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#### CURRENT TRENDS IN COLLEGE PLANNING

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# Quality environment: upon what principles do we proceed?

Not long ago I was invited to make a speech to the Norwalk (Connecticut) Association for Better Community Design. This group was formed some five years ago by a group of local residents in that oncefactory town (population: 67,775) to try to raise the design quality of the schools being built, and to try to raise the quality of the urban redevelopment then (and still) being undertaken by the city.

As I sat down to think about what I would say to them, I found that I was full of examples of what was wrong with our environment in general and Norwalk's environment in particular. I could create a long list of how environments got that way (bureaucratic indifference, business indifference, public apathy, private ignorance), and was full of enthusiasms for the efforts of groups like the Norwalk ABCD to fight the good fight for environmental quality. But I was totally unable to suggest any specific goals for the "environmental quality" for which we are all searching.

A client can tell an architect that he wants a house with room for so many adults and so many children and such-andso activities to cost not more than thusand-such, not including land and fees. But a client cannot tell the architect what he wants the house to feel like and what he wants to feel like when he lives in it. Most clients bring along an "idea file" and clippings of houses they've liked. But does this really communicate? And if people cannot describe the houses they want, how do they describe the city they want?

In this issue (page 161) architect Benjamin Thompson offers a moving (and quite positive) description of the city he wants. But in general, as the National Commission on Urban Problems (Douglas Commission) points out in its just-issued report, "We are accustomed to defining 'quality' in negative terms. Non-slums, absence of transportation problems, better schools, etc. help to say what it is we do not want, or want improved, but they take their meaning from conditions that are 'bad.' There is no measure defined in relation to a 'good' place.

"Without a clear picture of urban quality, layman and lawmaker alike have no common goal by which to judge what we are building and rebuilding today. . . . [The British philosopher] Hume once wrote: 'I am uneasy to think I approve of one object and disapprove another; call one thing beautiful and another deformed; decide concerning truth and falsehood, reason and folly-without knowing upon what principles I proceed.' We are all uneasy today because we don't have principles that we all understand. And a world with fewer and fewer limitations on the possible makes it more and more difficult to develop principles that can be commonly understood. Once the man-made environment changed slowly; there was time to examine and get acquainted with and understand it. Today, man changes his world so quickly that he is almost put in the position of a man reading about reading while teaching himself to read. . . . When he tries to set up principles to guide him in evaluating his life in the city, in the home he shares with his family, in the place where he works, along those streets he traverses each day, he feels increasingly unsure of his judgments."

But a "clear picture" of urban quality is now just what we need. We have a new Federal government, now examining past failures and successes and judging what policies for city rebuilding to establish for the next years ahead. We have city governments across the land struggling with problems of anarchy on one hand and indifference and inadequate financing on the other. Even within the profession—and certainly between older (say over 30) practitioners and students—there is great disagreement over environmental goals.

When will we have the "clear picture" of urban quality? Probably never-at least with any of the same sense of assurance and accuracy as we can see how many units of new building we need. But how encouraging it is that-on every level from the august commissions of the Federal government to the small and often frustrated action groups of towns and cities across the country (like Norwalk's Association for Better Community Design)-there is a striving to establish not just quantity demands but quality demands. Quality of environment is being talked about as a goal. And there seems to be increasing understanding of the idea that the achievement of quality in environment depends on design. The Douglas report quotes Edmund Bacon that "given a clear vision of a 'design idea,' the multiplicity of wills that constitutes our contemporary democratic process can coalesce into positive, unified action on a scale large enough to change . . . the character of a city."

Right now, in Norwalk, the citizens (or at least a small part of them) are fighting (and sometimes winning) arguments over the quality of a school, or the design of a bridge, or the location of a community college. Some of the local architects have added their personal effort and professional stature to the effort. From such small battles is bound to come broader public awareness of the fact that the quality of environment does matter-and can be altered by public action. Each effort to improve design quality-to improve environment-whether on a very local, or the broadest possible, level helps set a new standard of quality -helps give the definition we need for "just what is a good environment?"

-Walter F. Wagner, Jr.

## PERSPECTIVES



## More about quality design: from the Douglas Report

Perhaps the most impressive idea of the impressive Report of the National Commission on Urban Problems is its proposal for financing better design. The report says: "What we need most of all is working capital for ideas; that is, for design. There is a persistent belief that the design of buildings, as well as cities, is the easy part of the job, and that it involves nine parts inspiration and one part work. This belief is widely held because the United States has been the 'doer' of the world and has been impatient with the philosopher and the creative man who knows that creative ideas take time to develop. . . . [Until recently] the quality of the living space and the quality of the environment were ignored. If the market was good, money was made available to build. The great bulk of apartment building in the United States is still handled in this way. The FHA was manned by those familiar with the system, and change has come slowly. Neither the FHA nor the lending institutions have been staffed by men who believed that there was much that was basically wrong with American cities. They were not seeking, nor were they trained to seek, the new. . . .' The report suggests, then, that . . .

## "A major part of the problem is lack of financing for design"

The report points out that "a major part of the problem is the complete lack of financing for design and development prior to construction. When working drawings are completed, the builder obtains a building permit, construction begins, and the first call on the mortgage can be made. Threequarters of the architect's and engineer's work is completed. There is no financing for this major cash requirement. It is understandable that every developer seeks to minimize these costs. Yet, it is the first fourth of this three-fourths of the work the design and development stage—that should be given the greatest amount of time and money. It is this stage that gets short-changed, although it is precisely this part of the work that produces buildings worth building and cities worth living in."

## One fresh proposal: a Design Development Bank

Concludes the Douglas Report: "There are banks of all kinds for international development. It seems sound to apply this principle to design. The financial statements and net worth of those seeking loans would be very different from those required by a typical mortgage bank today. A private developer could ask for a loan. So could a city or town, a planning commission or school board, any individual or group legitimately involved in the development of cities and towns, or a portion of them.

"Let us assume that such a bank became an immediate success because it responded to a national desire to build a fine environment for every citizen. Let us assume, also, that this special bank began to acquire a new role and that it established major centers for the dissemination of information based on the analysis of all of the loans it granted and their effect on the urban environment.

"It might well happen that a building or a city that obtained a design loan and took full advantage of it would be in a favorable position. Its sponsors could borrow money for construction of a project because its careful and creative development could make it a sounder investment than those without design loans. The entire mortgage banking business and the allocation of government loans might change. The quality of the total environment demonstrated on the loan application would become as important in determining loans as the quantities that fill the mortgage analysts' pages today. It could be that a Design Development Bank record would become a marketable item, and that mortgages on Design Development Bank properties would become a new 'gilt-edged' investment.

"The way to build the American city we need now must involve the marketplace, and the marketplace is the entire United States. It is the architecture of the 'marketplace' that will make the fine cities and towns men know are possible to build today. A Design Development Bank could make this possible . . ."

And that idea, dear architects, seems to me to be an idea worth careful study and conscientious support.

## The architecture is nice —but who did it?

The A.I.A. has just caused to be published a new version of its "what is an architect" brochure, suitable for distribution to interested members of the public, high school students who think they might want to be architects, and so on. Entitled "The architect, his profession, and his professional society," it is handsomely printed, quite elegantly written, and complete with some handsome photographs of buildings in a variety of current modes. But we couldn't help wondering around here what architects in particular (and the A.I.A. in general) would say if we credited the photographs as it is done in this booklet-viz., "Credits: Page 16."

To be sure, on page 16, as advertised, I learn that photo 1 is "Sea Ranch Swim & Tennis Club; Architects: MLTW/Moore Turnbull; Photographer: Morley Baer." And so on for each picture. But as a device for relating handsome design to the architects who create it, "credits on page 16" is not so good. Architects are important, A.I.A. -W.W.

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## News in brief

- The first joint International Convention of the A.I.A. and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada will be held at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago, June 22-26, 1969. For A.I.A., it will be the 101st annual convention; for R.A.I.C., the 61st. General chairman for the 1969 Convention is William J. Bachman, Hammond, Indiana. Under the theme "Focus Now," speakers will discuss professionalism, design, and technology, relating them to the action required of the architect in the urban crisis.
- A seminar titled "A Review of European Experience with Innovation in the Building Industry" was presented by the Department of Commerce in cooperation with HUD. Without exception, the speakers (construction industry professionals from the United Kingdom, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Italy and Canada) cited systems building as the innovation which had enabled their countries to increase goals for construction, particularly housing. Stress was on traditional products used in combination to form prefabricated building systems. Heavily debated, but effectively supported by Robert Platts, building consultant from Canada: "systems construction is not incompatible with good design."
- The Department of Transportation has signed a contract with the firms of Arthur D. Little, Inc., Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Wilber Smith and Associates, and Real Estate Research Corporation to research and develop a formula for improving urban transportation. "It is an action program," said DOT Secretary John Volpe. "I personally will not be satisfied with the performance of the consultant teams until they, through their work, light the spark of community involvement in each of the participating cities. With five cities (Pittsburgh, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver and Seattle) sharing expertise, information, and development, the manufacturers of transit equipment will have delineated for them a much more positive market potential."
- A report by the President's Committee on Urban Housing, chairman Edgar Kaiser, says tax incentives will help entice private industry into the low-income housing market, but they cannot substitute for direct Federal subsidies. "The existing system for developing Federally subsidized housing should and must be relied upon to do the job," the committee said. "If it should fail in the next few years, however, we recognize that it could well become necessary to turn to the Federal government as the houser of last resort for the nation's lower-income families."
- The nation's largest steel producer announced creation of a division to formally move into real estate. It will be called United States Steel Realty Development. U.S. Steel is already involved in real estate ventures, including its 54-story office building going up in downtown New York, a 250-unit low cost housing project in Gary, Indiana, and a land development corporation in Los Angeles.
- A study of low-cost housing has been launched by the University of Texas in East Austin, where 10 prototype homes are nearing completion on a two-acre tract of surplus Federal land. Operating with a \$234,000 HUD grant, the study, "Austin-Oaks—'68," is aimed at developing guidelines for lowincome housing, and will include intensive research of the engineering, architectural and sociological features of each home, as well as detailed cost analysis of construction and subsequent operation and maintenance.
- "New Towns" is the subject to be examined at the Building Research Institute's Conference in Chicago, April 29 to May 1. Questions to be explored: Are America's new towns serving the functions for which they were planned? Are they sociologically valuable? Financially sound? When they do not work, whose fault is it? Other topics will be the techniques of land planning and development, construction and design, financing, selling, and leasing.
- Increased voter reluctance to approve bond issues to finance school construction is indicated in a recent U.S. Office of Education publication. The report shows that 1,750 elections involving \$3.7 billion in proposed bond issues for public elementary and secondary school construction were held in fiscal 1968. In 1,183 of these the voters approved issues totalling \$2.3 billion. This is 10.2 per cent below the average for the previous 10 years.

#### Architects and consulting engineers discuss Federal legislation

March 19, A.I.A. President George Kassabaum opened the second annual Public Affairs conference held jointly by A.I.A. and C.E.C. Mr. Kassabaum's opening statement, "The public needs a champion. If we don't take positions on things, then who will," pointed out the A.I.A.'s concern with the architect as leader—a role that the architect must take as creator of the environment.

For the remainder of the day Congressmen and Senators spoke on bills and existing legislation pertaining to architects and consulting engineers.

Representative William Roth of Delaware in his speech, "Another Hoover Commission

## Awards to business for combating environmental ills

The first national awards recognizing the contributions being made today by private business toward the solution of public problems have been established by Business Week. The awards will be known as The Business Week Awards for Business Citizenship, and the McGraw-Hill publication is now soliciting nominations. The initial presentation will be made in October, according to John W. Gardner, chairman of the Urban Coalition and former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, who will serve the program as chairman of the Awards Committee.

The prime goal of the awards is four-fold: 1) to recognize those businesses making significant contributions toward the curing of environmental ills; 2) to recognize achievement by business in helping solve social problems; 3) to stimulate greater business involvement in the social area; 4) to provide an extensive fund of knowledge and means for information exchange.

The awards will consider private-sector ventures in two general areas:

*Physical environment:* for activity in such fields as housing, transportation, pollution control, new communities, recreation, and other areas which better the physical environment in which men live. Or, for technological advances resulting in devices and techniques to imto Solve America's Grant-in-Aid Hodge Podge," pointed out that the large states and universities are getting the bulk of Federal aid by maintaining full-time staffs in Washington to keep up with new aid programs. "What is needed," said Roth, "is a Program Information Act to create a publication which gives a complete run-down on all available Federal aid. Then all states, counties and schools will have an equal chance. We also need another Hoover Commission to make Federal assistance more meaningful by ending overlapping and duplicated programs."

Senator Edward Gurney of Florida urged all present to support his bill to prohibit product

prove and control environment.

Human resources: for activity in the interest of meeting such vital human needs as education, health, rehabilitation, employment; programs for youth; projects to improve race relations.

Two awards will be made in each of the above categories and, in addition, one special award will be made for:

Exceptional Leadership: to an individual who has done an exceptional service in directing the resources and abilities of private enterprise to the solution of public problems.

Nomination forms are available from the Business Week Awards Committee, 330 West 42 Street, New York, New York 10036. Final date for submission of nominations is June 30, 1969.



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Inadvertently the RECORD's March cover photograph was miscredited. The interior of the Robert S. Marx Theater was photographed by Norman McGrath. boycotts by labor. Gurney said, "the hands of our architects, engineers, and builders have been effectively shackled by recent decisions of the Supreme Court. We have the ability to rocket past time zones, but in the homebuilding business, our courts have turned back the hands of the clock. They have decided that we must meet 21st century housing needs with 18th century building methods." Cited was the Supreme Court's controversial Philadelphia Door decision which upheld the right of a union to refuse to install prefitted wooden doors. Legislative insiders say Congress will view Gurney's bill as anti-labor, therefore giving it

#### Douglas Commission: Let's get some housing up

After almost two years of hearings and study, the National Commission on Urban Problems has filed a 1,500-page report to Congress which indicates only too plainly that very little lowincome housing is going up.

The report's introduction is effectively summarized in its table of contents; in effect a summary of a summary.

Major points in that table:

Our big cities are hard-up, costs. of local government are skyrocketing, and political representation for the poor in slums is almost non-existent.

Coping with metropolitan area problems is incredibly complex because of the proliferation of local governments, all with differing viewpoints, within those areas.

Poor nonwhites who have big families and are renters are most likely to live in substandard housing. But they are not alone. A third of our affluent nation white and black—cannot afford adequate, non-subsidized housing today.

Zoning was intended to control land development, but fiscal considerations often distort it, leading to economic and racial exclusion.

We must develop a new system for codes and standards to free the building industry, manufacturers and planners from a maze of restrictions.

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little chance of passing.

The conference wound up with Federal Contracts Attorney Gilbert Coneo giving a rousing speech on "The Federal Government as a Client." His covered points are found in a very helpful book entitled "Contracting with the Federal Government: A Primer for Architects and Engineers." Copies of this book are available from: PRIMER, Room 713, 1155 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. Cost is \$6.00.

The second day of the conference was spent with the 475 attending architects and engineers visiting their congressmen around Washington, for a firsthand check on legislation.

mission's almost-150 recommendations is the realization that a) improving the environment will cost a lot of money; b) as a nation we can easily afford it and it is only a matter of priorities, and c) rearranging those priorities is simply a matter of political commitment.

Copies of the report can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, \$4.50.

#### Trust fund is set up for fire victims' families

The death of 10 young people in the architectural offices of developer David Rosen & Associates was attributed to the victims' failure to call the New York City Fire Department immediately, and quickly leave the burning building by the stairs.

The fire, which fed on two gallons of rubber cement and a great deal of tracing paper, killed: David Carrol, Gordon Bloedel, Salvatore J. Caltabiano, Ronald Eisen, Kenneth Greene, Frank Meilan, Maurice Rockman, Pasqual Caferro, Arlene Shanbaum, and Carrol Quigly.

To help the families of the victims (14 children are involved) a trust fund has been set up by architect Bruce Cousins. Anyone wishing to contribute may send checks to: The Young Architects Memorial Fund, c/o Ingber & Klapper, Attorneys, Suite 611, 295 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

#### Commission of Fine Arts: Design review board for the National Capital

Few architects dispute the concept of design review—a force long fought for in order to upgrade the environment—but some (especially some who have had six months of hard design work shot down) have more personal, negative feelings about the manner in which specific review boards operate.

An example of this intellectual dichotomy lurks in the Commission of Fine Arts' turndown of the Mitchell/Giurgola design for A.I.A. Headquarters.

Some A.I.A. people wished to challenge the CFA, but the A.I.A., firmly committed to the concept of design review, instead stated that while "an appeal might be good therapy, it is possible that it could be made only at the cost of weakening the influence for development of an orderly environment of design review bodies everywhere." While the A.I.A. accepted the decision, some of the questions-pertaining to the CFA specifically-which arose then were quite valid. Can a seven-member commission be objective? Is seven the perfect number? Who should be on such a commission? Has the CFA worked for Washington in the past? What are its pluses, its negatives?

The CFA has been overseeing the architectural harmony of Washington since 1910, when President Taft created it to advise on the location of statues, fountains and monuments in public squares, streets and parks. But CFA's responsibilities grew quickly to its present status, to include: all of Washington's public buildings, private buildings facing public buildings in the area outlined in the map above, art placed in public spaces, preservation of Georgetown, and designs of coins, medals and insignias. The legal responsibilities are broad, but in effect the Commission of Fine Arts has little to do with the fine arts; most projects reviewed are designs for public and private buildings.

Having strictly advisory powers, the CFA's influence fluctuates. Much depends upon the political dexterity of its chairman and six members, as well as the favor of the President. The present chairman, painter William Walton, was appointed by President Kennedy in 1963, and reappointed for another four years by Lyndon Johnson in 1967. During the Kennedy years the CFA was a powerful force in shaping Washington's physical environment, a force which continued through the Johnson administration. Under the present administration no one can be sure.

Also appointed in 1963, architect Gordon Bunshaft has been one of the CFA's most outspoken members, and the member architects critical of CFA most often speak of, calling his decisions "frequently arbitrary." But viewed as a whole the buildings the CFA has reviewed since 1963 are clearly and well above average, and in some cases are this way because of the Commission's refusal to pass them in their original form.

An architect visiting the CFA, design in hand, for the first time, could get the impression that it is Mr. Bunshaft who makes the decisions-because Bunshaft's strong personality does seem to dominate the scene, and he is an articulate spokesman. But this is in the afternoon meeting with the architect and the press present. Actually, the designs are studied fully by all members of the commission during a closed meeting in the morning of the one day the CFA meets each month. In some months, when there are no submissions, the meetings are not held.

Because of the impossibility of dealing with all the projects arising in Georgetown (every detail, including a change in the color of an outside lantern, must be approved) a subcommission, staffed by local architects, was set up on a more frequent meeting-schedule.

#### The CFA's seven members

are appointed by the President. They are not paid during their four year term, but are compensated for expenses out of the Commission's \$155,000 per year budget—the smallest budget for a Federal Commission.

One objection to the inclusion of practicing architects in the CFA's membership is possible conflicts of interest arising when a competitive firm brings a design in for review. An alternative would be to appoint only nonpracticing architects (for example, teachers), but this also has drawbacks. In the end much must depend upon the integrity of the individuals selected, at least as long as membership is on a voluntary basis. If it were not, and the government hired a staff, such highly qualified people as the present members-William Walton, Gordon Bunshaft, Chloethiel Smith, Hideo Sasaki, Kevin Roche, Aline Saarinen, John Walker-would be impossible to obtain. With artists of this caliber chosen from among diverse fields, hopefully the prejudices of an individual are not able to determine any decision of the whole. and the CFA can remain objective. Speaking of objective criteria, one CFA member said that the only truly objective criterion possible is "hold that cornice line," since building height is strictly controlled throughout Washington.

### The CFA publishes a report of its activities every four years.

In this way the public is informed about every project reviewed, and the action CFA took. It is also a way of informing the House Interior Affairs Committee, headed by Representative Julia Hansen, which allocates CFA funds.

Out of necessity, the CFA refrains from making specific recommendations on how to improve designs.

Architects who have designs turned down do have recourse to an appeal. They can appeal to their congressman to intercede with the Commission, or sponsor legislation in individual cases to circumvent the CFA. A few years ago, a group wanted a monument built to their favorite Czechoslovakian poet. The CFA, which feels Washington has enough statues in public parks, turned the design down. The group went to their Congressman who had legislation passed which overrode the



The legislation that covers the CFA's responsibilities is as specific as possible about design criteria. The Shipstead-Luce Act, which delineates the area of responsibility shown in the map, states, "a reasonable degree of control should be exercised over the architecture of public or private buildings . . . within the lines of good order, good taste, and with due regard to the public interest." The fundamental policy has been that no building should overshadow the dome of the capitol.

power of the Commission. Happily, Congress is reticent to do this too often.

Another way of appealing a CFA decision would be to go to the Washington Building Commission and get a building permit, but in most cases this would be impossible since permits are issued on recommendation, purely advisory in nature, of the CFA.

Occasionally, other government agencies will use the CFA's expertise on projects outside CFA territory. —Don Raney

### **BUILDINGS IN THE NEWS**



The Bronx Community College of The City University of New York will be located on the air-rights of one of New York City's subway yards, with the site divided by a boulevard. The \$40-million solution, designed by deYoung & Moscowitz and Harry M. Prince & Associates with Benjamin Moscowitz, partnerin-charge, includes covering the tracks with a deck slab at street level and building a plaza 19 feet above that. The space between the two will be parking, mechanical, storage and service areas. A bridge, or open landscaped plaza, over the boulevard will connect the two sites. In the photo, the circular building at top is the dining hall and student center. Barely visible beyond that is the health and physical education building. Others include administration areas, classrooms and a library. The elevation shows the Engineering, Science & Administration Building. The complex is cast-in-place structural concrete with some precast elements.



The Hawaii State Capitol, Honolulu, has opened one decade (almost to the day) after Hawaii became a state. The \$22-million building—with offices and lanais opening to a great

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central court—was designed by John Carl Warnecke and Associates in joint venture with Belt, Lemmon and Lo (RECORD, June, 1961, page 153-156 and May, 1969).



**Passenger terminal** for cruise ships, Miami, will have five air-conditioned passenger modules, each containing restaurant facilities, a carpeted lounge, four large windows offering panoramic views, and an enclosed telescoping walkway to the ship. The \$5-million concrete and glass terminal, with circular turrets, is designed by John Andrews.

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### A first look at the award-winners for 1969 Record Houses

The editors of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD have announced that 20 architect-designed houses have been selected to receive the ARCHITECTURAL RECORD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR HOUSE DESIGN. A certificate to each architect and owner will read: "Selected as a Record House for outstanding architectural excellence in planning and design and presented in REC-ORD HOUSES OF 1969 as one of the nation's most significant houses of the year."

The Record House awards were instituted in 1956 to document and stimulate creative, yet sound and livable, design, and with special interest given to the work of young architects. A second prime objective has been to help initiate greater interest and knowledge of good contemporary architecture among the general public, and especially among actual or potential architectural clients. Surveys indicate that these objectives have had substantial success.

With these current awards, selected from among hundreds recently built in the U.S., ARCHI-TECTURAL RECORD has premiated 293 houses in 36 states by 195 architects. On the new awards, Herbert L. Smith, Jr., editor-in-charge of RECORD HOUSES, comments, "This year's winners show an increasing and highly innovative concern with interior spatial development, as well as very effective efforts to make each house more compatible with its neighborhood."

The award-winning houses will appear in the mid-May issue of ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. **RECORD HOUSES OF 1969 will** also be distributed to the 20,000 leading builders qualified by Sweet's to receive the Light Construction File, and, for the first time, to nearly 6,000 interior designers qualified to receive the new Sweet's Interior Design File. A bookstore edition, as usual, will be published by McGraw-Hill Book Company, and will be available to the public in early July.

Submissions for RECORD HOUSES of 1970 will be considered beginning in the fall.



Hoffman house, East Hampton, New York. Architect: Richard Meier



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Architect Van der Ryn's house, Point Reyes, California Architects: Hirshen & Van der Ryn







Architect's house, Atlanta, Georgia. Architect: Morton M. Gruber Associates



Braselman house, New Orleans, Louisiana. Architect: James Lamantia



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Architect's house, East Hampton, New York. Architect: Alfred De Vido



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### LETTERS

#### **Reply to Percival Goodman**

To reply to one's critics is a precarious job because any argument will be ascribed to a hurt ego. Since I am the owner of a rather imperturbable self-image, I accepted, after a spontaneous refusal, the invitation of the RECORD to risk a reply to Percival Goodman's review of my book *Matrix of Man* (see March 1969, p. 147). The objections raised by Mr. Goodman touch on some of the most basic issues of our time.

Architects, to put it mildly, are not intellectuals, and their ability to read deductively is limited. That Goodman is no exception becomes obvious from his arch reference to Brazilia and Urban Renewal as counter-proof of a metabolic urban renewal process, as if their exceptional failure in the historical process had not been amply described. The same goes for my definiton of "urban crisis" as NOT a unique contemporary phenomenon but a continuous state of tension between the-elaborately characterized—individual power drives and the communal organization that make a city. Most incomprehensible of all of Goodman's objections is that against my insistence on "stacked" density, whether in Siberia or Switzerland, to create an urban environment. If this inhibits, as he asserts, the human right to "a power of choice," then why does he have his students design superstacks on City Island and elsewhere, and why does he return each Sunday night from his prefabricated Island retreat to the rented stack space in New York?

The answer to this question is collective rather than personal. The Goodman Brothers, I, and eight million other people are, to employ ethological lingo, programed for city living. We have, over a period of many centuries, adapted to an urban environment which differs totally from the ethological adjustment of the rural inhabitant. You don't ask the crowds on the Lagoon or on Tompkins Square why they are relaxed and happy, or the mother with her baby carriage why she does not flee in panic. But isn't it rather, well, simplistic to mouth the standard accusations about "substandard dwelling units, filth and pollution, bad planning, crime, dope addiction and assorted hang-ups" without once asking the simple question why this sink of inequity is the dwelling place of a blind herd of deathbound lemmings? A brief sojourn to the statistical files in the New York Library would teach the Professor of Graduate Design that New York has an enviable vital statistics curve and a favorable employment index compared to other large cities; that it has more universities, libraries, museums, hospitals, beaches, than any other American city. Most decisive: it has the most polyglot multi-leveled population and the most diverse occupational specialization anywhere on earth. This is why people live in New York, why they have built cities through the millenniums, and why they put up with the obverse symptoms of high-density concentration under minimum law enforcement: crime, self-inflicted disease, brutal aggressiveness, parasitism, and corrupt administration. The keys to the city are opportunity and participation.

My book is intended to visualize these ingredients that go into a viable city, and to encourage those who teach, learn, and implement to follow in the development of their communities this urban programing inherent in the city dweller. To oppose this thesis with an outraged description of inadequate housing conditions on a French campus, and with a prayerful invocation of Krapotkin's Anarchism, seems a rather meaningless nonsequitur.

I ask consciously what millions of citizens expect subconsciously: that a city live up to its full potential, that it be all of a city, free of the shame and false trappings of fake "villages," "garden cities," or Model Cities. NEW YORK IS THE MOST COMPLETE CITY I KNOW. This is why I dedicated my book



to Manhattan, which aroused the ire not only of Percival Goodman. In fact, a lady interviewer on New York's own Municipal Broadcasting System wasted irretrievable time by scolding me for not praising San Francisco instead of her employer.

I share a certainty with this Island of Manhattan that long after the Goodmans have shouted their last impotent invective, men and women will still seek their destiny where the long adaptation process to urban conditions has made them fit to live.

Sibvl Moholy-Nagy

#### Hazards of unsafe wiring

We feel sure you will be pleased to learn that an important segment of the electrical manufacturing industry is highly pleased with your Mr. Robert Fischer's article in the December issue. "Makeshift Holes for Utilities Negate Floor Slab's Fire Resistance" represents an admirable grasp of a most difficult and significant subject. Your magazine is fortunate in having a man of Mr. Fischer's talents on the staff.

> D. E. Wilbur, Chairman F. W. Fork, Vice Chairman National Electrical Manufacturers' Association

#### Salem Civic Center credits

May we express our appreciation for the item on the Salem Civic Center in the February issue. We have received a good deal of favorable comment.

We are disturbed, however, that the name of one of the principals of the joint venture, Don Richardson, A.I.A., was omitted. I hope you will be able to mention this.

James Payne Payne & Settecase Salem, Oregon

#### Monuments to the designers?

Only now, I had a chance to study your January issue praising the projected middleincome housing in New York City. But should not a professional magazine have pointed out the grieveous inadequacies in many of the apartment layouts? The walkthrough living rooms which serve as traffic areas for the apartment and as eating space as well, make it impossible for the mother to ever keep this room clean; the dark kitchenettes, far away from any window where this same mother has to spend her time (these people do not have maids); the entrance into the kitchenette, thus eliminating the foyers of the maligned present housing which are so useful as additional living space for a family (now the living room becomes the foyer); the many gloomy, practically windowless rooms, without cross ventilation, looking out at projecting wings of the same building or onto interior courts which make their reappearance, a return to the apartment blocks of early century Central Europe. The money spent for crenelation of buildings and interesting projections could better have gone into central air conditioning in New York's climate.

The complete subjugation of plan and economics to exterior design is, of course, part of the complete reversal that took place in architecture in the last fifteen years. While it may be appropriate for monumental buildings, it seems out of place in middle-income housing. As a matter of fact, this approach has held up for three years any construction of this kind of housing in the city, and the rents are now at \$40 to \$50 a room, far beyond the reach of the people for whom the program was intended and shrugged off in the article as acceptance of new costs." As all the projects are still on paper, cost will go up higher yet before they are built.

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Ken Babits has opened an office for the practice of architecture at 19 Landing Meadow Road, Smithtown, New York.

**Beyer-Blinder Associates** has opened an office for the practice of architecture at 31 Union Square West, New York City.

**Clarence Krusinski and Associates** has opened an architectural office at 10 South LaSalle Street, Chicago.

**Roger K. Lewis, Architect,** has recently opened an office for architecture and planning at 430 Georgetown Building, 2233 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.

**Robert G. Werden & Associates, Inc.,** consulting engineers, has opened a branch office at 110 West State Street, Trenton.

Wilsey & Ham, engineering, planning and architectural firm, has opened a new office in Seattle.

**Daniel G. Winklosky, A.I.A.** has recently established practice as an architect and city planner at 215 South Elm Street, High Point, North Carolina.

#### NEW FIRMS, FIRM CHANGES

Marvin I. Adleman, A.S.L.A. and Leonard G. Siegel, A.I.A. have established a new firm, Adleman, Siegel & Associates, Environmental Designers for the comprehensive professional practice of architecture, landscape architecture, planning and urban design. The firm's address is 605 Liberty Trust Building, Philadelphia.

David R. Johnson, Richard C. Reece, Spiros G. Pantazi, and Robert Y. C. Hsiung have become partners of the Boston firm, Anderson Beckwith and Haible Architects.

Stuart Long—Joseph Appelt & Associates has changed its name to Joseph Appelt & Associates. The firm's address remains 960 Scribner Ave., N.W., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

William F. Whitby, Jr. has become a partner in the State College, Pennsylvania, firm of Kennedy-Basom-Grieco, A.I.A., and the firm is now known as Architects and Engineers Collaborative.

Au, Cutting, Smith and Associates, Architects and Planning Consultants of Honolulu have named Robert Imada and Donald E. Hartwell as associates.

Caudill Rowlett Scott of Houston and New York has elected the following as associates: Donald C. Axon; Andrew Belschner; William T. Cannady; Edith A. Cherry; Lee J. Enright; Alvin Eppes; Robert Hendrickson; Thomas A. Hooker; Paul A. Kiel; Chalmers G. Long, Jr.; Frederick A. Preiss; Dale J. Ruckstuhl; Francis G. Whitcomb and William Wright, Jr.

Dalton—Dalton Associates and Robert A. Little and Associates have merged under the firm name of Dalton—Dalton—Little, with offices in Cleveland.

Stanley M. Cole, A.I.A. has been appointed managing partner of Alexander Ewing & Associates, Philadelphia architectural, engineering and planning firm.

Charles Deakin has joined the architectural affiliate of Connell Associates, Inc., Consulting Engineers of Miami and Orlando, Florida, as assistant supervisor of the firm's architectural department.

The office of J. B. Baldino, Architect has announced the advancement of Louis Di-Gregorio as associate architect.

Warren A. Dixon and Harold W. Brown have formed a partnership under the firm name of Dixon and Brown, A.I.A., Architects at 315 North Kimball Street, Mitchell, South Dakota.

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Norman D. Kurtz has joined Peter Flack, Consulting Engineers. The new firm, Flack & Kurtz Consulting Engineers, is at 29 West 38th Street, New York.

Gilbert, Forsberg, Diekmann, Schmidt, Civil and Structural Engineers, is now operating under the name of GFDS Engineers, 1620 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

Ben E. Graves has joined the staff of New York-based Educational Facilities Laboratories as consultant and director of New Life for Old Schools Project, located at 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago.

James M. Glave, A.I.A., William C. Newman, A.I.A., and Samuel A. Anderson III, A.I.A. have formed a new partnership for the practice of architecture, Glave Newman Anderson.

Wallace B. Berger, A.I.A., David Eng, A.I.A., Samuel Posner and Richard C. Keller, **R.A.** are now associates of **Gruzen & Partners**, New York City.

A new firm, **Richard W. Hobbs Associates**, has recently opened, with offices at 907 Pine Street, Seattle.

Emil C. Hach is now a partner of R. M. Gensert Associates, Structural Engineers of Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

Clifford Hanssen is now an associate in the San Francisco firm, Neill Smith and Associates.

James R. Johnson has recently been admitted as a principal of Griffin, Mynatt & Kaatz, Inc., Architects, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Walter H. Kilham, Jr., F.A.I.A., Robert M. Beder, A.I.A. and Philip M. Chu, A.I.A. announce the change of the firm name, O'Connor and Kilham, Architects to Kilham Beder & Chu, Architects. Robert B. O'Connor, F.A.I.A. continues as consultant to the firm, New York City.

Donald S. Van Etten, A.I.A. and Michael Newman, A.I.A. are now partners of Lashmit Brown and Pollock Architects and Engineers, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The merger of two California architectural firms, Leach & Kehoe and James Ticer & Associates, has recently been announced. The new firm, Leach, Kehoe, Ticer, & Associates, A.I.A., has offices at 522 North "A" Street, Oxnard, California and 266 Mobil Avenue, Camarillo, California. Andrew R. Ewing is now a vice president, and Edwin W. Fairweather is now director of development, at Charles Luckman Associates of New York.

The Detroit firm, Meathe, Kessler and Associates, Inc., Architects has changed its firm name to William Kessler and Associates, Inc., Architects, following the resignation of Philip J. Meathe, A.I.A. Mr. Meathe is now with Smith, Hinchman & Grylls, Detroit, as executive vice-president.

Gerald Gurland and Carl Meinhardt have recently become associates with the New York firm, Richard Meier, Architect.

Roger C. Mellem, A.I.A. is now an associate of Metcalf and Associates, Architects and Engineers, Washington, D.C.

George, Miles & Buhr, Salisbury, Maryland architectural and engineering firm, recently announced the admission of George K. Miles, P.E. as engineering associate.

F. Kempton Mooney has been appointed as an associate of the Atlanta architectural and engineering firm, Stevens & Wilkinson.

Robert Mosher and Roy Drew recently announced that William J. Watson, A.I.A. has joined them in the practice of architecture. The new firm, Mosher, Drew, Watson & Associates, is located at 1255 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla, California.

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### Delayed fees: curse of the funding process

Delayed payment of fees is causing distress in many architects' offices. Even long-established offices of proven competence are forced to take emergency measures to survive the interval between the commission and any substantial payment of fee-sometimes delayed until long after completion of working drawings. This is especially true of jobs that are highly speculative and heavily mortgaged, including Federally-financed housing and urban renewal projects. Clients for these types of buildings very often make only token payments of the architect's fee until mortgage money is available; and usually the proposed design must be virtually complete before the lender makes the first payment.

One eminently competent architect, who prefers to remain anonymous, describes the situation as follows:

Seventy-five per cent of an architect's services are completed before the owner obtains the first mortgage draw and construction starts. Since there is no financing available to the owner for a particular project until the construction documents are completed, the owner must use other sources for funds. Understandably, he does not want to tie up capital during the years (many years in the case of governmentinsured or financed projects, particularly in urban renewal areas) required to get a project financed and under construction. Therefore, he wants to pay out as little money as possible during this period for architectural services. Yet he must have these services before he can obtain his financing and start to build.

### The architect is forced into the role of banker

During the development period, the architect must pay monthly salaries and overhead in order to provide the services. Thus, a vicious circle has developed wherein the architect is forced to finance the client for a high percentage of this service, yet he has no source of capital except his profession.

Meanwhile, the architect's pre-tax income as a percent of gross receipts has been shown (in the A.I.A. report *The Economics of Architectural Practice*) to be about one third of the average in 1950. Salaries, consultants' fees and all indirect expenses have risen much more rapidly than construction costs—and the majority of fees are still based on a long-established percentage of construction costs. At the same time, services are more complex, there are new problems involving risk and liability, and there are many other problems. Not the least of these is the rapid increase in taxes over the past decade.

The responsible professional architect (without a private income from other sources) faces certain hardship—if not bankruptcy—in order to finance his services until the client gets his mortgage draw. Present conditions require hundreds of thousands of dollars to be carried in accounts receivable by any architect doing major work—particularly in housing, urban renewal and other large urban projects.

Yet these are precisely the projects that must be served today. At the very time that everyone is talking "good design," many of the professionals trained to accomplish this (and within strict budgets) are approaching a breaking point. Only those who can finance their services get the work, and clients are increasingly frank about this. They are quick to wrath if the architect has to bring up the desperate problems of getting paid, and they make it clear that next time they'll get someone "more reasonable."

### Some clients procrastinate others drag their feet

Some of these clients sign A.I.A. agreements calling for monthly payments to the architect—and then they just don't pay for months and months. When the architect requests even partial payment, such owners typically respond with familiar excuses for not paying just now. These excuses range from the patently flimsy to the grossly unfair.

Other owners spend months and months having their lawyers "review" the A.I.A. agreement—a standard document that any competent lawyer could "review"

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in an hour. They say that their letter agreement is okay—so why bother with all of this when (in the case of FHA) "you have to sign their agreement anyway." In the meantime, they pay "on account" amounts now and then, but these rarely cover costs.

Still others want a schedule of payments with a "holdback" of at least one third "until FHA closing" or some other "signing" that activates the financing. The architect who agrees to this must insist on a firm date for payment of the one third after completion of the contract documents or he will spend an even longer period waiting to be paid.

#### The architect's recourse a study in frustration

What does the harassed architect do about his fees? 1) He sends monthly statements month after month and finally in desperation, writes or telephones the clientusually, at best, with a few "on account" responses. 2) He borrows from the few "Peters" who pay their accounts and pays for the "Pauls" projects. Since there are very few "Peter" accounts and most of them small, this doesn't help much. 3) As the end of a month draws near, he goes to his bank with a list of accounts receivable. Banks take a dim view of these so he puts up his house (if he is lucky enough to own one) as collateral. This produces only enough to pay costs for a few more weeks. 4) Just as he is about to go down the third time, a sizable project finally staggers to the finish line-and the mortgage draw pays the long-delayed fees for work completed months before. The architect races back to his office, writes checks to all the creditors he can, puts enough aside to pay for a month's cost, pays the bank as little as it will accept, and goes back to the drawing board hoping that other clients will pay soon.

But they don't. Holdbacks and just plain delay in payment on more than 20 projects put accounts receivable for this particular architect at \$408,270.47, although some projects have been completed for several months. This situation requires an extraordinary effort to solve.

The architect goes to the bank, but he already owes them as much as he could borrow last time. The bank recommends that the architect write the clients for payment and that they forward all future checks payable directly to the bank until this "new situation is solved." The architect owes a large part of the most recent receivables to engineers who have similar problems.

Each client has a separate problem and it appears that each expects the architect to

### Pre-qualified bidders preferred on complex jobs

In a laudable effort to unify application and processing procedures for Federally-supported construction programs, the Department of Health, Education & Welfare appointed an inter-agency committee to examine some 30-odd construction support programs administered by five different agencies within HEW. Some apprehension was engendered in certain quarters by a preliminary recommendation that seemed to favor a uniform system of publicly advertised bidding, whereby all "responsible" contractors would be eligible to bid on all projects, and the award would have to go to the lowest bidder.

Apprehension was especially evident in those quarters where the special competence of pre-gualified contractors had been an important factor in the control of ultimate costs. The special attributes of hospitals and research facilities, for example, had been shown over many years of practice to gain substantial advantage in quality and cost from the know-how of qualified contractors. The result has been that about one-half of the Hill-Burton hospital projects have been bid, at owners' option, by selected lists of three or more pre-qualified bidders per project. The history of those not so selectively bid (most of them publicly-held projects where open bidding was a requirement) has been marked by costly errors, delays, and extras.

The case for selective bidding is by no means a universally compelling one for many of the more conventional types of construction in most HEW programs. Indeed, public advertising for bids on publicly financed work might logically be preferred survive from other clients until it is convenient for him to pay. It is interesting that only one of this architect's clients was ever a bad debt (a small amount—under \$1,000). All the rest paid—eventually. It just happens that nowadays most clients are very "eventual." Taxes and interest on borrowed money eat up any chance for profit out of the slim margin of pre-tax income theoretically possible after costs.

Unless owners can borrow the money to pay for the architect's development services instead of trying to use the architects' nonexistent capital, professional architects without very large private incomes won't be able to survive.

-under conventional conditions.

Any approach to unified procedures is complicated by the fact that the enabling legislation and the amount of Federal support authorized have been different for each program. Some programs provide for 90 per cent or more support in grants or mortgage insurance for the structures proposed. This means that the Federal involvement penetrates deeply into the ownership of such projects.

Federal administrators and custodians of public funds are only too well aware that, at least for simpler types of buildings which may be rapidly brought to completion, the open bidding process may have advantages. Some of these, it might be averred, have to do with ease of explanation rather than expedition, but the stated policy objective of "maximum competition among qualified bidders" can scarcely be impugned.

In the Hill-Burton program, however, the applicant for support puts up at least two-thirds of the total cost of the institution, and the processes of funding and construction usually involve long periods of time and a more critical degree of expertise on the part of owners, architects and contractors regarding local conditions and job requirements. Furthermore, the options of the Hill-Burton applicant reasonably carry more weight as design and construction controls on the simple basis of their own involvement. Through the options and experience of independent owners, the selective bidding process has developed over the 22 years of the Hill-Burton program as a workable mode of

increasing efficiency and controlling costs, so far, without a record of any scandal or malfeasance. Therefore, while the option for selective bidding remains open, suggestions to proscribe it by requiring some undefined *justification by the applicant and agreement by the agency that it is necessary* are causing some apprehension among architects and prospective owners.

There are two additional complications in the approaches of any unifying effort to the present support programs. One is the fact that some projects may be getting Federal money from four or more agency sources. For example, a university-affiliated hospital may be supported not only by Hill-Burton for the acute care facilities of the institution, but also by special funds for research laboratories, nursing schools, mental health facilities, libraries, dormitories, etc. Thus the need for simplification is an urgent one that will be met-not by hasty fiat, but by exactly the kind of review it is getting now in order to avoid costly over-simplification.

A second complication could be injected by a proposal that bidding alternates be listed by applicants in the order of importance of their consideration. From the client's point of view, this poses a severe problem, because usually he does not know the order of cost advantages until the alternates have been bid. The order of preference, therefore, may change after bids come in. Furthermore, in the publicly advertised bidding process, the low bid on each alternate may be submitted by a different contractor—a result that obviously complicates the process.

### Investment homework, prelude to urban excellence

When architects complain that their profession does not command the eminence it deserves in the investment building world, there is a definite reason for their misgivings. Unlike bankers, developers and all other groups involved in investment construction, the architect often fails to address or even to comprehend the investor's primary and necessary objective: profit.

So says Lathrop Douglass in a recent review of some 20 years of practice in that demanding arena. Mr. Douglass is a designer of many commercial centers, urban and otherwise, and is currently president of the New York Chapter of A.I.A. "Far too often the architect is bypassed altogether because of his failure to think honestly along economic lines and in the language of his collaborators in the enterprise," Douglass said. When the investor decides that the architect's schemes and "flowing spaces" will not make him any money, he calls in men who understand his interests (construction managers?) and they show him how it can be done. The architect may be allowed to make the working drawings.

"The projects invariably suffer as a result. Our cities are filled with skyscrapers badly planned from the point of view of city development, ultimately failures because of the short-sightedness of the investor's advisors. The environs are filled with obsolescent apartment houses that block progress and make the city ugly and ill-adapted to the needs of its inhabitants."

The remedy for all these tragedies is basic to the architect's training and way of thinking. But to retain leadership and promote sound long-range values, he must back up esthetic goals with an economically sound presentation. Otherwise, says Douglass, "the evils of our cities will continue to multiply regardless of all the fervent writings of the profession which, in the cold analysis of the business world, too often do not pass the profit test."

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## Success formula: ability, adaptability and enterprise

The enterprise of a young architectural firm will join forces with a wholly private Negro enterprise to up-grade Detroit's inner city. Architects Ziegelman and Ziegelman have adapted their well-known "instant bank" in a stacked configuration to provide low-income housing. The client is an organization called Accord, operated by a board of 12 of the community's black businessmen with five white businessmen acting as advisors. Accord, having successfully launched an initial phase of rehabilitating existing apartment buildings for re-sale as condominiums, is now entering a second phase with the development of pre-built new housing. A two-story prototype of eight units (shown below) will be built first, and Accord is acquiring land to build about 200 units, which also will be sold to occupants.

Development of the basic prefabricated module began in 1964 when the Birmingham, Michigan, Bank of the Commonwealth wanted to test new branch locations housed in a structure that was movable and inexpensive but of permanent quality, rather than the trailer-like structures then in common use for that purpose.

The Ziegelman solution was to control cost and quality by building the completed modules in one location using standard components and assembly-line techniques. Two or three 12-by-8-by-37-foot modules for each branch bank could then be trans-



Sixteen of the Ziegelman and Ziegelman "instant bank" modules make eight two-bedroom apart-

ments, above, for Detroit's inner city. Grouped plumbing cores and off-site fabrication keep costs

low. Original three-unit branch bank is opposite, above, with a seven-unit lecture hall at far right.



ported by truck to any location in the region. Each module is a rigid tubular steel frame with all interior and exterior finishes, insulation and glazing installed. It can be placed in position by crane and needs no bracing for handling. The design has won two awards from the steel industry: one from A.I.S.C. in 1966 and one from A.I.S.I. in March of this year. And the Ziegelman brothers, Norman H. (36) and Robert L. (32) have continued manufacture and adaptation of the module as a profitable support for their growing practice.

Awards and enterprise have rather exceptionally marked the brief history of the independent practice of these two postgraduates of the Birmingham-Bloomfield offices of Saarinen and Yamasaki. The award-gathering started—as did the first moves toward independent practice—in 1962, when the brothers' entry in the Boston City Hall competition won honorable mention. That was the year Norman stayed on in Saarinen's Bloomfield office (virtually the last remaining employe after the firm's move to Connecticut) to phase out the Yale dormitory job. Robert had previously left Saarinen, worked a year with Yamasaki, toured Europe and returned in 1962 to help with the City Hall and the new practice.

Another award, perhaps more representative than the instant bank in demonstrating the design thrust of the firm, was the 1968 honor award of the Michigan Society of Architects for their down-tothe-frame remodeling of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Bank. The brothers are quick to point out, however, that the visible differences between the instant and the permanent banks reflect a basic consistency in architectural approaches to each problema constant search for appropriate methods and materials that is intensified, or certainly not diluted, by increasing stringency of the budget. The instant bank, they say, represents more development research and analysis of unfamiliar cost factors than most conventional commissions. Only the do-ityourself enterprise of manufacture made it financially successful.

Having started their practice with almost no capital and no prospects, Ziegelman and Ziegelman had to make enterprise a way of life. In order to get their first office space for \$25 a month rent, they agreed to renovate the building it occupied. Early experience working with their contractor father stood them in good stead for that exercise. No one knocked on their new door offering commissions-indeed, things got so bad they called on their contracting experience again and submitted the low bid to construct a cleaning plant designed by another architect. They made money on it, but were saved for architecture by a few houses and a model study for a pre-fab panel house. They designed and built an apartment house which they still own.

The real break came when Don Parsons, youthful chairman of the Bank of the Commonwealth, wanted a young firm to respond to lively plans for the future. A scant sampling of the Ziegelman diversity is shown below. Soon to be completed will be their own new office building.



Design scope of this young office is underscored of a cor below. From opposite, left, are: detail and exterior of Kalar

of a computer center for the Industrial State Bank of Kalamazoo, the M.S.A. award-winning remodel-



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### **Big cities and big projects**

It's no secret that the bulk of architectdesigned building takes place in the cities, and that a large share of this is concentrated in just a few important metropolitan areas. What may not be so well known is that important shifts have been taking place in the degree of concentration *within* these areas. A number of formerly medium-sized cities have achieved major status in recent years, and they are becoming increasingly competitive with the largest cities for the construction dollar.

As recently as 1960, the five major construction markets-New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Philadelphiaaccounted for 30 per cent of all architectdesigned building (nonresidential plus apartments) in the country. By 1968, the share of the five top markets (Boston had replaced Philadelphia) had dropped to only 22 per cent. Meanwhile, the next 15 areas had increased their proportion of total construction of these types of buildings from 18 to over 21 per cent. While the value of new building in the top five was increasing less than 50 per cent, contract values in the next 15 cities jumped over 130 per cent. As a result, even after accounting for higher costs, the 1968 volume of construction in at least five smaller cities exceeded that of fifth-ranked Philadelphia in 1960, while the volume of building in 18th-ranked Ft. Lauderdale in 1968 topped that of ninthranked Detroit in 1960.

A look at the burgeoning skylines of

the "big five" cities may appear to belie these statistics. All of them are currently enjoying or have recently experienced the strongest surge of new office construction in their histories. At the same time, however, the smaller cities have shared in this boom and garnered an increasing amount of store, school, hospital and government building projects to serve their fastergrowing populations.

The most dramatic shift has taken place in apartment building. In 1960, the five major areas accounted for over half the value of all apartment houses built in the country. By 1968, this share had been reduced to less than one guarter. The next 15 cities increased their share of the apartment market from 22 to 30 per cent. The proportion of apartment contracts let in the rest of the nation, including non-metropolitan areas, jumped from 25 per cent in 1960 to almost 50 percent in 1968. These trends mirror the widespread acceptance of apartment living throughout the nation, as improved planning and design heighten the convenience and desirability of this type of habitation.

The concentration of architect-designed building in big cities has been an established fact for a long time. A somewhat newer development is the increasing importance of *large* construction projects in the growth in valuation of a number of building types.

In 1968, 41 building projects, each in

excess of \$25 million, were valued at over one and three quarters billion dollars. This compares with only 28 such projects in 1967, with a total value of only \$1.1 billion. At the beginning of the decade, there were only 13 projects valued at over \$20 million, with a total value of just over a half billion dollars.

The trend toward larger buildings is especially strong in commercial construction. The 32 major office buildings contracted in the last two years, with a total valuation of \$1.2 billion, exceeded both the number and value for the previous seven years combined. Major store building, valued at a quarter of a billion dollars in 1968, matched the total value of large projects in this category for the previous ten years.

Large projects have been more common in manufacturing. Nevertheless, a spurt of new petrochemical projects pushed the value of such buildings to \$1.1 billion in 1967-68, a figure that topped the combined total for the six previous years.

In part, the recent upsurge in large building projects reflects the growth of large companies, either internally or through mergers, which require larger, onelocation sites for efficient operations. Increased ability to attract investment funds has also played an important role. Finally, improved building methods and the economies of single-site construction have contributed to this trend.



### Building activity: monthly contract tabulations

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#### **APRIL 1969 BUILDING COST INDEXES**

Metropolitan	Cost	Current Do	ow Index	% change year ago
area	differential	residential	non-res.	res. & non-res
U.S. Average	8.6	300.7	320.3	+4.59
Atlanta	7.4	348.3	369.4	+5.53
Baltimore	7.9	298.5	317.5	+2.97
Birmingham	7.4	272.4	292.9	+3.73
Boston	8.4	266.8	282.4	+3.42
Chicago	8.9	328.9	345.9	+3.46
Cincinnati	9.1	296.0	314.6	+6.48
Cleveland	9.8	320.3	340.4	+5.97
Dallas	7.7	281.3	290.5	+5.62
Denver	8.2	302.2	321.2	+4.10
Detroit	9.4	315.4	331.1	+5.82
Kansas City	8.3	269.6	285.3	+5.20
Los Angeles	8.4	303.0	331.5	+3.88
Miami	8.5	299.1	314.0	+5.76
Minneapolis	8.7	296.1	314.7	+3.67
New Orleans	8.0	273.6	289.9	+5.65
New York	10.0	309.7	333.1	+2.97
Philadelphia	8.6	294.0	308.7	+3.99
Pittsburgh	9.2	283.2	301.1	+5.12
St. Louis	9.1	294.0	311.5	+4.60
San Francisco	8.7	389.0	425.7	+4.97
Seattle	8.5	272.5	304.5	+3.60

Differences in costs between two cities may be compared by dividing the cost differential figure of one city by that of a second; if the cost differential of one city (10.0) divided by that of a second (8.0) equals 125%, then costs in the first city are 25% higher than costs in the second. Also, costs in the second city are 80% of those in the first ( $(8.0 \div 10.00 = 80\%)$ ) or they are 20% lower in the second city.

The information presented here indicates trends of building construction costs in 21 leading cities and their suburban areas (within a 25-mile radius). Information is included on past and present costs, and future costs can be projected by analysis of cost trends.

#### ECONOMIC INDICATORS



#### HISTORICAL BUILDING COST INDEXES-AVERAGE OF ALL BUILDING TYPES, 21 CITIES

												1941 averag	e for eac	ch city =	= 100.00
Metropolitan									1967 (C	uarterl	y)		1968 (Q	uarterl	y)
area	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	19 <mark>6</mark> 6	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
U.S. Average	213.5	264.6	266.8	273.4	279.3	284.9	286.6	292.7	293.7	295.5	297.5	301.5	302.6	309.3	314.9
Atlanta	223.5	294.7	298.2	305.7	313.7	321.5	329.8	332.4	333.4	334.6	335.7	345.6	346.7	352.3	364.2
Baltimore	213.3	269.9	271.8	275.5	280.6	285.7	290.9	290.4	291.5	294.9	295.8	302.9	304.1	307.9	311.4
Birmingham	208.1	249.9	250.0	256.3	260.9	265.6	270.7	272.9	274.0	273.8	274.7	278.5	279.5	283.6	288.4
Boston	199.0	237.5	239.8	244.1	252.1	257.8	262.0	262.9	263.9	264.8	265.7	269.3	270.3	276.3	278.2
Chicago	231.2	289.9	292.0	301.0	306.6	311.7	320.4	320.4	321.3	327.3	328.4	329.4	330.0	338.7	340.4
Cincinnati	207.7	257.6	258.8	263.9	269.5	274.0	278.3	278.7	279.6	287.3	288.2	291.4	292.5	301.8	309.8
Cleveland	220.7	265.7	268.5	275.8	283.0	292.3	300.7	300.0	301.3	302.6	303.7	316.5	318.3	330.7	334.9
Dallas	221.9	244.7	246.9	253.0	256.4	260.8	266.9	267.6	268.5	269.5	270.4	272.3	273.4	281.0	287.2
Denver	211.8	270.9	274.9	282.5	287.3	294.0	297.5	297.6	298.5	304.0	305.1	304.9	306.0	311.7	317.0
Detroit	197.8	264.7	265.9	272.2	277.7	284.7	296.9	298.0	299.1	300.1	301.2	309.2	310.4	315.5	326.8
Kansas City	213.3	237.1	240.1	247.8	250.5	256.4	261.0	260.8	261.9	263.4	264 3	267 5	268 5	277.2	281.0
Los Angeles	210.3	274.3	276.3	282.5	288.2	297.1	302.7	303.6	304.7	309.0	310.1	312.0	313 1	310 3	323 7
Miami	199.4	259.1	260.3	269.3	274.4	277.5	284.0	283.4	284.2	285.2	286.1	293 1	294 3	304 5	309.6
Minneapolis	213.5	267.9	269.0	275.3	282.4	285.0	289.4	292.0	293.1	299.2	300.2	300.0	301.0	309.0	310.6
New Orleans	207.1	244.7	245.1	248.3	249.9	256.3	259.8	262.3	263.4	266.7	267.6	270.6	271.6	273.9	285.5
New York	207.4	270.8	276.0	282.3	289.4	297.1	304.0	309.4	310.6	312.5	313.6	315.9	317.0	320.6	324 9
Philadelphia	228.3	265.4	265.2	271.2	275.2	280.8	286.6	287.1	288.1	292.8	293 7	293.3	294.2	300.0	304.5
Pittsburgh	204.0	250.9	251.8	258.2	263.8	267.0	271.7	272.2	273.1	274.1	275.0	293.0	284.2	291 3	297.0
St. Louis	213.1	256.9	255.4	263.4	272.1	280.9	288.3	290.3	291.3	292.3	293.2	293.7	204.2	303.6	306.8
San Francisco	266.4	337.4	343.3	352.4	365.4	368.6	386.0	388.1	389.2	389.6	390.8	396.4	308.0	101.0	115 6
Seattle	191.8	247.0	252.5	260.6	266.6	268.9	275.0	276.5	277.5	282.6	283 5	286.2	287.2	201.5	296.1

Costs in a given city for a certain period may be compared with costs in another period by dividing one index into the other; if the index for a city for one period (200.0) divided by the index for a second period (150.0) equals 133%, the costs in

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In this boldly elegant headquarters building for an English pharmaceutical firm, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Chicago), with London architects York Rosenberg Mardall, temper with discipline the freedom of plan organization demanded by a company in rapid transit from quill age to computer age. Within the open spaces provided for ready response to predictably unpredictable shifts in office needs, SOM partner Bruce Graham has imposed order by painstaking coordination and detailing of all building elements—from a structure which matches spans to the degree of flexibility desired, to a furniture-partition system whose movable, interchangeable parts assure that changes in office layout can, in practice, be made without accompanying disruptive changes in the over-all environmental envelope.



In keeping with the Boots Pure Drug Company's dual plan requirement for readily mutable space allowing maximum flexibility in the layout of individual departments, plus more conventional spaces for relatively static functions, office areas are disposed on two levels around a sunken central

courtyard (above). Wholly open, column-free space is concentrated on the upper, first-floor level, while the below-grade main floor, which receives natural light from the interior court, houses fixed facilities and those requiring only limited possibilities for rearrangement.

Though two-storied, the building reads from the outside as a low-slung, single-story mass. Soil from excavation was graded up around the concretewalled main floor so that only the first floor emerges from the ground. Visually scaling down the 480- by 288-foot mass to compatibility with its meadowland setting, this solution also conforms to the practical plan requirements of the building, and the structure devised to meet them. The below-grade main floor, needing less flexibility, is reinforced concrete with relatively small (24-foot) column bays within the perimeter retaining wall, while the upper floor owes its 120,000 square feet of unimpeded space to steel columns and girders with 96-foot clear spans. Only at the main entrance are both floors open to the outside, allowing employes to enter and leave the building at the level where they work. Thus, most vertical traffic circulates on the exterior, and the need for vertical access within the building

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grade, the visible upper portion of the main-floor retain- steel, with cruciform columns ing wall forms a recessed base for the open first-floor level, which is enclosed by a crisply proportioned (at 30 inches detailed bronze-anodized aluminum window wall with span- well as actually the massive (6-

Rising some 21/2 feet above steps. The freestanding structural frame is of black-painted shaped for unambiguous definition at building corners, and across) to support visually as drels that repeat the pale gray granite used for the entrance to bridge the 96-foot bays. BOOTS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING





The central courtyard functions on the most prosaic level as a light well—and, because of its 100- by 200-foot expanse, also reinforces the building's pervasively open quality, affording workers stationed in "interior" areas the same sense of spaceextended enjoyed by their counterparts with views to the outside landscape (left). While fully reflecting the building's formidable size and almost equally formidable precision of finish, the court is yet an urbanely human space, livened by the play of natural elements —the water of the reflecting pool, the greenery of the planted area—and by the color and movement of people glimpsed behind its transparent enclosure.







On the column-free first floor, open space (gray tone) is broken only by fixed service elements (stairs, toilets and cloakrooms). Executive offices, the only conventional offices in the building, lie along the north wall, separated from the rest of the floor by such support facilities as private dining and board rooms. Specialized functions (data processing, training, conference, printing, postal, and storage facilities, and mechanical space) that need little flexibility and no outside exposure are ranged around the perimeter of the below-grade main floor; office areas requiring more latitude in layout, as well as light and view, are con-centrated in the open space







Entrance to main floor lobby (above) introduces the restrained use of warmly neutral colors and textures, and the sense of uncluttered space, that distinguish the building's interiors—all designed by the architects. Cafe au lait carpeting and richly grained natural oak finishes are used throughout, with additional, still subtle, color lent by bronze-tintedglass office partitions, which admit light while assuring a measure of acoustic privacy.







The 5-foot, 8-inch-high natural oak carrels which replace standard office cubicles in all open areas may be three-sided (right) or four-sided, depending on the occupants' need for privacy and/or wall space. Made up of interchangeable components, carrels, like unpartitioned work stations, may be dismantled and rearranged at will to meet changing departmental needs—but always within a discipline established by the architects in advance and in absentia.





Alternate placement of work stations within the open plan is gently but effectively controlled by the need to conform to the pre-set pattern dictated by an underfloor grid of power and telephone raceways. This feeds required services to desktop outlets through access panels built into pedestal units. a strong, dynamic office can grow. It is possible to do a series of houses well and gain a reputation quickly. This, in itself, is a very valuable thing. But it should not be the ultimate goal. So, therefore, if you are working in a responsible position for another firm, and suddenly you have a house to do, do it on your kitchen table while continuing to work for your present employer until such time as you have access to a project of slightly greater magnitude.

It is important here, however, to indicate that there is no good time or best time to go into business for yourself. There are only a series of better times. As soon as you have a reasonably big job, a job that is really going to happen, then is a good time to hang out your shingle. One thing here is extremely important. As you leave your present employer, do not leave him in the lurch if you can help it. Because your present employer, if he is like most architects, will not begrudge you the fact that you are going into business and may someday offer potential competition, but rather, may be helpful in sending to you commissions that he considers too small for his office to handle. So good relations with your existing employer may be very valuable. But the most important rule about setting up your own office with that first job is to go after the second job before you finish the first, because it is really not the first job that is the source of problems in most architectural offices. It is the failure to get the second.

Now comes the most important question. Why start your own office? There is no why, really. There is a certain excitement, a certain challenge of having an office of your own. It is the same kind of mysterious euphoria that infects mountain climbers and glider pilots. If you have it, it is almost impossible to describe. And it is certainly impossible to communicate to someone who does not have it.

But one aspect of why is important, and that is when you start out in business as an architect, you should have a goal as to what it is you are trying to achieve. One goal of course, is self-expression in terms of design. But architecture today is not limited to design. It is not simply the merging of forms in pleasant proportions producing interior and exterior spaces. And for the architect who seeks to establish his own practice only to interpret his particular stylistic form of architecture, great problems may be in store. For architecture today deals not only with the molding of space and the creating of an environment, but with the problems of complexity, not in the specific sense, but in the



THE WESTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY-CLASSROOM

addition in Weston, Massachusetts was designed as a joint venture by Davies, Wolf Flansburgh Associated 8 Architects. It is a two-story structure designed as a 33,000-volume/250-student library and ten-classroom addition to the existing high school. The library provides | ect areas have been included.

carrel/study spaces for 100 students, teachers' offices, an audio-visual area, table seating for 150 students and a centrally-located reference level. To accommodate an increasingly sophisticated science and industrial arts program, new flexible preparation and individual proj-

Louis Reens photos



#### WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

The architectural massing of the lower floor interchange- | tion. The exterior masonry is the new addition balances the main elements of the existing school. The secondfloor library has three levels on one large floor. There is a main reading-stack level, a lower carrel level which can be supervised from the main desk of the library, and a reference level above the carrel level that puts all reference volumes within 75 feet of every student in the library. The library expansion to 50,000 volumes will be the structure. The singleaccomplished within the same physical form by moving the teachers' offices to tural steel frame construc- was approximately \$120,000.

able classrooms. The new science and shop facilities are located in a one-story wing adjacent to existing comparable facilities. This major addition is also planned to allow for a thirdphase classroom expansion.

The two-story part of the addition is a reinforced concrete structure, exposed and painted on the interior. The interior lighting and acoustical treatment is integral with and all skylights are struc-

a water struck brick which blends with existing brick. The interior masonry walls are unpainted lightweight pumice concrete block. The flooring in the corridors is quarry tile with vinyl asbestos tile in the classrooms. Heating is from the existing hot water system with the addition of a new boiler. The library and teachers' offices are air-conditioned for year-round use. Total cost of the building, excluding site story part of the addition but including built-in equipment, was \$931,000. Site cost







LIBRARY LEVEL





general sense. Architecture today does not acknowledge a simple monument, but rather evaluates a building based on its relationship to its surrounding environment, not in the eclectic compromise of emulating surrounding styles, but rather in the human sense, in the way it embraces the people that create the environment that it shares. In this regard, architecture has passed from visual problem solving to the world of social and economic problem solving, a world that most architects must approach with some care.

In many of our schools today, there is a great concern about the relevancy of the architecture that we have been practicing for the past twenty or twenty-five years. This is a legitimate concern, for in far too many cases we have been awarding prizes for pleasant visual non-solution of problems.

If we bear in mind the role of the program in today's architecture, and the role of the need to incorporate many complex ideas, ideas which are often pulling in contradictory directions, then we can see how an architectural office can be established. For the practice of architecture today is as much decision-making and problemsolving as it is the abstract world of esthetics. But to return to the central question-How do you find the client who will invite you to function on this level? How do you obtain a project other than a house that is given to you by a friend? The field of educational buildings is a good place to start. This is an area of continually recurring needs, with great attraction for the architect whose professional skill is his main attribute, and whose contacts with the business world are somewhat limited. Often a group of young architects, combined in joint venture, have a good chance of getting that first school.

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Being interviewed for a school immediately forces the architect to contemplate the basic philosophy of the contemporary practice of architecture. He is being interviewed for a specific school and he is being asked to solve a specific problem. There has always been a concern on the part of the A.I.A. that an architect should not work for nothing-that is do free drawing or sketches-in order to obtain a job. We are not suggesting for a moment that the architect offer free advice. However, there is a very basic need for the architect to put the level of advice he will offer clearly in perspective. That means that when you are being interviewed for a school, it is important to know what the town's educational problem is. Is it the replacement of an existing elementary school too venerable to be renovated?



THE ACTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in Acton, Massachusetts is a structure comone-story posed of four basic classroom clusters each consisting of four classroom units of unusual size and shape. These clusters interconnect by means of paired classroom units. Designed to provide better teaching spaces, the cluster plan provides 45 linear feet of wall space per classroom instead of the customary 25.

small foyer, which Flansburgh calls an "identity space." These spaces are lit by skylights. Paired 30-student classrooms can be expanded into a single 75-student area. The plan permits teachers to share office, storage and teaching facilities, increasing their opportunities to communicate with one another and plan in advance.

The building accommodates 600 students from kin-Each of the four main dergarten through the sixth

tion to its 20 classrooms, a library, cafeteria-auditorium and gym. The structural system proved extremely economical. The exterior steel columns are spaced 16 feet on center in a repetitive system that allowed all bar joists to be the same size. Exterior walls are of brick with fascias of aluminum and asbestos panels. Total cost of this 57,000 gross square foot building, including built-in-equipment but excluding furniture and site



clusters opens upon its own grade and provides, in addi- cost, was \$1,012,350.
The classroom will function effectively for total class instruction, small group instruction and work on student projects. Storage adjacent to the classrooms will protect school equipment and student projects.

This concept minimizes interior circulation space and allows easy access to outside for play and emergencies and close proximity to the cafeteria-auditorium, library, and gymnasium.



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Is it the need to build a new elementary school for a growing population? Is it the need to build a secondary school? What is the educational philosophy of the community? It is important for the architect to come to his interview with the ability to deal with such specific questions. For in selecting an architect, although the community will to some extent weigh your previous experience, it is in essence saying "How would you handle our problem?" And it is concerning their problem that they wish their answers. You may receive half an hour or an hour's exposure to the committee. In that period of time, it is important that you communicate how you would approach the solution of their problem. The needs of the school committee are frequently quite specific, but also they are frequently quite diffuse: It is important to know which in each case. The work that you show should be directed toward their particular problem with enough other examples to give some depth to your presentation. It is always helpful to leave a brochure of your work with the committee to give them a longer time to absorb it. Most important, bear in mind the needs of the committeeman. He is not interested in carrying outsized working drawings or 2 x 2 inch slides. What he is interested in seeing is something he can look at in the light of day and can easily carry under his arm.

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It is also important to consider "what the client should do until the architect comes." Once you have gotten the job, it is very important that your client participate in the process and that your method of operation be clear to him. In other words, what you are doing should be stated to him at the outset. Organize your presentations to him so he sees what his role is. Your client, by and large, will be interested in exactly what it is you are doing. The world of mystical architecture is no longer with us. Most clients are relatively educated and will understand when you talk about esthetics, and you in turn must understand what they are talking about when they talk about economics. Today the world of professional responsibility is important. This means that when a client says he wishes to spend \$750,000, he will not overwhelm you with praise if the project comes in at \$1,200,000. It has nothing to do with whether he has the money or not, but rather with how much he proposes to spend on the particular project. This means that there is a requirement, a role which you as architect must play, in which at particular stages of the game no matter how painful it is you must say to your client, "This is how much it is going to cost, and it is going



THE WILTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN WILTON, CONNECTICUT | is a joint venture of Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates and Schofield and Colgan in Nyack, New York. The basic element of the plan is a classroom unit that can be subdivided into groups of 7, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 80 students. It has been designed for three levels of expansion -vertical, linear, and in the unit for after-hours use.

form of out-buildings. Those studies requiring high ceilings are located on the first floor. Most of the interchangeable teaching units shown in plan (opposite page, right) are located on the third level. The resource center, connected by bridge to the main element, has been designed as a separate



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to cost you 'x' number of dollars more than you anticipated." You must be prepared for the client to say, "Well, that's too much" and then redesign it so it can be accommodated within the budget, or to say to the client, "It is not possible to build what you want for the amount of money that you wish to spend, so therefore, we propose that you either cut your requirements or increase the budget." Now, this may sound like a harsh or difficult thing to say. It is, for the first two or three times. After that time, it becomes part of your professional stance. And it is important. Most clients are reasonable, and they will accept the fact that they cannot buy the moon, provided that they are told about it at a time that is not inconvenient for them to learn the information.

The next step has to do with design. There is a real need, in designing public buildings today, to deal with what you might call economy of form. That means that it is not possible in most public projects to have a vast, unlimited amount of money or a vast, unlimited amount of architectural expression. Therefore, you must select, with considerable care, those areas where you wish to invest the client's money in special effects, because there are only a few places where you can do this. The design should enhance these particular places of accent. The industrialized building becomes important and details become important, for the simplest project frequently is disastrously dealt with when the details are done in a complex fashion inappropriate to the over-all design.

When the building is finally done, if you have conducted realistic estimates at various stages, you will discover when you bid the project and it comes in at the price that it is supposed to, that suddenly your client is much more impressed with you than you ever thought would be possible. This makes relations in the future much more pleasant. If you do nothing else in your first buildings, work very hard towards the objective of having the cost of the building and its budget bear some relationship to each other. It is possible to build a firm on the strong base of professional responsibility. Building on a prima donna, esthetic approach is no longer really a relevant approach. Most clients, as I mentioned before, are sophisticated. Most clients are interested in knowing what you are doing and most clients are particularly valuable during the program phase if you spend enough time trying to get to know what the program is. The client will appreciate the time spent. Further, he will allow you to do what he has hired you to do if you spend time trying to know what it is he wants you to do in



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signed as a 450-student private day school. Each grade level will be restricted to 15 paired classrooms will become single larger spaces for the instruction of combined groups.

The site for this semiwooded hilltop with rock pand into skylit stairwells to cost \$2,700,000.

THE PARK SCHOOL IN BROOKLINE, outcroppings overlooking a and project areas. The plan level meadow to be used for parking and playing fields. The school was designed to be constructed on the hillstudents or less, although top over and among the rock outcroppings. The solution places elements between the rocks, or raises them on pilotis. Building elements are arranged along cirurban school consists of a culation spines which ex-

is library-centered. Each division of grade levels has its own identity, teachers' offices, project spaces and outside play areas. The theater, gymnasium and library have been designed for evening as well as daytime use.

To be of concrete frame construction with cavity walls, the school is expected





a rather precise form. Knowledge of the program is really a double-edged sword. If you have it, you can use it to your own advantage in terms of generating the kinds of architecture you would like to generate. But secondly, you understand what it is you are being asked to accomplish.

I use the words professional responsibility. This is important because we are no longer in the world of clients who wish us to reproduce Greek temples or Gothic cathedrals. Contemporary architecture, which has been very readily accepted, is indeed the vocabulary of the land. Therefore, the excuse that the "client wouldn't allow me to do it" is by and large not as valid an excuse today as it once was. It also may mean that the architect didn't try hard enough. It also may mean the architect did not try to explain to the client what he was trying to do or that he was not willing to deal with the problem intensively enough to convince the client.

In architecture there is a continual question about what to do about failure-a project that does not advance, a client who does not pay, etc. There is very little you can do about a project that does not advance. For a client who does not pay, the solution to the problem is to sign a contract for every project, no matter how large or small. If the client is unwilling to accept a contract the chances are also good that he may be unwilling to pay when a bill is presented. But there is also a problem about what to do about success, because you may very well discover that not only have you done all the things that you set out to do in your initial buildings, but that you have done them well enough that you are suddenly faced with the problem of several conditions. Success has ruined the architecture of more than one office. It is important to control the growth as much as it is important to control the guality of your architecture. A number of years ago, when exposed to a brief encounter with military science, I read a military book that indicated that one man can effectively control seven other people. I don't know what the current thinking in management is, but I think this system may very well be a good guide-that as your office grows it is also very important to make sure that its ability to manage itself grows with it. Whether your office structure is a partnership, a collaborative, or a sole proprietorship, as it grows it will still need people in responsible positions. The choice of these is as critical to your success as your ability to solve that first problem. Suddenly you have grown. Suddenly you are at a point where you are faced with the delirious possibility of having more work than you can possibly



A LIBRARY CLASSROOM BUILDING FOR THE PARK SCHOOL OF BUFFALO is the first stage of



**BUFFALO** is the first stage of the school's new master plan. The existing campus buildings are small and constructed either of wood or brick. The library-resource center serves students from ages 3 to 18 with space for 40,000 volumes and complete audio-visual resources. In addition are seven classrooms, faculty preparation areas and faculty and student lounges.

The library was designed to allow any child access to all the stacks. The library roof is composed of repetitive skylight bays that reflect the small scale of the campus. An entry forecourt is dominated by a bell tower (opposite page top) and two large oaks.



#### PARK SCHOOL, BUFFALO

do. This is a very serious problem for it is very difficult to make a reputation but it is possible to undo a good portion of it with a single bad building. Therefore, it may very well be better to do one less project and do all the ones that you are doing well, than to take on more work than it is possible for you to handle.

Oh yes, one final thought. You may have worked for an architectural firm on an eight hour a day basis. When you have a firm of your own, the eight hour day will look as obsolete as a steam motor car. Because having a firm of your own is a 12, 14 sometimes 16 hour a day mistress. Extremely demanding, always requiring your attention. And if you are unwilling to work long hours to establish your own office, chances are very good that you won't succeed.

WESTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDI-TION, Weston, Massachusetts. Architects: Davies, Wolf & Flansburgh associated architects; structural engineers: Souza and True; mechanical and electrical engineers: Francis Associates; landscape architects: Mason & Frey; acoustical consultants: Bolt, Beranek & Newman; general contractor: Sewell and Smith Co. and T. & B. Construction Co.

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SPRUCE STREET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Acton, Massachusetts. Owner: Town of Acton —William O'Connell, superintendent of Schools. Architects: Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates—design team: Earl R. Flansburgh and Charles Rolando, associate; structural engineers: William Le Messurier & Associates; mechanical and electrical engineers: Francis Associates; landscape: Mason & Frey; food consultant: Food Facilities Design Group; acoustical consultant: Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Inc.; general contractor: A. E. Pasquale & Sons, Inc.

WILTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL ADDI-TION, Wilton, Connecticut. Architects: Schofield and Colgan; associated architects: Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates—design team: Earl R. Flansburgh, Hugh C. Browning, associate, Robert H. Schofield; structural engineers: Zorab Vosganian; mechanical and electrical engineers: Kallen and Lemelson; landscape architects: A. E. Bye and Associates; food consultant: Flambert and Flambert, Inc; acoustical consultant: Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Inc.

PARK SCHOOL, Brookline, Massachusetts. Architects: Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates —design team: Earl R. Flansburgh, Dennis J. Becker, associate, Douglas H. Flockhart, Stanley C. Hutchinson; structural engineers: Souza and True; mechanical and electrical engineers: Shooshanian Engineering, Inc; landscape architects: Mason and Frey; food consultant: Crabtree, Dawson and Michaels.

THE PARK SCHOOL OF BUFFALO, Snyder, N.Y. Architects: Lyman, Baldwin & Castle; associated architects: Earl R. Flansburgh & Associates—design team: Earl R. Flansburgh, Peter Castle, Donald A. Reed, associate; structural engineers; McKaig, Bahler & Rupley; mechanical and electrical engineers: Wilson, Klaes, Brocker; general contractor: George Hermann.



Park School of Buffalo are of brick 8 feet high to the cornice line. Above the cornice line is rough-sawn 6 inch vertical ship-lap painted board siding. The interior walls are of exposed pumice block to the 8 foot line with exterior siding or glass above. The roof is of laminated wood with exposed wood decking. Windows are of solar bronze glass in dark duranotic aluminum frames. The library floor is carpeted throughout. Other floors are of vinyl asbestos tile.





## Visual squalor, social disorder or A new vision of the "City of Man"

by Benjamin Thompson

Benjamin Thompson is a practicing architect in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he has had his own office since 1966. He had practiced for twenty years with The Architects Collaborative, of which in 1946 he was one of the eight founding partners. From 1963 to 1967 he was chairman of the Department of Architecture of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and his continuing avocation is visual education: leading people to see what they see. His Design Research, Inc. is a unique merchandising experiment—a kind of lively contemporary version of the old general store—which started in Cambridge and now has branches in New York and San Francisco as well. This article is adapted from his 1968 Centennial lecture at Wayne State University. henever the total environment becomes meaningless and violent, so do the actions of men. This chaos we see around us like a rising plague is a clash of races, classes and generations. I suspect it is not so much a question of age or color as a new kind of class war—a war mainly about values.

The various factions have in common the grievance of being deprived classes of citizens, each deprived in a somewhat different way. The young feel put down by any Establishment—how they react depends if they are rich or poor, black or white, moderate or militant. Likewise, Negro (and white) handling of white oppression varies with age and status; but fundamentally these various economic and racial groups form and re-group along changing lines, like soccer players attacking a goal. When the goal line is defended harder, the offense smashes again. Student rioters are clubbed by policemen to demonstrate who has the power. Negroes burn their tenements in tragic acts of self-destruction, frustration.

I happen to believe that the goal is basically the same for all sides: Liberation of spirit from an oppression so huge and monolithic that few residents of the Establishment have identified it at all.

Above the din, a few observers comment that the issue is really "middle-class values." This at least helps to describe conditions that are basically the fault of all of us, although we tend to blame it on the nefarious "power structure" that runs our cities, dispensing welfare as well as privilege. Certainly those with the power to spend, to tear down and build, to create schools, housing and roads, have continually imposed the hollow world of supermarkets, canned music and deodorant on everyone in their path-and a clean, white, affluent middle-class world is equally alien to a southern Negro, an Idaho farm youth or a Brooklyn boy. Each of them wants dignity, a job and a vote, but each finds these things must be bought as part of a total package of "Great American Aspirations." If he buys them, they degrade and destroy his own values and offer little in return.

Now there are many other possible explanations for the actions of rebels today, ranging from technology to toilet training. I would like to tie them up in one explanation that strikes me as overriding: The disintegrating quality of modern environment. I see environment as a very personal experience to millions of men every day of their lives, full of connections not only to social action but to the very biological roots of man. These connections, if we understood them better, might help us out of this accelerating class war.

E nvironment extends far beyond the city—it is our whole perceived world, natural and manmade, inside and out, good and bad. Environment envelopes us; it is what the eye sees and the spirit senses. It is impossible to escape its impact.

We walk on crowded, treeless streets, work out our lives in impersonal buildings—many without window or view. We travel underground, wait in



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subway tunnels that smell of loneliness and violence. We eat in greasy plastic snackshops under pallid light which turns us green. Sometimes we escape to the special restaurant for the extravagance of candlelight and intimate mood. The privileged flee on week ends to a countryside that each day becomes more distant; the masses left behind must wait until spring to flock to the receding parks and riverbanks to worship the wash of warm sun.

The urban environment invades all our senses: the gassy hiss of buses "turned off" in restless sleep; the jumble of wires and harassing road signs; stagnant city air and garish red neon on blinding night streets, masking out the cries for help to which we no longer respond. We escape, if only in dreams, to feel the moist spring soil underfoot and touch the clear mountain streams.

Make no mistake—this is no romantic lament for the picturesque, for a return to nineteenth century Utopian wildernesses. The growing negativeness of environment matters profoundly in our current troubled world. We know that in our bones—but what is there to do about it?

It is reassuring that a group of perceptual psychologists, neurologists and biochemists have now begun to measure the damages of what is called "sensory deprivation and restriction." The motives of this group were originally military, intended to pinpoint man's reactions to brainwashing and survival in outer space. In some enlightened future time, the scientists will apply their findings to the more pressing problems of the human race. However, significant facts can right now be extracted from their studies to confirm the damaging effects of the modern world on the human brain and nervous system. We can see from their work that isolating the senses -shutting them off from normal contact with outside stimulation—creates anxiety, confusion and, finally, irrational behavior. The scientists have shown that sensory monotony inhibits the workings of the higher brain, and that chaos (too many disorganized sensations) shuts down the brain system to preserve its equilibrium. Most important, the research tells us that sensory variety (the opposite of both monotony and chaos) is a biological need as real as hunger.

Bearing this out from another direction, Dr. Kreck at Berkeley has reported detailed experiments revealing the deficient brain development of rats raised in a confined, unstimulating environment. These were compared to the larger brain and memory capacity of control animals exposed to varied and activity-inducing surroundings. (It is an experiment that has been conducted on a grand scale in our public schools for decades, but has not been considered "measurable" because the little brains could not be cut out and dissected for comparison.) Dr. Linus Pauling and others have recently reported on the effects of chemical imbalance on mental and emotional disorder. This seems to be an even more basic way of measuring what is actually happening inside the body, in the electrochemical responses of the nervous system as man encounters his world.

n light of recent events—murder, assassination and riots around the world—there is no time to wait for more grim examples: the urban environment is more important than a matter of "taste," more than a side issue of political expediency or economic reform. I contend that it is urgent to consider and evaluate environment as the central physical expression of social and human values: an expression that physically *touches* our psycho-physical well-being and thus concerns our whole social equilibrium.

For environment both affects and teaches us. It is a formative learning experience second only to family relationships. And with each level of physical deterioration around us, we are further de-sensitized until caught in a rapidly descending spiral, leading to the depths of sub-human violence.

Today's environment displays our deeper social values as if on giant billboards: "BOREDOM, DRAB-NESS, SQUALOR, CONFUSION, OVERSCALE . . . LIFE IS NO FUN . . . PLEASURE IS FORBIDDEN . . . NO LEFT TURN, NO RIGHT TURN . . . KEEP OUT . . . KEEP OFF THE GRASS (if you can find any)."

Now I don't mean that the problem is slums. Slum clearance alone will not solve the problem. If we razed all the identifiable slums in major cities, we would be left with a possibly worse disaster area. Perhaps then we could really see it—the vast middleclass slum created by business and bureaucratic indifference, and sustained by public insensitivity. Because it is technically clean and new, this middleclass slum is worse than the others—an overscaled psychological ghetto, whose inhabitants are disadvantaged and culturally deprived in the truest sense.

I speak of housing developments that segregate the elderly and the unprosperous, of cultural centers in pretentious heaps in the centers of cities. I mean long shopping strips barely visible beyond seas of cars, block-long office complexes without windows at street level, and every building that isolates groups and functions, destroying the infinite variety and interaction of life . . . surprise, action, intimacy, poetry, contact between people, warmth and confusion . . . the lovely unpredictability of life.

It is ironic that many positive values exist in the slums we destroy—the west end of Boston, parts of Greenwich Village, the outdoor markets, the waterfronts. Instead of understanding and building on this natural life we disrupt it: alienate the people, and hand them back a sterile version of life that belongs to no one—just the de-personalized remains of middle-class life, blindly imposed.

ook at schools as a microcosm of the city. They are the most crucial environments we are creating today, complex communities with many of the same interactions as the city. Furthermore, they are the training ground for later life, or strife. Children spend one hundred and eighty days a year, seven hours a day, for twelve to twenty years, in school buildings. It is there that they get the real message about the values of the adult Establishment. One might suspect they are being consciously tu-



tored in good reasons for rebellion.

Jonathan Kozol has documented the terrifying social "death at an early age" of children in a hostile, crumbling ghetto school; many aspects of the problem are not confined to Negroes. Edgar Friedenberg has written trenchant and depressing portraits of the modern American high school-a place of monotony, regimentation, authoritarian practices and insensitivity to the rights of the individual. He describes schools in which the teenager is at the mercy of clanging bells, rules without due process, ignorance of his problems, and restriction of movement. The typical high school, old or new, is a physical expression of these attitudes: It does not seem built for people, much less children. It is about as inviting as a Dickens-era mill. There's no place to sit, no place to talk in private, no place to go, to be, no way to escape . . . except to drop out.

From this daily brush with physical alienation, more than from anything taught in the classroom, students learn the important lesson: School is a plot of the Establishment, certainly not for their generation. They also learn the pressures and expectations that really separate social classes-these quiet distinctions permeate our educational system, whether with Negroes teaching Negro slum children, whites teaching Indians, or middle-class schoolmarms teaching average city children. Students learn not from what is said, but from the hostile quality of their physical and psychological encounters that degrade self-belief and dignity.

Viewed this way, the school environment is crucially important in the cynical generation gap that is part of the present disorder. For the school is the central contact point between generations. It is the statement of adult values, again like a billboard, that speaks with compassion and understanding of young ideals and concerns-or does it say we don't have the time to consider any other way? It seems indicative of the official state of mind that the report of the Commission on Civil Disorders placed great stress on the corrective role of "better education" with no specific reference to design or school environment, or the internal attitudes of ghetto schools as such.

This is not to say that a well-designed school or campus can change everything. But it can do a lot to improve a child's subliminal reception of a message right now extremely negative. A crisp modern building with long corridors and great, efficient asphalt yards won't do it. Neither will a stylish, windowless garrison that is safe from the assaults of the surrounding community. School must be as exciting as education is exciting, and what comes firstchicken or egg-is really unimportant. The building can be as varied and colorful as a personal relationship. Above all, it must have intimate scale and a sense of freedom-to look outside, to move about, to choose where and when to study, to think independently, to find one's special meaning and involvement in a place where life is really livedwhether school, city or home.

ow these values are no different from those we should expect in every building we put up-private dwellings, commercial centers, housing developments or industrial "parks." Each bears a responsibility for affecting people-inside and outside. Each piece of construction must counter the current massive assault on human sensibility from overscale, monotony, chaos and personal isolation. If we are going to reverse those trends, everything we build must inject the affirmative values human beings need as much as food-the pleasure of tactile and visual things, assurance of physical security and freedom, variety of stimulating impressions and ex- "It is not just legal perience. Above all, there must be some kind of contact with the changing seasons, with nature and natural light. For the earth and its cycles are the basis of all life and man's inner stability and orientation requires direct and visual contact.

Without these affirmative sensory contacts, man becomes upset, disoriented, blind and at war with his own nature. His deepest instincts of survival make him shut down, run away or fight back like a cornered animal.

The Commission on Civil Disorders has warned us that disorders may be predicted in proportion to public awareness of how much has not been done. I would add this: It is not just legal rights that are missing, but environmental freedom and psychic nourishment. Action for its own sake-like slum clearance-is no help unless it transforms positive values into felt experience. For the solely material goals of the Great Society-wages, housing, leisure, even genuine social equality-are only temporary fillings in cavities that will continue to decay until we recognize the deeper need. It is the quality and dignity of life that people are really fighting for.

Must we do the whole job of social renovation twice in order to learn and believe this?

n order to get the quality of life that mankind needs, I am convinced that we must face (among other things) the question of visual education. There is a dramatic role for schools and universities in solving our environmentally-imposed mass visual illiteracy by skilled conscious means. The education of vision, along with all the emotions, will have to precede the achievement of a better environment. I include architects and planners as well as educators emotions, will have to in that statement. They all must discover their eyes precede the achievement and hands, tongues, noses and ears, and become real participants in the inner life of the men for whom they design and teach. We need radical new approaches for developing this awareness-not simply "literacy" of vision, but deeper visual understanding. You might call it seeing with the heart.

Designers and planners with that kind of compassion should be able to create the city the "rioters" are subliminally crying for, a city where the doomed are freed to act and grow. We urgently need models of this positive environment-for the young, the poor . . . for everyone to see. We need to see rising before us real evidence of man's ability to act posi-

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tively: Not just to remove what is wrong, but to supply what is missing.

hat would my ideal city be like? I begin by thinking of all the places I choose to go when I have free time to travel. I realize that masses of Americans engage in a kind of "environmental design" when they fly off to the cities of Europe, the sands of the tropics, or the mountains of Mexico. These places revive us by providing precisely the visual nourishment that is lacking where we live and work. (They are largely foreign places if only because those societies have moved less quickly to destroy the values that have made them civilized after centuries of human effort.)

So I list my favorite city places. . . . Venice for the layers of intriguing movement, the parade of gondolas providing such mundane services as food delivery and garabage removal in a day and night pageant of color and action. . . . The river-edge walks along the Seine, where you can fish in the heart of Paris while traffic clogs the bridges overhead. . . . The fresh green squares of London, where people and squirrels stop to sprawl and chatter and make love.... The street markets of Lausanne, where people buy fish and flowers and cheese and enjoy the visual feast of a fair. I know a factory in Helsinki that is right on the lively, unspoiled harbor, surrounded by dancing light reflecting in the clear water. I have admired the rebuilt center of Montreal, with its new underground subway system and shopping arcades, giving people a pleasant place to gather night and day during the endless Canadian winter.

Two other images come to mind. First, Copenhagen with its Tivoli Gardens, possibly the ultimate combination of action and serenity with something for everyone. There are quiet benches amid seasonal displays of flowers. There are amusement areas, theater, puppets and refreshments for every purse. Tivoli beautifully combines most of what we are missing in the modern city. For if a city is not just a park, it could work like a park. I think of the great possibilities set forth at Expo '67, which was really a city experiment of infinite variety, with levels of movement by water, land and airborne monorail. Expo came close to being a walking city. Wherever you walked there was something to see, wherever you sat there was rich action and fun to reflect on.

nd why shouldn't a city be fair? Distilling all the qualities common to these appealing places, I find that the biological and esthetic requirements are simple and well-known. Interestingly, they also provide the antidotes to the sensory monotony and chaos that the scientists warn about. The humane city could have them all:

¶ Return to human scale in many variations (the basic measure being what we see and feel five to twenty feet off the ground).

I Contact with growing things and changing seasons, as well as the modulations of light from morning until dark.

¶ Orientation to water, whether through use of lakes and river fronts or man-made pools and fountains. ¶ Passive and active involvement in the social action around us.

¶ Visual comprehension of the processes that sustain the city and its people.

¶ Variety of form and organization that does not impose one way of acting, living or feeling-i.e., true freedom of choice for individual values to prevail.

Composing these fragments into a montage, I find that my design for the "City of Man" would be an intimate city by day and a radiant city by night. Its pedestrian streets and minirails would move at many levels through and around buildings, from below street level to the twentieth floor. Transportation and service networks would be not only conveniently separate but beautiful and colorful to see and to sense. Terraces and landscaped rooftops would be designed for maximum enjoyment of outdoor space and view. Housing would take the form of small, diversely scaled communities interspersed throughout the city with places to meet and things to do. It is assumed that apartments would provide esthet- "We urgently need ics and privacy for the diversity of family living models of this which minimum space standards do not consider. As in Rockefeller Center or on the Left Bank, there would be dancing and skating and painting or fishing for people to watch, as they walked along watching you. Like Paris, it would be a pleasure to walk to work along any boulevard or side street past a mixture of shops, stands, bakeries, showrooms, arcades and architecture. And like Rome, art, sculpture and architecture would mix unselfconsciously. Like Boston and San Francisco-our most admired American cities-there would be careful control of the prevailing low scale and sunny openness, using hillsides, harbors and riverbanks for exciting vistas and direct recreational enjoyment.

he intimate city, of course, is many small cities within the whole. Each has a character appropriate to the people choosing that neighborhood and each preserves a sense of nature so that every city dweller will participate in the yearly celebration of spring grass. The city then is no longer a prison from which to flee, but a prism aglow with a million different lives, pocket parks, street corner life, everyday amenities such as handy telephones and lavatories, safe street crossings, personal transportation, places to rest your feet. All this has been "The city then said .... what is necessary is merely a working model. is no longer a prison

A few years ago America spent and lost millions of dollars to build and then tear down on a site the size of a city a world's fair intended to demonstrate cultural and commercial leadership. Despite its many shortcomings, it served to show how fast we can move at full urban scale if the motivation is there. When we put the same speed, money and effort into designing a city that dignifies the lives of all men, groups and peoples-by providing the stimulations and fulfillments that unite them all-then we may see evolving a nation of naturally civilized men.

All photographs by Benjamin Thompson



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# GARAGES ON CITY STREETS

These four parking structures—three for urban college campuses, one for a governmental and commercial area—suggest that off-street storage of automobiles can be done in structures that contribute strong and handsome design elements to city streets.



### GARAGE STRUCTURE ECHOES SHAPE OF HILL IT REPLACES

The sinuous lines and stepped profile of this handsome garage structure on the campus of the University of Oregon Medical School, in the western hills above the city of Portland, recall the contours of the hill which the building replaces. The limited size and steep hillside site of the campus offered few possibilities for location of a garage structure, and the hillside selected for its relation to the buildings it served had to be removed to provide for the building. The advantage of proximity, and the fact that the site could not be used for any other type of building, offset the unit cost per car, higher than usual for an above-grade structure. The plan follows the existing traffic pattern of the campus road, and provides three points of entry and exit. The four floors of parking (three are covered, the fourth is a roof deck) are reached by ramp. The structure is of reinforced concrete, poured-in-place and untreated after removal of forms.

PARKING STRUCTURE, UNIVERSITY OF ORE-GON MEDICAL SCHOOL, Portland, Oregon. Architects: Wolff Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Ritter; structural engineers: Cooper & Rose Associates; mechanical engineer: Thomas E. Taylor; electrical engineers: Grant Kelley & Associates; soils engineers: Dames & Moore; contractor: Contractors, Inc.









Building sites on the medical school campus in Portland's west hills are few and difficult. Here, a site was created by removing a hillside. The esthetic effect of placing a building where a natural hill slope had been was an important element in the design. The resulting structure follows the original contour of the hill, provides four levels of parking in floors whose curving cantilevers minimize the alteration, and contributes handsomely to the visual appearance of the campus.



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### GARAGE ROOF DOUBLES AS TURFED PLAYFIELD

This unusual combination of parking garage and playfield serves students in the eight adjacent multi-story residence halls of the University of California in Berkeley. The curved, faceted concrete parapets which cover the anchorages for the roof and floor structure, and the modeled posts which rise from the structural columns to hold the playfield fence, are handsome and striking elements in the urban complex formed by the halls and garage. The structure is on a sloping site surrounded on three sides by city streets, permitting street-level access to both parking floors and eliminating the need for ramps. Use of a prestressed structure with long spans provides column-free parking space and made possible the combination of uses. The roof structure is of prestressed concrete; no membrane was needed to make the roof watertight. The roof is covered with 18 inches of earth for turfing. The structure was built at a cost of \$5 per square foot.

PARKING STRUCTURE D, UNIVERSITY OF CALI-FORNIA, Berkeley, California. Architects: Anshen & Allen; structural engineers: T. Y. Lin, Kulka, Yang & Associates; mechanical and electrical engineers: G. L. Gendler & Associates; contractor: F. P. Lathrop Construction Company.







By superimposing a playfield on a parking garage, as here in Berkeley, land is conserved, open space is provided, and needed services are located adjacent to the users. Structural design using prestressed concrete made this feasible, but to convince the owners of the economy of this structural solution, the building was competely designed as a conventional poured-in-place structure and for partly precast, prestressed construction. Alternate bids were taken, with four out of five contractors submitting lower bids for prestressed design.



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George Knight photos



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### A DIGNIFIED GARAGE IN A CITY'S NEW CIVIC CENTER

The unusual device of surrounding this parking garage with a light well satisfies the program requirement of space for 450-plus cars with light and air to all decks, and at the same time reduces the above-ground building height to two floors. Since the garage is the first phase of a replacement program for the civic center of Inglewood, California, a city in the Los Angeles area, its appearance is of particular importance. This tasteful and dignified structure suggests a standard of quality for subsequent development phases of the center. The garage is a fourlevel poured-in-place concrete structure, with two levels below grade, one above, and entrance and exit at the third level. Continuous ramps in an interlocking configuration, used for one-way traffic throughout, eliminate cross-traffic intersections. Pedestrian walkways around the central light wells connect with stairs and a third level with public sidewalks. Cost of the garage was \$829,950.

CIVIC CENTER PARKING STRUCTURE, Inglewood, California. Architect: Ralph Bowerman; structural engineers: Richard Bradshaw, Inc.; mechanical engineers: Stroms & Lowe; electrical engineers: Byler & Carroll; landscape architects: Cornell, Bridgers & Troller; contractor: Vanlar Construction Company.

Larry Frost photos







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Planting at the lower level near the central light well and along the perimeter of the building is an unexpected amenity. This structure received a "Grand Prix" award as one of the "most significant buildings in the Los Angeles area since 1947."









SECTION A-A







MID-CITY SITE FOR EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL GARAGE

Although a limited budget, a site 200 feet square in downtown Portland, Oregon, and a program requiring parking for some 800 cars made this garage a difficult design problem, the result again makes the point that housing for cars can be good-looking. A drive-through warped surface solution, instead of a separate ramp system, contributed to the economy of the structure. Parking stalls on the exterior perimeter of each floor are flat; the central section is ramped; and the area between is slightly warped in four parabolic squares. Traffic is twoway on the central ramp, and one-way in the parking area. Columns, floors and shafts are poured-in-place reinforced concrete. The slender non-structural mullions, however, are precast, prestressed concrete and support the interior guard rails on each floor. The eight-level structure provides parking for 812 cars, and cost \$1,192,000 to build.

PARKING STRUCTURE, PORTLAND STATE COL-LEGE, Portland, Oregon. Architects: Wolff Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Ritter; structural engineers: Cooper & Rose & Associates; mechanical engineer: Thomas E. Taylor; electrical engineers: Grant Kelley & Associates; soils engineers: Dames & Moore; contractors: Minden Construction, Inc., Contractors, Inc.

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### A handsome country estate is designed for expansion

A two-stage master plan is architect Maurice Finegold's successful solution to his clients' wish for a "quietly elegant" residence which could expand to a sizeable complex accommodating a large art collection, ample space for parties and a growing family. As the site, a five-acre family estate in rural Maine, was quite flat and thus itself imposed no restrictions on growth at all, both foresight and control were especially critical to the architect's design. The first stage, now built, is a handsomely detailed "fragment" which, while complete in itself, already suggests the final complex for which it will form the major wing.







The first stage of the master plan includes the two-story south wing containing two-story entrance gallery, living room, two bedrooms, kitchen and dining room. Second-stage wings will house services, garage and bedrooms, with present bedrooms becoming study and guest room. By organizing rooms around an interior court, the architect has established a clear organizing principle for growth of a large house, which will maintain a sense of the original unpretentious scale while trebling in size. The entry opening onto the spacious two-story gallery and living room will remain the focus of the expanded house. But the new scheme will offer a new sequence of spaces as the visitor progresses from the drive into the compound-through open court, sheltered entry, and im-



Warm textured materials include stained native pine for high ceilings, window and door frames, red oak floors, and off-white plaster walls. Living room sofa pillows are hot pink and orange. Natural finished, neutral colors in the dining room are contrasted by a bright, red wall. Whiteplaster wall dividing gallery and living room, below, provides a handsome display space for the owners' paintings.

posing gallery and living room.

Strong exterior massing combined with simple brick and cedar shingle complements the plan to give the house great character on a flat site. The unity of exterior scale is contrasted by a variety of interior spaces. Here too, materials and scale are expressively handled. Careful detailing of fine, natural finishesbrick, red oak, stained pine and rough plaster-was designed to give warmth and scale to the imposing two-story rooms while meeting a principal design requirement of "quiet elegance."

HUTCHINS HOUSE, Bangor, Maine. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Hutchins; architect: Maurice N. Finegold; structural engineers: Abraham Woolf Associates; heating: Leo Brissette; sound: Audio Lab; landscape architect: Carol Johnson; interiors: Maurice Finegold; contractors: Owen Gray and Son.







The unusual treatment of the brick chimney and cedar shingle roof shown in the photo above typifies the kind of precision and sensitivity with which form and material are combined to achieve a unified design statement. The roof overhang is pierced by the brick chimney form and the deep shadow reveal continues around the house as a major design motif. A variety of interior spaces can be glimpsed in the view from kitchen to open stairs beyond entrance gallery in photo at left and in photo of the kitchen, below.









Ezra Stoller (ESTO) photos

### Beautiful detailing enhances a very special house

The unusual glass-walled revolving house shown on these pages was designed by architect Richard Foster for his own family on a six-acre site in rural Connecticut. Rejecting many more conventional schemes, the architect arrived at the final design as the ultimate response to the site's breathtaking, near-perfect view of the surrounding countryside. For fullest advantage of the view-farmland hills and a distant lake to the west, a meadow and nearby pond to the east, and a pine forest to the north-the architect enclosed his circular house in glass, set it on a pedestal, and made it rotate for changing landscape, sun and mood.



The key to turning a special shape into a workable house was the plan, and the key to a successful plan was provision of plenty of space, good circulation, and many special built-ins. The house is 72 feet wide, and pivots on the central staircase and hall for efficient circulation. A wide opening from living room to hall increases spaciousness, and, most importantly, provides immediate orientation when the house revolves. Service rooms are grouped at narrow ends of segments to leave the periphery mostly glass.







The circular house is anchored to its site by a concrete pedestal which contains entry, staircase and various utilities, and supports a 14-foot-wide ball-bearing ring which in turn carries the entire superstructure. A control panel regulates motion which varies to five feet per minute and is barely perceptible. The house is very special, but it is also a year-round, everyday house designed for an active family. The architect's solution successfully achieves complex organization for living while preserving the unity and symmetry of a self-contained formal shape. For all the ingenuity of plan and mechanical detail, the real interest and delight of this beautifully detailed "machine for living" lies in the high degree of refinement with which the radical architectural design has





been conceived and carried out. Natural-finished materials are unexpectedly appropriate to the circular house: beautifullyweathering pre-rusted steel; cedar shingle cladding for curved soffits; glazed, hexagonal-shaped tiles for unusual floor shapes.

Spaces within and around the house received as much attention as the view from it. The approach—through a walled motor court, beneath the great tree-like superstructure to the pedestal entry—offers a varied spatial sequence while gradually revealing the breath-taking view.

FOSTER HOUSE, Wilton, Connecticut. Architect: Richard Foster; engineers: Zoldos and Meagher (structural); Meyer, Strong & Jones (mechanical); landscape and interiors: Richard Foster; contractor: William Mewing.







ring further stabilizes the rotating superstructure. The central

column is nonstructural, serving rather to carry pipes and wiring from core to rotating





connections.

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TALL OFFICE BUILDINGS: THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT

Office buildings are being designed at a phenomenal rate in this country. The latest Dodge Construction Statistics show that over 31 million square feet of new office space was contracted for in January and February of 1969. This is an 80.5 per cent increase over the same period in 1968; it is no short-term gain but a significant quantitative shift in this important class of buildings, and has specific causes. We are now in a 20 year low in unemployment: an important reason has been the expansion of white collar office staffs. Accordingly, there is today almost no vacant office space in the country. Commercial banks, pension funds, and life insurance companies are pumping money into office buildings as the best long-term investment in the construction field. Most of the new space is being added in core-city high-rise towers, and the problem of designing these dominant buildings has become common across the country.

The high-rise structures on the following pages illustrate three fundamental problems in the development of nearly every office building: the organization of the site and the building's relationship to the city around it; the planning of interior spaces to meet a particular client's needs; and the problem of designing the tower itself—its shape and fenestration —both to fulfill the program and to create a sensitive visual expression of the total form.

The problem of a building's relationship with the city, as illustrated here by the proposed 55 Water Street Building in lower Manhattan, is particularly significant today. 55 Water Street will have 3.2 million square feet of rentable office space and will occupy four city blocks. When building reaches this scale (and many will, since tenants are demanding large areas per floor, rather than stacked-up smaller floors) the questions of architectural detail—a particular facade proportion or the rhythm of windows to piers—are overpowered. We must ask first what that building will do to the city, as New York's planning agencies asked the developers of 55 Water Street.

The problem of creating office interiors is more common—and there are few design problems in architecture where more rules and habitual conventions apply. But creating the interiors of the new McGraw-Hill Building in New York (pages 186-191) involved some more-than-conventional study of a particular user's needs, and a more-than-conventional effort in arranging spaces and designing forms to fulfill those needs. It is the process by which needs are identified and solutions presented that is the most pertinent story.

In the First National Bank of Chicago (pages 192-196), we see the evolution of an architectural form to fulfill its program. Special problems influenced the scope of the project and the shape of its tower; the resolution of them has produced a remarkably innovative solution in high-rise architecture.

-Robert Jensen





DESIGN IN THE CONTEXT OF A CHANGING CITY PLAN

The composite aerial view of lower Manhattan (left) shows a model of the 55 Water Street Building as it will appear against the skyline of the existing city. The present Jeanette Park appears to the left of the building, but the street between them, Coenties Slip, has now been closed and its area added to the redesigned park. Battary Park appears at the far left. The lower Manhattan Plan calls for landfill and new developments out to approximately the end of the piers in the lower part of the photo, plus an equal extension of the island into the Hudson River pier line (top of photo). 55 Water Street has provisions for a future extension of its plaza bridging the South Elevated Highway (between 55 Water Street and East River in photo), connecting it with future landfill projects.



Superimposed in the center of the photograph at left is the proposed 55 Water Street Building, designed by Emery Roth & Sons, and now in working drawings. The 56-story tower, its sloped-wall 15story wing, and its several ground-level floors will contain 3.5 million square feet of space, and a net rentable area of 3.2 million square feet. These figures make it, on the basis of rentable area, the largest privately-developed office structure in the world. It will be the city's first structure to begin implementing the Lower Manhattan Plan, a comprehensive study submitted to the city in 1966 calling for extensive landfill and systematic rebuilding. The size of the 55 Water Street Building, the public amenities that it will have, and the fact of its being the first private building to conform to the Lower Manhattan Plan, are all a direct result of a remarkable series of negotiations between Uris Brothers Building Corporation (its builders) and New York's city planning agencies.

### The goal: conformance with the Lower Manhattan Plan

The Lower Manhattan Plan calls for what would be in any other location an entirely new city: office structures, plazas, apartments, shops, and schools to either house or employ 300,000 to 400,000 people. Development will take place on new land created by filling portions of the Hudson and East Rivers on both sides of the island out to the present pier-head lines. New projects will occur within portions of the existing city, and its street pattern will be altered. The three maps at the lower left tell the story. In the first map, the shaded portion labeled "1965" indicates the approximate boundaries of lower Manhattan today. New land will be created by filling out to the boundary marked "1980" or to about the existing pier-heads. Landfill is not unusual in Manhattan, as the map shows. The center map indicates the proposed location of new projects within the existing city, and the location of existing streets which will be closed. One of these special project areas is the World Trade Center, already under construction. The last map shows the site plan of the World Trade Center and the site of the 55 Water Street Building within the fabric of the existing city.

55 Water Street is being developed as the first privately-financed link to the future landfill projects. The site occupies four existing blocks, and the streets that used to run between them: Cuyler's Alley, one block of Front Street, and Coenties Slip. As can be seen in the center map, these streets were proposed for closing by the Lower Manhattan Plan, and the City has attempted to follow its guidelines.

### To achieve the goal: negotiations between the developer and the city

Uris first approached the City with a scheme for developing its four blocks of downtown Manhattan in 1967, and both the City and Uris knew that the streets between Uris's properties would have to be closed if the development was to proceed. A series of surprisingly productive negotiation sessions were held between Uris and the Office of

#### 55 WATER STREET

Lower Manhattan Development, with both parties acting in their own self-interest within a spirit of compromise. The City wanted some useful urban amenities following the Lower Manhattan Plan, and Uris wanted a lucrative financial investment. The negotiations indicate the power a city may use to insert public amenities into a private development, while also allowing the developer a sounder economic investment than he had before.

With the building now in working drawings and excavations underway, the list of exchanges looks like this: Uris was given permission to buy and to close the three city streets as listed above, giving them a 100,000-square-foot unified parcel of land. A zoning amendment was passed, permitting Uris to build a plaza more than 12 feet above street level, while still being allowed the extra height benefits which accrue from the inclusion of such open spaces within a project. Uris was also given a dispensation from the normal set-back regulations along Water Street.

In return, Uris agreed to build a new 375-car parking garage under the adjacent Jeanette Park, and to redesign, reconstruct, and maintain Jeanette Park for the City. They agreed to lease at least two-thirds of the commercial space which would front on the park or the plaza to retail commercial establishments (restaurants, clothing shops, etc.) rather than to banks or brokerage houses. In addition, the city required that an entrance be provided from the site to the proposed Water Street subway line, and that the structure of the new plaza and its retaining wall along South Street be designed for future connection to the landfill projects to the east of the city.

Uris has hired Lawrence Halprin & Associates to design the new Jeanette Park and the plaza. Halprin has made only a study model of the park and plaza to date, but his designs indicate he will pursue the themes developed in his widely-praised city plaza for Portland, Oregon. Jeanette Park will be defined on its two long sides by the 55 Water Street tower, (with a 20-foot-wide arcade facing the park) and by several other tall office structures opposite, one of which is already in place. The park will be molded with poured concrete into walks, terraces, and jutting "rock" forms capped with grass and planting areas. Water will, in places, flow down "rock" crevaces into collecting pools at their edges. Below will be the 375-car parking garage, with its entrances molded into the park design.

The Roth building will have a sloped-wall wing overlooking the plaza and facing future land developments to the east, acting as a closure element on the plaza. The plaza will eventually span the South Elevated highway, and has been located three floors above existing street level for exactly this purpose. The building will have an arcade facing Jeanette Park and continuing around on the Water Street side (ground floor plan, right). The largest portion of its leasable office space will be in the 56-story tower facing Jeanette Park.



PERSPECTIVE, LOOKING SOUTHWEST Halprin's study model for the plaza and Jeanette Park (photos, right) show the scale of his jutting rough concrete forms. They appear small against the huge bulk of 55 Water Street, but are 35 feet high in some parts, making what should be an effective transition from human to super scale.





<sup>55</sup> WATER STREET BUILDING, New York. Architects: Emery Roth & Sons; developer: Uris Buildings Corporation; landscape architects: Lawrence Halprin & Associates.



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The aerial photo (above, left) shows progress on the site of the new McGraw-Hill Building between 48th and 49th streets on the Avenue of the Americas. Diagonally across the street is the R.C.A. Building, tallest in Rockefeller Center. Above is a plan of the underground concourse servicing all Rockefeller Center buildings, with the proposed link to the McGraw-Hill Building indicated by hatched lines. The model (left) shows the tightlyspaced pier and window rhythm of the facade; pier facing will be stone, with bronze-tinted glazing between. The section indicates Mc-Graw-Hill's spaces (shaded) in relation to the other tenant floors of the tower. The building extends three floors below grade, with the plaza 12 feet below street level.



The new McGraw-Hill Building is now under construction in midtown Manhattan, and will be completed in 1971. The process of developing this building has been intricate and in some ways unique, for the normal complement of one client to one architect has been doubled. Rockefeller Center Inc. owns 55 per cent, and is the principal client; Harrison & Abramovitz & Harris are the principal architects. McGraw-Hill owns 45 per cent, and the interior spaces that they will occupy are being designed by the Office of Alfred Easton Poor. It is the process of mutual exchange and agreement between these four organizations that is the most pertinent story of the building-particularly as applied to its interior layouts, which have been subjected to a detailed, wellthought-out study of basic design considerations vs. a particular user's requirements.

Initially, about two-thirds of the building's 51 floors will house the headquarters staff of McGraw-Hill, Inc.: the Book Company, which now publishes over 12,000 active titles, films and tapes; the Publications Company, which publishes 48 business and professional periodicals; and the McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company, with its Dodge Reports, Sweet's Catalog, and other activities. The remainder of the floors will be leased to other tenants. These leased spaces (section below, left) have been interspersed from the top to the bottom of the tower, rather than at one level: this arrangement will allow a flexible expansion of the separate divisions, as new space requirements occur.

### The first stage: design within a context of city plan

In the initial stages of the project, Harrison & Abramovitz & Harris began design studies in conjunction with Rockefeller Center's decision to create two new office towers on the west side of the Avenue of the Americas. Standard Oil of New Jersey was to occupy one of the towers between 49th and 50th Streets, but McGraw-Hill had no connection, at this point, with the companion structure between 48th and 49th.

Designs proceeded during 1967, as the architects established a preliminary scheme for the tower: height, number of floors, gross square footage, and dimensions were developed, structural design was completed in preliminary form (including column placement), and a facade treatment was created, making the building compatible with the remainder of the Rockefeller Center complex.

McGraw-Hill had been considering several proposals for a new headquarters building prior to 1967, both within and outside Manhattan, but decided at that date to occupy the tower as principal tenant and to participate in the equity. The site had many advantages: The Sixth Avenue subway has entrances between 48th and 50th, and the Rockefeller Center complex itself has a unique system of underground pedestrian passageways linking all of its buildings. These concourse areas allow walking from building to building without interference from Manhattan traffic, and the new building is planned to link directly to them (see site plan).

### The second stage: adjusting the building design to McGraw-Hill's needs

Some specific needs of McGraw-Hill were not readily fulfilled by the new Rockefeller Center tower, designed up to this point for an unknown tenant. For example: a cafeteria would be necessary, along with several private dining rooms and the kitchen facilities to serve them. A large commercial bookstore was needed at ground level. A 275-seat auditorium was required, with a column-free space which might require structural reframing at some location. Finally, it was hoped that all the office floors could be designed on a module, and a partition system created which would be interchangeable through all divisions. The Office of Alfred Easton Poor was immediately retained by McGraw-Hill as the architect primarily concerned with its interiors for the new building, and directed to coordinate its efforts with Harrison & Abramovitz & Harris.

In laying out the office floors, the first requirement was the module: a planning grid around which spaces could be allocated and partitions designed. Poor and McGraw-Hill had found in previous projects that a 5-foot by 6-foot grid-with the 6-foot dimension running parallel to the window wall-was ideal for open floors, with desks set in rows and few partitions separating employes. A 5-foot by 5-foot grid, however, was more accommodating when most occupants of a floor were to have private, partitioned spaces. Since the headquarters building would involve mostly offices for editorial staffs, the 5- by 5foot grid was chosen.

It was then necessary to adjust the column spacing, the windows, and the dimensions of the core in the original building design to conform with this grid. Column bay spacing became 30 feet throughout the length of the tower, with 20- and 25-foot bays in the narrow direction (floor plan, above right). The architects then created a 2-foot, 4-inch pier/ 2-foot, 8-inch window rhythm continuously around the exterior, with load-bearing columns occurring in every sixth pier. The dimensions of the core were adjusted to the grid so that the proposed 3-inch-thick movable partitions could meet the permanent core walls in exactly the same plane.

Thus the final tower plan and its grid were based upon the needs of an individual employe's working space, rather than on the economics of steel sections in the structural frame, or upon some optimum efficiency in mechanical equipment ducts or lighting requirements.

### Stage three: determining specific office space requirements

Work was now begun on the resolution of two questions: 1) How much space would McGraw-Hill need at the time of occupancy and in the near future?; and 2) How should the system of interior partitioning fit together, how should it look, and how should it be integrated with the heating, air conditioning, and lighting? To determine space needs, a series of forms were completed by all chief editors,



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publishers, and executives—beginning with the Publications Division. These forms required specific answers to questions about the existing requirements of a magazine: how much bulk storage it needed, how much immediately accessible filing it needed, and what specific working area was required by each employe. An accurate anticipated estimate of growth was made: how much new storage space would be required, how many new employes would there be by specific title—and what auxiliary space, such as conference rooms, would be required. Finally, the magazines itemized their adjacency requirements what specialized service facilities or other publications should be near them.

### The partitioning system:

### two alternates were studied

The survey information was used in creating the partitioning system and in laying out the individual floors. Standard partitions for offices are, of course, based on habitual use and commonly agreed criteria for fulfilling office needs. They usually vary between each other in materials, connection systems and color, rather than in the shapes of the spaces they might create—for such spaces are almost always pure rectangles. Such rectangular systems have disadvantages, however. Corridors tend to be tunnel-like and dull. Secretaries are forced to occupy extra-wide corridors, with little privacy. And right-angle corners can (but do not always) waste usable space in an office. An alternate, designed by Poor for McGraw-Hill's needs, has been called the "Y," or the "3 for 2" (see plan and photos, right). Basically, this system cuts off one corner of a standard rectangular office at 45 degrees, and with two such offices placed side by side, creates a recessed right-angled niche along the corridors-one recess per two offices. The usual long corridor of parallel walls eight feet apart with evenly spaced secretarial desks in them is thus broken up, and each secretary, occupying a recess, has a more private work area.

To test these Y units, and to determine user reactions to the spaces they create, a full-scale mockup of two of them, with secretarial space between, was built at the present McGraw-Hill building. Several sets of editors and their secretaries worked in these mock-ups for a week at a time, and their individual reactions to them were collected. From these user comments, the ways in which the Y system does and does not work properly could be determined, including how it might be altered in the final installations.

Its benefits seemed to be three: a larger-thannormal desk area with its surface and drawers accessible, a more efficient use of total space allowing more people per floor, and the fresh visual interest it may create in the corridors. Its reported disadvantages were the fixed location of the desks (editors had to face the wall), the lack of side-chair space (and thus conference space) in the offices, and the perhaps too-close (for noise privacy) adjacency of secretaries and editors. After the tests, Poor's office redesigned the Y-unit to make variable desk arrangements possible, the need for small-scale conference space on each floor was restudied, and other adjustments made. The final decision is still pending.





Full-size Y-units were installed in McGraw-Hill's existing headquarters for testing, with the proposed shelving, file systems, furniture and builtin desks in place. Tile is shown here, but carpet is being considered for all corridors and offices. Below is a model showing several spatial options within the basic Y-unit system.






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**RECTANGULAR OFFICES** 

The two full-floor plans (left) indicate a typical layout of the Y-unit concept as compared to the normal rectangular office partitioning system. As conceived here, the rectangular offices are larger than those of the Y units, but their secretarial and corridor spaces are smaller and less interesting. Studies are now being made of both concepts, and revisions will occur. It is possible that the decision will be made to use both systems, with the 30-inch-wide partitioning panels designed to be interchangeable between them. With the Y units, the diagonal section of the partitioning cannot go to the ceiling.

TYPICAL FLOOR



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This section and reflected ceiling plan shows one proposal for integrating the partitioning, ceiling, lighting and air conditioning systems. The air diffuser and ceiling partition tracks are combined. When a partition is in place, the diffuser is closed and the air routed to an unoccupied strip on the five-foot by five-foot continuous grid. Room air is exhausted through the light fixtures centered between the ceiling grid. Columns have been aligned so they occur (as shown right) off the module of the lights.

3" THICK PARTITION



REFLECTED CEILING PLAN

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#### To avoid truck traffic tie-ups: elevators and a turntable

To reach the loading docks at McGraw-Hill's thirdbasement level, large trailer trucks will be lowered in their entirety from the street on two 50-foot-long elevators, then rotated 90 degrees on a 47-foot-diameter turntable into alignment with the unloading platforms. Both the trailer and its cab will be taken on this three-floor elevator trip, but with extra-long trucks, the cab will be detached from the trailer in the basement, so that the turntable can rotate the latter while the cab maneuvers to move the trailer off the turntable after positioning. Elaborate mechanized loading facilities such as these are becoming more necessary in crowded core-city conditions such as exist in Manhattan.

## The cafeteria: human scale for an overscale room

The McGraw-Hill cafeteria, at the plaza level (one floor below the lobby) will have 1200 seats and may serve 4800 people per day, making it one of the largest in Manhattan. Reducing the scale of this potentially large space became the principal design problem, along with the organization of traffic within it. The dining space has been divided into two separated elements, with the elevators and dish drop-off facilities between. The serving area is screened from the dining rooms, and is also directly off the circulation core. There are six serving and pick-up counters, with provisions for quick sandwiches, coffee, or fullcourse meals. There is a high-ceilinged central space in the two dining rooms, but around this, the semienclosed booth areas have low ceilings, to make them more intimate spaces.

## The auditorium: some special problems of location and access

Two major problems in planning the auditorium have been accessibility requirements and the need for a column-free space. It was at first planned for the seventh or top floor of the wrap-around element (see plan), so that there would be no loads above—making the removal of columns relatively easy and inexpensive. In that location, however, public access to it from the lobby would be complicated, and the elevators from the upper floors do not stop at the seventh: employees of McGraw-Hill using the auditorium would have to travel to the ground floor, then transfer to elevators for the ride back up.

Again, user needs have held sway over the economics of structure, and the auditorium is now planned for the second floor within the wrap-around element. Four columns have been removed from those proposed in the original structural design, and one major tower column has been moved 5 feet from its original location, so as not to interfere with film projection facilities. The auditorium is now well located for use by the general public without its having to go through any McGraw-Hill spaces, and building employes will have quick access to it via two escalators leading from the ground floor.

McGRAW-HILL BUILDING, Rockefeller Center, New York City. Architects: Harrison & Abromovitz & Harris; coordinating architects for McGraw-Hill interiors: The Office of Alfred Easton Poor.



elevators descending from the street to the third basement loading docks (see plans, above). Once in the basement, trucks move off the elevators and onto a 47-foot-diameter turntable directly in front. The turntable positions the trucks toward the desired receiving dock so they may back into the space for unloading. There will be space for five large trucks and two smaller ones, plus some extra room to the west of the turntable for unloading small panel trucks and delivery carts. Adjacent to the docks will be the receiving and shipping offices for McGraw-Hill and the other tenants of the building.



#### CAFETERIA

The cafeteria facilities occupy a large portion of the building at plaza level. There is access to it directly from the plaza, via escalators which lead from the street-level floor. The two dining rooms have variable seating arrangements of tables, booths, and wall benches (see plan, right) with the latter placed in the low-ceilinged recesses around the core of each room. The serving counters have been located so that columns occur within them. These columns will be integrated into the design of the counters, with their faces used as sign boards displaying the menu of the day and other pertinent information (section and elevation, above).







FIRST BASEMENT



PLAZA LEVEL

4 0 The model photo (above) shows a proposal for the plaza, to be com-pleted in 1972. The tower (left) is nearly complete, and will be occupied in June of this year. The site plan (right) shows the First National Bank in context with Chicago's Loop, a 35square-block area bounded by the city's elevated railway. The bank is in the center of the Loop, accessible by foot, subway, or from any of Chi-

cago's four main railway stations.

Hube Henry, Hedrich-Blessing photos



## THE EVOLUTION OF A SPECIAL FORM TO MEET ITS PROGRAM





The First National Bank of Chicago will soon occupy a curving 60-floor tower, the highest building in Chicago's Loop. The bank will move into the new quarters in June, and its old facilities next door will be removed, making room for a new plaza adjacent to the tower. By 1972 the two-stage project of tower and plaza will be complete, and the bank will occupy the entire block bounded by Madison, Monroe, Clark and Dearborn Streets.

Two architectural firms—C. F. Murphy Associates and The Perkins & Will Partnership—have shared in the design of this 106-million-dollar complex since its inception in 1964. Specific programatic demands have influenced the scope of the project, the shape of the tower, and the location of its vertical transportation. The resolution of these demands is indicative of the logic behind this striking and innovative solution in high-rise architecture.

#### Starting point for design: "all banking in one location"

Illinois prohibits the establishment of branch banks. Branch offices normally accommodate most of a bank's public facilities; its central office may be largely administrative and clerical space, with a public floor no bigger than any of its branches. But the First National needed all its teller facilities, savings, and loan departments in one public space. Further, with customer banking at only one location, the facility had to be adjacent to public transportation, and needed on-site parking. Particularly, the site should include a plaza; an active urban place capable of drawing the public to it.

As developed in the final site plans (below, left) the bank is quickly accessible and will have a remarkable series of public amenities. There will be a two-level parking garage under the plaza with access via a ramp which begins on Clark Street opposite the bank, makes a 180-degree turn as it winds down to the second basement, eventually passing back under Clark Street to the garage itself. The architects have provided a direct connection to the existing Dearborn Street subway, and provisions for a link with the future Monroe Street subway and its underground pedestrian concourse. This concourse will link the Civic Center and the Federal Center, making the bank's plaza an important public space along a revitalized strip of the city. The plaza, still in design development, is conceived as a public and ceremonial space on two levels, with terraces, promenades, some public banking, and leased shopping.

#### Why the sloped tower? Banking needs vs. leasable space

The wide-based tower did not evolve principally from structural imperatives, although the logic of the shape for resisting wind loads efficiently is apparent. The first need of the client was a 40,000square-foot banking floor expressed in a clear and unified space. Above the ground level, the bank needed rather large floor areas, but the required size of each receded toward the executive floors at the top. Further, a survey of existing and future needs for office space showed that smaller floors, with a high ratio of perimeter window length to interior area, were likely to be more easily leased in Chicago.

#### FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CHICAGO

The decision was made to place all of these spaces in a single tower, and schemes which involved stepping-back the building envelope to match the need for variable floor areas were rejected. The architects agreed early in their studies to pursue the possibility of a sloped design. The tower, as based on the program, is a striking and innovative solution. The public banking space rises 56 feet, with a mezzanine level floating within it. Eight piers on each face run from the ground to the top of the tower without interruption, emphasizing its height and expressing, in their tapering form, the shape of the tower itself. Banking floors above the public space are large (41,000 to 45,000 square feet) receding gradually to meet the tenant floors. The four mechanical equipment floors provide rhythmic horizontal divisions on the tower as complements to the vertical.

#### The elevator problem:

#### accommodating the bank and the public

The location of the elevatoring system became a critical problem, and the resolution of it had a marked effect on the expression of the tower. The usual core scheme, with elevator banks occupying the center, was not compatible with the public banking area at the ground floor. The architects experimented, therefore, with a series of twin elevator core concepts within the basic scheme of the sloped tower. The problem was the expression or non-expression of elevators on the tower facade, and the retention of the large open space at the ground.

An early design scheme (above, right) shows the grouping of elevators and stairs at either end of the tower plan, with vertical circulation expressed on the faces of the tower, rather than at its ends. This scheme allowed less banking space between elevators than the final one, and the exposure of the vertical cores on the face of the tower seemed to disturb the unity of the main facades. In a second sketch (center, right) the elevator and stair towers have been moved completely within the building, with no expression of them on the exterior. This scheme was more successful visually than the first, leaving the graceful curve of the facades uncluttered, but again encroached strongly on the public banking spaces at ground level. Within the context of the problem, therefore, the final scheme (below, right) is certainly the most successful. With the vertical circulation system moved outside the ends of the tower, the usable banking space is extended to fulfill program requirements. The sweeping curve of the two faces of the tower is expressed with a simple pier, spandrel and glass grid, uninterrupted by stronger verticals. And the absolutely perpendicular lines of the elevator towers aid in the perception of the curve of the faces. Without a closely adjacent vertical from which to refer, one's eye might not perceive the subtle curving of the facade so quickly, at least in the middle regions of the tower. The architects did not create this tower form to be "different," but to meet the specific demands of an architectural program.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO, Chicago. Architects: C. F. Murphy Associates and The Perkins & Will Partnership; acoustics: Bolt, Beranek & Newman; lighting: Richard Kelly; general contractor: Gust K. Newberg Construction Company.



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Perspective plan showing the vertical circulation system expressed on the face of the tower: an early scheme.

A later perspective showing the vertical circulation completely enclosed within the tower.

The final concept: the twin elevator towers wide apart and expressed at the ends of the building.











jected because of the possible inconvenience to upper-floor tenants. They would have had to transfer elevators at every trip from the ground floor to their offices. The section at left shows the final elevatoring diagramatically. It is a three-level system in which all tenants have a direct link between the street and their offices, but only the freight elevators stop at every floor. The photo (right) shows the vertical elevator tower in relation to the curving face of the building; they balance and emphasize each other.

BANK ELEVATORS FREIGHT ELEVATORS EXPRESS



# What the systems approach means to air conditioning Part 1

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There has always been a systems approach, of a sort, to air conditioning. But today architects and engineers see the need for a more searching insight into the various influencing factors: people, costs, hardware, time. Overriding reason: the client's demand for the best physical environment his money can buy. This article draws on extensive knowledge of the industry and in-depth interviews with manufacturers and technical disciplines. It is a continuation of the twopart article, "Air conditioning: a new interpretation for architects," RECORD July and August, 1967.

Two growing, confluent trends are causing the building industry to be increasingly concerned with today's emphasis on the systems approach as a means of cutting costs, speeding up the construction process and guaranteeing a certain level of building performance. The first of these trends is management's (business, government, military) conviction that the systems approach is a powerful tool for analyzing and helping solve problems requiring top management decisions. This thinking naturally filters down to owners' representatives responsible for building programs, who indicate to architects, engineers and contractors that systems techniques are to be encouraged and perhaps required. The second trend involves changes within the building industry itself that are fostering increased standardization of building components and the combination of these components in larger and larger packages by the manufacturer. These changes involve the spiraling costs and increasing shortage of skilled field labor; the difficulty of architects, and more particularly consulting engineers, in attracting competent personnel in the middle echelons; the growing demand from owners for single-source responsibility. Further, it is agreed that better housing for low-income families must have the highest of priorities. Thus some manufacturers are showing interest in the use of mass-production,

assembly-line techniques to make complete buildings for this market. But industrialized building systems in Europe have taken time to evolve: main emphasis has been on shell, with provision of services being relatively unsophisticated by American standards. And while mobile-home technology may work for separate housing units in an unplanned context, there are inherent limitations in application to large structures.

#### The systems approach: a modern definition

The systems approach to building is here to stay, just as it is for about every other industry and human enterprise. It implies taking the broadest possible view of any situation with the purpose of uncovering and explaining all significant inter-relationships. The approach makes particular sense today because science and technology have made new tools available. In some areas computer simulation utilizing mathematical models is possible.

Communication between all groups has suffered, because of burgeoning knowledge in every area and the introduction of specialty and sub-specialty areas of expertise and professional activity. As a result, the various groups really do not understand how they fit into the over-all context.

The two newest disciplines to develop in recent years, coming about as the natural outgrowth of the world's tremendous technological advancement, are operations research and systems engineering. In the case of operations research, which deals

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#### The systems approach to building: three basic paths





with an analysis of existing operations of any sort, the goal is to provide executives, be they civilian or military, with all possible information relevant to a problem, and to clarify relations between several courses of actio so that they can make decisions with a minimum of risk.

Systems engineering relates to developing a new system which has not yet been refined to a workable solution. Further, it deals less with existing operations; rather, it attempts to develop optimum man and machine systems which might possibly be used in the future.

The two disciplines do in fact overlap and are used by some people interchangeably. The specific meanings can of course be fairly precise in certain specialist areas —e.g. data processing, mission-oriented, military or space projects. But undeniably, the term "systems engineering," relating to the latter, involving exotic and sophisticated technological developments and the maximum innovation, has a certain mystique and is by far the more impressive term.

In military projects, technological advance to secure specific military objectives has to be pushed to the ultimate, and each development tends to make obsolete the hardware and systems just developed from previous advances. Obviously, performance criteria set forth are extremely specific and actual performance within close limits is required. In almost every case the systems contractor is also the producer of the system—and is paid separately for his R & D and development osts.

In business management, communications, production activities, etc., use of these row techniques is helped by the fact that there is usually a good reference base for comparison. Or projects are of a continuing nature where adequate feedback is possible and where competitors are using similar approaches. There is, then, some uniformity of thinking and definition of terms.

However, the building industry is an exception. Admittedly, the implications of

SYSTEMS APPROACH—A comprehensive, interdisciplinary approach to problem solving. After considerable use and experience in a given business or in government, valid interdisciplinary guidelines may be evolved.

**SYSTEMS ANALYSIS**—A problem-solving approach, employing the scientific method, in which information is obtained from a team of interdisciplinary experts, and is evaluated and analyzed to establish criteria and parameters describing the functioning and needs of a particular system.

**OPERATIONS RESEA H**—A problem-solving approach, employing the scientific method and based upon previous systems analysis, in which an operations research analyst, in cooperation with a team of interdisciplinary experts, evaluates an existing system. Purpose is to solve problems in certain parts of the system or to improve over-all functioning. Machines may or may not be a part of the system. operations research and systems engineering for the building industry are not too clear, since it is difficult to spell out what activities are involved, and which people should be concerned.

It is highly important that the various disciplines to be involved (necessarily an interdisciplinary approach) be able to communicate effectively with each other and to have a common understanding of terms and concepts.

In addition, the normal building industry professionals will have to learn exactly how the new disciplines function. By the same token, operations researchers, systems analysts or systems engineers cannot establish their approach without also being educated by the professionals. The O. R. and systems people are scientists, not engineers, and it is indicative of the influence that the physical sciences have exerted on them that they have a selfconscious concern with concepts and first principles and show a desire to generalize from specific to all-encompassing theories.

## Systems approaches in building: review of projects to date

What do the proponents of the systems approach to building say it can or should do? Mainly, they say, the systems approach: 1) stimulates innovation; 2) reduces much of the tedious dog-work of conventional methods, permitting more time for design analysis and evaluation; 3) reduces cost through standardization of building elements; 4) by stating requirements in performance terms instead of specific sub-system solutions, enlarges the possible range of solutions; 5) by requiring functional as well as dimensional compatibility, encourages integration of function; 6) permits volume manufacturing; also, with physical coordination of components required, the architect and his consultants know ahead of time where these components go ahead and that they will fit together when installed in the field; 7) cyclical renewal of building components makes possible (required because of obso-

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING—A problem-solving approach, employing the scientific method, and based upon previous systems analysis, in which alternate man-machine combinations necessary for an optimum system arrangement (usually a new one) are evaluated. Such evaluation is done with a team of interdisciplinary experts. The systems engineer relies upon the individual experts to describe capabilities and functional characteristics of the individual machines (packages). In the areas of data processing and development of military hardware, procedures are refined and relatively standardized.

SYSTEM ENGINEERING—Design and evaluation of a particular air-conditioning system in terms of dynamic response of the system to the demands imposed upon it, along with the response of the automatic control system with which it is matched. Engineer requires component and subsystem operating characteristics in detail from manufacturers, or complete analysis is not possible. lescence or deterioration when an open building system approach is employed, offering maximum interchangeability of sub-system components); 8) reduction of field labor and the elimination of the need for special skills in job-site erection; 9) permits cost reduction through volume purchasing.

The systems approach to building, narrowly or loosely interpreted, could be said to have been used for many years by architects who have developed standardized procedures and have employed standardized solutions, but not stock plans, for certain building types.

But, more recently, the systems approach to building has taken on more formalized aspects, with special systems projects staffs organized, often with foundation grants, to tackle the problem of getting better public-supported buildings (schools, dormitories, college buildings, housing) for less money in less time. Significant projects built or bid: 1) School Construction Systems Development (13 California schools); 2) URBS -University Residential Building Systemsfor the University of California (\$181/2 million appropriated for 2,000 living units); 3) SEF—Study of Educational Facilities—by the Metropolitan Toronto School Board (10 components bid, and bidders provisionally accepted for 2 million square feet of public schools); 4) RAS—Research in School Facilities-by the Montreal Catholic School Commission; 5) components bid for 3 million square feet of school buildings).

Just how successful these programs have been in mustering the participation and collaboration of industry is another question. Industry has not, so to speak, beat down their door. Generally, maximum participation has come from companies looking for greater market penetration in the building types involved; from those who had products in process that with a slight speed-up in development work could meet the program requirements, and whose products would have market potential beyond the particular systems program.

Basic materials manufacturers and utility groups, through their trade associations, may be willing to subsidize a fairly extensive research and development program with the hole that the spin-off in terms of publicity and future business will pay off. Again, such groups are much more likely to subsidize the costs of a professional development team in working up proposals if they have research programs in the works that they know could produce innovative approaches for component design.

What attitude might you expect consulting engineers to take in regard to having components and equipment pre-selected for them in a systems-approach program? On the one hand, the fact that fees or profits are marginal on building types such as elementary schools and speculative multi-family housing could be a point in favor of preselection. Consulting engineers still are responsible for system design in the usual way. The question then is, does he accept

R & D FUNCTIONAL AREAS AND ORGANIZATION long-range corporate objectives research control area development control area long-range potential research products for objectives development prototype research construction plans and testing selected product research projects engineering full-scale production production control area

INNOVATION SPRINGS FROM R & D AND PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT • Few ideas make it

• Time and cost are major factors

Crash programs are generally subsidized





the package in toto? Perhaps not. He may, for example, upon examining the elements in the hvac sub-systems, decide that the controls provided may be in conflict with the over-all system as he must design it for a given building. What does he do about this? If he asks for too many changes, then the advantages of standardization are lost-in effect, he is designing a custom system. The engineering community will, of course, be less likely to make exceptions to the components of the pre-selected packages if it has been brought in on such aspects of system programs as review of performance specifications, and is represented in the evaluation of the packages themselves. The SEF school program in Toronto made sure that a number of outside architects, consulting engineers and users (in the person of plant superintendents) were represented in the evaluation procedure; professional "critics" were drawn at random from the boards of education and the technical professional community to provide expert opinion to the SEF staff.

The fact that SEF asked for more technical inputs at various stages of its evaluation procedure did not diminish the role of judgment. The first check point included mid-term review of proposals from manufacturers bidding on the 10 components comprising the program, with technical input from professionals. Bid evaluation included not only comparison of lump sum costs but potential penalties through a weighting of functional and designability factors (the facility with which a building may be designed and assembled). A computer-assisted process was then used by the SEF group in evaluation of bids. But choice of designated sub-system proposals was not made on this basis only; computer evaluation was used to "sort" the proposals for lowest collective bidders. Final choice was by over-all professional judgment of the final five choices (lowest collective bids of 10 sub-systems) with all sub-system bids taken together. Beyond this, sub-system bidders could still be rejected following first-stage testing in an actual structure, if on the basis of professional opinion, any seb-system failed to meet the intent of the applicable performance specifications.

## Some advantages and problems for consultants and manufacturers

What are the potentials for cost savings using the volume-purchasing approach? If a manufacturer knows that over a period of several years he may sell 500 units versus selling five at a time now and then he is willing to negotiate his price downward. The contractor, knowing that he will be dealing with repetitive modules of standard systems and that he is able to set up a volume basis for construction, can produce possible savings of labor of 10 per cent or more. Such savings could result without any advance in sub-system technology at all.

But with a systems project where the manufacturer bidding is involved in design as well as in supplying products, he has to take time to decide how he will approach the problem—how he understands wording and intent—in terms of the criteria that have been set up. He has to involve a contractor whom he has confidence in to handle the pricing of the installed systems. Because of the fact that no systems have yet been installed, this contractor must provide for a number of intangibles and contingencies that may occur during construction. Thus the advantage of normal industry competitive bidding is lost. Further the bids are being calculated on the basis of preliminary rather than fully detailed plans and specifications—another contingency to be allowed for.

Exceedingly generalized or vague performance-type specifications often do not relate to reality, and any performance-type approach to specification cannot succeed except on the basis of limitations set by industry and building professionals themselves.

On the other hand, volume purchasers, say for a building type such as motels, who start with detailed plans and specifications and standardize to the ultimate, can get competitive bidding from various manufacturers. But with systems projects, nearly every manufacturer is bidding a different system.

Characteristic of the systems projects so far—SCSD, URBS, SEF and others—has been the hvac requirement that manufacturers include in their bids maintenance costs, with agreements being made for fiveyear maintenance contracts, renewable for 15-20 years. This pins down for the owner the owning cost for the equipment itself and gives him some idea of equipment life and reliability. These specifications also call for some estimate of operating costs.

If participants in a systems project have the option of taking on the maintenance contract provided or shopping for their own maintenance, this may be self-

## Unitized equipment and standard packages for the air-conditioning system

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The air distribution system can be double- or single-duct, multi-zone, variable-air-volume, etc. Air-flow distribution network includes flow control devices, mixing devices, terminals and outlets. Use of inspace unitary air conditioners is also possible. Secondary-fluid unitary approach—many more types of system arrangements can be evolved. This is particularly so when the unitary packaged hot and cold generators are designed for use in multiple for a single building. Standard package fan-coil units can serve loads to 50 tons or more; multiple generator arrangements can provide for tonnages of several hundred tons or more. Secondary fluid flow distribution networks can be chilled water, hot water, steam-condensate. Flow system includes flow control devices, heat exchangers, coils, recirculating and booster pumps, controls, etc. Use of in-space fan-coil packages is also possible, as well as combinations and modifications thereof.



**AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM**—In its most elementary form it can be a single-package refrigeration system including a forced-convection air-flow system with air blowing over the evaporator and directly into the space. A central system will use ductwork and may use a secondary fluid (chilled water) instead of a direct refrigerant.

AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM (SUBSYSTEM)—A major subdivision of the over-all air conditioning system that provides for (1) generation of heating or cooling effect or (2) thermal fluid distribution; or (3) automatic control for a package or flow network system. Each subsystem can be subdivided into other subsystems (e.g., primary conditioned air to a single-duct induction termial).

AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM (COMPONENT)— A single basic element or device in a multicomponent assembly or an over-all system (e.g., a fan; a pump; a thermostat; an air outlet; etc.) **AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM (PACKAGE)**—A matched grouping of two or more components capable of fulfilling a definable function (e.g., a standard in-line pump motor combination; a unitary air conditioner; baseboard heater with integral thermostat; etc.)

**DIRECT UNITARY PACKAGED AIR-CONDI-TIONING EQUIPMENT**—Completely self-contained packaged equipment with secondary energy generating plant within the unit; also includes the additional packaged equipment provision for delivery or the energy so generated. The unit may be supplied with gas, oil and/or electric power with provisions for direct supply of heated or cooled air to a space or spaces on a single or multi-zone basis.

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The original systems project specifications presume that the equipment and systems will be installed properly and with proper provisions for maintenance so that where the successful system is a direct unitary system they represent an optimum type of unitary installation, and not a "speculative" type, which is more typical of the usual installation for this type equipment.

Manufacturers will be inclined to take more interest in systems projects and in getting involved in product development work only if they see a good market beyond the systems projects themselves. Manufacturers participating in these projects who have had to do product development work say that they cannot possibly recover their investment from the relatively small size of the programs.

The URBS specifications called for very stringent requirements on noise (NC-30) in the living units, and so the manufacturer's development work to meet this requirement could pay off in the hotel-motel market where noise is an important consideration, as are maintenance and reliability.

Larger hvac manufacturers have shown only rather tepid interest in systems projects undertaken so far. The basic reason is that they cannot very well interrupt their continuing programed research and development program intended to keep them a step ahead of their competitors, and which is based on how they interpret marketing trends. Such disruption concerns them more than the \$100,000 minimum that might be required to get involved in the bidding process. (Total spent by all URBS bidders was \$6 million.)

### What type of air conditioning system fits today's systems approach?

Obviously, today's systems approach in the building field implies volume purchasing with a maximum degree of standardization. This implies dealing with "buildingblock" modules both for the building and the air conditioning sub-system. Therefore, any of the systems being suggested would have to consider maximum use of broad scope "packages," standardized fluid (air, water, steam) flow networks, standardized control systems, standard flow-moving packages, standard control systems, standard energy-generating packages, etc. In the case of the energy-generating packages, the type of equipment involved would be termed unitary, and these would be either of the hot or cold secondary-fluid type (hot or chilled water or steam)-or of the direct type, in which the heating or cooling energy is transferred directly to the air being sent to the spaces (unitary air conditioner or heat pump, which by definition also includes the flow mover). However, where multiple buildings are involved in a campus-type project, or for larger buildings, use of custom-designed central energy plants-even of the total-energy typecould be appropriate. In these cases, however, maximum standardization would imply that the central plants be of the multiple standard-module type.

## Status of consultants: another reason why systems approach has to move

It is generally acknowledged by consulting mechanical engineers that manpower is their main problem-and the situation is getting worse. In addition, with larger buildings, mechanical systems are getting even more sophisticated and complicated, and this implies even better qualified people than in the past. The problem is where are they to come from? The situation boils down to this: how can the consultants utilize their manpower as efficiently as possible? What they are looking into is how to reduce the amount of work to be done -computerized load and energy-use calculations, computerized specification writing, etc. Also it seems obvious that certain building types could use a higher degree of standardization.

Further, there is a greater demand from the owner for more single-source responsibility-which the engineer wants also. As long as the engineer is responsible for over-all system design, and as long as the engineer agrees that the packages to be used suit the design concept for the job, single-source responsibility is beneficial for him, inasmuch as he is looking for manufacturer backup. But obviously he does not want the manufacturer to supplant him. Of course consulting engineers do not like the idea of standardized systems being imposed upon them. In general, direct unitary systems are more restrictive in the number of options that the engineer can and should call for. But it behooves the manufacturer to be much more explicit than he has in the past: he has to prove to the engineer what is and what is not possible.

Another reason why standardization of smaller systems is of value is that today we find increasing problems as the size, sophistication and complexity of the system grows. Thus it is easier to deal with smaller systems, whether they be direct- or secondary-fluid unitary. The advantage to the consulting engineer, whether this be a standardized system of his own making or is a result of a systems buying project, is that once the system has proven itself, a lower level of competence is required. This does not mean that the engineer should not periodically look into the packages and components, because these have to be of satisfactory quality; also modifications and changes are continually being made and new manufacturers are entering the field or adding to their line. The engineer may have to make fairly comprehensive investigations in this regard just to keep up with changing technology, and what may be satisfactory now may not be three years from now.

Another area in which the engineer could use more information is longevity of various components in the system. Many of today's comparisons tend to be too super-



The School Construction Systems Development project's emphasis on single-story construction with large columnfree spaces and movable partitions. along with relatively small (4,000 sq ft) major-occupancy modules and small (400 so ft) minimum-occupancy temperature control zones, made the use of medium- or smallsize direct unitary equipment an obvious solution. The rooftop multi-zone unit matched to the major occupancy module optimized system flow network costs and space requirements.

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ficial. With larger systems, equipment such as hot and cold generating equipment may be installed better with better provisions for access and maintenance. With smaller equipment, there is a wide variety of situations in which the equipment gets installed that affect how well the equipment will operate and last. But if the engineer is working with smaller equipment modules and standardized systems with standardized planning modules, it means he can achieve an optimum level of quality so far as the installation is concerned if he has matched the components and seen to proper installation on prototype (initial) design.

Some system projects groups make certain presumptions regarding life of unitary and central station equipment to be used in their over-all evaluation of bids. When such presumptions are made manufacturers indicating interest in bidding should be informed as to what they are. Further, project staffs should look to manufacturers for opinion and proof or disagreement of their presumptions. Involved is not just a question of bearing life, corrosion, and the like, but other matters that are fundamentally important to equipment life.

## Who should be involved in project advisory and staff groups? What experts?

Naturally the mechanical engineers feel that they should be involved. But how should participants be picked? Should certain firms be designated and these firms determine the personnel to participate? Or should screening and selection be done by a professional society, which in the case of consulting mechanical engineers would be ASHRAE? It seems logical that if these systems projects are to operate at a professional level, then the profession itself should be asked for recommendations as to who is most suitable for the task, for the reason that technical competence is best evaluated by those people engaged in technical activities as individuals, drawing on their personal expertise.

In the case of SCSD, there was no mechanical engineering representation on their advisory group; with URBS only one engineer, a structural consultant, was asked to serve. The project staff retained mechanical consultants to aid in the preparation of performance specifications and in evaluating equipment performance in test situations. SEF had two consulting mechanical engineers and one structural engineer on its advisory group and retained a firm of mechanical engineers, a firm of electrical engineers, and a firm of structural engineers as consultants to its staff. Beyond this, the professions were involved in commenting on the specifications.

It would seem logical that when the project staff has an advisory group as well as specialist staff consultants, that the advisory group should not be selected on the basis of mere prestige and political acumen and clout, but for technical expertise as well. The advisory group should contribute expert technical opinion.

## Degrees of manufacturer involvement depend upon purchasing approach

The more generalized the performance specifications, the more difficult it is for manufacturers to make carefully considered and worked out system proposals. They must examine many more possibilities, which adds to their cost in bidding the project. Manufacturers are, in effect, being asked to perform architectural and engineering functions, rather than for advice and guidance. By implication they are asked to supersede consultants in practice, and that the best technical know-how resides with the manufacturers.

Use of the systems approach is hardly limited to the systems project groups alluded to. In their own fashion, motel and hotel chains, apartment builders and other volume buyers obviously standardize to a great extent, and of course these groups constitute a fairly sizeable market. Further, these groups have a continuity of management and they are quite predictable as to what sort of systems they are likely to buy. They may or may not be knowledgeable buyers, but their influence on the market over-all should not be discounted. In contrast, the market represented by the school and dormitory systems projects is a great deal smaller.

## What can be expected from manufacturer R&D?

Today's emphasis is upon developing and producing smaller, quieter, more reliable and longer-life equipment. This includes improved heat transfer, improved refrigeration cycles and the like.

The biggest departure from previous basic components and systems has been with certain fluid (air or water) systems components and with automatic controls and instrumentation.

These component and control developments have led to today's much wider range of systems of increasing complexity and size. Concurrently there have been increasing problems in the areas of noise and vibration; fluid-flow network stability and controllability; over-all systems performance; matching of controls, components and equipment into the systems.

Manufacturers generally agree that no really dramatic breakthroughs are in sight, and what can be expected is a continuation of the modification and improvements of existing basic equipment components and packages. The term "new technology" is not a good one to use in speaking of developments in these areas because of its inherent vagueness and lack of specific "Technological improvement" meaning. might be more appropriate. One should remember that, except for in-room equipment, we still have to deal with an airor water-flow distribution network, subject to thermal and dynamic limitations that are not subject to change, and for

which all possible avenues have been explored. Improvements will depend upon better use of existing technology.

The ways in which R & D functions are bound to affect the extent of innovation for systems projects: First, each company has numerous R & D projects underway at one time, with staff time being allocated and projects in various stages of completion. Time factors for the projects may run from two to five or even 10 years (the latter perhaps representing R & D on a new compressor or absorption unit line). The smallest time (two-three year period) might be for development of a fluid handling component or a terminal unit. Certain product modifications might require less time.

No manufacturers want to prematurely divulge to others—even on a confidential basis—the details of what new developments they are coming out with. At most what manufacturers can expect is a lead of perhaps one to two years over a competitor, except perhaps for certain developments that are positively proprietary in nature. In the case of larger manufacturers, the feeling seems to be that they prefer to bid as part of a consortium bidding against others to develop new ideas and systems on the basis of staff experiences and facilities, with no work to be done until after award of contract to the successful consortium.

While it seems that "systems" approaches to date can, under favorable circumstances, act as a catalyst for a few manufacturers, inducing them to advance their product development programs—the time schedules are far too short to have much over-all effect on the industry. Even in the cases where activity has been advanced due to the project, the manufacturers were looking at the total market in various occupancy categories, not just the project.

R & D is costly and difficult for the manufacturer to evaluate. Cost, for instance—excluding product development might be in the order of 3 to 5 per cent of sales, but would vary up or down depending on the nature of the product and the company. Manufacturers have not yet satisfactorily solved evaluation of this area of business activity. New systems depend to a great extent on manufacturer product development, although new arrangements of existing hardware can also result in new systems. In this area, new ideas often originate with consultants.

To the consulting engineer, architect and owner, however, no new system really proves itself until after several years' operation in actual buildings. Prudent architects and engineers would not make a longterm commitment to use a radically new type of system for a large number of buildings.

Most, but not all, system and subsystem concepts originate with manufacturers—but not necessarily their implementation. Naturally, the larger and more comprehensive the package the greater the manufacturer involvement.

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"You can design the most exciting structure in the world", says architect Daniel F. Tully, "but a leaky roof or excessive heating bills can turn it into a nightmare for the owner." Mr. Tully recently designed this 105,000-sq-ft. building with a hyperbolic paraboloid roof for Atkins & Merrill, Inc., builder of space vehicle technical models and electronic aircraft training simulators.

Resembling a tufted mattress from above, the roof consists of 38 concrete shells, each self-supporting and joined by light reinforcing. The design permits a vast expanse of floor space with minimum support columns. But finding a low-cost combination for effectively insulating and sealing the complex surface posed a problem.

To insure against heat loss, an airtight, moisture-tight, seamless shield of sprayed-on urethane foam insulation was specified. With an R value of 9.09/in. of thickness, urethane has twice the thermal resistance of the next-best insulant known. At 2 pcf density, urethane's compressive strength is 36 psi, flex strength is 45 psi and shear 25 psi.

But among its list of second-to-none advantages is the easy applicability of urethane foam. It can be sprayed on, as in this case, poured in place (as between walls) or used as pre-fabbed slab stock. Trying to insulate a complicated job like this one by any other method or with any other material would have made a shambles of the time schedule and had the cost estimator climbing the wall.

The 1" blanket of urethane was sprayed by A. Belanger & Sons, Cambridge, Mass., using chemical foam systems formulated by Diamond Shamrock Chemical Company, North Arlington, N. J., and Isocyanate Products, Inc., Wilmington, Del.

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Wells Fargo Bank, Sacramento, Calif. Architects: Harry J. Devine, Inc., Sacramento, Calif. Porcelain enameled panels: Ferro Enameling Co., Oakland, Calif.

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**DOORS** / A condensed catalog describes the versatility and performance of shockabsorbing doors for every type of industrial, commercial and institutional building. RubbAir Door Division, Cambridge, Mass.

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BRICK BEARING WALL / An eight-page booklet documents a thin-walled loadbearing brick building that received a successful bid \$100,000 below budget. Structural Clay Products Institute, McLean, Va. *Circle 401 on inguiry card*  CHILLERS / A 28-page guidebook covers a complete line of hermetic reciprocating packaged chillers of from two through 120 tons capacity. Acme Industries, Inc., Jackson, Mich.

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SCHOOL CEILINGS / "Ceiling Systems That Work . . . To Help You Build a Better School" is a booklet that aims to show how "fully integrated systems can help build better schools, frequently at less cost." = Armstrong Cork Company, Lancaster, Pa.\* *Circle 403 on inguiry card*  FIRE—POLICE SYSTEM / FB-100 station receiving and indicating system for both fire and police remote reception of fire and burglar alarms is described in a four-page brochure. The brochure explains that the system permits the elimination of the usual remote panel apparatus and consolidates all alarm annunciators in a single central console, with receiving equipment out of sight. Interview Notifier Company, Lincoln, Neb. *Circle 404 on inquiry card* 

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DIESEL—GAS ENGINES / A 20-page sales bulletin features stationary diesel and gas engines. Color-keyed cross sections of the blower scavenged and turbocharged engines show the operating principles of the opposed piston design. Colt Industries, Fairbanks Morse Power Systems Division, Beloit, Wisc.

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VENTILATORS / A new and larger line of propeller roof and wall ventilators is introduced in a 20-page catalog. Loren Cook Co., Berea, Ohio.\*

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HEATING-COOLING / Six possible uses for a computer in heating-cooling system design are covered in "Introduction to Evaluating Heating and Cooling Loads." Other subjects covered in the 24-page booklet: conventional calculation methods; the relationship of heat flow to building construction; factors in load determination; and guidelines for studying a particular system. • N.E.C.A., Washington, D.C. *Circle 410 on inquiry card* 

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**LIGHTING** / Eight-page brochure introduces black-on-white commercial fixtures that are said to have the efficiency of an all-white unit. ■ Emerson Electric Co., St. Louis, Mo.

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**BAR SUPPORTS** / A 20-page booklet gives details and specifications for estimating and detailing bar supports for reinforcing steel. Superior Concrete Accessories, Inc., Franklin Park, III.\*

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FLASHING / An eight-page brochure gives information on through-the-wall and exposed flashing. ■ Sandell Manufacturing Company, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.\* *Circle 415 on inquiry card* 

**CONCRETE ROOF SYSTEMS** / A 16-page catalog illustrates 14 structural framing systems used on one-story residential buildings. The catalog covers precast, prestressed roof components, cast-in-place roof systems and large-span shell roofs. Portland Cement Association, Skokie, Ill. *Circle 416 on inquiry card* 

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**CEILING SYSTEMS** / The second edition of "Ceiling Systems Handbook" describes proper installation techniques for acoustical ceiling systems. The 303-page book, which is pocket book size, costs \$5.45. ■ National Acoustical Contractors Association, 1201 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Ill.

STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS / A variety of face brick and structural clay tile in various shapes, colors and textures is described in an eight-page brochure. 
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**STEEL ROOF DECK** / An eight-page manual contains new standard load tables for narrow, intermediate and wide rib decks. Also included are details on latest fire ratings from one to two hours with recent one-hour rating for fire-rated lay-in ceilings, as well as the latest revisions of the Basic Design Specifications, Architects Specifications and SDI Code of Recommended Practice. ■ Steel Deck Institute, Westchester, III.

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GLASS / The 1968 fall edition of "Creative Ideas in Glass" includes "glass curtain walls facilitate terminal expansion," "all-glass building achieves maximum flexibility in partitioning" and others. ■ American Saint Gobain Corporation, Kingsport, Tenn.\* *Circle 421 on inquiry card* 

LEAD FOR ANTI-VIBRATION / The winter issue of "Lead" contains an article on how three studios at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington are isolated from sound and vibration with lead asbestos anti-vibration pads. Lead Industries Association, Inc., New York City.\* *Circle 422 on inquiry card* 

BUILT-UP ROOFING / The 1969 Barrett Built-up Roofing manual includes four new systems for three-ply coated felt roof made of a Vapor-bar coated base sheet and two plies of new No. 33 coated roofing felt. The Celotex Corporation, Tampa, Fla.\* Circle 423 on inquiry card

**COPPER** / Methods for more effectively and attractively using copper in contemporary roofing, fascias, and related applications are detailed in a new "Creative Design in Architecture" series. The bulletins, in conjunction with the "Contemporary Copper" architectural handbook, aim at inspiring wider use of copper among architects as well as serving as a specification guide. 
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22-story Exchange National Bank Building, Tampa. Redesign in ASTM A572 steel (grades 50 and 55) saved \$45,000. Floor framing in office tower section is designed compositely with the slab. Architect: Harry A. MacEwen, A.I.A.

## A report on office buildings from Bethlehem Steel

New high-strength steels and new design techniques have spawned an important new generation of highrise office buildings. Here are some of these structures—and the reasons why the owner-architectengineer teams decided on *steel* framing.



24-story Alcoa Building, San Francisco. Steel diagonal bracing, together with vertical hangers and only twelve exterior columns, form a sophisticated system for resisting seismic forces. Floors, columnfree except for the service core, are suspended within the clad steel frame. Architect: Skidmore, Owings and Merrill.

# What owners and tenants wantinterior flexibility-



28-story Houston Natural Gas Building. ASTM A572 steel used in columns and beams for economy. Architect: Lloyd Morgan and Jones, A.I.A.



26-story Main Place (left), Buffalo, tops a 3-story shopping mall. Both were framed in steel to provide large, column-free areas and to simplify changing of floor layouts. Tower archi-

tect: Harrison and Abramovitz. 21-story Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company's bank and office building (above right) has a completely column-free interior. All loadings are carried by the core and the building's exterior steel columns, which are located only along the long dimension. Steel trusses, composite with the concrete floor, span the entire 71-ft width. Architect: Minoru Yamasaki & Associates.

32-story Federal Office Building, Cleveland (at right). Columns in lower 9 stories are high-strength

A441 steel to maintain same column dimension the full height of the building. Cellular floor system provides interior flexibility. Architects: Outcalt, Guenther, Rode & Bonebrake; Schafer, Flynn & van Dijk; Dalton-Dalton Associates.



8-story One Center Plaza, Boston, which is being built in three phases (three 300-ft sections). Steel framing was chosen for the ease with which it can be expanded laterally, and for the interior flexibility it provides. Architect: Welton Becket, FAIA.



10-story City Bank of Honolulu, an AIA honor award winner, features a fully electrified floor system and 30 x 30 ft bays. Architect: Takashi Anbe, A.I.A., Walter Tagawa, A.I.A.



29-story Life of Georgia Tower, Atlanta. Steel permitted slender columns for architectural effect and was ideally suited to the cellular steel flooring system which gives tenants complete office-area flexibility. Architect: Bodin & Lamberson.



21-story IBM Building, Philadelphia (15 glass-enclosed office floors). Offset service core (not shown) serves as the backbone and steel framing serves as the rib cage to provide unusual openness and flexibility of space. Corrugated steel underfloors contain built-in channels for telephone and electrical wires. Architect: Vincent G. Kling, FAIA.

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Lloyd H. Slomanson has been appointed partner of Hamby, Kennerly & Slomanson, New York architectural firm, which formerly was Fordyce Hamby & Kennerly.

Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott announce that Otis B. Robinson has been admitted to partnership; and W. S. Mallory Lash and Robert A. Tacconi have been appointed associates of the firm.

Slingerland and Booss, architects and engineers of New York City, recently changed the firm's name to Slingerland, Booss and Fakas.

Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, Inc. of Detroit announce the appointment of three associates as vice presidents. They are John J. Andrews, P.E., Frank J. Brady, P.E. and Peter P. Petkoff, P.E.

Jean G. Surratt, A.I.A. announces that he has joined in full partnership with former associates of the firm, Ronald L. Smith, A.I.A. and Don E. Abernathy, A.I.A. to continue the Charlotte, North Carolina practice of Jean G. Surratt and Associates under the new firm name of Surratt, Smith and Abernathy Associates.

Charles R. Sutton, A.I.A. and Ted Candia have announced the formation of a new firm, Charles R. Sutton & Associates, Inc. for the practice of architecture and planning consultation.

**Robert Russell Jones, P.E.** has been named a partner of **Syska & Hennessey, Inc. Consulting Engineers,** to be in charge of the firm's Washington, D.C. office.

Alfred J. Szczepanski is now an associate of the New York and Paris firm, Lathrop Douglass Architect.

**Robert H. Tuzik, A.I.A.** is now a partner in the New Jersey architectural firm of **Ludlow & Jefferson.** 

Edward J. Tymera has joined the Chicago architectural firm of Fridstein Fitch & Partners as construction representative.

John Carl Warnecke, F.A.I.A. Architects and Planning Consultants announces the retirement of Charles G. Palmer, manager of the Washington, D.C. office. Mr. Palmer will remain as a special consultant to the firm. Hershel Post, R.A., an associate of the firm, will coordinate the activities of the Washington office, now at 1101 17th St. Three associates were recently appointed to the firm's New York office: Lee Hamptian, John Smyth and Michael Koenen.

William M. Greenwood and L. Preston Wade have been named partners in the Lynchburg, Virginia firm of Wiley & Wilson, consulting engineers and architects.

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