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PROGRESS PREVIEW

n Antonio public housing

an Antonio, Texas, some remarkable rdinated public housing projects are ing completion. They are remarkable design, for comfort, for the considerathey give the tenant as a human being, for the way they have been designed constructed with full co-operation ng the architects of the community and local Housing Authority-if not always understanding from regional and Washon PHA offices. Finally, they are rekable for the use of techniques which brought costs to figures under the aped development program estimates,

htly more costly in original construction, much more mical when insurance and maintenance costs are lered.

sol Homes, pictured on this page, were designed by Ford & Rogers, architects, ssociation with Sam B. Zisman, and Charles Weidner & Henry Walther. olds Andricks was civil engineer; George Rhine, mechanical engineer; Charles eynolds, Jr., structural engineer. The project is designed as a series of row es and is open to an unusual degree to the southern prevailing breeze because erlooks a large open field, part of which may be future park space, in addition e present seven-acre park and local play areas. Unit plans face living rooms bed rooms to the south; open planning allows through ventilation. Photos: Ulric Meisel

even though lift-slab concrete construction (desired by the architects and proven more economical*) was not permitted.

The smooth co-operation results from the fact that architects Ford & Rogers, with Sam Zisman, have been co-ordinating architects for the entire program to date, and have been able to work in "amazing harmony" with 14 other firms, associated for specific jobs on an equal-fee basis. O'Neil Ford, Jerry Rogers, and Sam Zisman have done most of the site work-even much of the site selection-and a great deal of the unit planning. Yet each project has a character of its own, within the design criteria that govern all of the plans.











Sutton Homes, another of the San Antonio public housing projects, had Ford & Rogers and Malcolm G. Simons as associated architects. H. E. Nicholson was structural engineer, Halsey & Royer handled mechanical engineering, and Reynolds Andricks was civil engineer. The project is on a hillside falling away south and east, and the buildings are so arranged (with one-story units low on the hill) that almost all have a view of the city to the south. Breezeways are planned between pairs of apartments. The construction system here is unique: masonry-bearing walls form room partitions and are tied together by a concrete beam poured between wood joists (only form needed was a plywood piece closing the bottom of joist space). Recreation area is at west, adjoining future school playground.

Orientation, "thin" plans that allow through-ventilation, fins and overhangs, balconies and porches, and room spaces decently large, are the principal means used to suit the buildings to the climate. Many of these design features became controversial: the standard "quadrangle" site plan was reluctantly given up by authorities in favor of south sun-breeze-catching orientation for all buildings; sun-control devices were officially considered extravagant, even though they gave a bonus of privacy and noise-barrier; porches and balconies were looked on as luxuries. Densities are high er than Ford & Rogers would have likedfollowing a fluctuating PHA standard Room sizes are somewhat over the minimus standard, but they "should have been lard er." There is a high percentage of 4- ar 5-bedroom apartments, because that we the local need; this fact, of course, help reduce the unit cost. The first three project were designed as flats (one- or two-story but apparent economies were found sma and all later projects are row houses. The are as many one-story buildings as possibl East Terrace Homes were planned by Ford & Rogers, the co-ordinating architects for all projects, associated with Addis E. Noonan Associates, Thomas B. Thompson, and Allison B. Peery. William Orrison and George R. Rhine were engineers. Unit plan (below) shows screened porches provided for all units. The project has a number of well-planned one-story structures. In two-story buildings, stairs are enclosed.







Site plan of East Terrace Homes shows how buildings (with all living rooms oriented to the south) have been so arranged that open areas and pleasant vistas are gained without sacrificing economy in street layout. The project is a medium-sized one, and the loop street through the center serves all parts of it well. Play areas within the development are supplemented by an adjacent city park.



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San Juan Homes, shown on this page, (designed by Architects Ford & Rogers; Nayfach, Richey & Kermacy; R. H. H. Hugman and John Marriott; Frank T. Drought, engineer) illustrate a number of unusual features of the San Antonio projects. The central play area adjoins the play yard of a school, to the advantage of both (in every housing project there is a relation to other community facilities such as schools, parks, playgrounds); like the others, it has a clinic staffed by the city Public Health personnel, serving the entire neighborhood. There is a planned relationship of one-story (four- and five-bedroom) and two-story units. Balconies and porches are provided

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apartment house



the street, ramps for both pedesand cars lead up to the maince level (right). At the rear of vel is a garden in abstract pattern ed by Roberto Burle Marx. The shown (below) is around a ut-ventilator of the garage roof h. Photos: Peter Scheier



	location	São Paulo, Brazil
	architect	Rino Levi
collaborating	architect	Roberto Cerqueira Cesar



General view of the north front (above). Walls around the elevator lobbies (two photos, left) are surfaced with yellow, blue, and brown ceramic tile. Pedestrians reach the entrance level by ramps that curve up from the sidewalk (below).



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ed in one of the most beautiful resial areas of São Paulo, this twelveapartment house has a number of al elements in plan and design that careful study by North American sects.

cause of soil conditions there is no basement. Instead, the first floor is a level below grade. Hence, the entrance level, children's playid, and garden occur half a level grade—the so-called second floor. d from the ground on *pilotis*, this is reached from the street by ramps. resultant open-gallery effect gives a ness of appearance not found in ings with walls to the ground.

ch of the floors from the third gh the eleventh contains four luxpartments, while at the rooftop level wo elaborate penthouses. On each typical apartment floor, the two apartments with the main living areas facing the favored north (street-front side) have ample living balconies, separated from each other by a solid wall. The penthouse apartments, set back from the building line, have spacious garden areas that command dramatic views over the city.

At the rear of the building, on the entrance level, is a colorful garden enclosed by the wings of the U-shaped plan. Designed by Roberto Burle Marx in the manner of an abstract painting, it consists of masses of plants of different colors and textures. Exterior walls of the entire building are surfaced with small ceramic tiles in blue, brown, and intense yellow. "The combined colors of building and garden give the whole a vivid and gay appearance," the architect comments. As to the façade broken by balcony recesses and the see-through main floor, "it has always been my opinion that in architecture one should try to avoid the rigidity that usually derives from huge unbroken wall masses."

An important point in plan flexibility (shown in greater detail on pages following) is the provision in each apartment of a large unsubdivided space, adjacent to the living-dining area, allowing each tenant to erect partitions as he desires for bed rooms or suites.

Of reinforced concrete construction, the building is supported on pile foundations. A layer of asbestos and mineral wool applied directly to the floor slabs provides sound-insulation between apartments. The building is year-round air conditioned, with individual controls in each apartment.



apartment house









SANCE NG - DINING AREA RED BALCONY SOOM AREA CE - KITCHEN SOOM The big space allotted for family living in each apartment (photo acrosspage, top) may be divided in a number of ways (sample variations below) depending on the particular tenant's needs.





Details of balconies and rooms of a typical apartment (acrosspage, below and two photos above) indicate the spaciousness of a penthouse suite.

ship decoration

Last month on her maiden voyage from New York, the new United States liner, S.S. United States, set a new record for an Atlantic crossing. This is not the sole record that the owners, the United States Lines, claim. Speed and comfort are attained not only by sleek over-all design (Gibbs & Cox were naval architects) but also by major use of light metals—in particular, aluminum. The emphasis on lightness and fire-resistance meant that the interior architects (Eggers & Higgins) and the interior decorators (Smyth, Urquhart & Marckwald) had also to use light, noninflammable materials. And when Hildreth Meiere and Austin Purves were asked to serve as "art consulants" to help select and co-ordinate the work of 14 painters and sculptors in the public spaces, they also discovered that lightness and resistance to fire were essential.







Gwen Lux, sculptor, created the five-foot figures symbolizing Expressions of Freedom, and the other motives on side walls, representing sea, earth, and sky forms, for the first-class dining room (above and at left). Searching for a sympathetic material which would be light and fireproof and would not be harmed by the ship's vibration, Miss Lux hit upon Foamglas, cellular glass insulating material. Gluing together blocks of it, she worked with files and knives rather than chisels. Texture of the Foamglas shows through the light-beige paint sprayed on the completed work, which is accented with gold and silver. Thus the material is not denied—and the sculpture enhances and unifies the dining space with its quiet color scheme.

At right is shown a portion of Charles Gilbert's sandblasted, edge-lighted glass panels in the ballroom. The undersea theme is enlivened with gold accents. Photos: J. Alex Langley







ship decoration

Lewis E. York's murals—based on symbols of America —are in the cabin-class smoking room. Above are repretations of musical instruments; below, 18th Century and whiskey flasks. Abstract background represents U dynamism.

Peter Ostuni based his murals for the first-class coch lounge (left) on Indian sand paintings, using Navaho s bolism. His modern technique was to apply vitreous-enamcopper to sand-coated aluminum.



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RURAL COCREAME ASSAULTS

tive Power Association at Elk River, Minnesota. Thorshov & Cerny, Inc., Architects. Photos: Allen Downs

Steam Power Plant for the Rural Coopera-

Power Plant for the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. Coston & Frankfurt, Architects and Engineers. Photos: Ray Jacoby





On the following pages, we present two new power plants—one, a steam plant serving Rural Cooperative Power Association distribution cooperatives in the State of Minnesota; the other, a plant for the University of Oklahoma. In con-

sidering the current general excellence of power-plant architecture, one cannot but recognize a debt of gratitude to the Tennessee Valley Authority for the forward-looking work it has done in this field over the years. To indicate that the high standards set by this agency are still thriving, we show (inset photograph) one of the most recent of TVA accomplishments—the South Holston generating station that is operated from the Wautauga Control Building (November 1951 P/A). Its exterior walls are of prefabricated insulated panels, with fluted-aluminum exterior surface and flat steel within.

In this age of power, it is not surprising that a power plant is one of the architectural types that provokes considerably more than average curiosity. To satisfy this public interest, the REA building has a separate gallery level for visitors; while the campus plant has special catwalks to enable engineering students at the University to use the facility for laboratory classes and field trips.





	client	Rural Cooperative Power Association
	location	Elk River, Minnesota
	architects	Thorshov & Cerny, Inc.
project	architects	Cecil Tammen; Richard Whiteman; Leroy Binckley
	engineers	Ralph D. Thomas & Associates, Inc.
general	contractor	Steenberg Construction Company

REA power plant

The Elk River Steam Power Plant of the Rural Cooperative Power Association is located on the east bank of the Mississippi, a half mile south of Elk River and 30 miles upstream from Minneapolis. The plant draws its cooling water from the river.

Designed to serve nine distribution cooperatives, with a membership of some 25, 000, it also supplies six near-by towns. The capacity of the present two steam-turbine generators is 23,000 KW. When a third generator is installed, this will be upped to 38,000 KW. The hillside site offered several advantages. Two 54" concrete conduits bring water from the river to be used for the boilers, circulating water, and other plant uses. A rail spur on top of the bank behind the building delivers coal to the stockpile, effectively masked from the front by the building itself. This placement also simplifies movement of coal into the plant.

Dominating feature of the building is the turbine-generator room that fronts on the highway. This room, a simple rectangle in form, contains generators and control panels on the main floor and steam tu on the lower level. An early decisio to expose to exterior view one entire ator unit, accomplished by a fullglass wall at the entrance corner, glass is a green-colored heat-abse type. The other front bays are filled precast insulating concrete panels, wi cular glass-prism insets, identical those used in city sidewalks for bas lighting. This daytime light source (problems of window maintenance) gl night in a dramatic pattern.







Structural frame is steel; exterior walls are brick, tile, or precast prism-studded concrete panels; concrete floor slabs were used to provide vibrationless bases for equipment and support the heavy loads. The roof is of precast lightweight concrete panels, with spun-glass block insulation.



REA power plant

A program requirement was that the building be accessible to the ownermembers and the general public. Hence, there is a visitors' gallery, reached by the main stairway, on a mezzanine above the office-lab area of the operating floor. The process involves powdering and blowing of coal dust for the huge industrial boilers, which provide steam to power the turbines.





Daylighting effectiveness of the glass-inset wall panels is apparent in the view of the turbine room looking toward the front of the building (right). The completely air-conditioned offices and public areas, separated from the operating floor by a screen wall of brick and glass, have acoustic ceilings and fluorescent lighting. Walls of the turbine room are light blue-gray glazed brick; the ceiling structure is exposed. Flooring is red quarry tile; the lighting, incandescent.







university power plant

client	University of Oklahoma	
location	Norman, Oklahoma	
architects and engineers	Coston & Frankfurt	
general construction contractor	Harmon Construction Company	



During the preliminary study for this plant that serves the entire University of Oklahoma campus, the architects made extensive inquiries into present and future requirements for electrical energy, for process steam, and for heating steam. Having in mind the University's contemplated future building program, the installed capacity of the plant was established, the powerplant equipment purchased, and the building designed around the equipmen room allowed for future expansion.

Proximity of the flat site to the e power plant simplified tie-in to ste tribution and chilled-water system per-level catwalks were included t engineering classes for first-hand s power production and distribution.

Foundations are of a bored-be forced-concrete type, with reinforc crete basement walls, floor framing, and turbine and boiler foundations. Above the first floor, the north and south end walls are three-foot cavity-type brick construction, carrying a portion of the roof loads. The balance of the system is structural steel to carry roof, boilers, catwalks, and other loads. No air-conditioning or heating system was required, and general, natural illumination is supplemented by ample, incandescent, artificial lighting. "We especially like the simplicity and functional design of this plant," the architects say. "An architect infrequently has the opportunity to work so closely with so complex a mechanical building."





university power plant





The main room has floors of intercolored concrete, and the cavity was brick are surfaced inside with a 10 high wainscot of glazed tile. Steei trusses and deck are left exposed.

Sheet- and plate-glass windows mounted in aluminum settings; are hollow metal. Piping is painted color code, for ready identification high-pressure steam, condensate, and hot water, etc.



DEPARTMENT STORE

store

architects	Pereira & Luckman; Charles O. Matcham	
project director	Max R. Horwitz	
designers and planners	The Raymond Loewy Corporation William T. Snaith, President	
client	J. W. Robinson Company	
location	Beverly Hills, California	
structural engineer	Paul E. Jeffers	
chief engineer	Robert M. Wilder	
mechanical engineer	Samuel L. Kaye	
electrical engineer	Chauncey E. Mauk	
landscape architects	Florence Yoch and Lucile Council	
sculptor	Bernard Rosenthal	
general contractor	The William Simpson Construction Company	





Seen from Santa Monica Boulevard (top photo), the two-level parking deck is at left and the store is in the background. From the lower deck, one can enter the "garden level" of the store under cover. Seen at night from the roof of the store (above, left) the private drive is at left; the sunken garden, center foreground; and the parking decks, right. Ramps connect the two parking levels (above, right). Photos: Julius Shulman When Joseph Winchester Robinson left Massachusetts and in 1883 opened "The Boston Dry Goods Store" in modest rented quarters in downtown Los Angeles (he and two clerks constituted the personnel), he could hardly have dreamed of the huge downtown J. W. Robinson Co. store that was to become a landmark of the local mercantile scene. Much less would he have imagined that 69 years later, on a 71/2-acre site out in open fields 9 miles northwest of City Hall, a gleaming marble-and-granite branch store bearing the company name would be built at a cost of \$6 millions. But Los Angeles has come along since 1883, the City of Beverly Hills has mushroomed, and "Robinson's Beverly" is very much a fact.

The site, west of the intersection of important Wilshire and Santa Monica Boulevards, extends between the two at the base of a triangular acreage, the apex of which is formed by the boulevards' crossing. A new private drive that serves for traffic access to the store joins the two bo and separates the store site from maining triangle, which is destine the location of a hotel and other o cial developments.

Since the Wilshire Boulevard was considered the most importa store is placed at that side of the though angled from the street to an 80-foot-deep planting area in Toward Santa Monica Boulevard i level parking deck, with space f cars. Because of the slight slope site, the upper parking deck is or with the store's main floor; the lo joins the "garden level"-so-called of the landscaped sunken gard makes a daylighted selling level what would usually be a basemen pleting the building are a second sa a penthouse with employee faciliti public tea room-with space for vertical expansion.

department store



Stairs also join the two parking levels (two photos, right). A side of the parking-deck structure becomes a wall of the sunken garden (two photos below). The bronze-and-brass fountain-sculpture is by Bernard Rosenthal. The garden is used for outdoor display and for fashion shows.









ed from the upper-level parking (right), the main automobile-cusr entrance is marked by the canopy he setback above the garden level. walls are surfaced with white marblack granite, and concrete.





The welded-steel frame is laid out in 32foot-square bays. On the main floor, omission of one row of columns and introduction of deep overhead girders creates an uninterrupted "open vista" selling area 64 feet wide and 180 feet long. This provides an exceptionally open plan and also simplifies any rearrangement of departments. Similarly, lighting and sprinkler installations are so located that they will not have to be moved to accommodate future shifts.

For convenience of the rather special type of clientele, department arrangement is the reverse of standard procedure higher priced shops are on the main floor; budget shops, on the floor above. "garden level" handles furniture, a ances, china, radio and television, coverings, toys, and draperies. At the ter of each floor are banked two elev and two moving stairways, the latter a capacity of 8000 persons per hour. mination is by a combined incandes





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CAFETERIA

General view from Wilshire Boulevard (acrosspage) shows the automobile entrance at left; pedestrian entrance, right. The 80-foot setback from the boulevard (left) provides a landscaped setting for the store. A secondary entrance leads directly into the men's store. Pavement is black-and-white terrazzo.

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From the auto drive, tempered-plateglass doors (above) give access to the uninterrupted 64-foot-wide, 180-foot-long main sales "theater" (right). To the right is the men's department (below). In addition to the chandeliers, the ceiling is studded with a modular arrangement of both incandescent and fluorescent fixtures, air diffusers, and sprinkler heads.





This is the first complete department store in Beverly Hills, a community that has burgeoned with specialty shops in recent years. But, as already pointed out, the sophisticated nature of the community dictated an unusual plan solution, with the higherpriced departments placed where "impulse merchandise" usually occurs—on the main floor. Furthermore, while the store carries a complete line, including a furniture department, it is organized more as a series of quality shops than as a merchandise warehouse. These shops are arranged around "wide-vision sales theaters." One can see at a glance the entire range of departments, which are reached directly by gently flowing aisles without interrupting mazes of sales lures.

The main floor is illustrated on these two pages. This floor is carpeted throughout, said to be unique in department-store design. The central elevator-moving-stairway unit is lavishly treated with planting areas, columns surfaced with gold leaf, murals, polished Portuguese St. Victor Rose ble, and applied bronze decorative lights; elevator doors are satin b Other wall areas are of cast, off-white ter in a diamond pattern set in b frames; rosewood paneling, and p screens. Each of the quality spe shops, organized at the far end "theater" around a kidney-shaped c tion area, has its individualized decortreatment.

Silverware, accessories, and toilet a

department store



and near the Wilshire Boulevard ce. To the right is the men's clothing rnishings department, directly ace from the sidewalk by a separate ce. Stock rooms and dressing rooms most of the remainder of the space. rpeting is burnt-sand in tone. Puncthe ceiling of the main "theater" ree specially designed chandeliers ombine crystal, polished brass, and I reflector elements. The Adrian Shop (above) is at the rear of the main floor. Color scheme: offwhite, brown and black, with accents in crystal and silver. At the far end is a stage for fashion shows. The silverware department (right), has windows on Wilshire Boulevard and also facing the auto drive. The other walls are of ice-blue felt, welted in rectangular patterns. Display cases are bronze framed.



The blouse department (below) adjoins the automobile-customer entrance. As elsewhere, counter units are composed of two parts—bronze-legged platforms covered with plastic-impregnated grass cloth, and sectional showcases framed in bronze that may be arranged in numerous combinations.



department store

The merest sampling from the second-floor shops where budget and medium-priced merchandise is handled. In the shoe department, a curved background wall, beige in tone, is painted with a repeated, elongated diamond motif in gold, brown, and white. Interiors of the recessed display cases are gold.





In the art needlework department, gold-beige is the wall color; the colorful skeins of yarn are displayed in blue-green-lacquered honeycomb cases that rest on pipe supports extending above the cases as frames for the stylized "cat's cradle" in brilliant colors.

construction

Foundation: reinforced concrete; cement-Colton Cement Company; reinforcing steel-Ceco Steel Products Company. Frame: structural steel-Bethlehem Steel Company. Walls: reinforced concrete curtain walls. Floors: reinforced concrete slab. Roof: reinforced concrete slab and composition roof-Pioneer-Flintkote Company. Wall surfacing: exterior: marble-Vermont Marble Company; granite, concrete, cement plaster; interior: wood paneling-Mc-Closkey-Grant Company; plaster; marble; rest rooms, toilets: ceramic tile-Gladding McBean & Company; plaster. Floor surfacing: asphalt tile—Armstrong Cork Company: carpeting -James H. Lees & Sons Company, Mohawk Carpet Company; terrazzo. Ceiling surfacing: plaster, smooth finished-U. S. Gypsum Company. Roof surfacing: asphalt, felt, gravel, membrane and liquid types of waterproofing, cane fiber insulation under roof slab-Pioneer-Flintkote Company. Insulation: sprayed-on asbestos in refrigeration room-Acoustics, Incorporated. Roof drainage: steel pipe downspouts; drains-Josam Manufacturing Company. Partitions: steel studs, plaster-Penn Metal Company, U. S. Gypsum Company. Windows: steel sash—Ceco Steel Products Company; heavy sheet and plate glass—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company; aluminum store fronts-Kawneer Company. Doors: flush-wood and mineral-core -Los Angeles Millwork Company, California Fire-Proof Door Company: horizontal-sliding glass doors-Glide Windows, Incorporated; rolling steel and aluminum overhead-J. G. Wilson Company; bronze and steel elevator-Otis Elevator Company; tempered-glass entrance—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. Hardware: locksets-Sargent & Company; recessed-in-floor door closers-Schlage Lock Company: casement and rolling-door hardware-Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, Oscar C. Rixson Company. Paint: exterior-Paramount Paint Company; interior-W. P. Fuller & Company.

equipment

Kitchen: Dohrmann Hotel Supply Company. Moving stairways: electric-Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Lighting fixtures: recessed and fluorescent in office and sales areas-Century Lighting Company. Electrical distribution: service entrance switch, panelboards, multibreaker-Zinsco Manufacturing Company. Plumbing and sanitation: water closets-Crane Company; sprinklers, both flush and pendant heads-Viking Sprinkler Company. Heating: combined heating and air conditioning; hot water boiler—Birchfield Boiler Manufacturing Company; controls-Johnson Service Company. Air conditioning: evaporative condenser; re-frigerant—E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Incorporated; compressor-Worthington Pump & Machinery Corporation; diffusors-Tuttle & Bailey, Incorporated; blowers—Utility Fan Company; cooling coils-Recold Manufacturing Company; chillers, heat exchangers-Acme Manufacturing Company.

When Charles Martin Hall first produced his aluminum buttons at Oberlin College in 1886 (a few revered ones have now become the "Crown Jewels of Alcoa," right), the approximate price of this metal was \$8.00 per pound. With a 1,350,000 ton volume of production contemplated by the entire U.S. industry for 1952, aluminum pig sells today for about 18 cents per pound.



ALCOA BUILDING: LIGHTWEIGHT CONSTRUCTION

by Burton H. Holmes

can be little doubt that the Alumi-Company of America's new office g, now nearing completion in Pittsweighs less for its size than any kyscraper yet erected. Many of the significant postwar building techthat make lightweight construction e have been skillfully integrated into sign of this 30-story (410' high) re containing 300,000 square feet of e floor area above the first level. The al weight-saving elements will be n the magnificently engineered curll, in the dual-purpose type of floor ction, and in the component parts inique heating and cooling system. large number of its building prode indigenous, is a tribute to the enof Pittsburgh's manufacturers of ctural materials.

ne curtain wall

than containing lighter members, eted and bolted skeleton frame for ilding is not unlike that found in her contemporary, tall office build-Lightweight, foamed concrete was ed to fireproof the columns, spanams, and was used, as well, in the the service-core area on each typior. Heavily galvanized steel-angle s, bolted to anchors welded to spanrel, receive the all-aluminum panels.

The exterior facing is made up of pressed panels that are 6' wide, 12' high (story height), and of 1/8" thick aluminum sheet. Stacked and stored on each floor until installation, panels were erected from within the structure, thus eliminating the need for exterior scaffolding. After the panels were shimmed and bolted to the brackets, the joints required no additional taping or calking: the exterior is entirely maintenance-free. Flanges of adjoining panels are so designed that a labyrinth excludes all penetration of rain; infiltrating air must change directions four times before being arrested at the secondary return flange. Smaller panels, extending from floor to floor and 27" wide, cover the fireproofed structural columns that occur generally at 20' intervals around the periphery of the structure. The metal panel is totally separated from its back-up, the dimension of the intervening space varying from 8" at the panel edge to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " at the apex of the pyramidal impression; through this space, circulating air helps to evaporate any condensation that may form.

Once the skin was properly anchored, a slotted aluminum lath was installed to serve as a catcher-screen for a sprayed-on perlite-concrete back-up; a maximum of five passes of the plastering machine was required to build up a 4" thickness. When the concrete had cured (it was designed to develop 1650 psi in 28 days and actually developed 2000), 1" plaster was applied to metal lath furred $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the wall.

All exterior panels were anodized and a 5 percent silicon-bearing, aluminum-alloy liner material gives them an iridescent, gray appearance without the use of pigment or dye. The inverted pyramidal pattern contributes a certain amount of rigidity to the skin; however, this design was developed principally for esthetic reasons. The aluminum skin alone will successfully resist a wind load of 30 psf with a safety factor of two. The total weight of the curtain wall is approximately 34 psf; the skin weighing 21/4 psf, the 4" perliteconcrete back-up 22 psf, and the furring and plaster about 10 psf. Other than the perlite aggregate in the back-up and the two air spaces, there is no other thermal insulation in the wall. Tests have shown that the curtain wall has a U-factor of 0.14; it is believed that this factor will be even lower after the walls have been completely cured. Although the Pittsburgh Building Code requires only a two-hour fire rating for exterior walls of commercial buildings, this curtain wall has satisfactorily passed a four-hour test.

Experience has shown that two erection crews of five men each would be able to enclose the 30-story structure with the aluminum skin in one month's time. Each



Alcoa's new home office building in Pittsburgh as it neared completion (above). This 410'-high skyscraper is supported on open-caisson concrete piers that reach a depth of 90' below street level. Its main tower is 64' wide and 193' deep (typical floor plan, above right). Photo: Jack Holmes

After panels were anchored and glazed, slotted-aluminum lath was installed to catch sprayed-on perliteconcrete back-up (right); wood forms protect windows while back-up is sprayed to depth of 4" (center); completed perlite-concrete walls after removal of wood forms (far right). The wood forms were used only at window jambs because of their great projection. Lastly, walls were plastered over metal lath. Note grid for heating-cooling system at ceiling.



spray crew for the perlite-concre cluded four men; three such crew

able to erect the back-up walls at th of 21/2 stories per week. Compare conventional curtain wall construction type of wall permitted a savings 3000 tons of structural steel in the work.

At the time of erection, each par




Typical aluminum panel (6' x 12') and column cover (2'-3 x 12') being hoisted into position (far left). Workmen align panel flanges with steel-angle brackets bolted to anchors welded to spandrel steel (left). Vertically pivoted, doubleglazed windows are made air tight by rubber tube inflated by air pressure (below).



glazed after each panel was in place. window pivots through 360 degrees, be washed from within the building t night), thereby removing window of from the hazardous occupation o simplify further the cleaning task, ners are rounded. A butyl-rubber hich completely surrounds the wininflated by air pressure to insure r tightness. The exterior light of the glazing is 1/4" heat-absorbing plate glass. Although the green-tinted glass reduces glare from the sun's rays on the inside of the building—it is not particularly helpful in reducing the summer cooling load when combined with venetian blinds —it was also selected for its compatible appearance with the surrounding gray aluminum. Standing at the first interior column line and looking out of a typical window, the observer is unaware of any green color in the glass; there is, however, a small, tinted area on the ceiling near the exterior wall.

the floor system

Following the structural steel erection by about three stories, light-gage, cellularsteel Q-floors were easily and rapidly laid in office areas surrounding the service core. As the floor cells were installed so that they lay perpendicular to the corridors, the flexibility of the electrical distri-







bution system was greatly increased. Over the 3" cellular steel, a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " stone-concrete fill of 2000 psi was poured. Carpeting was selected as the floor finish for the corridors, elevator lobbies, and will be laid in most of the offices. For some areas, such as special-purpose rooms and service areas, vinyl-plastic tile was specified. The lightgage flooring was fireproofed from below by a 1" perlite-plaster ceiling suspended at a distance of 13" to 16", depending upon the depth of the wind beams.

The design load included: 50 psf live load; 7.5 psf stone-concrete fill; 7.4 psf cellular steel; 5 psf perlite plaster; and 1.8 psf combined panel ceiling and mechanical grid (dry).

the heating-cooling system

Practically all areas of the building are heated, and partially cooled, by the aluminum-panel, radiant ceiling. Below the 1" perlite-plaster fireproofing for the cellular steel floor, 6' x 12' grids of aluminum tubing (through which hot or cold water circulates) are supported by a turnbuckleleveling system. The welded grids are composed of $\frac{1}{2}$ " IPS aluminum tubes, spaced

12" on center, extending between $1\frac{1}{4}$ " IPS headers; all connections are fitted with flared-type joints. Radiant panels, 12" x 24" and .040" gage, are clipped to the $\frac{1}{2}$ " tubes by means of integral, continuoustype grips. For acoustical reasons, 9 percent of each panel area is perforated and a 3/4" semi-rigid blanket of glass fibers rests on top of the aluminum tubing. Seventy percent of the ceiling area is covered by the radiant panels while the remainder is occupied by lighting fixtures, diffusers, and plaster soffits containing access panels. Lighting fixtures and diffusers actually form part of the radiant surface, as they are in direct contact with the grid tubes. Such an arrangement permits the removal of a considerable portion of the heat created by the lighting fixtures before it enters the room. A mill finish on the top of each panel in situ produces only a five percent emissivity and resists radiation upwards; to the underside, however, two coats of paint were applied-one a wash coat primer and the other a baked-alkyd type-and a surface with high resistance to crazing and a 92 percent emissivity is obtained to direct radiation downward. Water distribution is through horizontal

mains, located in the corridor ceilin through branches which extend to dividual grids.

As there are no radiators, pipi other types of peripheral air-condit units along the exterior wall, approxi 15,000 square feet of rentable floo were gained by this system.

The principal source of cooling a humidification is two electric, motorcentrifugal refrigerating machines of ing with condensing water supplied 1 minum cooling towers located on t level. This central refrigeration plan erates chilled water that is then p to the central station primary air-con ing units as well as to local interch serving the panel systems.

The basic source of heat, pur steam, is distributed to all blast c the central station air-conditioning and is also used to generate prima water which is pumped to the loca exchangers.

Primary air is conditioned in four tral air-conditioning systems (one basement, two on the 14th floor, and on the penthouse level) which per 54F air all year round. This air, per

materials and methods

alcoa building

Close-up of aluminum ducts and ceiling-piping grid on upper floor (right). Workman installs $12'' \times 24''$ individual banel which is held to grid by integral, continuous-type grips (far right).









Where a suspended channel or other obstruction interferes with a segment of the continuous-type grip (far left), that segment may be readily removed by bending back and forth until breakage occurs. Lighting fixtures (not yet in place) and diffusers, in direct contact with grid tubes, form part of the radiant surface (left). Upper right and lower photos: Jack Holmes

fied in the winter or dehumidified in nmer, is circulated through a cenaft to the secondary fan units loon each floor. Primary air (50 perwhich is outdoor air and the other eent return air regenerated by means vated carbon) is electrostatically .

a floor is served by one secondary it which mixes the 54F primary air in equal amount of return air and elivers it to the floor. As the room atures vary between 70 and 80F, deg on the prevailing outdoor temperahe air discharged by the secondary ill vary from 62 to 67F—thereby ng a cooling effect at all times. The ribution system for an individual s not zoned except for the corner local booster coils and air-volume ation permit individual temperature in these locations.

a floor is divided into four panel -three exterior (facing south, east, rest) and one interior. Each has a heat exchanger, circulating pump, stribution piping system. Zone thers, which are located in a typical room h zone and reset from 70 to 80F as the outdoor temperature rises from 70 to 95F, control the temperature of the panel water. This is accomplished by admitting either primary chilled or primary hot water to the zone heat exchangers. To prevent condensation, a safety control prevents chilling of the panel water temperature below the dew point of the conditioned areas.

Panel temperature is under full automatic control and varies from approximately 60F at full cooling load to approximately 100F for full heating load. For quick heat up, however, panel temperatures may be raised as high as 140F. Due to the favorable heat transfer characteristics of the aluminum ceiling, water temperatures will be only a few degrees higher or lower than the actual surface temperature of the panel. The small mass and the good conductance of the aluminum ceiling also result in an immediate response of the panel temperature to the call of the thermostat. (Overcoming lag is one of the greatest weaknesses of the more conventional radiant systems-particularly floor systems.) Room temperatures which vary from 70 to 80F correspond to somewhat higher temperatures during the heating cycle and to somewhat lower temperatures during the cooling cycle, when compared with non-radiant systems.

In general, no individual room control has been provided except for the corner rooms; however, on the upper two floors, where the top executives are located, individual room control is provided by modulation of water flow through the coils. It should be recognized that in a radiant system, sensation of comfort may be obtained within a considerably wider range of temperatures.

architects and engineers

Architects: Harrison & Abramovitz, New York; associated architects: Mitchell & Ritchey and Altenhof & Brown, Pittsburgh. Structural engineers: Edwards & Hjorth, New York; mechanical engineers: Jaros, Baum & Bolles, New York; electrical engineers, Edward E. Ashley, New York. The General Contractor was George A. Fuller Company. Personnel of Alcoa's Aluminum Research Laboratories and Development Division worked co-operatively with the architects, engineers, and individual fabricators in the development and testing of the aluminum components of this structure.

ring-airplane-hangar design



Aladar Olgyay, talented young professor of architecture at M.I.T., has schemed a lightweight, portable airplane hangar and has recently proposed its use to the Air Materiel Command of the United States Air Force. His proposal is for "Ring-Airplane-Hangar" construction (called RAH for brevity) which consists principally of an outer ring (formed of steel-pipe units) from which a small inner ring is suspended by cables. The construction system cle parallels that of a horizontal bicycle w —the outside ring being in compre while the cables and the inside ring a tension. When elevated and placed on ports, this assembly becomes the roof f ing for the proposed hangar. Extre lightweight construction is characteris this system, as all structural member utilized to take maximum advantage of





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Aerial perspective of hangar (acrosspage) and view into hangar at ground level (below). Construction details (right) show method of supporting sheet-metal roof on steel cables.



SHEET METAL ROOF SECTION I. CABLE 2. PRESSED METAL CLIPS 2"X 3" PURLINS METAL SHEET 劉 SECTION THRU CABLES

statical properties. In this develop-Olgyay was associated with General eering Associates of New York, head-Paul Weidlinger, engineer.

ause of the flexibility of this strucmethod—the outer-ring diameter can adily changed and the number of supeasily increased or decreased—a y of triangular shapes can be created use many types and quantities of aircraft. According to the type and size of the aircraft to be housed, RAH can be adapted from a single-plane hangar to one accommodating 36 planes or more.

Compared with conventional types of hangars, it is believed that great savings in material and weight are possible because of RAH's inherent structural lightness. Lower costs and portability are direct results of these characteristics. The round spacesaving configuration produces less outside wall area, while the doors slide over each other under the outer ring.

Olgyay has requested that the Air Force approve a research and development project for the RAH method. The scope of the early research would include the development of Type A-RAH construction—for a single F-89 aircraft—and Type B-RAH construction—for five or six F-89 aircraft.



ELEVATION WITH OPEN DOORS

ring-airplane-hangar design

Outer ring and supports viewed from different heights (right).

technical data for 300' diameter RAH

Structural data: Cables, $2^{1}/_{2}$ " dia., are spaced 18' o.c. The outer ring, which is composed of steel-pipe members, has 42 sq in of steel in compression and 32 sq in of steel in tension.

Packing: All structural elements are modular, to permit maximum interchangeability. The length of the steel piping is about 18' and the total number of units required is 768; these could be fitted into an 18' x 18' x 18' cube. Total length of needed cables (which could be rolled) is 10,000'. If coated-glass cloth is specified for roofing, 100,000 sq ft of folded material should be packed (total covered area is 70,000 sq ft). There are 24 door units, and 700 fittings and smaller pieces.

Erection: Ring cables and cover are assembled at ground level and jacked up into position; then supports are placed beneath.





ROOF PLAN IN FABRICS









This remarkable house, that serves as both home and studio for the architect and his wife, is a notable experiment in space use. Existing was a fine old stable, 36' x 75' in area. As the plans explain, this great hall became the living-dining-kitchen room and —by using an open balcony at one end (above the garage)—the architect's studio as well. A new wing consists of a connecting entrance link and a two-level structure, placed at right angles to the stable "to establish a contrast of forms." This new element, with bedrooms upstairs and outdoor terraces below, is two feet above the stable level, "making for better balance with the existing high building."

"The design makes use of the square as a basic shape," the architect comments, "and Golden Mean relationships were established wherever possible, so as to unify the whole. Le Corbusier's Modulor was applied in the dimensions of the new wing." Exterior colors accentuate the stud construction, which is left exposed in portions.



photographs emphasize the relation een the old stable and the new twowing. A brick end-wall protects porch from view of neighboring es. Prevailing exterior colors are e and gray, "traditional in this part ong Island;" barn red, yellow, and a were used on ventilating panels doors. Photos: Martin Helfer o on Page 95: Gottscho-Schleisner





The space organization of the huge room, with its beautiful old brick floor, is best described in the architect's own words. "The room had to be brought together and the furniture scaled to form part of the architecture," he says. "The different pieces of furniture were designed to establish bridges or visual stepping stones between distant walls . . . The impression of big, uncluttered space had to be kept. . ."

"An important point is that such a big room is not livable unless used for several purposes, virtually subdivided by functions in different sections of the room. Introducing the kitchen into the room helped to classify the space without subtracting from the size." The rest is given over to conversation groupings of furniture and to the big table on the window side that is one of the three eating places (the others are in the kitchen area and on the porch). Furniture is consciously kept simple, with accents on paintings and sculpture.





studio-house

"The kitchen (left) is the center of the house," the architect explains, "and other areas extend from it." The large dining table and benches (acrosspage) are placed near one end of the window wall, adjoining the kitchen enclosure.

Kitchen photo: Martin Helfer Other photos: Gottscho-Schleisner



A conversation group is organized around the fireplace (left); the balcony studio looks out over the main room. Music, lounging, and cooking-eating area are in the opposite corner (above). A forced warm-air system heats the big room, with ducts installed between roof and ceiling, and outlets in the ceiling. The brick floor is waxed, and the rugs and furniture are in bright colors.



The downstairs portion of the new two-level wing contains only the coat-storage closet, stair to the upper level, and outdoor covered porches, used for both dining and lounging. The wing is built on existing foundations of an earlier building.

The upstairs plan is simplicity itself, with bedrooms at either end, and a bathroom and the staircase between. Wide, sliding doors lined with linoleum close off the bedrooms for privacy. Framing is of wood studs and beams. Exterior walls are of vertical boards, with the studding exposed on the lawn front; interior walls are plywood, painted white. Both wool-type and reflective aluminum-foil insulation are used. All glass is fixed and ventilation is handled through doors, or out-opening, solid, hinged panels. "This system proved very economical," the architect reports. Heating of the new wing—which, incidentally, is used only weekends in winter—is accomplished by electric radiant-glass heating panels, some mounted flush with the wall surface, others mounted in freestanding frames.

As in the studio, general background colors are white or gray, with areas of color restricted to door panels, upholstery, rugs and the ventilating panels, which occur in the rear wall of each of the bedrooms. With the linoleum-lined sliding doors of the bedrooms pushed back, the entire window side becomes a gallery. Note flush-mounted electric radiant-glass heating units in walls at right end in background. Photos: Martin Helfer Bedroom detail (right) shows one of the out-opening ventilating panels. Walls of the bathroom (below) are surfaced with waterproof, plastic-surfaced wallboard.









This ventilating door panel (left) is in upper hall of the bedroom wing. In the cellar stair rail (above) a radiant heat panel occurs in the balustrade space.



design data for radiant glass-panel heati

by William Anderson*

Electricity not only provides the cleanest form of heat with the least effort, but also permits an efficiency obtainable by no other means. An architect or engineer must know, however, when to recommend electric heat and when not to. Although his clients may request this form of heating, many of their homes are unsuitable for such a system. If electric heating is installed in such a house, high operating costs may tend to jeopardize the architect's or engineer's reputation.

Of the many types of electric heaters now available, none is more efficient or more economical than the radiant-glass panel. Although widely used in France prior to World War II, this type of heating equipment was not introduced in the United States until 1948—when the Continental Radiant Glass Heating Corporation produced its first units.

The feasibility of installing radiant-glass heat in a home¹ will be influenced by the amount of heat loss. The method of computing the heat loss is like that for any other type of heating system, except for that part of the loss due to air infiltration. If the crack method is used, standard figuring is permissible. If the air-change method is used, however, only one air change should be allotted instead of the customary larger amounts. It is possible to use this smaller volume, as excess air is not required for combustion and as radiant-glass heating does not dry out the air. The higher humidities that are obtained contribute substantially to the high degree of comfort that is possible.

The total heat loss for an individual room should be divided by 3415 in order to determine the number of kilowatts required for that area. Storm windows should not be considered when determining the installed kilowatt capacity; they should, however, be considered when computing the kilowatt-hour consumption. As a rule of thumb, a properly designed house will have about one panel per thousand cubic feet, plus one. A 7000 cubic-foot resid for example, will usually require eigh watt units.

Each of the Continental panels is posed of three primary components: tempered-lime-glass sheet with a fus aluminum element; (2) a reflector p behind the glass plate; and (3) a f The reflector reduces the reverse hea of the panel so that all possible h emitted into the room. Holding the reflector assembly, the frame can b face-mounted or recessed in the wal

Panels should be located under wir and on exterior walls wherever possirecessed panels are desired, the opshould be braced during construction surface-mounted panel requires a 44 opening for the junction box located hind the reflector. Panel sizes vary lows: baseboard units are rated a watts and wall units are of both 62 1000-watt capacities. All are availa recessed or surface-mounted frames a a range of 115, 208, 220, 230, and 245

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¹Note Sert house, previous spread.



glass panel (far left) before installation in wood-frame wall. Space must be provided for junction box located behind reflector. Steel mounting frame ready to receive glass panel (left).

volt, 1000-watt unit (far left). Panels should be located under windows, and on exterior walls wherever possible (left).

5-volt unit is primarily used where ne panel is desired for auxiliary heattherwise, the complete home should ed for 230 volts. For ceiling inon, combination heating and lightits are available in 750-watt capa-Maintenance is not required for ralass panels. Tests have shown that verse heat loss is about 15 Btu per or about 0.45% of a panel's output. oom must have its own thermostat to t overheating and to provide individom control.

heat loss for the average house not exceed 3 Btu per cubic foot per To insure that this rate of loss is not ed, the following quantities of minool insulation (or equal) are recnded: 4" in the ceiling, 35%" in the valls, and 2" under the floor. If a te floor slab is used, perimeter inn is mandatory and a water-repellent rane must be used under the slab. regoing specifications greatly reduce both the installed kilowatt capacity and the kilowatt-hour consumption.

To obtain the kilowatt-hour consumption, the FHA has devised a formula specifically for glass heating:

$$KWH = \frac{Btu loss \times Degree days}{Temp. diff. \times 200}$$

About 90% of the country enjoys electric rates that are economical for a properly installed electric heating system; utility rates of 2 cents per KWH are competitive with operating costs of other heating systems. The designer should consider the plus factors of lower building costs, interest and amortization charges, absence of maintenance, etc.

A typical home can be analyzed, to determine whether glass heat is feasible. Assume that a 20' x 30' bungalow with basement is located in New York City. The heat loss without insulation is about 63,700 Btu/hour and approximately 181/2 kilowatts of electric heat are required. The yearly KWH is:

$$KWH = \frac{63,700 \times 5280 \text{ (Degree days)}}{70 \text{ (Temp. diff.)} \times 200} = 24,000$$

At 2 cents per KWH the cost amounts to \$480.

With 4" mineral wool insulation in the ceiling, the heat loss is reduced to about 37,240 Btu/hour so that 11 kilowatts (37,-240/3415) of heat are needed. The total KWH will be 14,100 and at 2 cents per kilowatt hour will cost \$282 per year. If 2" insulation is placed under the floor and 35/8" insulation installed in the walls, the resulting heat loss is 24,000. The required number of panels is 7 kilowatts and the KWH estimate is 9000 which, at 2 cents, costs \$180. This was computed without consideration of storm windows; if storm windows are to be used, 7 kilowatts should be installed. The KWH estimate now becomes 6800 which, at 2 cents, would cost \$136. In this example, basement heat was not considered and only the 4800 cubic feet of living area was examined; 160 sq ft of window area was assumed.

The Heritage of Cézanne

by Sibyl Moholy-Nagy*

Painting and architecture shape the visual landscape of an era. We recognize ourselv steel, concrete, and glass because the best contemporary architecture has achieved freedom of ex sion within the discipline of service to the community. But what about the painted image of museum wall? Too many painters of today have abandoned responsibility and asceticism to exter ize their agonized egos.

The story goes that the Bolshevik leader Radek, after his execution, persuaded a for victim with a more acceptable moral rating, to smuggle him inside a suitcase into that twilight i where the souls of social reformers dwell.

"I want to see Karl Marx," demanded the intermediary at the Pearly Gates.

"What do you want from him?" asked St. Peter, looking suspiciously at the heavy in the caller's hand.

"Just tell him," said Radek's fellow-traveller, "I'm bringing him the interest from CAPITAL."

If there is a similar region where the artists of yesterday rejoice, we may assume tha day Paul Cézanne will be handed—in carefully separated packages—the souls of Le Corbusier Jackson Pollack, as the accrued interest from the capital he left on this earth.

Two large painting shows, presented this summer in New York, offer a unique op tunity to relive fifty years of visual development that are the basis of our little anecdote. The M politan Museum has assembled 128 paintings by Paul Cézanne, the Frenchman who achieved a s one-man show during his life-time and had more than 300 books written about himself, afte death, in 1906. The Museum of Modern Art shows 97 paintings and sculptures by "Fifteen temporary Americans"; and between the two museums, quite accidentally and without the slig intention at being historically significant, stretch 30 city blocks of New York architecture, pr ing the three-dimensional background for the story of 20th Century vision.

When Paul Cézanne severed his connection with the Impressionist School after 1877 set out to reveal the substructure of the earth. "For us men," he wrote in 1904, "there is mornature below than above the surface." In a gigantic struggle, he created an art that did not renature but interpreted her. He devaluated the mere optical sensation that had been the inspira of the Impressionists. His creed was compositional relationships. In a thoroughly architectural cedure, he dissected the "motif," chosen from nature, into structural units. Then he rebuilt he had perceived in a composition, dependent on weight and tension. With a magical knowledg color and light, he distributed the load of heavy colors to form a structural core, clothed in a rounding aura of light-transparent color elements. The superficial realism of the impression "record of reality" was replaced by the much more basic realism of the three visual fundament light, color, and form.

In less than two decades Cézanne forced a new terminology on art criticism. The fan adjectives: "life-like," "illustrative," "poetic," relating painting to the narrative standards of photographic or literary world, became obsolete. The paintings of Cézanne demanded a new ori tion toward values that were exclusively painterly. These values were related only to color, light compositional form, and not to generally accepted academic standards. The responsibility for quality of the work rested exclusively with the painter himself. From Cézanne onwards, the great of an artist would be measured by his power to sublimate his personal intuitive experience into objective form language of painting, instead of by the affinity of the painted motif to literary alle (Continued on personal standards).

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DISPLACEMENT CAISSONS

Figure 1—falling inside the steel casing, the 7000-pound ram can develop 200,000 foot pounds per blow to pull the tube into the ground.

lly speaking, it would be quite in o assume that pile foundations could npetitive with spread footings as ory designed; however, a method of ing displacement caissons, recently nced in the United States, is just Starting in Belgium over 40 years d after successful installation in 36 ies throughout the world (over 00 of these caissons have been since 1910), Franki Foundations w available to builders in this counn American organization, the Franki ation Company of Pittsburgh and ork, has behind it the full benefit technical knowledge and experience Belgian associate.

unique method can be described as ess of injecting spread footings into I to obtain the advantages of depth, imination of excavation, and the shment of a highly compressed shell surrounding the footing. Essentially, nponent parts of the required equipcomprise a rig, a heavy-gage tube of nsile-alloy steel, and a ram (*Figure* he rig consists of a chassis which ts an engine, hoist, and leads; it is opelled by a hydraulic walking men which also permits rotation (*Fig-*Both portability and good maneuverability are characteristic of the rig. It can be set up and put into operation the same day that it arrives at the job site; a caisson can be easily located within $\frac{1}{4}$ " of a given center point.

The steel tube has an outside diameter of 201/2'' and a wall thickness of 13/8''; any length required by site conditions can be provided. After the tube is set up in the leads of the driving machine, it is held in position by a guiding head.

A 7000-pound ram, 13" diameter, may be raised or dropped inside the steel casing. As the ram may fall from heights as great as 30', it can develop 200,000 foot pounds per blow (by comparison, the heaviest type of steam hammer produces about 50,000 foot pounds).

In operation, the rig moves itself so that the geometric center of the steel casing is placed over the stake indicating the surveyed location of the caisson. While the tube rests on the ground, three to five cubic feet of extremely dry concrete (a core taken from a 60-day old specimen showed a crushing strength of 5600 psi) is fed into its top by means of an easily hoisted skip and bucket (*Figure 2*). The dry concrete falls to the bottom of the tube and is tamped by the ram to form a driving plug. As the falling ram strikes the plug, arch action





Figure 2—good maneuverability is gained by the hydraulic walking mechanism beneath the rig. Easily hoisted skip and bucket (upper right) delivers concrete to top of casing.



Figure 3—cross section of displacement caisson (above). Falling ram drives concrete plug into ground and plug pulls down caisson at same time.

Figure 4—typical caisson installed (above right). Good compaction exists all around the shaft and particularly around the bulb.

Figure 5—four caissons that have been exposed by excavation. Regularity in shape of shaft, formed of successive rammed batches, increases hold of pile in ground; note compaction and rough surface of concrete. Reinforcement is visible at top of caissons.





es the concrete to seize the sides of casing. Contrary to what might be exed, the concrete is not forced out of tube, but, rather, the plug pulls the ig into the ground (*Figure 3*). As the s fall is actuated by gravity and as the is pulled into the ground rather than g driven from the top, it is virtually ossible for the tube to take any course r than a straight one. Intervening ders or obstructions are demolished, or ted aside, by the terrific impact of the so that the tube is not deflected from rtical course.

fter the casing has been driven to a ting soil stratum or to sufficient depth determined by boring tests and soil ples), the casing is raised slightly and olug is partially expelled. Small quans of dry concrete (not more than $3\frac{1}{2}$ ons of water per bag of cement), ped into the annular space between am and the casing, are heavily rammed the soil by blows of at least 140,000 pounds. A spherical bulb of concrete rmed-the required volume being delent on the density and other characters of the soil. For example, in loose sand ravel, the volume may amount to 30-35 c feet.

As the shape of the bulb is determined by the reaction forces of the soil against the expansion of the concrete under impact of the ram, a highly efficient shape results without points of stress concentration in the soil which might develop if some arbitrary geometric shape were used (*Figure 4*). Experiment has shown that the soil is highly compacted for a distance of one foot surrounding the concrete bulb.

After the bulb has been completed, small amounts of concrete dropped in the casing are rammed by blows of approximately 30,000 foot pounds. At successive intervals, the tubing is withdrawn, leaving a dense, highly compacted concrete in the shaft which will measure 21" to 24" in diameter. If required, reinforcement can be placed in the annular space to provide additional compressive strength, to resist bending, to resist tension in the case of uplift, or to resist lateral expansion of the concrete under impact of the ram (Figure 5). As a mark on the cable supporting the ram represents the distance between the bottom of the ram and bottom of the casing, the operator can tell at once the amount of closure existing at the bottom of the tube.

Test loads of 150 percent of the design load can be made (on a finished caisson)

Figure 6—recorded net settlement of a 20'-deep foundation, tested for 150 percent of its 110-ton design load, was 0.04".

> without undue settlement and tests of twice the design load are common. Individual caissons have stood up under test loads of over 500 tons.

> Last spring, Franki caissons were used for three government warehouses at the New Cumberland General Depot, New Cumberland, Pa. The contract drawings originally specified spread footings (resting on virgin soil), pedestals, and deep spandrel beams for the substructure construction. While the design was being prepared, the Government proceeded to grade the site under another contract. The fill over part of the immediate building site averaged 14' in depth and was thoroughly compacted to support heavy floor loads. Upon being awarded the contract for this job, Hughes-Foulkrod (Philadelphia Building Construction Company) made a thorough study of the most practical method of installing the building foundations. Not wishing to disturb the compacted fill any more than necessary, they sought a method of construction that would be advantageous to the Government in cost and to themselves in reducing construction time and the amount of critical materials-such as the steel reinforcement-that would be required. As the Franki method requires neither permanent shells nor reinforcement, displacement caissons were substituted for the deep spread footings and pedestals, with the approval of the United States Corps of Engineers. This method of construction, under the conditions which governed at the building site, allowed Hughes-Foulkrod to return to the Government a substantial credit.

> One of the 20'-deep foundations at New Cumberland was tested for 150 percent of its 110-ton design load by the Corps of Engineers. The gross settlement of the caisson was 0.12''; the recorded net settlement after removal of the load was but 0.04'' (Figure 6).



PRODUCTS

four west coast developments contain sliding glass doors

Sliding glass doors, once limited largely to residences in the luxury class, were recently installed in four small-home tract developments on the West Coast. These homes were designed by Architects Anshen & Allen, of San Francisco, and Jones & Emmons, of Los Angeles. Both firms were honored for their designs by the architectural review board of the Housing Research Foundation, in San Francisco, last spring. The living room and one of the bedrooms of these low-cost houses are divided from the patio by an entire glass wall with sliding doors. The optical illusion created by the wall of glass permits appreciable savings in square footage of rooms because they appear to be larger than they really are. As a result, there is a saving to home owner in heating bills and in t extra pieces of furniture that would oth wise be required for a large room.

The sliding glass doors are a packag unit, constructed of narrow but sturdy st sections specially processed to withstand weather elements in both cold and hot mates. Stock sizes are 6'-10" high, a vary in width from 6' to 16'. Custom-ma doors, though more expensive than sto sizes, have been reduced in price over 19 figures, according to the manufactun Schools, churches, hospitals, and comm cial installations should also find th doors both functional and economical. cadia Metal Products Co., Arcadia, Ca

air and temperature control

G6-65 Gas-Fired Furnace: measures 17" wide x 26" deep, with 65,000 Btu input, developed especially for small, basementless houses. Built-in operating controls; castiron, single-port burner; interlocking steel cabinet finished in two-toned blue baked-on enamel. Armstrong Furnace Co., 851 W. Third Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Ozone Air Conditioner: one- and two-bulb ozone generators, will deodorize rooms of 1000 cu ft and 1800 sq ft respectively. Odors completely destroyed by oxidation; especially suited for living areas, kitchens, bathrooms, closets, hospitals, offices, etc. Outer case constructed of heavy-gage steel; extralength 8 ft cord permits convenient mounting anywhere. Bretford Manufacturing, Inc., Franklin Park, III.

UF-1 Highboy and AF-1 Lowboy: two oilfired, space-saving heating units, each with output of 80,000 Btu, featuring insulated combustion chamber for cleaner burning flame and greater heat retention. Both models furnished with controls. Heil Co., 3000 W. Montana St., Milwaukee 1, Wis.

Flor-Line Radiator Unit: baseboard heating element consists of six flattened tubes, with fins hydrogen-brazed to each tube; flattened tube construction claimed to bring 90% of metal in contact with air, in contrast with 33-1/3% in round tube design. Units range from 2' to 10' in length; can be finished in colors to match surroundings. Hooper Engineering Co., Detroit, Mich.

Ceiling-Suspended Gas-Fired Heaters: five new models, with input range of from 55,-000 to 200,000 Btu, designed for commercial and industrial installations, where low firstcost, economically maintained heating system is required. Overlapping-blade type electric fan inside cabinet may be used in warm weather to provide cooled-air circulation by shutting off gas and only operating fan. Automatic controls furnished with units. National Radiator Co., Johnstown, Pa.

Airfoil Centrifugal Fan: nonoverloading type, made for industry, power, and commercial needs, in sizes from $40^{1}/4''$ to $108^{3}/4''$ diameter, delivers volumes of air up to 600,000 cfm. Airfoil blade design, plus improvements in inlet and casing, said to boost mechanical efficiency over 90%, with only 1/3 of noise intensity of previous models. Low operating costs. Westinghouse Electric Corp., Sturtevant Div., 200 Readville St., Hyde Park, Boston 36, Mass.

doors and windows

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bath-dressing areas

by Suzanne Sekey

The molded bathroom designed some years ago by Buckminster Fuller suggested the sibility of complete, prefabricated units at low cost. Theoretically, a bathroom designed as a fuct could, by its relative inexpensiveness, be available in sufficient numbers for individual use house. In lieu of such low-cost factory bathrooms, or budgets that allow multiple baths, archis have been arranging standard units to suit the family needs. By separating one fixture or ther, simultaneous use is made convenient for the family sharing a bathroom. It seems that it is so much the size of the bath area as the way it is compartmented, that increases usability. If lavatory is isolated and provided with counter and storage space, the bathroom develops into a n-dressing space and, in so doing, considerably enlarges the pleasure and comfort of use.

The combination of lavatory, counter, and wardrobe in one space is logical and conven-It simplifies the bedroom, as well, and makes it possible to reduce the size of this room when s must be balanced. Also favoring the compartmented bath-dressing space is the way that erials can be suited to specific parts. In the example by A. L. Aydelott that follows, wood walls are urally shared by the bedroom and dressing area, while tile is the better choice for the bathroom.

The ideal bathroom would be completely surfaced with hard, washable materials, coved ll corners so that (theoretically) a hose could clean the whole room. Glazed, plastic, or sealed erials are naturals for bathroom surfaces: J. R. Davidson's bath-dressing space is a crisp example heir use. An imaginative use of ceramic tile, one of the oldest and most serviceable materials, is . Herbert Bayer's mural for Harvard's Graduate Center demonstrated the handsomeness of comfloor tile, but perhaps one should not talk of Art and bathrooms in the same paragraph.

The architects contributing to this section this month have showed admirable resistance Hollywood" colors. In no instance, where standard fixtures were used, is the porcelain anything pure white. The "glamour approach" of the consumer advertisements is ignored here and ead, for special effects, architectural ingredients are used—texture, scale, appropriate materials, well as color. We cite the Stone example, for its lacy lighted ceiling, and the Stousland room its airy arrangement and rather special point of view.

Bathrooms, unhaunted by tradition or requirements for individuality, are the most matteract rooms in the house. If the lighting shows one's true pallor, that is as it should be (enough ndescent light is important). The judicious arrangement of space is perhaps the most valuable sideration: storage requirements so under-estimated by stock installations are much improved by nitect planning. Choice of materials and colors adds much to the pleasant results that follow nout a single decalcomania or even mother-of-pearl.

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This dressing room and bath are in the architect's own house. Although connecting, the two are separate rooms, each enclosed for privacy and quiet. Integration here is between dressing room and adjacent bedroom, which share black asphalt tile and oak plywood. At the bathroom threshold, materials change to the more standard tile and plaster. The sink in the laminated plastic counter is an extra one for added convenience, the bathroom being complete with the three usual fixtures. Ceramic tile in the bathroom is black, to match the other flooring. Wall tile is light green, plaster walls above and ceiling throughout are white. In the dressing room, counter top is medium red and chair cover is a mixture of brown and black. *Photo: Lionel Freedman*

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Chair: 72 USB/ Saarinen design/ molded plastic covered in foam rubber/ steel legs in choice of brushedchrome or dull-black enamel/ net: \$51.00/ Knoll Associates, 575 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.

Chair Fabric: K 140/3 "Devil"/ wool and cotton/ 53" wide/ white-andblack, beige-and-black, brown-andblack, blue-and-black, yellow-andblack, red-and-black, and green-andblack/ net: \$7.00 per yd./ Knoll.

Counter: architect-designed/ oak with laminated-plastic top/ National Show-case Co., Columbus, Ga.

Counter Top: "Formica"/ Formica Co., 4633 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati 32, Ohio.

Curtain Track and Hardware: Grant Pulley & Hardware Co., 31-85 Whitestone Pkwy., Flushing, N.Y.

Door Hardware: Russell & Erwin Div. of American Hardware, 285 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.

Floor Covering: (bathroom) ceramic tile/ Mosaic Tile Co., Zanesville, Ohio.

Floor Covering: (dressing room) asphalt tile/ Kentile, 58 Second Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lighting Fixtures: "Formlites" #602 A and #628 B/ universal joint/ satinfinish aluminum/ list: \$12.00 and \$13.45/ Gotham Lighting Corp., 37-01 31 St., L.I.C., N.Y.

Mirror: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 632 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Paints: Sherwin-Williams Co., 101 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Sink: "Elayne"/ 27" x 20"/ Crane Co., 836 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, 111-

Towel Rods: Hall-Mack Co., 7455 Exchange Ave., Chicago 49, III. and 1344 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles 7, Calif.

W.C.: elongated "Drexel"/ Crane Co. Wall Covering: (bathroom) glazed tile/ 4" x 4"/ Mosaic Tile Co.

Walls: (dressing room) 1/4" oak plywood/ Welsh Plywood Corp., Memphis, Tenn.

Window Glass: DSB/ Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

Window Sash: painted (residence) steel casements/ Detroit Steel Products, 2250 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

Wood Finish: "Satinlac"/ Breinig Bros., 95 Harrison St., Hoboken, N.J.

location	Memphis, Tennessee
architect	A. L. Aydelott
contractor	A. L. Aydelott

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Blind: matchstick bamboo/ Fong Bros., 935 Stockton St., San Francisco, Calif.

Floor Covering: asphalt tile/ black/ Tile-Tex Division of the Flintkote Co., Chicago Heights, III.

Lighting Fixture: #1606/ oyster white/ list: \$12.60/ General Lighting Co., 1527 Charlotte St., New York 60, N.Y. Shower: Speakman Co., Wilmington, Del. Tub: 4' x 6' x 20''/ concrete/ finished with plastic paint.

Tub Floor: ceramic tile/ 2" x 2"/ blue-green/ The Mosaic Tile Co., Zanesville, Ohio.

Window Operators: "Whitco"/ Vincent Whitney Co., P.O.Box 335, Sausalito, Calif.

Window Sash: Wood/ job-built. Walls: tidewater cypress.





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This is the only fully enclosed room in a \$6000 house that the architect built for his own use. A two-level scheme is artfully divided by storage units, low partitions, and fireplace—to provide living, kitchen-dining, bedroom, work area, and this bathroom, in a total space of $24' \ge 36'$. The $10' \ge 12'$ bathroom is no stingy portion. (It is the architect's reaction to a few years of living with "minimum" baths.) This is a room with a view, a place to relax and, also, we understand, an outpost for local children on the hot days. The $4' \ge 6'$ tub was poured with the floor. Its concrete sides are finished with plastic paint, its floor is blue-green ceramic tile. Bathroom flooring is black asphalt tile and walls are cypress. Yacht cord wraps the hand rail. *Photo: Lionel Freedman*

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This is the family bathroom in a small house. Although not much larger than minimum, its plan is an improvement over the standard arrangement. Compartmented and provided with two lavatories, it easily allows for simultaneous use. In such a busy place, the accordian room divider is safer than a door swing, and a space saver too. Simple detailing and materials make this bathroom no chore to clean. Plaster walls and ceiling are finished in yellow enamel. Floor is waxed concrete, counter top is gray linoleum, and door is gray-plastic covered.

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Counter Top: Jaspe linoleum/ Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa. Door: "Modernfold"/ plastic-covered accordian/ New Castle Products, New Castle, Ind.

Floor: waxed concrete.

Lighting Fixtures: Leviton Mfg. Co., 236 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Sinks: American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Co., Bessemer Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Towel Rod: Hall-Mack Co., 1344 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif., 7455 Exchange Ave., Chicago 49, III.

W.C.: American Radiator & Standard Sanitary.

Window: Hope's Windows Inc., 86 Hopkins Ave., Jamestown, N.Y. Walls: plaster, painted.



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Photo: Lionel Freedman

	location	Fayetteville, Arkansas		
	architect	Edward D. Stone		
	associate	Karl J. Holzinger, Jr.		
building	supervisor	Frank Smiley		



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Cabinets: architect designed/ birch. Ceiling: birch slats $1/6^{11}$ x 3^{11} x $11/2^{11}$ o.c.

Counter: ceramic tile/ medium green/ The Mosaic Tile Co., Zanesville, Ohio. Door Hardware: Skillman Hardware Mfg. Co., 533 Edgewood Ave., Trenton, N.J.

Finish for Wood: "Satinlac"/ Breinig Bros., 95 Harrison St., Hoboken, N.J. Floor: file/ light and medium green/ The Mosaic Tile Co.

Lighting: frosted incandescent lamps above ceiling/ lumiline over mirror.

Mirror: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 632 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh 22, Pa. Paint: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

Sink: Crane Co., 836 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, III.

Towel Rods: The Mosaic Tile Co. Tub: Crane Co.

Walls: tile/ medium green/ The Mosaic Tile Co./ plaster above painted light green.



The dressing table is the divide between these areas, for good ventilation and an enlarged vista. Open to hall and bedroom, circulation is completely easy and the isolation of lavatory a convenience. In scale, the dressing area is intimate as an arbor. The slatted ceiling is dropped to low vertical dimension and has incandescent lamps above for gentle diffused illumination. A special coved lamp lights the mirrored section. Tile is medium green for walls and counter top, light and medium for floor. Painted plaster is light green and all wood is birch.

Photo: Lionel Freedman

bath-dressing areas

Cabinets: architect-designed/ jobbuilt.

Cabinet Top: dark blue linoleum/ Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa. Curtain Track: Kirsch Co., Sturgis, Mich.

Door Hardware: Sargent & Co., New Haven, Conn.

Floor Covering: ceramic tile/ 6" x 6"/ white/ Pomona Tile Mfg. Co.,

629 La Brea Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. Shower Door: aluminum frame/ Alumi-num Co. oi America, Frick Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Shower Door Glass: "Factrolite"/ cross ribbed glass/ Mississippi Glass Co., 88 Angelica St., St. Louis 7, Mo. Wall Covering: "Marlite"/ plasticfinished panels and aluminum mold-ings/ Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio.



This dressing-bath belongs to the man in the house. (Her's is connected to the bedroom next door.) There should be no trouble keeping neat here, for everything can be conveniently stored-even a ration of 18 shoes. The commodious wardrobe opposite windows takes care of riding boots and much more. Tile floor, plastic wall panels, enameled cabinets with linoleum top, and glass compartment doors all are easily washed. Colors are white for floor and ceiling; light blue for walls, cabinets, and curtains; and dark blue for counter top. Photo: Julius Shulman

location	Encino, California			
designer	J. R. Davidson			
contractor	La Brea Construction			

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location architect contractor Warm Springs, Oregon Pietro Belluschi Henry Nelson



This dressing area was selected for its handsome custom storage facilities. Designed to accommodate a bulk of assorted matter, cabinets are exactingly fitted and the whole made serene by simple detailing. A fulllength mirror is mounted on the entrance door, and in the back of the open box there are additional narrow shelves behind sliding doors. Our architect is a busy Dean at M.I.T. and so this is not accompanied by the usual data on sources and materials. Floors are cork, of course, and wood in bedroom is pine. All cabinet work is lacquered—choose your color. Photos: Dearborn-Massar

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The Sainte Victoire at Early Morning-PAUL CÉZANNE, 1898



Maison Du Peuple-VICTOR HORTA, Brussels 1898

It was as if the spirit of painting had suddenly take from the familiar surface of the earth into unknown s guided only by the principles of *inner* vision and *a* craftsmanship.

The silent brotherhood of geniuses is based on phenomenon that it is given to them to express the ye formed aspiration of their times, visualizing cross cur that are active below the dominant static concept. Wit being aware of it, Cézanne expressed two-dimension what a handful of revolutionary architects had tried to press in building. After 1880, a new architecture had sta in England, Belgium, and France, known as "Art Nouve that protested, in the words of one of its founders, H Berlage, "against sham architecture in which lying is rule, truth is the exception." In 1898, the same yea which Cézanne painted one of the many interpretation "Mt. Ste. Victoire," Victor Horta gave to this move its most mature form in the "Maison Du Peuple" in Bru which a contemporary critic wrote: "No detail derives anything at all in existence. It has the pure charm of , curves, and surfaces . . ." For the first time since , when Brunelleschi decided to put the coffins of Florne merchants by the name of Pazzi behind the portico Roman prostyle temple, the façade had been swept 7. In Berlage's buildings the inner structure is revealed, the social purpose had broken through the encircling s.

he implications of this revolution were tremendous. itecture after 1900 became a contest between academic ns, judging visual creation by didactic rules; and indual responsibility of the free creator. Today, at the way mark of the new century, there can be no doubt the battle of Cézanne and Berlage has been won. Indial vision has been victorious. At no other time in hishas the dynamic and experimental character of visual ession been so wholly recognized. But, in spite of the rsity of form produced by this revolution, there always (Continued on page 139)



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nained one common denominator: acture as the basis of vision. Whether was Guimard's overflowing ornantation or the regionalism of Frank byd Wright's Prairie Houses, the hing curves of Futurist painting or dissections of Cubism; architecture l painting were both conceived as tonic, they were form in progress.

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ile House-FRITZ HOGER, Hamburg 1923



The Tree-E. L. KIRCHNER, 1920

play of enclosed and natural space. And painters—Mondrian, Delauney, Feininger—translated the same relationships on the two-dimensional canvas. Both architect and painter, owed everything to Cézanne. It was he who had preserved the ancient marriage between building and painting. The same conceptual unity that existed between an Egyptian wall-painting and the severe angularity of the grave chamber, relates Hoger's expressionistic brick architecture to the paintings of Kirchner, Marc, and Kokoschka; or the Gothic of the Chicago Tribune Tower to Grant Wood's streamlined archaism.

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The heritage of this visual interdependence is so old in man that it has become part of his instinctual approach to the optical world. Man needs to relate what he sees: to symbolic content in the past, and to light, color, and form relationships in the present. But the visitor to the "Fifteen Americans" in the Museum of Modern Art, finds himself deprived of this guidance. Room after room, he is confronted with inarticulate outcries of tortured bewildered individuals. splashed on canvases of enormous size. The Representational Expressionism of the early 20th Century has been replaced by a totally unformed color language that serves only one purpose: to project the painter's most intimate emotions. The mechanics of color application, such as the flow of oil paint from a can, in the work of Jackson Pollock; or the meandering path of pigment, mixing with water (according to chance) in the colored chalk and casein pieces of Edward Corbett; or the impasto, squeezed heavily on the canvases of Clifford Still; have become self-purposive. The guiding principles of plan and preconcept are negated, and if there is depth in this passion, it is the deep passion of total abandonment to chance. Sigmund Freud, at the dawn of the psychoanalytical era, had conceived of the subconscious chaos in man as something evil and destructive that had to be brought to the surface to be healed by reason. Abstract expressionist painting, fifty years later, gropes for glorification of the subconscious chaos as the only creative and vital substance left in modern man. The subconscious, once it has been declared supreme, absolves man of all rational responsibility. It guarantees, above all, freedom from value judgments.

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tures. It was the weight of this sponsibiliy for "the new way he l taken," the awareness of being pointer whom others will follow" t constitutes the tragic element in zanne's life. The artist of our c time acknowledges nothing by way responsibility, except the right to press himself. The cryptographic p trait of his agonized ego superse all other value judgments that mi come from the public, unless the ar succeeds in blackmailing this pul into consent. Mark Rothko, referr to one of his color deliriums, meas ing sometimes 81 by 66 incl laments in the catalogue of the " teen Americans" that "it is therefor risky act to send it out into the wor How often it must be impaired by eyes of the unfeeling and the crue of the impotent, who would exte their afflictions universally!"

Afflicted with cruelty and impoter the helpless museum visitor remo bers, before Rothko's sacrificial of ing, Cézanne who "killed himself, o ering twenty inches of canvas," whose most brutal punishment for labors was a deadly self-criticism." feverish criss-cross strokes of Wal Tomlin, starting and ending nowh in their nervous haste across a muc canvas; the candy-colored amoebae William Baziotes, self-consciously titled "Cat," or "Jungle," or "Dwar as if there were a common denomi tor of recognition; and, above all, pigmentations of Clifford Still, cov ing 10 by 13 feet surfaces with une black, interrupted only by one p cious wavering hairline, leave sick with shock. If painting is mirror of the contemporary soul, w has become of us?

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isolation. Like a mad caller, he the telephone line before startin speak or (which is the same th before hanging a picture on a mus wall. And yet both the architect the painter are the direct heirs of Cézanne. When he gave to man the "substructure of things," it given indifferently, for better on worse, like the Apple of Knowled Adam and Eve. Its worth depe entirely on the responsibility of interpreter, or, in Frank L Wright's words, "on the severe of pline of a great ideal." It was modern architect who kept faith this command; and it was the mo painter who abandoned it. It is a him to recover the dedicated obse that surmounts all personal li



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Ballinger, Director, Department of Adv ing Design, Philadelphia Museum Schoo Art, and a well-known designer in his right, covers letters and lettering from ea times to the present. Wisely, he touches briefly on the actual mechanics of lettering there is a number of good manuals on subject. However, he explains in text (ad panied by hundreds of first-rate examples fine points which create letter designs of tinction, strength, subtlety, or combination the three, whether the design be an in Roman initial, a medieval manuscript la case letter, a wood type-block used on theatrical handbills, a modern Stymie chara or flowing script. For the student, there several tissue overlays to show how good de may be arrived at through proper balance stroke widths, serif treatment, and spacing "color").

The author's text is, for the most part, s clear, and refreshingly free from the obv He has done an admirable job of organiza considering the time-span covered, the r kinds of lettering discussed, and the nume geographical areas which have produced su examples. The captious might remark that inger has covered too much ground at the s fice of more examples in each of the categ covered, such as posters, letterheads, pac labels, and (of particular interest to archi and draftsmen) display lettering on build In any case, Ballinger should be thanked fo delightfully varied illustrations he has prov —after all, he had to draw the line somew

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Sunset Patio Book. Lane Publishing Comp Menlo Park, Calif. 1952. 176 pp., 250 ph and drawings. \$2.00 (or a library edit \$3.00)

For years, the publishers of Sunset, the V Coast home and garden magazine, have b publishing "how to" and "idea" books home owners-on cabins, barbecues, fe and walls, etc. Now added to this exten list is a handsomely illustrated book cove every phase of patio design and construct Also included are planting suggestions instructions; discussions of sun and wind trol; handling of barbecues and pools, out furniture and paving, and numerous prob regarding the integration of all of the elem that people enjoy in patios with the house garden. While the book is quite obviously signed for the home-owner, designers problems related to outdoor areas might find it a useful source of information. G. A

life of a pioneer

Louis Sullivan. Hugh Morrison. Peter Sn Gloucester, Mass. 1952. 391 pp., illus. \$6

In a chapter devoted to a critical estimate the subject of this biography, Hugh Morri writes: "The general conception of the imtance and significance of an architect depelargely, after all, on what has been wri about him by eminent scholars and cri Granting that a serious lack of detailed inmation has impeded the formation of a appraisal, the fact remains that Sullivan's and work have received scant recognition at hands of our scholars and historians."

Perhaps "a just appraisal" of Sullivan mains to be written some day, but there is denying that Morrison's thoughtful and simbiography, first published in 1935 and now pearing in a reprinted edition, gives the rean intimate and accurate picture of the "proof modern architecture" and the mark of influence on the profession. And that there

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a distinct influence is evidenced by the fact that, twenty-two years after his death in 1924, the American Institute of Architects awarded posthumously to Louis Sullivan its Gold Medal, the highest honor in the architectural profession. An ironic note, perhaps, but curiously in keeping with Sullivan's life for, in the citation (prepared by Morrison), he states: "He fought almost alone

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period as far as architectural development this country is concerned. Morrison, who is professor in the Department of Art and Arcl ology at Dartmouth, first became interested Louis Sullivan around 1930 while teaching the University of Chicago. In the course of investigation, he discovered that most of Su van's office records had been destroyed and t there was little else available—photograp lists of buildings designed by him, or perso effects (since Sullivan had no family to prese them)-to aid him in piecing out the story. was from Sullivan's own writings but infinit more from George Grant Elmslie, who work with Sullivan for twenty years, that Morris obtained the most vital part of the material this account.

Of no minor importance in this book is comprehensive bibliography which provid Morrison with source material. Since the f edition in 1935, he kas added a supplement bibliography for the years 1935 through 19 FRANK A. WRENS

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Modern Furnishings for the Home. William Hennessey. Reinhold Publishing Corp., 3 West 42 St., New York 36, N.Y. 480 illus. 2 pp., \$10

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Hennessey is well qualified to author the work. Architecturally trained, he has speciized as interior designer and consultant a number of years. In his introduction, author warns us of possible omissions. The are attributed to production limitations or the case of foreign manufacture, to a least of guarantee that certain pieces will be available here for years to come. This review misses Aalto furniture (Is it passé?) and Nels cabinets, without which the section on store is not wholly complete. Exceptions will a be taken to certain examples, dependent how purist the reader is. But this is a crossection and examples are chosen not for family and the section on store is a section and examples are chosen not for family and the section and examples are chosen not for family and the section and examples are chosen not for family and the section and examples are chosen not for family and the section and examples are chosen not for family and the section and examples are chosen not for family and the section and examples are chosen for the section and examples are chosen for the section and examples are chosen and examples are chosen for the section and examples are chosen for the section and examples are chosen for the section and examples are chosen for family and the section and examples are chosen for family and the section and examples are chosen for the section and examples are chos Design with a for pennies more!



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Bedford by the River. Max Lock, David G and Gerald King. John Murray Publishers 50 Albemarle Street, London W.1, England

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Prestressed Concrete Structures. August E. K mendant. McGraw-Hill Book Co., 330 W. 42 New York 36, N. Y., 1952. 261 pp. \$6

August E. Kommendant's new book provid basic understanding of the design and met of analysis of prestressed concrete struct and is intended to eliminate generaliza and guesswork based on inadequate data. aced by a general explanation of prestres principles, history, systems, and applic methods, the book describes the propertie the materials used in this form of construc and the design theories and methods for lyzing the carrying capacities of various stressed systems. Examples of a dozen o representative structures now in use here abroad-bridges, reservoirs, tanks, a dam, craft hangars, an experimental runway planes-are appraised with critical remarks suggestions for improvement. An appendix tains basic tables on materials used in stressed structures, plus conversion tables English and metric units.

Internationally known for his contribution the development of prestressed- and reinfor concrete theories, Dr. Kommendant served of consulting engineer to Headquarters of European Command, from 1945 to 1950, to solve the problems of reconstructing many portant key-bridges and other structures of aged during World War II. E. of

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by Bernard Tomson

This column supplements material in Chapter 23 of Tomson's Architectural and Engineering Law (Reinhold 1951).

The necessity for legislation to protect architects is, of course, not confined to registration statutes (See IT'S THE LAW May 1952 P/A). The need for exchanging and pooling information and for a "uniform" statute exists, for example, with respect to the architect's right to a "mechanic's lien" for the drawing of plans and specifications, as well as for supervision. His right to such a lien varies considerably in the forty-eight states. It may extend only to his services for supervision; or in some states, where he also supervised the construction, to plans and specifications; or in other states, to plans and specifications without the necessity for his having supervised the construction.

The right to any "mechanic's lien" is ex-



clusively granted by way of statutory enact Such right did not exist at common law example of a statute providing for the fili "mechanic's liens" by architect's for their and specifications, as well as their super of construction, is found in Compiled La Colorado, Section 6442(15). That statute as follows:

"Mechanics, material men, contractors, contractors, builders, and all persons of class performing labor upon or furnishing terials to be used in the construction, alter addition to, or repair, either in whole part, of any building, mill, bridge, ditch, aqueduct, reservoir, tunnel, fence, rai wagon road, tramway or any other struct improvement, upon land, and also arch engineers, draughtsmen and artisans who furnished designs, plans, plats, maps, s cations, drawings, estimates of cost, surv superintendence, or who have rendered professional or skilled service, or bestowed in whole or in part, describing or illustr or superintending such structure, or work or to be done, or any part connected then shall have a lien upon the property upon they have rendered service or bestowed or for which they have furnished materi mining or milling machinery or other fixtu the value of such services rendered or done or material furnished, whether at t stance of the owner, or of any other acting by his authority or under him, as contractor, or otherwise; for the work or done or services rendered or material nished, by each respectively, whether do furnished or rendered at the instance owner of the building or other improvem his agent; and every contractor, archited gineer, subcontractor, builder, agent or person having charge of the construction, ation, addition to, or repair, either in wh in part, of any building or other improv as aforesaid, shall be held to be the ag the owner for the purposes of this act. 1676-1677) (emphasis ours).

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The above-quoted statute is atypical. A ity of the lien laws merely provide for filing of "mechanic's liens" by "mechanic terial men, contractors, and builders," where architects have not been named s cally as a group protected by the statut courts have held that they do not come its coverage.

The decisions of the courts, in interpreti statutes of the various states, may be clo into three distinct groups:

 The architect is permitted a lien for plans and specifications, as well as supervision of construction;

 The architect is permitted a lien for plans and specifications only where he also supervised construction; INTERLOCKING MEMBERS SPEED ERECTION AND PRODUCE A RIGID EXPANDABLE STEEL STRUCTURE

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3. The architect is permitted a lien with regard to supervision of construct and has no lien for the furnishing of p and specifications

Group 1:

Under statutes similar to the Colorado set forth above, the courts have held an tect entitled to a lien for his plans and cations, as well as supervision of constr The Supreme Court of Colorado, in Parl Properties, Inc., et al v. Fisher, et al, 5 577, set forth the rule as follows:

"If we were to hold that the identical plans must have been used before thei of a lien attached, they would not be give full protection contemplated and created lien statute. Such ruling would afford tunities for unscrupulous builders to legitimate lien rights of architects. The s of the Fishers continued for over a yea were largely evidenced by the plans, cations, details, and drawings submit Hooper and Janusch, Clicago architects by them in the preparation of, and p incorporated in, the plans actually proand used in the construction of the bu Under such circumstances, it would be inequitable and unjust to deny the Fis lien for such services which were prove found to have been rendered upon the and credit of the real property and t provement erected thereon.

A similar question was determined in th of Home Market Co. v. Fallis, 72 Colo. 4 P. 641, which is here controlling. There prepared for the lessee plans and specifi for the construction of the Home Public Building in Denver. His employment was nated, but his plans were used in part architect of the assignee under whose pla supervision the building was constructed judgment of the lower court that Fallis w titled to a lien for the value of his serv rendered was affirmed." (p. 579)

It is interesting to note that here the pla specifications were furnished by one gro architects to another, who then prepare final plans which were used in the constr Yet, the court allowed a lien to the o architect for his plans and specifications

Group 2:

The courts of a majority of the States to the rule that an architect is entitled to for his plans and specifications and su tendence of construction only where such vision is present. A typical example of a decision adhering to this point of view n found in Beeson v. Overpeck, et al, 44 N 195, where the Court stated:

"The court, in reviewing the history

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mechanic's lien statutes of this state and the authorities of other jurisdictions on the subject, points out the purpose of such statutes in this language: 'The mechanic's lien laws of America, in general, reveal the underlying motive of justice and equity in dedicating, primarily, buildings and the land on which they are erected to the payment of the labor and materials incorporated, and which have given to

them an increased value. The purpose is to promote justice and honesty, and to prevent the inequity of an owner enjoying the fruits of the labor and materials furnished by others, without recompense.' The definition of 'laborer' as found in the Century Dictionary is also quoted in this opinion, a portion of which is: 'One who labors with body or mind, or both."

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phrase in the statute, 'and all persons perfo ing labor,' strongly supports the contention the appellant that his claim is lienable." (p. 7

"The labor and skill of an architect in dr ing plans and specifications and in supe tending the work upon a building or reparat thereof are a part of the expense of const tion, and as an item of such expense, t enter into and help form the value of the bu ing. We can conceive of no sound reason v the person who performs such labor and nishes such skill should not receive the so protection as the carpenter, the mason, or of mechanics. In a case like the present, wh the architect draws the plans, and uses the as his tools in the supervision of the work, think he is entitled to a lien for the labor pended in the drawing of the plans and sp fications and in the supervision of the const tion." (pp. 197-198).

It should be emphasized that the supervi of construction by the architect under this cision is the underlying important factor which the court grants the mechanic's lien the architect.

Group 3:

The courts of a minority of our States d from the views above set forth in that they h held an architect entitled only to a lien for supervision of construction, but not for any p or specifications which he may have furnish A decision adhering to this point of view Palm Beach Bank & Trust Co. v. Lainhart, et 95 So. 122, wherein the Court stated:

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That kind of work is differentiated from services of an architect in drawing plans specifications. Supervising the erection of building and the selection of materials to placed therein is often done by a skilled chanic and is such labor as the statute con plates shall be provided for in a lien upon building or lands."

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although the architect was entitled to a lien for that portion relating to his supervision of construction, his agreement with the owner forme an indivisible contract. Therefore, since he was not entitled to a lien for his plans and specific cations, and since the contract was an "entitie one," the Court held the architect was entitle to no lien at all.

The right of an architect to a "mechanic lien," where it exists, is an important adjunct his perpetual battle to be paid adequately for services rendered. There is no reasonable argu ment that can be made for the architect beir put in any worse position than the materia man or mechanic who renders work, labor, an services in construction. It is significant that the most recent amendment in New York State wi respect to the class of persons afforded the pr tection of the Lien Law extended its coverage to "landscape gardeners, nurserymen, or perso or corporations selling fruit or ornamental tree roses, shrubbery, vines, and small fruits." the architect is as diligent and organized the landscape gardener, nurseryman, and fre tree salesman, he too can become effective in practical way—this time to assure himself of lien law in each state that will aid him me effectively in collecting a fee justly earned.

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out of school



by Carl Feiss

There are two subjects discussed here this month: the vacancies in deanships; and a training program for building surveyors.

vacancies in the deanships

During the past several months, there has been discussion of the scarcity of deans and directors of schools of architecture. Current estimates indicate that vacanies will occur in the next five years totaling somewhere between fifteen and eighteen. The problem constitutes a serious challenge to the presidents or chancellors of the universities concerned. Further, since a fourth of all recognized schools are involved (and the number may go higher), it becomes a problem of concern to large numbers of existing and potential students, to the respective faculties, and to the architectural profession at large.



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Leadership in schools of architecture (an planning) is an engrossing subject at an time. There is invariably raised the issue the practitioner versus the educator; the ma of experience with a distinguished buildin record versus the educator; the man of perience with a distinguished building ord versus the man who may have spe his time as a distinguished teacher ministrator, or both. And there are the pe mutations and combinations. Then, of cours there are those who look to the deanship an honorary position, as a culmination of career, a position in which to grow old grac fully. The record, which is interesting, is subje to the laws of libel when discussed in a place such as this. I wish it were possible to ma the important comparisons which are so nec sary in evaluating the career of leader in t ever-changing world of architectural educatio But three elements of this history are clea First, the man is more important than provenance; second, the training program more important than the man; third, the stude is more important than either the man who to be dean or the training program administer.

There is the question, of course, as to necessity of the position of dean or direct There are two reasons for believing that su a position is essential. First, the college school subdivision within the institution higher learning is a traditional breakdow based on more or less functional, topical, a often logical administrative units. The collegia concept, dating to the earliest days of Christian Church and reflected in the monas orders from which much of our present no sectarian (and sectarian) education stems, is well tempered and tried system. It may be tr that the college all too often-particularly t professional college-becomes a segregated c in the institutional body. Still, it remains clear entity within which a specialized functi may be identified and an educational progra to satisfy the function, may be developed a administered.

Second, there is the question of the ne for a leader. Contemporary educational a university-wide administrative trends are pr gressing rapidly toward the development a healthier muscular tone in the collegic body, trends in which each cell serves r only itself but also all others directly or directly related. This service function is char ing the attitudes of administrators, both of university as a whole and also of those

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sponsible for specialized programs within ea cell. But such a synthesis as is indicated in t broadening of intra-institutional relationshi adds to, rather than detracts from, the lead ship responsibilities of the administrators specialized programs. And there can be question that there are highly developed lead ship responsibilities within each cell. The qu tion is, how shall they best be administere

Recently there have been several attempts find an alternate solution to the deanship single-leader system. One school has had abe six years of experience in the rotation of faculty chairman, elected each year by faculty, and with single-term rules. While have not been in a position to observe t system directly, I have been watching it at distance. One thing seems apparent. When chairman with leadership ability and popula retires, unpleasant comparisons are quic made and political issues arise which und mine his successor, even when not encourac by the more popular ex-chairman. Also, th is in such a system, democratic in purpose it may well be, an unevenness of continu which can affect teaching programs, budg and the stature of the school.

A committee or commission leadership tem seems to me to be unwieldy in relatively small unit of the architectural sch This does not mean that appropriate com tees of the faculty are not essential. I talking here of top responsibilities. These ca such significant duties, for instance, as selection or dismissal of faculty (which faculty committee can properly do at final point), the selection or dismissal of dents, the selection or dismissal of non-teach staff. While committees may serve effectiv in some of these duties, as in the chastisen or dismissal of students, primary responsibil in some of these other matters should rem in my opinion, with one individual who be held accountable to the president or cl cellor and, if the situation involves unive policy as a whole, through the president chancellor to the board of trustees or rege

Committees may be assigned budget, c culum, library, student-faculty, and myriad a responsibilities. However, I do not believe a committee can satisfactorily represen school or college before the profession or community at large. And a committee, of two, is impersonal. That is its greatest w ness in the role of leadership, although

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personality may be its greatest strength in certain phases of school administration. Good committees also demonstrate democracy at its best, but a dictator can control committees. and a school with or without committees.

It is in the dictatorial or, perhaps more often, in the role of benevolent despotism that deanships have failed. Also deanships have failed where the factors of security and sinecure have permitted both laissez faire and somnolence. What young men and women, and their mentors, require is a working environment congenial to freedom of expression and freedom of exploration. They need to feel confident that the pater familias (whoever he may be),



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is sensitive to each individual but not so sitive to the individual that order is lost the group. They need to feel that this least call him dean for want of better word someone in whom confidence may be pla confidence in his maturity as a man, confide in his honesty and integrity as a man, co dence in his ability and convictions as a among men with ability and convictions. this stature of leadership in the personality an individual, whose interests are one wit student and with his school of students, w places a premium on the the all-important of a dean, for it is the primordial urge youth to fight control but ask for guida Youth, however, is very selective, and will cept guidance only from those who have pro themselves worthy of confidence. I have to see a student body fooled. Though a prising number have been amazingly patier maybe charitable is a better word. Many student body has been loyal and affection even though its eyes have been wide or In such cases guidance comes from other the titular head.

There is no established training ground the teachers of architecture, planning, building, although the A.I.A. Commission the Survey of Education and Registration, o mentioned in these columns (Dr. Burdell's C mission), recommends the establishment of "Institute of Architectural Education" could serve as a training ground for teach and leadership in the building industry. seventy or so who now direct the destinies architectural schools arrived at their pres eminence either by accident or error, through dint of hard work and evidence real worth. Without any attempt at soft so I am happy to say that the accidents or er are very few and that, in my opinion, student architects and practicing architects this country can be proud of the heads of schools. Motley as their careers have be they form a distinguished group of leaders education with a surprising unity of purp

The presidents of universities, facing the of filling existing and pending vacancies, h three difficult tasks. First, they must rect job specifications for the deanships, in light of changes in university organizat Seeond, they must recheck job specificat in line with changes which are, or should taking place in the profession and business

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architecture and building. It is there that the Survey Commission's report (see above) should prove invaluable.*

The president's third task is to find the right man. One thing is certain, that no two circumstances in the schools are the same. There is no one set of specifications which will universally fit all jobs or all men. It is going to be a long, tedious, and discouraging task in many instances. There have been cases where heads of universities have been so impatient, bored, disinterested, or discouraged with the problem that they have closed schools rather than fight for them and for their students. This is an ever-present danger in those situations where leadership is lacking, either at the level of the head of the university or in the school itself, or both. These are unpleasant facts, but let us be frank about them. One certainty is that only in rare instances can a major school survive or maintain status for any extended period without an individual in responsible charge on a full-time basis.

One of the delicate problems which confront us all in these matters is the feeling on the part of many universities that they do not want professional organizations interfering with the freedom of choice of curricula or teachers. Of course they are absolutely right. But avoiding interference or even coercion is one thing. Obtaining advice and counsel is another. After all, a professional school is training for a profession, and only the history and experience of the profession, its accomplishments and objectives, can establish the philosophy of instruction and the criteria for the choice of leadership.

We will all watch with interest and, I am certain, with sympathy and understanding the endeavors of the heads of the various universities to staff their schools of architecture. May they continue to succeed as they so often have in the past! And may the brief record of failures serve as a warning, but not as a discouragement, to those with the unenviable responsibility of making the right choices. The profession of architecture, depending for its future on the schools, stands by to help when called upon.

* Curiously enough, and in confidence, of course, I know of a university which is ignoring the services offered by the A.I.A. and the advice of the Survey Commission's report in reorganizing its school of archi-tecture. The school has had serious accrediting prob-lems, too. Yet that university isn't even interested in the results of three years of research which went into the Survey or in advice from the profession for which it is training students. I'm sorry for the students and the new dean or director, whoever they may be, when they arrive in that particular Never-Never Land.

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the training of building surveyors

You may not be familiar with the British term, "Building Surveyor." We badly need the term and its consolidated activity in this country. A building surveyor is just what the term implies. He is a licensed technician trained to inspect plans and buildings under construction, and to appraise completed buildings for all items covering construction, equipment, condition, location, use, and value. He may be employed as a public official or under contract for a specified type of job. He is trained in a special school for building surveyors, licensed to practice, and is an accepted and qualified member of the business or profession of building, and an invaluable asset to architecture, city planning, and the business of government.

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Every city today, of any size and administrative competence, has built up a complex system of building controls to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of its citizens. There are normally about eight municipal departments, agencies, authorities, commissions, bureaus, and divisions charged with some type of building responsibility. Many of these have inspection and licensing powers. Others are quasi-judicial in function. Some combine the two. All require on their staffs technicians with training and experience in building and, sometimes, in architecture. All of them have influence, and some direct control, on the activities of the architect and the builder. Let us name a few of these agencies of local government which influence architecture and building, either directly or indirectly, or both:

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Now, inspection and enforcement of building codes and zoning ordinances are gaining strength in municipal organization, as we all too slowly recognize the disastrous effect of our vast acreages of slum and blight which are destroying our cities. Urban redevelopment programs are highlighting these functions with the assistance of housing code and health specialists. But where do the inspectors, licensing, and policing officials come from? What is the training required for these important positions? And they are important.

Recently, when seven building inspectors were discharged after a local scandal in a building department (a scandal caused by construction failures in new buildings), the head of the building department said of his inspectors, "They are honest men, but they just don't know any better." The low salaries paid to inspectors are all too often indicative of our low opinion of their importance and are, at the same time, one cause for the scarcity of good men who survey buildings. These include real estate appraisers and particularly building appraisers.

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