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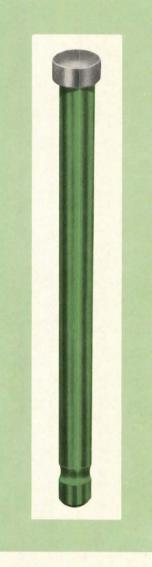
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Central Well Becomes Interior Focus of College Commons

Though a typical example of functionalist architecture, this Commons provides separate yet interrelated spaces accommodating all aspects of extracurricular life, while the well effect of the central lounge unites the building. HARRY WEESE & ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS.

A Cheshire Cat in Search of a Smile

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A furniture system of sliding platforms that extend the width of a narrow room in a New York City brownstone transforms the space physically to produce a simple but iconoclastic system for the conventional bed-study treatment. MICHAEL HOLLANDER, DESIGNER.

Down by the River

A proposal to rebuild a 45-acre portion of West Harlem would provide housing for 3000 families in a multiuse omnibuilding also containing recreational, cultural and commercial facilities.

Environment for Exploration and Participation

A theater in Harlem is designed to get both audience and actor involved with each other "as one total community." Seating is fragmented and islanded in the over-all space, bounding the main playing area almost everywhere in the room. HARDY HOLZMAN PFEIFFER ASSOCIATES, ARCHITECTS. 134

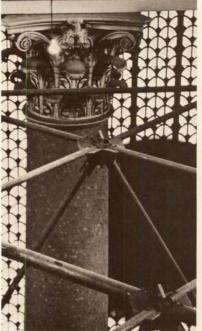
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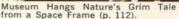
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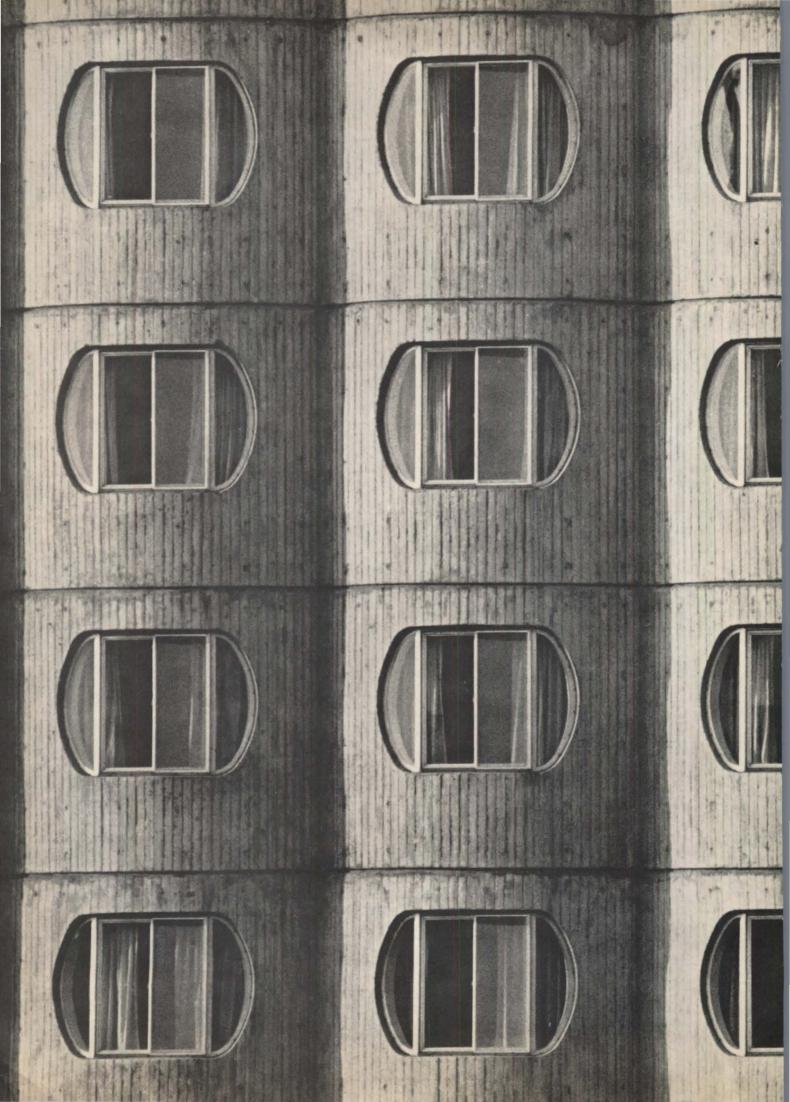
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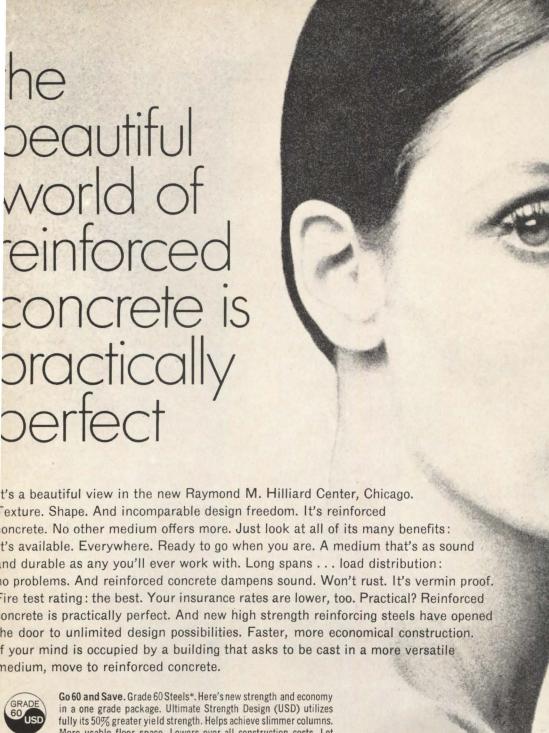




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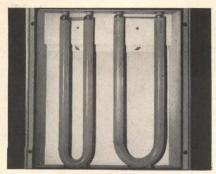
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YOUR POINT OF VIEW

Reaction to May Issue

Dear Editor: Your May issue is most interesting, but I'm skeptical. Are mergers and methods still new, to say the least, futuristic — just the same old people, same motivations, in a jazzier package? "The new cities should be completely pre-planned and built in sparsely settled areas," to quote page 154. This sounds like "City beautiful again"; "when you let the sun in, mind it wipes its feet."

Big changes are in store. I doubt they will come as you depict. Mr. Hotchkiss sounds on the right track — buildings not so important; people and social forces; the new form generators — but he was too briefly quoted. Catalano's article was excellent.

The real changes are coming from people participation, not more corporate alienation. Sense awakening and the work of the Esalen Institute may have more to offer for the future. Perhaps an article on what they have to say would be interesting.

ROGER KEMBLE Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Dear Editor: "The New Professionals Challenge Traditional Practice" (May 1969 P/A) impressed me as the best issue I can remember in any architectural publication.

Congratulations for collecting a great quantity of informative data. It is an important contribution to my comprehension of this large and growing field, and it gave me food for thought regarding my own future.

Presumably, thousands of other young architects must be having the same reflections.

ALLEN KOSOFF Architect 209 Berkeley Drive Syracuse, N.Y. 13210 Dear Editor: In the "The New Environmental Professionals" (May 1969 P/A) you (hopefully) forgot to mention the needs of the individual, which Charles Eames said are "the quality in those things we experience in our senses." These include: sight, the visual environment (objects and light); sound, the acoustic environment; feel, the touch environment; plus smell and taste.

A "Master Builder" is success-

ful only when he solves individual needs. These could also be mass needs, but the direction of approach must be from the individual up and not from the megalopoli down. We, as designers of environments, are not to be dictators (as purveyors of exhibitionism) but servants providing services as well as we can, with at least some humility. Then we won't need "professional ethics, state licensing boards, or any of the other paraphernalia that dignify older professions." So, unless we are exponents of the police state, we should need no more than our agency capacity as designers to be creative in serving individual needs. Thus, if we accept the premise that man is competitive, we need only observe that the architect has professionalized and puritanized himself out of competition and therefore a right to exist, in many cases, except for the folly of trying to fulfill the ego of wealth. A broader basis is needed. The environmental designer of interiors is often justly maligned but also has, interestingly enough, a beautiful freedom from all that paraphernalia of "narrowing classification" of older professions. After all, degrees today keep little better than fish. The deep freeze is not the answer either in an age of change. Therefore, the broader scope of the "Master Designer" is perhaps the best alternative, using our energy to provide environmental dignity for the individual and not in satisfying our stuffy peers and their silly old library of rules at the expense of our client not getting what he retained us for, vainly hopeful, in the first place.

That is why we, as designing professionals, can best be creative in a capitalistic society if we lose our fear of professional degrada(Continued on page 16)

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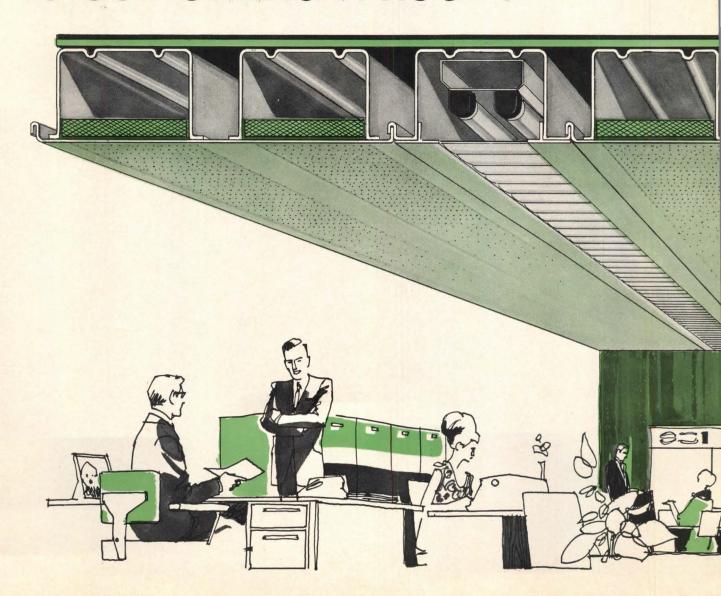
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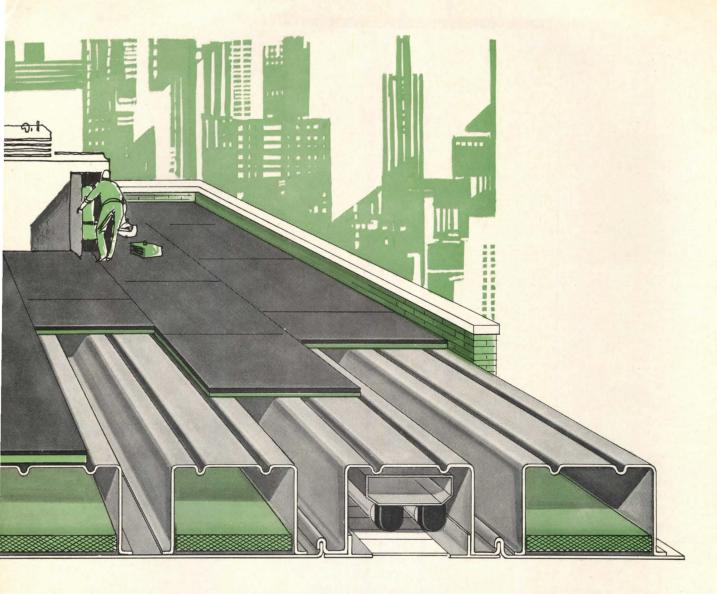
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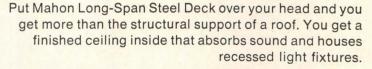
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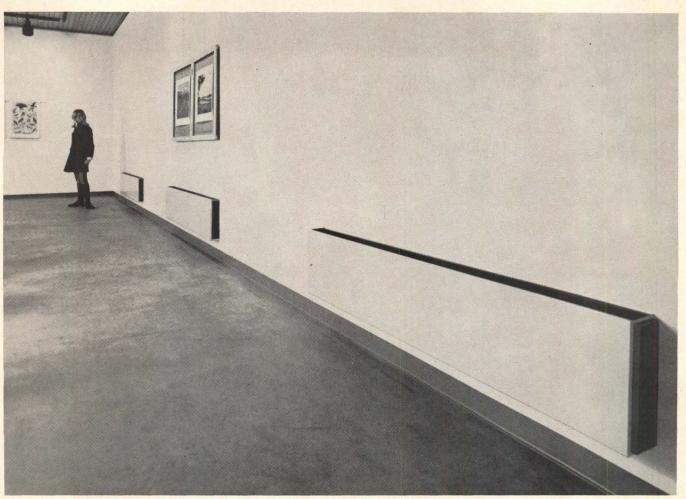
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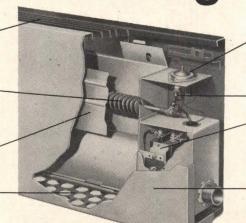
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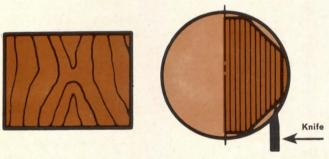
The art and science of cutting and matching veneers.

By John Lentz

Simply defined, veneers are thin sheets of fine woods glued to core stock, such as Novoply® or lumber cores. This definition, however, leaves a lot unsaid. For cutting and matching veneers for architectural paneling and doors—as done by the skilled woodworkers of U.S. Plywood—involves many careful and complicated procedures.

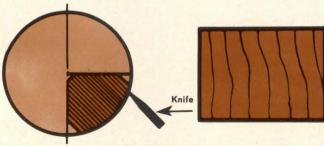
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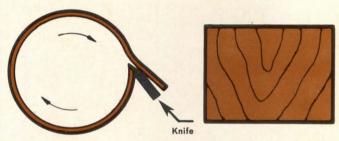
Plain slicing

In plain or flat slicing, the half log or flitch is mounted with the heart side flat against the guide plate of the slicer. Slicing done parallel to a line through the center of the log produces a cathedral figure.



Quarter slicing

In quarter slicing, the quarter log or flitch is mounted on the guide plate so that the log's growth rings strike the knife at approximately right angles. Result: a series of stripes which are straight in some woods and varied in others.



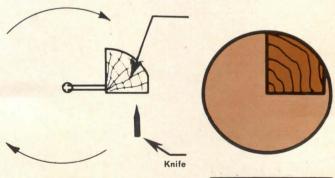
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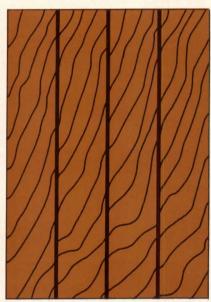


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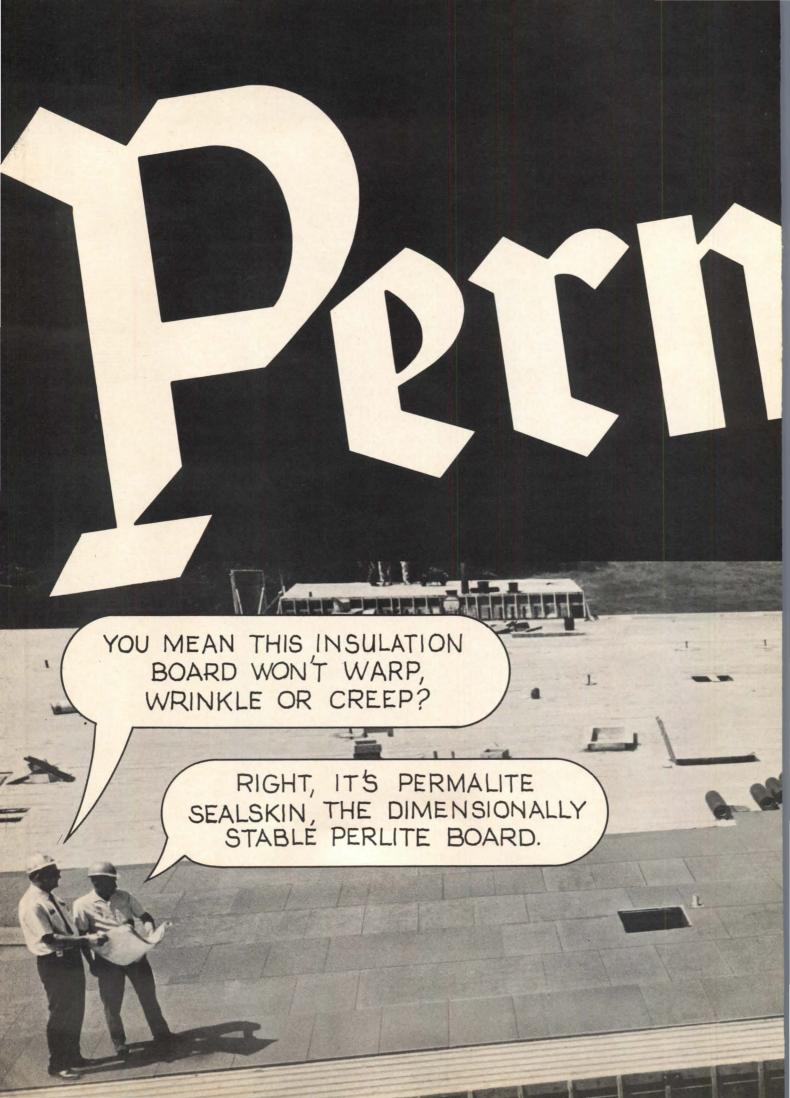
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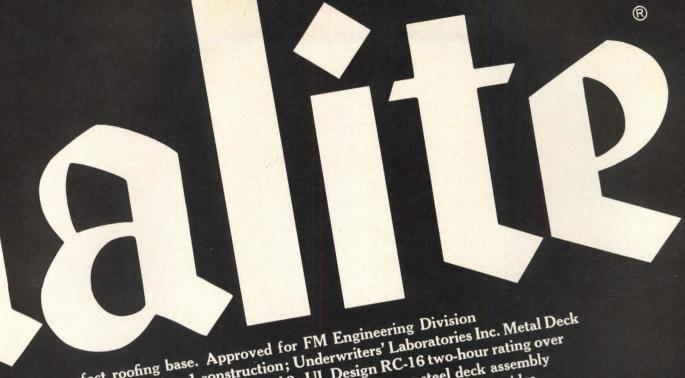


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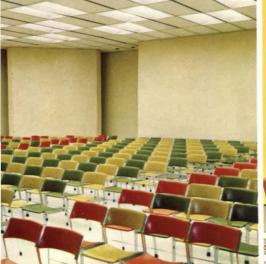
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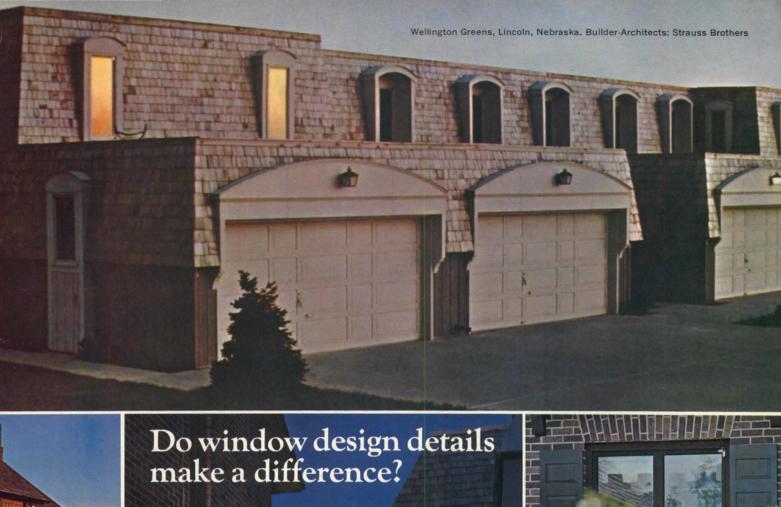


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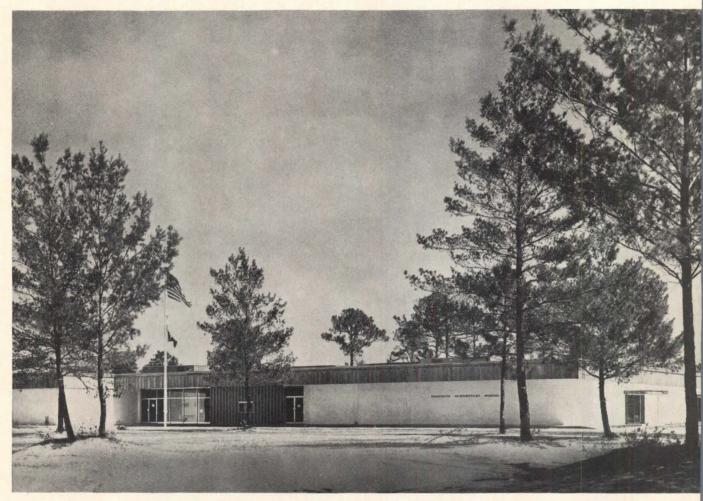
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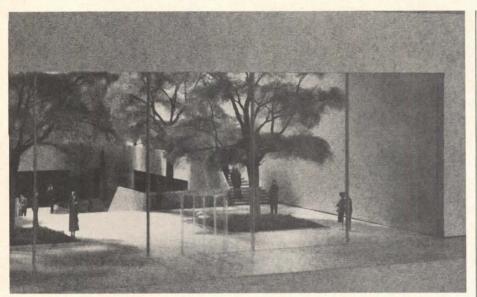
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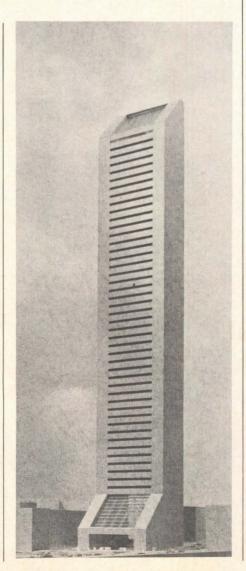


The entrance to the tower.

Lucky Worcester Gets A Roche

Downtown Worcester, Mass., like downtown most-anywhere-U.S.A.. has reached the bottom of the urban downhill-slide. From here on out for Worcester, anyway, it is all up-hill with core-urban-renewal which includes a splendid new building, Worcester Plaza, designed by Kevin Roche/John Dinkeloo & Associates. The 2.9-acre plaza redevelopment will contain several elements, the most notable being the 46-story tower (shown in photo) that will house the Worcester County National Bank. By recessing the 695' tower's nearly mullionless windows behind uninterrupted, reinforcedconcrete spandrels, Roche has created an interesting play between horizontal and vertical elements, a play intensified by the diagonals of a solarium-type pitched roof and an 80'-high glass-roofed hall at the base. The main banking floor extends beneath the plaza and is divided into various banking facilities. Above this will be offices of the People's Savings Bank.

The plaza will be an extension of the existing Worcester Common, and act as a unifying element for all the buildings.



Student and Black Power: Issues in Yale Firings

Student representation has emerged as the real issue in the firing of a teacher and two administrators from Yale University's graduate City Planning Department.

The dismissals, which occurred late in May, began with Christopher Tunnard, chairman of the department and professor of city planning (Tunnard retains his position as a tenured professor), also include Louis S. Deluca, assistant dean of the Arts and Architecture School, and Harry Wexler, associate professor of city planning.

When the dismissals were announced, the reason given was that the three men, without authorization, had sent 12 letters of admission to prospective city planning students. Howard Weaver, Dean of the Art and Architecture School, said that he had heard of the intention of the City Planning Forum, a group comprising students and faculty, to send the letters but that he had strictly forbidden this action. Weaver said, "These letters therefore constitute not merely a violation of official procedure but, more important, in my opinion, a cruel and deceptive subordination to other purposes of the hopes and aspirations of the applicants." Telegrams were immediately sent rescinding the admissions.

The problem really began in December 1968, when students and faculty of the City Planning Department met to discuss student dissatisfaction over curriculum reform. Out of this and subsequent meetings evolved the City Planning Forum, which sent out the letters. Since March 1969, the Forum, composed of all members of the department (the student group-total vote always equals the number of faculty present, with ties broken by the chairman) has made all decisions affecting the function of the department.

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Harry Weese & Associates were architects for restoration of architect Louis Sullivan's Auditorium in Chicago, III.



D.C. Reeves Elementary School in Ponchatoula, La., a limited budget building designed by Desmond, Miremont, & Burks.

1969 AIA Honor Awards Announced

At the end of May, the National AIA announced its annual selection of winners of the 1969 honor awards. Sixteen winners were selected from 465 submissions. among the recipients of the award are those shown in the photos: Boston City Hall; D.C. Reeves Elementary School in Ponchatoula, La.; The Auditorium in Chicago; New York's Exodus House; and San Diego Stadium. The other eleven awards were for: Monsanto Company Cafeteria, St. Louis, Missouri: Vincent C. Kling and Associates; De Anza College, Cupertino, California: Earnest J. Kump Associates; Mill Valley Library, Mill Valley, California: Wurster, Bernardi & Emmons, Inc.; Everson Museum of Art, Syracuse, New York: I.M. Pei and Partners; Des Moines Art Center Addition, Des Moines, Iowa: I.M. Pei and Partners; Convent of the Holy Names, Spokane, Washington: Walker/McGough/Foltz/ Lyerla and Peden; Tenneco Building, Houston, Texas: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Bolton Square, Baltimore, Maryland: Hugh Newell Jacobson; Collegetown Phase I, Sacremento, California: Neill Smith and Associates; Smith House, Darien, Connecticut: Richard Meier; Putney School Girls Dormitory, Putney, Vermont: John B. Rogers.

This year's special effort to encourage urban design projects and historic preservation or restoration projects accounts for the diversity of winning entries. The AIA jury noted that the major criterion for judging was to consider the design in conjunction with its social relevance.



Boston City Hall, a \$21,600,000 building designed by Kallman, McKinnell Knowles.

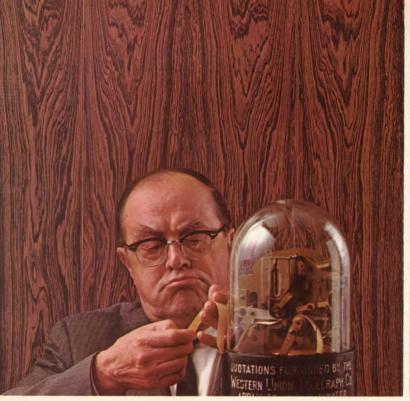
The sixteen were selected by a jury composed of: A. R. Winter, Ray D. Crites, Archibald C. Rogers, Hugh Stubbins, William Turnbull, Jean Paul Carlhian, Robert Durham, F. Blair Reeves, and Max O. Urbahn. The awards were presented at the 1969 joint convention of the AIA and the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, in Chicago, June 22-26.



Exodus House, designed by Smotrich & Platt, is a rehabilitation center for exaddicts in New York City.



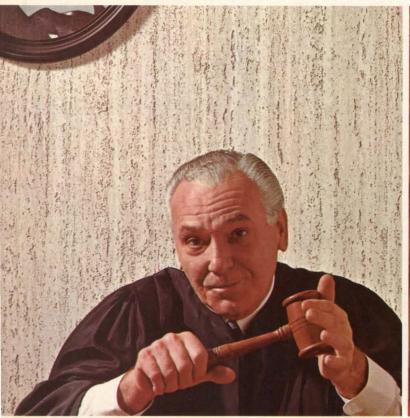
Frank L. Hope & Associates designed San Diego Stadium in California to be used for both football and baseball.



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Grand Central Station vs. Two Breuers

On September 20, 1968, New York City's Landmarks Preservation Commission determined that Marcel Breuer's proposed design (called Breuer-One) for an office tower over Grand Central Station did not meet the requirements for a Certificate of No Exterior Effect. Since the Beaux Arts façade of the building has been declared a landmark, the commission's refusal to issue a certificate resulted in Breuer returning to the drafting boards. On April 10, Breuer was back before the commission with (Breuer-Two).

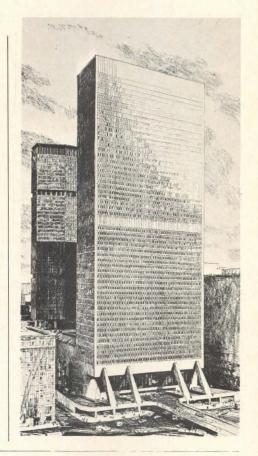
Essentially, Breuer-One was a heap of frosting atop the old station — a building on a building. Breuer-Two takes another tack. It removes the station's façade, and preserves only the main concourse, which Breuer calls "the last one of New York's great interior spaces." In place of the triumphal arches, Greek columns, and 48'-high group of statues of Hercules, Mercury, and Minerva around a clock 13' in diameter, will rise the structure shown.

At the April 10 meeting, a major point of contention between opponents and proponents of the design was whether the new building would further congest the area or facilitate pedestrian traffic.

The architect said his design envisioned four additional passageways from the terminal and the office building into the subways. However, the City Planning Commission contended that, despite the improvement in circu-"the building's 12,000 lation, workers would throw insupportable stress on the already grossly inadequate subway system. As an alternative, the commission recommended that development rights be transferred to adjacent blocks, which the railroad also owns. This would minimize congestion, leave a hole in the center of the area for light (a New York invention — the "air park"), and preserve the façade of Grand Central Terminal. The railroad argued that the surrounding land is tied up in long-term leases that

cannot be broken. The Planning Commission countered that such leases are bought-out all over New York.

The question of whether Grand Central Terminal should go the way of Pennsylvania Station torn down to make way for the new Madison Square Garden complex — has turned into a test case of the city's newly acquired preservation powers. Beyond the considerations of architectural historians and sentimental New Yorkers lies the concern of the city with its own growth patterns. Also to be considered is the financial situation of the Penn-Central Railroad, which, if the project goes through, could offset its immense losses with the \$3 million annual rent that developer Morris Saady will pay for the air-rights. The Landmarks Commission has promised a decision on whether it will be Breuer-One, Breuer-Two, or nothing by June 24.







Moon Time at Noon Time

The Bronx Zoo's "World of Darkness," designed by Morris Ketchum, solves the problem of displaying night animals in the daytime. The building is designed to reproduce the animal's outdoor environment indoors and to reverse the day-night cycle, thus enabling zoo visitors to see night animals. which normally sleep in the day, actively pursuing their lives.

Ketchum's design includes theatrical media - film, sound effects, and drawings — to recreate the animals' actual environment.

The physical structure of "The

World of Darkness" itself is unique. The building, set on a glacial knoll, is low and cavernous with a circular shape open at both ends. Exterior walls are steeply sloped concrete panels 20' high and 6' wide, surfaced with black mortar and black granite chips, giving the building an air of mystery. To reflect the sun, the roof is finished with white marble chips.

Different shades of light are used for various effects: red because some night animals do not see red, so it is night to them; and blue-green for animal-day.



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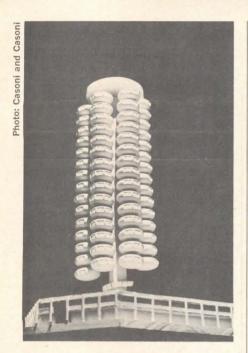
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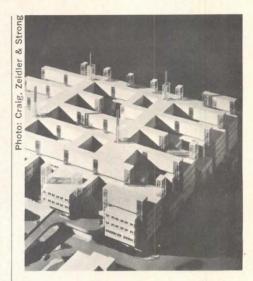
The interior is also fiberglass. It has a general area, used as a living room in the day, which converts to sleeping quarters at night. All standard furnishings are included. Entrance is through a retractable stairway that opens at the base of the unit.

The second example, Rondo, goes one step further and opens up interesting prospects for urban communities. Carlo Casoni, manufacturers of the home, propose that several living units can be combined by means of a central supporting unit (see photo), thus saving much space. With this design, hotels, apartment houses, student hostels, and homes for aged can be built with great speed, helping to solve the urban space problem.

These structures are rugged enough to withstand a snow load in excess of 20' and can stand stalwart in 150 mph winds. They are chemically sealed against water and air infiltration.

Center Uses Systems Approach

A practical solution to the need for flexible, expandable medical facilities is seen in the \$56 million Health Sciences Center under construction at McMaster University, Hamilton, Ont. The "Servo System," developed by Craig, Zeidler & Strong, Toronto architects, provides a permanent structure to house electrical and mechanical services into which changeable units "plug in." The use of a trussed steel frame spanning 85' between tower-like shafts (vertical elements in photo) creates column-free spaces to accommodate any sort of medical function. The glass-enclosed shafts — 10' x 20' — contain primary electrical and mechanical systems, elevators, and stairways. Trusses, 8'-6" high, support the floors, and provide accessible interstitial space in which



mechanical services can be placed horizontally without interfering with functional areas. Precast concrete cladding panels are of three types (solid wall, full window, and half window) to provide interchangeability. Partitions, electrical outlets, and other special services are relocatable within the structure.

Photo: Lionel Freedman



In City Hall Style

The Municipal Administration Center for Dallas, Tex., designed by architects I. M. Pei & Partners, New York, and Harper & Kemp, Dallas, is scheduled for completion in 1972. Placed on 7 acres at the edge of the downtown center, the \$39,800,000 structure will extend three blocks, fronting on a spacious plaza. A post-tensioned joist system will be used through-

out, on a 4'-8" module. There will be 11 levels (three below grade), and space for parking 2000 cars beneath the plaza. Each of six 65'-long bays is flanked by service cores: three (vertical tubes in the photo) for stairs, elevators and service facilities, and the remaining cores are used for mechanical shafts for HVAC and for storage areas.



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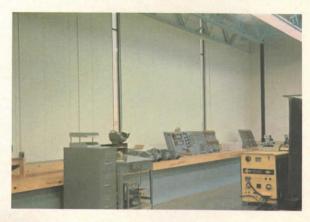
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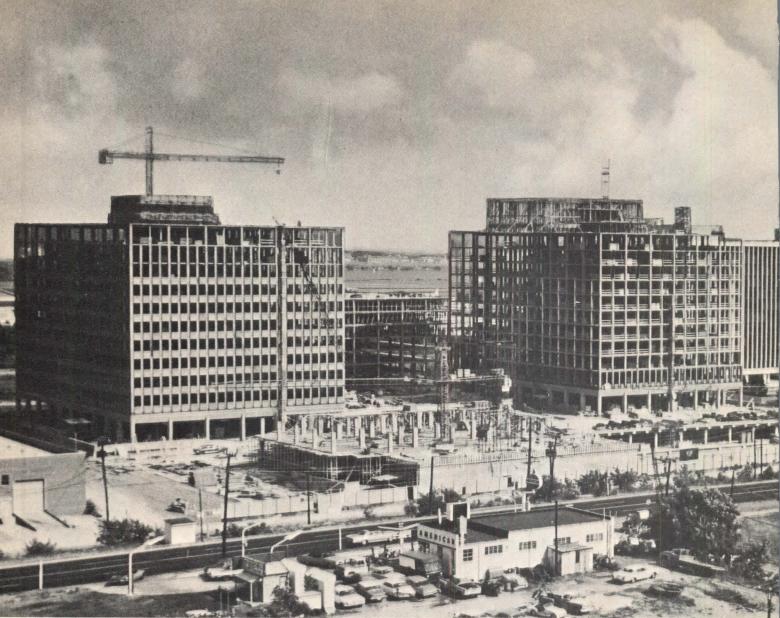
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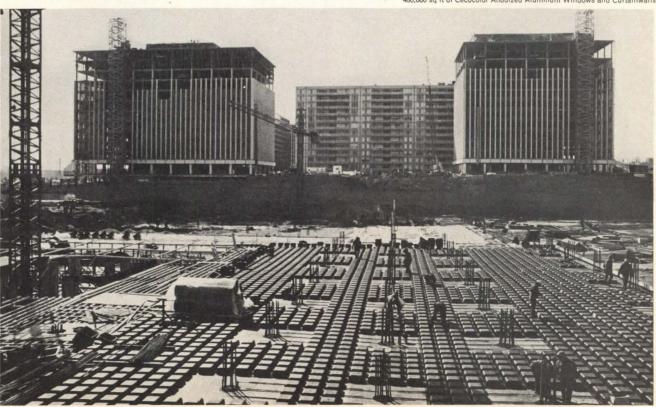
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Bays For All

Looking as though it might have been hugged too hard, this corrugated office structure by Pietro Belluschi and Emery Roth & Sons gives every tenant his own bay window. Although the building is situated on the edge of Boston's financial district near the new city hall, a view of the Charles River and the bay will be possible from the top floors. Construction on the 32-story, \$30-million, steel and concrete structure will begin this month, and is expected to be completed in early 1971. Faced with travertine marble, the building will provide 728,000 square feet for tenants. Two below grade parking levels will encourage more people to drive to work.

Husband and Wife Among 76 Architects Awarded AIA Fellowships

At the June Convention, Fellowships were bestowed on 76 members of the AIA for their outstanding contributions to architecture.

A life-long honor, Fellowship has existed since the establishment of the Institute in the late 19th Century.

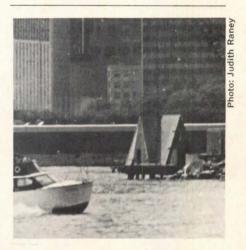
Architects are nominated for their achievement in one of 10 areas: design, science of construction, literature, education, service to the profession, research, urban design, government or industry, or architectural practice. Members are elected, however, for their over-all contribution to architecture rather than for just a single achievement.

For the first time, Fellowship, the highest honor other than the Gold Medal, was given to both a husband and wife — architects Winston and Elizabeth Close.

The new Fellows are: Charles K. Agle, Leonard D. Blackford, Samuel M. Brody, Leon Brown, Henrik H. Bull, Georgius Young Cannon, M. Elliott Carroll, Elizabeth S. Close (Mrs.), Winston A. Close, Jack C. Cohen, Spencer B. Cone, Eugene E. Crawford, Leonard J. Currie, Lewis Davis, Frederic L. Day, Jr., A. Henry Detwiler, Frederick E. Emmons, Edward H. Fickett, Joseph H. Flad, Francis Gassner, Hugh Gibbs, Kemper Goodwin, Walter Gordon, Jules Gregory, Fred M. Guirey, John C. Harkness, Jay Dewey Harnish, Michael M. Harris, Robert O. Hausner, August Frederick Hoenack, Harry James Holroyd, William Dudley Hunt, Jr., John M. Johansen, Raymond Kappe, Gustave R. Keane, William Keck, Harris Atteridge Kemp, William H. Kessler, Alan Kemp Laing, Frank J. Matzke, Bruce McCarty, Harley J. McKee, Philip J. Meathe, Louis Menk, Germano Milono, Ehrman B. Mitchell, Jr., Jesse O. Morgan, Jr., David George Murray, Daniel J. Nacht, Gyo Obata, J. Norman Pease, Jr., John W. Peirce, John Edward Pekruhn, Walter S. Pierce, Jan Hird Pokorny, Robert Alonzo Ritterbush, Kenneth W. Roehrig, John Miles Rowlett, Van Fossen Schwab, Allen G. Siple, Richard Wilson Snibbe, Pat Yates Spillman, Edwin T. Steffian, Joseph Stein, Richard G. Stein, Calvin C. Straub, D. Coder Taylor, Mitchell Van Bourg, Lawrence G. Waldron, Frederick S. Webster, Arthur B. White, James Richard

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Also at the Convention, six people were made honorary members of AIA. They are: Alan S. Boyd, former Secretary of Transportation; William A. Hewitt, Chairman of Deere & Co.: Thomas P.F. Hoving, Director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, N.Y.C.; Jonathan King, Vice-President of Educational Facilities Laboratories, Inc., N.Y.C.; Mrs. Anita J. Laird, Director of Interior Design and Furnishing Program, Department of State; and the Honorable Bernard Thomson, Judge of Nassau County, N.Y.



Pollution Reaches All-Time High in New York

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Construction Industry Forms a Foundation

BY E. E. HALMOS, JR.

Attended by the usual doubts and problems, another new industry organization was born in Washington late in May: The Construction Industry Foundation.

Objective: A sort of "umbrella" group that would take aim at the terribly snarled legal problems that grow out of construction work, hopefully assigning responsibility, simplifying contracts and other documents, bettering specifications, and otherwise improving the atmosphere.

Two days of meetings at AIA headquarters in Washington produced agreement on principles and objectives, and a slate of officers — but also exposed a very substantial gap in the united front that such an organization should show:

AIA itself, bankers, specialty and subcontractors, insurance men, lawyers, and others were represented among those attending and among the officers.

But the biggest and most powerful of the contractor groups—the 9000-member Associated General Contractors of America—was very prominently absent (even through an AGC representative sat in on initial meetings last fall).

Replying to press-conference queries about this absence, new CIF President Robert G. Cerny (FAIA) of Minneapolis said he regretted the "no show" at this session, but expected either AGC itself — or "certainly" many of its members — to join at a later date. Others of the new CIF staff admitted that absence of AGC could pose very serious problems for the effectiveness of the new organization.

There were also some undercurrents of comment during the sessions that make it obvious that many of the other groups look at CIF with some doubts.

Said one participant: "The architects for many years have virtually abdicated their function of

supervising construction to the general contractor. They have not deigned to get their shoes dirty on the site. Now, however, the courts are forcing them back into this picture by holding them responsible for performance. They are suddenly getting to be buddies with the rest of us."

Nevertheless, the 18 or so participants in the late-May meeting approved a four-point outline of initial areas of activity for CIF:

- (1) Establishment of minimum standards for plans and specs.
- (2) A research study of patterns of construction industry litigation, looking to development of procedures to limit legal exposure of third parties, focus responsibility more clearly.
- (3) Research into professional relations between survey and soil engineers and the rest of the industry, establishment of limits of responsibility of related parties, look into adequate insurance coverage of such operations.
- (4) Establish a cooperative committee to explore improved and more efficient methods of quantity take-offs.

In addition, they elected Cerny as President; Robert F. Cushman, a lawyer of Philadelphia, as Executive Vice-President; Richard H. Oakley, of Honeywell, Inc., as First Vice-President; Bernard H. Trimble, of the National Electrical Contractors Assn., as Second Vice-President; J. W. Rankin, Assistant AIA Secretary, as Secretary, and Charles Dickerson, of Robert Morris Associates of Philadelphia, as Treasurer.

Directors include all the officers, and H.L. Peterson of Honeywell; Dow Ostlund of the Valley National Bank of Phoenix, Ariz.

Next move — beyond getting committee investigations started — is to raise an estimated \$500,000 in dues from member organizations, to underwrite CIF's operations.

Washington

The lengthy discussions involved

in CIF's birth overshadowed, for architects, the deliberate pace of Government activity during the month.

As a matter of fact, very little was happening on Capitol Hill or the White House that was of direct interest: both Congress and the Executive seemed to be holding to their intention of carefully examining existing programs, tinkering with existing machinery, and acting on very little that was really new.

Some money bills were introduced: Senator Yarborough's (D. Texas) proposal (S.2182) for a five-year, \$1,500,000,000 program of grants to aid hospital construction and rehabilitation; more bills concerning industrial and construction safety; schemes for reorganizing some of the functions of the Housing and Urban Development and Transportation departments to bring them more closely into line on urban renewal projects.

And there were continued fulminations (but no apparent action) over the excessive demands of construction labor, Government spending, and the like.

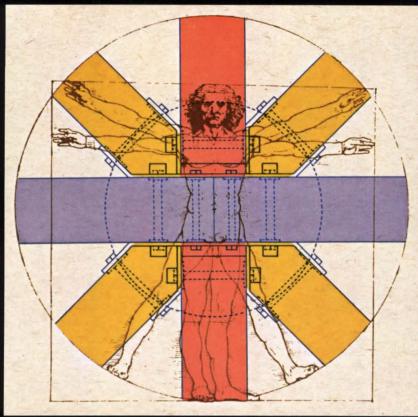
There was one noticeable trend that could be very important: A definite pullback from the many proposals for establishment of "trust funds" (for airport and airways improvement, for urban mass transit, for forest highways, etc.).

Reason was a sharpening attack in the public press on the very successful Highway fund, which was categorized as an ever-flowing stream of money to supply fuel for the "highway lobby" in several popular magazine articles. Ever sensitive, politicians tried to keep out of the cross-fire, even though it was equally obvious that trust funds offer one of the few ways out of the demand for increasing Government spending, as opposed to the demands for Federal "economy."

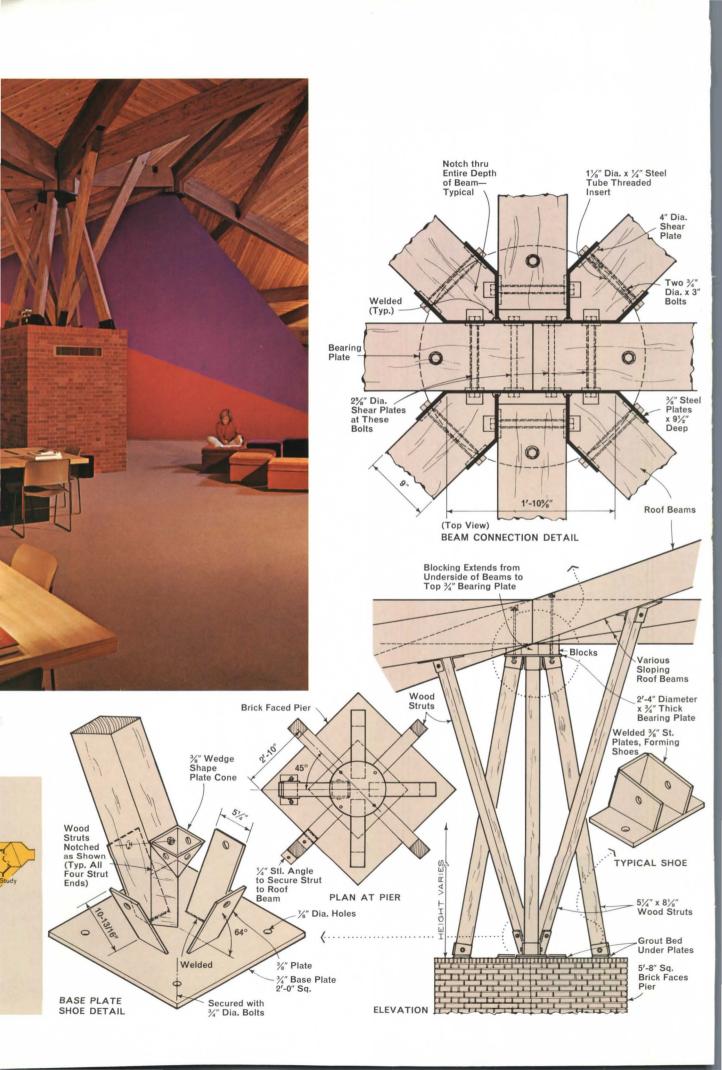
On other than on legislative levels, there were also these developments:

The Federal Aviation Administration announced allocations of \$34,200,000 in matching grants for the 1970 fiscal year for airport construction — a sad comedown from the \$75 million "authorized" (but not appropriated) by Congress.

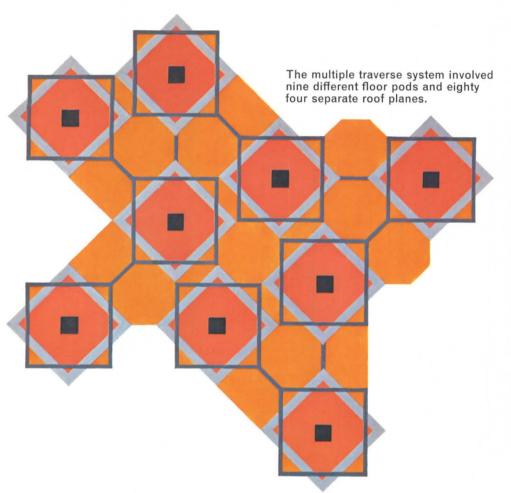
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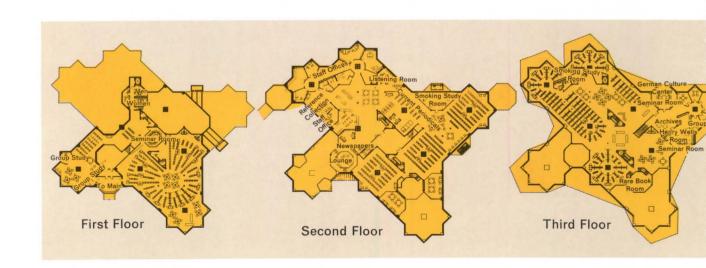
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The new Boston City Hall was decided upon in 1962 when the architects won a national competion with their idea of just what a city hall should be. It is now a concrete and brick example of architectural achievement.

The organization of the building is complex but open-visitors can pass through their City Hall any time of the day or night and not be confronted by a single door. Erected on a sloping site, the lower floors are partially buried and include garage space, files, computer rooms and offices. The second and third

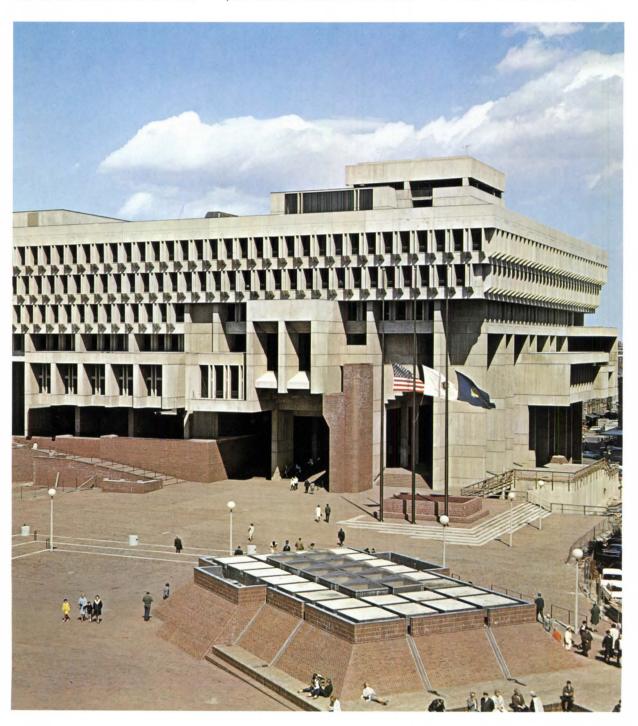
floors hold those government offices most contacted by the public. The top four floors contain office spaces requiring a minimum of public traffic, and hung below them at the fifth level are the elements of symbolic and civic importance: the Mayor's Suite and the City Council Chambers.

The roof of City Hall is a 74,000 square foot, 4-ply Koppers roof. On the concrete deck, a vapor barrier of one-ply tarred felt was laid, then 11/2" ridged insulation board. Next came alternate layers of coal tar pitch and tar-saturated felts with a

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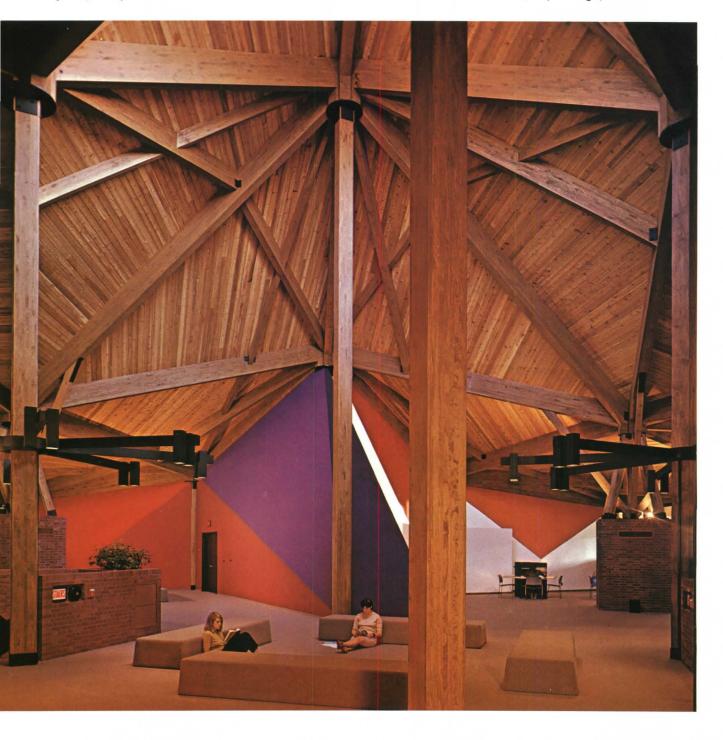
The library's 55,000 square feet

include stack space for 250,000 volumes, seating capacity for 328 people, various study environments, seminar rooms, a music listening area, a rare book room, a permanent art gallery, and a room which is planned for electronic carrels for information retrieval from library centers.

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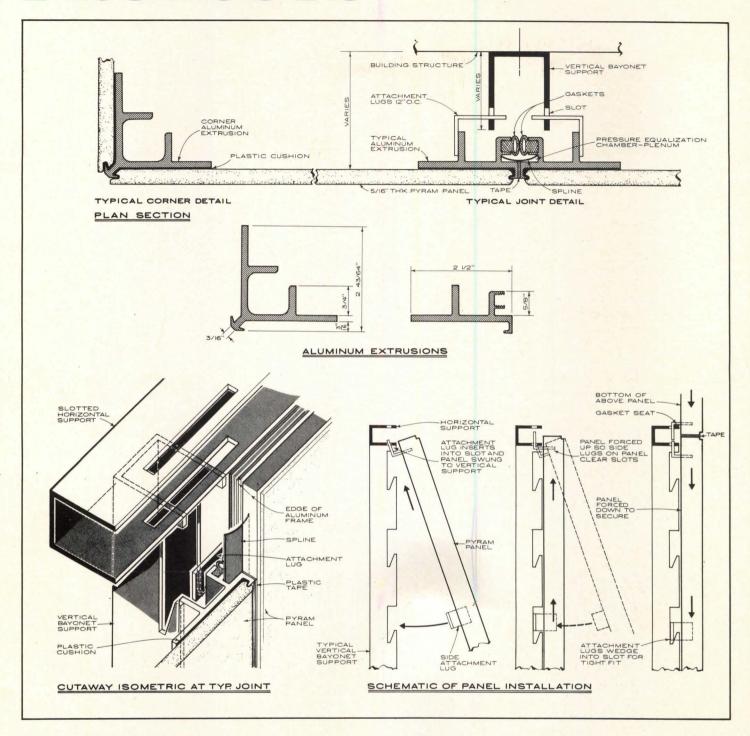
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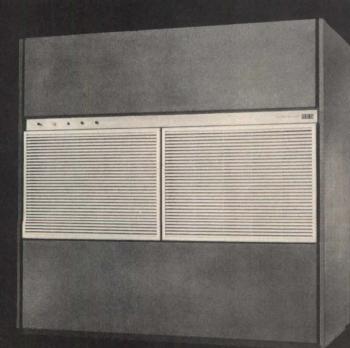
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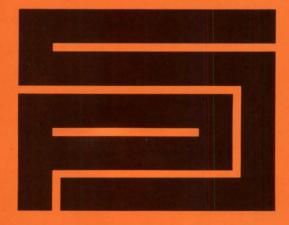
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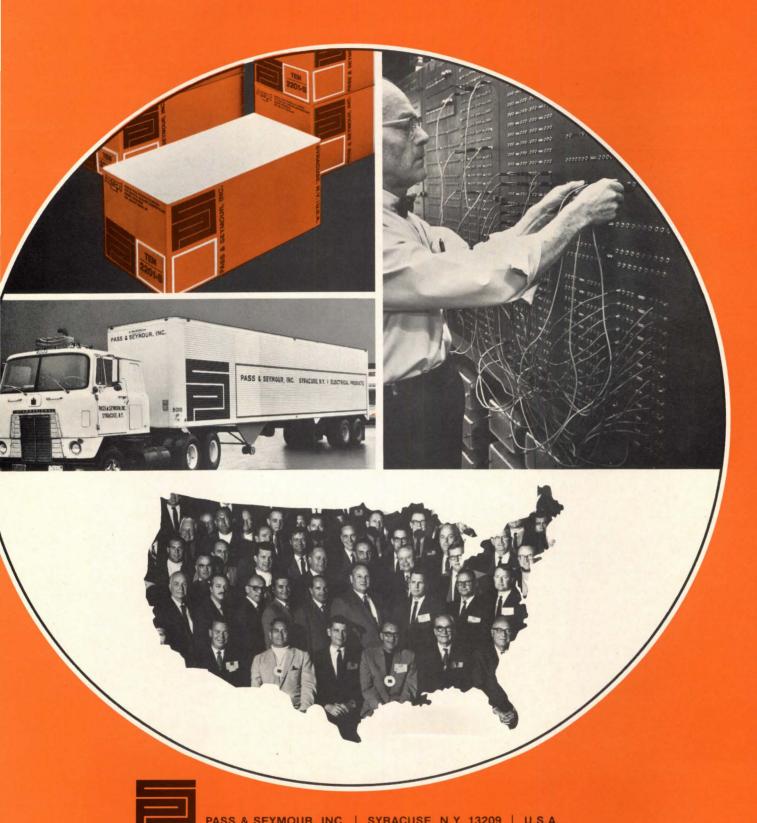
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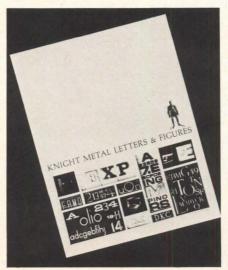
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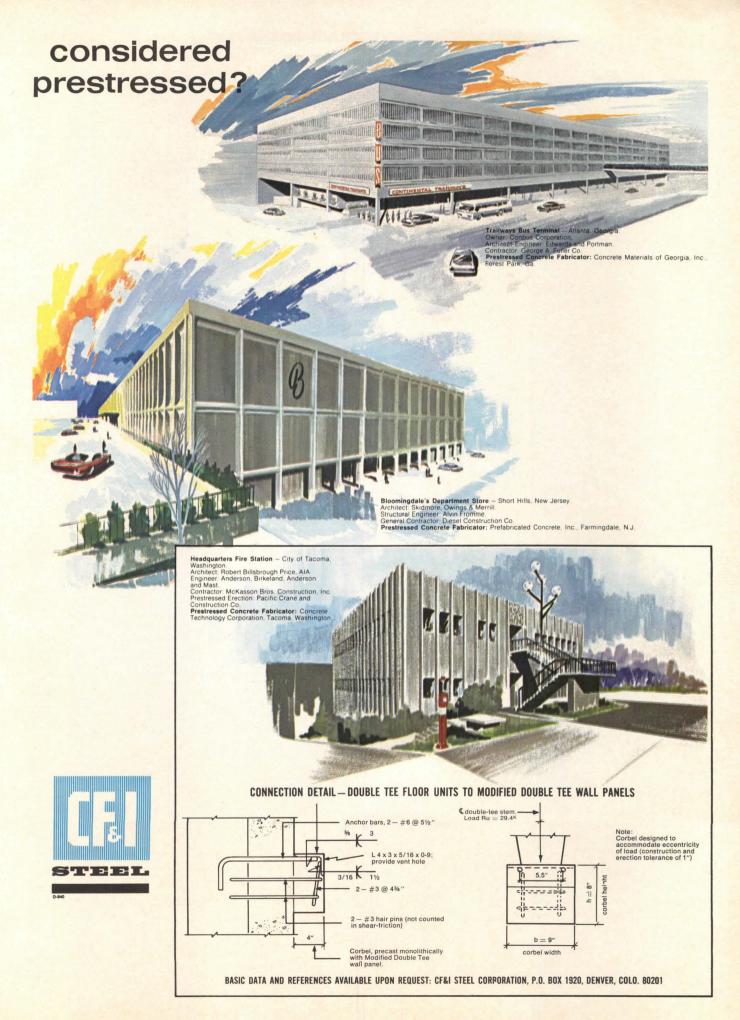
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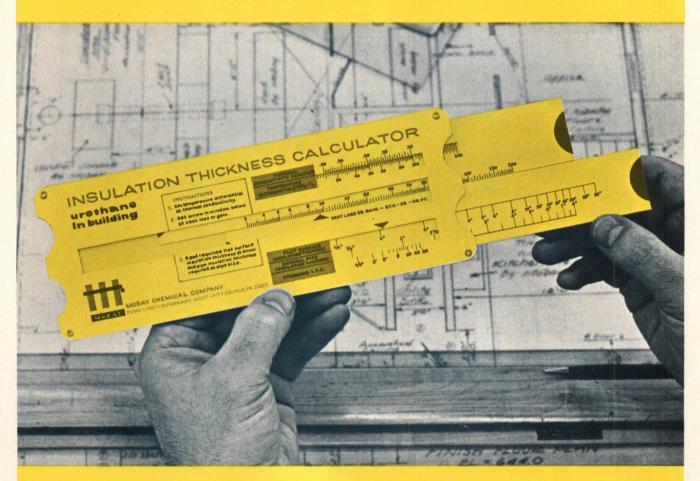
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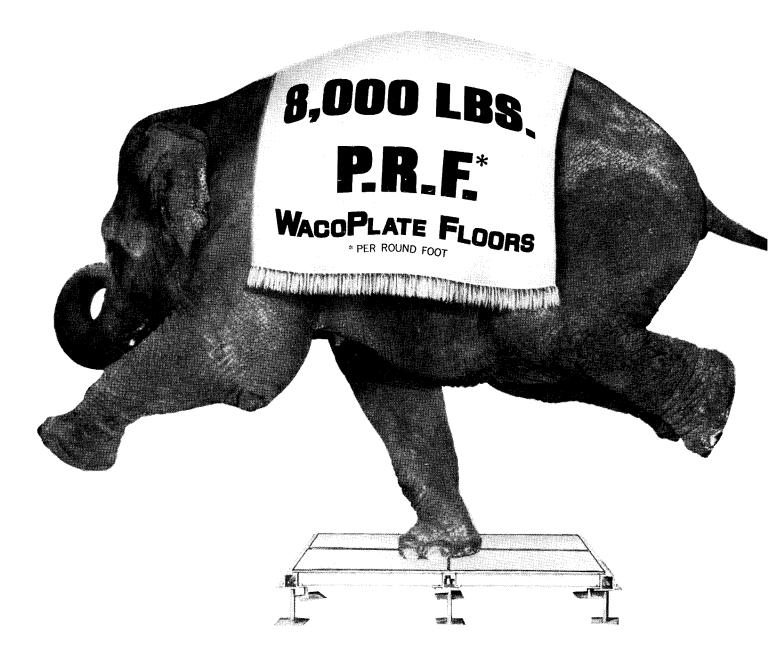
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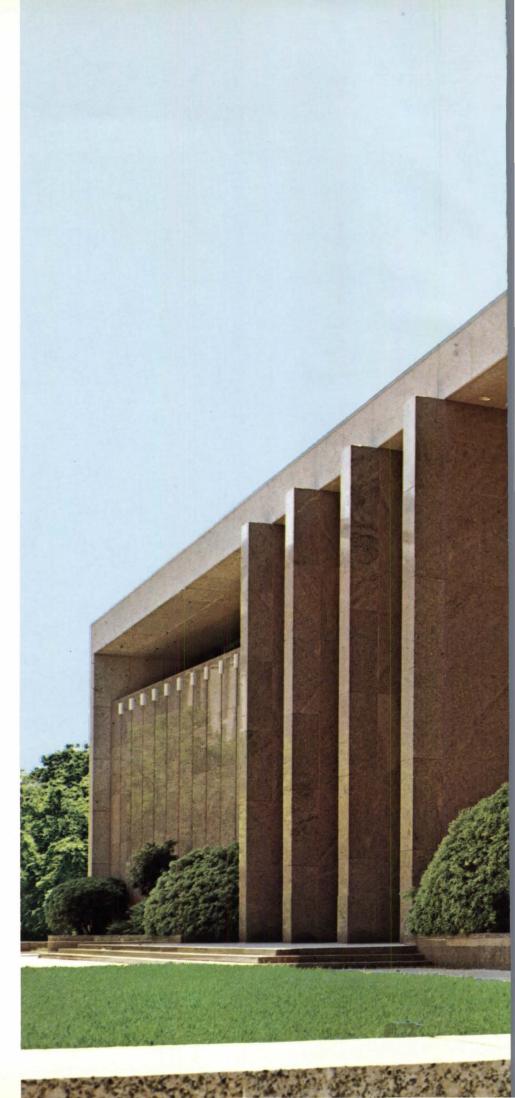
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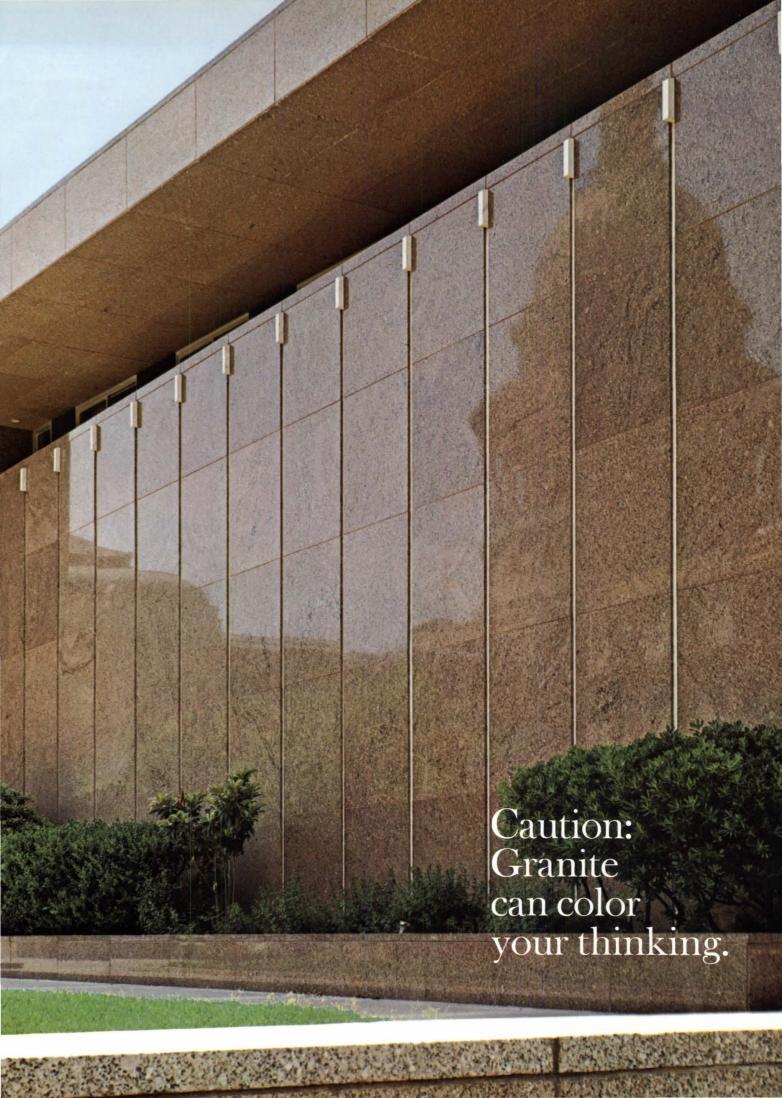
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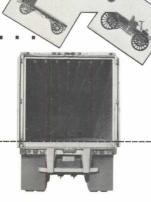
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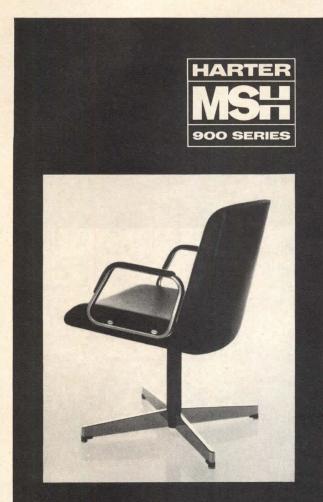
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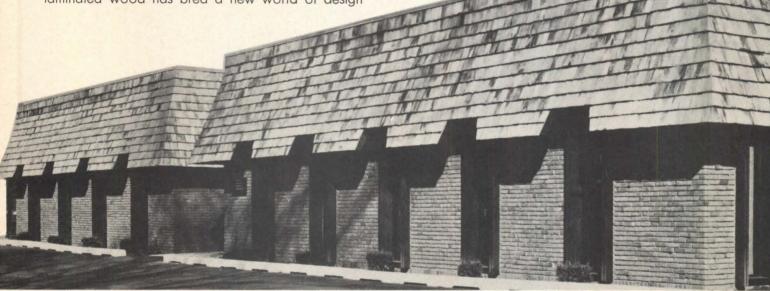
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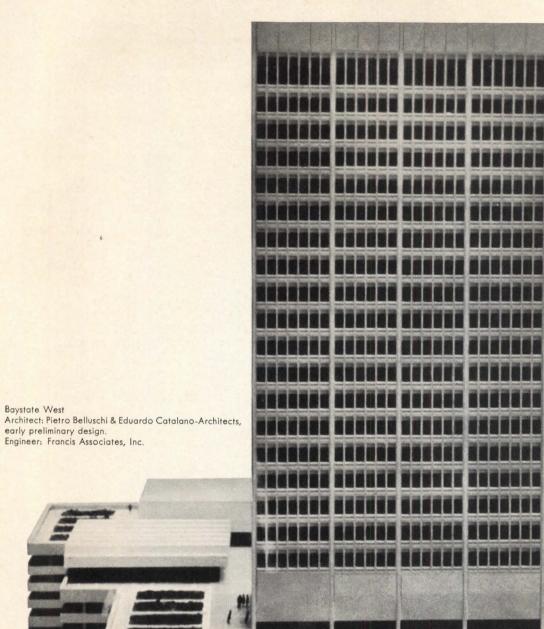
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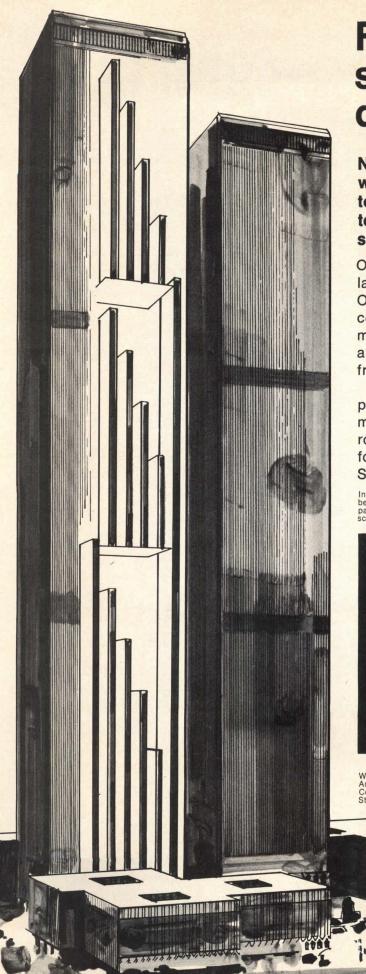
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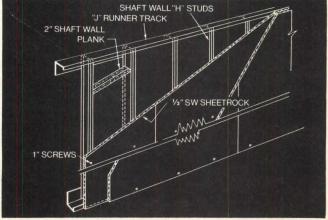
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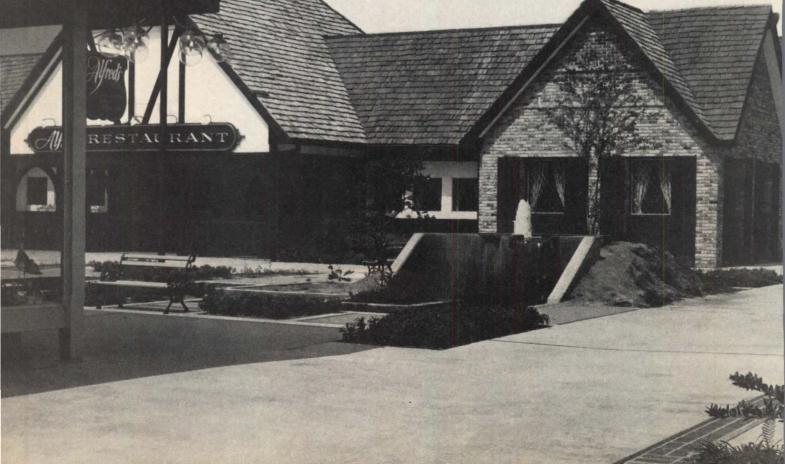
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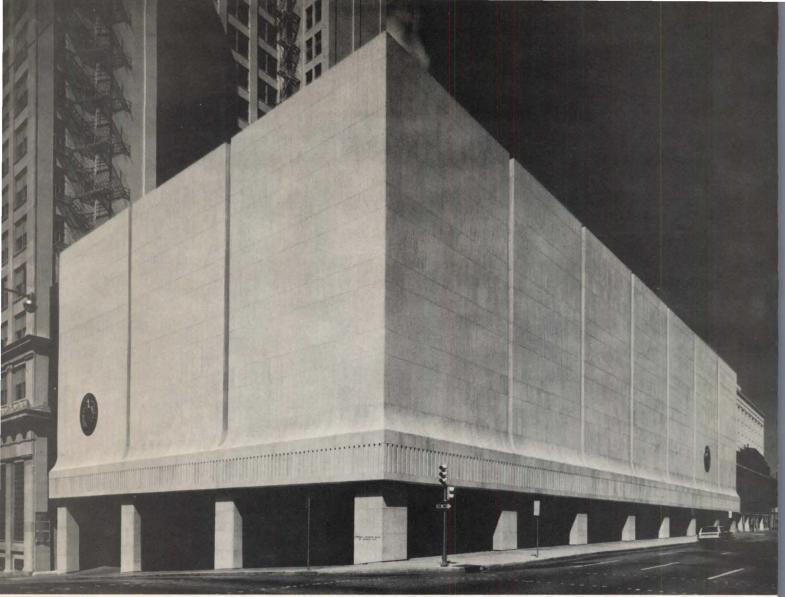


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The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City... a bulwark of security built with prestressed concrete

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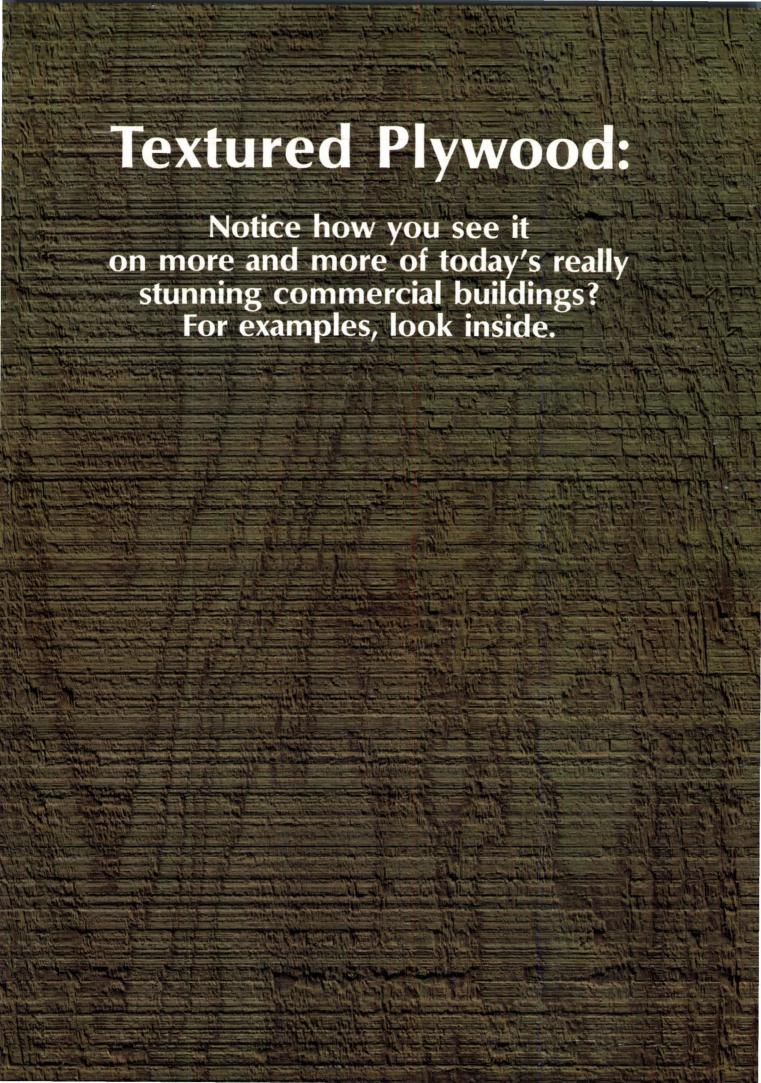
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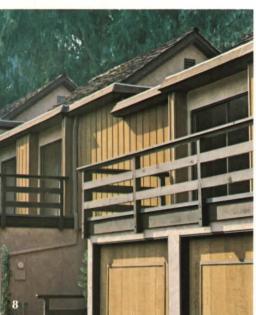
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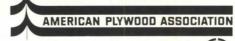
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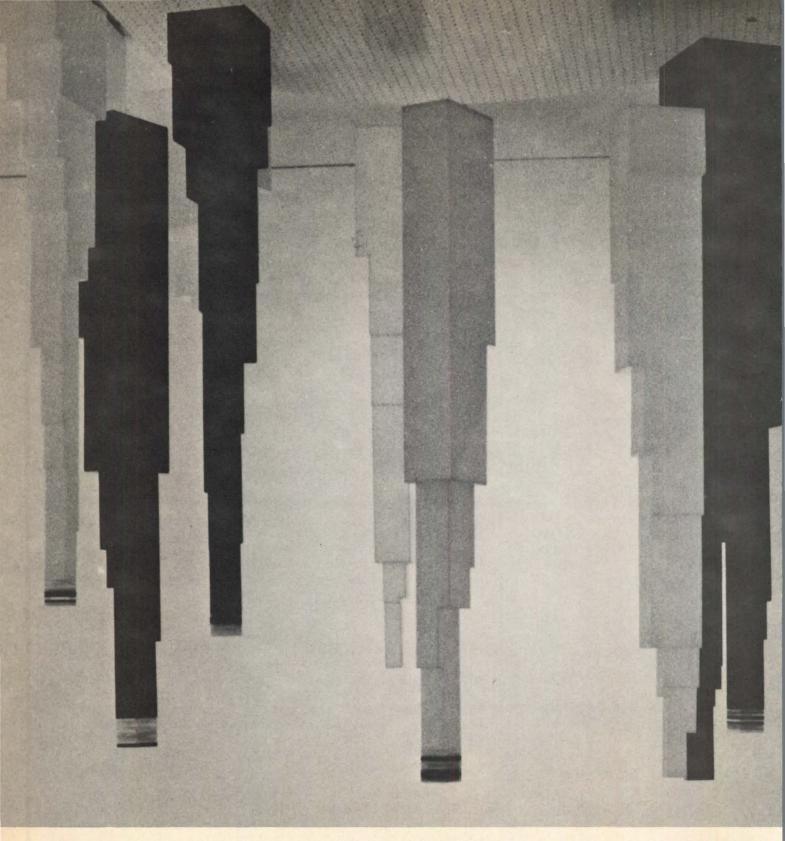
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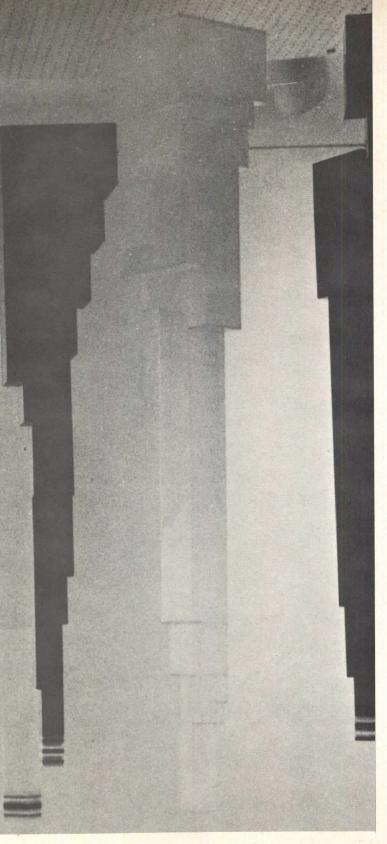


EDITORIAL

THE WORLD IS BEING TURNED UPSIDE DOWN

by those striving to make history while ignoring its lessons. A frightening lack of understanding of the lessons of history was displayed in the recent Congressional enaction of punitive measures against university student dissidents.

From the Boston tea tax to Prohibition, Americans have resolutely demonstrated their right to oppose laws they consider unjust. As a matter of fact, this right was written into our Constitution: "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed;



English Sculpture David Carr expressed the voids between the setback buildings in city skylines with plastic volumes suspended from the ceiling of the Bertha Schaefer Gallery. (Photo: Gerald Jacobson.)

nesses recruit hippies — provokes young activists into the simplistic expedient of nihilistically attacking the entire Establishment. The result is the rapid erosion of those institutions that have traditionally upheld the rights of personal dissent, the law, the church, and the university. Students seem ignorant of the lesson of history that destruction of the authority of a social fabric invariably presages the rise of tyrants and despots. In the two centuries since American independence, we have seen the police states of Napoleon, Mussolini, and Hitler rise out of the chaos created by such conditions.

This month, we include an article on that prime target of dissidents — education. It is written by a young architectural school graduate, Peter Brill. Brill knows what he is talking about; he went the entire route — honor student, graduate study, and study abroad. He demonstrates an understanding of contemporary history in that he sees clearly that the major events of our time have occurred in the technological and not the social order. Brill demands an education that will equip architects to use technological tools.

Architectural student radicals such as Brill seem to be choosing a path between the cathartic of chaos and Establishment containment. Their protests are based on the moral values of traditional institutions. The architectural profession has, these students claim, a moral obligation to enforce and uphold the very basic tenets of our culture and they have demonstrated time and time again their willingness to stand behind their beliefs as militantly as any member of the SDS.

It is significant that, amid the chaos at Columbia University last year, the architectural students joined the protests as a profession, impelled to protest through a moral commitment.

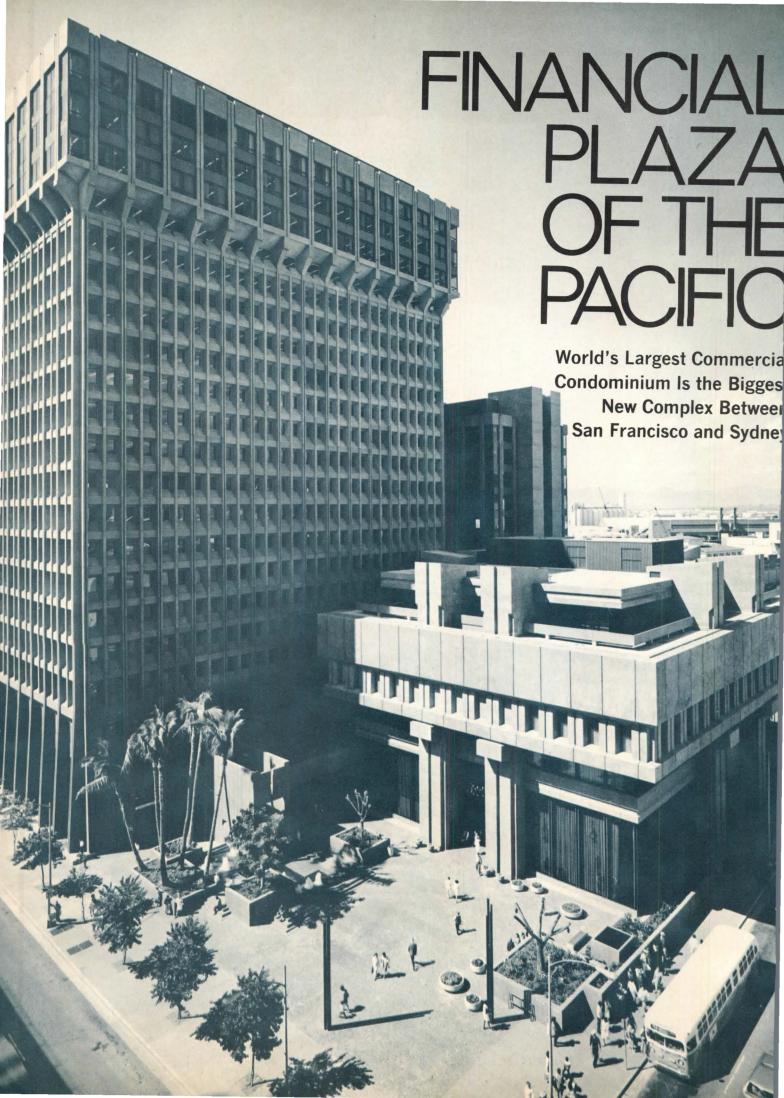
In many instances, architectural students are demonstrating a stronger belief in the ability of the architect to create an equitable human environment than many of those who oppose them both inside and outside the profession. We should not allow this message to be drowned out by the surrounding chaotic din.

Our students must be listened to, if for no other reason than history is on their side. "I hold it, that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as a storm in the physical," said a well-known radical, university founder, and architect, also quoted earlier — Thomas Jefferson.

and whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it." The firm belief in this principle has sparked more student opposition to repressive administrative and police action on the campus than SDS agitation. History should have taught today's Congressmen that respect for authority is voluntary; it cannot be enforced.

On the other hand, vociferous students seem no more aware of the past than the lawmakers. The ability of the Establishment to contain its critics — foundations finance revolutionary studies and busi-

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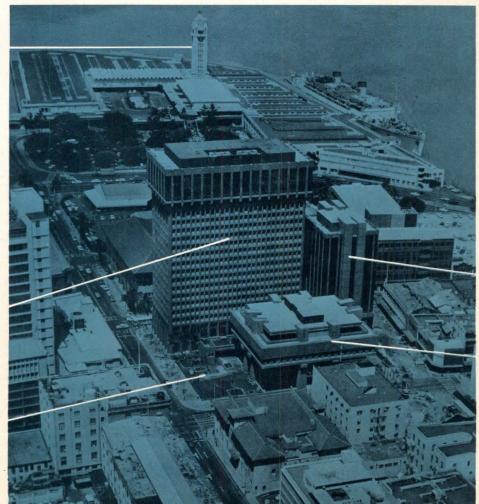
To design "the world's largest commercial condominium" for four major owners who insist on their separate visual identities and to have it come out looking somewhat all of a piece is a pretty good accomplishment. To do it and have the result as imposing and important to the community as The Financial Plaza of the Pacific is a gratifying urban achievement indeed.

There will probably be those who will complain that Leo S. Wou's design for the Honolulu megastructure (actually a mini-megastructure—three distinct buildings grouped together on a city block) is too "Mainland," not indicative enough of Hawaiian culture. That may be, but people looking for derivations of traditional island themes in modern dress can always go a few blocks away to see John Carl Warnecke's pleasant new state capitol. For possible visual comparisons of Financial Plaza, one's thoughts stray world wide—to Milan's Torre Velasca (the Castle & Cooke Building) and Boston's City

Hall (the Bank of Hawaii Building). Comparisons are perhaps odious in this case, at any rate, since the Financial Plaza represents one of those rare things, imaginative urban renewal accomplished completely through private means, and that is the major message it gives us. For a similar venture, the original Rockefeller Center is perhaps most germane, although its "expansion" into second-rate commercial buildings along the Avenue of the Americas in recent years does not, one hopes, presage a similar fate for the neighborhood around the Honolulu complex. More recently, John Portman has sparked a somewhat similar private planning revolution in Atlanta, and, together with New York's Rockefellers, is now zeroing in on downtown San Francisco.

The Honolulu Financial Plaza was brought about by local interests. Alfred Boeke of Sea Ranch fame, who is Vice-President of Oceanic Properties, Inc., the land development subsidiary of Castle & Cooke,

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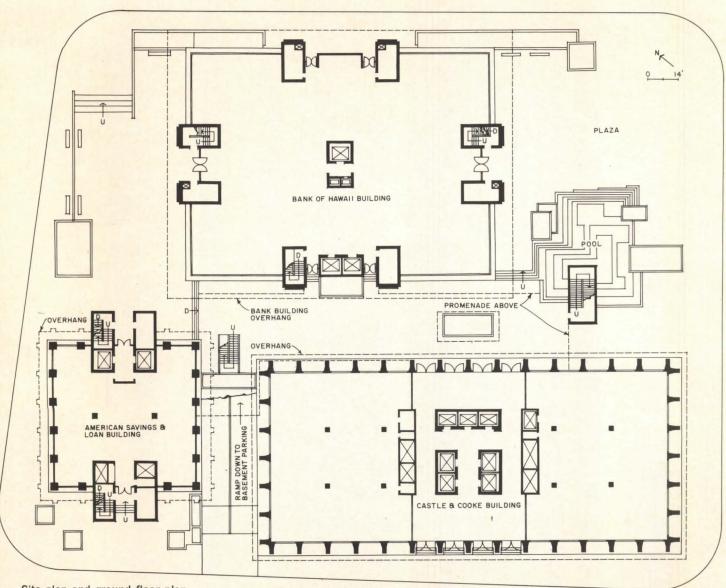
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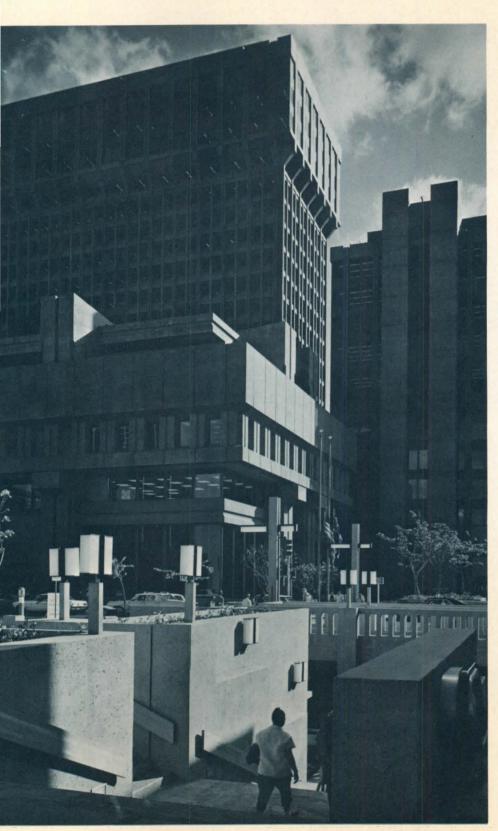
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Inc., reacted to a 1962 downtown Honolulu master plan by Leo S. Wou & Associates by realizing that at least part of the commercial area should proceed under proper timing, coordination, and creative sponsorship. He accordingly arranged a four-block study by Victor Gruen Associates, from which the present block was chosen for initial development. The owners in the condominium are, in addition to Castle & Cooke, the American Savings & Loan Association, the Bank of Hawaii, and the Wilcox Development Corporation. The last named does not occupy the complex, but uses its holdings as rental space for income purposes. The entire project architecturally became a joint venture of the two originals.

nal planners, Leo S. Wou & Associates and Victor Gruen Associate, Inc.

The group of buildings on its fountained plaza that can be seen from Alhoa Tower by tourists disembarking at Ala Moana consists of the 21-story Castle & Cooke Building, the 12-story American Savings & Loan Association Building, and the six-story Bank of Hawaii Building. These are set on a terraced brick plaza designed by Lawrence Halprin & Associates. The plaza is accessible to an interconnecting second-story pedestrianway via a sculptural staircase in front of the Castle & Cooke Building (this is a muscular concrete structure, recalling that Wou once worked with Louis I. Kahn.)

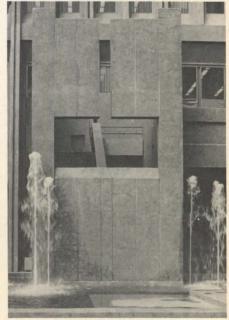
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Victor Gruen's Fort Street Mall has joined Financial Plaza as connective tissue to the rest of redeveloping Honolulu.



Stairway up to elevated promenade connecting the three buildings (inside, above; outside, below) forms a sculptural object to reflect in Halprin's fountains.



The treatment of promenade and plaza levels tends to break up and make less threatening the somewhat overpowering forms of the buildings, particularly Castle & Cooke and the Bank of Hawaii. Some observers have objected to these buildings as being overdesigned, but the use of connective space; a playful fountain and other, smaller "happenings" in the over-all environment; use of reflective glass and light and shadow; varying textures of concrete, brick, planting, water, metal, glass; and judicious native landscaping (to become more luxuriant and more softening in the future) all conspire to bring the experiences of Financial Plaza down to an individual, more human scale. When seen from afar, Financial Plaza does dominate the skyline, as it was no doubt designed to do, but direct experience with the group of buildings leads to a series of spatial

and textural adventures rather than a sense of oppressiveness in the midst of Hawaii's commercial monoliths.

The architect, as previously noted, was torn between the Scylla of visual integration of the project and the Charybdis of client desire for individual identity. Fortunately, like Odysseus, Leo Wou passed safely between these conceivably opposing interests to emerge with a complex that, for the most part, is visually integrated and composed of distinct parts for the three major occupants. Use of similar materials and related architectural expressions in the three buildings, plus the connective tissue of plazas and elevated promenade, makes Financial Plaza hang together as a visual and spatial entity. Variations of forms and heights responding to individual client's needs and programs answer the need for sep-



Relief from the south Pacific sun is gained in arcades at street level. Punctuated with planting, seating, fountains, and light shafts, the arcades have become popular lingering places.



Viewed from the main chamber of the Bank of Hawaii, the elevated promenade can be seen as a connection between the bank and the Castle & Cooke Building.





arate "images." There might be some cavils at the final forms some of these differentiations have taken, notably the conceit of making Castle & Cooke's three headquarters floors on the top of their building a castellated cantilever (Castle-castellated, get it?), but, for the most part, the design achieves the unity in diversity that was the goal.

The structural systems used in Financial Plaza, particularly in the Bank of Hawaii, strongly influenced the resultant visual effects. In the bank, mechanical and electrical facilities and vertical circulation elements are organized into four sets of vertical shafts on the exterior. There are no columns on the interior — none, per se, in the building, as a matter of fact.

Since its completion, Financial Plaza of the Pacific has been joined by the Fort Street Mall, a commercial urban renewal gesture similar to efforts on the Mainland (Minneapolis, Fresno, etc.). If these projects touch off other measures to juice up downtown Honolulu, Financial Plaza and its creators will be able to indulge in some merited self-satisfaction as the progenitors of the revival.

Detail of precast concrete double window units for Castle & Cooke Building. They are 12-ft wide by 3-ft deep, and carry air conditioning ducts shafts in the center mullions.

FINANCIAL PLAZA OF THE PACIFIC, Honolulu, Hawaii. Architects: Leo S. Wou and Victor Gruen Associates, Inc., Associated Architects (Leo S. Wou, Principal in Charge of Design; Edgardo Contini, Principal in Charge of Engineering; Sydney H. Brisker, Project Coordinator). Site: Full city block in downtown Honolulu bounded by King, Bishop, Merchant, and Fort Streets. Selected as pilot project in fourblock renewal plan of area made by Victor Gruen Associates (which came after overall downtown renewal study by Leo S. Wou & Associates). Program: Provide headquarters for four clients: American Savings & Loan Association, Bank of Hawaii, Castle & Cooke, Inc., and Territorial Savings & Loan Association (a fifth client, Wilcox Development Corporation, does not have quarters in the complex). Commercial condominium to be developed with appropriate visual distinction for each owner, yet act as a cohesive force in city's commercial area renewal. Structural System: Two taller buildings on high capacity prestressed concrete piles. Shear walls in all three buildings used to resist lateral forces. The lower

three floors of the Castle & Cooke Building are supported on full height solid precast columns. At typical floors, the exterior elements are precast concrete frame units, 12-ft wide by 3-ft deep, divided into two window openings (see detail drawing). Air-conditioning duct shafts run in the center mullions of these units. Where they are joined, the precast shape serves as exterior forms for castin-place columns and spandrels and also guides the window-washing tracks. Typical floor system is prestressed planks with concrete topping, requiring only a 10'-6" floor to floor height for an 8'-6" interior room height. Top and bottom three floors of the 21-story tower are curtain wall construction similar to the American Savings & Loan Association Building (the most modest and retiring of the group). The top three floors cantilever 8 ft beyond the building. American Savings & Loan Building uses combination of precast and cast-in-place concrete; two main towers in building are cast-in-place with sandblasted finish to match precast units. Column shells are precast concrete, and floors are precast prestressed concrete

planks similar to Castle & Cooke Building. Transition occurs at third floor where exterior columns step outward 6 ft; the upper columns are supported on large prestressed girders at third floor level. Structure of Bank of Hawaii Building is carried by four post-tensioned, cast-inplace concrete Vierendeel girders forming exterior walls of the building from the fourth to the sixth floor. All floors are either framed into these girders or hung from structures carried by them. Floor construction is prestressed concrete I beams and 41/2" cast-in-place slab. Each 28' x 146' girder is supported at thirdpoints by two cast-in-place concrete shaft structures. The girders cantilever 50 ft beyond these shafts, which contain elements such as stairways, elevators, toilets, and mechanical equipment rooms. Parking: Underground parking under site, plus arrangement with nearby interests to construct a parking structure/office for 200 automobiles. Mechanical Systems: The tall buildings are air conditioned by 10 central high velocity double-duct systems using mixing boxes for each thermostatically controlled zone. Most of the

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Castle & Cooke Building provides a newlook, mainland-type backdrop for more traditional island architecture and foliage.

air is taken back to the fan systems through vertical voids in the concrete façade of the Castle & Cooke Building. The Bank of Hawaii Building is air conditioned by 21 multizone units located in voids at each floor; light troffers used for air distribution. Centrifugal chillers located in Castle & Cooke penthouse supply chilled water for virtually the entire complex.

Major Materials: Sandblasted concrete with volcanic aggregate exterior; drywall plaster and exposed concrete interior. Floor covering of travertine-style vinyl asbestos tile, ceilings of 12" x 5" fissured acoustical tile. Drywall and movable wall partitioning. Windows bronze plate in bronze anodized aluminum. Cost: Bid, \$14,300,787; Actual, \$17,162,480. Consultants: Lawrence Halprin & Associates, landscape architect; Ayres & Hayakawa, mechanical; Frumhoff & Cohen, electrical; Financial Plaza Contractors, a joint venture of Hawaiian Dredging & Construction Co., Ltd., Sonsor, Pacific Construction Co., Ltd., and Swinerton & Walberg Co., general contractor. Photography: R. Wenkham.



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Architectural Education

THE CHALLENGE TO TRADITION: A STUDENT VIEW

BY PETER BRILL

The following article was written by a recent graduate of an architectural school and is presented here not as a comprehensive statement, but as an articulate expression of the student point of view — one that, given the widespread unrest in our schools today, deserves the attention of the profession. The author received a Bachelor of Architecture degree, with University Honors, from the University of Illinois; was a member of Scarab, the architectural honorary fraternity; received the Earle Prize for architectural design; and was awarded a fellowship to study at Moscow University, U.S.S.R.

Although the traditional evolution of specialized training in our schools of architecture seems to be undergoing considerable revision, its basic core structure remains unchanged. The majority of schools are set up in such a fashion that they are able to maintain a flow of personnel to the existing architectural offices without having to take the initiative in restructuring their curricula to meet the complex and ever-changing needs of the users of the environment.

Specialized vocational training for a slot in a "well-established factory" cannot meet this challenge. Modifications in the curriculum — the six-year program; new titles for old courses; additional courses in the humanities; establishing extension schools in Europe; extending building hours, adding a com-

puter scientist to the faculty; and many other patchwork measures applied to an inadequate structure imposed by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards — are the current preoccupation of the "new school" committees.

Architects, and therefore students of architecture, are losing their once-sacred hierarchical status, as new tools and theories are developed by other professionals — ones that deal more effectively with the scale and complexity of the exploding environment (see MAY 1969 P/A). Architects continue to remain completely aloof from the major decisions that affect our environment, such as Government policy and building regulations. Computer scientists, systems engineers, sociologists, and others are ignoring the profession — partly in response to the inadequacy of architects in dealing with the broader aspects of the environment.

Because of the inadequate reforms, many students are protesting and trying to force their schools to become advocates of change. The students not only want their schools to make curricula changes; they want their schools to make moral judgments on local, national, and international issues. In order to bring about these changes successfully, the students are demanding an equal share in the decision-making power of the administration and the faculty. This new-found student power has the ability either to change the profession of architecture or to start a new profession more responsive to the needs of man. The universities have the necessary resources to bring this change about: capital, time, machinery, and manpower. Academia can be a working community that can mold this new profession, and, with a responsive administration, schools of architecture can compete effectively with the profit-oriented architectural offices.

At the same time, there is a growing resentment and apathy among students, who see the world outside the campus as a well-established system that cannot be changed so abruptly. Therefore, they follow the prescribed course leading to a large drafting room to "bask in the comfort of historical precedent," never stopping along the way to evaluate their position. Unfortunately, it takes the innocent freshmen with their preconceived ideas of becoming another Fountainhead architect a long time to understand themselves and the predicament that is engulfing the profession. Perhaps this article can hasten the pace to nirvana.

At a time when there are drastic social issues to be resolved, the architecture student sees himself channeling his energies with an Exacto knife and cardboard in one hand and a soft lead pencil and yellow tracing paper in the other — the prescribed tools that he is applying to the design of "cities for people" in preparation for a "meaningful professional role." Frustrated, they justifiably want to get involved in "real-world problems." This much-maligned phrase is defined by students in terms ranging from the planting of trees to the Vietnam war.

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Frustration leads to anxiety, and anxiety leads to action. Rather than having to face an explosion of these pent-up frustrations in the form of a strike, many departments of architecture are allowing students to "do their own thing," some without faculty participation. The following are some methods of appeasement used at various schools of architecture:

The Student Demands "We would like to participate in policy decisions."

The Chairman Responds
"Fine, you are welcome to join our
committee meetings."

An invitation to a committee meeting is insufficient, as Professor George Borowsky of the State University of New York in Buffalo explains: "The processes for participation in the decisions that affect his life as a student are almost entirely unresponsive to his demands and expressed desires. He is a student after all, and while in school is not given much credit for mature thinking; his faculty are busy practicing as consultants in their own offices; he has no opportunity to help define what he should study or how it should be studied; and when he tries to exact attention on behalf of the administration or faculty, at best he will be offered a committee 'to study the problem.' From the desire to push his soon-to-be-profes-

sion in the direction the student perceives to be most important, through his own desires to be meaningfully engaged himself, to the petty manner in which his education is being conducted by patronizing faculty, insufferable red tape, irrelevant curricula and all the rest, the student is essentially not responded to." Nevertheless, at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y., the students have an equal voice with the faculty on policy decisions, but the overriding decisions are still made by the board of trustees. The students are now attempting to initiate steps that would challenge this power of the board of trustees.

The Student Demands
"We want real world problems to solve."

The Chairman Responds
"Fine, let's design a prototypical city of 500,000
people in 4 months for an undesignated site."

Many architectural school project assignments have moved from the design of vacation retreats on a faraway island to the design of complex, urban scale operations. Likewise, the professors are being switched from Beaux Arts specialists to environmental specialists, without any period of self-educational adjustment. The models the students present are quite impressive — that is, if one evaluates them purely

PETITION: ARCHITECTURE AND NUCLEAR PROTECTION

We the undersigned architects, planners, students of architecture and planning, and related environmentalists declare that we oppose and will take no part in the planning or design of radiation protection shelters for the following reasons:

- 1. The designer of radiation protection shelters accepts the use of nuclear weapons as a valid instrument of national policy. In so doing, he is contributing to the upward spiral of the international arms race. The building of radiation protection shelters is in no way different from the building of ABM. Both accept nuclear war as if it were inevitable and suppose that the spending of billions of dollars to reduce the resulting death and destruction by a small percentage is a significant accomplishment. This we cannot accept.
- 2. We believe that in pushing a shelter program, the Government is misleading the American public into believing that it can survive a nuclear catastrophe. The consequences of this actually occurring are so monstrously horrid as to be almost unimagineable. We will not lend our professional skills to the creation of a false security.
- **3.** We reject nuclear war as totally unacceptable. We believe that the only way to achieve peace is to make peace, and not to prepare for war. In signing this statement, we are upholding our professional responsibility to the public and are making clear that we will not mislead the American public by creating a false security.

One of the petitions issued by The Architect's Resistance (TAR).

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"Specialization is in fact only a fancy form of slavery where the 'expert' is fooled into accepting his slavery by making him feel that in return he is in a socially and culturally preferred, ergo, highly secure, lifelong position." Buckminster Fuller

"A system is made by individuals, and if you say that you have established a sensibility from which a system can come, then it is not dead." Louis Kahn

"Architects think they make decisions. That is a joke. They're called after the decisions have already been made and are told to decorate the basic decisions." Bruno Leon, Dean, School of Architecture, University of Detroit

"It's the vulgarity of the adults that I would like to explore as a means, possbily, of understanding the problem of the vulgarity of the young." Prof. James M. Fitch, Columbia University

"Students need an outlet for expressing their frustrations, if structural means are not available, the results are inevitable." Jack Swing, Chairman, Department of Architecture, University of Illinois

"All people must have the right and power to control their own lives. Like any other profession, architecture is not an end in itself, but part of a political process. Because we believe human values are more important than material values:

- We will only use our skills as tools for liberating oppressed peoples.
- Architect's only responsibility is to the people who use the environment.
- We will work for the equal distribution of economic power.
- Work against such U.S. activities as the war in Southeast Asia, or any imperialistic or racist exploitation at home and abroad.
- Work against those who exploit people and land for their own power and profit." Yale University Student

"Students have wide-ranging concerns and perhaps more commitment than we expected, or than we know how to handle." Robert Harris, Head, Department of Architecture, University of Oregon

"I don't like beards and I don't like long hair, but I think a person has a right to wear it if he wants to. I get kind of tired to look across campus and not be able to tell whether it's a male or female. It really kind of baffles me. But I thought about it and, like I say, I think the student ought to be given a lot of freedom, very definitely, but I also think there ought to be a certain amount of discipline. If it just means sitting around, fooling around, doing nothing, then I don't agree." Prof. Richard Lilliot, Department of Architecture, University of Houston

"We have little sympathy for those who, in challenging the appropriateness of past standards, would merely weaken the standards in pseudo-corrections. They would destroy the profession." Murlin Hodgell, Director, School of Architecture, University of Nebraska

"I feel that the potential of the school is very great, that we are floundering and on our face right now." Prof. A. Linnstardter, Department of Architecture, University of Houston

"We have been in the midst of student revolt and in my opinion will continue to be so for a long time. It is one sign of an active, concerned student body. Their main push is 'relevant education' and in architecture this takes two forms. To one group it means physically building structures and to another it means working on and producing community development projects, all for academic credit." Kenneth Cardwell, Acting Chairman, Department of Architecture, University of Calif., Berkeley

"No architect worth his salt would accept the vox populi as his client." Kingman Brewster, Jr., President, Yale University

"Even though the architect is a decorator, he is still looked upon as a master-mind." Harvard University student as pieces of sculpture. Crowding the drafting rooms are models of megastructures in the mountains, over existing cities, in the water, under the water, and, of course, they are flexible enough to expand in any direction. This trend is extending into the profession, as Serge Chermayeff of Yale comments: "It is becoming evident even to the practitioners themselves that their procedures have become obsolete, organized as they are in splinter groups of specialty: architect, industrial designer, landscape architect, city planner, et al. Yet all are becoming self-appointed generalists, always prepared to cross the boundaries of their own making, at the drop of a telephone receiver to operate at any scale with any medium, in the environment-shaping process. Such excursions into the unknown more often than not wind up in exercises distinguished by aestheticism, historicism, scientism according to individual taste, and, mostly collectively, in simplicism."

The Community Workshop

In a New York Times article (March 23, 1969), Dr. Nathan Pusey, president of Harvard University, asserted that thousands of students are "on fire" to go to work to help solve urban problems. But he cautioned that "if there is no one to pick them up and put them to work in the field, they would suffer the same frustrations that overtook missionaries of an earlier day." Therefore, to avoid bitter student frustrations, Yale, Penn State, Pratt, University of Southern California, Rensselaer, University of Michigan, University of Oregon, Columbia, Berkeley, and a few other schools of architecture have integrated into their curriculum a community workshop.

In general, the community workshop is an effort to involve the school in the needs of the community at the "simplest and most needy level. It involves the establishment of a studio in a vacant store in an urban area and provides help and counseling to those members and agencies in the community who, without financial means, aspire to recreate a part or whole of their present environments."

Most of the community workshops are student instigated and organized, and most lack the necessary faculty and professional support to make them work effectively. For political, traditional, and financial reasons, some universities shy away from any community involvement.

Private corporations, private foundations, and public agencies are now pumping funds into the university for the study of the blighted city. For example, the School of Architecture of the University of Southern California, with the financial support of Pacific Mutual Life, is participating in a year-long project to redesign entire city blocks in the immediate neighborhood of the university. "This is an opportunity to do a thorough study of the possibility of renewing somewhat blighted housing areas without employing the provisions of urban renewal," comments Sam Hurst, Dean of the School of Architec-

ture. "The study will be anchored directly to the community, and the financial support will allow us to do a more thorough job." An unusual feature of the Pacific Mutual Life's financial support of the project is the awarding of two full-time scholarships to Black or Mexican-American students recruited from the neighborhood.

Another financially supported student project is the Pearl River Study for Jackson, Miss., sponsored by the Pearl River Basin Development District, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, and the Jackson Planning Board, which are furnishing funds for student expenses and supplies and providing technical assistance for the project. The students of the School of Architecture and Fine Arts at Auburn University in Alabama developed an environmental study of Pearl River and the urban growth of Jackson and vicinity in eight weeks. In this short period of time, the study "was planned to acquaint architectural students with a real-life example of a large-scale environmental problem."

Student Teams Make Town Survey

Auburn University is engaged in another project in conjunction with Tuskegee Institute, using the community as an educational laboratory. The Hobson City Joint Planning Project is to "develop a professional analysis acceptable to the Office of Housing and Urban Development for a small town in Alabama." The students, divided into teams, "conducted a physical survey of the town, which has 300 homes on 983 acres. They took pictures of every home, the downtown area with its one industry employing 36, and a model Federal housing project. All were assessed based on standard housing. Then the students made a door-to-door survey with a questionnaire developed by them with assistance from Tuskeege's Department of Behavioral Sciences. Answers furnished statistics on population, economic and educational levels, attitudes, and the city's needs. A final visit to Hobson City included presentation of the students' findings, recommendations, and the workable plan, a neighborhood analysis and comprehensive plan for Hobson City."

There is a danger, however, that recommendations to the community will never be built for a variety of reasons, basically, lack of depth of study, producing an atmosphere of disillusioned expectations.

Although some students are playing with the what and the how, there are others who are concerned with the why. For example, a group of architectural students and practicing architects organized The Architect's Resistance (TAR). This organization is devoted "to seeing that the architectural profession has the responsibility to the public which goes beyond the immediate architect-client relationship and the pursuit of profit. Before engaging in any project, the architect should fully consider all the implications and consequences of a given project and what interests are being served." TAR's first project was

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"Strangely enough, the objections came from the same professors whose courses had been objected to in the past; who were men with tenure, hiding behind philosophies 25 years out of date, who were less willing to up-date their ideas than up-date their courses." Columbia University Student

"A revolution in architecture would only be meaninful if there were a revolution in our entire social structure and our economic structure." Prof. Zemanek, Department of Architecture, University of Houston

"Fools criticize intuitive architecture on a rational basis." Harvard University Student

As men entering a profession, we are concerned with the relevance of that profession to developing a society based on fundamental human values.

The AIA seems to embody a lack of an honest concern for people, and is symptomatic of the failure of the profession as a whole to demonstrate this concern. Instead, the AIA has become an irrelevant club perpetuating an antiquated myth of a professional elite.

By dealing in operational terms and not in value terms, the AIA has separated itself from people and built a system based on essentially non-human concerns.

WE BELIEVE ACTION MUST BE BASED ON DEPTH OF COMMITMENT, NOT ON SIZE OF COMMISSION.

The AIA has helped develop a professional aesthetic unrelated to the real needs of people that permits sociologically disastrous housing projects and racist universities to be built.

WE BELIEVE ARCHITECTS MUST BEGIN TO REALIZE THEY ARE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. THAT BY DESIGNING BUILDINGS FOR OPPRESSIVE INSTITUTIONS, THEY REINFORCE THOSE INSTITUTIONS.

The AIA has failed even in its own terms: it has falsely tried to make people believe it is a legitimizing agent, but does not police even its own members. Worse still, it has used its own definition of expertise to stifle creativity or new input toward more meaningful social involvement.

WE BELIEVE REAL CONCERN FOR PEOPLE MUST BE MANIFESTED IN REAL WAYS:

— not in paying lip service to human values that is never reflected in policy or lobbying practice.

not in once-a-year self-purging at expensive conventions discussing fashionably relevant issues.

— not in using money for banquets and plush quarters when many people of our cities cannot afford good food or decent housing.

WE BELIEVE THE REAL URBAN CRISIS IS HERE WITH THE SHALLOW MORALISM AND SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THIS CONVENTION.

WE BELIEVE THE ARCHITECT MUST NO LONGER BE RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO THE INDUSTRIAL AND POLITICAL POWERS, THE FINANCIERS, THE KINGS OF TODAY: NOR TO THE PROFESSIONAL ACCLAIM OF THE MAGAZINES, BUT TO THE USERS, THE PEOPLE WHO INHABIT THE INVIRONMENT.

The architects cannot wait until personally affected to act, cannot remain aloof from people and communities, afraid to acknowledge that other men also know something about their environment, and afraid to lessen their professional distance and learn from the users.

WE BELIEVE THAT WHATEVER CONSENSUS IS REACHED HERE OR ANYWHERE BY PROFESSIONALS IS UNJUST AND MEANINGLESS WITHOUT REAL AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF THOSE AFFECTED BY DECISIONS.

Student Statement before 1968 AIA Convention in New Haven

There exists at our Institute a dangerous feeling of cynicism and apathy among the students, engendering an unproductive attitude and limiting creativity. Having stated this in the past, the Administration has repeatedly backed away from the problem with its usual flurry of promises and tokenism which merely indicates an unfortunate failure to perform their jobs. As a result, nothing was accomplished; good teachers resigned, good students — stifled — withdrew. We, the students, now refuse to let anymore students take the punishment for the incompetency of the administration.

Student Petition Pratt Institute Brooklyn, N.Y. to protest SOM's work in South Africa, because of the "enormous profits being earned from apartheid slave labor." Another project was to stop the setting up of campus workshops on nuclear defense design sponsored by the Office of Civil Defense, the AIA, and other organizations (see petition).

"Why was Yale Architecture building a community center sponsored by HUD in Kentucky?" This question was posed by the same skeptical students who helped form The Architect's Resistance (TAR). To quote from a recent article on the Grassy Branch Community Center in the Yale student publication Novum Organum: "As architects working for the government we have failed; our technologism can barely solve its own problems, much less evolve from physical to social, from spatial to psychological, from visual to emotional problems. As architects working for the community we have also failed, perhaps erecting barriers in the process which will prevent future communication, barriers which did not exist before they trusted us. We have furthermore failed as students of human society by refusing to question the motives of either of our employers and by refusing to question our own motives. We can no longer delude ourselves about the worth of this project." At the opposite pole, there are some students who participated in the project and are quite satisfied with their egotistical achievement of leaving a monument to their skills.

The New Schools of Architecture

Steeped in tradition and tenure, it is very difficult for the existing schools of architecture to undergo a complete surgical operation. Therefore, the new schools of architecture that are without any traditional ties, such as the University of California in Los Angeles, the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, and the New York State University in Buffalo, have the opportunity to be more responsive to the environment and man — that is, if the state university systems will not hinder their goals.

The new schools of architecture that are developing are being heavily influenced by the AIA-sponsored Princeton Report on environmental education. But rather than attempt to encompass the 216 tasks of total environmental design as defined by the Princeton Report (see diagram), the new program at the State University of New York in Buffalo is based on the premise that it is impossible to cover all these potential goals in a new school. John Eberhard, dean of the new School of Architecture and Environmental Design and a former Director of the Institute for Applied Technology of the National Bureau of Standards, U. S. Department of Commerce, places emphasis on certain tasks within a phased program of development: Phase I: Graduate and Continuing Education; Phase II: Undergraduate Program; Phase III: Urban Systems and Doctoral Program. The first program, Building Systems Design, will emphasize the design of building systems more than the design of individual buildings or complexes. "The student projects will be oriented toward *processes* of building, rather than buildings as *products*." This encompasses the "conversion of raw materials into building products, the distribution of such products within the economy, the organization of skills and equipment for erecting its shelters, transportation systems, waterfronts, etc., and the maintenance and operation of the finished product are all to be considered. A final and important step is the evaluation of existing systems in order to provide feedback for future decisions."

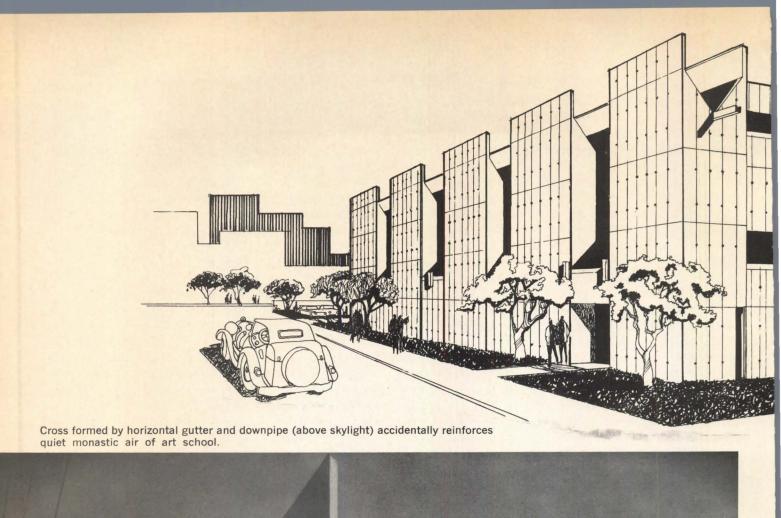
New Flexibly Structured Lab Course

The core of the initial two-year program will be the Practicum, a flexibly structured laboratory course organized around the analysis and development of real problems accepted from outside sponsors such as government bodies, civic organizations, university planning offices, industrial firms, and so on. One of the major purposes of the school, as stated by Eberhard, is "to provide its graduates with intellectual tools that will enable them to approach problems with as much rigor and systematic analysis as the state of the art will allow. This will mean a research effort that includes the development of design systems and methods in association with the faculties of Engineering and Applied Sciences and an effort to expand the knowledge base with respect to man and his environment in association with the Faculty of Social Sciences."

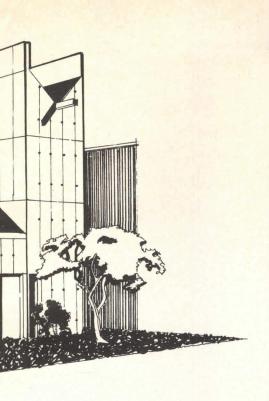
Tom Vreeland, head of the new School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of California in Los Angeles, hopes to produce in his program a student who is "exposed to a much wider range of experiences and of people than the studio and the sole presence of his peers can offer him. He must have the chance to listen and to talk with leaders of the black community, NASA engineers, speculative developers, state university construction fund administrators, building equipment manufacturers, and radical critics of today's society."

If these new schools can adapt themselves to the winds of dynamic and radical change in general, and evade the omnipotent influence from established institutions such as university administration, big business, and government, which are too bound by money and are resistant to change, then these schools will provide a new generation of professionals equipped to serve society today and in the future.

What if a "valid" student of architecture appears today? Will he be able to meet the traditional requirements of the National Council for Architectural Registration Boards? Is there a place for him in the existing building industry and related fields? Perhaps he will have to sit in a large drafting room with his soft pencil and yellow tracing paper, and wait till the profession catches up to him? Or perhaps these graduates can band together and a new profession will be born.









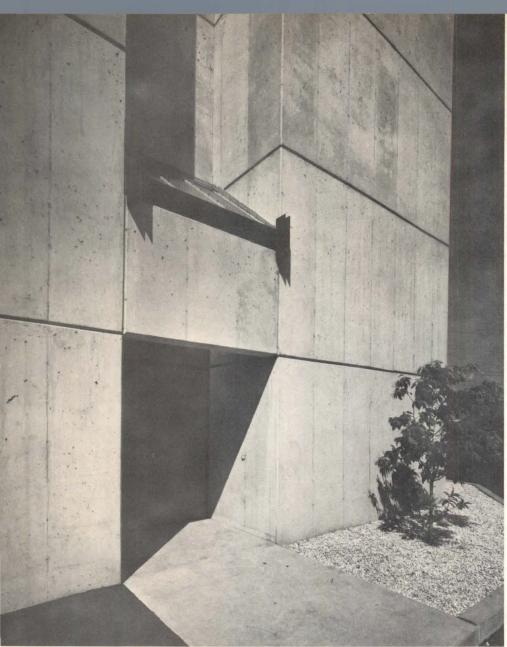
Painting class overflows central space into alcove tower (rear of photo) flanked by smaller skylit bays.

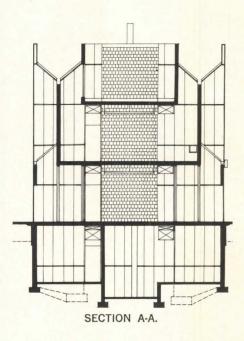
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Tired of texture? After considering the true nature of the liquid medium, together with the vocabulary of the building industry, architect Peter Vercelli rejected bushhammering, sand-blasting, acid-etching, and rough board forming. The usual process, in his view, is to "build a wooden building with rough planks or textured material, pour it in concrete, and then throw away the wooden building." He feels that a more honest approach is the one he used in designing a building for the Paier School of Art in Hamden, Conn. Re-usable steel-ply forms (plastic-coated plywood forms on steel frames) are a standard part of the construction business — no special sizes, shapes or textures. Only the pour marks are emphasized by beveling with diagonally cut 1 x 1 strips. What texture there is, comes from the usual random honeycombing. Only two form sizes are used throughout the building: 2' x 8', supplemented with 2' x 4' forms over doors or under skylights.

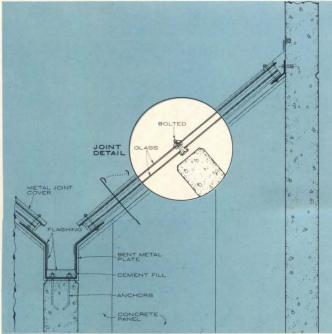
The small building is worked out around central "naves" on each floor serving primarily as open teaching spaces, flanked by 10' x 14' bays or towers. Natural light comes entirely from skylights fitted between — and at the top of — towers. Standard skylight units have 2 ft panels, matching the concrete forms. Skylighting is traditionally the best kind of light for easel work, and it offers the added advantage of privacy for life classes. Outdoor studio space for warm weather sculpting on the roof is protected from the street and nearby houses by a 12 ft wall.

The Paier school was founded 23 years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Paier in a rented loft with an investment of \$300. Since that time, it has merged with another





Side entrance to school is tucked under a skylight.



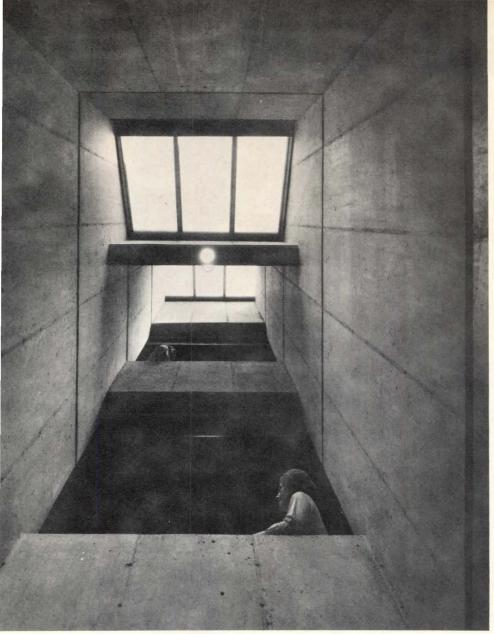
Standard manufactured skylights at top of building (see sections) are attached to specially fabricated gutter.

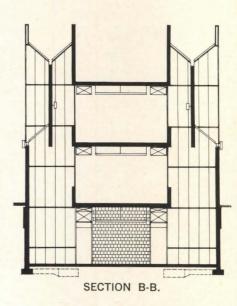
art school and grown to an enrollment of 525. Vercelli's painting and drawing building is its first new structure on a small campus of converted residential and industrial buildings. It was designed "to provide the school with a strong identity" and as a prototype for future construction on the campus. The development of a well thought-out system in the beginning was, therefore, doubly important.

The system has been worked out with a great economy of means and a satisfying neatness of detail. Specially designed air ducts, for example, fit between jutting tower walls and lighting fixtures over the main space, and terminate in a grille over doorways at the end of the run. The four smaller center bays are open from basement to top floor and act as supplemental return air ducts. The four corner towers are closed and serve as faculty studios, offices, toilets, and storage, or sinks for painting classes.

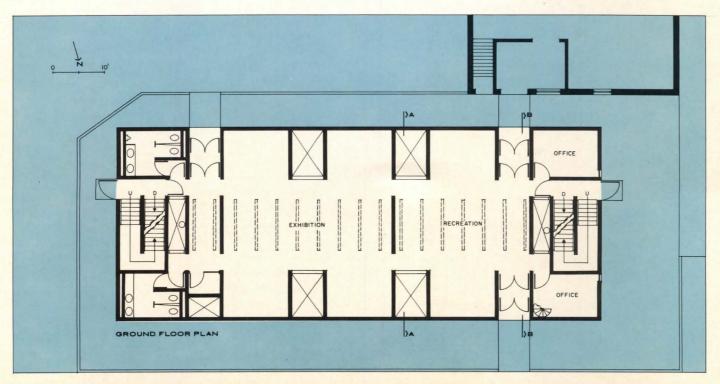
The strong monolithic exterior gains its freedom from the repetition of small and large bays, beveled pour marks, and the only elements that might be considered decorative — steel-channel gutters and gargoyles. — AR

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Lookouts on first and second floors open onto small bays. (See Section B-B and plan.)



BECOMES INTERIOR FOCUS OF COLLEGE COMMONS

The Commons Building for Cornell College, a small coeducational liberal arts college, was designed to accommodate almost all social and extracurricular functions for the student body within a single structure. It provides "de-institutionalized" spaces, separate yet interrelated, in which virtually all aspects of noninstructional life take place.

Designed by Harry Weese & Associates, the building is an ordinary example of functionalist architecture—that is, architecture that expresses the social purpose of the building in its structure. The Commons follows this distinction in that it is shaped around many interior functions that determine the major divisions of the building's exterior.

These exterior divisions vary in shape and proportion. The back and side wall divisions are related to the placement of lounges and dining halls on the interior. Though the divisions on the front portion of the building seem unrelated to the interior, they still suggest the diversity of functions provided for within the structure.

The Commons, which is located on a wooded hillside between the men's and women's residence hall areas, harmonizes with the surrounding old and new buildings and does not appear to dominate the campus. The building has ground level entrances on all three floors, but its main entrances are on the hilltop level.

The top level provides main entrances to the lower levels of the building, as well as quick access to the dining area. The 1000-seat dining area is divided into smaller scaled spaces with re-entrant angles. Glazing is restricted to these re-entrant walls (with the exception of the south façade) to rejoin the dining areas and visually bring trees into the building.

The students may encounter a diverse "de-institu-

tionalized" dining experience by rotating dining room use. The rooms differ in lighting and décor. Materials, sizes, and shapes of tabletops vary within each room. Sizes and shape of rooms themselves differ.

Also on the top level is the cafeteria service. Meals are served from a self-service "scramble" area—separate stations for various types of food — where a student can select his food in any sequence he chooses. The scramble-type system eliminates the problem of long waiting lines, and can serve 35 students per minute so that all of Cornell's 1000 students are served and fed in one hour.

On the second level, the architects departed somewhat from a totally functionalist design by the inclusion of a central "well," the Hilltop Lounge, which is a two-level gallery lounge. The lounge and its well effect give unity to the interior spaces, and serve as a focal point for the building's interior. Although the gallery lounge is chiefly intended to house art exhibits, it is also used for a variety of other purposes: fashion shows, musical jam sessions, alumni receptions, political debates, and similar functions.

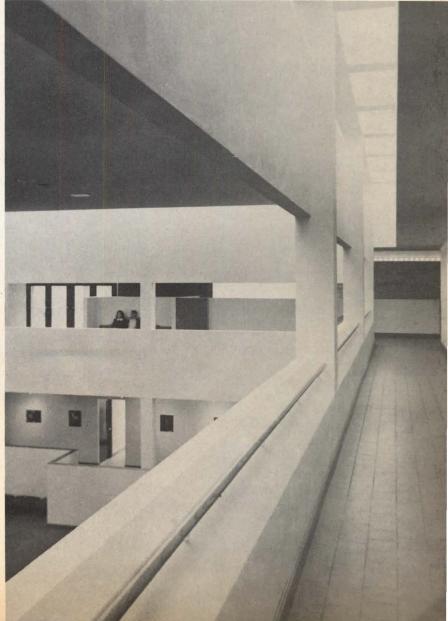
Although the architect envisioned the well to be a place where students would gather informally before and after meals, they do not use the space for this purpose. "Despite this," the architect explains, "the lounge serves a legitimate purpose. It is more than an artificially created area. Even when people are standing in line for meals, they must unconsciously look toward the well as a focus point that pulls the building together. The well is actually the soul of the building — a focus for life within the building. In the abstract, it is a symbol of the building."

An interesting feature of the Hilltop Lounge is the



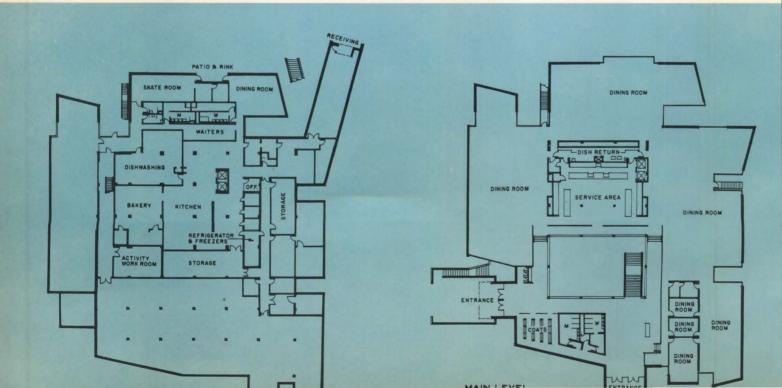


The Commons has ground-level entrances on all three floors, but the main entrance is at the hill-top level (top). The two-level "well" (above and right) serves as a focal point that unites the building's interior.





The gallery-lounge is lighted by large clerestories that admit daylight, which is then diffused around a false ceiling (top of photo) and reflected down the inside faces of the well.



lighting. Natural lighting during daylight hours is used in much the same way as indirect artificial lighting. Above the well, large clerestories admit daylight, which is diffused around a "false" ceiling that is 20 ft below the clerestories and suspended 3 ft away from the walls. The light is then reflected down the inside faces of the well. The subtle underplaying of natural light reflected on the wall space in the corridor galleries around the well provides an excellent display area for art and exhibits.

To the west, on the second level, is one of the most versatile of the Commons' recreational areas, the Palisades Room, which can be converted from a game room to a movie room complete with projection booth. Portable stage facilities make it possible to convert the room for theatrical presentations. In addition, for events requiring a larger space, the movable walls of this room can be folded back to allow this space to be joined to the Hilltop Lounge.

All offices on the second level are so arranged that they can be isolated from the rest of the building after hours, so that, using their own hillside entrance, the students can use the facilities at any time.

The lower level of the Commons is devoted almost entirely to food preparation and service areas. Facilities include a complete kitchen with a bakery and a charcoal broiling room.

Also at the lower level, on the outside, is an ice-skating rink, which, in the summer, serves as a patio. Lights and loudspeakers for the patio/rink are concealed in surrounding tree wells.

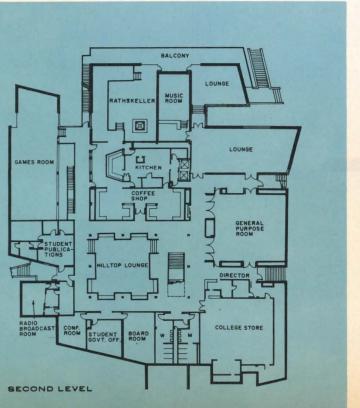
As for maintenance and repair costs, these are expected to be held to a minimum due to the use of high-quality fabrics and carpets and because some of the furniture was custom-designed.

In sum, then, considered as a piece of architecture, the Commons, while standing as a fairly typical example of functionalist trends in contemporary architecture, is nevertheless a practical and efficient tool that meets the needs of the entire campus and helps vitalize student life. — CM

COMMONS BUILDING, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Architects: Harry Weese & Associates. Client: Cornell College; Charles Cochran, vice-president. Site: Old (1850's) and new buildings on ridges of rolling site in small quiet town. Trees from Commons site to be replanted. Program: Commons building for a small college campus that must serve the social and extracurricular needs of the student

body. President Arland Christ-Janer and student committees were important in determining program and function. Structural System: Steel frame, loadbearing brick exterior walls, concrete floor slabs, steel open web joists. Mechanical System: Air conditioned. Dimmed incandescent lighting. Major Materials: Lead-coated copper and brick on the outside, and brick, quarry tile, carpet, and plaster on

the inside. Costs: Budgeted, \$1,520,835; bid, \$1,604,277; actual, \$1,620,732; or 71,900 sq ft at \$22.60 per sq ft. Consultants: Delores Miller & Associates, interior designer; Franz Lipp, landscape architect; S. R. Lewis & Associates, mechanical; The Engineers Collaborative, structural; Flambert & Flambert, food consultants; Ahrendt Engineering, ice rink engineers; Photography: Harr, Hedrich-Blessing.

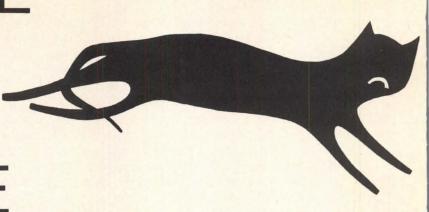




The south façade looks out over the skating rink, which, in the summer, is used as a patio.

The Nixon Administration on Housing:

A CHESHIRE CAT IN SEARCH OF A SMILE



Although the motivation of the Nixon Administration is to do the best job it can for the nation, given its viewpoint, many of its operational workings could confuse someone with as unusual a mind as Alice of Wonderland fame or any other ordinary citizen. This is especially true in housing and urban affairs.

But once one returns to Wonderland and puts things in the Lewis Carroll context, the picture gets clearer. In the classic tale, you will recall, Alice confronted a cat that could do all sorts of wonderous gyrations. The best of these was to fade completely from sight — except for its smile, which remained floating up in the tree by itself. The Nixon Administration appears to be the same breed of cat — with one exception, that is. Where the Cheshire cat showed only its smile, you can see everything about our Government except the smile. This may be because there is so little to smile about, although Administration aids will claim that the important thing is to have a framework upon which to hang the smile when the smile is to be called for later.

As with the Cheshire Cat, however, the smile is the essential thing, for it expresses what is really happening. For too long, Carroll's feline magician has stood for facetious clouding of the issue, when its purpose (so admirably carried out) was to present a McLuhanesque visualization of the very gut operation. P/A has investigated several potential smiles to attach to the Administration image while pondering the programs and approaches it takes to housing. Herewith, smile by smile, is a compilation.



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The Anti-Smile

(To be used when discussing the National Housing Goal)

The uninitiated might take this for a frown. It is not. It is modeled after an expression used by Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney when he hears someone like Wisconsin Senator William Proxmire tell him he "threw in the towel too early" in pessimistically fearing the National Housing Goal could not be met. But Romney continues to use this smile, as when he said: "Attaining the National Housing Goal goes well beyond what's in this budget," when he was discussing the Nixon revision of the Johnson budget for fiscal year 1970.

Romney should not be misunderstood on this point, however. In late March, he told a group of businessmen assembled for a nationwide U.S. Cham-

ber of Commerce closed-circuit telecast: "Over the next nine years, we shall need over 26 million new or rehabilitated houses. It is not only our biggest underdeveloped market, but it is the most effective way of meeting our social and racial crises. This is the job I've made my number one priority as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development." So he does believe in the need.

Publicly-assisted housing was being built at a rate of 45,000 units per year in 1967, which was raised to 70,000 units by October 1968. President Johnson, in one of his last acts before leaving the White House, sent a message to Congress setting the housing goal for publicly-assisted units at 233,000 in fiscal 1969, which was half over at the time. This may be why Romney smiles an anti-smile when talking about it. Still, how does one begin to go after such a goal? This brings us to the next smile.

The Toothless Grin

(To be used in discussing mass production and aerospace technology for housing)

This smile looks the way it does, because, although there may be some teeth in there somewhere, no one has seen them. This expression is an outgrowth of smile Number One, because everyone knows the Middle Ages system of putting things together of tiny hand-made parts is unsuitable for a great upsurge in production. Surely, industry or space science can automate the process.

HUD has let a \$2,900,000 contract for research to Kaiser Engineers, but they are in the middle of researching now, and no units will come from their work in the immediate future. During the Johnson Administration, a great to-do began when a tough whip-cracker from the Department of Defense, Thomas F. Rogers, was made Director of Urban Technology and was unleashed on the construction industry with instructions to make it heel aerospacewise. It may comfort the medievally-minded to know that construction used its fragmentation to confound any measures meant to update it. And it was not Rogers' weaknesses that lost; the Nixon Administration was quite happy to keep him in HUD if he wished to stay. But a new knight was brought

in to assail the fortress in the person of Harold Finger, who was named Assistant Secretary for Urban Technology. Perhaps the higher rank will help Finger tumble the walls where Rogers failed.

Romney has another idea, based perhaps on his experience with automobile markets when he was president of American Motors. The marketing approach goes on the assumption that if you isolate any market big enough to justify profit by amortizing the cost of an assembly line, some profit-minded fellow is going to figure he will make money if he *does* set up the plant. The only thing you have to do is show him there is a market there.

HUD officials will make an informal inventory of housing needs in major cities and states with the help of mayors and governors. When these figures are tallied, HUD will contact giant corporations, such as U.S. Steel, General Electric, Alcoa, Boise-Cascade, or the Fruehauf Corporation and ask: "What can you produce for this market?" Competitive, but not official, bids would be invited. These "bids" would be passed on to the local governments, which *might* do something about awarding contracts. The trick here, of course, is to get a firm such as General Electric interested in investing time in an off-the-cuff transaction when it has already investigated community development on its own and shelved the idea.

If all else fails, there's smile number three.

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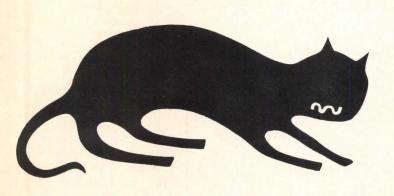
The Straight Smile

(To be used while spreading the responsibility and maybe the blame)

This smile comes from the fellow who does not want to tip his hand and show what cards he is holding, but who wants to keep things going all the same. He may raise the bet exorbitantly, then ask for a new deal.

Shortly after Romney took office, he said the Model Cities Program had not been "completely thought out." It is true that Romney picked up a set of conditions that former Secretary Robert Weaver dealt to himself. While it was not possible to ask to start all over again, Romney does have the option to play things his way — win, lose, or draw.

William B. Ross, a Deputy Undersecretary of HUD and the highest ranking official to make the transition between the Johnson and Nixon administrations, says both Secretaries — Weaver and Romney — are practical men, "but Secretary Romney is

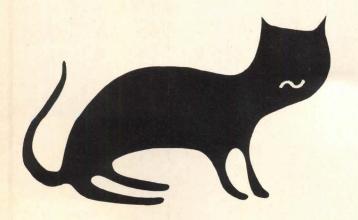


The Crooked Smile

(Not necessarily bad, but hard to figure out; used in curbing inflation while saying the economy will not slow down much)

This is the smile assumed while tightening money at the same time you say it will not have much effect and what *does* happen will be gradual. Builders have known since 1966, if they didn't know it before then, that to function at capacity they have to get mortgages as badly as they must get buyers. They had all the buyers they needed in 1966, but the credit crunch kept them from financing their houses.

The Nixon Administration has set the stopping of inflation as its principal domestic goal. Its methods are twofold — fiscal and monetary — but the mone-



The Ginger Smile

(To be used while walking on eggs, when you are not really sure they will hold you)

President Nixon has gone further than any President of recent times in officially seeking outside opinion to guide him in making decisions. Where the Cabinet was once the principal group of advisors and later national security grew so complex a separate panel was formed for that, the President has added and keeps adding new advisory groups.

The first was the Urban Affairs Council, created by an executive order on the same level as the Cabinet and presided over by the President. It has nine subcommittees, each chaired by a Cabinet member. These are: Future of the Poverty Program and the more anxious to get volume. He's willing to sacrifice small initiatives to get results. Secretary Weaver was more willing to experiment with variety. Secretary Romney has bought the basic Weaver strategy, and it is the right time to have a productionoriented individual take over."

The first real example of differences in style of operation came from an all-Administration move, though. President Richard M. Nixon ordered a major reorganization of Model Cities that changed it from a program to build scattered but drastically altered "showcase" neighborhoods into a program of wide application to all poverty areas with local officials deciding what is to be done (or *not* done).

If the program shift is coupled with the Administration's cut of \$75 million from the Model Cities budget to a total \$675 million, the surface intent would seem to be to spend less money in a wider area; the program is thus considerably watered down from what it was to become in the eyes of the originating Johnson Administration. Previously, no more than

10 per cent of a city's population would be included in model neighborhoods, and the focusing of all Federal programs in these areas was to show what radical changes were possible in the total environment. Now, the local official will decide what constitutes his poverty area and he will receive a block grant to spend for whatever services or facilities he deems necessary. When Romney was asked if local citizens would participate in decisions, he said final authority must rest with local officials, and "if the local citizens don't think it is wise, they can get rid of the local officials." Model Cities under the Johnson Administration did not build buildings, did not get garbage picked up, and accomplished little outside of forming new plans and establishing a new bureaucracy. Time will tell if the Nixon approach works any better.

For those who may think the Model Cities treatment works at cross-purposes with the original intent, we have a much better example of this in smile number four.

tary has taken precedence, and it is the one that hurts building most. By monetary control, we mean the raising of interest rates and tightening the supply of money. By fiscal control, we mean higher taxes and less Government spending.

The National Housing Goal calls on the private sector of the housing industry to supply 1,450,000 units in 1969 — a not impossible feat in a good year. But the 1966 tightening saw privately developed housing plummet to barely more than a million units produced, and much less than a million if mobile home totals are removed. The rule appears to be that you cannot have tight credit and full housing production, both of which the administration wants to have.

Through control of discount rates and liquidity requirements for financial institutions, the government has a decided if not overwhelming influence on both the interest rate and the supply of money. Interest has been kept high and money supplies tight. Fiscally, renewal of the 10 per cent income tax surcharge has been sought. The Administration keeps watch for a slowdown that might signal the end of inflationary trends without an overswing into recession or high unemployment. When it gets the "right" indicators, it will ease the restraints it put on the economy. Even though the prime rate (the interest banks charge their best customers) rose to the fantastic all-time high of 8.5 per cent in June, other economic indicators showed a slowing trend, and continued cooling might make it possible to ease monetary policy by the end of this year. That's the hopeful outlook.

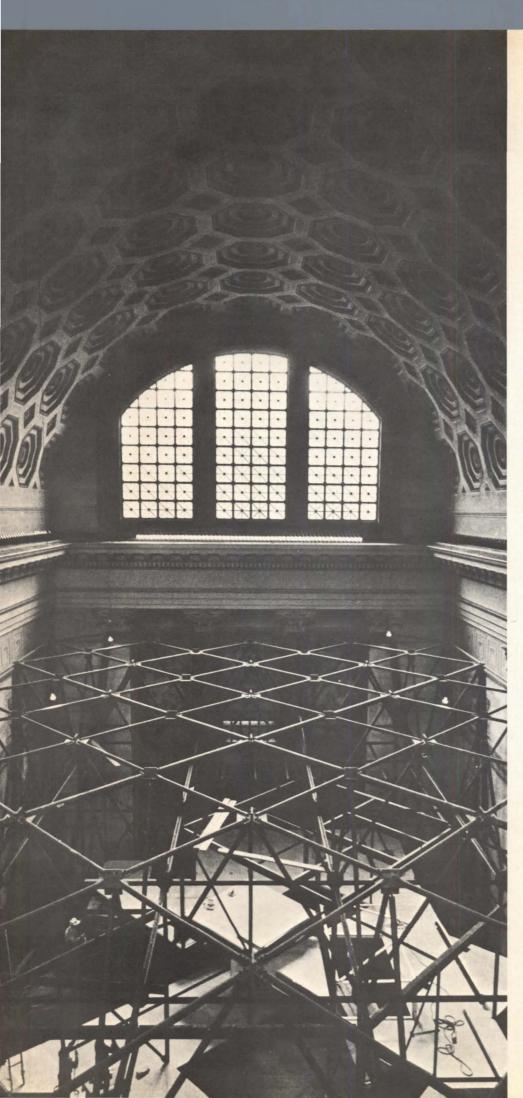
Perhaps the last smile is a good one to sum it up with.

Office of Economic Opportunity, Future of the Model Cities Program, Minority Business Enterprises, Welfare, Crime, Voluntary Activity, Internal Migration, Surplus Food and Nutrition, and Mass Transit. Then the President formed the Office of Intergovernmental Relations, to be run by Vice-President Spiro Agnew, and to supervise the workings of governments at all levels with one another. The office grew out of the Urban Affairs Council, but is independent of it. In the formative stage when this article was being prepared was the Office of Voluntary Activity, which was intended as a group to attempt to get maximum participation in uplift programs by private groups without official Government ties.

Secretary Romney chairs two of the Urban Affairs Council subcommittees — Model Cities and Voluntary Activity — and was expected to be a key participant in the Office of Voluntary Activity.

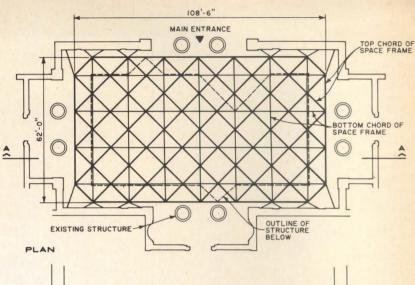
When the Urban Affairs Council was formed, it was to duplicate no function of government or take over any activity of Government. It was to be purely advisory, and most of the President's domestic decisions have come after consultation with it. But it has changed. When the new Model Cities approach was announced, the council was given the responsibility for "interdepartmental policy affecting Model Cities."

Perhaps a sixth smile would be appropriate—a hopeful smile. But the cat's eyes should probably reflect *this*, because there is an element of hope behind all of the expressions covered. It is a hope that when the smiles are run up the flagpole, Alice will smile back. — RAW





MUSEUM HANGS NATURE'S GRIM TALE FROM A SPACE FRAME

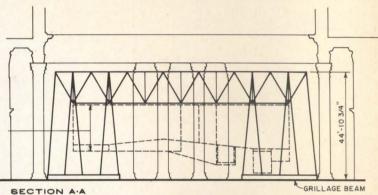


The advantages of a new space frame designed and developed by Takenaka Komtuen Co., Ltd., of Osaka, Japan, result from its geometry. The top chord members of the Takenaka Truss lie on a 10'-11%" square grid, and the bottom chord members on a 15'-6" square grid that is rotated 45° in relation to the top grid. Diagonal members connecting the joints in the two planes form inverted square pyramidal elements. Thus, the compression member on top is shorter than the tension member on the bottom, taking advantage of the material and thus reducing the weight of the structure. Another advantage is that it is constructed of fewer members than other space trusses.

The first Takenaka Truss in the United States supports the "Can Man Survive?" exhibit in the classical Roosevelt Hall of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City. Because of the special loadbearing conditions of the 110-ton exhibit, Professor David Geiger of Columbia University, the engineering and architectural consultant to Dimensional Communications, Inc., of Paterson, N.J., the designers and builders of the exhibit, used a Takenaka Truss with its own supporting pipe columns to carry the exhibit and transfer the loads directly to the existing footings. The truss covers an area 110' x 62'.

Geiger simplified the Japanese welded joint system by using field-bolted joints and simple gusset plate connections. (For aesthetic reasons, tubular members were used for the top chord and diagonal members, instead of the more economical steel angles back-to-back.) "If the space frame for the UCLA Fieldhouse by Welton Beckett & Associates used the Takenaka Truss," Geiger estimates after a computer analysis of the truss (April 1968 Engineering Journal), "it would have reduced the cost (\$4 per sq ft) by 25 per cent. If one spans 600 ft with this system, the estimated cost would be \$9 per sq ft with a required depth from $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{30}$ the span."

The economics of the Takenaka Truss geometry have led Geiger to study its application in concrete — which would satisfy fire codes — for the New York City school system.



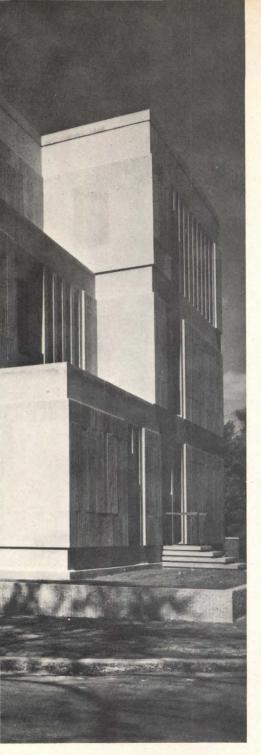
Space frame carries 110-ton 'Can Man Survive?' exhibit in old museum hall. The lightweight space frame derives strength from its geometry of square grids at top and bottom chords that are set at an angle of 45° to each other and are connected with diagonal members. Corner columns transfer loads to the original footings of the 62-ft wide hall.





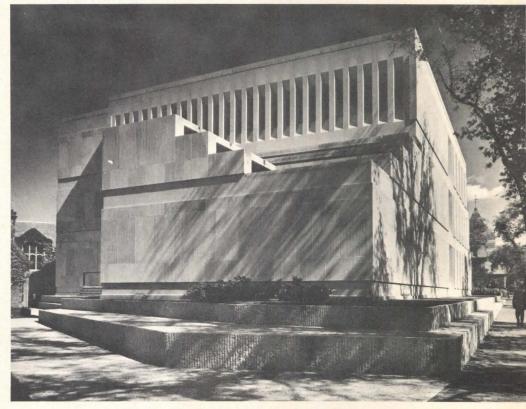
NEGATIVE SPACE GIVES FORM TO LIBRARY

Despite the solid impact of limestone-faced walls, fenestration defines the form of a Campbell, Aldrich & Nulty library in Cambridge, Mass.



Deeply canted window reveals act as prime form-giver, together with storyhigh setbacks.

Irregular concrete platform pulls building from sidewalk into campus (below). Slight cantilever of top two stories quietly announces entry (bottom).



In a familiar architectural paradox, form is made manifest not so much through the massing of volumes as by the spaces in between. For the Episcopal Theological School's library, those spaces happen to be window openings. The asymmetry of stepped-back ziggurats and shallow cantilevers is reinforced by fenestration that is as regular as a soldier course at some points, seemingly random at others, and totally absent along large expanses. The deeply canted, shadow-catching reveals are of two basic shapes: the vertical slot and the rectangle. In general, large rectangles mark large spaces, while narrow slots let light into the small study carrels.

With a medieval unity of design, the semi-random pattern of window openings is carried into the threestory interior court where walls rise clifflike beneath a large skylight. Flat, rough-troweled plaster replaces limestone, but the rationale remains the





Library's interior court echoes exterior forms.

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same. Slots in carrels bordering the court are glazed; larger rectangles next to stacks and open reading areas on each balcony are unglazed and afford a look-out into the chasm, or pleasant vistas of students reading and talking on the other side of the court. The small, narrow frames provide particularly enticing glimpses of the outside world crowding in on the library — 18th- and 19th-Century stone, brick, and clapboard across the narrow Cambridge street or an adjacent ivy-covered chapel.

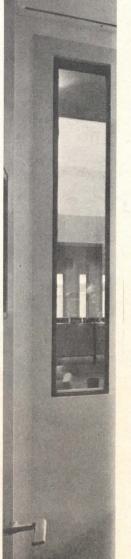
The densely populated campus, a five-minute walk from Harvard Square, posed a problem of scale in relationship to both the campus and surrounding houses. Since it had been decided to integrate the library with the school's teaching facilities, a building of substantial proportions was needed. The only piece of land large enough to accommodate such a structure was at the triangular east end of the campus, already hemmed in by other academic buildings. The library was shoehorned into a space between the old chapel and a rather large contemporary building, its basically rectangular shape running parallel to the street. Since no attempt was made to distort the angles to fit the site (a lá the Flatiron approach), the spaces left between it and the other buildings have a certain haphazard quality that clearly expresses the familiar problems of an expanding institution on a restricted urban site. And to the true urban dweller, such nooks and crannies have a welcome, if untidy, charm.

On the ETS campus, odd bits of leftover space are pulled together with platforms, steps and walkways that fan out from the building and gather together at the main entrance, leading by implication to the major interior space. The stepped platform on which the library rests pulls it from the sidewalk into the rest of the campus and also makes the transition between high and low points of the sloping site.

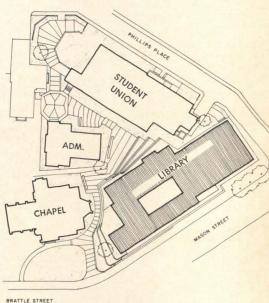
An important element in subduing the building to its rather modest surroundings is one that will take some time — the weathering of its limestone skin. Although it now tends to be something of a glistening white monument, "it will look a lot better when it gets cruddy," designer Glenn Merithew remarked in an offhand moment. As an alternative to the smooth and shot-sawn limestone facing (over concrete block), precast concrete was considered, but was found to cost more. On the interior, plaster and steel studs proved less expensive "than any other material."

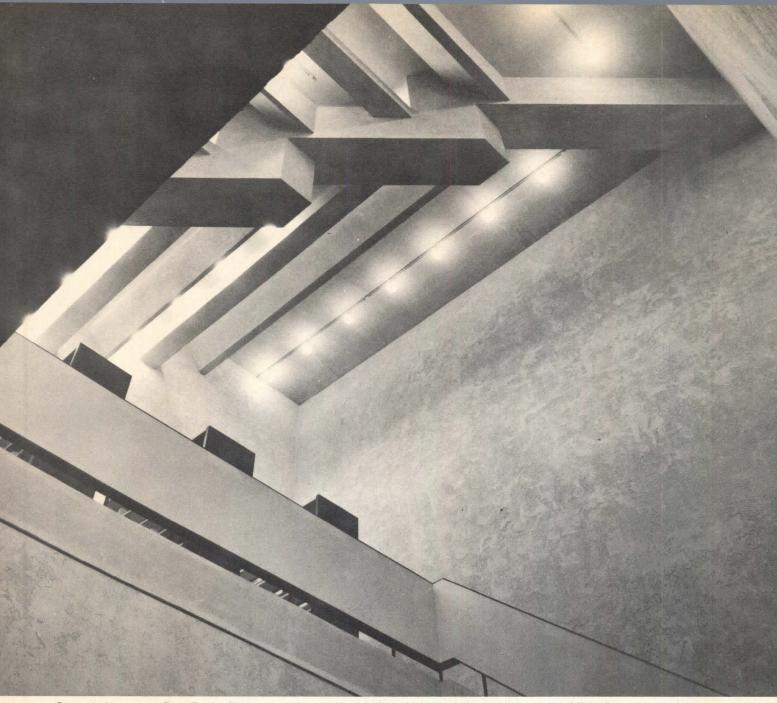
Another device used to reduce the scale were the stepbacks on each face of the building. On the east and south façades, this merely changes the number of carrels or the size of lecture rooms. But next to the entrance, a handsome staircase is created below the narrow rooftop "shelves" that are spliced together with clerestories. It is strongest in the Rare Books Room, where the L-shaped clerestory steps are carried on an overlapping concrete beam spanning diagonally across the room (see photo). It is such a powerful ceiling, as a matter of fact, that one





Regimented fenestration of top floor (above) contrasts with random openings below. Carrel window (left) looks out on interior court. Site plan below shows how walkways and platforms (changed slightly during construction) integrate building with rest of campus.





Concrete beam over Rare Books Room supports step-back ceiling. Lighting pattern imitates natural light from clerestories.

wishes the space might have been more open, or larger, to fully exploit it.

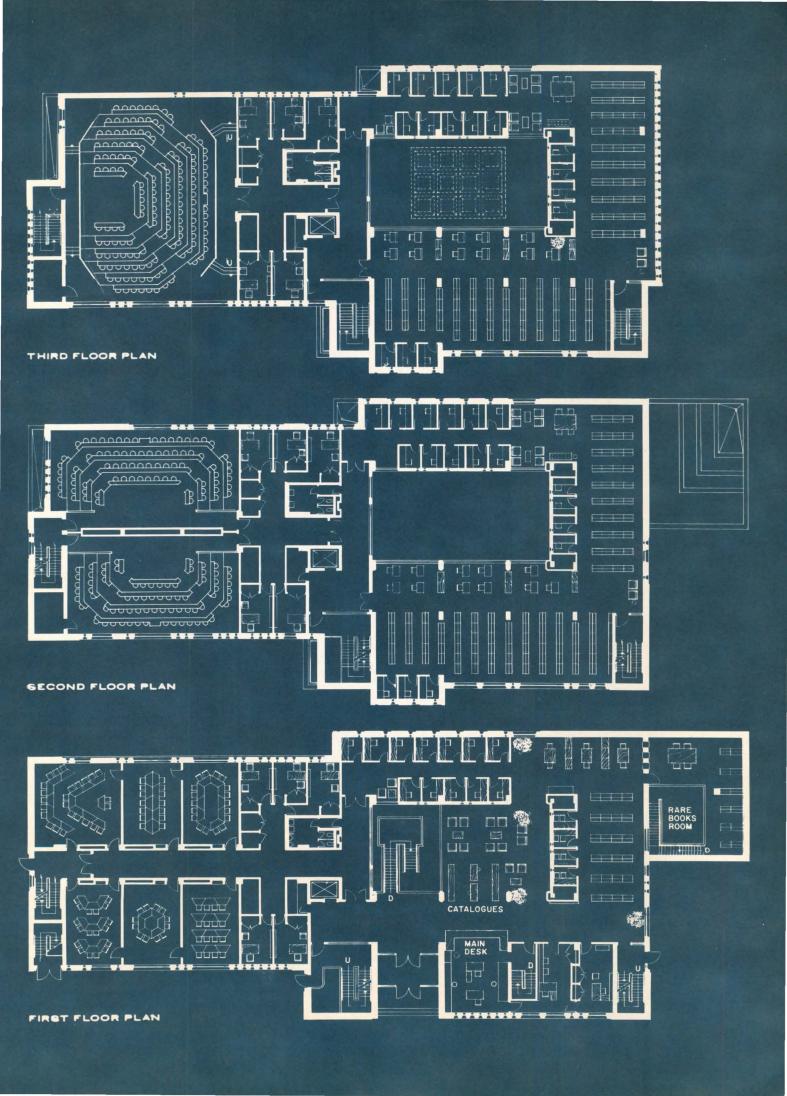
To be more accurate about the rectilinear box mentioned earlier, there are really two basic boxes. which express the two functions of the building: book learning and lecture or seminar learning. About half the building is devoted to teaching facilities. Faculty offices, three large lecture rooms, and seminar rooms bring life to the solitary, contemplative activities of the library and keep it from becoming an isolated element in the learning process. This aspect of the program, however, is slated for eventual change. When the 120,000-volume capacity of the library is reached, as client and architects foresaw it would be, the library will expand into the teaching half of the building. Thanks to the ecumenical spirit, that day is now imminent — barely three years after completion. The collection of a Jesuit seminary has been absorbed into the school's stacks, bringing them

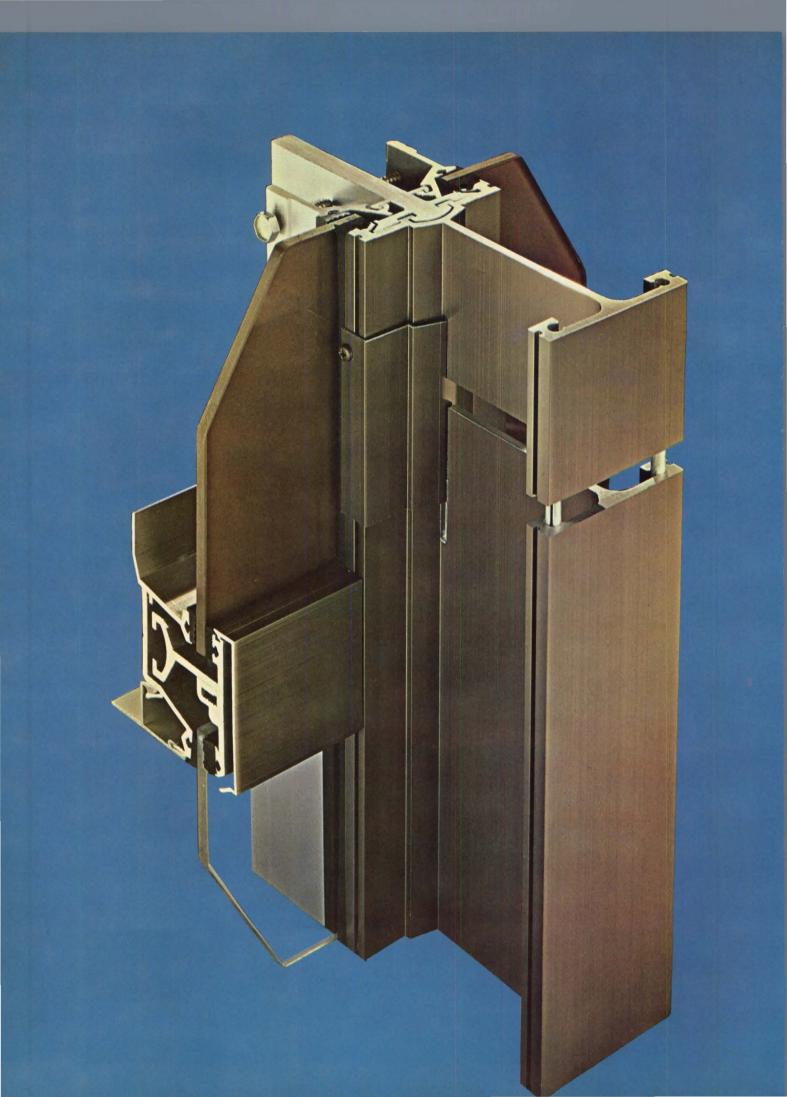
to near capacity in one quantum leap — the kind of unpredictable event that makes today's architectural programmer about as secure as a building atop the San Andreas Fault.

It is difficult to assess the functioning of the library amidst the present disruptions that have resulted from suddenly tripling the number of books, but the stack/reading balconies around the central court work particularly well. Seminar rooms are cheerful, and the trapezoidal table sections in each seminar room are portable in fact, as well as in theory, giving students the liberty of putting their mark on the environment day by day — or class by class. It is a liberty pursued with enthusiasm.

Although it has very little to do with architecture in the purest sense, it might be said in conclusion that the building is beautifully maintained — something for which many architects would be willing to make significant concessions. — AR

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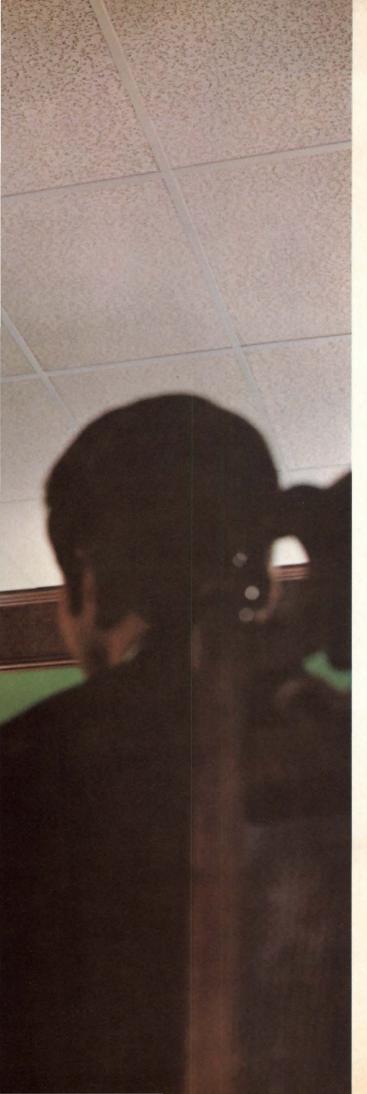
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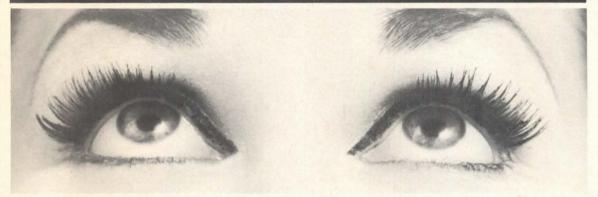
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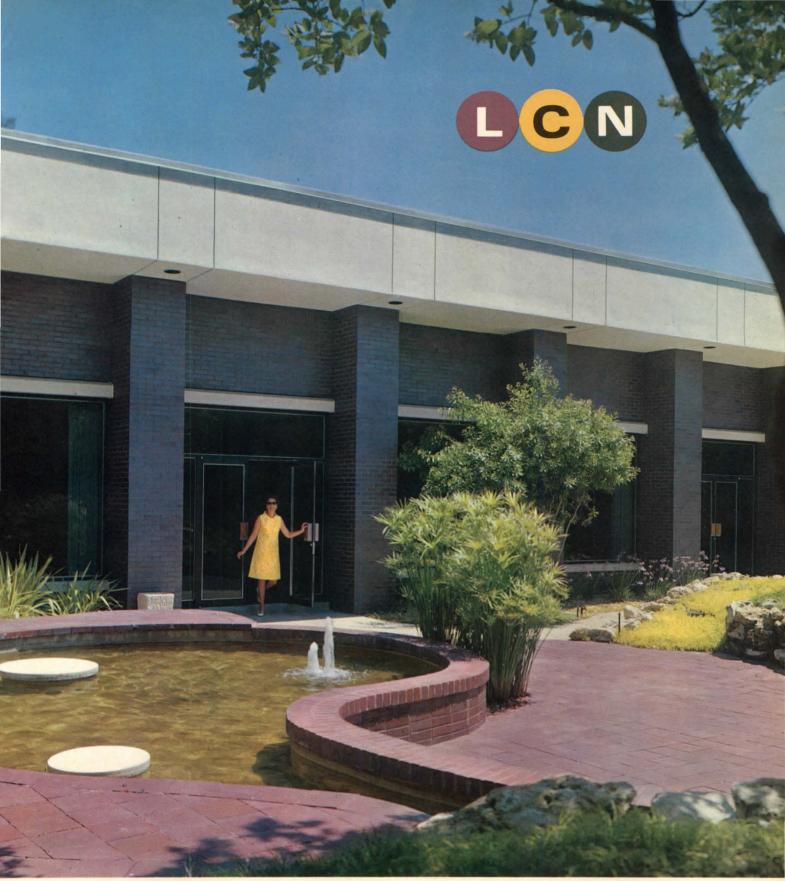
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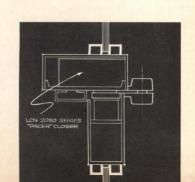
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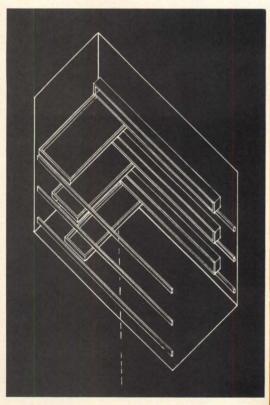
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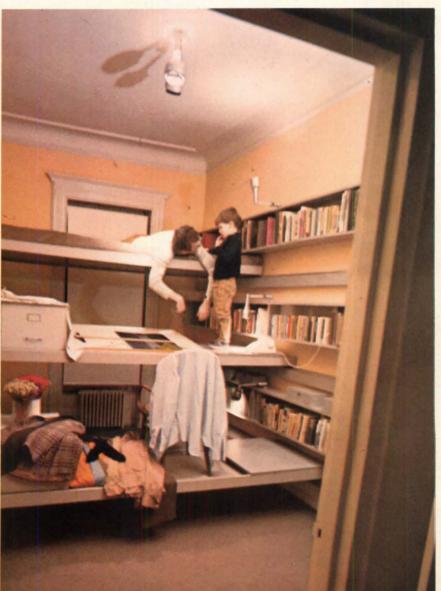


MULTI-FORM BEDROOM

When writing about Systems, space imagery is not usually easy to muster, but the system that Yale-architecture-trained Michael Hollander designed for a bedroom-study really blasts out of gravity tradition into a new field.

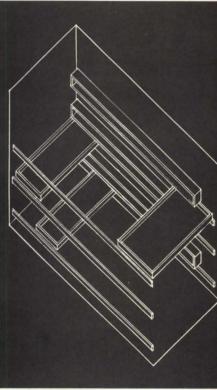
We have been saying that the new spaced-out designers may find the key to using human activities as the true organizers of designed interiors. Hollander's New York bedroom-study design for a room in a brownstone — a room with one window, an 8' x 12' space with the door opposite the window — is clearly based on interleafing the activities of a study-office with those of an overflow space for entertaining and those of a bedroom.













His systems-furniture for these multiple functions is a layered series of three floating, room-width platforms that slide on wall-hung rails from one end of the room to the other. Conventional ball-bearing casters mobilize the plywood platforms, which Hollander calls "trays."

For sleeping, the bed on the uppermost platform is moved to the window end and the two lower platforms are arranged as steps up to it; file cabinets serve as intermediate steps.

For work and study, the bed is moved out of the way toward the other end of the room and the middle of the platform, which holds the desk and table space, is moved near the window and its sunlight. In this arrangement, the bottom platform supports a chair at the proper height; it also keeps all furniture off the floor and allows the scheme to be continuously mobile.

When entertaining, and the adjacent living room gets crowded, all three platforms are moved to the window end, clearing the floor for as many people as possible and making the lower platform available as a bench.

The scheme, as Hollander's isometric drawing indicates, has the imagery of a discontinuous Bauhaus project to which the architect has added a kinetic aspect. But imagery was not the basic determinant of the scheme. For this multiple-activity space, flexibility is the determinant and it produces a multiform bedroom. (The phrase and the approach have been most frequently applied to theatre design, where similarly portable elements have been employed to reshape "multiform stages" and "multiform auditoriums.")

Several unexpected advantages accrue from the system: First, functionally, the bed platform, which has ample head room to scramble around in, is easier to make up, since it is sufficiently elevated to make up while standing first on one side, then, by ducking under, completing the other side. Second, the rails of the sliding trays serve as display racks for drawings and plans when the space is used for work and study. Then, psychologically, the layered arrangement both permits an office free of bedroom appearance and, conversely, permits its occupant to put all work out of sight merely by climbing up to the lofty perch and hiding the uncleaned cluttered desk-tray beneath it. Incidentally, there is a bird's-eye view of the street through the top of the window from the upper berth.

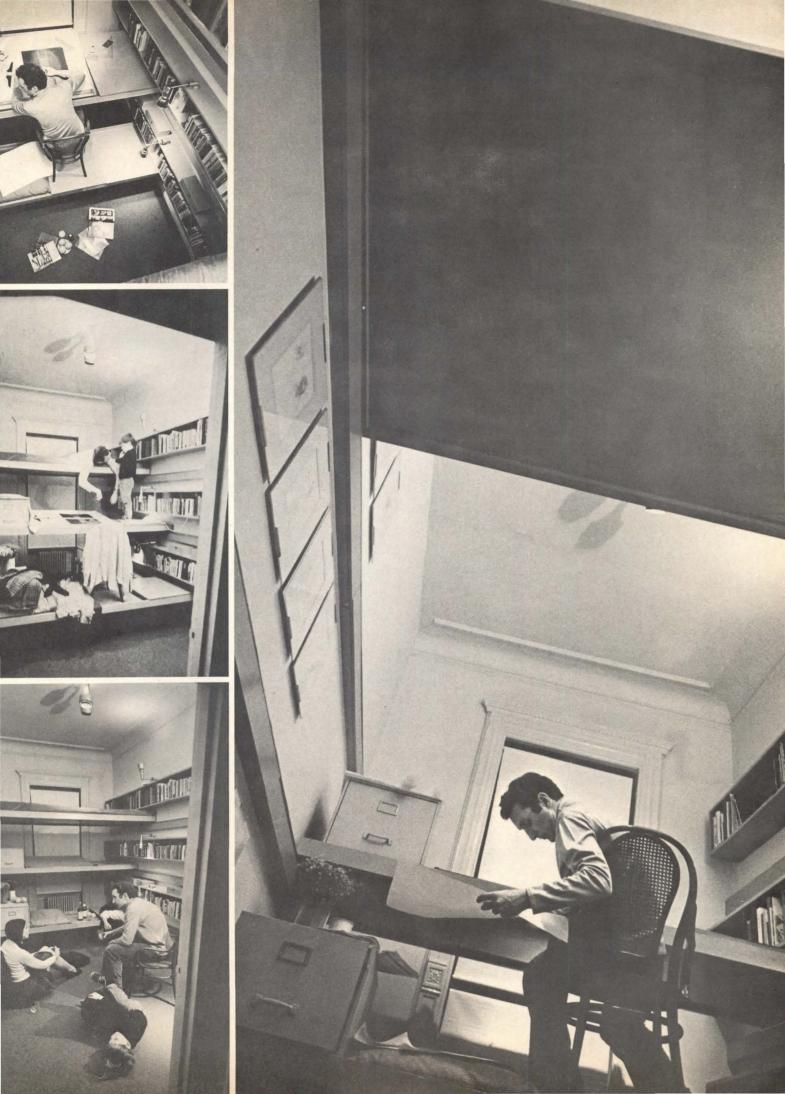
The system, actually, is a room within a room—a contemporary device of architects. Hollander points out that the lower platform is needed "both compositionally and ritualistically" to show the complete independence of the system from the actual room in which it is housed.

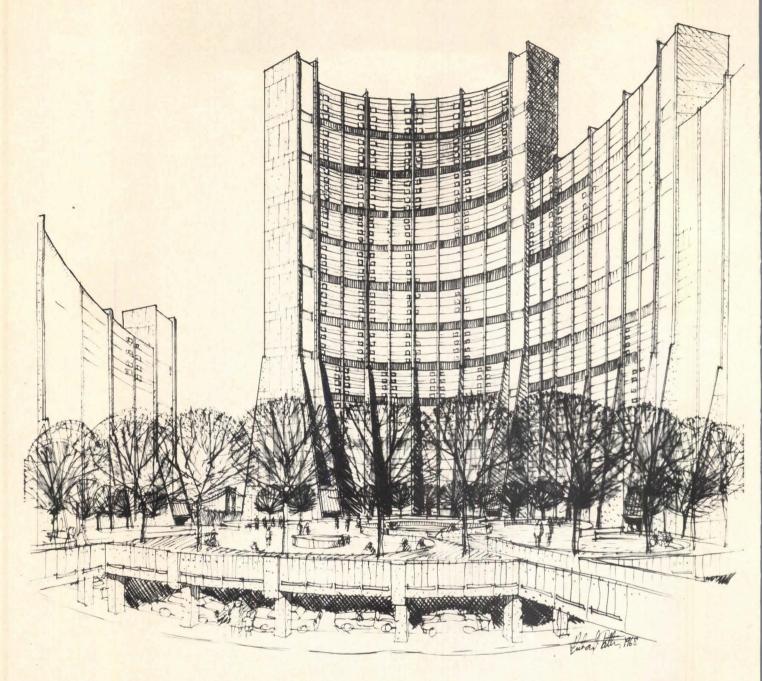
"This recreating of the actual space in a contrapuntal restatement," Hollander explains, "puts a new world inside the larger world. By recreating the floor level on a slightly higher plane, the system of sliding platforms is liberated from the enclosing space and conjures up a feeling of being free of gravity."

Mechanics are as unsmooth as might be expected of a gravity-affected prototype: the wall tracks on the brick party wall are hung on a lead sleeve bolted to the wall; on the other side, they hang on hefty toggle bolts. Metal ball casters (½ in. in diameter) carry the trays along the metal-lined tracks somewhat noisily but efficiently. Hollander now feels that a conveyor assembly hangar mechanism should be investigated for future improvements.

The colors of the room also make it of our day, though this is paradoxical, since the colors used — a pink ochre with stucco-gray trim reminiscent of the colors of 1870 Italian Palazzi — provide an anachronistic contrast that associates the liberated scheme with historical tradition. This paradox makes the color selection contemporaneous.

Here, then, is an imaginatively innovative system, liberated from tradition, yet at the same time recalling our colorful historical traditions, and also liberated psychologically from gravity, suggesting weightlessness. — CRS





DOWN BY THE RIVER

Urban project will be omnibuilding for black community.

BY JAMES T. BURNS, JR.

A proposal to rebuild a 45-acre portion of West Harlem will, if support can be obtained from national, state, and city governments, provide housing for 3000 families in a multiuse omnibuilding also containing recreation, shops and stores, a museum of black culture, an auditorium, parking for 2500 cars, and space for commercial, research, and light indus-

trial development. The complex also will serve to tie the city to the Hudson River across Riverside Drive and expressways.

Originally a mutual enterprise of the Negro Labor Committee and Columbia University, Riverside Park Plaza is now under the sole sponsorship of the committee. Columbia, finally stung by repeated charges of "land-grabbing" expansionist tactics on various projects at the expense of underprivileged

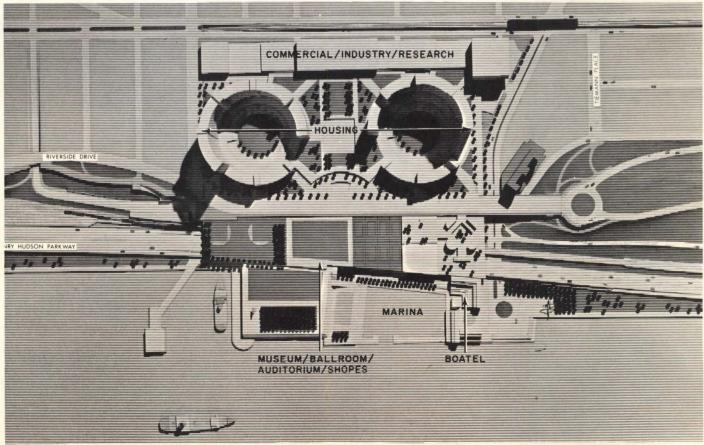
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north Manhattan residents, deemed discretion the better part of valor and removed its name from this undertaking, although Courtney Brown, Dean of the School of Business, will continue in his role as a consultant and collaborator, according to the Columbia Daily Spectator. L. Joseph Overton, Executive Director of the Negro Labor Committee, stated, "I feel that Columbia made a mistake in withdrawing from the project." The withdrawal places all fund-raising responsibilities on Overton's organization.

The development, as conceived by Richard Dattner (associate is Henri LeGendre; site planner is Clark & Rapuam), will consist of two circular apartment complexes rising from a base containing the other facilities, which will extend from Broadway (where Praeger-Kavanagh-Waterbury originally developed preliminaries for the Columbia commercial-research-industrial project) to the river, culminating in an "amphitheater" on the water overlooked by boatel, ballroom, restaurant, studios, and retail spaces. A marina will furnish water-oriented recreation. Commercial and light industrial interests will be able to utilize the services of a projected rail spur at the eastern edge of the site and a proposed deep-water docking facility on the river.

The housing will be in two round structures surrounding 420-ft-diameter courtyards. To de-emphasize the monolithic appearance inherent in such large-scale structures, and to provide many varieties of views up and down the river and over Manhattan, Dattner has fragmented the towers into variously-heighted elements, stepping from 14 to 54 floors. The attempt to give a sense of community not only resulted in creation of the courtyards, but also in connecting these two great spaces and making them accessible by pedestrianways to the amphitheater and the riverside. Apartments will be studio and one-, two-, and three-bedrooms, with estimated down payments ranging from \$675 to \$700 per room and carrying charges per month from \$19 to \$51 per room. Frame and shear walls will be reinforced concrete with infill panels of brick, edge of floor slabs to be exposed and expressed. The towers will be supported on shear walls 40-ft on center, with three intermediate columns between shear walls. The shear walls will taper wider at bottom to handle increased

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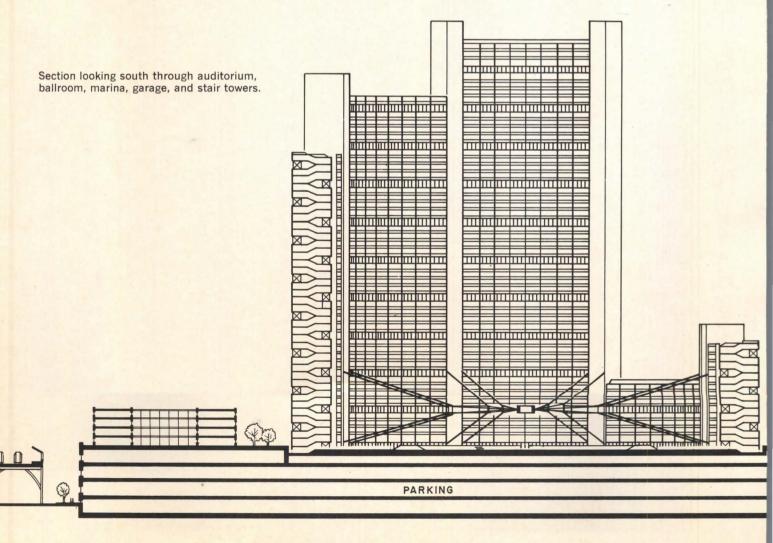
moment due to wind loads, the configuration of the taper to depend on the height of the supported segment. Support of higher towers will continue through the platform; that of the lower elements is expected to be handled on the plaza level.

All apartments except one-room studios will be through units with two exposures. Elevators will stop every two-and-a-half floors, tenants to ascend or descend a half floor to their apartment entrances (several special floors are being planned for the elderly or handicapped). The elevator and stair cores will be structurally expressed as dividing elements between the tower fragments. In addition to the two large, interconnected plazas, there will be terraces on the roofs of most of the lower buildings, and apartments will have small viewing balconies.

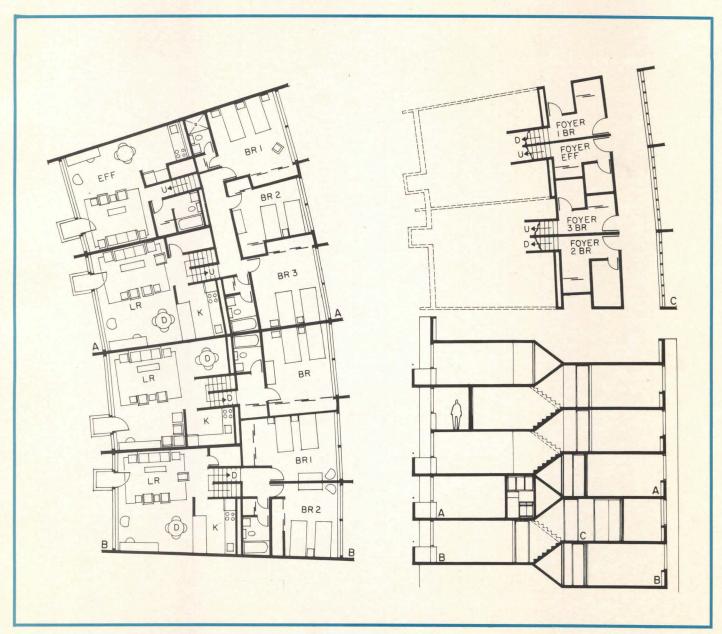
The interracial aspect of the project (Dattner is

white, his associate is black) extends to the contractor — Winston A. Burnett Corporation, a Negro-owned organization that will be general contractor with the Thompson-Starrett Corporation. Emphasis will be put on the use of unskilled labor on the project — 60 to 70 per cent, hopefully — in order to increase skills of ghetto residents and make entry into building trades unions easier, an entrée that is not gladly suffered by many of the tradition-hobbled unions at present.

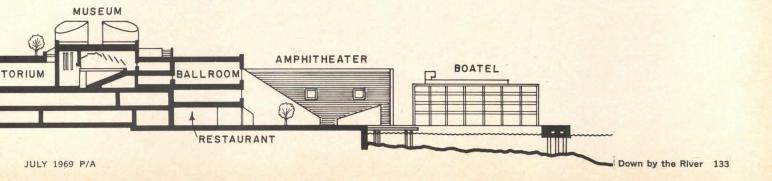
Riverside Park Plaza shows a commendable mix, both in its omnibuilding aspect of housing, recreation, commerce, parking, roadways, and industry in a single complex, and in the cooperation of people of various races to create a neighborhood that will benefit disadvantaged people even before its completion through jobs and education in skills.



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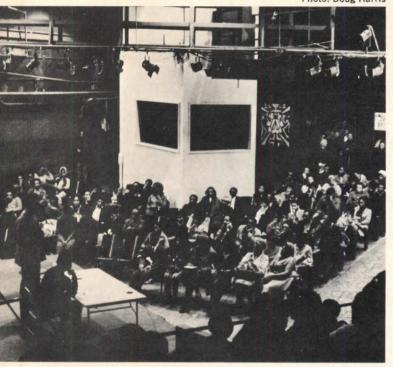


Typical apartment plans and section.



The set is for Ed Bullins' "In the Wine Time." Bullins is resident playwright of the New Lafayette Theater.







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ENVIRONMENT FOR EXPLORATION AND PARTICIPATION

The New Lafayette Theater Can Be a Stimulus for Audience-Actor Involvement

BY JAMES T. BURNS, JR.

In its "statement of architectural purpose" for Harlem's New Lafayette Theater, the architectural firm of Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates stated that the theater "will require an environment of exploration and participation." The attempt was to consider audiences and actors not as one group of people sitting and watching another group perform, but to get both sides involved with each other "as one total community." Whether this will happen performance after performance and production after production will depend on New Lafayette director Robert Macbeth, who certainly has the drive and determination to make the thing work. For a physical environment, he has been given a notably *involving* space by his architects, so he is off to a strong start.

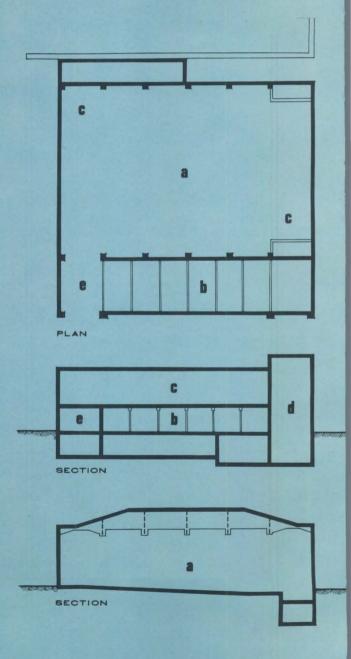
The New Lafayette Theater might more accurately be called the new New Lafayette Theater, since it replaces Macbeth's first facility, which was burnt out in January 1968 after only two productions. (The original theater was named after an historic legitimate playhouse in Harlem.) Its new home is the renovated and remodeled Renaissance Theater, an old movie house on Seventh Avenue and 137th Street. Budget limitations (total cost was \$100,000) permitted no elaborate transfiguring of the exterior, a matter which was of no particular importance to Macbeth or the architects, anyway. (The main exterior symbol they would really like is a great clock for the corner of the building, if any potential donors are reading this.) All of the creation went into the fashioning of a powerfully molded interior.

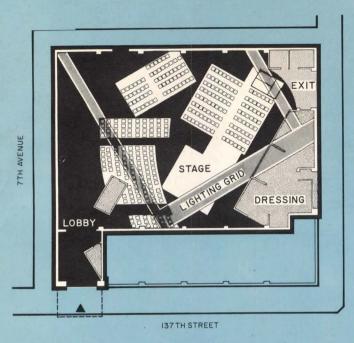


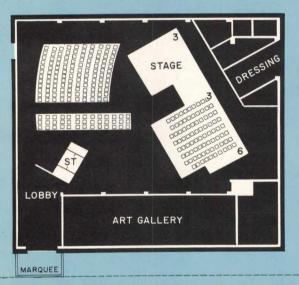


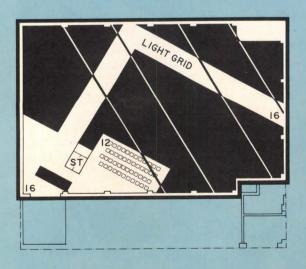
Plan and sections (below): (A) auditorium; (B) gallery/offices; (C) places where performer action can originate (D) dressing, two levels; (E) entrance, lobby.

The plans (facing page) show the development of the spatial arrangement. At bottom are two preliminary studies showing the attempt at a variety of acting spaces. Norman Pfeiffer says, "We had the pieces, but it wasn't working." Then the architects combined and overlapped previous schemes to come up with the three-dimensional space shown in the final plan (top).









Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer ruthlessly tore out most of the seats in the old cinema, leaving only a large section standing. To bring the total to about 300 seats (expandable in future to 500), they then added two more sections, one lifted halfway to the ceiling on steel pipe riggings, another standing over concealed dressing areas. The seating is thus fragmented and islanded in the overall space of the auditorium, bounding the main playing area triangularly. "Main" playing area is quite accurate, since action can take place almost anywhere in the room: in interstices between seating areas, on the catwalk formed by the lighting grid, even from below in sunken pits formed by dropping through to unused basement space. This provides the opportunity for some truly multidimensional theater experiences, and, needless to say, gets the audience right in there where the action is. Even intermissions can be an event, since the "lobby" has not been segregated from the rest of the space, but rather allowed to merge into it and simply be denoted by carpeting, lower ceiling, and the presence of posters, restroom doors, refreshment dispensaries, and the like. An art gallery for the display of black art, which doubles as a meeting room, fronts on the Seventh Avenue side. Offices are up in the old projection room, dressing rooms are tucked in behind the main playing area, and lighting and electronic effects are managed from a control tower that effectively blocks the performance area from the entrance.

All efforts at the New Lafayette Theater were directed toward providing a space that would say involvement with dramatic experience, and aesthetic fripperies like crystal chandeliers from Austria, supersized Nadelmans to put down the audience, or sumptuous red velour upholstery, were rightly boycotted. The result is a theater that has the capability to impel viewers into the center of the dramatic event. That is something with relevance for the way events happen today, and is something completely lacking in the marmoreal dowagers downtown in Lincoln Center.

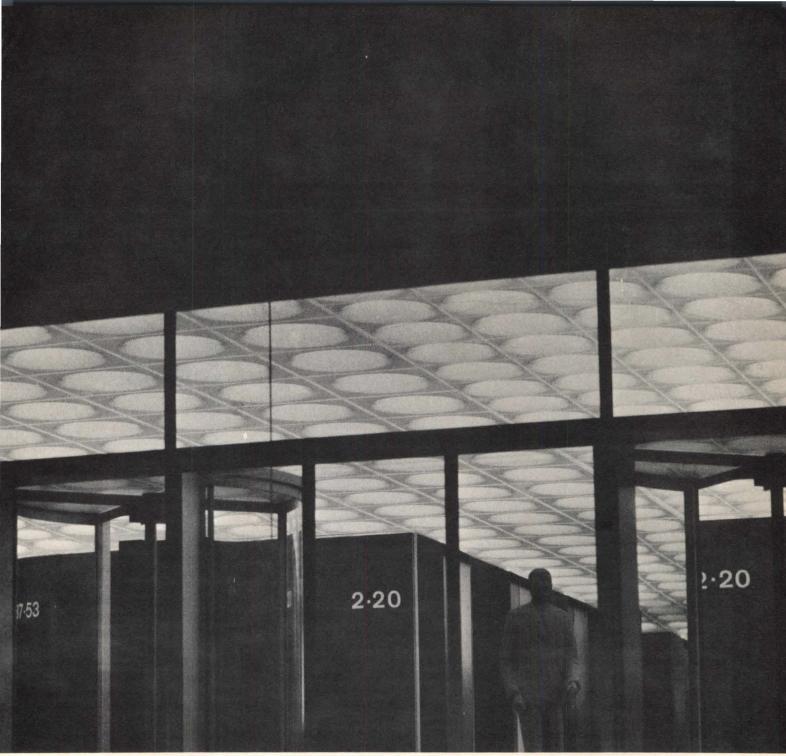
Office Interiors: DESIGNING WITH LIGHT

The kinetic electric environment we presented in last October's discussion of lighting (pp. 128-202, October 1968 P/A) is not confined to individual residences, to special exhibits and show-places, or to the work of any particular group of designers. As we pointed out then, any number of factors have been responsible for bringing artificial light into the forefront of interior design, and these factors are as hard at work in the world of big business as they are in smaller, more personal environments. The only difference seems to be that, because of its sheer size and complexity, the business world moves more slowly, making the process one of evolution, rather than revolution.

What is this process? Partly, it is the explicit rec-

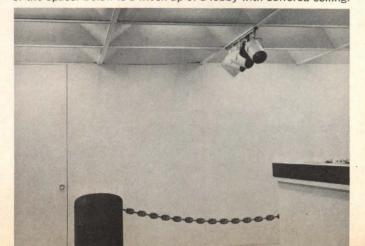
ognition, long overdue, of the importance of the synthetic office environment, in which millions of workers, from file clerk to company president, spend most of their waking hours. There is also the realization that light, next to air, is probably the most important single element of any environment. The building and controlling of an environment is what today's design is all about; no wonder, then, that designers in all fields are eager to experiment with light. But more than that, the process that is bringing light to the fore as a design medium is one of changing aesthetics accompanied fortuitously by corroborating psychological and technical research.

Aesthetically, the trend is a reaction to the bare simplicity of the International Style, to the Miesian



box. Or, in more positive terms, it is a tendency (observable early in the 60's) toward the romantic, even the fanciful, or (a slightly later development) the complex, the varied. Marvin Affrime, director of the Space Design Group, a New York firm with corporate clients large and small, summarizes the trend: "People are bored with the big business environment — big, bored, and overlighted as it is. It has become quite insensitive. We are going through a romantic period; in architecture, we have a newly discovered freedom of shape, form, materials. It's a reaction to the simplicity and sterility of modern industrial and commercial design." The results of this reaction are an emphasis on freedom — freedom such as that exemplified by Supergraphics; that is,

"The future of office lighting is in coffered ceilings," declares John Fuchs of Syska & Hennessey's Lighting Laboratory, "because we're tired of flat, dull ceilings." But, he continues, "That's not merely an aesthetic judgment. The reason why coffered ceilings are preferable is that they prevent you from seeing the brightness; you see only the light." A coffered ceiling, such as this model of the new U.S. Steel Building in New York (above) molds the ceiling somewhat, making it a part of the rest of the space. Below is a mock-up of a lobby with coffered ceiling.

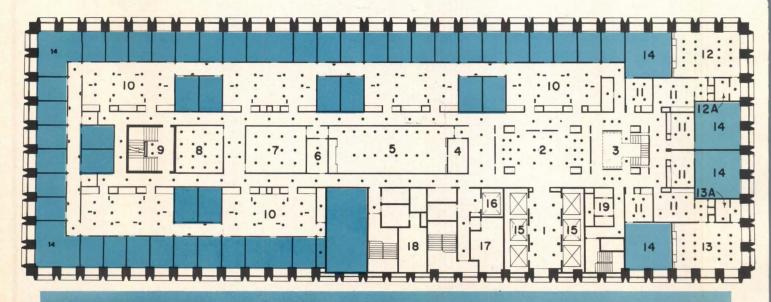


the freedom to destroy the rigidity of form in order to gain impact, excitement. Even if we would not care to see the rectilinear proportions of, say, the Seagram Building thrown out of joint by a patina of Supergraphics, we can thank this kind of development, says Affrime, for a willingness on the part of corporate clients to entrust their designers with a good deal more freedom than they have had in the past. "Clients respond to the excitement without necessarily understanding it," Affrime believes.

All this discussion of freedom and romanticism boils down to a greater emphasis on the individual worker and the quality of his working space. In this context, light can be far more than a functional necessity. It becomes a definer of working space (more flexible than partitions and highly suitable to Bürolandschaft designs), an enhancer of architecture, a creator of mood or atmospheres. "Light can make dull spaces look interesting," asserts William Warfel of Bolt, Beranek & Newman's Lighting Division.

Personalized lighting effects in office spaces are also the result of research supported and recognized by both commercial clients and designers. This research has forced clients to recognize the importance of giving to even the lowliest worker the best obtainable quality in his surroundings. "Therefore," notes John King, who is vice-president in charge of the New York office of ISD Incorporated, "our special lighting jobs aren't always for top executives, the upper echelons of the company. For example, we've done an employee cafeteria with dimmers, so that the artificial lighting can be adjusted to the kind of daylight coming in."

With the goal of lighting shifting from that of obtaining the highest number of footcandles at a maximum predetermined cost to that of providing the best quality and quantity of light for the tasks being performed, another kind of research takes its place in support of the changing aesthetic. Whereas, a short time ago, all concerned were agreed that too much "glare" was undersirable, today there is wide concern about the definition of glare, and of all the other factors that can affect lighting quality. Researchers at the Institute for Research in Vision at Ohio State University, the Illuminating Engineering Society, Southern Methodist University, the University of Rochester, and the New York State University Construction Fund are developing criteria for featuring the quality of light. Presently, although several means of measuring quality factors have been developed, they are not widely known, and standards have not been adopted within the industry.



For one large client, the Space Design Group is designing nine floors of offices using no fluorescent lighting at all (plan, right). Investigation of workers' present office space showed that, although ceiling light is plentiful, they prefer to use only desk lamps, ignoring the main source of light in the building and often working with insufficient light. In the new offices, the designers decided to give the workers the softer, more

romantic effect they desired without sacrificing good lighting. Floor and table lamps were placed where they were needed, and people were put in control of them — given the ability to influence the mood and intensity of light in their own space. The designers had to obtain permission from the building owners to eliminate ceiling lighting from their design; nine floors at the top of the building deviate from the visual pattern of the exterior.

- (1) Elevator lobby
- (2) Reception
- (3) Inner reception
- (4) Projection
- (5) Board room
- (6) Pantry
- (7) Lounge
- (8) Conference room
 (9) Interconnecting
- tenant stairway
 (10) Secretaries
- (12a) Private
 - washroom
- (13) Chairman of the board
- (13a) Private
- washroom (14) Director's office
- (15) Passenger
- (16) Service elevator
- (17) Men

Private offices (shaded areas) will be illuminated by table and floor lamps only. Secretarial areas (10) are illuminated by both recessed incandescent fixtues and custom-designed hanging fixtures over each typing pedestal. Wall brackets will be used in the elevator lobby and in the corridors which connect secre-

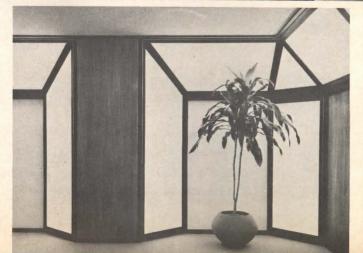
To architects and designers, designing with light is a challenge; it represents a whole new medium to be explored and developed. It challenges not only their creativity, but also their willingness to learn. Lighting is, after all, a highly technical field, one that must be thoroughly understood if the designer is to control it and its function in the total environment. "Is lighting going to become an undisciplined medium?" wonders lighting designer Abe Feder, who, ironically, has for years been the chief advocate of the unrecognized potential of lighting design. Today, he is worried about the effects of experiments by overenthusiastic but undereducated designers. "Now that we recognize light as a separate and special medium, how are we going to discipline it, make it work for us?" he asks. According to Feder, the need is for greater technical and visual training among architects. "Kids tend to see special lighting effects in terms of a light show, without paying attention to how these effects are achieved, or how they can be put to use," he feels. If the architect is to remain in control of the environment he creates, he will need an education that will enable him to understand the visual and technical requirements of lighting and give him the vocabulary to communicate with those who specialize in the field.



"The desire for individuality, for variety in lighting is fine in an office, but what do you do with a public space?" asks Marvin Affrime. He answers his own question with this corridor (above) in the offices of Jack Tinker & Partners, New York. Bounded by offices on both sides, the corridor has wall brackets for lighting fixtures (not shown). Clerks and secretaries have alcoves off the corridor, lighted by incandescent lamps suspended over each desk and supplemented by recessed ceiling lamps. Light is beamed onto floor and ceiling to mold the space and soften its angularity. "It's a bit unexpected in an office, and all the more welcome," says Affrime. "Not only is each person in his own piece of light, but something in the space itself distinguishes working spaces much more subtly than a wall."



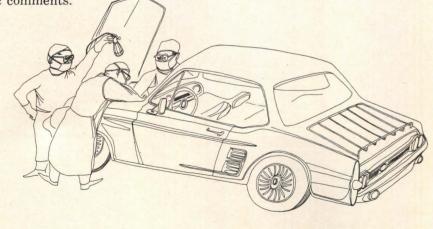
Artificial lighting is basic to the design of a totally synthetic environment — here, an underground room (above and right). For the Bank of Texas in downtown Houston, Burdette Keeland, Jr. & Associates created a basement board room that seems to be soaked in sunlight. To do this, they came up with what they think may be the world's largest lighting fixture: four fluorescent tubes running around the room's perimeter and down the columns. Above a height of 6 ft, walls slope to accommodate mechanical ducts and wiring, and the lighting fixture's acrylic covering is accordingly coped to meet the 8 ft ceiling. Against the contrasting solidity of oak detailing, airy colors and artificial luminescence seem to open the room beyond its actual dimensions.

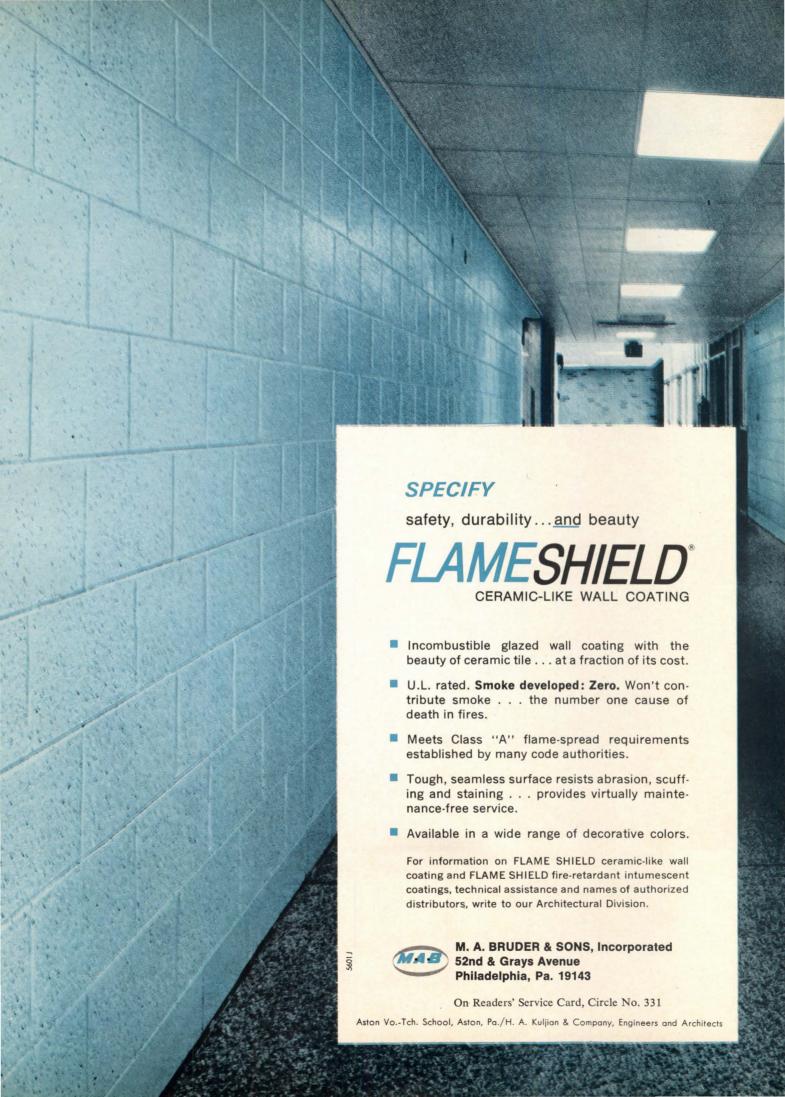


GRAPHIC COMMENTARY



FROM TIME TO TIME, WE FIND THAT ONE PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS—or even a thousand crumpled fenders. For this reason, we are instituting this environmental series, which will be tucked away somewhere in these pages. Readers who are appropriately stimulated are urged to send the Editor their own graphic, ecologic comments.





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Protecting Architectural Concrete

Clear coatings can preserve the appearance of exposed concrete, but architects must choose carefully from among the available products. Rosen is Chief Specifications Writer for Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, New York City.

The increasing use of concrete for exterior facades has exposed some problem areas that were not too apparent to designers and specifiers when they first started using this material. The areas of concern include the following: the temporary mottling and darkening of the surface after a rainstorm; the accretion of dirt and soot on exposed aggregate surfaces; the change in color of the matrix due to attack by atmospheric pollutants; and the etching of gray and bronze glass when alkalis leach from the concrete onto the glass.

To overcome these problems, specifiers have been specifying the application of the clear coatings to preserve the initial appearance of exposed concrete. Generally, the preferred coating should be clear, water repellent, and a breathing type. They function primarily as follows: by reducing water penetration, they minimize mottling and darkening due to rainstorms; by reducing water penetration, free alkali in concrete is not leached out to the same extent as on uncoated concrete; they tend to make the surface self-cleaning, reducing the accumulation of dirt; they tend to reduce atmospheric attack on the cement matrix; and the breathing qualities provide for uniform weathering.

Many coating types have been marketed by manufacturers as a panacea for the problems outlined above. However, they are not without their own contributory problems. Some have a relatively short life span. Some actually attract soot. Some develop a glossy ap-

pearance that changes the architectural effect. Some darken the exposed aggregate and the cement matrix considerably, thereby altering the architectural appearance.

The ideal coating should be clear, nondiscoloring, long-lasting, and should not make any discernible change in the color of the aggregate or in that of the matrix either.

The Portland Cement Association investigated a wide variety of clear coatings, and published its findings in Bulletin D137, 1968, "Clear Coatings for Exposed Architectural Concrete." Sixty products were investigated to determine their effectiveness in protecting exposed aggregate concrete and smooth concrete surfaces against the elements. These coatings consisted of acrylics, polyurethanes, polyesters, silicones, waxes, epoxies, styrenes, and in some products, mixtures of these chemical formulations.

In the accelerated tests, the PCA found that by and large, the coatings based on a methyl methacrylate formulation provided better protection on exposed aggregate surfaces than other types of coatings. The laboratory test results were confirmed by the outdoor weathering exposure. Similarly, on smooth concrete surfaces, methyl methacrylate coatings with a higher solids content gave better protection. Generally, the polyurethanes, polyesters, and epoxies tended to cause a glossy appearance, and created a yellowing or darkening effect.

The results of the PCA test program put architects in a better po-

sition to use architectural concrete as a design medium, since specifiers now have a choice of several materials that will protect exposed concrete from the elements. Also, manufacturers can improve their products since they have a test program that can be applied for testing their own products.

In a nonindustrial area with little or no air pollution, a coating may not be required. The only consideration in a suburban environment would be a designer's decision as to whether temporary darkening due to rain was sufficient reason to require the application of a proven clear, waterrepellent coating to prevent it. In this same non-industrial environment, a specifier might elect to specify a water-repellent coating if gray or bronze glass is used where water running off the face of the concrete might wash onto the glass surface. A water-repellent coating will reduce water penetration into concrete, thereby minimizing the possibility of dissolving free alkali and leaching it onto the glass surfaces. The leaching will result in noticeable etching of the glass.

In industrial areas, the use of exposed aggregate concrete is questionable because the surface is sure to entrap industrial pollutants. In these climates, smooth concrete surfaces or very lightly sand-blasted surfaces are preferred, provided they are protected with a proven clear, waterrepellent coating.

Copies of the PCA Bulletin D137 may be obtained from any local PCA district office.



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Error and Omission Insurance

If a legal claim is asserted against an architect for reason of faulty design, does the architect's "error and omission" insurance cover errors and omissions that occurred prior to the effective date of the insurance policy?

Most architects and engineers would agree that "errors and omissions" insurance is a business necessity. However, as claims have increased, the expense of such insurance has escalated and the area of available insurance coverage has narrowed. The leading insurance carrier in the architectural malpractice field originally provided coverage for errors and omissions that occurred prior to the date when the insurance was obtained. Later, this company discontinued such coverage in order to reduce its area of exposure. Accompanying this reduction of available coverage is a tendency on the part of the insurance carriers to narrowly interpret the scope of their policies. Illustrating the foregoing is the case of Lapierre, Litchfield & Partners v. Continental Casualty Company, 297 N.Y.S. 2d. 976.

The architects involved in this case had designed a school building that was sufficiently completed by September 1958 to permit its use by the students. However, at that time there were many meetings, letters of complaint, and expressions of dissatisfaction by the owner in connection with various items in the building and with the efforts of the architects and engineers to correct these items. The three main complaints were poor ventilation, causing classrooms to be either too hot or too cold, inefficient operations of the boiler and incinerator, and inadequate lighting in the parking areas. The architects did not admit to any errors or omissions, contending that the difficulties encountered were not due to faulty design.

It was not until 1962 that the owner made a definite claim

against the architects for errors and omissions and demanded arbitration. The architects turned to their insurance carrier to defend the claim under the insurance policy they had obtained in September 1959, about one year after the building had been opened. This policy insured the plaintiff architects against claims caused by errors, omissions, or acts in the performance of their professional services. Under the policy, the insurance company undertook "to defend any suit, or Arbitration Proceedings against the insured alleging such error, omission or act and seeking damages - even if such suit is groundless, false or fraudulent." The policy applied only to errors or omissions that occurred during the policy period or that occurred prior to the effective date of the policy, provided that the architects had no "knowledge of any such prior errors, or acts at the effective date of the policy."

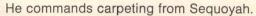
The insurance company disclaimed liability and refused to defend the claim, contending that the alleged errors and omissions occurred prior to the effective date of the insurance policy, and that the architects had knowledge of such errors and omissions prior to the time they had secured the policy. It was the position of the insurance company that, since for approximately one year prior to the securing of the insurance, the owner and architects had been involved in discussions of various complaints and dissatisfactions of the owner, the architects were chargeable with knowledge of the alleged errors and omissions, thereby precluding coverage under the policy. As a result, the architects were compelled to retain their own counsel, who successfully defended the claims asserted against them. Subsequently, the architects instituted suit against the insurance company to recover the legal fees and disbursements they spent in their successful defense of the claim.

The trial court awarded judgment to the plaintiff architects, holding that knowledge by the architects of possible claims did not constitute knowledge that they had committed errors, omissions, or acts within the exclusion provisions of the policy. The Court stated:

"The policy relieves the insurer from coverage on work performed by the architect prior to the inception of the policy where claim is filed thereafter only if there was knowledge of errors, omissions, or acts by the architect, prior to the inception date of the policy. We are faced, then, with a situation where the plaintiff knew that its client was dissatisfied and that there were some problems that still needed attention. However, (to use the language of the policy) did the plaintiff have 'knowledge of . . . (a) prior error, omission or act'? Ordinarily, the question of whether a party to an action had or had not knowledge is a question of fact. ... In the case at bar, however, the record is devoid of any evidence upon which the defendant could base a claim that plaintiff had the 'knowledge' contemplated by the policy. It must also be borne in mind that we are not here dealing with the question of whether or not there actually was an 'error, omission or act.' That would bear on the insurer's duty to pay — a matter quite apart from its duty to defend which is here at issue. ... There was no evidence that the complaints received by the architect were such as to charge him with knowledge that they would ripen into a claim or that the insured had committed an 'error, omission or act' contemplated by the policy. The policy in this case does not say knowledge of a claim or possible claim; it does not say knowledge of a complaint or of client's dissatisfaction."

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BOOK REVIEWS / Commendable Undertaking

BY GEORGE L. WRENN, III

THE GOTHIC REVIVAL AND AMERICAN CHURCH ARCHITECTURE: AN EPISODE IN TASTE, 1840–1856. By Phoebe B. Stanton. The Johns Hopkins Press, Baltimore, Maryland, 1968. 350 pp., \$12.95. The reviewer is the Director of The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

The Johns Hopkins Press is to be commended for undertaking to provide some much-needed illumination for a still somewhat neglected subject through its new series entitled "The Johns Hop-kins Studies in Nineteenth-Century Architecture." This book is the first of the series and it gets the whole project off to an excellent start. Certainly it is no easy task to trace the sources, documentary or architectural, stylistic or spiritual, of any of the various revivals that left their mark on the American scene in the 19th Century, and the Gothic Revival is no exception.

It is Professor Stanton's contention that the Gothic Revival of the period with which she is dealing had some influence on the development of modern architecture in a way that the preceding classic revival did not. This influence took place, one might say, both by action and by reaction. Inherent in late medieval Gothic architecture. and therefore inherent in the closely studied revival of that style, were some ideas such as the honest and expressive use of materials and the expression of interior functions in exterior design that were introduced to and became widely known in America at the time. These ideas were at first developed within the revival itself. which accounted for the construction of the many finely designed churches of the period, a good number of which remain today. In a short time, however, a reaction set in, and the ideas introduced to the consciousness of mid-19th-Century American architects through the medium of the Gothic

Revival and of the Ecclesiological Societies that sponsored it became freed from their narrow background and applied in new ways as the American architect searched for the proper architectural expression of different functions and developed the use of different materials. For some architects, the Gothic Revival was a dead end; for others, it became a stepping-stone that contributed something to their knowledge and approach to architecture, but which they left behind as the search for an ideal and a native architecture was pursued.

In some measure, the Ecclesiologists lost what influence they had gained by being so wrapped up in one idea and, for the most part, so inflexible about its application that they could not help but alienate people. Perhaps to an increasing number of their contemporaries, their strictures and intergroup quarrels must have seemed as irrelevant as they do to us now.

One of the many interesting points made by Professor Stanton relates to the connection between the medieval idea of the architect as it was introduced through the Gothic Revival and the foundation of the AIA in the late 1850's. Through the writings of the Ecclesiologists, the medieval architect became known as the central figure in the creation of the magnificent cathedrals of the time, a person of responsibility and obligation. The American architects of the mid-19th-Century, who were just achieving professional status, had but to make a comparison to see what a disadvantage they were at. One of the obvious ways to improve their status was to organize, which, in 1857, they proceeded to do. All the credit for this, of course, cannot be given to the Gothic revival.

I wonder, however, if it cannot be given more credit in other ways than is implied in Professor Stanton's choice for a subtitle, "An Episode in Taste, 1840–1856." The implication of the words "episode in taste" is of something of little

or no lasting consequence, of something of fashion that came and went and was soon forgotten. In part, the Gothic Revival was just that, but in part it was more, as Professor Stanton is at some pains to point out.

A further point concerning the subtitle is the use of the dates, 1840–1856. These are so specific that they clearly imply something started in a given year and ended in a given year, which was not the case. To pick out a certain period as more important than another period, and to give full credit to the Gothic Revival for its importance, the subtitle might read "Its Flowering in the Mid-19th-Century and Its Subsequent Influence."

Finally, the book itself deserves comment. It is a handsome production with an attractive dust jacket illustrating a painting by Robert Weir. The illustrations in the book itself are well spaced and easy to refer to as one reads along and they make their points well, though, unfortunately, the quality of the reproductions is not high. Despite this drawback, however, Professor Stanton has set a high standard in this first book of the new series on 19th-Century architecture. It is to be hoped that the succeeding volumes will measure up to it.

Preserved Within A Book

BY H. ALLEN BROOKS

THE IMPERIAL HOTEL: FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT AND THE ARCHITECTURE OF UNITY. By Cary James. Charles E. Tuttle Company, Rutland, Vermont, 1968. 150 pp., illust., \$7.50. The reviewer is Associate Professor of the History of Art at the University of Toronto, and a former president of the Society of Architectural Historianns.

Cary James presents us with a splendid photographic essay on (Continued on page 156)



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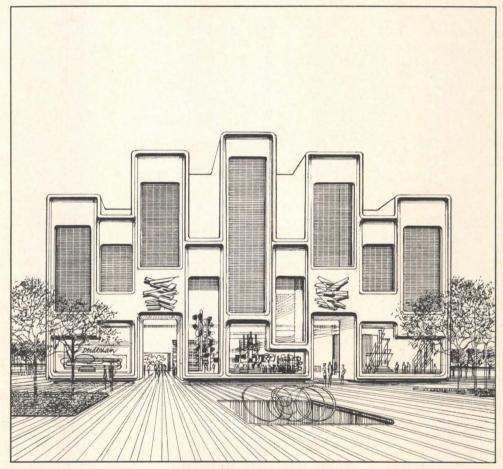
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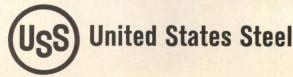
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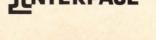
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the Imperial Hotel, now demolished, a building that its architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, perhaps cherished more than any other. It was among his largest commissions, and the only major work he completed outside the U.S. Perhaps most important to him, it withstood the devastating earthquake of 1923, and thereby vindicated Wright's claim to engineering, as well as architectural, prowess.

The author's photographs introduce the building in 63 full-page plates, mostly details, offered in a handsomely bound and

presented book at a moderate cost. A short, spirited introduction by Cary James describes the building, emphasizing the unity of the design and how it fulfills the best ideals of Wright's architecture. Then follow 24 pages of quotations extracted from Wright's An Autobiography. In the first section, the architect discusses his principles of organic architecture; in the latter section, he recounts the exciting episode of building the Imperial Hotel and the anxious moment of its supreme test by earthquake. The plates follow, interspersed with a few short quotes, and at the end

are gathered six fold-out pages with an elevation, section, and four floor plans of the hotel.

The Imperial Hotel, therefore, is intended as an appreciation book, dealing with a timely and topical subject. It brings together and preserves numerous detailed photographs — and this is its real contribution. The main text can be as easily read in An Autobiography (pp. 138-49, 213-23). All of Wright's buildings must be physically experienced to be appreciated, and although photographs provide only a secondhand form of appreciation, the author has tried to convey some sense of the architect's spatial complexities, and, more successfully, a feeling for Wright's sensitivity to detail. Indeed, it is the details that seem the most rewarding. Unfortunately, because of the surrounding buildings, panoramic views of the hotel are lacking in the present book.

The limited objectives of this book are fulfilled, yet one regrets that the objectives were so limited; as a picture book, it is a document, but it could have been much more. Drawings, diagrams, and old photos showing the early designs for the hotel would have been enriching. An analysis of the design and its place in Wright's oeuvre would have been equally rewarding. Historical background is almost entirely lacking, and one of the few facts given is incorrect. The design was not begun in 1915, as the author states; Wright exhibited plans, sections, and elevations of the Imperial Hotel at the Chicago Architectural Club's annual exhibition in April 1914, and the first design is probably as early as 1913. Critical and sociological questions might also have been raised: how was the building viewed by its users? The author says, "It is our failure of understanding which has doomed it,' a statement that would be fascinating to document with quotes from guests and architectural critics.

In sum, therefore, *The Imperial Hotel* preserves a visual image of this now-demolished building, an image that is both sensitive and sympathetic. For this we are most grateful. Further than this, unfortunately, the author failed to venture.

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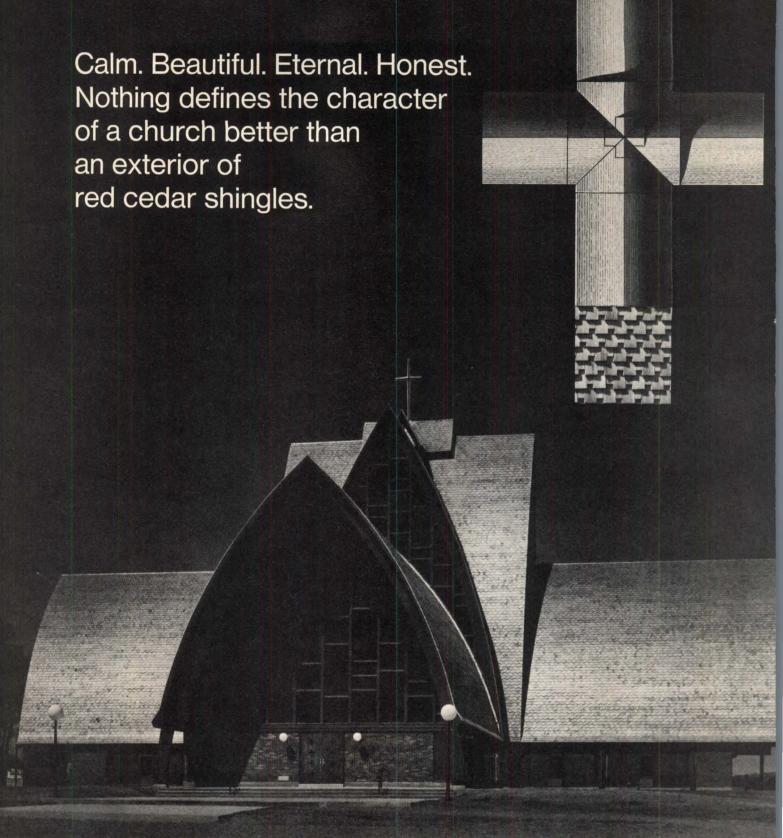
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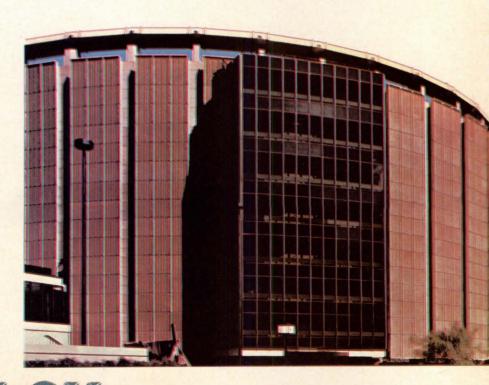
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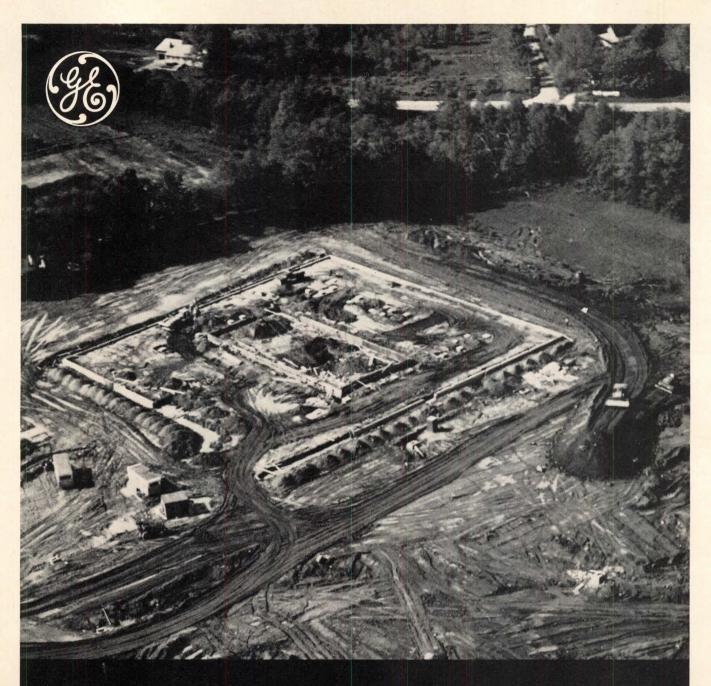
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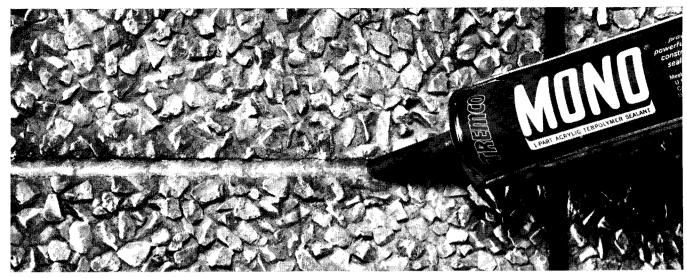
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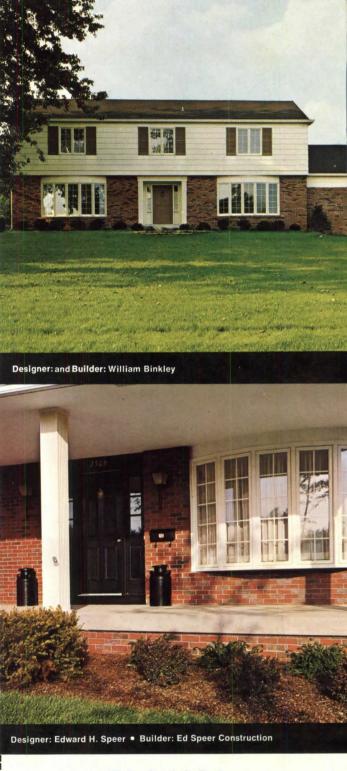


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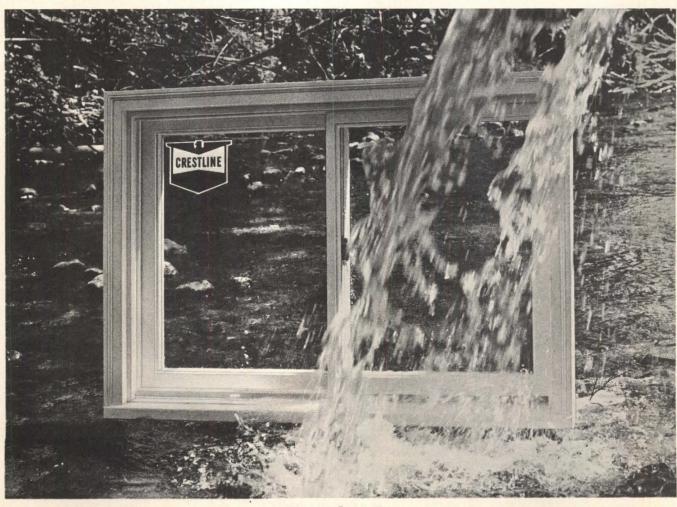
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THE NEW WORLD DUTCH BARN. By John Fitchen. Syracuse University Press, Box 2, University Station, Syracuse, N.Y., 1968. 178 pp., illust., \$12.50. The reviewer is the Keeper of the National Register, United States Department of Interior, National Park Service, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

This book fills a need on many counts. First, it is obviously a thorough coverage of a subject not previously presented. Second, it represents the type of detailed, careful study of vernacular architecture long pursued by European architects and architectural historians but conspicuous by its absence in America. Third, in an era that put a premium on honesty of structure and expressiveness of space, it offers a clarion-clear discourse on these elements through the vehicle of the structures examined.

Because of the utilitarian nature of barns, little has been written about them by American scholars, despite their importance to the American landscape and the impressive scale they tend to give to our countryside. Architects, teachers, and historians seem to have systematically ignored, for the most part, those lessons in organic architecture that barn interiors offer. Once the architectonic lessons of such structures are discovered, a book such as Fitchen's becomes understandably important. With the knowledge that the author published a volume on Construction of Gothic Cathedrals in England in 1961, his interest and cognizance of the importance of barn structure becomes understandable if on no other basis than the similarities between barns and Gothic cathedrals in honesty of construction.

Professor Fitchen discusses such structural considerations as jointing, problems of compression and tension, shear, structural failures, bracing, as well as postulating probable methods of erecting such structures after historical and descriptive sections that

outline the background and characteristics of the buildings involved. A major contribution to the book and to the subject in general is the excellent graphics coverage, including plans, sections, and details in which the various joining methods are made clear and the framing members are labeled. A pictorial section is further appended to the text and graphics with some excellent interior views, which amply reveal the structural quality of the barn interiors. Two maps locating the examples discussed and showing the extent of Dutch settlement in northeastern America readily pinpoint the drawings and photographs to their geography.

The volume is well footnoted. These are rich in additional historical data and bibliographical source material. Further, the excellent index makes the effort an

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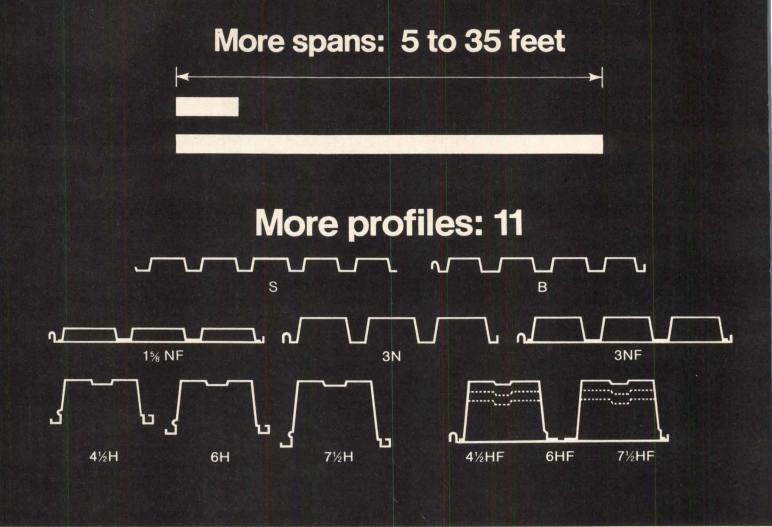
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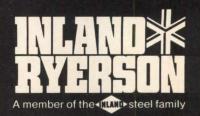
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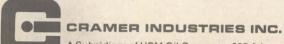
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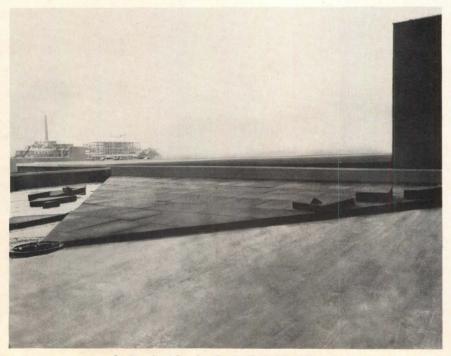
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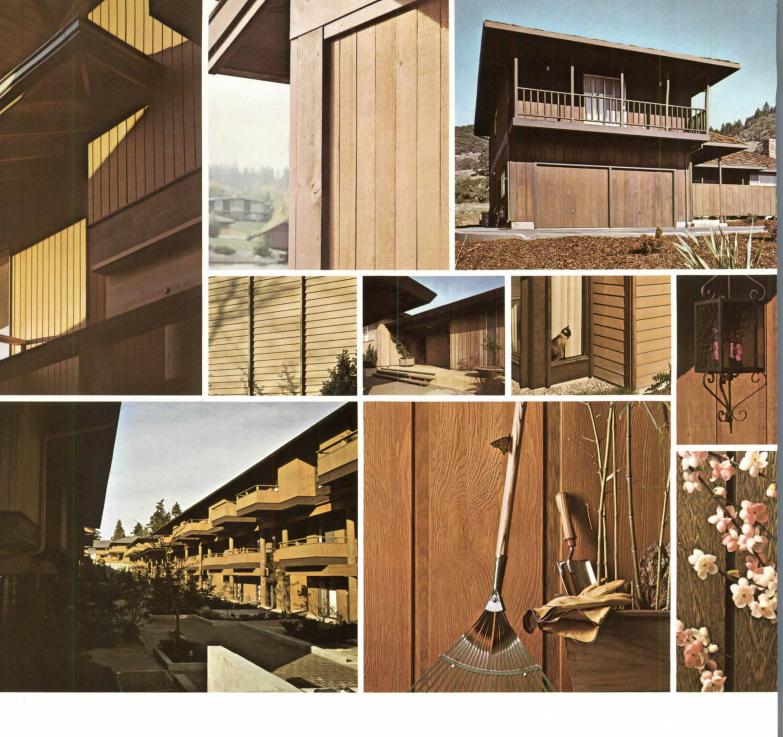
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