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FHA rules on single family carpeting
Executive-type furniture use restricted

THE contract industry is into a year whose course is probably the most difficult to chart of any so far this decade. This reflects the conflict in the overall economy, the skepticism about official goals and declarations, and the uncertainty of trends in a situation that has no recent parallel—and may, if we're fortunate, have no duplicate in later years. A number of influences that seem bearish at this writing may very well be too pessimistic, at least partly because of the over-reaction of forecasters seeking to compensate for the lack of reliable directions from Washington.

The Commerce Department's own outlook of construction for the year—drawn before there were indications of the new Federal budget and the latest approximation for Vietnam expenditures—puts the total at the 1966 level, instead of increasing as it has in recent years.

This includes a drop in multifamily housing construction, which has been a source of contract volume, because of 1966 tight money and the temporary suspension of the two fastest methods of depreciation on new construction and of the investment tax credit. This suspension will also affect other categories.

Here is how the Department forecast projects the change for various categories of expenditures for construction important in the contract field: Nonhousekeeping construction—hotels, motels, dormitories —no change. Private industrial buildings, up 5 percent. Commercial buildings, up 4 percent. Religious structures, down 8 percent. Private educational, down 3 percent. Private hospital and institutional, up 2 percent. Public residential, up 11 percent. Public industrial, down 7 percent. Public educational, down 3 percent. Public hospital, down 5 percent.

An industry forecast—by Johns-Manville Corp. estimates the expenditures will change this way: Private nonhousekeeping, down 7 percent. Private industrial, down 2 percent. Private commercial, down 9 percent. Private religious, off 5 percent. Private educational, off 11.5 percent. Private hospital, off 4 percent. Public residential, no change. Public indusrial, up 8 percent. Public educational, down 3 perent. Public hospital, off 7 percent.

HA accepts single family carpeting

Discreetly waiting until after the elections, the Fed-

eral Housing Administration has finally accepted wall-to-wall carpeting in its valuation for single-family homes, both proposed and existing construction. It has for some years accepted it in multifamily construction. Along with this, it issued standards for the carpeting, in Use of Materials Bulletin 44, which can be obtained from your nearest FHA office. The action came as a result of a 1965 legislative amendment, which directed FHA to accept technically suitable materials. FHA, in effect, has now ruled that carpeting is technically suitable.

Use of carpeting is not required. But FHA intends that the option will be with the builder—if carpeting is of value in the locality, the FHA offices must find a value for it.

FHA is preparing guides and instructional materials for its staff, and offices are meeting with carpeting experts to familiarize themselves with the product. Until producers include identification with their carpeting that it meets the FHA standard, they will have to certify that the item meets the FHA standard for either heavy or moderate traffic.

FHA approves five yarns—acrylic, modacrylic, wool, staple and filament nylon, polypropylene olefin. Blends cannot have more than two fibers, with a minimum of 20 percent of the lesser. Acceptable carpeting may be installed over finished flooring or directly over concrete slabs, plywood, hardboard, or other smooth subflooring.

Federal economy moves

General Services Administration estimates that its recent directive which restricts the use of executivetype furniture to personnel in GS Grade 18 and above (the very highest levels), and unitized (modular) wood furniture to personnel in Grade 15 and above, may avoid annual expenditures of \$3 million.

As part of its "economy" move, it promotes the extended use of present furniture and office equipment by emphasizing maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of items.

In the 22-month period following the 1965 restriction on the purchase of new filing cabinets, 71,000 cabinets valued at \$3.6 million had been bought. This was 132,000 cabinets and \$6.6 million less than had been purchased in the preceding comparable period. It is achieving this by using available equipment and by moving inactive records into low-cost storage space.

Federal roundup

Federal Trade Commission plans to impose a Trade Regulation Rule which will consider, as an unfair method of competition and a deception, the failure by manufacturers and other marketers to clearly disclose the hazards resulting from washing or handling glass fiber fabrics and finished glass fiber textile products. The practice which FTC would prohibit is widespread in the industry, it says.

General Services Administration has revised various standard forms to permit their use in negotiated as well as advertised supply and nonpersonal service contracts, and to make them more suitable for use with automatic business machines. The forms affected include: 18, request for quotations; 26, award/contract; (Continued on page 18)

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Invitations itemized

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Directorate of Procurement and Production, D fense General Supply Center, Richmond, Va.—Rubbe floor mats, 976 each. Dining tables, 160 each. Vin resin floor covering, 263 rolls. Folding stool, 1,20 each. Folding-legs field table, 27,000 each.

General Services Administration, Fort Worth-Fluorescent lighting fixtures, 135 each.

Defense Personnel Supply Center, Philadelphia-Wool bed blankets, 71,505 each. Feather bed pillow 11,620 each.

Veterans Administration Hospital, Downey, Ill. Outdoor-indoor polypropylene nonwoven carpet, feet wide, 1,630 lineal feet.

General Services Administration, Seattle — Wo household furniture—bunk beds, 200 each; rou dining table, 200 each; side chairs, 1,200 eac breakfront china cabinet, 150 each; double pedes desk, 300 each; occasional tables, 900 each. Inne spring mattresses, 4,718 each. (C) On the eleventh floor of The Merchandise Mart, Chicago, you will find qualified professional consultation...competent, dependable service, up-to-the-minute styles...and an outstanding selection of the leading contract suppliers. This is the exceptional combination established by the Contract Manufacturers Association especially for the use of contract designers, architects, dealers and their clients. There is nothing else like it.

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Met Opera walls of Kevazingo

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pose of finding the precise wood that would fulfill the design concept of the new Metropolitan Opera House. Harrison & Abramovitz, architect for Lincoln Center, was looking for a wood of a particular red hue for the Opera's walls, which would meet esthetic and technical requirements. Provided with a swatch of fabric the wood was to match, the staff of William L. Marshall determined that Kevazingo, an African wood was the best choice in terms of acoustical qualities and similarity to the sample. The logs, all the product of a single tree, were found in London at John Wright & Sons (Veneers) Ltd., and when manufactured into veneers, presented the appearance of moire silk. William Somerville & Sons fabricated and installed all the interior woodwork.

Cudlipp to create Designs for Dining

Chandler Cudlipp Associates, Inc., interior design firm, has been selected to design the ninth annual edition of Designs for Dining. It will premiere at the 1967 National Hotel & Motel Exposition, which will take place at the New York City Coliseum on November 6-9, 1967, and will have a repeat performance in May, 1968, at the National Restaurant Show, in Chicago. The overall theme of Designs for Dining stresses the importance of proper decor. The products feature by the designers are from leadin American manufacturing companies

Decor '67 in London

Carpeting that sticks to the floor an a curtain rod that bends are just tw of the new products displayed at th second annual National Contract Fur nishing & Interior Decor Exhibition i London, January 10-13. New modula furniture systems aimed at variet through interchangeability for con tract and residential use were showr and more than 30 firms displayed fab rics in new colors and textures fo 1967. Wallcoverings in metallic-fin ished vinyl and two-texture effect were particularly popular.

Plans for printed fabric designs

A creative design division has bee formed by American Printed Fabric Council to develop new design con cepts in printed fabrics and encourag (Continued on page 23



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artistic talent to work in the printed fabrics field. Harvey Seltzer, internationally known textile design consultant, was named to direct the division. The division will attempt to discover original print designs and put them on fabrics in limited yardage. These samples will then be placed with fashion and design magazines, manufacturers, and retailers. Original print designs produced by the division will be offered to members of American Printed Fabrics Council for adaptation in commercial production.

New materials center opened

A one-stop source for purchasing wall panelling, flooring, doors, grillwork, screens, shutters, mouldings and other decorative building materials is offered at the new Decorative Building Materials Co. showroom, 425 E. 53 St., New York City. Both imported and



domestic, familiar and unusual products are exhibited, from such firms as U.S. Plywood, Ruberiod, Country Floors, Masonite, Barclay, Formica, Duralite, and Parkwood all of whom exhibit at the nearby National Design Center. The immediate objective of the showroom is to encourage use by designers for client consultation and for getting ideas about products they want to use. Showroom manager is Patrick J. McMullan, shown in photo with Frances Oestricher, exhibit coordinator at the National Design Center.

New assignments . . .

Saphier, Lerner, Schindler, New York, has been retained to plan and design the new headquarters of the national space planning and design organization in Washington, D.C. The headquarters, which will house the firm's executive administrative, operational and technical personnel, as well as an Opera-(Continued on page 24)



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tions Center, will occupy the major portion of a new building in the L'Enfant Plaza complex. . . . Interior design projects assigned to Capitol Business Interiors, Charleston, W. Va., include campus development of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va., encompassing new dormitories, classroom buildings, chapel, lounges, offices, and cafeteria as well as the Student Union building of West Virginia Institute of Technology, Montgomery, W. Va. . . . Albert Parvin & Co., Los Angeles, has completed work on the Fairfax branch office of City National Bank including all basic furniture, counters, specially designed check stands, carpets, draperies, and accessories. The basic color scheme is blue, with accent colors of olive green and brown. . . Tom Lee Ltd. has contracted for the interior design of the 24-story President Hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa. Scheduled for completion in July 1967, the hotel will feature ballrooms, banquet rooms,



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hospitality suites and meeting rooms, penthouse nightclub and restaurants. All major furnishings will be purchased locally. Special consultant is David T. Williams, with Wheel-Garon Inc., acting as lighting designers. . . . The public areas, offices and private rooms of the Dade County Classroom Teachers' Association retirement apartment building, Miami, will be designed by Shelton, Ullmann, Smith & Streich, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale. The 17story \$3,250,000 building is scheduled for completion by late summer 1967. . . . A multi-million dollar contract to install all electrical, electronic, communication, and related systems in the 42-story Crocker Citizens Plaza, Los Angeles, has been awarded to Fischbach & Moore. The building, the tallest on the West Coast, will contain approximately 13,600 electrical fixtures and more than 375 miles of wiring. The \$30 million structure is scheduled for completion in 1968. . . . Corco, Inc., Chicago, has assumed responsibility for design of a \$500,000 women's dormitory at Lincoln College, Lincoln, Ill. Built-in beds, combination dresserdesks, and special wardrobes will be featured in the 100-student dorm. Rosewood laminates will be used on all furnishings. . . . American Seating Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., is installing 376 improved seats for the Pageant of the Masters production to be held in Irvine Bowl, Laguna Beach, Cal. The seating plan, which gives the feeling of boxes, replaces portable canvas chairs. . . . A multitude of new projects have been announced by the New York and Chicago based firm of I.S.D. Inc. The firm will design branch bank interiors of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. in Kinston and Asheboro, N.C. Heidrick & Struggles Inc., management consultant retained the firm to redesign its 6,000square foot headquarters office. Design for all public areas, offices, lounges, lobbies, dining rooms of the 262-bed Highland Park Hospital, Highland Park, Ill. is also on the company's agenda. . . . Approval for development of a unique \$10 million rental apartment-recreation complex in the Fox Hills, Cal., area has been granted by the Culver City Planning Department to Ring Bros., West Los Angeles. There will be 570 apartments in three story buildings on 13 acres of landscaped grounds, surrounding a recreation-social center club house. (C)



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And, we've been told, it happens to be the ing used in the elevators of the Empire Building. Which could be the supreme trial carpet

Nationwide Tests The Workhorse.

The eight dollar wool was subjected to five basic performance tests:

In the Tug Test, it took 13 pounds of pull to yank a tuft of the wool out of its backing.

And in the Washout, a variety of common and household stains were tried. Wool proved to be readily cleanable with water and detergents.

In the Cement Mixer-a tumbling drum containing carpet samples and abrasive materials-The Workhorse was tested for pilling and fuzz resistance. Its performance was fair.

Then came the crucial tests

The Workhorse met The Crusher. For 48 hours the wool carpet was subjected to a constant compression of 50 pounds per square inch. And the carpet pile made a 75% height recovery in 96 hours.

Finally it went to the Rubout, where it took 14,000 revolutions of an aloxite coated abrasion wheel, using a torque of 60 inch pounds, to wear through to the backing.

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But Nationwide wasn't finished with The Workhorse yet.

Their engineers tore it apart, just to see how

They examined tuft height, uniformity, loop density, primary backing and secondary backing. And when they were finally through they knew exactly how good they wanted The Worst to be. The Absolute Worst.

The following are Nationwide's absolute minimum standards for performance and construction.

Cleanability - (The Washout). Common stains, both oily and non-oily, including foodstuffs, cosmetics and grime, must be readily cleanable.

Resiliency - (The Crusher). On the standard testing apparatus the carpet is compressed for 48 hours. It must recover at least 80% of its pile height within 96 hours. (Note: The Workhorse only scored 75% recovery on this test.)

Resistance to Pilling-(The Cement Mixer). Samples of the carpeting are tumbled in the drum with abrasive agents for 8 to 10 hours and must show only a minimal fiber distortion. On the rating scale 1 equals none and 5 equals very bad. A rat-ing of 2.5 or higher is unacceptable.

Tuft Bind-(The Tug Test). If tufts can be pulled from the backing, with less than 7 pounds of pull it isn't acceptable.

5 Abrasion Resistance-(The Rubout). The carpet must be able to withstand at least 10,000 revolutions on the abrasion wheel before wearing through to the backing.

Pattern-The carpet must be a continuous filament loop type and they must be loops of even height. (Uneven loops don't give maximum support to one another and don't wear evenly as a result.)

Minimum Tufts-The absolute minimum tufts is 56 per square inch. That means they're packed together well for maximum wear and mutual support. You can see the difference in carpet samples when you bend the facing and can see the backing. This is called grinning.

And the more a carpet grins at you the unhappier you're going to be.

Finished Pile Height-Nationwide Testing 8 says that 3/16" is the best height for maximum wear and minimum stress. Any more and the loops would tend to bend over and destroy the new looking appearance. Any less would give less wear and take away from the cushioning and insulating qualities of the carpet.

9. Primary Backing-This is the backing that the pile is tufted into. It's got to be strong enough to minimize distortion and support the pile. Nationwide says it should be 9 ounces per square yard, jute. Or a substantial polypropylene backing.

10. Second backing-The final step. When you look at the back of an Enka approved carpet you'll see double jute or high density foam welded to the carpet. The foam must weigh at least 32 ounces per square yard.

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The Worst vs. The Workhorse.

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well it was put together.

MCCORMICK PLACE FIRE CAUSES POSTPONEMENT OF INTERCON I

We had originally planned to devote a major part of this issue to Intercon I, the International Contract Exposition and Congress which was to take place in Chicago March 20-22. The exhibits were to be held at McCormick Place and the Merchandise Mart, and hundreds of firms in the Mart, plus a long list of temporary exhibitors scheduled to go into McCormick Place had been making plans for the international event. Thousands of designers, architects, space planners and contract furnishers in this country as well as abroad had been planning to go to Chicago to see the exhibits and to attend Intercon's sixty or more discussion panels, workshops and forums, covering the many-faceted commercial/institutional market. Experts in the various areas of interest had been enlisted from all over the world to speak at these sessions and to head up the panels.

Tragically for Intercon and for the city of Chicago, the sudden conflagration that swept McCormick Place and completely destroyed it on the carly morning of January 16th brought all these plans to an abrupt halt. Faced with the impossibility of transferring the exhibits to another location, the Merchandise Mart, sponsors of Intercon I, decided to postpone the show. W. O. Ollman, general manager of the Mart, promises however that a further announcement concerning new dates for Intercon I will be made. Mr. Ollman's telegram, announcing the postponement, was received here shortly after the disastrous fire. We quote the telegram in full:

"The catastrophic fire which ravaged McCormick Place Monday morning has necessitated the postponement of all plans for the staging of the first International Contract Exposition and Congress, which was to have been held on March 20, 21, and 22, 1967, in that facility and the Merchandise Mart. This event, which was conceived and publicized as a truly international effort, bringing together for the first time all concerned in the vitally expanding contract and institutional field, cannot achieve its stated objectives without the facilities afforded by McCormick Place which was to have housed the exhibits and products of approximately 200 domestic and foreign manufacturers.

"We share the keen disappointment of all concerned in this effort—the distinguished board of advisors who gave unstintingly of their time and counsel—the manufacturers who had evidenced their complete endorsement and enthusiastic support—and the thousands of architects, designers, educators, purchasing agents and other buyers of institutional merchandise who had announced their plans to attend.

"The task of locating a facility adequate to serve both the exhibition and the complicated program requirements has been insurmountable. Every avenue has been explored including such drastic moves as the use of 'inflatables' for temporary structures and the utilization of the University of Illinois circle campus buildings. We regret that a satisfactory solution has not been found.

"However, the concept of Intercon I has definitely not been abandoned. It is obvious, from the industry's unprecedented support of this effort, that there is a vital and compelling need for a truly national—and international—contract convocation. The overwhelming response from within the trade is convincing evidence that the time has arrived for the contract industry to have its own powerful exposition and congress. Although the March dates cannot now be fulfilled, the scheduled event has proven the soundness of the concept beyond any question.

"In the interest of serving the industry, the Merchandise Mart accepts a responsibility to provide this convocation. We ask of those with a sincere and determined interest to await our further announcement concerning new dates for Intercon I. A segmented or partial showing at any level or in any location cannot benefit the contract industry, any presentation must be total, and its devotion to the interests of the industry must be complete. Toward these ends, the Merchandise Mart reaffirms its dedication."

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CONTRACT NEWS

SEGURA STUDIOS INC. has relocated its general offices showroom, and factory to 610 W. 18 Street, Hialeak Fla. The firm still maintains branch showrooms i Los Angeles, Chicago, and Dallas.

STANLEY FURNITURE CO., INC., has acquired TREN LINE, INC. and FASHION FURNITURE CO., INC., Nort Carolina upholstery concerns, and SIGMON ENTER PRISES, INC., and FASHION INVESTMENT CO., which produce and supply frames to the upholstery con cerns. Mr. Wilfred L. Sigmon, who will be an office and director of Stanley Co. will continue to direct the four companies.

ART FOUNDRY has appointed DUNBAR furnitur showroom in the Chicago Merchandise Mart as dis tributor in the middle western states. Dunbar wi service Minnesota, Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin.

The new ROYALMETAL CORP. plant in Los Angeles i scheduled for completion in the spring of 1967. I will house factory, warehouse, office, and showroor facilities.

MODULAR SYSTEMS, INC., manufacturer of librar, shelf cases, is a newly formed firm in Muskegor Mich. The principles are: Craig Welch, president Lawrence Keur, vice president-sales; Ray H. Witt secretary-treasurer; Edward Ostling, plant manager

OZITE CORP. has opened a new showroom in th Cleveland Merchandise Mart, bringing the numbe of showrooms to four. Larry Bond, regional manager will headquarter in the Cleveland office.

THE ART FOUNDRY has appointed CONTEMPORAR BUSINESS SERVICES, INC. of Atlanta, Ga. as its rep resentative in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Can olina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

SCALAMANDRE SILKS INC. announces the opening of a new showroom in the Atlanta Decorative Arts Certer. Charles Stevens will continue to service the southeastern states.

DUO-BED CORP., a division of Shelby Williams In dustries, Inc., has opened a new Duo-Bed Contrae Center at 1127-28 Merchandise Mart in Chicago. I features floor displays of the Duo-Bed line for inst tutional use, including the firm's new nursing hom line.

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PEOPLE -

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CHARLES LAZAROFF, newly appointed sales manager of Midwest Folding Products, will coordinate sales through the Midwest group of dealers.



WILLIAM NORMAN MANHOFF has been named director of design for the firm of Saphier, Lerner, Schindler, Inc. He will assume charge of interior, product and exhibit design, packaging, and graphics.

In an administrative re-organization of Myrtle Desk Co., High Point, N.C., HARRY B. ADAMS, formerly vice president in charge of merchandising, has become vice president in charge of marketing, and MRS. NANCY PERKINS, AID, formerly director of the interior design division, is now merchandising coordinator. Mr. Adams will be responsible for sales promotion, closer relationships with dealer organizations, and product development. Mrs. Perkins will be in charge of advertising, public relations, photocopy, and literature.

PETER CHAPELLE has joined Authentic Furniture Products as mid-western sales manager. He will headquarter in Chicago.

BERNARD SHAFFER has been appointed to the newly created post of national contract sales manager for The Englander Co., Inc. Shaffer will be in charge of contract sales for bedding and dual sleep products, previously handled separately through two product divisions.

FRANCO SCALAMANDRE, president of Scalamandre Silks. Inc., was awarded an honorary Life Membership by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for his generous contribution to restorations throughout the country.

JIM PATRICK has been appointed district sales director of the Southeast for Cramer Industries, Inc. He will headquarter in Nashville, Tenn.

Alfred J. Merritt

Alfred J. Merritt, an executive of Stein, Hall & Co. and president of the Jute Carpet Backing Council died on Dec. 16, 1966, following an illness of several months.

Irving Storch

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- February 26-March 3, Fifth Annual Floor Covering Show, Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa,
- March 2-3. National Association of Store Fixture Manufacturers, 12th Annual Convention. Hilton Hotel, New York City.
- March 2-5. NSOEA Dallas Convention & Exhibit. Marriott Motor Hotel, Dallas, Tex.
- March 19-22. Furniture Show. War Memorial Auditorium, Boston, Mass.
- April 2-6. Spring Furniture Market. Jamestown, N.Y.
- April 14-21. Spring Southern Furniture Market. High Point, N.C.
- April 20-23. Semi-Annual National AID Conference. Galen Hotel, Key Biscayne, Fla.
- April 25-27. CONTRACT '67—The National Contract Show & Convention, sponsored by CONTRACT Magazine. New York Coliseum, New York City. For details contact: Mr. Jerome Brown, National Exposition Co., 14 W. 40 St., New York, N.Y. 10018. 212/564-8714.
- April 28-October 27. Expo 67-Universal International Exhibition of 1967. Montreal, Canada.
- April 30-May 3. Sixth National Lighting Exposition, New York Coliseum, New York Cty.
- May 3-6. Natonal Association of Educational Buyers. Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Fla.
- May 14-17. Tufted Textile Manufacturers Association 22nd Annual Convention. Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, Fla.
- May 22-25. National Restaurant Association Convention & Educational Exposition, including Midwest International Hotel-Motel Show. Navy Pier, Chi cago.
- June 18-24. Summer Furnishings Market. Merchan dise Mart, American Furniture Mart, Chicago.
- June 25-29. New York Lamp & Home Furnishing Show. New York City.

July 9-13. Furniture Market, Seattle, Wash.

July 10-14. Furniture Market. High Point, N.C.

July 10-14. Furniture Market. Dallas, Tex.

July 16-21. Furniture Market. Atlanta, Ga.

September 15-20. American Institute of Interior Designers, 36th Annual Conference. Shoreham Hote Washington, D.C.

September 27-29. Furniture Market. Dallas, Tex.

October 19-21. AH&MA Annual Convention. Statle Hilton, Boston, Mass.

October 20-27. Southern Furniture Market. Hig Point, N.C.

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By Robert Malone

IN dealing with the question of office signage, or with business graphics in general, there is a temptation to show good signs and discuss why they are good, or bad signs and discuss why they are bad. There are some sterling examples of both, under all our noses, and it might make a diverting and even useful study. But it would be more or less beside the point. There are some much more fundamental considerations affecting business signage, and many of them we tend to bypass or ignore until circumstances catch up with us and force the issue.

One of these fundamental considerations is the question of corporate identity. It seems as if this question is enough in the public eye to keep it from ever being ignored, but that is, unfortunately, not the case. Many firms that have bought themselves a relatively good graphics package from a good designer have vitiated it by trying to superimpose it on an earlier bad mistake that they insist on keeping. This is not the designer's fault, of course, but the fault of corporate management. Bad decisions inside the company can spoil a good set of graphic designs at the beginning or at the end. I have seen some very sad cases recently.

For example, I have been delightfully taken care of, in my travels, at numerous Holiday Inns. But in spite of their architectural excellence and their perfections of inn-keeping, their corporate Holiday Inn sign makes my gorge rise very time I see it. It's a pity that this chain's architects and designers have been required to accommodate themselves to an existing blunder, rather than being given a chance to correct it.

A similar case, though on a different level of seriousness, is the kind of thing that happens at the Union Carbide building in New York City. The building itself and its architectural graphics have been noted for superlative detailing and clean, modern styling. But when Union Carbide recently sponsored a fashion show in their public exhibit area, the most atrocious cornball graphics were used to define the show. Whoever was responsible for the use of that area had clearly not thought it worth while to carry through the Union Carbide insistence on excellence. What price corporate identity in this case? The point here is that all graphics decisions are corporate-identity decisions, whether we intend it or not, and whether we like the results or not. And even the best designer can only do so much. Corporate management itself needs a sound understanding of graphics problems, a clear eye, and a firm hand on the con-



Logo, Hans Winterhager, VDI, engineering office in Germany.

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trols. Otherwise even an excellent corporate identity program will begin to dissolve, from sheer lack of comprehension.

Fortunately, there are some fine examples of the right way to deal with graphics. The people who are directing the graphics programs at IBM, CBS, and Xerox have taken a keen look at the general environmental picture today, and concluded that it is totally confusing. In order to cope with it, they have decided that what is required is extreme understatement coupled to a highly refined control. Their good judgment has never been so well pointed up for me as when I saw a Xerox demonstration truck parked in a complex of service stations -Gulf, Shell, etc. Against the orgy of clutter, the Xerox truck was the only readable object: the simple word, "Xerox," on the plain white field of the truck. The service stations were shouting their message, but they succeeded only in canceling each other out, as well as most of the other messages being communicated in that block. God help the pedestrian or driver trying to find the traffic light in all that clutter.

Perhaps the most outstanding example of directed graphics on a large scale during the past decade has been the airline terminal. (To get an idea of just how outstanding, contrast any airline terminal you use with the railroad stations most familiar to you.) The airlines have made certain basic graphic decisions, and have tried very hard to keep to them. It is particularly noticeable that standard heights, type faces, and type sizes have been adopted for the entire terminal complex. When we come to consider why this has been achieved by the airlines before it has been achieved by most other forms of public utilities, we are faced squarely with the second basic factor in business graphics that is frequently overlooked until it is almost (or altogether) too late. This might be called the urgency factor. The airlines are dealing with the movement of large numbers of persons at higher speeds than most other forms of transportation. The complexity of the equipment, the close timing necessary for scheduling high-speed arrival and departure, the relatively large distances involved, both in the air and in the terminal, the level of passenger-turnover-all these put the communications



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One picture is worth a thousand words-and this highly efficient graphic sign directs the building operator engineer in his manipulation of all building control functions. It diagramatically pinpoints all emergency conditions such as fire or smoke and indicates all temperatures of humidity at the controlled zones. Incorporating all esential dial readings and circuit patterns as integral parts of the total design scheme, this unit was created by Devco Workshops.

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problem on a different order of magnitude. Efficiency in the handling of both information and traffic flow is no longer an optional refinement; it is an absolute requirement.

What we realize too seldom is that the problems faced by the airlines today will be faced by everyone tomorrow. And everyone is not prepared to deal with them. Already the increasing numbers of human beings and the increasing use of automobiles have combined to choke our cities nearly to death on their own traffic. We are facing the same jump in the order of magnitude as the airlines, on every city block, every parking lot, every bus and subway line; every restaurant and store that has had to change its location because it was too hard to get to has already felt the pressure. Because the population and its rate of travel have crept up slowly in the past, we have little practice in perceiving how dangerously fast they are rising now. For airlines and public alike, efficiency in discovering where we need to be and how to get there is no longer a luxury; it is an urgent necessity.

What we have done in the past has

HOW UNIVERSAL SHOULD YOU GET?

Another evidence of growing responsibility is the recent founding of ICOGRADA (International Council of Graphic Design Associations). This may have a useful impact on both municipal and corporate graphics, two fields which interact continuously. At present, their interaction is too often a head-on collision; the lack of coordination makes it seem like a tossup whether the municipal authorities or the corporate authorities are more unenlightened, especially in situations like the traffic light lost among service station signs mentioned earlier.

One of the objectives ICOGRADA has set for itself is the development of an international system of symbols for public signs. If this can be worked out, it should be very helpful to that growing mass of people who have to find their way around in a country whose language they do not speak. Travelers, emigrants, and foreign personnel on temporary assignment all have the problem of coping with normal emergencies, as well as possibly unusual ones, in a foreign language. Several proposed systems are being considered, and each has certain

generally been to wait until a situation was so desperate that the fire underwriters or the municipal codes took action to enforce some long overdue improvement, such as highly visible exit signs in public buildings. Too much of this laissez-faire attitude is still with us, as demonstrated by the recent recommendations for changes in the regulations governing parking-lot rate signs. Letter-height minimums were not enough to ensure legibility, it seems, when the parking-lot operators condensed their copy past a certain point.

Some of the urgency felt by the airlines has apparently begun to be felt in other responsible places, for which we can be very grateful. We are just now beginning to see the extension of airline-style standardization to highway graphics, where it has been long overdue. At the rate of travel on superhighways it has been far too possible to miss an exit and find oneself forced into a thirty-mile detour. When this happens, the highway has saved the driver no time at all, of course, and might as well not have existed for all the good it did him.

merits. One in particular has tried to express related messages in visually related symbols, which seems to have a certain logic. But the problem here is the arbitrariness of symbols in general. Even the symbols abstracted from recognizable objects have been so highly simplified and stylized that they would have to be learned almost as totally as the entirely arbitrary alphabet-type symbols of another system.

This effort has pinpointed one of the major problems of graphic signage: Are symbols as readable as words? Can they be made to be? And what kind of symbols are most communicative? How shall we tell anyone who needs the information that here is a telephone, a rest room, an exit; or that here he may not smoke? The fact that signage symbols are necessarily somewhat abstract can make them almost as unintelligible as language to a person not yet educated to read them. The success of such an international signage project depends, like the success of a trademark symbol, on its degree of penetration. That is, it will mean what it is supposed





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to mean only if most people know what it is supposed to mean, and this is not easy to make sure of. Many large U.S. corporations have adopted a trade mark and found that despite years of patient repetition, people still do not associate their trade mark with their name.

A third basic factor in business signage too often overlooked is the relationship between graphics and architecture. I suspect that this is overlooked only because it is so old that we assume it has been solved. It is true that responsible graphic designers are accustomed to taking the given architecture into account; one small but quality-minded firm in Wilton, Connecticut (Architectural Graphics Associates), has developed an entire business based on this relationship, dealing with letter forms at an architectural scale-no simple matter at best, and full of pitfalls for the unwary. But the fact that the relationship between graphics and architecture is not universally understood can be demonstrated at any supermarket. Architects and designers have gone on putting large plate-glass windows at the front of grocery stores for many, many years. And for the same number of years, storekeepers have been using the glass facade to display signs reading "Hamburger 49¢/lb," or "Double Stamps Today." Some day

someone should give some thought to what a grocery facade is for. If it is intended to provide light and view to the interior, some other display surface will have to be provided for the announcement of daily specials. On the other hand, if it is intended for the display of signs, then it should be made easier for the storekeeper to get at, and handsomer for the passerby to look at, as well as easier to read. The signs should not have to cancel out the architecture. There must be some way to announce that hamburger is cheap today without making an absurdity out of our environment.

It would seem that anyone responsible for any sort of graphic signage problem could help himself and his client by systematizing the problem as much as possible. This is particularly valuable in the effort to avoid obvious mistakes-called obvious only because they are obvious after they are made; factors that are right under our noses are often overlooked just because we are so used to them that we no longer see them very clearly. We live with the problems of corporate identity, traffic urgency, and unresolved architecture every day; but it may take a string around the finger, or a check list, to make us cope with them effectively in a specific situation.



CHECKLIST OF MATERIALS AND TECHNIQUES

Such a check list can help not only by summarizing the nature of the problems to be dealt with, but by summarizing the techniques and materials available to deal with them. It is something to be grateful for that these materials and techniques are so many and varied that there is considerable richness of resource in meeting most graphic problems. The graphics industry, as distinguished from the graphic design profession, has not been noted for creative innovation in letter design; but it has kept up notably well with the designers who set the pace for it, and has made available a useful range of supplies at many different price levels. The level of skill and information in the graphics industry has come a long way from the days of the local signpainter; it is both reassuring and humbling to observe that some representatives of the industry may know

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more about certain signage problems than the designers with whom they are dealing.

Nearly all the possible places and positions for graphic signage seem to have been discovered, and used, at one time or another, and the graphics industry has developed hardware to fit all of them. Some of these positions, like the sign over the entrance doorway, have been handed down through long-standing custom and tradition. Others, like the directory listing in the entrance hallway and the signs on doors, are simply a matter-of-fact solution to a matter-offact problem: "Where's Mr. Blow?" Still others are imposed by code requirements, such as the warnings on shaftways and open stairwells, elevator and seating capacities, fire exits and so forth.

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El Al Airlines office, New York City (above), with raised map of stop-over cities. Each city is represented by large black circle with company's insignia in center. Zim Lines office (right) with long vall plaque denoting ports and countries visited by the ships. Displaycraft did custom work for both companies.



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increasing decentralization of business and the increased use of cars for transportation. The whole field of outdoor signage entered a new phase with the advent of the industrial park. Anyone dealing with graphics for business nowadays may have to cope with the corporation logo and/or trademark on a large, or landscape, scale; with outdoor divisional, section, or department signs; with directional and parking signs; with controlled areas, visitors, delivery, and special institutional signs on an outdoor scale; with laboratory, security, public telephone signs; and with all the forms these may take, from wall plaques to free-standing to kiosks; from overhead to underfoot.

Moving indoors, one can see every available surface used, in one form or another, for signs. The industry can provide placards and counters (diagonally mounted placards) that rise from the floor, either free-standing or fixed, that hang from the ceiling, that stand out from the wall, that adhere to screens or columns or storage cabinets, or that rest on desks. Some of the signs on walls or doors are not plate-type at all, but consist of individually mounted letters.

The placards and plates of the industry are offered in a wide variety of opaque and transparent materials. Among the transparent materials, both plastic and glass have been used, either illuminated or non-illuminated. The most familiar illuminated signs are the cantilevered-off-the-wall style and the large acrylic panels that are now usually vacuum molded. Since exit signs are required by law to be lighted, there has been a natural tendency for both the designer and the graphics industry to develop illuminated signage in competition. Some of it, such as the edge-lighted

TYPE FACES AND CHANGING STYLES

The variety of type faces offered in the various forms of signage is wide enough to serve almost any conceivable purpose. The industry has kept pace with the changing styles in graphic design, which is both a good thing and a bad thing. It enables the designer to commit any cliche he has a mind to, without a second thought; everything is right there ready to hand. No designer is really forced, nowadays, to design his own letters;

glass and plastic panels, can be quite tasteful, but much of the acrylic signage intended for illumination is pure borax. In general, it can be said that non-illuminated systems are quite enough for most purposes, and a great many excellent ones have been developed in recent years. I have been particularly pleased with the thoroughness and tastefulness of the Vomar Products line. Although much of what it offers is also offered by other suppliers, its selection, shaping and proportioning of materials, and letter styles is of a very high order throughout its line. Vomar's range of type faces and colors, although not extremely wide, has a great deal of distinction. Good sense has been used in supplying contrasting type faces and number styles to suit a wide variety of needs, and the colors are really contemporary architectural colors

In addition to the forms of signage offered, the industry has found a multitude of ways to make finished letters. Among the latest are imprinting by means of pressure-formed impressions in plastic, silk-screening on any one of a hundred materials, cast plastic letters, and letters engraved in glass and plastic. There are also individually cast metal letters, and an interesting innovation in these is offered by Signs for Business, whose president, Noel Walter, insisted on developing a cast letter with squared corners, which gives the same effect as individually cut letters, but at a reduced price. Of course, many of the more traditional sign forms are also available, such as hand-painted lettered signs, brass, bronze or aluminum cast placards where the letter is integral to the plaque, and steel or aluminum stamped letters for directory displays.

and perhaps that is just as well. It's extraordinarily difficult to design a really good new alphabet, and a bad one is disastrous. At any rate the business world is full of white engraved gothic letters on blue, green, or red laminated plastic stock. This simple, clear sanserif style is considered functional, like the architecture it usually serves; but the "functionalism" of the one may be as illusory as the "functionalism" of the other.





Specialized graphics (top to bottom): logo for Organization for Economic Expansion, by Jacques Nathan-Garamond (France); logo for Liaison Newsletter Inc., by Herb Lubalin, Inc.; symbol for film projector manufacturer Richmond Research Corp., by Appelbaum & Curtis.



from Vomar Products, Inc. are: Clarendon round face (top); special order cutout letters which can be fabricated separately or mounted on background plaques (right); and variety of multiple use plaques and signs (below).





The standard gothic and square gothic alike are excellent type faces, but they have been badly over-used. It is interesting to note that recent studies in graphic legibility have demonstrated little or no difference in readability between the sanserif, or gothic, types and the serif styles such as Clarendon and Bodoni. Simplifying the letter form does not make it more legible, in other words; it just makes it more simple, and more easily engraved on laminated plastic.

In the cast letters, on the other hand, the serif styles have been very popular because they somehow evoke a feeling of richness in our normally impoverished architectural interiors: these styles have a very natural connotation of the kind of monumentality people associate with the stone-cutter's letter. The popularity of both the gothic and the old-style faces is understandable; what is less so is the continuing use, here and there, of script alphabets and other fancy lettering for signs. Of course, many logos are derived from a time of elaborate scripts, or more recent somewhat abortive modern faces. Product and automotive graphics are typical of the latter, and generally illegible. But cute letters in a logo are one thing; usually they are contained. Cute lettering or script in a directional sign is another thing entirely, and normally leads to several kinds of irritation and confusion, none of which is necessary.

If there has been one governing principle in the graphics industry during the last few years, it has been to provide a wide variety of choice in systems which are extremely available to change. This has meant more comprehensive systems planning and, if not a reduced cost per sign, at least the availability of simpler means for installation, maintenance, and removal. Among the more interesting developments in this line have been the adhesive backs for plaques and the use of foam mounting tapes for installation. These are double-sided sticky surfaces with a cushion between, to allow for proper contact and any irregularities of surface. Another valuable addition to the graphics repertory has been the use of directional maps to enhance the usefulness of the standard directory listings. These maps can be color-keyed by floor or area plans to coordinate with verbal or symbolic signage. The Best Man-

Good Graphics

ufacturing Company has developed quite a handsome series of solutions to the map problem, including the mounting of maps on clear plexiglass. These can be edge-lighted if increased readability is needed.

Most supplier companies relate their graphic hardware in some systematic way, and can gear the hardware to the size of the job. Directories, for example—with or without maps—are available in a wide variety of sizes, from one-man-one-office listings to

OPTIMUM ROUTES AND TRAFFIC FLOW

It is at this point, well into the innards of a building, that traffic and location problems become noticeable. Many designers concentrate so heavily on traffic control in the reception and public areas that they tend to overlook the more private or humble parts of the building. Back toward the mail room, things get hard to find. Considering that a good bit of thought has been put into these problems at one time and another, it is surprising that more of the thinking hasn't been pooled into a common fund of information about how best to deal with such things as optimum routes and traffic flow. The practice in these areas is much more primitive than available information. Some the hotels, motels, and office buildings haven't even figured out how to logically sequence their room numbers yet.

It's encouraging to note that one highly successful solution to the problem of routing has been tried in a New York hospital whose ponderous size should be enough to humble any designer. They have set out on the floor a series of colored lines which, if followed, lead you to specified sections of the hospital which are, in turn, broken up at a manageable scale. This is somewhat reminiscent of the yellow and the red light system in the New York subways, although these have to be overhead for visibility, since subway floors are frequently invisible because of the crowds and the dirt involved. It's curious that the subway system should have been able to think up a guidance device long before the hospital did, but has not to this day been able to inform its passengers adequately about what station they have arrived at. The station signs were obviously designed in an era of less crowded

an entire building such as the Seagram's building. These larger directories can be followed up by subdirectories and directionals further down the hall, listing office numbers in terms of their location to left or right, up or down. In very complex situations there may be a whole system of subsidiary directories and directional instructions for each floor, or section, to help the visitor or new personnel find out where he is, or where he should be.

conditions, when it was assumed that most passengers would have a clear view out the window in more than one direction. Under today's conditions, of course, this assumption is both absurd and frustrating.

Perhaps this is the next major direction that graphic signage for business will grow and develop in: information and guidance, optimum routing and traffic flow. Perhaps the industry can look forward to coordinating signage with an electronic information system, so that the visitor, or even company personnel, can be aided by light or other forms of visual emphasis in finding his way to a person, a section, or a thing. Internal traffic signage and systems, geared to both individual and group traffic flow, and displaying a variety of verbal, numerical and symbolic signals, could be controlled by the receptionist or office manager at the console of a computer. This would mean that the guidance of traffic in a corporation or office could be as useful and understandable as the traffic-control system in a busy airport. Visual flow charts at the reception desk could indicate the current status of traffic flow, room occupancy, conference duration, and so forth, thus allowing the corporation to provide directional signals, information and other help wherever it is needed. This kind of thinking is already beginning to be evident in our more complex elevator systems; it may not be long before we realize that our horizontal traffic problems are just as urgent as our vertical ones, and start to invent efficient conveyor systems to cope with it. Total signage and directional systems, available right now, would be a step in the right direction. Efficient information is the beginning of efficient movement. (C)



Development of a logo for European printer Burie & Cie, by Kurt Wirth of Switzerland.

HORNBLOWER & WEEKS - HEMPHILL, NOYES

MEMBERS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Office indentification plaque for Hornlower & Weeks-Hemphill, Noyes typifies conomy and beauty of Waltanium metal etters, which have the beauty of stainess steel and sharp appearance of a handut letter, yet cost less than half. Letters were mounted on a Brazilian rosewood anel framed by an aluminum angle moldng. Logo mounted to left of the copy is ilk screened in four colors on satin finshed Plexiglas. Sign is from Noel Walter nc.

Demonstrating the wide range of metal etters and numbers available are these wo signs from H. W. Knight & Son Inc. ans serif style is represented by Tioga kuilding sign. Alphabetical letters are cast f solid bronze or aluminum with polished r satin finish.







R. Buckminster Fuller, whose geodesic dome, Dymaxion house, and Dymaxion car have earned him international fame and prestige. Mr. Fuller is currently engaged in developing an Inventory of the World's Resources, Human Trends and Needs at Southern Illinois University.

Last November, Ben Hellman, publisher of CON TRACT Magazine, was invited by the governmen of Quebec to preview Expo 67, the World's Fai which is scheduled to open in Montreal in April and run through October. In going through th exhibit pavilions, many of which had been com pleted ahead of schedule, Hellman was particul larly struck by the huge geodesic dome designe for the United States pavilion by R. Buckminste Fuller, world renowned architect, engineer an philosopher. The dome is a "controlled environ ment," responding by means of new and sophists cated mechanisms to light, heat, humidity, an so forth. In its setting on the bank of the Si Lawrence, facing an equally imposing Russia pavilion on the opposite bank, it is a distinguishe contribution to the well-planned Canadian ex position.

At the same time, however, in examining th details of Fuller's design, Hellman observe that the exhibits inside were to be housed in conventional three-story beam-and-girder build ing that was being constructed inside the doma He learned also that this conventional structur was the work of two other architects. Disturbe by the incompatibility between the dome and th inner building, Hellman wrote a letter to Buck minster Fuller, excerpts from which we quote The inside and the outside

A DIALOGUE WITH BUCKMINSTER FULLER

Dear Mr. Fuller:

I found your newest geodesic dome, with its provisions for changing light and climatic condiions, extremely exciting. But I could not estabish for myself the relationship between its splenlid spherical shape and its advanced method of construction and that of the interior structure. The latter, I felt, is not merely conventional but in actual negation of the wonderful space that he dome creates.

Further, it occurred to me, as I looked at the wo in juxtaposition, that in this revolutionary eriod, we shall be building all sorts of new strucural species — domes, new forms in concrete, luminum, plastic, space stations — you name , and I am certain that you can name it better han I can.

How much longer, in such a period of change nd ferment, can the architect, the innovator be ontent to create a shell and leave the job of fillng it to someone else—someone whose brain raves may be altogether out of phase with those f the creator of the over-all design?...

Respectfully, BEN HELLMAN Contract Magazine

uckminster Fuller's reply was no less impres-

sive than one would expect from a man of his stature and accomplishments. His letter reveals that a fascinating project of his was abandoned in the course of a difficult Government commission that involved divided design responsibilities, plus severe departmental and Congressional budget pruning. With characteristic generosity, Fuller credits everyone involved with having done "a magnificent job" under the circumstances imposed upon them. We quote his letter in full:

Dear Mr. Hellman:

The decision to have the closing structure and the interior exhibition of the United States Pavilion separately contracted was made by the United States Information Agency. They inherited that decision from the State Department. It has apparently been a long-time policy to give out two completely separate contracts; one for the United States building and the other for the Unites States exhibit at world and other trade fairs. The designers of the exhibit are very competent young men, and their exhibits have done well at a number of trade fairs around the world. Because of their previous success, U.S.I.S. gave them the contract.

Irrespective of the question which you raise

"I proposed that the exhibit consist of a miniature Earth, at the center of the structure, with remote balconies surrounding it. In the balconies, individuals would be able to participate in a computerized game of 'How to Make the World Work Successfully' for all of humanity."

regarding incompatibility of the interior exhibit to the enclosing dome, it is to be noted that the designers were very greatly limited by the powerful mandates which are generated in Washington, and by the pressures operating on government and within government. They were also extremely limited by the size of their budget.

At the last authentic World's Fair before Montreal — the one held in Brussels in 1958, at a time when costs were much lower than now the United States Building cost nine million dollars; the exhibits and their operation brought the total up to sixteen million dollars. The combined United States Building and its exhibits in the 1964-65 New York World's Fair cost nineteen million dollars.

"How to Make the World Work Successfully"

I was invited to do the Montreal building. To the best of my knowledge, there was no competition. I did not go after the job. They came to me and asked that I design a building which would be as notable for its structural and architectural breakthrough qualities in its day as were the Eiffel Tower and the Crystal Palace in their days. I made a proposal, not only for the building, but for the exhibit. I proposed that the exhibit consist of a miniature Earth, at the center of the structure, with remote balconies surrounding it. In the balconies individuals would be able to participate in a computerized game of "How To Make The World Work Successfully" for all of humanity.

The game was to be played with the data from our Southern Illinois University fundamental Inventory of the World's Resources, Human Trends and Needs. I said that by the time of the 1967 World's Fair, I felt that the United States might be at its lowest point in respect to world esteem, and that for visitors to be able to play an open game independent of political ideologies and national ambitions might turn the tide by bringing about a new favor for world-man as he is now developing on the North American continent. The U.S.A. is not a nation. It is crossbreeding world-man at his most advanced state

Together with the exhibitors and my architec tural associates, we turned in our budget to the United States Information Service. Our figures were automatically reduced by the governmen agency as is standard practice. The Congres sional committee halved those amounts. The tota amount given for the fair was nine million dol lars for building, exhibits, and the running o the exhibit during the Fair. The amount allower for my building was \$1.75 million dollars; yet I was expected to out-do the Eiffel Tower.

I am certain that no other structure than th geodesic could have made as much of a showin for that amount of money. One thing is certain my dome is not a plaything or just a fair-tim device. It's an advanced environment control, ac complished with much less material and effor than can be accomplished by any alternative er gineering strategy.

I say all this to you because it is necessary tha I respond to your excellent criticism in a wa that will make clear the extraordinary set of conditions which impinged upon all those responsible for the United States showing at Montrea All in all I think the human beings involved of all sides of the effort have done a magnificenjob.

Faithfully yours, R. BUCKMINSTER FULLER The United States Pavilion at Expo 67, the Canadian International and Universal Exhibition in Montreal, April 28-October 27, is a 3/4 geodesic dome or "skybreak bubble," measuring 20 stories high and 250 feet in spherical diameter. It was designed by R. Buckminster Fuller, Shoji Sadao, and Peter Floyd of Geometrics, Inc., Boston. The lightweight space frame structure is a lacy filigree of metel supporting a transparent skin. The dome is filled with natural light by day and glows from internal light by night. The Pavilion houses a multi-level composition of platforms supporting exhibits on lunar exploration, the fine arts, the cinema, folk art, and the "American Spirit." Exhibit architects and coordinating designers are Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc., of Cambridge, Mass. The biggest of the famed Fuller geodesic domes, the Pavilion features a unique climate control system. Its acrylic skin will be insulated from the glare of sun rays and heat by a complex series of motorized window shades in hexagonal arrangements. Triangular shades designed to conform to the hexagonal construction theme have been electrically programmed to open and close in rhythm with the sun's path around the Pavilion. Each shade will be fully unrolled when the triangular segments meet at the midpoint of each hexagon. From the interior view, the shades will be an aluminized gray to conform to the total interior look and to create a heat and light deflection for comfort within the dome. The exterior view, seen from between the framework of hexagons forming the dome, will be a plain gray. As a spectacular, and for VIP performances only, the shades will be programmed to open and close all together as a once-a-day event. The 4,698 individual window shades, operated by 261 motors, are of Diana shade cloth and Hartshorn constant tension rollers from Breneman Inc.



NEW HERMAN MILLER SHOWROOM

A WELL-DEFINED GROUP OF INTERIOR ENVIRONMENTS

Interior environments of educational institutions, private business and government working spaces, general offices, lounges, lobbies, airports, and meeting halls are clearly defined in the new Herman Miller showroom at 600 Madison Ave., New York City. Together, designers Charles Eames, George Nelson and Alexander Girard, each of whom designed a section of the showroom, introduce a fresh presentation of the Herman Miller product. Large-scale black and white hung photographs, highly reflective surfaces including sheet vinyls, mirrors and chrome, pop sparkle and glitter contrasted with classic modern pieces, and displays of outstanding work by contemporary artists create the "broader horizons" image the company seeks. Two sections of the showroom will attract special attention. A space containing movable flats, sandbags covered in Girard fabrics, electrical outlets, spot lights, and a tripod-mounted Polaroid camera has been set up to accommodate media and advertising representatives desiring photographs of rooms with Herman Miller furniture. The second area, a small conference roomtheatre, complete with screen, motion picture and slide sound projector for viewing the Herman Miller library of Eames and Nelson films and slide projections, is also used as the Eames Contract Storage demonstration area and for conferences around a segmented oval table. The showroom lighting consists of custom-made fixtures mounted to overhead light tracks which also serve as supports from which to hang space dividers. (**C**)





unctional and spacious sections of the lerman Miller showroom include: Eduational seating (opposite page) featurig chairs with and without arms; overll view with block photo mural in the ackground, assorted tables and chairs top). In the grouping at the right are onference room-theatre with permaent projection screen and dormitory setp on left wall (top, near photo); display rea directly inside showroom entrance top, far photo), Eames grouping (lower, ear photo) and closeup of Eames chairs pottom, far photo).









NEEDS OF THE AGING

A SCIENCE OF GERIATRIC FURNISHINGS HAS BEEN EVOLVING IN THE PAST FEW YEARS THAT HAS GONE A LONG WAY TOWARD HUMANIZING THE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ELDERLY. BY IRVING LEOS

THE portrait of the senior citizen has at least two sides. Geriatrics and the welfare state combine to make a man of sixty more spry, able—yes, youthful, than the forty-year-old of a few generations ago. When it comes to the pursuit of productivity, he is a true believer and resents being stashed on retirement's shelf—nor can society afford to dispense with his potentials summarily.

But for many if not most of those past the three-score mark, the prospect is a waning one: reduced financial resources, shrinking social horizons, diminishing bodily capabilities. Perhaps worse than any of these, our cult of youthfulness would make maturity a misdemeanor, lacking even the inverse status of a major transgression.

A parallel dichotomy seems apparent in the thinking of those concerned with planning the facilities-the interiors, furnishings, and furniture which the aging are to use. Some take what might be called an athletic approach, advocating the minimum of design concessions to the advancing years in the interest of the senior citizen's self-esteem, and to postpone physical atrophy as long as possible. Others, guided by what might be called the preventive principle, favor a design approach calculated to minimize the possibility of physically taxing, hence potentially hazardous experiences. The apparent contradiction is more a matter of emphasis than of philosophy. Agreement on design goals is largely the rule.

Indeed, details cited as hallmarks of good design for the aging hold true equally for babes, boys and business people. Rugged construction, rounded corners, minimum maintenance requirements — one need not be on Social Security to benefit from such features. Still, though standard furniture and furnishings may serve well, modifications usually are necessary.

Two criteria dominated discussion held with architects, interior designers, furniture manufacturers and social workers: A. Minimizing the possibility of accidents; B. Avoiding the institutional aura.



Attractive lounge at Abbey Convalescent and Nursing Home, Warr Mich., features comfortable, easy-to-care-for chairs from Thor
An inventory of what elderly people in good health need and want involves evaluation of a multitude of factors —safety, convenience, esthetic appeal, visibility

"An inventory of what elderly people in good health can really utilize is badly needed," says Sidney Leon Katz, FAIA, founder of the architectural and engineering firm of Katz Waisman Weber Strauss, Joseph Blumenkranz, Consultant, New York City.

Since an increase approaching 40 percent—9½ million more persons in the 60-plus age bracket, for a total of 35½ million by 1985—is predicted, a stock-taking does seem in order. What about these people and their needs?

Architect Katz offers a substantial framework for an inventory through his comments:

Storage. In the kitchen, cabinet manufacturers have made no contribution. The aging should not be climbing ladders and stepstools to reach their cups and dishes. Either provide storage areas at the right height or develop counter-height units designed on the filing cabinet principle. "Is there anything more primitive than moving into brand new quarters and starting to screw in cup hooks?"

Storage never is adequate in the bathroom. The medicine cabinet is "a misconception of a misplaced hope chest." It is too high, and it is over the sink so that it's doubly hard to reach. As a result most of its storage capacity is unavailable to the elderly, to say nothing of those in wheelchairs.

In the bedroom the situation is largely the same as in the kitchen, the influx of good closet accessories notwithstanding. The old-fashioned chiffrobe has to come back from the Twenties, to get that bottom drawer off the floor. "When you open the doors of the closet there should be an interior liner, with hooks, shelves, drawers — so the closet is usable."

In general, storage of unused articles is one of the biggest problems of the elderly in adjusting to new quarters. "They get hooked onto things they can't part with. They need a place where they can keep their mementos and enjoy them."

Appliances. There is a great need for more of automatic features, such as timers, cutoffs on burners, even shutoffs on faucets. "We're catching up to the Twenties in oven design at least—eye-level ovens are practically 100 percent accepted now." The corners of most kitchens are very impractical. A stove designed to fit into a kitchen corner could be a big step forward.

"Manufacturers have yet to come out with an eye-level refrigerator at a reasonable price. The idea of an elderly person bending to the floor to look at the contents of a refrigerator is appalling. Why can't we apply the filing cabinet principle here as well, with pull-out refrigerator drawers?"

In the hospital field, as well as among institutions, the entire cooking operation is due to change, as highspeed cooking and frozen prepared meals begin to approach their potentials. The time is close when frozen food processors will prepare tasteful, nutritious servings — even for special diets — for less than it costs the hospital or home to do so on its own. This will result in a dramatic simplification in hospital kitchen design, likely to mean less equipment, smaller staffs, and in all probability better meals.

For the bathroom, a properly designed water closet needs research. The Cornell study may have overdone it a bit, but it is a beginning, anyway. Considering that falls are the biggest causes of accidents among the elderly, progress in solving the problem of a non-slip surface for bathtubs and shower stalls seems long overdue.

Furniture. "The furniture exists-

there is a multitude of choices, just as long as one doesn't need a hydraulic jack to get out of a chair or sofa."

Any chair which tends to slope a person backwards is to be avoided. A chair should not impede circulation and should be easy to sit in and rise from. Couches may be soft without being too deep. They should be inviting to nap on. They can be firm and still be very comfortable.

Proper selection of fabrics is crucial in this respect. A high-pile fabric can give a feeling of softness, even though the seat basically is firm. High-pile fabrics plus foam rubber can be combined for maximum comfort with firmness.

As for beds, we have been sleeping on essentially the same beds for 1,000 years. The mechanized bed has to



Dayroom at Hebrew Home & Hospital of N.J., by Katz Waisman Weber Straus, Blumenkranz.

come. That's why a lot of people are buying hospital beds for home use. An articulated bed that permits changing the height of head and feet, that incorporates massage and heating features, has a large market awaiting it. Development of this market could lower the price of such a bed greatly. In hospitals as well as in the home, there is a crying need for a goodlooking bed.

Tables should be easily cleanable and impervious to cigaret burns and alcohol. Dull-surface plastic laminates are indicated here. Coffee tables are useful, but should be higher than ordinarily—about 18 inches.

Lighting. Adequate lighting is particularly important in kitchens and in closets. Bulbs should be easy to replace. Lamps should be sturdy in construction and in materials, and they should not tip, rock, or fall. Table lamps lend warmth to the interior. Built-in lamps are desirable, "but you can't build-in everything, because it gets to look like a bar-and-grill."

Floors. Wall-to-wall carpeting is favored because it is non-slip, it cushions falls, and can be maintained with lighter-weight equipment than hard surface flooring. The move to get carpet into the kitchen is commendable.

Colors. Working with a soft background in a pastel shade such as sand or buff is advisable. Then specific items can receive strong accents. A door, for example, can be made to stand out in a vivid contrasting color. This is done in apartment houses and on hospital doors. It is an aid to identification. Further, in the case of doors opening onto staircases or fire escapes, it helps lessen the worst threat to the elderly, the indoor accident.

Amenities. Some kind of hobby corner or provision for a pet is essential. This should be provided in the living area rather than the sleeping zone. Where a pet must be aired, a balcony or terrace is valuable, and it is good for the person as well. Better finishes are needed for terrace furniture — webbings as durable as the frames — for warmth of color and ruggedness to withstand weathering.

Provision for home entertainment is extremely important — television, radio, records, etc. In this connection, the development of the tape cartridge is most promising. Accident prevention: preventive measures are necessary, but should not be too obvious—the elderly do not want to be considered as incompetents

"A major consideration is accident prevention," says Joseph Douglas Weiss, AIA, Joseph Douglas Weiss Associates, New York City. But he takes a dim view of resorting conspicuously to protective measures, such as padded corners on furniture:

"These are resented by older people. What they treasure most is their individual willpower and dignity.

"Old people do not need any really special furniture. They have already lived their lives with regular furniture, and they continue to adjust to it. Besides, it simply isn't practical to make everything in special versions for the aging. Bureau drawers close to the floor, for example, are criticized because they make it necessary for the user to bend low. But when people have been bending all their lives to use these drawers, it's not necessary to develop special casegoods for them."

Weiss advocates non-slip floors, favors carpet strongly in this regard, but cites these limitations of carpeting as factors to be checked: 1. Certain walking aids which depend on sliding are hard to use with carpeting. 2. Extra work may be involved in connection with changes of tenants, as in disinfecting if the previous occupant had a communicable disease. 3. Carpet makes it harder for wheelchair users to move around.

Another safety provision endorsed by Weiss is installation of handrails on both sides of any corridor. He considers one – and – three – quarter inches the optimum thickness for handrails, emphasizes they should be shaped so that the user's fingers can go under them, and notes that they can be interesting visually. Chairs should have high backs, with side members as on a wing chair, against which the head can lean if the sitter falls asleep. "In Scandinavian countries they would never think of using a chair without side supports." Aside from the support to the head, this type of design is valuable in sheltering the elderly from drafts, he points out. Weiss considers footstools important, though practically no institutions use them because of the hazard of stumbling over them.

For wheelchair patients, bureaus should have at least a six-inch top extension, so the user can get close. This kind of design is not yet available commercially. A dresser with a kneehole is a practical alternative.

Most washbasins also put wheelchair users at a handicap, because of the persistence of Nineteenth Century design in this fixture. In the Nineteenth Century people filled the basin, with its faucets at the rear, and washed in it. Today most people turn the water on and let it run during their ablutions. Therefore a new contour is needed to reduce splashing and to permit the wheelchair to come closer. The drain trap should be at the rear where it will not strike the leg of the wheelchair patient.

A bifold door at toilets is easier for the wheelchair patient to open and close. Chamfering the meeting edges of such doors is a safeguard against getting hands caught in them.

For the able-bodied, a regular bed is satisfactory. If a person is ill, then an adjustable bed, moving up and down and in three sections, is preferred. In the hospital field, beds are



Swivelier hospital light has double shields, reducing danger of burn from heat.



Two-seater by Baumritter leaves no one in the middle without an armrest to lean on.

far ahead of most other equipment in design, and it is easy to obtain a good one. It is important to avoid the institutional look, and to obtain a bed with the look of wood if possible.

Any doorknob that must be turned is not suited to the older person, whose hands often are weakened by arthritis. Lever handles which permit the hand to reach under and pull are indicated.

As for the looks of the furniture, what is most important is that the people who move in should feel at home with it. Therefore, extreme designs are out. The emotional needs of these people dictate a compromise between esthetic and functional purity on the one hand, and reassuring familiarity on the other. The furniture must seem akin to what they have been living with.

For wallcoverings, nothing shiny should be used. Walls should be painted or plastic-covered, as with the vinyls. The latter are much in vogue, coming in an abundance of textures, patterns and colors, and being completely washable. Before specifying a vinyl or other plastic wallcovering, it should be tested with various cleaning agents. Some of these attack certain plastics, leaving them sticky to the touch.

With regard to lighting in an institution, every lamp a patient can reach must have a double shield. The air space between the reflector and the outer shield reduces the danger of a burn from the lamp's heat. The use of floor lamps should be avoided if possible. Their wires are a trip hazard, and attempts to move the lamps can cause falls. A lamp should swivel in practically any direction, the way draftsmen's lamps do.

In general there should be no glare —the vision defects of older people are particularly susceptible to glare. This is to be considered in specifying furniture finishes, wallcoverings, etc. Color-coding floors of institutions, or sections of a floor, is recommended as an aid to those with impaired vision.

A window which incorporates a venetian blind within double glazing affords effective sun control, plus acoustical and thermal values as well. Maintenance is at a minimum since the blinds need cleaning only about once a year, and the window pivots for washing.



Long room at Madonna Home of Mercy for the Aged, Buffalo, N.Y. (above) furnished by Thonet, is divided into chapel and lounge area. Chapel keeps patients in touch with what they had in their own neighborhoods.

Furnishings by Baumritter at Park View Nursing Home (below) are comfortable yet durable. Rounded edges and easy to clean vinyl tops are used on the tables.



NEEDS OF THE AGING

III

Good planning and congenial design encourage sociability and heighten the daily enjoyments of the aged; here's a happy example

Slated for completion early this spring, the Friedman Pavilion of the New York Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged is the architectural creation of the Weiss organization. John Maurer was chief designer for Barbara Dorn Associates on this job.

"Geriatric professionals don't want to re-create the past, they want the aged to look to the future," says Maurer. Accordingly, the goal in furniture design is for a contemporary effect with a traditional flavor. Maurer used colors and fabrics to individualize each patient's room. Some of the rooms were deliberately designed for female occupancy, others for male. "Men like stripes," Maurer reports, "women like flowers." A somehow familiar look is preferred by all.

To encourage patients to stay out of their rooms, to mingle with others and to take their meals in company, the day-dining rooms are designed in the spirit of living rooms and residential dining rooms. Wallcoverings, almost exclusively vinyls, are beginning to show up in Tedlar, which Maurer describes as immune to ballpoint pen markings.

Since the growing of plants is a favored activity among the patients, Maurer developed a low bookshelfcredenza piece in metal and woodgrained laminate, for plants, books and nicknacks. This fits in front of the air conditioning convector. Another Maurer creation for this job is an illuminated bulletin board using color-coordinated cork by Gotham Materials. This provides space for mementos and for a mirror as well.

A special chair developed with David Weinstock of Crucible Products features the elimination of upholstery welting, a high back and an adjustable pillow for the back of the neck.

Renderings for the Friedman Pavilion of the New York Jewish Home & Hospital for the Aged. John Maurer was chief designer for Barbara Dorn Associates for this assignment.





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Avoiding the institutional look is expensive but brings immediate rewards, according to specialist Eleanor Pepper, designer of a new wing at St. Luke's

"There is increasing realization that the institutional look must be avoided, whether the structure is publicly or privately sponsored," says interior designer Eleanor Pepper.

"In the more luxurious retirement homes, the trend is toward apartment plans, rather than rooms. The aim is to fill the need for individual homes within an establishment offering community facilities. This is a most important trend in the philosophy of housing for the aging, affecting the basic design of a structure.

"Color plays an important part in creating an individual-centered atmosphere. Our work at the Allen-Calder Wing for Extended Care, St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Center, Utica, N..Y, is a good illustration. In bedrooms, for instance, we try to use warm, light pastels which are flattering to the complexions of the elderly. Though furnishings may be standard, colors of draperies, wall paints and upholstery will be varied from room to room, according to an overall scheme.

"We strove to make the vinyl asbestos floors light and clean-looking, varying the color between each corridor and the bedrooms, and also from floor to floor, with each floor keyed to its respective coordinating color.

"We tried to avoid repetitive use of the same furniture throughout all public rooms, giving each an identity according to its function. In dining rooms, we aimed for a completely different character from other rooms on the same floor by making them very light and airy in key colors and draperies. We used heavy rattan furniture in a deep teak finish bound with leather (McGuire), and light-color wood slat blinds with drapery panels on each side for a homey look plus sun control.

"Despite the current vogue of glass, there are times when one wants to shut the outdoors out—dreary days and dark nights—when it is better to feel cozy and warm. Similarly in the bedrooms, where we have venetian blinds and draw curtains.

"To counteract the anxieties aroused when entering an institution, we worked for a living room atmosphere in the lobby and waiting room. We used carpet, installed to indicate the direction of traffic flow and used live plants in planters. We like to put live plants throughout a building. The admitting area is calculatedly casual, with wood used heavily. The waiting room has an accent wall with a mosaic depicting the sun rising over mountains.

"Along all corridor walls, mouldings are installed to facilitate hanging pictures, displaying visiting exhibits or even the artwork of the residents. We always try to enrich the environment by introducing works of art—



Simmons room setting demonstrates the "new look" in geriatric furnishings. Bed is electrically controlled.

not just hanging pictures bought in a shop — but specially commissioned pieces.

"In the occupational therapy area, where patients are trained to function with their disabilities, the dining center has been given a dinette look, to convey a home-like atmosphere where patients can feel at ease during their re-learning activities.

"Even in the hospitality and gift shop, there is a conscious effort to create a cheerful and inviting environment, to encourage patients to shop and have snacks on their own initiative, instead of just following the routine of the organized services and staying in their rooms. We used a lot of yellows, and white iron Bertoia chairs and tables, the chairs with colorful plastic cushions.

"In our fabrics we favor design motifs from nature forms, even if they are geometricized. We try to select products of accomplished designers, and to avoid the minimal as far as possible.

"Chairs are a stock design with a Danish look—warm teak upholstered in plastic. Arm height was lowered to slide easily under the table. The crown of the seat was raised for easier sitting down and rising, and for ease of sitting up at the table. We also changed the pitch of the back slightly, for better support. We prefer sturdy wood arms on chairs so people can pull themselves up and support themselves. The sturdiness reassures the user it is safe to lean on, and the wood is easy to keep clean, fresh and new-looking.

"Dining room tables of varied shapes were used to facilitate different types of groupings. Circular tables are for larger groups, squares for more intimate ones. Two-place tables were avoided, so that people wouldn't eat alone.

"On each floor, a single accent color is used for elevator doors, for the wall opposite (behind the information desk) and also the walls at the ends of the long corridors — to make the corridor seem less long, and to brighten the atmosphere.

"These refinements involve additional expenditures, but their benefits are recognized. As private involvement with facilities for the aging continues to increase, greater flexibility about spending additional amounts for better values may be expected." The mock-up or model rooms and public areas, as a means of merchandising a new facility, can be a significant factor in the final success of the project

The experience of interior designer Andrew M. Baird, FAID, Philadelphia, with Meadow Lakes Village, Hightstown, New Jersey, is a definitive demonstration of the contribution of the designer toward merchandising a senior citizen's facility aside from his design responsibilities. Meadow Lakes Village is a luxurious retirement community sponsored by the Presbyterian Synod of New Jersey, and reviewed in the January 1966 CONTRACT (page 77). This \$16 million project grew out of exhaustive advance brainstorming -and barnstorming the country-by Baird, architect Richard J. Chorlton and landscape architect Richard Cripps, over a four-year period.

". . A most significant development contributing to the final success of this project was the building of a mock-up on the premises," Baird reports. This was one-half of a permanent building (later converted) with office and public areas, and "a most accurately executed hospital room showing a prospect exactly what might be expected in the (90-bed) Health Center. In addition there was a completely furnished and decorated studio apartment as well as another popular model, a bedroom and living room combination. "Even though the interior designer recommended that no apartments be furnished beyond carpets and draperies (again, so as not to cut new residents off from their pasts and familiar surroundings) it was of inestimable value for a prospective resident to see how attractively the apartments might be decorated, and even more important, to visualize how their own possessions might be incorporated in entirely new surroundings.

". . . An interesting observation whereas original plans had comparatively few apartments in excess of living room, bedroom, bath and kitchenette, a substantial demand has developed for apartments of two bedrooms and two baths plus living room, kitchenette, etc.

"Much has been said and written about specially designed furniture for the aging," Baird observes. "Excluding certain hospital-type furniture (not specially designed but selected from a very practical viewpoint), furnishings throughout all public areas are quite standard but for the fact that we were careful to specify seat heights and depths of upholstered pieces. In the dining room we used all armchairs, and find many advantages not only in comfort but in ease of sitting down and rising."



Lounge/dining pieces from Thonet have sturdy backs for support. Fireplace, flowers brighten room. Table has set-in chess board for recreation.

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Traditional design, greater flexibility, richer styling noted

What of the manufacturer's perspective? Guido Baumgartner, sales manager of Thonet, sees a trend toward more traditional design in items for the aging. "I'm looking for more gingerbread," a designer told him recently. "We're working toward increased comfort and richer styling with a more traditional flavor," he reports. "New manufacturing processes for furniture are eliminating sharp corners, utilizing more serviceable, more easily maintained materials."

He believes the movement toward more traditional design grows out of the "home away from home" concept of facilities for the aging, as against the earlier, more functional, austere and institutional look. He sees increased emphasis being placed or community facilities rather than or the residents' rooms.

"With our background in the contract field, we are very mindful of the difference between the use given one's private possessions and the abuse dealth out to public furnishings. Residential furnishings simply won't stand up to the gaff. "In addition, the importance of low-maintenance requirements cannot be overemphasized. The shortage of help in senior citizens' facilities is at least as acute as anywhere else."

Baumgartner points out that some state authorities are not clearing swivel chairs for use on premises devoted to the aging. Another crucia consideration is the fireproof qualitie of materials used for draperies, up holstery, etc., Massachusetts being particularly exacting state in this re gard.

He stresses the virtues of the two seater as against the sofa: "Nobod wants to be in the middle." In addi tion, the person in the middle is un able to lean on a chair arm for sup port.

While Eleanor Pepper discerns trend toward increased use of built ins, Baumgartner believes that greate flexibility — ease of converting a roon from single use to double, for exam ple — is being gained through the us of furniture such as wardrobe uni rather than built-ins.

Use of new materials like fiber glass, adaptation of school furniture, lighter and brighter colors, recommended for community facilities and day centers

Gertrude Landau is the director of the first senior citizens' community center in the United States, Hodson Center, in The Bronx, N.Y. Now located in a low-income housing project, Hodson Center is an activity facility, not a residential institution. It is a Department of Welfare agency operated in conjunction with a voluntary board of directors.

Miss Landau emphatically seconds Guido Baumgartner on a preference for two-seater seating rather than larger-size sofas. "Things should be easily cleanable, with open spaces for easy cleaning, rather than being fully unholstered," she adds.

She is enthusiastic about fiber glass stacking chairs, but with two reservations: 1. The protruding legs present a trip hazard. 8. The fiber glass tends to become worn-looking even though it is guaranteed for ten years. She suggests there may be an information gap on maintenance of these chairs.

With 200-300 people using the center daily, Miss Landau prefers vinyl upholstery to fabrics — easy upkeep is of paramount importance at lowbudget, high-utilization Hodson Center. "Day centers are poor," Miss Landau reminds. "Curtains should be in small enough units so that they can be put in the washing machine, and they should be fireproof. We can't pay \$40 to clean our curtains. (They are a contribution from the voluntary board —the city doesn't provide these.)

"Old people need things lighter and brighter," she continues, citing the frequency of cataracts. She recommends that colors be subdued and easily matched.

Because of the varied activities at Hodson, flexibility is a key consideration. Thus the classrooms have tablet armchairs with removable arms, making them stackable. Trapezoid tables lend themselves to varied groupings, for demonstrations, panel discussions, etc. Room dividers used in the craft area provide storage space while organizing the room into interest areas.

School equipment is put to good use at Hodson. Paper cabinets are stock school items. A toy cart's mobility and insulative properties, make it ideal for storing a weighty mass of modeling clay. Wedging boards are kept on the shell covering the cart. Closets with separate trays, also a school item, are useful. Gun lockers, small enough to prevent clutter, yet roomy enough for adequate storage, stow arts and crafts projects in work. Older people need things lighter and brighter, so the 16,000 sq. ft. center has a light-colored vinyl asbestos tile floor, but Miss Landau prays for a means of keeping it clean-looking during bad weather. (C)







Main lounge at the Geriatric Center of Mansfield Memorial Homes, Inc., Mansfield, Ohio, by Herbert S. Jones and Robert W. Soulen, has furniture arranged into private conversational areas. Foldoor opens, permitting room to accommodate more than 100 persons. Draperies on window wall are on hospital-type traverse rods for easy opening and closing. Fabrics were woven with Dow's Rovana saran flat monofilament. Typical bedroom setting at the Center with two electrically controlled beds, floral draperies from Ben Rose, giving gay, outdoor feeling.

SOUTHERN MANUFACTURERS AT HIGH POINT EXPLORE ENTRY INTO CONTRACT FIELD

OUTSTANDING growth/profit potential, accompanied by a moderate dose of "growing pains," await manufacturers and design firms who seek a greater share of the contract business.

This was one of the conclusions reached by 50 southern furniture manufacturers who attended a seminar on "The Furniture Manufacturer and the Contract Market" in High Point, N.C., last month.

They heard about current and future sales growth of furnishings and architectural products for contract interiors; they heard of competitive and distribution questions normally arising from rapid business growth and change; they heard the views of a publisher, a leading contract professional, and a fellow furniture manufacturer.

And when it was over, they engaged in a spirited question-answer session that left no doubt about the intense furniture manufacturer interest in serving and supplying the contract field.

Sponsor of the January 16 seminar was contract Magazine, whose publisher, Ben Hellman, outlined recent contract industry developments. Featured speakers were Roland William Jutras, Boston, a leading designer of restaurants and hotels, and Manfred Steinfeld, president of Shelby Williams Industries, Chicago, prominent contract furniture producer. Steinfeld, whose rapidly expanding and publicly owned company is now grossing \$18 million annually, gave his fellow manufacturers a particularly practical view of contract market practices, emphasizing these points:

■ The industry must recognize and accept the various business and professional firms which now buy and/or specify contract products. Shelby Williams' sales, for example, are traceable 20 percent to contract furnishers and supply firms such as Parvin or Innkeepers Supply; 20 percent to food service firms such as Dohrmann Hotel Supply; 20 percent to architects who have become involved in interior work; 20 percent to interior design-

ers; 10 percent to purchasing departments of institutional buyers and chains; 10 percent to office furniture dealers and individual buyers.

■ Because of competitive practices, jealousies, manufacturer variation in standards and policy, and rapid growth, the contract furniture business must strive for "more mature policies" to match its products which are usually of exceptional value.

■ Although most types of contract interiors offer excellent sales and growth potential, nursing homes and college dormitories are especially worth attention—but beware the dangers of built-in furniture!

■ A prestige job will sell ten others —both for the furniture/furnishings suppliers and for the designer.

■ Contract manufacturers and suppliers should avoid financing the job, or warehousing merchandise which is finished on time for a client who states he is not ready to accept delivery. These responsibilities should remain the function of the client.

The Shelby Williams president also gave a series of practical tips on showrooms, trade shows, magazines (he put CONTRACT at the top of his list for advertising), sales compensation, coping with the comparatively small "kickback" element, and capitalizing profitably on the exceptional sales growth offered by contract busin ss.

Jutras, who heads Roland Jutras Associates with an international hotel/ restaurant design reputation, described the growth, needs, and policies of the contract practitioner of the present and future. Among his more emphatic comments:

■ Contract design must be considered "a business — not a profession." Though a graduate architect, Jutras regards his function as that of a businessman with professional training, with the responsibility of helping the client derive maximum value and profit from each dollar spent. Clients employ contract designers for financial rather than artistic motives, he declared.

A "new breed" of contract design-

er is evolving which will squeeze out smaller decorators and casual practitioners of the contract function. This new breed offers the client professional training, access to merchandise at truly competitive price, complete responsibility for the contract interior including purchasing and installation, interior architectural as well as furnishing specification, and in some cases guidance toward supplementary financing.

■ He (Jutras) selects and specifies merchandise based on these factors: previous experience with the supplier; exceptionally informative salesman or catalog; information received after reply to ads in trade magazines; competitive price (excluding highest and lowest extremes which usually are unsuitable); manufacturer flexibility in adhering to modified specifications; on-time shipment and delivery.

Jutras, whose current assignments include major hostelries on three continents, agreed that there were a large number and variety of business and professional firms engaged in contract work. But major control of the market and worthwhile jobs are in the hands of "specialized contract business professionals," he added.

CONTRACT publisher Hellman cited the stability of manufacturers who make worthwhile efforts to market both residential and contract products. While the present home building slump has affected residential furniture sales, he pointed out, there has been a continued rise in furniture use in offices, hotels, motels, educational institutions, and other commercial/institutional structures.

Hellman also named more than a dozen large corporations which have recently begun marketing contract furniture lines or component materials. Their activity lends the whole industry a new degree of strength in research, promotion and market development, he declared. He predicted no letup in contract industry acceleration for the next ten years, and said in would loom larger and larger in proportion to total furniture output. (C)

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Exploitation of contract industry sales growth depends on individual manufacturer's market understanding and resulting activities, 50 southern furniture manufacturers were told at seminar in High Point, N.C., last month. Here (above), CONTRACT publisher Ben Hellman addresses the group.

Contract industry veteran Eugene B. Halward (far right), Thonet Industries, Inc., New York, got warm welcome from (l. to r.): Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hahn, Stanley Furniture Co., Stanleytown, Va.; Manfred Steinfeld, Shelby Williams Industries, Chicago; Mrs. Kay Lambeth, Erwin-Lambeth, Inc., Thomasville, N.C. Steinfeld gave fellow furniture manufacturers practical views of contract business.

Informal discussion of contract lines, during reception preceding program, included (l. to r.): John Davis and L. Paul Brayton, Davis Furniture Industries, Inc., High Point; Harold Gutterman, Monarch Furniture Co. Inc., High Point; Art Gross, Patrician Furniture Co., High Point; ad executive Brax Dodson of Lavidge, Davis & Newman, High Point.

Preliminary informal chat about contract industry involved (l. to r.): George C. Wiebel, Carolina Mirror Corp., North Wilkesboro, N.C.; Willis C. Rogers, Birmingham Ornamental Iron Co., Birmingham; Ralph Conner, Carolina Mirror; Jeff E. Jackson, Birmingham Ornamental; Ben Hellman.

And now the commercial! CONTRACT Magazine southern representative Arnold Hoffman (far right) enjoys record-breaking January Directory Issue with (l. to r.): Fred G. Wieland, Thonet Industries, Inc., Statesville, N.C.; Edwin C. Schell, Kent-Coffey Mfg. Co., Lenoir, N.C.; John Wells, Gilliam Furniture, Statesville, N.C.; William M. Blanton Jr., Globe Furniture Co., High Point.

Surrounded by prospective suppliers, guest speaker and contract buyer-designer-specifier Roland Jutras (center), of Boston, discussed factors affecting his buying decisions. Flanking him are (l. to r.): Leo J. Heer, managing director, Southern Furniture Exposition Building, High Point; Robert A. Spelman, executive VP, Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association, High Point; J.K. Boling, Boling Chair Co., Silver City, N.C.; Carroll H. Henkel, Henkel-Harris, Winchester, Va.











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Custom steel sculpture

Brazed steel wall and free-standing sculpture is created at Sculpture Studio Inc., by William Bowie, the owner. Although the work shown here was commissioned, other sculptures may also be purchased from Mr. Bowie's collection. Skyline is a silver and gold leafed steel wall sculpture with red and black accents. It was commissioned by the New York Bank for Savings, and now hangs in the president's office. Among Bowie's works are Golf, a gold leafed steel sculpture depicting a field of sports, and Pennsylvania Railroad, comprised of gold leafed steel, miniature railroad tracks, railroad cars, and other symbols.

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British-influence vinyl upholstery

Five new British-derived patterns are part of General Tire's expanded vinyl upholstery line, designed to permit deep-button tufting, biscuittufting, and a wide range of upholstering effects. Balboa Floral (1) is a distinctive British Colonial pattern on Vinelle, designed to be mated with General Tire's Monterey Linen. Hampton Court, (2), a brocade effect on Vinelle, boasts three - dimensional qualities and unusual color contrasts. Beefeater (3) is heavy-grained leather-like expanded vinyl material which offers light - into - dark tonal contrasts, particularly effective on large pieces of upholstered furniture. Country gardens (4), a gros point effect floral pattern on ivory Vinelle has a British needlepoint look. Circle 81 on product information card

Sculptured chairs from Fritz Hansen

Arne Jacobsen has further developed the sculptured chair for Fritz Hansen, Inc., with his huge new black oxhide lounge chair (far left). The aluminum swivel base adds a sense of motion, and down-filled seat cushion lends luxury and comfort. The chair is also upholstered in fabric and vinelle, and a similarly upholstered ottoman is available. At near left is a comfortable high-back chair, with adjustable seat and back. The ashwood frame can be stained teak or walnut. Upholstered in fabric, vinelle, or leather, the chair may be ordered with matching ottoman.

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AID Design Award fabrics

From the Brois Kroll Jacquard Designer's Collection of contemporary woven fabrics are Peru, Oberon, Prism, and Maya. Peru, available in 12 colorways, has a striking design reminiscent of Peruvian weavings, and is 70 percent rayon, 30 percent nylon. Oberon, top right, is a three colored argyle pattern, available in 10 colorways. Prism, bottom left, a multicolored interplay of



octagons on squares, is available in 11 colorways. The fabric is 63 percent rayon and 37 percent nylon. At bottom right Maya, a multicolored design inspired by the intricate stonework of ancient Mayan temples, is available in 7 colorways. All fabrics come in 54-inch widths, are stain-proofed with ZePel, and are acrylic backed.

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Comfort chair from Awandi

Awandi International presents a collection of seating designs with emphasis on extremely soft cushioning and upholstery of unusual and washable European hides. The high back chair (shown) has loose seat, back, and sidearm cushions, all with re-



movable zippered covers. The base is walnut, and the cushions are down-filled. The chair is available in a variety of fabrics as well as a collection of hides, and is available in two-seat, three-seat, and four-seat models.

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Indoor-outdoor chair from Piazza Originals

Patio 67, a new indoor-outdoor style from Piazza Originals, looks deceptively fragile, but is sturdily constructed of rustproof, solid iron with a baked finish.



The seat is a weave in off-white, to contrast with the black frame. It can be specially ordered with either the frame or seat in color. The over-all size is $32\frac{1}{2}$ inches, with a $15\frac{1}{2}$ -inch square seat.

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Leather-look vinyl

Topeka, a new line of vinyl upholstery fabric, has been announced by Athol Mfg., Div. Emhart Corp. The new fabric has the look of natural grain leather



and is available in eleven colors: walnut, ivory, gold, russet, avocado, rawhide, bittersweet, oxblood, turquoise, black, and olive.

Circle No. 86 on product information card

Corner sectional by Metropolitan

A Vantage series sectional from Metropolitan Furniture Corp. establishes the contemporary atmosphere of this corner grouping. Shown in velvet, with heavy exposed base of solid walnut, the Vantage styling is available in 48 variations, with a large selection of



materials and colors. Tuxedo arm, seat, and back ar tufted over foam. Forty-inch diameter etched bras table on walnut hexagon base, and end table of ³/₄ inch glass with solid walnut base are also available. Circle No. 87 on product information card

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Hjorth design armchair

The new Hjorth Danish-contemporary styled armchair from Bianco Mfg. Co. features sling-type foam padded seat and foam-fitted upholstered backrest.



Designed as an all-purpose seating unit, the chair can be used as a stack chair, stacking in less than four square feet of space, or ganged together for multiple seating arrangements.

Circle No. 88 on product information card

Variety of filing sorters

A new line of sorting equipment which fits on desk or table top and permits accurate sorting while seated, has been introduced by Oxford Filing Supply Co. The Oxford 110 division rotary sorter (shown), designed to handle large volume paper sorting, takes a wide range of paper sizes with the easily removable dividers providing maximum sorting flexibility. Desk and table tops are protected by felt padding, and durable plastic tabs avoid cuts and scratches. The sorter comes with 110 double-tilted standard headings and bank inserts. The model weighs less than 30 pounds.



The vertical sorters, such as the 50 division size, eliminate the need for "make-room" motions and compressors. Clear plastic tabs provide full indexing visibility. The 6-inch by 4-inch divider leaves which have contoured sides, allow instant accessibility to small size papers. Headings can be inserted on both sides of the divider leaves, providing double tabbing capability. Also available is the flat sorter with 10-inch wear-resistant vinyl divider leaves for sorting letter and legal size papers. Dividers are mounted on plastic axles which rotate smoothly and are easily removed or added.

Circle No. 89 on product information card

Vinyl-clad wastebasket

A new wood-grained fabric covered metal wastebasket is being produced by Smokador Products Co., Bloomfield, N.J. This circular basket is made of heavy gauge steel and covered with a grained American walnut vinyl sewn sleeve that will not peel. It is 9³/₄



inches in diameter and 15 inches high, with a rubber bumper to protect the top rim. This model is also available in solid color fabrics in palm green, canyon tan, white, and Arizona tan, or covered with rosewood, black walnut, teak, or driftwood grained fabric.

Circle No. 90 on product information card

Leather lounge chair

The newest addition to the Schafer Bros. line of leather seating is the 6037 leather lounge chair. Designed by James Whitney and hand tailored, the chair



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features a double bustle, down-filled back and maple frame. A matching high back chair with ottoman is also available, and all pieces come in a wide range of colors.

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New seat spring

Perma-Eze seat spring by Flex-o-Laters, Inc., simplilies upholstering techniques and lowers the cost of naterial and labor. Flat spring gives uniform support and acts as an insulator. Spring is easily installed by power stapling to almost all model chairs, sofas and ectionals.

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Surface mounted, flush wardrobes

The latest additions to the Duk-It line of office equipment and accessories from McDonald Products Corp. are a surface mounted wardrobe for existing construction and a flush mounted wardrobe for new construction. The Duk-It mcdel 808 concealed wardrobe (left) has a folding shelf at top and bottcm and a rod designed to hold eight or more coats. The unit, which fits flush with the wall when not in use, extends a



full 12 inches from the wall on caster-type mountings. A complete hardware assembly is available separately, permitting the architect or designer to select the front panel as part of the wall planning or covering. The Duk-It model 807 wardrobe (right), extends only 31/2 inches from the wall when not in use.

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Pedestal base tables

A built-to-last collection of commercial pedestal base tables has been introduced by Krueger Metal Products Co., Inc. The new tables feature distinctive base and column designs in a variety of highly adaptable finishes and colors. Plastic laminated table tops offer a



wide selection of shapes and finishes, ranging from 24-inch square or round to 36-inch by 96-inch rectan gular. There are more than 160 base-top combinations Circle No. 94 on product information card

New primary backing for tufted carpets

A new primary backing for tufted carpets, availabl from the Dawbarn Division, W. R. Grace & Co., i woven of polypropylene, ribbon and multifilamen yarns, and is available in 12-foot widths. The new construction allows better dimensional stability greater tuft anchorage, and increased bond strengt between the primary and secondary backing.

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Textured tapestry paneling

Marlite's new textured tapestry paneling with a raised surface design of high quality woven fabric is ideal for designing background wall areas. Available in green, gold, and red, it is highly resistant to wear, heat, moisture, and stains, and can be



damp-wiped clean. The textured tapestry comes in tongue-and-grooved 16-inch by 8-foot planks. The ¹/4-inch prefinished hardboard can be applied with wallboard adhesive over existing walls or new framing, and color-matched moldings are also available.

Circle No. 96 on product information card

New line of library shelving

An new line of library shelf cases is being offered by Modular Systems, Inc. Units are offered in both wall-attached models and free standing book islands. Sizes are in steps from 36 to 108 inches in width,



42 to 83 inches in height, and in 8, 10, and 12-inch depths. Metal shelf supports are completely adjustable, as are bottom shelves, and a rigid-lock system combines extruded aluminum framing with laminated plastic finished hardboards.

Circle No. 97 on product information card

Contemporary and traditional office desks

A full line of contemporary and traditional office desks is now available from Lyon Metal Products, Inc. The modular construction permits the selection of basic components to suit individual requirements. Double wall side panels provide silence and strength. The desks are available in nine colors, all blended from 100 percent acrylic enamel. The contemporary group features straight, flush lines, squared corners, and contrasting spacers. The traditional desks are characterized by tapered edges and softly rounded corners.

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The commercial-institutional products group of Westinghouse Electric Corp. is now offering its new Host 19-inch color TV for hotel-motel use. Engineered exclusively for institutional use, the Host color TV features easy-to-use controls-a color control and a tint control, VHF/UHF all-on-one dial channel tuner, and



a front high fidelity sound system. Of particular interest in the 72-ohm imput tuner, a must for good fringe area reception, a volume limiter, a burn resistant, walnut wood grain finish on metal cabinet, and a heavyduty power cord. Cabinet dimensions are: 181/4 inches high, 26 inches wide, and 19-3/16 inches deep.

Circle No. 103 on product information card

Grasscloth-like vinyl wallcovering

A revolutionary wall treatment for schools, hospitals, high-risers, institutions, hotels and residences, known as Fabricraft, is available from Crown Wallcovering Corp. The wallcovering, which looks and feels like grasscloth, has the long wearing qualities of durable vinyl and can be custom designed to match any patterned fabric. Fabricraft, which is fade and flame resistant, sound absorbent and non-allergenic, is coated



with a glossless, transparent polyvinyl acetate and cured at high temperature to insure abrasion, soil and stain resistance. The texture is an authentic woven fabric of kraft fibre laminated with a waterproof adhesive to a standard #2 hanging paper. Sound waves are diffused because of the heavy two-ply construction and random texture on heavy backing sheet. The wallcovering is recommended for covering old walls having cracks, pin holes and minor defects.

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New sun-screen by McCordi

McCordi Corp. has developed a sun-screen for the control of sunlight and heat transmitted through windows. The screen is a space metalized Mylar film in varying patterns, which effect greater or lesser control of light transmission. It can be applied directly to windows, utilizing its water activated adhesive, or can be used to make light-con-

trolling screens or shades. The reflecting exterior surface of vacuum metalized deposits reflects up to 68 percent of the heat source, and when used on windows or glass partitions, it makes viewing from the exterior impossible, while from the interior, objects are visible in their true colors.

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Vinyl floor runners

New commercial-gauge vinyl floor runners from Tenex Corp. for contract use protect floor coverings from soil and wear. The transparent runners have a cross-ribbed center surface and feathered edges, and are guaranteed for ten years against puncturing, tear-



ing, or wearing through. Shown is the carpet runner, with molded-in vinyl grippers on the underside, designed to stay in place without fastening. All runners are offered in 36-inch and 48-inch widths, up to 60 feet long, in transparent colors.

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New chandeliers from E-Lite

A new group of imported chandeliers and fixtures has been announced by E-Lite Co., Inc. Called the Contessa grouping, the series of six chandeliers and one bracket fixture is diverse enough to allow a selection for informal and formal settings. Shown



is Contessa #F-2445, for living and dining areas. Extensive use of crystal prisms and chains is made, and the metal is finished in antique gold. The crystal pendants are deeply etched to pick up and reflect light.

Circle No. 108 on product information card

Profil collection

Scandiline's Profil collection is one of the newest concepts in wall storage furniture, fabricated in teak, walnut and rosewood. Items in the collection combine beauty, precise craftmanship, functional design and great flexibility of use, and offer a limitless variety of possibilities for application by the interior designer,



decorator, or architect. Included are components with cabinets, paneling and shelves in both the wall hung and free standing varieties. The combination T3 (pictured) has a width of 96³/₄ inches, height of 81 inches with depth-base units measuring 18 inches and top units of 9 inches.

Circle No. 109 on product information card

King-size drapery holdbacks

New king-size holdbacks introduced by Kirsch Co. are designed to provide a firm hold for extra-wide or extra bulky draperies. Measuring 8 inches from tip to tip, with 11-inch arms, the plumes have a



4¹/₄-inch clearance between rod and arm. This extra capacity allows them to hold multipaneled draperies without pinching or bunching. Of molded heavy gauge plastic, the large size is available in brass, white, and gold finishes.

Circle No. 110 on product information card

Breathable man-made materials

SirPel, the newest product from Georgia-Bonded Fibers, Inc., is claimed to be the first man-made material with truly controlled physical properties coupled with directed, non-mechanically enduced breathability. The inherent character of SirPel is particularly related to that of natural leather, although it is a complex coriaceous heteroplastic, generally described as a poly-vysilic material. Breathability is accomplished by tiny pore cells inter-related and inter-locked in such manner as to allow the free passage of air and moisture through the material.

Circle No. 111 on product information card

Chippendale design in cast aluminum

A Chippendale bamboo chair design is now given the strength and durability of cast aluminum and the versatility of baked enamel colors. Shown is Calcutta,



Brown-Jordan's most recent addition to its fine furniture line. Side and arm chairs, club chairs and ottomans, chaises, sectionals, occasional tables, and six sizes of dining tables comprise the Calcutta group. Circle No. 112 on product information card



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Two-legged chair from Emeco

A new multi-purpose chair from the Emeco Division of Standard Furniture Co. features an unusual two-leg design. Balance is achieved by joining the two legs to a base of two parallel, horizontal steel bars running from front to back, which rest on glides. The chair is available in multiple upholstery



combinations, in mirror or satin chrome finish or painted frame. The metal back panel is finished in a harmonizing, complementary, or contrasting color, or upholstered to match seat fabric. The seat is ventilated and contains an internal bumper to protect its upholstery.

Circle No. 99 on product information card

Multi-shaped ceramic planters

Clay Design introduces a collection of high-fired ceramic planters in a wide variety of sizes, shapes, and glazes, offering a total of 1800 items. The highfired glaze finish is available in chrome red, orange and yellow, cobalt blue, light blue, green, purple beige, black, white, and earth tone. The designer



Robert Alan Martin, has created shapes with canti levered forms from a material that is usually lim ited. The collection is suitable for outdoor as wel as indoor use since the planters will withstand sub freezing temperatures, and the glaze colors hav proven stable against the most adverse climate.

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Customized wood flooring

Bangkok Industries, Inc., has combined seven basic wood flooring patterns with various combinations of standard sized pickets and dividers to provide over a hundred customized floor designs at stock prices. The three woods available, imported from Thailand, are: Thai-teak, genuine Thailand teak; Kerriwood, considered fireproof without treatment, and known in Thailand as iron wood because of its



great hardness; and Karpawood, also extremely hard, which has a low coefficient of expansion and is practically inert. Shown at left is Straitline Diva, a combination of the straitline pattern with either Teak, Kerriwood, or Karpawood dividers. At right is Diamond Martinique, a teak diamond pattern with Teak, Kerriwood, or Karpawood pickets and dividers.

Circle No. 101 on product information card

Tapestry reproductions

Tapestry reproductions, in both drapery and pillow form, are being distributed by Fred Baumgarten Exclusive Imports. Medieval art motifs are reproduced



on pure linen, which is then padded, quilted, and embroidered in gold for decorative pillows. For draperies, the linen is bound in velvet, brocade ribbon, and metallic braid.

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Twenty-three ply laminate table tops

The 23-ply laminate table tops from American Chair Co. are stronger and more durable than conventional tops. The exposed multi-layers of the edge cause a texture that is attractive and practical. The edge is sanded and given a rugged conversion finish that is highly resistant to abrasion, and withstands alcohol, heat, water, and even nail polish remover. Twenty-three ply edges may be specified at no additional cost for any contract table in the American Chair Co. line.

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Vinyl upholstery fabric

Raphael, a recent addition to the Federan line of vinyl fabrics manufactured by Airco Plastics Products, is an expanded elastic vinyl for furniture upholstery. Available in 12 colors, Raphael is being



used by many furniture manufacturers in a wide variety of sofas, chairs, ottomans, and recliners. Special embossing techniques are employed to produce a range of graining from fine to coarse, unusual mottling, and color shadings.

Circle No. 116 on product information card

Embossed outdoor-indoor carpet

CarvTone, a distinctive embossed pattern in outdoorindoor carpet, introduced recently by Orcco, is made with pile of 100 percent Herculon polypropylene olefin fiber. The pattern is available in 12 versatile color combinations, all of which were selected to intensify the striking three-dimensional effect. The embossing adds a look of depth to this version of Sun & Shade. The carpet is designed for use in such heavy duty areas as reception rooms and sundecks.

Circle No. 117 on product information card

Conference table/desk

Latest addition to the Ultra 5 executive office furniture line from Robert John is a contemporary desk that serves as a conference tables. The new design employs a modified half-circle top that provides elbow room and knee space for colleagues to pull up



chairs and take notes. Drawer fronts and case sections may be specified in any of 16 rich lacquer colors, as well as teak or walnut. Top is a broad expanse of matched walnut, teak, or rosewood veneers, or extra-durable plastic.

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Application ideas in treillage, screens and columns, and in railings are featured in the new Julius Blum Ornamental Metalwork Bulletin 071-A. which also includes latest additions to the line. The 28-page book presents many new applications for the Blum Old World collection of traditional

treillage patterns and railing components. Blum has also released a 1967 condensed catalog presenting the latest contemporary-styled screening and railing systems, with many full-color applications, sectional drawings, and installation details. The new Blum aluminum expansion joints are also shown.

Circle No. 125 on product information card

American Lantern has prepared a large and attractive 4-color catalog on its line of distinctively styled outdoor lights. All of the fixtures reflect a lantern styling in glass enclosed bulbs standing on pedestals or hung by chains. Materials used are comprehensive in range. To name a few: weathered brass, black aluminum, antique copper, and rust-resistant steel. Glass choices include pyrex and frosted chimney, textured colors in blue, green, amber, and beveled clear jewel cuts, for an exceedingly well-rounded outdoor lighting collection.

Circle No. 126 on product information card

An 8-page booklet with photos of carved wood grilles, doors, and panels has been put out by Customwood Mfg. Co. Also featured are handmade doors. A complete catalog is also available.

Circle No. 127 on product information card

Draw-Matic explains its automatic-operation traverse drapery systems in a recently published folder. The Draw-Matic line adapts to a variety of electrically operated installation needs, such as stage curtains, maps and charts, door openings, store window sun shades, and draperies in inaccessible areas that require operation by remote control.

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To present to the trade its extensive lighting collection since the recent acquisition of Arco Lighting, Metropolitan Lighting Fixture Co. has published a 45-page brochure illustrating 170 of its most exclusive designs and imports. Designed "pocket size" to fit into briefcase or purse, the new catalog features period fixtures, chandeliers, and sconces that will not be sold through distributors. For its custom contract work, Metropolitan also issues the Custom Catalog reviewing the large scale chandeliers previously designed and fabricated for special installations.

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In a fully illustrated new brochure, The Art Foundry shows examples of its bas relief wall sculptures, many replicas of original Egyptian, Oriental, or classic Greek and Roman works.

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Loumac Supply Corp. has been issued its 1967 catalog, covering its complete line of office and institutional accessories, including ash trays, urns, coat racks, umbrella stands, waste baskets, desk accessories, calendars, and waste receptacles. Tearsheets are available for each page of the catalog.

Circle No. 132 on product information card

The 1967 brochure from Bigelow Custom Carpets, Div. of Bigelow-Sanford, Inc. contains color plates of the Dorothy Liebes designs, as well as creations by the Bigelow design staff. Introduced in the book are Plaisance, Pop Art, Astral, Baroque Rouge, and the Tapa Group, all custom-made rugs and carpets.

Circle No. 133 on product information card

A new 9-page brochure by Hoosier Desk Co., illus trates the Decor Series of office furniture, a new modern line in walnut veneer.

Circle No. 134 on product information card

Thomas Strahan Co., specialists in document hand print wallpaper, has issued a flyer on the firm' newest handprint group reproducing antique hand blocked designs. Strahan's Handprint Series 100 cov ers English and French designs from the 17th and 18th centuries, along with a distinctive group o scenic panels on Early American themes.

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Eldon Industries Inc. presents a 4-page flyer on it coordinated desk accessory groups for executive an general offices. Included are pencil holders, desk pade calendar stands, and related accessories, all in cor temporary stylings of brushed solid matte ebony of bone shades, accented by brushed aluminum, brass or walnut veneer.

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A series of three brochures outlines the executiv wood office groups by Directional Contract Furnitur Corp. in a comprehensive contract reference catalog Editions D1/2 and D4 feature designs by Kip Stewart for Directional, while D3 reviews Mil Baughman executive furniture designs. Each give full information, dimensions, and specification need on the desks, cabinets, tables, and chairs, illustrate in black and white and in color.

Circle No. 137 on product information card

Lightolier has completed a 38-page catalog highlighting its portable light collection. In the comprehensive coverage are contemporary floor and table lamps, high intensity lamps, lighted bookshelves and picture lights, as well as many other accessories and fixtures in the broad Lightolier range of finishes and sparkling colors.

Circle No. 138 on product information card

A four-page brochure on the recently introduced "Velours," Volume 1, Medici Collection is now available from James Seeman Studios. The illustrated brochure contains each of the varied 18 flocked patterns in the Medici collection that are designed to demonstrate the effectiveness and beauty of textural detail in almost all ages and periods of design. Some three-dimensional patterns, shown, and available in special colorings, are Stratford, with an English orientation; Dauphine, of French inspiration; and Toledo, with a Spanish influence.

Circle No. 139 on product information card

A new edition of Armstrong Cork Co.'s Commercial Maintenance System Guide outlines a system of regular floor maintenance procedures and recommends various types of floor cleaners and polishes. The 24page booklet contains special sections on resilient floors suitable for commercial and institutional use, as well as a glossary of maintenance terms.

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A 4-page velvet-bound brochure by Velvetex illustrates the uses, application, and maintenance of Armored Velvet, a new wallcovering which is extremely durable and can be applied to all surfaces.

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A new brochure from Formica Corp. incorporates actual sample pieces of their new laminated plastic with a suede finish. The samples are from the Native American collection of reproductions of natural materials including wood and leather.

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A 6-page pamphlet is available from Aurora Steel Products, Division of Hupp Corp., describing the new line of Quik-Lok office wall partitioning. Included are suggested layouts for simple working stations as well as cubicles utilizing the office-wall building block technique.

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An illustrated booklet from Stacor Corp. describes the firm's new posture chair. All major features of the chair are listed, and upholstery materials and available colors are described.

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Jackson China has a 20-page, full-color brochure of standard and custom china. Service plates, distinctively shaped cups, saucers, and serving pieces are featured in the book, which also contains a color chart.

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