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David Jay Feinberg, AIA is pleased to announce the relocation of his office to Suite 210, Cutler Ridge 1, 10700 Caribbean Boulevard, Miami, Florida.

Donald R. Simpson, AIA has established a new practice at 26 Champlain Street, Newport, Rhode Island.

Harold Bloom P.E. has opened an office at 101 Park Avenue, Room 402, South Wing, New York, New York.

R. W. Booker & Associates and Robert D. Field & Associates have formed an association called Booker/Field, located at 724 St. Louis Road, Collinsville, Illinois.

John Roger Johansen, AIA has opened an office at 100 Portage, Houghton, Michigan.

David Gura has opened a new firm located at 15 East 48th Street, Suite 301, New York, New York.

Diversified Design Disciplines/3D announces the formation of 3D/Engineering, located at 2000 South Post Oak, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas.

RWA announces their new name to be The Hawkweed Group, Ltd., located at 4643 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Carson, Lundin & Thorson PC has recently moved its headquarters to 880 Third Avenue, New York, New York.

Warren H. Smith, Edward G. Lunz, William A. Romberger and James G. Whildin, Jr. announce the formation of Smith Architectural Group, Incorporated, located at 402 South Kentucky Avenue, Suite 570, Lakeland, Florida and 315 Golf View Drive, Suite 213, Boca Raton, Florida.

Lee Radziwill has taken offices with the architectural firm of John Carl Warnecke & Associates at 745 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. Her firm is to be called Lee Radziwill, Inc.

Anthony E. Oliver and John Glidden announce the opening of their architectural practice at 204 Brazilian Avenue, Palm Beach, Florida.

Shavey & Schmidt, AIA, Architects is expanding its partnership and changing the firm name to Shavey Schmidt DeGrasse Shavey.

Francis V. Biskup and Golden J. Zenon, Jr. have formed an architectural partnership, Zenon Biskup and Associates with offices in Omaha.

Allen & Hoshall, Inc. announce the opening of an engineering planning and design office at 612 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

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PLYWOOD SIDING / Fully illustrated with end-use photos and detail drawings, a 16-page publication discusses the design flexibility, strength, impact resistance, durability, acoustical and thermal value, and economy of plywood siding. There is also a section on the use of plywood in shear wall construction. • American Plywood Assn., Tacoma, Wash.

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GARAGE DOORS / A full line of garage doors for residential, industrial and commercial applications is described in two illustrated catalogs. Included are steel, wood, fiber glass, and aluminum doors; there is a track selection guide for special installation requirements. Information is given on electric operators and other accessories. • Raynor Mfg. Co., Dixon, Ill.

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REFLECTIVE GLASS / A technical booklet presents the advantages of residential glazing with Solarcool reflective glass, said to transmit 60 percent less solar energy than clear glass. One suggested application is the use of add-on Solarcool panels during warm months to lower air-conditioning loads. • PPG Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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SPECIALTY TIMBERS / Custom posts and beams of Douglas fir or Western hemlock are available in widths up to 24 in., and in lengths of up to 28 ft. A specialty timber brochure contains photos of such end-use applications as architectural posts and beams, industrial members, marine lattices and playground equipment. • Simpson Timber Co., Seattle, Wash.

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PLYWOOD MANUFACTURERS / A directory, “Where to Buy Hardwood Plywood and Veneer,” is designed to help specifiers and purchasers of hardwood plywood, veneer, adhesives, finishes, and machinery find the manufacturer they need quickly and easily. The book is available from the Hardwood Plywood Manufacturers Association at no charge. • HPMA, Arlington, Va.

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STRUCTURAL CLAY PRODUCTS / A 12-page full color catalog features a complete line of structural glazed facing tile, structural textured and acoustical tile, High Brick and utility brick. A matched-color spread shows all of the colors available for each product; “U” values, sound- and fire-resistance ratings are also given. • Stark Ceramics, Inc., Canton, Ohio.

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COMPOSITE FLOOR SYSTEM / Featured in a new illustrated brochure on the Epicore composite floor are the system’s heavy loading capacity, material savings of the beam system, and flexible lifetime hangers. Also given are revised engineering tables, fire ratings, and data on use in hospitals, electric power facilities, and telephone equipment buildings. • Epic Metals Corp., Rankin, Pa.

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PRECAST DECKS / An illustrated brochure shows how precast concrete decks combine with precast and masonry-bearing walls to provide fire-resistant nursing home structures. Other advantages of precast construction in the design of six different projects are given in the booklet. • The Flexicore Co., Inc., Dayton, Ohio.

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COMMERCIAL LIGHTING / This line of light bulbs has been specifically designed for hotels, motels, restaurants and cocktail lounges. Longer life filaments are said to lower maintenance charges by reducing lamp replacements. This “job-tailored” lamp series includes 150- and 250-W Krypton PAR spot and flood lamps; three 2500-hr “Bug-A-Way” yellow bulbs; and eight 4000-hr decorative lamps for special effects. * Westinghouse Electric Corp., Lamp Commercial Div., Bloomfield, N.J.

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AGGREGATE BONDING MATRIX / HydroEpoxy 104, a two-part water-based epoxy matrix designed for on-site bonding of exposed aggregate to vertical surfaces, is now available in 15 new colors. HydroEpoxy 104 will bond to a variety of surfaces, both damp and dry, and is said to be odorless, non-flammable, and virtually non-toxic. The epoxy should be extended with an equal volume of sand or Portland cement; when cement is used, the matrix will cure to temperatures as low as 32 F. * Acme Chemicals & Insulation Co., New Haven, Conn.

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WOOD PROTECTIVE FINISH / “CWF Clear Wood Finish” penetrates exterior wood surfaces to provide a durable seal against water and weathering. The high solids finish can be used on any exterior wood, from cedar shakes to redwood decks, and is said to work equally well on old, new, rough sawn, planed or pressure-treated wood. “CWF” reacts with the wood itself to produce a uniform honey to brown color, with a matte appearance. * The Flood Co., Hudson, Ohio.

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ROOFING/WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE / KMM membrane is a prefabricated five-layer sheet of modified bitumen, with an outer coating of either polyethylene film (for waterproofing use, flat roofs or decks); or embossed aluminum foil (for steep roofs and flashing application). KMM membrane is spread directly over the substrate, with each row overlapped 4 in. The joints between overlapping sheets are heated to fuse and seal the bitumen layers. On standard KMM, a second seal is made by heating the top of the joint and smoothing the melted bitumen with a trowel (pictured). * Koppers Co., Inc., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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WALL COVERING / The Acrovyn (vinyl/acrylic alloy) wall covering system has been granted a Class I Fire Rating; after being tested in accordance with UL’s Tunnel Test, ASTM E84, and NFPA standard 255. The .028-in.-thick wall surface comes in 12 colors, with a matte pebble grain; Acrovyn is said to offer superior resistance to marring, stains, chemicals and commercial solvents. The wall system itself includes coordinated or contrasting moldings; contact or mastic adhesive; installation tools; and complete working drawings. * Construction Specialties, Muncy, Pa.

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UNUSUAL HYPAR ROOF
SHELTERS ZOO ANIMALS

The architectural and hence structural solutions for the enclosure of the Africa and Indomalayan Pavilions at the Metropolitan Toronto Zoo strongly reflect the philosophy that animals should be perceived in as natural a context as possible. Both of the pavilions were designed to be jungle "landscapes," with irregular viewing pathways. Furthermore, a variety of spaces was required of different scale and character, having areas with both light and shade.

To meet these requirements, the structural engineers suggested a roof structure of interconnected hyperbolic paraboloids. The actual geometry of the forms was determined through the use of models. In plan, two basic hypars were used, one a square, and the other a diamond. By tilting them at different angles, a variety of spaces was created.

The hypars were framed of latticed tubular members joined by Triodetic connectors. A wooden deck was installed over the tubes. Edge members of the hypars are structural steel tubes. These members were supported by concrete buttresses, which were positioned as required by roof thrusts.

The roof structure was prebid, including the glazing, not only to ensure the economic viability of the concept, but also to reduce over-all construction time. Architects for the project were The Thom Partnership, Clifford & Lawrie, Crank & Boake. Structural engineers were M. S. Yolles & Associates Ltd.
ALL OF HOSPITAL'S HEAT IS FROM OFF-PEAK POWER

Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, New Hampshire, a 250,000-sq-ft hospital formed by the merger of two existing institutions, will have all of its heating requirements supplied by a thermal storage system that heats water by electricity during off-peak hours from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. The heating system will serve 70,000 sq ft of an existing building and a new 181,000-sq-ft building designed by architects Huygens and Tappé Inc. Consulting mechanical and electrical engineers are Cosentini and Associates. Associate architects are Isaak and Isaak; and structural engineers are Weidlinger Associates.

Because Public Service Company of New Hampshire is a winter-peaking utility, the company is encouraging off-peak consumption during the winter to help bring its load into better balance. Similar, but smaller, installations are in use in 15 other buildings in the state. The inducement is that, effectively, there is no demand charge for the off-peak usage. Also the electric rate is lower.

The storage system comprises eleven 11,000-gallon tanks—eight for space heating, two for domestic hot water, and one for spare capacity. The tanks are filled with water, to a pre-determined level, and this water, which remains in the tanks, becomes the heating source. Electric immersion elements heat this water to from 160 F to 280 F. Water for space heating, or for domestic hot water, is circulated through a heat exchanger to extract heat from the water stored in the tank. In the system, developed by Megatherm of East Providence, Rhode Island, the water to be heated first passes through a tempering condenser. Control of tank temperature, or capacity, is achieved by pressure controllers.

Only in severe cold weather will all units need to be in operation at the start of the off-peak period. Furthermore, a sensing system has been included to allow part of the heating tanks to come on during peak hours when the demand by the hospital for other purposes is below peak.

For steam, electric steam generators have been provided. Make-up water for these generators is supplied from the thermal storage system; thus, the cost of steam is reduced by using water preheated at off-peak rates.
DAYLIGHTING DESIGN AIDS EMERGE AS INTEREST GROWS IN THE TECHNIQUE

The rising cost of energy, along with the introduction of energy standards, has stimulated considerable interest in the potentialities of daylight, in combination with electric light, to produce energy savings. And this interest has given impetus to the development of procedures for economic evaluations, as well as for daylight designs. As one example, the daylighting section of the Illuminating Engineering Society's Recommended Practice for Daylighting is being completely rewritten. The Daylighting Committee has commissioned the College of Architecture and Urban Studies at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University to undertake the revision under the supervision of professor Benjamin H. Evans, AIA. Objectives of the revision, which is expected to be available in about a year, are: 1) to help designers understand and appreciate the opportunities and constraints inherent in daylighting; 2) to provide sufficient computation processes to enable design decisions to be made with reasonable reliability at an early stage of the design process; and 3) to relate the use of solar energy for daylighting to the optimization of building design in all areas, including heating and cooling effects and life cycle cost-benefit analysis.

Yet even now, computer programs are available—or will be shortly—to assist the designer in getting some grasp of the economic potential of daylighting, or even in making precise predictions of ESI footcandle levels based upon assumed sky conditions.

Rohm and Haas Company has made a computer program known as SUN (Skylight Utilization Network) available to architects and engineers that analyzes the effects of skylights on the energy required for lighting, and on heating and cooling loads. The program is an outgrowth of work done at the Center for Industrial and Institutional Development at the University of New Hampshire, but has some refinements made by engineers at Rohm and Haas who added engineering data and computerized the procedure.

The Rohm and Haas program computes losses and gains caused by: 1) solar energy, 2) conductive and convective heat transfers through the curb and dome, 3) infiltration around the skylight, 4) illumination savings, based upon the kWh saved when electric lights are not needed to maintain the design illumination level. Illumination calculated by the program is average footcandles on the working plane. Computer printout gives illumination levels for each hour of the day for the 21st day of each month for clear days, overcast days, and for a weather-weighted average of the two. Illumination savings are counted only for the summer months because it is assumed that electric light contributes to the heating of the building in the winter—putting estimates on the conservative side. The program has the capability of computing savings for lighting in three modes: 1) savings only when the design lighting level is exceeded (it is assumed that electric lights are switched off at this point); 2) savings for any contribution of daylight up to and including the design level (it is assumed that lights have dimming capability); 3) savings computed up to and above the design level (while this is not a factor in savings, it does indicate the extent of the daylighting).

The lighting savings predicted by the computer program are then balanced against solar gain, conductive and convective heat transfer, and infiltration—which are additive or subtractive depending upon the season, and whether the building is being heated or cooled. Though solar gain, conduction, convection and infiltration add up to a deficiency in Btu's over the year, when the daylighting contribution is added, the computer runs show an over-all net energy savings achieved via the skylights.

In its present form, emphasis of the Rohm and Haas program is on the energy economics of skylights. The program does not determine the total energy balance within a space, as it does not include the losses through the building envelope, nor consider the type of HVAC system used. What it does is to determine the energy tradeoffs between electric light and skylighting in providing average footcandles on a work plane. The daylight energy balance is in a form to allow energy credits for skylights as specified in energy conservation standards such as ASHRAE 90-75.

If the architect and engineer are looking for precision in the prediction of ESI (Equivalent Sphere Illumination) footcandles from daylight or a combination of electric light and daylight, this will be available in the Lumen III computer program of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, Detroit architects and engineers, developed by Stephen Squillace, director of electrical engineering, and research assistant David DiLaura. As with Lumen II, which is for electric light, the new program will permit contour plots of equi-ESI values—a mapping of illumination values in rooms. The “elegance” of the program is demonstrated by the fact that not only does it deal with the straight input of daylight into the room, but also takes into account the interreflectance of room surfaces. Even more impressive is the fact that the program is able to take into account the effect of overhangs or vanes, and even the effect of adjacent buildings (shadow effect, interreflectance between buildings, etc.).

To illustrate the potential energy savings through the use of skylights, Rohm and Haas took outputs from their skylight computer program to prepare maps and graphs such as those shown. It was assumed that when illumination from daylight reaches a specified level, the electric light will be regulated either manually or by automatic controls. The graph shows how energy savings vary with percentage of roof coverage by skylights. The percentages derive from the assumed use of 25, 36, 49 and 64 skylights for a 100-by 100-ft building.

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**ANNUAL SAVINGS PER SQ. FT. SKYLIGHT MODE I WITH AIR CONDITIONING**

**ANNUAL ENERGY SAVINGS BTU'S PER SQ. FT. OF SKYLIGHT**

**[Diagram showing energy savings for different roof coverages, including 0%, 10%, 25%, 35%, and 40%.]**
MODIFIED LIGHT-GAGE STEEL UNITS FRAME HOSPITAL’S INTERSTITIAL FLOORS

Nearly half the area of the $130-million Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo has an interstitial floor system of light-gage steel framing, described by its developers as, "the most flexible system at the lowest square-foot cost on the market today." Two inventive, though simple, modifications were made to standard lightgage C-shape studs and joists to allow the deck system to be easily installed—or removed—and to impart slip resistance to the walking surface. The 852-bed hospital was designed by the Buffalo-based architectural firm, Foit, Maharan, Sloan and Schneider.

The interstitial space of 455,000 sq ft is in the spread-out first two stories of the hospital, while the balance of the structure, which is high-rise, has conventional story heights. Main framing of the interstitial floors is 9-ft-deep trusses spaced 10 ft on center. Joist saddles welded to the trusses support 5½-in., 16-gage joists on 4-ft centers. These joists, in turn, support 3½-in.-wide deck units on 5½-in. centers.

The deck units (normally used as studs in light construction) are held in place by means of a friction-fit connection (see detail). The upper flanges of the joists have light-gage angles welded to them that project into slits cut into the flanges of the deck members. To minimize impact-noise transmission from footsteps, and further restrain deck movement, neoprene pads are placed between deck members and joists.

The other modification is the slotted surface of deck units. The punched-out webs provide slip resistance. Furthermore, together with the gaps between units, the slotted surface provides the 50 per cent free-air opening in the deck required by local code for ventilation in case of fire.

The removable deck system was chosen by the architects from 15 designs, including catwalks. It was built with Super-C steel members developed by U.S. Steel, and the modifications for this application were developed by the fabricator, Syracuse Tank and Manufacturing Co. Computer documentation of load-carrying capacity of the system was available to the fabricator. Cost was under $9 per sq ft.
An excitement is generated in the interior spaces by the architect's positioning of a skylight and windows and the exposed structural cross-bracing, focused in the dining room (below). Views from the front of the house are shielded from the parking area by a six-foot-high fence and few low windows (center, page 148), but light flows through the skylight (left) and two clerestory windows on that southern side; these placed so light "moves around the space," says Jacobs, spotlighting the dining room in the morning. Subtleties of design play an important role in the small interior—the openness is modulated and the rooms defined by the columns, and a window seat expands the living room (bottom left). A feeling of intimacy is achieved by the house's proximity and views to the trees. A study (separated from the living room by two sliding wood barn doors) and a loft add variety. The interior wallboards and columns are of Douglas fir.
Unlike many houses at The Sea Ranch, a private housing development 100 miles north of San Francisco along the coast, this house is quite small—approximately 900 square feet—and is situated in the wooded hill range set back from the coast. Used as a vacation/weekend house by the owner, its form is reminiscent of the barns frequently seen in the area (a form often reflected in residential design at The Sea Ranch).

The house was sited sensitively for the conditions: on a linear lot with a predeterminded driveway entrance to the west, the house was nestled into a large stand of trees to the north, taking advantage of the only view to the Pacific Ocean—a glimpse, seen through the trees, to the west. This orientation also capitalizes on southern light exposure: the entrance, a skylight and clerestory windows open to the meadow. An appropriately scaled barn-like form with a high, sloping roof has a dual purpose of acting as a transition from the tall trees to the flat meadow, while producing a high-ceilinged interior.

Standard wall construction was used as the most economical (the total cost of the house was $33 per square foot), but to provide extra structural support for earthquake resistance, diagonal beams were used and exposed throughout, most noticeably at the corner of the dining room where the cross-bracing is the focal point of the interior spaces. Seen from the exterior (from the roadway and driveway, top right) these diagonal beams provide strong visual interest—an unusual, unexpected, intriguing effect. The L-shaped deck is most usable, for the site is little affected by the strong, prevalent coastal winds. The exterior is redwood boards with a redwood shingle roof.

Donald Jacobs' design for this California house is unassuming but totally functional, with an obvious concern for spatial arrangement, and characteristic of the architect's work in the manipulation of light to create an exciting interior within an essentially simple but carefully designed form.
Each wing of each of the three floors has an administrative service station that combines mail distribution points with self-service office supply stations and copying machines. The mail distribution itself has been automated with a system that carries mail on tracks, concealed between the ceiling and the floor above, to and from a central mailroom and the various service stations located throughout the building.

The building has a total of 383,000 square feet and accommodates about 1,000 people. It was built at a cost of $38 per square foot.
The spandrel panels are flush 3/16-inch aluminum with a hard anodic coating in dark green. The glass has siliconed butt joints set almost flush with the spandrels. The glass is set on Teflon-coated setting blocks to allow uniform thermal movement coordinated with the panel movement. All the glazing pockets are weeped and all the panel joints are backed by a drainage system that weeps out at the head of the window below to assure against water damage.

Many areas in the building are decorated large acrylic-enclosed cases containing collages of every-day objects from 130 countries. These have been assembled by the graphic design firm of Chermayeff & Geismer Associates and include collections of stamps, seeds, coffee beans, dolls and flags. The largest collection—stamps—is displayed in the main lobby. It is 30 feet in length and contains thousands of stamps from many nations of the world—appropriate to the international nature of the division's work.

An employee dining room is located on the first floor, facing the curtain of glass and the meadow beyond. The dining room's rear wall is paneled with mirrors, increasing the feeling of spaciousness.
through the glass curtain wall as compared to about five per cent had the interior been laid out with conventional enclosed offices. An open corridor on the perimeter of each floor on the meadow side brings the outdoors to the direct perception of the employee during his routine walks about the floor.

In addition to the acoustically treated panels, the wall-to-wall carpeting has sound absorbing qualities. The ceiling is covered with removable fiber glass panels that provide maximum ambient noise absorption. Speakers for masking sound have been located above this ceiling, which has been designed to provide for the penetration of this sound that helps to mask the audibility of conversations and machine noises, thus contributing to the sense of privacy.

The quality of openness achieved in the interior spaces was further enhanced by the use of floor to ceiling butt-jointed glass partitioning in the lobby, computer space, the classrooms, cafeteria, principal stairways and everywhere else that physical separation was required for climatic, acoustical, fire control or other purposes. This glass is recessed in a flush ceiling pocket and a channel base at a minimum of four inches high. Reflective glass is used where partial visual separation is desired and mirrored glass is used on certain opaque walls opposite windows to reflect the uninterrupted view. Tempered glass is used where smoke barriers are required for fire protection.

The computer center has two large computing systems that are accessible from more than 75 communications terminals within the building. Two other computers help control the building's security and environment. The former is programmed to unlock the various
served on the site. From the inside the glass appears non-existent, affording an unimpeded view of the magnificent old estate. The sheet aluminum spandrels have a hard anodic coating in dark green, which help the facades to become more a part of the landscape. The building actually does recede, amazingly, and in all seasons.

Open office landscaping is used for all except a few executive offices, classrooms, medical facilities and executive briefing centers. The movable panels are 60 inches high with perforated linen cloth over fiber glass insulation for acoustic absorption. The furniture is oak veneer. Approximately 800 planter boxes filled with live plants have been designed within the furniture module and are used throughout to enhance the environment and to act as visual screens. Everything—panels, plants and furniture—is movable and can be rearranged to reflect future organizational or functional changes.

The open landscape office plan contributes to the merging of the interior with the outdoors. IBM points out that over 95 per cent of the office personnel share an outdoor view
Not only is the IBM building itself unobtrusive, but so are its own mechanical and electrical systems. According to Jack Beech, corporate vice-president of the Joseph R. Loring & Associates mechanical and electrical engineering firm, his directive from Barnes was to keep all HVAC equipment off the roof of the building and not to litter the landscape with a visible cooling tower or pumping station. The HVAC equipment rooms are inserted at the first floor level directly beneath the parking lot (see plans page 145). The air intakes and the exhausts are in the parking lots concealed by planting beds and trees. The cooling tower has been located high on the site, but it has been completely hidden by a natural stand of trees. The only portion of the site upon which the building could be constructed to remain invisible to the neighbors was soggy. The site water was diverted into the moat shown on the site plan and in the photos. It is connected by a sluice gate to a stream and duck pond. The moat is a second source for fire water and is connected to a diesel-driven fire pump. The moat water is heated electrically at the inlet to prevent freezing at this point. By this means the level of water is kept constant, for fire protection.

IBM's Mt. Pleasant headquarters was designed to be almost invisible. It is sited within a meadow and woodland estate, which originally belonged to the Rockefellers and was sold by them to IBM. According to the terms of the sale, the structure IBM was to build was not to spoil the views from the windows, terraces and gardens of the various Rockefeller mansions in nearby Pocantico Hills. The charge to architect Edward Larrabee Barnes was to create a quiet building with a low profile, upon the relatively small portion of the 79-acre site within which the headquarters would be completely hidden from the Rockefellers' gaze and awareness.

Barnes decided to limit the building's height to three stories and to contain its space within a W-shaped plan. By the latter means, he reduced its apparent length as indicated in the site plan (above) and the aerial photo (opposite page right). Because the site slopes, Barnes was able to locate the main and secondary entrances on the second floor directly off the main drive and parking lot. Thus employees need climb or descend only one level on their way to or from work. The continuous glass windows of the three-story side overlook a broad meadow. This facade is rimmed by a handsome moat (visible in all the photos above), which in combination with a duck pond and stream doubles as an emergency water supply in case of fire.

Barnes and his associates made every effort to establish a close relationship between the building and the outdoors as perceived from inside and out. On the exterior, the million-free butt-jointed glass window walls reflect the decades-old sycamore, silver maple, oak and hickory trees which have been pre-
Architect Edward Larrabee Barnes was instructed by IBM to design a headquarters building that would become one with its environment—a beautiful old estate in Mt. Pleasant, New York. The neighbors were "not to know it was there." As it turned out, the neighbors don't know what they are missing, for Barnes has created an elegant building that gives an esthetic pleasure which is almost Japanese in its refinement. Although it is doubtful that IBM's employees have the time or inclination for Zen-like contemplation during the working day, the building's quiet spirit would seem to invite it, because for this suburban office, as for the Katsura Palace, the landscape is everything. —Mildred F. Schmertz
Light, color, and materials

I use color very sparingly and always deliberately as an integral part of an environmental entity. Sometimes it is used in a sculptural form that complements a space, as it is in the tubular sculpture of Japanese kites that I designed for the Chicago hotel. I also use color as large-scale curvilinear graphics on banners and walls and sequences of fabric hangings to add softness to constructed space and to define important places.

A building wants to be all one thing in the end and, in its most idealized form, would be an entity created from a single material. The many factors involved in construction seldom permit such a solution, but it is important to remember that greater dignity and integrity lie in using the smallest number of different materials.

The structure and materials form space, and light reveals it; but both should be subordinate to it. Everything that has a role in the environment of a space must be orchestrated to produce its character and evoke a sense of well-being in the individual.
Plants and trees can be used as an important way of forming space and modifying light in buildings. As the sun comes through foliage, it makes patterns. The light in the Shopping Gallery at Peachtree Center is filtered through hanging plants; it makes a pattern in the café like shadows on the floor of a forest. The plants also lower the ceiling, giving a sense of enclosure without blocking out a sense of the larger space.

Rows of trees can modify space, create and define separate areas. They can also provide places of solitude and privacy in the midst of the city's crowds and confusion.

I have at times put cages of birds into large spaces. They are another element of nature that gives life and movement. In the Embarcadero hotel in San Francisco, I have also introduced a "sound sculpture" by Bernhard Leitner that creates the impression of a flock of birds flying in, alighting on the trees, and bursting into song. I use elements of nature to make a connection between the built environment and the human psyche. They are human environmental connections.
Shared space

The whole concept of shared space is based on the human desire for a release from confinement. If more than one thing is happening in a space, if you can look out from one area and be conscious of other activities going on, it gives you a sense of spiritual freedom.

I recall very vividly the first time I went into the Guggenheim Museum in New York. About halfway down the ramp, I began analyzing why this experience felt so good and worked so well. I would look at a few paintings, and then I'd walk over to the rail, look around and see people, look down into the space, and then go back and look at more paintings. I also observed that other people were doing the same thing.

The principle of design that makes the Guggenheim work so well is the concept of shared space.

When you design a space, that's not the end of it. You have to articulate it for human involvement. A ceiling at around seven feet can create a strong sense of enclosure; as you raise the ceiling, this feeling of protection diminishes. That is why I projected a trellis structure out from the balcony-corridors of the Regency hotel in Atlanta at a height of about seven feet. It gives you a sense of shelter as you look out, as well as softening the impact of looking directly down, because you see the lobby through the trellises below you.
People watching people

People enjoy watching a changing scene. This is very obvious. I learned from visiting the Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen that one of its main attractions is the opportunity for people to watch other people. That is the attraction of the sidewalk café. Everybody who goes to Paris has to walk the Champs-Elysées, and here are all the sidewalk cafés. There is some magic about it, whether you are sitting in a café watching other people or walking up and down the sidewalk yourself. Some people enjoy watching other people more than they enjoy having other people watch them; others like to be on the stage, part of the passing parade.

We don't have a tradition of sitting in similar public places in the United States; everyone runs up and down the sidewalks like rats. But when Americans go to Europe, they gravitate to the sidewalk cafés. I don't believe in mimicking the historic European cities (or anything else for that matter), but I think we can create opportunities for the same kinds of experiences.
Water

Water can be used in architecture to evoke memories of the natural environment: a brook, a fountain, a waterfall, or a lake. People respond to water. They put their hands into a sheet of water to see what will happen; they watch reflections, movement. Water is kinetic, active; water also makes sounds, provides a background. It is one of the elements that can transform a building from a static object to a dynamic environment.
Movement

When people move through a building, their journey should be orchestrated. Architects should articulate the journey into a sequence of spaces, ranging from tight enclosures to large volumes. There should also be places that produce a neutral emotional effect, in the same way that a piece of bread cleanses the palate between two wines. What I call "people scoops" are designed to be such places of transition, from outdoors to indoors or from one kind of space to another.

Riding an escalator is also a transitional experience, and it can be used in such a way that the space you are entering is gradually revealed. That is why, in the hotel in San Francisco, I had the escalators bring people up facing away from the main space. I wanted a more gradual realization than you get in the Regency hotel in Atlanta, where you walk through a low entranceway, a people scoop, directly into the central atrium.

Riding in an elevator is another important transitional experience, and there is no reason why you must ride in a closed-in box. Pulling the elevator out of its shaft and opening it up with walls of glass makes it another way of experiencing architectural space. The elevator is like a seat in a theater, but one in which your vantage point is moving continuously.
Order and variety simultaneously achieved

In drama, the play is the thing; the stage, the scenery, and the lighting are important, but they serve a subordinate purpose. In architecture, space is the thing, and architects must be careful not to overemphasize elements that should be subordinate to space, such as structure, materials, light, or color. But space has no existence except as it is defined, and order is a necessary element of spatial definition. Inately, human beings, because they are capable of reason, require an order to things.

Order creates a sense of comfort and well being. But the mind craves variety at the same time that it requires order. At Brasilia, too much order becomes something the mind abhors. What is needed is an order strong enough to permit variety and informality without losing the integrity that creates a harmonious environment: order and variety simultaneously achieved.

The wooden, treelike columns at the Midnight Sun restaurant in Peachtree Center (below) are used to define a strong, orderly system of spatial organization. They even extend beyond the glass line into the courtyard to help integrate indoors and outdoors. At the same time, there is a system of niches and pockets of space that give individual tables their own private environment. You are aware of your intimate immediate surroundings and the whole restaurant, simultaneously. Space is allowed to flow in such a way that you can see from the cocktail lounge in the front all the way to the opposite end of the restaurant; yet you are always in your own intimate area.
A design philosophy is the rudder for the boat; it makes possible a continuing course in a meaningful direction.

I first began thinking seriously about such guiding principles of architecture and design when I made a trip to South America for the dedication ceremonies at Brasilia in 1960. I was very excited about the prospect of seeing a new city completely designed by architects, but it was not long before the excitement turned to disappointment. What an inhuman place! Nothing but great blocks of buildings arranged in military order. Some of the architecture is actually quite interesting, but the buildings seen together become objects arranged in a sterile, two-dimensional pattern that shows no understanding of human scale or the need of people to become involved in their surroundings. I found that after one look there was no desire to walk down the street, turn the corner and suddenly discover something, because I already knew what was there.

This trip to Brasilia made me realize that many of the design concepts that had come to be accepted by the architectural profession did not work very well at the scale of an entire city. Older cities, no matter how badly their designs had evolved, were still better at providing for human needs than Brasilia, whatever the virtues of the architecture. I came to the conclusion that what we needed to do in the United States was to restructure our existing cities, not build new ones.

I returned to Atlanta resolved to improve my abilities as an architect in two ways: first, to learn how to design at the scale of the city; and, second, to find ways of making buildings more responsive to human values.

We had just finished the largest building in Atlanta, the Merchandise Mart, at one of the major intersections, and I felt that we could not allow just anything to happen up and down the block and across the street. Why not take the first steps toward creating a larger-scale environment? So we started assembling land. We gained control of the plots next door to the Mart and parcels in other key locations, with the specific aim of creating a new environment that followed a master development plan, would grow step by step, and would add to, not obliterate, the life, the vitality, and the interest of the existing city.

If a building is to meet the needs of all the people, the architect must look for some common ground of understanding and experience. The need for this common ground led me back to people as creatures of nature, perceiving their environment through the five senses. I decided that if I learned to weave elements of sensory appeal into the design, I would be reaching those innate responses that govern how a human being reacts to the environment. In that way I could create environments that all people would instinctively find harmonious.

The definition of the design problem comes from understanding the essence of the variables, but the solution evolves through the application of constants, principles of design that hold true in every case. The resulting design should be a marriage of the constants and the variables.

Another way to understand this opposition of principles and practical obstacles is to speak of statics and dynamics. Architects in the past have tended to concentrate their attention on the building as a static object. I believe dynamics are more important: the dynamics of people, their interaction with spaces and environmental conditions. Architects must learn to understand humanity better so that they can create an environment that is more beneficial to people, more rewarding, more pleasant to experience. I'm naturally interested in the latest structural techniques, in innovative building materials and the technology of my craft; but I am more interested in people. Buildings should serve people, not the other way around.

If you go back and analyze the history of architecture, most buildings that historians consider important are objects built to the greater glory of God, or an individual, or a political system; they are not environments for people to live in. One purpose of the pyramids was to express political domination. The cathedrals dominated the towns in which they were built. The great Haussmann plan for Paris, which has given such pleasure to so many people, was carried out to assist Napoleon III in keeping control of the city: great boulevards, wonderful trees, but the motive of domination is also there. Most office buildings are built to serve only narrow corporate objectives. They are saying: 'I'm Mr. Big; look how powerful I am, what strength I have, what security.'

When you analyze the buildings you see every day and the motives behind them, you find that most are not created with any comprehensive view of what people need. What I wanted to do as an architect was to create buildings and environments that really are for people, not a particular class of people, but all people.
The generous dimensions of the enclosure are evident in the photos at left. The distance from the stage to the farthest balcony seat is 170 feet. The proscenium opening is approximately 72 feet wide, 34 feet high and the gross stage area is a monumental 14,000 square feet. The rigging dimension, equally impressive, is 70 feet from stage floor to grid and a loading bridge, for the system of counterweights, is located eight feet under the grid.

Under this large stage and stagehouse are a Green Room, various dressing rooms, administrative offices and other support spaces.
Outdoor music "tents" are an American phenomenon and the number of such facilities built in recent years seems to suggest a continuing public appetite for summer music in surroundings less rigorous and more relaxed than the concert hall. The most recent, and largest, of this new group—and one of the few designed for full-scale operatic productions—is the Robin Hood Dell West, built in a rolling, parkland setting only a few minutes from downtown Philadelphia. The new structure rests rather lightly on its softly-contoured hillside site and the complex geometry of its roof form is not easily assimilated. Its multi-faceted surfaces, finished in terne-coated stainless steel, respond to acoustical needs in their design and provide a fairly complete sense of enclosure except at the sides where large openings frame pleasant twilight views of the park. When night has fallen, outdoor lighting plays off the metal surfaces in lustrous, opalescent patterns that change in phantom patterns with each new point of vantage.

Inside, the spatial volume is very ample. Open web steel joists support the wood plank ceiling in a lightweight but muscular display. Adjustable wood baffles over the front of the orchestra furnish acoustical controls but also act to focus the space downward toward the stage and shell.

The enclosure seats almost 5,000 with space for nearly 10,000 more outside, but there is little sense of crowding. Circulation routes in the form of elevated ramps and outdoor stairs are clearly defined and generously proportioned so that even during arrival and departure, the processional experience is surprisingly smooth.

Sound reinforcement is, of course, a practical necessity. At the Dell there are two electro-acoustical amplifying systems—one for outside, one for inside. Both are controlled from a console in the balcony. To this writer's not overly critical ear, the aural picture seemed clean and the voices of the various instruments pleasantly free from distortion. And minor re-landscaping around the area of the parking lot, now underway, will do much to dampen the trivial nuisance of ambient sound, most of it created by latecomers or parking attendants going about their duties in ways that are noisier than necessary.

ROBIN HOOD DELL WEST:
A NEW SUMMER CAPITAL FOR PHILADELPHIA'S MUSIC LOVERS

For many years Philadelphia's justly famous symphony orchestra has had no really adequate summer home. Philanthropic industrialist Frederic R. Mann set out to change that. With financial help from sources both public and private, Mann provided the impetus and organizational skills that were required for so complex a project. New York architects MacFadyen/De Vido provided the Fairmount Park site with its architectural centerpiece.
The remaining element of the original apartment, a former north-facing greenhouse next to the library, is now Franzen’s office for work at home. All of the rest of the rooftop structure was almost totally rebuilt within the existing structure. The surrounding higher buildings form an enormous room in which the “house on top of a building” gains a sense of containment that is unusual for a penthouse.
OPEN SPACES FROM ENCLOSED ROOMS: AN ARCHITECT'S NEW YORK PENTHOUSE

Once a dark "rabbit warren" of rooms that were a haunt of colorful Mayor Jimmy Walker, architect Ulrich Franzen's penthouse apartment is today spacious and filled with natural light. According to Franzen, the obvious advantage of a penthouse is that it can be designed almost independently from the rest of the building, like a "house in the sky." Accordingly, many of the original walls were replaced by low partitions. Overhead glazing, which admits the brightest south light, was introduced in the darkest room. Small exterior doors onto the north terrace were greatly widened to provide an eye-level view of a nearby church's dome, which becomes a strong decorative element. The raised library area is used for ordinary living-room functions, and overlooks what Franzen refers to as the "parlor" (foreground, photo at left) used for entertaining. But as opposed to parlors of the past, the room is furnished less conventionally than the rest of the apartment and most clearly satisfies friends' and clients' expectations of a noted designer's lifestyle. Chromed metal covers the one visible column.

In this office remodeling, the retention of the original brick walls and the addition of an oak furniture system, office landscaping of color highlights of orange and yellow express the natural, casual atmosphere the client sought. The open wood ceiling system (a direct result of exposing the air-conditioning ducts and light fixtures) establishes an interesting ceiling pattern (top left) and contributes to this atmosphere. Public spaces such as the reception area (far left) and lounge (top right) are conservatively contemporary in design. The only glass-enclosed work areas are conference rooms with the remaining space open planned.
REMODELED STEAMSHIP OFFICES
WERE DESIGNED TO REFLECT THE
CLIENT’S CONTEMPORARY IMAGE

In a waterfront area zoned for maritime-related business, these headquarter offices for a steamship company are in a newly remodeled building, formerly used as an oceanographic research laboratory. Located at the end of a pier in the Long Beach port, the thrust of the remodeling was the addition of two floors (necessitating major structural changes) and the opening up of the interior to light and views.

The focal point of the office is an open, three-story, column-free space used as an employee lounge and bordered on one side by a glass window wall. A series of skylights covering 2,000 square feet encloses the area. The influx of natural light, lush office landscaping and a fountain contribute to the over-all casual, natural atmosphere. By utilizing an open space plan with low partitions, each work area has a view to nearby shipping activity. This also permits flexibility in office arrangement.

The client’s need for a large amount of office space required the addition of two floors, but the 32-ft roof height did not accommodate mechanical systems to be regularly installed between the floors. Therefore, the air-conditioning ducts were exposed and lighting fixtures were interlaced between a wood grille system attached to the joists and beams at ceiling height. Sound absorption material was placed between the grille slots.

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use of reflective material to enlarge and enliven the space is contrasted with an unusual and sensitive use of granite. "Rather than use stone like wallpaper," Platner used it in individual blocks only at the points where its protection was needed: as a wainscot in the entrance stair, as corner blocks set into the plaster at each of the arches, around all door openings, and in the walls opening to the elevator cabs. Everywhere, the stone is expressed as individual stones—"the way to best show its character and make the greatest visual impact."


The 10,000-square-foot news room is lighted by the top section of the building's tall arched windows; is divided only by glass partitions so that everyone shares the light and the space is open for communication in the news-room tradition. The advertising-department space below is identical except for the windows and furniture placement. Because of the heavy use of electronic equipment, anti-static lay-in carpeting was used over the concrete, heavily ducted subfloor. Photo above is of the editor's round desk in the newsroom with his glassed-in conference area at the left.
Faced with a need for new editorial and advertising space—and no place to put it—The Providence Journal Publishing Company employed architect Warren Platner to study the problem. The existing “front-office” space of the 1933 “rather ordinary but still graceful” building had 20-foot ceilings—a 12,000-square-foot space lighted by large windows (photo left). Platner’s solution was simply to divide the space into two ten-foot floors, doubling the space; and to create modest but typically elegant interiors (see photos overleaf). While this solved one problem, it created another: the already cramped and rather decrepit lobby lost its height where the new floor went through—and with it any sense of being a suitable “arrival place” for a major newspaper office. Platner’s redesign involved carrying back the arched form of the front-door fanlight into the lobby space. This arched space continues back through an all-glass “vestibule” entrance to the point where the new second floor cuts through. There, polished brass in the top 3/5ths of the arch terminates the tall space, but reflects back the image of the fan light (photo below). Brass is also used on the ceiling of the elevator lobby and on its rear wall (where it is protected against marks by a glass wall set off four inches). This
FROM CHAOS TO CLARITY: 
A RETAIL RENOVATION 
BY ARCHITECT JACK FLEIG

What could more eloquently express the extent of the transformation that has happened here than a comparison of the two photos at left? Below, before renovation: a visual blitz, a shopper's nightmare, a complete roll call of merchandising "don'ts." Above, after renovation: a really inviting interior with selective display and with functional separations expressed by spatial modulations. Quarry tile and carpeting replace the old asbestos flooring. Pipe columns have been furred out, finished in drywall, and integrated into the over-all system of counters and cabinets. Fluorescent lighting fixtures have been replaced by incandescent track lights and recessed cans. A new dropped ceiling of pine siding conceals the older ceiling of metal pan. Handrails, countertops and trim are finished in red oak and sealed with polyurethane.

The result is a retail space through which shoppers move in orderly patterns and can comprehend what they look at. For its owners, the renovation provides a pleasant working environment with reduced problems of inventory, display and security.

CAST-OFF INDUSTRIAL SPACE
SALVAGED AND REJUVENATED
BY MINNEAPOLIS ARCHITECTS

In what had been a machine shop along an industrial/commercial strip in Minneapolis, four architects have fashioned an office for their new firm that generates considerable visual excitement with the simplest of means. The thoughtful solution that emerges—full of plants, light and character—is a lesson for renovators.

The existing stairs, bathroom and windows were retained, as was the existing entry adjacent to parking. The remaining space, unaffected by these constraints, was playfully manipulated to achieve intriguing volumetric associations without sacrifice to functional need. The main level was zoned into work area and reception with partitions to define individual work stations. Dropped soffits also help define these stations as well as main circulation routes.

The lower level is used for conference, display and storage. Renovated for under $20 psf, using modest materials but using them well, the Design Consortium Offices were owner-designed, and owner-built.

ARCHITECT'S OFFICES, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Architects: Design Consortium/Zuber, Incorporated.
Functionally many small low rooms, the apartment's presence is that of spatial grandeur. Within the current standard of smaller over-all space this is achieved by immediate visual contact with every extremity of an above-average area (a 15-foot bay was added from the next apartment at the living-room end). Doors that reveal the full length of the window wall can close off the bedrooms at night (photos, right). Projecting air-handling units were covered by a new inside "wall" into which cabinets are recessed.
In a new speculatively built suburban apartment building, the client-couple (she is an antique dealer) purchased unpartitioned floor space, and asked the architects to design something more than the builder's suggested plan, a series of box-like rooms. The result is an enormous (2500-square-foot) and gracious space that defies the restrictions of "standard" ceiling heights and of the anticipated compartmented uses. The kitchen, normally on the outside wall, was located in the center of the apartment, and its curved solid-glass-block (epoxy jointed) wall was used to modulate the living space undulating around it—and to provide a sparkling transfer of light back and forth (see overleaf). The effect on the living room side is heightened by multiple small lights on the kitchen ceiling. The doors of the bedrooms can be opened to visually extend the main space during the day. Like many of the partitions, those in the entrance hall (photo, below) are built by cabinet-makers and lacquered. The small hall opposite the entrance leads to the coat closet. The floors are rough-cut, "thin-set" slate that had to be ground in place to make an even surface. Many antiques from the owner's collection blend well with the contemporary furniture recommended by the architects, and contributing to the spacious and luxurious ambiance.
Racquet clubs of various sorts are springing up in city and suburb across the country. Squash/1, a response to the sport's fast growth, was fashioned from an existing structure built as an ironworks (with 27-foot ceilings) and used more recently as an appliance and trucking depot. Within the framework of this existing structure, the architects provided five singles courts, three with glass rear walls facing the lounge, a device that brings spectators virtually into the play. The 3/8-inch thickness of tempered glass is fitted with special hardware and stiffened with fins also of glass. New court floors of maple were installed and the court walls were constructed using a fiberglass-reinforced plaster over conventional block and finished smooth. The existing corrugated metal ceilings were painted off-white, the ductwork a bright yellow. A building type too often characterized by neglect is here treated as a serious design problem with handsome and altogether satisfying results.

OLD AND NEW
ARE BEAUTIFULLY MIXED
IN THIS ARCHITECT'S OFFICE
OUTSIDE BOSTON

Converted from an old Stanley Steamer factory—a structure reputed to be the first reinforced concrete building in New England—this office by and for architects Crissman & Solomon stands in Watertown, Massachusetts on a site overlooking the Charles River. In the large drafting room, the original system of columns and beams remains, looking none the worse under a new coat of paint, and the original wood floor, sanded and refinished, adds a note of warmth throughout the office. The small offices along the south wall open through clerestories to the public corridor and admit daylight from the outside wall. The individual drafting stations, carefully detailed, are particularized but partitioned only to half height so that from a standing posture the entire space is visible.

As with all good renovations, the design here was sensitive to what was worth saving and knew how to introduce new elements—ductwork, lighting, cabinet network—in ways that are sympathetic and integrant.

Worcester Plaza, designed by Roche Dinkeloo and Associates, engages the streetscape of this old Yankee town, and grabs a wide slice of an undulating, colorful horizon. In the Plaza Club, located on the top two floors of the 24-story, twin-tower structure, people are grabbing, soup to nuts, one of the architects' most sumptuous interiors—sumptuous in the undorned elegance of basic ingredients brought to light. Light, in fact, is the most basic, and its gradations of intensity and color, most dramatic along the horizon at sunset, are literally absorbed by the mirrored or stainless steel surfaces, latched onto by the texture of wood trim and fabric. The sharply angled ceiling of the Club's two-story lobby is ebulliently lit, its reflective planes setting up a kaleidoscopic effect, framing views to the outside as one passes into the restaurant or, farther, into the bar or private dining rooms. Continuous soffits of stainless steel, with recessed lighting, run below the restaurant ceiling, softening the juncture with the walls, and creating a floating spatial sensation. Down to the last glint in the stemware, it is a place to sink one's teeth into.

MORE THAN NEW SURFACES: SIGNS OF A NEW COMMITMENT TO MASS TRANSIT UNDER HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA

All the vexing problems associated with underground mass transit were present before renovation of this station in an historic district of downtown Philadelphia. Most have now been eased. Drabness is gone, replaced by sparkling, easily maintained new wall surfaces—many enriched with patriotic themes rendered in abstract supergraphic patterns. Ventilation and lighting have been substantially upgraded. Security has been improved by eliminating niches and hidden areas, by placing the toll booths at the center of a platform splayed in plan and, finally, by the installation of a closed-circuit television system. New column cladding and new benches complement the new aluminum ceiling, which unifies the whole station and improves its scale.

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Eight of this year's ten Record Interiors are renovations. This high proportion of projects in which architects worked within the constraints of existing spaces is neither accidental nor entirely unexpected. It reflects the broader economic circumstances of current practice and seems to lend support to Warren Platner's remark that "today all architects are in the interiors business—whether they like it or not." And like it they must, for the architects whose work is shown here and in the pages that follow have created interiors with exceptional skill and with a keen sensitivity to color and texture, to finish and detail. Though united by a common excellence and, to some extent, by a shared point of view, the ten projects are diverse in character and forthright in their search for individual expression and thoughtful solutions.

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There's a "Catch 22" to the business cycle, and it goes something like this. A recovery is a fragile thing, especially in its early stages. It will go just so far on its own and then needs to be reinforced. At some point that reinforcement has to involve a surge of investment in plant and equipment (otherwise known as business capital spending). Without this added support, a recovery might—probably would—abrupt. Now here comes the catch. If the early stage of a recovery is relatively weak and fails to bring most of the economy's idle productive capacity into use, it fails to create the incentive for business to invest in additional plant and equipment. In other words, the more the economic system needs a burst of capital spending to lift it out of a recession, the less likely it is to get it.

That's part of the problem in the current business cycle. After what looked like an unusually strong recovery in the making during the early months of 1976, the so-called summer "pause" set in. By fall that pause had become a "lull" (in official Washingtonese, that is), with two direct consequences. One was that the expected surge of self-generated capital spending failed to materialize (Catch 22 in operation). The other: dissatisfaction with the "hands off" economic strategy of the Ford Administration. In its place has developed the urge for someone to "do something... anything" to break the 1976 pattern of stagnation before it becomes the recession of 1977.

The capital spending gap
At this time last year all the right things were happening. Industrial production was making its way back, and unemployment was edging down. Even inflation was receding. Under those happier circumstances the industrial operating rate rebounded from its recession low of only 70 per cent of capacity in use to 78 per cent, approaching the magic 80 per cent rate, which is the traditional threshold between too much capacity and not enough. The outlook for business capital spending in the spring of 1976 seemed to be firming up nicely.

Unfortunately, the operating rate never did get any higher than 78 per cent. Once the recovery lost its momentum, the gains of the previous 12 months quickly reversed themselves. Industrial production stopped rising in August and slipped back during September and October. And without a sufficient volume of production to absorb the steadily growing labor force, unemployment quickly climbed back to 8 per cent. Against these odds the industrial operating rate could do no better than hold steady at 78 per cent of capacity in use from February through August, and then slipped two percentage points in as many months. These developments did not exactly cause a stampede of capital spending.

The recently-published McGraw-Hill Survey of Business Plans for Capital Spending is evidence of how industry is reacting to the economic slowdown. The strategy, not surprisingly, is one of playing it close to the vest. Industry actually spent $4 billion less than intended for plant and equipment in 1976, but rather than cut these projects out of their budgets altogether, they shifted them forward into 1977. This "carryover" spending is now the basis for most of 1977's anticipated gain of 13 per cent. However, last year's heavy deferral of intended capital spending is a good indication of what could happen to 1977 plans in the event of prolonged economic stagnation. And unless these 1977 capital spending plans are realized, the current "pause" might become the prelude to something worse.

Stimulation: not whether, but how
Six months ago the hottest economic policy issue was whether or not the system needed some kind of stimulus to break the stagnation deadlock. Since then, the drooping economic indicators and the election results have at least clarified matters on this point. It's no longer a question of whether, but when, and what form of stimulation will be most effective and produce the least undesirable side effects.

There are several routes Mr. Carter can take to recovery, and there's no rule that says he can't take all of them if he wants to. Congress already exercised one of the available options last October when it forced through a $3.7 billion appropriation to fund the Public Works Employment Act of 1976. These funds began flowing into the economy late last year, and will have their major impact during the first half of 1977. Roughly $2 billion of the total is slated for construction—mostly roads and sewers, plus a smattering of public buildings like schools, hospitals, and libraries. The basis for allocating this money has less to do with where construction is in greatest demand than where unemployment is highest. Jobs have a clear priority over construction needs in this program, and some influential legislators—Representative Reuss, Chairman of the House Banking Committee, and Senator Long, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, for example—content that increased spending through job programs like this should be the main thrust of government's efforts to support economic growth.

Monetary ease offers another option. Even though there's no dire shortage of credit in today's slack economy, the extremely high level of interest rates is a deterrent to borrowing. Both business capital spending and housing would respond favorably to lower rates.

Here Mr. Carter must confront Federal Reserve Board Chairman Burns on the basic issue of economic priorities. Burns' ultra-conservative monetary policy, aimed almost exclusively at the control of inflation, is part of the explanation for the weak recovery of 1976. And Mr. Burns' intimation that restrictive monetary policy might be used to offset budgetary activism in 1977 illustrates the limit of an incoming President's ability to change.

Finally, there's the option of a tax cut. It worked well for Mr. Ford back in 1975, and could be equally effective for Mr. Carter in 1977. A tax cut—or more likely a tax rebate—to $10 to $15 billion stands high on the probability list. Its main advantage is speed, and quick action is one thing this shaky economy needs. There are disadvantages to going the tax route (just as there are drawbacks to spending programs and to monetary activism). The biggest problem is that since a fairly large slice of any tax rebate winds up being saved, it takes a significantly bigger tax cut to generate the equivalent stimulus that could be created through direct spending. Besides that, a tax cut is general in its approach, while a jobs program can be more specific in dealing with the critical problem of high unemployment.

Chances are very good that we'll be getting some much-needed stimulus through both channels in the months ahead. Hopefully it will arrive in time to let 1977 live up to its potential for recovery and growth.

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This 12th annual reference, expanded by 36 pages over its previous edition, is now available from Dodge Building Cost Services. Its primary use is on large building projects of all types. Among items the Manual has added to the 10,000 units it now lists for the concrete construction field are bathtubs, shower systems, cedar beams, simulated beams, prefinished moldings, vertical wood siding, and fiber glass insulation board.

For each unit, the Manual’s cost data include material, equipment, labor, size of work crew, its productivity rate, and required time for unit installations. Large project costs are based on unit installations per day, not the man-hours calculated for remodeling and renovation work. The Manual also includes 120 U.S. and Canadian cities and 22 major and minor trade groups in its local cost adjustment index.


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mind is whether the slab on grade should be on the grade beam with the exterior wall on top, or the exterior wall placed directly on top of the beam with the slab poured to it. The answer, of course, is to put the exterior wall on the foundation (with rebar tie backs in the slab). Both solutions can be acceptable to the engineer and architect. The outward appearance is not different; however, the second condition would allow the exterior wall to be erected prior to slab on grade and thus enclose the building weeks or months earlier."

The suggestion to slope the roof to the outside of the building, and drain it at the perimeter also advanced the schedule of interior finish work. Since interior work depends on a permanent roof that depends on an operable drainage system, the roof design permitted temporary drainage at the outside of the building without affecting inside construction. While the necessary soakage pits—which require two months of construction—were being prepared, the porous soil absorbed the roof run-off. The temporary drain was the permanent system with a "gooseneck" above ground.

The subject of time and cost savings in a project cannot be discussed without bringing up the subject of quality. All participants in this project, including the owner, feel that if anything, the way in which this project was designed and managed increased the quality of the building, particularly in maintenance and operation features. Satisfied that the CRS-CM prototype meets the school district's needs, Dade County is proceeding with its construction for a second time.

The District will spend $102 million in the next five years to upgrade its school facilities. Asked about client problems arising from construction-managed projects, the District's representative, John Pennington, said that clients should be prepared for greater exposure to the construction process because of multiple contracting. This, of course, can have an impact on the client's own management processes and staff. However, with the fresh success of a completed construction-managed high school, it is not surprising that the Dade County School District has joined the other public clients increasingly recommending construction management techniques.

building; design roof drainage so that drain lines run on the edge of the building to the outside (not inside building).

2. Exterior walls: should be independent of structural system. Interface details to other systems should be checked. Shop drawing/fabrication delivery time should be minimized.

3. Roof: slope the drain to edge. Specify temporary roof and drainage systems complete with maintenance and sediment trenches. Require hvac contractor to expedite roof shop drawings. Specify that the plumber must rough-in stacks first, then run system.

4. Interior walls: review ceiling/wall interface. Walls which are constructed to structure above will expedite construction; if two-story (or three-), specify one system (one contractor) for one floor and another system (another contractor) for the other floor. Specify separate crews on each floor.

5. Equipment: do not allow A/E to require "field dimensions." Allow filler pieces on cabinet work.

6. Finish: use demountable partitions. Use spray or roll-on paint. Minimize brush use. Use paint that does not require perfectly "dried-in" conditions.

7. General: sequence project in orderly fashion. Structure should be erected in the same direction as the plumbing underground will run (i.e., east to west, north to south; whichever direction is "uphill" for the sanitary sewer lines). Or specify particular plan for plumber.

To minimize the interfacing between contractors, CM recommended a structural system (systems steel) that could be erected entirely by one contractor and exterior walls (concrete block) that were independent of the structural system.

CM investigated three types of structural systems: steel, pre-cast concrete, and poured-in-place. Concrete block with tie beams and tie columns was not considered because of design time and shorting delays. For similar reasons, waffle slabs were eliminated. The study indicated total cost per bay for steel would be $8,037; for pre-cast, $9,585; and for poured-in-place, $15,975. Further, a schedule analysis indicated 28 weeks design and erection time for steel, 39 for precast, and 49 for poured-in-place (plus shoring).

According to Mo Appleton, CM Associates project manager, "erection of structure is half the problem; the other half is checking the interface details with other systems to minimize conflicts. The example that comes to
of the savings was attributed to market factors, but $750,000 was due, according to the client, to the construction management process. The cost includes the CM fee (3 per cent plus reimbursable expenses), negotiated with the owner.

The "design re-use" school, using a general contracting approach and a linear schedule, cost $41.60 per square foot, or $9.6 million for 238,000 square feet. Total delivery time for the design-reuse school was 31 months. Total design and construction time on the construction-managed project was 21 months.

The schedule reduction resulted primarily from fast-tracking the project. CM Associates actually began site work three months into design, and construction one month after that. Construction on the re-use project did not begin until design adaptation was complete—nine months after the project began. In projecting a future schedule for re-use of the CRS design, CM Associates estimates that this 21-month schedule can be reduced to 16, largely through reduction of design time (three to four months maximum for site adaptation).

But fast-tracking was only part of the strategy. Before design began, CM Associates investigated long-term costs as well as first costs of major building components and systems: structural, exterior, hvac, foundation, ceiling/lighting, and roof.

During a pre-design building analysis conducted by CM Associates, a perimeter wall study revealed the relationship of exterior wall area to floor area for various schemes. Since the exterior wall system can be as much as 12 per cent of the project cost, the goal of minimizing the area of exterior wall per floor area becomes significant. The exterior (photo, right) is painted stucco on concrete block.

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Construction management, in a Miami test, saves $1.5 million

Having just saved $1.5 million on a new high school designed and built according to construction management techniques, the nation's fifth largest secondary school district has a compelling reason to feel that construction management provides a realistic approach to public building.

Up until the early 1970s, the Dade County (Miami) School District building program followed the traditional construction method of awarding a single building contract to a general contractor. A 1968 attempt by the district to streamline building delivery established a prototype high school design, the re-use of which saved time and fees; but construction management of the projects was not tested until 1974, when added encouragement to improve school building delivery in Dade County came in the form of state legislation known as the Educational Facilities Construction Act. The lawmakers directed Florida school districts to innovate in design, financing and construction methods, not only to save money but to get it into circulation faster, for Florida was then heading into its construction slump.

A test situation comparing construction management with conventional project delivery arose in Dade County early in 1974 with the need for two new high schools. One of the schools was to be the third re-use of the prototype plans, adapted by an architect, and built by a general contractor.

CM Associates, Inc., the Houston-based construction management subsidiary of CRS Design Associates, Inc., advised the District to consider an entirely new design for the second school. In the firm's opinion, the District could build a more economical and adaptable prototype than the previous one, and do it in a much shorter period of time, in spite of the new design effort. The District accepted the idea, and retained CM Associates to manage the project, and the architectural firms of Caudill Rowlett Scott and The Smith, Korach, Hayet, Haynie Partnership to design it.

CRS was responsible for architectural programming, design, and design development. SKHHP was responsible for engineering, working drawings, and construction administration. CM Associates was responsible for scheduling, cost control, evaluation of design in terms of time and costs, and managing the procurement and construction. Occupied last fall, the construction-managed high school (above), with 250,000 square feet, cost $35.41 per square foot, or $8.6 million—$1.5 million below the budget. One half
Today's way to build is with urethane-insulated panels.

When Burris Foods, Inc. decided to expand a gigantic frozen food warehouse by another 1.68 million cu ft, just about every decision they made added up to savings for today or the future.

The big question was how to keep their full (3.04 million cu ft) facility at a constant -12°F with minimum energy input. The big answer was a super-efficient new urethane foam insulation system developed by Bally Case & Cooler, Inc., a traditional leader in frozen food storage facility design.

The new insulated system is based on factory-made wall panels with a 4" core of rigid urethane foamed in place between galvanized steel interior and exterior skins. Urethane foam-Perlite board composition was used to insulate the built-up roofing over metal decks.

Saves time. Weighing only 31/2 psf (about 90% lighter than cinder block) the panels are fabricated as a single module, are easy to handle, go up fast, need only to be interlocked at the job site. The Burris job saved about 25% in construction time over conventional masonry methods.

Saves energy. With urethane foam's k factor of 0.14, the panels have a thermal resistance of R-28.5 (about twice as efficient as an equal thickness of glass fiber). This allows Burris to hold a constant frigid temperature with 20-25% less energy input.

Saves money. With their unique design and efficiency, the new panel modules mean savings in shipping and handling, field labor, every step of the way. And, if urethane-core panels can produce savings like this in a frozen food warehouse, think of what they can do for a project where you only have to keep people comfortable!

For the full story on how urethane foam insulation can save you time, energy and money, ask for our fact-filled manual: "How to Conserve Energy in Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Construction." It's from the Mobay People who wrote the book on polyurethane chemistry.
do you want on your floor?

1500 hours of exposure to Xenon-Arc lamps. (That’s 18 times the industry standard.) The carpet of nylon had faded substantially well before 1500 hours.

Wear Guaranteed.
These are only three of twelve exacting standards that every carpet of Fortrel PCP polyester must meet before it is awarded our five-year wear guarantee. It’s the only wear guarantee available anywhere on contract grade polyester carpeting and it guarantees that “if the surface pile of the carpet wears more than 10% within five years from the date of initial installation, Celanese will replace the affected area with equivalent carpeting at absolutely no cost to you.”

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Fortrel PCP.

Your next five years are guaranteed with:

FORTREL PCP

This time do it right.

Floor Coverings Department, Celanese Fibers Marketing Co., 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036, (212) 764-7640.

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You're looking at photos of the actual results of three tests conducted by Certified Testing Laboratories, Inc. on carpets of Celanese Fortrel PCP producer colored polyester, and commercially available carpets of similar construction in different fibers. Fortrel PCP outperforms them all.

**More Durable.**
After only 1,800 cycles on a taber abrader (taber abrasion test ASTM D-1175), the carpet of acrylic fiber reached the breaking point (abraded to the backing) and registered a pile weight loss of 11.6%. The carpet of Fortrel PCP polyester didn't reach the breaking point until 22,000 cycles! And didn't lose 11.6% of its pile weight until 29,900 cycles!

**Less Static.**
In checking static generation, the AATCC Walk Test with Neolite Soles (134-1969) was conducted. Carpet of Fortrel PCP polyester generated a mere .5 kilovolt, well below the threshold of human sensitivity. (Even below the level necessary for such delicate applications as computer rooms and hospitals.) The carpet of Antron II, even with metallic protection, generated seven times as much static—3.5 kilovolts.

**No Fading.**
In the AATCC Colorfastness to Light Test (Test Method 16E), the carpet of Fortrel PCP polyester showed no evidence of fading or color change after
And CY/RO has news for you. By now, you probably know CY/RO as a new name in the transparent plastics industry. A new company committed to innovation, and building on the combined experience and expertise of American Cyanamid Company and Rohm GmbH…in research and invention…technology…production…marketing…distribution…service. You’ll want to watch our messages in the coming months for news of exciting new products, offering new properties, new property balances. Designed transparent plastics…created to fit the particular demands of specific situations. New energy conserving double-skinned sheet for glazing and architectural use in acrylic and polycarbonate versions—whites and solar tints, too. Transparent and translucent fire retardant ACRYLITE® acrylic sheet. We’ll be bringing you news of these and more CY/RO inventions and innovations in transparent plastic—new products from CY/RO to help you design the future. CY/RO Industries, Wayne, New Jersey 07470.
ENERGINEERS* REDUCE UTILITY COSTS WITH DEMAND CONTROLLERS

After many years of steadily declining electric charges, utilities now are finding it necessary to raise rates to cover higher fuel, operating, and construction costs. Utility bills, once routinely paid, are now being scrutinized for ways to save and obtain more efficient use of purchased power. Automatic demand controllers provide a practical solution. Energineers should know what they can do.

Large users of power sometimes are billed on a combination of two or more rate bases. One is the overall amount of power used (like gallons of water) and another is the rate of use (like gallons per minute). These bases translate roughly into kilowatt-hours and kilowatts. The rate of use factor is called the demand rate as compared to the overall amount used which is called the total energy usage. Since electric utilities must, by law, provide the capacity for maximum user demands they must have ready to go sufficient generating equipment, transmission and distribution facilities for the projected demand at peak operating periods. Reasoning concludes that the larger users should pay a proportional share of providing the needed operating plant. Hence the demand charge. Automatic demand controllers produce savings by limiting the demand charge since they reduce the peak needs that must be supplied by the utility.

Here is how it works. The need for demand metering was recognized long ago so techniques now are highly refined. Both analog and digital devices are in use. Two basic approaches are integrating demand and lagged or thermal demand. The integrating approach uses a watthour meter with a timing clock added. This type sums up the amount of energy used in a specific time interval—usually 15 or 30 minutes and thus indicates average power for a specific block of time. The lagged demand approach uses a wattmeter that heats up as current passes through. The demand interval is determined by how fast it takes for a temperature sensitive device to register 90 percent of full response under a steady load. Many variations and readout methods are used. Both methods result in computation of demand based on a specific time interval. Ideally, the energy user should try to keep his peak demand level below some established threshold for each interval. That's what automatic demand controllers can do.

Figures 1 and 2 show comparison of a typical demand chart before and after load control.

Each line represents a demand interval. As the automatic controller senses that established peak thresholds will be exceeded, it sheds certain loads by turning off pre-selected electrical equipment. Thus, demand controllers are basically automatic comparators, constantly comparing actual usage with an ideal precomputed maximum to minimize charges while maintaining satisfactory facility operations. The user determines which loads can be shed in which order or priority. Load shedding usually takes place only in the last few minutes of each demand interval so lengthy disruption of service is avoided. Equipment turned off is selected so that tenants and operators are hardly aware of loads being shed. Typical electric loads that can be shed without harming operations are furnaces, boilers, air conditioners, space heaters, snow melters, water heaters, and compressors.

Figure 3 shows a typical demand control system. Every system includes input, logic, and output control signals. The input comes from utility billing meters, logic basically is a two directional counter and difference encoder, output acts on decisions to activate relays, contactors, motor controls, etc. Energy savings and equipment return on investment is fairly easy to compute for a qualified supplier or electrical contractor. Data needed is a copy of the demand printout for one billing period, copy of the utility rate structure, and a recent electric bill. Savings of 10 percent are easy to achieve with up to 30 percent not unusual. Remember automatic demand control, an energy management innovation. Consult a local qualified electrical contractor on matters of application and installation.

*Energineers . . . designers, specifiers, users and installers of energy efficient building systems.
In addition to conduction losses, buildings also lose heat due to infiltration... cold air entering through cracks around doors and windows. This is where weatherstripping and precision manufacture to exacting tolerances become important. In this chart we compare 20 windows meeting two different industry standards (Class B and A) with 20 Pella Double-Hung and Casement Windows. Each group of 20 windows has 280 lineal ft. of crack. Heat loss through infiltration for one OX-34 Pella Sliding Glass Door is also included. Test was calculated at 0° with a 25 mph wind.

Another way Pella Wood Windows can help save energy and money is by helping control solar heat gain. This reduces the amount of work air conditioners must perform and can produce a reduction in electric bills. The chart below compares cooling costs between windows with different glazing and shading provisions.

FREE CATALOG. For more detailed information, use this coupon to send for your free copy of our 28-page, full color catalog on Pella Clad Windows & Sliding Glass Doors. See us in Sweet's General Building File. Call Sweet's BUYLINE number or look in the Yellow Pages, under "windows", for the phone number of your Pella Distributor.

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What Pella "Energy Tight" Windows can mean to you

Pella is concerned with helping to conserve that part of America's energy that goes into heating and cooling our residential and commercial buildings. The right windows in these buildings, the "Energy Tight" kind that Pella manufactures, can help cut energy losses. And when you save energy, you're saving money, of course. The following charts and graphs demonstrate how, but first, a quick refresher course in the "language of energy".

**British Thermal Unit (BTU)**
A BTU is a unit of heat energy — the amount needed to raise the temperature of one lb. of water one degree Fahrenheit.

**R Values**
R Values refer to the resistance a material has to heat flow. Higher numbers indicate greater insulating capability.

**U Values**
U Values refer to the total heat flow through the complete heat barrier from room air to outside air. Lower numbers indicate greater insulating capability.

**SC — Shading Coefficient**
The amount of solar energy (expressed as a ratio) which passes through a specified material.

**SHGF — Solar Heat Gain Factor**
The amount of solar energy impinging on a material (expressed in BTU/sq. ft./hr.).

**Degree Day**
The number of days in the heating season times the difference between an inside temperature of 65° and the average outside temperature.

An example of how the R Value of certain materials relates to the U Value is contained in the following chart of typical building materials and materials used in the manufacture of windows.

### Heat Loss by Conduction
Heat may be conducted out of buildings during winter through walls, ceiling, doors and windows. Heat loss may be reduced by improving insulation in ceiling and walls. Choosing wood windows glazed with a low heat transfer system will reduce losses still further.

The following graphs illustrate the differences in heat loss in dollars per season for each 100 sq. ft. of window area. U Values used in calculations are based on winter conditions.

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Heating cost comparisons for a 6000 degree day heating season. Cost based on natural gas heating at 10¢/therm and 100 square feet of vision area.

Heating cost comparisons for a 6000 degree day heating season. Cost based on resistance electric heating at 4¢/kWh and 100 square feet of vision area.
Students and faculty of New Jersey's Stanhope Elementary School no longer mind. Their roof is now covered with pre-tapered insulating planks molded from expandable polystyrene—topped by a PVC membrane.

So they're getting the benefits of positive drainage from existing drains without any need for structural alteration.

Boards molded from Dylite® expandable polystyrene are rigid, easy to install and lightweight. They are also resistant to moisture and hold their insulating properties for years and years. Thermal conductivity (k) is 0.22 at 0°F, resulting in substantial saving in heating and cooling costs.

Pre-tapered roof panels fabricated from Dylite billets provide an effective, cost-cutting way to insulate and to achieve positive drainage. They meet or exceed the requirements of USA Federal Specification HH-1-524B.

For more information, write ARCO Polymers, Inc., Dept. 1037, 1500 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19101.

CAUTION: The foamed polystyrene described in this advertisement is combustible and should not be exposed to open flame or other ignition sources.


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there's a KINNEAR Rolling Door & Grille to do the job!

There are Kinnear closures that let you secure a loading dock, block a fire or turn an entire store or lobby into an intrusion-proof 24 hour-a-day showcase.

Kinnear Rolling Grilles provide an impenetrable barrier to people and even very small objects. There is no hindrance to the passage of air or blockage of sight. In sheltered areas, such as shopping malls, the grilles may be used in place of regular store-front walls or display windows. In exterior installations they provide unrestricted vision as well as protection when installed outside regular windows. (For fullest protection possible, Kinnear Rolling Doors may be used in conjunction with the grilles.)

When not in use, Kinnear Grilles, like Kinnear Doors, retract out of sight above the opening.

Available in three attractive designs, Kinnear Rolling Grilles also are ideal for restricting entry into “off-limit” areas in commercial buildings, or anywhere it might be desirable to screen off selected areas from time to time. They do not hamper airflow or lighting.

Meanwhile . . . back on the loading dock, time-tested and proven Kinnear Rolling Doors provide the most efficient closure available. Tough, rugged, designed for constant commercial-level use, they operate vertically, requiring no valuable floor space to allow for swing. And they can handle an opening of practically any width and height.

Both grilles and doors are available for manual or power operation. Power units may be remote-controlled.

Write today for up-to-date catalogs on Kinnear Rolling Grilles and Doors.
One of today's smart new creations can save this store $12,000 in lighting.

Automatic Energy Control from Wide-Lite is one beautiful example. With a typical HID lighting system*, AEC can save over 400,000 kilowatt hours and $12,000 for each and every relamp interval. This means savings from 15% to 25% for most commercial installations. Why? Because AEC maintains constant level illumination — so you won't have to pay for higher initial footcandles to meet the specified minimum as lamps age.

And how does Automatic Energy Control work?

It all starts with a photocell sensor which simply reads illumination levels. Then the AEC system converts this reading into a signal which alters power input. Thanks to our special dimming ballasts which continuously and automatically adjust lamp lumen output to maintain a predetermined value.

So, as lamp lumen depreciation lowers illumination, AEC automatically compensates by increasing lamp power.

Or if ambient daylight increases total room illumination, AEC automatically compensates by reducing lamp power.

The result is that you get only the amount of light you need. And pay for only the amount of light you need.

Of course, we recommend you use our dustproof luminaires as part of your AEC system to keep maintenance costs at a minimum.

We also recommend you write for our brochure that details how AEC can save on any indoor lighting project you may have. It shows how fantastic you can look with our smart new creation.

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*50 1000-WATT FIXTURES WITH MERCURY VAPOR LAMPS, BURNING 12 HOURS PER DAY, FOR A TOTAL OF 12,000 HOURS BEFORE RELAMPING, AT 3¢ PER KWH.
New Oasis "Soft Touch" cooler makes it easy for the handicapped to get a drink.

This new wall-mounted cooler is designed for people whose physical handicaps make it hard for them to get a drink from conventional water coolers. Wheelchair users, for example, will find it much handier.

Two "Soft Touch" levers—one on each side of the cooler—operate up or down at the slightest pressure. Either one of them will activate the bubbler, and there are no hard-to-use knobs or buttons. The levers can be positioned or re-positioned any place in a 360° circle, and their unique no-linkage mechanism needs no adjustment.

A metal plate on the bottom of the cabinet protects against injury or torn clothing. All the other famous OASIS water cooler features are there, too, and it serves seven gallons of cold water per hour. It also conforms to A.N.S.I. Standard A117.1 Section 5.7.2 and Public Law 90-480.

Call or write for a demonstration of our new "Soft Touch" Model ODP7WM-D. See for yourself how much better it is. And how it makes it easy to get a drink when it's hard to get a drink.

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* High Performance Architectural Coating
A state road-widening project through Grundy, Va., eliminated many of the town’s Main Street parking spaces. And because of the area’s steep terrain, no alternative off-street parking sites were available.

Solution: build a three-level, 144-car parking structure into the side of a mountain to replace the spaces eliminated by the construction.

The difficult nature of the site immediately suggested the use of structural steel framing. It could provide the required column-free long spans. And it could be erected rapidly.

**Sales Engineering service valuable.** “Bethlehem Sales Engineering personnel were very helpful in furnishing us with technical publications and advice,” reports Mr. Gerry E. Higgs, president, Higgs & Higgs, Inc., designers of the structure. “Two slide presentations, featuring steel-framed parking structures and the use of Weathering Steel in construction, were given to our engineering staff. It was also on the advice of Bethlehem’s Sales Engineer that we considered Weathering Steel for the interior, as well as the exterior framing of the structure.”

**Why Weathering Steel?** The designers decided on ASTM A588 Weathering Steel for both the exterior and interior framing for two reasons: (1) it provides a very rustic appearance which, when fully matured, will blend well with the surroundings of this rural coal mining community; and (2) its low maintenance cost will minimize future financial burdens on the town.

Several special design details are employed to minimize staining during the weathering process. Open slots are placed in the concrete slabs around all columns to avoid runoff from the columns onto the slabs. At grade level, gravel pockets surround all the column bases.

**Architectural considerations.** A low-profile parking structure was desired in order to avoid overpowering the neighboring one- and two-story buildings. The design features an open structure with exposed steel framing, partially faced with sand-blasted precast panels.

A set of ramps at the south end provides entrance and exit to the parking levels. One of the ramps also serves as the entrance and exit right-of-way for the property on the mountainside above the parking garage. The system of circular and straight ramps allows one-way traffic to be maintained on all parking levels. Stair towers, located at each end of the structure, control pedestrian flow.

**Technical and advisory services available.** Bethlehem’s Sales Engineering Division offers a wide variety of services to help make it easier for you to design in steel. Our Preliminary Framing Analysis can provide you with budget cost information for the total “systems package” of a structure under study … and our advanced engineering group can assist you with technical evaluations.

For more information, just call the Bethlehem Sales Engineer at the Bethlehem sales office nearest you. His number is listed below.

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- Cleveland (216) 696-1881
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**Ask for Sales Engineer**

Slide presentations, as well as numerous Bethlehem publications and design aids, provided valuable assistance to Higgs & Higgs, the project’s designer.
Technical service and practical design aids ease design of this Weathering Steel parking structure.


The depth of the mountainside excavation, which greatly influenced the cost of the project, dictated the need for a long (240 ft), narrow (63 ft) structure.
DuPont carpet fiber
good looks. At A.T.&T.

The new A.T.&T. Administration Building,
Basking Ridge, New Jersey.

The carpet—all 150,000 square yards—is a special
woven construction with pile of Antron* II nylon.
“Antron” II was selected for its outstanding
long-term appearance-retention qualities.

Why “Antron” II? “Antron” II nylon is designed
to mask the presence of soil. And, because it is
a nylon, it’s the most abrasion-resistant of all
carpet fibers. In addition, “Antron” II has a
pleasant, subdued luster, unlike bright or
sparkle-luster fibers that can dull rapidly in
contained high-traffic areas. Cleanability and
texture retention are excellent.

These are the properties most specifiers
expect from “Antron” II, the fiber known for its
lasting good looks. And they are among the
reasons why it is the leading contract carpet
fiber brand.

How “Antron” II masks soil. Here in this 250X
electron micrograph, you can see the remark­
able four-hole fibers of “Antron” II. The four
microscopic voids scatter
light to mask soil and help
blend soil concentrations
into the overall carpet look.
The smooth exterior shape
minimizes soil entrapments,
making cleaning more
effective than irregularly
shaped fibers.

“Antron” III nylon for durable, effective static
control is available in most styles in “Antron” II.

Specifier’s Information Kit. For more information—a
carpet manufacturers’ resource list, a specification guide
for commercial office buildings, and a maintenance man­
ual—write: Du Pont Contract Carpet Fibers, Centre Road
Building, Room AR, Wilmington, DE 19898.

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Antron II.
The leading contract carpet fiber brand.
Antron II nylon. The known for its lasting
No Other Door Looks or Feels Like It

Most hardboard door faces are like Tweedledee and Tweedledum: it's hard to tell one from another. But you'll know Legacy when you see it. Because Legacy's wood grain isn't just lines on the surface; its pattern is deeply embossed. You see a grain rich in natural highlights and you can feel the texture as well. So Legacy faced doors are more than doors. They're a dramatic accent piece for every room.

Not To Mention Durability

Some door facings seem as fragile as Humpty Dumpty. Not Legacy. Fifty percent denser than wood, hardboard Legacy is finished with an equally tough stain and mar resistant coating. The result is a door face highly likely to remain blemish free through installation manhandling and years of rugged use.

And Low Cost

Legacy's high card trump is low cost. Priced well below solid real wood doors and just a bit above lauan and unfinished birch, every penny spent on Legacy faced doors buys more beauty and performance than money spent on any other door. So, go ahead. Smile like a Cheshire Cat. Your Legacy purchase will be a very clever buy.

All of Which Means Legacy Stands Alone

Through past fluctuations in building starts, Legacy sales have moved ever upward. It takes a product without equal to generate such continually growing demand and Legacy is that kind of product. But then, it's what you'd expect from us. Hardboard's first name is Masonite.

For the names of quality door manufacturers using Legacy write: Masonite Corporation, 29 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

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Legacy is Trump

Other Doors Only Follow Suit
cheaper than oil

Projected cost to heat and cool the Pentagon for the next 20 years, if it were built today using thicker 2 1/4-inch Fiberglas roof insulation (after allowing for the cost of thicker insulation!):

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The flowering of Art Nouveau

ART NOUVEAU BELGIUM FRANCE: Catalogue of an exhibition organized by the Institute for the Arts, Rice University, and the Art Institute of Chicago by Yvonne Brunhammer et al.; Institute for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, 1976, 512 pages, illus., $20.00.

In its brief life span of about twenty years (from approximately 1889 to 1909), the Art Nouveau style was widely diffused. It was to be found in varying degrees of intensity in Scotland, England, France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Austria, Hungary and Bohemia (Czechoslovakia). This superbly illustrated book originally was the catalog for the most comprehensive exhibition of Art Nouveau ever held in the United States. It was organized by Dominique de Menil, Director, Institute for the Arts, Rice University. In the book the focus is narrowed, as it was in the exhibition, to include only this efflorescent period as it glowed in Belgium and France. Within this judiciously limited scheme, however, the book's range is exhaustive. It examines and interrelates the style in all its aspects—those of painting and graphic arts including posters, sculpture, the decorative arts and architecture—displaying the work in hundreds of beautifully printed plates, including unusually fine color reproductions.

Art Nouveau was the last great style in which major artists aspired to design in every form of two- and three-dimensional expression. Their goal was a synthesis of the arts and, for a short time, they brilliantly succeeded. Theirs was the last era where mastery in all handicrafts was available to the designer, encouraging architects like the Belgian Henry van de Velde and the French Hector Guimard to work in all available mediums. Van de Velde, as shown in the book's sumptuous section on sculpture and the decorative arts, designed wall paper, chairs, appliquéd and embroidered hems, cuffs and collars for women's gowns, belt buckles, candelabras, canes, cufflinks, dinner services, flatware, wine glasses, swords, door handles and other hardware. The painting and graphic arts chapter displays a Cézanne-like pastel on paper study of a garden by van de Velde, and a wood engraving by him for the cover of the magazine Van Nu en Straaks. The section on architecture includes drawings and photographs of no fewer than seven projects designed by van de Velde including the Kunstschule in Weimar, which later, under Gropius, was to become the birthplace of the Bauhaus.

Guimard, like van de Velde, designed in ceramic, stained glass, wood, fabric and wallpaper. He drew covers for books, designed dress ornaments, created furniture, picture frames, canes and clocks. The book includes examples of all this work in its selection of sculpture and the decorative arts, and acknowledges Guimard's unique greatness by including a separate chapter on his architecture and ornamental cast iron.

The Belgian architect, Victor Horta, did not attempt to master as wide a range of the arts and crafts as did van de Velde and Guimard, limiting his work for the most part to the design of buildings and their ornamentation. The book includes rarely seen drawings and photographs of his marvelous turn-of-the-century houses for which structural iron was cast or bent in the shape of trees and plants upholding wonderful stained glass domes like great flowers.


Each category of Art Nouveau in the book is introduced by historical and critical texts and the architectural section has three: Art Nouveau Architecture in Belgium: Red Steel and Blue Aesthetic, by Maurice Culot; Art Nouveau Architecture in France, by François Loyer; and Ornamental Cast Iron in Guimard's Architecture, by Alain Blondel and Yves Plantin. Maurice Culot puts Belgian Art Nouveau in a social and political context with particular emphasis on the fact that the style was favored by the socialist Belgian Workers Party because of friendship between the party's young intellectual leaders and the avant-garde artists. Victor Horta designed the Maison du Peuple (1895-1899) in Brussels for the Belgian Workers Party and in his memoirs (1940) described the commission with a hint of nostalgia for the enthusiasms of his youth: "...I could see immediately that the work would be interesting; to build a palace, which wouldn't be a palace but a 'house' where air and light, too long excluded for workers' hovels, would be the luxuries. The house would lodge the administrative offices, cooperative offices, political and professional meeting rooms, and a café where the price of drinks would be in keeping with the director's desire to combat alcoholism, still a great problem among the people. There would be conference rooms for instruction and to crown it all, an immense auditorium for political meetings and the party's congress, as well as for the musical programs and theatrical events the members would produce."

Culot points out that from the beginning, Art Nouveau in Belgium was a means by which clients expressed their ideology. The liberals, socialists and freethinkers of the day chose Art Nouveau, just as their successors of the present day tend to select the more far-out of contemporary trends. In turn-of-the-century Brussels, engineers, lawyers and artists were more receptive than ordinary citizens to vanguard design for their own houses as they are today in late-20th-century New York. Culot adds that the Belgian Catholics of the time chose to build in Gothic Revival or Flemish Renaissance. Says he: "They condemned Art Nouveau on the ground that its sinuous curves appeared to be the mark of a totally pagan luxuriousness, and forbade its teaching in the architectural schools of St. Luc."

François Loyer focuses upon Art Nouveau architecture in terms of space as well as ornamentation, demonstrating its roots in academism, eclecticism and particularly the Gothic Revival. He traces the effect of the work of Viollet-le-Duc upon Guimard and indicates how such other mid-nineteenth century architects as Henri Labrouste and J.A.E. Vaudremer helped lay the groundwork for the great artistic resurgence soon to come.

The last article by Alain Blondel and Yves Plantin is devoted appropriately to Guimard alone. After about 1909, when Art Nouveau with amazing suddenness became passé, this great architect did not, as Horta and many others eventually were to do, misrepresent and repudiate his early work in an attempt to appear as a pioneer of functionalism. His last building, constructed in Paris in 1928, was boldly cast in the by then thoroughly discredited Art Nouveau style. As the authors point out: "He was the last Art Nouveau architect, as he had been, in France, the first."

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In Tehran: a private developer plans condominiums for the suburbs

For private developer Deyhuk Co. Ltd. in Tehran, Martin Holub, a New York City architect who also practices in Iran, designed the 15-unit Gheyteh condominium for one of the city's rapidly growing suburbs. Mr. Holub attributes the acceptance of his design at least partially to American experience in efficient floor planning—local architects, with expansive notions of interior space, were unable to achieve more than an uneconomical 12 units on the site—as well as to American experience in negotiating code variances—the zoning code here was varied to accommodate a penthouse on the fifth floor, a height normally permitted only if the entire building were raised on piloti. The stepped duplex apartments (each floor plan is different from the others) pass through the building to provide cross-ventilation and to command views both northward toward the mountains and southward, from private terraces, toward the city. The building, to be faced with local stone, will overlook a landscaped garden at the back.

In Salalah: a 167-shop souk will occupy the new town center

In the town of Salalah, Oman, the government plans to build a new souk, or market place. Both souk and the new town center of which it will be part were designed by architects McLaughey, Marshall & McMillan of Norfolk, Virginia, for Ashaykh Braik Ben Hamoudi Alghafiry, the Wali of Dhofar. (Salalah, on the Arabian Sea, is the chief government center of Oman's southern Dhofar Province.) The 200,000-sq-ft facility will encompass 167 shops of various sizes and a large meat and fish market, all interconnected by a network of shaded pedestrian walkways leading into small tiled courts with fountains. Service vehicles and customer parking will be accommodated at the periphery. The souk will cost an estimated $19 million.
In Doha: the Sheik builds a luxury hotel with convention center

A triangular pyramid, which will house a luxury hotel and a conference center, is presently under construction on a point overlooking the Persian Gulf at Doha, Qatar. Designed by William L. Pereira Associates for Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad al-Thani, the Emir of Qatar, the profile of the 16-story tower, at the northern edge of Doha's harbor, will echo a proposed tower at the harbor's southern edge in New Doha, now being planned by WLPA. In addition to 430 terraced guest rooms and a 750-seat auditorium in the conference center, facilities will include restaurants, a motion picture theater, a ballroom and souk (shopping galleria). A 13-story atrium will provide what the architects term a "man-made oasis," and continuous sunshades on the exterior will shield guest-room balconies. The steel-frame, precast building, scheduled for completion late next year, will cost an estimated $90 million.
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Colombia will build shell housing with unfinished interiors at a Bogotá condominium

For a 1,200-unit mass housing condominium planned for Bogotá, the Colombian firm Cuellar Serrano Gomez will combine a Mexican precast structural system with unfinished interiors to achieve a low-cost building that will also encourage the participatory engagement of owner/occupants in the construction process.

For the basic structure, the Colombian builders will use the Cortina System, a system of walls and floor slabs precast on site in layers so that the walls unfold as the slabs are successively jack-lifted into position. Masonry units for exterior infill and interior walls are carried on the slabs as they are raised.

At Bogotá, the system will be cast in a configuration called by its designers "type H." The 30 square meter interior bearing panels, after the structure unfolds, provide columns to anchor occupant-built partitions—curtains or plywood can be installed to yield one, two or three bedrooms. The project management will provide building materials at reasonable prices, as well as advice on construction techniques and bimonthly inspections for safety.

The developers see two key advantages in the design of the project—one social, the other economic. First, they see a built-in defense against the alienation and resentment that are common problems in "project" housing programs. Because occupants of such mass housing do not understand what goes into them, they are often antagonistic toward what seems like a giveaway program. Says Gonzalez Cortina of Eledifica, S.A., owner of the Cortina System, "The typical case is the man who discovers his walls are hollow, then angrily punches holes in them. That won't happen if he builds them himself." Instead, it is hoped, owners will take pride in their own work. Ideally, social status will be conferred on the owner of the best-finished apartment, and his neighbors will copy his work.

The economic advantages of the project include both the low-cost basic structure and the use of "auto-construction" techniques by the project's users—that is, the utilization of construction experience that the project occupants have acquired in building the shanty towns replaced by the new housing units. I. C. Construcciones, S.A., parent company to Eledifica, has also proposed a similar undertaking for Mexico's housing agency INFONAVIT (see RECORD, June 1976, page 37). The proposed Mexican type H units would include both sink and gas stove in each kitchen. (At Bogotá, occupants will furnish their own petroleum stoves.) J. C. Construcciones estimates that the Mexican proposal could reduce construction costs by 28 per cent, allowing 39 per cent more units to be built within the available housing budget.

Timothy Berry, World News, Mexico City.

Above: Cortina System in erection

Top right: entrance facade

Bottom right: lateral facade

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Proposed Museum of the Building Arts gets $85,000 earnest money from HUD, the National Endowment and L.A.W. Fund

An institution to enhance architecture and the other building arts through a museum, archives, library and study center is now being planned—probably as an expansion of the Smithsonian complex in Washington.

A committee of planners, headed by architectural historian Cynthia R. Field, has determined that the 1885 Pension Building—not too far from Capitol Hill—should be the home for the new complex, which they are calling The National Museum of the Building Arts.

Dr. Field and her committee are now striving to interest architects, building engineers, urbanists, business and labor leaders in helping refine a proposal that may lead to the museum's establishment. The emphasis will be on the entire built environment.

The committee has received $85,000 in grants. The National Endowment for the Arts and the Department of Housing and Urban Development have both provided $40,000, and $5,000 came from the L. A. W. Fund, a New York foundation. The museum committee has also signed on Wolf von Eckardt, Washington Post architecture critic, for a year of effort in developing the proposal.

Dr. Field, who operates out of the third-floor loft of a Dupont Circle townhouse, hopes to attract a wide range of business and industry interests to participate in the program. In her view, it may be possible to attract participation by the Library of Congress, the National Archives, historical preservationists, and perhaps even the National Institute of Building Sciences.

The Pension Building, which is owned by the Federal General Services Administration, is now occupied by courtrooms of the District of Columbia Superior Court. A new building, now under construction, will house the Superior Court in about two years. The building, built at 5th and G Streets N.W. more than 90 years ago, was designed by Montgomery C. Meigs, a general in the Corps of Engineers. It has a grand court enclosed by a gallery roof supported by eight massive 75-foot Corinthian columns. A guidebook published by the American Institute of Architects calls it the "most astonishing room in Washington."

Before the renovation work gets underway, it will be necessary to win several forms of approval. Dr. Field is trying to attract aid from all construction interests. If the ball gets rolling, she and her committee hope to publish the first draft of their formal proposal by June. If acceptances follow, the committee will go to Capitol Hill to lobby for legislative support and authority to spend renovation and operational money.

Early planning is pointing toward an institution with four distinct functions:

- A museum presenting man's architectural and environmental heritage with a changing exhibits.
- An archives for collecting and preserving papers and designs of American architects, planners, engineers, builders and landscape architects.
- A library that will specialize in books and journals related to American building and design.
- A study center to encourage the National and International exchange of scholarly studies to "increase knowledge of American accomplishments in the building arts."—William Hickman, World News, Washington.

NIBS issues a wide-ranging Missions Paper to define its strategies and operations

The National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), now being organized by its board of directors, is carving out a large role for itself. The 21 board members feel the Institute should be preeminent in all areas involving building technology.

That is probably what Congress had in mind, too, when it went along with the construction industry's request that the Institute be established in the first place. The fact that the board—composed of business, labor, government, consumer and public members—agrees so closely with the legislation's intent bodes well for the NIBS' future.

A charter, which is in its sixth revision, says the organization would deal with all problems associated with the development of construction technology and speed its adoption in a somewhat standardized form. In its preamble, the NIBS Missions Paper says the organization would stimulate development of "needed scientific and technical knowledge" and ensure "that existing and yet-to-be-formulated construction technologies are rapidly introduced into and accepted by the building community."

The Missions Paper, prepared by a subcommittee headed by architect Herbert H. Winburne of Philadelphia, establishes "strategies" to be followed by the organization:

- Establish the Institute as the authoritative national source of information on building science and technology, performance criteria and standards, and the building process.
- Identify research areas, develop building research agenda, define issues related to innovation, and encourage research by public, private and educational institutions.
- Develop a system for recognizing building performance criteria and standards.
- Create a national system for the evaluation and requalification of existing and new building technologies.
- Establish a building regulation information program by assembling data on existing codes and standards.
- Demonstrate how the building code process can be coordinated to become a system that consolidates the building community.
- Develop methods for introducing scientific and technological innovations and performance criteria.
- Develop a system for making the Institute financially self-supporting.

While the strategies are being pulled together by Mr. Winburne's group, another panel headed by Joseph H. Newman of Tishman is beginning to sort through more than 80 resumes of candidates for the NIBS presidency, the chief permanent staff position. Mr. Newman says the committee will offer a recommendation early this year. His subcommittee will also suggest a salary for the president that will be competitive with private industry compensation rather than with civil service pay.

Nicholas A. Panuzio, Commissioner of the Public Building Service in the General Services Administration, acknowledged that he is an applicant for the job. Mr. Panuzio is a Republican and former mayor of Bridgeport, Connecticut. He assumes the Carter Administration will replace him at PBS.

Many other names are being circulated, including one from a top architect who has offered to dissolve his firm if selected for NIBS' top slot.

NIBS was authorized by Congress in 1974 as a nongovernmental, nonprofit organization. The 21 board members were nominated this year. The chairman is Otis M. Madero, an executive with the Aluminum Company of America. Robert A. Georgine, president of the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO, is the secretary-treasurer—William Hickman, World News, Washington.

Commerce Department moves toward Office of Construction

On-again, off-again signals from Federal officials concerning an Office of Construction are presently on. As a first step, the Commerce Department has agreed to create a Construction Program and Policy Coordination Committee (CPPCC) with an executive director. The committee will serve as the focal point for construction industry contact with the Federal establishment.

Announcement of the committee's creation came at a recent meeting of the National Construction Industry Council in Washington. NCIC has been in the forefront of a two-year battle to win Federal government recognition of the nonresidential construction industry.

Commerce officials said they would encourage President-elect Jimmy Carter's transition team to continue the construction committee into the new administration.

Outgoing Commerce Secretary Elliot L. Richardson said in a letter to NCIC chairman Philip Abrams that he was naming Aaron Sabghir, a 34-year veteran of government service, as the committee's executive director. Mr. Sabghir, who regularly attends NCIC meetings, is director of the Con-
Urban unions reduce wages to stimulate housing rehab

What may be a major breakthrough in rehabilitating inner-city housing—both single-family units and apartments—has been launched by the outgoing Republican Administration and the leadership of the building trades unions, as announced by HUD.

Housing Secretary Carla M. Hills, building trades leader Robert A. Georgine, and the contractors in the National Housing Rehabilitation Association have pushed through agreements in a number of cities whereby the major building trades unions accept lower wage rates—usually 75 per cent of their regular scale—for rehab work. For their part, city officials, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and rehab contractors have to commit themselves to financing enough rehab work to produce enough jobs to make the program attractive to the building trades locals.

These agreements have been signed in Philadelphia, Atlanta, and New York City—with the expectation that they will be signed soon in a number of other cities, such as Boston, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, and Oakland, California.

The Philadelphia agreement, signed last summer, covered rehab work for multi-family HUD-owned row houses. After they have been rehabbed, these single-family units are to be put on the market at HUD-specified prices.

For the apartment rehab program, HUD is providing the back-up financing to make the multi-family units eligible for subsidies to low-income families under the Section 8 program—and thus far has committed funds to rehabilitating an estimated 17,000 such units.

HUD is offering to increase a city's Section 8 housing subsidy allocation on a one-for-one basis—providing the additional subsidy funds for one unit to match each unit that the city agrees to rehabilitate under other programs.

Thomas Appleby, New York City Housing Administrator, has asked HUD for 4,000 so-called "bonuses" under the program, which would mean that at least 8,000 units would be rehabilitated in New York City. Mr. Appleby says, "I happen to think rehab's time has come. This is one approach to wholesaling rehabilitation instead of retailing it—which has always been the problem."

By the November 30 deadline, HUD officials had received applications from 46 cities, including Delray Beach, Florida; East Chester, New York; Lowell, Massachusetts; Newark and a handful of other cities in New Jersey.

The program was launched under a tight deadline, with cities having to certify that a rehab work agreement had been reached by November 30. If the deadline is not met, a city's application will be rejected and its allocation will then be turned over to other applicants.

Interested developers must "prove" quality with local HUD officials by showing their capacity to carry out large-scale rehabilitation and by showing that they can offer a large number of units in neighborhoods that qualify for the program.

When all the pieces fit together, the city advertises for bids giving developers only until January 15 to submit their proposals.

Contractors promoting the program are Carlton Dukes, of Continental Wingate, who is president of the Rehabilitation Contractors Associations; Ranbir Sahni, American Development Corp., Los Angeles; Melvin Weintraub, of Morelite Construction Corp., Bronx, New York; and Preston Moore, Urban Home Ownership, New York City.—Donald Loomis, World News, Washington.

Britain's economic travails leave a quarter of its architects unemployed and put a third of its private firms out of business

Britain's economic miseries have thrown a quarter of its 25,000 registered architects out of work. Some 6,250 are unemployed, a third of the country's architectural practices have closed their doors in the past year, leaving the remaining 2,500 firms facing a bleak future that promises little but continued decline in available work.

One London architect sums up the plight of many: "When the project I have now finished in a couple of months, I'll be out of a job." With little work on the home front, a number of the larger firms maintain their previous levels by going overseas, especially to the Middle East. Ian Fraser, John Robbets and Partners—which has a 20-man team working on the giant $350 million tent-roof stadium for the Saudi Arabian capital, Riyadh—estimates its overseas workload could rise to 80 per cent of the total by the end of next year. Five years ago the foreign total was only 10 per cent.

And as these firms shed staff, many individual architects are going abroad on their own, finding work either as part of on-site design teams or at colleges and universities. Many recent graduates are entering volunteer overseas service. They work in underdeveloped countries at local pay scales. Those who stay in Britain and cannot find work in architecture leave the profession, sometimes for jobs as remote as farming.

A series of government public spending cuts to reduce inflation and stabilize the sagging pound has hit British architects and all construction-related industries especially hard because of the high percentage of public participation in the sector. Even in housing, where private enterprise usually thrives, the government now dominates. This year the private sector will build 160,000 homes, compared to 170,000 public housing units. Just four years ago, the private sector built 226,000 housing units.
October construction rose 31 per cent over last year's monthly figure, sparked by five large utility contracts and an 18 per cent increase in residential building, according to the F. W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company. Dodge economist George A. Christie sees both good and bad news in these facts: "... housing starts will bring an immediate payoff in jobs and building materials sales," but "utility projects offer little in the way of immediate stimulation. . . ." In the building sector, residential contracts, which totaled $6,792,158,000, included a 72 per cent increase in multi-family housing. Nonresidential contracts rose six per cent to $2,728,449,000, with gains in stores, offices and hospitals and declines in schools, public buildings and recreation.

Hourly wage rates for the building trades rose only 0.5 per cent in the third quarter of 1976, according to the Department of Labor. This figure represents the lowest third-quarter increase in the last 10 years. Over the 12 months ending October 1, wages rose 6.1 per cent, against 8.3 per cent for the previous year. Wages reported for seven major trades averaged $9.52 an hour, up 54.4 cents from October 1, 1975.

HUD, the building trades and contractors have agreed to wage reductions to stimulate housing rehabilitation in Philadelphia, Atlanta and New York, and hope to complete similar agreements elsewhere. Details on page 36.

Architects Muldawer & Patterson Associates have designed stands for Jimmy Carter's Presidential inauguration. The Atlanta firm reports that the design took its form from Mr. Carter's declared principles of governmental simplicity and accessibility: the swearing-in stand will be small and low, with glass panels to increase visibility, and it will be set at a 45-degree angle from Pennsylvania Avenue to open a vista toward the White House and so affirm the preeminence of the office over the man. The architects also considered the use of resources in their design, concerning themselves with economy of construction and demounting and the re-use of materials. The inaugural stand will be warmed by a solar heating unit lent by the Georgia Institute of Technology.

A National Museum of the Building Arts is planned as an extension of the Smithsonian Institution. The committee has hired architectural critic Wolf von Eckardt to develop a proposal. Details on page 37.

California will alter its architectural registration board to favor a preponderance of laymen over professionals in response to consumerism pressures and despite misgivings on the part of the profession. Details on page 36.

The National Organization of Minority Architects has elected Robert J. Nash, FAIA, its president. Other new officers of NOMA include Charles F. McAfee, first vice president, and Norcell Haywood, secretary. Mr. Haywood will continue to serve as editor of NOMA's newsletter, and Robert T. Coles will continue as treasurer.

As a possible first step toward a Federal Office of Construction, the Department of Commerce will establish a Construction Program and Policy Coordination Committee. Details on page 37.

About a quarter of Britain's architects are out of work, and a third of its architectural firms have closed, with little promise of early relief in the face of the nation's persistent economic difficulties. Details on page 36.

Walter H. Annenberg has pledged $20 million toward a new visual arts center for the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The proposed Fine Arts Center of the Annenberg School of Communications will be quartered in the museum's Southw est Wing, now being designed by Kevin Roche/John Dinkeloo and Associates, and will be headed by Thomas Hoving, who retires next year as the museum's director. Mr. Annenberg is president of Triangle Publications, Inc., and was formerly the American ambassador to Great Britain.

Sir Basil Spence, architect of Coventry Cathedral, died in England November 20 at the age of 69. His contemporary design for the Cathedral Church of Saint Michael, which replaced the 14th-century church destroyed by bombs in World War II, initially drew criticism from modernists and traditionalists alike. But, Lewis Mumford wrote after its dedication in 1962, "Its originality consists in its indifference to originality, and in its respect not for the letter of modernism but for the spirit that giveth life."

The National Institute for Architectural Education offers two traveling fellowships and cash prizes to architectural students. The Lloyd Warren Fellowship (64th Paris Prize) and the William Van Alen Memorial Fellowship each carry a $6,000 first prize and a $1,000 second prize. Additionally, the Hirons design competition will grant $3,000 in prize money. Contact: NIAE, 139 East 52nd Street, New York, New York 10022.

The Rotch Traveling Scholarship will award a stipend of $11,000 in its 1977 competition, which is open to American citizens under 35 who have either taken architectural degrees at Massachusetts schools or completed one year of practice in Massachusetts. Contact, before February 25: Hugh Stubbins, Secretary, Rotch Traveling Scholarship, 1033 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.
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It looks as if—for architects and architecture—this could indeed be, as the saying goes, a Happy New Year.

The numbers look good. As you have undoubtedly read (November RECORD, page 67), the Dodge/Sweet’s Construction Outlook for 1977 predicts “a year of good cyclical expansion—not as good as it should be, but better than anything the construction industry has known for quite some time.” Our favorite economist, George Christie, predicts a 17 per cent increase in commercial and manufacturing construction, a 5 per cent increase in institutional work, for a 10 per cent increase in total nonresidential; a small increase in single-family but a whopping increase back to a respectable 600,000 apartment-unit starts, for a 12 per cent increase in residential construction—almost all of it in the apartment area where architects are heavily involved.

Beyond the numbers (and those of you who are not optimistic will forgive me, I hope) there is a feeling of optimism in the air. Conversations over the phone and over lunch indicate to me that architects from around the country (and even New York) are starting to get pilgrimages to Mecca and its environs, and are in general getting back to work.

Some good things for architects and architecture have happened in, of all places, Washington lately. Specifically, many of the recommendations of the Task Force on the Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture, organized by Nancy Hanks and Bill Lacy of the National Endowment for the Arts, are being incorporated into Federal law and agency policy. Item: Public Law 94-151—signed into law by the President on October 18th—greatly strengthens the adaptive use program of the General Services Administration and introduces the concept of mixed-use Federal buildings. As reported in the Endowment’s newsletter, Federal Design Matters, the new legislation helps to “fulfill the Government’s duty to provide leadership in the conservation and preservation of our cultural heritage. . . . [and] affirm the Government’s commitment to an economy based on conservation rather than consumption.” Under the Act’s provisions, GSA will consult the Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation “to identify existing buildings of historic, architectural, or cultural significance suitable for Federal agency space needs. These buildings will be given priority over other available means of meeting the Government’s public building requirements (that is, commissioning new building or leasing space).”

Further under the Act—and this is a breakthrough—GSA is “authorized and encouraged” to “rent out space on pedestrian levels of existing and future Federal buildings to commercial, cultural, educational, and recreational enterprises and to create a lively environment in and around Federal public buildings through design and management initiatives.” The first prototypical mixed-use Federal building will be the Home Loan Bank Board Building designed by Max Urbahn and nearing completion in Washington. It will have a courtyard ice-skating rink and shops on both the ground and mezzanine floors.

Other good news from Washington is that it seems clear some action on getting housing going again—especially urban housing and especially rehabilitation—is forthcoming soon. Last month’s editorial commented on the views of Representative Thomas Ashley, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Housing and Community Development, who considers it likely, especially in view of Mr. Carter’s election, that HUD will soon be encouraging low-income housing by means of block grants—perhaps in the $2.5 to $3 billion a year range. Another technique that sounds awfully good—though it is not getting enough of a run for meaningful analysis—is reported in this month’s News Reports (page 36). This demonstration program has been launched jointly by outgoing HUD Secretary Carla Hills, Robert Georgine, president of the Building and Construction Trades Department of AFL-CIO, and the National Housing Rehabilitation Association. Under the program, being tested in cities across the country, the building trades locals agree to work on urban-housing rehab at wage rates averaging about 75 per cent of their usual scale, in return for a commitment by HUD, the contractors, and the city to rehab enough housing to create a significant number of jobs. If this does generate the volume of work predicted in these last weeks of the Ford Administration, surely it is worth a longer try after January 20th.

So . . . for the New Year, we have some real improvement in the marketplace, inflation in construction seems to have cooled off (though we can only cross our fingers on that), and the new Carter Administration—while it has not given us many clues on its commitment to quality architecture—clearly has a commitment to do something about urban housing. So, let’s hope, Happy New Year!

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Once again I am saddened to note that buildings are published and the proper recognition of staff involved in the project is omitted. Among the exclusions was an industrial facility for Trios Industries published in the November issue, and noteworthy for its simple, straightforward design and attention to details so often lacking in such buildings. Unfortunately only the firm name was mentioned, with no credit given to either the designer or other key staff members.

In these hard times, in which layoffs abound and tenure within a firm is almost non-existent, the only way for professionals, particularly the younger practitioners, to earn professional recognition essential to proper career development is through publications such as this. Therefore, it is the responsibility of RECORD and the other professional journals to give architects the recognition and credit so often denied to them, even within the profession.

Edward C. Rubin, architect
New York, New York

The American Psychological Association Convention was held in Washington, D.C., September 3-7, 1976. A portion of this convention consisted of several sessions concerning environment and behavior. As an architect who is very interested in behavioral sciences, I attended some sessions pertinent to this field. I felt compelled to write to state my feelings concerning sciences and our profession.

The enlightening thing about this entire convention, as seen from my perspective, is that these psychologists are interested in and are studying the environment. The environment of which I am speaking is the one which we design. Our buildings and our interiors, plus the landscape. These people are making deep studies of all these things on which we are supposed to be experts. Of course, they are studying, very thoroughly, how people use the environment and how the environment affects them, both psychologically and sociologically. But, in addition to all this, they are studying building forms, art and symbols, interior spaces, methods of teaching, how to research, and on and on. Each small node seems to lead on to another node. Therefore, it seems as if it will expand and expand with new gain in knowledge with each expansion.

What are the implications of this for the design professions? Since we are doing very little of our own research, it would seem that in due time the behavioral science profession is going to know a lot more about the environment than we do. They have already made deep inroads into the study of human beings and their environment. In some instances, their studies have caused designers to be liable for designing environments that do not fit the user needs. It now seems as though they are looking at the artistic side of our profession and how it affects the human.

Why are we sitting back and letting this happen? Should we get involved ourselves, or should we put these people on the team, the same as a mechanical, electrical, or structural engineer, or other similar consultants that we might use, depending upon the particular project. We must do one or the other, or possibly both. If we don't do this, our credibility, as professional designers of the environment, will get to be less and less. We cannot remain in this static condition.

John M. Gibson
Executive vice president
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We were delighted to see Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian Houses by John Sergeant reviewed in the November issue. But one aspect of the review caused us some concern.

Edgar Tafel implies that no one outside the charmed circle of Taliesin is really qualified to write knowledgeably about Wright's work and genius. Yet at the same time he seems to defend or at least condone Taliesin's policy of maintaining the exclusivity of the club. This is not the path to scholarship, nor does it do anything to enhance the reputation so earnestly desired to keep pure and unsullied. Wright is surely of sufficient stature to withstand any amount of analysis.

John Sergeant's is a serious book which seems to us to enhance rather than diminish our understanding of the man and his work.

While we all look forward to Edgar Tafel's forthcoming book on Wright, we certainly believe that the profession and the public can benefit as much from the detached view of the scholarly outsider (even a Brit) as from the intimate insights of the initiated.

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