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ANOTHER IMPORTANT DESIGN AT HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Soon after the completion of Le Corbusier's Visual Arts Center at Harvard University comes word that one of the most interesting designs ever created by Caudill, Rowlett & Scott has been prepared for Harvard's Graduate School of Education.

The proposed structure, which together with existing Longfellow Hall will form the "campus" for the school, emphasizes great flexibility in the working spaces needed for constantly changing educational programs. Each of its seven stories will have a large central space that can be adjusted and rearranged as needs dictate. Surrounding these central areas will be fixed perimeter spaces for services, offices, conference rooms, reception areas, etc. (plan, right). An additional floor will be created below grade to act as a sort of sunken courtyard around a "living exhibit," surrounded by classrooms (section, right). The building will be entered mainly via bridges over this courtyard to the first floor, but there will also be access from the courtyard itself.

Fenestration is a major design feature of the project, giving it much of its notable character. The apparently random pattern of hooded, recessed, slit, and vertical windows will serve to express the differences in plan of the peripheral areas of each floor. The arrangement will not be random, needless to say, but will reflect the needs of the area within. To make the plan of the building "read" to the viewer, two long glassed slots running from the second floor to the roof have been introduced on two sides of the structure. The architects call this a "yardstick" for measuring the generally opaque building. The warm brick generally associated with Harvard will be used on the exterior.
German Wins Reynolds Prize

The 1963 R.S. Reynolds Memorial Award for excellence of design in aluminum has gone to Architect Hans Maurer of Munich, co-editor of Bauen & Wohnen. Thus, for the seventh year, the $25,000 award has gone to a country not yet represented in the prizewinners' circle (tapped so far: the U.S., France, Spain, Australia, Belgium, and Switzerland).

Maurer's winning design is the Aluminum Center Pavilion at the Hannover Fair. It is basically a space-frame roof composed of aluminum tetrahedrons suspended by cables from a 65'-6"-aluminum mast. Aluminum and glass walls are hung from the roof, and extend below the level of the water of the small lake in which the pavilion stands, forming an insulation seal for the interior. Cables are secured to the mast, and also are fastened to the bottom of the lake to provide horizontal stability. A ball joint secures the mast to its base. The pavilion is reached over a small bridge—made of aluminum, of course. The Associate Architect for the project was Ernst Denk.

WOOD BUILDING FOR WOOD SCIENCES

SEATTLE, WASH. The University of Washington campus, like most U.S. campuses, is predominantly of brick and stone buildings. Consequently, it is of some note when a major addition to be built mainly of wood is announced. When the project is as well designed as the proposed Forest Products Science Building for The University of Washington, by Seattle architects Grant, Copeland & Chervaneck, the news is that much more salubrious.

The building will be wood framed with beam ends exposed at the roof line. Beams cantilever out past the building line proper to carry a band of gray glass wrapped around the upper floor; diagonal laminated members help to carry the load. For pleasant working conditions, graduate research offices will be located on the periphery of the building; chemical, electronic, and general laboratory areas will be housed in the interior spaces. Two garden courts will penetrate the structure to give a feeling of added spaciousness. Placing research departments on the interior will lessen the effects of sunlight and weather conditions on sensitive equipment.
SANTA FE, NEW M. Approval has been granted for the general plan of the expansion of the New Mexico State Capitol by Architects Associated (Architects John P. Conron, Robert E. Plettenberg, and Philippe Register and Designer David deR. Lent).

The 20-year plan will provide for expected space needs of the state government until 2100. First units expected to be built are a new legislative-executive complex and a State Library building. Subsequent plans call for buildings for Health and Welfare, Commerce and Labor, Supreme Court, General Services, Department of Education, and Conservation and Development.

Preliminary designs of the entire complex reveal a strong solution that recalls, but does not imitate, the architecture of the region (below, right). Use of thick, sloping, curved walls to define major buildings and areas can be said to reflect in contemporary terms the atmosphere of Indian pueblos, canyon walls, and Spanish colonial architecture.

Unfortunately, the design has come under attack for what seem to be its finest qualities—namely, strength and a sense of regional continuity. Architect John Gaw Meem, a member of the Capitol Building Improvement Commission, objected to the massiveness of the walls and said the buildings should reflect more of Santa Fe's particular architectural history as opposed to that of the state as a whole. As noted, the general plan was passed after a delay, but the architects were instructed to restudy the design.
Nervi Designs Elevated Roadways

OAKLAND, CALIF. Pier Luigi Nervi, long famous for his concrete structures, has designed five prototype elevated expressway structures in steel for Kaiser Steel Corporation. Nervi searched for schemes that would be economically sound, capable of fulfilling increasing transportation needs, and featuring swiftness of erection. He said that "as in all problems of structural architecture, the aesthetic expression is attained through the clarity of the static scheme, by the attention and sensitivity given to the parts, and by the preciseness of the details."

Two solutions seen here are (left) a double-deck freeway featuring a modified version of the standard truss system, notably slim welded box girders in a stylized kite design. Spans can go up to 300', roadway rests on a folded-plate steel deck. Use of hyperbolic paraboloids (right) creates sculptural columns that raise the roadway 40' above the ground for use in parklike areas.

Nervi says that such structures can become one of the most important architectural expressions of our cities.

Shopping Center Features Regional Air

SAN ANTONIO, TEX. "Frost's Fashion Square" will be the main element of a large-scale expansion of the existing North Star Mall shopping center in San Antonio. The project, designed by Katzman Associates of New York City with Neal T. Collins as resident architect, will have a decided "regional" flavor, recalling the Spanish heritage of the area in contemporary terms. Arches, colonnades, balconies, malls, fountains, and landscaped areas will evoke a more gracious time in the history of the Southwest. Generous use of carved wood, Spanish tile, and wrought iron will emphasize this atmosphere.

Total area of the project will be 112,177 sq. ft., with 34,277 sq. ft. going to public areas, 75,218 sq. ft. to leasable space, 1493 sq. ft. to canopies and arcades, and the remainder to service areas. In addition to the large Frost store, the mall and arcades will feature small shops of all varieties. Fortunately, the architect has retained design control of these areas, including interior and facade design and graphics, so that the center will emerge as an integrated composition. Two movie houses will be part of the scheme. Another expansion to the east is provided for.
Preliminary Proposal for N.Y. Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, N. Y. The New York Stock Exchange, long in need of additional space (which it almost got when the World Trade Center was proposed for the West Side), now has its sights on a 240,000-sq-ft renewal area of downtown New York adjoining Battery Park. Preliminary plans for the new building by O'Connor & Kilham would almost double the size of the present trading floor, from 26,000 sq ft to 56,000 sq ft, and provide a high-rise building for Stock Exchange offices. The project would be in two elements (above): the tall office slab, and the lower structure housing the trading floor. The latter element would bridge Broad Street (below). Parks and plazas are part of the proposal, although a future expansion seems to take up much of this space.

In its preliminary form, the design and massing of the Stock Exchange seems quite eclectic and heavy-handed. It is to be hoped that these characteristics will be eliminated or refined on more detailed study. Such a building is bound to be one of the most important commercial structures in the United States; it would be unfortunate if it were to become a design throwback to the Jim Fisk, J. P. Morgan days rather than an outstanding statement of our economic and technological future.

Some New York architects are disturbed about the present plans, feeling that the move would take the New York Stock Exchange too far away from its historic position at the center of the financial district. They feel that a better site would be the one proposed by Webb & Knapp, a few blocks northwest of the present building. Then, if the World Trade Center on the East Side eventually goes through, the Exchange would be once more in the midst of things.
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FLUSHING MEADOWS, N.Y. With 100 per cent success for the international exposition still far from assured, many exhibitors have proceeded with their plans for the 11-months-away 1964-65 New York World's Fair. Public pronouncements by Fair President Robert Moses continue to be as sanguine as ever, but observers note a number of as yet uncommitted areas on the fairgrounds.

Current construction under way takes us from the sublime (Michelangelo's "Pietà") to the Unisphere. Most Fair design remains fair design, with some exceptions, including Lescaze's branch bank and Noyes's Westinghouse exhibit. As is appropriate for such come-one-come-all shows, hyperbole is the order of the day. Pitchmen for the Johnson's Wax Pavilion claim it was designed "to make a contribution toward advanced architectural concepts in the same pioneering spirit attributed to the commissioning of our Wright-designed business buildings" (it was designed by an industrial design firm). The elliptical building at the French exhibit will be "the largest structural ellipse ever built...like a mammoth oval—the symbol of life and nature" (this will house, appropriately enough, the Folies Bergère). More on the Fair in months to come, when we have caught our breath.

Eliot Noyes's Westinghouse exhibit will have duplicate of 1939 time capsule and updated version for reference in 1969.

Clean-lined bank featuring masonry and glass walls is William Lescaze's design for First National City Bank.


Protestant Center will have a column-circled "Court of the Protestant Pioneers" by Architect Henry W. Stone.

Foremost feature of Ford Pavilion, by Welton Becket & Associates, will be a 235'-diameter circular rotunda.

...And, of course, work proceeds on the Unisphere, Moses's Disneyesque idea of something-or-other.
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"Rockefeller Center in the Countryside"

New Town Center Federal Building is the first element in New Town Center, an office and residential development proposed for Prince George's County near Washington, D. C. Major tenant—the U.S. Department of Agriculture—has already signed for 80 percent of the space. Building will also contain a cafeteria, restaurant, and cocktail lounge. Master design for the entire complex, by Edward D. Stone, provides residential and community buildings, other office structures, and malls, sunken gardens, canopied walkways, fountains, and reflecting pools. Stone describes the project as "a Rockefeller Center in the countryside."

Crisis at Columbia

The smoldering unrest between the administration of Columbia's School of Architecture and what might be called a "tenure" group of faculty members finally erupted last month, culminating in the resignation of Dean Charles Colbert and Assistant Dean Richard Miller. Kenneth Smith is now acting as Dean. Colbert's ambitious programs had alienated some of the more traditional-minded staff members, and there was also some student dissent about what they felt were somewhat autocratic methods of running the school. All in all, Colbert had begun translating Columbia from a stagnant, old-line school into a more vital, contributing institution.

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Competitions

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Projects by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in New York, Pennsylvania, and Illinois have been announced. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration Building at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (above) in Troy will be a $2.5-million facility to be built in two elements, the first using a $1.5-million grant by NASA. Project will house the Interdisciplinary Materials Research Center, including the departments of materials engineering, physics, chemistry, chemical engineering, geology, and mechanics. The new Engineering Building for the Armstrong Cork Company in Lancaster, Pa., (above) will be a three-level structure near the company's existing Research and Development Center. Mechanical and service areas will occupy the below-ground level, and the upper two floors will contain engineering, architectural, and technical services, administrative and reception areas, and a reference library. The SOM addition to the Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago (below) will provide facilities increasing the hospital's annual number of patient visits from 70,000 to 100,000. Among the added or expanded services will be more medical and surgical beds, operating rooms and surgical research areas, clinical, biochemistry, and pathology laboratories, and research facilities for radiology, nuclear medicine, biophysics, and medical illustration.

Calendar

The International Design Conference will be held in Aspen, Colo., June 24-28. Speakers on "Design and the American Image Abroad" will include Eliot Noyes, Edward R. Murrow, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., Herbert Bayer, Patwant Singh, and Reyner Banham; for details, contact Aspen Chamber of Commerce, Box 739, Aspen, Colo. . . . Producers' Council annual meeting will be at the Shoreham in Washington, D.C., September 17-20 . . . International symposium of the International Union of Architects will be held in Mexico City, October 7-11 . . . New York's Coliseum will be the scene of the 4th annual Decoration and Design Show, October 12-20 . . . 1963 International Building Exhibition will be in London, November 13-27.
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Construction industry leaders have mounted a hasty, but all-out campaign to defeat a fairly modest $8.6 million appropriation sought by the Commerce Department. The money would go to finance a proposed "Civil Industrial Technology Program," which, many fear, could be a disruptive force on the sprawling construction industry and might turn out to be an opening wedge for eventual Federal control of the industry.

Idea of the program is that the funds would be used to foster research in "laggard" industries (construction, textiles, and machine tools are mentioned) by loans to "industrial associations," or grants to firms unable or unwilling to support research.

Rallying under the banner of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, such organizations as the American Institute of Architects and the Structural Clay Products Institute make these points:

The construction industry has never been formally consulted on the program; there's a complete lack of definition of terms under which such a program would be implemented; the political implications of being able to favor one firm or group of firms and enabling them to catch up to industry leaders are obvious. And, the groups allege, the attempt to get such a program started without Congressional debate—through the device of attaching it to an appropriations bill—is politically underhanded.

Here's a thumbnail background: Last September, the Commerce Department approached Congress for a $3-million "deficiency" appropriation to finance start of the research program. The plea was based on a report by a committee of the Building Research Advisory Board, which noted the need for added research but carefully recommended that any such program be confined to the Bureau of Standards.

The House chopped the money request to $1.25 million, but the bill died in the adjournment rush. It is now before Congress again.

Then, last January, tucked away in the President's budget and economic messages, there was a request for an additional $7.4 million to finance the research program. As nearly as could be gathered from statements to Congress (and to hastily gathered business groups), Commerce would be empowered to decide which industry was lagging, and make loans to private firms as well as to what was vaguely referred to as "industrial associations," and would, in addition, concentrate largely on product development, which could possibly upset the balance of the construction industry. Worse yet, the bill would seem to sponsor entirely new industry groupings, which would certainly overlap or duplicate much existing research effort.

The industry got a strong and immediate champion in Rep. Frank T. Bow (R., Ohio) who called the Commerce proposal "the most ill-conceived, amateurish and dangerous legislative proposals I have seen in years."

Meanwhile, industry people are pushing for a general construction conference within the next two months; they hope that the House Appropriations Committee will hold out the appropriation until the industry has had a chance to comment.

To Send For

Must reading: "How to Obtain Consideration for Architect-Engineer Contracts with the Department of Defense." This 24-page booklet (15c from Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D.C.) is the long-awaited explanation of recent Defense Department rulings on how many and what kind of contracts can be awarded by military contracting agencies.

In Congress

Although Congress managed to reach its Easter vacation without passing a single major bill, it was possible to spot some trends.

Most important is the evidence that economy moves are having some effect: the Administration, in response to strong Congressional and public reaction to heavy spending proposals which, coupled to tax cuts, would incur a huge deficit, began to cut back some of its own requests.

For example, the House committees chopped 9 per cent from the Interior Department appropriations; cut funds for the Treasury and Post Office Departments by about 2.4 per cent; and Administration stalwarts themselves cut the mass-transit aid request from $500 million to $375 million.

It should be noted, however, that most of these cuts still left plenty of money in the government-agency tills. In most cases, what was left remained above levels of last year.

It was obvious, as of mid-April, that Congress was really sharpening its knives for one thing: the foreign-aid bill, when it finally gets to the floor.

On legislation generally, the Senate did pass one measure of interest to architects: S. 816, which would set up a "Commission on Science and Technology" to study programs, methods, and procedures of Federal departments in scientific programs.

Members would represent the legislative and executive branches of the Government, and would include "persons from private life who are eminent in . . . fields of science or engineering."

Johnson Jibes

It seems to be the fashion, nowadays, for everyone to criticize Washington as a city and a setting.

Latest critic is Philip Johnson, who took a dim view of the ancient, dumpy buildings that clutter Pennsylvania Avenue; the haphazard placement of buildings along the Mall; and the slicing up of the city by expressways.

But there might be some help on the way for "The Avenue," anyway. General Services Administration said it had designated two architectural firms to design a $47.7-million headquarters for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to replace some of the ancient structures on that street.

FINANCIAL

Another warning flag on construction costs was raised when the Bureau of Reclamation said its Composite Cost Index equalled an all-time high in January.

The index (based on the period from 1949-51) rose 1.6 per cent over that of the same month a year ago, and 3.2 per cent over 1961.

Coupled with the Bureau of Public Roads Index, which shows a similar sharp rise at the end of 1962, the BuRec index could now indicate a fixed cost uptrend.

Nevertheless, construction industry health and prospects continued to look good as spring got under way.

The Census Bureau, for example, reported the value of new construction put in place in March as $4.3 billion—up 8 per cent over February, and up 5 per cent over March a year ago. Housing starts, in February, were 11 per cent higher than a year ago.

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An innovation in floor tile—"VICO Glazed Sculptile Pavers"—combine the durability and sure-footedness of quarry tile with the decorative possibilities of glazed ceramic tile. A bright-colored glazed portion is depressed below natural-color unglazed parts of the designs, so that the unglazed lines afford a nonslip surface while protecting the glazed surface against wear and damage. There are six basic designs, in stripes and geometric patterns; 14 standard colors. Tiles are impervious to water, moisture, and extremes of heat and cold, and are applicable both to indoor and outdoor use. Size is 6" x 3". Amsterdam Corp., 285 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

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30-Year Epoxy Primer for Aluminum Siding

An epoxy-based primer for aluminum siding is expected to give at least 30 years protection against the elements. The new material, in addition to providing a tough protective coating for siding, gives a high-strength bond for a final coating of acrylic. This durable bond reduces erosion of the acrylic and adds greatly to its life span. (Until recently, most aluminum siding was coated with a single layer of acrylic material, which had a life expectancy of about 15 years.) The epoxy-based primer is the result of a collaboration between Alsar Manufacturers, Inc., Southfield, Mich., and the Cook Paint & Varnish Co., Detroit, using an epoxy formulation based on Shell's "Epon 1007" resin. Alsar has now developed an application method for the system that is both fast and economical, with the epoxy coating and the acrylic top coat applied in the same processing line. Shell Chemical Co., 50 W. 50 St., New York, N. Y.

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Other Chairs on Eames Base

In addition to the seating described on the new tandem base by Charles Eames in NOVEMBER 1962 P/A, pp. 140-145, one can also have his plastic chair shells used in La Fonda del Sol in New York. Both side and arm shells can be mounted on the base, in multiples of three to five. They are available in all standard Herman Miller plastic and upholstery colors. Herman Miller, Zeeland, Mich.

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Well-Articulated Desks

Precisely articulated, mechanically jointed steel structure in mirror-chrome finish is the keynote of an executive desk group designed by Hugh Acton. Desk, desk table, cabinet, and conference table comprise the group. Desks can have 14 drawers, but to prevent a cluttered facade, the door of the drawer cabinet swings down under the pedestal on pantographic arms. Drawers also have a front access detail, which enables papers to be filed without opening the drawers. Front of file drawer tilts to facilitate viewing. Hugh Acton Design & Mfg. Co., 588 Brookside, Birmingham, Mich.

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New Air-Light Troffer

"A-L" troffer is designed to work with any one of various air diffusers made by different manufacturers, as specified by the professional. The diffuser is positioned outside the light troffer, thus keeping supply air from entering the light troffer; the air damper adjusts without opening the fixture. Units can be used for either supply or return air, or supply and return air in the same package. Troffers are 1'
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New Railing Components

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Louver Size Guide

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The modern planning theory, unfortunately still practiced today, aims at the crystallization of all the diverse functions into separate entities and their isolation from each other. The synthesis is subsequently achieved by linking all the elements with a network of communication lines, mostly fast-speed auto routes. This amalgam is wishfully called a city. The trouble is that what we have here is a synthetic city, not in the older meaning of the word but in its newer version—an ersatz. An urban area planned according to this theory is a dismembered and gutted organism; it is a sick non-city.

The syndrome is by now evident all over the world. I noticed this on my recent visit to several European cities. After the wartime hiatus, Europeans are building at a feverish pace and what they build has much in common. Except for a few buildings in the older built-up sections, most of the new construction is on the peripheries.

Take for instance Marly-les-Grandes-Terres near Paris, which is a large complex of identical and undistinguished residential blocks arranged in a pattern that creates a series of rather loosely defined greens. There are no streets, no squares, no axes, no changes in scale, none of the traditional devices that made the older towns interesting and stimulating. A less inspiring complex of buildings and spaces would be difficult to imagine. The non-housing part consists of a small-scale shopping center (it happens to be very well designed), which also serves as a sort of miniature downtown. All one can call such an accumulation of buildings is not a new town but a housing development, in spite of its size (population 6000) and the inclusion of elements other than residential. A road loops around this verdant environment, so fortunately one can quickly drive around it and then head back to the less hygienic but much more human older French towns. There must be something seriously wrong when a visitor who came to admire an urban area claimed by many to be a worthy illustration of modern city planning is that anxious to get away from it.

Marly-les-Grandes-Terres is only one example. There are others throughout Europe and, of course, many home-grown specimens in the U.S. Perhaps the only real difference is that in the U.S. there is usually no place to escape to, unless it be unspoiled countryside.

For we too do not build cities any longer. Instead we build centers—cultural centers, government centers, medical centers, civic centers, shopping centers, amusement centers—all kinds of centers. We also build industrial parks and the inevitable housing projects. People are supposed to live in projects and work in parks. Whenever they want to do something else they go to centers, which usually means that they drive. So we build large parking lots ("open areas") that meander through the parks and projects, and even larger parking lots that surround the centers. To get from parking lot to parking lot we build freeways, expressways, throughways—all sorts of ways. Also all sorts of passes—overpasses, underpasses, bypasses. I am afraid that the result of all this is only more and more impasses.

Two months ago, I wrote on this page that modern architecture is now entering a period of maturing and that a new era of greatness is likely to come about. What I did not say at the time is that the architects’ efforts might be largely wasted unless a solution to the urban problem is found. A valid modern urban form has to be discovered; otherwise we might end up with great buildings but no great cities.

In this issue we show several individual houses located in rural or semi-rural environments. Houses are often important architectural statements. They are also fun to design and fun to live in. But they are not urban buildings and play no part in the urban controversy.
HOUSES: The art of combining forms

The struggle for a valid contemporary architectural expression has never been as intense or as unresolved as it is today. In previous eras, architectural forms were rigidly defined, each form having developed logically from those of the preceding period. However, with the coming of the Industrial Revolution—its new materials, new construction methods, the new process of urbanization, and radically changing political patterns that encouraged maximum freedom of individual expression—reliance on tradition was invalidated for the architect as for everyone else. Speaking of the architectural problems of that period, and summing up our current dilemma as well, one 19th-Century critic complained that “in the whole range of architectural literature it is nowhere stated how the work of combining forms is to be carried on.” He foresaw the difficulties that have multiplied even since his time, stating that “there is no school in existence which teaches the proper use of old forms or a possible development of new forms” and noted with regret that “each man is to govern himself in this matter as he pleases, working for grand effects, striking effects, palatial effects, homely effects, or grotesque effects... Architects change their forms and combinations of forms from day to day, in order to make up by novelty what is lacking in truth; and thus architecture has ceased to be an art, and has become a pastime.”

Admitting that the problem of “formgiving” has grown more complex and that today there is little evidence of a unified architectural direction, it is important to remember that this has not always been so. In this country, for example, carpenters and emerging young architects of the 18th Century did have an architectural literature that stated how the work of combining forms was to be carried on. The prototype of a Country House (facing page) from Asher Benjamin’s The Country Builder’s Assistant was not invented overnight, but was the culmination of centuries of gradual architectural development in the Anglo-Saxon tradition. In this first American manual on house building, published in 1797 at Greenfield, Massachusetts, Benjamin presents, according to the subtitle of the book, “A collection of New Designs of Carpentry and Architecture which will be particularly useful to Country Workmen in general.” He included: “Illustrations of frontispieces, chimney pieces, Tuscan, Doric, Ionic and Corinthian orders, with their bases, capitals and entablatures (p. 134): Architraves for Doors, Windows & Chimneys: Cornices, Base, and Surbase Mouldings for Rooms: Doors and Sashes with their Mouldings: The Construction of Stairs with their Ramp and Twist Rails (p. 135): Plan, Elevation and one Section of a Meetinghouse, with the Pulpit at large: Plans and Elevations of Houses: the best method of finding the length, and backing of hip rafters: Also the tracing of Groins, Angle Brackets, Circular Soffits in Circular Walls & etc.”

Little was left to the imagination of the “Country Workmen” who, in the spirit of the time, followed Benjamin’s prototypes religiously. However, what was done was of a form whose proportions and lines had been perfected over many years. We owe much of our fine architectural heritage to the students of Asher Benjamin and their respectful and disciplined execution of his prototypes.

Benjamin’s guides were the English manuals of the period, as, for example, The Gentleman and Farmer’s Architect by T. Lightoler, and The Country Gentleman’s Architect by J. Miller, both published in London in 1764 and 1787 respectively. With the exception of the designs for three cottages by J. Miller (p. 137), these farmhouses and villas (pp. 136, 137) are much more elaborate than those in the American manual, as they were primarily intended for “country gentlemen” and not their more humble American cousins. Already in these English examples one detects a tendency toward “form for form’s

Text continued on page 138.
"The Plan and Scrole of the Twist Rail for a Staircase" from Asher Benjamin's *The Country Builder's Assistant*, Greenfield, Massachusetts, 1797.
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sake"; a departure from the strict discipline of the classical form. With Lightoler's now amusing proposal of “façades to place before disagreeable objects,” (p. 130) architecture was well on its way to becoming a pastime.

The publication in 1859 of The House: A Pocket Manual of Rural Architecture, by Daniel Harrison Jacques, and similar books directed mainly at the general public, finds U.S. architecture a mere collection of fashionable forms. It is indicative that Jacques, a non-architect (incidentally, also the author of such other books as How to Write, How to Talk, How to Behave, How to do Business, The Garden, The Farm, Domestic Animals, The Right Word in the Right Place) became the advisor on “How to Build Country Houses and Out Buildings.” Jacques traces the origin of the house from the tent to the castle and also attempts to answer the question of indigenous American form. “Thus far,” he says, “we have been content to build in every style, ancient and modern, and most of all, in NO style; covering the whole face of the country with incongruous and unsightly structures.” However, the author notes a year-by-year improvement that “will go on; the modifications which our climates and modes of life suggest in existing styles will assume definite, and artistic, and permanent shape, and the new American style or styles will receive their birth. In the meantime, we must borrow and modify as best we may.” Jacques offers a plethora of house possibilities—Grecian temples, Italian villas, Swiss chalets, Flemish halls, Gothic cottages, including an octagonal and even a circular house—“as our little book is made for everybody.”

But the architect today confronts an ever-increasing literature, modern travel and communications, and myriad other influences and distractions, even beyond those that prevailed a hundred years ago. These factors cannot and must not be ignored, yet only a very disciplined architect can be exposed to them and still preserve unity and purpose in his work. The architects who designed the seven houses shown on the following pages, have, in our opinion, acted with skill, restraint, and self-discipline in working out their form or combinations of form: Marquis & Stoller in their composition of four related forms (1); Raymond & Rado in maintaining a classical discipline throughout (2); Wisniewski in developing a sympathetic structural vocabulary within the context of the site (3); Johansen in his skillful repetition of like forms (4); Hoag in contrasting the angular with the rounded (5); Moore in creating light and spatial interest within a deceptively simple exterior form (6); and Maston in his concept of man-made versus natural form (7).
Residence, Manursing Island, Rye, New York
Raymond & Rado, Architects
Summer Cottage, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts
Davis, Brody & Wisniewski, Architects
The Tidewater House, South Norwalk, Connecticut
John MacL. Johansen, Architect
Residence, Santa Ana, California
Paul Sterling Hoag, Architect
Residence, Los Angeles, California
Carl Maston, Architect
"Architecture is the masterly, correct and magnificent play of masses brought together in light. Our eyes are made to see forms in light; light and shade reveal these forms; cubes, cones, spheres, cylinders or pyramids are the great primary forms which light reveals to advantage."  

LE CORBUSIER
Residence, Mill Valley, California
Marquis & Stoller, Architects

Form and the combining of related forms was of more than ordinary importance in the design of this house because of its unusual location at the end of a steep, descending approach road. The fact that the house would first be seen from above, influenced not only the plan solution but particularly the composition of the roofscape. Taking into consideration also the site and program requirements, the decentralized “form” of this house is unusually appropriate in an aesthetic as well as a practical sense. An isolated ridge in Mill Valley, overlooking San Francisco, forms the site of this building. The owners envisioned the house as a place to retreat to after a busy day—a kind of Shangri La—where they could pursue their hobbies of pottery, photography, writing, and swimming. Four “houses,” all of them square in plan and topped with pyramidal roofs, make up the “village compound.” The first is a carport; the second houses a ceramic shop, photography darkroom, and utility room; the third contains a bedroom; the fourth and dominant one is devoted to kitchen, living/dining room. A covered walk links all four of the units and provides at the same time a poolside, covered terrace. Wide overhangs and the redwood retaining wall, not unlike the medieval encircling wall, emphasize the village quality and provide a sense of shelter and protection—an important consideration on the exposed site.

First impression of the house is a birds'-eye view, focusing particular attention on the composition of the roof. Loosening of the building complex into a village-like compound helped to adapt the structure more sympathetically to its site, assisted in creating visual interest when observed from the high vantage point, and solved the manifold plan requirements. Redwood, in its natural state, is the predominant building material.
Within the house, the architects have consciously attempted to introduce varied types of spaces. The study (above), directly off the living room, is dark and cave-like in comparison to the brightly lit and spacious living room (facing page, bottom; below; and color photo #1). The bedroom (left) partially sheltered, partially open, is a simple, complete unit in itself, defined by its own pyramidal roof, though appropriately without skylight. This space is 18'-6" square in plan, with a ceiling height of 10'-6" at the window line. The roof extends 4' beyond this line in all four directions. Interior wall and ceiling surfaces and most of the architect-designed, built-in furnishings are of redwood.
Kitchen (left), living and dining area (below) are all contained within the largest of the four “house” units, measuring 24' x 24'. Its pyramidal roof is topped by a plastic skylight, also pyramidal in shape, though of a steeper slope than the 4 to 12 pitch of the shingle roof. To resist the horizontal thrust of the roof load, ¾" tie rods have been installed at the perimeter wall. Diagonal bracing and shear walls provide lateral stiffness.
“Architects change their forms and combinations of forms from day to day in order to make up by novelty what is lacking in Truth,” complained the critic of Artistic Country Seats in surveying the architecture of the 1880’s. Today, in another period of architectural transition, this is again a prevalent criticism. One of the few architectural firms that have disregarded the current race for “novelty” and have instead devoted their efforts toward improvement and refinement of contemporary architecture, are the designers of this house. It was their specific objective “to demonstrate the maturity of today’s architectural idiom by subjecting it to a classical discipline” through the establishment of a “clearly defined regular structure, articulated detailing, and consistent use of materials.” In accordance with these principles, the structure is simple, purposely understated, a “unified volume in repose.” But within this disciplined classical concept, the architects wished to achieve “a free, dynamic flow of space within the structure itself and outward.” This “flow of space,” particularly apparent in the two central bays, also interacts with the outside spaces—the entry garden on one side, Long Island Sound on the other. Though vertical, horizontal, and even diagonal elements are juxtaposed in this main living space, the discipline of the structural module is clearly felt, and the brick piers serve as the strong unifying force. Seen from the outside, these pronounced vertical elements also unify the facades, where several materials such as glass, enameled asbestos board, and vertical siding have been combined. The same “classical discipline” has been applied to the selection and design of interior furnishings, carrying the theme to its logical conclusion.

**STRUCTURE:** Frame: exposed brick piers/12" x 16"/two stories high/spaced 20 ft in one direction, 10 ft in the other; steel girders span 20 ft direction; wood joists between steel girders. Walls: cedar siding. Roof: wood; slate covered/Riding & Nelson; soft: T&C cedar boards; cornice painted white. Windows: aluminum sliding, steel casements/painted dark gray/Arcadia; Thermopane/grey glass/Hope’s Windows; skylights/3-light glass screens/Liberty-Owens-Ford. **EQUIPMENT:** summer-air conditioning/forced-air oil heater/Lennox. **ENTRY:** Floor: black slate. **LIVING ROOM:** Floor: oak. Walls: walnut plywood; white Formica. Ceiling: T&C cedar boards. Lighting: recessed downlights/Century Lighting; wall brackets/painted white/Harry Gullin. Carpet: white wool/Carpetic; Knoll Associates. **FURNITURE:** Satin walnut; leather/Herman Miller. **INTERIORS:** sofas: functional/Design Previews. **WALLS:** plastic laminate/white/Rowen. **CEILING:** plaster board/white. **CARPET:** blue/Wooldale. **TABLE:** stainless steel/Iracertine/architect-designed/Edgewood Furniture. **CHAIRS:** black leather/natural leather/Lacene. **DRAPERIES:** white silk/Rowen. **BEDROOM:** Wall: natural linen/Fibralia/Herman Miller. **UPSTAIRS SITTING ROOM:** flooring, window bench: oak. **DRAPERIES:** Fibrein/Herman Miller. **SOFA:** convertible/Design Previews. **UPSTAIRS BEDROOM:** Carpet: blue-green/Raymour & Flanigan. **CHAIR UPHOLSTERY:** natural linen/Rowen. **BEDROOM:** Belgian linen; Fibra print/Knoll. **STORAGE:** Rodman/Standig. **OTHER:** drapery rod/Knoll; side table: Mortenson/Far Eastern Fabrics. **HARDWARE:** lock sets/Russell Erwin; hinges/Stanley Works; on cabineu/Grant. Knape & Vogt. **ASSOCIATES:** Project Manager: Howard L. Boninglon. Architectural Engineer: Paul Weidlinger. Mechanical Engineer: Henry J. Campbell, Jr. Landscape Consultant: Kaneji Domoto. **PHOTOS:** (including color): Alexandre Georges.
Within this classically disciplined structure, space flows freely through the interior and outward.
Stairhall (facing page, top), bridge to sunporch, upper sitting room/guest room (facing page, bottom), dining room (above) and living room (right) are all part of one large 30 ft x 40 ft space two stories in height. In this space the natural materials, in the form of brick piers, wood panels, slate and oak flooring, are contrasted with white plastic laminate wall panels, white wool carpeting, and curtains. Here, as throughout the house, meticulous craftsmanship—the result of careful detailing and close supervision on the site and in the fabricating shops—is apparent.
Summer Cottage, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts
Davis, Brody & Wisniewski, Architects

The natural setting—a hill with lush vegetation, wild fern, grape and cherry, and mature trees of all varieties—clearly influenced the design of this summer cottage for C. Wisniewski. It was the architect's original design intention (see p. 134, JANUARY 1961 P/A) to keep some of this lush growth in the center of the house and at the same time to provide wide decks for viewing in all four directions. It was to be a "platform house," which, like a tree house, would blend into the landscape and become part of it. Architectural form, in this instance, was to subordinate itself to the setting. To give the building the desired lightness and transparency, the architect devised a structural system composed of wood umbrellas (diagram below). For convenience and economy, these were prefabricated by the architect himself in a New York carpenter shop and later erected on the site. (The erection sequence will be published in next month's P/A.)

The tree-like shape of the umbrellas, the choice of wood as the only structural material, and the use of glass for exterior and interior walls—all tend to fuse structure with landscape. In keeping with its unpretentiousness, the cottage is furnished with pieces, culled from attics and basements. Light and privacy are controlled by means of curtains. Screens have been kept out of sight as much as possible by screening the top of the garden court and the underside of the building, by providing narrow ventilation slots in the floor, and by keeping exterior screen doors to a minimum of three.

The house answers two types of living requirements: (1) wide decks and glass walls open all areas of the vacation cottage to the distant views; (2) its interior court, intended as a common room for the family, provides privacy and intimate garden space. "This solution," says the architect, "is a balance between the extroverted and the introverted aspects of summer living."
The floor platform was put in place after erection of the umbrellas. Random-width oak floor planks have been laid with \( \frac{3}{4} \)-in. spaces to make up for irregularities in the wood. At the decks, these spaces were left open; inside, they have been filled with pine strips. All of the rooms are in units or in multiples of the 8 ft x 8 ft roof section. The living room (facing page, bottom) is made up of ten such umbrella sections, taking up one entire side of the house. A stone fireplace, originally intended for one end wall, was not installed, since its heaviness was felt to be out of character with the light umbrella structure. Instead, the room is heated by a cast-iron stove, which required no extra foundation support. At a future date, the architect intends to add a separate stone structure with fireplace, to provide an interior space of an entirely different and contrasting nature. A utility shed, using the umbrella vocabulary, will also be added.
The Tidewater House, South Norwalk, Connecticut
John Macl. Johansen, Architect

The architect has repeated a single form to compose this large house, which is located on Long Island Sound. Sturdy, buff-colored brick piers, laid out on a 12-ft module, define square bays that are otherwise walled in glass and wood siding. A flat roof, which is set back to the center line of the piers, gives the bays the appearance of cubes. These are the component forms of the building. Because of flooding during the hurricane season, the floor platform of the "Tidewater House" is set at 9 ft above mean high water; it is anchored to a rocky knoll at the garage but elevated over the lower ground at the other end. Although the layout of the piers is modular and almost symmetrical, the building is irregular in plan. Some of the bays are enclosed; others are devoted to open terraces and entryways. In several bays, the platform is cut away and the space used for planting. The irregularity of the plan is also extended vertically: the main living space has a higher ceiling, and a single bay on an upper level provides a crow's-nest study. The house has three zones, each with a separate entry: an area for the five children and nurse; the main living space and parents' suite; and a service area with room for a live-in cook. A spine 12-bays long provides a central circulation route. The piers are strong visual elements both outside and inside the house and are intended to give the effect of living in a pergola. After the house was finished, another bay, enlarging the master bedroom, was added, as can be seen in the photo on the facing page.


PHOTOS: Norman R. C. McGrath; color, and photo below, Robert Stahman.
On the interior, the piers are visually strongest where bays are combined to provide flowing spaces. The children’s living room (below) shows the use of two adjoining bays as a single room. The pergola effect is most apparent in the living-dining space (above and photos left). The living room is two bays square; the 12-ft ceiling is spanned with steel beams. Glass walls on the front and rear of the room and clerestory windows on the sides that adjoin the 8-ft-high bays allow splashes of sunlight in the room at all times of day. The column between living and dining room is left free standing. Outside, white wood trellises over terraces (facing page) state the pergola theme explicitly.
Residence, Santa Ana, California
Paul Sterling Hoag, Architect

Counterpoint is the keynote of this hilltop house, which commands unobstructed views of immense reaches of range-land. "Exposure to heat and 75 mph winds suggested a powerful and heavy structural aesthetic," the architect notes, yet it was important not to impair the views. Two basically rectangular wings perpendicular to one another are linked by a rectangular, free-flowing living-dining-entry space. This space is set forward on the terrace and walled with glass. A shear wall that provides lateral bracing to the southeast corner of the living room is placed outside so as not to obstruct the view; it is pierced by a rectangular opening. The higher-ceilinged living space is roofed by an inverted "U," the legs of which are box beams designed to support long overhangs. The "U" motif is repeated in chimney caps and rain spouts. Strip windows and louvered panels reiterate the rectangular theme. On the terrace side of the house, curved lines are introduced "as a frank counterpoint to the rectangularity." Hoag states that, in each house he designs, he seeks to express the unique personalities of the clients. "I am especially happy," he says, "when clients tell me they like few of my houses other than their own." In this case, the owner is a nuclear scientist who desires "order"; but both husband and wife have "the Chopin-lover's craving for the dramatic" and both are gregarious. Hoag feels that the contrapuntal use of forms expresses these traits.

On the entry side of the house (left), all the forms are rectangular. The continuous roof line of the perpendicular wings, interrupted only by the inverted “U” roofing the living space, is emphasized by narrow clerestory windows. Parts of the facade are set back so that the inverted “U” motif reads in the wall elevation also. The guest patio (two photos bottom left) is screened by a rectangular wall. The view from the driveway (above) reveals the counterpoint of the curved terrace walls: a high, curved wall sheltering the carport braces a curved windscreen for the pool. The garden off the master bath is enclosed by a high, circular wall (below), which is pierced by rectangular louvered panels.
From the southeast (above), the unusual combination of round and rectangular forms shows at its most eclectic. The rectangular bedroom wing, the pierced shear wall, and the projecting roof of the living room contrast markedly with the high circular enclosure of the garden off the master bath and with the low wall of the terrace. This wall describes a wide arc between the garden enclosure and the circular wall of a bench around a barbecue pit (right and below). There is another similar bench at the north end of the terrace. From these vantage points and from the "lanai," which is sheltered by a post and beam structure, the views over the rangeland are expansive. The gently rolling horizon reads as a freehand line drawn between the two juxtaposed geometric compositions.
The living-dining-entry space (this page) is designed to accommodate small conversation groups (left) and dinner parties (left, below) as well as larger gatherings for musical events, such as string quartet performances and the playing of taped concerts by musician friends (bottom). The stereo speakers have been set in the higher space provided by the box beams of the roof (bottom). The den (below), which overlooks the lanai and pool, can be closed off to form a separate, more intimate space. Most of the furnishings of the house are rectangular; the prominent pieces adjacent to the glass walls are curvilinear and recall the forms of the terrace wall.
Residence, Orinda, California
Charles W. Moore, Architect

The exterior of the architect's own house shows so simple and unassuming a combination of forms that one might wonder about discussing it in the context of “The Art of Combining Forms.” Outside, there is little to suggest the surprises on the interior. Inside, the house is a single space, which has remarkable variety as well as unity of form. Within this space are two pyramidal elements, referred to as domes by the architect; each rests on four Tuscan columns, which were salvaged from a demolition. These solid fir columns, which also help to support the roof (see selected detail, p. 180), define two squares—a living area under the larger dome and a sunken tub under the smaller. Because these two squares are placed off center of the square floor plan, the smaller dome leans in toward the middle to reach the rectangular skylight that runs along the ridge; the larger dome leans to one end of the skylight. The domes, then, are asymmetrical restatements of the roof form. Around and between the domes, the space is open, extending to the dark-stained underside of the roof. Like inverted funnels, the white domes focus light onto the areas they define. “During the day,” Moore observes, “patches of light move across the space, and one's sense of position around the columns and under the domes shifts in a way that continues to seem important.”

In the 1962 P/A Design Awards Program, in which this house won a Citation, one juror remarked that the interior was more akin to stage setting than to architecture. The spatial and lighting effects are, in fact, similar to stage techniques and reminiscent of those employed in baroque architecture, with which this house has much in common.

No two facades of this square house are identical, owing to the rectangular skylight and the disposition of walls and of solid and glass doors, which slide on barn door tracks. Yet the house is so foursquare that several molds for waterworks equipment, used as exterior sculptures, seem almost free form by contrast.

The roof of a small shed on the entrance side (facing page and above) vigorously opposes the pitch of the house roof adjacent (right). The site is a glen filled with ferns and oaks and bay trees.
The living-dining area (right and below) is focused under the larger dome; the shower and sunken tub are beneath the smaller (facing page, top). The space around and between the domes is open to the rafters and to the skylight (above). Sunlight moves across the space, picking up the dark ceiling, the vibrant blue fascia, the soft putty-green walls, and the dark floor at different times of day. Sliding doors open half of each side of the house (below, right); because there are no overhangs, the out-of-doors seems particularly close. Since the interior is one open, volatile space, the first addition to the house will be a secluded bedroom; two sleeping areas are presently defined by a tall, ochre-painted bookcase (above). The impression of elegance is intended to come from the space and the light rather than from special details or finish. The furnishings and the decorative details are highly picturesque. Mauve and magenta paint is used on the capitals of the columns. A wall for storage also provides shadow-box display niches (facing page, bottom photos).
Residence, Los Angeles, California
Carl Maston, Architect

A consideration of the forms in this design must go beyond the composition of the house to include the relation of the structure and its site. The property borders an access road and rises up a steep hillside, which looks out over Los Angeles. In designing the building, the architect rejected both site leveling and building on stilts, which are common practices in the vicinity, and resolved to maintain the quality of the terrain and to effect a relationship between the house and site that would not be artificial. The building is set into the hillside, occupying a space that was excavated. The structure is of concrete poured in forms of 1" x 6" horizontal boards. Its front and side walls were sandblasted to expose the aggregate; those walls not sandblasted were acid-stained off-white. The side walls and floor slabs buttress the rear wall, so that the entire structure serves, both functionally and visually, as a retaining wall to the slope. Landscaping was minimal, since ground covers and trees were not disturbed. Within this concept of the house as a retaining wall, the building is designed as a "townhouse" for a professional couple who also wanted the privacy of their terrace and pool. The forms of the house expresses a vertical circulation pattern, which is analogous to urban houses, in the three-story end over the garage. The upper level, which comprises a living-dining area, studio, and kitchen, is a horizontal space that opens onto a terrace, pool, and small garden. The inverted "L" form of the glass-and-wood house front is visually complemented by a rectangular concrete wall that retains the pool and terrace.

**STRUCTURE:** concrete/poured in place; walls and floor slabs buttress each other; exterior walls sandblasted to expose aggregate. **Roof:** paired 2 x 12 joints bolted to space; built-up roofing; projecting redwood fascia. **LIVING-DINING ROOM:** Floor: flat acid brick/dark brown/Cladding McCrean/faced with mortar over electric radiant heating coils/General Electric. **Walls:** concrete/poured in form of 1" x 6" horizontal boards/sandblasted, acid stained/white; redwood millwork/1/4" glass/crystal. **Doors:** sliding aluminum/Arcadia. **Ceiling:** redwood boards/1" x 8" spaced; bun-up roofing; projecting redwood fascia. **LIVING-DINING ROOM:** **Floor:** flint acid brick/dark brown/Gladding McBean/laid without mortar over electric radiant heating coils/General Electric. **Wall:** concrete/poured in forms of 1" x 6" horizontal boards/sandblasted, acid stained/white; redwood millwork/1/4" glass/crystal. **Doors:** sliding aluminum/Arcadia. **Ceiling:** redwood boards/1" x 8" resawn; attached to 1/2" insulating board/black/Ceolites; skylight/plastic/Cromalux. **FLOORING:** brick/face-milled/marble/white marble. **Cabinets:** teak plywood. **Counters:** stainless steel. **Equipment:** General Electric. **MASTER BEDROOM:** **Carpeting:** bronze. **Ceiling:** concrete painted burnish orange. **Doors:** hollow core/Ostling. **Hardware:** lock sets/stainless steel/Schlage. **Cabinetwork:** teak plywood/valance. **Counters:** backspash: stainless steel. **Equipment:** General Electric. **MASTER BEDROOM:** **Carpeting:** bronze. **Ceiling:** concrete painted burnish orange. **Doors:** hollow core/Ostling. **Hardware:** lock sets/stainless steel/Schlage. **Cabinetwork:** teak plywood. **ASSOCIATES:** Interior Designers: Kennett-Brossmer. **PHOTOS:** (including color): Julius Shulman.
On the interior, the upper level is an open-plan space that extends from the living area, rises several steps to the dining area (above and facing page), and flows around a teak cabinet divider into a studio (below) and into the kitchen on the other side (above, right, and bottom, right). The divider is low enough so that the plane of the ceiling can be seen in entirety; redwood ceiling boards are spaced apart to reveal black insulation, which provides both decorative and acoustical benefits. A skylight along the rear wall (below) balances the daylight from the glass front wall. On the middle level, the master bedroom (right) and guest bedroom open onto a balcony.
RESIDENCE: Orinda, California
CHARLES W. MOORE, Architect

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One of the more troublesome aspects of construction, which often engenders disputes or litigation, relates to subsurface conditions that differ from those anticipated. In a typical situation, boring data or other information does not adequately reflect the conditions that are actually found upon excavation, causing the contractor unexpected work and expense. The contractor then claims for extra compensation, the right to which is disputed. To avoid such disputes, the construction contract should clearly fix the responsibility for ascertaining subsurface conditions.

The United States Supreme Court has stated that, where a contractor undertakes to construct a project for a particular fee, "he will not be excused or be come entitled to additional compensation because unforeseen difficulties are encountered." Thus, stated the Court, "one who undertakes to erect a structure upon a particular site assumes ordinarily the risk of subsidence of the soil. But if the contractor is bound to build according to plans and specifications prepared by the owner, the contractor will not be responsible for the consequences of defects in the plans and specifications." (U.S. v. Spearin, 248 U.S. 132).

Consequently, the judicial decisions relating to subsurface conditions fall generally into two types. In one type, subsurface information and data is considered as included in the plans and specifications; therefore, any difference between actual conditions and the information furnished is the responsibility of the owner. In the other type of case, it is found that the contractor was required to ascertain soil and subsurface conditions before bidding or entering into the contract, and any difference between actual conditions and data secured is his responsibility. The difficulty, however, lies in interpreting the construction contract to determine into which class a particular fact situation falls.

For example, in one case (Nieuwenhuis Company, Inc. v. The State of New York, 248 App. Div., 658), the contractor had entered into an agreement to construct 25 buildings for the State of New York in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the State. The contract provided that the contractor "shall be held to have visited the site prior to the submission of his proposal for the work, and to have made all necessary investigations and measurements, and to have appraised the conditions under which the work is to be executed." The contractor, however, had made no borings or tests to determine subsurface conditions. Upon commencing construction, the contractor discovered that at footing levels the soil was found to be water-bearing and soft, and unfit to support the structures, requiring ditching, draining, and drying of the soil before the foundations could be laid. Such a condition was unusual and unexpected. The Court concluded, however, that since the contractor saw fit to make his bid without resort to borings or other tests, he would be required to perform the unanticipated work without extra compensation.

However, the opposite result was reached in another case involving the State of New York (Gauldwell-Wingate Co. v. State of New York, 276 N.Y. 365). In this case, the State had awarded two separate contracts, one for excavation and foundation work and one for the erection of the superstructure. The superstructure contractor could not commence his work until the foundation was complete. The excavating contractor was delayed because of unexpected subsurface conditions, and, as a consequence, the superstructure contractor made claim against the owner for extra compensation for delay which he was caused to sustain. The State defended against this claim on the ground that the superstructure contractor was required to make borings to discover the nature of the subsoil pursuant to a contractual provision which obligated the contractor to visit the site and to apprise himself of the "conditions under which the work of the contract is to be executed." The Court, however, ruled in favor of the contractor, holding that it would be unreasonable to require a contractor, whose work only commenced when the foundations were completed, to make soundings and borings to discover whether the plans and specifications of the owner regarding the foundation were accurate or not.

Similarly, in the United States Supreme Court decision referred to above, a contractor was deemed not responsible for extra work due to the unanticipated bursting of a sewer, under provisions of the construction contract requiring the contractor to examine the site, to check the plans, and to assume responsibility for the work until completion and acceptance. The Court held that the plans and specifications of the owner, which describe the correct dimensions and location of the sewer "imported a warranty that if the specifications were complied with, the sewer would be adequate. . . . The obligation to examine the site did not impose upon him the duty of determining, at his peril, whether the sewer specifically prescribed by the government would be adequate."

It would seem clear that a claim for extra compensation for unanticipated subsurface conditions can only be safely avoided by not only clearly providing in the construction contract that the responsibility for ascertaining subsurface conditions shall be that of the contractor, but also that information or data furnished or secured by the owner in this respect shall not be deemed part of the plans and specifications. Any boring data or any other information relating to the subsurface conditions furnished to the contractor should be expressly designated as not included in the construction contract itself.
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The challenge to the CSI to resolve contradictory claims of manufacturers and associations concerning materials and methods is discussed by the Chief Specifications Writer, Kelly & Gruzen, Architects-Engineers.

Since the Construction Specification Institute is holding its annual convention this month, the time is appropriate for it to reconsider some of the basic purposes involved in the founding of the organization. According to the CSI Certificate of Incorporation, one of the objectives of the organization is "to conduct studies and technical research, including the testing of supplies, materials, and products made or used, or capable of being made or used, in the construction and allied industries."

The challenge to CSI on this issue is underscored by the continually conflicting statements issued by manufacturers on the one hand and associations on the other concerning the relative quality and reliability of various materials and methods of construction. The individual architect or engineer certainly does not have either the resources or the necessary funds to perform tests on every new product or assembly of materials that would permit him to evaluate claims made by manufacturers' representatives. Furthermore, the architect, engineer, or specifications writer is at the mercy of the courts if he specifies materials or methods that do not perform satisfactorily: The courts have held that: (1) the architect or engineer is responsible for the proper selection and application of materials, as well as for adequate research; and (2) that reliance on advertising material of a manufacturer does not necessarily protect the architect.

The legal counsel of the New York Chapter of the AIA, Nathan Walker, has suggested that the CSI should: (1) test materials; (2) provide a storehouse of authoritative information on materials; and (3) retain a rotating panel of experts to consider the quality and suitability of materials. If such a system were adopted, the architect or engineer would be on safer ground, since his selection of materials would be based on the combined opinion of his colleagues. In court, his opinion could thus be reinforced by the Institute's panel of professional experts, who exercised their best judgment.

Earlier this year, a major manufacturer of building materials announced he would no longer issue bonds on built-up roofs employing coal-tar pitch as bitumen. The action was based on what the company reported was an unusually high incidence of repairs on coal-tar pitch roofs applied since 1950. This statement is contrary to the equally strong representations by the manufacturers of the built-up roofing.

In his book, Materials for Architecture (Reinhold) Caleb Hornbostel makes the following statement (page 506): "Coal-tar pitch can withstand sunlight, water, cold, and heat better than asphalt and is therefore used more extensively than asphalt for built-up roofs. . . . Since coal-tar products are the most stable of the bitumens, they are used for similar purposes as asphalt products but where greater durability and protection are desired."

In a situation such as this, when the architect or engineer is confronted with directly contradictory points of view, what is he to do? Surely there is scientific evidence available that could be analyzed by a panel of experts; or an investigation could be made to settle this particular controversy. The architect or engineer cannot undertake such investigations on his own. The CSI, on the other hand, has the means (as stated in its Certificate of Incorporation) "to gather, compile, and analyze statistics and information relating to or useful in the conduct of such activities."

In March 1962, this column reported on the controversy between the Gypsum Association and the Metal Lath Association concerning the use of gyspum and metal lath. The Gypsum Association found that gyspum lath usually provides a higher degree of resistance to plaster cracking than does metal lath, particularly when strengths of base-coat plaster are in the lower range. The Metal Lath Association, on the other hand, contended that certain judgments and assumptions in the Gypsum Association's report were unwarranted, and concluded that the latter's findings contained unsupported, contradictory, and unsubstantiated statements.

What organization other than the CSI is in a position to be arbitr in such a case? What organization in the building industry is better qualified than CSI to initiate an impartial investigation of materials and methods of installation? Whose Certificate of Incorporation states that its purpose is "to engage in research and study in any and all problems and aspects of specifications writing; to establish and maintain the Institute as a clearing house of unbiased technical information on specifications for the fabrication and installation of construction materials and equipment"?

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Lead Wall Reduces Noise

BY WILLIAM J. McGUINESS
Effectiveness of using lead in constructing partitions to reduce disturbing sounds between offices in modern buildings is discussed by the Chairman, Department of Structural Design, School of Architecture, Pratt Institute.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, (Cominco Metals), has made many interesting and effective uses of its metal products in its new head office. The new headquarters, which includes administrative area, general offices, and product display, occupies the top stories of the new building designed by Greenspoon, Freedlander & Dunn, and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Associated Architects, with interiors designed by Knoll International of Canada, Limited.

The office photograph shows four of the numerous uses of Cominco metal products: (1) Ceiling grid supporting the translucent lighting panels is made of a zinc alloy. (2) Floor outlets for power and telephones consist of zinc die castings. (3) Framing members that receive the office partitions have a porcelain-enamel surface. The enamel contains 35 per cent lead oxide, which permits a lower firing temperature, thereby eliminating frame warping. (4) Office partition has a 1/8"-thick lead core.

In modern buildings, office partitions should be thin, light, and easily rearranged. Most important, the partitions should be acoustically resistant to the transmission of sounds from one office to another. It is possible, of course, to raise the ambient sound intensity level of the quieter office so that overheard conversations are not intelligible. This, however, is sometimes annoying to the occupant of the quiet office. About two years ago, studies were made by the Lead Industries Association on the effectiveness of lead in combination with other materials to provide barriers against sounds that would be disturbing to people in moderately noisy offices. These reductions, approximately 33, 38, and 44 db, were achieved by using 1/8", 1/6", and 1/4" lead cores respectively in constructing the walls.

The walls at Cominco provided a 38 to 40 db loss in the middle range of frequency using only a 1/8" sheet of lead, which previously had been credited with about 33 db. After calculations and tests had been made, the metal was adapted to the United States Gypsum Company's "Vaughn Wall." This wall consists of a lead core enclosed between two sets of double-gypsum layers. Trial studies were made with both 1/8" and 1/6" lead sheets. Since the 1/6" lead core improved the sound reduction by only 3 or 4 db, Cominco decided to use the lighter and more economical 1/8" core. It proved satisfactory for the enclosures of "quiet" offices, though not for "very quiet" offices. The sound-reducing qualities of the chosen partition are about equal to those of an 8" brick wall or of a wood-stud partition covered on both sides by metal lath and three coats of plaster.
Doors are to open...
Neutra: The Man and His Work

BY JEFFREY ELLIS ARONIN

Life and Shape by Richard Neutra. Published by Appleton-Century-Crofts, 60 E. 42 St., New York 17, N.Y. (1962, 374 pp., illus. $7.95).


At three score and ten years of age, Richard Neutra has done it again. We have from him lots of new houses, and lots of new writings. Richard Neutra, in fact, is almost as prolific in his writing as in his architecture. Two new books in English are amongst several others by or about him published this past year in diverse languages. One reveals his thoughts; the other his many buildings.

Of the two, Life and Shape is perhaps the more appealing. It shows what makes the man tick—his grasp of life and its full meaning to him. I liked it because in recent years I have gotten to know Neutra as he reacts in many environments—at his home, at Tom Creighton’s home, and at my home; in taxis, in cars, and in subways; during our radio chats, during lectures, and during conventions.

How did life shape him? or, how did he shape life? This book is his autobiography, and what a revealing one it is.

As I know Neutra, he never misses an opportunity. What a befitting inscription he has chosen for his prologue: “Life is so short—you may miss the boat. Or: life is too short—why bother? To bother or not to bother, that is the question.”

His Vienna childhood was a vivid one, with recollections so real that if he had shaped his youthful years to make good reading for us now, he could not have done better. He describes his boyish pranks of slipping “illicitly, without a lick” into his parents’ concert box. I could not help thinking that he derived similar satisfaction in riding with me in the New York subways, perhaps for nostalgia over his early days in America or perhaps to save a few dollars on his taxi fare; for he is a good businessman even to this day.

He also reveals his noble goals—that the architectural profession should have a missionary attitude, built on objective criteria, to change the status of the profession in society and in the eyes of the world. His own eyes, he says, are “unequal as to vision.” A very vital part of his make-up, they produced a specific trait in his character. One was farsighted and one was good on detail, so his mind similarly swung back and forth—oscillated, so to speak, between an attempt at total comprehension, an integrated over-all view, and the minute perfectionism of near-sightedness.” When the Neutras visited my parents’ Long Island home last year, we drove them to Garden City to examine, at midnight, the progress of his new library. “Why,” I asked, “do you study buildings at night?” He said, “Then I get total comprehension; I do not get lost in detail.”

An architect, says Neutra, is a diagnostician who fits symptoms into a comprehensive picture—as a therapist, prognosticator, and consultant to his client on matters that may affect a whole lifetime. To be good, he must inspire confidence. To achieve this, he must have been an apprentice to a master. He has to experience situations himself.

Neutra himself has been in many unusual situations. In 1914, at the start of the war, cadet Neutra commanded at the Adriatic the only horse-drawn field gun—70 mm with 27 projectiles—with orders to defend the shore against the combined English-French Mediterranean fleet; the ships merely dropped anchor and ignored him. Another colorful Austrian experience he was involved in occurred as he was being marched off to jail by the military police. A girl whom he did not know “threw herself, wailing and with tears streaming, right in front of the two soldiers who were escorting...
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me with fixed bayonets to the straw mats of the jail. . . . It was a heartrending scene, like one that might have taken place before the execution of her beloved."

His love affairs are all recorded in this book. When he met his charming Swiss wife, Dione, he had long hair. Her family "thought it strange that I had not had a haircut for a long while. Of course, they did not know that I was long of hair because short of cash."

Neutra undoubtedly has found much comfort in a happy marriage. His wife is always with him. Once, in Texas, when he was lecturing, she gave the students a companion course—"How to pick your wife to become a good architect," to which she added an advanced course—"How to train your wife after you have selected her."

Neutra was intimately associated with many of the great architects of this century, and he tells of his feelings about Eric Mendelsohn, his Berlin boss; Adolf Loos, in the slums of Manhattan; Frank Lloyd Wright (it "was just like suddenly seeing the unicorn or some other fairytale figure"); and Louis Sullivan at 63, a pauper.

These are all priceless impressions of the greats of the past. But I particularly like the one about Loos, who was, like Sullivan, in bad financial straits, and who received—after some time—the gratitude of a satisfied client in the following form:

"Others of my friends who have built their houses with fine architects, I should say twenty-five years ago, have written them off, amortized them, and many of them are now building a house in a new style. My own house is still good. My wife and I, and in fact all who love us, think it shows no date or loss in refreshing our souls and aiding our life, just as it did in the beginning."

"I believe I am saving a new architect's fee, and I think it is only fair to pay you for it after twenty-five years once again. I apologize because it is not much in current money, and thank you for having tried so hard to understand what is in us and what may best last around us."

Neutra writes: "Adolf Loos treasured the letter and the check—he never cashed it."

And then there are the stories of his own students—Harwell Hamilton Harris, Gregory Ain, Raphael Soriano, and Victor Gruen—and of the formation of his 1927 house, from which all his other designs evolved, "to service with contemporary means organic life-needs." Our space, says Neutra, "is always the interplay between our organic endowment and the stimulating circumstances surrounding us. Even if we have ceased to be conscious observers, we still richly respond. Clear consciousness is only a tiny part of our organic life."

*World and Dwelling* exemplifies the result of Neutra's vast thinking. It is a collection of 21 new houses—19 from California, one from Connecticut, and one from Tennessee—plus a panorama of the world around the human dwelling, identified as education, recreation, assembly, and "common experiencing." His chapters on being companionable and busy, and on the wider planning necessary for survival, say that man must occasionally fly away from his nest; other writings stress the importance of form and light as design factors.

The photographs in this book are excellent, with the one reservation that there are no people in them. Yet Neutra has told me that in his houses only the occupants change, and maybe it is just as well they are not shown; for his architecture has remained as fresh as it was when he first set foot on American soil 40 years ago. He is indeed at home with a home. "I am," says Neutra, "happy and grateful about wide vistas, insights opened, and the heartwarming experiences and thanks gained from building for individuals."
Panorama of a Life's Work

The Drawings of Frank Lloyd Wright by Arthur Drexler. Published for the Museum of Modern Art by Horizon Press, Inc., 156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y. (1962, 320 pp., illus. $15)

To accompany a recent exhibition of the original drawings of Frank Lloyd Wright at the Museum of Modern Art, the director of its Department of Architecture and Design has written this book. The exciting exhibition showed the panorama of the architect's work in a lifetime's span of beautiful drawings. Arthur Drexler's volume carries on this spirit faithfully.

The book contains many drawings not heretofore published, as well as many varied projects. Of particular interest are some schemes of buildings shown in their developing stages. As examples there are nine versions of the Guggenheim Museum, showing its evolution to the final design; several schemes for the St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie project designed for New York City in 1929, later adapted for apartment houses in Chicago and Washington, and finally used as a concept for the Price Tower built in 1956 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma; also eight schemes for a planetarium. Some absorbing detail drawings of stained glass, sculpture, furniture, screens, etc., are reproduced—all done by the hand of the master. The book ends with three projects of the Taliesin Associated Architects.

The question of how these drawings evolved is often asked. Apprentices would lay out several perspectives under Wright's direction, and after making his choice, he would carry on from there. Wright spent huge amounts of time rendering his drawings, and this is borne out by the unvarying consistency of his exquisite pencil style. He was not at home with watercolor or tempera, and scorned the professional renderer.

There is a lack of dates on the plates which the reader may regret. For purposes of reproduction, many of the drawings had to be cropped, thereby losing both date and signature, the famous "FLIW" in the red square. When the originals are viewed it may be noted that more than one date often appears. This confusion came about during the time that Henry-Russell Hitchcock was preparing his In the Nature of Materials in 1938 at Taliesin. FLIW changed numerous dates while working with Hitchcock to suit his own recollection at the moment. Later, Hitchcock added dates that he considered more accurate, resulting in an interesting confusion.

In 1959, the finest book in full color on FLIW was published by Horizon Press at $35. As are most other hard-cover Wright books, this one is now out of print. Drexler's The Drawings of Frank Lloyd Wright, in black and white, surely takes next place, and if it takes the usual Wrightian course, will all too soon be unavailable.

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Concerning the Urban Future

The Future of Our Cities by Robert A. Futterman. Published by Doubleday &

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Precast concrete panels on Park Avenue. The new 30-story Bankers Trust Company Building features a façade of floor-to-floor windows framed in precast concrete. It is in sharp contrast to the glass and metal structures dominating New York's Park Avenue. The 1,600 precast window units were made with ATLAS WHITE portland cement, coloring pigment and quartz aggregate. The aggregate was exposed to add depth and texture to the surface and give the building a "sparkling" appearance.

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Co., Inc., 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N.Y. (1961, 360 pp., illus. $4.95)

These three volumes have in common a concern with the urban future, but they differ widely in the types of concern they express. All three, however, represent interesting additions to the growing library of material on urban problems.

*Metropolis 1985* is the concluding volume of the New York Metropolitan Region Study, a five-year survey and analysis of the future prospects of the nation’s largest urban complex. The study was directed by Raymond Vernon for the Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration and the New York Regional Plan Association, and was financed largely by the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations.

The fantastic complexity of the New York region’s past, present, and future are examined in this volume, which is a worthy climax to a major contribution to the study of cities. An over-all pattern of regional growth at the metropolitan periphery, with stability or decline in the central city, is the major theme among a wide variety of movement patterns. Based on Vernon’s forecasts, the coming quarter-century will see changes to equal those of New York’s dynamic past. As in previous volumes of the Study, there is something of a foredoomed quality to the projections, an attitude that many planners feel should be replaced by a more positive approach to guiding the coming changes, rather than merely accepting them.

In the Winter 1961 issue of Daedalus, the book-size Journal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, MIT’s Lloyd Rodwin and Kevin Lynch assembled a series of challenging articles on metropolitan change. The dozen articles are by sociologists, historians, planners, economists, and artists.

Especially interesting in The Future Metropolis—now published in book form by George Braziller, Inc.—is Aaron Fleisher’s article on the influence of technology on urban form, in which he considers some of the technical requirements for a city of 50 million persons, a phenomenon which we may well see within 50 years. His basic conclusion: nothing that we can’t handle with a bit of ingenuity. Oscar Handlin, writing on the changing social system of the modern city, questions seriously whether the striking changes that have occurred from the 19th to the 20th Century have, on balance, increased the capacity for creative action and free decisions. Both Kevin Lynch, examining the essential pattern
baticies to make our buildings look timely
instead of timeless. Coventry Cathedral
is an example of this kind of thinking in
the design of churches; super-highway
schemes for cities, an example in city
planning; fall-out shelters for human
survival, in national planning.

*Modern Church Architecture* is a pic-
ture-book with thoughtful introductory or
descriptive essays written in some cases
by the authors, in others by the clergy.
Since the attempt was to show a limited
number of buildings and yet illustrate a
variety of Christian cults, the choice was
difficult and not always successful. Forty
buildings are shown, sixteen from foreign
countries. There are seventeen examples
of Catholic churches, of which only three
are from the U.S. If Le Corbusier’s La
Tourette had been included (it surely
should have been), the disproportion
would have been greater. What a com-
mentary on the low level of American
Roman Catholic architecture.

Most of the photos shown are familiar
to the student of religious architecture,
but it is helpful to have them in a single
volume.

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*A Living Community*

*New York’s First Suburb: Old Brook-
lyn Heights (including detailed anal-
yses of 619 century-old houses)* by
Clay Lancaster. Published by Charles E.
Tuttle Co., Inc., Rutland, Vt. (1961, 183
pp., illus. $6)

This remarkable neighborhood, which
has retained its intimate 19th-Century
quality in the very shadow of Wall
Street’s towers, is constantly threatened
by ill-considered change. Private interests
have tried to exploit its charm by swal-
lowing up chunks of its limited area for
apartment houses; public agencies have
nibbled away at it for the parks, express-
ways, and municipal offices that politi-
cians equate with progress.

In his preface to the book, the author
states that he undertook the work “to
make available to Heights dwellers and
others reliable data on the older houses
in this neighborhood, not merely to satisfy
... curiosity ... but with the hope of
stimulating a deep-seated interest and
regard for the standards of craftsman-
ship found in the old buildings that will
be conducive to the preservation of them.”

After an informative introductory dis-
cussion of the physical development of
the area and the “Parade of Period
Styles” (one of which is “Modern”), the
book settles down to a brick-by-brick description of the 619 houses in the area known to have been built before the Civil War. The discussion has a value beyond the limited scope of the book as an exposition of the subtle variations attainable within the relatively fixed form of the townhouse. The illustrations are of excellent quality, but unfortunately cover only a small fraction of the material analyzed; the book demands on-the-spot observation to make it completely intelligible.

The exclusively historical viewpoint robs the book of much of its potential value. There is very little discussion of the Heights as a living community. Its unique character depends on more than the mere architectural excellence of its old houses. A rich interweaving of buildings of many eras, styles, and types distinguishes it from more homogeneous residential districts such as Beacon Hill in Boston. The integrity of this fabric depends to a large extent on trees, window-boxes, heavy drapery or café curtains, pedigreed dogs, old flowered hats, and tweed jackets.

This survey of "New York's First Suburb" could have been greatly enhanced by giving more attention to New York's Pleasantest Present-Day Urban Neighborhood.

**The Proper Purgative**


The continued availability of this definitive tract, which first appeared in 1937, is a fact that architects should be reminded of. Indeed, in this period of sometimes unprincipled design, many architects might well prescribe themselves the proper purgative of perusing this book once a month. The cultural background of the Shakers is analyzed, the essential character of the furniture discussed, the biographies of the craftsmen noted, and Shaker houses and shops are described. The text is a bit heavy, but the facts are there.

The Shaker sect, which flourished in the 19th Century, chiefly in New York and New England, believed in celibacy, community of goods, and separation from the world; their craftsmen, therefore, produced work of stylistic purity,
uniformity, and undorned simplicity. The plates show furniture from the extensive collection of the authors; the furniture is arranged in vignettes and settings in several refurbished rooms of a house built in 1806 in the Shaker community of New Lebanon, New York. The illustrations are fully described; appendices give further details of the chair and clock industry and information on how the Shakers made their paints and finishes. The authors quote a dictum of William Morris, a 19th-Century craftsman who, although not a Shaker, was similarly minded: "[By an] accumulation of useless things not only are beautiful things kept out, but the very sense of beauty is perpetually dulled and ground away!"

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Present State of Spec Writing

SPECIFICATIONS (SECOND EDITION) by H. Griffith Edwards. Published by D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., 120 Alexander St., Princeton, N.J. (1961, 372 pp., illus. $8)

Specifications writing is a task that many architects dread. Their reluctance to tackle this necessary adjunct of design is coupled with a paucity of specifications-writing courses in most schools of architecture.

In the area of textbooks, too, there are few competent and authoritative primers. Edwards' second edition, updating his previous endeavor of 1953, is a very useful tool in an otherwise uncharted sea.

This new edition has tried to keep pace with the ever-changing myriad of new materials being introduced on the market by incorporating the latest product innovations in paints, plastics, and other materials. Two chapters on site development are new — "Asphalt Paving" and "Lawns and Planting."

The text covering the technical trades is written generally around those construction trades that are normally encountered in non-fireproof structures.

Unfortunately, the approach and concept of texts on specifications writing is still tied to the elementary courses offered in schools of architecture. Until such time as serious consideration is given by architectural schools to an increased scope in the curriculum of specifications writing to prepare the student properly for the practical side of architecture, we cannot hope to see a comprehensive textbook on specifications writing.

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**Toward Responsible Design**

ARCHITECTURAL LIGHTING GRAPHICS by John E. Flynn and Samuel M. Mills. Published by Reinhold Publishing Corp., 430 Park Ave., New York 22, N.Y. (1962, 222 pp., illus. $16.50)

The architectural world should welcome any book written by those who believe that “the use of light is an inseparable part of the architectural conception,” and who point out that “in a well-integrated space, he [the occupant] is not even aware of the lighting or the mechanics of light production. He is conscious only of the over-all architectural environment, and he judges the space in relation to the total needs of the activity he is performing.”

Although most architects agree with these objectives, few are able to achieve them, and far too many completely abdicate their responsibility to engineers who have quite different objectives.

In *Architectural Lighting Graphics*, the authors, Flynn and Mills, architects and former associates at the General Electric lighting laboratories, have produced a book which they intend to be “a survey of practice and techniques in a form that will foster further development and imaginative use by the creative designer.” The scope of the book is described in the introduction as follows:

“In order to facilitate the communication of ideas, and to provide the realistic appraisal of the varied factors involved, the material is organized into two parts. The first section is illustrated with photographs, sketches, and diagrams and is intended to provide an outline of the many facets of light and lighting design. The second section is more specific and is intended to provide detailed information to guide the designer in achieving specific design objectives. This latter material is organized in data sheet form.”

I found the second section to be the more valuable. The title, *Architectural Lighting Graphics*, seems appropriate, for this volume fills a long-felt need for a compilation of data on lighting materials (lamps, sockets, reflecting and diffusing materials, fixtures, etc.) and lighting systems.

All who participate in lighting design for buildings can benefit from this section. For those not involved in the final detailing and specifications, this consolidated data will replace the need for a shelfful of pamphlets and catalogs. Those creating the final design and specifications will find this book a good framework around which to organize additional data, analysis, and catalog material.

Some parts of the first section of the book are excellent, particularly those on color of light and exterior lighting. In my opinion, however, this section in total falls short of achieving the stated objectives. A careful reader will find, scattered throughout, various statements that touch on many aspects of the design problem. Unfortunately, however, the authors failed to make a concise and forceful statement or supply enough background data to enable designer and client to make their own professional judgments of illumination levels based on weighing the factors of task, brightness balance, reflected glare, daylight distribution, and technical feasibility in relation to other elements of a total environment, within the economics of each particular building.

In fact, the authors fall back on the suggestion that designers accept “published lighting standards . . . a

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NEW BUILDINGS IN THE COMMONWEALTH, edited by J.M. Richards. Published by Frederick A. Praeger, Inc., 64 University Place, New York 3, N.Y. (1962, 240 pp., illus. $14.50)

In 1959 and 1960, The Architectural Review published two issues devoted largely to the new architecture in the British Commonwealth. New Buildings in the Commonwealth collects the contents of those two issues in book form, giving an interesting picture of what is occurring architecturally in many parts of the world, from Canada to Fiji.

Houses are generally the freshest type of building in the three largest dominions: Canada, Australia, and New Zealand. (The book is in two sections: “The Larger Dominions” and “The Tropical Territories.”) Office buildings seem no
better and no worse than those in the United States, which is not much of a compliment. Exceptions are in Canada: the BC Electrical Board in Vancouver, by Thompson, Berwick & Pratt, whose diminishing corridor scheme anticipated Ponti's for the Pirelli Building; and several Miesian low-rise buildings by John B. Parkin Associates (this was before Pei's Place Ville Marie). In Australia, it is amusing to see the Academy of Science Building in Canberra, by Grounds, Romberg & Boyd, which antedated Harrison & Abramovitz's original proposal for the N.Y. World's Fair “theme” building by a significant period.

In the tropical territories there is, of course, a predilection for solar shades and sun screens, but none of the modern examples seem to exhibit the architectural approach of Louis I. Kahn's U.S. Embassy in Luanda. There is wide use of blades, fins, screens, and overhangs, but all of these seem to be pasted on regulation north-of-the-Equator buildings rather than seriously thought out as part of the integral design and structure.

A major complaint about this book as documentation is the omission of dates for the buildings.

J.T.B., Jr.

**Documentary on Discrimination**


This is an account of what happened in Deerfield, Illinois, when Progress Development Corporation, a subsidiary of Modern Community Developers (whose president is the well-known Morris Milgram) attempted to build a group of one-family houses—open to limited and controlled Negro occupancy—in an all-white neighborhood.

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It is unfortunate that the lighter architecture of prerevolutionary France—the pavilions to which the nobility retreated from the stuffiness of the court—has often been dismissed as being frivolous and overly cute. The one exception to this has been the Petit Trianon, and even its architect, A. J. Gabriel, has been accused of simply adapting ideas imported from England.

The real difficulty in discussing the 18th Century and its architecture lies in the fact that the 20th Century has tended to judge rather than to understand the 18th Century. The Industrial Revolution has created a gap between the two periods that is rarely ever bridged. The 18th Century in France was an age of artistic and intellectual brilliance in which manners were vital. The pavilions are this age translated into stone. They can only be understood if taken in context with the people who created them.

Les Pavilions is not a book on architecture, except insofar as it contains photos of buildings. It is a panorama of a lost way of life. A masterful introduction brings the men and women of the 18th Century alive and a series of superb photographs shows their retreats. There are no measured drawings, no details, no bibliography; there are not even captions for the individual photographs. They are not needed. All they would re-capture is the dead shell and not the living entity of the 18th Century. The book will have two attractions for architects. First, it is a pleasure to look at and a delight to read; second, it highlights the extent to which architecture can at times give visible expression to social climate.

FREDERICK HERMAN
Architect
Norfolk, Va.

Excellent Composite Picture

The 50 or so papers in this collection were presented at two conferences on prestressed-concrete buildings held in California during November 1960. The editors have grouped papers on related topics, with the accompanying figures and illustrations, under 11 main headings. These might well have been reduced to 6: planning and design, prestressed-concrete members, fire resistance, inspection and maintenance, building codes, and economics.

Many of these papers are contributions to panel discussions and are correspondingly brief. Some are unnecessarily rhetorical, and, perhaps inevitably, there is a great deal of repetition. Nevertheless, an excellent composite picture of the present architectural and engineering status of prestressed concrete does eventually emerge.

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Apart from some interesting proposals by Myron Goldsmith of SOM (Chicago), there is little concerning the more imaginative use of prestressed concrete or its application to less conventional structures. The emphasis lies heavily on precast-pretensioned construction and on the building types for which it is best suited—warehouses, shopping centers, bowling alleys, parking garages, gymnasia, etc. There are a number of clear and factual accounts of the planning and design of buildings of this kind, most of them located on the West Coast. The information relating to comparative costs should be particularly useful. The papers presented by the manufacturers' representatives are frank and straightforward accounts of the "facts of life" in the pre-stressed-concrete industry.

With the exception of the Norton Building in Seattle (which has steel columns and girders) and a few smaller structures, the only multi-story projects described are an interesting parking-garage system designed by the Rockwin Prestressed Concrete Corporation, and a series of high-rise buildings constructed in Hawaii, where, it is claimed, precast prestressed concrete structural components "can now be placed in the hands of the builder at prices considerably lower than other types of structural members of equivalent strength."

The papers relating to the question of a building code for prestressed concrete are forthcoming, sensible, and illuminating. Some of the pitfalls connected with precast prestressed concrete construction are

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Thus, in spite of its repetitiousness and the variable quality of its numerous contributions, the book contains a great deal of practical and up-to-date information on prestressed concrete that should prove particularly helpful to architects and engineers who may still hesitate to employ this versatile new technique.

THOMAS E. BURTON
Structural Engineer
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OTHER BOOKS TO BE NOTED


Results of the 1958 exploration (by the government of Pakistan) of the impressive ancient mounds at Charsada, a site located along the northwest frontier of the Indian subcontinent.


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Textbook on basic principles of structural engineering, for the student who has already taken courses in statics, dynamics, and strength of materials. Since primary purpose was to develop fundamental theories and procedures, the analysis of very specialized structures has been avoided for the most part.


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A photographic record of the changing face of this colony, with a text that discusses its past, present, and future. Author is an architectural historian as well as photographer, and author of many books on the cities and architecture of Europe and Asia.


Detailed study of the relation of housing values and rents to income, in which a number of widely held notions are refuted. Author is professor emeritus of economics, University of Chicago.


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Report on four colleges—Colby, Goucher, Harpur, and Trinity University that moved to new sites rather than try to survive and expand in cramped downtown quarters. EFL contends that such "drastic remedies often make sense" despite the many difficulties involved. Guidelines are proposed for colleges considering a move. Approaches to master planning, the transition plan, scheduling of construction, and other aspects of the move are outlined.

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Practical Tables for Building Construction. Norman Foster. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N.Y., 1963. 241 pp., illus. $7.50 A pocket-size digest of data used in the building trades—conversion tables, earthwork computations, quantities for concrete, coarsing and bonding for masonry, room areas for paint, lumber tables, piping, steel and iron, etc. Author has had 30 years experience as construction estimator, consultant, and contractor.


A Short History of Japanese Architecture. A. I. Sadler. Charles E. Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt., 1963. 262 pp., illus. $7.50 To be reviewed.

Standard Plumbing Engineering Design. Louis S. Nielsen. McGraw-Hill Book Co., Inc., 330 W. 42 St., New York 36, N.Y., 1963. 302 pp., illus. $11.75 Modern engineering design of plumbing systems for buildings of all occupancy classifications. Author is a professional engineer specializing in plumbing and piping systems design, and is an authority on plumbing codes and research.


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ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS

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WALTER V. COLEMAN, named Vice-President and Director of Engineering; TIMOTHY P. COFFEY, appointed Assistant to the President and elected a Member of the Board of Directors in firm of WIGTON-ABBOTT CORPORATION, Industrial Engineers and Constructors, Plainfield, N.J.

VINCENT J. CRAMPTON, appointed Executive Assistant in firm of HARLEY, ELLINGTON, COWIN AND STIRTON, INC., Architects and Engineers, Detroit, Mich.

LEON DELLER, appointed Chief Designer; GUY C. W. RILEY, appointed Director of Administration in firm of CHARLES LUCKMAN ASSOCIATES, Planning, Architecture, Engineering, New York and Los Angeles.

JAMES E. GIBSON, appointed Director of Architecture in firm of HARLEY, ELLINGTON, COWIN AND STIRTON, INC., Architects and Engineers.

HAROLD D. HAUFF, appointed Director of Architecture; RICHARD C. NIBLACK, appointed Director of Client Relations of PETE SUMMERS, INC., Los Angeles, Calif.

PAUL McCobb, Industrial Designer, has been retained as a Consultant by THE GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY.

LEON GORDON MILLER AND ASSOCIATES, INC., Industrial Designers, appointed Design Consultants to THE MOSAIC TILE COMPANY.

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