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688 classrooms in Henrico's campus-plan schools will be floored with Terrazzo when present construction is completed. Annual savings in maintenance and cleaning total $37,262.08. At this rate, declares Mr. Grubbs, the higher original installation cost of Terrazzo (30¢ per sq. ft. more than the next best floor) will be justified in just a few years.

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According to the architects, the building is organized in three elements: public areas occupy the base, administrative offices the top, and hung in between are the ceremonial spaces. The City Hall is approached across the new city square and over a series of terraces that rise to the brick-faced "mound" form of the public access area. The roof of this mound is a "stepped terrain" by means of which the visitor reaches the central court containing a major sculpture. The administrative levels are planned in tiers stepping back from this court as they ascend. The ceremonial elements are marked by hooded window devices. From the great interior hall, the visitor can realize all of the major elements of the building.

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NEW YORK, N.Y. Architectural Awards of Excellence for aesthetic use of steel "in a dimension beyond its use as a basic structural frame" have been presented by the American Institute of Steel Construction to 13 architectural firms for the designs of 14 buildings. Jury for the program included Robert W. Cutler, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, New York; George Edson Danforth, Director, Department of Architecture and City Planning, Illinois Institute of Technology; John T. Grisdale, Carroll, Grisdale & Van Alen, Philadelphia; William J. LeMessurier, William J. LeMessurier & Associates, Consulting Engineers, Boston; and Julian Whittlesey, Whittlesey & Conklin, New York. These jurors also served as critics at the PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE-AISC Workshop Critique on Steel in the Terrace Room of the Plaza Hotel in New York the 14th and 15th of June. All the AISC awards carry equal weight.

THE AWARD WINNERS: The McAllen State Bank of McAllen, Texas, by Cowell & Neuhaus of Houston (1) was commended as "an excellent example of straightforward steel construction." Structural Engineer was Harold B. Horton. "As clean and logically designed as a piece of machinery" was the encomium earned by Mitchell & Ritchey's Pittsburgh Public Auditorium (2). Ammann & Whitney was structural engineer for the structure, which was also complimented for the great cantilever supporting its roof leaves. Careful detailing of steel for the compatible use of other materials in the Drill House, West Orange, N.J., won an award for Davis, Brody & Wianiewski (3). Wiesenfeld, Hayward & Leon was structural consultant for the house, which was fully presented in the MAY 1962 P/A. Murray-Jones-Murray of Tulsa won an award for the airport terminal building in their home town (4). The jury admired the
building's plan and its "excellent use of steel for framing." Structural engineer was David R. Graham & Associates. Plan, siting, and superior use and expression of steel won an award for Reid, Rockwell, Banwell & Tarice's Aragon High School in San Mateo, Calif. (5). Notable are the steel Vie­rendeel trusses used in gymnasium and little theater. A "motor age" church (6), permitting 600 cars to park within sight of the minister and tune in the services through individual listening devices, brought an award for Richard J. Neutra & Associates and Structural Engineer Eugene Birn­baum. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill achieved an "excellent expression in the architecture of the space frame" in its design for the general offices of the Upjohn Company (7), according to the jury. A Standard Oil service station for Los Angeles International Airport (8) was described as a "logical solution for a steel roof" and "particular­ly attractive from the air." Charles Luckman Associates was Co­ordinating Architect, with Welton Becket & Associates and Paul R. Williams & Associates; Structural Engineers: Richard R. Bradshaw, Inc., and S. B. Barnes & Associates. An example of high-rise steel construction that the jury felt "speaks steel—you can feel it" garnered acclaim for Gateway Number Four in Pittsburgh (9) by Harrison & Abramovitz, with Structural Engineer Edwards & Hjorth.

Use of steel in a well-design sun­shade was among the reasons for the premiation of John Hall Dormitory for Men at Temple University by Nollen & Swinburne (10). Severud-Els­tad-Krueger Associates was Struc­tural Engineer. Another award went to Murray-Jones Murray for the design of Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Tulsa (11). "A simple, direct structural system, designed for the industrial age," was the jury's comment.

Netherton, Dollmeyer & Solnok did the structural engineering. A decorative steel frame and a fine plan attracted the jury to the office building for the Holland Mortgage and Investment Corporation and the Fidelity­Southern Fire Insurance Company in Houston (12). Architect was Neuhaus & Taylor; Structural Engineer, Vogt & Clouse. The tennis pavilion at Princeton University (13) by Ballard, Todd & Snibbe, recently recipient of an AIA Award of Merit, won an AISC award for being "delightfully decorative and fanciful, romantic and playful—in the spirit of the game." Structural Engineer was Peter W. Bruder. Anshen & Allen's International Build­ing in San Francisco (14) was deemed worthy of premiation because of its structural soundness in an earthquake area, its use of 17-ft steel cantilevers, and a "sophisticated" plan. Structural Engineers: Gould & Degenkolb and Robert D. Dewell.
NEW YORK, N.Y. One of the late Eero Saarinen's chefs-d'oeuvre, the TWA Terminal at New York International Airport, opened last month and fast became the cynosure of architectural eyes. As is the case with most significant works of architecture, opinions were varied and discussions rife at luncheons and parties where architects and architectural commentators congregated. P/A records here observations pro and con.

**PRO:** "The architect accomplished in a masterful way the tough task of accommodating within a difficult envelope the numerous requirements of an air terminal. The result is a powerful spatial symphony played without compromise, a sequence of spaces within spaces. The interior elements are used consistently and knowingly to shape and modulate this sequence. Even the delicately textured, white ceramic flooring tile, used not only on the floor but also on most of the vertical surfaces, is a brilliant device employed to subdue the meaning of planes and to accentuate the meaning of spaces."

**CON:** "It seems to me that the restlessly obtrusive interiors of the terminal fight with and obscure Saarinen's bold, poised space conception and that this is visually disturbing. The great interior space that could have been created by the four intersecting dome segments does not 'read' because every interior vista is blocked and obscured by strongly sinuous elements. The curved bridge balcony, the winding stairs, the upturning volutes at the bases of the stair, the sculptured eyes that tell flight times, the bracketed ceilings leading to ticketing and baggage-receiving spaces—all these attract attention to themselves, and prevent one from visually following a vaulted or arched roof element from peak to support. The delicately small-scaled tile floor material creeping up every vertical surface it touches, the dark-ceiled tunnels leading silhouetted passengers to the planes, the eye-socket windows, all give a surrealist impression on the interior which is in sharp and disturbing contrast to the bold, crudely built concrete forms one sees from the outside."

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We need not fear that his new duties will remove this valuable architectural gadfly from the public arenas, where his kind is so needed. He has said to the architect, "... the responsibilities of the architect for criticism and education do not end with his fellows' work. Too few are using the agencies available to them for educating their communities about town planning and architecture."

Museum of Modern Art has published "Four Walking Tours of Modern Architecture in New York City," by ADA LOUISE HUXTABLE ... RALPH BRYAN heads the Dallas chapter AIA for the next year... New commission for I. M. Pei is the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse, N.Y.; PIETRO BELLUSCHI will be design consultant, and local firm PEDERSON, HUEBER & HARES will be associated ... The Auguste Perret Prize of UIA went to FELIX CANDELA ... A. C. FRISK of Iowa was elected president of the Structural Clay Products Institute ... Brazil's "Cruziéro do Sul" award was bestowed on Colonel WILLARD F. ROCKWELL of Rockwell-Standard Corp. and Rockwell Manufacturing Co.

Leadership by youth on the campus seems to be a decided trend these days. Just a year older than Albert Bush-Brown is CHARLES W. MOORE, who has succeeded Vernon DeMars as Chairman of the Department of Architecture at the University of California in Berkeley. The department is part of the ceremoniously named College of Environmental Design, whose Dean is William W. Wurster. Born in Benton Harbor, Michigan, Moore received his B.Arch. from the University of Michigan in 1947, moonlighting the while in the offices of Lewis J. Sarvis and Roger Bailey Associates. After graduation, he moved to California and worked with, among others, Mario Corbett and Joseph Allen Stein. In 1949 he won the George W. Booth Traveling Fellowship from his undergraduate alma mater and toured through Europe and the Near East taking photographs for use in teaching architectural design and history. Getting his pedagogical feet wet as an assistant professor at the University of Utah in 1950-52, Moore began to formulate his philosophy of architectural education. "I had become convinced of the value of architectural history as a core discipline in the teaching of architecture," he says. After a two-year service as a lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers in this country and Korea, he matriculated at Princeton to receive his M.F.A. in architectural design and history in 1956 and his Ph.D. in architecture in 1957. He remained at Princeton, from 1957-59, as an assistant professor of architecture. Setting permanently in California again in 1959 (he had been practicing there in the summers during his Princeton residence), Moore became a senior associate in the firm of Clark & Beuttler and an associate professor of architecture at the University of California. Readers of P/A (from 1957) may remember his design for his own house in Orinda, which won an Award Citation in the 1962 Design Awards Program (pp. 146-149, January 1962 P/A).

New faculty members at Department of Architecture, University of Notre Dame, are JULIAN E. KULSKI, KENNETH A. FEATHERSTONE, and SOLOMON A. LIM ... JOSEPH DECHIARA of Urban Planning Associates is new assistant professor of planning at Pratt Institute. How to get to picturesque places to another seems to be the specialty of BERNARD RUDOFSKY. His recent exhibit of "Roads" at the Museum of Modern Art, in which he opened our eyes to the appalling power for good or evil inherent in the concrete arteries that lace our land, is now traveling; so is an earlier show, "Stairs," in which Rudofsky traces the development from the Tower of Babel to the U.S. Air Force Academy.
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VALLEY FORGE, PA. All national administrative and publishing activities of the American Baptist Convention have been brought together here in a new building by Vincent G. Kling. The Offices are now housed in a circular concrete office structure that gleams white against the summer greenery.

Aside from its significance as a Christian symbol of unity, the circular form was chosen as the one most functional for a body whose different agencies and departments must work independently, yet at the same time have a close relationship to each other. The ground floor is two-fifths open to form an arcade extending between the concrete piers. The enclosed portions of this floor contain central lobby, bookstore, library, and the data processing and accounting department used by all agencies. The second and third floors contain agency offices. Windows on the upper floor have triangular heads to suggest an ecclesiastical feeling in contemporary terms.

Fanning out from the office building is the one-story graphic arts and painting building. The arc shape of this structure follows the circumference of the office building.

At the opposite side of the office building is the cafeteria-conference center, which also follows the circumference of the main structure.

A fourth element will join the center—an 80-ft, circular chapel seating 150 that is expected to be the unifying focus of the composition.
Expanding Design Horizons of Steel Discussed

NEW YORK, N.Y. At the Workshop Critique on Steel in Architecture, sponsored by U. S. Steel and conducted by PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE, featuring five of the winners of the AISC Design Awards of Excellence winners (pp. 66–67), the featured luncheon speaker was Austin J. Paddock, Administrative Vice-President of Fabrication and Manufacture of the steel corporation. Illustrating his remarks with scale models of advanced steel designs, Paddock discussed the present and future of design in steel.

"I am not surprised that architects and structural engineers are beginning to exercise their creativity in more radical design concepts, such as geometrical configurations in buildings, single planar cable systems, suspended buildings and load-bearing vertical grid truss walls—all being movements toward greater expression.

"This means that, more than ever, you are hunting better and more versatile materials. You all have definite opinions as to which materials offer you the greatest freedom, and as a group you are perhaps somewhat divided in your views...

"We believe that, if you really are seeking to achieve maximum freedom in your work, the best means to accomplish this is through the proper use of the steels now available to you...

"Recently, construction was begun on a building that will wear its structural steel framework on the outside in the form of a diamond-shaped grid truss wall that will be completely load-bearing. This eliminates spandrel beams and all vertical columns, from the skin of the building to its core...

"To make this design work, no less than five different steels were skillfully blended into the structure. Both of the workhorse carbons obviously were used—A7, for miscellaneous applications, and A36 for about half of the framework. But what is more significant is that substantial portions of the framework will use A441, with its 50,000 psi minimum yield point, and two constructional alloy steels with 100,000 psi.

"This is the first time that standard structural shapes of a 100,000 psi yield strength steel have been used in the framework of a multistory building. The net result is a continuing fine line appeal running from the base to the top of the building.

"Another example comes to mind. Who among us doesn't shudder every time the term 'corrosion' is mentioned? Yet, under controlled circumstances, the whole concept of weathering can be made to work in favor of aesthetics...

"And now, an architect has flown boldly into time-honored taboos and tradition, to design a multi-story building using [an oxidized steel], both unpainted and exposed in the exterior columns and beams. This design will take full advantage of the rust-colored oxidation to blend with the semirural surroundings...

"But what about other forms—low structural shapes (round, square and rectangular); wire and wire rope; sheet and strip products; which can be cold or hot formed and coated in many gauges to provide a nearly infinite variety? Cannot the strength levels, corrosion resistance, weldability, formability, and colorability also be taken out of these products and applied freely in architecture to open up vast new horizons in aesthetics?

"Let's take the principles of geometrical configuration in buildings. There has been some suggestion that steel does not offer as much freedom in design as do other types of material—concrete for one.

"Yet, because of its strength-to-weight ratio and all its other characteristics, steel properly used will give you almost endless freedom. Indeed, if there are any limitations on freedom, they are found not in the metal itself; they are governed, rather, by the degree of creativity exercised by the architects and structural engineers...

"For instance, a new concept of a fabricated, hollow beam combining stainless and high strength steels has already been exhibited in prototype form for possible use in bridges. Its cross-sectional profile resembles an hourglass—another adaptation of the doubly-curved surface. The relatively thin gauge of the materials, less than 3/8 in., clearly dramatizes the additional strength-to-weight factor gained by applying geometrical principles to the already long list of steel behavior patterns.

"Who can say what its architectural potentials might be for beauty, durability, flexibility, and lightness?

"We haven't even touched the subject of wire, which, blended with all kinds of three-dimensional trusses—vertical, horizontal or curved—lays open yet another vista for the inquiring, aesthetically-tuned mind. Steel wire—the strongest and lightest of the strong—[is] capable of carrying its own weight over a distance equal to a million times its diameter...

"And we cannot ignore the concept of suspending entire building frames, either through the application of wire, or bars and flat plates made of higher strength steels. One structure, now building in Mexico, is suspended by channels hung from steel trusses cantilevered from its own service core. It is designed to be earthquake-proof and resistant to soil settlement conditions...

"Concepts and more concepts. Take plastic and orthotropic designs. What other material lends itself better to two- and three-dimensional stressing than does steel?

"Where will the coming use of plastic design take us? Although several universities presently are studying its application to multistory buildings, we have barely scratched the surface...

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The Federal Government has no obligation to be an innovator in architecture; but it has the obligation to avail itself of the finest contemporary architects and architectural thought.

That's the real meat of a surprisingly brief (for Washington) report on "Guiding Principles for Federal Architecture," finally submitted to the President in June by an ad hoc Cabinet committee headed by Labor Secretary Goldberg.

Said the committee (as part of a general report on Federal office space):

"The design of Federal office buildings, particularly those in the capital, must meet a two-fold requirement: efficient and economical facilities; visual testimony to the dignity, enterprise, vigor and stability of the Government.

"The committee recommends a three-point architectural policy:

"(1) To provide requisite and adequate facilities in an architectural style and form which is distinguished. Major emphasis should be placed on the choice of designs that embody the finest contemporary architectural thought. Specific attention should be paid to the possibilities of incorporating qualities which reflect the regional architectural traditions.

"Designs [should] adhere to sound construction practice; buildings should be economical to build, operate, and maintain, and should be accessible to the handicapped.

"(2) The development of an official style must be avoided. Design must flow from the architectural profession to the Government, and not vice-versa. The advice of distinguished architects ought to, as a rule, be sought prior to award of important design contracts.

"(3) The choice and development of the building site should be considered the first step in the design process. Special attention should be paid to the general ensemble of streets and public places of which the Federal building will form a part. Where possible, buildings should be located so as to permit generous development of landscape.

Much of the remainder of the report (the committee included Goldberg, Commerce Secretary Hodges, Budget Director David Bell, GSA Administrator Bernard Boutin) is concerned with various proposals for decentralizing Government operations—the committee doesn't think much of this idea—and with an elaborate program for the complete rehabilitation of Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, near the Capitol.

Reference

Bookshelf item: "Fall-out Protection for Hospitals," a 28-page study available from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D.C. Prepared by the U.S. Public Health Service, the booklet says that adequate fall-out protection adds about 4 per cent to the cost of conventional hospital construction.
SYSTEM PROVIDES CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT

Milwaukee, Wis. A new building system has been announced integrating four component systems, which, while not individually new themselves, combine to create an integrated whole.

The system is "Integrated Air Floor," and it consists of Inland Steel's "Cellufloor," radiant ceiling panels, chemical air conditioning, and a standard refrigeration plant. The system takes the four variables affecting physical comfort—temperature of room surfaces, air temperature, relative humidity, and air motion—and blends or controls them to produce a desirable environment. Recommended units for the radiant ceiling panels and the chemical air conditioning are Burgess-Manning Radiant-Acoustical Ceiling System and "Kathabar" units from Midland-Ross Corporation, respectively. The refrigeration plant should be a well-known and dependable make. In addition to providing a pleasant environment, the system significantly reduces the number of disease-producing bacteria in the air. Inland Steel Products, 4101 W. Burnham St., Milwaukee, Wis.

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PUTTING TOGETHER A GEODESIC DOME

Tempe, Ariz. The geodesic dome that recently went up to house the Valley National Bank (Weaver & Drover, Architect) utilized "Huckbolt" fasteners to connect its more than 100 anodized panels. The fasteners were effected easily and quickly by two-man teams using pneumatic tools. The first worker applied the bolt and his confederate added the collar and worked the pneumatic device. (The pneumatic instrument was used in all areas except where clearance was a problem; in these areas, hand tools were used to gain the proper clearance.) The fasteners measure 5/8", and are said to form a stronger, tighter fit than rivets. Huck Manufacturing Co., 2500 Bellevue, Detroit 7, Mich.

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Architectural Tiles

Handmade architectural tiles impart dimension and texture to walls and dividing partitions. The tiles are 1/2" thick concrete with latex binder, incorporating such imbedded materials as glass, Italian and marble mosaics, marble grits, brass and aluminum strips, and aluminum or bronze rods. Application is with mastic or in a bed of cement. The tiles have good impact and moisture resistance when mounted; may be cleaned with a solution of soap flakes and water. When used on the exterior, tiles are coated with a transparent silicone solution. Designer Pema Browne has a full range of concrete colors and more than 2000 mosaic colors in stock. Special designs can be made at a design fee. Architectural Muraltiles, Inc., c/o Estelle Dodge Associates, Inc., 239 E. 79th St., New York 21, N.Y.

No Seams on Top

New plastic laminate for laboratory countertops, unlike conventional materials, can be shaped easily under heat to form top and backsplash from the same sheet. Seams and joints in which moisture and corrosive materials might collect are thus eliminated. The durable, nonporous surface of "Kevinite" provides high chemical resistance over long use. A polyester thermosetting plastic, Kevinite is light in weight, self-extinguishing, has low-glare finish. Swedlow, Inc., 394 N. Meridian Rd., Youngstown, Ohio.

Noise-Blocking Wall System

A wall system featuring ease of erection, economy, structural solidity, and lack of sound transmission has been announced by a Georgia firm. The system is made up of an interlocking arrangement of aluminum panels 5" wide with vermiculite aggregate concrete poured into the open space between (which can be either 3" or 5"). The aluminum components are easily cut for doors and windows before the pour. Sound deadening properties of the walls are said to be impressive. Current uses includes tract houses; the system would also lend itself to all sorts of small commercial and industrial construction. Manufacturers Aluminum Products of U.S.A., Inc., 5580 New Peachtree Road, Chamblee, Ga.

Siding Distinguishes Vacation House

The warm and livable vacation house on Shelter Island at the end of Long Island, designed for himself by Peter Schladermundt, uses contemporary sheathing and siding materials to advantage to recall in modern terms the "New England" feeling of local traditional construction. Exterior is cedar plywood paneling applied to the studs, and interior is pecan chartry plywood paneling grooved and lacquer-finished at the factory. A 1"-fiber-glass core was used for insulation. Exterior siding was given two coats of stain to gray it down to a finish resembling local seashore buildings. All flat surfaces in kitchen and bathroom are "Micarta." U.S. Plywood Corp., 55 West 44 St., New York 36, N.Y.

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Sound insulation has now been incorporated into louver doors, in the first rated soundproof door with louvers. Pioneer's new sound barrier, when used in their hollow metal doors, reduces sound transmission to 32 db. The door is thus appropriate wherever privacy of speech, exclusion of noise, and flow of free air are required. With the sound-insulating louver door, there is no need for sound-trapped transfer ducts or wall louvers, thus eliminating both additional costs and broken wall surfaces. Pioneer Fireproof Door Co., Div. of Pioneer Industries, Inc., P. O. Box 55, Carlstadt, N.J.

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Major Development for Built-Up Roofing

A constant problem in built-up roofing—the effect of trapped air and moisture—is solved by new "Ventsulation" roofing system from Johns-Manville. The system allows air and moisture to ventilate out of a roof assembly both during construction and throughout the life of the roof, thus eliminating blistering, cracking, and prema-

ture failure. Its two basic items are new "Ventsulation Felt" and "Ventsulation," a modified version of J-M's "Roofinsul." The felt has large mineral granules embedded on its under-surface, to separate the felt from the deck and to provide millions of tiny passages for free motion of air and moisture. Insulation units are kerfed on all four sides, the kerfs serving to conduct air and moisture to the vent spaces at the roof edge. Ventsulation and Ventsulation Felt can be used alone or in combination. Balance of built-up roofing is installed in regular manner. Johns-Manville, Dept. V-362, 22 E. 40th St., New York 16, N.Y.

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New Polyester Coating

A new polyester finish has been announced that has significant advantages over conventional polyester coatings in properties, application, and manufacture. Based on tetrahydrophthalic anhydride, and called "THPAA" for short, it gives a brilliant deep gloss immediately upon application, with little basecoat primer. The coating has high impact strength and outstanding resistance to mar, moisture, and stains, making it an excellent protection for furniture and paneling. It dries tack-free at room temperature in several hours. High gloss and durability, plus excellent adhesion to steel and other metals, make it a promising coating for appliances. The wax-free polyester finish can also be used on cement blocks and masonry to give a porcelainized effect. National Aniline is offering its THPAA system as a starting formulation to any and all interested companies, National Aniline Div., Allied Chemical Corp., 40 Rector St., New York 6, N.Y.

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New Fire Ratings for Partitions

Two-hour fire resistance ratings have been earned by a load-bearing wood stud partition and a nonload-bearing steel stud partition. The first partition was faced each side with 5/8" perforated gypsum lath. On each side, a 1", 2-gauge hexagonal wire mesh was applied using furring nails to hold the mesh about 5/16" away from the lath; gypsum perlite basecoat plaster was applied over the lath. Total thickness including white coat finish was 1" on each side, resulting in an over-all thickness of 63/8". The latter partition used 21/2" hollow steel studs, 20" o.c., with 5/8" perforated gypsum lath clipped to each side of the stud. Gypsum perlite plaster in a proportion of one to two was applied in two coats and finished in white coat. Thickness of plaster was 3/8" from lath face; total partitions thickness was 43/8". Gypsum Association, 201 N. Wells St., Chicago 6, Ill.

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Air Conditioning to Be Piped to Private Homes

For the first time, chilled and heated water for air conditioning will be piped to single-family homes; it will be used in the new River Park Cooperative Homes redevelopment project for Washington, D.C., designed by Charles M. Goodman Associates. A central refrigeration and boiler plant will serve 134 townhouses, as well as 385 units in an 8-story apartment building. Heating and cooling will be furnished by two Carrier 480-ton refrigeration machines and two 392-hp boilers, to be located in the basement of the high-rise building. Compact fan-coil units will be installed in the basement of each home, and a network of ducts will carry conditioned air to each room in the 2-story homes. Carrier Corp., Carrier Parkway, Syracuse 1, N.Y.

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Residential Baseboards

New 12-page catalog on residential baseboards is available. Six new product features are introduced in the booklet; also presented are ratings, dimensions, and details on the complete line. Information is also given on heat-loss calculation, ordering, and installation. Among the redesigned features of the baseboard are a snap-lock hanger, a noiseless expansion cradle, and a snap-in damper. Units are now available in lengths of 3', 4', 5', 6', 7', and 8'. Radiant-Ray Radiation Inc., 464 Hartford Ave., Newington, Conn.

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CONSTRUCTION

Structural Reports

First of a series of Structural Reports from U. S. Steel is a 14-page discussion of the United of America Building in Chicago, by Shaw, Metz & Associates, the first multi-story building in which one of the new high-strength steels furnished to ASTM A440 was used. Report describes the ways that USS "Man-Ten" (A440) and "Cor-Ten" steels were used in the structure, Economies and other advantages are cited. The detailed structural analysis discusses design loads, allowable steel stresses, assumptions for design, typical column design with combined stresses, typical beam design with stub connection, fabrication and erection. A bibliography is included. United States Steel Corp., 525 William Penn Pl., Pittsburgh 30, Pa.

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Architectural Aluminum

New 24-page booklet, Architectural Aluminum, summarizes design considerations and engineering data important to architects working with aluminum for structural and decorative uses. Booklet describes aluminum alloys that are particularly suited to various architectural applications—curtain-wall panels, building hardware, windows, louvers, copings and mullions, fasteners, roofing ductwork, and welded members. Properties and finishes are also discussed. Other sections are on design and selection of extrusions, and methods of cleaning and protecting. A specifications outline is included. Metals Div., Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp., 400 Park Ave., New York 22, N.Y.

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Short Course in Prestressed Concrete

An 84-page handbook, entitled Fundamentals of Prestressed Concrete Design, has been published by PCI. The book covers the properties of prestressing steel and high-strength concrete, principals of design for flexure and shear, and interpretation of specifications and codes. Several sample problems show step-by-step procedures for both bridge and building design. Authors are Jack R. Janney and Richard C. Elstner, who have also written a previous PCI publication, and who base the new text on experience conducting many short courses in the design of prestressed concrete. Write (enclosing $3.00) to: Prestressed Concrete Institute, 205 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.

Gypsum Roof Deck

A 14-page illustrated booklet for architects and engineers is available from the national association of gypsum roof deck contractors and suppliers. Entitled Design Data for Poured Gypsum Roof Deck, the booklet gives complete design tables, plus cross-section details on walls, eaves, curbs, ridges, expansion joints, and skylights. Also included are recommendations and specifications. Gypsum Roof Deck Foundation, 1201 Waukegan Rd., Glenview, Ill.

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Watertight Concrete

The Design and Specification of Watertight Concrete, 6 pages, outlines the basic requirements for watertight concrete and describes the role of "Pozzolith" in reducing permeability, shrinkage, bleeding, and segregation. Pozzolith is essentially a water-reducing agent and plasticizer that converts a dry unworkable mix to a cohesive flowable consistency without the use of added water. The result is a strong, durable, structural concrete that is highly resistant to the penetration of water under normal circumstances. Specifications are included. The Master Builders Co., Div. of Martin-Marietta Corp., 2490 Lee Blvd., Cleveland 18, Ohio.

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Getting Down to Nuts and Bolts

A new 32-page edition of Helpful Hints on Fastening with Screws, Nuts and Bolts has been published. The booklet covers a broad range of fastening topics—proper fastener selection, torqueing, correct bolt loading, tightening limitations, thread selection, factors involved in various joints, fastening in corrosive environments. Diagrams and cutaway drawings illustrate the discussion. Russell, Burdsall & Ward Bolt & Nut Co., 100 Midland Ave., Port Chester, N.Y.

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**Fully Prestressed Slabs**

Following an 8-year period of research and testing, a new prestressed/precast concrete floor and roof slab has been announced. The fully prestressed units, called "Hi-Stress Flexicore," give longer clear spans and greater load-carrying capacity than the standard pretensioned Flexicore slab that has been in use for over 20 years. Available in 8" x 16" section and in lengths up to 32', the new slabs will easily accommodate roof loads on a 32' clear span, and floor loads on a 28' clear span. Bulletin L21, 4 pages, gives basic information and shows several installations. Catalog L1, 8 pages, presents the standard Flexicore system and the new Hi-Stress slabs, giving structural details, design data, and specifications. The Flexicore Co., Inc., P.O. Box 825, Dayton 1, Ohio.

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**Nailed Box Beams**

Nails are the only fasteners needed for on-site fabrication of the 360 box beams detailed in new 24-page manual DFPA developed the series of beams, ranging from 8' to 18' in length, in answer to a demand for beams that do not require glue. The beams are intended for window headers, ridge beams, and garage headers. Manual gives complete details on determining design load and on fabricating the beams. Douglas Fir Plywood Association, 1119 A St., Tacoma 2, Wash.

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**Gasket Samples**

Sample board contains six different "Everlastic" gaskets, designed to meet all sealing requirements — isolating, protecting, cushioning, stress relieving, sealing — in a variety of building applications. Properties and compression data for each material are tabulated on the chart. Williams Seals & Gaskets Div., Williams Equipment & Supply Co., Inc., 486 W. Eight Mile Rd., Hazel Park, Mich.

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**DOORS/WINDOWS**

**Insulating Glass**

New "Therm-O-Proof" insulating glass is described as "not just another insulating glass [but] a scientifically developed, fully tested insulating unit which will give many years of trouble-free service." The product is bonded with "Flex-Seal," which has adhesive qualities such that no metal banding is required to hold the unit together. Thus there can be no metal corrosion that leads to deterioration of the seal. Therm-O-Proof has a 5-year written warranty, and is manufactured in standard sizes up to 10,000 sq in. General information and size listings are available in a 12-page bulletin. Thermoproof Glass Co., Subsidiary of Shatterproof Glass Corp., 4815 Cabot Ave., Detroit 10, Mich.

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**Entrance Packages**

Kawneer Entrance Manual, 28 pages, describes the latest in entrance packages utilizing swing or sliding doors; it explains door construction, concealed and regular closers, automatic operators, panic devices, and hardware. Frame and hardware options are defined for the various standard entrances, sliding doors, and "Duty-Rated" packages. Details and specifications are included. Advertising Dept., Kawneer Co., 1105 N. Front St., Niles, Mich.

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**Double Dome Redesigned**

Bulletin, 4 pages, presents the new and improved "Twin Dome" by Wasco — "the first totally proven dome-with-in-dome daylighting design." The redesigned skylight is the first daylighting product with both inner and outer domes of shatterproof, weatherable acrylic. Both domes are permanently bonded to an aluminum nailing flange by a new field-tested sealant. Bulletin describes these and other features, shows the results of rigid tests, and pictures a typical installation accom-
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New Commercial Standard CS 240-61 on aluminum tubular-frame screens provides an industry-wide measure of product quality comparison and establishes minimum acceptable standards. One provision is that the newly established minimum thickness for framing sections must be legibly imprinted along the full length of the sections. Screen Manufacturers Association, 110 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago 6, Ill.

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Complete line of meter centers and accessories for multi-metering applications is covered in new 16-page Metering Equipment. According to the manufacturer, this is the first time that meter centers for every application in separately metered multiple-unit buildings (such as apartment houses and office buildings) have been available from a single source. Bulletin provides photos, layouts, dimensions, and tables on new wall-mounted meter centers, new free-standing metering switchboard lines, as well as on other equipment. I-T-E Circuit Breaker Co., P.O. Box 2384, Station D, Atlanta, Ga. On Free Data Card, Circle 219

New Concept for School Stages

A fresh concept of stage lighting and control equipment for schools and similar applications is presented in New School Stages for Old. The "Modified Proscenium Stage Plan" shown here was devised by James Hull Miller, theater designer. In this 24-page bulletin, he describes the basic idea and its merits, gives a typical layout, and discusses the background projection system and scenic design for the space stage. Hub Electric Co., Inc., 2255 W. Grand Ave., Chicago 13, Ill. On Free Data Card, Circle 220

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Since 1779, pursuit of happiness has been the avowed aim of the American people. In this issue, P/A presents recent examples of recreational facilities, built both here and abroad. They illustrate the wide range of this building type and—whether private or public, large or small, catering to the mind or to the body—they are all examples of a happy sort of architecture.
BY RICHARD P. DOBER

Not everyone shares equally in the affluence that marks America today, but the drop in the average work week from fifty-two hours in 1910 to less than forty in 1960, along with a rising family income, has given many people the time and the money to participate in what has been called the "new leisure." The term is somewhat misleading: there really is not much "new" leisure, just more of it.

Even in Colonial days, when survival dictated a rigorous existence of hard work and little leisure, Americans managed to find diversion, if only in utilitarian pursuits such as hunting and fishing. Huck Finn excepted, our Puritan distaste for wanton idleness has never been put aside. We are always claiming that pleasures are useful; active recreation builds the body, passive pursuits enhance the mind. This attitude links the gaiety at a barn-raising on the frontier with the gathering of friends and relatives to pour concrete for the vacation house.

As a country, we have never lacked ingenuity in creating forms of leisure appropriate to the times. In glancing back through history, it is evident that new forms have emerged at the important transition periods: the change from a rural to an urban society, industrialization, the emancipation of women, the automobile, and now automation.

Commercial amusements were city-born in the early 19th Century: the theater, the museum, the circus, and bowling. Trotting and the country fair were rural sports, but limited as to season and duration.

In many respects, our leisure seems to run in cycles as a kind of countervailing power. As machines began to replace human muscle, the greater the interest became in outdoor sports: tennis, bicycling, swimming, and roller-skating. As cities grew and raw land disappeared, there was a movement to build parks. The best of these, such as Central Park (New York), Fairmount Park (Philadelphia), and Franklin Park (Boston), provided all modes of recreation from boating to band concerts.

About the same time, people began to be paid for their playing skills, and other people would pay to watch. Spectator sports such as baseball became popular, and a good horse or foot race would draw a large crowd.

The railroad and trolley-car extended recreation. Mountain and seashore resorts, whose clientele had previously been restricted to the rich, grew in number and size. The crowded trolley carried people to Prospect Park, Coney Island, and Willow Grove. The trolley park was to those days what Disneyland is to ours; and what the railroad did for Atlantic City, the airplane is doing for the Caribbean Islands.

All our exuberant decades—the 90's and 20's and the present one—have had surges of country-club building, golf courses, and private recreation associations. The joining instinct, like Puritanism, has never been blanketed.

Technological innovation has had its part, too. The pneumatic tire encourages bicycling, just as the gunite process and plastic tubing has made it possible to build cheap backyard swimming pools. Indoors, the stereotype, movies, radio, and television form another important series of leisure-like activities.

The architecture of leisure has, for the most part, been subservient to other building types. In the historical listings of great commissions, theaters, museums, auditoriums, and resort hotels never outrank commercial buildings, churches, houses and schools. It may be that those responsible for providing leisure did not encourage significant architecture, though Castle Garden, Saratoga's United States Hotel, and Barnum's Museum were controversial and exciting undertakings for their times.

Little remains of 19th-Century leisure architecture: mostly wood construction, influenced by the romanticism of Andrew Jackson Downing, or modeled after the English exotica of Sir William Chambers, their emphemeral physical manifestations would change as quickly as fads and fashions in play. The most significant and enduring designs are probably the urban parks.

One might quibble and suggest that the baronial palaces of the Vanderbilts and most of Newport were pleasure domes, but that is stretching the definition of leisure. They do mark a turning point, though, for leading architects began to get commissions for designing play facilities for the wealthy. Like everything else those days, the eclectic sauce was poured over every form. Tennis courts were stuffed in Loire Valley orange­ries, and swimming pools were encased in Renaissance coach houses. My grandfather claims that Baker Bowl was Gothic, but his opinion may have been conditioned by watching the Philadelphia infield make the double-play.

The precedent of considering leisure facilities as amenable to "architecture" was an encouraging first step that helped some architects away from eclecticism. Special programming considerations made it easier to gain approval for functional solutions and contemporary expressions. Thus Anderson and Beckwith's Alumni Swimming Pool (MIT, 1938) becomes one of the first modern buildings on the college campus.

Programming considerations are still the key to good solutions. The impact of large numbers of people using public facilities for short periods of time imposes a different set of conditions than those encountered in designing equivalent facilities for a private club. The capacities of a seaside public dressing room must be examined not just as a summer building, but also as to its durability when battered by winter storms. A putting green can be safely placed near the children's swimming pool, but the eighteenth green in the same position can be dangerous. Drives, walks, parking and service areas can be a nuisance or a convenience, depending on how well they are located. Through programming, proper plant materials can complement the architecture, reinforce the natural beauty, control circulation, afford privacy and seclusion.

Commissions for leisure-time facilities give many architects ideal opportunities for experimentation in structure and the use of materials. A state that insists on cloaking all its new offices in pseudo-Georgian, ambivalently accepts an extreme solution in concrete for a mountain-top lodge. The intrinsic delights that leisure architecture can produce in these circumstances should soon have carry-over values into other types of commissions.

The question of taste in the design of leisure facilities must be mentioned. Excesses seem to be always with us, whether they are overbearing ornamentation of Flagler's castles in the 1920's, or the latest Collins Avenue geegaw, publicized as the most advanced example of the architecture of our times. Preciousness is another danger. The new tennis pavilion at Princeton attempts to do in contemporary materials what the Victorians did better in wood and glass.

Leisure will afford even greater opportunities for significant architecture in the years ahead. State and Government policies are now directed toward acquiring large acreages for recreation. We will have more people, and they will have more time for the pursuit of happiness. The design of facilities offers unusual professional challenges; architecture for leisure does not have the restraints and constraints associated with earth-bound commissions. Hopefully, this augurs well for something entirely new in the way of social progress, for it would be tragic if we were to build merely an equivalent of the Roman Colosseum.
Hillside Pool

POOL AND GARDEN FOR RESIDENCE • BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA • LAWRENCE HALPRIN & ASSOCIATES, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS.

This property, typical of so many building sites in the San Francisco area, climbs the side of a steep slope. The house occupies the north end and highest point of the hill and its garden falls away sharply southward.

It was Halprin’s design intention to treat this garden as a piece of sculpture in which to move around. “Its essential quality is to be hard,” he says, “not soft; to generate certain sharp qualities of form, and to encourage people to participate in the sense of form.”

“We started, of course, with an extremely beautiful site. The softness is all around. The views are of the hills to the south—planes piled one behind the other in a receding series of cut-outs and silhouettes. In addition, there are the very lovely qualities of the surrounding trees, the Eucalyptus and Monterey Pine and Live Oak which we kept and used to frame the views and surround the sculpture.”

In this setting, Halprin’s “sculpture” moves assuredly between the house (by architect/owner Reeve Gould with William Gillis and David Leaf) at one extreme, and the pool pavilion (architects in collaboration with landscape architects) at the other. The first element in this large composition is the wood deck (2) to the south of the house and directly adjacent to it. This terrace serves as a place for entertaining, as well as a platform from which to enjoy the far views and the activities at the pool. From the deck, a short run of steps descends to a level landing (1, 3)—a minor, though important, design element at midpoint. And another curving flight of stairs continues down to the pool (1, 4)—the dominant element of the composition. The center of the pool platform is a fountain, made of concrete, which spills a wide, thin sheet of water into the pool and adds to the composition an element of gentle sound and motion. Halprin thought of this sculpture as the “pivot around which people will move.”

Several practical considerations, set by the owners—both enthusiastic swimmers—determined that the pool be longer and deeper than usual, that a one-meter board be included, and that provision be made for year-round use of the pool. To make this possible, radiant heating coils were laid into the concrete, and a niche in the retaining walls acts as a sun trap and as a shield against drafts (4).

The planting has been kept simple and quite unassuming, using native plant material wherever possible, to allow the structural and sculptural qualities of the garden to stand out strongly.
The material used throughout the pool area is concrete—"striated," according to Halprin, "by the form marks of the 1x4s and enriched in certain places by band sawing out parts of the forms against which the wall was formed (5). The floor, also, is paved in concrete to continue the qualities of sculpture, but one area of it is enriched with stones of different colors (6), pressed into the soft pour before it had set." The landscape architects, with sculptor Jacques Overhoff, designed the concrete fountain (7), and the wall relief (5) that lines the recess in the retaining wall.
The client, confronted with a rather uninteresting piece of property behind his house, wished to have it developed "into something which would look attractive from the house and which would serve some purpose." These stipulations were easily met by the design of a three-hole golf course. The final solution is not only purposeful and attractive but, most importantly, the designers have succeeded in creating an area of calm and quiet within very close range of a busy metropolis.

The golf course serves in a most appropriate way as the natural transition between the city and the unspoiled gran-
deur of the Don River Valley that borders the course on one side. Virgin land and man-made landscape blend together gracefully without conflict—the native textures and colors of grass, sand, water, stone, and wood serving as the designers' palette.

All of the architectural elements were consciously subordinated to the landscape. Thus the half-way house, seen from a distance (1), is merely a floating roof above the landscape. Retaining walls, bridges, and other minor structures are the fluent continuations of the contours.

Seen from a closer distance, however, there is considerable interest of architectural detail, particularly in the half-way house (1, 2, 3, 4, 5). Four wood piers suspend this light and graceful structure above ground. The roof, which is the structure's only prominent element, is further emphasized by a white surfacing that allows it to be seen from a distance and that catches the light of the setting sun. The actual cross-shaped platform and the building's underpinnings are all light wood members left in their natural state and joined in a manner reminiscent of oriental architecture—a design motif that is evident throughout the landscape plan.

In designing both structures and gardens, the architects kept in mind "that construction and maintenance would be undertaken by the available men on the staff." But, above all, they never lost sight of their chief goal: "to blend the landscape with architecture."
The half-way house (3, 4, 5) is a simple assembly of four double wood columns that receive the two floor beams and the two laminated roof beams. Diagonally laid pine provides the platform flooring; red cedar planking edges two sides of the open shelter. The roof is a sandwich of exterior plywood on a 2” x 6” core, an outer layer of sprayed-on vinyl, and a cedar strip ceiling. The dock platforms (6) are of solid planking. Wood decking also spans between the two glue-laminated bridge spans (7).
Yacht and Country Club
Standing on a man-made terrace at the edge of Lake Hamilton, the club has the composure of a classical temple. Uniform rows of white concrete columns and precast sunshades surround the structure on all sides, interrupted only at the entrance. Their repetitive forms dominate all views into and out of the building.

The building is actually composed of two parallel two-story pavilions, each one 128 ft long, 21 ft wide, and 18 ft high, and each one standing within a peristyle of columns on 6'-8" centers. Between them is a large roofed hall of the same height, unbroken except by glass partitions and translucent curtains. The sides of the pavilions that face this central space are similar to the outer façades except that the sunshades have been omitted.

Although ceiling heights and fenestration vary according to the functions of different parts of the club, the discipline of the modular structure is felt throughout the building. The visual organization of the interior is strengthened by the uniform precast concrete coping that runs around all major interior spaces at a constant height of 11'-11\(\frac{3}{4}\)" above the floor.

The coping serves various purposes, depending on the type of wall or partition of which it forms a part. It supports tracks for sliding doors and windows and frames for fixed glass and insect screens. In some cases it is merely a cornice between courses of brick; in others it serves as a suspended curtain track. On all sides that face interior spaces, it carries a continuous metal light cornice.

The entrance to the building is under a cantilevered concrete canopy that drops to a low point of 7'-6" above floor level. This low entrance emphasizes the spaciousness of the high, skylighted hall into which it leads.

The upper floors of the pavilions flanking the central hall are devoted to mechanical spaces and an open porch on the south side, and house a self-contained teen-age club on the north side.

The cost of the entire project, including the pool and the professional golf school nearby, was $300,000. The club grounds include an 18-hole golf course; facilities for yachts will be developed after a proposed canal linking the lake to the Gulf has been completed.
White concrete columns and precast sunshades cast deep shadows on the cream-colored brick walls, which are almost solid on the entrance front (bottom), but interrupted by large expanses of glazed and screened openings on the sides, overlooking the lake (facing page, top left). A stair to the upper-floor lounge and porch rises from the skylighted central court (facing page, top right).
Urban Swim Club

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The private outdoor swimming club is a familiar type in the suburbs, but the investors who established this club knew of none in the heart of the city, except as dependencies of motels or apartments. They undertook to build a club in the Rittenhouse Square vicinity for 500 members, most of whom would live within walking distance.

The site they selected has a 220-ft frontage on Lombard Street and runs back 80 ft to an alley. It consisted of a parking lot and a few derelict houses that were to be torn down and was surrounded largely by three-story row houses. With the exception of two trees along the east boundary, there was no vegetation.

Once the venture was initiated, its success depended on completing the project by the start of the 1961 season and within a budget of $200,000. Working drawings were started early in March of 1961 and completed in three weeks. Construction was completed—by an enthusiastic contractor—in two and a half months. The progress shots above were taken May 5, June 3, June 9, and June 24, 1961. The pool was filled and opened for use by July 1. The total cost, including all extras, was $194,000.

Vreeland's explanation of the design process is illuminating: "Certain functions—the restaurant and kitchen, the lockers and steam rooms, and the machinery—had to be roofed over or enclosed. The trick was to make them disappear and release the site completely for outdoor use. It struck us that we would benefit greatly by raising the pool and its surrounding deck areas half a level above grade in order to achieve a psychological break with the street. This suggested putting the locker rooms half a level below grade beneath the pool deck and flanking the pool. In order to relieve these semi-basement spaces, we brought daylight and air to them through massive skylights set high along each edge of the pool deck and punched windows through the pool walls.

"The clubhouse containing the restaurant, kitchen, and entrance lobby was set down at the west end of the site at grade. Above it is an ample sun deck overlooking the pool. Three more massive skylights on this deck bring light and air into the blind back of the clubhouse. A brick-paved entrance at grade separates the clubhouse from the pool house and allows the restaurant to spill out into the sun. A similar brick court at the opposite end of the pool house provides a protected play space for the small children, close by but physically separated from the adults.

"Thus the whole lot was organized into a play of terraces separated by half levels and tied together by broad step ramps which make movement from one level to another easy and graceful. In the dead space beneath these ramps we hid the machinery.

"One proceeds logically from the entrance court down the ramp, past the check room counter to the lockers, and from there past the showers and toilets, out the other side, and up the ramp to find oneself at the shallow end of the pool. Access to the locker rooms from
either end is consequently convenient and out of sight. The pool is in full view of the restaurant, and diners are not tempted to bring food onto the pool deck.

“A wall surrounds the entire site, shielding it from the street. Inside, the impression is of a totality; all parts relate naturally to each other in an easy flow, and even from the locker rooms the pool is visible.”

The natural air movement induced through all the enclosed portions of the building by the ventilating skylight stacks makes the interiors cool and comfortable, even on the hottest days.

The need for economical and rapid construction made the selection of readily available masonry and precast materials logical. Walls are of 12-in. concrete block, left exposed. The pool wall is 12-in. poured concrete. The decks are formed with precast concrete channels spanning between walls. Deep precast beams, supported on brick piers, carry the channels over the clubhouse. The channel spans are a uniform 20 ft throughout. Pool piping runs exposed along the undersides of the channels and is easily accessible for repair.

Construction proceeded smoothly due to the straightforwardness of the design. All of the precast members were set by crane from the street in two days. The horizontal dispersion of the project allowed carpenters and masons to work simultaneously, without interference.

The initial budget would not allow for planting. The introduction of plant materials in the courts and in large tubs on the upper deck and the planting of trees along the outside wall will soften the effect of the block construction.

During the first season, the owners and members were unanimous in their enthusiasm for the building. They are now beginning a second season that is expected to be even more successful.
A solid concrete block wall protects the pool from the dust and bustle of the street. The outer side is faced with salmon brick to relate it to the neighborhood. A screen of creosote-stained redwood at the entrance (above) permits a glimpse of the court inside. Above the entrance is a step ramp leading from the upper deck to the pool (left). The masonry stacks of the locker-room skylights form alcoves along either side of the pool (below). The brightly colored awnings that shade them are visible from the street outside (below left).
Light and natural ventilation for the locker rooms (right) are provided by stacks projecting above the pool deck. The street-level entrance court (top, facing page) is paved with brick set in sand. The children's pool court, on the same level at the opposite end of the main pool, is similarly treated (below). The restaurant (below right) extends out into the entrance court and has a full view of the pool deck. Exposed block walls, precast channel ceilings and galvanized iron railings compose a Spartan backdrop for colorful furniture, awnings, umbrellas, and swimmers. Planting will be added to soften the architectural forms as the budget permits.
Airport for Pleasure Craft

The building program of Lugano Airport differed in many respects from that of the typical commercial, traffic-oriented airport. It was to serve primarily as a vacation resort for flying enthusiasts. For this reason, there are, in addition to the usual airport services, a resort hotel and restaurant, a motel, a swimming pool, tennis courts, and extensive landscape developments. The location of the airport—in the sunny plain of Agno, between Lake Lugano and ranges of mountains to the north—is appropriate to its function as a resort. In the plain of Agno, the air is clear, sunlight is bright, colors are sharp and pure. The architect wanted the undeveloped expanse of the airport site to become as animated as the landscape, and the static masses of the buildings to be in harmonious contrast with surrounding nature. The playful forms of the buildings, the lively colors and textures of the concrete surfaces, the stepped terraces interspersed with fields of flowers, the sparkling sheet of water visible over the edge of the raised pool, and colorful sun umbrellas—all were to convey to the visitor at one glance a gay holiday atmosphere.

Construction of the airport proceeded in accordance with a master plan (facing page) developed by the architect. The most dominant of the structures is the hotel with its restaurant, terrace, and airport control tower. This building ad-
joins the airfield; and from its broad visitor terrace and the private loggias of the hotel rooms above, guests can relax and watch the flying activities. In contrast, the motel rooms are set further back in horizontal, dispersed rows around quiet and pleasant parking courts. Each motel suite has its own private garden, which, at the far end, gives onto the public gardens. Throughout, site development and architecture have been unified, screenwalls and low terrace walls forming fluent transitions. Even parking areas, ordinarily ignored or avoided as a design problem, were carefully planned so as not to disturb the homogeneity of the total scheme.

The unity of the design is also attributable to the architect’s use of only two building materials—exposed reinforced concrete and natural sandstone—for all of the structures. In the interiors of the hotel and motel, oak and walnut were used; floors at ground level were tiled; others were carpeted.

Le Corbusier’s form language, so skillfully adapted in this case, proved to be exceptionally appropriate. It is regrettable, however, that the architects could not carry this theme to its perfect conclusion. A change of ownership has resulted in a gradual “softening” of the exteriors and the introduction of “decorative” iron rails, chandeliers, and chintz curtains into the interiors. Fortunately, the original vision of architect Glaus and his associates—to create a world apart from everyday association, a place that gives itself to the “irrational of vacation adventure”—has been too well realized and too skillfully executed to be obliterated easily.
The hotel (1) is a two-story structure in which the major public rooms occupy the ground floor. Guest rooms and their private loggias are on the upper floor, with most of them oriented toward the flying field. The airport control tower (2) rests on top of the building and is accessible from the hotel's roof terrace (3), which is also open to the public for viewing, dining, and sunning. Several garden courts (4, 5, 6) recede into or project from the building to provide pleasant seating areas, and, incidentally, serve to emphasize its plastic quality. The hotel's south terrace (7) links directly with the swimming pool. Because of unfavorable ground conditions, the pool had to be built above ground. In season, when the pool is in use, water fills it completely and spills over the edges into beds of gravel that carry the overflow away. Bridges give access to the elevated basin.
The motel rooms are grouped in horse-shoe fashion around parking courts (2, 3). Each unit has its own carport, entry hall (6), bath, living/bedroom and its own screened garden (7). Screen walls add particular visual interest to the landscape and help to tie the low horizontal motel elements to the more dominant hotel structure (4, 5). The hotel has its own parking area (1). Though it is a rather large expanse, the architect has succeeded in avoiding the usual unsightliness of a parking lot by setting the paving blocks into beds of grass.

A second-story wing links the hotel with the motel, and provides a covered entryway and a logical check-point for all arrivals and departures.
The donor, now living in New York, wanted this gift to be his contribution to the cultural life of his former hometown. Under the guidance of the Berlin Academy of Arts, a program was undertaken to explore the recreational and educational needs of the members of the Academy, as well as those of the general public. The program logically fell into three parts: the internal administrative section, public exhibitions, and the performing arts. The architect maintained these subdivisions, and, in designing the complex for a site in the immediate vicinity of the new Hansa Viertel, was particularly intent on expressing in clear architectural terms the function of each building.

The administration building is a vertical slab, five stories high, which, in addition to offices, provides space for assemblies, conference rooms for members, accommodations and workrooms for out-of-town guests, and studios.

The exhibition building is a horizontal slab, recognizable from the exterior by its saw-tooth skylight. Three large exhibition halls surround a central sculpture court, which, on its fourth side, borders the main stair hall.

The third of the building elements—the one that is architecturally the most interesting—is the theater, a multipur-
pose hall used for lectures, films, ballet performances, and experimental theater. To make this building as flexible as possible, the theater was given two auditoriums on either side of a central stage, to be used separately or in combination. Seen from the exterior, the theater's central stage and the two auditoriums are again clearly distinguishable. Multifaceted, and jewel-like, this building stands out among the other two, yet is skillfully united with them.

Though each of the three structures has a very strong individual character, the complex has a remarkable unity, symbolizing architecturally the distinctive function of each, while at the same time stressing the importance of their interdependence.

The exterior spaces between the three elements form handsome courts that not only serve to tie the diverse structures together, but also provide appropriate settings for outdoor exhibits, as well as open-air space for the relaxation of members and the visiting public. Glazed passages from one building to the other cross these garden courts and offer pleasant views in either direction.

The materials common to all three buildings are Dutch handmade bricks, washed concrete with white marble pebbles for the walls, slate or wood block for the floors, Brazilian pine wood for the ceilings, and copper sheeting for the exterior of the theater.
The administration building (1), the only non-public building of the three, is the one furthest removed from the street. On its east side, it borders on a public park; on its west side, it fronts on several garden courts (2) that lie between it and the exhibition building. In this structure are housed the administrative offices of the Academy, kitchen and dining facilities, a large assembly hall which, by means of sliding doors, can be interconnected with the adjoining clubrooms (3, 4). In addition, several smaller meeting rooms (5) and lounges (6) are provided for conferences or informal discussion groups. All of these rooms share a non-institutional atmosphere that is rare in structures of this type.
The exhibition building (1) is the place of contact between Academy and public. It is a simple white cube directly accessible from the street and linked with the administration building (far left in section and photo 1) by a glassed-in gallery. All three of the exhibit halls are on the upper level circling the sculpture court (2) on three sides. East hall and west hall (3) are of equal size and employ the same ceiling treatment: a series of hung wood baffles to diffuse daylight and to conceal the light strips, the partial skylight, the heating pipes, and the concrete beams. The north hall, (4, 5) with its saw-toothed, partly glazed roof, is the largest and most impressive of the three spaces. Blocks of Brazilian pine, laid on end, provide the flooring in these rooms.
The theater is an asymmetrical "concrete tent" that takes on the appearance of a giant sculpture to be studied from many angles: from the northwest (1), the east (2), the southwest (3). The walls of the "studio," as it is called, are of cast-in-place concrete, faced on either side with handmade Dutch bricks. On the outside, the studio's roof is surfaced with copper. This sheeting is also brought into the foyer (4), where an opening through the sloping wall of the studio provides access into its interior. Looking from the small auditorium through the stage opening toward the large auditorium (5), one can see the stage lighting bridge overhead (6), the doors to the foyer and the openings of the projection booth.
Soccer Stadium for 110,000

A limited competition for a soccer stadium, to be built in Mexico City, produced this preliminary project designed by Félix Candela, Architect, and Luis La Guette, Associate Architect. Although the solution was not premiated, it would have been one of the largest soccer stadiums (in seating capacity) in the world. A discussion of the primary elements of its exposed reinforced-concrete construction follows.

Apart from the facilities normally needed for a structure of this kind, there was one requirement of the program that particularly affected the design solution. That was the location of a substantial number of boxes and preferred seats in the best possible viewing position, yet completely separated from the rest of the public, even to the extent of having completely separate ingress and egress.

Arranged in two tiers, and suspended from the cantilever of the upper grandstand, are 460 closed boxes accommodating 4150 spectators. Another tier of open boxes or preferred seats, with a capacity of 4600 fans, is hung immediately below the closed boxes. This scheme created a difficult problem in the design of the transverse section. Numerous studies were made before a solution was found that maintained a minimum total height for the stadium, compatible with the condition that the upper grandstand must start at the fourth-floor level.

The presence of phreatic water, only 7 ft below the street level, precluded the usual practice of excavating to locate the playing field beneath street level. However, the selected site—an abandoned quarry on the outskirts of the lava field known as the "El Pedregal" in the southern part of the city—offered the
Two tiers of private boxes and a tier of preferred seats are suspended from the upper grandstand. All seats but the first few rows of the lower grandstand are protected by the reinforced-concrete umbrellas overhead that have a free cantilever of 108 ft.
possibility of having access to the stadium at an intermediate level, 30 ft above the ground, for two-thirds of the perimeter of the building.

Since the stadium had a definite yet somewhat limited budget, the entire design was developed strictly on an economical basis. It was considered improper to indulge in structural fantasies, incompatible in any event with the huge scale of the building, or to consider the project as an opportunity to test "bright" new structural concepts. The same may be said of any "architectural treatment" of the façades. It was considered probable that, by the end of construction, funds would be so depleted that any nonessential features of the façades would be eliminated, leaving the building unfinished. Therefore, the exposed reinforced-concrete structure is the main and sole architectural design element of the composition.

Primary structural design problem was the 50 ft cantilever of the upper grandstand with the tiers of boxes hanging from it. The obvious solution was the placement of an inclined strut to help support the transverse beam at an appropriate point. The boxes might have been suspended at this location; however, as the module of the framing is about 34 ft, a distance too great to be spanned by the floors of the boxes, longitudinal beams joining the frames at this location were introduced into the design and the boxes suspended individually from these beams.

The inclined strut supporting the cantilever produces a tremendous horizontal thrust which the columns are unable to resist in bending. This was counteracted by placing an additional inclined member in the opposite direction. Thus the thrust is balanced with the help of the intermediate column, which, as a result, is working mostly in tension (see force diagram, facing page). Furthermore, the second inclined strut serves to triangulate the structure transversely, an important consideration for

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Plans of lower grandstand (left) and upper grandstand (right).
structure in a seismic zone such as Mexico City. In this manner, most of the load on each frame is transferred to the base of the interior column, as may be observed by the comparative size of the footings. These are made in the shape of umbrellas, formed by four hyperbolic-paraboloid slabs. Since the stadium is located in the clearing of original ground left by exploitation of the quarry, the quality of the soil is better than in most other places in Mexico City's valley. This is due to the timeless action of the weight of 30 ft of rock consolidating the soil below. Therefore, as a preliminary assumption, it was considered that a surface foundation with isolated footings would be acceptable, without the need of piling or other foundation methods.

Most of the public seating, with the exception of the first rows of the lower raised floor—which are the poorest and cheapest seats—is covered by a reinforced-concrete shell roof made up of individual units formed by four hyperbolic-paraboloid slabs, 1½-in. thick and in the shape of a modified umbrella, covering an area of 34' x 171'. Edges of the umbrella are partially prestressed to prevent deflection of forward free corners. The umbrellas are supported at an intermediate point by two steel pipes, 10 in. in diameter, forming an inverted-V to prevent lateral movement. These also serve as drains for the roof and allow a free cantilever of 108 ft. The rear part of the umbrellas forms a broken line, visible on the façade, and is anchored to the back of the main beam of the frame in order to stabilize the umbrellas and allow for the pin supports of the steel pipes.

Since each umbrella is an independent structural unit, the stadium roof could be completed by various stages. Façade supports are inclined not only to give interest to the exterior, but also to provide further triangulation of the structure.

Estimated cost of construction, including parking areas, roads, inside the plot, pedestrian paved areas, and landscaping, was $6,000,000 (U. S. currency).
Fragments of drawings showing details of stadium's interior (left) and exterior (right) are published here at same size as shown on original competition presentation panels. They are the work of the talented Ferdinand Fuentes of Candela's office.
For the past 30 years, at least, the American kitchen has generally been considered a model of efficiency and economy. The increasing difficulty of securing domestic help has resulted in a more careful examination of residential kitchen planning in order to establish standards for functional facility and dimensional appropriateness. Based on the triangular work pattern between refrigerator, sink, and range, standard kitchen shapes—the "corridor," "U," and "L"—have been recognized. And the operational order of placing equipment—storage, preparation, cooking, and serving—has become canon.

The design of kitchens based on these principles tended to produce units that were clinical in appearance—the result, perhaps, of using available standard equipment. There were always those, however, who preferred a less automatic-looking, more humanized kitchen—sometimes distinctly sentimental.

The increased acceptance of the open plan as a logical expression of informal living, without servants, brought about the combined cooking-eating space. With this arrangement, various means have been found to screen one area from the other without completely separating them, and to give the cooking area an attractive appearance when seen from the dining area.

As the desire for this kind of kitchen became widespread, manufacturers introduced new equipment—notably wall ovens, built-in refrigerators, and sinks and ranges that can be used as islands. However, the standards of planning, and the approach to the design of cabinets themselves, have remained fairly fixed.

Cabinet manufacturers have recognized a trend toward the warmer, as opposed to the clinical, kitchen by making porcelainized cabinets available in colors. There has also been an increase in the availability of ready-made units in natural wood. Innovations in the design of cabinets, however, have been left largely to architects and designers, who must work without carefully analyzed design standards in this area.

Recently, several new cabinet designs have been developed, indicating that the potential for storage units has not yet been fulfilled. One such development is Paul McCobb's pole-supported series (above), which is now commercially available. This design recognizes the flexibility of the open plan, lifts cabinets off the floor to admit more light and air and to lessen stooping, and also achieves an appearance of fine cabinetwork. Another of these developments is the steel cabinet system that Peter Muller-Munk Associates designed for U.S. Steel (see page 158). This system, which is offered to manufacturers for adaptation, eliminates swinging doors, prevents stored goods from becoming inaccessible, and also prevents the accumulation of dust in the cabinets themselves.

On the following pages we present a group of American kitchens that illustrate many of the above-mentioned ideas at work. The first of these, although not residential, is designed with standard equipment exclusively. The others show a varied use of materials, means of screening the combined cooking-eating space, and both the clinical and the more humanized kitchen; two European kitchens show the direct approach of their designers and the differences in equipment and use of materials in other countries.

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A series of off-the-floor cabinets, similar to pole storage-wall systems, was designed by Paul McCobb for Mutschler Kitchens, Inc. (facing page). In the separate, staffed kitchen (this page) for executive offices [110, MARCH 1962 P/A], by Knoll Planning Unit, standard cabinets and equipment were used; this kitchen indicates how meticulous alignment and detailing can give distinction to ordinary components.

DATA: descriptions and sources of the major materials and furnishings shown.

KITCHEN BY KNOLL PLANNING UNIT
Kitchen cabinets were re-examined by Peter Muller-Munk Associates for U.S. Steel. The resulting design shows how reapportionment of volume can make goods more accessible. Diagrams (above) compare standard cabinets with a new design that has shallower and taller upper cabinets and raised bins beneath. These units eliminate stretching and stooping and make contents more visible. The system is composed of steel supports, tambour-type steel upper cabinet fronts, coated wire shelves, perforated drawers, and foam-filled steel panels.
A combined cooking-eating space (top) is given a sense of separation by a cabinet, suspended over the bar and sink, which is accessible from both sides. Supports conceal plumbing vents. A freestanding sideboard (middle) partially screens a kitchen, but a folding wall can close it off completely. Standard white cabinets are combined with custom walnut cabinetry. A highly personal kitchen (below) rejects the clinical idea and brings out kitchen symbolism with a big black range and hood. Brick counters are used throughout the house [110, APRIL 1962 P/A].
Generally, European kitchens are neither clinical nor oversentimentalized. The ascetic kitchen in London (photos at right), by architect Louis Osman, uses standard equipment built into custom cabinets faced with black and white plastic laminate. Manipulation of these two values gives the design a rhythmic interest, which is carried into the corridor on a storage wall with passthrough (bottom). The sink work-counter contains two sunken drainboards and a glass or silver washer; note that handles for the spigots are on the cabinet front.

A separate, staffed kitchen in Milan by Architect Luigi Caccia Dominioni has a large stainless-steel work table cantilevered out into the middle to complete a steel U-shaped scullery area. The room is given a luxurious appearance by the use of rich earth colors: mud-brown glazed tile on floor and walls, moss-green tile in the toe space, and natural wood cabinets. The ceiling is luminous. The double stainless-steel sink and drainboards have a raised front edge that prevents water from spilling onto the floor.
The kitchen shown on this page illustrates unorthodox planning and careful custom cabinet design. The plan follows no standard kitchen shape, but the triangular work pattern obtains. Although the range is screened from an informal eating area (there is a separate dining room in the house), it shares an open counter with a snack bar; the cabinets above conceal a hood and exhaust fan. Materials are chosen to require only minimum maintenance and juxtaposed so as to bring out their richness. Neither clinical nor sentimental, except for the "objets," this kitchen has a place for everything: each piece of flatware has its own teak niche; each knob, handle, and hinge makes its own contribution to the design.
The kitchen shown on these two pages was remodeled for a couple who entertain without servants. The single corridor plan is compact and efficient, but the design is sophisticated. A pole-system storage-wall, which also functions as pass-through, screens the kitchen from a flexible dining room (below). An island (facing page, bottom) separates the kitchen area from a passage lined with teak-paneled doors to closets and other rooms. The island is tall and comprises the refrigerator, oven, and a glass storage cabinet, which is illuminated within and accessible from both sides. To eliminate awkward stretching, no overhead cabinets are used. All cabinets are custom-designed in teak; doors open on spring latches; drawer fronts are padded and vinyl-covered to afford a comfortable strip to lean against while working. These materials give the room elegance and raise the activity of meal preparation to a higher level.

KITCHEN BY DOLORES ENGLE, GEORGE NELSON & COMPANY

BY JOHN WARREN GILES

The United States Copyright Law provides that "the common law" protects authors of works of art against unauthorized copying until the creator "publishes" his work. "Publication" has been defined as meaning making copies of a work available to the public. Although there is an unanswered question as to whether architectural structures can be protected further by applying for statutory copyright (is a "functional structure" a "work of art"?), it has been generally held that the common law copyright does protect architectural drawings—until "publication." The next question, obviously, is whether the filing of plans with a building department, and the building of a structure for all to see, are legally to be considered as "publication." The authors of P/A's regular legal column, IT'S THE LAW, have written on this subject several times, and Judge Tomson has commented on it in his two books. In the following article, a Washington, D.C., attorney adds further thoughts to the discussion.

A recent California case discusses two questions that are important to architects. The first, does a designer have a common law copyright in plans for a house prepared by him?; and the second, does the filing of the plans in a county office as required by law to obtain a building permit constitute a publication divesting the designer of his common law copyright?

Briefly, this was an action against the owner of a house and the contractor who built it, by the plaintiff who created and designed the plans and specifications that were allegedly used without authorization in building the house. It appeared that the plans had been prepared for a third person, and had been filed in a county office, as required by law, to obtain a building permit. It was held by the California Court that the designer had a common law copyright in the plans prepared by him, and that he was not divested of his rights by the mere filing of the plans.

It should be pointed out that Section 980 of the Civil Code of California pro-
vides: "(a) The author or proprietor of any composition in letters or art has an exclusive ownership in the representation or expression thereof as against all persons except one who originally and independently creates the same or a similar composition. (b) The inventor or proprietor of any invention or design, with or without delineation, or other graphical representation, has an exclusive ownership therein, and in the representation or expression thereof, which continues so long as the invention or design and the representations or expressions thereof made by him remain in his possession." This section of the California statute accepts the traditional theory of protectible property under a common law copyright. The California court said definitely that the plans in this case were in fact such protectible property.

There is no question that publication of these plans would end any claim to a common law copyright. However, the plaintiff in this case successfully contended that as the filing of the plans was required by a Marin County ordinance in order to obtain a building permit, this filing was not voluntary and could not constitute a publication which would deprive the designer of his property right. The defendant contended, and the lower court agreed, that the construction and maintenance of the house in full public view constituted a publication of the plans. Architects know that an architect expresses his thoughts in his plans, drawings, and designs. In this respect, he is similar to all other creators of intellectual properties. In addition, he uses technical signs, symbols, and graphic representations to communicate his ideas.

It is surprising to note that what constitutes "publication" of architectural plans, drawings, and designs where the common law copyright has attached has been considered in only three reported cases in this country.

In a New York case, it was held that the filing of the plans for a building in a municipal building department that required such filing before construction could be approved, and the subsequent construction of the building, was such a publication of the plans as to destroy the architect's common law copyright in the plans. In Philadelphia, it was held that the building of a structure from the plans, and its exposure to the public gaze, was such a publication as to destroy the architect's common law copyright in the plans.

These decisions have been sharply and justifiably criticized. It is clear that common law rights are lost only when there is a "general publication" and not a "limited publication." It should be emphasized that a general publication implies an abandonment of the rights of copyright by a dedication to the public. A "limited publication," on the other hand, is one that communicates a knowledge of its contents under conditions expressly or impliedly excluding its dedication to the public. The essence of the matter is whether the designer, by his disclosure, had the intention of rendering his work common property.

It is crystal clear that when an architect files his plans pursuant to a statutory requirement, he certainly does not intend to abandon any of his rights in his work. He is filing these plans under duress, the duress of the statute. It is equally ridiculous to contend that because a building is built from the plans and open to the gaze of the public, it is a publication of the exact plans, which should allow another person, by tracing the plans, the work, to completely duplicate the ingenuity and work of the original designer. Everyone knows that the real purpose of the requirement of filing plans is to protect the public from unsafe construction. Although it is true that these filed plans are open to public inspection at a later time, for the purpose of determining whether or not the building planned will comply with the law, that public disclosure does not and should not give anyone the right to use them.

Can anyone successfully contend that a completed structure, such as a building, is a publication of the plans under which it was constructed? A completed structure is clearly no more of a copy than the exhibition of an uncopyrighted motion picture, the performance of any uncopyrighted motion picture script, or the broadcast of an uncopyrighted radio script. All these have been held not to dedicate their contents to the public. The question whether the publication of plans and specifications in a magazine would result in the loss of an architect's common law copyright does not seem to have been considered by the courts. However, it would appear that if the magazine is protected by a copyright, then the owners of that copyright—namely, the magazine—would control the rights to reproduce the plans and specifications. It does not seem that there is a complete dedication to the public when the plans are published in a work or book that is protected by a copyright.

A different result would probably be reached if the periodical containing the plans were not protected by a copyright.

One case decided in Missouri differed sufficiently from this recent California case in its facts as to apparently justify the result reached by the Missouri court. In this case, a house, built in accordance with architect's plans and with the architect's consent, was opened to public inspection, and thousands of people inspected the property during a period of several months. The Missouri court held, and we believe rightly so, that in this case the unrestricted exhibition of the house was a "publication," and as a result, the architect's common law copyright was extinguished. It was argued in this case that it was not intended that the public could or would take measurements of the house, but the fact remained that there were no restrictions to keep anyone from so doing, nor was it claimed that any effort was made to prevent it. The court felt that the essence of the matter was not a question of whether measurements were made, but whether the exhibition was public to all the world and unrestricted. As the court said, "By his [the architect's] consent, the bird was released and it is now public property."

On the other hand, it seems obvious that the decision in the California case is sound, and that any other result would have violated equity and common sense.
A method for constructing unusual shapes without conventional concrete formwork has been developed at the Agricultural & Mechanical College at College Station, Texas. This technique, and the promising conclusions drawn from a full-scale prototype, are reported here in brief.

Unlimited possibilities in thin-shell reinforced-concrete shapes—without using formwork—are indicated by a new structural system called Lift-Shape. Combining form and reinforcement in a single unit, the system involves a steel skeleton that is fabricated on a flat plane, then lifted and "sprung" into final position to receive a covering.

The Lift-Shape idea began in the backyard workshop of James H. Marsh, III, Assistant Professor of Structures with the Division of Architecture at Texas A & M; the 50-ft-diameter prototype shown here was constructed by Marsh and the Architectural Research Group of the college, with a grant from Educational Facilities Laboratories.

Basis of the system, which is actually a technique of construction and not a new method of structural design, is that when forces are applied to the ends of a straight bar, the bar will take a parabolic form. Combinations of bars will take a limitless variety of curves other than parabolic. A design may be refined through scale models.

Steel reinforcing bars for the prototype were laid out in three layers: curved bars from one leg to another, straight bars radiating from the center, and circular bars on top. Expanded-metal mesh blanketed the skeleton. Most bar intersections were only loosely tied with wire (a few were welded) so as not to restrain development of the shape during erection. The armature was then hoisted to the proper height by crane, lifting at the center, and the legs adjusted to position. Finally, lightweight concrete was sprayed in successive layers under and over the framework.

Test loading for 20 psf (plus an unexpected test from Hurricane Carla) indicate that the Lift-Shape process gives "as good or better" quality than conventional methods. Cost analysis, too, is promising, with comparative bids showing that conventional construction would have cost 23 per cent more than the actual $4760 of the experimental structure.

Even before attempts are made to integrate full enclosure and mechanical services into this type of structure, architectural potentials are vast. EFL is particularly enthusiastic, and is now supporting an exploration of plastics as lightweight covering materials.
GLUED BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

A small office building for Gilman Brothers, Inc., a Connecticut plastics manufacturer, offered an opportunity to utilize plastics and adhesives directly in building construction. No mechanical fastenings, screws, nails, or bolts were used; all of the various members and elements were chemically bonded together. Primary construction stages are described by Richard Sharpe, of Juster & Gugliotta and Richard Sharpe, Associated Architects and Engineers.

It was decided to develop a building utilizing the advantages of chemically bonded construction (with epoxy glue) without surpassing the capabilities of normal labor, and without the use of special equipment or specially manufactured products. At the same time, it was decided to take full advantage of the heat-insulating and structural qualities of the client’s product, an expanded polystyrene foam of the self-extinguishing type. It was, of course, a major requirement that the 1800 sq ft structure be economical.

First step was the development of structural prefinished panels that would satisfy the standards set for strength, rigidity, insulation, and finish. The building was designed on a module to allow the use of standard 4’ x 8’ and 4’ x 10’ sheets of Glasweld, plywood, and gypsum board. These sheets became the “skins” for composite panels with Cellulite foam cores, also delivered in 4’ x 8’ and 4’ x 10’ sizes.

Various panel sections were load tested to determine their composite action. This testing resolved questions concerning the effect of the foam core’s shear modulus of elasticity on the composite bending action of the panels, and the bond strength between the plastic core and the various skins. The composite panels are in effect wide-flange beams, with the core acting more or less as a shear-resisting web, and the stronger skins taking almost all of the direct bending and axial stresses.

The composite panels were assembled at the job site by bonding the skins to the polystyrene cores with hand applied epoxy glues. One man was capable of hand manufacturing five large panels in one day. The building was constructed...
by bonding the composite panels directly to the steel beams upon which they were seated, and to each other with simple splined joints — all with epoxy glues manufactured by Adhesive Products Division, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. No heat or pressure was necessary for this bonding. Typical panels weigh less than 100 lb and can be easily placed by two men without mechanical assistance. Cores were 6 in. thick for floors and ceilings, and 4 in. thick for walls. The two-way continuous action of the completed roof, floor, and wall slabs added greatly to the increased rigidity and strength of the whole structure.

Openings required for windows, doors, and skylights were simply cut into the building where desired; the panels were bonded in place, without affecting the strength of the two-way construction. All windows, doors, and skylights were glued into place in the holes provided for them.

Roof joints between panels were sealed with a polysulfide application after completion of bonding. Although there were a few leaks, which led the owners to request a five-ply roof, the weathertightness of the building since completion, over two years ago, shows that this was unnecessary. In the future, roof joints will be sealed with a spline joint to insure permanent watertightness. Wall joints that were spline-jointed and bonded with epoxy exhibited no leakage.

The heating system for these offices was integrated into the panel construction by means of exposed electrical resistance wires set in the back of the interior gypsum board skins. Thus, no space was lost for heating elements. This heating system provides even, comfortable heat, with the panels never being more than mildly warm to touch. During the coldest day of the past two winters, the total heating cost for the executive offices was $0.60 for the 24-hr period; it is correspondingly less during more normal weather. Heating wires have produced no ill effects on the bond between the gypsum skin and the self-extinguishing polystyrene core to date.

The complete building was erected by inexperienced labor in 32 man-days at a cost of $13.90 per sq ft, including all finishing and heating.
Simplicity of assembly allows construction with relatively unskilled labor. Building weight is about one-fifth that of normal wood construction, while continuity and two-way action provide additional strength. Bonding process allows simple modular construction and eliminates all connection problems between similar and/or dissimilar materials.
AKADEMIE DER KUENSTE: Berlin, Germany
WERNER DUETTMANN, Architect

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School Building Isolates Jet Noise

BY WILLIAM J. McGUINNESS
A school opposite Los Angeles' new jet airport was virtually inoperable until sound-isolating construction was developed for new and existing portions of the building. The remedial measures are described by the Chairman, Department of Structural Design, School of Architecture, Pratt Institute.

Noises that accompany the operation of airports are becoming a nationwide problem. It is often difficult to select remote sites for airports and quite impractical to attempt to prevent the growth of population and building in their vicinity. The coming of jet power to established airports and the building of new jetports has increased sound levels to the degree that they pose a distinct social problem. The cost of purchasing property surrounding the airfields to create wide, undeveloped buffer zones for sound control is usually prohibitive.

For buildings trapped within such areas, it is possible to reduce sound transmission into the structures sufficiently to permit audibly comfortable and effective operation within. This has been proved at the Imperial Avenue School at El Segundo, California. This existing school, several hundred feet from takeoff runways of the new International Airport at Los Angeles, was virtually inoperable until sound-isolating construction was developed for a new wing and applied there and at existing sections of the school. The methods used and the costs involved will be of interest to those who face similar problems.

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Evaluation of Sound Intensities by the United States Department of Commerce.

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School officials at El Segundo retained Architect C. M. Deasy, of Deasy & Bolling, a Los Angeles architectural firm, to study the problem and devise remedial measures. He retained Donald Loye, an acoustical engineer, to aid in the work. They found that during the peak hour of jet traffic there were 36 departures per hour. At the point of take-off, just opposite the school, the outdoor sound level was 105 db and the concurrent intensity within the classrooms with windows closed was 85 db which is slightly louder than a city subway (see Table). Obviously, this transmission loss of 20 db through the surfaces of the building had to be increased to reduce the interior noise to an acceptable level. Actual tests showed that the occupants could tolerate 45 db, which is not much higher than the sound level encountered in a residence. This suggested a "target" transmission loss of 60 db. Because of certain considerations of "instrument" scale, the human ear, and effects at various frequencies, Engineer Loye established 45 db as the practical amount of sound to be screened out by new isolation measures at the various building surfaces. In selecting materials to do this, factors other than acoustics had to be considered. These included cost, structural safety, maintenance, the nature of the existing buildings, and architectural appearance. The selections were as follows:

1. The buildings were sealed and air conditioned.
2. Exterior walls were of reinforced brick. (Brick had been used in the existing buildings.)
3. Sealed, double-glazed windows were used, with 3-in. space containing dehumidified air. Windows faced away from the runways.
4. Double ceilings were chosen. They consisted of a conventional wood-frame roof and ceiling with an additional ceiling suspended on springs below and isolated from the brick walls by edge strips of cork for added acoustical control.
5. Acoustical doors with unique frames were chosen.
6. Air intake openings for the air-conditioning systems were provided with sound-absorbing baffles.

Costs per classroom were as follows:

- Windows $280.00
- Doors 50.00
- Independent ceiling 528.00
- Air conditioning 2500.00
- Total $3358.00

The cost per square foot was $3.50. In the multipurpose building, the costs were:

- Doors $200.00
- Independent ceiling 1340.00
- Total $1540.00

The cost per square foot of this room was $0.67. Air conditioning is not included because the mechanical ventilation that was installed is normal in rooms of this type.

These costs are admittedly high, but the noise problem was a critical one. Lesser measures may be acceptable in locations where the problem is not as great. In any case, it appears that air conditioning must be provided because the mere closing of windows results in a 20-db noise reduction.
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A proposal that could protect architects who wish to specify new materials is discussed by the Chief Specifications Writer of Kelly & Gruzen, Architects-Engineers.

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“2. The results of these tests would be made available to the members of CSI and others whom CSI felt worthy of receiving this information.

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“A rotating panel of experts in CSI would be appointed to consider the qualities and suitability of new materials. Their opinions and findings likewise would be made available.”

In brief, the Institute would accumulate the information and serve as a storehouse of the knowledge and experience thus acquired. In case of legal difficulties, the defending professional could argue that he made a proper investigation by securing information through the Institute, and that he based his judgment, whether right or wrong, upon this information. His position could be reinforced in court by the opinion of the Institute’s panel of professional experts, who exercised their best judgment.

In my opinion, if such a plan were developed carefully and executed properly, a new specification might well be written into the law, reading somewhat as follows: “A sound test of the judgment of a professional whose actions are challenged is the combined opinion of his colleagues which influenced his judgment.”

These observations by a recognized legal authority in the field of architecture and building construction appear to have considerable merit and are worthy of serious study both by CSI and AIA.

Walker’s remarks stirred the memory of a chapter member: he recalled the efforts of an independent group of architects and engineers who, some 40 years ago, attempted a plan dealing, among other things, with the investigation of building products. With a little research, he uncovered a document (“Investigating Committees of Architects and Engineers” —Organized in 1915; Member of ASTM) that described the activities of this group:

“Investigating Committees of Architects and Engineers is a national association of committees organized to investigate anything of interest to an architect or an engineer in connection with the construction of a building. For this purpose, small committees are selected from the offices of practicing architects and engineers of high standing in their respective professions in the different cities of the country. The members of these committees serve without compensation in the interest of the two professions which they represent. They are competent and absolutely unbiased.

“Such committees visit manufacturing plants, inspect installations, and get acquainted with the men behind the product, so as to judge their honesty of purpose and ability to execute their contracts faithfully, and to furnish goods of real merit.

“When the reports of these committees are favorable, official bulletins are issued, embodying the report and such tests and illustrations that properly describe and illustrate the product in the opinion of the committees. These bulletins are sold to the manufacturers for general distribution, and it is the profit on such bulletins that sustain the activities of the organization.

“The activities include, in addition to the investigation of materials and devices, opposition to methods of construction believed to be dangerous, and to unfair competition and advertising of a misleading character. The organization also conducts a clearing house for information, and works for the establishment and maintenance of proper standards, the close cooperation of all interested in building construction, and, in general, the promotion of better buildings.”

Though in the development of his plan, Walker did not have the benefit of the 1915 scheme, and though the two plans, although similar in some respects, do vary substantially, they are both worthy of serious consideration. A further comparison and study of both are justified, in order to aid in the development of new materials and so as to safeguard the architect in his selection of them. Manufacturers of quality building products have as much at stake in such an undertaking as does the architectural profession.
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BY JUDGE BERNARD TOMSON AND NORMAN COPLAN
Nassau County District Court Judge and a New York attorney discuss a decision in which an architectural firm's liability for negligent performance was extended to a third party with which it had no contractual relationship.

Judicial decisions extending an architect's liability for negligent performance to third persons with whom he has no contractual relationship, have been of continuing concern to the profession. A recent decision of the Federal District Court in Minnesota, which found liability in a sum in excess of $100,000 against an architectural firm in a suit instituted by the contractor's surety company, is consistent with this trend (Peerless Insurance Company v. Thorshov & Carny, Inc.).

The above action stemmed from the award of a contract for the construction of a county courthouse. The construction contract provided that the owner would make partial payments each month to the contractor "on the basis of a duly certified, approved estimate of the work performed during the preceding calendar month." It further provided that, in applying for payment, the contractor would, if required, furnish an itemized statement, supported by such evidence as the architect may direct, showing his right to the payment claimed.

As a condition of the construction contract, the contractor was required to obtain a surety performance bond in the approximate sum of $567,000. During the course of construction, the owner notified the surety company that the contractor was in default of his performance under the construction contract, and requested the surety company to complete the construction as required by the terms of the bond. At that stage of construction, the payments to the contractor had been certified by the architect in the sum of approximately $314,000. The surety company completed the project, and thereafter instituted suit against the architect for negligence, contending that approximately $100,000 of the $300,000 certified by the architect in connection with the contractor's payment was unjustified, and that, as a consequence, the surety company had sustained damages in that sum.

The issue before the Court was whether an architect could be charged with liability for alleged negligent performance by a surety company that had no direct contractual relationship or privity with the architect. The Court, in ruling on this issue, pointed out that—at least in the State of Minnesota—it was a case of first impression.

The Court further stated that the architect's certification of payments to the contractor was based upon the visual examination at the job site by the architect's inspector of construction, and that the inspector did not question the contractor as to the accuracy of costs. The expert testimony at the trial was to the effect that "a 5 per cent error with respect to the individual items in the various estimates was within professional tolerance, but approval of estimates totaling $314,000, when only $202,000 had been earned by the contractor, was not within such tolerance according to methods practiced by architects in the community."

The Court, in reaching the conclusion that the architect was liable, treated the excess certification by the architect as constituting a release of the 10 per cent retainage that was to be held by the owner under the construction contract until the construction was completed. In finding that the architect was negligent, and therefore responsible to the surety company for damages claimed, the Court stated:

"Of primary importance is the agreement entered into by the Contractor with the Owner. Secondary to this is the bond furnished by the plaintiff and the latter's responsibility to make good any loss sustained by the Owner on account of the default of the Contractor. In this respect, plaintiff would be entitled to be subrogated to the rights of the Owner and against defendant for loss sustained or met with by reason of defendant's negligence that proximately caused damage resulting therefrom. . . . "Where, as in the case at bar, the alleged liability of defendant is predicated upon the claimed negligent and wrongful release of the retainage fund provided by the contract for the mutual benefit and protection of the Owner and the surety by subrogation, the Court is of the opinion that the evidence supports the conclusion that defendant had actual or constructive notice and knowledge of the surety bond and the purpose of the retainage fund. Such knowledge added to by the duty of defendant to exercise reasonable care in certifying bills for payment, as it did, charged defendant with notice that the retainage fund was not to be released until the contract had been carried out and concluded, as provided therein, requiring the Contractor to submit satisfactory proof that all bills and indebtedness had been paid."

Although there was no "privity" or contract between the surety company and the architect, the Court nevertheless found liability based upon the mutual contractual relationships among the parties involved. In this respect, the Court said:

"Privity of contract between plaintiff and defendant was not a prerequisite to the existence of the defendant-architect's duty to protect the owner, and the subrogated surety arose out of the general and mutual contractual arrangements, which included privity of contract, a requisite to make effective said duty, the violation of which constitutes actionable negligence."

"To state it otherwise, defendant-architect undertook the performance of professional conduct, which, if negligently performed, would obviously cause loss to the Owner and/or plaintiff-surety. Under such circumstances, the law imposed upon defendant a duty to exercise due care to avoid such loss, and plaintiff-surety was not required to anticipate that retainage funds would be wrongfully released. . . . The negligent approval and certifying for payment of sums beyond and in excess of the amount required to be retained was the proximate cause of plaintiff's damage . . . ."

No appeal was taken from this decision, since the dispute was settled on a compromised basis.
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Shelter Program Debated

Dear Editor: My gratitude and congratulations to you—and to P/A—for the courageous and humane editorial on “The Shelter Program” [MAY 1962 P/A]. It expresses beautifully and strongly what I believe coincides with the inner feelings of most architects regarding safeguards against the dangers of thermonuclear destruction.

I’ve observed that those of our colleagues who accept the Shelter Program are not hesitant about acknowledging it, whether it be out of profound conviction, expediency, or out of conformity. But I suspect that most of those who have not yet made up their minds, plus those who do not endorse it, are inhibited about openly expressing their feelings, and it is a weighty sort of silence with undercurrents of fear, pessimism, resignation, or passive conformity. It is also my feeling that the latter group may be in the majority.

With this in mind, the statement comes as a warm beam of common sense, focussed on a humanistic alternative to a grave-digging acquiescence to the game of violent deterrents, now distortedly viewed as “patriotic.” It could catalyze a crystallization of opinion. The point it makes is both practical and meaningful. Practical, because it would end the obscene wastefulness of inadequate subterranean constructions; meaningful in that it veers sharply from the schizoid path along which we wander our way with dreams and poems about a more beautifully designed America (or world), while filling holes-in-the-ground with the very resources needed to realize that dream environment.

Architecture is manifest in the ever-changing surround of light and air, and in the beauty of the configurations that materials assume therein. The statement hits it on the head by inferring that the essence of the shelter philosophy is anti-architecture.

Viewed in this light, an exhortation to “participate vigorously” in the Shelter Program is (to me) incompatible with the desiderata and destiny of the profession. Those who sincerely regard the Shelter Program as the only form of Survival Insurance, should consider that to “participate vigorously” therein is tantamount to withdrawal from a larger responsibility—that of being Architects, rather than mere practitioners. In this larger sense, we could thereby do our fellow citizens greater disservice than those builders and architects, who, through selfishness, ignorance, and indifference, made possible the accretion of “ugliness” against which we perennially polemicize, converse, or crusade.

The printing of the statement is an act of leadership in a humanistic direction, consistent with the kind of role that has been projected for us to play by former AIA President Phil Will (reiterated in his excellent essays), as necessary for our survival and potency as a profession. The dramatic opportunity offered us (by the challenging issue of shelters—for living or for dying?) to reassert those values and goals that we proclaim, and to justify our desire to become designers of the Total Man-Made Environment, must not be forfeited. Let us begin to deserve the self-appropriated privilege through principled action.

You have taken the giant step along such a path. I fervently hope that others of stature and respectability among architects will follow suit.

I thank you.

BERTRAM L. BASSUK
New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor: Regarding the Shelter Program and its problems, I have just built a shelter for six people to protect the family of a very celebrated eye doctor, and have just completed plans for another shelter for an executive, an attorney-at-law, of I.B.M. In the latter case, I had all the resources of I.B.M. at my disposal, as well as the results of their research and thought on the subject. As a matter of policy, I.B.M. plans to have shelters in their new buildings—in particular, the big offices now building at Armonk, New York.

All seem agreed that nothing can protect you from a direct or near direct hit. They make no attempt to protect from blast. Shelters are only designed to protect from the radiation of fall-out. When the radioactive particles of dust fall back to earth they give up their deadly load of radiation. After about two days it may be safe to come out. Shelters are planned for a two-week stay. Without some sort of shelter, you do not have much chance for survival. Armonk is about 50 miles from New York City; it is figured that, with a direct hit on New York, the people living in Armonk would have about one hour to get into their shelters after the blast.

The very thought of atomic war is so horrible that most people dread even to think about it. However, the thought of a cyclone or a tornado is also a terrifying thing. People who live in the western United States have learned to build “cyclone cellars,” or caves into which they can run when they see a storm coming. These storm cells may have saved many lives, and most farmers build them. Who can tell whether it is worthwhile to have a “shelter”? I, for one, am perfectly happy without one.

In any case, the architect, as you have said, designs for protection and not for “destruction.” The technical aspects involve, as you say, impossible assumptions. However, it gives the client a little peace of mind and adds another status symbol to his collection. No harm is done, and I can see no reason why an architect should not build shelters for people, provided he tells them beforehand how useless he thinks they are.

From fear and pride, and other emotions not so noble, man is building monstrosities every day when he could do much better things with his money. Can architects change man’s essential nature? To try to improve man’s environment in a developing world is an ideal to which every dedicated architect would subscribe, but, as in so many other ways, we are forced to face reality: to “make what we want out of what we have.”

T. LOFTIN JOHNSON
Mount Kisco, N.Y.

Dear Editor: The statement by a group of architects regarding the “Shelter Program” has been long due. It is gratifying that at least a segment of the profession is beginning to realize that it cannot stand on the sidelines while the greatest threat to the continuation of life on this planet is poised perilously above us all.

I hope this statement will be given the widest publicity throughout the profession and in the press.

EDWIN J. ROBIN
New York, N.Y.

Dear Editor: Congratulations on the courage of your group statement regarding shelters. I think you are right.

Designing a bomb shelter would be similar to designing a gallows if one were against capital punishment.

WILLIAM LOGAN
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Editor: The “P.S.” in the May issue has convinced me more than ever that Thomas Creighton knows what it is all about. Your feet have been—and are—where they should be, and I wish that
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the same were true among the hucksters, who ply upon war scares and other tragedies to fatten their coffers. The comments on the "Shelter" Program indicates that this group's reading transcends the literature put out by the Military-Industrial Complex, which minimizes the effects of fall-out and accepts the murder of millions through radiation as inevitable.

I wish more architects could be persuaded to read articles by eminent scientists in magazines like the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, Scientific American, instead of the average newspaper, so that they might come to recognize that (as you stated it) "planning for destruction is an architectural contradiction," and that "planning for atomic destruction is an architectural absurdity."

JOHN G. C. SOHN
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Editor: The argument opposing the Shelter Program is twofold: (1) the problem is intellectually insoluble due to (a) conflicting technical data, and (b) difficulty in making the necessary assumptions regarding design criteria; and (2) the act of constructing shelters is morally reprehensible because (a) it will encourage war, and (b) the money devoted to shelters should be used to "improve man's environment."

The first part of the argument is easily disposed of. Indeed, it is so unsubstantial that it falls of its own weight. Is there any technical aspect of architecture on which the data is not conflicting? This has not caused architects to suspend their work. The data must be evaluated in the light of the architect's knowledge and the validity of the sources. Certainly design assumptions are difficult to make. Nevertheless, the ones cited are not impossible to make, given the region in which the shelter is to be located. The information is available. The question, then, is not the difficulty of the problem, but rather whether architects are competent to solve it. I think they are.

The second part of the argument is more interesting. Should architects involve themselves in an activity that is immoral? No, of course not. However, you fail to demonstrate the immorality of shelter building. Granted that the purpose of architecture is the development of civilization; granted that war destroys what civilizations have built; it does not follow that the construction of shelters is an "architectural contradiction." It is obvious that the possibility of nuclear war exists. The recognition of this fact does not constitute "planning for destruction." A shelter program would not be an act that would precipitate such a conflict. It could, in fact, reduce the probability of an attack, and, should there be one, attenuate its effect upon the people.

The architect's participation in the planning and execution of a program to protect the population from this catastrophe is neither immoral nor a denial of his commitment to the advancement of civilization. The continued existence—not to speak of the improvement—of our civilization is threatened. We are obligated to defend it.

GORDON L. STICE
La Canada, Calif.

Dear Editor: I agree that the architect has an obligation to his client beyond the purely contractual obligations, and I am glad that you, an important representative of the architectural profession, have taken the lead in questioning the effectiveness of the proposed Shelter Program. It seems to me there is confusion when people speak of saving America. What do we mean? What are we saving: our mountains, our rivers; "our way of life"; our people? As to our big and wonderful land—

I do not think that anyone really means that the Rocky Mountains, or the Great Lakes, or the Hudson River will be destroyed.

"Our way of life"—that's another story. Down South, on a recent business trip, the question of H-bomb shelters came up.

Shall we build "separate but equal" shelters for the Negro? If we do, will that "way of life" prevail after the holocaust? If, on the other hand, "separate but equal" is rejected and white and black plan to live together underground, why not above ground?

I suggest that the Southern shelter building dilemma be resolved by building to live together above ground. I think that would be much more effective as a measure for survival in the world-wide ideological competition than any conceivable underground shelter. "Underground shelter" is a contradiction in terms.

LOUIS II. FREIDHEIM
New York, N.Y.

_Begs to Differ_ Dear Editor: Reference is made to your news item in the May 1962 P/A, titled "Architecture In Decline."

Unfortunately, the series of symposia at the Museum of Modern Art did not contribute anything to architecture. Louis Kahn's unprepared statement perhaps did.

MICHAEL RUBENSTEIN
New York, N.Y.

Errata: Century 21 Coliseum In the March 1962 P/A, credits for the structural design of the Century 21 Coliseum (p. 180) were ambiguously, if not improperly, stated. Full structural design credits go to the firm of Peter H. Hostmark & Associates, of Seattle. Additional engineering computations performed in connection with the construction of this building were only those commissioned by subcontractors in order to allow the use of their proprietary materials of construction.
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These two handsome volumes, part of the John Harvard Library, are a praiseworthy effort to make basic materials on the history of American culture available to a wide reading public. Although the name of Montgomery Schuyler is not well known today, he was, historically speaking, unquestionably America's greatest architectural critic. A descendant of that old Dutch stock that has contributed so many men and women of note to American life, he was born in 1843 in Ithaca, New York, into a clerical family. Attending Hobart College briefly, he moved to New York City at the close of the Civil War and there joined the staff of the old New York World, where a gifted editor, Manton Marble, had assembled an exceptionally talented group of writers. Although Schuyler remained essentially a journalist for the rest of his life (he died in 1914), his chief importance is as a contributor to the Architectural Record, whose staff he joined in 1891, and to a variety of other periodicals as well, notably Brickbuilder, Scribner's, and Harper's Monthly. His life thus spanned many of the most fascinating and controversial developments in the history of American architecture: the rise of H. H. Richardson and his school, the creation of the skyscraper and the "prairie style" in Chicago, and the nationwide triumph of Beaux Arts reaction after the World's Fair of 1893. On all these phenomena, Schuyler commented with sharp perception.

Professor Jordy, of Brown University, and Ralph Coe, of the William Rockhill Nelson Gallery of Art, have supplied a lengthy introduction, and since this essay is likely to be the standard evaluation of Schuyler's work for some time to come, it is this reviewer's first concern. The authors perform their chief service in tracking down the frequently arcane allusions that are scattered throughout Schuyler's writings and in analyzing the sources of his critical position. His basic tenets, they find, derive from Ruskin, Viollet-le-Duc, and somewhat surprisingly, Leopold Eidlitz, a New York architect of the Gothic revival, and author of an important but exceedingly turgid book entitled The Nature and Function of Art (New York and London, 1881). It was Eidlitz and Viollet who gave Schuyler his understanding of structural expression as the basis for architecture, a conviction from which he deviated only slightly during the course of a long and complex career. "There was Ruskin's painterly approach to picturesque massing and frank exploitation for properties inherent in them, together with the discipline offered

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by the architectural breadth of Richardson’s composition. There was the structural, functional, and organic bias of Eidlitz and Viollet-le-Duc. Underlying this cluster of ideas, there was the desire that architecture should possess a ‘reality’ or ‘objective beauty’ transcending fashion, formalism, and eclecticism, that modern buildings be ‘ideas’ resonant with the life which produced them”—these were the sources of the Schuyler point of view.

The chief difficulty of the editors is a curious lack of sympathy for their subject. Despite their protestations of historical objectivity, they generally evaluate Schuyler’s criticism in modern terms. Themselves partisans of the curtain-wall structures of the 40’s and 50’s, they are irritated with Schuyler’s preference for Burnham & Root’s Monadnock Building over the firm’s Reliance Building; the Monadnock, of course, is a giant masonry slab, the tallest bearing-wall structure ever built in the United States, while the Reliance clearly foreshadows Lever House and the Seagram Building. In similar fashion, they are angry with Schuyler because he did not pay sufficient attention to the work of the Greene brothers, Irving Gill, Bernard Maybeck, or the Chicago school other than Sullivan and Wright. “The polite world of the New York litterateur,” they write, “smothered the critic which Schuyler might have been. Very rarely did the most creative work of the period penetrate his well insulated environment.” This reviewer, on the contrary, would hold that it was precisely this genteel background that enabled Schuyler to approach the most radical work of his time with an open mind. His social position was so well established, his lineage so impeccable, that it did not matter if he showed a pronounced skepticism about the classic revival and the works of McKim, Mead & White, preferring to trust in the vitality of wild men from the West like Sullivan and Wright. To say that he should have gone farther than he did is to misunderstand the historical situation. One is reminded of Henry-Russell Hitchcock’s famous reproach of 1929 to Frank Lloyd Wright that he had failed to learn from the leaders of the International school. The same moralistic fallacy is evident in both comments.

Having treated Schuyler’s point of view, Jordy and Coo group the reprints of his work under six major headings: the Heritage of Victorian Gothic, the Richardsonian Interlude, Bridges: Rationalistic Engineering, Skyscrapers: Rationalistic Architecture, the Beaux Arts Reaction, and Late Sullivan and Early Wright. Although the contemporary architect will probably be most interested in Schuyler’s remarks about the great pioneers of the Chicago school, there are many other choice bits of criticism that should not be missed. Schuyler was the first American to take bridge design seriously, and his analyses of the relation of bridge to townscape; in this respect it is a shame that the editors did not see fit to include Schuyler’s treatment of the bridges of Pittsburgh, part of his admirable 1911 article on the architecture of that city. They are to be congratulated, however, on their decision to reprint in its entirety his famous “Last Words about the World’s Fair” (1894). Surely no finer criticism of exhibition architecture has ever been written. Schuyler saw with startling clarity both the strong point of the fair—its superb grouping of monumental buildings—and the disastrous consequences that might ensue if their

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neoclassic style were widely imitated. He was likewise quite correct in calling Sullivan's influential Transportation Building a valiant, if only partially successful, effort to grapple with the difficult problem of a plaster architecture. As the editors indicate, this essay is a real masterpiece in the complex genre of architectural criticism.

In sum, these volumes should restore and even enhance Schuyler's reputation. Despite the somewhat niggling quality of the introduction, he appears as a singularly attractive personality and an exceptionally far-seeing critic. No man of his time had a finer perception of the creative forces that were at work and of the true nature of the currents that were challenging them. Probably his final word on the Beaux Arts reaction is contained in the superb spoof entitled "Architecture Made Easy." This piece can still stand as a rebuke to the deplorable tendency to rehabilitate neoclassic design, which is abroad in some quarters today. If his vigor flagged somewhat at the end of his life, he can certainly be forgiven for becoming a bit tired after passing the age of 60. Even in 1912, at 69, he still had enough energy to write the following memorable lines in a review of the great Wasmuth publication of Frank Lloyd Wright's buildings: "Meanwhile, it is hard to see how an unprejudiced inquirer can deny that such designers as Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Wright have the root of the matter, and that their works are of good hope, in contrast with the rehandling and rehashing of admired historical forms in which there is no future nor any possibility of progress." Great criticism, Mies van der Rohe has observed, is as scarce as great architecture. We should all be grateful to the Harvard Press and to Messrs. Jordj and Coe for making available these selections from the writings of a genuinely great critic.

Rigor Mortis of CIAM


In the fall of 1959, over 40 architects ventured to the Dutch town of Otterlo for a meeting organized by CIAM's Team X. Wendell H. Lovett and Louis I. Kahn were the only U.S. architects present. This book, the first of a series called Documents of Modern Architecture, is a selection of the work shown at Otterlo by the pilgrimaging architects. Also included are the discussions that followed each presentation, and a summary of the happenings at this and at previous CIAM congresses.

The work and the discussions point clearly to the irrevocable split of the CIAM fraternity into factions, and to the death of modern architecture as a single ideology. The schism is perhaps best illustrated by an exchange between a sympathizer with the old-guard philosophy and a "non-conformist":

Jerry Soltan "The previous generation of CIAM people fought a clear-cut opposition—an external enemy. Our task is to fight the interior enemy—the brother modernist. The fight of the previous generation may have been more herculean—our task requires far more moral strength. If a new CIAM is to exist, this will be its task. The aim of the new CIAM should be twofold: to help in the development of some really worthwhile ideas on the basis of the principles established by the previous CIAM, and to unmask those claiming to be modern but who are in reality thriving on that which is base and superficial in human nature."

Aldo van Eyck: "You can go to Amsterdam and drive for hours through kilometres of..."
funktionelle Stadt made up of the four keys of CIAM—but you cannot live there. That is our enemy. The enemy is this terrible, rational one-track mind. In Dubrovnik some people said: ‘Let us have no more mystical talk, no philosophical talk, no vagueness.’ And I remember saying, ‘Nous avons le droit d’être vague.’ It is the people who are always so clear, who always know exactly where clarity is, they are the ones who are always so vague—so frightfully vague—and the result of all that vagueness is an uninhabitable form of living. I think that is our enemy. Our enemy is the immediate CIAM past.”

No wonder then that the introduction to the book refers to the Otterlo conference as perhaps the last of CIAM congresses.

J.C.R.

Urban Growth and Change

MEGALOPOLIS: THE URBANIZED NORTHEASTERN SEABOARD OF THE UNITED STATES by Jean Gottmann. Published by The Twentieth Century Fund, 41 E. 70 St., New York 21, N.Y. (1961, 810 pp., maps, charts, tables, $10)

In this important work, Jean Gottmann, a distinguished geographer, member of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and professor at the University of Paris, analyzes the developing pattern of linked urban areas that line the East Coast from the Merrimack River in the north to the Potomac in the south. This urban region, which has also been called Inter-urbia and the East Coast City, is named Megalopolis by Gottmann, after an ancient Greek settlement whose optimistic founders hoped that it might become the world’s greatest city.

The author’s purposes are threefold. First, to identify the megalopolitan phenomenon as a real and essentially unique situation. Second, to examine its characteristics and the patterns of life and development created by an urban area with nearly 40 million inhabitants. And lastly, to draw some tentative conclusions about this new form of urban organization, which may soon be rivalled by comparable settlements elsewhere in the world. In all of these aims, he succeeds admirably, despite the magnitude of the task of even describing this enormous entity in any detail.

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patterns. Far from being horrified by the spread of urbanization along a 500-mile stretch of coast, Gottmann is encouraged by the success of Megalopolis in providing its residents with the highest incomes in the world, and, in many respects, the most stimulating of social and intellectual environments. In the region's impressive state of economic well-being for an intensively settled population, he sees hope for comparable success in other densely settled portions of the world.

The lessons to be learned from this study are many. For the planner, it provides a context heretofore lacking, within which the localized phenomena of urban growth and change can be comprehended. The great diversity of metropolitan and rural land use and economic patterns is clearly illustrated, but at the same time the range of choice for any single portion of Megalopolis is seen to be limited. The manifold pressures of continental economics and technology provide a framework within which the particular community can make its own decisions. While this context is a limiting factor, the very knowledge of the limits provides a valuable tool for local and metropolitan decision-making.

Gottmann does not accept the arguments of those who fear that great population growth will bring about hardship through a shortage of the essential commodity of land. Rather, he finds that Megalopolis has shown that it is possible to achieve great density commensurate with a high standard of living. Even in the matter of food production, he indicates (with the able assistance of Professor Edward Higbee, author of a fascinating chapter on the agriculture of Megalopolis) that this densely urbanized region is still able to provide a very substantial portion of its own needs. He anticipates a continuation of the dispersion of population at lower densities throughout the region, as in the past, and finds that this dispersed pattern has already converted areas which on casual inspection appear still rural to an ex-urban form of life with factories and homes diffused through the landscape.

Megalopolis is an excellent introduction to the comprehension of modern urban life, and especially to the understanding of any particular component of the metropolitan region that now lines our seacoast. For those of us who tend to lose sight of the forest because of our concentration on the cutting (or planting) of a particular tree, this transatlantic visitor has provided a worthy overview.

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Rationalized Anti-Rationalism


The clearest expressions of Leonardo Ricci's approach to the vital problems of contemporary architecture occur, in this amiable but not very lucid or coherent book, in a chapter entitled "Town Planning, An Analysis," when he compares his own approach to that of "The Rationalists." The Rationalists, according to Ricci, begin the design of a school by saying: "So many inhabitants, so many children; so many children, so many classrooms; so many classrooms, so many schools," and then, after determining such things as maximum radii, consider the problem solved. At most, he says, they add a brief discussion as to whether the school should have one story or two, or whether each classroom should be built for 25 or for 30 children.
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His own approach is quite different. He asks himself first of all what education really is, and how it should be administered. He then asks himself whether the school, as a building, is not bound to disappear altogether—whether it should not become an integral part of the home; whether, in other words, it is wholesome, at least for those under six, to be regimented, or whether it would not be better to leave them free in the community which exists among the homes and which all members of the community may enjoy.

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Those who consider such negatory arguments and rhetorical questions immensely profound will be stimulated by this book. Those who find rationalized anti-rationalism irritating will probably put it aside, simply wondering whether Professor Ricci has ever, in fact, been commissioned to design a school, hospital, museum, church, or theater, and, if so, what it was he said to his clients. Only the most patient readers, however, will get as far as his discussion on architecture and town planning, since this is preceded by 85 pages of what purports to be his lecture to freshman architectural students, but which reads like a juvenile attempt at an existentialist autobiography.

First exercises in eagerly written Thoughts About Life can often be absorbingly entertaining in small doses, especially to parents and friends. But they have to be remarkably good to interest the general public, and it is a pity that Professor Ricci should have indulged in this at such tedious length, because he has a great many perspicacious things to say about actual buildings when he chooses to say them; and on the rare occasions when he does so in this book he writes with directness, simplicity, and great charm.

Indeed, nobody could read this book without concluding that Professor Ricci must be a delightful person to talk to and listen to. ("I look at the Egyptian statue of Queen Tuna at the Vatican Museum. Luckily there is no one else in the hall, so I can make some experiments. I pull up my trouser on one leg and compare it with the leg of the statue. My leg seems false, the statue's leg seems real.") But I find it difficult to believe that his reminiscences of the war, his remarks on conjugal intimacy, and his description of reading the newspaper in the bathroom can effectively orient beginners toward a sound philosophy of design, or that (with his reminiscences now in print) they will stimulate original thoughts amongst architects of riper years.

Perhaps his students at Florence University actually do leave his first lecture saying "Damn clever, this professor," and "What poetry!" But more elderly and less impressionable readers may find such divagations hard to take, and, while admiring his gallant attempt to formulate an architectural theory in terms of existentialist philosophy, may feel that there is more to be learned about contemporary architecture and the programming of contemporary buildings.
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IN THE ALL-NEW VENTLESS
TOWN HOUSE HOOD


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The Question of Quality—in architecture and other aspects of life—came to my mind when I went out into the suburbs recently with an architect friend to see a house that he had designed. These are always risky expeditions; almost every architect is very proud of practically every job he has done, and an architect's pride is no guarantee of what my findings may be. The risk is run by both of us. I may be in the position of hurting the feelings of a person I like, or dissimulating, because, according to my subjective, not necessarily correct evaluation, I find that I don't like the building. And he runs the risk of being embarrassed by an apparent negative reaction on my part; I realize that it's no fun showing a work you are proud of to an editor and having it badly received. (Parenthetically—this is not the point of my essay—this problem bothers all of my colleagues, on many magazines. Each of us has developed his own noncommittal word or phrase: "Very interesting!" or perhaps even "Remarkable!") One editor I know relies on the expression: "Say, that's a building, isn't it!")

But in this case I am writing of, there was no problem; I was honestly and deeply impressed with the house, and could compliment the architect with full sincerity. And beyond ranking up plus value judgments on many value scales, for the concept, the form, the design in all its details, the technology, the relationship with site and neighborhood—beyond all this, I was delighted to see a quality in the design of the house, of a degree one seldom finds today. This was visually expressed in every aspect of craftsmanship. Not only was cabinet work of unusual quality, in materials and workmanship; even mass-produced components, such as certain wall panels, had been selected with great care and installed with meticulous precision. Behind this visible richness of quality, however, anyone with knowledge of the production of architecture could sense the quality of detailing, the quality of specifications writing, the quality of supervision on the job that had been necessary to produce the quality of the finished work of architecture.

I was thinking of this pleasant experience while I was talking the other day to an academic friend who is about to launch on a study of the relationship between mechanization and quality in all aspects of life. I think that, like a good researcher, he is beginning without prejudice; he will see what his studies turn up. Personally, I don't believe I could be open-minded about this. It seems to me very clear that the house I saw was a remarkable exception to a rule: the rule that, as things become more available to more people, they worsen in quality. It seems to me very clear that the house I saw was a remarkable exception to a rule: the rule that, as things become more available to more people, they worsen in quality. I don't believe they have to, or that they should, but they do. More and more people travel, stay in hotels, eat in "good" restaurants, live in "luxury" apartments, buy "designer" clothes and furniture. And travel accommodations, hotel service, quality of restaurant food, construction quality of apartment houses, and both design and craftsmanship of clothes and furniture have become worse.

The most miserable aspect of this phenomenon, it seems to me, is that appreciation of quality has also declined, along with quality itself. No one (or almost no one) complains bitterly about lousy service or poor food or shoddy workmanship. It's not just that we accept it; we no longer see the difference, or—the ultimate step in loss of quality—we actually prefer the less good. Another friend (a number of friends seem to have supplied me with inspiration for this column) was remarking recently that his children seem to prefer that mass-produced item called a TV Dinner to the fine meals that his wife still likes to produce. Not only is the quality of the family dinner ceremony lost; the taste for quality in the food itself just does not exist.

In architecture, there is the danger that the increasing volume of work and expanding services can operate to reduce the quality of design and construction. All is not lost, however, when I can still see a house and honestly say, "It's beautifully built in all respects."