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Progressive Architecture: Editorial

To better days

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Goodbye, without regrets, to 1975. This has been the year of the bottoming-out. The economic indicators now point upward, and any reversal in a big election year would be unthinkable, if not impossible.

Construction is expected to make moderate gains in 1976, in line with the economy as a whole. But it will not be *leading* the economy, as it traditionally has been during periods of recovery, because of several restraints: the tight mortgage market, the disastrous bond market, the tightening of government budgets at all levels, and the cautious acceptance of this recovery in the business community. Can the economy recover fully without the usual spurt in construction (or, for that matter, without the usual spurt in automobile production)? If not, we may just have to settle for something less.

Under this administration, at least, we can hardly expect much stimulation of construction. Inflation is still viewed as too serious a threat—justifiably so, notwithstanding those jokes about WIN buttons—which by some curious process could lead us back into recession. Besides, this administration remains fundamentally opposed to subsidized housing or other socially oriented construction programs and is unlikely to spend heavily on activities such as defense or space research, which have generated much construction in years past.

Those involved in the construction process have always been peculiarly vulnerable to boom and bust cycles, but in the past those early, abrupt declines have been offset by early, strong rebounds. There was enough overlap at the bottom of the valley to cushion the impact on all sectors of the industry.

In the face of the current severe, prolonged construction slump, fundamental questions have surfaced. To what extent can this one industry be used—or abused—as a shock absorber for economic cycles? At a recent conference at Harvard, a panelist on housing policy defended government manipulation of this "easily controlled" segment of the economy—easily controlled because so susceptible to both direct government expenditures and indirect control by way of money markets. At Harvard, it was Ray Nasher, formerly a prosperous and adventurous developer from Dallas, who rose among a room full of architects to challenge this traditional assumption. How is it possible, he asked, to develop effective management or stable organizations in an industry subject to such extreme cycles of expansion and contraction? He was referring to developers and contractors, but the same instability lies behind the extravagant wage demands and discouraging productivity of construction labor, the unsteady management and undercapitalization of architectural firms, the minimal investment in architectural research and industrialization. We may not be able to calculate the cost to society, but we know it would be measured in dollars per square foot.

The same issues came up, repeatedly, at the annual Building Product Executives conference held recently in Washington under the auspices of McGraw-Hill Information Systems. "For valid economic as well as social reasons," said W.F. Newton, vice president of PPG Industries, "we are going to have to find ways to smooth out the peaks and valleys of construction in the United States."

One device for stabilizing the construction climate may be the newly formed National Construction Industry Council comprising representatives from among contractors, architects, and engineers. Speaking before the annual conference of the Producers' Council, AIA President Chick Marshall and Engineering News-Record Editor Art Fox (both of whom had a hand in the formation of NCIC) expressed some hope that this council could eventually give the various participants in the construction process—representing 13 percent of our gross national product—the unified voice they would need nationally to effect any change. If construction labor and mortgage financing interests can be persuaded to join this chorus, some stability in the construction industry may turn out to be an attainable national goal.

John Maris Difa

Letters from readers

Views

The Red Wall

Whether your article "The road to Xanadu and beyond" by Geoffrey Broadbent (P/A, Sept. 1975, p. 68) is done "tongue in cheek" or not, for my interpretation at least I would hope that it is. There is no question that there are elements of the Taller's architecture that are quite exciting, especially in the early work. However a great distinction should be made here. The Red Wall (La Muralla Roja) is such a horrendous phase of their work that I can only believe your magazine has put it on the cover as a kind of architectural joke.

It seems to me that the distinction should be made between that architecture which is designed for dense urban places where everything is man-made and nature is an outsider, and that which is located on a magnificent natural site such as La Muralla Roja's location seems to be. This is the kind of disfigurement that if practiced by many architects would bring the entire conservation movement down on our collective heads.

At this point, I am not even concerned with the question of whether it is "interesting, exciting, or imaginative." That is not the point. Your magazine featured several issues back the house designed by Richard Meier overlooking Lake Michigan... an imaginative and interesting house, yet also boastful regarding the landscape as a stage for the architect's show. These projects enveloped in nature's framework seem to say "LOOK AT ME" much like a child making a drawing and yearning for attention.

If there are enough architects, be they talented or not, who insist on showing people for miles around their acrobatical genius, then our natural environment will simply become a foreground for every architect's masterpiece—be it on cliff, hill, or mountaintop. Imagine La Muralla Roja mounted high over Yosemite or on the Grand Canyon or simply on the shore of a beautiful Maine or California coast. It would certainly make a spectacular cover for your magazine, but I truly wonder what our children would think of us as responsible protectors of our environment in years to come.

Peter Samton, FAIA Partner / Design Director Gruzen & Partners New York, N.Y.

[The debate over whether a well-designed ob-

ject enhances its setting must go back through many landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge, the Eiffel Tower, and ultimately even to the pyramids.—Editors]

Minneapolis dissent

The thematic nature of P/A's October issue seems to have caused it to suspend critical judgment in favor of reportage in the case of at least two of the projects featured therein:

As commendable as the recycling efforts, especially the vision of the developer, at Butler Square in Minneapolis may be in all other respects, it should be noted that the brick spandrels were not merely lowered, as was reported by P/A, but have disappeared completely behind continuous, shimmering slits of reflective glass which dematerialize and, in effect, destroy the monolithic and impressively clifflike fabric of the original façade.

A more serious offense to this reader, however, is the incredibly simplistic reasoning cited by the architect for the absurd orientation of the Native American Center of Minneapolis, which the author cheerfully accepts, and which in fact underlies both the symbolic and urbanistic failure of the building as well as the functional shortcomings which P/A cited.

Unless the architect was deliberately seeking to dramatize the historic plight of the American Indian, the orientation, and even the very formalism of the building, are all wrong. Implicit in the architect's own statement is the admission that the building turns its back, not only on the decaying commercial strip but on the Indian as well, in order to embrace the values of white bourgeois culture. Except for those Indians living in a rather dismal housing project a few blocks to the southeast of the center, much of the Indian community does indeed approach the building from the west where it is confronted by a rather forbidding concrete and (again) reflective glass wall followed by an architectural obstacle course around an unfriendly corner that would be difficult to negotiate even in clement weather (until a recent sign was posted forbidding entry via the "side" door convenient to the parking lot, the "front" door has rarely been used since the week of the grand opening).

What a vital focus this Native American Center could have been, not only for the aspirations of the urban Indian community it was intended to serve, but for the potentialities of the commercial strip serving that community as well, if only it had opened its arms to them, in a great civic gesture, instead of damming up what was already a stagnant back water of urban street space and along with it a whole lot of neurotic notions about the importance of "architecture as artifact."

David Gustafson, Architect Minneapolis, Minn.

[Despite our disagreement with Mr. Gustafson's interpretation of the center's formal qualities, we feel his point about the orientation of the building to the main thoroughfare is very well taken. However, the architect's own rationale for the orientation reflects the true dilemma here which has to do with image and communication. The center, seen from the expressway, will communicate to the public at large the nature of its symbolic function for the Indian community (pride, rebirth, etc.). If it had been oriented in the other direction down the main street, it would have communicated on a more private level its function to the Indian community (center for community life, spirit, self-pride). With such a difficult site, which was not the first choice of the Indians by any means, the quandary was obviously complicated. The architects decided to make a statement to the larger public, considering the prejudices and stereotypes in our society. How much this impedes the Indian community's awareness of the place should become more apparent with time. But so far it appears *not* to have deterred its active use.—Editors]

Metric adjustments

Robert Williams's remarks on the Metric System were most appropriate (P/A, Sept. 1975, p. 84); I would like to add a comment on the specific issue of ceiling heights.

Our present "standard" ceiling height of 8 ft evolved from a standard dimension for materials. As Americans become taller, it is increasingly apparent that this standard is obsolete and oppressive. We should be concerned, therefore, that when the United States adopts the Metric System, we adopt a standard dimension for materials which will allow a humane ceiling height. The 2200mm (7'-3") and 2300mm (7'-7") which have been published in some British public housing standards are obviously inadequate. 2500mm, or 2.5 meters, is both a convenient metric increment and a + 2-inch improvement on the current 8 feet; this figure might be a good starting point for discussion.

I hope that architects will interest themselves in this issue during the preparations for metric conversion, as it will seriously affect the quality of housing in which many Americans will live during the next century.

Joseph Buch Eugene, Ore.

The subject of the article by Robert Williams in the September P/A is indeed timely. The publication date, however, was untimely.

I am sure you know that the U.S. House of Representatives passed a Metric Bill on September 5 with a vote of 300 for, as described in the September 19 issue of *Metric Reporter*. As a result of testimony for AIA before the House Sub-Committee on Science, Research, and Technology, the final Bill was amended to include a representative from the construction industry on the President's Advisory Board.

The Metric Reporter is published by the American National Metric Council (ANMC). The ANMC was established by ANSI, and is a nonprofit organization established to develop an orderly plan for metric conversion for all sectors of the U.S. economy. It comprises five Coordinating Committees.

As a member of the American Institute of Architects, I am their representative to the Construction Industries Coordinating Committee. All sectors of our industry are represented—standards and codes, labor, real estate, owners, building product manufacturers, and designers. As convener of the Design Sector, I have asked that the CSI be one of the organizations invited to participate in the work of this Sector.

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MOMA Beaux-Arts exhibition a must

There are some who wish the Beaux-Arts exhibit on view through Jan. 4 at the Museum of Modern Art, New York, would stimulate a new direction in design. Certainly, as has already been stated in a number of ways, the show is ironic because of its presence in the museum which, even more so than with art, is identified with the modern movement, the Bauhaus and the International Style, which overthrew Beaux-Arts traditions 40 years ago.

Others view the possible, though improbable, directional change the show may effect as a threat, carrying on as if the modernists have had to recant. The recent Beaux-Arts exhibition in Atlanta from the Paris Prize competition (P/A June 1975 p. 22) shows that the Beaux-Arts are moving in.

For most people, the show was received as it was intended: a reexamination of our "architectural pieties," to quote Arthur Drexler, director of the museum's department of architecture and design, who organized the show.

As he pointed out in the introduction to a relatively thin, 40-page catalogue—and as he surely will elaborate upon in a forthcoming book—there was much about Beaux-Arts which was misunderstood by the function-oriented moderns: the ''eclectic use of historic styles'' by the Beaux-Arts group, for example, and the relationship of the elevation and section to plan (a favorite Beaux-Arts exercise).

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Bridge (above) over railway, 1852, by Emile Vaudremer. Parthenon (left) reconstruction, 1881, by Edouard Loviot.

our architectural pieties," he said.

He did not comment on what is the most striking element of the show: the exquisite beauty of the drawings as works of art of incredible detail, delicate washes, seemingly flawless draftsmanship. How these sumptuous works will affect the vision of young designers whose eyes never have been exposed to such opulence is difficult to estimate. At least evident for some time has been a longing for orna-



Villard Houses flanked by proposed Palace Hotel. New scheme saves Gold Room and dining room. Indicated are portions to be demolished: the porch and interiors of 24 E. 51 St., interiors of 453 and 455 Madison Ave., and the corner tower.

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ment, richness, and fantasy which the modern movement has categorically denied. Ada Louise Huxtable of *The New York Times* said the exhibition "is obviously about to break a taboo" by making the Paris academy respectable once more; and the show's greatest impact, she feels, will be in causing designers to think through again the role of utility and sociology. Her colleague Paul Goldberger wrote in the *Times* that the Beaux-Arts period is better studied rather than romanticized "as the golden time that holds the answer to all of our design problems."

It is significant that the exhibit, composed of about 200 works, is installed on the first floor in space reserved for major special shows at the museum instead of on one of the upper floors in the usual exhibition rooms for architectural subjects. This at a time when several other museums, notably the Whitney, are turning away architectural exhibitions for want of funds.

Although most of the projects were grandiose, some reflected the increasing importance of technology—cabs for elevators and even two elegant designs for utility poles. One bizarre drawing combined frontier, industry, and Beaux-Arts into one scheme: a factory in Alaska. The long, linear structure was formal and symmetrical—and built log-cabin style. Was this the radical designer of his day?

The drawings were framed in thin black strips and hung on walls painted deep muted hues, like plum, to accent the delicacy of the works' detail. Even a student's drawing notebook, the size of a desk top, was displayed, open, in a clear plastic case on the wall. It's understandable why the students had to carry them *en charrette* (in a cart) to school for the competitive examination.

New plan to save Villard's Gold Room

As a result of an outcry protesting the destruction of the famed Gold Room and other sumptuous interiors in New York's 19th-Century Villard Houses to make way for a high-rise hotel, office, and apartment tower (P/A Aug. 1975 p. 27), another plan has been proposed which would save the Gold Room, turning it into a cocktail lounge to serve the hotel.

This, said architect Richard Roth Jr. of Emery Roth & Sons, New York, is the 15th or 16th design of the project, which from the start intended to save some, if not all, of the Villard Houses, which were designed in the 1880s by McKim, Mead & White. The alternative, which he said would be "hassle-free." would be to completely remove the houses and build to the legal height of 81 stories. "The Landmarks commission has no jurisdiction over a charitable organization," he remarked. The Villard Houses-six altogether-are owned by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York. Developer Helmsley-Spear Inc. has a long-term lease on the property on which it proposes to erect a luxury hotel, together with apartments and offices incorporating the Villard Houses as part of the grand entrance on Madison Avenue.

Along with the Gold Room changes, the developer also has added five floors to the tower bringing the total now to 57 stories. At the same time, office floors were reduced from previous schemes giving 10½ more to apartments. In addition, Helmsley-Spear has decided to change its route of obtaining approval from the Board of Standards and Appeals to the Planning Commission, where it plans to ask for a special permit to build. This is seen by preservationists as not particularly threatening. Working with the Landmarks Conservancy on the new set of plans, the architect proposed the cocktail lounge transformation for the Gold Room while the adjacent dining room of the mansion would be turned into a bar lounge. Part of the adaptation would involve making an entrance in the wood panels of the Gold Room.

Still, up to 25 ft of the rear of the Villard Houses will be removed to make way for the tower, as will the entire interior of two of the center houses, to accommodate the hotel.

In particular, the New York Landmarks Conservancy, which has led the preservation movement, is now concerned about the 24 E. 51 St. house, the only one presently occupied and the only one with a series of interior spaces of residential scale. The developer plans to renovate these floors to make modern meeting rooms with movable partitions but the Conservancy is proposing they be preserved intact to accommodate gatherings. The rooms are up to 23 ft square with wood paneling and 16-ft ceilings. One has a domed ceiling.

As for other rooms in the Villard Houses, the developers hope the appropriate tenants may be found, such as various missions to the United Nations, for example. Before the latest proposal can go to the Planning Commission it needs a recommendation from the Landsmark Commission, which has given the proposal a hearing but has not yet reached a decision.

Sculpture for federal complex

Sculpture by Louise Nevelson of New York and David Von Schlegell, director of sculpture studies at Yale University, and a wall mural by Philadelphia artist Charles Searles have been commissioned for the recently completed William J. Green Federal Building and James A. Byrne Courthouse in Philadelphia. The buildings are a joint venture of Bartley Long Mirenda & Reynolds, J. Roy Carroll & Partners, and Bellante Clauss Miller & Nolan.

The Nevelson white-painted wood sculpture entitled "Bicentennial Dawn" will consist of three segments installed in the courthouse lobby. The work will respond to changing light from early



Sculpture model, "Bicentennial Dawn," center section, by Louise Nevelson



Study model of Nevelson work for federal courthouse.

dawn to late afternoon and, according to the artist, was designed as a "contemplative experience in search of awareness that already exists in the human mind."

Von Schlegell's piece of stainless steel is for the pool in the plaza. Searles' mural will be located in the lobby of the Federal Building.

The General Services Administration commissioned the works as part of the federal fine arts program calling for a portion of the cost (one-half of one percent) of any federal structure to be allocated for art. The Nevelson and Von Schlegell commissions were \$175,000 each; and Searles', \$30,000.

Stock Exchange rival faces foreclosure

The 43-story office tower which replaced Louis Sullivan's Stock Exchange Building in Chicago after a desperate fight to save the Exchange is less than 50 percent occupied and is in foreclosure litigation. The structure also is boarded around the sidewalk to protect passersby from falling glass; causes for the glass failure have not been determined.

Originally the structure was named

the Heller Building after its major tenant, the Walter E. Heller International Corp., which never moved in, breaking a lease that even provided two years free rent. Now the tower is known simply as the 30 N. LaSalle Building.

The Prudential Life Insurance Company has opened foreclosure proceedings on its \$41.3 million Ioan, and Advance Mortgage Corp. is foreclosing on a \$5 million second mortgage. The nine development partners including a former state senator, lawyers, financiers, and real estate executives, and the Tishman Realty & Construction Co. which jointly own the building could not meet the monthly payments of more than \$400,000.

An attorney for the nine partners said that the two-year struggle to save the old Stock Exchange delayed the project so that the new building "lost the market" and was ready for occupancy when office rentals were low throughout the nation.

Preservationists failed to win the battle to save the Stock Exchange in face of arguments that the exchange no longer was economically viable. The Commission on Chicago Historical and Architectural Landmarks twice recommended designation of the Stock Exchange as a landmark, noting



30 N. LaSalle Building on old Stock Exchange site in foreclosure proceedings.

Richard Nickel



Chicago Stock Exchange, 1894 to 1971, by Louis Sullivan.

that it was economically viable and fully rented, but the Chicago City Council did not act on the recommendations. The Stock Exchange, built in 1894, was torn down the summer of 1971. Architectural photographer Richard Nickel was killed on the site while documenting the demolition.

California architects oppose energy rules

The California Council, American Institute of Architects, has asked a state commission to reject proposed energy conservation standards because they are "proscriptive" and "a waste of time and money." In a 23-page report submitted to the State Commission on Energy Resources and Development, the Council outlined its objectives to **News** report



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Residence by Irving Phillips and Robert Peterson.

the proposed regulations and recommended that flexible rules based on performance standards be adopted.

Referring to the commission's draft, Council president Ward Deems of San Diego said, "This monster they've created is indeed defying the Act (California Senate Bill 144), which calls for performance standards."

In response to objections, the Energy Commission has decided to further study the proposed conservation standards. Deems said the proscriptive rules involve highly technical formulas which do not acknowledge energy-saving technology or methods other than the ones specified in the standards. Performance standards, however, could determine a building's energy-saving capability over a year's time—not just peak periods—would be flexible, easy to update, and readily enforceable.

California is one of the first states to propose in-depth energy legislation; seven others have followed; 19 states are considering standards; and Congress is considering bills from each of its houses on energy conservation. The Senate bill (S-594) is proscriptive, but the House bill (HR-2650) is good and has AIA support.

Texas Society gives nine design awards

The annual Design Awards program of the Texas Society of Architects received an unprecedented number of over 200 submissions. From this total the jury, which included architects Gunnar Birkerts and Richard Meier, selected nine equal winners.

Three of the nine awards were previously features in P/A: Fodrea Elementary School, Columbus, Ind. by Caudill Rowlett Scott (P/A May, 1974 p. 84), the Peaceable Kingdom Barn, near Washington-on-the-Brazos, by Architects Incahoots & Associates (P/A Sept., 1974 p. 24), and the KPRC TV and Radio Station, Houston by S. I. Morris Associates (formerly Wilson, Morris, Crain & Anderson) (P/A March, 1975, p. 30).

Other selections were: First Professional Bank, Houston, by S. I. Morris Associates; First International Building, Dallas, by Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum and Harwood K. Smith & Partners (associate architects); Irwin Union Bank and Trust Company branch bank, Columbus, Ind. by Caudill Rowlett Scott (A. Dean Taylor, associate architect); Brochstein Residence, Houston, by Brochstein, Todd & Cannady (associated architects); McCormick Residence, near Navasota by The Firm of W. Irving Phillips & Robert Peterson; and Moncrief Park, Harris County, by Alexander/Murray associates.

Bicentennial striper: parking lot patriotism

A machine that paints a 6-inch-wide stripe of red, white, and blue is available from the Fox Valley Marking Systems, Inc., of Bartlett, III. The paint comes in aerosol cans which snap onto the painting device for application on parking lots and roads. The paint was developed to last all year in all kinds of weather conditions.

Wainwright stolen windows recovered

Fifteen stained glass windows stolen from Louis Sullivan's Wainwright Building in St. Louis (P/A, Sept. 1975 p. 32) have been recovered a few miles south of the city by county police. An unidentified person who said he bought the windows for \$3200 "in good faith" returned them to the police. The Missouri legislature has not appropriated funds for new construction on the Wainwright site, where the competition-winning scheme of Mitchell/ Giurgola Associates and Hastings & Chivetta incorporates the Wainwright with new state office structures, but work on Sullivan's building is going ahead as scheduled.

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Architects inspect D.C. riot sites

A group of 45 architects learned recently on an inspection tour of Washington, D.C., that little has been built on the sites destroyed by the rioting that followed Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination seven years ago. So much the better for those architects, however, who were there to see the "opportunities" available. The tour was part of the day-long "Inner City Opportunities Conference" co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architects and the National Organization of Minority Architects.

The bus excursion began at the 14th Street Urban Renewal Area and wound its way through three other renewal districts before ending with a visit to the new-town-in-town of Fort Lincoln on the northeast side. While little development has occurred in the riot areas other than scattered infill housing projects of about 50 units each, many by the black firm of Bryant & Bryant Architects of Washington, the Southwest Renewal Area near the Capitol has undergone virtually total clearance and rebuilding, but the effect has been disappointing. The sense of urban space has been destroyed by too many open spaces set against wide boulevards. The shopping center for this area has been a failure, and the low-income housing, built almost as an afterthought, looks out of place next to the upper-income townhouses.

Tour guide Robert Nash of Robert Nash & Associates and the first black architect to be a vice-president of the AIA, said that the 14th Street area before the 1968 riot was the second highest revenue-producing neighborhood but in the intervening years economic activity has dropped and the only major project developed has been a health center.

In the Shaw School Urban Renewal Area just south of the 14th Street corridor the once-popular Kennedy Playground financed privately is now desolate. Visible throughout this and the other renewal districts are numerous vacant lots cordoned by barriers of wood pilings driven into the ground to prevent parking and dumping.

Little effort has been made to save

old buildings, said Nash, and a number of the old structures torn down belonged to well-known blacks. Much of the existing housing is blocks of turnof-the-century walkup apartment and townhouses of pleasing scale and ornamentation facing tree-lined streets. These structures need maintenance and repair or else they surely will face the wrecking ball when the money situation loosens.

It was just this kind of housing that was demolished in the early 1960s in the Southwest Renewal Area, which blacks view as the epitome of "Negro removal" and which Nash calls "an economic flop."

Throughout the tour new projects by blacks were pointed out: the Dunbar High School by Bryant & Bryant Architects; a mixed-use project of housing placed on top of a supermarket by Nash's firm and Madison & Madison Associates; a school by Fry & Welch in Fort Lincoln; and a hotel which is under construction by Sulton & Campbell Architects.

In the area of Howard University, a leading university for blacks, a number of major projects are underway, but by white firms: among them a hospital by Smith, Hinchman & Grylls Associates of Detroit, and a growth plan developed by Perkins & Will's Washington office. Some black firms are doing smaller projects at Howard, but the large contracts reportedly go to big firms, which are white, because the contracts are General Services Administration-controlled, and Howard is a federally funded institution. Blacks, said Nash, are seeking and finding ways to increase their participation in federal projects. Meanwhile, the architects who really have been by-passed for "opportunities" in recent years, Nash said, are the local white offices that are edged aside by joint ventures between local blacks and out-of-town white firms.

National Council adopts report

The subject of barrier-free architecture was included in an 11-page report containing numerous resolutions to aid the handicapped adopted this fall by the National Council on the Arts. Designer Charles Eames said the demand today on architects to make buildings more accessible to the handicapped by designing ramps for wheelchairusers, for example—would be invigorating to the profession. Architect Harry Weese was less optimistic, commenting that "some architects have eliminated stairs so completely there will never be stairs again." Eames, nevertheless, insisted that "Any constraint usually adds to the rigor of the discipline of the problem and eventually to the better aesthetic."

The report was prepared by Phyllis Wyeth and Virginia Cassiano in response to a resolution adopted unanimously by the Council in 1973 identifying the arts as "a right not a privilege." The report discussed the prevailing attitude towards the arts and the handicapped as remedial and recreational and showed how National Endowment funds, which the Council administers, foster segregation of the handicapped from the mainstream of artists. A dance workship, for instance, did not allow hearing performers to be included even though the instructor, choreographer Fanny Yeh, firmly believes in the interaction between hearing and non-hearing dancers.

Among the recommendations of the report was the establishment of a pilot program in architecture and environmental arts to stimulate design solutions for barrier-free architecture. In addition, the Council also makes available a resource paper which includes a list of facilities, such as museums, with arts programs accessible to the handicapped.

Counter-claims filed in John Hancock suit

A second round of suits has been filed in the case of the faulty glazing of Boston's John Hancock tower. I.M. Pei & Partners, New York, has filed suit against Toledo glass manufacturer Libbey-Owens-Ford for fraud and misrepresentation and against two contractors for indemnification. Libbey-Owens-Ford is suing Pei and the two contractors, blaming them for the glazing problems. LOF also has brought suit against John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., charging damage to LOF's reputation as a result of Hancock's claims of LOF negligence and breach of warranty in providing some 10,000 double-glazed units.

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Pei charges that LOF withheld information showing that the seal of its thermopane units was defective, that LOF planned to discontinue use of that particular seal and that the same kind of units had failed in other projects.

An LOF spokesman denied the Pei charges and said the failures were the result of an "error in the architect's windload specifications for the tower and underdesign of the building." The suit against Pei and the contractors, Gilbane Building Company of Providence, R.I., general contractor, and H.H. Robertson Company of Pittsburgh, subcontractor for the curtain wall, "in essence charges the glass problems are the fault of those parties and not LOF," said LOF's counsel.

Both Pei and LOF have asked to have dismissed charges brought in a suit against them and four other companies by John Hancock, whose unoccupied new tower headquarters in Boston was completely re-glazed after numerous windows broke following installation (P/A Oct, 1975 p. 40).

Meanwhile, a spokesman for H.H. Robertson Company replied to Hancock's suit saying no grounds for liability on the part of Robertson are evident—that Robertson, in fact, received the contract to install the new windows "with glass many times stronger than that originally specified" and that it assumed it was included in the Hancock suit "solely on the basis that it (Robertson) purchased and installed the glass described and specified in the contract documents prepared by the architect for the building."

Pei, in answer to Hancock's allegations, said that on all four counts Hancock failed to state a claim upon which relief can be granted. Pei's defense states that at all times Hancock employed an outside consultant to review and approve all design and services and that all services were performed in accordance with the degree of skill and care which then obtained in the architectural profession. Pei further alleged that its contract with Hancock did not require Pei to supervise construction of the tower except for limited on-site services and that its specifications for the curtain wall called for performance standards and did not include a "pressure-equalized system of metal work'

recommended and designed by Robertson. Pei also said the glass units furnished for the specifications had a "latent defect" and did not conform with the contract documents.

Pei further stated that the tower in question was 62 stories-not 60, as cited in Hancock's suit. After the first window failures occurred in the fall of 1972, Pei said a letter was sent in June 1973 to the Boston Building Commissioner reporting test-revealed defects in the seal of the windows and stating that the replacement of the lower floor windows had been ordered. Three months later Pei wrote another letter to the commissioner stating that all units were to be replaced. Henry N. Cobb, Pei partner-in-charge of the tower design, said these letters were kept confidential for two years at the request of the client, John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Public policy/design: separate tables

Harvard's annual Urban Design Conference, held October 9th and 10th in its Graduate School of Design, followed its usual tradition of focusing on a compelling issue of the day for its conference theme. Unfortunately, "Public Policy and the Built Environment" proved to be as amorphous a conference topic as it is an ineffable endeavor in real life.

Although the stated goal of the conference was "to bring together public officials and practicing professionals for an exchange of views on the pressing social issues of housing, land use, and energy efficient design," most panelists and speakers devoted large portions of the time simply to explaining the nature of the public policy in their particular area of concern. This approach is natural (even necessary) to the many who are not familiar with all the government programs and policies. But one longed for intensive debate on the effectiveness, potentials, and pitfalls of such policies between professionals and policy-makers.

A narrower topic (e.g. just federal policy toward housing) might have allowed for explanation, question answering, then intensive debate. However an even more important obstacle was the actual composition of the panels. Most panels (or "workshops")

seemed to have a majority of one or another background point of view. For example, "Washington and the Built Environment" included Walter Meisen, Acting Commissioner of the Public Buildings Service, GSA; Lois Craig, Director of the Federal Architecture Project of the National Endowment for the Arts; and Richard Gray, Chief of the Architectural Branch of the U.S. Department of State, and coordinator of the Department of Architectural Consultants. All presented views, observations, and information pertaining to their roles as public officials. For example, Meisen urged that architectural schools teach architects how to be good clients since about 25 percent of architects now in school will end up as members of a client organization (like Meisen) rather than a design organization. Craig discussed the Design Improvement program, which is trying to get better design professionals hired in federal projects, upgrade graphics of printed matter, publish aspects of federal architecture, and generally promote bureaucrat interest in design. Gray mentioned that the Foreign Buildings Operation had to tailor its plans to the image the U.S. wants to presentfrom monumental in the years just after World War II, to the adventurous in the 1950s and 1960s, to low profile now.

While Robert Campbell, architect (Sert Jackson & Associates) and critic (Boston Globe) represented the "other" side in his role as moderator, additional presence on the panel of adversary points of view might have gotten the presentations turned more towards debate of issues.

The "Housing Policy" and "Housing Design" panels were structured fairly much the same way. In fact, most of the public officials were on one panel, practicing architects on the other. And to clinch the irony, the panels were scheduled at the same time.

The next day, three urban designers and architects either formerly or currently with the New York City Department of City Planning were on the same panel to discuss urban design issues. (Richard Weinstein, Raquel Ramati, Jonathan Barnett.)

Not that anything is wrong with such experienced and sometimes fascinating insights, attitudes, experiences. Nor did the audience appear uninterested: it generally responded with questions, arguments, even polemic.

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But the main problem is that the format means that issues and information are received in fragmentary bits and pieces. The real question about how public policy should be formed with the help of design professionals and lay public, and what should result of course remained undiscussed. Especially among the people who gathered to discuss it. Meanwhile, we go on wondering why public policy and the built environment often seem so incompatible. [SS and JD]

Zoning for sex: hard pill to take

Few urban designers and city planners ever thought they would be inventorying the location of massage parlors, or suggesting ways of designing store fronts for skin flicks. However, as the sex industry has burgeoned, sex has become a planning issue.

Several city planning departments have resorted to zoning proposals as a way of dealing with the problem. Strangely enough among the vanguard are the proper city of Boston and the suburban town of Islip, Long Island. As Boston urban renewal forced some of the sex-industry businesses located in old 19th-Century structures in lower Washington St. (near Chinatown) to move elsewhere, concern mounted. Last year the city passed an Entertainment District amendment which created an "adult entertainment zone" where X-rated films, bookstores, cabarets, and pinball parlors are permitted to flourish in all their flaming lasciviousness. Adult entertainment is distinguished from general entertainment that is customarily open to the public at large and does not exclude any minor by reason of age as a prevailing practice.'

While the police realize that "illegal" activities, i.e., prostitution, could go on there, they feel that a zoned district will make enforcement easier.

The Boston zoning amendment also permits the city design-review powers before a private owner can receive a building permit. To encourage private improvements in the "Combat Zone" as it affectionately is called, the Boston Redevelopment Authority will provide consultation services on design cost



'Porn City''-Times Square, New York, has its woes.

estimates and even working drawings free of charge. The city has also undertaken a program to install parks, new sidewalks, and lighting, and allows moving or intermittently flashing lights on signs that are elsewhere prohibited.

The legality of this kind of zoning is being partially tested elsewhere. The U.S. Supreme Court currently is deciding on a Detroit zoning regulation limiting that city's sex industry activities. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals earlier decided that the ordinance was unconstitutional because these businesses were treated differently from others without just cause.

Meanwhile New York City is worrying about the "Porn City" reputation of Times Square now that the Democratic Convention draws near. Times Square's sex industry makes Boston's two-block-long Combat Zone look like a dress rehearsal for a high school version of The Skin of Our Teeth. Like Boston, though, Times Square has received a natural agglomeration (more like a festering) of sex-related activities through the years. The only problem is that the Broadway theater district was there first. The incompatibility of the two uses is felt by both sides: Complained one massage parlor owner to the Office of Midtown Planning and Design, "Those little old blue-haired ladies who invade this area every Wednesday afternoon are killing my business. Can't you do something?"

While New York is entertaining the idea of an adult entertainment zone, OMPD doubts it can be contained. And where would it be located? OMPD's in-



"Combat Zone" signage from Boston's code book

ventory of massage parlors, peep shows, and bookstore locations shows that the sex "zone" is highly fluid: right now much of it has moved to the East Side along Lexington and Third Avenues.

Instead, the city has resorted to a zoning proposal that soon will go before the City Planning Commission and from there before the Board of Estimate. The proposal seeks to limit the sex industry by classifying massage parlors, "rap" parlors; "sensitivity training" centers, and other euphemistic terms for storefront bordellos as "physical culture and health establishments" that will have to meet the standards of sports institutions, or be located in a community center or 200room hotel. All of which the city hopes would require a tremendously discouraging investment of money.

The city would also like to pass a one-year moratorium on opening new physical culture establishments. But according to *The New York Times*, legal challenges could still pop up, particularly on the First Amendment question relating to "rap" parlors.

And of course despite the constitutionality of this law, New York lacks the manpower to enforce it. It's a worthwhile effort, but New York probably will not solve the problem of sex industry until it devises a more comprehensive sex ordinance. This may mean an adult entertainment zone. even though the situation obviously is more complex than it is in Boston or Islip if only because of the extent and concentration of the sex industry there. But city planners have been able to come up with ingenious "special district" plans before-for activities they want to encourage. Appearing to endorse sex by a special district is too risqué a suggestion for some. [SS]



Ordinance gives bonus for plaza benches.

New zoning improves plaza amenities

New York City has recently passed an amendment for its plaza bonus created by the 1961 zoning ordinance that should put back the "amenity" into this amenity. When the ordinance was initially passed giving owners of new buildings extra floor area for including a plaza, few foresaw the numbers of treeless, benchless, shadowy and lifeless plazas that would abound in the next decade. Now the city's Urban Design Group, headed by architect Raquel Ramati has devised zoning regulations that will require such improvements in commercial areas in midtown and lower Manhattan. In order for the developer to receive the bonus of 10 sq ft of floor area in the new building for each square foot of open space, he now must follow the new open space requirements.

The plaza requirements are quite specific for the three kinds of open

spaces discussed—open air concourse, sidewalk widening, and urban plaza. Regulations for each kind of space designate certain dimensions, permit obstructions (e.g. kiosks and cafes) prescribe location, shape, types of circulation, and mandatory conditions regarding seating, minimum lighting, planting. Even kiosks have restrictions on height, area and materials, and plazas must meet certain sun exposure requirements depending on location.

Another interesting feature of this legislation, approved by the Board of Estimate last May, is that the owner of the commercial building must put up a performance bond before he receives a certificate of occupancy. This will ensure mandatory tree planting, movable seating, and litter-free maintenance including tree replacements. [SS]

Factory-built homes still top attraction

Last year's International Building Exposition (INBEX) became this year's National Building Show. Following the relatively poor attendance in 1974, sponsors this year expanded the theme and changed the name and format to attract exhibitors and attendees—with considerable success. Held in Chicago in late October, the show included 160 display booths and was attended by 12,400 visitors.

The sponsors, including the National Association of Building Manufacturers and National Apartment Association, focused on broader topics than just industrialized building, which has become unfashionable. These areas included energy, which is fashionable; restoration, a necessity; export, which has become lucrative; and marketing and finance, always discussable.

Yet the several sessions on industrialized housing still were the major attraction for most conference-goers. The session "Industrialized Housing: Dead or Alive?" could not produce one speaker who believed it was dead. Panelists were Harold Bell, Columbia University; Gordon Bagby, University of Illinois; architect Steven Winter; manufacturer Lawrence Haiman; and Shep Robinson, moderator.

Figures show that 4000 companies operating 7000 plants produced by some industrial process 72 percent of all housing in the United States in



Factory-built units destined for military housing

1974. Moreover, foreign buyers in the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America are clamoring for U.S. industrialized techniques to build large volumes of housing. Industrialized housing was found to be alive and, if the world's housing needs are to be met, it will continue to be so.

In another session, "Small Building Manufacturers Make Big Money," it was shown how profitable a small (less than \$10 million in sales) producer of homes can become. The advice: build good quality products; hire well-paid, clean-living salesmen; and avoid "high tech" equipment and Harvard types.

"Operation Breakthrough" came and went, but its challenge left the nation's manufactured housing industry still the winner. The real industrialized housing producer typically is the small manufacturer operating in Pennsylvania or Indiana.

He builds wood-framed modular or panelized units and produces about 500 single-family homes a year, all of them similar in appearance, basic in layout, and identical in production technique. His product generally is quite banal, but is high in quality responsive to consumer needs, and moderate in cost. This builder doesn't seek publicity, rarely appears in glossy magazines, and never crosses paths with architects. He is unknown to Wall Street, big cities, or schools of architecture, but he produces almost threefourths of all housing in the United States. [Steven Winter] Mr. Winter, an architect, specializes in systems building.

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Personalities

James Ingo Freed has been appointed dean of the newly formed College of Architecture, Planning, and Design at the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago.

Graeme M. Morland has been named chairman of the Department of Architecture of the University of Southern California's School of Architecture and Fine Arts, Los Angeles.

Chartier Newton has been appointed visiting associate professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin. Michael Benedikt, Alan Black, Larry Doll, Lawrence Speck and Ivan Zaknic have been named assistant professors.

James E. Westphall has been named assistant vice chancellor, physical planning and development of the California State University and Colleges, Los Angeles.

George J. Mann has been named associate professor of architecture and planning, and director of the Health Services Planning & Design Program at the Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture and Planning, New York City.

Calendar

Through Jan. 4. "The Architecture of the Ecole des Beaux-Arts" exhibit, The Museum of Modern Art, New York. Through Jan. 4. Environment '76, the Denver Art Museum. An exhibit, organized by the American Institute of Architects, of suggestions from the public for improving Colorado's environment. The best ideas will be implemented with the help of the AIA. Through Jan. 18. "Nel-

son/Eames/Girard/Propst: the Design Process at Herman Miller'' exhibit, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis. Dec. 31. Deadline for entries to the Plywood Design Awards Program, cosponsored by the American Plywood Association and *Professional Builder*. Jan. 5–16. Second annual Building Construction Institute, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Jan. 11–Feb. 22. "Naives and Visionaries" exhibit, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, Mass.

Jan. 18–22. The National Association of Home Builders annual convention and exposition, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Tex.

Jan. 24–28. Two solar heating and cooling workshops and a product exhibit, sponsored by the Solar Energy Industries Association, Hyatt House Hotel Los Angeles Airport.

Jan. 29–30. Fourth national architecture/engineering federal programs conference, sponsored by the Committee on Federal Procurement of A/E Services, San Francisco.

Feb. 3–6. Thirty-first annual conference of the Reinforced Plastics/ Composites Institute, Shoreham/ Americana Hotel, Washington, D.C. Feb. 27–Mar. 27. "Form, Space and Symbol in Chicago Architecture" show, Cooper Union, New York City. The exhibit is organized by Stanley Tigerman, Benjamin Weese, and Stuart Cohen with Laurence Booth as advisor, and is supported in part by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.





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News report

In progress





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1 Brooklyn school—Construction is underway on a 1500-student open plan elementary school in Brooklyn, N.Y., built on a site in conjunction with a 450-unit apartment building. Facilities such as a tiered theater and lunchroom also will serve the community. Classrooms are arranged in individual complexes with its own office, toilets, and outdoor play deck area at the mezzanine level. Students enter from the outdoors on ramps to protect them from street traffic. The architect is Perkins & Will, New York.

2 Synagogue for Montgomery County—Cohen and Haft, Holtz Kerxton Karabekir & Associates of Silver Spring, Md., are architects for a synagogue complex for the Congregation B'nai Israel in Montgomery County, Va. The 600-seat sanctuary is linked to a social hall by two skylit atriums at the entries. Traditional seating is used in the main sanctuary. The social hall includes a 200-seat chapel, youth lounge, and offices. The vaulted ceiling of the sanctuary rises above a band of stained glass and is supported by four columns 70 ft on center. Beige brick is the building material topped by a roof of dark red-brown aluminum. The \$2.5 million building will be ready for occupancy in July.

3 Texas Parks and Wildlife building—The Houston firm of Wyatt C. Hendrick, Architects and Engineers, is the designer of a \$6.3 million office building for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The two-level structure is under construction seven miles southeast of Austin.

4 Open plan high school—A \$9 million open plan school, Parkway South Campus, grades 10 through 12, will be ready for occupancy this summer in southwest St. Louis County, Missouri. The architect is Saur/Obrock Design Associates of St. Louis which took what it feels are the best features of open planning, such as having semidefined teaching corners, and applied them to the three-level structure. The ground, or terrace level has fixed spaces—a community-shared gymnasium, theater, and a mall. Flexibility of the upper levels is achieved by fixing only stair points and allowing the connecting passages to vary. Board-formed concrete is used throughout the project.



5 Towering neighbor for Faneuil Hall—A 40story office tower in Boston's business district is under construction next to historic Faneuil Hall. Architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Chicago, designed the structure for Cabot, Cabot & Forbes of Boston. Some changes in the original design and height were made to harmonize the building with surrounding historic structures. Also to be considered were the monumental, modern aesthetics of the nearby Government Center. The tower will be separated from Faneuil Hall by a brick plaza which will be connected by a pedestrian bridge across the street to the City Hall plaza. Completion will be in late 1977.

6 Opry-motel complex in Illinois—Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring for a 4000seat country music hall combined with a 150unit motel with conventional facilities. Architect for the project is the Sarti-Huff Partnership of Springfield, which has designed a four-level glass-enclosed lobby in the hall to take advantage of the views of the 32-acre sloping site, which is one mile south of New Salem State Park. The owner is Gilbert Productions, the Illinois Country Opry Inc. The auditorium will be equipped for radio and television broadcasts and recordings. It also will accommodate a variety of family entertainment including musicals.

7 Piper's Alley, Chicago—For some time the center of activity for Chicago's Old Town has been Piper's alley, a winding off-the-street arcade of boutiques. Now construction is in progress to expand the concept, and architect Stanley Tigerman & Associates, Chicago, has given the three-story project a linear form that embraces a major grocery chain at one end and a major drug chain at the other. The new, 750-ft structure is connected to the existing buildings via a two-level glazed bridge. The brick structure with arched windows may be infilled with a "permanent graffiti system" of panels depicting seasonal and holiday changes such as Christmas. The phased project will be completed in a year.



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Microcosms of urbanity

Three mixed-use structures in two major cities focus on architectural and urbanistic issues relating to specific contexts within which they were conceived.

By now the scenario is too well known: The boom of office construction in downtown cores in the 50s and 60s led to the escalation in land values there, until only office buildings could afford their central locations. Downtown now operates on a nine-to-five shift; while living, recreational, cultural, and retail facilities have increasingly gravitated elsewhere. Zoning regulations separating land uses have played their part in this standardization of the environment.

Thus one of the singular searches in the past decade has concentrated on introducing (or re-introducing) additional uses into the high-priced central business district. Combining uses in single structures is one way to make that mix profitable. Therefore by means of incentives offered to developers in the form of additional floor area, to a relaxation of certain density, height, or setback restrictions for mixed uses, legal means are being concocted to lure private interests into ventures that will reinforce a district's economic and social vitality. The slump in the office rental market helps make other uses more palatable; on the other hand getting developers to build anything at all in this economic clime is getting trickier. While the rules of the game are being quickly devised by city planners, everyone knows the developers still hold the cards.

Each of the buildings on the following pages demonstrates different devices for arriving at these hoped-for microcosms of urbanity. Two, New York City's Galleria and Olympic Tower, result from separate zoning measures formulated by New York's Office of Midtown Planning and Development, and Office of Lower Manhattan Development during the Lindsay Administration. The third, Water Tower Place in Chicago, displays the consequences of developers' initiative tempered by a modicum of zoning strictures.

Since all three buildings are only in the final stages of construction and are not quite fully occupied, formulating a comprehensive assessment about their ultimate impact would be a trifle premature. But already questions about the architectural and planning issues in the three ap-



Naples, following Milan's example, in 1890 built a mixed-use Galleria Umberto I designed by Emmanuele Rocco to heighten the city's urban image.

Mixed-use buildings

proaches are being raised that warrant some kind of scrutiny before they are enthusiastically embraced in other urban situations. Each building should form an interesting object lesson—not only at the economic and social levels, but in terms of urban design and architectural implications. The projects all share basic similarities of course—such as the combination of office space, retail, and residential uses, albeit in different doses. But all three strike a closer chord in their choice of location and the market for which they are geared: prime locations; a frankly rich clientele. The reasons take little guesswork: In a shaky economic environment, developers want to be certain of some kind of guarantee of a profitable return.

Thus the mixed-use buildings in no way solve social problems for other classes further down on the economic ladder. And certainly the value of designing and planning for the rich who have the money to take care of themselves can be called into account. Yet ironically New York (at least) needs the rich right now, in its effort to maintain its reputation as glittering capital of the 20th Century while it teeters so precariously near bankruptcy. No doubt Galleria and Olympic Tower will present more the illusion of wealth than direct income for the city in the form of taxes or multiplier effects. But the two buildings still project the aura of opulence needed to polish up the tarnished image of the "city of class," to attract tourism and even to keep the rest of the wealthy from leaving. Signs of decay still aboundeven in midtown where numerous parcels of cleared rumble-strewn or asphalted land wait (at a reduced tax assessment) for new development. Any gesture of regeneration will do. Soon banal office blocks will look good.

On the other hand New York buildings are not intended to be give-away programs for the benefit of private interests. The city wants something in return to ensure a broader-based economic and social viability. Thus city planners have dreamed up intriguing devices to convince reluctant developers to include public amenities as well as mixed-uses in their new buildings. Where once plazas and arcades seemed all that was necessary to bring urbanity to the fore, now other means are being sought—with "covered pedestrian spaces," "through-block connections," and such forms of semi-enclosed public areas.

The increasingly sophisticated zoning tools New York City has forged haven't overcome all possible instances of fallibility. Zoning regulations can specify the physical measurements of a public amenity and proffer regulations governing its components. But specifications are not yet strong enough to ensure correlation to planning intentions. As Alan Colquhoun once wrote "Our sense of place and relationship in, say, an urban environment or in a building, are not dependent on any objective fact that is measurable; they are phenomenal. The purpose of the aesthetic organization of our environment is to capitalise on this subjective schematization, and make it socially available." Here the architectural interpretation of the zoning code can present perceptual data at odds with original goals as both Galleria and Olympic Tower illustrate. Of a more direct measurable correlation, is the fact that the square footage the developer receives for bonuses has got to show up somewhere.

And sure enough it does, as Olympic Tower or Water Tower Place makes clear. Then too, the final configuration of a building often says more about what zoning allowed than what architectural (formal), considerations dictated.

Meanwhile the public spaces New York has had to encourage through floor area plums held out to developers show up in Chicago as a matter of course. Water Tower Place features a large pedestrian mall because the owners decided such a public amenity with some razzmatazz would be a wise investment to attract shoppers up and around the seven-story retail complex. The New York real estate bunch, spoiled by the high demand for developed property by banks and airline offices, haven't needed to let this kind of thinking penetrate too often.

But this comparison does not mean to suggest that public amenities should be left to private initiative. It only worked in this particular situation, and the city still lost out on other desirable urban features—such as perhaps the most propitious placement of the building in city *planning* terms, a reinforcement of street life, physical links to other parts of the neighborhood, or the architectural relation of building to its immediate context. Therefore the zoning mechanisms of New York appear preferable in urban design terms. (Economically, Water Tower Place could win hands down over its New York counterparts, judging from the already incredibly successful retail operation.)

Actually, all three cities have only gained piecemeal fragments in terms of urbanity, image, and opportunities for renewed economic life from the mixed-use buildings. And architecturally, neither Chicago nor New York has received a significant form to announce the new architectural prototype. The Galleria is the only one of the three structures that forces all of its different activities to come together in an interactive and powerful interior space. But the Galleria, Olympic Tower, and Water Tower Place do not begin to address the need for a typological model of a mixed-use structure: a single building that reflects and communicates the nature of its diverse urban activities. Without these two aspects of expression being considered, along with the necessary physical ties to the immediate surroundings, the building becomes only a sum of separate parts-not a living totality fully integrated with city life.

Since the buildings near completion in a time of economic stagnation, their economic and social viability may not be visible for a while. Nevertheless in a time when new construction has dwindled, it is a proper time for city planners (those who are still left) to examine the failures and successes of their ever shrewder games, just to find out who is winning. And that is just what New York is doing right now. The city's Urban Design Group headed by architect Raquel Ramati is beginning an inventory and evaluation of the public amenities resulting from the last few years of incentive zoning in New York. The task isn't that easy since many of the categories and their restrictions overlap, with boundaries blurring. But the group seeks to reduce the confusion about what developers can get, and what the city can expect. When times are good again, the city will benefit from that kind of self-analysis and careful scrutiny. [Suzanne Stephens]
Mixed-use buildings

The Galleria

New York's Galleria on 57th Street near Park Avenue easily exudes more pizzazz per square foot than its other mixed-use siblings; an imposing granite and glass entrance funnels into a dramatic 90-foot-high skylit atrium through which bridges soar and multi-leveled spaces intersect. And granite luxuriantly abounds. The interior daringly combines the theatricality of a Portmanesque space with the city slicker tastes for mute-toned finishes, plus a remembrance of Frank Lloyd Wright in its rugged materials and horizontal motifs. The brew may be a little thick for some tastes but the public likes it undiluted. The architect is David Kenneth Specter

The atrium didn't just happen. Both this space and the mixed commercial-residential character of the building (38 floors for apartments, 12 for offices and a private club not including service floors) result from various zoning devices that permitted the buildings' particular bulk and density.

The zoning revision that shaped the Galleria seeks to encourage mixed-use development (i.e., residential with commercial) in certain peripheral areas of the business district. To entice the developer, Madison Equities, into this venture, certain penalties existing previously for this combination of uses were removed. The owner was also given extra floor area for including such public amenities as the recently formulated "covered pedestrian space." Behind this zoning concept lies the image of the Milan Galleria. To seduce developers into its re-creation (if possible), the Office of Midtown Planning and Development and the Office of Lower Manhattan Development had previously come up with a complex set of mechanisms that essentially allowed developers up to 14 square feet of additional floor space for one square foot of covered pedestrian space. This amenity however carries its own set of provisos: It must be at least 30 feet high, 30 feet wide and 3000 sq feet in area, with some retail space included. Because c.p.s. legislation was being modified at the time, owners took an 11-sq-ft bonus. What amenities qualified for a 14-sq-ft bonus was still greatly undetermined and thus a risky investment.

The most stunning features of the Galleria's atrium, ironically, were neither bonused, nor mandatory. David Specter sold the developer on installing the 90-ft-high atrium and topping it with a skylight when only a 30-ft ceiling was required. To further emphasize its role as a mixed-use building, he brought together all the movement pertaining to the different activities that might take place in the structure. Residents, office workers, pedestrians, sightseers, browsers, and café-goers will all enter and pass through this atrium. Yet circulation for each is separated by pedestrian bridges and elevator banks on different levels.

Still one must face it: the Galleria isn't quite as mixed-use as its commercial-residential designation implies. Because only nine floors are *actually* being rented for office space (the rest is a club), the Galleria better resembles a luxury hotel: retail shops, residential space, private club with separate dining and swimming, all tucked into the 55-story-high structure.

Nor is its covered pedestrian space likely to be quite as people-on-the-street oriented as the legislation originally intended. Strollers passing from 57th through the atrium to 58th Street must descend 12 steps (six feet) to the main lobby then go up again before coming out at grade. (Sub-level spaces are not deducted from a developer's allowable floor area). Furthermore, the passageway jogs enough so that the route is hardly direct. An easy short cut to Bloomingdale's will have to be found elsewhere.

A thorny aspect of its covered pedestrian space legislation is the requirement that it be open to the public from 7 a.m. to midnight, with no enclosure (such as

The 45 degree angled skylight is supported on three steel trusses. Offices overlook atrium on either side. Granite clad walls and columns, articulated by steel channels extend from the outside into the atrium, as does the terrazzo and quarry tile paving.



Mixed-use buildings: Galleria



doors) on either side up to at least a 12foot height. When covered pedestrian spaces also accommodate cafés, plus shops and lobbies, heating and cooling is desirable: It is best achieved through a positive pressure system forcing air out through one opening, but this "air curtain" requires a closed wall opposite. To provide the climate control and meet the city requirements, Specter installed the glass doors on 57th Street entrance which lower into an underground version of a flyspace. Above these doors a canted awning also rolls up into a cross brace. While it is a spectacular device, a nagging question still lingers. Is it really legal? For according to the zoning, the covered pedestrian spaces that go through a block must be fully open all day on both sides, and not just in good weather.

Other than questions of legality, there is one of communication: as attention-riveting as the entrance is, its design concomitantly gives off signs of a selfcontained world within, not immediately perceptible to the unknowing public. The dark granite walls of the atrium and the reflectivity of the glass doors make it well nigh impossible to peer inside; the canvas awnings further cut down on the visibility of the interior (and limit the amount of natural light entering the atrium).

Uneasy welcome

The ambiguity regarding the messages the various design features are conveying to passersby could very well be related to the unresolved character of the surrounding



FLOOR PLAN — STREET LEVEL AND APARTMENT LOBBY 0_____20' Galleria's 57-story tower is set at rear of lot behind the atrium.



neighborhood. While the Ritz Tower Hotel immediately to the west is still ritzy and Park Avenue still classy, the development to the east is increasingly tacky. The remainder of the block between the Galleria and Lexington Avenue comprises lowscale buildings that have visibly gone to seed in the hands of tenants on short-term leases. Bloomingdale's and the art cinemas may be right around the corner, but since the appearance of Alexander's, discount "boutiques," and fast food chains there, the neighborhood has altered its character and its clientele. More New Yorkers have begun to complain about being accosted by peddlers, handbill pushers, assaulted by headshop rock and roll, sickened by rancid grease smells and piles of litter. Park Avenue it isn't. And one would suspect that Madison Equities would rather not see some of this action make its way into the Galleria's covered pedestrian space.

Now, of course, this area to the east could change. Especially since Madison Equities is reported to own a great deal of the rest of the block between 57th and 58th toward Lexington. Rumor has it they eventually are planning on constructing a Galleria II. But for now, this gamey mix of activities gains momentum.

Settling in

Still, the Galleria's parti, with the eightstory-high entrance wing, makes certain important urban gestures to 57th Street. It acknowledges and reinforces the lowscale of the buildings to the east-the F.A.R. of which must remain because of the transfer of development rights from several parcels bought by Madison Equities to increase its zoning lot size. Fortuitously, the 55-story-high tower can scarcely be seen from 57th St., since it sits on the rear of the lot at the 58th Street side. The placement of the tower was prompted by factors that had more to do with economics and zoning, however, than with visual effect. First the through-block lot was rather narrow-only 17,200 sq ft, though Madison Equities owns development rights on an additional 12,000 sq ft.





The main entrance to the Galleria is divided into two sections by a glass prism (below, left) to be filled with plants. On the right steps lead up the residential lobby; on the left, down to the public space. Here doors retract into ground (detail, photo, above) and awnings roll on tracks upward to create open access in attempted conformance with zoning rules.



Mixed-use buildings: Galleria

Secondly, the Ritz Tower owns a 20-foot easement between its east wall and the Galleria above the seventh floor. Moreover, the developers had obtained extra floor area through bonuses and the development rights. Since the tower could only occupy 40 percent of the lot, the solution was to push it straight against the 58th Street line. Happily, the plaza and arcade of a new building across the street from the Galleria opens the 58th Street block up to light and air.

In spite of the rational parti, the overall architectural scheme remains disjointed. The granite-clad entrance and atrium base looks as if it were a separate building from the conventionally treated brown brick and glass tower. On top of the tower the quadraplex penthouse executed for philanthropist Stewart Mott in exposed reinforced concrete settles a little too heavily on the tower to read as a fascia. This trabeated effect clarifies too disconcertingly the separate uses of the building. In spite of its successful parts, a coherent architectural prototype for a mixed-use structure has not been developed here.

Living there

As a mixed-use prototype, however, the Galleria never had the same significance in city planners' eyes that a building in the Fifth Avenue Special District (e.g. Olympic Tower) might have. There, mixed-use structures were conceived specifically to prevent offices, airlines, and banks from taking over New York's fabled shopping promenade. Not part of the Fifth Avenue district where retail uses are bonused, the Galleria comes under the different strategy: simply to make it easier for the combination office and residential buildings to exist in areas around commercial districts. Whereas the Fifth Avenue zoning allows the developer greater bulk, hence a Floor Area Ratio of 21.6, city planners preferred to keep the F.A.R. down to 18 along 57th Street

In order to attract mixed-use development there, the city then loosened up on lot area requirements governing density. While bulk is measured in F.A.R., density is measured in the number of rooms in relation to the lot area. This relation in turn determines the number of square feet per room-a number previously affected by the amount of commercial space in the building. Thus the city established minimum room sizes at the Galleria at an average of 300 sq ft per room (the same as R-10 zoning, the highest density housing allowed in the city). Galleria's developers, however, chose to raise the average to 385 sq ft per room, due to the market they hoped to attract. (Affluent to rich-prices range from \$30,000 to \$500,000 for a condominium.) In other words, while the city did not give additional floor area for mixed-use buildings here, it made residential space more inviting as an alternate development option. There are stipulations of course: the



ATRIUM OFFICE FLOOR (4TH FLOOR)



APARTMENT FLOOR PLAN (FLOORS 19 - 47 ALTERNATE)



The residential portion features glassed-in balconies on every other floor facing south (right above).







Sheila Hicks tapestry lines residential lobby wall; bridge leads to elevators.

maximum F.A.R. for housing is 12, leaving 6 for commercial. Also 6.25 square feet of recreation space must be provided free of charge for each residential room. Thus tenants have a 5400-sq-ft partially enclosed roof terrace on the 52nd floor to themselves (and the public has the enclosed atrium downstairs).

The introduction of one of Galleria's superb features, the "wintergarden" into a number of south-facing apartments, presented another zoning problem. If an enclosed balcony recedes more than half way into the building's volume, it begins to eat up the developer's allowable floor area: the old debate between what is an enclosed balcony and what is a glazed room given free to the developer still goes unresolved. The Office of Midtown Planning and Development pushed for legislation allowing Galleria's developer to install wintergardens without floor area being deducted. But it didn't work; too many argued other developers could follow suit, creating situations where tenants could wall off the balcony and make it a substandard bedroom

Madison Equities decided to go ahead with the idea, making up for the lost floor area by applying for another lot (121 E. 57th) to be included in the site size, so that the floor area could be jacked up accordingly. It was thus able to pick up enough square footage to install three floors under Stewart Mott's penthouse.

But aside from exceptions in apartment types at the top, and the inclusion of the 13 by 13 ft 4 in wintergardens on every other floor of the south-facing apartments, the layouts of the residential floors (18 to 46) are rather ordinary. Eight apartments are crammed into the 9686-sq-ft tower floors: four studios, three one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment. This is not Specter's fault however. The office of Philip Birnbaum was pulled in to design these layouts so commonplace to spec buildings. Nicely enough, Madison Equities allowed Specter's tenperson office to commandeer all phases of working drawings and construction supervision, though some architects were hired on loan from big offices. Madison weakened on the apartment layouts, however, reportedly because Birnbaum was known by the banks. A lesson for us all.

Keeping up with competition

Economic pressures also created the intricate financial mechanism that governs the sale and ownership of residential and commercial space. Basically, the building has been divided into 254 condominiums of which all commercial space, owned by Madison Equities, constitutes one condominium. The rest of the 253 condominiums will be owned by a cooperative corporation that will allow prospective buyers, both individual and companies, to purchase the apartment either as a cooperative, or as a condominium.

The principal reasons such a complicated set-up was established had to do with tax laws governing deductions on co-



The 58th Street entrance (rear of photo) will permit direct access to office elevators. A cafe is planned for skylit section of public space with retail shops along the sides.

operatives; but it also meant a special application to the New York State Attorney General, and a delay in marketing the apartments. So far, the Galleria is lagging in sales behind the Olympic Tower, though most of the wintergarden apartments have been snapped up. The owners won't say how retail and office rental is faring.

Loads to bear

If the legal and financial aspects of Galleria were complicated, the structure was just as much a headache. For starters, bedrock sloped from zero to 20 to 40 feet below grade. This site condition required structural footings sunk over 40 feet in the earth. Meanwhile at the top of the tower, philanthropist Stewart Mott bought a fourstory penthouse specially designed by Specter's offices. But Mott wanted 7500sq-ft penthouse terraces to hold two feet of soil for his "farm." The soil alone weighs 2000 tons. Loads were thus calculated at 600 lbs per square foot at the roof, cumulating in a whopping load of two million lbs average on the columns in the lower part of the structure. To allow for this bit of burden, the structural engineers, the office of Irwin G. Cantor, resorted to high strength concrete with a capacity of 6000 psi for the first 22 floors. Owing to the slow delivery of steel, they decided to make the entire structure poured-in-place concrete, the tallest in the city.

Obviously Galleria represents a tremendous expenditure in effort, time, money—and risk. Despite its shortcomings, its mannerist excesses in "structural" detailing, its achievement extends it miles ahead of mainstream New York architecture. Both developer and architect were willing to push beyond the requirements of a successful spec building—and the minimum requirements of zoning.

Data

Project: Galleria, 117 E. 57th St., New York City. Architect: David Kenneth Specter, New York City; Gerald L. Jonas project (and penthouse) architect, John Davison Allen, duplex apartment design associate; with the Office of Philip Birnbaum, New York City, as architects for apartment residences.

Program: 458,945 sq ft residential, office and retail structure on a small midtown site. Project would include a public "covered pedestrian space" extending through the block with some 15,000 sq ft of shops. A quadraplex penthouse atop the 55-story tower required additional structural capacity for 2000 tons of soil on 7500 sq ft of terraces.

Site: 17,200 sq ft of vacant land, plus 12,000 sq ft of land to which client owns development rights.

Structural system: Reinforced concrete frame and flat slab; high strength concrete on first 22 floors with 6000 psi loading. Transfer girders 12 ft deep, 30 ft long on the 15th floor. Sixty per cent of the columns shifted from five to fifteen feet in lower floors.

Mechanical system: Steam supplied to air handling units in interior zone; steam generated hot water circulated to heating coils in incremental units and baseboard fin tubes in exterior zones. Centrifugal chiller supplies chilled water to air handling units interior zone; incremental units, exterior zone.

Major Materials: Reinforced concrete, Caledonia granite, brick, concrete block, quarry tile and terrazzo paving; glass skylights and clear plate glass. (Building materials p. 95.) Consultants: The Office of Irwin G. Cantor, structural engineers; Sidney Barbanel, consulting engineer; HRH Construction, construction administration.

Client: Madison Equities, New York City. Cost: Figure withheld at request of client. Photography: Norman McGrath.

Olympic Tower



Fifth Avenue's Olympic Tower perhaps has gotten more advance publicity per square foot than its two rivals. It helps to have Aristotle Onassis as part owner (Victory Corporation) with Arlen Realty and Development Corp. Olympic Tower first began by attracting *adverse* publicity when plans were announced to build an office tower on the old Best & Co. site. Located on 51st St. across from Saint Patrick's Cathedral, the new tower was reported to come with a plaza extending between it and the landmark Cartier building. The architect was Morris Lapidus Associates.

Despite the owners' shrewd inclusion of a covered pedestrian space, the fear began to mount: as older stores abandoned Fifth Avenue, the deadening towers and plazas generated by the 1961 zoning resolution were beginning to invade New York's historic shopping promenade. A *New York Times* editorial proclaimed this a major planning problem that had better be attacked before all the stores—and the Avenue's unsullied character—were lost to speculative builders and Miami Beach architects.

In short order, the Olympic Tower was loudly proclaimed as the first mixed retail residential and office building in the Fifth Avenue Special District. Its architects were Skidmore, Owings & Merrill of New York. Subject to the zoning regulations formulated by the crusading Office of Midtown Planning and Development, Olympic Tower captured public imagination as the first step toward the salvation of Fifth Ave.

To bolster slowly decaying retail uses, the Fifth Avenue zoning gives floor area bonuses to developers who include retail (and residential space) in office buildings. The goal is not simply to generate more square footage of retail or residential use, but to create an urban focus and vitality on the Avenue. The mixture of uses would guarantee not only the retention of Fifth Avenue's traditional role and image as shopping mecca, but also inject midtown itself with added life after dark.

So now Olympic Tower, receptacle of hopes, dreams and aspirations for midtown, nears completion. A far cry from



South elevation facing St. Patrick's Cathedral.





View down street from Cartier's.



Entrance to both apartment lobby and mall is on 51st Street.

Miami, Olympic Tower is executed in the basic black-skin style SOM perfected at the Marine Midland Bank in lower Manhattan several years ago. The 51-story tower contains retail space on two levels, offices on 17 floors, (excluding four floors for mechanical systems) and apartments on 30.

A basic black box may not strike observers as exactly a typological model for a mixed use building. Its sleek, impassive, opaque skin and taut rectangular form now are associated too closely with a corporate office building. Not only is one not aware of the varying kinds of activities going on in the building from the exterior package, but there is scarcely a clue to their differentiation-where offices stop and residential begins (except for mechanical space). Perhaps that's the point. Its consummate elegance and restraint, perfect for the powerful (but self-effacing) corporate image corresponds easily to the self-image and tastes of the very rich who will live there. Low-key, smart, chic. A little anonymity never bothered the well-to-do.

Thus, it is not surprising that the mixeduse building features no place where *all* its uses mix, à la Galleria. The small sedate apartment lobby is separate from the small sedate office lobby, which does at least open onto the covered pedestrian space a retail/restaurant mall. But all areas are discreet and discrete, no flash, not too much drama, except possibly the mall's waterfall.

The mall itself has the possibility of being more discernible to the people on the street than the one in the Galleria, since it crosses directly from 51st St. to 52nd. However, tinted glass doors will establish a definite barrier. (Zoning legislation at that time allowed heated and cooled public spaces to have doors.) The sense of remoteness could easily be intended however, since it is one that pervades much of Fifth Avenue. Exclusive stores are being attracted there, many of which are European. The city needs them, since (1) they are willing to pay up to \$100 per sq ft per month ground rent to establish their names in the American market; (2) they reinforce the aura of Fifth Avenue as highstyle glittering center of Manhattan that it was in the danger of losing. The stores, however, seem rather tentative about welcoming those hordes of gum-chewing camera totin' tourists, attracted to Fifth Avenue because it *is* the microcosm of the swank city life. Still the stores desire visibility. It is a design problem. And SOM's solution addresses this ambivalence.

Still there is something a mite overassertive about the way the flat slab, 677 ft high, hits that pavement at about 60 miles per hour. Since one isn't immediately aware of the covered through-block connection that runs from 51st to 52nd Street, the Fifth Avenue approach seems barren of scale, character articulation, or any of those other goodies that mark its landmark neighbors down the street.

Although the detailing of bronze heatabsorbing glass and black anodized aluminum mullions achieves a high standard of excellence (and elegance) that stamps the SOM oeuvre, its actual form lacks a lot in overall coherence. A shaft with a vertical slab attached like a bustle to its back and a horizontal block for the mall does not bespeak a well-developed integrated form. Nor can you say this additive parti really relates to its urban surrounding-the Beaux Arts Cartier building, the five-story similarly styled Olympic building on Fifth and another five-story mansard-roofed structure on 52nd Street. The developers decided to save the latter buildings evidently because of prior commitments on the property. In fact, the indifference in which the Olympic Tower relates to these low-scale turn-of-the-century structures, shows more of a concern for meeting the new zoning requirements and certain programmatic needs, than an attempt to acknowledge the architectural context through massing, configuration, and materials.

Rules of the game

But the game is not played with such architectural intangibles as part of the stakes. The rules require measurable criteria. And in fact, the special district controls allow (but do not mandate) building up to

Mixed-use buildings: Olympic Tower

the street line along the east side of Fifth Ave., as other stores do. (Nevertheless a setback on the west side of the street is required after an 85-ft height.) Other mandatory provisions of the district limit the kinds of retail uses to discourage banks and airline offices, and require that space on the ground floor be devoted to restaurants and shops at least within 50 feet of Fifth Ave.

Olympic Tower, like any future development on Fifth, can receive extra square footage only in the form of residential space, in return for the ground floor shops. And before its developers may begin to acquire those bonuses for retail footage (four sq ft of floor area for one of retail), they first have to provide shops equal in square footage to the lot size (1 FAR). As an elective, the developer may install a throughblock mall like Olympic Tower's and receive additional bonuses. But this space carries its own special set of restrictions.

The 8766-sq-ft mall, approved under the original covered pedestrian space legislation, is similar to the Galleria except for its two levels of spaces-one at grade, one underground. It was required to reach a minimum height of 30 feet (Olympic Place is generally 341/2 ft high) and be anywhere between 20 to 30 ft wide depending on its through-block length. At the time approval was given to Olympic's covered pedestrian space, the owners could install doors at either end if the mall were heated and cooled. In fact, the developer could even receive a higher bonus for heating and air conditioning than without (14 sq ft of floor area versus 11 sq ft for every one sq ft of mall). When the city realized they would be encouraging developers to enclose this public amenity-thereby deterring the public from casual access, they modified the law. Meanwhile Olympic will have doors.

Getting bigger

Another bonus allowable in this district concerns lot coverage. The total lot size was 40,500 sq ft, including the 14,800 sq footage to which they owned the development rights. For each 18 FAR reserved for residential use, lot coverage can be increased by one percent. But the increase cannot go beyond 10 percent nor maximum coverage of 50 percent of the lot. (Under the old zoning, towers could cover only 40 percent of the site; plazas took up the rest.) In case of Olympic Tower, Arlen and Onassis needed the extra tower coverage to apply on the commercial floors for enlarged rentable space. By adding the winglike slab, they increased the office tower coverage to 48 percent of the lot, or 20,000 sq ft per floor. The residential portion covers 37.3 percent of the lot, allowing 16,000 sq ft per floor.

Although zoning allowed the Fifth Avenue elevation to go straight up without a setback, 51st and 52nd Streets still required them. Arlen and Onassis asked for (and got) zoning modifications on height and setback on 51st St. on the basis that a





Olympic Place, a two-level covered pedestrian space will feature restaurants, including mezzanine level, waterfalls, and 58-ft-high skylight.



setback would impair bulk (yes indeed) and aesthetics. (But what about the streetscape?)

And so Olympic Tower stands today, awkward in form, but slick in style, a solution that conveys signs of urbanity rather than creating a sense of urban place. Its clientele comes first. Arlen went to Europe, Mexico, South America and marketed there first to attract that clientele. It worked: about 80 percent of the 253 condominiums have been purchased by foreign owners, willing to pay between \$122,000 to \$650,000 for an apartment. Arlen reports they only have about 20 apartments left, and office space, they report, is 85 percent rented. But retail and restaurant leasing seems more of a headache. No restaurants have made a definite commitment to the space, and only a few shops apparently are lined up. Meanwhile the Mall is scheduled to open next spring.

Data

Project: Olympic Tower, 645 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Architect: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, New York, Whitson Overcash, partner-in-charge; Paul Baren, project manager.

Program: a 791,745-sq-ft building including 253 condominiums, 480,000 sq ft of office space, ground floor retail space and a 8766-sq-ft mall with retail space and restaurants. Mall, approved under "covered pedestrian space" incentive zoning.

Site: approximately 25,600-sq-ft lot, plus 14,800 sq ft of land to which client owns development rights.

Structural system: structural steel columns and girders used for first 21 floors of offices; galvanized steel decking with concrete fill. Residential portion received reinforced concrete slabs and columns (more practical for acoustical reasons; require less floor depth in switch from beam to flat slab construction; apartments require less flexibility in arranging partitions) Mechanical system: steam service for heating and cooling; secondary water system, ventilation, pipe fan coil system; domestic hot water heating and steam absorption machines. Major materials: steel, black anodized aluminum curtain wall system; bronze heat absorbing glass. (Building materials p. 96.) Consultants: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, interior designers; W.A. DiGiacomo & Associates, mechanical; Office of James Ruderman, structural; Max Siegel Associates, zoning and code, Tishman Realty & Construction, general contractor. Client: Arlen Realty Corp and Victory Development Corp

Cost: withheld at request of client. Photography: Robert Perron, except for p.44 bottom; Gil Amiaga.



North elevation (left) shows the wing added for extra office space beneath the 22nd floor. Model apartments (below) illustrate views permitted by floor to ceiling glazing, ducts vertically stacked.





Water Tower Place

In the city of muscle and clout rises Water Tower Place. Metaphor for Chicago's bucks, brawn, and bigness; microcosm of the traditional notion that the marketplace constitutes urbanity.

Unlike its New York counterparts, Water Tower Place in Chicago was not the result of sophisticated zoning incentives. In fact, it was hardly the result of zoning; Chicago's laissez-faire attitude toward building bulk and density controls helped create Water Tower Place more than the reverse. For, on a site of 113,624 sq ft, existing zoning permitted an F.A.R. of 12 with floor area bonuses given for the tower setback that boosted the total F.A.R. to a hefty 26.94. While the total floor area allowable is thus over three million sq ft, Water Tower Place doesn't go all the way: built square footage above grade comes to 2,530,000 sq ft. In 1973, however, zoning controls regarding planned-use development were initiated that would now make it impossible for a Water Tower Place to ease through without review by the City Planning and Development department. Whereas Water Tower Place needed only a traffic permit for its 640 parking places, now any building in that district over 800 ft tall (Water Tower Place is 850 ft high), and with a site larger than two acres must go before the city.

So there it stands, 73 stories high on North Michigan Avenue, cheek by jowl with the Hancock Center, an earlier mixeduse building itself. While a "shorty" by Chicago's standards (the Sears Tower is, after all, 109 stories high), Water Tower Place is no slouch in the record-breaking department. It is the tallest reinforced concrete building in the world-right now. And even if Water Tower Place were not conceived as a planning scheme to bolster the character of a particular shopping district like New York's Fifth Avenue zoning, it's got something else. It has almost as much square footage in its retail space alone as Olympic Tower has in the whole buildinga whopping 597,000 sq ft-more than Galleria's total square footage. And Water Tower Place already has chi-chi shops

lined up, like Rizzoli, Courreges, F.A.O. Schwartz, McDonald's (McDonald's?) not to mention the key anchoring department stores, Lord & Taylor and Marshall Field.

If it sounds like a high-class shopping center that's precisely the point. Its developers, Urban Investment and Development Company, in a joint venture with Marshall Field, bought the land in the posh part of the Chicago's uptown for an in-town seven- or eight-story merchandising mall. Marshall Field of course already had a department store downtown in the Loop, but as competitors continually moved north along the "Miracle Mile" it wanted to follow suit. Architects Loebl Schlossman Dart & Hackl with C.F. Murphy Associates began developing site studies. Parking provisions created problems on the original parcel, a portion of the current lot. So the lust

for land assemblage was on. The developers picked up a parcel belonging to the John Hancock Company, owners of the Hancock Center next door. As land costs mounted, the owners thought about providing office space. But the land had a deed restriction: nothing could be built past 559 ft, in order for Hancock's residents to have an unrestricted view down North Michigan Ave. Meanwhile, the office market was softening to an ooze; residential use was becoming economically attractive. More land was assembled-including the site of the well-loved old Pearson Hotel-so that a new tower with hotel and condominiums could rise in its place. Finally the building configuration slowly took form: a tower placed on the southeast corner of the lot covered by a 12-story-high podium. And in that podium

Glass and stainless steel elevator extends through seven-story atrium.





GROUND FLOOR PLAN

Gray marble-clad tower is set back to rear of lot to allow Hancock Center to retain its view down North Michigan Avenue, as part of deed agreement.



is 7 stories of leasable store space plus 121,000 sq ft in open mall space, and two floors of offices besides four film theaters and one dinner theater.

Implications: profit vs. planning

In economic terms, all this retail area should generate good income return to its developers-particularly since shops are renting well. Since the Ritz Carlton has taken over 22 floors for a 540-room hotel, Water Tower Place developers need only worry about selling the condominiums, of which three-fourths are still available. (These apartments with lavishly sized kitchens, closets, and bathrooms come priced more reasonably at the top than New York's apartments: \$135,000 to \$257,000.)

In planning terms, however, the shopping center, hotel, and condominiums could have done more for Chicago if they were back downtown. North Michigan doesn't require the retail stabilization that Fifth Avenue needs right now. It is in its heyday as a shopping magnet and a residential enclave for the affluent. The Loop however, which contains mostly landmarks and/or office buildings, could use a little mixed-use activity, a little round-theclock action. But the developers quite naturally wanted to be where the retail/ hotel/residential market already was.

While it will be a self-contained shopper's paradise of diversified consumption, Water Tower Place conveys little physical sense of its multi-use nature. The retail space is linked to the hotel, but one could still frequent each portion of the building without being aware of the others. The fact that the building wasn't conceived as a mixed-use center from the start is echoed in its isolation of separate circulation modes, and is reflected in its perfunctory tower-on-a-slab parti.

Loebl, Schlossman Dart & Hackl could argue, of course, that the different functions are clearly articulated on the exterior, if not by the setback tower and the slab, then through change in fenestration and bay size. Few windows grace the retail

Mixed-use buildings: Water Tower Place







Lobby entrance to retail center

block owing to merchandising preferences for storage space on the building perimeter. The only windows are either shop windows or bands of fenestration indicating office space on the 8th and 9th floor. Smaller operable sash windows are found in hotel and condominiums rooms in the tower where bay size shifts from 30-ft-bay widths to 15-ft widths.

Mixed meanings

One of the most extraordinary and controversial aspects of Water Tower Place was the decision to emphasize the concrete frame by a dark gray Georgian ''solar'' marble with lighter gray marble infill panels on the exterior elevations. In a narrow sense, this kind of structural delineation could be said to give proper clues to the change in functions in the multi-use building—albeit rather too schematic to be effective. The truly important signifier is the marble-and the hoped-for message is "elegance." But a touch of class is not that easy to come by. Marble's strengths are in its subtlety and its mute tones, not these heavy-handed striations screaming "marble" 20 blocks away: not the obviousness of its veneerlike nature when applied to high-rise structures. The late Ed Dart, LSD&H's partner-in-charge of design, wanted granite and thought he was going to get it, so the story goes. But one of the clients insisted on marble "because it will appeal to the ladies." Interesting if true. The laugh, of course, will be on us in 50 years, when the gray marble has weathered to a dark rich patina, adored by the architectural public. But in the meantime . . . it presents a very closed formidable exterior, not terribly appealing.

Scarcely a suggestion is given of the excitement and activity taking place within those walls. Inside the structure; a plant-

A three story high atrium flanks entrance.

filled seven-story atrium in the shape of a Japanese lantern will contain a transparent glass and chrome elevator core. Designed (as were the remainder of the public interior spaces) by Warren Platner & Associates, consulting architects for Water Tower Place, the interiors promise some pyrotechnics, highlighted by the elevator's glittering glass prism, but dampened by clumsy detailing elsewhere.

Unfortunately no skylight tops the central atrium or any of the ancillary doubleor triple-height spaces adjoining the two department stores. Perhaps the public needn't be reminded about the outdoors. Platner points out that the public mall is geared closely to the owners' merchandising concept: to get the shoppers moving upwards and around all seven stories of shops—many more floors than usually considered financially sound for a normal shopping center.

Thus the street-life around the structure is virtually ignored (except for the store windows and colonnade along two sides). All action begins on the mezzanine. Whereas New York's mixed-use buildings are conceived as important urban design contributions that provide public amenities at street level and link one street to another, Water Tower Place stands alone. A self-contained entity. No plazas, throughblock arcades, pedestrian links to other buildings above or below ground. The 1974 amendment to the planned development ordinance now calls for these factors-plus types of uses, bulk, density, impact on surroundings, open space, and siting for light, air, and view-to be closely scrutinized. However, since the criteria aren't spelled out with exactitude of New York's zoning, there is a chance that Water Tower Place could still be built the same way again. It solves merchandising concerns imaginatively but is indifferent to the larger issues of planning, urban design, and overall architectural concept.

Data

Project: Water Tower Place, N. Michigan Ave. Chicago, III.

Architects: Loebl, Schlossman Dart & Hackl, C.F. Murphy Associates, associate architects and engineers. Edward D. Dart, design principalin-charge; Donald J. Hackl, principal-in-charge; David A. Marks, project architect.

Program: to combine four major uses—multistory retail shopping center (597,000,000 sq ft), offices (228,000 sq ft), hotel (540 rooms), residences (260 units)—in 3 million sq ft of space (including underground space). Other related uses include one 1000-seat theater and four movie theaters.

Site: 113,936-sq-ft site, one city block. Structural system: Foundations are 176 caissons plus 57-ft-deep slurry wall anchored with 60-ft tie-back rods. Caissons under tower widen to 10 ft in diameter. Structure is reinforced concrete. A 15-ft-deep transfer girder was installed on the 14th floor, where bays change size. For lateral wind bracing, a shear wall divides the tower, extending from 74th floor to top of transfer girders. Below girders a double set of core walls (shear tubes) extend to the top of the caissons.

Fire protection: computer monitoring system plus sprinklers throughout. Fire zones in retail section plus fan system with 100 percent exhaust capability for zones receiving smoke. Mechanical system: heat by light and ambient electric load with reheat make up; air cooling from main fans in commercial area, fan coil units in rest of units.

Major materials: reinforced concrete, cladding on structural frame is gray travertine with precast marble-faced infill panels; concrete block and drywall partitions; marble tile (travertine) or carpeting surfaces floor; windows are black anodized aluminum frames with solar gray thermopane glazing. (Building materials, p. 96.) Consultants: Warren Platner & Associates, Architects, architectural consultants in charge of interior public spaces; Dan Kiley & Associates, landscaping; Rolf Jensen & Associates, fire protection; Claude Engle, lighting for public spaces; Lyle Yerges, acoustics. Client: Marban (joint venture of Urban Investments & Development Co. and Mafco, Inc. a subsidiary of Marshall Field & Co.) Cost: approximately \$150,000,000. Photography: Hedrich-Blessing.

The central atrium, shaped like a Japanese lantern widens to a 60-ft diameter (left). Planting is lavishly dispersed throughout, even on splayed escalators (below).





College town

Many townscape visions of recent decades have been summed up by architects Davis, Brody & Associates in an urban precinct on a new suburban campus.

Rising up out of a bucolic landscape, bristling with overhangs and castellations, the Ellicott complex calls forth mixed images of Oz and El Dorado, Carcassonne and San Gimignano. Within this picturesque silhouette, architects Davis, Brody & Associates have assembled six "colleges" of the State University at Buffalo, with living quarters for 3300 students, teaching and recreation facilities for 2700 commuters as well. And in the process they have embodied an impressive set of urban design virtues: mixed use at high density, separation of vehicular traffic, choice of open or protected pedestrian routes, effective hierarchy of spaces from communal to private.

The Ellicott complex is the one exhilarating corner in the vast and largely disappointing new University campus at Buffalo. It stands isolated from an academic core on which some of the nation's best-known architects have collaborated to produce a hodgepodge. As the campus plan evolved, Ellicott came to be relied upon as a self-contained element, ready to operate earlier than most of the academic core and adaptable to any deviations from the university's ambitious master plan.

Officials responsible for developing this new Buffalo campus vividly recall debates over the relocation of the university to this site at the metropolitan fringe. The decision was made in 1967 to abandon the existing campus—in a tree-shaded residential area of the city—for a site that would accommodate projected expansion to 40,000 students. A downtown site on the under-utilized waterfront with obvious advantages in terms of accessibility and urban revitalization—was rejected for the appeal of a 1200-acre undeveloped tract 11 miles from downtown in Amherst, an urban fringe area on the brink of intensive development.

Initially, planning for the new campus was placed in the hands of Gordon Bunshaft of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in New York, a native of Buffalo who had amply demonstrated his skills locally in his expansion of the Albright-Knox Gallery. Bunshaft proposed to concentrate the university's academic core in a single massive megastructure, distributing 30 proposed residential "colleges" in dense clusters around it. High density construction was proposed not only to generate a sense of urbanity, but because of the high water table and poor bearing capacity of the soil, which demanded deep pile footings in most portions of the site. Davis, Brody was invited to share in the design of the first six colleges, three to be done by each firm.

University officials would not accept the all-or-nothing constraints of SOM's megastructure—the difficulty of building it in phases and making later changes. Bunshaft and his client eventually parted, and Sasaki, Dawson & Demay were called in to produce a revised campus plan. The academic core was parceled out among several firms (including Breuer, Weese, Franzen, Bartos, and the Sasaki firm). Davis, Brody was given responsibility for all of the first six colleges—which may be the last six, as plans now stand.

Taming the gentle landscape

Lew Davis vividly recalls his first visit to the Ellicott site. His feet sank into the soupy soil and "the mosquitoes came out as if they had never seen a human being before." With the Sasaki firm, plans were made to raise the contours of the site and create mounds to screen the extensive parking lots from ground-level view—the fill coming from the man-made flood-control lake abutting their site. With careful planning, most of the mature trees on the site were spared from either the extensive regrading or building construction.

In pulling the six colleges together into a single urban place, the architects based the entire scheme on a continuous podium, linking all colleges. At grade level (basements were ruled out by the high water table), the podium contains all services, six cafeterias and their kitchens, and indoor circulation links, along which are arrayed retail shops, laundry rooms, and, at the geometrical center, a "student center" which is a snack bar by day and a club by night. Running through this level and touching all colleges is a service road, along which are truck docks and passenger platforms for the buses that link the colleges to the old campus (where much of the teaching still takes place).

The roof of the podium yields an impressive series of plazas and promenades, the fair-weather routes of the complex. At this level are the main entrances to the colleges, with their all-important magnets, the student mail



Ellicott can be seen as a whole from approach road (above) and examined at closer range from across man-made lake (below).



Joseph Ellicott Complex

boxes; here also are entrances to the academic buildings.

The concept of a multi-level service-circulation base, from which academic and residential structures rise, has been familiar since Candilis, Josic & Wood's competition design of 1963 for the Free University of Berlin, and is related to urban megastructure schemes at least as far back as Rockefeller Center. At Buffalo, however, this platform does not underlie the entire development, but takes the form of narrow fingers extending only far enough to make the necessary connections. Buildings sit at or just off the edge, enclosing areas of landscape. An architectural ordering device hence becomes a means of generating a finegrained interaction between buildings and nature.

All circulation in the complex-on both levels-is orga-

nized symmetrically, branching out from two main trunks that emanate from the student center and the plaza above it. But so understated is this geometrical center-so hard to identify except from the air-that the visitor to the complex would find it hard to locate. From the parking areas, the overall layout and the entrance points are anything but obvious. Only from the lakeside is the geometry of the complex apparent, as are the stairways up to the three plazalevel nodes-one for each pair of colleges. And the approach along the lake is meant to be the main student link to the academic core-still only partly operative-and to an enclave of private commercial-residential development on campus. (Planned as part of the adjoining new town of Audubon, this now faces the uncertainties of UDC sponsorship). As it is, students are likely to arrive by bus from the old campus and disperse along the drab service road.

Once the visitor has reached the plaza level, orientation

Architects' axonometric illustrates symmetry of complex about diagonal axis, which is echoed in a few angular building planes.





Site plan shows vehicular access, mix of uses.



Views toward east end of complex show plaza-level promenades overlooking green and lake.



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is easy along the trunk walkways, which form a V opening toward the lake. But finding a particular entrance in one of the by-ways branching off these promenades requires a resident guide. Like the Medieval city, Ellicott demands familiarity if one is not to get lost.

For the visitor, the fear of getting lost is eased somewhat by the sheer sculptural interest of buildings along the way. The articulation of various room types, lounges, studies, stair and elevator towers, and corridor ends (illustrations below) makes vigorous additive sculpture of these buildings. Movement through the complex yields constantly changing compositions of overlapping silhouettes and shadows, all of the forms shaped from the same material and all seen against a sympathetic natural backdrop. The peculiar symmetry of the Ellicott plan, where all elements turn 90 degrees at a diagonal main axis, produces an intriguing effect under sunlight: any element on one side of the axis has a very different light-and-shadow pattern from the same element on the other side.

Each of the six colleges has 10-story tower marking its "gateway" from the main promenades and identifying it on the skyline. These towers are laid out with strict symmetry, but behind its tower, each college has a slightly different composition of residential blocks and of courtyards—a "hard" plaza-level court overlooking a planted "soft" court. College layouts are not sufficiently different, however, to give any of them individuality, which has been attempted by varying the plantings in the "soft" courts massed pines in one college, cherry, birch, etc. in others.

At a few points—all too few—the regularity of massing is relieved by a special architectural incident. At three plaza-

At east end of main promenade is entrance tower of College F. Skylights at center are over small library.





Acrylic-glazed skylights, lined with vivid red or ochre, light college reading rooms at either end of complex and identify crossroads in the plaza-level circulation system.



Within the college, plaza level ends in stair to tree-planted court (above). All college buildings are made up of same volumes (below): G, graduate bedrooms; U, undergraduate; L, two-story lounge (upper space converted during design to four-bed room); S, study room. Lower floors of tower house college offices.







Plans of College F (renamed Wilkeson Quadrangle) show typical plaza-level lounge spaces and residential floors. Layout of bedrooms and lounges between entrance and emergency stairwells is repeated, with variations in building form, in all colleges.

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level circulation nodes, sculptural skylights, lined with color, poke through (lighting the student center at the middle and libraries at either end). The most important breaks in the regularity of forms, however, are the structures for the drama workshop and the lecture hall, located symmetrically at the ends of the main promenades. The architects have exploited their distinctive programs to produce two highly individual landmarks. Similar in height and volume, similar in their links to the indoor circulation at stage level and their prominent audience entrances from the promenade, the two structures are pointedly exceptional in form—the wedge-shaped lecture hall reminiscent of "functional" auditoriums circa 1950, the drama workshop built up of squares rotated in plan. Both structures make gestures toward the diagonal axis of the complex.

Experience is in the details

All of these highly articulated forms of the Ellicott buildings are enhanced by a consistent texture of impeccably designed brick walls. The evolution of Davis, Brody's wall detailing dates back to their Riverbend housing of 1968, and has been refined successively in their six subsequent housing complexes in New York and in their laboratory buildings at other state university campuses (P/A, Sept. 1968, March 1974). Here they have used an 8" x 8" brick, employing 24 special shapes at special conditions; chamfered corners range from 1 in. at intersecting walls to 5 in. at parapets. In color, the brick includes a range of warm tans that takes on many colors, depending on weather and lighting. In full sun, its light-dispersing surface tends to whiten, so that there is more color in shadows; when wet, the brick takes on a deeper, reddish tone that is welcome on rainy days. Mortar color is carefully adjusted to approach that of the brick, remaining lighter to maintain a grid. Brick pavers are of similar color, but darker.

Night lighting of the complex is one of its most instructive successes. All of the plaza-level areas are lighted from two sources: incandescent "window washers" lined up just inside glass walls of lounges and reading rooms fronting on them; and fluorescent strips set into pockets in the balustrades. (These openings in the balustrades produce, in effect, brick handrails, which some of us find hard to accept.) The light is dispersed from the edges of the plazas, where it is most wanted, and some spills from balustrades into what might otherwise be dark corners on the ground below. There is no need for light standards or for fixtures mounted on buildings; no light shines into anyone's face or bedroom window. And fixtures are well located for maintenance.

Inside the buildings, the architects had uneven success. Furnishings of cafeterias, student center, and academic spaces are solid and pleasantly colorful. Modular seating in lounges has been rearranged by occupants into some bizarre configurations. Some areas are not used quite as intended: cafeterias designed to be entered freely by several routes now have checkpoints and makeshift barriers; two small libraries at either end of the complex lack books and are used for other purposes.

On the residential floors, losses were more serious. In the working drawing phase, the client decided to increase the



Drama workshop, adaptable for variety of meetings and events, has movable platforms and seating; louvers to block out daylight will be installed.







Joseph Ellicott Complex

number of beds from 2653 to 3307 to lower the cost per bed. Result: two-story lounges, each intended to serve 20 residents, were divided vertically by a floor slab and the upper portions converted to four-bed rooms (as were some of the single-floor lounges for graduates). Furnishing of all bedrooms was out of the architects' hands.

Considering the extensive changes in university administration during the design and construction period the pressures on the State University Construction Fund to economize, it is encouraging that the original intentions of architects and client were not eroded further.

In the end, Davis, Brody & Associates has created at Buffalo a highly individual, memorable living-learning environment for 6000 students. They have set off the site's pastoral charms by drawing the buildings together. In its less spectacular way, the complex meets the visionary objectives stated by Paolo Soleri: its activity is disengaged from the land and the roads that cross it, yet the landscape is always in view.

In some respects, sadly enough, Ellicott has already become a period piece—a reminder of the optimistic period just past when a public agency such as the New York State University Construction Fund could build generously, commissioning the most creative architects, monitoring their work with professional expertise to elicit their best efforts and to ensure the greatest public benefit for the dollar. While Ellicott may represent a last hurrah for a period of architectural patronage, it also represents, ironically, a superb model for dense, mixed-use development—ready whenever we begin to build in earnest again. [John Morris Dixon]





Skylighted reading rooms (left) occupy centers of the two academic buildings, with plaza just outside and classroom corridors around upper portions. At geometrical center of complex (above) plaza covers clublike student center (below), which is lighted by red-lined monitors and opens onto a tree-shaded terrace.



Data

Project: Joseph Ellicott Complex, State University of New York at Buffalo, Amherst, N.Y.

Architects: Davis, Brody & Associates, New York, N.Y.; Milstein, Wittek, Davis & Associates, Buffalo, N.Y., associate architects; Albert Grossman, associate in charge of project; Maria Twirbutt, associate for Colleges A, D, C, and F; Costas Kondylis, Joshua Pan, Cynthia Peterson, Hisao Yamasaki, design team; Wilfrid Worland, Roger Sparling, Jon Edelbaum, construction coordinators.

Client: State University Construction Fund and Dormitory Authority, State of New York.

Program: six "colleges" with living quarters for a total of 3307 students (increased from 2653 during design phase at sacrifice of lounges) with academic and recreational facilities serving 2700 commuting students as well; 35 percent residents in single rooms, 25 percent in doubles, 15 percent in triples, 25 percent in four-person suites; six cafeterias with capacity of 2400 seats; offices for 140 faculty and staff; 200-seat drama work-shop; 250-seat cinema/lecture hall. Floor areas (net sq ft): 320,000 sq ft, living quarters; 15,000 sq ft, classrooms; 24,000 sq ft, offices; 25,000 sq

ft, libraries; 4620 sq ft, drama workshop; 2880 sq ft, lecture hall. Total net sq ft: one million, approximate.

Site: 50-acre portion of 1200-acre campus, largely undeveloped, 11 miles from center of Buffalo; relatively flat meadow and woodland, poor drainage and high water-table; much of site subject to flooding at 15-year frequency from creeks crossing it.

Structural system: steel frame with concrete slab floors on metal decking. Mechanical system: perimeter electric radiation heating; public spaces air-conditioned by small air- and water-cooled units.

Major materials: exterior walls of brick, 8"x8"x4"; brick pavers; vinyl asbestos or carpet on interior floors; anodized aluminum windows; clear glass; acrylic skylights. (Building material, p. 96.)

Consultants: Geiger & Berger, structural engineers; Cosentini Associates, mechanical and electrical engineers; Sasaki, Dawson, Demay Associates (now Sasaki Associates), landscape consultants; Cynthia Peterson (Davis, Brody & Associates) and Roseann Gordon, interior design. **Contractors:** Albert Elia Building Co. and John W. Cowper Co., building contractors; Oak Grove Construction, Inc., site work contractors. **Costs:** \$54.5 million, including site development, excluding fees. **Photography:** Norman McGrath, except as noted.

Don Higgins



Lecture hall ambulatory (above) has broad view through acrylic curve.



Night lighting (below) is supplied from bands in parapets and window heads.



Off on a tangent

The New York offices of the Gilman Paper Company represent a departure not only from standard office interiors, but also from the work produced by SLS.

After entering the lobby of the Time-Life Building, ascending a stainless steel escalator to the mezzanine level, and entering a reception area done in corporate cool, a visitor to The Gilman Paper Company's New York offices finds the unexpected. The offices are no accident, however. Howard Gilman specifically wanted them to be a place where people could enjoy themselves. The result is, perhaps, one of the most interesting office interiors in New York and one of the best design projects yet to come from Saphier, Lerner, Schindler, under the direction of Larry Lerner. Even the 40,000 sq ft of empty space was unique for New York City. As designers, SLS had reviewed several spaces in the midtown area for their client and this particular space, located on the mezzanine level with its own escalator access directly from the lobby, had a clear ceiling height of 14 ft-a factor that Lerner feels played a very important part in shaping the design concepts. Lerner wanted to maintain the clear height-or at least the illusion of it-so that the

ductwork and lighting were custom designed in self-contained units, located only where necessary over work areas. The hourglass shape of the gypsum board enclosure for the ductwork was selected as the least massive form and as an acoustical consideration to reduce noise levels by reflecting sound down to the carpet or up to the acoustical tile ceiling. Low brightness, parabolic fluorescent fixtures form the underside of the duct enclosure; air intake and return is handled through the brushed aluminum grill of the lighting fixture. Where there are no ducts, the ceiling surface is a mylar-covered lightweight panel hung from the concrete ceiling on a 1 in. exposed, white spline. In other areas, the concrete beams were left exposed and painted white, and acoustical tile was applied to the underside of the concrete ceiling.

The general work area is organized at a 45 degree angle to the existing structural grid of the building. Low gypsum board walls, covered in vivid-colored vinyl divide and organize the various work areas, screen major circulation

The plan shows the general work area organized on a 45-degree angle to the existing structural grid of the building. Photo shows the custom designed, hourglass-shaped duct and lighting enclosures.





Interior architecture

spaces, and serve as enclosures for files that are painted to match the wall colors. A second series of white walls, lower than the colored ones, provide more private, individual work areas. Although the entire plan for this area is open, it was found that using gypsum board construction, even though it might have to be knocked down if changes were needed, was less expensive than investing in an open office system.

There is a lot going on in this one space. The ceiling has white concrete beams, white acoustical tile, mylar, duct enclosures, and light fixtures hung at two different levels. The space also has every conceivable color in the spectrum from red through purple. The orange carpeted floor is the only surface not treated in more than one way, and somehow that subtlety is lost.

The first glimpse of the work space as one enters from the reception area.

And as if all this weren't confusing enough, the 45 degree plan succeeds in disorientating the viewer. It is difficult to establish a sense of order among the various parts of the interior—or a relationship to the outside, since in most areas the peripheral spaces are allocated to private offices, cutting off the line of the curtain wall. The work areas, created by the colored walls, don't seem to have a clear relationship to one another or to an overall concept of organization, although in scale and proportion they work well in the overall volume of the space.

These considerations aside (familiarity no doubt helps), the space is still visually exciting and stimulating. The executive quarters, in another area, are more grandly detailed with lavish materials in the usual corporate genre. The general office workers have won out. [Sharon Lee Ryder]





Central circulation space reveals the juxtaposition of the two grids.





Low walls are used when more privacy is required.



Offices are reflected in mylar ceiling panels (above). Built-in, custom-colored files (below) divide and organize the various work areas. The orange carpet, used throughout the space, is the only surface to remain consistent.



Tilt to the river

Consideration of site, adjacent structures, the neighborhood and a Hudson River view produce a directly responsive architectural statement.

Yes, it works. With drama, no less, and even playfulness. What else could you ask a piece of architecture to do? The Salanter-Akiba-Riverdale Academy (hereinafter referred to as SAR), in the Riverdale section of the Bronx, shows Caudill Rowlett Scott's acumen at handling several different, difficult problems at once. First, there was the site. Then there was the sedate residential neighborhood. Then there were adjacent buildings and trees. And, not incidentally, there was available a smashing view of the Hudson River (not a problem).

The site, part of the estate of the late conductor Arturo Toscanini, held two options. One was a flat area adjacent to an existing building, and the other a steeply sloping bank near another existing building. The client had originally selected the flat area, concurrently offering an open-plan approach—through educational consultants Englehardt & Englehardt—in their program. The requirement was for 480 students, grades one through eight. CRS, after meeting with the client and environmentalists from Wave Hill Environmental Center, changed the site to the hillside, preserving the only flat areas for needed playfields. The program remained. So did most of the trees and all of the adjacent buildings. And the view of the Hudson was even more available.

One of the major concerns of the Academy was that the new facility not violate the residential character around it in other words, keep a low profile. SAR does just that; it fits the hill like the proverbial glove. From the upper entrance tothe grounds, the buildings appear no more obtrusive than one-story, understated elements. Nor does that change on the way down the slope, except that the statement gets more expressive. But only to achieve structural, programmatic, and view objectives. The open space and the view were paramount in the engineering parti. Heavy built-up steel roof trusses slope down with the site, the diagonal members are H-shaped to carry drainage from the stepped roofs. The horizontal sections are arranged so that windows between their lower chord and the next roof down





Low profile from uphill side (right), and Hudson River view is maintained as (below) the building slopes down the hill in stepped levels. Deep expressed trusses and horizontal girders help frame clerestories. Inside, Hebrew symbols.



Laurin McCracken



S.A.R. Academy, New York



Dramatic interior, with many educational levels, is alive with activity.



More conventional teaching spaces (above) below the open tiers provide acoustical and educational options and areas for materials resources.







Clerestories at diagonal and horizontal members and roof slabs give river view to all levels.

provide the river view at every level in the academic space. Difficulty in showing that drama in photos on these pages arises in that the contrast between indoor and outdoor light/focus makes the effect observable only by an on-site visit. But it *is*, as mentioned, smashing.

Only one slight disappointment (unavoidable) appears from the exterior: the stairs, so much a part of the layered open space, and so visible from outside the pitched façades, are not at the same angle as the massive roof trusses. Practical considerations involving necessary landings at intermediate levels (see section) precluded an angular coordination of these two elements. But it only hurts for a little while.

Upon entering

Inside the main space, a visitor sees why those "annoying" landings occur. They are the access to primary and ancillary teaching spaces—simple as that. The open teaching trays are one-half level above or below supporting resource/administrative functions. And the space is exciting; filled with kids, activity, color, and graphics (Hebrew and numeric), it is alive and surprisingly without undue distraction. Rabbi Sheldon Chwat and staff *might just* have some input to that status, but the noise level is just high enough to be fun, and low enough for education to take place—and that's a nice combination. Other events, in the form of carpeted stepped areas and corner shelves for teaching, present an everchanging stage for educational improvisation and experiences.

At the entrance, the chapel is the center of all circulation and, of course, of the religious functions at the school; it is the symbolic center of the Academy's purpose. On the uphill side of the chapel, opposite the academic area, is the gymnasium/cafeteria. Colors in the chapel/entrance are understandably more subdued, picking up intensity in the multipurpose space.

A similarity

There is an irrepressible urge to compare buildings of similar intent. SAR (educational and diagonal in section) and Harvard's Gund Hall (ditto, different level of education) are in some ways similar. They were designed almost simultaneously in different parts of the hemisphere. Rationale and

Corner stair condition provides use variations.



LONGITUDINAL CROSS SECTION

execution are undeniably different as, probably, are results as measured by users and architectural peers. But it is clear that the slope of Gund—however well or poorly it functions—did not derive from the same criteria as SAR's. The scale is different, too, and appropriate to the divergent requirements of the programs of each. The slope and the scale, as they fit the context of SAR, seem eminently more defensible in Riverdale than do those in Cambridge. [Jim Murphy]

Data

Project: Salanter-Akiba-Riverdale Academy, Bronx (Riverdale), New York, N.Y.

Architects: Caudill Rowlett Scott, New York, Houston, Los Angeles; Partner-in-charge, Jack W. Smith; project manager, Charles Baskett.

Program: academy, chapel, and gym/cafeteria for 480 children, grades one through eight.

Site: part of Riverdale estate, sloping to Hudson River, with adjoining buildings.

Structural system: reinforced concrete foundation supports steel columns on concrete slabs (steel centering); primary roof members are builtup steel trusses, lightweight steel deck on steel joist secondary members. Mechanical system: multizone rooftop HVAC unit.

Major materials: exteriors, buff-colored block masonry, bronze-coated aluminum cladding for major structural elements; interiors, acoustic tile ceilings, masonry and gypsum board walls, carpet floors. (Building materials, p. 96)

Consultants: structural, CRS; contractor, Miller & Raved, Inc., who contracted Schlosberg, Inc. for mechanical, Sage Plumbing & Heating for plumbing, E.J. Electric for electrical. Educational consultants: Englehardt & Englehardt.

Costs: \$2.2 million, \$52/sq ft.

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Technics: Specifications clinic

Contract documents for overseas work

Alvin D. Skolnik

The author sets forth guidelines for American specifiers engaged in product research and contract document preparation for architecture to be constructed overseas.

For the American specifier, product research and the preparation of contract documents for work to be constructed overseas involves considerations beyond those applicable to domestic work. The P/A Specifications clinic, August 1975 dealt with product evaluation for domestic work. While all those consideration must still be brought into focus for work overseas, certain others would be helpful. **Reference standards.** You must become familiar with the accepted local standards, with which local contractors are already familiar. In certain cases, these standards will be mandatory (as minimum criteria) because of references in local building laws or "norms." Some examples are British Standards, South African Bureau of Standards, and German Institute for Standardization documents.

Most of the national standards bodies participate in joint efforts for internationalization through activity in the ISO (International Organization for Standardization). While ISO committees deliberate, a recent fact-finding study discovered that among the principal causes of difficulty in achieving agreement was the apparent European preference for a single standard for a product, not allowing for a second parallel standard in those cases where dual standards are an already established fact. In addition, the approach taken in some ISO committees, that a standard must contain both performance test methods and limits, delayed publishing test methods because of the difficulty in coming to agreement on limits.

To become familiar with foreign standards, you might either contact the respective organizations directly, or contact the American National Standards Institute, which maintains an extensive library of foreign standards through exchange with those bodies. You should also become familiar with the Agreement Boards in some European countries and the standards for evaluation of materials which they define. (See P/A Specifications clinic, July 1974).

When analysis of a local reference standard reveals areas in which criteria should be made more stringent, modifications to the document should be specified very clearly. This often necessitates advanced conferences with potential product suppliers to determine their ability and willingness to comply with these new and upgraded standards. In addition, provisions should be made for the testing of products and systems manufactured against new standards; these requirements should be included in the specifications. Since many of these test programs may be introduced for the first time in a locale, they should be carried out under scrupulous supervision.

Product availability survey. When undertaking a project where you have not been involved previously, a very useful undertaking is a product availability survey to cover the major materials and systems to be incorporated in the design. In this regard, it is important to interview the principals of the firm surveyed. Request data on: current production capacity and size of jobs under contract, shop drawings and sample procedures, method of manufacture, adaptability to produce work of a nature more in keeping with the anticipated design requirements, stockpiling capacity and quality control programs. If possible visit buildings under construction and completed work in which the company's products were used.

American technology and quality standards are more advanced and higher than in most other countries. When attempting to upgrade the quality of the work normally acceptable in the program's locale, you must not lose sight of the varying degree of interest and ability of local manufacturers to produce and upgrade products to satisfy these standards. Where local authorities permit the import of products similar to those manufactured in their country, consider the merits of importing (with the attendant extra costs imposed) against the value of an upgraded local product. You must take into account local environmental factors in the selection of products, too.

"Familiar" products. Very often U.S. manufacturers have overseas operations and it is not uncommon in looking at foreign product literature to see what appears to be a familiar brand name. It is important to determine whether or not this similarity is coincidental. I once encountered a sealant of a familiar trade name being produced in a foreign country under license by an American manufacturer who supplied formulations and prepolymers without monitoring the quality control of the end product. Arrangements were made with the licensor to test random samples taken from the job site to determine compliance with specifications. The specifier's role. With the growing construction volume in the emerging nations involving U.S. design professionals, we will be pressed to upgrade foreign construction practice standards. This will not only present an opportunity to promote the export of appropriate American products, it will also necessitate close cooperation with foreign manufacturers who will be anxious to venture into new industries or to improve production quality and efficiency. The specifier will be a catalyst in this. Preparation of contract documents and the selection of products and systems for work overseas presents an exciting new challenge for American design professionals. The specifier has a key, responsible role in this effort. □

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The well tempered caulking gun

The flanks of mighty edifices may not be made of clay, but there is a strong possibility that they may leak. P/A searches the caulking and sealants industry for help.

You are respectfully challenged to a duel. Your adversaries: water, wind, dust, and vermin. Your choice of weapons: caulking and sealants. The time: any time. The place: along your building's joints. The rules of play: outrageously simple. If you do not properly seal them off, your adversaries shall penetrate your joints and cause extensive structural and aesthetic damage inside. Should you prevail, the duel shall continue indefinitely. Should your adversaries prevail, your building shall be forfeited. RSVP.

The forces of man and nature clasp our buildings in a continuous and powerful embrace. Whether a building can survive such affection depends on its structure—and the sealants that bridge and seal its joinery. Taking note of this continuing problem in architecture, P/A presents a brief review of these rubbery chemical compounds formed as mastics, tapes, and gaskets: why they are used, what important properties they possess, and which formulations are most in demand today.

Until the final lunge of a wrecking ball, a building's components move constantly. Temperature fluctuation, wind loading, vibration, humidity, weathering, aging, and settlement set powerful forces in motion that alter their chemical and physical properties. Where components are relatively free to move, spatial orientation is also subject to change.

Where the components are well restrained, there may be practically no perceptible movement at all. An opening in a masonry load bearing wall can experience far less movement than its counterpart in a light framed curtain wall. Its joinery is described as nonworking a i.e., stationary. Examples include coping, reglet, and interior glazing joints.

The desire to move can be implacable, however. The designer may be obliged to tie active components somewhat loosely to the larger structure. This is by way of a working joint, i.e., one that permits a predetermined latitude of movement around a chosen normal position. Examples include control, isolation, and sheet lap joints.

Why draw the fine distinction? Some joints open and close and others stay put. Stuff them up and forget them.

And watch the walls come tumbling down. No penultimate sealant exists that could satisfy the fastidious appetites of this architectural menagerie of openings, intersections, and transitions. If the joint moves very little, a caulk, i.e., a sealant with relatively low (less than 20 percent) movement capability may be selected. Otherwise a sealant with greater (over 20 percent) movement capability is needed. It is both careless and profligate to specify sealants with more overall performance than is necessary, even for safety.

Give us a squeeze

Exactly how much a working joint moves is still a mystery, however. There are too many complex interrelated environmental forces whose concerted action at a given moment exceeds our analytical ability to unravel. The situation is tenable only because we approximate joint movement so well via thermal flux measurements.

Materials generally expand when heated and contract when cooled. Nothing mysterious about this. And observing the phenomenon closely, we know that each material reacts to temperature change at its own steady rate. We express this relationship as the coefficient of linear expansion, the material's characteristic change of linear dimension per unit of length for each degree of change in temperature.

Knowing the coefficient and the anticipated temperature range of climate and orientation in situ permits us to size a joint with confidence. Not that this educated guess obviates us from our other environmental responsibilities. Just consider the movements caused by wind loads against a high-rise structure. But it is one of the more pleasant accidents of nature that designing for thermal movement alone yields a very serviceable approximation in most situations.

The art of joinery. 1–4: one-stage concrete panel joints with tooled surfaced sealant bead, bond breaker, and performed tubular back-up. Note beveled edges for fitting, water runoff, and sealant installation. 1 Recessed vertical butt. 2 Recessed horizontal butt. 3 Flush butt. 4 Recessed corner. 5–7: sealant deforms. 6 Mean temperature. 5 Winter: bead under tension. 7 Summer: bead under compression. 8, 9: two-stage concrete panel joints. 8 Vertical: neoprene tubular rain seal, sponge air seal. 9 Horizontal. 10–12, working joints and 13–15, nonworking joints in aluminum curtain walls. Illustrations courtesy of Prestressed Concrete Institute, 1–4 and 8, 9; Architectural Aluminum Manufacturers Association, 10–15.




Technics: Caulking and sealants

If sealant is tailored to the joint, what will most sealants be like? In America: lean and tough. Unlike Europeans and many Canadians, we like to give our sealants a beating. To save time, simplify construction details, and reduce installation and maintenance to one-step operations, we design a one-stage joint that seals out air and water at a single point within the exterior building surface.

By contrast, the European two-stage joint divides these labors. A rail seal just within the building surface serves to deflect most if not all the water that washes down or is driven into the joint. Past this point is a pressure equalization chamber drained and vented to the outside to channel penetrating water back to the exterior. At the rear of the joint is an air seal.

What makes this sequential solution so appealing is its use of lower performance, lower cost sealants than we require. A fully exposed sealant is subjected to wet-dry cycles, UV radiation, and temperature extremes. As this is the American way, we demand a broader range of sealants from low modulus, low recovery caulking to high modulus, high recovery sealants.

Should we change our ways, there will be many already available sealants to assist us. Yet the prospects for prosyletizing are not entirely good. Two-stage joinery requires careful detailing, fabrication, and installation to succeed. Sealants are not always so easily placed in the twostage joint either. Worse, resealing becomes a difficult and expensive chore. Our sado-masochistic affair with sealants will probably continue for a long time.

Bubble, bubble ...

One needn't be a car fancier to notice that our most ostentatious cars contain many of the same humble ingredients used in more utilitarian models. The same can be said for sealants. Only the differences are far more critical between sealants than between cars.

Any sealant is compounded of a base plastic polymer and those additives that enhance or suppress its inherent properties towards a desired end. Base polymers establish the general sealant performance. How a sealant elongates, compresses, recovers, ages, weathers, and reacts with water, solvents, acids and alkalis, electricity, and temperature is largely the responsibility of the base polymer.

However, many of the same additives are mixed with different base polymers for appreciably different results. The architect soon learns to read the fine print. Mistakes are all too easy to make, and misused sealants can be as vengeful as operatic divas. In addition to its base polymer, a finished sealant may contain any number of fillers, plasticizers, curing agents, solvents, pigments, adhesion promoters, and thixotropic (non-sag) agents-a partial listing! And the chemical potpourri may still need the support of such vital accessories as primers, back-up materials, lubricant-adhesives, and release agents (bond breakers). While the industry does not expect the architect to appreciate the finer points of polymer chemistry, he should recognize what basic sealant additives and adhesives do for base polymers. Fillers add bulk to a sealant. By lowering the percentage of costly base polymer in the finished product, they lower final

cost as well. They can also improve the sealant's performance by controlling consistency, reducing sag, and raising the modulus of elasticity. A sampling of fillers and their functions include: carbon black and ground silica for reinforcement, clays and calcium carbonate for control of consistency, and bentonite, asbestos fiber, and colloidal silica for thixotropy. (Bentonite is also important in sealing underground joints from additional water penetration.)

Plasticizers keep a sealant workable. They simultaneously lower the modulus of elasticity, increase ultimate elongation, and facilitate the addition of fillers through solvent action. They may also maintain sealant flexibility at low temperatures that can render many unworkable.

Curing agents cure a sealant. Their mechanisms vary with the formulations: oxidation, catalytic action, or other chemical means, absorption of atmospheric moisture, and solvent release through evaporation. High performance sealants generally cure through chemical action, directly or indirectly. As one-component sealants, they are mixed together with curing agents and restrained from reaction until the moment of use. The curing agent is often coated in a protective water soluble resin which atmospheric moisture dissolves to begin the reaction. As two-component sealants, they are mixed with curing agents just prior to use or mixed and frozen to prevent curing.

One-component sealants are ready to use but form a protective skin which can prolong the inward curing process. Two-component sealants cure at even rates throughout the bead section so that they are more attractive for use in wider joints. But the use of special mixing equipment on site may be unavoidable.

Solvents, like plasticizers, keep a sealant workable. They are avoided where possible because their eventual release through evaporation shrinks the installed sealant bead down to the percentage of solids quoted in the formulation. As a rule of thumb, higher percentages of solids or lower percentages of solvents indicate better quality sealants. Typical solvents: water, napthas, toluene, and xylene. **Pigments** color the sealant to match the substrate. Some also reinforce or soften as they color. Typical pigments include: carbon black, titanium dioxide, and various aluminum compounds.

Adhesion promoters and primers are internal and external agents that improve a sealant's adhesion to its substrate. Where the latter are used, their tendency to wet and cover the substrate means that a sealant actually adheres to a thin layer of primer. The choice of primer is determined by compatibility with both the sealant and the substrate.

Back-up materials control the depth of mastic sealant placed in a joint. Since the shape of a sealant bead influences its effectiveness under stress, the selection and installation of a back-up cannot be any less deliberate than the choice of sealant. Interactions can cause a loss of adhesion or the staining of the substrate. Among the successful materials used as back-up are: foams of neoprene (a registered DuPont trademark), urethane, and polyethylene, tubes of neoprene and rubber, cotton rope, jute, and cork and composition boards.

Release agents or bond breakers are placed atop the back-up material and elsewhere in joints where no sealant adhesion to the substrate is wanted. When a sealant bead is stressed, some of its surfaces must be free to deform.

Were they inadvertently bonded to the substrate, the additional load thus applied could rupture the sealant. For example, the top and bottom surfaces of a butt joint sealing bead must be free to "neck down" to parabolic deformation curves when stress is applied. Possible release agents are polyethylene film or tape, wax-backed tapes, and even masking tape in emergencies.

Lubricant-adhesives position preformed gasket seals and then hold them in place as the joint moves. Either or both functions may be performed by a single material. Various substances are used such as soaps or compatible sealants.

Rubbery duckies

That wasn't so terrifying, was it? The next step in selecting



Close-up of elastomer in concrete joint. Courtesy of General Electric.

and installing a sealant is to distinguish sealants by their broad performance categories. The reader may be relieved to know there are but a few distinctions to consider at this macroscopic scale: mastics, gaskets, tapes, and specialties. We might say that sealants lie in their joints much as we lie in bed; some of us prefer to remain still while others drift around. So it goes with sealants.

All sealants can be pushed and pulled. Some enjoy it more than others, however. As we shall see, the ability to return to an original form when an applied load is removed can be as important for some sealants as the sheer ability to distort under stress is for others.

Elastomeric sealants, which include silicones, urethanes, and higher modulus polysulfides and polymercaptans, have a high degree of recovery of original form after removal of an applied stress. This particularly suits them for sealing working joints. Innumerable stress and relaxation cycles, manifested in butt joints by tension and compression forces and in lap joints by shearing stresses, are best sustained by sealants like these, which remain in a stressed state while deformed.

Their tenacity has its dangers, nevertheless. Because the elastomers have such resilient cohesiveness, their internal stress can build up at the risk of adhesive failure (loss of bond between sealant and substrate), spalling failure (tearing away of substrate where sealant cohesion is greater than substrate cohesion), and the rapid propagation of tears (initiated by puncture, entrapped and abrasive dirt particles, and other destructive actions).

Deformable sealants, which include lower modulus polysulfides and polymercaptans, butyls, acrylics, latex caulks, and oil-based caulks, relax under stress. That is, they respond to short-term loading with instantaneous elasticity, but tend to creep or flow into new unstressed shapes under long-term loading. They are accordingly more appropriate to nonworking joints.

Unlike many elastomeric sealants, these formulations usually display better tear resistance. When they fail in tension or compression it is more likely to be due to internal inadequacy. Either the material is stretched and fails as a column would upon compression, or it is compressed and fails at a point close to its joint interface with the next tension cycle. Though stress relaxation tends to wrinkle the surfaces of deformable sealants, this is only a problem when the joint is visible to the public.

The mastics perform the bulk of sealant work. However, there are additional generic forms and specialties that have important roles to play. These are preformed gasket seals, preformed sealing tapes, and such specialties as neoprenehypalon (a registered DuPont trademark), ethylene-propylene, styrene-butadiene rubber, polybutene, polyisobutylene, epoxies, and polyesters.

Preformed gasket seals made of high recovery elastomers like neoprene, vinyls, butyls, and silicones, can be rigid extrusions or foams. In either case, they are precompressed into the joint so that their attempt to relieve stress exerts force on the joint surfaces and forms a tight seal. Though they require close tolerances and tailoring to each joint—lest excessive relief of pressure loosens the fit and dislodges the gasket—need special adhesives to effect a field weld, and may experience some difficulty with leakage, they offer labor savings, efficient use of material, and long service life. Their uses include glazing, exterior panel joinery, and structural (supportive) glazing.

Preformed sealing tapes have been likened to gaskets as being more compliant preformed compression seals. These extruded ribbons of sealant come as resilient or nonresilient tapes. Resilient tapes are compounded of high molecular weight polyisobutylene or cured butyls and show moderate recovery and low cohesive and adhesive strengths. Nonresilient tapes contain polybutene or uncured butyl and have no substantial adhesive strength or recovery. Though they cannot handle working joints having any appreciable movement, tapes are extremely useful in glazing (sealing but not spacing the glass in the rabbet), sheet siding and roofing, and hidden wall joints.

As for the numerous specialty sealants, few generalizations about their performance are useful. While technical developments introduce new polymers and new combinations of familiar polymers to the market continuously, some of the specialties have been in use for quite some time. They generally have one or two outstanding properties which can be exploited in the right circumstances.

Most of us don't care to inspect the kitchens of our favorite restaurants. What about the test reports of our favorite sealants? If the outcome is satisfying, why not just leave the means well enough alone? A good sealant should be installed and then forgotten.

Technics: Caulking and sealants

To the credit of the sealants industry, this is often possible. But only exhaustive tests that reflect every conceivable major environmental stress a sealant will encounter can validate any performance claims. The architect must be aware of at least some of the following test characteristics: modulus of elasticity; creep, stress, and recovery; cyclic tension and compression; adhesive strength; ultimate elongation; hardness; tear resistance; UV resistance; fire, solvent, acid and alkali resistance; aging; weathering; electrical insulation; water immersion, and more. A handful of the more important characteristics follow.

Adhesive strength measures a sealant's ability to stick to the joint interface. It is experimentally determined by such tests as tensile adhesion (bond extension), cyclic tension and compression, and peel adhesion, all means of stressing a sample to failure in tension and/or compression. Although the phenomenon is essential to a good sealant, its mechanism is not yet fully understood by researchers.

Hardness denotes a sealant's resistance to penetration. It is measured by a Shore durometer on a scale of 0 to 100, where 100 represents absolute resistance to penetration. Since the quality of hardness tends to rise with the modulus of elasticity, it is often regarded as a shorthand estimate of the sealant's modulus, or ratio of stress to strain in psi. Hardness also relates to a sealant's "stiffness" and general ability to absorb or resist movement. A soft-setting low modulus sealant can be expected to transfer little stress to the adhesive bond. This characteristic alone cannot describe how a sealant will perform in a working joint. Modulus of elasticity as reported for sealants does not provide the decisive stress-to-strain profile that the architect associates with such other building materials as steel, concrete, and wood, whose plotted stress-strain curves manifest an initial straight line interval. The modulus curves of

sealants curve continuously. Any modulus slope drawn to their stress-strain curves at a given value of strain must be considered arbitrary at this time. **Creep,** stress relaxation, and recovery are interrelated phe-

nomena. Creep measures a sealant's readiness to deform: instantaneous elasticity, delayed elasticity, and flow. Stress relaxation, on the other hand, measures the tendency of a sealant to readjust its internal stress while held in a fixed position of deformation. Of the three tests, recovery, expressed as the percentage a sealant returns to its original dimensions with the removal of an applied load, is preferred by the architect. Its measurements are considered the most accessible of flow characteristics for specific applications. Ultimate elongation measures how much a sealant can stretch. High elongation is not a blessing in itself. Does the material recover well from extension? Does it place high adhesive stress on the substrate that could damage the substrate or the bond? That a sealant can be ultimately elongated by 500 or 1000 percent before failure in cohesion may mean nothing to the architect.

Stick with us

Squeeze one and you've not squeezed all: the selection of a base polymer and its particular formulation is undoubtably a very (may the reader forgive) sticky business. No authoritative discussion of the available base polymers is possible here. A series of sketches follows for principal mastic sealants: oil-based caulks, butyl caulks, latex caulks, acrylic sealants, polysulfide sealants, urethane sealants, polymercaptan sealants, and silicone sealants.

Oil-based caulks were the first commercial sealants. Their market share is still very substantial; a slow but continuing market slippage to elastomers, butyls, and latex caulks does not signify their eventual disappearance from the building industry. Research and development continue to improve them.

They are formed from drying and non-drying oils like linseed, fish, soybean, tung, and castor that cure by oil oxidation. The better grades tolerate some movement and last for about 5 to 10 years. But they have almost no recovery. Their advantages include a high percentage of solids (nearly 100 percent) that virtually eliminates shrinkage, easy storage, handling, application, and painting over, good UV resistance, and a tendency to self-heal after cohesive rupture.

Architects use oil-based caulks for nonworking interior joints and exterior glazing, door and window frames, interior crack sealing, and copings among many uses. Both knife and gun grades are available. Priming is strongly advised only for wood substrates.

Butyl caulks were the postwar children of the World War II butyl rubber industry. They first appeared in the 1950s. Today their share of the nonresidential construction sealants market is second only to polysulfides in total volume.

A handful of major suppliers manufacture the basic butyl rubber for dozens of formulators. The butyl caulks that result are one-component, gun grade sealants containing 80 to 85 percent solids that are cured by solvent release. They do not elongate as much as could be expected of low modulus sealants—20 percent or less. However, they age and weather well, have good UV, oil, solvent, acid and alkali, and water immersion resistances, and display balanced adhesive and cohesive strengths that permit adhesion to most substrates. Two basic varieties are available, vulcanized high performance butyls and unvulcanized lower performance butyls.

Because of their versatility, butyls are marketed to the grateful home repairman under such novel labels as "driveway crack sealer" and "gutter sealer." Architects apply the butyls to coping and bedding joints, air seals in two-stage joints, exterior metal sash glazing, roofing reglets, and door and window perimeters among possible uses. They are not intended for traffic bearing joints.

Latex caulks invaded the market on the coattails of latex paints. Since the two are highly compatible, their successful commercial association is not surprising. Both offer a very attractive ease of application and clean up.

"Latex" covers many plastics suspended as latices. Generally latex caulks are based on a vinyl acrylic or a polyvinyl acetate. They are low modulus one-component, gun grade sealants that take up to 20 percent movement, have little recovery but good permanent flexibility, and skin over quickly for immediate painting. They bond well without primers to many substrates, including such damp surfaces as wood, concrete, and brick masonry. While they tolerate much intermittent water exposure, they should not be subjected to continuous immersion. Users criticize their shrinkage, and manufacturers have made efforts to reduce it. Current latex caulks are about 80 percent solids.

They are not for heavy construction. Light construction users apply them to above grade joints, door and window perimeters, flashing, and glazing. The homeowner and small painting contractor are also enthusiastic about them as sealants and adhesives.

Acrylic sealants are solvent-based sealants prepared from thermoplastic acrylic polymers based on alkyl esters of acrylic and/or methacrylic acid. First introduced to the construction industry in 1960, they enjoy an excellent record in heavy construction. They are not so apt for smaller scale construction and home use.



Close-up of glazing sealant and back-up. Courtesy of General Electric.

The acrylics are one-component, gun grade, low recovery sealants with good resistance to many chemical solvents, excellent adhesion without priming, self-healing in cohesion failure, good resistance to water and salt spray, excellent UV resistance, and fine aging and weathering characteristics. They are rubbery. Yet they are not true elastomers due to rapid stress relaxation accompanied by poor recovery.

Glazing, control joints, brick and masonry pointing, and glass-to-mullion joints are good applications for acrylic sealants. Their low recovery is in fact not a detriment in these and other appropriate applications where high adhesion is important. However, acrylics do cure slowly. A persisting tackiness can lead to dirt pick-up and discoloration. In addition, acrylics require heating prior to extrusion to establish the gunnability of the thermoplastic base polymer. Polysulfide sealants are the longest known elastomeric joint sealants in the building industry. Produced by Thiokol Chemical Company in 1929, this synthetic rubber was developed on an accelerated schedule during World War II (as were many other synthetic substances) and was offered for construction purposes as a sealant in 1952. (Thiokol still provides the sealants industry with its major share of liquid polysulfide polymer, as well as an important sealant quality control and certification program.) Polysulfide sealants are frequently regarded as the standard measure for sealant products in general.

They are available as flowing and non-sag one- and twocomponent formulations. Characterizing their properties is complicated by the large number of formulations prepared for a broad range of construction applications. They have good water immersion, organic solvent, oil, and chemical resistances, variable hardness (from almost 0 to greater than 50), and variable modulus, depending on fillers, crosslinking, and temperature, good aging and weathering characteristics, adequate UV resistance for glazing, balanced and excellent cohesive and adhesive strengths, and good tear resistance. Priming is recommended especially for working joints. Joint cleaning is a must.

The polysulfides are well known and respected in the building industry. They may not have as high a recovery as silicones or urethanes, but their tolerance of joint movements of close to 50 percent and many other positive attributes have made them highly useful to architects in the design of working joints. Among high performance sealants, they are competitive in price.

Urethane sealants are compounded from one of the most adaptable of plastics, the urethane polymer. Besides appearing in sealants in 1960, urethanes have been produced as foams, coatings, fibers, and rubbers for many phases of architectural work. The properties of urethane sealants are generally ranked between polysulfides and silicones.

High recovery, good workability, good adhesion, very good oil resistance, excellent UV resistance, very good aging and weathering resistance, excellent tear resistance, and variable hardness and modulus with very little creep or flow are some of the reasons they are being intensively studied by the industry. Both non-sag and self-leveling twocomponent formulations and non-sag one-component formulations are available. A certain delicacy in its handling lingers, however: mixing must be meticulously performed, slowly and uniformly for want of a diffusion cure, joints must be very clean and primed, and water can be troublesome during curing and in even continuous exposure after the curing process.

The urethanes compete well with polysulfides for the servicing of working joints. They can withstand traffic well because of their great potential hardness and a high capacity for abrasion. Their ability to adhere to glass and good UV resistance make them candidates for glazing work as well. Polymercaptan sealants are based on mercaptan (sulfurhydrogen group) terminated polymers similar to those of the polysulfides, anchored to polymer chains similar to that of the urethanes. This naturally suggests a performance profile that captures the best of polysulfides and urethanes. As they are relatively new in the industry, their competitive position in the high performance sealants market is not fully established yet. They are available as one- and two-component formulations, have good adhesion, and appear to endure aging and weathering well. Their modulus is similar to that of silicones and urethanes, and is thus higher than that of the polysulfides; their recovery is moderate, falling somewhere between polysulfides and urethanes.

Silicones have been known for over a century, but the first silicones for architectural sealants appeared rather late, in 1960. Since then, the high performance of the silicones has won them a small but growing share of the market. Their quality and consistency are very predictable; few manufacturers produce them, and those that do create fin-

Comparative characteristics and properties of sealing compounds

1 Cure time as well as pot life are greatly affected by temperature and humidity. Low temperatures and low humidity create longer pot life and longer cure time; conversely, high temperatures and high humidity create shorter pot life and shorter cure time.

Aligh humidity create shorter pot life and shorter cure time. 2 Resistance to extension is better known in technical terms as modulus. Modulus is defined as the unit stress required to produce a given strain. It is not constant but, rather, changes in values as the amount of elongation changes. 3 Life expectancy is directly related to joint design, workmanship, and conditions imposed on any sealant. The length of time illustrated is based on joint design within the limitations outlined by the manufacturer, and good workmanship based on accepted field practices and average job condi-tions. A violation of any one of the above would shorten the life expectancy to a degree. A total disregard for all would render any sealant useless within a very short period of time.

4 Material cost per lineal foot and applied cost per lineal foot are approximated by taking the average cost of many manufacturers' sealants and average labor, benefits, insurance costs, and thus formulating figures which are meant to serve as a guideline. Keep in mind there are many lower cost sealants, many higher cost sealants, as well as lower and higher labor rates throughout North America. Thus, differing costs and rates could affect these figures, either up or down.

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		Butyls		Acrylics		Polysulfides		Polyurethanes		
	Oil Base	Skinning Type	Non- Skinning Type	Solvent- Release Type	Water- Release Type	One- Component	Two- Component	One- Component	Two- Component	
Chief ingre- dients	Selected oils, fillers, plasti- cizers, bind- ers, pigment	Butyl poly- mers, inert re- inforcing pig- ments, non- volatile plas- ticizers and polymerizable dryers	Butyl poly- mers, inert re- inforcing pig- ments, non- volatizing and non-drying plasticizers	Acrylic poly- mers with limited amounts of fillers & plas- ticizers	Acrylic poly- mers with fill- ers and plas- ticizers	Polysulfide polymers, ac- tivators, pig- ments, inert fillers, curing agents, and non-volatiliz- ing plasti- cizers	Base: poly- sulfide poly- mers, activa- tors, pigments, plasticizers, fillers. Acti- vator: acceler- ators, extend- ers, activators	Polyurethane prepolymer, filler pigments & plasticizers	Base: polyure- thane prepoly- mer, filler, pigment, plas- ticizers. Acti- vator: acceler- ators, extend- ers, activators	Siloxane poly- mer, pigment & fillers
Primer required	in certain applications	none	none	none	none	usually	usually	usually	always	usually
Curing process	solvent re- lease, oxida- tion	solvent re- lease, oxida- tion	no curing: remains per- manently tacky	solvent re- lease	water evap- oration	chemical re- action with moisture in air & oxidation	chemical re- action with curing agent	chemical re- action with moisture in the air	chemical re- action with curing agent	chemical re- action with moisture in the air
Tack-free time (hrs)	6	24	remains in- definitely tacky	36	36	24	36-48	36	24	2
¹ Cure time days	continuing	continuing	N/A	14	5	14-21	7	14	3-5	5
Max. cured elongation	15%	40%	N/A	60%	not available	300%	600%	300%	400%	250%
Recommended max. joint movement, %	±3% de- creasing with age	±7½%	N/A	±10%	±5%	±25%	±25%	±15%	±25%	±20%
Max. joint width	1″	3/4 "	N/A	3/4 "	5/8″	1″	1″	3/4 "	1″	5/8 //
Resiliency	low	low	low	low	low	high	high	high	high	high
Resistance to compression	very low	moderate	low	very low	low	moderate	moderate	high	high	high
2Resistance to extension	very low	low	low	very low	low	moderate	moderate	high	high	high
Service temp. range °F	- 20° to 150°	-20° to 180°	- 20° to 180°	-20° to 180°	- 20" to 180°	- 40° to 200°	- 60° to 200°	- 25° to 250°	-40° to 250°	- 60° to 250°
Normal appli- cation temp. range	+40° to +120°	+40° to +120°	+40° to +120°	+40° to +120°	+ 40° to + 120°	+40° to +120°	+40° to +120°	+40° to +120°	+40° to +120°	-20° to +160°
Weather resistance	poor	fair	fair	very good	not available	good	good	very good	very good	excellent
Ultra-violet resistance, direct	poor	good	good	very good	not available	good	good	poor to good	poor to good	excellent
Cut, tear, abrasion resistance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	good	good	excellent	excellent	poor
³ Life expec- tancy	5 to 10 years	10 years +	10 years +	20 years +	not available	20 years +	20 years +	20 years +	20 years +	20 years +
Hardness Shore A	2080	20-40	N/A	20-40	3035	25-35	25-45	25-45	25-45	30-40
4Cost/ft mate-rial (3/8 × 1/2)	.0206	.04–.08	.0408	.08–.13	.0408	.1420	.11–.18	.1220	.1018	.2528
4Cost/ft applied $(3/8 \times 1/2)$.2040	.2545	.25–.45	.4065	.2545	.45—.85	.4585	.4075	.4075	.6585
Applicable specifications	FS:TTC-598B	TTS-001657	none	FS:TTS-230C 19-GP-5 (Canadian)	none	FS:TTS-230C Thiokol Bldg. Trade Spec. 19-GP-13A (Canadian)	FS:TTS-00227E USAS:A-116.1-11 Thiokol Bidg. Trade Spec. 19-GP-3B (Canadian)	FS:TTS-230C 967	FS:TTS-00227E 19-GP-15 (Canadian)	FS:TTS-230C FS:TTS-001543

ished sealants rather than basic polymers for formulators.

Silica sand is the source of the clear, colorless silicone polymer used in silicone sealants. The base polymer is compounded with fillers, pigments, and other substances as one or two-component formulations of high or low modulus. They are almost 100 percent solids; shrinkage is insignificant. Their exceptional recovery is their principal distinction, however. It is accompanied by fine gunnability and workability, very stable viscosity, on-the-shelf stability, and excellent resistances to weathering, moisture, ozone, UV, and more.

But the magic costs money. More, in fact, than other quality elastomeric sealants whose properties, save for re-



Glazing joint details for aluminum curtain walls, outside to right. Top shows glass set in lockstrip gasket. Bottom shows glass set with exterior elastomer and neoprene roll-in rod and interior with dense neoprene gasket. Courtesy of Architectural Aluminum Manufacturers Association.

covery, are quite comparable with the silicones. If the architect has working joints that justify the premium cost of silicones, he must also accept such disadvantages as a relatively low adhesive strength for its given cohesive strength, low tear resistance, diligent and unavoidable substrate surface preparation and priming, and somewhat lower elongation properties. Nevertheless, it is a superb sealant for such exterior exposed joints as curtain wall panel joints, expansion joints, control joints, and metal-toglass sealing. Particularly, the low modulus formulations seem to sustain joint movements of up to 50 percent easily. **What to do with the goo**

what to do with the goo

Here you are, patient reader, caulk or sealant finally in hand, wondering what could go wrong next. Ask any architect or contractor. Plenty. But to be more optimistic, here is a brief introduction to the proper installation of mastic sealants, as suggested by the industry and by other independent specialists.

One- and two-component gun grade mastic sealants are installed using essentially the same techniques, for all their genuine differences in composition. The joint is prepared in the following sequence: cleaning, insertion of the back-up material, positioning of the bond breaker, and priming as recommended. When the primer is ready, the sealant is extruded from a caulking gun operated by hand or by air. The exposed sealant surface is then tooled to give the proper contour to the bead, force sealant in and against the backup material, and spread sealant against the substrate interfacing surfaces.

This is not a job for amateurs. Such factors as could easily be overlooked might include: failure to clean or prime a joint; too much or too little sealant; improper sealant bead shape for the type of joint (e.g., butt joints have an ideal shape factor which suggests that a bead should be approximately twice as wide as it is deep); improper weather conditions (seasonal extremes are to be avoided), and improper joint design or sealant selection. Much of the postoccupancy agonies of leaky joinery can be avoided by architects: do your designs respect both the state of technology and the art of construction? Can builders realistically handle the building details and sealants they are given?

One-component mastics are delivered in cartridges and pails. Cartridges are ready to use in hand guns; pails are for bulk loading guns. The one-component sealant is rather easy to use as it needs no mixing and stays workable for a much longer period of time after it is opened—hours or even a day or more.

Two-component mastics usually come to the site in pails that must be well blended together to effect a proper cure. Confusion is minimized by having sealant and curing agent packaged in clearly differentiated containers whose contents also differ in color. Various mixing devices are available for blending.

However, two-component sealants can be premixed at the factory, placed in cartridges, and frozen. At the site, these cartridges must be thawed and used promptly. By whichever path they are delivered, two-component sealants tend to become rubber sooner than one-component sealants. Installers usually have about two to three hours to apply them once mixed.

Tape and gasket installations are not without their details either. But a certain burden is removed simply because their essential compositions are factory made. There are still the joint preparation, placing, and splicing to be accomplished on site, however.

And so it goes. Sealants are certainly not the only chemical products an architect must specify. However, they can throw a perfectly monstrous tantrum when heedlessly selected, installed, and abused. They can effectively bring down your house. So it pays to know them individually; these strange little worms that hide in cracks and thereby seal the floodgates of architecture. [Roger Yee]

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Minimum fee schedules

Bernard Tomson and Norman Coplan

The U.S. Supreme Court declares the legal profession's minimum fee schedules an illegal trade restraint, a matter of grave concern to the architecture profession.

In the past few years the United States Justice Department has been challenging the legality of minimum fee schedules propounded by professional societies on the ground that these schedules violated the anti-trust laws of the United States. Many state and local chapters of the American Institute of Architects had issued recommended fee schedules for use by the profession in negotiating fees and it was, of course, of great concern whether these recommended schedules would be similarly challenged. In 1973, we reported on an action instituted in a Virginia Federal District Court challenging the minimum fee schedules of county and state bar associations in Virginia as violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act ("It's the law," P/A, Dec. 1973). The District Court in this case (Goldfarb v. Virginia State Bar) ruled that the County Bar Association's minimum fee schedule, even though it be construed as not mandatory, was illegal price-fixing in violation of the antitrust laws, since these minimum fees were generally accepted and adhered to by the members of the profession.

This case was appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Appeals Court reversed the determination of the Trial Court on the ground that the practice of law is a "learned profession" immune from the application of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The Court further held that attorneys' activities did not have sufficient effect on Interstate Commerce to support jurisdiction of the antitrust laws. This case was further appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and that Court recently rendered its determination, finding that the minimum fee schedule of the Virginia County Bar Association was an illegal trade restraint violating the anti-trust laws (*Goldfarb* v. *Virginia State Bar*, 43 L.W. 4723).

In the *Goldfarb* case, the petitioners, a husband and wife, had contracted to buy a house in Fairfax County, Virginia. Required to secure title insurance, they sought the assistance of an attorney for a title examination, and were quoted the precise fee suggested in a minimum fee schedule published by the Fairfax County Bar Association. Petitioners then tried to find another lawyer who would charge less, but did not succeed. The petitioners brought a class action against the State Bar and the County Bar Associations (the State Bar was eventually found not liable because it was considered a state agency not subject to the anti-trust laws) alleging that the publishing of minimum fee schedules constituted price fixing in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. The United States Supreme Court, in holding the County Bar Association schedule illegal, stated the following:

"The County Bar argues that because the fee schedule is merely advisory, the schedule and its enforcement mechanism do not constitute price fixing . . . The facts found by the trier belie these contentions . . . The fee schedule was enforced through the prospect of professional discipline from the State Bar, and the desire of attorney to comply with announced professional norms . . . the motivation to conform was reinforced by the assurance that other lawyers would not compete by underbidding."

In response to the argument of the County Bar that any effect on interstate commerce caused by the fee schedules' restraint on legal services was incidental and remote and thus not covered by the anti-trust laws, the United States Supreme Court said:

"As the District Court found, 'a significant portion of funds furnished for the purchasing of homes in Fairfax County comes from without the State of Virginia' and 'significant amounts of loans on Fairfax County real estate are guaranteed by the United States Veterans Administration and Department of Housing and Urban Development'... The necessary connection between the interstate transactions and the restraint of trade provided by the minimum fee schedule is present because, in a practical sense, title examinations are necessary in real estate transactions to assure a lien on a valid title of the borrower."

Finally, the County Bar argued to the U.S. Supreme Court that Congress never intended to include the learned professions within the term "trade and commerce," the basis of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act jurisdiction; thus the sale of professional services is exempt from the Act. In rejecting this argument, the Court stated.

"The nature of an occupation, standing alone, does not provide sanctuary from the Sherman Act . . . nor is the public service aspect of professional practice controlling in determining whether §1 (of the Anti-Trust Act) includes professions . . . Congress intended to strike as broadly as it could in §1 of the Sherman Act, and to read into it so wide an exemption as that urged on us would be at odds with that purpose . . . In the modern world it cannot be denied that the activities of lawyers plays an important part in commercial intercourse, and that anti-competitive activities by lawyers may exert a restraint on commerce."

Although the Supreme Court pointed out that not every professional activity on the part of an attorney could necessarily be considered as affecting interstate commerce, or that every anti-trust concept applicable to business operations could apply to professional operations, it would appear that its opinion is broad enough to put into serious question the advisability of any profession maintaining recommended minimum fee schedules.



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Toward a Modern American Architecture

George Howe: Toward a Modern American Archi-

tecture by Robert A. M. Stern. New Haven and London, *Yale University Press, 1975, 273 pp., 133 illus., \$25. Reviewed by Walter Kidney, former associate editor of Progressive Architecture.

A study of George Howe is bound to have a fascination for the historically interested reader. Here was an established, even famous, Eclectic who abandoned the ways of design that made him successful in order to participate in the emerging modernism of the late 1920s. Perhaps only Gunnar Asplund offers a true parallel during the time of stress for architecture. Bertram Goodhue and Raymond Hood, two other famous American Eclectics who made such a conversion, did so much less radically and consistently, while other leading Eclectics who "did" modern from time to time, like Paul Cret and Royal Barry Wills, did so only because the particular job seemed to call for it. But Howe is almost unique, and one is tempted to see in him a kind of test-tube miniaturization of what was going on in the United States from 1927 or so on.

Because this is so, Robert Stern is to be commended for his self-restraint. George Howe's life was one that could have lent itself readily to an intellectually cheap treatment. Consider the themes: father Howe, rich, dying at just the right time for the purposes of the willful mother Howe, who wanted to raise her son the architect with complete and undivided control over his development. George Howe the infant cosmopolite, the popular, socially eligible Harvard dilettante. Howe the Beaux-Arts graduate, building for himself, at the age of 28, the mansion he had just designed as his senior thesis. Howe the Philadelphia gentleman, moving in the little world of Chestnut Hill. Then, Howe the military man, accompanying the diplomatic missions through the chaos of post-war Germany; disillusion setting in. Afterwards, a false normalcy: Howe the partner of Mellor, Meigs & Howe, back from the war to produce Cotswold and Norman farmhouses for the rich. But then, Howe suffering the crise à quarante ans, repudiating the past and searching for a way forward. Howe discovering the seminal



George Howe's High Hollow, Chestnut Hill, Pa., 1914–16 (above left). Howe and Lescaze, Museum of Modern Art, NYC, scheme 4, 1930. (above right).

words of Spengler concerning "a style which drives through walls into the limitless universe of space and makes both the exterior and interior of the building complementary images of one and the same world-feeling." Howe in pursuit of the world-feeling, reading on "the evolution of geometry, of number, of space-time concepts, of speculative science, of philosophy and history." Howe of the PSFS Building, of Fortune Rock. And finally, Howe the educator. All this, except for a certain lack of climax, reads like a novel about an architect rather than a true story, and the opportunities for conventional moralizing are many. But Stern, no friend to Eclecticism and with a long-standing interest in what happened in world culture around 1927, lets his own opinions show without laboring them, and for this let me repeat, he is to be commended. Nor does he indulge himself in the vice of many artist's biographers of putting his subject in a rat-race competition with his contemporaries for a nebulous thing called Greatness (Eakins was profound, therefore Sargent was shallow; Beethoven was a giant, therefore Mendelssohn was a pygmy). True, he shows that Meigs was brash and Lescaze facile and bounderish, but he can document these things. His treatment of Fuller, Kahn, Wright, Stonorov, and others is sober, and while his portrayal of the personalities at Yale in the 1950s is not exactly kind, it seems not to be unjust. In short, he has witten an important biography without the routine retrospective polemics that so many such studies have had in the past. He is interested in Howe, but seems neither to see him as a hero nor to tout him as a scholarly property.

Howe seems to have been a very on-and-off designer. High Hollow, his own mansion, is traditional but not literalistic, fresh and sensitive, but I suspect that some day it will be seen as the best thing he, by himself, ever did. Oak Lane and PSFS are partly Lescaze's, and the tower of PSFS is tied together visually by vertical piers demanded by the bank's president. Howe's Eclectic work, as illustrated by Stern, seems curiously lifeless, inferior to that of the boorish Meigs. Square Shadows (a polemical, 1930s sort of name for a house, like Behrens' New Ways in England)



Howe and Lescaze, Philadelphia Saving Fund Society (PSFS), Philadelphia, Pa., 1931. Wide-angle view of curved corner of banking room from N.E.

uses materials well but seems dully virtuous in overall composition, and cannot the same be said for Fortune Rock? Furthermore, Howe was not a very industrious designer; it may be that his heart was not really in it, and that, like Ralph Adams Cram, he was fated to talk a good architecture rather than design it.

A sub-theme of the book is that of escape. Howe returned from a Germany that had gone from straightforward military homicide to homicide in the name of social progress, and Stern tells us that he wanted to forget Germany by designing Old World houses for businessmen who presumably wanted to forget the office—butch Marie Antoinettes who might even have a few ducks in the yard. Later, Howe recited a few acts of contrition over these houses, and even gave up High Hollow, "the badge of my servitude to romantic-classicism" (was he being serious when he said this?). But was it really escape to design these picturesque but essentially modest essays in fieldstone? I have seen many such houses in Chestnut Hill, and barring a few stylistic affectations they are exactly right for their setting. They are no more of an escape than civilized life itself is.

Howe's world-feeling appears to be that of scientists and professors in their professional capacities. But he was not really a science-worshipper. He was not a pure materialist, like Fuller, nor did he regard the machine as the great Form-Giver of his century. He held on to older ideas of the articulation of construction and plan, learned in his student years, and these really did more for his actual work than the world-feeling did, as far as I can see. It may be, in short, that he did not really know what he wanted, except to avoid excess, yet somehow to get away from "escape." Perhaps he was really a misfit in the milieu of architecture, not quite a designer, not quite a theorist, forced by his early upbringing to cast his abilities and desires arbitrarily into an architectural guise. Since he was such a success as chairman of the architecture department at Yale, it may even be possible that he should have been the president of a corporation, applying common sense to its problems and then commuting to some fieldstone house, Cotswold or not.



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Building materials

Major materials suppliers for buildings that are featured this month, as they were furnished to P/A by the architects.

The Galleria, New York, New York (p. 39). Architect: David Kenneth Specter, New York, and Office of Philip Birnbaum, New York (apartments). Reinforced concrete structure: Colonial Sand & Stone Co (concrete); Hudson Cement

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Water Tower Place, 845 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago III. (p. 50). Architects: Loebl, Schlossman, Dart, Hackl Chicago III. and C.F. Murphy Associates Chicago, associated architects. Concrete foundations and structure: Material Service. Reinforcing steel: Inland Ryerson. Marble cladding: Georgia Marble Co. Interior drywall partitions: U.S. Gypsum. Marble tile floors: Buffalini Marble. Carpeting: Mohawk Carpet Mills, Stratton Industries. Vinyl asbestos tile flooring: Armstrong Cork Co.; Kentile Floors Inc. Ceiling acoustic tile: Celotex Corp., U.S. Gypsum. Thermal insulation: Pittsburgh Corning. Mineral wool blankets insulation: U.S. Gypsum. Acoustical mineral wool blankets: U.S. Gypsum. Roof drain heads: Zurn Industries. Concrete block partitions and drywall partitions: U.S. Gypsum. Aluminum frame windows with black anodized finished, solar thermopane glazing; P.P.G. Inc. Hollow metal doors: Johnson Fireproof Door Wood doors: U.S. Plywood Corp. Steel slat curtains: Apton Metal Products. Stainless steel, bronze, and baked enamel on steel elevators Otis Elevator Co. Bronze anodized aluminum entrance doors: International Steel. Locksets:

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Joseph Ellicott Complex, State University of New York at Buffalo (p. 52). Architects: Davis, Brody & Associates, New York, N.Y. Structural steel: Bethlehem. Brick walls: Glen Gery. Metal decking (under concrete floor slabs): Wheeling Corrugated Co. Brick pavers: Glen Gery. Vinyl asbestos tile flooring: Armstrong, Carpet: Mohawk. Acoustic ceiling tile: U.S. Gypsum. Acoustic metal pan (in kitchens): Gold Bond. Membrane waterproofing (exterior decks and plazas): Uniroyal and PRC Sprayed-on insulation: Spray-Don. Batt insulation: Owens-Corning. Aluminum windows (duranodic finish): Kawneer, Sampson. Exterior doors: PPG. Interior wood doors: U.S. Plywood and Weyerhaeuser. Hardware: Russwin, Corbin, Van Duprin. Prefab kitchen units: Dwyer. Walk-in freezer units: Vollrath. Elevators: Otis and Gallagher (Parkline cabs). Lighting: Kliegl (drama workshop); Kurt Versen (int. and ext. downlights); Silvray-Litecraft (int. downlights); Marco (ext. mercury vapor); Moldcast (misc. ext. lighting). Plumbing fixtures: Kohler. Drapery fabric: Design Tex. Dining tables: Thonet (tops); L&B Products (bases). Lounge furniture: Rothman, Probber, CI Designs, Knoll. Cinema seating: American Seating Co. Misc. chairs: General Fireproofing.

Salanter-Akiba-Riverdale Academy, Bronx (Riverdale), New York, N.Y. (p. 66). Architects: Caudill Rowlett Scott, New York, Houston, Los Angeles.

Structural steel and steel joists: Oxhandler and Kelly Masonry Corp. Block masonry wall surfacing: Kelly Masonry Corp. Acoustical tile ceiling surfacing: Johns-Manville Corp. 040 aluminum Fluropon roof surfacing: Julius Watsky, Inc. Rubber Seal fiberglass-cloth No. 54 waterproofing and dampproofing: Mitchell Rand Mfg. Corp. Gypsum board and metal stud partitions: U.S. Gypsum. Aluminum and glass windows: S.&.C. Products. Steel interior doors: Williamsburg Steel Products. Aluminum and glass entrance doors: S.&.C. Products. Mortise locksets: Corbin. Slimline door closers: Norton. Surface mounted panic exit: Von Duprin, Inc. Paint for interior walls and graphics: Pittsburgh Plate Glass. Central control public address equipment: Executone. Plumbing and sanitary equipment: American Standard. Rooftop low-silhouette universal reheat system (gas heating, electric air conditioning: ITT Nesbitt.

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