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Congratulations and complaints

Dear Editor: Your editors are to be congratulated for your article "Available now: systems that save energy," in the October issue of P/A (p. 78). This is a fine, informative article showing that reduced energy requirements in mechanical and electrical building systems are possible by using efficient, modern designs. As a mechanical engineer I found it most useful. Harry R. Patterson Ohio State University

Dear Editor: Your October 1971 issue is outstanding! Richard R. Jones Salt River Project Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Editor: We have only recently seen the article in your October 1971 issue entitled "Energy: Crisis Amidst Plenty" (p. 71) in which a TVA official is quoted in a context which makes it appear that he—and TVA—are fearful of catastrophic nuclear accidents.

We want to make clear that the author has distorted to his own purposes a remark which was made in a completely facetious context which was plain from the text. Your article, after asserting that nuclear plants are "not immune to accidents which ... could be catastrophic," adds:

"In fact, a TVA authority has recently said that the ideal plant would be one where there has been no seismic activity for a millennium, where nature is perfectly calm, located in an unpopulated endless desert that has a large supply of cold water supporting no aquatic life, near an important load center."

The TVA official's actual remarks were: "An ideal site for a nuclear plant is one for which there is no evidence of any seismic activity over the past millennia; is not subject to hurricane, tornadoes or floods. It should be in the midst of an endless expanse of unpopulated desert with an abundant supply of very cold water flowing nowhere and containing no aquatic life. Most important, it should be adjacent to a major load center."

Your writer's omissions change the statement from a jocular reference to a serious one. But in addition, he omits the sentence which follows the remark, namely: "If such there be go mark it well, as it will have been designated as a national refuge for those unwilling to cope with the problem of living in this everyday world. All kidding aside, though..." Paul L. Evans

Tennessee Valley Authority Knoxville, Tenn.

Liturgical arts

Dear editor: I very much enjoyed your article in the December issue (p. 46) pertaining to the post-Vatican perspective. It is my opinion that in this era the liturgical arts will breathe freely again only if the creators are free of the judgment of the archaeologists, craftsmen and clergy. They are the culprits who revert constantly to the past and to past techniques, and in their way frequently make the whole subject seem uninspired.

A great liturgical art will exist if there is first an inspiring spiritual environment, second a great artist to express it, and third, a recognition and acceptance of new communication media and methodology. Picasso once said that great art always suggests nobility of spirit, and a great artist is answerable only to God. Leon Gordon Miller Cleveland, Ohio

Whither the AIA?

Dear Editor: As the wife of an architect, I would like to comment on the editorial by Max O. Urbahn, 1971 AIA president, in the September issue of P/A (p. 111).

Mr. Urbahn chose to explore the purpose of AIA conventions. He states that a convention is far more than a means of electing officers and collecting dues—it is a means, he says, of "discussing and acting upon major issues in architecture" and "on major public issues that are related" and, he says, a convention is a place "where policy is formed and positions are taken on these issues." He stresses, throughout, the need for communication.

To start with, Mr. Urbahn, you have told

us in a major architectural magazine that there will be a major architectural conference at Houston in May, '72. However, you have not communicated what the issues will be. All you said was, Houston is an exciting place for a convention. Perhaps everyone in the field knows what will take place in Houston. If so, I apologize.

However, I can think of lots of themes for a convention this year-anywhere. I am afraid the professionals of whom you speak have not the peace of mind to enjoy "illuminating corners of the mind" concerning "high aspirations for architecture." Very little architecture, of any kind, small or grand, is being done in the country today, and the grandiose projects have been exorbitant political footballs. More important, architects are out of work, starting with those most experienced, best trained, and with tenure on the job, because these men command higher salaries. As for public issues, the country is at the same time in desperate need of lowcost housing, extended school building, continued storebuilding for the type of economy that could be possible if government money, that is, people's taxes, were not tied up in Vietnam.

There are issues for a convention in '72, an election year. So, a full page is devoted to discussing how, at conventions, we need room for listeners as well as speakers, and non-scheduled as well as scheduled activities. What good the mechanics if the meat of the convention is irrelevant, unreal and inhumane? Again, I apologize if relevant issues are being proposed at Houston, but first things should be first. Architects need work. Be certain, we are all listening to what the AIA is interested in, is proposing, is representing, in short, what kind of organization it will be in '72.

Architects may not, by nature, be joiners and social organizers, but some of us are beginning to realize that we now need an organization that could act with the intelligence you claim, and with the authority (the power to strike, and to influence government) of a true labor union. What would this mean to a profession like ours if we were at last, even in desperation, to form a union of our workers (who have the potential to influence the building trades and thus, the welfare of the country)?

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News report

High-rise condominiums take over amusement park

Palisades Amusement Park, for years a destination for Sunday outings in the New York–New Jersey area, is no more. The world's largest salt water pool has been drained, the roller coaster has been taken down and construction has started on a high-rise condominium community overlooking the New York City skyline.

When completed, the \$250 million project will boast close to 3700 apartments in six 30-story towers. Each building will have its own outdoor pool and sundeck, party and billiard rooms, plus a glass walled rooftop lounge complete with fireplace. Also on the site will be a two-story recreation center providing indoor and outdoor dining, banquet facilities, tennis courts and other recreational facilities.

The land, all 38 acres of it, cost developers Centex-Winston Corp. a cool \$12.5 million; in developing it they plan to build on only 18 percent of the site, leaving the rest for landscaped walks and outdoor lounge areas. Cars will be parked underground in a garage with 6000 parking spaces.

Architects for Winston Towers on the Palisades are Gerber & Pancani, with Barancik, Conte & Associates as consultants on exterior design. Sidney Barbanel Associates are mechanical engineers; Robert Rosenwasser is structural engineer.

Belluschi to receive AIA Gold Medal

This year's AIA Gold Medal will go to Pietro Belluschi, former dean of the school of architecture and planning at MIT, and designer of more than 1000 buildings. The award will be presented during the AIA's national convention in Houston.

Other awards to be presented include the Allied Professions Medal, given this year to the outspoken landscape architect and regional planner, Ian L. McHarg, who served on this year's P/A Design Awards jury; the Fine Arts Medal, which goes to sculptor George Rickey; and the Industrial Arts Medal, which goes this year to Charles Eames. The first of this year's awards to be announced, the Architectural Firm Award, will be presented to Caudill Rowlett Scott.

Canadian mining town to have windscreen

Anyone who grew up listening to "Sgt. Preston of the Yukon" knows that Canada can get windy and cold, in the east as well as in the old northwest. So when Quebec Cartier Min-[continued on page 26]



Palisades: no more roller coaster



Windscreen for Canadian town

Buildings on the way up

1 Office and commercial complex for Hartford, Conn. will combine offices, shops, restaurants, parking and movie theaters with railroad station and hotel in a 38-story tower flanked by lower structures. Total area of complex will be 500,000 sq ft, and parking for 1000 cars will be available. Architects are Kenneth Walker Design Group.

2 On the site of Chicago's well-known Edgewater Beach Hotel, construction has started on the first of three triangular apartment towers. Sheathed with gray glass and black aluminum curtain walls, the 440-ft tower will include 728 apartments, two levels of underground parking, a landscaped plaza and a swimming pool and sun deck. The plaza will be linked with a plaza serving two existing buildings; when the second and third towers are built, they will be linked to the first buildings to provide an enclosed mall. Solomon, Cordwell, Buenz and Associates, Inc. are architects.

3 Temporary care, counseling and instruction will be provided for juveniles awaiting court action at juvenile detention home in Pittsburgh's East Liberty section. Home will be built around two corridors meeting at 90 degree angle; five units of 12 rooms each will project from each corridor, providing beds for 120 boys and girls. Recreation facilities will be provided indoors and out, along with gymnasium, classrooms and rooms for interviews and counseling. Architects for \$5.9 million project are Foley, Kerr Scarlett and George M. Ewing.

4 **Community facilities,** including spaces for public health aides and community workers, are part of health center for north side of Chicago neighborhood. Center includes multiphase screening facility, radiology suite, dental clinic and mental health area; based on series of clinical modules, it can be converted for private group practice at a later date. Designed by Chicago's Bureau of Architecture and Building Maintenance with Metz Train Olson & Youngren, Inc. as associate architects, project will have reinforced concrete foundations and frame. Cost is put at \$2.6 million with completion set for July. Engineers: C.A. Metz Engineers, Inc. (s); Environmental Systems Design, Inc. (m).

5 Recreation and therapy for some 637 severely handicapped and mentally retarded people will be available at the Recreation Center for the Handicapped, designed for a wooded site next to the San Francisco Zoo. Two single story buildings are planned: the first, 17,000 sq ft in size, will provide day care programs for children and recreation space for teenagers and adults; the second, 10,000 sq ft, will include a gymnasium and swimming pool designed for therapeutic swimming. Architects for the \$800,000 project are Hertzka & Knowles.

6 Final step in the development of the University of Washington's Central Quadrangle, Meany Hall Performing Arts Building will provide 1200-seat main theater, 125-seat thesis theater, studios, lounges and storage and office space. The building, a reinforced concrete structure with a brick veneer exterior, will be completed in the fall of 1973; cost is put at \$7 million. Architects are Kirk, Wallace, McKinley, AIA & Associates; engineers are Skilling, Helle, Christiansen, Robertson (s); Bouillon, Christofferson &





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Schairer (m,e) and Sparling & Associates (e). Paul S. Veneklasen & Associates are acoustical consultants and Landry, Hunt & Bogan are theater consultants.

7 Regional headquarters for Federal Aviation Administration will be a sixstory building enclosed with reflective glass and stainless steel expressed as a membrane. Structure is reinforced concrete frame and columns with waffle slab ceilings. Located in Lawndale, Calif. (near Los Angeles), the building was designed by Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall. It provides office space for 1000 people, parking for 500 cars.

8 Comprehensive services for cerebral palsy victims will be provided by United Cerebral Palsy of New York at a rehabilitation campus planned for Brooklyn. To be built in three phases, the center will include an education building and a transportation center (first phase, to start in June, 1972); residence facility and vocation center (second phase, to start in 1974) and an enclosed mall (scheduled for a 1978 start) connecting the various buildings. The education building will be a renovated warehouse. Davis & Sands are the architects.

9 Perhaps only New York City would need a high-rise Ford dealership. A 20-story building designed by The Eggers Partnership will include 460,000 sq ft of space on nine levels for sales and service of Ford cars and trucks, Lincoln and Mercury automobiles, plus almost 500,000 sq ft of rentable office space. Bronze glass and light gray stone will be exterior materials; the building is set back to provide pedestrian plaza and an arcade beneath the building. Interior spaces are based on 38-ft bays to allow room for movement and storage of cars and trucks. Engineers are: DiStasio & Van Buren (s); Kelly & Morris (m,e).



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Poinciana: building and preserving nature







McDonnell Douglas commercial complex

ing Co. decided to build a new town in a mining area in the northeast corner of Quebec, their architects designed one with a windscreen.

Fermont, the new town, is planned for a site 500 miles northeast of Montreal, and to block the prevailing winds, the architects, Desnoyers and Schoenauer, have included a windscreen of specially insulated apartment blocks. The three- and five-story structures will house 350 families. The windward walls will have no windows; those on the lee side, to the south, will.

Connected to the apartment complex by a climate controlled walkway will be a shopping center, restaurant, swimming pool, arena, library and town hall. A school building and a curling club will also be linked to the apartments by a similar walkway. The rest of the town will consist of semi-detached two-story houses and bungalows. Most construction will be pre-fabbed and brought to the site by road, water or rail.

Construction starts on Florida new town

Prompted in part, no doubt, by the Central Florida real estate boom, a Florida developer has broken ground for an ambitious new town project. The new town, called Poinciana, will eventually have a population of 250,000 people; construction started late last year, and property improvements are expected to take 14 to 16 years.

The plan for Poinciana calls for eight villages, bounded by major traffic arteries, lakes and open space; each village will have a junior high school site and a 10- to 25-acre shopping and commercial center. The villages are made up of three to eight neighborhoods each. An elementary school site is provided in each neighborhood, along with church and recreational tracts and a convenience shopping area. Greenways link the school site to most residential lots, thereby reducing traffic crossings.

At the center of the town is a 550-acre town center site, and a smaller business district is planned for the south end of the property. Towards the north end of town is a site for an industrial and office park.

Poinciana will be just south of Walt Disney World and about 29 miles from Orlando. Inhabited originally by Indians (burial mounds some 11,000 years old have been found) and then by cattle ranchers, the site is generally flat, laced by creeks and dotted with lakes and oak and cypress hammocks. Some 25 sq mi of the site will be preserved: a boardwalk will thread through the Reedy Creek area, and one of the Indian mounds will be opened for display.

Construction has started on a sales and administration building, surrounded by a lake; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill of Chicago are architects and engineers for the first buildings. Other initial projects include an access road, community center, golf, swimming and tennis facilities and 15 apartments.

Aerospace firm starts down to earth project

McDonnell Douglas, known for some time as an aircraft manufacturer and more recently as an aerospace contractor, has started a more down to earth project—a \$100 million, 50acre commercial complex hard by the Orange County (Calif.) Airport. The project represents its "healthy diversity."

The project, essentially a megastructure, would include a 500-room hotel as its first phase, according to the master plan drawn up by Welton Becket and Associates. Subsequent phases would provide office buildings and a convention [continued on page 28]

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center; a people mover would link all parts of the project.

The hotel, which would have the usual assortment of guest facilities, would be expandable to twice its original size. The second phase would connect the hotel with a large commercial and office complex lining both sides of a glassed-in pedestrian mall. From this spine, escalators would lead to parking levels above and below ground. A third phase would add the convention center and a people mover running the length of the mall and linking the complex with a future terminal complex for the airport. And finally the complex would be connected to a parcel of ground for prestige office buildings.

As the project grows away from the airport, heights would increase according to Federal Aviation Administration standards, giving the whole complex a terraced appearance. The master plan calls for precast concrete structures with an 80-ft square modular bay, aluminum curtain walls and dark glass.

New towns: brave new world or grand illusion?

Robert H. Mutrux AIA, who attended the first AIA conference on new communities, recaps the meeting in this report

In May 1969 the National Committee on Urban Growth recommended that the United States build 110 new cities to help accommodate the growing population during the remainder of the 20th Century. On Nov. 3 of last year the first national Conference on New Communities opened in Washington, and the program that may change the face of the nation is now officially under way. The conference was attended by a capacity audience of 350, 80 percent of whom, understandably, were architects; it was addressed by 21 well-qualified speakers, each with predistributed texts, and climaxed by an address by Secretary George Romney.

No aspect of the problem of new communities, from the gleam in the eye to the ultimate achievement, was left undiscussed. Land acquisition, ecology, historic preservation, long-range planning, transportation and utilities, plus the nagging realities of labor costs, interest rates, taxes and insurance were treated in elaborate detail, along with the intangible factors of income and racial integration and the elusive element of aesthetics.

From these, three major points emerged. First, it was made clear that there is no pattern, no formula for the creation of new communities, and that Title VII, which provides federal financial support, is not the modern philosopher's stone. Second, there is a desperate need for federal control through a national land policy. Without this, the constitutionally supported rivalries among national, state, municipal and private sovereignties will continue to halt progress. Third is the inescapable fact that the developer, whose very name is anathema in other branches of construction, appears today as the principal driving force in the fields of housing and new communities.

Secretary Romney brought that out emphatically when he said "I want more men like Jim Rouse" (the entrepreneur who created Columbia, and who is equally well known for his total lack of dependence on the architect for its success). The entire conference, in fact, was haunted by the prospect of a world in which not merely 80 percent, but all buildings are realized without the blessing of the arts' aging mother. [continued on page 31]

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To offset this, the architect, through a welter of metaphors, was encouraged to justify his existence. His contribution to history was continually referred to as a "role," but he was more frequently referred to as "a member of the team," a metaphor which most architects are more than willing to accept. Paradoxically, Ben Cunningham, architect for the consortium that is erecting Jonathan, Minn., recommended strongly that the architect "play it by ear."

Three days of well-disciplined but highly concentrated dialogue brought forth a wealth of information on projects from the east to the west coast, but some important questions were left unanswered. Within 365 pages of documentation, the term "community" was not once defined or outlined, although the necessary acreage was measured in thousands, and the families to be served were in groups of five figures. The ultimate sociological goal, likewise, was not clearly stated. Carl Feiss suggested that our aim is to achieve "a better quality of life," but he admitted that there is great need for basic research in this field.

Archibald Rogers exhorted architects not to lose sight of their responsibility as artists, and yet no mention whatever was made of the work of America's two creative giants, Buckminster Fuller and Paolo Soleri. Gloria Segal, co-developer of Cedar-Riverview in Minneapolis did, indeed, receive a welldeserved round of approbation, evidence not so much of masculine courtesy as of sincere professional respect.

Most unfortunate, and mystifying, was the total absence of representation by the client, the future city's residents, although for a brief moment during Floyd McKissick's brilliant freehand delivery, they seemed to fill the hall to overflowing.

All-in-all, the conference, despite a few minor shortcomings, provided an enlightening overview of an exciting architectural challenge. It cannot fail to inspire the architects who now are back at the drawing board, pondering how to ensure that at least one of tomorrow's cities will bear their signature, somewhere in its fine print.

GSA launches survey of federally-sponsored art

From 1933 to 1943 some 160,000 works of art were produced through federally supported programs and placed in public buildings. That period will be a key period in the National Fine Arts Inventory recently launched by the General Services Administration.

The inventory will be done in two phases. The first will locate and catalog works of art in GSA maintained buildings; a pilot program has been completed in the Rocky Mountain States. The second part of the inventory will cover nonfederal public buildings and institutions.

On-site surveys will be made by college and university faculty members. The information they gather will be augmented by data from the National Archives and stored for use by GSA, scholars and laymen.

CIF report calls for limit on retentions

Major reforms in payment practices, including a 5 percent limit on retentions, have been called for by the Construction Industry Foundation. CIF's recommendations were made in the final report on a study of the flow of funds in the construc-[continued on page 32]

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tion industry; the report noted widespread abuse and lack of consistency among construction owners about retentions and final payments.

In its survey of approximately 10,000 contractors, material suppliers and manufacturers, CIF found that subcontractors get the short end of the stick when payment time comes around. Over half of the general contractors, suppliers and manufacturers reported that they are paid according to invoice terms more than half the time; only 38 percent of the subcontractors reported the same experience. However, 73 percent of the general contractors and 81 percent of the subcontractors don't include interest expense as an item in job estimates.

CIF president Robert G. Cerny says the study confirms an earlier survey of bank lending officers, particularly in regard to the big reason for delays in progress payments—"working the funds" by owners or prime contractors. The foundation recommends a maximum limit of 5 percent of total contract price on retentions; the limit should be reduced to 2 percent on jobs costing more than \$250,000, when the designer certifies that the job is substantially complete.

Another recommendation calls for payment in full to subcontractors whose work is completed, including testing, following inspection and authorizations by the owner's representative. What's more, CIF recommended that all retained funds be invested, with the income accruing to the prime contractors and subcontractors whose money is being withheld.

A correction

Design credits for the Harry S Truman Sports Complex ("All American Monument" P/A, November, 1971) should have read as follows, according to Ralph E. Myers of Kivett and Myers: Kivett and Myers, Project Architects with Charles Deaton, Architect, Design Associate. Under the contract between Deaton and Kivett and Myers, according to Deaton and his lawyer, Deaton was to be "primarily responsible for . . . the design of the project." Subject to Deaton's design responsibility, Kivett and Myers was to have complete responsibility for architectural services; they would prepare working drawings, which Deaton would review.

St. Louis meeting provides latest on federal construction

The Navy's building housing, the Air Force does a two-step, GSA won't award inflationary contracts, and the VA, which is still building hospitals, has changed its contracts. That, in a nutshell, is what the second national Federal Agency Construction Program Conference, held in St. Louis, was all about. Sponsored by AIA, CEC and NSPE, the conference drew over 500 architects and engineers.

Along with the details on policy and program changes came talks by Samuel Jackson, general assistant secretary of HUD, who urged the professions to help bridge the gap between professionals and people in poor communities: "We must be sure that we build what people need and prefer and not merely build more of what we have inherited from the values, the technologies and the prejudices of the past," and Eugene Gulledge, commissioner of the Federal Housing Authority, who noted that the architects' and engineers' role and [continued on page 34] In restaurants and drive-ins Bally Prefab Coolers and Freezers are accepted as the standard for walk-in refrigerated storage

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responsibility in shaping the future is "indisputable."

Policy changes were outlined by spokesmen for various government agencies. Arthur Sampson, commissioner of GSA's Public Building Service reported on the progress of value engineers, construction management and systems building and added a word on inflation-a firm "no." GSA had warned that it wouldn't award inflationary contracts, Sampson said, and they haven't. He cited a project in Philadelphia in which the fourth phase of a courthouse and federal office building came in \$12 million over estimates, resulting in a postponement of the contract.

VA deputy assistant administrator for construction, L.G. Schweickart, outlined the administration's yearly \$100 million hospital program, urging architects and engineers to get their names in the file if they wish to be considered for VA projects. New contract features include 6 percent fees for working drawings and specifications, a deferral limit of one year (not two, as before) until start of construction, and use of critical path scheduling.

The Navy, according to Rear Adm. D.G. Iselin, deputy commander for Planning, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, will put about \$800 million into new family housing during the 1970s. For this year, he said, \$102 million has been approved for new housing.

The Air Force's two-step is its way to get cost effective construction for certain types of work, Maj. Gen. M.R. Reilly, USAF's deputy director of civil engineering, told the audience. The first step calls for proposals without prices; these are evaluated for technical adequacy, and in the second step, technically acceptable proposers follow up with bids, and the work goes to the lowest gualified bidder.

TARGET's fuel cell test program to run through year

For three months a Midas Muffler shop in Chicago will be the test site for a prototype fuel cell power plant. During the next year and a half, Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., which is running the test, will install and test three other fuel cells in an apartment building.

These tests, like the one at Farmington, Conn. (P/A, Oct. 1971, p. 37), are part of a program of field tests sponsored by TARGET, short for Team to Advance Research for Gas Energy Transmission. The power plants being tested were developed by Pratt and Whitney; they run on natural gas, producing electricity through an electrochemical reaction.

The test program, to continue through this year, will see up to 50 fuel cells installed in homes, apartments, stores, restaurants, office buildings and industrial buildings. Some will be run in parallel with conventional electric utility systems. After three months of operation, during which power output will be compared with conventionally produced electricity, the fuel cells will be taken out of service and returned to the manufacturer for further evaluation.

Fourth NEOCON show set for June

This year's National Exposition of Contract Interior Furnishings, otherwise known as NEOCON, will be held during the latter part of the summer home furnishings market at the Chicago Merchandise Mart. Official NEOCON dates are June 21-[continued on page 37]

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23, 1972. NEOCON, the Merchandise Mart says, will be open without charge to architects, interior designers, space planners, dealers, purchasing and business officers for educational institutions, housing officers, administrators and other officials in hospital and nursing home fields, office comptrollers, purchasing agents and managers, hotel, motel and food service owners and management, and others involved in nonresidential services. As usual, there will be product displays and a wide-ranging program.

Plastic bottles used as concrete aggregate

Some 25,000 plastic bottles which would have been part of the growing solid waste problem will be ground into chips and used as aggregate in a concrete bridge designed for Elgin, III. The plastic chips will replace 30 percent (by volume) of the sand aggregate to be used.

The bridge will carry pedestrians and maintenance vehicles between the Elgin Civic Center and an island in the Fox River. Robert Layer of Schmidtke & Layer, an Elgin architectural firm, designed the bridge and helped get a plastic bottle drive started. Tests with cylinders of the new plastic aggregate concrete show the mixture to weigh 10 percent less than the same volume of conventional concrete, with no significant loss of strength. The concrete arch bridge, 100 ft long and 7 ft wide, is expected to weight 9 percent less than if conventional concrete had been used. Other tests show that the mixture has no slump when wet. Tests were sponsored by the Society of the Plastics Industry and the Portland Cement Association.

Memphis Breakthrough housing goes up fast

The first housing units on the Memphis, Tenn. Operation Breakthrough site were put up, all 16 of them, in three normal 8-hour days. The 16 apartments were constructed with 48 modular units manufactured by General Electric; they were GE's first Breakthrough units.

Using one crane and a crew, Lucchessi Construction Co. erected 15 modules the first day, 16 the second and 17 the third. The modules are 12 ft wide, up to 10 ft high and 19 to 30 ft long. They are the first run of GE's prototype plant in King of Prussia, Pa. and were grouped by architects Hugh and Donald Gibbs into two-story courts of eight apartments.

The process, not the product

Process, not product, was the general topic at the International Systems Building Round Table conference in Boston November 17–19, but all major facets of the wide world of systems were explored. Held at the Boston Architectural Center, the conference featured discussions with systems experts from all parts of the world—United Kingdom, France, Italy, Canada, Holland, Japan, Peru and the United States.

Prof. Colin Davidson (of the University of Montreal and Washington University at St. Louis) opened the sessions with the observation, later refuted by Hugh Morris of England, that European systems experience had its roots firmly in hardware approaches, not software. Americans, he said, were much more preoccupied with software and process.

The conference, partially funded by the National Science Foundation, and attended by about 160 persons, was the brain child of BAC's Duncan (Ken) Wilson. Sensing the need for an interchange of systems information, he had started a series of round table discussions leading up to ISBRT.

Sessions were broken down into three general categories: housing, education and health care. Each classification was presented to the entire audience through case histories, then three concurrent panel discussions. Following the panels, nine seminars, also concurrent, crossed building type lines and sparked discussions about the broader implications of systems. Since the entire conference focused on process rather than product, "nuts and bolts" weren't stressed.

Those attending such a conference are already interested in systems, of course. But as Dean John Eberhard of the State University of New York, Buffalo, pointed out, given a choice of seminars and workshops, people tend to pick according to peer groups in which they feel comfortable. Given the broad range in viewpoint within "systems," and some comments heard after the conference, reaction was diverse. As Eberhard also noted, the conference is a process, benefiting the receptive participant more than the impervious one. Those who came prepared to hear their own voice probably heard little else; others, at the very least, probably learned something they didn't know.

New York City plans housing over tracks

The largest city housing project in 10 years is being designed for an air rights project over railroad tracks in the Bronx, according to the New York City Housing Authority. The \$35 million project, which will provide 1034 apartments, will be seven blocks long and use a new steel construction technique developed at MIT.

Instead of using steel columns to support the project, the architects, The Eggers Partnership, is planning to use staggered steel trusses. That way construction will not interfere with railroad operations.

The project, which will consist of two buildings of nine independent components, will range from 11 to 29 stories high. The railroad tracks, 20 ft below street level, would be completely covered but provided with ventilation, lighting and fire exits. The embankment flanking the tracks would be used for boiler plants, elevator pits and utility lines. Parking for 130 cars would be provided on grade.

New York City looking at energy saving program

Blackouts, brownouts, high utility rates, pollution—New York City is often considered the nation's capital for all of them. But now the city may be moving towards a program aimed at conserving energy by making more efficient use of it. Milton Musicus, chairman of the Mayor's Interdepartmental Committee on Public Utilities, has met with architects, engineers and industry and utility leaders to start work on just such a program.

The city plans to sponsor the development of standards for the efficiency and fuel consumption of heating, cooling and lighting systems, as well as standards for judging the efficiency of electric appliances. Musicus proposed that the electric industry and the design professions come up with ways for realtors to judge the relative efficiency and fuel consumption of buildings.

At the meeting, a number of ways to conserve or make better use of energy were suggested. S.W. Brown of S.W. Brown and Associates suggested reclaiming and using heat pro-[continued on page 38] News report continued from page 37

duced by refrigeration or power generation; central total energy plants for clusters of buildings were another of Brown's suggestions. Richard Koral, president of the New York Chapter of ASHRAE, urged programs to train building supers in the efficient operation and maintenance of heating and cooling systems. Richard Stein, representing the New York Chapter AIA noted that lighting levels in buildings could be substantially reduced and still provide needed illumination.

Awards

A baker's dozen of projects were honored in the 1971 New York State Association of Architects awards program. Certificates of merit were given to Warner, Burns, Toan and Lunde (University Student Center of Adelphi University, Garden City, L. I.); Corgan & Balestiere (Town Hall, Parma); Richard G. Stein & Associates (Park and playground, Rochdale Village, Queens); The Perkins & Will Partnership (Buffalo College Library, State University College, Buffalo); and Stephan Marc Klein (Klein beach house, Westhampton Beach). Honorable mentions went to Horace Ginsbern and Associates (Gracie Plaza and Columbus House, both New York City); Dobiecki & Beattie (Quadrangle buildings, Suffolk County Community College, Selden and St. Lawrence the Martyr Church, Sayville); Gibbons, Heidtmann & Salvador (Great Neck Library); Gruzen & Partners (Southbridge Towers, New York City); Carl Petrilli (Graduate Center, City University of New York); and Bentel & Bentel, (Neitlich residence, Oyster Bay Cove).

Calendar

Feb. 24–Apr. 15. Series of five seminars on design and planning sponsored by The Graduate School of Design Association and the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, Cambridge. March 6–10. American Concrete Institute's 68th annual convention, Statler-Hilton Hotel, Dallas, Tex.

March 14–15. GATE-Southwest Research Institute Energy Conservation Forum, Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel, San Antonio, Tex. March 15–17. Michigan Society of Architects, AIA, annual convention, Detroit Hilton Hotel, Detroit, Mich.

Apr. 24–26. Second International Symposium on Lower-Cost Housing Problems Related to Urban Renewal and Development sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla, at Stouffer's Riverfront Inn, St. Louis, Mo.

Apr. 27–28. Thirty-third annual conference of the Guild for Religious Architecture, Regency Hyatt House, Atlanta, Ga.

May 2–5. Symposium on the Performance Concept in Buildings, American Society for Testing and Materials, Philadelphia.

May 7–10. 1972 AIA National Convention and Exposition, Albert Thomas Convention Center, Houston, Tex.

Personalities

Murray A. Milne has been named Associate Dean of the UCLA School of Architecture and Urban Planning.

Mrs. Anita Moeller Laird of Washington, D.C. and Robert J. Castle of West Orange, N.J., have been named honorary fellows of the American Institute of Interior Designers.

James M. Alexander, head of the Industrial Design Department of the College of Design, Architecture and Art of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been made a fellow of the Industrial Designers Society of America. Charles J. Allen, PE, of Albert Kahn Associates, Inc., Detroit, has been elected president of Automated Procedures for Engineering Consultants, Inc.

Richard Q. Praeger, chairman of URS Systems Corporation and president of its subsidiary, Madigan-Praeger, Inc., New York City, has been elected president of the American Institute of Consulting Engineers.

Washington report

The environmental movement shifts gears

There's a slow change coming in the tactics and direction of the "environmental" movement that will become evident as Congress gets back to work in this election year. The change will affect architects and their work, and has in part been affected by architects and other professionals who have agreed with the general objectives of cleaning up the environment, making cities better places to live and work—but who have also warned of dangers that could result from excessive insistence on single-purpose objectives. It is also dictated by what the "environmentalists" (some of them, anyway) have sensed as a stiffening mood in Congress, and growing public awareness that remedies cost a lot of money, most of which must come from public pocketbooks in some way or another.

The anti-highway movement is already shifting away from demands that virtually all highway construction be stopped, an idea that simply will not gain any real popular support, in view of America's regard for motor transport and real need for it, to diversion of money from the huge Highway Trust Fund for other purposes. That's expected to be the crux of the Congressional battle to be fought out this year, as the lawmakers consider legislation that will shape the highway program for years to come (after the Interstate System is completed, hopefully by 1977 or so).

Environmentalists and their allies will try to channel some of the Trust Fund money to rail rapid transit in urban areas, to parking lots and beautification programs, and to many social purposes outside of (but claimed to be related to) highway work. Some of this has already been done: some Trust Fund money is already going to clear billboards and junkyards from near major highways, other money to "collector" parking facilities near transit terminals.

In such areas as the very broad one of pollution control, there will be further emphasis on social problems created by pollution of air and water and efforts to impose some sort of cooperative regulation that will make allowances for the realities of economics as well as pollution. The scattered plant closings that have resulted in the past year from tight pollution control enforcement; the spending (\$1.5 million a day by the oil industry, for example, many millions by steelmakers) for controls that are beginning to be reflected in prices and available jobs—these are striking home to many citizens. So far, it has been a mild fall-winter season in the northern parts of the U.S., but a bitter cold snap could bring energy shortages, largely blamed on environmental considerations and delays, very close to home indeed.

Congress is getting worried: it already has a resolution before it to instruct delegates to a world conference on the environment (at Stockholm, in June) to insist that other nations establish control standards, so that U.S. industry won't be pe-[continued on page 44]

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Answers to your Questions about the new Barrett roof inspection & service program.

Recently, we conducted a series of interviews with architects all across the country to determine their awareness of the advantages and benefits the new Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program offers to building owners. The questions and answers on the following pages represent a composite of these interviews. We hope they will be helpful to you.

THE CELOTEX CORPORATION

Answers to your Questions about the new Barrett roof inspection & service program.

NO MONETARY LIMIT

O How does the new Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program differ from the 20-year bond plan which has been so widely specified for so many years?

A The most important difference is the amount of liability which Celotex assumes. The old standard 20-year bond limits the manufacturer's liability to a total of \$10 per square during the entire 20-year period. Under the new program, there is no limit to the amount Celotex will pay, during the entire period of the contract, to correct leaks due to causes covered in the contract. Let's use a practical example to illustrate the difference. You have a 20,000 square foot roof. A series of leaks develops and it is determined that the roofing manufacturer is to pay the cost of repair. Under the old bond plan, our maxi-mum liability is \$2,000. When that \$2,000 has been expended, there is no further monetary liability, regardless of the bond issue date. Under the new contract, Celotex would pay for repair of all leaks covered, during the full period of the contract.

The new program also differs from the old bond plan in period of coverage, in cost, and offers additional inspection service.

O What is the period of coverage under the new program?

A The contract covers a period of 10 years. It also gives the owner option to renew for an additional 10 years, if he makes recommended corrections and preventive repairs to the structure and to the roof, which our inspector determines are necessary to put the roof in satisfactory condition for continued good performance. This feature provides a valuable service which the bond did not offer: at no cost, at the end of 10 years, the building owner receives a roof inspection and recommendations which conceivably could help him avoid costly trouble. He can then elect to renew or not renew the contract.

\$3 PER SQUARE FOR FIRST 10 YEARS

Q What does the building owner pay for coverage under your new program?

A Cost for the initial 10 years is \$3 per square. Cost to renew the contract for a second 10-year period will be two-thirds of the charge for the initial 10-year period in effect at that time.

Cost of the new program, for the initial period, is the same as the current cost of the old 20-year bond—yet the new plan provides additional inspection service and has no monetary limit on leak-repair costs. When compared to the cost of the bond and to the cost of independent inspection services—which do not provide monetary guarantee in case of leaks, or continuing inspection service—our new program is obviously the best investment of all.

O How does the owner benefit by renewing the contract for a 10-year period? Why not just make recommended repairs, if any, and save the cost of renewing?

A If no problems are indicated, he may be saving money by not renewing. If he renews, however, he gets all the original benefits for another 10 years: unlimited manufacturer liability in case of leaks due to covered causes; free inspections should leaks occur; and free inspection and recommendations, on request, when alterations or additions are contemplated.

Q What other services and inspections are included in the new program?

A To begin with, on request, a qualified Celotex representative will review plans and specifications, attend pre-job meetings, and make recommendations. During application and after completion, inspections will be made and notice of inspection will be sent to the architect or owner. When the roof is two years old, another inspection will be made. And we'll make the 10-year inspection and recommendations, if requested, at no charge, even if the contract is not renewed.

COVERS MATERIALS AND APPLICATION

Q Does the Celotex liability apply to repair of leaks caused by faulty application, as well as to leaks due to defective roofing materials?

A Yes. The new contract clearly states that Celotex will pay all costs of repairs necessary to correct roof leaks resulting from errors in workmanship of roofing contractors in applying Barrett roofing membrane and flashing materials. It also covers leaks due to failure of those materials resulting from usual and ordinary wear and weather. This liability does not apply to errors in building design or construction.

O Does your guarantee include expansion joint covers?

A Yes, it includes the Barrett Expansion Joint Shield when installed in conjunction with a roof that is covered by our contract. It does not cover any other expansion joint cover even though that cover is installed by a Barrett Approved Roofing Contractor on a roof where Barrett roofing membrane and flashing are covered. To our knowledge, Celotex is the only manufacturer offering a guarantee-type plan that includes an expansion joint cover.

Q If I specify a reputable brand of roofing materials, and the general contractor retains a reputable roofer, isn't that sufficient assurance of good roof performance? Why should my clients spend the additional 3 per square?

A It is true that under those conditions you minimize the risk of leaks due to faulty materials or application. Our roofing materials are produced totally by machine under quality control methods, and there is very little risk of their failing. On the other hand, application of these materials is largely manual and the chance for leaks due to human error is far greater.

No matter how good the roofing contractor's reputation is, or how dedicated he is to doing a first-class job, one of his workmen can make an error, or fail to follow an instruction, or neglect to follow some requirement of the specification, and a leak can result. The Barrett contract protects the owner against cost of repairing leaks resulting from this situation.

As with most types of insurance, the buyer hopes he will not have to collect, but the nominal cost makes it a wise investment in protection.

OFFERS MOST RELIABLE PROTECTION

Q Does your on-the-job inspection insure proper application and adherence to specifications?

A Certainly the purpose of our inspections is to assist the contractor in making sure the roof is being applied as specified. No inspection, of course, can include every minute of time for every workman and every square foot of the roof during application. An error can occur on any roof, no matter how diligent the inspector. Under our program, chances for these errors are minimized in two ways: (1) the two-party inspections, ours and the contractor's, (2) the fact that only Barrett Approved Roofing Contractors are authorized to apply our guaranteed roofs. Contractors must meet the highest industry standards to qualify for approval.

Q Why should the building owner buy an inspection and service contract to protect against the possibility of leaks due to faulty application? Doesn't the roofing contractor bear a responsibility for good workmanship?

A In some localities the roofer has a written obligation to repair leaks due to faulty application during the first two years after completion, but no liability of any kind after the first two years. Some roofers accept responsibility for their work for two years or even longer, but do not enter into a written agreement. In short, there is no standard industry practice. During a 10-year period, a roofing firm may change management and policies.

Experience has proved that the most reliable protection for the building owner is a long-term guarantee by an established roofing manufacturer. Barrett introduced the roofing bond in 1916, and all major manufacturers adopted the same type of plan. We have paid out many millions of dollars to owners of Barrett-bonded roofs for repair of leaks. This new Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program is an updated version of the bond plan, with additional owner benefits.

Q One of our large clients has thousands of squares of built-up roofs installed annually. Wouldn't it be to his advantage to set up a \$3 per square reserve fund for possible repairs, rather than buy your inspection and service contract?

A It could work out that way. He may never have to spend any money for repairs due to faulty application or materials, and he would have saved the contract fee. On the other hand, one serious leak problem could wipe out his entire fund. What you are suggesting amounts to an underwriting plan with very little leverage. There would be no opportunity to spread repair costs against fees from a large number of owners as is normally done under insurance-type programs. Being his own underwriter could end up being a very uneconomical choice.

TYPE OF LEAKS NOT COVERED

Q What types of leak problems are not covered by your contract?

A The contract plainly states that Celotex is not liable for leaks or damage caused by: natural disasters such as hurricanes, hail or windstorms; or by structural failures; or by changes in building uses unless approved in advance by Celotex;

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or by additional installations on or through the membrane, or repairs to roofing or flashing membrane, after completion, unless accepted by Celotex. Nor is Celotex responsible for damage to interior, building contents, roof insulation or deck over which roofing membrane is applied.

O How will it be determined whether a leak is due to errors in application, faulty materials, structural movement or other causes?

A When we are notified that a leak has occurred, a Celotex representative will inspect the roof. The architect and owner may be present or represented. In most cases, the cause of leaks will be readily apparent. For example, leaks through openings in the plies in an area where there is no evidence of structural movement, or leaks through blisters which may have ruptured due to drying out, would be ascribed to improper application and cost of repairs would be paid by Celotex. If the trouble is due to structural movement, evidence is usually equally apparent. If a flashing has broken away from a wall in which there are severe cracks, the cause is obviously building movement and is not covered.

Q Do other roofing manufacturers offer this newtype contract?

A A number of other major manufacturers offer inspection and service contracts that are close enough to the Barrett contract to qualify for acceptance in your "or equal" specification. The cost, periods of coverage, and renewal options are essentially the same. There is, however, one notable exception: the Celotex guarantee is the only one, to our knowledge, that includes an expansion joint cover—the Barrett Expansion Joint Shield.

OLD-TYPE BOND STILL AVAILABLE

Q Does Celotex still offer the old-type roofing bond?

A Yes. Even though we strongly feel that our new Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program is a far better program for building owners, we will continue to offer the bond as long as necessary from a competitive standpoint. Also, many existing specifications calling for "bonded roofs" were written before the new program was developed, and Barrett Approved Roofing Contractors must be kept in position to bid these jobs.

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WERE FREE . . . chances are that architects and building owners would insist they be included in *every* specification. Therefore, the added cost would seem to be the determining factor in deciding whether or not guarantee-type coverage should be specified. *What is the added cost* of the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program in relation to total building cost?

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Nover State	Sq. Ft. Cost of Building	\$24.	\$45.	\$14.	\$18.		
	Total Cost of Building	\$2.4	\$8.1 million	\$1.4 million	\$3.6 million		
	ADDE	ADDED COST FOR 10-YEAR BARRETT PROGRAM*					
	Total at \$3 per 100 Sq. Ft.	\$1,500	\$900	\$3,000	\$600		
	Per Sq. Ft. of Building	1½¢	½¢	3¢	³∕10¢		

*10-YEAR BARRETT ROOF INSPECTION AND SERVICE CONTRACT PROGRAM

The actual added cost for the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program is small. It is relatively insignificant in the total sq. ft. cost of the building. When consideration is given to the period covered (10 years) and the no-monetary-limit feature, the program is indeed extremely low cost protection.

We'll welcome your request to have a Celotex representative tell you more about the Barrett Roof Inspection and Service Program and supply you with data on Barrett roofing products and systems . . . "everything from the deck up."



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Owner: _

Building Description: _

Location:_

Flashing Specification No.:

Area of Roof Under Contract:___

Roof Specification No.:

Lineal Ft. of Flashing Under Contract:

Date of Completion:

Roofing Contractor: _

COVERAGE

The Celotex Corporation will pay all costs of repairs necessary to correct roof leaks resulting from the following causes:

- 1. Deterioration of Barrett roofing membrane or Barrett base flashing resulting from usual and ordinary effects of wear and weather.
- Errors or mistakes in workmanship of roofing contractor in applying the Barrett roofing membrane and Barrett base flashing.
- 3. Blisters, bare spots, buckles, wrinkles and ridges, in the roofing membrane.
- Splits in roofing membrane or base flashing except as excluded below.
- Damage to roofing membrane or base flashing resulting from extreme fluctuations in temperature.
- Breaks in flashing strips over gravel stop or other metal flanges.
- 7. Slippage of roofing membrane or base flashing.

EXCLUSIONS

The Celotex Corporation will not be responsible for leaks or consequential damage caused by any one or combination of:

- A. Natural disasters including but not limited to floods, lightning, hurricanes, hail, windstorms, earthquakes, tornadoes.
- B. Structural failures such as settling, shifting, distorting, splitting or cracking of roof decks, walls, girders, partitions, foundations, etc.
- C. Improper application or failure of any component underlying the roofing membrane or base flashing such as deck, roof insulation, vapor barrier, etc.
- D. Changes in the original principal usage to which building is put unless approved in advance in writing by Celotex.

ACTION

In the event leaks from any cause should occur, owner shall notify Celotex promptly, confirming such notice in writing. Celotex will inspect the roof, and if cause of leak is within the coverage as stated above, Celotex

RENEWAL OPTION

At the end of the initial ten (10) year period, the owner shall have the option to renew this contract for an additional (10) ten years under the following conditions:

During the tenth year of this contract, if the owner of the building so requests, Celotex will make an inspection of the roof and issue to the owner a report on the condition of the roof outlining any and all maintenance work that should be done. This inspection by Celotex is free of charge and without obligation.

If the owner elects to exercise his option to renew this contract, he shall have the maintenance work de-

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- E. Erection or construction of any additional installation on or through the roofing membrane or base flashing after date of completion unless installed in a manner prescribed and accepted by Celotex.
- F. Application of or repairs to roofing membrane or base flashing after date of completion unless done in a manner prescribed and accepted by Celotex.
- G. Under no circumstances whatsoever shall Celotex be liable for damage to interior, contents of building, roof insulation, roof deck or other base over which roofing membrane or base flashing is applied.

will arrange for repairs to be made at no cost to owner. If cause of leak is not covered, Celotex will not be responsible for cost of any repairs.

scribed in the report performed at his cost by a roofing contractor acceptable to Celotex and will notify Celotex upon the completion of this work. Maintenance work required must be completed no later than 90 days after expiration date of this contract.

Upon payment of a charge which shall not exceed $\frac{2}{3}$ of the then current initial service fee being charged by Celotex, the roof will be reinspected by Celotex and, if found to be acceptable, this contract will be extended for an additional ten (10) year period.

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nalized by having to spend for control, while foreign industrialists do not. It was also threatening to hold down appropriations to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health arm and others, on the grounds that these agencies now have more money than they can spend, and that their proposed and actual regulations, so far, have often been far too harsh.

All of which is coming around—at long last—to what the architects and their fellow professionals have been saying for years: no new facility—highway, pipeline, canal, building, housing development or whatever—can or should be considered entirely on its own merits and objectives. It must also be considered for its overall effect on the environment, both physical and social, in which it is to be placed.

Thus, if a highway is built with only transportation needs in mind, the best that the architect, engineer or landscape architect can do is "pretty it up" a bit with good structures, architectural concrete and other treatment, trees and shrubbery. There's little or nothing that these design professionals can do, at this stage, about the social impact of dividing a homogenous neighborhood, separating children from nearby schools, the impact of noise and air pollution on the surroundings, the displacement of families and business establishments, and much else.

By the same token, the siting and character of a new office, commercial or residential structure goes far beyond its physical appearance, however pleasing, or its efficiency as a space enclosure. It must also be considered for its impact on its neighborhood in terms of traffic and work patterns, contributions to noise and air pollution and the rest. The same goes for such major environment-changers as housing developments and recreational areas.

The whole development fits very well, in fact, with AIA's new "public policy," as adopted by its board of directors in mid-December, calling for "a strong voice in public policy and an expanded role for the architectural profession in shaping the physical environment." In 1972, said the Board, the Institute will work to provide "mechanisms v/hich will make possible the building of an environment that recognizes the need for more than adequate shelter." A major portion of the \$4.4 million operating budget will be devoted to implementing the report of AIA's National Policy Task Force dealing with Institute sponsorship of legislation and other changes looking toward rebuilding cities, developing "new towns," cooperating in growth outside metropolitan areas, regional planning, and "the proper use of natural and human resources."

In addition to furthering its already started programs, AIA will seek to fill another important gap—the need for vastly greater technical background on which to base municipal and planning decisions. To this end, it will establish a fullscale "Technical Services Center" for production and marketing of documents and automated services like the "Masterspec" system; will continue its efforts to involve architects in writing and the revision of building codes and standards; continue its \$200,000 book-publishing program; produce more educational aids on such matters as regional planning and design, land-use planning, economic and administrative management, design and behavioral sciences. [E.E. Halmos]



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Architecture west

It was a warm golden day in Denver, with transparent yellow elms in the block-wide Civic Center Park and the gold leaf gleaming on the Capitol dome. The park, designed in 1910 with the Capitol at one end and the U.S. Mint at the other, includes peristyles and an amphitheater. Along the sides are civic buildings and the new six-story Denver Art Museum.

I stood with the 80-year-old Gio Ponti who had come from Milan for the opening of the building on which he had collaborated with James Sudler Associates of Denver. Our backs were to a peristyle and we faced the stainless steel tubular entrance to the museum. He said of the many-faceted (28-sided) building with its random pattern of windows: "It had to have a big unity, not be a collection of parts. I wanted a thin expressive wall, and we emphasized the thinness by many changes of plane."

His Pirelii Building in Milan is faced with ceramic tile, but in the museum he uses a 2" x 6" pyramidal section gray glass tile. "I asked the sun and the light and the sky to help me." He watched sides of the building relax in shadow and others spring to life under the movement of the sun. Flat tiles around all openings and occasional streamers of glass brick can appear as strips of neon. The light makes it pop art—city drama as immobilizing as the Changing of the Guard.

"A building without unreality is only technique or engineering. Here it is the light that creates the enigma. Cities are ready for enigmas. The same size window repeated over and over starves the eye. Sameness is a renunciation. The museum is nocturnal architecture too. At night the shell is a pattern of light. Some slits of light extending to the top of the building break the walls apart."

The building is essentially two 90' x 90' offset towers seven stories high containing 11 stacked galleries. Around them is a space cushion of varying depth and configuration. The existing tower was wrapped in with the new ones. Dr. Otto Bach, the museum director, wanted artificial light in all galleries, and it is the 28-sided cushion around the galleries which receives the light—niches, stairs, offices, lounges. In galleries where light is not incompatible with the art there are what Ponti calls "little escapes into framed landscapes."

There are also little escapes on the roof garden, where the donors' penthouse will be built later. Visitors go from opening to opening in the high parapet wall to view segments of city or mountains, or queue up to climb one of the two stairs to a







Denver's new museum

platform in front of a window. "They are climbing to the top of the mountain," Ponti said. He added, "Panorama is no art. Architecture must create spectacles."

The museum, Sudler told me, serves eight states and is basically a teaching instrument. Its collection of American Indian tribal art is unique, and it is strong in the art of the Spanish Colonial Americas and the Orient. The idea of an association with a foreign architect came from the trustees. "I agreed, if I could have Ponti, whom I knew. My associate Joal Cronenwett or I went over several times to exchange ideas and Gio came to see the site and our work." Near the museum are three Sudler banks and the Federal Building (with Fisher and Davis).

"It was 4 a.m. Milan time when Gio and Mrs. Ponti arrived for the opening, but he went straight to the museum. His first bravo was a real pleasure to hear." [Esther McCoy]

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Learning in a cubbyhole



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Learning in a cubbyhole. Called caves, cages, and by its makers, "self-spaces—a planned educational environment," these cubbyholes essentially are truncated octahedrons designed to house children from second to sixth grade. They include a carpeted floor and seat, reading light, storage space, fold-away desk and bookshelves. Several open surfaces make it easy to climb in or out—ladders help too. The result of extensive research, they are said to offer needed classroom privacy which the young student requires, as well as an efficient use of cubic space—each learning space is attached in a variety of configurations to form a three dimensional stack of individual spaces. Units are suggested for conventional or open-space schools, schools for the handicapped, for libraries and other situations. St. Charles Manufacturing Co. *Circle 101 on reader service card*

Furniture for play. In creating this furniture for day care centers, the Scandinavian designers wished to entertain and stimulate the children as well as to offer furniture that was robust but easy to handle. Essentially designed for 3–6 year olds, each age has its own bright colors in chairs, stools and tables. A group of chairs and trapeze tables are suitable for meal-time use as well as for teamwork, drawing and sewing. Accessories such as platforms, canopies and easel boards are available. Made of matured beech wood, parts are assembled without nails and screws through the use of wooden spirals dipped into a special glue which is said to bond securely. Skandi-Form, Inc.

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Ceramic graphics. Designed by Lee Rosen, this collection of architectural graphics consists of nine works in which ceramic elements of varying sizes and geometric shapes create colorful panels in abstract patterns. The rectangular panels range in size from $18'' \times 31''$ to $3\frac{1}{2}' \times 5'$ and are also intended as studies for major architectural applications in which the graphic theme can be developed for large installations. Design-Technics Ceramics Inc. *Circle 106 on reader service card*

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Flooring. Sixteen-page catalog illustrates all colors and patterns in Azrock's vinyl asbestos floor, asphalt, feature strip and cover base tiles. Information on sizes, gauges, uses, installation, light reflectance values and brief specifications are given. Azrock Floor Products.

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Roofing tiles. According to the maker, these clay roofing tiles are fade-proof and generally outlast the building they decorate. The interlocking shingle design with a side and head lock permits fewer pieces per square. All tiles are incombustible. Booklet illustrates varied standard and custom designs in tiles for indoors or out. Ludowici-Celadon Co. *Circle 114 on reader service card*

Templates. The result of engineers' conferences with template users, 'this 24-page catalog illustrates and describes nearly 200 templates for general drafting, electrical, mechanical and other uses. Over 30 metric templates are described. Rapidesign.

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Tele-power poles. Designed to carry electrical and communication circuits to positions in away-from-the-wall locations, these poles are suggested for open-office application. They require no underfloor work, are available in a variety of models, finishes and colors. Booklet from The Wiremold Co. *Circle 116 on reader service card*

Low-voltage lighting. From under-water illumination of swimming pools, to interiors, gardens and emergency lighting, this booklet points up the safety and effectiveness of low-voltage lighting. An illustrated guide to indoor and outdoor low-voltage fixtures is included. NECA. *Circle 117 on reader service card*

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Access floors. Originally designed for use in computer rooms, these access floors are described as being suitable for a variety of new building and remodeling applications. Bulletin suggests that initial costs are lower than with conventional construction, that future relocation of electrical utilities is facilitated. The system consists of a portable assembly of panels, stabilizing members, pedestals and accessories. Waco-Floor, Washington Aluminum Co., Inc. *Circle 119 on reader service card*



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Editorial

Progressive Architecture

February 1972

I am not going to start a revolution. The revolution in architecture has been underway for years, and P/A has been reporting on it with great insight.

While this has not been a sudden, violent upheaval, it is by no means just accelerated evolution. The process of shaping the environment is not undergoing refinement; it is changing radically and irreversibly. The neat little world summed up by the flawless model on the conference table has been shattered for good.

P/A has not yet reported the outcome of this revolution, because it is far from over. In fact, it has not yet reached its critical stage. The casualty count among resisters is going to rise sharply in the next few years as new methods compete for the field. Then—probably in the late 1970s—procedures will again become stabilized, as they were in the 1950s.

The winners in this struggle will be those who simply do the job best, regardless of their credentials—those on whom society comes to rely for environmental decisions. I am convinced that most of these leaders will be architects by training and title, but they will not be architects who see the world in one-point perspective, with sunlight from the upper left.

P/A has not recoiled from this revolution. It has never fallen back on the Divine Right of Architects—either as intuitive form-givers or as born "leaders of the team." It has followed the dispersal of design and planning decisions out of their presumed fountainhead in the drafting room, out into community meetings, into the computer center, and into the developer's war room. It has recognized the process as architecture, wherever it occurs.

For the last seven years I have been separated from P/A, observing the revolution from the vantage point of another journal. I have been admiring P/A's initiative in covering new developments and, as editor, I plan to maintain that thrust.

P/A is going to continue its stress on changes in the pro-

cess of architecture—on all the shifts in roles, strategies, and techniques involved. We are going to continue reporting on the reorganization of design firms, on community involvement in planning, on the implications of technological methods, on new activities of government agencies as clients and instigators as well as regulators, on how students are preparing themselves.

We will be giving increased attention to the individuals and factions behind environmental decisions. We will be publishing more of the *thoughts* of architects and planners on everything from theories of form to meeting the payroll. We are going to give more attention to what the nonprofessional public is thinking about architecture and planning and to what influences shape its opinions.

We plan to say more about how buildings affect people's activities and attitudes. (Behavioral scientists take notice.) We hope to go back to some of our favorite buildings and complexes to analyze their performance after a few years of use. And we are going to keep returning to the critical questions of how our society allocates its public funds, its land and its energy resources, of how we can keep from spoiling the planet for everyone.

All of us, of course, occasionally like to look up from the problems at hand to expand our thoughts with subjects related only indirectly to our pressing concerns. P/A will continue to inspire you, or at least divert you, with aesthetic explorations such as those of Luís Barragán (August 1971 issue), with social experiments such as prisoners' murals (December 1971) or with discoveries from a mellowing past, such as the concrete landmarks of St. Augustine (September 1971).

Our primary interest, however, will be in the transformation of the design process and the physical consequences of it. Many of you may know a lot more about aspects of this revolution than we do. We will wecome news from any front.

John Maris Difa

Schools

Along the way



A linear school derives its form from site parameters, its dual scale from vehicular and pedestrian viewpoints and its materials from industrial (above) conventional applications

Given a long narrow site sandwiched between a busy state highway and a steep embankment, associated architects Schofield and Colgan/Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates were asked to design a 2000-pupil high school, with expansion to 2300. Growing enrollment figures in the Wilton, Conn. schools had cancelled plans to build an addition to the existing high school, a design for which the architects won a P/A Design Awards Citation in 1968. Instead, the high school became a junior high, and the new high school was scheduled



Combination of industrial with conventional building materials returns large blocks to pedestrian scale near main entrance, bracketed (opposite) by the bridge and protruding lecture hall.







Library wing (above and right) can be used independently from school. Main entrance to the school (below) brings light into adjacent corridors, contains free standing brick elevator enclosure.







Along the way

for a nearby site along Route 7, at the other end of a large playing field area (to the south but not shown in site plan).

In southern Connecticut, Route 7 is a busy artery for northsouth traffic, and whenever its much delayed rerouting and rebuilding is realized, the traffic load it now carries should be reduced considerably. Until then, however, the new high school will have to live with it. The desire to get the building onto the narrow site as far from the highway as possible, yet give the building scale, both to vehicular traffic at 40 mph and to pedestrians, prompted a number of design decisions. A very linear scheme was an inevitable solution to the site-highway constraints, and the massing of the building, while composed of very large blocks, is broken down to human scale in areas most related to pedestrian traffic. Earth berms and landscaping also screen the pedestrian areas and the lower floor of the building from both the highway and parking areas.

Entrance to the school is through a three-story skylighted space housing the main stair and an elevator. Since the building is three stories, the second floor was conceived to be the heart, being most accessible to all facilities. A series of skylights brings light from third floor courtyards into second floor corridors. On this floor are the main offices and teachers' offices, cafeteria, business education, physical education, locker rooms and, across an enclosed bridge, an air conditioned library designed for independent use after school hours or in the summer. The cafeteria is served entirely by vending machines which are filled from a rear service area.

There is also second floor access to the upper level of the auditorium, which is really a 300-seat theater of considerable sophistication. Since the nearby existing school has a large auditorium, none was included in this building. Both the theater and the 80-student lecture room may be entered from either the first or the second floor. Because of its primary use by the science department, the lecture room is located near that function.

The ground floor houses science, home economics, art, industrial arts, physical education spaces and a 33,000 sq ft field house. The fully equipped field house is separated from the school by a bridge, and can also be used after school hours. Language areas and flexible classrooms may be rearranged to seat 7, 15, 25, 30, 50 or 80 students.

In the separate combination classroom-library building, an upper reading mezzanine overlooks the second floor main reading area, itself a bi-level space placing no student more than 80 ft from the bookstacks. The Instructional Materials Center, in addition to its books and tapes, employs a comprehensive dial retrieval system that connects with every classroom. Air conditioning and classroom-seminar spaces will allow the after school and summer community use.

Precast prestressed concrete beams and columns form the structural system, with precast plank roof deck and floors except at grade. Long span steel joists and corrugated steel roof deck were used in the field house. Exterior walls are either brick/block cavity walls and infill, or 18-gauge steel siding with fluoropolymer paint finish. Interior walls are unpainted concrete block or gypsum board on sound deadening board and steel studs. Floors are carpeted in most areas, except for circulation spaces having brick pavers, toilets with ceramic tile and some vinyl asbestos tile. [JM]



Data

Project: Wilton Senior High School.

Architects: Schofield and Colgan/Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates, Inc., associated architects.

Site: long, narrow piece of land in Wilton, Conn., fronted by a state highway in a characteristically commercial area. A steep slope rises from the back of the site to high residential area beyond.

Program: high school for 2000 pupils, with expansion to 2300, library and field house to be capable of independent use.

Structural system: precast, prestressed concrete beams and columns, precast plank and poured in place decks, steel deck and long span joists in the field house.

Mechanical system: forced hot water in fin tube radiation and unit ventilators. Office, auditorium and library have roof top air conditioning units.

Major materials: concrete structure, brick and concrete block ground floor exterior walls, prefinished metal panel on steel grid system at exterior upper level walls. Aluminum windows and doors with bronze glazing. Interior walls are unpainted lighweight pumice block or painted gypsum board, and ceilings are painted concrete plank or acoustical tile in fully accessible spline ceiling. The majority of the floors are carpeted, with some vinyl asbestos tile and brick pavers.

Costs: \$10,165,200 (\$39.60 per sq ft).

Consultants: structural, Zorab Vosganian & Associates; mechanical and electrical, Kallen & Lemelson; landscape architects, A.E. Bye and Associates; acoustical consultant, Bolt Beranek and Newman, Inc.; food consultant, Flambert and Flambert, Inc.

Interiors: Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates; Linda S. Horowitz, associate; Schofield and Colgan: Luke Corsano. Photography: Wayne Soverns, Louis Reens.

Kid stuff

What happens when Punk Polluter, accursed master of dirt and garbage, comes to the small town of Never-Clean? Superman is replaced by Ecokid and the good guys and bad guys now fight over environmental issues. Watch out folks, the well educated next generation won't tolerate the mess

Teaching environmental issues in schools is relatively new, as teachers have had little training in these subjects and there has been little material available for formal classroom use. The materials discussed here exist because a few people felt it important to have these subjects taught and they found the time and money to produce them.

Both teachers and students have responded enthusiastically to these rather untraditional subjects. The goal is to introduce an understanding of the form of our physical world; why it is the way it is and what can be done to change it. Teaching concepts of architecture/planning and environmental issues to school age children promises to produce a generation of adults who can demand good design and planning and who can support professionals in their work.

The educational material now available comes from two sources, both architectural—Group for Environmental Education (GEE) and C. Richard Hatch Associates. When asked why he became involved in producing this material, Hatch, an architect, replied that there were more important things to be done than buildings. Hatch started producing informational material as an advocacy planner with ARCH in Harlem with the idea that the meetings with the community should produce more than decisions about what to do. Once the planners had left, the community should have a body of information so that it could carry on its own work.

GEE began in 1966 as an offspring of the architectural firm of Murphy, Levy, Wurman in Philadelphia. Partner Alan Levy organized and wrote much of the material with funding from the AIA, the Brunner Fund and the Heinz Foundation. Besides the educational material for schools, Richard Wurman, also a member of GEE, has done much work to increase the public awareness of the environment. A book entitled *Making the City Observable* (MIT Press, 1971) is a collection of city plans, transportation maps, guide books, aerial photographs and written material, all of which explain or give information in graphic form about a city or the environment. Not only does the book show the diversity of information for learning about a place, it also includes the address for obtaining the specific documents.

The book is based on a traveling show put together by the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis which will travel throughout the U.S. A museum's commitment to show the collection of documents also means a commitment to assemble—as part of the show—a series of documents about its own city. The City/2 exhibit organized for the Museum of Art in Philadelphia discusses the concept that the public land—the streets, playgrounds, and public buildings such as City Hall—belong to the people, not to the anonymous organization called the city government. In making people aware that they own over half

Herbie the Herbivore who is eaten by the carnivore is part of the filmstrip showing the interdependence of man, animals and plants from *Earth Island: An Introduction to Ecology in Action* Copyright 1971 Simon & Schuster, Inc.





of the city, Wurman hopes to change the public attitude and increase the sense of responsibility toward the quality of their own environment.

The Yellow Pages of Learning Resources, a document currently being assembled, is a collection of people, places and processes. It tells you what you can learn from a particular professional, what you can learn at a particular place and what you can learn about a process. It outlines what questions to ask in an attempt to overcome initial hesitation in asking questions on a subject about which one knows little. The idea of the Yellow Pages is similar to Wurman's belief in schools without walls where the ground floor of the city becomes a classroom and people tell what they are doing and why they are doing it. The school without walls, conceived by Cliff Brenner, is being tested in the Philadelphia School System as the Parkway Program. Wurman's role in this program is to take students on walking tours of the city where he and the students discuss various aspects of the environment in terms of how it performs.

The educational material for formal classroom use concerns two major areas—architecture/planning and ecology. The three ecology programs—*Earth Island, No Time to Waste* and *Recycling Resources*—were all developed by C. Richard Hatch Associates, the first for Simon and Schuster, the second and third as a public service of the Office of Environmental Affairs of Continental Can Co. They are all similar in their objectives and organization. Each seeks to make the student aware of the natural balance which exists in nature and the cause-effect relationships that occur when the natural cycle is tampered with as man increases his control over the environment. While much of the factual information is contained in cartooned stories, data-cards, filmstrips and in the stu-



Drawings above show the proportion of plants needed to feed animals who in turn feed man. The cartoon below is the beginning of a story which depicts the growing pollution problem. Mr. and Mrs. Noble Polluter are eventually forced to leave the island through their own destruction of natural resources. From *Earth Island: An Introduction to Ecology in Action* copyright 1971 by Simon & Schuster, Inc.

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dents' handbooks, the students are also asked to observe their own environment, take field trips, collect data and samples, interview people, assemble and collate information.

Learning at first hand

As with the rest of Hatch's material, the application of theory to the student's own experience and environment is an integral part of the learning experience. Ultimately, after exploring air, water and solid waste pollution, the students decide what is necessary in order to lessen each type of pollution and ask themselves how much they are willing to give up in order to effect a cleaner environment. Learning to make tradeoffs and the cost of depolluting is one of the strongest points of the process. The methods by which learning takes place vary with the age group for which the program was designed. *No Time to Waste* is for grade 3, *Earth Island* for grades 4–6, and *Recycling Resources* for grades 7–9.

No Time to Waste is a rather moralistic struggle between Ecokid and Punk Polluter—a concept equivalent to Superman or Batman depending on which generation you are from. *Recycling Resources* contains a very sophisticated card game where the students assume roles in government and industry; they choose to pollute or not, and they learn the penalties for their choices. Laws can be changed, the polluter can be harassed by other players and penalties can be invoked against him. The only group so far excluded from the learning material are K–3. But the eventual plan at Continental Can Co. is to have a complete program for grades K–12. *No Time to Waste* is now available at cost from Continental Can. *Recycling Resources* is in production and will be available around the first of the year.

The architecture/planning material is more diverse in its scope. *Man-Made Environment Book* 7 and soon to be issued *Book* 8 were developed by GEE. *Book* 7 is a series of ques-

tions and begins by defining the man-made environment as every place built by man. A problem given to the student asks him to take a series of shapes and make a design within a rectilinear format. Then he is asked to take the same shapes, think of them as specific pieces of furniture with the rectilinear format becoming a floor plan, and to arrange the furniture in a functional manner. The student is then asked to distinguish between design and function. The second question posed by the book is why the environment is built and the answers it provides are simple and basic; to provide shelter, to give privacy and to provide spaces for different activities.

The third question is what determines its form and the answers touch only on the functional level of determinants: the size of man, what we need for life support and comfort (heating and plumbing) the activities that take place, the form of the land, the materials and methods used to build, transportation and relative importance of one place over another (emphasis vs. unity). Each one of the form determinants is illustrated with an exercise for the student. The final question asked is the obvious one of just how does one change the environment? But the real question is never answered. Time and technology change, moving from place to place, and changing, adding to, or demolishing are given as reasons for change, but the "how do we change the environment?" is left for the student to speculate about. The final two pages show the typical means by which an architect describes a building. There are plans, sections, elevations and perspectives-long the tools for deception of many a client.

Book 8 is not sequential to Book 7. It simply poses different questions and it begins by asking "what do you want?" In considering the question of what one wants, the students are asked to describe a place in terms of its performance as opposed to describing it by its formalized name, i.e., library, school, etc. Part B of the same book describes the concept of

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Series of walls and roofs show how climate affects design. Cutout forms a dome (right) when tabs are slotted together. Drawing of dome is by a child using *Man-Made Environment Book* 7 from which the above material is taken. Copyright 1970 by GEE! Group for Environmental Design, Inc. The drawing (far right) is from *Urban Action; Planning for Change.* Copyright 1970 by Ginn and Company.

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resources—manpower and knowledge; Part C deals with the rules and regulations—zoning and building codes—who makes them, how to work within them, and how to change them. Again it does not tell one "how to" change, only that zoning does change with new technologies and attitudes or with variances from the zoning board.

Learning to Get Around, another document for educational purposes, was developed by a group of Philadelphia school teachers in conjunction with the GEE material. Only the very last section is about what the title suggests—transportation systems and maps. The rest is learning to draw objects in scale and reading a lot of information off the maps provided in the back of the book—postal zones, locations of all the Philadelphia schools and ethnic distribution—most of which is irrelevant to the student's experience. The rewards suggested by the teachers who wrote this book do not come from a sense of accomplishment in learning a new skill, but rather in a series of candy bars which are given out at various crucial points in the learning process.

DOME

The last and most sophisticated educational tool is for the



high school level—*Urban Action: Planning for Change* developed by C. Richard Hatch Associates for Ginn and Company. *Urban Action* is a year's course of study throughout which the student is involved with his own community—that which he knows best and cares about most. Beginning with a series of filmstrips, Unit 1 traces the way man has lived at different periods in history, what the cities were like, who made the decisions and what the problems were. At the same time the student is asked to answer the same questions about his own neighborhood. The second issue in Unit 2, which explores immigration, is who lives in cities and why and the next filmstrip on the imaginary town of River City talks of the growth that takes place with new methods of transportation, new methods of production, and the new wave of immigrants which make up the labor force.

Cause and effect relationships are made between growth of slums, labor unions, decline of the city, the automobile and the move to the suburbs. Unit 3 deals with the cultural uniqueness of the various ethnic groups, while Unit 4 defines the various elements that make up a neighborhood: housing of







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Photos above show the students of Lamont, III. with their proposal for the renewal of downtown. Photos: Richard Hatch. Filmstrip (left) is "How One American City Grew" from *Urban Action: Planning for Change* copyright 1970 by Ginn and Company.

various types, stores, industry, open space and transportation. Maps are made of the student's own neighborhood showing land use, density, open space, transportation, building condition and future land use. Students interview residents of the neighborhood asking what people want and assess these needs by asking who benefits and who is harmed. Unit 5 deals with utopian communities and alternative ways of life. Plans reflect values and students are asked to think about what the various values are in each of the three utopian communities. He is then asked to decide for himself what things are most important to him and to compare his ideas with others in the class.

The first five units lay the preparatory work and give the student the experience of thinking about his own neighborhood, asking questions, gathering information, thinking of alternatives, mapping uses and understanding values. The last half of the course, outlined in Unit 6, is making a plan for change. The class as a whole is asked to set its goals, and then specific areas of study are divided among small groups. The governmental structure which plays a part in redevelopment is discussed and the students are made aware of the various methods that can effect change. After information is gathered and plans are worked out, the class builds a model of its proposal for the neighborhood and is asked to present it to local residents as well as to governmental officials.

While the objective of both GEE and Hatch Associates is to create an awareness of the physical environment, they use different means to achieve their goal. Urban Action is a rich source of material for classroom use-filmstrips, records, data-cards, and workbooks-as well as a structured program of working within the neighborhood. It educates the students and teacher simultaneously not only in planning issues, but in the value of working outside the school. The GEE material is seen by the authors as a point of departure for a teacher's own explorations and interests, and so the formal material does not contain a structured program for involvement beyond the classroom. The authors hope to provide a stimulus only and to encourage the teachers and students to take their own directions. One teacher in an experimental middle school in Philadelphia asked each child to take a lemon and to describe his lemon to the rest of the class. The rule was that no two lemons could be described the same way. After

everyone had done this task, the lemons were all returned to the pile and each child was then asked to find his lemon. Surprisingly, they were all able to do so.

Urban Action is in use in the Chicago Catholic School System—the fourth largest school system in the country—as well as in some New York City schools. Students in Lamont, III. proposed a revitalization of the downtown, did a model of their ideas and presented it to the three aldermen of the city. With the usual finesse, the response from the aldermen was, "Well that's very nice but . . ." The kids weren't in the least intimidated, kept asking questions and eventually ended by understanding some of the complexities in the economic structure of their community. The proposal went no farther than the model, but the students still believed in what they had done and were enthusiastic about what they had learned.

One teacher, commenting on her students' work, said that many who had been apathetic and poor learners were able to get very involved in the work that the course demanded. "The students could not have done the adequate job they did in presenting the project to the village board if they had not been trained in the basic techniques of data gathering, interpretation, tabulation. It has matured them and widened their horizons. It has made them more confident, communityminded individuals. I hope they will implement and carry through their lives what they have learned this year and that teachers will realize the importance of leaving the classroom and going to the community or of bringing the community into the classroom and making this an ongoing project. If teachers feel that education is just in the classroom they have missed a very important part." [SLR]

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Space framing at Sanislo

Given a progressive program, Seattle architects and their engineers use a space truss framing system to answer many typical problems of budget, expandability and fabrication

As school districts adopt the open plan, individualized learning and team teaching, a dual challenge is born. One, the administration is forced to re-evaluate its educational specifications, and two, the architect must learn to cope with them. While that two-headed re-think is happening across the country, the success or failure of the process in each instance depends on both heads. The Captain Stephen E. Sanislo Elementary School (K–4) in Seattle, by architects Sullam, Smith & Associates, is the result of a 90-page educational specification stressing innovation and individual learning, and the architect's desire to keep the building from impeding that goal.

In its specification, Seattle School District No. 1 spelled out many objectives, most of which are directed at those illusive



Edges of the space frame are glazed and sun shaded to admit light with minimum glare. Tree-like supports and the open nature of the structure (opposite) allow access to overhead power and mechanical services, and permit daily changes in area uses.











Space frame, Sanislo school. Sullam, Smith & Associates, architects; Kelly, Pittelko, Fritz & Forssen, structural engineers.

Space framing at Sanislo

qualities of flexibility and adaptability needed to allow the school to form its own educational direction: "The architect should constantly bear in mind that his design of the project, its spaces and facilities, must permit and support an experimental educational function." In choosing a space frame solution to cover large open areas, the architects picked a nondirectional structural approach that they felt allowed for the required diversity while providing the most uninterrupted space. Further, the nature of a space frame is very forgiving, and can accommodate an almost infinite array of ducts, piping, light fixtures and electrical runs. Left exposed, it is a convenient device for supporting fixed objects such as clocks and speakers, as well as any other special equipment, even if temporarily.

The plan of the Sanislo School is dominated by the large "classroom laboratory" that contains enough area for 10 teaching spaces. There are distinct teaching facilities for kindergarten and physical education, and a performing arts center, all with their own space frame roof structures. All supportive areas such as administration, circulation and utilities are identified by lower, flat roofs.

The space truss system was designed for competitive bidding after a thorough review of truss systems and pre-engineered components revealed a total lack of compatibility between products of various manufacturers. Engineers Kelly, Pittelko, Fritz & Forssen joined the architects in setting their own criteria, then designed a system to meet them. With the aid of extensive computer study, a space truss was developed using three simple fabricated elements which were shop assembled into large sections, delivered and erected in minimum time and at a cost reported to be below that of prefabricated proprietary systems.

The space truss system developed for Sanislo School is made up of three basic components: the longitudinal elements, the transverse top chords and the transverse bottom chords. Each of these components is made up of readily available materials which may be assembled by any competent steel fabricating facility. The longitudinal elements consist of two rolled steel angle chord members connected to small diameter steel tube web members and arranged to form a Warren truss. The longitudinal elements are assembled in truss panels up to 60 ft long consisting of one angle top chord, one angle bottom chord and the tube diagonals. Connection between the angle chords and the tube diagonals is accomplished by flattening the ends of the tubes and welding into the re-entrant intersection of the angle legs. The completed longitudinal elements take the form of a planar truss which may be easily handled and shipped to the job site without special equipment. At the job site the longitudinal elements are positioned with their vertical axes at a 45 degree angle to form a symmetrical pattern of tubular diagonal web members in each direction. The top and bottom transverse chord members which consist of rolled structural tees are then positioned at a right angle to the long axis of the longitudinal elements. To create the bidirectional structural action, the longitudinal and transverse members are connected by field welding. The concept may be readily expanded to encompass a wide range of module sizes, span lengths and load capacities. [JM]





Data

Project: Captain Stephen E. Sanislo Elementary School. Architects: Sullam, Smith & Associates.

Site: 7.8 acres, Seattle, Wash., sloping to the north and east. **Program:** school for 375 kindergarten-through-fourth grade students, with expansion possibilities to 500 pupils. Maximum emphasis on flexibility and individual learning.

Structural system: steel space trusses for major educational spaces; steel framing for supporting facilities; concrete foundations.

Mechanical system: heating by oil-fired hot water boiler serving multizone reheat coils. Roof mounted fresh air units provide fresh air supply, with mixed air tempered by the reheat coils. Cooling units may be added in the future.

Major materials: steel framing and space trusses exposed, brick and wood stud walls, all floors except gymnasium, toilets and service areas are carpeted.

Costs: \$868,817 (\$25.50 per sq ft exclusive of land, landscaping, equipment and fees).

Consultants: structural, Kelly, Pittelko, Fritz & Forssen; mechanical and electrical, Valentine, Fisher and Tomlinson; landscape architect, Edward M. Watanabe.

Photography: Hugh N. Stratford.

Schools

Vocational schools are fraternal twins
By joining forces with a construction manager and using fast track construction with their systems approach, Caudill Rowlett Scott met a corporate client's nine-month deadline to build two handsome, well-detailed vocational schools

Several things have become perfectly clear to Caudill Rowlett Scott about building systems-type schools: it's not as important to find a system that will do as many tasks as possible as it is to find one that will do its own thing best. The façade should be cladding, kept out-of-system. The biggest economies come from how convenient the architect makes it for the trades. A good construction manager is a valuable aid to design; he knows what looks expensive but isn't; he knows what construction techniques can clutter up a site and cost more in the long run.

And, in building quickly, adds CRS' Norman Hoover, "You

have to be able to live with a few things that might not be exactly right. But, compared to conventional construction, you get to evaluate every project quicker, and hopefully learn something."

In January, 1971, CRS was commissioned to design two schools, one in Phoenix, Ariz. and the other in Columbus, Ohio, for Bell and Howell Schools, a nationwide chain of vocational/technical schools. Evaluation began in September when both schools opened on schedule.

Bell and Howell schools specialize in electronics and engineering, offering commuter students two-, three- and fouryear degree programs on a two-shift basis. Because they are operated for profit rather than for training future employees of the parent corporation, the schools would have to be low cost yet well designed to attract prospective students. They needed to be flexible enough for changes in class size and programs as new classes are admitted each quarter. It was



Vocational schools are fraternal twins

also important that the buildings be adaptable to other purposes in case Bell and Howell should decide to give up their operation and sell the properties.

Each school required classrooms, open laboratory space, a dining/library/common area, faculty and administrative offices. Although the systems approach seemed to be inherent in CRS being given the commission in the first place, and despite the similar programs, the schools were individually designed for their separate sites. The first step was to retain Kitchell Contractors of Phoenix as construction manager. The second was an intensive programming and schematic design session (CRS calls these sessions "squatters") which produced basic floor plans with open space around fixed cores of toilets and stairwells. The Phoenix site and climate dictated a two-story building around an open court; for Columbus, a linear one-story building would be most visible from the adjacent highway.

Pre-bid, bid, build

The four key subsystems—structure, heating ventilating and air conditioning, ceiling/lighting, and partitions—were prebid for both schools on the basis of performance-type specifications. Because little detailed programming had been done at this stage, the partitions were pre-bid on a quantity/unit cost basis; the final layout was done some three months after construction started and bid prices adjusted once the final linear footage was known.

A second "squatters," this one for all systems bidders, was





Brick walls of recessed entry at Columbus contrast with reflective glass and shiny aluminum skin chosen for visibility from highway. Dashed lines in plan represent movable partitions, one of four major subsystems in project.



held so that all manufacturers could confer with the architect, the construction manager and each other. Sealed bids were received at the end of one week and the winning contractors chosen by the middle of the following week.

The Columbus school

The basic design problem for the Columbus school was to make a small building (42,000 sq ft) highly visible. The solution was to make it an integral but contrasting part of the topography—a long, low reflective building parallel to the freeway with the earth bermed up to the sills to emphasize the small hill.

As reflective glass would be too costly for the entire façade, the architects combined it with aluminum faced, foam core

Data

Project: Ohio Institute of Technology, Columbus, Ohio. Architects: Caudill Rowlett Scott.

Site: a high knoll adjacent to a freeway; area zoned for light industry. **Program:** vocational/technical school operated as a commercial venture; building to be low-cost, completely flexible and finished in nine months from date of commission. Capacity to be 1100 students in two shifts with parking for 440 cars.

Major subsystems: light steel frame, Romac Structural Systems, Inc.; lighting/ceiling, Armstrong; HVAC, ITT Nesbitt; partitions, E.F. Hauserman. Enclosure: shiny aluminum foam-core panels, mirror glass. Costs: \$914,185 for basic building; \$21.72 sq ft (gross area 42,075 sq ft). Consultants: Kitchell Contractors, Inc., construction manager. Client: Bell and Howell Schools.

Photography: Balthazar Korab.



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panels with the shiniest standard mill finish available. Hoover reports they are more than satisfactory—at 3 in. they are rigid enough to form the parapet; they don't dent or "oil can" and two men easily handled each 5' \times 9' panel. Similar panels are now being installed to screen the rooftop HVAC equipment, a detail omitted from the plans at first because of cost.

The purity of the basic box shape was sacrificed at the corners to allow large entry spaces, with curved masonry walls and brown brick pavers that contrast with the glass and metal. Inside, total flexibility was also sacrificed by putting the student lounge, dining (from vending machines) and library/reading areas into one central space. Hoover is pleased, however, with the spatial variety gained. "We raised the roof up 10 ft over the space, put in clerestory windows on two sides and left the light steel frame structure exposed. We lowered the floor a couple of risers, changed the carpet color, made a conversation pit, put in a bunch of bean bag chairs and some other decent furniture. We got a lively student center in the middle of an acre of flexible modular office space."

He is unhappy, though, with one exterior detail. All the glass set back from the outside wall is dark bronze, and nobody remembered to change the spec on the aluminum color in those areas.

Phoenix

The "thing you have to live with" at Phoenix is the way the freestanding masonry façade completely overshadows the scale of the light steel frame, reports Hoover. "The idea of de-





Courtyard of two-story school in Phoenix is central gathering place for students. Plans, across page, show the basic building at left, initial layout of movable partitions right.





veloping a contrast between the façade and the system did not quite come off." The façade was not a "decorative idea" but merely the cheapest way to clad the building in that area and that climate. Precast concrete lintels at the window openings were sandblasted to emphasize them as a separate system within the masonry. On the court side, recessed balconies that serve as prime circulation space provide sun protection for floor to ceiling glass walls.

Entry from the 800-car parking lot is through one open structural bay to the courtyard, which functions as a central lobby and student assembly place. The landing of the monumental stair was designed to serve as a lecture podium but has also been successfully used as a stage for a rock band during the opening party for the students. [RR]



SECOND FLOOR PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN

Data

Project: DeVry Institute of Technology, Phoenix, Ariz. Architects: Caudill Rowlett Scott.

Site: flat parcel on developing commercial strip.

Program: vocational/technical school operated as a commercial venture; building to be low cost, completely flexible and finished nine months from date of commission. Capacity to be 1650 students in two shifts with parking for 750 cars.

Major subsystems: light steel frame, Romac Structural Systems, Inc.; lighting/ceiling, Ceiling Dynamics, Inc.; HVAC, ITT Nesbitt; partitions, E.F. Hauserman Co.

Enclosure: freestanding stuccoed masonry walls, tinted windows. Costs: \$1,153,447 for basic building; \$19 sq ft (gross area 60,650 sq ft). Consultant: Kitchell Contractors, Inc., construction manager. Client: Bell and Howell Schools.

Photography: Rondal Partridge.





Cost control

The price of the schoolhouse

Earl R. Flansburgh



Michael O'Brien photo

School sites are often marginal land; Kent School, Charlestown, Boston, above, is on a former dump. Repetition of steel columns and bar joists kept costs down at Acton, Mass. elementary school, below. LeMessurier Associates, structural engineers.

Table 1

Total project cost

General construction contract	81%
Building costs (91%) Site costs (<u>9%</u>) (100%)	
Furnishings	5
Equipment	4
Fees, professional	5
Contingency, clerk, legal, insurance, miscellaneous	5

Table 2

Total building cost

Excavation	3	to	8%	0
Structure	10	to	18	
Exterior skin and interior walls	5	to	15	
Miscellaneous metal	1	to	3	
Carpentry and millwork	3	to	8	
Moisture protection	3	to	5	
Doors, windows, glass	2	to	5	
Finishes	4	to	7	
Heating and ventilating	12	to	18	
Plumbing	5	to	9	
Electrical	10	to	12	
Contractors overhead,			45	
pront			15	
contractors			5	

There's only one public criterion for schools these days: high quality construction at lowest possible cost. The author explores ways to keep costs in line from initial programming and preliminary design through construction and financing

There are two common methods of cost control. The "scissor" method is to put it in, budget or bid too high, cut it out. This ex-post-facto control is most charitably described as a poor process, unsatisfactory to the client and expensive to the architect. It usually leaves "design" on the cutting room floor and earns the architect a reputation for having no knowledge or interest in cost control.

The "continuous cost effectiveness" process, however, is built on mutual understanding between the architect and the client and a willingness to face the truth on the part of both. Most clients are reasonable men and women who know school buildings cost money. All they ask is to know a dollar figure early enough in the design stage to react to it. A reasoned reaction in the design stage is preferable to a panic reaction when the bids are too high.

"Continuous cost effectiveness" is, as the name implies, evaluation of the cost and cost implications of various pieces of the project at various stages of the design. It also means evaluating the total impact of the cost of an item, not just its unit cost.

Cost effectiveness also means the architect is willing to accept the economic performance of a material or structure as a guide in determining the appropriate architecture for his client. This produces an architectural vocabulary based on the need for the material as well as its aesthetic qualities.

It is important to describe school costs accurately. In addition to the completed structure there are site work, equipment, furnishings, architect's fees, legal fees, blueprinting, site surveying and other miscellaneous items. Another substantial cost, frequently overlooked, is the cost of financing the interest on the bonds. For this article, "total project cost" includes the building, site, equipment and furniture, fees and miscellaneous costs but not interest on bonds. The "building cost" is defined as the building alone without site work and other items in the total project cost.

Although the general construction contract will average about 81 percent of the total project cost (table 1), major efforts to control costs must center around the most substantial items. Effecting a 50 percent savings in an item that represents only 1 percent of the cost has little influence on the total building cost (table 2).

Major costs

Any review of the possible cost savings in each phase of the work is impossible in a short article. The paragraphs below touch only the high points.

Excavation: School sites, with their large playing fields, are frequently marginal land and we have found very few projects where a good soils engineer did not more than pay for his service. Every site should have borings on a regular grid in the building area and in line with the utility trenches. Although buildings can be designed around rock contours, plumbing and heating lines do not always have the same flexibility and the extra mechanical expense frequently wipes out the architectural foundation savings. Rock and peat are not the only problems. We have had a meadow with solid rock 3 ft below

the surface; a swamp that turned out to be simply organic material in a hollow in the bed rock; an open gravelly river bank that was really an ancient lake bed filled with fine layers of sand of much less structural strength than the sand and gravel on the surface.

Structure: Simplicity and repetition have the most substantial effect on structural costs. In a steel structure, repetition of members means lower fabrication costs, lower erection costs, therefore lower structural costs. Concrete and exposed wood laminated beams or heavy timber joists are likely to cause problems at the interface between structure and the heating system. Cost evaluation, therefore, must include the expense of this interface in the equation just as evaluation of steel must include fireproofing and ceilings. The factors of simplicity and repetition also apply to concrete and wood. Exterior skin: Despite constant searching there appears to be no exterior skin that offers a substantial cost saving over others in terms of material and installation. There are several, however, that save time, such as the complete sandwich of concrete-insulation and concrete or prefinished steel-insulation-primed steel. We are also currently using a similar panel in wood.

Time savings are valuable only if a specific phase of work shortens the total construction period. This will happen with the skin if the interface problems betweeen the exterior skin and the structure, heating and ventilating system and the interior partitions are solved first. Occupancy must be taken in context. Quick occupancy of a school is valuable in September and sometimes in February, less valuable in November or April. So, time savings in the exterior skin are valuable in direct relation to the amount of time saved *and* the actual finish date.

Miscellaneous metal; carpentry and millwork; doors, windows and glass: These three categories are lumped because the same basic principle applies to all three. It is important to know the standards of the industry involved. What the designer may think is simple and easy to build may require excessive standards of tolerance or expensive fabrication methods. While such costs may be entirely appropriate, a detail should be designed with the knowledge of both its aesthetic and economic effect on the project. Often, such items can be made of standard parts.

Four years ago a study of windows in schools led us to analyze comparative costs. We found a prefinished aluminum window in a color of our choice with tinted glass from one of the best U.S. manufacturers that would cost about two-thirds of the price for competing materials if we chose a standard dimension in one direction. The other dimension could be varied to suit the design.

Several years ago The Architects Collaborative discovered that a ¼ in. reveal around an interior door frame could be achieved by providing one extra bend in the hollow metal frame rather than expensive ¼ in. blocking. This cost almost nothing, since the door frame was being run through the hollow metal rollers anyway.

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The price of the schoolhouse

Our study of chalkboards revealed that one manufacturer had a standard inexpensive detail at the back of his catalog which required no wood frame. A few changes in his standard detail produced an excellent writing surface at below the cost of boards of poorer quality that required wood or metal frames. The illustrations are legion, but the principle is simple. If "God is in the detail" as Mies said, than it is important to make sure the Chancellor of the Exchequer isn't in there too. Heating and ventilating; plumbing; electrical: By planning the mechanical system as the building is planned, even from the first day, expensive problems can be avoided. We recently conducted an analysis of several structural systems for a new school. By combining a utility analysis with the structural analysis, we discovered that the most expensive structure was the cheapest mechanically and the cheapest combined cost because of a minimum of interference problems with the ductwork-the issue of interface again.

Early planning of utility space usually provides one item guaranteed to reduce utility costs—space. When the utility contractor sees that he has space for the easy passage of his ducts and pipes, walls thick enough not only for the pipes, but the hubs of the pipes as well, adequate space for electrical closets, filter boxes and fire dampers, it influences his price because it influences the cost of his work. A good rule to follow is to treat the area the engineers realistically need for the boiler room and other utility areas as part of the required program just like a classroom space.

Contractor's overhead; contractor's profit; contractor's contingency: Most contractors operate from a broad experience base and their analysis of construction time is usually quite accurate. If the school project is designed to minimize interface problems between the utilities, ceiling system, structure exterior and interior walls and other phases of the work a time saving will result. This saves money because it reduces overhead and to some degree contingency.

In terms of overhead the question of visual and written communication is important. The contractor is, after all, in business to make money. If he feels that the drawings and specifications accurately and completely describe the project he will usually have a slightly sharper pencil because of his confidence in the project documents. Clear definition of interface requirements between materials in the documents and the elimination of interface problems wherever possible in the planning will do more than any other single factor to reduce the overhead and contingency costs.

Environmental costs, exterior and interior

School costs frequently get out of hand because of the site if the architect does not take full advantage of his landscape architect during the design stage. A great deal of the work by landscape architects on the average school is basic engineering, and as such, can be extremely expensive if improperly handled. The large parking areas frequently create substantial drainage and grading problems which may require expensive solutions if not considered in initial planning.

Choice of the areas for playing fields, parking and the school building must be coordinated decisions between the architect and the landscape architect fairly early in the project. Although a soils engineer is normally considered to be appropriate for the building alone, his talents frequently can be useful in meeting the problems of the landscape architect.

School sites frequently have handsome if not sturdy wild trees that would take 30 to 40 years to replace. Proper attention to the water level and grading around these trees can provide an instant natural setting. Because of the complexity of this problem, it too must be considered at the outset.

As more of our schools are designed on the open plan, furniture and equipment have a substantial effect on the interior environment. A good interior designer knowledgeable in the field of school furniture in particular, but all furniture in general, can be a valuable asset to the design team. School furniture selected by the school authorities is frequently competitive in price, but rarely aesthetically cost effective.

It is important that the 9 to 12 percent of the total project cost (depending on the size of the school) for furniture and equipment be treated as a realistic and necessary expenditure. It is difficult to reduce this cost without impairing the effectiveness of the school but, by careful selection, the furniture can be a handsome asset.

Economies by process

The process of creating a schoolhouse, in addition to its construction aspects, has an effect on cost. If we are willing to design our buildings based on an aesthetic vocabulary of need, evaluating the visual as well as the physical performance of materials in a continuous cost effectiveness approach, then the program should be prepared on a vocabulary of need basis as well.

In any program a definition of objectives and terms is necessary. "Total flexibility" is often requested, but educationally this may involve moving only 30 to 35 percent of the walls. It may be desirable to have 9 science labs, but only 8 of those labs may be critical. If, however, it is critical to have 60 interchangeable classrooms, the school cannot be properly scheduled with 59. This means a priority system should exist in the program, establishing those items that are essential, desirable and optional. Educators, of course, will say that any priority system will mean that the school will contain only the essential items and the desirable and optional will be omitted. This may be true. But evaluating the educational needs of the schoolhouse realistically by the professionals helps diffuse

Repetition of wood elements at The Park School of Buffalo, Snyder, N.Y. Lyman, Baldwin and Castle, Architects; Earl R. Flansburgh and Associates, Associated Architects.

Prefinished metal skin at Peabody, Mass. Veterans Memorial High School saved construction time.

the emotional and often irrational evaluation by the electorate when it comes to the bonds.

Elimination or reduction in size of a major element such as the auditorium can provide obvious economies. Larger school functions can often take place in a gymnasium. A highly developed theater for 300 to 400 may not be significantly less expensive than an 800 to 1000 seat auditorium, but educationally it may be immensely more useful.

As the design progresses from a well developed program, a constant dialogue with the school authorities will insure a realistic preliminary design—a design that responds to the real program, not just the architect's interpretation of it. This has a psychological advantage as well. It allows the educators to have a program interpretation input and does not confuse program interpretation with aesthetic considerations.

At the end of preliminaries a cost estimate should be prepared on a quantity take-off basis. It is more expensive than the square footage basis, but is much more useful in the long run and tends to reduce surprises. A method we have frequently used with success at this stage is for us to provide the quantities to our independent cost estimator and he provides the unit prices. It is critical to be honest with yourself at this stage. If schools are costing \$30 per sq ft, wishful thinking at the preliminary design stage is not going to make that figure \$26 per sq ft.

Working drawings are the place where the economic battle is often lost. As detail items are added during working drawings, the cost often escalates. The way to solve this is by continuous review of detail items against an aesthetic cost effectiveness scale.

A priority system on an aesthetic scale is important. As new items are put in some old items should be left out. A favorite aesthetic target of panic cost cutting is the finish schedule. For example, concrete block designed to be painted is left unpainted. Three-coat work is cut to two coats.

We have found the soundest way to insure the maximum finish life in terms of wear, and insure the proper aesthetic effect of color, is to have most color integral to the material. This frequently saves construction time and money as well.

In those places where paint is used on built-in items it should be field applied. Prefinished material, except carefully protected metal parts with baked enamel, invariably are scratched and require time consuming touch-up. Given the choices most contractors would field apply paint to built-in material.

One final cost factor concerns bidding. Competition among bidders helps, and one way we have found to stimulate competition is the personal notification of the sub and general contractors. This is in addition to vigorous local advertising in newspapers and Dodge Reports. The personal encouragement of the various contractors to bid has frequently resulted in 12 to 15 sub-bidders (we have a file-sub-bid law in Massachusetts) on a single \$3 or \$4 million project.

Saving on bonds

Having chipped away at pieces of the cost of the schoolhouse by simplicity, repetition, improved process and organized project development, the architect still needs a broad view of the entire cost saving picture. He may have saved 5 to 10 percent and presented a true cost picture at each phase. In the cost of financing the total project, however, the normal interest on 20-year bonds is an additional 40 percent above the total project cost. If interest costs can be lowered, a significant saving can be made in the total cost to the taxpayer over the life of the bonds. Borrowing for 10 years instead of 20 can save approximately 20 percent of the total project cost. In a \$10 million project with \$4 million added for interest, the saving is \$2 million.

A shorter borrowing period represents a higher annual increase in taxes for a shorter period. This is because the taxpayer is amortizing the principal payments over a shorter period. A recent publication by the Educational Facilities Laboratories of the Ford Foundation, *Guide to Alternatives for Financing School Buildings*, discusses this problem in detail.

Learning through design

An early learning center in Brooklyn and a day care center in Washington, D.C. are designed on the premise that the child's environment can enrich his educational, cultural and social experiences before reaching school age

What does the executive dining room in the Federal Office of Education in Washington have to do with an old, vacant synagogue in Brooklyn? They both have been redesigned by a talented team of architects from the New York office of Hammel Green and Abrahamson as total environments dedicated to the child's natural ability to learn from his surroundings.

If one acknowledges that a child is affected by his surroundings, then it follows that certain things can be done to those surroundings to produce either beneficial, effective, or even detrimental influences on the child. According to Clark Neuringer, the project designer, poor surroundings come about through ordering the child's environment through the sensitivity of the adult. Unfortunately for children, adults are usually straightforward. Given their individual differences in taste, they usually prefer rooms that have flat floors and ceilings connected by straight walls, with pieces of furniture arranged throughout the space in some kind of order. They do not very often deposit their bodies on floors or hang them from anything handy. Nor do they seek out special, private places to hide in, or mysterious and exciting things to crawl into. They are fairly predictable.

Children, on the other hand, are not. They like to hide, crawl, hang, run and jump. Their orientation is kinesthetic, not verbal. They communicate through their bodies and by tactile experiences, not by words. Their early learning centers on their own discovery of the world around them, not on being told what it is like. Ideally then, if the designer can envision space through the eyes of the child and structure it to respond to the child's needs, it can be designed not only to offer, but also to reinforce, a great range of opportunities to learn through discovery. Both the Block School in Brooklyn and the U.S. Office of Education Day Care Center in Washington attempt to do this.

The Block School

The Block School, funded by the Federal Government, was designed for the New York City Board of Education as an ex-

perimental neighborhood center for enriching the disadvantaged child's educational, cultural and social experiences before he reaches school age. This is important, the director says, in order to eliminate the discontinuities that exist between home and school.

In renovating space in an old synagogue, the architects have stayed away from the flat-floor, flat-ceilinged sameness that pervades much educational design today. Instead, they have designed an environment that acknowledges the child's natural responsiveness to his surroundings and that reflects, in the child's own terms, a basic respect for the child. This was accomplished by designing a variety of "environmental attitudes," which range from group activity areas where the

The Block School is in an old synagogue in Brooklyn that was renovated, through acknowledging the child's natural response to his environment, to become an experimental neighborhood center devoted to enriching the disadvantaged child's experiences before he reaches school age.

Data

Project: The Block School, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Architect: Hammel Green & Abrahamson; Ronald W. Haase, partner in charge; Clark H. Neuringer, project designer.

Program: a low cost, experimental neighborhood center designed to enrich the preschoolers' educational, cultural and social experiences. **Site:** a vacant synagogue in an urban, rapidly changing residential neighborhood.

Structure and materials: carpeted wood platforms and low plasterboard partitions, simple furniture made of reinforced cardboard.

Costs: \$75,000 complete, \$12.50 per sq ft.

Consultants: Hannaham & Johnston, mechanical; Susan McLaughlin, color consultant.

Photography: Sharon Lee Ryder.

The Office of Education Day Care Center in Washington, D.C. was purposely designed on a tight budget so that it could realistically serve as a model for others to follow as the force of working mothers continues to climb.

Learning through design

ceiling stretches high above and the tiled floors echo the slap of running feet, to quiet, carpeted, tuck-away alcoves for the child to hide or to be alone, or where he can share a new discovery with a teacher or a friend. These areas are not separated by confining walls, but by variations in lighting, floor level and ceiling height; movement from one area to another becomes an enriching and exciting experience, or sometimes a daring adventure. Carpeted wood platforms and low plasterboard partitions are used to define different areas, and most of the simple furniture pieces are made of reinforced cardboard. Brightly painted found objects and bold graphics add to the rich environment.

In its design phase, which was partially funded through a grant from EFL, the Block School was developed cooperatively with the school staff. Basic construction was done by the building owner in a lease-back arrangement, but much of the alteration work was done by parents and volunteers.

U.S. Office of Education Day Care Center

Most of the 36,000 day care centers now in operation throughout the country have sprung into existence during the past few years as stop-gap places to care for children of the growing number of working mothers who neither have nor can afford other places to keep their children during the working day. Usually, little attention has been paid to their design, or to the needs of the 640,000 children who spend 8 to 10 hours a day in them.

With the present work force of 4.2 million working mothers expected to climb to 6.6 million during the next 15 years, the federal government is now attempting to legislate for the funding of the new day care centers that will be needed. As another facet of the government's commitment to and involvement in the program, the Office of Education has now installed, in its headquarters in Washington, a model day care center that will serve as a national showcase example'for local governments and private organizations to follow.

When the Office of Education contacted the architects to design a working model day care center for 50 of their employees' children, they had no budget set. The architects' first suggestion was to set a budget that would be realistic so that the center could really serve as an example for others to follow. With that established, and with the full cooperation of the federal government, the project moved from inception to completion in only six months.

Using the executive dining room, which is relatively small for the number of children who would be using it, but which was the only space available, the architects created a multilayered scheme that allowed them to increase the actual square footage. Here, they followed some of the same principles worked out earlier in the Block School. A series of platforms ascends from the existing floor level in 2-ft increments, providing a rich mixture of child-scaled spaces both above and below. A large, central, vertical tube that is carpeted on the inside allows circulation to and from the various platforms. The platforms are framed in wood joists, covered with plywood and then carpeted. Walls are constructed of wood studs and plasterboard, and occasionally plywood panels with playful forms cut out of them are used to define spaces.

Due to the small space and complex forms, the interior was

LONGITUDINAL SECTION

conceived as a shell to enclose the newly generated forms: all wall and ceiling surfaces were painted white, while the undulating floor, carpeted in olive green and rich rust, generates the major color impact. The architects hope that the children who use the center will not resist the white walls for very long, and that they will make their own graphic contributions.

In order to gain direct access to an adjacent sunken plaza that was also turned over to the center, the architects had to convince the Office of Education to give them a little more space out of the employees' cafeteria. They got the space, and were able to create an outdoor playscape that incorporates many of the ideas of discovery-learning found on the inside. As in the Block School, design was partially financed through a grant from EFL. [DM]

Data

Project: U. S. Office of Education Day Care Center, Washington, D. C. **Architect:** Hammel Green and Abrahamson; Ronald W. Haase, partner in charge; Clark H. Neuringer, project designer.

Program: a working, demonstration day care center to serve as an example for others to follow, as part of the federal government day care program.

Site: Federal Office Building No. 6, Office of Education, Washington, D.C. Structure and materials: wood studs and plasterboard for walls,

platforms framed in wood joists and covered with plywood, carpeted. Circulation tube framed in wood with skin of tempered hardboard, carpeted inside.

Costs: \$125,000, interior and playground, \$18 per sq ft. Photography: Clark H. Neuringer.

By the people

Operating a rented storefront with an open door, architects establish community action as an integral part of the design process for an innovative and sympathetic middle school

EOSDC—the East Orange School Design Center—was more than a storefront. Even if it was a return to the tradition of the "barn raising" aspects of town involvement, as suggested by an editorial in the East Orange (N.J.) Record, there was a marked difference. The concept of community participation in school planning has ceased to be the norm, or at least has been transformed into another, less constructive activity of the let-George-do-it-then-we'll-complain variety. Only after the fact do concerned citizens take part and wonder, usually with some justification, what is happening. That's the way the game rules have been evolved. The more recent insistence on citizen participation is still hardly more than the exception.

EOSDC, a rented mainstreet store with a "public welcome" policy, was established to develop EOMS (East Orange Middle School). "Alphabet soup" may be an expeditious way of identifying things. EOSDC was not an attempt to expedite the school planning process, unless, like Jules Gregory of Uniplan, the architect puts a premium on the participation of the community in its own projects. Uniplan, located in Princeton, set up the design center to confront directly the problems of school planning in another city, problems very familiar to most architects. Yet the goal was far more than an exercise in cold blooded problem solving. How do architects get a community involved, so that the resulting program and design respond to local inputs from the beginning of the process, not after the fact?

The process

In the summer of 1970, Uniplan decided that the accepted procedure from contract to written program to schematics (all passed somewhat impersonally from hand to hand) was inappropriate for East Orange, and maybe many other places. To provide the missing ingredient, involvement/communication, EOSDC was proposed, with EFL support. Beginning life in August with a public celebration, street closing and mayoral ribbon cutting, the center began its work. Knowing the importance of credibility in working with the community, Larry Goldblatt, the director of the center for Uniplan and an archi-

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CHALLENGE THE BODY IN SPACE

Existing site conditions (below) and neighborhood land uses were studied and mapped by EOSDC staff and community aides like Stephanie Wilson, who drew and identified the use map shown (left). Goals of the process were identified and sketched (above) as they evolved.

tectural student at North Carolina State, took an apartment near the center. (Goldblatt was later given academic credits for his work at the center.) Together with Stephanie Wilson and Larry Goldstone, professional aides from the community, Goldblatt put together information about the community.

EOSDC began with facts that the population of East Orange is about 50 percent black, but that, due to age distribution figures, the school population is 90 percent black. It also found that the majority of the constituents in the area were in the lower middle economic range, did not live in areas which could be labeled "ghetto," and had a very intense interest in being involved in planning their school. The center was officially open between the hours of 9 and 5, but many nights, 5 p.m. stretched to 10 or 11 p.m. The Uniplan team identified a list of 30 community organizations, and often spent two or three nights a week giving slide presentations and talking to these groups. In the beginning, the architects gave their impressions of the East Orange region, inviting response to their visual and verbal reactions. As more graphic work was done at the center, the slide show was constantly updated and reshown.

Existing East Orange schools were invited to participate, and art teachers asked children to express what they thought a school should be. After school hours, students were wel-

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Credits

Architects: Uniplan; Jules Gregory FAIA, partner-in-charge; Landon Proffitt AIA, project manager; Robert Hanle, PE, partner-in-charge of engineering; Charles M. Decker and John Ruble, designers; Larry Goldblatt, director of EOSDC.

Landscape architect: A.E. Bye and Associates.

Client: East Orange (N.J.) Board of Education, Russell A. Jackson, Jr., Superintendent; N.R. Young, Principal of the intermediate school; Maxine Koelling, coordinator for the administration.

Educational consultant: Dr. Cyril Sargent.

Professional aides from the community: Stephanie Wilson and Larry Goldstone.

By the people

come at the design center, and showed up in large numbers. Architectural suicide? Only if you don't like people "interfering" with the design process. Jules Gregory feels that any price paid for involvement was justified by the results.

With all the complexity implied by its participatory aspects, the process is difficult to condense into outline form. It can, however, be broken into several phases which, except for all of those inputs, are similar to traditional design methods. The first phase was the introductory and evaluative phase, both for the architects and the community. This phase produced the impressions, the views and counterviews and, finally, the credibility needed to go on. Phase two was a period for the expression of abstract thoughts about the needs (program), the goals (aspirations), the situation (constraints) and the implications (directions) of building functions. Pieces of the program were explored, and community hopes and ideals were measured against economic, legal and technical constraints. Since the gym, pool, library, auditorium and medical services were seen as joint-use facilities for school and community, more interest was generated in their solution. Students and community members made signs, built study models and generally expressed themselves.

Phases three and four produced seven study schemes, and a final scheme, respectively. As in the previous phases, ideas proposed by a housewife, a student, the cop on the beat or that nice little old lady were investigated while they looked on. This gave each the opportunity to see how architects work and to instantly understand the drawbacks and/or merits of their contribution.

From the process

Sites in East Orange are not abundant. The site for the new middle school is a tract of less than four acres in an area of one- to four-family houses which is surrounded by high-rise apartment buildings. Some early schemes used less land, but became oppressive in scale when related to neighboring structures.

Educational specifications for the EOMS called for a capacity of 1800 pupils in grades six through eight, and emphasized educational principles which allow individual growth according to ability and life style. At the design center, direction was gained from the desire of the community for a close relationship between learning areas and the outdoors. If the entire site was covered with building, this would be difficult. It also became evident that students would converge on the school from all directions, and a ceremonial "main entrance" would be of use to only one approach. Gymnasium, pool and central library must also serve the entire community.

The restriction of site size posed two problems. It would have been practically impossible to accommodate the necessary playground area, and just as difficult to provide parking for 150 cars. Schemes for underground parking proved too expensive and had to be abandoned, with recommendations that additional land be found for automobile storage. After considering scale and ground coverage, the architects proposed that the entire roof be used for play space.

Academically, students have been grouped into 300-pupil family units, with these units paired to form a house. Each family unit operates almost as an independent school, but

THIS WAY

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Conceived as an on-going design process, use of interior spaces is to emphasize individual learning. "Events" punctuate the lower level street (below), and loft spaces (top, opposite). Also continuing (above, opposite) is an interior-furnishings study.

shares certain facilities within the house such as performing arts, homemaking, industrial and fine arts. For four years the intermediate school in East Orange has been operating on an individualized education program, emphasizing the learning ability and life pattern of each child. Continuing these concepts at EOMS, teachers will prepare individual learning packets for students to follow at their own rates. Formal classes will be replaced by weekly requirements, and students will be free to achieve those goals as their learning patterns dictate.

FLOOR

The physical plan of the final scheme is composed of three blocks, each containing a house. The upper levels of each house are identical, with high ceiling loft classroom areas of 10,000 sq ft for each family. A central block in each wing contains all shared (house) facilities. Wings are separated at the upper level by dining areas that open out to the adjacent roof space. At the lowest level, houses are connected by a "street" with a variety of configurations and spatial events along the way. All levels of the roof are designed for use as play areas for students and as a park for the community, with connections to the ground via ramps and stairs. Uniplan, with an EFL grant, is also undertaking a study of furnishings, with emphasis on the design of objects which might have multiple uses and might be built by students or other interested community members. Since the loft spaces are meant to be manipulated by the students to correspond to their activities, the objects in the space will take on new importance. Work is continuing on this phase.

For all of the normal architectural descriptions, the success of EOMS and EOSDC must be measured in such intangible terms as "credibility," "community understanding," and other process-oriented words. The result will be less the traditional architectural monument, and more an architectural/ community solution. In giving EOMS an award for the New Jersey AIA, Max Urbahn expressed jury concern that the elevations had not quite reached their architectural potential. Jules Gregory, allowed a reply, said that the elevations did not make the architecture, but that the kids and the activities of EOMS were counted on to complete the design. Few elevation changes have ensued, and the final design process will begin when the building is opened. [JM] **Environmental engineering**

Building security: Part I

John L. Kmetzo, PE

Centralized monitoring and control of building environmental conditions were discussed by this author in the October 1970 issue of P/A. The concept of centralization is now applied to building security applications in this and in next month's column

The centralization concept can be extended to security functions which protect buildings, their contents and the occupants. The necessary technology is common to both environmental and security applications, with the exception of the final sensors or detecting devices discussed at the end of this column. In addition to detection, the other aspects of a building security system that merit close examination are the means of indication and the response to be made. These will be covered next month.

The effectiveness of, or even the necessity for, a building security system is highly dependent upon the manpower, operating and threat-versus-risk environment within which it is to be used. These aspects should be examined closely at an early stage, before they are obscured by involved considerations of the many features and options associated with security equipment now on the market.

Building owners and managers are traditionally fond of looking at things from a "dollars and cents" point of view. Aside from the obligation to fulfill local code requirements and potential reductions in insurance rates, any significant investment in a security system usually cannot be justified by simple demonstrations that "in X number of years we will have recovered our investment by reduced operating costs."

The overall purposes of a security system are to prevent damage to the building or disruption of its operations, losses to owner and/or tenant property, and physical harm to the occupants. For a building security system to be necessary, then, there must be a credible threat to those things which it is to protect.

The type of building, tenants and contents should first be defined, as well as their degree of exposure to visitors and the general public. Then an estimate should be made of their vulnerability to different types of threat: burglary and theft, arson and vandalism, assault and robbery, civil disturbances, industrial and commercial espionage, etc. In existing buildings, of course, estimates may not be necessary if the addition of a security system is dictated by an unfortunate history.

Building owners and managers must analyze their needs for a security system and this is often done in conjunction with a security consultant who may or may not be an engineer. He can offer advice based upon interviews with owner/tenant personnel, on-site surveys and experiences of his other clients.

At this point if the consultant is not an engineer, the engineer begins to enter into the consultations with information enabling the parties to balance technology-oriented security against other methods such as increased guard staffing or simply closing off and locking sections of the building at night. His services at this point would consist of surveys of equipment available on the market and development of alternate budget prices. Once a configuration is decided upon the engineer follows through with equipment specifications and contract drawings, evaluation of technical proposals submitted by equipment manufacturers and coordination of the installation of security equipment with overall planning.

Ideally, the owner/tenant should be represented in his relations with the other parties by a single employee who has been assigned overall responsibility for security in the completed building. When necessary, the architect should be prepared to enforce discipline so that this representative, the security consultant and the engineer can proceed in an orderly manner.

When the studies have determined vulnerable building locations and the nature of the threat at each location, suitable detection devices must be selected based on the most easily detected physical phenomenon associated with each threat. Selection is also influenced by intruder time requirements, building construction and ambient conditions such as weather and audible and electrical noise capable of interfering with the detector's operation.

There is a wide variety of detectors on the market and the following list is far from comprehensive. Devices requiring manual activation include fire pull boxes and combined fire, emergency reporting and watchman stations incorporating two-way voice communication capability. Automatically activated devices include heat and smoke detectors, door alarms, perimeter and area intrusion and motion detection alarms and disturbance alarms on selected objects. Closed circuit television usually requires participation by a remote observer.

Finally, it should not be forgotten that one of the best methods of detection is the properly motivated and instructed building employee or tenant alert to suspicious behavior.

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Canadian Building Digests

Harold J. Rosen, PE, FCSI

Descriptions of the many varied areas of building research to be found in the Canadian Building Digests are presented in this article, covering information that is basic and useful to the specifier in the appraisal and selection of materials for construction

The Canadian Building Digests are an excellent source of information related to building technology. These monthly publications are issued by the Division of Building Research, National Research Council of Canada, Ottawa 7. The Division of Building Research is a governmental body somewhat analogous to the National Bureau of Standards.

The publications were begun in January 1960 and each monthly digest is restricted to one aspect of building research. Over 140 digests on various topics have been issued since the series began and copies are available from the Publications Section of the Division of Building Research.

Each digest generally concerns itself with the fundamental considerations of the topic under discussion. It sets forth basic principles, highlighting the areas of concern, pinpointing the problem areas and generally providing the reader with the kind of information that permits him to understand the problem more fundamentally so that he can cope with it more intelligently. The following compilation has been organized on the Uniform System:

Division 2—sitework: The subjects covered include soil types, soil properties, soil permeability, soil compaction, frost action, settlement, swelling and shrinking and soil testing. With this kind of information, the specifier is better able to understand soil mechanics and can prepare specifications for earthwork on a more technical basis. About nine digests are available on the subject of soils and fills.

Division 3—concrete: Under this heading there are several digests devoted to materials and properties of concrete, durability, curing, floor finishes and admixtures. In addition, several articles are devoted to precast concrete wall panels that deal primarily with the design of exterior walls.

Division 4—masonry: On the subject of masonry there are digests covering cavity wall design, efflorescence, rain penetration, insulation, cold weather construction and thermal performance of masonry walls in fires.

Division 5-wood: In this category, digests have been pub-

lished dealing with basic characteristics of wood, wood properties, uses of wood in construction, decay of wood, and the design of wood roofs to prevent decay.

Division 7—moisture protection: In this broad based division, the digests deal with roofing materials and roof design, waterproofing materials and constructions, caulking, sealants and insulation. For roofs, the digests are also concerned with snow loads, suction, ventilation and wind pressures so that these considerations may be taken into account when roof systems are designed. In addition, the problem of water vapor and its control is the subject of several digests that are concerned with condensation, diffusion, air leakage and humidity control.

Division 8—doors and windows: Under this category which includes metal curtain walls and glazing there are numerous digests that cover the design of exterior walls using the rain screen principle or the pressure equalization approach; glazing with reflective type glass; the durability of insulating glass units; glass thicknesses based on wind loads; solar heat gain through glass walls; air leakage through windows; thermal breaks in windows.

Division 9—finishes: Most of the digests under this heading are concerned primarily with paints and special coatings dealing with fundamental properties of these materials and their application.

In addition to an exposition of building materials that may be grouped under the Uniform System, the Canadian Building Digests also discuss a number of subjects that are concerned with other technical areas: acoustics, building codes, fire safety, thermal performance, durability of materials.

Under the heading of acoustics are reports on noise transmission that deal with sound transmission through floor and wall construction in apartment buildings and office buildings; airborne noise and vibration problems in industrial plants; the physical properties of sound.

Under building codes are discussions related to design for fire, flame spread, provisions for the handicapped, snow loads and wind loads.

Under fire safety, the digests deal with compartmentation of buildings, using fire resistive materials to contain fires; smoke shafts to ventilate smoke from buildings; exits and escape routes; fire protection systems to insure fire safe buildings.

Under thermal performance, the digests discuss the design of insulation to regulate heat flow; the provision for water vapor barriers; the control of humidity.

Under durability of materials are several digests that deal with the weathering of materials due to external forces of water, sun, snow and ice; the chemical interaction of materials; the performance of organic building materials; and tests to determine the durability of organic materials used in building construction.

The Canadian Building Digests are informative, well written and documented treatises that provide basic and useful information for the specifier in the appraisal and selection of materials. They provide fundamental knowledge in all areas of building design and construction that offer a better insight into the behavior of materials and systems.

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Talk of the towns

Planned Urban Environments: Sweden, Finland, Israel, The Netherlands, France by Ann Louise Strong. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1971. 406 pp. \$20.

Reviewed by Dan Dimancescu, director of Cities, Inc. and coordinator of a comparative study of Tokyo, New York, London and Moscow.

My first pilgrimage to a "planned urban environment" was a number of years ago when I drove out of Washington, D.C. and found my way via highways and interchanges to Reston, Va. What I found was a pleasant little urban place, clean and optimistic. Yet even then as a neophyte cityphile charged with enthusiasm, the whole project seemed strangely out of context. It only scratched the surface.

But Reston has fueled many imaginations and in more recent years Columbia, Md., is stroking the fires of urban planning enthusiasts who see private enterprise moving ahead to rebuild America's sadly worn urban stock. It is no coincidence that in the wake of Reston and Columbia, the "new town" concept of planned urban development has caught fire nationally. If we can start in open fields, if we can get private enterprise into the act and if government can take the initiative to finance what private investors cannot afford, everyone will gain. This, at least, is part of the rationale that went into the recommendations of the Committee for a National Urban Growth Policy. In 1969, it proposed that America (Congress) move to build 110 new towns-100 with more than 100,000 population each and 10 with at least 1 million people each.

Ambitious, yes. Unsettling, yes. America which has never planned for urban development; America whose cities are decay-

ing as fast as they are growing; America which has never had a national comprehensive urban policy, is being told that it is somehow ready to launch the biggest, most expensive, and most complex social and physical program in the history of the nation. The absence of humility in the recommendations of the Committee is astounding. It should have taken a harder, longer and more perceptive look at the experience of a number of other nations which have for several decades implemented urban strategies. The Committee might also have considered a less ambitious goal in favor of a more modest and perhaps more feasible alternative.

An insight into the experience of other nations and into feasible alternatives which have been implemented, is provided by a new book entitled Planned Urban Environments: Sweden, Finland, Israel, The Netherlands, France. It sells for a costly \$20. Its author, Ann Louise Strong, a lawyer and professor of city planning at the University of Pennsylvania, believes that the climate for national planning is improving in the United States and that one can learn from the experience of a few European countries. "After studying planning in a number of European countries, as well as Israel, my conclusion is that there is a broad range of experience . . . transferable to the United States."

This idea is appealing. To achieve it in this book the author has chosen a descriptive technique. The text, divided into five parts for emphasis on each nation's experience, provides extensive documentation of planning laws, overall post-war programs for development, abundant numerical data (although not always useful for comparative purposes) and ample charts, maps and photographs. But the

pattern of unraveling this mass of information varies with each country. Thus in the case of Finland, Mrs. Strong spends most of her enthusiasm and editoralizing on Tapiola, a privately developed town for 17,000 people which has already received wide publicity throughout the planning world. Tapiola, says the author, "is thought by many to be the most beautiful and most humane" of all new towns. Her analysis of how the idea germinated, evolved, was financed and planned is a sound and purposeful discussion which draws many threads of the process together. The discussion reaches no conclusion, however, of what in the Tapiola experience might be transferable to the United States.

In the case of France, the method of describing the mechanisms for planning varies from the Finnish example. Here Mrs. Strong completes a broad overview of French national planning, economic development and political frustrations. She then moves in for a closer look at a vast planning effort to create two resort complexes, one on the Atlantic coastline in the Languedoc region, the other on the Mediterranean coast between Marseille and Perpignan. The projects, billed as the largest resort complex ever constructed in the world (a point which might be contested by Rumanian and Bulgarian seacoast resort developments along the Black Sea) is a showcase for national government planning. Yet the author's choice of these projects offers little information to American planners of future urban environments and is almost totally out of context with what one might assume to be more appropriate French national priorities.

Earlier in her discussion of France, the author writes that the housing situation [continued on page 112]

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"grew markedly worse between 1954 and 1962, particularly in Paris. There, 52 percent of all households were crowded or extremely crowded in 1962, while the comparable 1954 figure was only 28 percent. Looking at two vast resort projects does not answer a planner's curiosity about French attempts to meet its national housing needs. And what can an American, who sees not one but two Disneyland resorts at home and slums as bad as Parisian bidonvilles, learn from France's experience? Not much. And where something might have been learned, e.g., the industrial decentralization law, the new town projects around Paris such as Cergy-Pontoise or Evry, the failure of the 1965 Master Plan for the Paris region or even the success in getting the Aeroport Paris-Nord underway, the author has little to say.

Descriptive outlines are used in the sections on Israel, The Netherlands and Sweden. Together with the other two country studies, these descriptions are useful as a unique collection of a mass of information on the overview of the planning process in four small nations (Sweden, for example, has a total population equivalent to the sum of people in New York City's five boroughs). Working with this material, Mrs. Strong gives a practical view into the relationship between political institutions, the laws they promulgate and the results they finally implement as a result of these laws. Yet while these are commendable achievements, no attempt is made to analyze the social success of these projects by asking a very simple question: Does it all work for those people who must live in these planned urban environments? And no attempt is made to venture emphatic and persuasive opinions about the merits of what the author has seen and studied in these five countries.

If the author's intent was to provide an American audience with a book which, as she said in her introduction, was to help transfer the experience of a number of European nations to the United States, her text and discussions fall far short of the goal. If, on the other hand, the book is perceived as an attempt to catalog the planning strategies of five nations and to detail

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several ambitious projects in each of these countries such as Tapiola in Finland, the Delta-Yssel land reclamation in The Netherlands, the Languedoc-Rousillon resorts in France, or the Ashdod new port in Israel, then many students and planners of urban environments will find this a useful volume.

Detroit Architecture: AIA Guide. Edited by Katharine Mattingly Meyer. Detroit: Wayne State University Press, 1971. 202 pp. \$2.95.

Another in the series of guidebooks to American cities prepared under the sponsorship of an AIA chapter, 11 geographical walking or driving tours with maps act as a guide to representative historical and contemporary examples of Detroit's architecture. This includes the work of some of the world's most celebrated designers-Albert Kahn and Eliel Saarinen are well represented-as well as that of many talented local architectural firms. The material in the guide was drawn largely from The Buildings of Detroit: A History by V. Hawkins Ferry, who acted as advisor in the selection of recently constructed buildings and who wrote the introduction. [continued on page 114]

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This is a small, paperbound, inexpensive volume and the Detroit chapter has succeeded in organizing an excellent view of its city's buildings, as they exist in the central city and environs. Although the separation of the book into geographical areas makes for convenient sightseeing, something of the remarkable historical development of the city's architecture is lost in this format. Considering that Detroit grew from a fur trading center in the 18th Century, to a lumber, iron and steel center in the 19th and the automobile industry center in the 20th Century-although defined in the introduction-one wishes this might somehow have been communicated in greater depth. However, the book succeeds in being what it set out to be-a guide to a tour of Detroit-good for anyone planning a visit there.

Noise and Vibration Control. Edited by Leo L. Beranek. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1971. 650 pp. \$29.50.

This volume provides guidance for those without special training in acoustics but who are concerned with the "engineering of quiet" into buildings, transportation, products, factories, power plants, air-conditioning systems, and other noise producers. The emphasis is on practical design and regulatory information; formulas, choice of materials and structures, city codes and hearing protection.

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Bureaucrats in Collision: Case Studies in Area Transportation Planning by Melvin R. Levin and Norman A. Abend. Cambridge: The M.I.T. Press, 1971. 295 pp. \$10.

In this book the authors comment upon the problems of planners, engineers and public administrators who were faced with the issues involved in the massive regional transportation studies of the early 1960s. Using the case study approach, the planning experiences of five metropolitan areas are studied—Boston, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Manchester, N. H. and Portland, Me. The book examines the difficulties encountered in meshing federal, state and regional bu-[continued on page 124]



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reaucracies in which most decisions and virtually all accomplishments involve functioning agreements by a network of wary agencies and touchy personalities. Comprehensive planning is shown to be highly sensitive to conflicting agency goals, outmoded practices and clashing interests.

Documents

[The documents listed below are available from the associations and agencies cited. Request for such documents should be directed accordingly.]

Zinc: Its Corrosion Resistance. The Zinc Institute, Inc., 292 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10017. 200 pp. \$2.

This manual describes and evaluates the various types of zinc coatings and products available commercially in relation to their corrosion resistance. It is divided into four sections, each concerned with major applications for the corrosion protection by zinc: in the atmosphere, in aqueous, underground and chemical environments. The chapter on atmospheric exposure covers the influence of relative humidity, rainfall, industrial and marine pollutants and other atmospheric variables.

Reliable Standby Power and Emergency Lighting. Monograph 17, National Electrical Contractors Association, 1730 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. On request.

This guideline to the design of standby power and emergency lighting systems offered by the Electrical Design Library series published by NECA, gives particular attention to upgrading power reliability in existing buildings, not only to meet code requirements, but to provide sufficient energy for essential requirements under today's conditions.

Management Contracts: A five-chapter guide to project management. LCN Closers of Canada Ltd., Box 100, Port

Credit, Ontario. 16 pp. \$1.

A comprehensive guide to project management that comprises five articles originally published separately and includes "What managed contracts really mean to architects," "What qualifications does a management contractor need? "Ways in which to organize total project management," "Putting the focus on overriding principles," and "A warning: the construction industry will need to change." William Walsh Junior High School, Framingham, Mass. Edward J. Tedesco Associates, Inc., Architects

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Jere Hamilton has become general manager of Heckman-Hamilton, Inc., Denver, Colo.

Charles W. Stanton AIA, has been appointed senior vice president of Welton Becket and Associates, New York City.

George E. Godwin and Joseph M. Harris have been made associates of Odell Associates, Inc. of Charlotte and Greensboro, N.C.

Charles F. Jacobs AIA, has joined Robert Charles Associates, Inc., Boston, Mass., as vice president.

Allen D. Moses has succeeded Stephen Richardson as senior partner and director of The Richardson Associates, Seattle, Wash. Mr. Richardson will continue as consultant and serve on special assignments.

Charles D. Morrissey has been made executive vice president of Madigan-Praeger, Inc., New York City. Frank Muller has been appointed a vice president.

Motilal P. Patel, PE, has been made an associate of Carcaterra and Associates, Consulting Engineers, Silver Spring, Md.

Ireneus Harasymiak has been elected vice president—environmental design of Omniform Incorporated, Hartford, Conn.

Richard B. Russell has been named vice president of Environmental Design Group/Planning, Inc., Orlando, Fla. T.W. Storage has been made head of the parks and recreational planning department.

Morton Gerard has been appointed an executive vice president of Environmental Research & Development, Inc., New York City.

Perry Gujral has been named chief mechanical and electrical engineer for the Portland, Ore. office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

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Colburn, Sheldon, Kaji, architects, 123 NW Second Ave., New York.

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Melander and Melander, Architects, 800 Lonsdale-Alworth Building, Duluth, Minn.

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