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CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S MANSION

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Winners of the statewide competition for the design of the Governor's Mansion are Worley K. Wong, Allen Don Fong, Terry Tong, and Harry W. Namitz of the firm of Campbell & Wong.

The victorious San Francisco architects have designed a gracious pavilion of whitewashed brick that takes careful note of the dual purpose of such a structure: living quarters for the chief executive and his family and facilities for state entertaining. The plan is a two-storied square around a generous court. The family areas are separated from the spaces given over to state functions; separate entrances are provided on the ground floor, and sleeping areas on the second floor are detached from the guest rooms by the court, being connected only by bridges. Scale of the two different areas also provides a contrast. The state areas are given an appropriately large scale, the state living and dining rooms rising the full height of the building. Family living areas, on the other hand, are given a domestic scale. Orientation of the mansion takes into account future landscape developments for the surrounding area.
U.S. Steel Shows "Study in Steel—1962"

United States Steel has introduced the second in its "Study in Steel" programs (for the first, see p. 64 JANUARY 1961 P/A). Designed as a promotional campaign "to capture for steel the top spot as a preferred design material," the program features designs and design ideas utilizing steel to best advantage. The current display emphasizes new approaches to furniture and equipment for dining room, kitchen, and outdoor living areas. U.S. Steel stated that the designs—created by Peter Muller-Munk Associates—did not mean that the company is in the equipment design business, but that it is merely, as a service, trying to point directions in which good design might be going, and to stimulate better design.

The dining area in "Study in Steel" utilizes, for its table, the leg system designed for the office equipment in last year's program: two V-legs connected by steel stringers. Top of the table is wood-laminated, foam-filled panels; central panel, when not in use, becomes a decorative element beneath the table. Chairs have tubular steel bases, one-piece steel backs compression-joined to the seats, and wire fabric seats covered with plastic cloth. The storage unit houses dining accessories and equipment.

An outdoor picnic center of steel opens, as shown, to seat six and provide its own shade. The table section has a surface with built-in game boards. To close against weather, the stools fold up, the table top swings to a vertical position, and the top folds down as a case. A plastic seal at the top provides thorough protection.

A system for quickly built, attractive exterior decks utilizes interlocking triangular steel pans mounted at their jointures on adjustable supporting steel legs. Sockets at the pan jointures are used to hold especially designed single-legged steel chairs, tables, and outdoor cooking equipment.

BUNNY BUSINESS IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, N.Y. The siren tones of "My name is Margie, sir, and I'm your Bunny for the evening," will soon perfume the night air in the vineyards of Manhattan.

Following the example of, among others, New Orleans and Chicago, New York will have its own Playboy Club. Now under construction just off Fifth Avenue, and convenient to such activities as jumping in the Plaza Fountain after an evening of high jinks, the club will occupy a seven-story remodeled building. Five floors and a mezzanine will be set aside for entertainment of Playboys and their guests, the sixth will contain dressing rooms for entertainers and Bunnies; offices will be on the seventh. Designed by the young New York firm of Oppenheimer, Brady & Lehrecke, the Playboy Club will have an entrance which the architects hope is a fitting gateway to a palace of lusty but innocent fun.
Circular Catholic Church Shows Structure

LINDA MAR, CALIF. For this growing community south of San Francisco, Mario J. Ciampi and his associate Paul W. Reiter have designed a dramatic circular Roman Catholic Church for the parish of Saint Peter's. An exposed structure of precast, reinforced concrete will support a roof system of hipped, folded-plate plywood shells. The circular form, says Ciampi, will express "the powerful liturgical focus of the high altar." The altar will be at the center of the building, beneath a lantern supporting a tall cross. Since the building will sit in a garden "moat" over which the radiating structural arms of concrete will leap in an enclosing manner, the periphery of enclosed landscape will be subordinated to the drama of the altar. A limited budget for the 1000-person church has been met through imaginative use of simple materials.
WASHINGTON, D.C. Aficionados of the Capital City's waterfront on Washington Channel, of whom there are many, will find the Southwest Waterfront Design Program by Satterlee & Smith of more than passing interest. Proposing the renewal and redevelopment of the fish-house and marina area across from East Potomac Park, the program would save and develop the few acres available in the area, and increase them through bulkheads in the channel.

Stating that the present proposal is a basic design for the use of developers, the architects state that it should be administered by a “strong” group insisting on good design quality. Fundamentally, the scheme creates a series of seven public plazas that lead directly to the water through various commercial areas. Each plaza will have its own character—cobbled, landscaped, treated as a viewing terrace, etc. As designed, the proposal maintains for the site its traditional uses—boating, shopping for seafood, dining—and adds a few more: watching waterfront activities from the new terraces, strolling on the long Channel Promenade, shopping in new stores for boats, sails, motors, flowers, commodities, and so on. The marina facilities will be greatly expanded, and there will even be ponds for model boats in the park south of M Street.

Since there will be about 175,000 sq ft of first floor and more than 100,000 sq ft of second floor building areas for commercial purposes, the architects have proposed a two-story limit for the area.
Critique to Follow AISC Awards Program

PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE announces a program of Workshop Critiques on Steel in Architecture in New York City on June 14 and 15, 1962.

Extending the concept of the critical seminar discussions that have become a part of its own Design Awards Program, PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE has arranged to invite the winners of the Architectural Awards of Excellence Program of the American Institute of Steel Construction, and others, to a program of analysis and critical discussion of the buildings that win these awards.

The purpose will be evaluation of the best work in steel that has recently been done, as chosen by the AISC jury, and an attempt, through discussion, to find new directions in which steel structures might advance.

One day of the Workshop Critiques will be devoted to the presentation of a number of the AISC award-winning buildings, with analyses by respected critics in architecture and engineering and discussion by those attending the program. Another day will be devoted to visits to significant structures in the New York area.

Further details of the program, and methods of registration, will be announced later. In the meantime, we urge architects of buildings which use steel structures in an outstanding manner, and which were completed or occupied in 1961, to submit them as entries to the Architectural Awards of Excellence Program of AISC, 101 Park Avenue, New York 17, N.Y., before April 25.

Major Competition Set for Cincinnati

CINCINNATI, OHIO In a program somewhat similar to St. Louis’s Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Competition of some years back, Cincinnati has announced a nationwide competition for the design of a “symbolic structure” for a historical-memorial park to be established as part of its waterfront on the Ohio River.

Sponsored by The Cincinnatus Association, a 42-year-old local nonprofit organization, the structure will “celebrate the unique history and the significance and future of Cincinnati.” Jury consists of P/A Editor Thomas H. Creighton; Gordon Bunshaft of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Paul Rudolph, Chairman of the Yale Department of Architecture; Grady Clay, author and journalist for the Louisville (Ky.) Courier Journal; Architect Douglas W. Orr of New Haven, Conn.; Ernest F. Pickering, Dean of College of Design, Architecture, and Art, University of Cincinnati; and Cornelius J. Hauck, President of the Board of Park Commissioners of Cincinnati. The competition’s Professional Advisor and Jury Chairman (without a vote) is Walter A. Taylor, Director of the School of Architecture, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio. The architect placing first in the competition will be given the commission to design and provide architect’s service for the project, and an advance fee of $6500. Second-place architect will receive $2500, and $1000 will go to the architect placing third. The Cincinnatus Association is setting no limit to the cost of the project, but will not entertain “extravagance.” It is the intention of the city to build the structure as soon as possible.

Conditions and registration forms are available from Professional Advisor Taylor. Registration closes May 1; last day for receipt of submissions is August 31; and announcement of awards will be made approximately October 15.
Paraboloid Pavilions for L. I. Beach Club

WESTHAMPTON BEACH, N.Y. Out past the burgeoning "slurbs" of New York's Long Island, where sea and sand and sun still meet, there soon will be the curvilinear new Westhampton Beach Club. On a narrow strip of land between the Atlantic Ocean and Moriches Bay, the club will provide recreation facilities for 250 members.

On the bay side of the site, which is bisected by Dune Road, there will be generous parking spaces, plus a circular dock for temporary docking of small boats. Other boat docking will be against the bulkhead, and there will be a ramp into the water for the loading and unloading of boats.

The buildings on the ocean beach will include three locker buildings, one each for women, men, and families; a dining pavilion; an open air pavilion; and a bar. A swimming pool and a wading pool will be mounted above the beach in their own circular decks. Roof form of the pavilions will be parabolic. Architect: Whittlesey & Conklin.

IMAGINATIVE APARTMENTS FOR SAN FRANCISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. The field of apartment design, so sadly in need of fresh thinking, will receive a boost in the Bay Area in the form of two projects by Chan-Rader & Associates.

An apartment building on Russian Hill (top) will have two vertical apartment elements placed around the elevator and service core. Typical floor will contain a three-bedroom apartment, two two-bedroom apartments, and a studio flat. The latter space may be divided and rooms added to the other quarters to make a four-bedroom apartment and another three-bedroom apartment. A landscaped roof garden will provide the setting for two penthouses. Living rooms of all apartments except the studios will have contemporary counterparts of San Francisco's well-known bay windows overlooking views of either the bay or the city. The two-story lobby, penetrated by eight large concrete piers, will be approached through a raised, landscaped garden separating the structure from the street. Enclosed parking will be provided at the rear of the lower level. Consulting Engineer: Chin & Hensolt, Inc.; Mechanical Engineer: Kasin, Guttman & Associates; Electrical Engineer: Smith & Garthorne.

The Jones Methodist Church Apartments for elderly persons (bottom) will have an open corridor serving eight apartments on each of its four floors. Concrete bearing walls which separate the back-to-back units, and concrete slab floors, will form the basic structure. All units will have individual terraces. The roof will be developed as a series of raised gardens, separated by the bearing walls, which will terminate here. Structural Engineer: Stefan Medwadowski; Mechanical Engineer: Wistort & Beech.
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PERSONALITIES

The cinema-buff hero of Walker Percy's National Book Award-Winning The Moviegoer would find an architect to his own tastes in Randsell Cox. For the past year, 33-year-old Cox has been working with a non-architect colleague, Ted Brkic, on the filming of a low-budget, full-length film titled "Tracks in the Sand." Dealing with a few weeks in the lives of four young people in New York, the film has attracted the attention of several distributing organizations. One of them, a British firm, is interested in entering "Tracks in the Sand" in the Cannes Film Festival. As this is written, the fate of the movie is still up in the air, so there are a lot of crossed fingers over at the Cox-Brkic office.

A native of Monroe, Louisiana, Cox received his B.Arch. from Tulane University in 1962, after which he put in a 40-month hitch in the Navy. Following a period in the office of Edward D. Stone, during which, among other projects, he worked on the U.S. Pavilion at the Brussels World's Fair, Cox opened his own office. So far, his practice has been confined to residential work, with houses in the Poconos and on Long Island. As for the future, he says he would like to continue to divide his time between architecture and movie-making, concentrating on small commissions and quality, low-budget films. Next film project is "Chimera," to be shot this summer; there are two more scripts in the typewriter.

Commenting on his life as an architect-film maker, Cox says that it is not as schizophrenic an existence as it might seem at first glance. "There are many similarities between film making and architectural practice," he says. "Aside from conceiving the design in the case of a building and the story ideas in the case of a movie, there is a tremendous amount of coordinating of trades and skills in both endeavors. And just as the putting up of the framework is often the simplest part of building, so the shooting of a film is the comparatively easy prelude to months of editing optical effects, dialogue, music, sound effects, and so on. Of course, through both professions runs the constant thread of financing, and keeping the project within a specified budget."

Asked if Cox-Brkic and such people as John Cassavetes and Shirley Clarke represent a nouvelle vague in the American film, Cox demurred slightly, saying that he only knows that Hollywood has left a void in the field of art films which Europe is filling. He and Brkic have as their aim trying to fill some of this void with American movies.


When she left her native Stuttgart in 1938 for a year's study in the United States, Ilse Meissner Reese (née Ilse Meissner) did not dream that she would wind up happily married in Forest Hills Gardens and a hard-working Contributing Editor of Progressive Architecture. Of course, World War II broke out in 1939, preventing her return to Germany. Already enrolled at Pratt Institute, Ilse completed the course in Industrial Design there, and worked for Russell Wright for two years. Plagued by a feeling that the industrial design field was "too much talk and too little design," she studied sculpture for a year, winning the annual award for sculpture at the Art Students League. Wishing to consolidate her varied training within a profession that would combine both the arts and the sciences, she went back to Pratt for a degree in architecture. On graduation, she became the first woman to win Pratt's Medal of Excellence in Architecture. While still a student, Ilse was brought to the attention of the profession when P/A published her thesis on urban housing (pp. 42-48, February 1947 P/A). She worked summers for the firm of Ketcham, Giná & Sharp, and, after leaving school, was with the firm for five years until her marriage to Baxter Reese. In 1949, the couple moved to Buenos Aires, where Baxter was Standard Brands Sales Manager for Argentina. (He is now the New York-based Advertising Manager for Standard Brands International.) Their daughter, Consuelo, was born in 1950. In 1951, Baxter was called back into Army Intelligence and they were sent to—Stuttgart.

Before joining P/A as Associate Feature Editor in 1955, Ilse spent some months with the Knoll Planning Unit working on a project for a Boston investment firm's offices. Year before last, she decided that she wanted to spend more time at home with Consuelo. P/A, loath to lose completely such a valuable asset, persuaded her to become a Contributing Editor. Now she's creating more feature material than she did full time! (Note the January, May, July, and December issues of this year.)

The lucky visitor to the Reese home in Forest Hills Gardens (Grosvenor Atterbury, Architect; Frederick Law Olmstead, Planner) is likely to enjoy, after some bone-dry martinis by Baxter and a succulent boeuf Stroganoff by Ilse, a delightful postprandial concert of Bach partitas on the Stuttgart-made harpsichord (Ilse) and the recorder (Baxter).
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NYWF DESIGNS
GAIN STRENGTH

Designs for pavilions at the 1964-65 New York World's Fair have improved in the past few weeks, perhaps because many of the new ones are designed by architects instead of by industrial — interior — graphic — promotional, etc., designers.

The Communications Pavilion (1), designed by Richard W. Snibbe, will house displays by firms in the three basic branches of communications: the press, radio and television, and the communications arts (motion pictures, advertising, records and record equipment, etc.). The project, which will make ingenious use of open-web joists, has been designed around a court that will contain outdoor exhibits and an outdoor café adjoining a restaurant.

Winner of the statewide competition for the New Jersey Tercentenary Pavilion at the Fair (2) is Philip Sheridan Collins of Princeton. Twenty-one small pavilions, one for each county of the state, will be situated around a central theater and four interior gardens. The exhibit platforms will rise from a continuous reflecting pool. Roofs will be suspended from 16 nightlighted masts arranged in groups of four. The individual exhibits will have a modular system of frames, panels, and display units, designed for utmost flexibility.

The Hall of Medicine and Science (3), by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, will have exhibits by many firms in the fields of medicine and health. Over-all theme will be “The Family,” and there will be two large exhibits on “The Life Span of Man” and “The Prevention of Accidents.” There will be a 100-150 capacity auditorium for the showing of health films, lectures, and demonstrations. A pool in the central court will be used for life-saving demonstrations. The hall is viewed by the proposer, The American Museum of Health (an educational, scientific, nonprofit institution sponsored by the New York Academy of Medicine), as a precursor to a permanent Museum of Health.

Designed by Frederic P. Wiedersum Associates, the Hall of Education (4) will contain, in addition to exhibits by various firms interested in the education field, a “School of Tomorrow,” a “Library of Tomorrow,” a “Communications Auditorium” featuring the latest in audio-visual advances, and an “Art Department of the Future” in which a gallery of “living walls” will present full-sized reproductions of famous works.
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DOXIADISITIS: FIRST SYMPTOMS

Five model homes (going by such names as Floral, Orchard, Arbor) have been opened recently in the New Eastwick Redevelopment Area of Philadelphia, and will be followed, in the next ten years, by a thicket of 10,000 other row houses. On the 2000-acre site, billed as the nation's largest urban-renewal development, Doxiadis Associates have planned a grid-iron system of spine streets feeding cul-de-sacs that serve 50-60 dwellings. Through collector walkways and a central esplanade, pedestrians move inward "toward the central core of amenities which serves as a focal axis for the community." A pedestrian scheme in more than one sense, it appears. (An earlier plan for Eastwick, by Geddes-Brecher-Qualls, had wedge-shaped units in crescent-shaped blocks, and won a P/A Design Award in 1960.)

Reynolds Metals Company, a sponsor of the project, has worked approximately 650 pounds of aluminum into each house in the form of carports, canopies, siding, railings and balcony grilles, prefab stairways, garage and entrance doors, fascias, soffits, ductwork—even door chimes. (Several of these represent new applications of Reynolds products.) What's good for Reynolds is good for the homeowner too: the masonry and aluminum construction of the houses requires a minimum of exterior maintenance. Houses have three and four bedrooms, at prices from $11,990 to $14,490. Consulting architects are Wright, Andrade, Amenta & Gane of Philadelphia.

National Maritime Union Building Under Way

A new building in New York for the National Maritime Union is rising on Seventh Avenue between West 12th and West 13th Streets. The building, by Albert Charles Ledner of New Orleans, will have as basic structure reinforced concrete structural elements, precast concrete facing panels, and two large, circular walls on the first floor under the main mass of the building, which will be composed of 12-in.-sq clear glass blocks. The executive offices will be found in the circular units on the roof, as well as in a long, rectilinear roof area. Service core containing elevators, stairs, and mechanical equipment rooms will be in a poured-in-place concrete unit at the rear of the property. What was originally raised terrazzo base for the building has been enhanced by the addition of planting to provide a pleasing transition from the sidewalk up into the building.

Sanctuary Joins Community Center

A synagogue designed by Edgar Tafel Associates will join a 1928-vintage community center on a downtown corner in Gloversville, N.Y. Soil problems on the new project will be solved by use of the foundations of a theater that was recently demolished on the
site. The synagogue will have a lead cornice, exposed roof timber construction, and cavity-brick walls. Tafel states that "It is always exciting to work within the confines of a prescribed envelope of buildings built in the past."

Openings in the Peace Corps

The Peace Corps reports that there are opportunities for architects, builders, and city planners to work in Tunisia. For further information write to Peace Corps, Jules Pagano, Chief, Professional and Technical Division, Office of Public Affairs, Washington 25, D.C.

Improvement Awards

Kalamazoo, Mich., and Pittsburgh, Pa., received the gold and silver medals, respectively, in the Ward Melville Awards for Community Improvement. The awards go to cities which have done most to improve their "cultural, aesthetic, and economic values."

SOM on Air Rights

An office building and a transportation center in Chicago will be the first elements in a multimillion-dollar construction program to be pursued by Anglo-American interests under the leadership of Erwin S. Wolfson. This is virtually the same combine which is currently building New York's Tower of Babel, the Pan-Am Building. The proposed structures will rise over 18 stories and command views of the Chicago River. Wolfson has revealed that definitive plans for the transportation center are awaiting the outcome of discussions with the Mayor.

Competitions, Awards

We received incorrect information on the competition for new projects at Dublin University [p. 70, January 1962 P/A]. The conditions are not yet in print; we will give you the news when they are. . . . Entries for the 10th Annual Industrial and Institutional Landscaping Awards Competition must be received by September 1; information from Curtis H. Porterfield, Executive Vice-President, American Association of Nurserymen, 835 Southern Building, Washington 5, D.C. . . . And don't forget to submit your entries for the AISC Competition before April 25; details: page 63.

Calendar

Construction Specifications Institute has its 6th annual convention at the Biltmore in Atlanta, April 23-25 . . . The 4th International Congress on Prestressed Concrete will take place in Rome and Naples, May 27-June 2 . . . A "Scandinavian Festival" has been announced for Zurich, Norway, Finland, and Sweden, extending from May 15 through June 16; music, drama, and dance will be featured in the major cities of those countries during the period . . . Following suggestions from, among others, Mies van der Rohe and George E. Danforth, two architectural tours of Europe have been scheduled, one from June 1 to 30, the other from June 8 to July 7; contact Henry H. Jayson, Lufthansa German Airlines, 410 Park Ave., New York 22, N.Y. . . . The 8th annual Architectural Hardware Institute will be held at Ohio State University, June 10-16 . . . One feature of the MIT Summer Program will be a seminar on "Planning Industrial Expansion." Directed by Professor Albert Bush-Brown, it will take place July 15. Tuition is $200, contact Summer School Office, MIT, Cambridge, Mass.
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The Mills of Congress Grind Slow, Not Fine

By E. E. Halmos, Jr.

April began, quite a few of the President's proposals that interested architects seemed to be in deep trouble in Congress.

The reasons are complicated in large measure of politics, but with a generous helping of concern over excessive spending, and fear of an ever-growing control over the U.S. economy by the Federal Government (particularly the Executive Department).

Both actual spending for construction work and matters that affect the economy of the industry are involved.

Here's a list of significant developments:

1. The vast package of education-aid proposals got a friendly, but not enthusiastic, reception from Congress, which proceeded to take things up in relatively small pieces.

   (There's one big part of the package that you can figure won't get anywhere: aid to elementary and secondary schools, and any proposals for help in paying teachers' salaries.)

   Both houses passed versions of an aid-to-higher education bill (HR 8900, the Senate okaying $2.7 billion including scholarships, the House $1.5 billion); but a conference was blocked by objections from the House floor, which sent the bill back to the Rules Committee and effectively blocked any action, at least until mid-March.

   Another piece of this package—$750 million over 10 years for grants to aid construction of medical, dental, and public health schools—had received a hearing before committees, was slowly working its way along with many amendments.

2. The President's request for standby powers (under which he could spend up to $2 billion on public works projects if it were found that a recession was imminent or in progress) apparently will get nowhere: The political leverage inherent in such powers is too much for Congress to give away.

3. The House Ways and Means Committee dealt a heavy blow to hopes that tax relief would stimulate factory and office building construction, through credit (8 per cent) against income taxes for new buildings. The committee finally reported out a bill to allow such credits to manufacturers on machinery and "other productive equipment"—but not on new buildings.

4. To this list you can add the defeat of the plan for establishment of a Department of Urban Affairs.

   Reasons why this proposal was killed by a lopsided majority: the political and moral involvement in proposing the establishment of the department as a reorganization plan riled a lot of Congressmen who might otherwise have supported the plan; and there were some doubts as to the need for such a department and the effect it would have on many existing Government activities.

   The Urban Affairs idea isn't dead, though there's little chance of any further action in this Congress. However, within minutes of the demise of the reorganization plan, bills were introduced in the Senate to set up a "Department of Federal-State-Urban Affairs," and in the House to set up an "Office of Urban Affairs" in the President's office. Architects who feel deeply on this matter of urban representation might write their Congressmen soon.

Contractors' Capers

Construction contractors are stepping up their campaign to get the Small Business Administration out of the construction industry.

Latest entry is the powerful Associated General Contractors, which argues that most contractors would qualify as "small business" under SBA's definitions (less than $5 million gross business, not dominant in field); that SBA's insistence on set-asides for small contractors results in a lot of incompetents surviving when they shouldn't and interferes with prime contractor's control of his own job; that SBA is overriding the judgment of qualified engineers and contractors in insisting on awards to smaller firms.

SBA's reaction didn't smooth the situation. Said Irving Maness, deputy SBA administrator: AGC's attack is "silly."

AFL-CIO's Building Trades Department supported the AGC position.

Labor Looks at Architecture

There's an interesting inside story behind Labor Secretary Goldberg's sudden emergence as an architectural advisor to the President. (He is head of an "Informal" Cabinet committee that will shortly make recommendations to the Chief Executive on future Federal buildings.)

Goldberg spent some time at a Cabinet meeting complaining about lack of office space in Washington and elsewhere for Government employees, and poorly organized space in many existing buildings.

For his pains, he was promptly appointed head of a committee, which includes the head of General Services Administration and others, to "do something" about his complaints.

Always enormously energetic, Goldberg plunged in, interviewed architects, engineers, builders, Government employees, and announced early in March he was ready to submit a report and recommendations.

Indications are that the report will follow closely comments made by GSA Administrator Boutin (p. 54, February 1962 P/A): more landscaping, attempts to blend new Federal buildings with their immediate surroundings, plus more emphasis, where possible, on "modern" design and styling.

FINANCIAL

There's a peculiar feeling in the air about financial conditions—a feeling of a kind of a lull, perhaps awaiting spring before full-scale activity gets under way again.

There's nothing in particular to support the feeling—except that unemployment didn't decline in the past month, despite an apparent continuing business strength; and that voters in November turned down more bond issues for construction than they approved.

Otherwise, general business activity seemed to be going along in good shape: the gross national product apparently was on the upswing; housing seemed to be making a strong beginning for the year; and Government economists seemed to have lost no confidence in their predictions of a record business year for 1962.

Factors probably contributing to the "lull" feeling are: the wait for conclusion of the long negotiations over steel-industry wages; other wage disputes due to arise as spring bargaining time arrives in many areas; and a long unusually heavy winter in a large sector of the U.S.

But a little more scratching for new business, and careful attention to existing sources, seemed to be a matter of prudence for most concerns—particularly those connected with construction.
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Art: Potpourri

Last month, the Museum of Modern Art had two notable exhibitions running concurrently: "The Drawings of Frank Lloyd Wright" and "Jean Dubuffet." The Wright show will remain until May 6.

Enough Wright drawings to fill all the first floor exhibition areas were amassed by Wilder Green and Arthur Drexler from more than 8000 in the files of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. The well-known Wright genius for presentation is here documented from its earliest to its latest days; the drawings form, it is hoped, a significant object lesson for those present-day architects who cannot be bothered by such a "detail" as imaginative rendering. Shown here is Wright's drawing for the Mrs. Thomas H. Gale house, Oak Park, Illinois, 1909.

This viewer went to the Museum's Dubuffet show to scoff and remained to praise. Having had a slight exposure to some of this artist's more scabrous works in the "arty" pages of some of our consumer magazines, we conceived of Dubuffet and his art brut tendencies as sour and misanthropic in the extreme. Not so. "The Source of the Beard" (1959), shown here, dates from the end of the period when Dubuffet was doing works that could be as amazing and startling and funny as anything by Paul Klee. Lately, his palette has become extremely colorful in scenes of Paris and its people.

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The giant canvases of Fernand Léger often impress one with the feeling of a circus balloon anchored to the ground by a dark stone. This feeling persisted in the recent show at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, which also included many smaller studies. "The Great Parade," with its atmosphere of luminous color and vital forms contained in the framework of a heavy delineation, is illustrative of the techniques that pervade Léger’s oeuvre.

Mathias Goeritz’s new shapes and forms at the Carstairs Gallery were presented, Goeritz writes, “as a statement; a protest against almost all I have produced under the name of art; and a protest against myself as an artist. Art has been violated and is dead.” Both his plaques called “Golden Messages” and his vertical “Red Realizations” (shown) were based on Biblical texts. The “Realizations,” the more interesting of the two, used as inspiration Ecclesiastes 1:9: “The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new thing under the sun.” A solemn, if sincere, statement for an impressive group of multishaded red shapes among which it was a moving experience to wander.
Masonry Products

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Terrazzo floors successfully withstand brutal treatment in the Boston College Campus Skating Rink. The floor is of brown and tan terrazzo, which is covered by a layer of ice 1 1/2" thick and weighing about 90 tons for ice hockey games and communal skating of the students. When not in use for ice sports, the defrosted rink is used for dances, exhibits, community fairs, and assorted college activities. The National Terrazzo and Mosaic Assn., 2000 K St. N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

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Textured marble tiles are achieved by “guillotining” 1/2"-thick sections from long rectangular blocks in 4" x 1 1/4" or 6" x 2" modules. These are then assembled into 12" x 5" and 12" x 6" tiles using a color-matched epoxy bonding agent. Comparatively light weight of 61 lb/sq ft makes “Salirpre” tiles feasible as curtain wall spandrels. Product is available in several colors and textures of Italian marble; creates a distinctive surface for exterior or interior applications. Gladiator Marble & Importing Co., 6911 Lemona Ave., Van Nuys, Calif.

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MASONRY PRODUCTS

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Ceramic over Plywood

New system for floors requiring high chemical resistance, strength, long life, and economy involves the installation of ceramic tile directly over a plywood subfloor using an epoxy-base adhesive and grout developed at the Princeton, N. J., research center of the Tile Council of America. A test installation of “AAR-II” (council designation for Acid-Alkali Resistant, two-part system) was made in a kitchen area at Fort Belvoir, Va., last year and has performed most satisfactorily, according to observers and users. Satisfactory installations have also been made over concrete, wood, and steel plate. The four companies now marketing AAR-II are Cambridge Tile Manufacturing Co., Summitville Tiles, Inc., The Upco Co., and L & M Tile Products, Inc. The Tile Council of America, Inc., 800 Second Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

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Masonry Unit of Converted Stone

“Brikerete,” a masonry building unit composed principally of converted stone in the form of gravel, crushed rock, and other mineral aggregates, is a block possessing a bi-nuclear interior opening which creates a “buttressed web” to give strength to walls and support to the course above. The units, which have color evenly distributed throughout at the factory, come in “modular” and “standard” sizes. Advantages claimed over existing products include greater strength, lighter weight, use of fewer units and less mortar, and superior insulation area. Brikerete Associates, Inc., Holland, Mich.

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Surface Treatment for Cement Block Walls

The economic advantages of interior cement block walls are often lost by maintenance factors involved in keeping plaster or regular paint up to snuff, or in covering the blocks with another, perhaps expensive, material. To answer this problem, PPG has developed a coating system for cement block walls which is highly resistant to abrasion, stains, dirt, and chemicals. “Pitt-Glaze Block Walls System” will withstand rough industrial cleaning treatment such as steam hoses or mechanical scrubbers. The system uses first a couple of coatings of a heavy consistency water-dispersed block-filler, both applied in the same day. After this has dried, the surface is finished by applying a glaze treatment available in high gloss or satin sheen. Since this is a clear finish, any desired color may be obtained by tinting the filler with colorant before glazing. For maximum effectiveness, two coats of the glazing finish are recommended; they may be applied not more than an hour apart. Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., 652 Fort Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

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Don’t Do Without the Dry Tile Grout

“Sno-Brite” is a dry tile grout which actually comes in both white and gray colors. No pre-soaking or wetting is necessary; the grout requires a minimum amount of water. Joints can normally be struck in 10-20 minutes, and the dried film formed on the tile face is easily removed with a dry cloth. A firm hardness occurs in one day; complete cure takes three or four weeks. The grout should be used as is; the proper amount of sand is already in the material for grouting floor tiles. Technical Adhesives, Inc., 3500 Church St., Evanston, Ill.

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Fiberboard Sheathing's Insulation Value Rated

The Insulation Board Institute has established rated insulating values for the regular fiberboard sheathing produced by its fourteen member companies. Surface-to-surface heat resistance values (R-values) have been set at R 2.06 for 25/32-inch insulation board sheathing and at R 1.32 for 1/2 in. fiberboard sheathing. IBI member companies will now stamp the "IBI Rated Seal" on their sheets of regular fiberboard sheathing. It is said to be the first time that a trade group has rated a sheathing material for its insulating value and focuses attention on the superiority of insulation board sheathing. Insulation Board Inst., 111 W. Washington, Chicago, Ill.

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Specs and Details for Exterior Marble

In a newly revised publication, the Marble Institute of America presents the American Standard specifications for: (1) exterior marble veneer 2" and less in thickness, and (2) exterior marble in curtain or panel walls. The 42-page booklet also includes special data—on marble service, and marble classifications for soundness—which are not part of the ASA-approved specifications, but are included as a convenience to those who select and detail marble. Final portion of the reference is devoted to general details recommended for exterior marble work and particular marble details used in several noted buildings. Write (on letterhead) to: Marble Institute of America, Inc., 32 South Fifth Ave., Mount Vernon, N.Y.

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Data folder from Dur-O-WaL, a total of 14 pages, gives recommendations on masonry-wall reinforcement. The several reports cover the use of Dur-O-WaL with: (1) glass block; (2) stacked-bond masonry; (3) cavity walls; and (4) in combination with control joints. A brief specification for the location of control joints is also included. Dur-O-WaL Div., Cedar Rapids Block Co., 650 Twelfth Ave., S. W., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Bulletin from the Mo-Sai Institute, 8 pages, illustrates precast facing and curtain-wall panels. Color photos show a few of the wide variety of colors and textures, a variety that can "suit the widest architectural expression." Method of fabrication is shown, also anchoring and handling methods. Bulletin describes the physical characteristics of Mo-Sai, and gives complete specifications. Mo-Sai Institute, Inc., 166 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn.

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