silhouette.

All rooms of the house are skillfully oriented to some aspect of mountain landscape. At the same time, the architect has insured a feeling of intimacy in a variety of places within each room. With intimacy in mind, he has most ingeniously created a kind of cavernous, quiet pool below the house which can be utilized in all seasons.

CASA EBELIN BUCERIUS, Sopra Navegna, Switzerland. Architect: Richard J. Neutra; job captain: Egon Winkens; resident architect: Bruno Honegger





The inner and outer portions of the pool (left) are separable by pushing a button and turning up a "sub-marine" trap door. The pool is heated according to comfort. Above the living quarters of the first two floors, there is a top story and a terrace. The surrounding roofs are flooded with water, insulating the house in summer and mirroring the changes of color in the sky and the mountain landscape. To Neutra, this effect offers a visual and psychological linkage to the waters of Lago Maggiore far below: further proof of the architect's remarkable skill in relating a house to its landscape.













Hesse photos





The fireplace is composed of a raised hearth slab and a stainless steel hood (right above). Living quarters open onto a waterguarded balcony terrace (above) where the usual protective railings have disappeared and one's view is unimpeded. The same detail exists at the windows of the private suite of master bedroom, dressing room and bath (right below).


ARCHITECTURE OR INDUSTRY

ere are many forces for change bearing upon architecture industry—ever-changing and more complex technical reirements, industrial-union demands, construction-union deands, the cost squeeze, and a technical design gap through the non-architectural professions are launching sorties.

"Rocketing changes in American business technology have, recent years, produced new demands on architecture and gineering for industry. Computers, new manufacturing meths and multiplication of product lines have created needs for ge new spaces. The large corporate client is a very sophisated client, usually with engineering and management staffs ell versed in current technology and continually pressing the ontiers of design capability." So says a recent publication of o A. Daly Company, underscoring the advent for all aritects of new kinds of commissions calling for nation-wide dustrial master-planning and the design of unprecedented mensions of space.

Gino Rossetti, vice president of architectural design for ffels & Rosetti, feels that the interest of industrial-union reprentatives in attending the U.I.A. industrial architecture seminar Detroit (May 19 through 25), reflects an encouraging awaress of the need for solving architectural problems implicit in anagement and labor's mutual needs. These problems inlve not only working conditions in industrial plants (how on will all plants be air conditioned?) but also the impact labor negotiations on construction planning. For example, the automotive industry especially, management is not able make long-range plans in the midst of frequent changes in bor's requirements. Further, the negotiation period itself, w in May, occurs at a critically inconvenient time-at the ginning of the construction months. It would be helpful, r. Rossetti observes, if labor negotiations could be concluded November, thus providing time for planning of construction sed on the results.

Demands of the construction unions, observed John An-

drews, director of the industrial division of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, at the Industrial Building Conference in Philadelphia, have brought the effective presence of the industrial plant owner to the collective bargaining tables of the construction contractors. Contractors insist that owners' demands for rigid schedules, together with labor shortages, have put them in a bad bargaining position. And so, for example, electricians may well succeed in this year's demand for a 59 per cent increase to \$10.22 per hour-with other trades in hot pursuit. The result, Andrews points out, may well be increasing use of prefabricated systems to minimize field installation labor -and the increasing search by architects for new design solutions involving far more than the exterior shells of industrial buildings. Further, contracting patterns and services change critically, Andrews said, as general contractors become more and more brokers of subcontracts that call for increasing technological coordination on the part of the architect/engineer. The solution of this problem calls for more comprehensive planning and construction management firms capable of serving clients from the inception of ideas through final occupancy.

The cost squeeze, says George Heery, calls for new methods in industrial architectural design using every computerized resource to control schedules of development and construction. Using these resources, architects can perform a service well beyond the capabilities of the so-called package-dealers.

Finally, the combination of technical problems and economic forces seems to have created a gap in the available manpower of the architectural field—through which newly created organizations that have been solving similarly complex problems for the aeronautics and space industries are seeking opportunities to enter the field. While many of these organizations have much to learn in the fragmented world of the construction industry, their learning capabilities are formidable and their capacities—if honestly and professionally directed may be welcome reinforcement for some aspects of comprehensive architectural services. *—William B. Foxhall*

ASSEMBLY PLANT FOR CHRYSLER: A GOOD NEIGHBOR, ON TIME, IN THE BUDGET

Design of an automotive assembly plant, such as this one for Chrysler in Belvidere, Illinois, underscores the seemingly opposing actions of two major disciplines bearing upon architecture for industry. First is the absolute urgency of schedule and budget (and this \$40-million complex was designed and built in 17 months). Second is the increasing attention to human aspects of the working environment imposed not only by the demands of labor, but also by the economics of production and quality control as employees respond to amenities of the working space. An assembly plant will never be a pleasure palace, but in modern plants the uses of color, acoustical control, air-handling, food service areas, and the like must be given full architectural attention.

In this plant, with its appended office structure, almost 2-million square feet of manufacturing space is provided on a 300-acre rural site. Its orientation to the highway gives it high visibility so that the appearance, especially of the office section, was an important consideration. Offices are fully air conditioned.

CHRYSLER CORPORATION, BELVIDERE ASSEMBLY PLANT, Belvidere, Illinois. Architect-engineer: Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, Inc.; general contractor: Regnar Benson, Inc.





Bob Wallace photos







A system of white sun screens and grey glass provide a strong horizontal shape for the two-story office structure, in keeping with the extended backdrop of the plant to which it is attached. Sidewalls and sun screens in the office area are porcelain enamel aluminum.

In the shop area, welded Warren trusses were used to reduce cost and to provide open spaces for service and processing. Precast concrete sill walls are topped with aluminum siding to reduce maintenance. A second floor mezzanine area in the plant provides space for the paint shop in which a conveyer carries bodies through painting, baking and curing operations. An electronic materials transport system on the main floor of the plant consists of a signal and tracking network embedded in the floor slab so that transport carts from the loading area are keyed to a selected destination and automatically guided by the floor system without physical contact or trolleys. Other automated handling and conveyor systems are linked to a computerized scheduling and quality control system. High-intensity process lighting is used at key points and a luminous ceiling provides 150 footcandles in the final inspection area.



RESEARCH CENTER FOR UNION CARBIDE: A BRIDGE FOR MANY DISCIPLINES

Design for industrial research deals with its own special set of disciplines: the certainty of change in processes, materials and required spaces: diversity of utilities: communication among scientists who cherish privacy for their work but demand highgrade community facilities for their families. These were some of the factors taken into account in the master plan for the Union Carbide Technical Center in Tarrytown, New York. The 300-acre site, irregularly shaped, is divided about in half by a permanent secondary highway with convenient access to the major parkway network serving its location about 15 miles north of New York City. To unify the site and to provide a central avenue of general office and utility spaces for the various divisions of Union Carbide, a long spine structure will serve as a bridge across the dividing highway and as a twostory distribution system for people and utilities. Attached to this spine, or nearby on the site, will be laboratories for the specialized divisions of Union Carbide. The first of these will bring together the now-scattered research operations of the Linde Division in a two-story laboratory building connected at the upper level to the extreme end of the spine building (far right in the air-view rendering opposite).

UNION CARBIDE TECHNICAL CENTER, Tarrytown, New York. Architect: Vincent G. Kling and Associates; consulting engineers: Jackson & Moreland; general contractor: George A. Fuller Company, Inc.



The central portion of the brid spine building—which unites diverse elements of Union Carbic suburban technical center—is a tw story office building 80 feet w containing as part of its basic str ture two 180-foot trusses suppor on concrete piers. Below this str ture is hung a 20-foot wide bric crossing 16 feet over the crown the road.

As shown in the longitudi section at bottom right, the arran ment of related services and tra port systems is such that analyti services at each end of the spine adjacent to supporting services cluding a computer center, dini facilities and office areas.

The Linde laboratories (left blow) are entered from the seco level of the spine, and a stairw proceeds into a sky-lighted galle which both serves as a focal po and lights the interior of the bui ing. Service corridors branch off t spine, carrying utilities and pi services to the banks of laboratori Offices are across corridors fro both banks of laboratories. There a high-bay structure for metallur and a specialized area for test ce and noisy operations in an encloss area at one end of the building.





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FOUR SERVICE CENTERS FOR ONE CLIENT: CONSISTENT QUALITY, COMPETITIVE COST

In these four distribution and service buildings for Air Reduction Company, architect Norman Jaffe met head-on the "guaranteed-price" competition of the package builder and delivered not only the square feet per dollar—a phrase well understood in the tough lexicon of industry—but with an architectural quality that has been respected and acknowledged with repeat commissions. He has solved the problems of an extremely conservative budget combined with requirements for attractive (without frills) sales and service areas in three of the buildings and a strongly expressed structural discipline in another which serves as a regional distribution and training center.

Typical of the service and sales buildings are the two shown below and at right. These buildings are used for the distribution and sale of industrial gases and welding equipment. The buildings enclose 10,000 square feet each. Fabrication of the structural beams used in the display rooms is a demonstration of the welding and cutting equipment manufactured by the owner. The webs of typical rolled sections were cut in a serrated pattern, offset and rejoined at the flat ends of the pattern.

FOUR DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE CENTERS for The Air Reduction Company, Inc. Architect: Norman Jaffe—job captain: Costas Terzis; mechanical engineer; Herbert Hecht; structural engineers: Richard Miller (Houston) and O. C. Floyd (Atlanta).



Hartford: One of the simplest the four buildings for Air Rec tion, the sales and service build at Hartford, Connecticut, is straightforward, rectangular plan vided into the five categories space typical of such centers: a play area, offices, demonstrat and training space, equipment s age and a separate room for cylinder refilling and storage. exterior cylindrical forms are pur ing stations for gases stored liquid form.



Atlanta: Similar in public image the Hartford center, this one Atlanta accommodates itself to more shallow site and includes more extensive office area to ful a wider regional function. It a has a "light manufacturing" at for equipment repair and cryoger reconstitution of oxygen, argon a welding gases.

The steel roof deck which for the ceiling of display rooms turned down to form a metal curtain over a recessed product of play.











Frutchey Associates





Houston: This regional distribut center (left and right) consists 32,000 square feet of air-condition warehouse space and another 18, square feet of office and serv centers. The service area is for te nical assistance to regional m agers and distributors in the use welding and cutting equipme The column bay module (sketch low) was established to accomm date pallet racks and fork-lift r neuverability. Exterior walls 20 f high are brick and block bear walls with cement plaster. Stiffeni pilasters are expressed with the ment plaster carried to the interi A generous overhang provides p tection against the sun.





Dallas: This sales and service ce ter provides a variation on the bas solutions shown for Hartford an Atlanta. Here the display area is d signed to stand as a strong stat ment of stability and dependabilit Using similar brick and concre materials, the building establishess rectangular efficiency while mai taining similar cost and purpose.











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WESTYARD OFFICE-WAREHOUSE: NEW LEASE ON LIFE FOR URBAN INDUSTRY

The Westyard Distribution Center, a combination warehouse, light manufacturing and office building, is under construction at 10th Avenue and 31st Street over the busy main line of the railroad approaches to New York's Pennsylvania Station. The building was designed to accommodate tenants for the various categories of space as leases were signed during preliminary phases. (Two tenants, large manufacturers and wholesalers of garments and costume jewelry who were reluctantly considering moving out of New York City, account for about half the leased space-and an ice skating club will have a year-round rink on the top floor.) The poured-in-place concrete construction, including the placement of column footings between railroad tracks, was accomplished without interruption of rail service. The problem was slightly simplified by discovery that a retaining wall and continuous bridge footing placed by the railroad in 1907 tested at over 7,000 psi strength and provided adequate support for several of the columns required to support the 12-foot-deep steel beams bridging the tracks.

Access to the building is at both first floor and second floor levels owing to sloping of the site. There are some 38 truck docking stations distributed around the building.

WESTYARD DISTRIBUTION CENTER, New York. Architect: Davis, Brody & Associates; structural engineer: Robert Rosenwasser; construction: H.R.H. Construction Company.











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Warehouse and office floors generally alternate. The windows of the office floors are at floor level (see left), but those for the warehouse floors are clerestory windows above precast concrete spandrels. Panformed reinforced concrete floors and ceilings are designed for extraheavy duty so that the mix of tenancy remains flexible.

An unusual feature of the building is a giant watergate required to control the unlikely event of flooding along the railroad tunnel approaches from the Hudson River.

Elaborate materials handling equipment includes many passenger and freight elevators with one elevator designed for 40-ton capacity, vertical and horizontal chain conveyer systems, and spiral chutes.

The flared walls on three sides of the building provide additional floor space and increase the strength of the structure. The straight wall on the fourth side is cantilevered out from the base by concrete beams beginning at the fifth floor level to overhang Port of New York Authority approaches to the Lincoln tunnel.

Louis Checkman

AN AIRLINES COMPUTER CENTER: SYSTEMS AND SCHEDULE KEEP CONTROL

Design and construction of this computer center for Delta Airlines demonstrate some of the principles which architects Heery and Heery increasingly apply to a varied but substantially industrial list of clients: rigid attention to schedule and cost control through computerized methods of scheduling and the use of systems in construction similar to the SCSD concept. This all-electric building of 50,000 square feet of specialized space was designed and built in 271 days. There are basically three categories of space: a computer machinery room with its special floor of raised panel construction permitting access at any part for electrical and air conditioning supply to the computers; programming area where specialists can perform their duties in quiet isolation; and an office area where key-punch and other clerical operations are performed.

End-to-end phasing of the schedule, as shown in the diagram opposite, has been found by the Heery organization to accelerate completion of the project more rapidly and with much better control of costs than so-called "crash programs" of overlapping design and construction where both competitive bidding and whole-project coordination are forfeited.

DELTA COMPUTER CENTER, Atlanta, Georgia. Architects: Heery and Heery; mechanical engineer: J.W. Austin & Associates, Inc.; landscape architect: John Patton; graphics: Hauser Associates, Inc.







The wall structure of precast concrete panels is shaped with vertical fins to provide some solar screening to reduce air-conditioning loads. The structure is designed to carry a second story, and the first story itself can be expanded by a proposed 18,000 square foot addition.

The critical electrical supply to the computers is assured by the combination battery and generating system located in a separate building on the south side of the computer center. Interior wall systems of gypsum wall board are finished in vari-colored paint and vinyl wall covering, and a colorful symbolic mural decorates the wall of the main entrance.





A ROCKET TESTING STATION: DESIGN FOR AN EXOTIC PROGRAM

The unusual performance program is commonplace in architecture for industry; and for the space program, unusual requirements sometimes test the limits of feasibility. Such buildings as the vertical assembly building at Cape Kennedy and the various test centers duplicating the conditions of space have extended the state of the art of construction. This laboratory for the Ames Research Center at Moffett Field evolves around a 110-foot-high vacuum test tower where space conditions can be simulated. Because of proximity requirements of support laboratories and shops to the tower, the architect points out, it became necessary to design the tower as a part of the main building mass. The tower is pentagonal in plan in order to solve requirements for sound attenuation and a pressure load of one atmosphere (2200 psf). The most efficient plan shape for these requirements would have been a circle, but the pentagonal solution was found to be the most economical design. The building also contains supporting offices, laboratories, instrument rooms and shops which are grouped around the tower in a two-story block with offices and small shops facing to the north.

AMES RESEARCH CENTER, Moffett Field, California. Architect: Gerald M. McCue & Associates, Inc./McCue Boone Tomsick Architects; structural engineer: John A. Blume & Associates; mechanical and electrical engineers: Buonaccorsi & Murray; general contractor: Carl N. Swenson Company, Inc.







FIRST FLOOR





SECOND FLOOR



structure is poured-in-place crete. The entire building is ported by a concrete floating indation since soil conditions the testing program within the ding would not permit piles or ventional footings. The walls of tower are three feet thick at the tom and 2½-feet-thick at the top, the portion of the foundation ler the tower is six feet thick. structure is left exposed in all as except offices and special inment rooms.



Jeremiah O. Bragstad photos



LOADING DOCKS: A KEY DESIGN AREA

The ugly, prosaic loading dock at the business end of the industrial building has increasingly gained the attention of architects and owners with the realization that every pound of raw material and finished goods must pass across that dock. Exotic and sophisticated inplant materials handling systems have failed to pay off when they do not function as an integral part of the total materials handling system which begins and ends with the loading dock.

Design approach: the mobile-room concept

At any given minute in the United States, millions of 40- by 8-foot mobile storage rooms are wending their ways through the interstate highway system to hundreds of thousands of plants and warehouses. Thinking of these millions of trucks as "mobile rooms" which must be connected to a materials handling system gives the architect an opportunity to approach the design of a truck loading dock with a concept that covers the whole spectrum of need from the time the incoming truck crosses the property boundary until it leaves.

Specifically, components of the design problem are: 1) movement of the mobile rooms from property line to dock area; 2) positioning; 3) securing; 4) attitude of the rooms with respect to the dock; 5) lighting; 6) sealing (temporarily) the mobile room to the building; 7) joining the floors of the room and dock to permit fast, safe, efficient movement of goods.

1. Provide adequate service roads. Insufficient passing clearance, random storage of materials, poor road surfaces, poor traffic control, poor traffic patterns, and inadequate curves are too often permitted. Recommended standards exist:

minimum 22-foot-wide roadways for two-way traffic; 12 fe for one-way traffic. If pedestrians are involved, 26-foot widt are recommended, with pedestrian traffic separated by a cu or physical barrier. Smooth roadway surfaces should be of pable of carrying 34,000 pounds on two axles. Curves shou have a minimum 50-foot radius. Gate widths should be 20 fe for one-way traffic, 30 feet for two-way traffic and 36 feet pedestrians are involved.

2. Design for positioning and dock approach. On the a sumption that legal tractor-trailer lengths will go from the present 55 feet to a 60-foot average in the next eight years, and truck apron now under consideration must accommodate the 60-foot length (see table 1, page 202).

Driver skill can be counted on to put a vehicle in almo any width berth you provide—four out of five times. Prudenc however, dictates a 10-foot minimum width with 12 to 14 fe far more acceptable. Each berth should be clearly marked wi yellow lines extending 30 feet from the base of the dock ar up the face of the dock.

Where should berths be placed? Common practice lump both receiving and shipping on the same dock or puts shippin at one end of the plant and receiving at the other. It wou seem, with today's sophisticated communications and mobil in-plant handling equipment that truck berths could be place at several logical points around the building.

Depth of platform, as a rule of thumb, should be a min mum of 12 feet (three times vehicle width or about 24 feet fo two-way traffic) measured from the rear of dockboard to nea est obstruction. If possible, the platform should be free of columns except along the outer edge.

One of the best ways to determine dock length is to ca culate the tonnage which must be shipped per day, and ho much can be moved across a single truck position in an hou



nen you must decide how many effective loading hours you ave per day (many plants figure an average of three hours). om these data you can easily calculate the number of posions needed.

3. Secure the vehicle against movement. When the truck connected to the dock, the wheels must be chocked and takes set. The architect should specify chocks chained to the port of the dock at each berth.

4. Consider attitude and dock height. This is the single ost important factor in design. Depending on type of operion you may have to accommodate carrier bed heights rangg from 44 to 58 inches (in extreme cases 38 to 66 inches). bviously, the only solution is to make a survey of all trucks to e serviced and calculate the best average dock height.

5. Adequate lighting is a must. The architect should prode a minimum of 50-foot candle in overhead lighting on the ock. In vehicles, supplementary light is best provided by peranently installed dock lights designed with steel housings and shock-mounted sockets to protect the flood or spot light ulbs. They can be mounted on columns between truck posions or pendant mounted above openings. They are equipped ith single- or double-arm swivel mountings so light can be rected into the truck where needed.

6. Seal against weather. Moving the roofline out to the of the platform improves environmental control. The probm of excluding cold, wind, ice, and snow from the building oper can be solved in various ways:

Closed overhead doors are reasonably weather-tight, and uring loading and unloading when the door is open the gap etween the truck and building can be effectively bridged rough the use of dock seals—canvas or rubber units which e mounted on the face of the building.

Another method of enclosing the platform area is through



ay be too low if driveway pitches down . . .



r too high if driveway pitches up.

Sketches below show problems of the add-on room with change of level similar to the situation that prevails at loading docks.





construction of an inner wall to create a vestibule and equipping the inner wall with traffic doors. The doors are load actuated. They open only on impact, only to load width, and close immediately. It is normal to install a traffic door for each truck position.

7. Join dock and truck floors in a marriage of convenience. In the final analysis, the entire problem boils down to how effectively the architect connects the wide variety of mobile rooms to the dock. In fact, all other factors being equal, the total loading and unloading effectiveness depends on the dockboard device he chooses.

Often architects must design the dock to accommodate existing in-plant material handling equipment. With his knowledge of the dock-to-truck-height differentials, he can quickly establish the length of dockboard needed, remembering that powered handling equipment will be needed if the dockboard incline exceeds about three per cent. If slight differentials exist and shipping volume is low, the use of portable plates might easily be justified. On the other hand, where fast, efficient high-volume handling is needed, the introduction of permanent adjustable dockboard equipment is indicated.

Permanent dockboard equipment, being part of the dock itself, can be any length needed (5 to 10 feet), any width (6 or 7 feet), any capacity (12,000 to 40,000 pounds) and, of course, cannot slip or slide. Proper width is becoming increasingly important as shippers are turning to palletized loads.

Below-dock trucks, tilt, and other problems

When trucks with low beds back into dock facilities, dock attendants face a serious problem. Truck floors are often 12 to 15 inches below dock level, and are loaded to the doors. Under this condition, all portable plates and many permanent adjustable dockboards are of no help, since the end cannot be set in-



It should be strong enough for any load



It should be secured against slipping.



side the truck. As a result, mechanical material handling equipment cannot be used. When this situation exists, the permanent dockboard equipment must be equipped with a below-docklevel control. This control permits the dockboard to be lowered without extending the lip . . . allowing mechanical handling equipment to pick up the load.

Weak springs, uneven loads, ice and snow on the approach, under-inflated tires, etc., are the primary reasons for out-of-level trucks. When this situation occurs dock personnel are subjected to extreme hazards. When the fork lift is going into a truck, the gangplank will suddenly conform to the truck bed causing the fork truck to lurch to the left or right. This is often enough to spill the load into the trucks. Upon backing out, attendants must force the gangplank to conform to the truck bed and push or pull the cart onto the gangplank. If using a mechanical truck it will hit the edge of the gangplank, and either stop abruptly or push the plank back with sufficient force to break off the anchoring lip.

Most permanent adjustable dockboards have built-in tilt mechanisms. This tilt enables loads to move in and out smoothly and without incident. As the attendant and equipment cross the center line of the dockboard, it automatically conforms to the truck bed. Since the load, attendant and fork truck are at the center of the board they notice little change in attitude. The reverse is true as the equipment returns from the truck to the dock. Not all permanent dockboards are equipped with this feature. Some can be tilted only with extremely heavy loads. Others have tilt mechanisms which respond to pressure of less than 200 pounds.

If a truck were unexpectedly to pull away from the dock, some other means must continue to support the dockboard while the attendant can remove himself and the load. This realization led to the modern front-supported dockboard. Some permanent equipment manufacturers provide front-s port by using the hinged lip itself. This is adequate only if dockboard is above or at dock level. Others use simple to scoping posts with large cotter keys. This system requires attendant to jump down into the driveway and hand-set post to match the height of the incoming truck. One manuf turer has a patented system described as automatic cross-tra legs. These hinged and notched legs work in conjunction w the hinged lip. When the lip is extended the legs retract perr ting the dockboards to be lowered to its full below-dock le When the lip drops into the pendant position the legs sw forward to provide full support. Through use of the notch this system provides for cross traffic support even if the do board is in the below-dock position.

Any of the above systems will work and supply the pro support during normal operation. However, the biggest dang and one that almost inevitably results in death or serious inju occurs when a truck pulls out while an attendant and load on the board. To prevent this, one manufacturer has develop what he terms a "panic stop." This device consists of a st post with notches operating past an escapement mechanis Under normal conditions the posts slide up and down with dockboard, but the moment the board is accelerated dow ward at a rate faster than one-inch per second, the escapem mechanism locks the posts and supports the board—norma limiting free fall to less than one inch.

Permanent recessed equipment, with all the features p viously mentioned, is considerably more expensive than poable gangplanks or plates. Management, aware that up to per cent of its labor force is involved in material handling, creasingly agrees that the need for faster and more effici loading have made the use of permanent dockboards an enomic necessity.











Table 1 Apron space required for one maneuver into and out of position					
Over-all length, tractor trailer, ft.	Width of berth, ft.	Apron space, fee			
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50	10 12 14	60 57 54			
55	10 12 14	65 62 58			
60	10 12 14	72 69 63			

Apron space is defined as unobstructed sp measured perpendicular to the dock face fr 1) the unobstructed dock, 2) canopy supposts, or 3) the front wheels of other vehic in loading position.

Sealing joints: he technology and the art

ere is now a body of experience on alants and gaskets—their merits and ficiencies are now apparent. These odern elastomeric materials can be ilored to the building application red, but—if leaks are to be avoided e joint must be properly designed the first place. Robert E. Fischer

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Joint problems are hardly new, but when they occur nowadays they are generally more serious in nature. For example, the traditional glazing and caulking compounds always dry out after a time and have to be replaced. But this is expected as a matter of normal maintenance. On the other hand, if a modern sealant failure occurs, not only has a more expensive material been wasted, but the repair work is usually costly; sometimes it is nearly impossible to accomplish at all because, perhaps, of fouling of the substrate, difficulty in removing the original sealant materials, or movement that no sealant can take.

It's the reality, not the theory, that is the final test

Despite the great advances made in materials development there still is no simple, universal solution to the sealing of joints and glazing rabbets. There are just too many variations in materials combinations, climate, esthetic demands and budget requirements.

Perhaps early in the marketing of the new toxic sealants too much confidence was generated in their abilities to take large joint movements (100 per cent and more) without losing adhesion, without tearing apart, and without degrading with exposure to the weather. Laboratory conditions are not field conditions, and there is no one laboratory test that combines all of the interacting field conditions in one procedure. The sealant industry has pretty much agreed that no sealant materials should be expected to take more than a plus or minus 25 per cent joint movement, opening and closing. The point of this is that the sealant should not have to take more than 25 per cent extension or 25 per cent compression.

Elastomers compared to plastics; the difference is chemical

Elastomers-the basic materials used for sealants and gaskets-are defined as polymeric materials (long-chain molecules) which, at room temperature, can be stretched to at least twice their original length, and, upon immediate release, will return quickly to approximately their original length. The basic difference between plastics and elastomers is that plastics have long, regular chains of molecules that intertwine and run somewhat parallel, while elastomers have long molecular chains that are cross-connected by chemical bonds along the chains. This cross-linking is known as vulcanization and results in the rubbery characteristic of elastomers. When a single type of molecule (monomer) is polymerized with others of its type, the resulting material is known as a polymer. If two different types of molecules are polymerized the resulting material is a copolymer; if three, a terpolymer, etc.

Sealants are made by compounding the basic polymer with fillers, plasticizers, extenders and coloring pigments and sometimes tackifiers (to make them stick to surfaces). They are cured to a solid state by means of chemical vulcanization or by solvent evaporation.

The basic characteristics of the sealant are, of course, determined by the basic polymer employed, and certain desirable qualities can be built into the polymers themselves—that is, a different monomer can be chosen to impart various characteristics. Beyond this tailoring by chemistry, the compounding modifies the end product to suit certain product requirements: right consistency for ap-



Joints may be classified as e working or non-working. With w ing joints the sealant will be stres The basic stress in butt joints is sion and compression; with joints, shear; and with combina joints, all three types of stress. F istically, however, working jo will be subjected to the three t of stress in varying degrees. nature of the movement should anticipated in the design. For ample, take a metal window masonry wall. A sealant bead tween the sash and the masonry experience mainly shear becaus the differences in the expansion metal and masonry.

These diagrams show how stres the sealant is affected by the sh of the bead. A square bead, pu apart, will neck-in, and front back faces of the bead will stretched more than the center. N a deep, rectangular bead, the surfaces, obviously, stretch more than those of the square b If the stress in the surface of bead exceeds the adhesive stren then the bead will start to peel cause failure. The correct bead sh has concave surfaces front and b obtained by tooling the bead in fi and providing a curved back-up terial behind.

The sealant bead should never allowed to bond to the bottom joint; otherwise, stress concer tions may occur causing the sea to tear. A fillet bead in a con joint can be a source of trouble. of all, a feathered edge is a w spot. Also, if the bead adheres both abutting wall materials it tend to tear. If such joints are avoidable, then back-up mate should be placed behind the be and the bead should have a con shape. A better approach, of cou would be to have a larger joint s that a regular bead of sealant can used.

Credits for illustrations: Top: Wayn Koppes from paper given at M.I.T. s mer session on Plastics in Architect Center: G. K. Garden from paper g at CIB symposium on Weathertight Jo for Walls. Bottom: Tore Gjelsvik, s posium on Weathertight Joints for W

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AVOID THESE SEALANT PROBLEMS:

cation, sufficient body to prevent sagng or weeping; resistance to ultravioradiation; modification of hardness d modulus; etc. Generally, there is optimum amount of polymer that puld be used when a sealant is being mpounded. If this amount of polymer lessened, the end product may not ld up as well in service.

Most sealant manufacturers buy the sic polymer from a chemical company d compound the sealants themselves. ceptions to this are the silicones and e of the acrylic terpolymers. In order maintain quality control over the end oducts based on polysulfide polymer, e Thiokol Chemical Corporation seval years ago established a licensing proam in which the licensees agree to eet certain quality standards, especially regard to the amount of polysulfide lymer to be included so as to assure tter weathering characteristics and erall performance. Thiokol periodically ecks the formulators' products, obtaing them through normal channels.

Currently the Adhesives and Sealants ouncil has under discussion a "Hallark" program which would perform e same sort of quality control for other pes of polymers.

The elastomers being used most toy for joint sealants include acrylics, lysulfides, polyurthanes and silicones; d polymercaptans are being test marted in some applications.

The three critical physical propers of elastomeric sealants are: 1) adsive strength, 2) cohesive strength and modulus. The first two are self-explanary, but modulus has a slightly different eaning with elastomers than it has in e field of structures. In the case of elasmers modulus is the unit stress required produce a given strain, but the modus is not constant, changing in value the amount of elongation changes. In y case it is a measure of the stiffness a material-the relative amount of rce required to pull it apart. An elasmer with a high modulus requires more rce to pull it apart than an elastomer th a low modulus. On the other hand, elastomer with a low modulus exhibits orer recovery characteristics. If the odulus is too high and the adhesive ength too low, the sealant may fail adhesion. If both the modulus and the hesive strength are both high either alant or substrate may fail in cohesion.

skets and tapes:

e but not foolproof

truded rubber gaskets have been used imarily for sealing lights of glass, or r joints between metal parts, although casionally they have been employed r joints between precast panels. These gaskets are of two principal types: 1) compression gaskets that are put under pressure by means of the glazing stop used with the window sash and 2) structural gaskets, which, themselves, hold the lights of glass and resist movement due to wind. These gaskets are put under pressure by means of a zipper strip that may or may not be part of the gasket itself. This zipper causes the gasket to be expanded in such a way that the edges of the gasket grab the glass.

While gaskets might seem foolproof, care must be taken in their application to assure a weathertight seal, to assure resistance to forces caused by wind and to assure proper installation without ripping of the gasket.

When structural gaskets are used, construction tolerances must be kept under good control, and all surfaces to which the gasket is to seal must be smooth. If there is too much clearance between the edge of the glass and the gasket, wind forces will rotate the gasket. When this happens, the sealing lips may lose contact with the surfaces of the glass or frame; worse, if there is insufficient "roll-out" resistance, the glass may even be blown out. On the other hand, if insufficient edge clearance is provided, the glass may crack due to differential movements. Structural gaskets sometimes have shop-molded corners, and all in one place, like a picture frame. Originally these corners had 90-degree angles, but this sharp-molded corner has given way to new designs because with the sharp corner, insertion of the zipper piece caused the corner to lift, opening the way for leaks. One type has a thin-radiused lip molded inside the square corner, a second has a completely radiused corner.

The sealing tapes are either nonvulcanized polybutylene or polyisobutylene or partially vulcanized polyisobutylene. Because the non-vulcanized tapes are not resilient, they cannot be used where much movement is expected; thus, they are generally employed in non-working joints. Partially vulcanized tapes are frequently used in glazing joints. While they are moderately resilient, these tapes should be kept under compression by a glazing stop, by the pressure of some solid elastomeric material, or by a combination of both.

Rainproofing the exterior wall: the new way uses a double barrier

Buildings have always had joints, and joints have often had leaks, at least to some degree. But traditional masonry buildings didn't place such severe demands upon the integrity of joints, as do many buildings of today—whether they be faced with lightweight metal and glass skins or with precast concrete panels.



Sealant failed cohesively and adhesively. It probably had too much resistance to stretching.



Adhesive failure of this pavement joint was caused by the high modulus (stiffness) of the sealant.



Above: Adhesive failure occurred at joints between these granite fins.

Below, left: Sealant bead removed from joint shows effect of no backup material; deep bead configuration led to adhesive failure.

Below right: Another poor bead shape. Failure in adhesion shows bits of substrate clinging to bead.





Glazing gaskets have taken o variety of configurations to su variety of functional and esth requirements. One of the most of mon types is the structural gask a spin-off from the automotive f This gasket not only has to seal the rain but must withstand v forces as well. Tolerances are im tant because too much cleara between edge of glass and the tom of the gasket may resul "roll-out" of the gasket which co lead to loss of glass from forces. One type of H-gaske made the same width as the mull head and sill members so that two-element system, the gasket pears to be the only glazing elem

At left is an L-shaped channel ket used in the Ford Founda building. The short leg of the ga is on the exterior face of the gl a needle bead of sealant provide surance against the penetration rain. With this combined technic very little sealing material is visi

Composite seals frequently are u with glazing, i.e., several mater are employed in one joint. In so cases this means more efficient, thus less costly, use of materials other cases it may have been most logical solution, consider the nature of the window surrou For example, the details at the mediate left show the glazing de for the in-situ facade used in Earth Sciences building at M.I.T. architect I. M. Pei. The use deep rabbet at the sill and deep s in the jamb allow some variation field dimensions. Foam takes space; tape cushions the glass on terior face; neoprene rope squee glass against tape; sealant shuts weather. Tape, which remains ta is left exposed only at the h where dirt will not settle as re ily. Because neoprene rope tende snake around in the glazing slot ing application, material should p ferably have shape and depth s that glazier can drive the mate "home" so it is neat, and little ti is wasted.

Credits: All drawings except Ford Fo dation detail and large H-gasket fi Wayne Koppes, op. cit. H-gasket sys is by Kawneer

NEOPRENE SETTING BLOCKS B FLEX. URETHANE FOAM

COMPRESSION

It is the realities of building movent and field tolerances that have sed some building researchers and ne window and curtain-wall manufacers to seek other methods than makthe outer skin of a building watert. They say that any slight "break" he exterior wall spells trouble. Thus, se people suggest that the outer coverof a building-the wall and even the dow sash-serve only as a "rain en" to divert the main portion of the inging water; then, means are proed to weep any moisture that does etrate the outer barrier. The inner ity of course must be fully waterproof. e of the physical principles employed h this technique is "pressure equaliza-"." The idea is this: When the outer serves as the sole barrier against penetration and something happens the seal, rain can be forced through joint because of a difference in air ssure between the outdoors and the oors or the void behind the joint. If, vever, there is a void behind the joint ch is open to the atmosphere, no ssure difference exists, and the only er that can enter will be that due to d-driven rain, and as mentioned ier, this is drained from the cavity. b, various joint designs have been eloped to reduce rain penetration into en" joints.

rain-screen approach is not hout its negative points

t of all, a wall designed this way may more complicated. It does not essarily follow that the wall must double-in some cases a pressure alization slot is employed at the nt. But these joints sometimes are not ple in configuration and may present iculties if a sealant material has to be lied far back in the joint to act as final water barrier. Also it may not visible for inspection. When the rain een consists of a cavity wall, care st be taken that the inner wall has apor barrier; otherwise there is the nce that in winter, humidity from air de the building might pass through wall, condense on the cold outer he, and perhaps even lead to the mation of icicles.

nts in single-wall elements: at makes them work—or fail?

nile the rain-screen idea has its adents, many designers will continue to single wall elements. Since there is y one line of defense, there can be mistakes in joint design, sealant setion, or sealant application. If the nts are to be working joints, then the ure and extent of movement must determined as accurately as possible,

AVOID THESE SEALANT PROBLEMS:

and the joint spacing sized accordingly. Over 90 per cent of sealant failures,

it is said, are adhesive failures. It is also said that most of the failures are caused by the lack of a primer, by poor primer application, by a joint contaminated with dirt, or by the joint being damp. Other adhesive (as well as cohesive) failures may be caused simply by too much joint movement so that no bond could be expected to hold. A different primer may be required for masonry than for metals and glass to increase adhesive bond. The only commonly used sealant that does not require a primer is the solvent-release acrylic terpolymer which "wets" the joint.

A sealant bead should have a concave shape—preferably inside and out to help minimize chance of adhesive failure. For this reason, and also sometimes to prevent bond to the back of a joint, a back-up material is required behind the sealant (this also keeps too much sealant from being pumped into the joint and wasted).

Joint size is critical in the application of sealants because it affects the relative movement of the joint, and thus the severity of the stress imposed on the sealant. In the extreme case of a hairline crack, almost any opening represents *infinite* movement. Small butt joints between sections of aluminum are "impossible" to seal.

Sealant manufacturers recommend that no joint be less than 1/4-in. because the caulker will not be able to get the material into the joint. The best recommendation is that joints be designed as generously as possible. The sealant bead should never be deeper than it is wide. For joints over 1/2-in. wide, the depth may be one-half the width. For joints over 1-in. wide, the depth may be onethird the width.

Preferably, caulking should be done when the temperature is moderate. In colder weather there may be frost or condensation on the joint which will prevent adhesion; in the hottest weather the joint will be in its closed position.

The back-up material should be a compressible material that is compatible with the sealant and that will not bond to the sealant. Some of the recommended materials include resilient, ropeor bead-type foams of expanded polyurethance or polyethylene. Butyl and neoprene cellular rubbers may bond to sealants and/or discolor them; oakum or bituminous-impregnated materials should not be used.

Compatibility with sealant compounds is an extremely important characteristic for both back-up materials and for tapes used in composite seals.



Sealant was pushed out because the back-up material had been twisted as it was inserted in the joint.



Presence of moisture behind brick wall caused "reversion" of sealant (becomes gooey again). Joints should be vented to avoid this



Sealant "alligatored", a sign of degradation, due to ultraviolet rays.



Sealant never set up—probably the result of improper formulation Below: Examples of sag (vertical joint) and weep (horizontal joint) caused by faulty compounding







Sometimes no baffle is used at Instead, a cavity wall is emplo and only a hairline joint is left tween panels. The exterior fac the wall then keeps out the rain air chamber behind the joint ec izes pressure across the joint. rain that does get through will o down the inside face of the exter wythe.

The same idea can be applied window sash and metal and curtain walls. Window sill is to the air to eliminate air pres difference. Any water that does in can drip right out again. The screen idea is being used in the sign of the curtain wall for the W Trade Center towers by Mi Yamasaki. The aluminum spandr slotted at the bottom to equa pressure; a gutter behind traps water that gets by. Window rounds are vented to the outd as are the spaces immediately hind column covers.

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e reason is that some sealants are adsely affected by oils and plasticizers. e sealants may lose adhesion and even teriorate to a gooey mass; remedial ork then is difficult and expensive.

me of the problems field application

ealant failure may derive from: 1) poor sign of the joint in the first place; 2) proper material selection; 3) field erances beyond reasonable limits; 4) proper application. Here is a list of me of the major problems encountered the field:

1. Joints difficult for the caulker to e and reach.

 With precast concrete panels, the posed aggregate may protrude into the nt; joint should be chamfered or ooth.

3. Joints too small.

4. Joints larger than the caulking ntractor bid on; he may try to make profit by skimping on the job—no ming, for example.

 Improper tooling, i.e., no toolg or use of wrong tooling compound.
 Skinned bead, i.e., only a surface ver of sealant is applied by the caulker.
 Improper priming—no priming,

pped priming, wrong primer. 8. Joint backing—a) no joint back-

b) improper placement: (1) if too pse, the backing walks out, (2) too ep, improper bead, (3) punctured, an bubble forms in the bead, c) incomtible backing material.

9. Improper mixing of two-part sealts.

10. Caulking beyond pot life of the alant (poor adhesion).

11. Building walls caulked before of is on. Wall fills with water; water in e wall forces the sealant out.

12. Incompatible waterproofing atments.

Before building starts it would be visable for the architect to hold inforal group meetings involving all particints in the wall construction to iron out y potential problems.

If the building details are in any ay unusual, the caulking contractor ould be asked to apply sealant to a ge-enough area to demonstrate the ethod of joint preparation, material xing, application and final cure. Thus there are any problems to be ironed it these can be taken care of in the ginning of the job.

sting sealant properties indards and government specs

e characteristics of sealants that archicts should be most concerned about clude: 1) extension and compression, plus or minus 25 per cent without adhesive or cohesive failure of the sealant; 2) sealant modulus (ease of stretch), initial and aged material; 3) change in hardness with age; 4) tack-free time (the sooner the sealant is tack-free, the less dirt it will collect because of the surface stickiness; 5) materials non-staining when applied to masonry surfaces; 6) weather resistance (ultraviolet radiation).

All of these characteristics are covered in existing standards and Federal specifications except the compressionextension test. Currently the only test for movement is a bond-cohesion test. The Federal specification requires that prescribed samples be oven dried for 24 hours, immersed in water for seven hours, placed in a zero-degree cold box for eight hours and then extended 150 per cent at the rate of 33 per cent per hour; this is done for three cycles.

The National Bureau of Standards, which developed the Federal specifications for one- and two-part sealing compounds for the General Services Administration (TT-S-230a and TT-S-00227c) is considering revising its cycling test to include a dynamic testing procedure in which the sealant will be extended and compressed automatically to 25 per cent of its width a number of times per hour. The heat-aging portion of the durability test would include compression of the samples to 25 per cent of the width. The cycling might be repeated as many as nine times.

The USASI Standard 116.1, covering two-part sealants, revised, approved by ASTM in January, and published in April, is now very similar to Interim Federal Specification TT-S-227b except that the cycling test involves no heating or immersion.

Some of those who have been close to standards preparation and testing procedures feel that existing tests may not be wholly realistic-that more meaningful tests would include test performance under shear loads, as well as more reliable means for predicting sealant durability. One polymer manufacturer has developed a computer program which he believes capable of accurately predicting sealant performance when fed the data on only a few basic tests. The idea has also been advanced that perhaps movement in testing should not be by mechanical means, but by the temperature effects on a liquid, so that movement might be more closely related to temperature change. The point to keep in mind, however, is that any test procedures that are developed must be capable of being reproduced in any of the commercial testing laboratoriesthe equipment can be neither too complicated, nor too expensive.

AVOID THESE SEALANT PROBLEMS:



Left: Example of compression set, a failing of some materials. Note how joint closure squeezed bead

Right: Basically a good bead shape, but it failed in adhesion because of lack of primer or dirty surface



Above, left and right: Example of a "skin" bead. There was no opening at joint. Result: applicator merely spread sealant on surface



Above: Components in the sealant stained granite around joint

Below: Dirt "attracted" by sealant soiled aggregate near joint. (Note dirt wiped off by finger.)



Glossary of sealant and glazing terms

ADHESIVE FAILURE—Failure of a compound by pulling away from the surface with which it is in contact (see cohesive failure).

BACK UP—A material placed into a joint, primarily to control the depth of the sealant.

BASE—The general composition of a compound, such as vegetable oil, polysulfide, acrylic, silicone, etc. Also, in a two-part compound, the major unit of the compound to which a curing agent or accelerator is added before use.

BEAD—A sealant or compound after application in a joint, irrespective of the method of application, such as caulking bead, glazing bead, etc. Also a molding or stop used to hold glass or panels in position.

BLEEDING—The absorption of oil or vehicle from a compound into an adjacent porous surface; different from migration, which is the spreading or creeping of oil or vehicle from a compound onto an adjacent non-porous surface.

BOND BREAKER—A release type of material used to prevent adhesion of the sealant to the back-up material or back of the joint.

CHEMICAL CURE—A change in the properties of a material due to polymerization, or vulcanization, which may be affected by heat, catalysts, atmospheric pressure, or combinations of these.

COHESIVE FAILURE—Failure of a compound when placed under a strain in which, because of insufficient elasticity and elongation to absorb the strain, the compound splits and opens.

COMPOUND—A formulation of ingredients usually grouped as vehicle and pigment, to produce some form of sealant, such as a glazing compound, caulking compound, elastomeric joint sealant.

CURING TIME—The time required to complete the chemical reaction of a product to reach its final physical form as a result of the chemical reaction.

ELASTICITY—Pliability, ability to take up expansion and contraction; opposite of brittleness.

ELASTOMER—An elastic, rubber-like substance which may either occur naturally or be produced synthetically.

ELONGATION—The amount of stretch exhibited by a compound, before rupture.

FILET BEAD—Placing caulking or sealant in such a manner that it forms an angle between the materials being caulked.

GASKET—A preformed shape of rubber or rubber-like composition used to fill and seal joints or openings, either alone or in conjunction with a supplemental application of a sealant.

GUN CONSISTENCY—Compound formulated to a degree of softness suitable for application through the nozzle of a caulking gun.

HEEL BEAD—Compound applied at the base of channel, after setting light or panel, and before the removable stop is installed, its purpose being to prevent leakage past the stop.

KNIFE CONSISTENCY—Compound formulated in a degree of firmness suitable for application with a glazing knife such as used for face glazing and other sealant applications.

MASTIC—Descriptive of compounds that remain elastic and pliable with age. **MIGRATION**—Spreading or creeping of oil or vehicle from a compound out onto adjacent non-porous surfaces, as contrasted to bleeding which refers to absorption into adjacent porous surfaces.

NEEDLE GLAZING—Application of a small bead of compound at the sight line by means of a gun nozzle about $\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $\frac{1}{8}$ in. opening size.

POLYMER—A material which has been polymerized from smaller molecules into longer molecules, or chains. This can be done by addition or condensation reactions.

PRIMER—A special coating designed to enhance the adhesion of sealant systems to certain surfaces.

SAGGING—Caused by compounds not capable of supporting own weight in a joint, or by application in joints larger than the compound is designed for, or by improper application.

SEALANT—Compound used to fill and seal a joint, as contrasted to a sealer which is a liquid used to seal a porous surface.

SETTING BLOCKS—Use of small blocks made of neoprene (preferred), wood or lead to distribute weight of glass or panel to strong point of sash, aid in centering glass or panel and preventing glass to metal contact.

SHORE "A" HARDNESS—Measure of firmness of a compound by means of a Durometer hardness gauge. Range of 20-25 is about the firmness of an art-gum eraser. Range of 40-45 is about the firmness of a rubber heel.

SHRINKING—Deficiency of a compound, when it occurs excessively, in which the applied bead loses volume and contracts, by evaporation of solvent, or loss of oil or vehicle into a porous surface, etc.

SIGHT LINE—Imaginary line along the perimeter of lights or panels corresponding to the top edge of stationary or removable stops, and the line of which sealants contacting the lights or panels are sometimes finished off.

SPACER SHIMS—Devices that are U-shaped in cross-section and an inch or more in length, placed on the edges of lights or panels to serve both as shims to keep the lights or panels centered in the sash or frames, and as spaces to keep the lights or panels centered in the channels and maintain uniform width of sealant beads. Usually made of rubber.

SPACERS—Small blocks of composition, wood, rubber, etc., placed on each side of lights or panels to center them in the channel and maintain uniform width of sealant beads. It prevents distorting the sealant excessively.

TOOLING—Operation of pressing in and striking a compound in a joint in order to press compound against the sides of a joint and secure good adhesion. Also the finishing off of the surface of a compound in a joint so that it is flush with the surface.

UNITED INCHES—The addition of the dimensions of one length and one width of a light of glass.

WEEPING—Failure of a compound to support its own weight in a joint, but less pronounced than sagging.

WRINKLING—The formation of wrinkles in the skin of a compound during the formation of its surface skin by oxidation after application.

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CHURCH SPIRES / A 4-page brochure describes prefabricated metal church spires, steeples, domes and campaniles. Overly Manufacturing Company, Greensburg, Pa.*

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WASHROOM ACCESSORIES / A 32 page catalog illustrates washroom access sories and hospital specialties. Introduced is the UNILAV, a packaged modular lavatory and storage unit for area where space is limited. ■ Watrous Incorporated, Bensenville, Ill.* *Circle 406 on inquiry car*

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MASONRY / A 2-page report prese Tex 4512, a structural clay facing w unit with a 12-in. by 12-in. face size a 4-in. thickness. The wire-cut velour to tured finish is combined with the la square face proportions and ranges fr red to buff and a new smoky brown-r hogany color. • Natco Corporati Pittsburgh.*

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THERMOPLASTICS / Boltaron Corrosion Resistant Materials designed especially for industries concerned with corrosion, air and water pollution and fume handling are the subject of a 1968 catalog. A materials usage chart and typical application photos are included. • The General Tire & Rubber Co., Lawrence, Mass.

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GLASS / The winter edition of "Creative Ideas in Glass," an architectural review quarterly, contains, among others, architect Thomas E. Stanley's production research center for Atlantic Richfield, Stanley L. Horowitz's Stonehenge Tower in North Bergen, N.J., and a residence in Detroit by Donald Paul Young. • American Saint Gobain Corporation, Kingsport, Tenn.*

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SUBSTATIONS / Compact secondary unit substations for industrial, commercial, and utility installations are described in a revised bulletin. Indoor and outdoor installations with a choice of system designs are covered in the 54page publication. I-T-E Circuit Breaker Company, Philadelphia.*

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