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Energy conservation: random thoughts on getting on with the job

I wonder if this editorial will have any special urgency because I'm writing it in a brand-new, multi-million dollar—and browned-out—office building. I've put off writing this editorial for a number of months because I find I have no real, no grand, no comprehensive plan to propose (like an editor should). And I sure don't know enough about the more exquisite complexities of engineering to dare any complex engineering proposals. (I suppose I should feel better about that since the President of the United States with all of his facilities to draw on doesn't seem to know what to suggest either.)

But I do know this: the energy crisis is so serious now, and getting worse at a galloping rate, that there is no excuse for doing nothing. If we can't as a nation come up with a grand plan, we ought at least to start on the little pieces. Herewith a list of little pieces worth that we can accomplish with no technological or political breakthrough, and that in my view at least are worth getting on with—some that we can accomplish as architects and engineers, and some that we can accomplish as citizens:

- We can start specifying—for housing and for non-residential buildings alike—energy-efficient equipment; and start persuading clients (including homebuilders) that they've got to accept (indeed that it will cost them less in the long run to accept) any higher first costs that are involved. That persuasion should be easier than it was even a year ago: more and more homebuilders are finding that they can't get assurances of adequate power supply for projects they have planned. In a Washington meeting, an NAHB committee was told by Robert Shepherd, Office of Energy Programs chief at the Commerce Department that he expected more and more "spot shortages," and that the builders might pay more attention to cost-benefit analysis of alternate heating and air-conditioning systems. Shepherd predicted that more and more buyers would be asking builders how much it costs to heat and cool a house as well as how much it sells for—and I'll bet he's right.

The manufacturers have the know-how to build this more efficient equipment, if anyone asks them so. As David McNitt of ITT's Environmental Products Division said at RECORD's energy-conservation Round Table (January 1972): "We look at engineers' improvements which will reduce the energy consumption of a product at a given btu, and we say 'Who is going to pay the difference... that we should have to put into this product to reduce its energy consumption?'—and we haven't found an answer... We can change our priorities, but I think we would want to be satisfied as to who was willing to pay a little more in initial costs..."

- $43,560 isn't a lot of money, but it's a start for the AIA's non-profit Research Corporation's study of energy conservation in buildings and the options available to designers for reducing energy use. That study—being conducted by Lee Windheim of Leo Daly's office—is part of a larger study financed by the Ford Foundation that will, it is hoped, be an overview of policy issues affecting energy use, and supply real alternates (with recommendations) for solving the over-all problem. Further, the AIA's Task Force under Leo Daly has been working with the National Bureau of Standards to search for ways that architects can input effectively with the NBS's new Center for Building Technology. Finally, architect Dick Stein, who has involved himself deeply in conservation problems, has made a major proposal to the National Science Foundation for a study in energy conservation.

The reason for all architects and engineers to interest themselves in this kind of conservation study effort seems to me pretty clear and pressing. If we don't get on with reducing the energy requirements of buildings, we're going to get it laid on us. More and more, you hear the notion that buildings should be designed on the basis of an energy "budget"—the total amount of energy that a building will be permitted to use. That "budget" might be enforced in a number of ways—by quotas from utilities, or by really tough taxes on excess use, or by tilting rates to the heavy users. Or we might just get quotas laid on by the Feds—to whom energy conservation is not just a technical problem, but an international political problem involving The Pipeline, off-shore drilling, and our relationships with the Middle East.

- RECORD's Round Table listed a lot of steps that could be taken right now to decrease energy usage of buildings. Examples: more use of sun shades; reconsideration of exterior wall designs; reflective or heat absorbent glass; overhangs; recycling of air; a re-examination of the "all-glass" esthetic unless higher-quality glass is used; effective use (or, in summer, minimization) of the sun load on a building through more sophisticated air-handling; more effective insulation. And perhaps most important of all, we can re-examine (and use) the old rules of siting to minimize heat loading. As engineer Frank Bridgers pointed out at the Round Table:
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As citizens (with, one assumes, more social consciousness and perhaps a better training to understand such things as many have), we can argue the case for some of the broad changes that all of us may have to accept as one way out of the energy crisis:

- We can argue that it is not exactly entirely the "environmentalists'" fault that we're in this mess. Russell Train, the President's top environmental advisor, said it well in a mid-June speech: "The so-called energy crisis stems from the economic forces and complexities of the energy industry, from the difficulty in planning for our voracious energy appetite, from the need to satisfy social values other than those that depend on energy, and from a failure to address our growing energy problems earlier."

Sure, environmental concerns are holding up some power-plant construction and well (it seems to me) they should. The many utilities which are staking their (and their customers') future on nuclear power generation may have persuaded themselves about the safety and waste disposal problems of such plants, but they sure haven't persuaded even the informed and interested segment of the general public—and they must. Much simpler—but still not attacked effectively—are questions about thermal pollution: mention that question to a utility man and he says "But the costs . . . I just can't believe that there isn't some effective and non-costly solution to that problem: wider dispersal of the hot water? Spectacular fountains? Maybe—and as you know there's a lot of experimentation in this area—we can turn a negative into a positive and use that hot water in the new science of warm-water agriculture.

- Architects can also argue (or at least think about) the possibility that we must reconsider our "standards" of comfort and convenience—our standards of lighting level, thermal comfort conditions, elevator waiting time, and space per person in offices. That—as un-American as it sounds—may just be in the cards; witness the increasing pressure of smaller cars.

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P.S. on energy conservation: the argument the utilities should use

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The report of the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control criticizes professionals. In the recently released findings, there is a recommendation that architectural and engineering schools train professionals in fire safety design or face loss of Federal money. Other topics mentioned are discussed on page 34.

There will and must be greater citizen involvement in land use, according to a new report prepared by the Laurance S. Rockefeller Task Force as a citizens' policy guide to urban growth. The task force found that an emerging American attitude questions traditional assumptions about the desirability of urban development. Details on page 34.

July 20 is the deadline for architectural schools to submit applications for National Endowment grants, which will be available on a matching basis for curriculum development and research. Applications and details on the program can be requested from: Director, Architecture and Environmental Arts Program, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506.

The National Endowment for the Arts plans to make grants for design fees on cultural facilities. This program could provide matching funds to cover the first one-fourth of the architect's or engineer's fee on both new structures and adaptation of existing ones. Further information can be obtained as in the item above.

George Anselevicius has been named Chairman, Architecture Department, Harvard Graduate School of Design, effective July 1. He replaces Jerzy Soltan who will continue as Nelson Robinson Jr. professor of Architecture and Urban Design. Mr. Anselevicius was formerly dean of the Architecture School at Washington University.

President Nixon has signed a bill extending for one year the Hill-Burton hospital construction program. The bill authorizes $197.2 million for construction in fiscal 1974.

Serge Chermayeff received the Gold Medal of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, at the Institute's Annual Assembly in Montreal, May 29 through June 2. The Gold Medal, the organization's highest distinction presented to an individual, was presented to Mr. Chermayeff, professor emeritus, Yale University, in recognition of a lifetime of distinguished contribution to the profession, to architecture and to the arts.

Honorary Fellowship was conferred on S. Scott Ferebee, AIA President, by the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada at the Annual Assembly. Alexander J. Gordon, president of RAIC, also received an honorary Fellowship.

The cost of home ownership is up by 91.7 per cent since 1952, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This increase is outdistanced only by the rise in services costs. Reasons are the increased cost of materials, scarce land and the increase in demand for homes.

The Department of Defense has requested $3 billion for construction spending in 1974. Congress is studying the request which includes $116 million for pollution abatement facilities and $351.9 million for new housing.

Frank Lloyd Wright and the Francis W. Little House, an exhibition at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, will run through September 9. Exhibition of furniture, leaded glass, drawings, plans and photographs of the house, built between 1912 and 1914, reveal the complex relationship between the architect and the client. The living room, considered one of Wright's finest domestic interiors, will be installed in the Museum's new American Museum, scheduled to open in 1976.

Professionals are invited to submit papers on any subject relating to concrete by November 1, 1973 for an international conference to be held in New York City, in May and June, 1974. Organized by the Prestressed Concrete Institute, the conference will focus on construction, product development, design and research pertaining to concrete. Papers in English, French, German and Russian should be sent to: Secretary General, Fédération Internationale de la Précontrainte, Terminal House, Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1, England.

The New York State Council on Architecture has a workbook to build public awareness of architecture. Part of a program jointly sponsored with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Community Workbook includes regular input to help raise the public's interest in the man-made environment. For more information, write the New York Council on Architecture, 810 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019.

Revenue sharing funds are being used by cities for building, rather than for services, according to a report released last month at the Mayors' Conference in San Francisco. It was hoped by the Administration that the money would be used to cut local property taxes, but the majority of the cities report using this income for road and sewer improvement, and other public building programs.
Thirty-seven grants awarded to study city edges

Thirty-seven grants totaling over $1.1 million to municipalities, planning and environmental groups in 34 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia for “city edges” projects have been announced by Nancy Hank's, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

“City Edges” is the first phase of a long-range program, under the Architecture-Environmental Arts Program of the Endowment, created to highlight problems of urban design and planning and assist in their solution.

Judging by the more than 350 grant applications submitted, a city edge can be as obvious as a riverfront or as elusive as a line drawn on a zoning map. The range of identifiable edges for which research and development study funds were requested includes waterfronts, highways and railroads, inner city borderline areas, palisades, and historic landmark districts.

To evaluate the program's 350 applications, the National Endowment appointed a review panel of five professionals in architecture and related fields. They are: Rodney E. Engelen, urban planner; O'Neil Ford, architect; Hugh Hardy, architect; Ralph R. Rapson, dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota; and William Houseman, editor of Environment Monthly.

A sampling of the projects to receive grants includes:

- Cambridge, Massachusetts: With this grant, architect-planner Allen Gerstenberger will study “a time edge”—the problems created by darkness in the city, particularly for pedestrians.
- Boston, Massachusetts: The objective of this grant, to be carried out by the Sierra Club Foundation, will be to produce a study which, when executed, will transform obsolete Port of San Francisco piers into a space for extensive public use and enjoyment... an amusement park, public gathering space, and performing arts area comparable in purpose and quality to Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens.
- New York, New York: This funding will permit the study of a man-made city edge that is not yet in existence—New York's proposed Second Avenue subway line (below). A consulting team of architects, planners and advisors will be retained by the Municipal Art Society of New York to develop a master plan to help govern the expected growth along the new line from 14th to 96th Streets in Manhattan. Construction has started.

New York, New York: One of the least appreciated urban spaces—rooftops—will be studied by the School of Art and Architecture at Cooper Union. Several aims will be pursued by the investigating team. Among them: the use of rooftops for public and semi-public cultural and recreational facilities, legal regulations, low-cost design, construction and equipment solutions.

Builders group charges trade union coercion

The National Labor Relations Board is pondering one of the more significant injunctive cases of its history. The Associated Builders and Contractors Inc., a 5,000-member organization of “merit” contractors, mainly open-shop, filed the procedure against the 17 basic building trades of the AFL-CIO charging a national conspiracy of violent and illegal acts.

The move stemmed from a series of destructive demonstrations that have plagued member projects recently.

Associated Builders and Contractors president John P. Trimmer said that his organization was backing its charges with some 3,000 pages of evidence purporting to show that a national conspiracy exists to drive the open-shop contractor and his workers out of the construction business. The NLRB is asked to grant a nationwide cease and desist order against all the unions named and require them to pay the wages and benefits lost during the alleged illegal activities.

US Post Office resumes $5 billion program

After months of delay in the post office building program the U. S. Postal Service has finally decided upon a course of action looking toward quick resumption of its $5 billion building program.

The activity was virtually thrown into limbo the first of this year when the White House ordered USPS to take back responsibility for its construction from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. At that time, the Service's facilities officials said they would seek a management alternative, either through in-house operations or private construction managers.

At a recent conference in San Francisco, the decision was reached to hire a single contractor to manage construction projects. This will serve as a stop-gap device until the USPS can build up its own forces in the next few years to handle the gigantic building effort, but some observers feel it will require more time to get the Department's more than 200 people on staff and operations up to speed.

Robert E. Isaacs, assistant postmaster general for engineering and logistics expects to advertise within 30 days for a single contractor to manage the major projects of new construction and modernization. Such a manager will 1) provide management support to both headquarters and the regions in conducting the day-to-day business of construction and architect-engineering service, and 2) assist postal management in developing a complete in-house capability to assume the total program within the USPS over the next two or three years.

AEs and contractors interested in this program will be looking largely to regional officials. Procurement responsibilities will be delegated to the regions; headquarters has left considerable flexibility in administering details of the program. Final authority, of course, rests in Washington with Isaacs.
Senate votes new life for National Endowment

The Senate has voted a new three-year life for the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities with new spending authorities of $160 million in fiscal 1974, $280 million in 1975 and $400 million in 1976.

The action followed two days of off-and-on-floor debate over the size of the funds, with Senator William Proxmire (D-Wis.) trying hard to trim back the proposed increases. The committee bill finally prevailed, however, and now it is up to the House to approve or modify the Senate version. Appropriations for the programs are in different legislation.

Senator Proxmire, in trying to beat the strong show of floor support for the committee bill, cited a Foundation grant of $33,263 to the New York State Council on Architecture for a program to develop public awareness of architecture and the quality of the manmade environment. (See item, Briefs section.) "That may or may not be a useful project," he commented, "but those who can best determine that question would be the officials in the Department of Housing and Urban Development."

The debate revealed that individuals donate $2.5 billion to arts and humanities causes, about 10 times the amount provided in the authorizing bill.

The committee report on the bill cited new directions taken by the National Endowment for the Arts, whose authorizations have been, to be a great extent, to program a program to develop public awareness of architecture and the quality of the manmade environment. (See item on City Edges.) Also pointed out by the committee was the Endowment's close involvement with activities of the nation's Bicentennial Celebration now being planned.

The new bill makes more specific the authority for making grants for renovation and construction. In its reports, the committee endorsed the Arts Endowment provision that all renovation grants be awarded on the basis of at least three dollars from non-Federal sources for every one dollar from Federal coffers. Language in the measure provides that renovation exceeding $250,000 in cost must be approved by two-thirds of those from the National Council on the Arts attending the meeting at which the project is discussed. (See other items on Endowment activities in Briefs section, preceding page.)

Laurence S. Rockefeller land-use report issued

Taking full advantage of what it considers a "new mood" in America—a new awareness of land and development problems—the Laurence S. Rockefeller Task Force has issued its preliminary report on the use of land.

This 260-page book, to be followed soon by a more complete treatise on the subject, is viewed as a citizens' policy guide to urban growth. With that as a subtitle it reflects the group's conviction that there must and will be greater citizen involvement with land development processes.

The task force found that the new mood in American attitudes now emerging questions traditional assumptions about the desirability of urban growth.

"The motivation is not primarily economic," the report states. "It appears to be an emphasis on human values, on the preservation of natural and cultural characteristics which make for a humanly satisfying living environment."

Among the recommendations, but those appearing in detail in the upcoming final report, is one calling for citizen suits appealing local regulatory decisions. Citizen suits to enforce ordinance requirements also should be permitted, it is stated. And the Task Force endorses the move in Congress toward a new national land use policy law authorizing Federal funding for states to assert control over land use of state or regional impact and concern.

That led to endorsement of the proposal to use the Urban Growth Unit concept. On this point one recommendation will urge governments to use all acceptable means to channel as much development as possible into new communities or, to the extent development problems are not easily achievable, into growth units as urged by the American Institute of Architects.

More specifically, the recommendations call for the Federal government to encourage open space protection by formulating, mapping, and publicizing a set of advisory national open space classifications.

A summary of the report lists among 63 recommendations one which would establish a convenient, nondiscretionary "mechanism" to permit the mass of small development projects to proceed without elaborate review. This was compared to the existing non-discretionary building permit. While the report's interlocutors are certain to dislike among the findings is that which would apply the impact statement approach to all major and unusual developments.

Many developers, and in some cases local government itself, have been harassed by the environmental impact statement requirements, charging projects have been slowed and their costs increased by this relatively new mandate. Implementation of the Rockefeller Task Force report, developed only since last September, could have a profound impact on state and local land-use controls, property rights and values, public agency review, and new land development and public facilities, tax policies and the recreation-land, second-home market.

Fire control measures introduced in Congress

Identical bills seeking to implement the many recommendations contained in the report of the National Commission on Fire Prevention and Control have been introduced in Congress.

Basically, the proposed law calls upon the new U.S. Fire Administration it would create, to survey the entire fire problem, assess new problem areas and evaluate the cost and impact of possible solution alternatives. It would recommend actions, coordinate studies, disseminate technical information and undertake research.

The new USFA proposed to be within HUD, could name technical and other advisory committees from inside and outside government to advise on administration of the program.

Operation of a National Fire Data System calls for incorporating collected data (including property loss, causes, locations and number of fires) into a standard data processing and information retrieval system.

One of the more useful activities authorized under the research and development portion of the legislation deals with wide distribution of information on research and development.

There would be a program of Federal grants for research as well as grants for state and local program assistance. Allocations of $20,000 to each state for preparation and adoption of its master plan for fire protection would be authorized.

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Boston bank to contain a money museum

Among current projects of Hugh Stubbins and Associates is this building in Boston, Massachusetts. The 600-ft high Federal Reserve Bank of Boston under construction downtown will occupy a 5.7-acre site and comprise over one million gross sq ft. The low-rise wing contains a Money Museum, library, auditorium and roof-top cafeteria and garden. Being built at a cost of $62 million, the building will be completed in 1975.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library will house Harvard’s government school

Plans for the $27 million Kennedy Library were announced last month, on the anniversary of the late President’s birth. Designed by I. M. Pei & Partners, the brick, concrete and glass structure will occupy a 12-acre site, formerly a streetcar yard, on the banks of the Charles River near Harvard. “Because of the relatively large piece of land we have,” said Pei, “we’ll be able to do something rather fortunate here...we can build lightly and maintain the scale, volume and bulk of the Harvard houses.” A 75-ft, seven-story pyramidal pavilion will house a museum for documents and memorabilia associated with President Kennedy’s life. The brick and reinforced concrete building adjacent to the museum will rise only 55 ft and the total structure will comprise 300,000 sq ft. The 125-ft multi-level plaza faces a small park and the river. Most visitors will enter through a 65-ft wide arcade and pedestrian mall from Harvard Square on the opposite side of the building. Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and Politics will be located in the building, scheduled for completion in May 1976. There is opposition to the project due to its potential as a tourist mecca, and GSA has been asked to make an environmental impact study.

Summer Olympics in Montreal spurs redevelopment around Blue Bonnets Racetrack

The 146-acre Blue Bonnets Racetrack property in the geographic heart of Montreal is to be the site of a $750 million commercial and residential development, with the first phase to be completed in time for the 1976 Summer Olympics. Designed and planned by Gruen Associates, in association with Campeau Corporation’s Architectural Division, the development includes a racetrack (under the tent-like structure) and convention center, in addition to hotels, offices, luxury apartments and six major department stores. The equivalent of 48 per cent of the site will be allocated to open space. Construction will begin later this year on the initial phase of the plan.
German office tower has suspended floors

The administration building for the Munich-based BMW automotive company is an 18-story pre-stressed concrete tower on a three-story base, designed to "transmit the impression of precision and formal beauty associated with the image of a car factory." So states the architect, Karl Schwanzer of Vienna. The building core consists of four open tubes in concrete, interlinked via beams and slabs. At the top of the cores, the four arms of a protruding crosshead beam support the total load of the suspended floors, the loads being transferred to the cores by four suspension columns. The floor slabs are light-weight reinforced ribbed concrete. Cladding of the structure is cast aluminum, creating the first such facade in Europe, a thin, three-dimensional skin. The building method permitted erection in 26 months, including preparation of working drawings.

Residential and commercial complex will be built near Detroit

Town Center, a residential and commercial complex to be built on the northwest edge of Detroit, will comprise six buildings of 30 or more stories, plus theaters, hotels, a major retail mall and parking for more than 10,000 cars. Designed by Neuhaus & Taylor, this total living environment on 70 acres will be one of the largest such communities in the Midwest and will take from five to ten years to complete, according to PIC Realty, an affiliate of the Prudential Insurance Company. Phase I of the program will include a theme building with galleria shops.

Research tower added to growing industrial complex in Richmond

Recently dedicated is the 8-story, $6 million Research Center Tower designed by Ulrich Franzen for Philip Morris' Richmond, Virginia headquarters complex. Covered as a project in RECORD, May 1966, the building adds modular lab space for the company's research and development programs which are conducted in a six-building complex. Under construction, is a 1.6-million sq ft manufacturing complex (upper left in aerial view) designed by Gordon Bunshaft, of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.
Buddhist temple in Japan elaborately planned for vast pilgrimages

Completed last year at a cost of $81 million, Sho Hondo is the major temple of the Nichiren Shoshu Buddhist sect and sits at the base of Mt. Fuji. The structure is actually four buildings arranged linearly and planned for the efficient entry/exit of nearly 5400 pilgrims, who can be seated in the main sanctuary. A 363- by 272-ft elliptical suspended roof peaks at 182 ft and sweeps down to its lowest point, 66 ft above the floor. The semi-rigid roof is framed between the inner tension ring and the outer compression ring by concentric rings and curved radial steel beams. Twenty clusters of inclined concrete columns support the roof, finished in cast aluminum plates. Surfacing is marble and granite. Kimio Yokoyama is the architect.

Boston's historic Faneuil Hall area to be restored

The architect-developer team of the Rouse Company and Benjamin Thompson & Associates has been selected by the Boston Redevelopment Authority to restore the historic Faneuil Hall Markets area (as it looks now, above) in preparation for the 1975 opening of Boston's Bicentennial Celebration. The plan calls for developing a round-the-clock traffic-free market district featuring food, shopping, amusements and diverse activities in a three-block area of six acres. The market buildings—over 500 feet in length—would be restored to their historic condition architecturally, but to the functions for which the Market and adjacent blocks were built in 1825-6. Total budget is $18 million. Work is under way.
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Two new books offer the American reader insights into two quite different aspects of the British architectural scene. The first, New British Architecture, is a survey of significant buildings, generally from the 1960’s. There is an excellent introduction by Robert Maxwell, dealing with post-war British architecture in terms of its polemical, social, intellectual context. The ample number of buildings in the book (50) are categorized by type rather than by architect, including single- and multi-family houses, university buildings, institutional and commercial buildings, and civic centers. Each building is illustrated with drawings, photographs, and a brief description. Although beautifully laid out, with a wide range of styles and talents represented, the book gives each building coverage that is rather thin, whetting the appetite rather than informing completely. The reader always finds himself wishing for one more plan or photograph.

The second book, Urban Space and Structures, is a set of essays produced by a group of architectural researchers and graduate students working in the heady, intellectual, if somewhat removed, atmosphere of the Centre for Land Use and Built-Form Studies at Cambridge University. The essays, working papers which are more speculative than substantial, make an impassioned, sometimes brilliant, and often boring case for a mathematical approach to the design of the environment at all levels of size and complexity. The essays by Sir Leslie Martin and Lionel March, which are the best in the book, suggest new arrangements of built form at the level of the individual building. Other essays deal with the relationships between activities, space and location of a university campus, which the authors term a urban sub-system. At the level of the total urban system, a team of researchers headed by Marcial Echenique compare, by means of computer models, the old town of Reading with the New Towns of Stevenage, Hook and Milton Keynes. Though all the essays suggest topics of general interest, only those by Martin and March deal with a specialized approach to architecture in a manner accessible to the general reader; the other essays will have more appeal to readers caught up in enthusiasms for computer modeling.

What makes for fascinating reading and looking for the American architect are the distinctions which emerge in both books between two generations of British architects—one which reached maturity after World War II, and another which has been evident only since the end of the sixties—how each generation characterizes its obligations and aspirations, and which ghosts haunt each one.

The generation which dominated the 50’s and early 60’s in England, led by the Smithsons, James Stirling, Colin Wilson, and Denys Lasdun, was on the one hand disillusioned by what they regarded as the sterile forms which the International Style had finally produced. On the other hand they were energized by the writings and post-war buildings of Le Corbusier (even as Corbusier continued to be two steps ahead of all the young architects). For this group of architects, the crucial problem was one of form: how they could design buildings which were rational and objective without being forced into the all-white models provided by the modern masters in the 20’s! It seems curious now that although forms were challenged, at least two of the basic tenets of the International Style were never really questioned. The first of these was the vision of a new rational architecture symbolic of a new social order as an antidote to the stylistic and social excesses of the 19th century (which prevented architects of the sixties from learning from Architecture before 1910). The second was the vision of the modern architect, full of missionary zeal, giving new direction to the common everyday culture (which prevented architects from learning from vernacular architecture unless it was removed in time and space, like an Italian hill town). The problem of form, in retrospect, was therefore only a local skirmish.

The Smithsons and others believed as intensely as the modern masters that architecture was a service for furthering the social good, and that its form was inextricably related to a revolutionary new social order. They believed that the architect was not only obligated but also capable of creating an altogether original modern environment, unique to this age, unexecrated by the past and fitted to the essential needs of life. This period, like the twenties, was one of great optimism, of fervent intellectual argument, and formal invention. The decade saw buildings of dazzling brilliance, as well as some which were incredibly heavy-handed and stodgy. For all the erratic results and uncertain formalism, there was never any doubting the essential aim of the game, nor any questioning of the high aspirations and sense of missionary zeal felt by architects.

The second generation in each book, just now beginning to get commissions and involved in serious research, takes a much cooler, cynical, and detached view of its obligations and aspirations. Gone are the problems of form, mostly by ignoring or discounting them; gone are the possibilities of social change implicit in a building commission; gone even is the imperative to produce a physical or at least a permanent physical solution to a commission; gone are the heroic Corbusian efforts to design the new city. Symptomatically, Echenique and others in the Cambridge book are content to describe and model the existing environment, and, like social scientists, they decline to speculate on how the model might lead to a new physical environment of special quality.

This tale of the distinctions between two generations of British architects is interesting because it is all too familiar here at home. Faced with the apparent bankruptcy of the forms, motives, and directions of the 1930’s and 1940’s, which produced overly sterile or heavily formal buildings and most certainly did not, as had been hoped, revolutionize life in the world,
many young architects are uncertain about what they should be aspiring to do and in whose interest it should be done. Indeed, they seem uncertain what the form of a humane environment really is, from whence it derives, and how it might be realized. In this same manner, neither book suggests much direction, preferring instead to be non-committal and equivocal.

—Richard Oliver

Mr. Oliver, currently practicing in New York, studied architecture at Cambridge University, and has taught at the University of Texas and UCLA.

Also Received

STONE PROPERTIES IN MAN’S ENVIRONMENT

Thorough yet accessible, this book should be useful to architects and engineers in avoiding the mis-application of stone in various environmental conditions and, when necessary, in counteracting stone decay in existing buildings.


A reprint of a pattern book first published in 1878, this assortment of designs and practical tips on the art of housebuilding offers a charming view of small-scale, late nineteenth century domestic architecture.


An overwhelming majority of the memorable cities in the world are built near a body of water; this phenomenon occurred, obviously, for practical reasons, but the result has through the centuries carried with it a good many fringe benefits. The author of this new book looks at the relationships between important rivers in the United States and western Europe and at the major urban centers that have flourished along their banks. He analyzes 15 urban river landscapes with a thoughtful eye towards preserving their ecological, cultural and aesthetic values and improving the industrial, technological and recreational uses of these precious natural resources in future urban development.


In 1903 Andrew Carnegie bequeathed a magnificent trust to the town of Dunfermline, Scotland, his birthplace, for its development. Two men, one of them Patrick Geddes, were commissioned to submit proposals. The present book is a reprint of Geddes’s proposal and is an interesting, energetic and exhaustive document in the history of town planning—even though it was never implemented in its entirety.

THE RELIGIOUS ARCHITECTURE OF NEW MEXICO, by George Kubler; University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, 1972, 232 pages, illus., $15.00. A fourth, revised edition of Mr. Kubler’s authoritative work.
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Questions & Answers
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Questions & Answers

The Celotex Corporation conducted a series of interviews with architects all across the country to determine their awareness of the advantages and benefits the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program offers to building owners. The questions and answers on the following pages represent a composite of these interviews. We hope they will be helpful to you.

1. How does the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program differ from the 20-year bond plan which has been so widely specified for so many years?

The most important difference is the amount of liability which Celotex assumes. The old standard 20-year bond limits the manufacturer's liability to a total of $10 per square during the entire 20-year period. Under the new program, there is no limit to the amount Celotex will pay, during the entire period of the contract, to correct leaks due to covered causes in the contract.

Let's use a practical example to illustrate the difference. You have a 20,000 square foot roof. A series of leaks develops and it is determined that the roofing manufacturer is to pay the cost of repair. Under the old bond plan, our maximum liability is $2,000. When that $2,000 has been expended, there is no further monetary liability, regardless of the bond issue date. Under the new contract, Celotex would pay for repair of all leaks covered, during the full period of the contract.

This program also differs from the old bond plan in period of coverage, in cost, and offers additional inspection service.

2. What is the period of coverage under this program?

The contract covers a period of 10 years. It also gives the owner an option to renew for an additional 10 years, if he makes recommended corrections and preventive repairs to the structure and to the roof, which our inspector determines are necessary to put the roof in satisfactory condition for continued good performance. This feature provides a valuable service which the bond did not offer: at no cost, at the end of 10 years, the building owner receives a roof inspection and recommendations which conceivably could help him avoid costly trouble. He can then elect to renew the contract.

3. How does the owner benefit by renewing the contract for a second 10-year period?

Why not just make recommended repairs, if any, and save the cost of renewing?

If no problems are indicated, he may be saving money by not renewing. If he renews, however, he gets all the original benefits for another 10 years: unlimited manufacturer liability in case of leaks due to covered causes; free inspections should leaks occur; and free inspection and recommendations, on request, when alterations or additions are contemplated.

4. What other services and inspections are included in the program?

To begin with, on request, a qualified Celotex representative will review plans and specifications, attend pre-job meetings, and make recommendations. During application and after completion, inspections will be made and notice of inspection will be sent to the architect or owner. When the roof is two years old, another inspection will be made. And we'll make the 10-year inspection and recommendations, if requested, at no charge, even if the contract is not renewed.
Does the Celotex liability apply to repair of leaks caused by faulty application, as well as to leaks due to defective roofing materials?

Yes. This contract clearly states that Celotex will pay all costs of repairs necessary to correct roof leaks resulting from errors in workmanship of roofing contractors in applying Barrett roofing membrane and flashing materials. It also covers leaks due to failure of those materials resulting from usual and ordinary wear and weather. This liability does not apply, however, to errors in building design or construction.

Does your on-the-job inspection insure proper application and adherence to specifications?

While no inspection can include every minute of time for every workman and every square foot of the roof during application, the purpose of our inspections is to assist the contractor in making sure the roof is being applied as specified. An error can occur on any roof, no matter how diligent the inspector. Under our program, chances for these errors are minimized in two ways: (1) the two-party inspections, ours and the contractor’s, (2) the fact that only Barrett Approved Roofing Contractors are authorized to apply our guaranteed roofs. Contractors must meet the highest industry standards to qualify for approval.

Does your guarantee include expansion joint covers?

Yes, it includes the Barrett Expansion Joint Shield when installed in conjunction with a roof that is covered by our contract. It does not guarantee any other expansion joint cover even though that cover is installed by a Barrett Approved Roofing Contractor on a roof where Barrett roofing membrane and flashing are bonded. To our knowledge, Celotex is the only manufacturer offering a guaranteed-type plan that includes an expansion joint cover.

Why should the building owner buy an inspection and service contract to protect against the possibility of leaks due to faulty application? Doesn’t the roofing contractor bear a responsibility for good workmanship?

In some localities the roofer has a written obligation to repair leaks due to faulty application during the first two years after completion, but no liability of any kind after the first two years. Some roofers accept responsibility for their work for two years or even longer, but do not enter into a written agreement. In short, there is no standard industry practice. During a 10-year period, a roofing firm may change management and policies.

Experience has proved that the most reliable protection for the building owner is a long-term guarantee by an established roofing manufacturer. Barrett introduced the roofing bond in 1916, and all major manufacturers adopted the same type of plan. The Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program is an updated version of the bond plan, with additional owner benefits.

If I specify a reputable brand of roofing materials, and the general contractor retains a reputable roofer, isn’t that sufficient assurance of good roof performance? Why should my clients spend the additional $3 per square?

It is true that under those conditions you minimize the risk of leaks due to faulty materials or application. Our roofing materials are produced totally by machine under quality control methods, and there is very little risk of their failing. On the other hand, application of these materials is largely manual and the chance for leaks due to human error is far greater.

No matter how good the roofing contractor’s reputation is, or how dedicated he is to doing a first-class job, one of his workmen can make an error, or fail to follow an instruction, or neglect to follow some requirement of the specification, and a leak can result. The Barrett contract protects the owner against cost of repairing leaks resulting from this situation.

As with most types of insurance, the buyer hopes he will not have to collect, but the nominal cost makes it a wise investment in protection.

One of our large clients has thousands of squares of built-up roofs installed annually. Wouldn’t it be to his advantage to set up a $3 per square reserve fund for possible repairs, rather than buy your inspection and service contract?

It could work out that way. He may never have to spend any money for repairs due to faulty application or materials, and he would have saved the contract fee. On the other hand, one serious leak problem could wipe out his entire fund. What you are suggesting amounts to an underwriting plan with very little leverage. There would be no opportunity to spread repair costs against fees from a large number of owners as is normally done under insurance-type programs. Being his own underwriter could end up being a very uneconomical choice.
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What types of leak problems are not covered by your contract?

The contract plainly states that Celotex is not liable for leaks or damage caused by: natural disasters such as hurricanes, hail or windstorms; or by structural failures; or by changes in building uses unless approved in advance by Celotex; or by additional installations on or through the membrane, or repairs to roofing or flashing membrane, after completion, unless accepted by Celotex; or Celotex is responsible for damage to interior, building contents, roof insulation or deck over which roofing membrane is applied.

How will it be determined whether a leak is due to errors in application, faulty materials, structural movement or other causes?

When we are notified that a leak has occurred, a Celotex representative will inspect the roof. The architect and owner may be present or represented. In most cases, the cause of leaks will be readily apparent. For example, leaks through openings in the plies in an area where there is no evidence of structural movement, or leaks through blisters which may have ruptured due to drying out, would be ascribed to improper application and cost of repairs would be paid by Celotex. If the trouble is due to structural movement, evidence is usually equally apparent. If a flashing has broken away from a wall in which there are severe cracks, the cause is obviously building movement and is not covered.

Do other roofing manufacturers offer this new-type contract?

While a number of other major manufacturers offer inspection and service contracts that are close to the Barrett contract, the Celotex guarantee is the only one, to our knowledge, that includes an expansion joint cover—the Barrett Expansion Joint Shield.

Does Celotex still offer the old-type roofing bond?

Yes. Even though we strongly feel that our new Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program is a far better program for building owners, we will continue to offer the bond as long as necessary from a competitive standpoint. Also, many existing specifications calling for "bonded roofs" were written before the new program was developed, and Barrett Approved Roofing Contractors must be kept in position to bid these jobs.

If Roof Inspection and Service Programs Were Free... chances are that architects and building owners would insist they be included in every specification. Therefore, the added cost would seem to be the determining factor in deciding whether or not guarantee-type coverage should be specified. What is the added cost of the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program in relations to total building cost?

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ADDED COST FOR 10-YEAR BARRETT PROGRAM*

| Total of $3 per 100 Sq. Ft. | $1,500 | $900 | $3,000 | $600 |
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*10-YEAR BARRETT ROOF INSPECTION AND SERVICE CONTRACT PROGRAM

The actual added cost for the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program is small. It is relatively insignificant in the total sq. ft. cost of the building. When consideration is given to the period covered (10 years) and the no-monetary-limit feature, the program is indeed extremely low-cost protection.

We'll welcome your request to have a Celotex representative tell you more about the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program and supply you with data on Barrett roofing products and systems... "everything from the deck up."
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BARRETT

ROOF INSPECTION AND SERVICE CONTRACT

NO. C000

THE CELOTEX CORPORATION, UNDER THE PROVISIONS STATED HEREIN, WILL PROVIDE INSPECTION AND REPAIR SERVICE TO THE BARRETT ROOF DESCRIBED BELOW FOR A PERIOD OF TEN (10) YEARS FROM DATE OF COMPLETION.

Owner: ____________________________

Building Description: _____________________________________________

Location: ____________________________

Roof Specification No.: _____________  Flashing Specification No.: _____________

Area of Roof Under Contract: ____________________________

Lineal Ft. of Flashing Under Contract: ____________________________

Date of Completion: ____________________________

Roofing Contractor: ____________________________

COVERAGE

The Celotex Corporation will pay all costs of repairs necessary to correct roof leaks resulting from the following causes:

1. Deterioration of Barrett roofing membrane or Barrett base flashing resulting from usual and ordinary effects of wear and weather.
2. Errors or mistakes in workmanship of roofing contractor in applying the Barrett roofing membrane and Barrett base flashing.
3. Blisters, bare spots, buckles, wrinkles and ridges, in the roofing membrane.
4. Splits in roofing membrane or base flashing except as excluded below.
5. Damage to roofing membrane or base flashing resulting from extreme fluctuations in temperature.
6. Breaks in flashing strips over gravel stop or other metal flanges.
7. Slippage of roofing membrane or base flashing.

EXCLUSIONS

The Celotex Corporation will not be responsible for leaks or consequential damage caused by any one or combination of:

A. Natural disasters including but not limited to floods, lightning, hurricanes, hail, windstorms, earthquakes, tornadoes.
B. Structural failures such as settling, shifting, distorting, splitting or cracking of roof decks, walls, girders, partitions, foundations, etc.
C. Improper application or failure of any component underlying the roofing membrane or base flashing such as deck, roof insulation, vapor barrier, etc.
D. Changes in the original principal usage to which building is put unless approved in advance in writing by Celotex.
E. Erection or construction of any additional installation on or through the roofing membrane or base flashing after date of completion unless installed in a manner prescribed and accepted by Celotex.
F. Application of or repairs to roofing membrane or base flashing after date of completion unless done in a manner prescribed and accepted by Celotex.
G. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall Celotex be liable for damage to interior, contents of building, roof insulation, roof deck or other base over which roofing membrane or base flashing is applied.

ACTION

In the event leaks from any cause should occur, owner shall notify Celotex promptly, confirming such notice in writing. Celotex will inspect the roof, and if cause of leak is within the coverage as stated above, Celotex will arrange for repairs to be made at no cost to owner. If cause of leak is not covered, Celotex will not be responsible for cost of any repairs.

RENEWAL OPTION

At the end of the initial ten (10) year period, the owner shall have the option to renew this contract for an additional (10) ten years under the following conditions:

During the tenth year of this contract, if the owner of the building so requests, Celotex will make an inspection of the roof and issue to the owner a report on the condition of the roof outlining any and all maintenance work that should be done. This inspection by Celotex is free of charge and without obligation.

If the owner elects to exercise his option to renew this contract, he shall have the maintenance work described in the report performed at his cost by a roofing contractor acceptable to Celotex and will notify Celotex upon the completion of this work. Maintenance work required must be completed no later than 90 days after expiration date of this contract.

Upon payment of a charge which shall not exceed 1/4 of the then current initial service fee being charged by Celotex, the roof will be reinspected by Celotex and, if found to be acceptable, this contract will be extended for an additional ten (10) year period.

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Guidelines to European architectural practice

The following outline of what American developers and architects should know about European practice was delivered as a talk by Robert Brodsky, executive vice-president of the New York firm of Brodsky, Hopf & Adler Architects and Engineers, to a mid-April seminar in Marbella, Spain, sponsored by the Real Estate Review and Real Estate Institute of New York University.

Although the subject of this discussion has to do with the development of a general understanding of the architect's problems and responsibilities in European practice, my remarks will be primarily predicated on project development in France, where my experience, and that of my firm, have been most recently concentrated.

In this experience, although we have learned that there are many similarities to problems and ground rules in the United States, there are vital differences. Although I am not quite inclined to say, "vive la difference" the American developer and his architect had best get to know these differences well if they are to realize the very attractive potentials that await them on the European continent.

These differences have to do with zoning laws and ordinances, ecology, esthetics, costs; they deal with local customs, and with materials. As they relate to these considerations, European policies are, you will soon find, considerably more restrictive than those of the United States. These restrictions, although certainly not insurmountable, must be included in your initial planning of real estate development in Europe.

All of us are, of course, quite familiar with the problem of conforming with zoning and ordinances. Most of the countries of Western Europe have adopted zoning laws very similar to our own. These pertain to requirements of land area per dwelling unit, road frontage, yard requirements and parking, among others. But today European zoning codes are becoming more stringent. They now include provisions for such matters as architectural review, engineering requirements for sewers and water, road specifications, and other factors.

In France, the zoning and building codes are tied together. To file plans in France, one is required also to engage the services of a consulting French architect. The plans are then filed at the Prefecture General level and, on their approval, you are provided with a Permit de Construire, the paper that says you may begin construction.

Before obtaining this permit, however, one must go through a number of formalities. First you are required to prepare a site plan, in which you will indicate the scheme: the type and number of buildings, number of units, density, parking, and so on. A meeting with the local equivalent of a zoning board is then arranged for. There, you will be confronted by the Architecte de Conseil, the consulting architect, who will ask most of the questions and whose opinion will carry considerable weight. Most often, a second meeting will be required before you are permitted to make your formal submission to the board.

This formal submission consists of a set of preliminary plans for roads, water, sewers, ducts, buildings and of the other facilities to be provided. If public facilities buildings, such as restaurants or hotels, are to be included, preliminary plans for ventilation, heating and plumbing facilities must also be shown. And cost estimates must be provided. Then, it will take from two to three months before you will receive a response. Once approval is given, no additional plans need be filed.

No additional plans—but—one more interesting surprise does await you. You will be invited to participate in a discussion related to Z. A. C. I'm not quite certain of the words constituting this acronym, or whether it may not be more appropriately designated "Z.A.P," but I can tell you with some authority what, in plain English, it does mean. Literally translated, it stands for, "How much will you pay for schools, hospitals, water, garbage disposal, etc. . . . If we give you an approval!" It is, in effect, a tax levied on the developer for putting his facilities in that area. The developer's contribution could take the form of a donation to a new school, adding a wing to the hospital, building a sewer plant, or whatever, the size of this contribution being directly related to the scope of your project.

It goes without saying that you will be well advised to take into consideration such supplementary costs when developing your initial project cost estimates.

As we've seen, European zoning problems are quite similar to those we know in the United States. Building codes contain the same fire and health protection requirements we know at home, but, added to these, are social requirements that are much more stringent than those with which we are familiar in the States.

In Europe, esthetics are a particularly important consideration and your compliance with the regulations pertaining to them is vital to the acceptance of any real estate development plan.

The use of the land area and how it is developed is a matter of real concern in Europe today. Wooden lands are fast disappearing and, in France, special areas have been designated for the express purpose of protecting the woods. The design of villas and apartments must take into consideration the desires of the prospective client for such amenities as gardens, pools, tennis and horseback riding at the time site development is started. As a means for providing green space as well as for preserving wooded areas, the concept of cluster housing is a preferred alternative in Europe to the more prevalent American practice of providing for one house per acre of half-acre. All plans must be submitted to a Review Board.

Other matters related to esthetics which are of vital public concern have to do with the design of the buildings and with the materials to be used. In preparing your proposal, the design concept is usually covered adequately by a simple statement to the effect that the buildings will blend with the surroundings, but the material selection can be a problem unless agreement regarding their choice is reached early. Color of tile for roofs, exterior walls, etc. can be dictated by the zoning board if the problem had not been discussed and agreed upon beforehand. The architectural facades of old buildings will be carefully scrutinized before approval is given.

There is one area of special public concern that has now taken the spotlight in Europe with an intensity at least equal to that in the United States. The protection and rejuvenation of the ecology now has top priority in Europe—and with good reason. Since pollution has already affected the Mediterranean, the Atlantic Coast, parts of the English Channel, and most of the rivers in Europe, stringent rules and regulations planned to implement effective controls are being adopted and enforced. Strong measures are now being taken to regenerate that which has been ruined and despoiled, and to save that which remains in reasonably healthy condition.

In France, strict regulations have been instituted for the control of sewage treatment plants. B.O.D. requirements on the order of 95 per cent removal mandate the utilization of complete treatment plants. It is, however, possible to deposit this effluent in a river, but always with careful monitoring.

All matters affecting the protection and maintenance of green areas and beaches, as well as the habitats of fish and wildlife have
become the concern not only of the press and the general public, but of national and local governments as well. There is an all-encompassing interest that constitutes a hurdle that would be quite difficult to overcome. It is, therefore, an area of development activity that must be carefully considered—one which should be discussed with the authorities in order to determine specific requirements before plans are developed too far—and along forbidden directions.

In Europe, as elsewhere today, special consideration must be given to control costs. But, particularly in Europe, in view of the situation we have just outlined, special thought must be given to the factors affecting costs that can be controlled by the architect. This included planning for engineering economy, and I stress engineering, since it represents almost 40 per cent of the total project cost. Layouts of roads and utilities, including sewage plants and water systems, reflect importantly on the cost per unit of building and in order to establish and maintain an effective control of cash flow, proper phasing of site work is a vital consideration.

Costs are affected, too, by the availability of materials. With changes now taking place as a result of the Common Market, and these include the removal of tariffs on many products, the architect has more freedom of choice in the selection of materials.

Labor, then, becomes the next factor affecting costs. This varies with the type of labor required, whether skilled or unskilled, its level of productivity and with its ability to adapt to the use of new materials. Shortages of skilled labor in most of Western Europe have had the expected effect of escalating costs.

No differently than in the United States, the European architect is totally and personally responsible for all of his work. In France, the architect must carry “Errors and Omissions” insurance to the full value of his projects. But in Europe, the architect seldom does a complete set of plans. He develops the design concept and will then allow the contractor to prepare the engineering drawings. Occasionally, an architect will hire a Bureau d’Etudes for a large project. This is the equivalent of a large architectural drafting company to which design drawings are furnished, from which they prepare working drawings.

In Europe, the architects are usually small practitioners. An office of 20 men is considered quite large. Their approach to architecture is usually the “Beaux-Arts” approach, quite different from that of the business-oriented American architect. The concept of time being money does not seem to exist there. You can also readily sense the fear of governmental authority which obviously colors their thinking and approach. Our American attitude of “let’s try it this way, if it doesn’t work we’ll change it” is a frightening one to the French architect. Yet, surprisingly, our experience has been that the local authorities view this in the light of being something new and novel—and we have found that they do not resent it.

Working in Europe is a challenge. Some things are different, many are the same. Special care and good management are the key, and these must be paired up with competent professional architectural and engineering help.

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School is proving ground for modern methods

Application of construction management, value engineering, systems building, performance specifications and phased construction resulted in on-time delivery of the 340,000-square-foot Chantilly High School in Fairfax County, Virginia, within an austere budget on the order of $20 per gross square foot. This was accomplished in spite of the fact that special conditions conspired to add cost to the project. For example, the school is located in the flight pattern of Dulles Airport, so a sound barrier shell rated at about 45 db included double half-inch plate windows and seven-inch concrete walls with one inch polyurethane insulation. Also, the program for 2500 students plus 300 part-time vocational students from other schools called for large and costly areas of shop, laboratory, food service and assembly spaces in the two-story structure.

Key to economics of the school design and construction was the fullest cooperation among the architects, consultants, systems manufacturers, and especially, the client school board represented by Edward Stephan, assistant superintendent for construction.

The school had been previously designed along conventional procedures by architects Beery, Rio & Associates and costed out on the order of $8 million. That was about a million more than the board was prepared to finance. Meanwhile, the need for several elementary schools encouraged Mr. Stephan to talk over with the architects the possibility of applying some of the lessons learned in California, Toronto and elsewhere using a systems approach and taking advantage of multiple purchasing.

The result was a commission to Beery, Rio & Associates as project architects for the high school, the firm of Jansons Roberts Taylor Associates as systems architects, and McKee-Berger-Mansueto, Inc. as construction management and value engineering consultant. These three firms proceeded to cost out the systems approach based on the project architect’s schematics for the high school. The idea was that the systems architect would then be able to coordinate application of the systems design among the architects for design of the elementary schools.

A bond issue for construction of the elementary schools was defeated by county voters. The previously approved budget for the high school remained in force, however, and although the conventional design was more costly than the county had anticipated, the high school project remained as a real one.

The three firms and Mr. Stephan decided to go ahead with the systems approach to the high school program on the grounds that it was large enough to attract potential suppliers of systems, and the economic situation in the county was such that there was interested response by manufacturers to the idea of bidding on various portions of the project.

Performance specs for five systems evaluated

The value engineering director of MBM, A. J. Dell/Isola, helped to identify five of the building sub-systems comprising about 40 per cent of the total cost, and the project and systems architects together with the involved engineers proceeded with fleshing out the systems designs so that they could be bid by potential suppliers. The designs were documented by performance specifications so that suppliers could respond within their own areas of specialty. The value engineers were then charged with the responsibility of relating bid responses not only to first cost but to the maintenance and replacement factors involved in life cycle costing. The five systems involved were: structural, HVAC, lighting/ceiling, demountable partitions, and roofing/insulation systems.

A cost model, based on an aggregate of $20 per gross square foot was drawn up, and each of the components of the building, both in-system and out-of-system, was assigned an acceptable cost limit based on the aggregate experience of comparable school construction.

As Mr. Dell/Isola describes it, purchasing on the basis of performance specifications might proceed as follows. While the consultants had estimated 75 cents per square foot for demountable partitions, the low bid came in at 80 cents per square foot. Referral of the problem back to the architects and value engineers identified opportunities to reduce the cost and resulted in a savings of about $39,000. This was without sacrifice to the owner’s objectives of flexibility and sound isolation. It dealt, actually, with mounting methods and trim.

Bidding on others of the five systems as well as out-of-system portions of the over-all work proceeded as the construction managers pulled out their bid packages and protiered them as separate items. For this project, 14 separate bid packages were used.

The combination of these procedures together with phased construction and frequent large orientation meetings among offering manufacturers, local subcontractors, school
officials, architects, engineers and consultants resulted in a smooth, albeit busy, operation which saved about $1.25 million below the cost of the conventionally designed school.

Manufacturers contribute to systems cost analysis

Focus of the procedures, says Dell’Isola, is on total costs of designing, building and operating the project. For example, although the performance specifications for the bid systems were based on those developed for Toronto, Florida and California, the value engineers nevertheless reexamined them to identify those items where manufacturers would require more specific information before the performance specifications were made final. The role of the value engineer in this examination was to: a) be sure at least two manufacturers would bid on each system, b) review with manufacturers’ technical personnel any restrictive or unclear requirements; c) evaluate resulting cost data.

Many times, the technical personnel of the manufacturers were able to be specific about the cost components of systems. For example, the lighting/ceiling system called for a 45 db sound rating. Interior partitions on the other hand were to be rated at 35 db. A field test check showed that it was difficult to establish the difference in these ratings under the prevailing circumstances. The ceiling manufacturers reported that the 45 db requirement added about 10 to 15 percent to the cost of the system over a 35 db system. The owners and architects then agreed that the 45 db rating for the ceiling system was established without taking into account the sound barrier effects of the roofing system. It was, therefore, agreed that the ceiling could be rated at 35 db while the roofing system and above-ceiling spaces absorbed the rest of the sound barrier requirements. The result was a saving of over $35,000.

Life cycle costing supports quality objectives

Superimposed over this kind of attention to the specifics of each segment of the cost model was a life cycle ownership evaluation. This helped keep in perspective the imperatives of control at each point in the system.

Another example of value engineering was its application to the building skin. Initial market studies indicated masonry to be the most economical in first cost. Nevertheless, precast manufacturers were invited to respond to the parameters of the performance specification.

Meanwhile, continuing market research showed that a mason and brick shortage was causing an increase in masonry costs and as much as 90 days delay in delivery of materials. MMB then urged the owner and architects to consider precast as well as masonry bids, all with a proviso that a time frame be tied into the bid. The reasoning was that in addition to first cost considerations, it was necessary to have the school open for the fall session in spite of having lost about six months in the redesign process. The successful bidder was a precast (Granite Research Industries) who would provide a seven-inch precast panel with one inch of insulation for $5.25 per square foot of panel. This he was able to promise on time because of his ability to adapt special forming methods applied to panels as large as 30 by 10 feet.

Again, on the HVAC system, the basis of award was the life cycle cost including fuel, maintenance and operation costs over 15 years. On that basis, the award went to the fifth lowest of eight bidders. The system selected was a roof-mounted central year-round air conditioning system, oil fired, which had the side effect of some $100,000 savings in electrical distribution and consumption costs, off-setting a somewhat higher first cost.

On this project the construction managers sought interested participation of contractors by a value engineering incentive provision in each prime contract. These provisions allowed contractors to share in the savings on any approved proposal. The result of this provision was four proposals by contractors amounting to over $39,000 in contract savings.

The management information system used on this project provided monthly reports to the owners and architects, giving the job status with respect to both schedule of completion and current budget target. These reports reflect the status of each of the 14 contracts issued on this project and a review of progress from the initial estimate through current phase, including itemization of change orders or revisions.

Architects see process as resulting in better buildings

Project architect Edgar Beery reports that the only difficulty encountered on this project was a relatively brief one. It arose mainly from unfamiliarity of some contractors with the performance specification, the systems approach, and the consequently intensified relationship of manufacturers to the job. Once the program of orientation meetings had relieved some of the apprehensions and answered some of the questions about the procedure, most of the participants were enthusiastic about the improved organization and efficiency of the overall project.

The architect finds a certain discipline in these procedures that is beneficial not only in cost savings and speed of delivery, but also in the direction of architectural thinking in terms of performance and quality. He believes that the building is a better building because of these disciplines and attentions and that the broad base of communication with contractors and manufacturers, while causing an increase in the amount of conference time, actually reduces both the over-all design time and the completion schedule of the building.
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Industrial building: how long a run?

Industrial building was picked as the “construction category most likely to succeed in 1973” as early as last October, when our annual Construction Outlook was first released. And, its performance through the first half of this year has done nothing to dispel that initial optimism. In fact, the 1973 estimates were adjusted upward in both the first and second updates of the original Outlook. In addition, recent capital spending surveys pretty much confirm our optimistic contract award forecast. But with a growing “Recession-‘74” Club within the economics profession, there’s sufficient cause to review the future course of this, the most cyclical of all building types. Review, not so much for what’s going to happen during the rest of this year, because a healthy contracting gain (over one-third) is almost a certainty, but to reassess the potential beyond 1973.

The chart below gives a clear indication of the impact an economic downturn like the one in 1970 can have on the manufacturing contract award series. Contracting for new industrial plants fell off by 50 per cent between the first quarter of 1970 and the first quarter of 1971. The decline in total plant and equipment expenditures, on the other hand, was nowhere near as severe, as manufacturers continued to invest in newer, more modern cost-cutting equipment, even though the need for new plant capacity was not there. The contract award series, since it leads actual expenditures, began to gather strength in mid-1971, a quarter or so before the total plant and equipment series turned the corner. But, growth in neither indicator was very impressive until late in 1972, when the economy, generally, began to accelerate. As the chart suggests, knowledge about the turning points of the business cycle is the key to determining short-term trends in the industrial contract award series.

Well, in what phase of the business cycle will we be by the end of this year? This begets an even more basic question: what phase of the business cycle are we in now? And, here, we’ve got to contend with what really amounts to two diametrically opposed views. Some business pundits have looked at the unemployment rate, currently hovering around five per cent, pointed to the late sixties when it was between three and four per cent, and have come up with the conclusion that, when compared with potential, the economy still is underperforming to the tune of at least one-half a million jobs. The current surge in prices, often an indication that an economy is at, or exceeding its capacity to produce goods and services, they see as partly the result of temporary shortages in a few key industries, and partly the interpretation of Phase III by business as a mandate to go forth and mark-up. But, the current 60 day price freeze, and perhaps the reimposition of some of the old Phase II measures after that should cure this situation. If these policies are coupled with some stronger monetary and fiscal measures to slow us down from the “fast burn-out” growth rate of this year’s first half, this school feels that sustainable growth is no real problem for the short-term beyond 1973.

Some think creating more jobs may turn the crank of inflation

Another school of thought views things quite the other way. They see the recent surge of prices as an indication that the economy is in fact operating at or over its full potential right now. They also believe that this overheating is going to lead to a burnout by year-end, and that 1974 is going to go into the chart books with a shaded bar—used to indicate a recession year—pasted over it. The rationale here is based on the belief that a four per cent unemployment rate is no longer a meaningful gage of the economy’s full potential. Shifts in the structure of the labor force, it’s believed—the higher proportion of young, minority group, and female workers coupled with what has become a highly complex technical economy—have made the four per cent unemployment goal an unreasonable one. In other words, even though four and a half, or five per cent of the labor force may be “unemployed,” all the “productive” jobs, in terms of the economy’s technology, are filled. The economy simply does not have the capacity to generate jobs at the skill level these unemployed people represent, any more. And by trying to push the economy to try and create them you are only turning the crank of inflation.

Well, where do the strengths in the arguments lie? One of the points that the Recession-‘74 group has emphasized is that one of the measures of economic potential, capacity utilization, is too low, and in need of revision. An unrepresentative figure, they state, led government planners to the conclusion that there was more idle capacity in the economy than actually existed during the last recession, and caused them to be too expansive with monetary and fiscal policy. There is evidence that government capacity utilization figures have tended to be too low in the recent past. And, part of this may be due to the failure to account for equipment like pollution control devices that represent capital expenditure, but do not represent a net addition to output capacity. It also seems that recent monetary and fiscal policies have been too stimulative. But, it’s also pretty clear that many of the current bottlenecks in the economy are the result of confusion or disputes over policy, as in the petroleum industry, and the pollution emissions issue, or simply poor planning as in the case of agriculture. The one major bona fide supply bottleneck we really saw recently was in the lumber industry. And that, with housing starts on the decline, looks to be on the way to curing itself. Also, there’s nothing to say that, even at this late date, clear decisive government policy like the current 60-day freeze can’t rectify any of these situations, provided it’s followed up with something stronger than Phase III once it’s over.

The major argument on the Recession ‘74 side is the four per cent unemployment rate issue though. And here, there is probably some merit to the argument that demographic shifts and technological change have acted to render this goal obsolete. But, this type of change is evolutionary, not revolutionary. And to argue this tack you’ve got to develop a case for these major institutional changes occurring in the short space of five years. Because the economy sustained a 3.7 per cent average unemployment rate from 1966 to 1969 with a rate of inflation at least no worse than today’s.

Finally, if uneasiness over the balance of payments situation and/or general malaise over Watergate do generate some reassessments of business spending plans later in the year, this only makes the case for further gains in 1974 stronger, rather than weaker, as it serves to reduce the danger of burnout still further. A prospect that the government’s new tougher position with respect to prices also can’t help but enhance.

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RICHARD MEIER: PUBLIC SPACE AND PRIVATE SPACE

Working initially with that basic of building types, the single-family house, Richard Meier evolved a highly developed design logic that might have cornered a lesser man in one niche or have been forgotten in broader practice. The consistency with which self-imposed disciplines are used in an ever-widening range of problems is a mark of Meier’s ability. Shown here are three projects which have a common residential nature, although his experience is hardly now so limited.

The design logic is generated by spatial organization, which is graphically broken down into the equivalent of the residential private, semi-private and the public spaces no matter what the building type. In the house shown above, bedrooms as well as bathrooms and other service functions are in an enclosed element which anchors a completely glazed, large-scale living area oriented to a deliberate outlook. Between is a semi-private circulation strip going top-to-bottom and end-to-end. As the building types expand, classrooms, offices or whole apartments become the private space equivalent, and are again contained in solid volumes directing the shape and organization of the open common areas.

A formal recognition of the nature of different building spaces (as well as other design logics used) is not unique, but it is in conscious disciplined reinforcement of such ideas that the strength of the architect’s particular approach is achieved. In the house, enclosed spaces are typically bearing-wall construction, and flush windows become part of the homogeneous enclosing fabric. The mass described is opposed to the living area void, which is often framed in steel columns for extra invisibility of support. At a larger scale, the structural dichotomy is not so easily achieved, and the outer skin takes on an even more important role in expressing the different functions. In the last project shown here, Twin Parks Northeast (pages 94-98), the structural expression is necessarily limited to the inclusion of columns in partitions on the upper apartment floors and their exposure on the lower public levels, but the buildings’ enclosure leaves no ambiguities. Exterior walls above are flush as possible, and windows, although large, are pushed forward to become part of the even, flat surface. The open levels below are more analogous to the semi-private function in the house and are enclosed in the building volume by brick-clad perimeter columns. The architect has developed the highest level of his hierarchy outside, and the grand community-related public spaces are those formed by the smaller scale buildings.

Where such seemingly formal ideas do not break down with expanding scope, they can be found in the upgrading of established relations. The house living room becomes the common area of an apartment complex. Again such ideas are clear when they are applied with respect for the variable considerations in differing commissions. The following three projects share a residential nature in common, but they do not share site and programmatic considerations, or the social-client circumstances under which the solutions were achieved. Still, taken in such contexts, the consistencies can be seen. The sheathing material in one may be wood siding and the other red-brown brick, but all materials are similarly used to reinforce the same idea of closed versus open volumes. The house may be isolated on an open site, and the larger urban projects related to their existing neighborhood while creating their own open space, but the principle is the same. In the house, the design recognizes the desirability of the surroundings and includes them in the public area by virtue of exposure from within, while also saying that the man-made building and its natural environment are unique. The opaque enclosed element screens the one undesirable outlook, an elevated road connected by the high entrance bridge. The urban projects are an entirely different matter, and the problem becomes one of containing the public areas by opaque enclosures while not turning the new housing’s back to the surrounding neighborhood.

Certainly not all can be reduced to obvious logistics, and the architect is quick to point out that other factors do indeed enter in. He lists these as including historical precedent, personal intuition, and the complex “balance of opposite parts necessary to achieve an agreeable whole.” A look at the following buildings will confirm that Meier has applied a considerable amount of personal manipulation within the framework of his design discipline. Sensing the right way to introduce the viewer, to expand and contract the spaces and alter the scale to better dramatic advantage, he produces a result with strong emotional as well as rational values.

Perhaps one of the greatest consistencies in Richard Meier’s work is his determination. That is not just the determination to adhere to design principle, but the determination to see it through and do whatever is needed to make it meaningful to the user. The latter might seem somewhat predetermined for an architect known for expensive private houses, but this is also the same architect who believed in a New York City limited-income artist housing project called Westbeth and stuck by it through many years of headaches to see it become a reality. This same determination is visible in the work with the community and a multi-headed state agency to produce the housing shown here for lower-income Bronx residents.

—Charles Hoyt
The Douglas house on a Lake Michigan beach is currently being built and exemplifies the architect's basic design approach. Functions are separated vertically in a clear expression of their use. A wood bearing wall element—seen at the top of plans below and to the left of the side elevation—contains private bedrooms and service spaces, and forms a solid shield against the raised public road to the east. It encloses two children's rooms at the upper level, zoned away from the parents' on the middle level and guests and kitchen on the lower.

Passing through this opaque block on an elevated bridge from the road and down the bisecting circulation spine, the lake panorama opens up across the double-height, middle-level living area shown on the right. Visually connected by floor openings are dining and guest living on the lower level with direct access to the beach. This whole public side of the house becomes a transparent cage buffered and directed by its solid backup. Thin steel columns support the roof and the seemingly suspended floor areas within. As an indication of the architect's personal control on such design logic, structured visual direction is achieved by arrangement of fireplace, balconies, stairs and even the minimal mullions and columns which define where the viewer is in relation to what he is seeing outside. Areas carved out of the enclosed public volume lend ambiguity to what is out and in. This is more than a vacation house for a family of four—it is a distillation of a creative approach carried through with the joy we might hope to find in all buildings.

Designed within a highly developed discipline and making a good site from a potentially impossible one, this lakeside house is graphically organized with vertical separation of functions, allowing entry from the roof level roadway and directing spectacular, varied views.
Designed in conjunction with Emery Roth and Sons, the seven alternate proposals shown here are an indication of the resiliency with which Richard Meier's disciplines can be applied to a wide range of solutions. Asked by the private developer to study ways in which the land might be used, the architects were given a basic criteria of flexibility in both occupancy type and construction phasing. A general solution was the establishment of a major, public-oriented central space, contained by the solid volumes of the buildings around it. The degree of public versus private site use varies with each proposal. The alternatives allow retention of existing and new townhouses under the high-rise construction. Sun orientation was another major consideration and produced residential use on the long sides of the block facing south, and flexible commercial or apartment use was sited on the shorter ends facing east and west. Further design work may produce a combination of aspects of all the alternates such as suggested in the model below.


1. Conceived as a building of single-construction phase, this proposal allows the most sunlight to surrounding streets but has less than maximum density. It is clearly the most ordinary solution.

2. In this linear scheme theoretically allowing for extension to adjacent blocks, the ends of the central spaces are left free for connections across the avenues.

3. Again facing all buildings north-south, this solution proposes a single flexible-use building placed above townhouses. This provides a percentage of private site use rare in urban plans.

4. Stepping down the sun angle, the two interlocking buildings give roof line variation and private roof-top spaces. In this unusual scheme, the relationship of the two buildings provides maximum public ground level access.

5. The most flexible in construction phasing, this alternate allows for townhouse construction on both long streets and concentrates multiple-use in two high-rise buildings.

6. This similar plan, by placing a multiple dwelling in place of one of the townhouse rows, provides less variation, but lower density.

7. The proposal shown in model form to the left and right, combines aspects of all the study alternates above. Existing buildings are allowed to remain on one block end.
With this design scheme of hard edged volumes, containing small-scale private uses and defining large-scale public spaces, Richard Meier has resolved perhaps his most challenging design problem to date. Given parts of three adjacent blocks on an irregular site in the Twin Parks section of the Bronx, Meier's problem was to produce badly needed housing within a low budget, while reinforcing the existing neighborhood and at the same time creating an architecturally decisive entity.

The over-all massing, isometrically described on the opposite page, places the lower buildings so that they and the existing six-story neighbors form public spaces of both intricacy and larger symbolic meaning. These spaces do not just serve for recreation and relaxation, but form a new nucleus for the entire neighborhood. Higher buildings face existing city parks outside the drawing's boundaries, and give a "sense of place" to the two major plazas, while carefully not blocking the sun, and producing an even greater density than required (523 versus 400 units). Approaching the isometric from center top (view at upper right, opposite page) a smaller scale common space has been ingeniously cut from one of the few rectangular block intersections by the placement of the building. The lower leg of the southernmost building is straight ahead, and the large scale plaza defined therein is about to be revealed. Entering and turning back to face the building opposite (view at upper left, opposite page), the full containment of this major public area, jumping a closed street and the basic block structure, is realized.

The other defined space at the right of the isometric is not so happy and is devoted to parking. Original parking requirements dictated entire open site coverage, but determined manipulation of grades produced a garage under the publicly usable portion of the site. The relation of the southernmost street grade to the upper plaza and the lower garage is shown in the top photo overleaf. The architect was active in achieving a switch of an adjacent, "vest pocket" park designation to cover funds for development, but economies seriously cut over-all site improvement. The large scale sculptured concrete benches remain as one of the few vestiges of a much more ambitious scheme, designed to lend a final air of humanity. The expanse of concrete, seen in the plaza below, is the roof of the parking garage and was originally to have been developed with planting.
The over-all building massing, shown at the right, relates strong solid elements in a decisive manner and forms spaces of varied interest on an originally disjointed site. The more enclosed plaza is seen on the opposite page and above left. The other view is into that plaza from the smaller scaled triangular one, top of isometric.
This project was recently awarded a prestigious Bard Award for design excellence in public buildings by the City Club of New York.

Meier was commissioned by the New York State Urban Development Corporation soon after the concept of the Twin Parks projects, and was subject to some of the same growing pains as the client. While an attempt was made to establish standards and guidelines, some midstream changes occurred. One was a shift from boiler-fired to electric heating, which necessitated major ground level redesign. Realizing that an overall, meaningful resolution was not going to be easily accomplished, the architect took initial steps toward problem simplification. Conventional poured concrete construction and traditional apartment layouts were an early decision.

This Twin Parks project was one of the first of many selected by developers choosing from those offered by the public client. It was chosen, said developer Fred DeMatteis, because of its straightforward building plans and the high percentage of repetitive, efficient simplex units (typical layouts are on the bottom of the opposite page). Single-loaded corridors, intended to light outdoor spaces and offer easy surveillance were partially eliminated for budget savings. The brick cladding was sensibly chosen in common with several other projects for UDC in Twin Parks, though this choice is far from the architect's previous inclination to ambiguous white surfaces.

In an effort to compensate for the clearly small, sometimes unworkable, programmed rooms (the client has since increased such standards), apartment windows are maximum in size, though this requires seemingly unreasonable partition contortions. Meier avoided a monotonous cadence by grouping windows in large scale blocks (as the above middle right photograph); and the glazing is pushed to the building face to minimize the detailing and emphasize the buildings as masses defining outdoor spaces.

To fulfill the UDC's role of bolstering and (hopefully) turning around slipping neighborhood situations, a tough site in a difficult neighborhood was chosen, and everyone involved knew it. The site sits on the borderline between two ethnic neighborhood groups. If any physical effort could turn down the burner, it had to be a major statement of confidence that these groups could live together.

Given the site limitations, this
Working with the most economical apartment layouts, conventional construction and repetitive window types, Richard Meier nonetheless made a strong statement at the larger scale into which the parts were assembled. Parking was partially accommodated on open ground floors (plan right) and in a garage under the plaza. The relation of Garden Street and the upper plaza can be seen above.
housing might have taken the form of infill, but this would have neglected problems of social context and any natural assets. The architect knew that this stronger solution was required if any psychological dent was to be made.

While great effort has been made to relate to the existing buildings in scale, orientation, and roof lines—and selected street patterns have been maintained—as mentioned earlier, there is something new: a neighborhood nucleus. Perhaps the most controversial aspect of the design was the architect's intention that the exterior public spaces should be open to the neighborhood. In the large view, the architect has provided an open passage aspect as consistent with the public benefit. The general design success here might well be an example of how a building complex can become more of a success than any of its parts might indicate.

The 2.7-acre site for Warren Platner's own house (plan left) is bounded on the north side by a country road from which a driveway leads to a parking area behind the house in the southeastern part of the property. Here the land falls away sharply to a stream and, beyond, to woods and a salt marsh. "The best buildings," Platner has said, "are conceived as one with the development of the site, and as an extension of and enhancement to their surroundings." In this case the simultaneous development of building and land involved placing the house where it could at once command the most pleasing views and also be screened from the road and entrance drive, providing the occupants and their visitors an appropriate progression from public to private realms. That the house is built on steeply sloping land also provides the chance for a variety of level changes from one part to the next, and the excitement of, for instance, entering the screen porch (extreme left in photograph above) from the terrace on one side and then finding oneself far above the ground on the other.

The roofs and most of the exterior walls of Platner's house are sheathed in white cedar shingles, and the chimney and the screen porch are built of natural fieldstone set in mortar, with the mortar set back and chinking stones used to simulate a dry-set, rubble pattern. These materials, as well as the apparently casual composition of the whole house, help make it—to use the architect's own terms again—an extension and enhancement of the rural surroundings. In an altogether different dimension, the shingles and fieldstone recall traditional ways of building in New England. Though it is, in fact, designed and detailed with great care, the house from the outside exhibits an admirable modesty and respect for the land it occupies.
Platner conceived his house as a set of separate but interrelated pavilions which vary in scale and outlook as well as in function. The pavilions are arranged loosely, as much in accordance with the qualities of the site as with any compact, formal scheme. Some architects might regard this way of composing a house as too casual, yet the fact remains that it is a way honored by tradition, particularly in farm buildings in New England. The answer to whether it is "good" or "bad" depends to some extent on personal taste. Platner points out that he and his family prefer to live in "a series of separate spaces where each occasion can have its special character," and that the arrangement of his house provides certain other advantages as well. The connections between pavilions, for instance, provide the chance for vertical as well as horizontal movement—down some stairs from the living room to the library, then down some more to the dining room. The pavilions themselves, too, enclose a terrace on the back of the house, and, on the front and side, they allow for terraces in between—exterior spaces from which to enjoy the pleasures of the site, or descend to the stream or the pond below, the latter of which, together with the tennis court, is another enhancement of the land.

There are a number of bay windows in the house, and many of them have window seats. Spaces that are not actually outdoors, but which do not feel altogether indoors either, they offer still more possibilities for enjoying the landscape. There is indeed an orderly progression from outdoors to in—from the rough, unaltered woodlands and salt marsh to the more carefully manicured lawn on the site itself, to the still more formal terraces, to the bay windows—"inside outsides"—to the interiors of each pavilion. These, as Platner describes them, are "formal spaces—that is, spaces that visually have definite form—and we live informally in them." They are, too, finished with the meticulous care for which Platner is well known. Each kitchen cabinet, each bookcase, each light fixture, each piece of furniture bears evidence of extensive concern on the part of the designer and considerable craftsmanship on the part of the maker. Together all of these elements, set in the clear and formal spaces of the house, combine to make a true "inside" that stands in sharp and elegant distinction to the Connecticut landscape outdoors.

Since the house is made up of five pavillions, four of them connected (plan below), there are views across terraces from one part to another (left and right). The most frequently used entrance to the house is through the kitchen (below), "where", as Platner points out, "the action often is." One proceeds through the library (below right) up five stairs to the living room (shown on the following two pages).
One of the bedrooms is shown on the left; it is small and compact, and its window overlooks a wooded ravine below. The dining room (shown below) is designed to include a conservatory, but in such a way that it is the plants, rather than the people, who are in the sun.
PAUL RUDOLPH: BOSTON STATE SERVICE CENTER

Paul Rudolph once said, "Psychological demands are met primarily through the manipulation of space and the use of symbols." Most of today's architectural critics write about space as total abstraction. They have little to say about its symbolic values, about space as a felt experience. When architectural writers talk about form and space, they speak in terms of solids and voids, vertical thrusts, intersecting planes, juxtapositions of scale, symmetry and other formal concerns. Interpretation for human meaning is ignored. Unacknowledged are the philosophical, esthetic and psychological considerations which truly inform the work. Carl John Black, a young humanist, critic and teacher, formerly faculty member in the School for Humanities and Social Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and in the Division of Languages and Literature at Bard College, has never had formal training in architecture or the history of architecture. Nevertheless, he sees Rudolph's work as especially rich in symbolic content and feels that the conceptual drawings provide a key to the architect's spatial symbolism. Black has collected and assembled Rudolph's drawings over the last several years for his forthcoming book Human Space: Conceptions and Constructions of Paul Rudolph, copyright 1973 by Carl John Black, to be published by Harper & Row, and for a traveling exhibition sponsored by the Cooper-Hewitt National Museum of Design, a private branch of the Smithsonian Institution. Because Black's insights deepen one's comprehension of Rudolph's work and his interpretations seem so very fresh to us, we have decided to publish an excerpt. All that follows is in the author's words from a chapter, "The Space of Human Government."—Mildred F. Schmerz.
"I wanted to hollow out a concavity at the bottom of Beacon Hill, a spiraling space like a **CONCH** in negative relation to the convex dome of the State Capitol on top of the Hill. I wanted it to wrap around a tower which turned and was not only visible in its upward thrust but penetrating visibly below the ground." Rudolph hints at the symbolic content of the Service Center. The image-cluster: Water-Serpent-Cave-Shell, is a constant in the symbolism of "primitive" cultures and corresponds to a deep structure of human consciousness. Rudolph improvised his spaces with astonishing consistency around these symbols. A key image is the staircase of the Mental Health Clinic (see cover). It recalls the form of the "wentletrap" shell, meaning "winding staircase" in Dutch. In mythology the conch, spiral and coiled serpent emerged as images of earth rhythms and life cycles which ruled birth, death, regeneration, health, agriculture, the social order and the dispensation of justice. Aphrodite—Goddess of Desire—was born in a conch, and the association of shells with the female embryos and Venus cults is beyond dispute in the history of symbolism. In Rudolph's design, these symbolic allusions to the female are strongly balanced by the thrust of the unbuilt tower around which the "shell space" spirals. This towering spine-wheels in on itself, but this movement is resolved by the strength of the axis, symbol of endurance and return. By contrast to the rationalist space of Bulfinch's domed symmetry, Rudolph's building is a vision of deep-earth symbolism, the life-meanings of which lie at the heart of government's humane service to its people.
HWE Tower showing three descending levels of plaza (Ch)
A mysterious, almost totemic tie knits Boston to the sea.
The totems of **SEA AND SHELLS**

lie in the memory of things—the rising of Venus, the endless curl of waves, the fixity of fossils ticking off the crust of time. . . . The architect has twisted, curved and smeared the line, erased and mangled the paper to wrench from the gyrations of a scallop the serenity of an empty cup. He calls it a plaza for rest and passing through.

A bus stop. But just below the practical surface of things at the invisible edge of activity, the most forgotten of us all will ride the waves of time and sit in the broader depths of remembering.

The receptionist looked out to the plaza. "It reminds me like either you're going down and you're going right into the ocean or you're coming up. . . . It's situated in a place that's close to the ocean and it gives you that feeling. You could figure it was a water snake. You get that there as the waves. You know, the way the waves come in, the tide comes in?" Tide marks become an image of a wing. A winged serpent. Pindar tells us that the father of All Things is a winged serpent. In the image of these spaces "I trod the shelly pavement of the deep, And swam its current . . . voices soft As ripple of light waves along the shore."
"The Sea, in celebration on its steps, like an ode of stone."
(Seamarks, St.-John Perse)

EBB AND FLOW

is the pulse of time, the rhythmed furling and unfurling of surfaces and space. Rudolph's building is full of the hard permanence of ruins. Not an image of decay, but an exuberant vision of being-there. The State Service Center is a hymn to enclosure: the freedom of protection, the sweeping spaces of a defined openness, and the reassurance of massive pylons. All elements are expressive of the sheer power of enclosed nothingness, but they celebrate a nothingness turned to the full uses of life. The architect's vision is monolithic, but the monolith moves into life, flowing outward, spiraling upward in the wheel of change. The monolith dissolves into movement as baroque staircases break against gigantic columns and impenetrable walls. It is as though matter had by magic metamorphosis melted into liquid arabesques. "Abhorrent is the rest/In undulating rooms/Whose amplitude no end invades,/Whose axis never comes." Rudolph seems to have discerned Emily Dickinson's fears of fluid chambers, for his design gives a towering axis to ceaseless movement and change and captures not only the nature of government to evolve but its will to endure. Image of material power, image of the sea, image of government: Rudolph's building contains the changing discontinuities of human moments and the permanence of timelessness.
Carl Jung's studies of the psychological process of individuation reveal that the **SPIRAL** is an archetypal symbol which incorporates the notion of *fixity* and of *transformation*. On several levels, Rudolph has attempted to integrate these two qualities in the State Service Center. "Where I've used curves, that denotes a fixed element as opposed to something which in time could be changed. The rectilinear room is more flexible." While the cube has taken over, the curve has all but disappeared from our daily enclosures. Nevertheless, our deepest memory of space—the womb and the cave—is circular. Our psychological sense of the fixity of curved space has to do with strong ties to the earth. The earliest circular buildings were devoted to earth cults, and circular space corresponds to persistent notions of human origins, divination and the power to cure. The derivation of the word "chamber" means "bent" or vaulted space. In his design of the State Service Center, Rudolph has attempted to synthesize twentieth-century rectilinear or "universal" space and "primordial" curved space with its deeper psychological appeals. Part of the solution to this synthesis lies in the spiral. The spiral has a diagonal thrust which, in the case of a rectangular space, allows for it to be "stepped back." This stepping back or slanting of the facade allows for "swinging" a rectilinear structure into curved formation (see photo, page 106). It permits one, in the face of many rectangles, to get the natural "feel" of the curve. Rudolph has carried the synthesis of rectangle and circle over to his concept of the tower. His original sketch (page 106) shows the tower in the form of a pinwheel or swastika, an ancient mandala symbol which incorporates straight lines at right angles rotating in a circle. In its eternal return to the same point while moving ever higher, the spiral is an eloquent symbol of a search for spatial "origins" while moving on to create new architectural modes.
Central plaza with two of proposed three underground levels visible

Plaza, showing sloping facade, spiral, curving walls creating a bowl of space (P)
By following Ariadne’s umbilical thread, Theseus found a one-way exit to the world.

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is the other side of interiority. From the moment man is born into the world, he carries his interiority with him and is condemned forever to walk on the outside of things. But the mind remembers when its interiority was at one with Being, and in remembrance of this, performs the sacred rite of going-on. To enter an enclosure is to perform this rite. Thus the paramount importance of the door: point of ritual penetration into the mass of the world. Doors celebrate the victory of space (consciousness) over density (unconscioness). This victory is a form of psychic redemption, overcoming the split between inside and outside. Rudolph’s design invites us to participate in the full rites of space: the rite of going-in, but also that of going-out, of being on this side as well as the other side of interiority. He mystifies us by playing on our credulity that buildings open to a purpose and exit to a place to go. His entrances and exits are rarely clearly there. He beckons us to search for space. It is never given. In searching, the functions of going in and going out assume a special value. A visitor steps off the elevator in the Mental Health Center: “All the columns here. I can’t seem to find an exit doorway. How do I get out? I love the space on the outside. But I feel an irritation that I can’t find a door and get the hell out of
here. There's no entrance. You look, and there's mazes of corridors and circles and things and I can't, I couldn't find my way out—Well, all I want to do is get out now!"

"Poor intricately soul! Riddling, perplexed, labyrinthical soul," said Donne. The labyrinth has to do with resistances, the resistance of birth and the process of life until death. Certain spaces resist our attempts, and unexpected doors lead back out.
But with each resistance overcome, we find the journey has taken us farther inward until we reach **THE CAVE**

of mind, innermost space, throne room of the heart. Do the walls weep for some unknown suffering? Or do they weep with the beneficent moisture which attracted souls and divinities to caves and made them sacred before the creation of temples? The Chapel is full of the primordial emptiness and secretness of space buried in the earth. Yet it is spinning high up, its overlapping forms ripping off from the confinement of matter. This is the Center of the coil, "a sunless crypt unsealed," where light traces a faint memory of a shell and becomes the New Entrance, the nimbus of space turned into holiness.
FLEXIBLE SPACE
IN RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS

In a quiet way, a revolution has been taking place in the design of church buildings. There were some indications of it in the early sixties, but it was brought into the open at the 1966 conference in San Francisco of the Guild for Religious Architecture, where the questions were openly asked: "When church buildings are monuments, should there be church buildings? If there is a church building, for what is it to be used? What is the church's relevance to today?" and perhaps most penetrating of all, to church member and contributor, for whom the economics of church building are inescapable, and to the architect, who must deal with the program, "Why should the church building be used only one day out of seven?"

What has happened since then offers a few clues to the answers to those questions. For one thing, although church buildings have continued to be built at a fairly steady rate—3500 to 4000 new buildings a year—that rate is now a mere 4 to 5 percent of the earlier decade. And this has induced considerable reappraisal of purpose, mission and need.

Also, when church buildings have been built since then, they have been unlike traditional church buildings—not because building committees, or architects, or both, were striving for a fashionable contemporary architectural expression, or searching for a means of making a strong image, but because these buildings resulted directly from the particular needs of the people of the church. Thus people—not liturgy, or unidirectional function, or structure—have become the major influence on the design, form and plan of an increasing number of church buildings.

Simplicity, directness, relevance to needs, flexibility and adaptability: these are the design goals of the building programs for new church structures today. And of these goals, flexibility is the most important. Whatever space is built must have flexibility, must be usable for secular activities as well as for religious functions, and must not be the characterless "facility" so many multi-purpose places have been in the past. Economics has been a major factor in this new requirement, of course; but common sense about idle space cannot be ignored in understanding this new approach to use of religious buildings.

To design multi-use space which works as well, and is as appropriate, for social occasions as for church services is a challenge—of a different order from ringing one's own changes on Gothic or Colonial, but just as difficult, if not more so, to solve satisfactorily. The church buildings shown on the following pages show in what ways some architects have taken the challenge. Even in designing for traditional function and liturgy, as in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church (pages 130-132), traditional form does not necessarily have to follow.

A major part of the problem of designing for churches is the programming, and many architects have found this a distressingly slow and sometimes almost fruitless process because the church itself had such difficulty in expressing its special and individual beliefs. Some architects, however, found that denominational bureaus could accomplish much of this basic work before they were selected, and that this method smoothed the way for their own work. The decline of the rate of new church building in recent years has led to phasing out or considerations of merger of some of these bureaus, and one—the Department of Architectural Services of the American Baptist Extension Corporation—has accepted contracts from other denominations to provide their services to individual churches, as it did in the case of the Church of the Brethren in Live Oak, California (pages 126-127). Since the Baptists built almost a third of all the new church buildings last year, it is understandable that their bureau is in a strong position by virtue of volume as well as by the character and quality of its service (which does not include architectural service, despite its name).

The three other churches in this Study—the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Connecticut, Our Divine Savior in California and Chaminade Chapel in Malawi, Africa—have an important characteristic in common: they derive directly from the needs of the people they serve. The resulting buildings are simple and strong in form and in expression, and they have the kind of character which, being strong itself, can adapt without losing its identity and its entity.

There is no clear view to the kind of church building that the future will require. But for today, the building which lets the church reach out to the community in service answers more than the monument that stood aside from the community.

—Elisabeth Kendall Thompson
A simple cube of space that adjusts to function and that emphasizes people, not structure

An emphasis on people, not structure, and on space that adjusts to church functions instead of the function having to adjust to the space, led to the totally flexible nave and sanctuary of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in East Hartford, Connecticut. Only two elements in this interior space are fixed: the circular 25-seat chapel and the sacristy-storage-kitchen-lavatory unit, both freestanding and located near the entrance so as to form, between them, a narthex. All sanctuary furniture is movable—the 500 chairs are stackable, the altar, ambo, seat and font can all be stored—so that the character of the open nave can be completely changed as its use for other than religious services changes. This space is used for a variety of purposes, all related to the church program and varying from parish business meetings to social functions. For smaller group meetings, the narthex becomes a meeting room. The structure is simple; nine columns support an exposed space frame, all elements of which are painted white. Light fixtures are suspended within the space frame, and banners, tapestries and other pieces of art hang from it, adding bright colors to the white walls. The simple, almost plain exterior, faced with vertical cedar boards painted white, is surprisingly in scale—considering the volume of space enclosed—with the surrounding neighborhood. The building cost $268,000.

The all-white nave is important in creating the character of the interior. The red carpet throughout the interior is the only permanent color in the building, since the colorful banners and other artwork suspended from the space frame can be moved. When furnishings are moved and stored for special events, the character of the interior is completely changed, but with the required fittings for religious service in place, the dignity and serenity of a church is re-established. The small circular chapel at the entrance, however, is a permanent religious space, with fixed furnishings. In it is kept the reserved sacrament, and it is the place where daily and memorial masses are said. Its white stained walls are 12 feet high, and open at the top. The narthex is used for baptisms and meetings.
A religious landmark in the community, flexible in use and relevant to parish needs

The Church of our Divine Savior in Chico, California, is designed as a "place of encounter," for the individual with groups of people in ritual and social situations. Every provision of the plan answers a requirement of an encounter: the chapel, tabernacle and garden are quiet places for meditation; confessional and counseling office are for face-to-face talk; at the baptistery, a small group can gather, and can flow in to the main space or out to the garden, or be cut off from activities in the rest of the building. Small groups can meet in the lounge; for informal occasions with chair, lectern and table removed, large groups can meet, dance or play games in the main space. With sanctuary furniture in place—in whatever place is appropriate to the occasion and the group size—as many as 370 can attend mass in the same space. The main space can become two spaces without losing its identity; the two spaces can become one without losing their identity. One part of the main space is architecturally defined by four columns and an inclined plane which acts as an interior "roof" but is open to the skylight of the main space. When divided, this main space can provide space on one side for 200 people in an informal activity and on the other for 200 people gathered around the table at mass. Without ostentation, this church, like many others of today, emphasizes people and their needs, and it becomes, in an area of trailer parks and small homes, a landmark of importance and a focus of neighborhood activities. The building is air-conditioned.

Four years ago, while design for Our Divine Savior Church was still in preliminary form, The Guild for Religious Architecture gave it one of its annual awards commenting, however, that "while the congregation's seating should be movable, there seems no reason why the altar should be too." Today it is the unmovable altar (and all other unmovable sanctuary furniture) that is more likely to be questioned.

The award recognized the degree of flexibility designed into the main space, as the photographs show: (top) traditional nave sanctuary relationship, with seats for 160 (or more if seats are placed on three sides of the altar; (center) seating for 300 around the altar, filling the whole space; and (bottom and opposite page) simultaneous use of the main space, here divided for two kinds of activity (worship in one, meeting in the other), and two areas at the sides. The chapel at left for meditation, the lounge for a small study group.

The building was constructed at a cost of $126,000 including site work, furnishings and carpet.
A place of service in the community: weekdays, for child care; Sundays, for church

The Church of the Brethren in the rural community of Live Oak, California, is designed for full-time use, meeting community as well as church needs. On weekdays the major spaces of the building are used as a child care center, a facility that the town lacked and desperately needed, and that the church wanted to provide as part of its program of community service. In the evening the building is used for a variety of other activities, both church and community-oriented. The new building replaces an earlier Carpenter Gothic structure on a small lot which could not accommodate an expanded program of activities. Although the program for the new building premised a multi-use space rather than a specifically designed meeting room, the Building Council members had a clear idea of the character that they wanted this principal space to have when they wrote: "It must be a simple place of beauty for worship...a warm enfolding room but at the same time durable and able to withstand the wear and tear of many uses." A difficult and challenging assignment, but achieved here in plan and design. The high, open, natural-lighted main space, with vistas to patio and play garden, has the required character, and with sliding panels on all four sides, is adaptable for privacy and size. The building will be completed this year, cost $138,000...

Designed as a simple, direct response to an African mission's religious and climatic needs

In an exceptionally simple and direct way, this chapel for the Marianist Missionaries' Chaminade School in south central Africa reflects and responds to the needs—climatic as well as liturgical—of a rural community in a hot and humid country. That it so successfully meets the needs of this remote location is the more remarkable for its having been designed in Cleveland, Ohio. The square plan was chosen for the straightforward, economical way the space it produces can be built. The decision to base the building on a square proved out functionally (and in line with Vatican II) as well as in construction. The altar is in the center with five rows of pews around it seating 400 people. Confessional and baptistery are in the narthex; the sacristy is on the opposite side. The site is in a clearing in the bush on which the existing school buildings are located. Since all materials had to be brought by boat to the site and all construction was by native labor, structure and materials were kept as uncomplicated as possible. Columns are of concrete block, made on the site, and trusses are of timber (safe from termites at that height). The roof is of corrugated metal and walls are of the same material, each panel independent of its neighbor and angled differently to provide openings for ventilation along the perimeter of the building. Free circulation of air is important to comfort in that part of the world, and the ingenious handling of the wall panels allows a continuous flow of air. The overhanging roof and the angled wall panels also take care of excessive water in the rainy season.

CHAMINADE CHAPEL, Karonga, Malawi, Architects: Richard Fleischman Architects Inc. Engineers: Richard Gersent Association (structural).
In a new suburban location, a strong, simple and nontraditional form for traditional functions

Relocated from downtown Santa Rosa, when a redevelopment project encroached on its existing building, to a six-acre suburban site where it could serve a growing neighborhood, Bethlehem Lutheran Church is both traditional in feeling and non-traditional in form. The triangular plan with its four banks of pews (instead of the more usual two) derives from the program requirement that the congregation have the sense of gathering around the altar without actually doing so. The tetrahedral form of the building is a direct reflection of the plan, but is appropriate to the building's location on the crest of a hill surrounded by other hills. The simplicity and directness of the pyramidal form, broken only by the skylight, satisfied both the congregation's request for a simple form and the architects' hope that they could provide a building of timelessness. The cedar-shingled roof does not reach to the ground but stops short above glass walls on the perimeter. Inside, the frame is exposed and redwood boards fill in between bents. A single chandelier is used for primary lighting of the building. The organ is behind the altar. Thanks to the sloping site, the choir room could be located below the chancel. Freestanding redwood "boxes" at the entrance provide a "crying room" and storage space. Originally, the program called for separate buildings for sanctuary, parish hall and Sunday school. The final plan put parish hall, Sunday school and offices in one building made up of 25-foot modules.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Santa Rosa, California. Architects: Duncombe/Roland/Miller. Engineers: Forell/Elesesser-Chan (structural); Harding-Miller-Lawson (foundation/soils); Marion, Cerbatos and Tomasi (mechanical/electrical). Contractor: Todd Construction Company.
Although the altar is on axis with a central aisle in a traditional relationship between chancel and nave, the seating arrangement suggests a less formal relationship and gives the sense of closeness to the altar that the program required. A bank of low windows on the perimeter admits natural light. The 14,000 square foot building cost $368,000.
Research leads to a bolder expression of the steel frame

The strong, bold lines of the 54-story One Liberty Plaza in Manhattan's Lower West Side stand out in sharp contrast to its blander neighbors. First of all, the building is a design statement; but more than that, it is an experiment in the use of steel—all within the constraints of speculative building costs. The building is a design statement because its initiator and part-owner United States Steel wanted one. But also they wanted costs kept down because it is an investment building for them as well as for the major tenant, Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith, and the developer, Galbreath-Ruffin.

Seeking to stimulate innovation and progressive design in buildings made of steel—and in this one in particular—U. S. Steel commissioned the New York office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and their consultants, in a separately-financed study from the building design, itself, to, "investigate the design and use of materials in all phases of high-rise office building construction." Weidlinger Associates and Weiskopf & Pickworth were joint venture structural engineers; in the final design Weidlinger was responsible for the wind-bracing, while Weiskopf & Pickworth did the foundation design and the rest of the superstructure. Syska & Hennessy studied a wide variety of air-conditioning systems, lighting systems, and elevating. Galbreath-Ruffin Corporation reviewed design studies relating to rental efficiency, maintenance and operating costs. Turner Construction Company delved into erection systems and costs.

The time was propitious for investigation into structural possibilities because structural design of high-rise office buildings had begun to take some new directions—in wind-bracing, exterior bearing walls, and weight reduction. Further, research personnel at U. S. Steel's Applied Research Laboratory had produced studies that: 1) envisioned buildings with walls of plate steel that functioned efficiently as structure; and also that 2) suggested new approaches to the fire protection of the exterior steel framing.
of high-rise buildings. Of nine prototype walls that were studied by SOM and their structural engineers, two involved steel-plate bearing walls, with each facade forming a "perforated monolithic steel plate devoid of columns or beams." Lack of fire testing of these schemes— which, obviously, would have had to be exceedingly exhaustive—plus uncertainties regarding costs, caused the elimination of these schemes.

On the other hand, theoretical fire studies by U. S. Steel's Applied Research Laboratory combined with actual fire tests led to the use of a new concept for protecting the spandrel plate girders which allowed a large portion of their exterior surface to be exposed to the weather. Flame canopies shield the outdoor side of spandrel girder flanges from excessive temperatures in the event of fire, and the outdoor side of the web has no fire protective material at all.

The building occupies a large percentage of its block-size site, allowed by the City Planning Commission because the owner was willing to develop an adjacent property as a small open-space park. Structurally, the building has

The three prototypes (out of nine) most favored for the frame, and hence for exterior expression are shown here. Fabrication costs were a negative factor for the Warren-truss prototype. This plus unresolved fire-protection problems of the exposed steel framing for both this scheme and the X-braced scheme led to the final selection of the rigid frame of husky columns and deep spandrels.
wide bays on the exterior and is clear span from exterior to core. The split-core plan—conceived to permit more efficient utilization of core-zone spaces—allowed wide, two-story-high trusses to be used in the core area for wind bracing in the narrow direction of the building. The rigid frame formed by deep plate-girder spandrels and heavy, built-up columns takes the wind load in the long direction, and part of it in the narrow direction.

While expressing the structural steel frame of a building is hardly new, the way it has been executed here definitely is new. Rather than being a cage-like expression, the spandrel girders are as high as the windows, and visually the flanges have been extended by the flame shields. This not only results in stronger accents in the facade, but functionally improves the sun-shading capability—just as deep reveals did in buildings of some years ago.

Of the nine structural framing schemes investigated, the three shown below in renderings were the most seriously considered. While the two that did not win out used less steel (particularly the X-braced scheme), higher fabrication and cladding costs of these schemes made the rigid-frame design selected more economical.

In one version, story-high Warren trusses, spanning 90 feet between columns, each supported two structural floors, one from the top chord and the other from the bottom. The diagonals of the trusses were connected by tension cables to give continuity for wind bracing.

In another version, small-bay X-bracing was oriented in a large X pattern, providing large-scale diagonal wind bracing to the exterior structural frame.

The X-braced prototype was found in the studies to have the least total cost for structure
because of dramatic savings in steel tonnage—about 50 per cent less than the structural system chosen, and over 40 per cent less than the Warren-truss system. But the architects' studies showed that savings in cladding costs for the scheme used more than offset the savings in the structural frame. Beyond this, there were unresolved problems with respect to fireprotecting the exterior frames of the two other prototypes.

Always looming in the picture, of course, are the hard realities (sometimes difficult for architects and engineers to swallow) of having to sacrifice theoretical efficiencies for heavier but lower-cost framing systems (and sometimes engineers would like to see more proof of this). In any event, for such buildings as this one, steel fabricators generally opt for larger and fewer pieces with fewer connections, in spite of the fact that tonnage is larger. This even applies to floor framing: at One Liberty Plaza, American Bridge preferred to cut a multiplicity of penetrations in the floor beams, rather than go to open-web trusses.

The exception, of course, appears to be the speculative skyscraper which does not call for a bold structural expression, and in which tenants are willing to put up with interior columns in rental space. Invariably these buildings tend to more closely spaced columns and thinner spandrels, using rolled, rather than built-up, sections.

Fire protection for the framing system selected for the building involved a combination of steel flame-impingement shields, size of windows and their location, and sprayed-on mineral fiber fire-protective material. Spandrel girders have fireproofing on the interior side of the web and the outer faces of top and bottom flanges. Columns, on the other hand, are fully

The exposed steel webs, the flame shields over spandrel flanges and the steel column covers were all given a field coat of black paint on top of a zinc-paint primer. Joints are weather-protected by beads of sealant in a color that matches the paint.

The ground floor contains the lobby and various commercial spaces, while the second floor has a branch bank.

Flame shields are fastened to angles bolted to channels that are welded 4 ft 8 in. o.c. to the spandrel flanges. Column covers are bolted to the web of the spandrels. Sprayed-on mineral fireproofing covers all potentially vulnerable areas. Space between fireproofing and column cover has foamed-in-place urethane foam to minimize thermal movement of the columns.
coated with mineral fireproofing. The steel flame shields entirely cover the weather side of the spandrel flanges, and the columns are entirely encased with steel cladding. Column stiffeners are covered by the cladding, rather than being expressed, because of what this would have cost. And on the weather side, space between column fireproofing and the steel cladding is filled with foamed-in-place, urethane foam thermal insulation (it has a flame spread rating of less than 25). This insulation is necessary to limit thermal expansion and contraction of the exterior columns.

Additionally, the building department required firestopping at the spandrel girders-column connection.

The exterior—frame and cladding—were painted black in the field following prime coats of zinc paint, and black-pigmented sealant was applied to joints between the cladding and the exposed steel of the spandrel.

The horizontally pivoted windows—a U.S. Steel product—fill the vertical space between spandrels on all upper floors, and are attached to angles fastened to the flanges of the spandrel girders.

On the second floor, fixed sash is used because it is high-ceilinged and designed for commercial-space usage—Chase Manhattan Bank already occupies a large portion of the floor. This space was put on the second floor because the site drops rapidly in elevation from east to west. Originally the architects had conceived of the entire ground being open except for supporting columns and elevator shafts, but commercial considerations favored the total space being utilized.

The hvac system is more in a conventional, but nonetheless progressive, direction. Perime-
ter areas are conditioned by an induction system, and interior zones by a variable-air-volume system. The building standard called for separate ceiling air diffusers for interior zones, but tenants, generally, are upgrading, visually, to air-supply-return type of lighting fixtures.

Because of the shallow space at columns, only water piping for the induction units is run there. Ductwork to serve them emanates from mechanical chases in the core and then turns laterally to feed induction units via penetrations through the floor. To provide enough room for the lateral ductwork, floor beams were notched in the bottom corner next to the spandrel.

Lighting is by 28-by-28-in., prismatic-lens luminaires with lampholders provided to take either two or three U-tube fluorescent lamps. Three-lamp units are put in a checkerboard.

A number of pyramidal-coffer lighting systems using a variety of types of fluorescent and HID lamps were mocked up and costed, but the owners' economics favored the flat ceiling using perforated metal panels in the areas between luminaires. Prior to the commissioned research study, the engineers say, U-tube lamps had been used only for special sign lighting, and were produced only in Europe. But the engineers were able to induce manufacturers to bring them on the market here for interior building illumination.


The drawings on this page indicate the basis of the flame shield concept, and some results of fire tests on a one-bay mock-up. The idea of the shield or flanges is to deflect flame of a fire inside away from the spandrel.

The elevation shows location of thermocouples for measuring steel temperatures, and the graph indicates what some of these temperatures were. They all are below what is considered to be the safe limit for steel.

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