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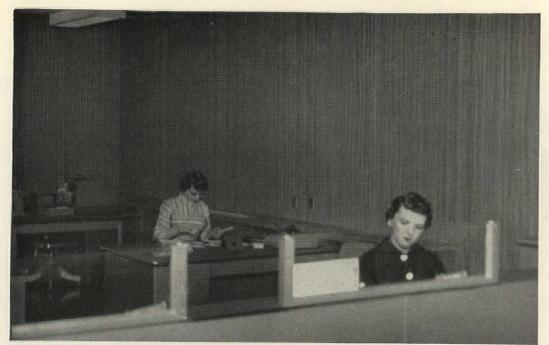


- Architecture Comes of Age in Israel (above)
- Stone Evokes Bernini in New Orleans
- Plastic Laminate Combines Light Diffusion, Sound Control

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General business office of the Greenville, Ohio, Telephone Company, with Consoweld Platinum Walnut woodgrain pattern on the walls. Consoweld was applied directly over gypsum board. It is also used in the entry, stair halls and corridor, operators' lounge, longdistance operating room, and the manager's office.

# Consoweld Laminated Plastic Beautifies Walls, Saves Construction Time on Telephone Building



Entrance to the attractive new building of Greenville, Ohio Telephone Co. Freytag and Freytag, AIA, Sidney, Ohio, were the architects; Fry Construction Company, Greenville, O., was the builder. Consoweld was supplied by Fiddes-Moore, distributors, at Dayton, Ohio.

The use of Consoweld laminated plastic as surfacing for walls cut construction time three weeks on the Greenville, Ohio, Telephone Company building, according to C. W. Fry, of Fry Construction Company.

Consoweld Saved 3 Weeks . . . The architect, Ferd E. Freytag, recommended laminated plastic to eliminate the three-weeks' drying time for plaster before delicate electronic equipment could be installed. Another brand of conventional 1/16-inch thickness, originally considered, would have had to be cemented to plywood. Consoweld 10, 1/10-inch thick, could be applied directly over the gypsum-board walls. Another factor in the choice was Consoweld Twin-Trim matching mouldings, which provide unbroken areas of color.

Woodgrain Patterns Used Throughout . . . Consoweld Platinum Walnut pattern is used in the business office, entrance hall, stair hall, and corridor. The long-distance switchboard room has Harvest Brown Birch on the walls; in the operators' lounge is Honey Maple, and in the office of Manager H. F. Clapper, the walls are Consoweld Red Mahogany pattern. According to Contractor Fry, Consoweld cost no more than plastering and painting, and its use enabled his company to complete the job several weeks earlier.

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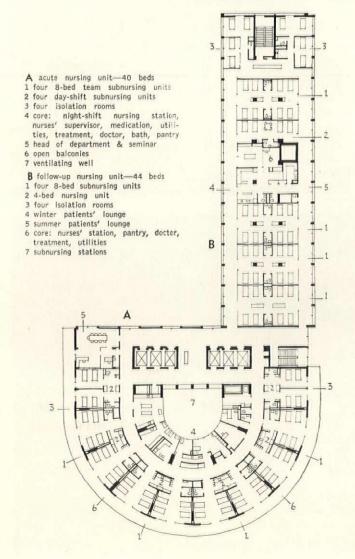
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# ARCHITECTURE COMES OF AGE IN ISRAEL

### Medical Center Is Newest Major Building



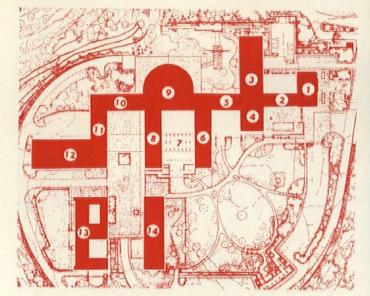
JERUSALEM, ISRAEL—The upsurge of good design in Israel described on page 91 is made patent by one of the largest projects to approach completion—the Hadassah Hebrew Medical Center. Designed by Architect Joseph Neufeld, New York, the Center contains a 500-bed hospital, 40-bed maternity pavilion, outpatient clinic, nursing school and residence, medical school, dentistry and pharmacy schools, clinical research and student laboratories, lecture halls, main auditorium, and synagogue.

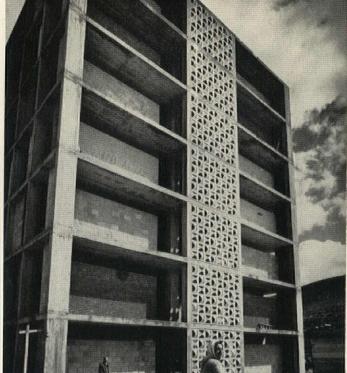
A unique feature of the Center is the radial nursing unit



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- 1 main auditorium 2 lecture halls & administration 3 research laboratories
- 4 students' laboratories 5 clinical laboratories
- outpatient clinics
- 8 follow-up nursing units, x-ray, deep therapy, hospital & o.p.d. lobbies
- 9 acute nursing units, operating suite, main dining hall
- 10 emergency admission, main kitchen & laundry
- 11 administration, overnight stay rooms
- 12 workshops & garages 13 nurses' school & residence 14 maternity pavilion

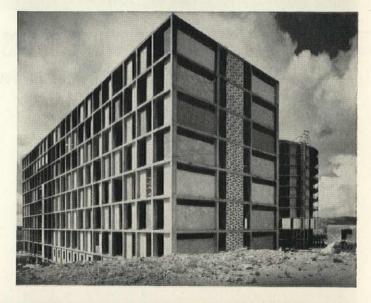




for the acutely ill. In the center of each floor, a core contains doctor's room, main nursing station, treatment room, pantry, etc. Radiating from this core are units of two 4bed rooms and subnursing station. Convalescent patients are treated in the adjacent rectangular follow-up unit, which permits cost savings through use of a less specialized staff. Eight-bed wards and service core are flanked by two nursing and lounging corridors, which can be used alternately in winter and summer.

Exterior treatment of the Center reveals the grid pattern of reinforced-concrete structure. Squares between the exposed columns and ledges are filled with either stone, white or red brick, or sculptured precasts, with half the aperture containing an aluminum window-wall unit.

Landscape Architect-Lawrence Halprin, San Francisco; Structural Consultant—A. L. Zetlin, New York; Mechanical Engineers-Jaros, Baum & Bolles, New York.







# ISRAEL — 1959

by Julius Shulman

Seeing Israel recently on a swift but thorough twelve-day photographic trip was more than enough to make one realize that this young nation has arrived at a maturity far exceeding that of [some other] older nations.

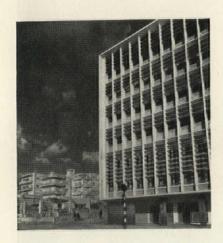
The architects of Israel are entering a new era of design thinking, resulting in the formation of a new design generation. This is an era of new materials, of more open and relaxed structural concepts. But the seriousness of the architects is still evident in their fervent devotion to function. The buildings are perhaps the most successful ones in the world from a climate-control point of view. The scarcity of wood has necessitated that masonry, concrete, marble, and the plentiful limestone be used to the fullest extent. New uses of building materials and more daring solutions are resulting in great changes in the architectural map of Israel. This is certainly apparent in the view of the Dan

New Israeli Buildings: Winston Churchill Auditorium, Haifa (above), Sharon & Idelson, Architects; Apartment Building, Tel Aviv (right), Dov Karmi, Architect; Hebrew University Classroom & Administration Building, Jerusalem (below), Dov Karmi, Architect.





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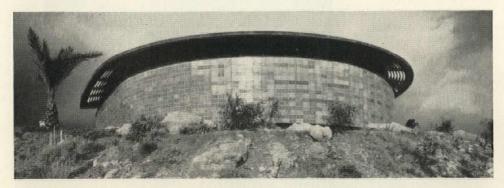




Hotel which shows, in the background, a glimpse of the almost frantically designed and constructed apartments of the Thirties.

As more funds are being made available for public buildings, and with a system of competitions for design awards, young architects are appearing. There have been private funds provided for museums and concert halls and universities. All this has hastened the pace. Indications are that there are no limits for Israel's needs for new communities. The architect's position and responsibility place him in the fore. A gigantic program of nationwide planning is his job!

New Israeli Buildings: Dan Hotel, Tel Aviv (above left), A. H. Fenchel, Architect; Helena Rubenstein Pavilion, Tel Aviv (above right), Karmi & Rechter, Architects; Frederic Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv (left), Karmi & Rechter, Architects; Archeological Museum, Tel Aviv (below), Bauman & Whittkower, Architects.



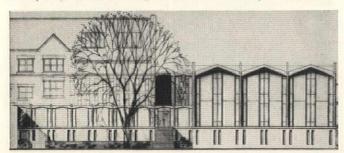




## ARCHITECTURAL BULLETINS



- Eastern Air Lines announces that its new terminal at New York International Airport will be the largest passenger building in the world for use by a single airline. The terminal, now under construction, has a lobby with 220 by 130 ft of uninterrupted space (more than the arena of Madison Square Garden). Driveways for buses, taxis, and private cars discharge passengers in an enclosed area adjacent to the lobby. Building is so designed that there is no stair climbing for passengers. The late Chester L. Churchill, Boston and New York, was architect.
- Façade of new library wing for Harvard Divinity School will be of limestone and glass. Building will have three floors for stacks below ground, and two stories above ground for reading, study, and office space. Construction will start this spring, and the wing will be followed by an additional



building at a later date. Architects: Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott.

● Edward Larrabee Barnes will receive 1959 Brunner Memorial Prize in Architecture of National Institute of Arts and Letters. The \$1000 award will be presented by Henry R. Shepley at the Joint Annual Ceremonial of the Institute and American Academy of Arts and Letters on May 20 . . . Twin first prizes in AIA's Sixth Annual Journalism Award Competition went to Frederick Gutheim and George McCue. Gutheim won \$500 for his article on New York's Lincoln Art and Culture Center in October, 1958, Harper's, and McCue won a like amount for his articles on architecture in St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

• International Grand Prize of Architecture and Art, of the French magazine, L'Architecture d'Aujourd'hui, has been awarded to Japanese Architect Kenzo Tange. Tange won award for two works completed in 1958: Art Center in Sogetsu (shown) and Hotel de Ville in Tokyo. In awarding the prize, the Jury noted that the architect combines "very diverse qualities with an unusual felicity: taste in plastic investigation, strength of invention, excellent use of materials and quality of detail; and . . . has revealed himself as a very personal creator, whose approach to contemporary architecture derives from the great Japanese . . . tradition."

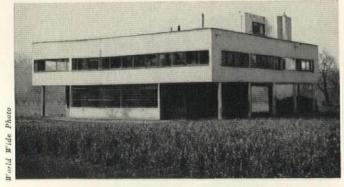


Construction has started on the Hall of Records for County of Los Angeles, Calif. Building, which will be in Los Angeles Civic Center, will have eight floors plus basement and penthouse in main area. Exteriors will be of ceramic veneer and granite. Sun-control system of south façade will consist of series of 120-ft-high, aluminum louvers which will adjust with movement of the sun. Architects: Neutra & Alexander, Honnold & Rex, the late James R. Friend, and Herman C. Light.



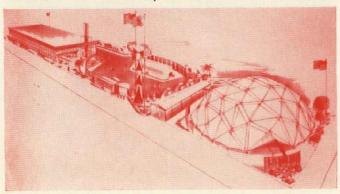
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• The threatened destruction of Le Corbusier's historic, but sadly neglected, Villa Savoie at Poissy elicited a message of concern from P/A to Andre Malraux, French Minister in Charge of Cultural Affairs. The following reply was received from the Ministry of National Education: "Monsieur: The French Minister-in-Charge of Cultural Affairs, M. Andre Malraux, has asked that I acknowledge receipt of your telegram, which he found of great interest. For some time, he has been concerned regarding the threat hanging over the Le Corbusier Villa, known as Villa Savoie, at Poissy, an expression of modern architecture with which he is familiar and which he admires. In other words, the concern expressed in your telegram coincides exactly with his own sentiments, and his desire to try to save the villa. He has therefore taken the necessary measures to accomplish a surcease to the plan to demolish the Le Corbusier house. We must advise you that French law does not recognize an edifice designed by a living artist as belonging in the classification of an historical monument. The Minister, never-



theless, intends to try to find some solution that will reassure those eminent friends of French art in America, and throughout the world. Thanking you for the confidence you have expressed in him, the Minister wishes to convey his assurance of his serious attention to the matter."

- As part of the summer-session program of University of Michigan, a Seminar will be held in Ann Arbor on June 29, on the subject of the Development of the American City. Participants will include: Dean Philip N. Youtz: Planner Charles Blessing; and P/A Editor Thomas H. Creighton.
- U. S. Exhibit at the Casablanca International Trade Fair is divided into three sections: geodesic dome housing the Circarama shown at Brussels World's Fair; central open area showing exterior displays; and a Unistrut building containing indoor exhibits. Theme of the exhibit is "New Techniques for Better Products." Designed by Stowe Myers, with Michael Griva and Murray Kasman.







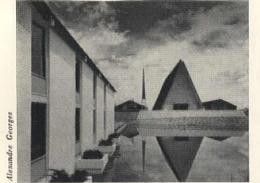
- Feature Exhibits Building at National Orange Show, San Bernardino, Calif., provides a vast, clear-span area for the exhibiting of citrus products. Major annual show is usually in mid-March; building can be used other times for different exhibit and assembly purposes. Long arched roof creates deep, buttresslike overhang at sides of building, shielding exhibitors and viewers from sun and rain. Architects: Harwell Hamilton Harris, Dallas, Texas, and Jerome Armstrong, San Bernardino.
- Oceanic Hotel on Mombasa Island, Kenya, Africa, uses trade winds of the Indian Ocean to provide natural air conditioning. Hotel, located four degrees south of the Equator,



is perched atop a cliff overlooking island's harbor. Ducts on front of hotel (left) catch breezes from sea and cause them to be circulated through structure. All bedrooms are on seaward side (right).

 "Form Givers at Mid-Century" is name of architectural exhibit prepared by American Federation of Arts and sponsored by a national magazine. Opening of exhibition at Washington's Corcoran Gallery coincided with 50th Anniversary Convention of Federation. Show goes to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art in time to open on the late Frank Lloyd Wright's birthday, June 8. Subsequent showings will be in Boston, Pittsburgh, Minneapolis, and Richmond. Architects other than Wright included in the exhibition are Gropius, Mies, Breuer, Saarinen, Wallace K. Harrison, Stone, Philip Johnson, Buckminster, Fuller, Sullivan, Neutra, Aalto, Le Corbusier, and Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

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- New Fellows to be inducted at AIA National Convention in June include, in addition to P/A Editor T. H. Creighton —W. S. Allen, Jr., Bro. Cajetan, J. B. Baumann, J. M. Bennett, G. W. W. Brewster, H. H. Brown, W. E. Campbell, Hubert H. Crane, Robert W. Cutler, Arthur Q. Davis, R. L. Durham, A. S. Golemon, Charles M. Goodman, I. M. Harrison, W. C. Jones, Jr., R. S. Kastendieck, Paul H. Kirk, J. Lawrence, Jr., S. A. Lichtmann, T. W. Mackesey, A. W. Mather, T. F. McDonough, Herbert C. Millkey, Edwin Bateman Morris, Sr., F. D. Parham, Alfred B. Parker, Harry M. Prince, M. L. Radoslovich, Thorne Sherwood, Chloethiel Woodard Smith, G. E. Kidder Smith, W. J. Snyder, Harold T. Spitznagel, Oskar Stonorov, Harry B. Tour, H. C. Whitehouse, Kenneth E. Wischmeyer, H. F. Withey, Theodore J. Young.
- Los Angeles' Bunker Hill redevelopment project will consist of a 24-acre residential plaza with 3100 apartment units; 16-acre commercial plaza; 6-acre hotel and 14-acre motel sites; and shopping and office provisions. Plan, by Charles Luckman Associates with William L. Pereira, will divide the currently semislum area into three separate sections.



• First Honor Awards in AIA's 1959 program go to five buildings shown above. They are: Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Ind., Architects—Eero Saarinen & Associates; Central Service Facility, Spokane, Wash., Architects—Kenneth W. Brooks & Bruce M. Walker; Diaz-Simon Pediatric Clinic, New Orleans, La., Architects—Colbert & Lowrey & Associates; Zeckendorf Plaza Development, May-D & F Department Store, Denver, Colo., Architects—I. M. Pei & Associates, Associate Architects—Ketchum & Sharp; McGregor Memorial Community Conference Center, Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., Architects—Minoru Yamasaki & Associates.

Awards of Merit go to: Silver Springs, Fla., Tourist Center, Architect—Victor A. Lundy; Temple Emanu-El, Dallas, Texas, Architects—Howard R. Meyer & Max M. Sandfield, Consulting Architect—William W. Wurster; Benjamin Franklin Junior High School, Wayne, Mich., Architects—Minoru Yamasaki & Associates; San Angelo Central High School, San Angelo, Texas, Architects—Caudill, Rowlett & Scott, Associate Architect—Max D. Lovett; Carpenter Residence, Medford, Ore., Architect—George T. Rockrise; Trade-well Market, Burien, Wash., Architects—Welton



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Becket & Associates, Associate Architects—Rushmore & Woodman; Beattie Residence, Rye, N. Y., Architect-Ulrich Franzen; Mile High Center, Denver, Colo., Architects I. M. Pei & Associates, Associate Architects-Kahn & Jacobs; Lee Residence, New Canaan, Conn., Architect-John Black Lee; Gretna Methodist Church, Gretna, La., Architects-Lawrence & Saunders.

• Exhibition covering the career of renowned Italian engineer Pier Luigi Nervi was displayed recently at New York Architectural League. At a banquet in honor of Nervi (he was kept from attending by doctor's orders), John E. Burchard, MIT, and James Johnson Sweeney, Director of



Guggenheim Museum, paid tribute to the structural designer, and Architect Marcel Breuer reminisced about his collaboration with Nervi on design of UNESCO Building in Paris. Shown in exhibit was 1960 Olympic Sports Palace. Illustrated is interior of perimeter gallery.

 Committee has been formed to investigate possibility of restoring Chicago's historic Auditorium Theater by Louis Sullivan and Dankmar Adler. Sum of \$2,700,000 is to be raised to meet cost of restoration of great auditorium, which in its 70-year history has been used as opera house and concert hall, musical theater, World's Fair entertainment area, World War II Servicemen's Center, and, currently, part of Roosevelt University. Auditorium would serve as setting for cultural programs for Chicago and the university. Chairman of restoration committee is Mrs. John V. Spachner.





 A farm wagon drawn by two black horses bore the coffin of Frank Lloyd Wright from Taliesin East to a small chapel in the Wisconsin pines on April 13. Following a brief service there, Wright was buried near the country cemetery where most of his forebears rest.

Both Taliesin workshops will continue to function as part of Frank Lloyd Wright Fellowship Foundation, under the presidency of his widow, Olgivanna Lloyd Wright. Projects on the boards or under construction will be supervised by the Foundation, including a memorial chapel near Taliesin East where Wright's body will eventually rest, and a fireproof, air-conditioned vault where the late architect's drawings will be stored.

There will be a Memorial Service and Dinner at Taliesin East on June 8, Wright's 90th birthday. The occasion will afford the Fellowship the opportunity to discuss in detail future plans of the Foundation.

Wright's obituary and an evaluation of his work appear on pages 135-142 of this issue of P/A.

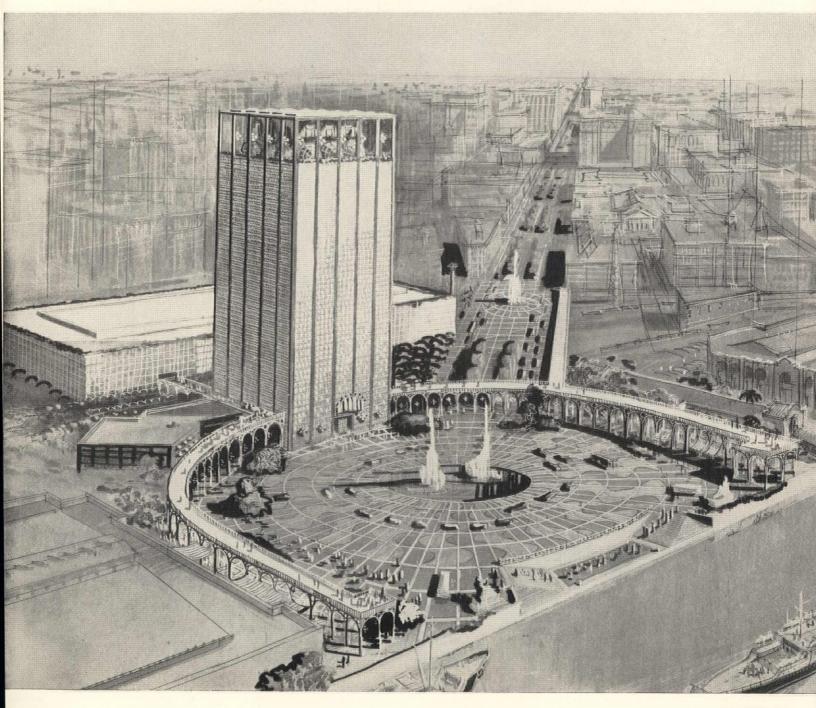
# STONE EVOKES BERNINI IN NEW ORLEANS

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Two-level colonnades embracing a 500-ft-wide piazza will extend from the Mississippi River levee to the proposed new International Trade Mart here. Architect Edward Durell Stone, New York, has designed a romantic, Berniniesque scheme for this complex, which will be approached via a landscaped, befountained mall at the foot of Canal Street.

The project includes four elements: a 190-ft-high office and exhibition tower; a long, capacious building to house auditorium and parking facilities; the colonnaded piazza; and the mall. The office tower will rise from 17 to 21 stories, with approximately 300,000 sq ft of office and exhibit space. The two top floors will contain restaurant, bar, and tourist attractions, offering views of New Orleans

and the river. Except for the open gallery around these floors, the tower will be shielded with white brise-soliels, and the vertical ribs will be sheathed in gold-anodized aluminum. The four-story auditorium-parking building will accommodate 600 cars. The top-floor auditorium will have 75,000 sq ft of space. A set-back penthouse will contain a cafeteria and administrative offices. Bridges will connect the auditorium and the tower, and continue around the larger building to the upper level of the colonnades.

The lower level of the colonnades is expected to shelter sidwalk cafés and bazaars. At the center of the piazza will be a large double fountain sending aloft two jets of water—one muddy brown, symbolizing the Mississippi; the other crystal clear, representing the Gulf of Mexico.

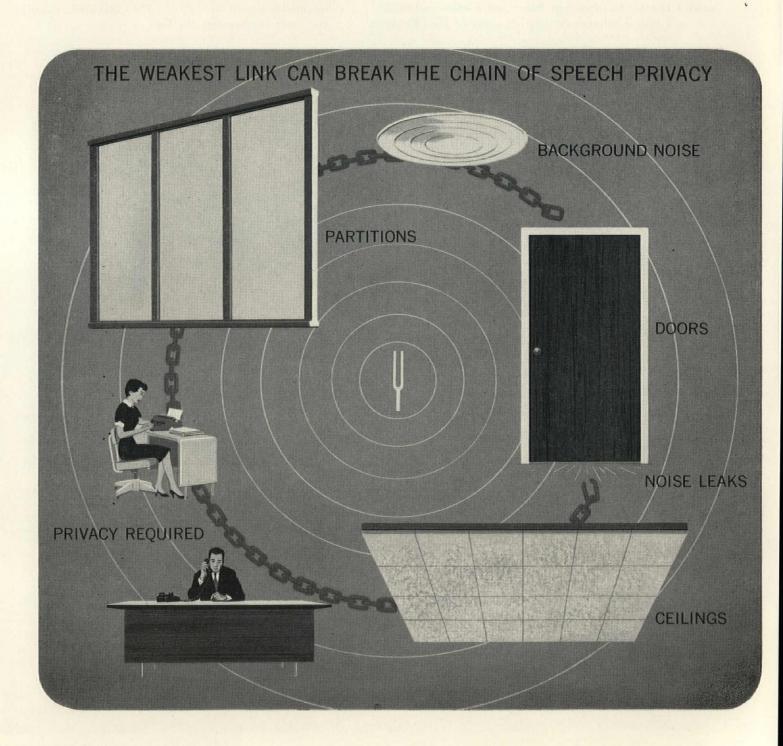


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### Stubbins Designs Apartments for Back Bay

BOSTON, MASS .- High city officials and civic leaders attended the announcement luncheon for a projected 17-story apartment building on Beacon Street designed by Hugh Stubbins & Associates of Cambridge. The reason for the distinguished turnout was that this described as Boston's first large, privately financed apartment building in more than 25 years, signaling a "rebirth of in-town residential construction."

All living rooms will be on the water side, facing views of Charles River Basin. Each apartment will have cantilevered balconies with steel-framed safety glass railings (below) extending from the living room. The structure will contain 78 apartments, ranging from two and a half rooms to duplexes with four bedrooms and three and a half baths. There will be three penthouses. Turner Construction Company is General Contractor.



### D.C. Airport To Be Jet-Age Prototype

by Frederick Gutheim

Perhaps the most intriguing thing about Eero Saarinen's new terminal building at Washington International Airport is that the architect succeeded in reducing the size of the structure by one-third. This is the showcase for airport design. The Federal Aviation Agency is doing this job itself, and for an organization that usually sits in judgment in the work of others, it is not an invitation to daring innovation. Yet what has emerged is nothing if not bold. It will influence the design of all subsequent jet airports. It is likely that most future airports will regard the standards, routines, and equipment that are being worked out at WIA as prototypes. The airport is at Chantilly, Va., some 23 miles west of Washington.

The device that will shape the future jet airport is the mobile lounge. It is a hybrid-part vehicle and part building. Its 15 ft width and 60 ft length removes it from the category of vehicles, but it is self-propelled and will carry 80 passengers from the terminal to the plane. Until the mobile lounge departs, it is an organic part of the airport terminal building, to be entered by passengers after their check-in is completed and in which they wait for take-off. The lounge then moves from its terminal dock to the plane under its own power and over special roadways. Approaching the plane, the lounge establishes connection by means of an enclosed, adjustable ramp, and the passengers enter.

The mobile lounge permits a much smaller, highly centralized terminal building (as distinguished from a finger plan with departure lounges). European airports which do not require long walks under escort from terminal to plane have improvised bus arrangements or, in the case of Frankfort and Amsterdam, special low-platform buses. At WIA the greatest advance is seen as a reduction in the amount of walking required-only 350 ft as contrasted to an estimated 650 to 1400 ft in present-day airports (exclusive of hikes from the parking lot and interchanges).

The actual mobile lounge design is still to come from the concept revealed last month in Washington. No designer has been chosen; no prototype of the \$100,000 vehicle has been built. Both jobs in a package contract are expected to start momentarily. The problems to be dealt with will include a structure to provide passengers with comfort and to shelter them from the noise, blast, and fumes from jet planes, not merely those now in use but the second generation of jets which will be in operation by about 1965.

The new airport itself is staggering in its scale. Runways are 11,500 ft long, with additional flight paths of twice that distance at either end. Standing at the edge of the dense woods at the eastern end of the field you look down six miles of cleared area—at the Blue Ridge Mountains. Mere buildings will disappear in this truly majestic setting, and so far there is no hint of what Saarinen will produce except for the bare functional outline, and the promise that the beginnings shown in the TWA terminal he proposed for New York's International Airport will be continued. One thing more is clear: the building will have to be expansible. Washington is expected to have 156,000 international passengers a year by 1965, and 464,000 by 1975!



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### EXPERTS' OPINIONS ON INFLATION ANALYZED

by William Hurd Hillyer

In the days when there were still country stores, the customary company of debaters usually included a visiting snap-gallus pundit who claimed the gift of telling the precise number of apples in a barrel simply by looking at it. Challenged for performance, he would announce, "That one there contains exactly two hundred and sixty-eight apples!" Out of evident caution he would add, "If it ain't that it's less." Then, walking away, he would fling back over his shoulder, "Or more!" Today's politico-economic outpourings provide a similar degree of nullity.

Refreshing by way of contrast with such vagaries is the forthright declaration of William F. Butler, vice-president of New York's largest bank. Speaking before the Institute of Investment Banking at University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance, the Chase Manhattan executive was explicit: "Inflation and economic growth are no more compatible than marijuana and individual health." Inflation, he explained, "produces a momentary exhilaration, as is the case with all narcotics, but successively larger doses are required." Butler believes that "we must learn how to avoid inflation if we are to achieve the growth . . . of which we are capable." This he estimates as a potential doubling of individual output every 18 years. He leaves his hearers to compare this modest rate with growth of inflationary media during the past three decades. Fifty-one members of Economists National Committee on Monetary Policy go still further and in a personally sponsored statement come out flat for re-establishment of the gold standard as the one effective anchorage against the inflationary spate. Only by reestablishment of gold convertibility can confidence in the dollar be restored both at home and abroad, committee members declare. While this statement is being digested by the money world, Uncle Sam is paying 4% for funds on Treasury Bonds and Notes.

Our page does not customarily go further than a terse recital of financial news as it affects architects. Butler's blunt fact-facing, however, makes opportune a home-wrought inflationary theorem, which may have the merit of novelty and hence be newsworthy: inflation reflects the time-lag between a cash economy and the transition to a credit economy. Such a transition falls into two areas: consumer credit and non-productive Government undertakings. Consumer credit, including the erection of buildings, may be bridged by means of self-liquidating bonds and mortgages; but the Government must needs create a recurrently mounting budget deficiency to bridge the chasm. Whatever may be said favorable to expanding credit in the consumer area, nothing but "creeping inflation" can emerge from the printing press devices to which Government is driven in its efforts to balance an impossible shortage. "Under these circumstances" the privately issued Biddle Survey finds it "shocking" to discover well known economists pushing for more inflation by means of budgetary deficits on a planned basis—this while "our gold reserves are slowly melting." In such a context permanent building construction of a capital type still tends toward stability.

- Plus signs predominate in Dun & Bradstreet's weekly business statistics report; the most recent shows a 102% rise in steel-ingot production above the '58 comparable period. Other hikes: electric power production, 9%; crude oil production, 15%; freight carloadings, 13.4%; bank clearings, 6.8%; stock prices, 38%. Of these, both steel and stocks reflect a hedging movement by buyers. Wholesale food prices and number of business failures, on the other hand, are respectively 6.7% and 9.2% down. In these mixed tendencies the architect should feel no cause for immediate worries. The picture is typical of a post-recession comeback with a pre-inflationary background.
- An overdue recovery has been effected in the lumber business. The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco reports a sharp reversal in the two-year downward trend of production and prices throughout the Pacific Coast District. This turnabout, says the bank, followed a nationwide upsurge in building, chiefly residential. Because hardwood is scarce, veneers for plywood and allied products are obtained almost exclusively through imports from the Orient. Increased construction costs in all categories using wood products are strongly indicated by such developments.
- A conservative view of the economic outlook was taken by mutual savings banks at their quarterly conference in New York. They see the gradually rising capital outlook as a good omen-though lags in auto and other industries, plus continued unemployment are still of some concern. They recognize "a little inflation" as "impracticable and harmful." Similarly minded is the First National City Bank of New York, which says "the outlook for business in 1959 continues favorable" and declares that most observers remain unshaken in the expectancy of an upward movement in production and trade, though "uneven and moderate." The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago is impressed by the steel recovery and looks for progress "on a broad front." Business activity continues to upsurge and personal income is hitting a \$362 billion adjusted annual rate; these are the factors cited by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
- Fallacy of "growth" objective is exposed by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York in its current survey. What the Department of Commerce calls gross national product—the total estimated money value of all goods and services within a specified time—is subject to distortion. Money, we are reminded, is the only common denominator available to measure the wide variety of goods and services produced. It is, however, an imperfect unit of measurement, because the purchasing power thereof changes as prices rise and fall. Variations in the gross national product are therefore reflected in two sets of changes. They are warped by changes in the amount of goods and services and in their prices. Like other catchwords, says the trust company, "economic growth" does not hold up under analysis.

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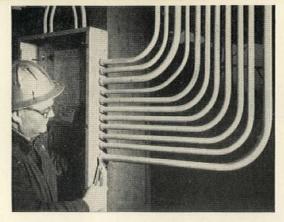
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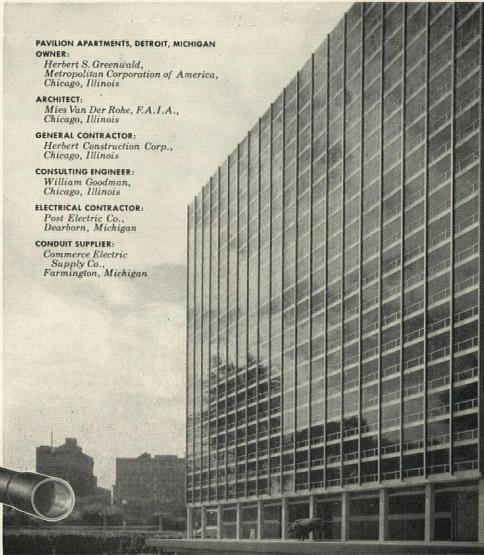
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### Youngstown "Buckeye" steel conduit

Detroit's new, modern-as-tomorrow Pavilion Apartments, designed by architect Mies Van Der Rohe, has lifetime electrical wiring protection -thanks to Youngstown "Buckeye" Rigid Steel Conduit.

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Scale model of new Pavilion Apartments.

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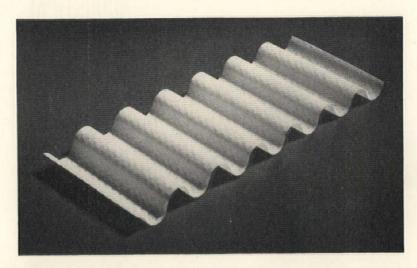
is first accurately threaded. Next, the pipe is thoroughly cleaned by pickling. Then it is immersed in a bath of molten pure zinc. A special process is used to remove it from this bath so that a clean, smooth zinc coating remains on both inside and outside. Then a coating of tough, transparent lacquer is baked on both inside and outside surfaces, providing a smooth raceway through which wires may be easily fished. This is Youngstown's long-lasting, trouble-free, easy bending hot galvanized Buckeye Conduit.



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# PLASTIC LAMINATE COMBINES LIGHT DIFFUSION, SOUND CONTROL

### Noise-Reducing Luminous Ceilings Possible with Material

The problem of sound reflection and absorption by over-all luminous ceilings may have been solved with the introduction of a lightweight, translucent acoustical element containing a clear core of rigid vinyl plastic, faced on both sides with porous cellulose film. The core is about ten mils thick, and is perforated with holes about 1/16" in diameter and 5/32" on centers. Material developed by Bolt, Beranek & Newman.

Available in either flat or corrugated form, the material is offered as the acoustical equivalent of 3/4" perforated mineral tile, while at the same time very satisfactorily diffusing fluorescent light over large areas. It has a noise-

reduction coefficient of .70. A backing air space is required for ideal sound absorption; the depth should lie between two inches and three feet to obtain high coefficients. Uses aside from luminous ceilings include sound absorbers, duct lining, back-lighted wall lighting, space dividers and screens, and preformed acoustical units.

Contrex Company manufactures the material as "Soundsheet," and it is also available from the Wakefield Company as "Super Wakon."

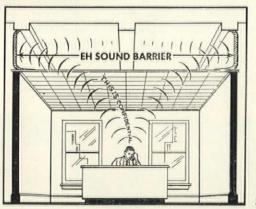
Contrex Company Wakefield Company







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## **ACOUSTICAL PRODUCTS**

### Sprayed-Asbestos Insulation Aids Acoustics

Blanket of sprayed "Limpet" asbestos applied to inside of precast, reinforced-concrete shells forming vaulted nave and tower of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Norwich, Conn., achieves desirable acoustical climate as well as satisfying primary thermal insulation role. Layer is 15/8" thick, provides noise-reduction coefficient of .85, and "U" factor of heat transmission of .17 Btu/hr/sq ft/° F. John MacL. Johansen was architect.

Keasbey & Mattison Company

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### Wall Covering Insulates, Controls Sound

"Curon," a 1/4" thick, multicellular plastic wall covering is said to offer effective insulation and noise control. Material comes in 10"x10", 10"x20", and 20"x20" tiles, 24" and 48" wide rolls 10 and 20 ft in length (the latter in tweed finish). Available in 24 standard colors and a number of scenic wall panels. May be used on both finished and unfinished wall surfaces. Reported to be inert to bacteria and fungus growth. Fabrics by Jack Lenor Larsen have been backed with "Curon."

Curon Division, Curtiss-Wright Corporation

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### Sound Barrier Reduces Noise Transmission

Sound barrier increases sound insulation through suspended acoustical ceilings and over partitions between adjacent areas. Barrier is installed from underside of concrete arch or floor above, down to top of partition above acoustical ceiling, increasing sound-transmission loss through system to 40 decibels. Consists of flexible incombustible asbestos. aluminum, and mineral wool unit. Standard length, 36"; standard heights, 24", 36", 48".

Elof Hansson, Inc.

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### Acoustical Tiles Installed on Grid System

Noncombustible, acoustical fiber-glass ceiling panels are said to reduce as much as 90% of room noise. "Panelglas" consists of lightweight (0.20 lb/sq ft), "lay-in" units with white-painted, leather-textured under surface. Panels are 2'x2' or 2'x4', and 11/4" thick. Can be used with simple, inexpensive grid suspension system. So constructed that glass fibers on front are always in tension and those in rear are always under compression, panels form smooth, taut ceiling. White, textured surface is capable of reflecting 78% of room light.

Johns-Manville Corporation

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### Acoustical Roof Deck Easily Laid

Standard drilled acoustical roof deck reportedly offers high sound-absorptiveness plus effective insulation and strong structural support. Long edges of roof decking have a tongue and groove joint which permits adjoining units to mesh readily. Taping with a wood block fits the panels snugly.

Simpson Logging Company

### Insulation Baffles Enhance Gym Acoustics

Long strips of "Ultralite" glass-fiber insulation hung in crisscross fashion form interesting and acoustically effective grid pattern for ceiling of Foster High School Gymnasium, Seattle, Wash. Strips are 24" wide and 2" thick. Openings between strips permit natural light to come through from translucent roof panels. Metal clips hold material to wires pulled taut with turnbuckles. Architect of school is Ralph H. Burkhard.

Gustin-Bacon Manufacturing Company

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### Hardwood Provides Band-Room Acoustics

Hardwood in various forms was selected for wall and ceiling acoustical applications in the band room of a Bremerton, Wash., high school by Architects Branch & Branch. Simpson 3" roofdeck was used as the ceiling, Evanite perforated "Corru-board" was installed on two opposing walls, flat surface hardboard at far end, and angular, sound-deflective walls of polished fir wainscot were used. "Corru-board" was applied directly to studs over a 2" mineral wool blanket. Hardboard was applied by nailing through the perforations with sheet metal screws.

Evans Products Company

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### Sound Trap Silences Air System, Duct Noises

Design of "Aircoustat" sound traps is based on principle developed to silence noise of aircraft jet engines. System consists of fibrous sound-absorptive materials to suppress high frequencies, an intricate steel structure to silence middle frequencies, and special resonators to retard low frequencies. All elements encased in a galvanized steel shell. Smallest unit is 2' long, largest is 8' long. A 2" metal extension on all units permits them to be installed like ductwork.

Koppers Company, Inc.

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### Cork Tile Subdues Indoor Pedestrian Noise

Cork tile, said to be most highly resilient of floor coverings in hard surface group, is composed of 200 million air cells per cubic inch, resulting in an air content of 50% of the mass by volume. Improvement of structural materials making possible thinner floor structures calls for consideration of floor covering materials, such as cork, which absorb the noise of traffic footfall. Installation shows 5/16 gage cork tile used in National Housing Center, Washington, D. C. Dodge Cork Company

### Steel Deck Aids Acoustics, Is Loadbearing

Perforations in "Milcor Acoustideck" are located in vertical webs as close to neutral axis as possible, enabling minimum loss in section properties and loadbearing capacities. Deck yields high sound-absorption with only about 21/2%, open area and equivalent of 1/2" thickness of sound-absorbent blanket. Available in several finishes: bonderized and baked epoxy-base synthetic-enamel primer; Ti-Co galvanized; Paint-Tite galvanized; and aluminum. Acoustical batts are quickly placed in voids by erection crews after steel deck has been welded into position.

Inland Steel Products Company

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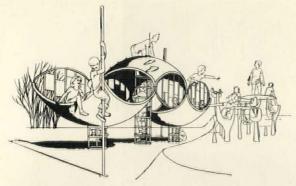
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### p/a news report: products



### Playground Furniture Has Sculptured Look

"Senior Space Station" is one of 31 age-graded play devices. The three shell-like forms are made of aluminum, and accessory parts are made of plastic-coated steel. Device accommodates 25 children playing at the same time in a minimum space of 18'x9'. Cost is \$1000.

Playground Corporation of America

### **New Construction Molds Seating**

Formpressed upholstered seating from Denmark uses lightweight frames cast to form. Durable, comfortable, 3-person



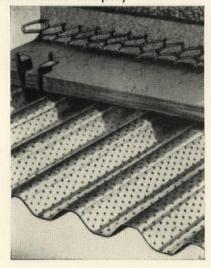
sofa, lounge chairs, and occasional chairs designed by Hans Olsen are available.

Mills-Denmark 113

### Roof Deck Performs Three Functions

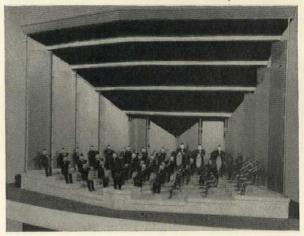
"Structur-Acoustic" roof system acts as structural deck, acoustical ceiling, and poured insulation. Can now be used with rigid board insulation also. In addition to ceiling application, product can be used for interior liners of curtain walls, soundproof partitions, and surfaces of existing partitions. May be ordered in wide range of pastel colors; ceiling version is vinyl-primed for field painting.

Granco Steel Products Company 114



### Prefabricated Band Shell Is All Aluminum

Overly "Hi-Fi Band Shell" employs baffles on sides and ceiling to diffuse rebounding echoes; is suspended from rear by three aluminum cantilevers. Inner and outer sides of shell are of structural aluminum and plastic sandwich



panels. Size of shell may vary to accommodate 40 to 120 musicians. Co-operating with Overly in design of shell were Aluminum Company of America, Pittsburgh Architects Schell & Deeter, and bandmasters throughout the country. Overly Manufacturing Company

### **Acoustical Treatment Given Auditorium Dome**

The vast retractable dome of Mitchell & Ritchey's new Pittsburgh Civic Auditorium will be covered inside with perforated metal sheet for noise-control purposes. "Diamontex"



lay-in panels are available in either 23¾" x 23¾" or 23¾" x 47¾" sizes. Larger panel has a deep center groove, assuring satisfactory stiffness and the appearance of two ft sq module. Company's "Acousti-Vee" panels can be used for wide spans with a tee-bar suspension system. Diamond Manufacturing Company

### **Bricks That Stay Clean**

Silaneal 772 retains original color of brick, prevents development of efflorescence (green or white stains on finished masonry walls) caused when water enters brick—treatment consists of dipping or spraying each brick when it leaves the kiln with a dilute water-solution compound which bonds a thin, invisible, silicone deposit to the pore surfaces of the brick, rendering it completely water-repellent. Reduced suction rate allows faster laying up of courses of brick—finished walls can be cleaned without acid wash; thereafter, normally collected dirt easily washes off with water.

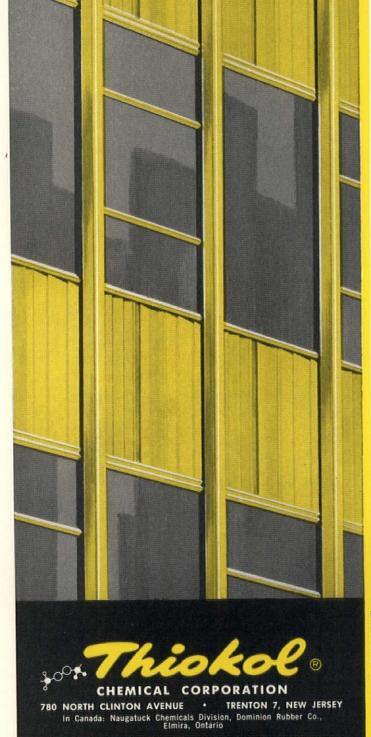
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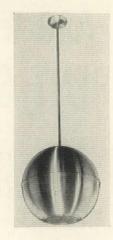
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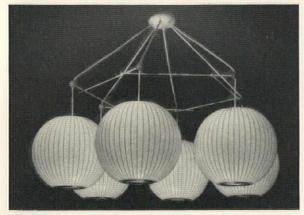


### **Texture Livens Wool Carpet**

Available in 11 colors or custom-dyed in minimum lengths of 60', Town and Country is a random loop round wire carpeting in 12' or 15' widths. Mitin mothproofed, Dura Bond backed, it retails for approximately \$13.50. (Above left) Katherine Rug Mills

### **Bubble Lamps In Clusters Are Introduced**

A variation of George Nelson's bubble lamps—of plastic and steel—is available. From two to six round or elliptical bubbles on the fixture may hang at different levels. Supported by a metal canopy in white, chrome, or brass which



is marked with decorative spheres in birch or walnut, they retail from approximately \$50 to \$90.

Howard Miller Clock Company

Richards Morgenthau (National Distributors)

### Carpet Has Custom Colors, Durability

Woven of 70% wool and 30% nylon yarns in an interestingly varied cut-pile surface, Forecast is available in Lacquer Red, Shantung Beige, Bamboo Beige, Ming Green, Tonkin Beige, Canton Blue, Cathay Beige, Mandarin Gold. Approximate retail price: \$14.95.

Archibald Holmes & Son 12

### Acoustical Plaster Is in Two Shades of White

Spray-on gypsum acoustical plaster has noise-reduction coefficient of .55 to .60; will not burn or support combustion. In application, it gives coverage of eight to ten yards per 1/2" thickness. Comes in two shades of white: Super White, which has light-reflective coefficient of .70; and White, with a rating of from .67 to .69.

Bestwall Gypsum Company

Sound Baffle Suitable for Large Areas

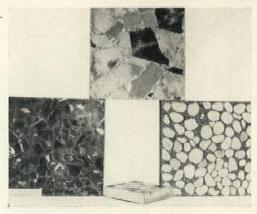
Spherical suspension baffles feature new method of rear horn loading which spreads sound evenly throughout large areas. Use of bass reflex principle brings out natural full range in bass frequencies. Baffles originally designed for special needs of New York's Roosevelt Raceway; now on general market. Company's other models include acoustilouvered trim rings, trim squares, and baffles louvered to match air diffusers. (Left)

Soundolier, Inc.

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### Precast Marble Tile Easily Installed

"Venezia" Italian marble tile consists of colored-marble chips cast in colored cement. Installation is simple; there



is no need for grinding, polishing, or metal strips—tile is just placed on one inch bed of mortar. Available in a number of colors including black, off-white, pink, and gold. Suitable for floors both indoors and outdoors.

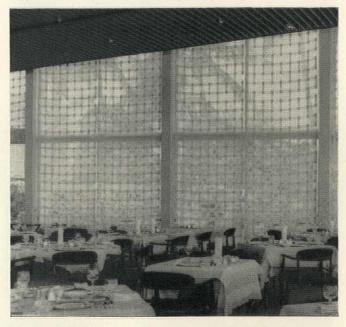
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### Decorative Asbestos Blind Is Developed

A new yarn of asbestos fibers reinforced with glass fibers, developed by Johns-Manville, was used in this handsome, fireproof, mildew-resistant, insulating drapery. Installed at



Dorado Hotel, Puerto Rico, by Ann Hatfield Associates, the white, open-weave blind now may be custom-ordered. Lozano-Fisher Studios

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### p/a news report: manufacturers' data



Controlling Ventilation Noises presents the results of a research project undertaken by Armour Research Foundation to develop a complete noise-rating method for fan units. Brochure presents data which will enable the selector of fan units to use fan noise ratings to predict noise levels in areas being ventilated. Areas of problem discussed are: physics of noise; fan-noise prediction methods; fan-noise reduction (ducts, turns, splitters, plenums, etc.; outdoor noise (made by fan exhaust). Examples are thoroughly documented in text, tables, and charts: example of fan-noise calculation for a factory office; and examples of fan-noise calculation for a gymnasium used as a sports arena (basketball games), as a dance floor, and as an auditorium. Other tables and charts give additional data on noise control and its requirements. An extra set of noise-problem and calculation worksheets is included with each booklet. DeBothezat Fans, Division of American Machine and Metals, Inc.

200 (Bulletin A78, 50-p.)

### ACOUSTICS

### Controlled Product Noise Measuring

Brochure describes advantages of indoor 'controlled' freefield noise-measuring rooms. Anechoic (echo-free) prefab rooms provide one pre-engineered unified package, create most satisfactory environment for accurate measurement of complete acoustical characteristics of any product; eliminate extraneous noises; have nonreflective surfaces, minimum vibration; can easily be shielded against radio frequencies. Illustrated.

Industrial Acoustics Company, Inc. (AIA 39-D, 18-p.) 201

### Sound-Absorption Coefficients

Bulletin contains comprehensive data on sound-absorption coefficients of acoustical materials. Includes explanation of tables and terms, types of mountings used for test samples. summary tables, producers' tables, installation recommendations, coefficients of general building materials. Also gives member companies and addresses, and alphabetical list of trade names and marks.

The Acoustical Materials Association (AIA 39-B, 44-p.) 202

### **Acoustical Products and Services**

Bulletin describes Lo-Stat and standard sound traps, interwall sound barriers, and nationwide acoustical services. Modular sound traps use four standard sizes singly, in tandem, or in multiples to get any required attenuation with low cost and easy handling. Also included are illustrations of buildings which employ company's mechanical and architectural products and sound-attenuation systems.

203 Insul-Coustic Corporation (Bulletin IT-59 4-p.)

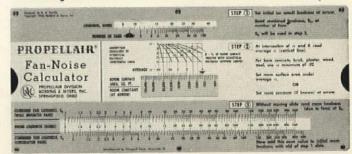
### Continuous Blanket Acoustical Treatment

Folder describes versatile Cafco sound-shield—a proportioned blend of highly-refined mineral fibers and inorganic binders, machine applied to form a fissured, level, continuous blanket which may be textured or colored as desired. Incombustible, has low thermal conductivity, is clean and easy to apply, offers wide design flexibility. Surface may have smooth, fine, medium, or coarse travertine texture, and monolithic application provides a surface uninterrupted by joint patterns, dropped corners, and grid systems.

Columbia Acoustics and Fireproofing Company (4-p.) 204

### Calculating Room Noise Levels

Prediction of room noise levels caused by internal noise sources is subject of paper which describes method of measuring noise levels in 'sones' rather than decibels. System



takes into account both frequency and sound pressure, more accurately measures effect of noise on the human ear. Specifically, paper deals with fans, but system is applicable to other noises, providing they are similar to one another. Manufacturer also offers a Propellair fan-noise calculator slide rule (illustrated), which can be used for other noises, so long as they are similar to one another.

205 Propellair Division of Robbins & Myers, Inc. (12-p.)

### Design Versatility in Acoustical Ceilings

Presentation investigates noise problems and corrective principles-covers properties, purposes, suggested application of

Editor's note: Items starred ( $\star$ ) are particularly noteworthy, due to immediate and widespread interest in their contents, to the conciseness and clarity with which information is presented, to announcement of a new, important product, or to some other factor which makes them especially valuable.

acoustical ceilings, available in various "appearance" groups which offer attractive ceiling designs for many kinds of interiors. Finishing and maintenance information, specifications, installation methods, included. Fully illustrated. Armstrong Cork Company (AIA 39-B, 35-p.)

### Acoustical Paneling in Various Materials

Folder presents comprehensive data on Epco acoustical materials. Products include perforated sheets available in hardboard, steel, aluminum, galvanized, stainless steel, and plywood. Properties, fabrication, surface treatments, etc., are explained—suggested recommendations for specifying, installation data, new paint information, are included. Erdle Perforating Co., Inc. (7-p.)

### Wall and Ceiling Acoustical Products

Catalog describes line of acoustical materials: Styltone (non-combustible, fissured, mineral tile); Panatone (non-combustible, perforated, metal-pan, acoustical system); Claritone (hollow-core, drilled, wood-fiber tile); and Perforated Asbestos Board. Patterns available include random-fissured, regular and random-perforated, unperforated, and spatter effect. Complete physical, acoustical characteristics of each product provided, including flame-resistance, light-reflectance, sound-absorption coefficients,—also sizes, thicknesses, installation instructions.

Baldwin-Hill Company (AIA 39-B, 8-p.) 208

### Integrated Radiant-Acoustical-Ceiling Package

Brochure describes Simplex aluminum flush-panel acoustical ceiling—direct suspension-type ceiling specially suited to commercial, institutional buildings. Some listed features are absence of all cross furring for ease of installation, 100 percent accessibility to concealed overhead utilities, flexibility of size for latitude of design; incombustibility, resistance to moisture, 85% noise-reduction coefficient, permanent finishes for lowest maintenance—panels are available in millwaxed, anodized (clear and colored) and baked white enamel, in 12" widths, lengths to 5'. Drawings show installation procedure; photographs of current uses, included.

Simplex Ceiling Corporation (AIA 39b, 8-p.)

### AIR AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL

### Sound Traps Silence Air-Systems Noises

File sheet illustrates Aircoustat air-system noise silencer, balanced to silence noise in all frequencies—of all-galvanized, corrosion-resistant, maintenance-free, and fireproof heavygage steel construction, with 2" metal extensions mounted like ductwork. Comes in convenient sizes and small units easy to handle and install (from 25 lb, 2' length to 500 lb, 8' length)—stock models form multiple units for meeting unlimited airflow requirements.

Koppers Company, Inc. (2-p.) 210

### Easy to Install Air-System Filter Frames

Folder details installation procedure for Glasfloss improved self-locking steel frames for central air-filtration banks in

commercial and industrial air-conditioning systems. Die-fabricated from 18-gage rolled steel, lightweight frames are made in 20"x20" and 20"x25" sizes to receive standard Glasfloss filters—both available for 2" and 4" filtering depth, finished in black enamel. Can be assembled into either flat or V-banks. Drawings show succession of steps in assembling.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company (2-p.)

211

### Air Diffusers Offer Application Flexibility

Catalog illustrates concealed air diffusers especially designed for increased appearance appeal, and noiseless, draftless, air distribution in acoustical ceilings. Contains 16 sections dealing with operation and styling of Perfair outlets. Features include interchangeable cores for varied patterns; built-in Agi-flex direction controllers allowing downward air stream deflection in varying degrees; positive control. Available square or rectangular, in sizes to conform to standard tile dimensions.

Air Devices, Inc. (16-p.)

212

### Heating and Ventilating System for Schools

Brochure describes and illustrates operating principles and components of school heating and ventilating system. Comfort Curtain principle places air supply openings around perimeter of building. Special advantages are said to be:



elimination of underfloor piping channels, boiler rooms and flues; absence of central station boiler plant; easy servicing and maintenance. Other features are accurate, responsive temperature control—whisper-quiet performance. Although designed for classrooms, can be adapted to other building types.

Lennox Industries, Inc. (AIA 30-A, 28-p.)

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### CONSTRUCTION

### **Custom Curtain Wall Adapts to All Building Types**

Catalog discusses curtain-wall systems adaptable to every exterior design. Included are typical sections for large flat panels, designed for speedy enclosure of medium- and high-rise structures; light commercial grid for multistory buildings; structural aluminum grid, a versatile system for low-rise buildings—the latter providing wide variety of panel materials and window types. Descriptive material (Continued on page 122)



# CHEMISTRY creates versatile new building materials

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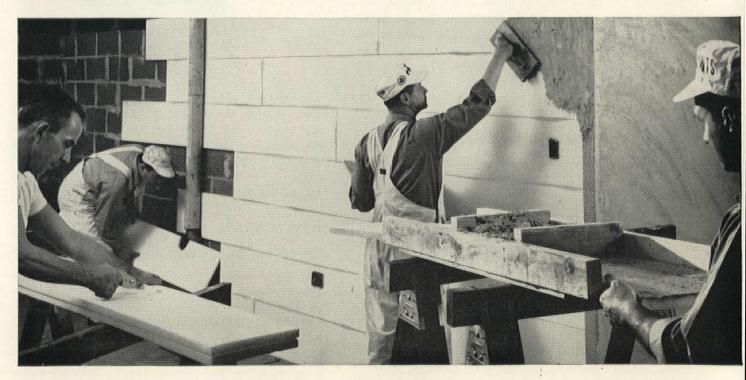
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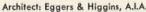
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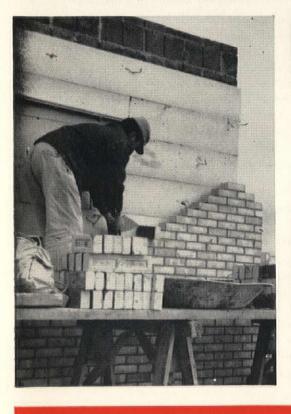
Styrofoam has been used in Travelodge motels in Indianapolis, Toledo and Cleveland and will be used in four new motels now under construction.





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### p/a news report: manufacturers' data

and project photos of features and appearances of each of three basic curtain-wall series, suggested specifications, provided.

Albro Metal Products Corporation (12 p.)

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### **Construction and Maintenance Products**

Brochure contains thumbnail descriptions of 21 leading building "savers" for plant maintenance and restoration (products designed for floor treatment, waterproofing, dampproofing, roof-coating, as well as paints and protective coatings). Specifications, application data, information on product features facilitate selection of specific product to meet most frequent maintenance or construction needs.

L. Sonneborn Sons, Inc. (Brochure BP6030, 4-p.)

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### Treated Wood Invulnerable to Termites, Decay

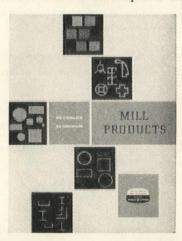
Presentation describes durability and versatility of wood as building product when pressure-treated with preservative salts. Wolmanized lumber and timber offer economical protection against termites and decay caused by moisture and humidity such as is found in tropical areas, are available in all conventional forms, in all standard sizes and thicknesses from 1/4" to 1", for exterior and interior construction requirements.

Koppers Company, Inc. (AIA 19-A-3, 12-p.)

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### \* Versatile Aluminum Mill Products

Brochure aids in pinpointing specific properties of aluminum products and applying them accurately to desired end use. Contained are sections on alloy and temper designa-



tions, fatigue and shearing strengths, various alloys available in foil, sheet and plate, wire, rod and bar, tubing and pipe, and extruded and structural shapes. Complete specifications included; fabricating and finishing techniques are summarized. Bibliography provides guide to available related literature and movies.

Reynolds Metals Company (18-p.)

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### Precast Concrete Floor and Roof System

Catalog describes precast hollow-core concrete floor and roof system (monolithically cast, long-span slabs, reinforced with prestressed steel), claiming simpler design, less supervisory requirement; dry, fast construction; immediate availability of deck for subcontractors' work; saving of 2" to 8" per story in wall height; smooth slab undersurface that needs only calking and painting to produce attractive paneled ceiling. Included are photographs, design data, detail drawings on use of Flexicore system with steel and reinforced concrete frames; plumbing; heating and cooling systems; electrical wiring—also complete information on recommended specifications.

The Flexicore Company, Inc. (AIA 4-K, 8-p.)

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### Recommended Practice on Concrete Finishes

Pocket "Manual of Recommended Practice for Cast-in-Place, Exposed, Architectural Concrete Finishes" provides standards for more accurately evaluating quotations for concrete finishing—prepared in specification form, to be used either in part or entirety, gives explicit detailed information regarding procedures to follow in accomplishing highest quality appearance for exposed concrete. In eight sections describing each phase of recommended practice from specifications through construction.

Concrete Industry Board, Inc. (\$1.00, 15-p.)

### DOORS AND WINDOWS

### **Alumilited Water-Tight Sliding Glass Doors**

Catalog presents details on each model in Capri line of all-aluminum sliding glass doors—styles shown are Cadet (for 3/16" crystal and 1/4" plate); Cavalier (for 5%" insulating glass); Continental (for 1" insulating glass and 1/4" plate). Available in 67 different stock types and sizes. Special sizes also furnished. All doors come in long-life Alumilite finish for maximum corrosion resistance.

T. V. Walker & Son, Inc. (AIA 16-E, 8-p.)

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### Traversing, Non-Traversing Blinds

Data sheet provides general and detail specifications for custom-made blinds, principally designed for large-scale projects. Materials, size and shape, type of operation, are determined according to individual requirements, tested in full-size mock-ups prior to installation. Some typical louvre materials include fabric (plastic-coated), aluminum (enameled or anodized, any color), sheet metal (enameled), molded or woven plastic, and fiberglass. Louvre widths vary from 2" to 11", extend to 30 ft length. Available in flat, curved, S-shaped, and tubular sections.

Sun Vertikal Blind Company (AIA 35-P-3, 4-p.)

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### Customized Residential, Commercial Garage Doors

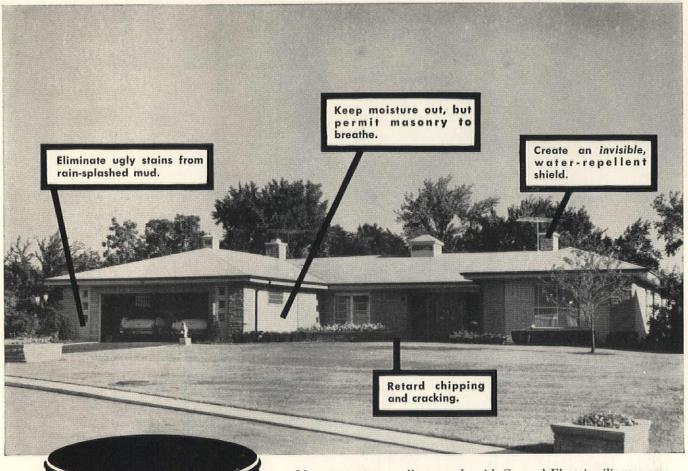
Literature pieces in single file sheets present specification data on line of overhead-acting residential and commercial-industrial garage doors—cover the many material, construction, operating, styling features of line. Complete information on: Marvel-Life, guaranteed for life, hardboard panels; edge grain Douglas Fir stiles and rails; bored dowel, pressure-fitted construction; torsion spring mechanism; and styling with customized design. Data is available in individual pieces or complete set.

Crawford Door Company

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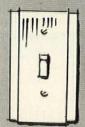
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### Vermont Marble Company (AIA 17-A, 8-p.) 224

### SANITATION, WATER SUPPLY, PLUMBING

### Decorating Ideas for Bathrooms

Book contains full-color illustrations of contemporary bathrooms, aids in determining colors and arrangements, selection of fittings and fixtures. Provides a good source of decorating ideas for bathrooms. 225

### Kohler Company (20-p.)

### SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

### Pneumatic Conveyor System Has Many Applications

Catalog makes brief summary of many uses of Transitube conveyor service system and products, suitable for almost

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### The Grover Company (35-p.)

### 226

### Kitchen Travelog Floor Plans

Booklet presents 20 floor plans to suggest effective utilization of space in arrangement of kitchen furniture and equipment, in a variety of design layouts-decor types used include city apartment, ranch, Victorian, oriental modern, Dutch colonial, bungalow, among others.

Mutschler Brothers Company (40-p.)

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### Bolted-Construction for Industrial Installation

Catalog describes Mult-A-Frame bolted rack construction system for industrial applications (electrical raceways, partitioning, etc.)—easy to assemble, produces completely salvageable steel racks of any size, shape. Features serrated channel, spring-T-bolts, embossed fittings, durable baked enamel finish. Components specially treated for rust resist-

Mult-A-Frame Division, Ainsworth Manufacturing Corporation. (Catalog 102, AIA 35-1, 64-p.)

### Student Science Furniture Saves Space

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### Kewanee Mfg. Company (AIA 35-E, 27-p.)

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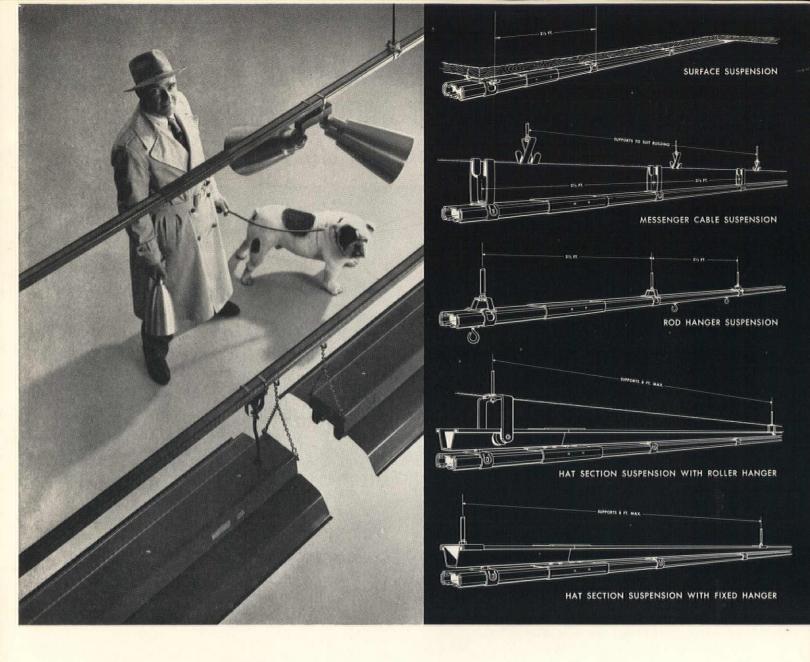
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### Hardboard as Covering and Building Material

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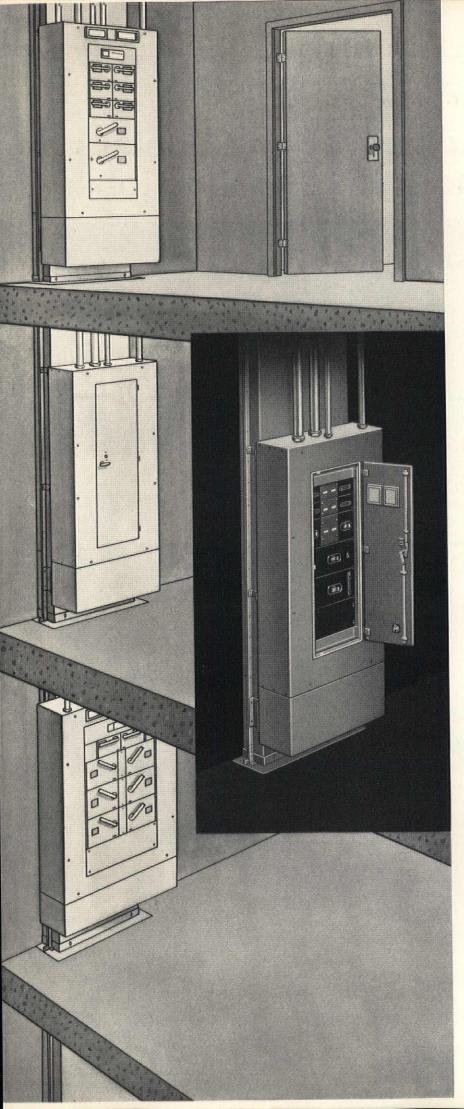
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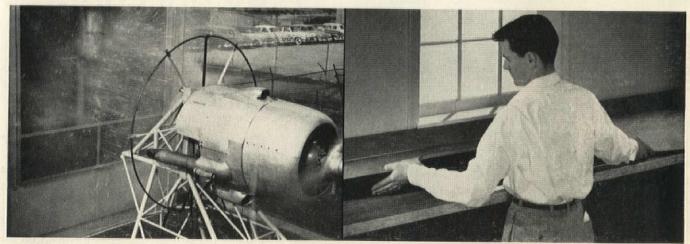
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# Looking Forward to June PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE

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Perhaps our most noted designer of religious structures is Pietro Belluschi. In recent years, the Dean of the School of Architecture & Planning at MIT has done a number of new churches and temples, both alone and in collaboration with other architects, among them Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Carl Koch & Associates; and Keyes, Leathbridge & Condon. June P/A will examine four of the most outstanding of these recent structures.

### THE CORPORATE NEIGHBOR IN THE SUBURB

A building increasingly familiar in our suburbs and our countryside is the branch office building or the headquarters office building. Three well designed examples of this type are featured in June P/A—the work of Sherwood, Mills & Smith; Garfield, Harris, Schafer, Flynn & Williams; and Thomas T. Haynes, Jr.

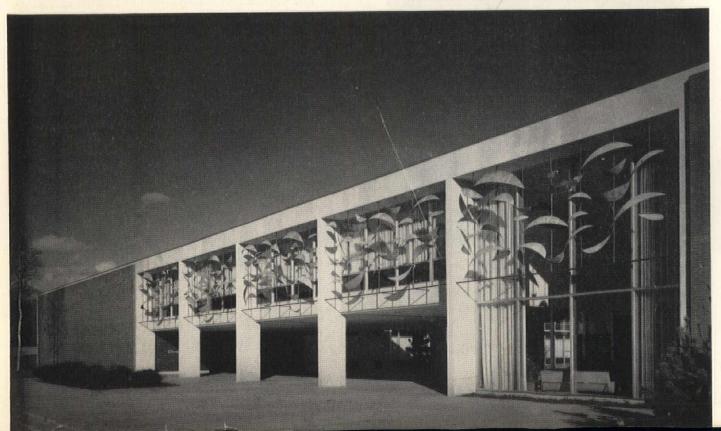
Two additional buildings to be presented in June are the office building of Architects King & Lewis of Detroit, Michigan, and Littleton, Massachusetts, High School by The Architects Collaborative. The latter will be the first *jull* presentation of this distinguished school.

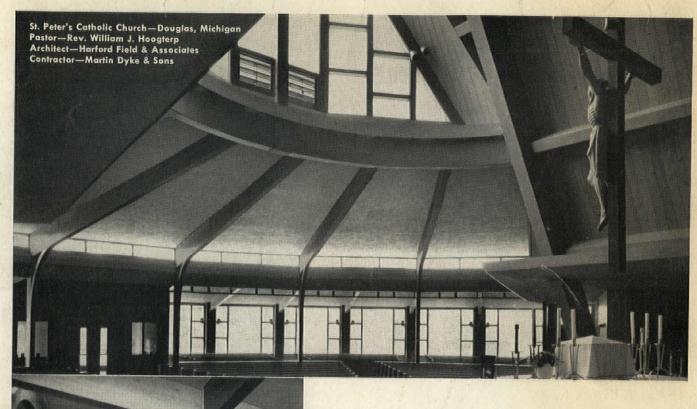
INTERIOR DESIGN DATA for June will be devoted to handsome bank interiors. Materials & Methods articles will include a mechanical-engineering report on the Dorr-Oliver Building, new methods for reinforced-concrete design, a reappraisal of seamless-roll terne roofing, and a technical discussion of venetian blinds.











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