#### PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE FEBRUARY 1966

# NEWS REPORT

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#### Beautifying Columbus

COLUMBUS, IND. Public spirit runs deep in Columbus, and so does a belief in good design. The latest step in a series of ploys (see p. 58, June 1965 P/A) that may make Columbus one of the handsomest small towns (population 20,788) in the U.S., is the donation of the services of Kevin Roche to the U.S. Post Office. Columbus wants a new Post Office building, and the Cummins Engine Company, which has its headquarters here, is paying Roche's fee. Roche, a partner in Eero Saarinen & Associates, was a member of P/A's Design Award jury in 1965. And according to Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien: "As far as we know, this is the first time the services of a nationally prominent architect have been donated to the Post Office Department." It is a welcome move.

#### Robert Weaver: New Hope for Old Problems



washington, d.c. January 13 was not a Friday, and it was not unlucky for 58-year-old Robert C. Weaver. On that day, the President made him Secretary of the new Department of Housing and Urban Design (HUD). As such, Weaver will have been appointed to the highest governmental office ever held by a Negro. But his appointment signifies much more than that. A veteran of 33 years of government service, Weaver has a

tremendous backlog of experience: three Harvard degrees (a doctoral thesis on "The High-Wage Theory of Prosperity"); race relations advisor to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes in 1933; special assistant for the FHA from 1937 to 1940; teaching posts at N.Y.U. and Columbia in New York; New York State Housing Commissioner under Governor Harriman; N.Y. State Rent Administrator, Vice-Chairman of Robert Wagner's Housing and Redevelopment Board; and, lastly, Administrator of HHFA. Weaver's philosophy throughout has been that good housing makes good economic sense. "Perhaps the most difficult task," he has commented, "is to get people in a metropolitan area to realize that [the city] is an area and that a rotten core represents a threat to the whole area. The suburban satellites are dependent on a central city that has a sound economic base and a vibrant. exciting cultural character." With Weaver as HUD Secretary, maybe our cities will be thus transformed.

#### To Build Or Not to Build

WASHINGTON, D.C. During 1966, about one million families will move into new houses. This prediction comes from the National Association of Real Estate Boards, which also foresees 2.5 million families buying and moving into homes already built and occupied. By the end of the year, the inventory of occupied housing units will reach 59 million; about 62 per cent of these will be owner-occupied.

One factor leading to greater housing unit occupancy has been an increasing inclination of elderly persons to live alone after the death of a spouse, rather than joining a family group. Another unprecedented factor is the increasing frequency with which young unmarried individuals move away from the family home. According to Catherine E. Martini, NAREB's director of re-

search, "Attitudes and values derived from the longest peacetime expansion in history will influence decisions to a growing degree. Choices between buying and leasing, be-

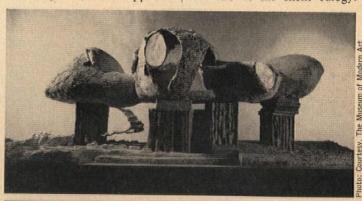
tween moving and renovating, between waiting and acting, between investing in fixed yield or equity securities, will be increasingly sensitive to psychological factors."

# FAREWELL TO A CREATIVE SPIRIT

NEW YORK, N.Y. Speaking at the funeral, René d'Harnoncourt, director of the Museum of Modern Art, remarked that "for more than 50 years, he moved always in the forefront of his contemporaries." Philip Johnson called him "the greatest non-building architect of our time." Speaking for himself while still alive, Frederick J. Kiesler claimed, "I am interested in life, not architecture." Yet he was the first to design a theater in the round, the first to conceive the spiral concept in architecture (beating Frank Lloyd Wright), and the first to build on stilts (before Le Corbusier). He died last December at the age of 75, his life's book, The Endless Search, still unfinished and his lifelong project, the Endless House (photo; also see pp. 104



-123, JULY 1961 P/A) still not built. Friends and devotees of the poet-sculptor-architect gathered to pay tribute to the man. The Julliard String Quartet played, poems and speeches were read. And painter Robert Rauschenberg delivered a Pop Art tire as his silent eulogy.



## Stone Designs for Arabian Flights

JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA. The office of Edward Durell Stone has on the boards two airports for this oil-rich desert nation. One at Jidda, a seacoast town 20 miles from the holy city of Mecca; another, specifically for the use of King Saud and his retinue, is in the capital city of Riyadh.

At Jidda, the Stone office is designing two terminals. One will be for the masses of pilgrims who are making the annual journey, or "Haj," to Mecca to kiss the holy stone, shrine of Muhammed, prophet of Allah, whom the devout believe to be the one true god. Although this terminal (1) is



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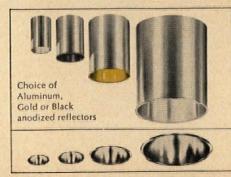
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capable of handling 1200 to 2000 persons per hour during the month of Haj, its exterior terminal, buses carry them to Mecca, 20 miles away. Buses and cars enter the terminals on





design is identical to that of the terminal for the everyday tourist trade that faces it (2) across the landscaped rectangle of earth. The only ostensible exterior difference will be the size of the pools that front the terminals and that stand between each terminal and the small mosques facing them. The pool in front of the Haj terminal is smaller and lacks a fountain. The interiors of the terminals are differently designed, since the one used the lower level, where, because of Arabia's searing heat, interior parking is provided. Special provision is also made for the king, who has a private room in each terminal. At Riyadh, of course, the entire terminal is designed with the king's privacy and dignity in mind. There (3, 4) the concrete roof sections are convex instead of concave as they are at Jidda. Otherwise, the exterior arrangement of all three terminals, with reflecting pools





by the pilgrims is set up to handle masses of persons, much the way supermarkets are, and arriving and departing passengers are processed through turnstiles. From the and mosques, is the same. All buildings will be constructed of concrete, 80' on center, with arches on the lower level, probably filled with concrete grill work.

#### Thompson Opens His Own Office

CAMBRIDGE, MASS. On January 1, Benjamin Thompson, a founding partner of The Architect's Collaborative and chairman of the department of architecture at Harvard, left TAC to set up an independent architectural practice. He hopes that, in a smaller office, he will have more time for his teaching and administrative duties at Harvard, as well as more time for design.

Thompson is associated with Thomas Green, Joseph Maybank and Eliot Rothman in the new firm of Benjamin Thompson & Associates. Already its string of commissions is impressive. It includes buildings for Kirkland College, a new



women's extension of Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., and buildings for Williams College, Brandeis University, Bennington College, Amherst College, and Andover Academy.

#### Want to Buy a Beanery?



NEW YORK, N.Y. For some weeks, gallery-hoppers in this city have had a chance to see Ed Kineholz's version of totalexperience-give-a-message kind of art. The artist has built a beanery complete with customers, music, smells, and sweaty beers. To do it has taken him six months, lots of fiberglass and epoxy resin, real live props like a \$600 mink stole, a stuffed poodle, canned music featuring Johnny Mathis, and stale bacon grease blown through a fan to simulate the smoky awfulness of close places. His model was Barney's Beanery on Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles, and Kienholz has done his best to

recapture its authenticity. He has even gone so far as to buy a new phone booth for the L.A. hangout so that he could have the real thing for his 6'x22'x71½' wonder. The bar is filled to capacity with 14 clockheaded patrons whose faces read 10:10. "That way they look like eyebrows," he explains. The clocks are meant to emphasize "surrealist time... where people waste time, lose time, escape time, ignore time."

After its New York showing, the Beanery will wend its way back to the Los Angeles County Museum, where it will remain on permanent loan—that is, unless someone buys it.

#### P/A Design Awards Luncheon Held in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Speaking at PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE'S 13th Annual Design Awards luncheon, held in this city on January 10, Louis D. Gill, who represented Los Angeles' Mayor Yorty and is Chairman of the Board of Public Works, told a Frank Lloyd Wright story. According to Gill, when asked what he

thought about Los Angeles architecture, Wright replied: "I don't think about it, and I don't think anyone else thinks about it either."

The Wrightian reference was particularly appropriate, for the luncheon was held in a house Wright designed in 1919, Hollyhock House, located in Barnsdall Park, a hilltop site overlooking downtown L.A. Now owned by the city, the house is maintained as a

DMJM design of a mountaintop community by calling it a "brilliant concept." Dr. Grant



From left to right: P/A Editor Jan Rowan, Cesar Pelli, Tef Kutay and Authony J. Lumsden, all of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, Frank Lyon of Sunset Petroleum.

meeting and show place.

More than 100 architects, planners, and representatives of building product firms ate lunch at tables set up in the



Jan Rowan speaking at Hollyhock House luncheon.

living room, saw P/A's Editor Jan C. Rowan present the design awards, and heard a project presentation by Cesar Pelli



George Dudley, Dean of UCLA, and Dick Matteson of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall.

of Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, winners of the First Design Award for the design of an urban nucleus for Sunset Mountain Park.

Gill's remarks about Wright were additionally apt since this marks the first time in the history of the Design Awards Program that a First Design Award winner has come from southern California.

P/A's publisher, Philip H. Hubbard, Jr., welcomed the guests. Speaking for the jury, William Conklin summed up the jury's feeling about the



Sam Hurst and Harold Hauf.



Louis Dodge Gill, Commissioner of Public Works in Los Angeles.

Manson, Associate Dean of the Department of Architecture at the University of Southern California, spoke briefly on Hollyhock House, which, he said, is the only example of Wright's first California period accessible to the public.

Also present at the luncheon were Dean Sam Hurst of the Department of Architecture at USC; George Dudley, dean of the newly established School of Architecture and Urban Planning at UCLA; John A. Monning, director of the Department of Building and Safety, City of Los Angeles; Donald Hardison, president of the California Council of the AIA; and Kalvin Hamilton, Director of City Planning, City of Los Angeles.

Others present to receive awards, despite the luncheon's



George Vernon Russell, David Travis, Carl Maston, MacDonald Becket, Edward Killingsworth,



William Conklin, member of P/A Design Awards jury, discussing the First Design Award.

West Coast location, included Troy E. West and Richard M. Gensert, whose Lower Hill Development project for the Citizen's Committee for District Renewal in Pittsburgh, Pa., won an urban design Award, George Dudley accepted an education Award for Davis, Brody & Associates for their Science Building No. 2 for State University of New York. And William Turnbull, of Moore, Lyndon, Turnbull, Whitaker, was present to accept a recreation Citation for the Sea Ranch Athletic Club, Sea Ranch, California.

Following lunch, Cesar Pelli, who was director of design on the DMJM Sunset Mountain Park project, made a presentation of the project with the aid of renderings and plans, and juror William Conklin led a discussion of it.

#### **Architectural Midwivery**

KATHMANDU, NEPAL Roelf Goetz, who spent two years as an architect with the Peace Corps here, found the Nepalese receptive to good design, but, like many people elsewhere, unwilling to put in the time and expense to translate design into stone and mortar. Goetz was free to accept requests for his services, checking his projects with the Peace Corps director in Nepal.

Before joining the Peace Corps, Goetz had gone through the Graduate School of Design at Harvard, spent a year doing construction work, and a year and a half in an architectural office in Cambridge. His most valuable experience, he feels, was in learning how to muster enough self-confidence to live up to his clients' "image of one who can help them solve all problems: how thick to make a

lime mortar stone wall when the strength of the rock is unknown and the lime dubious, or how deep to carry the foundations in soft soil." In short, it seemed a condensed course in how to act like an architect in the field. "If you cannot give them confidence," writes Goetz, "then you have no job."

In at least two of his Nepalese projects, Goetz was more than just an inspirer of confidence. In one project, for instance, a permanent college building to replace a row of thatched huts outside Pokhara, Goetz describes his role as that of "midwife." It was broader than merely being the architect, he says. He was, besides, "advisor on fund-raising and counselor on how to promote new ideas on the one hand and demonstrator of building practices to the masons and carpen-

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ters on the other." Not the least of his tasks was convincing the college's dean that a vast multistory building, with pagoda roofs, financed by "gifts from abroad," was im-



practical. What emerged is an eight classroom building (1), constructed of fieldstone and lime mortar. (What little cement was used, for lintels, had to be flown in.) The roof is of local slate.

Another of Goetz's projects was a dormitory for 150 students (2) set among the rice paddies of the Kathmandu Valley. Here, brick bearing walls in cement support concrete slab floors. His main



contribution, he feels, was in showing the Nepalese that an attractive building does not depend on fancy, imported materials. In Nepal, in a variation of a universal attitude, appearance and acceptance depend on a novel façade. "In a new Nepalese building," Goetz writes, "much effort will be used to put on a thin cement plaster veneer to give the impression of a reinforced concrete building, just as in the U. S. we put an expensive brick veneer on a concrete building."

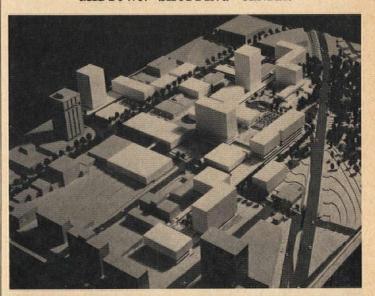
Hollyhock House and pleased with the attention that architects and students give it. He speaks of it with the same blunt fondness that a husband might use in describing a wife of 50 years. "It's really not all it cracked up to be," he confides; "when it rains, the roof leaks."

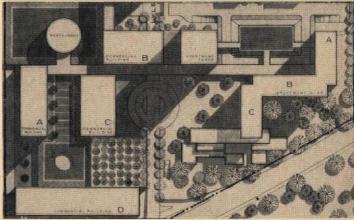
#### Schools

Students in the Architecture and Architectural Engineering Department at California State Polytechnic College have recently acquired \$12,000 for student loans. The Cal Poly AIA chapter donated an initial \$1000, which was matched 12-to-1 by the United Student Aid Fund . . . Those interested in attending the Seminar for Historical Administrators sponsored annually by the National Trust for Historic Preservation should write the Coordinator, Seminar for Historical Administrators, National Trust for Historic Preservation, 815 17th St. NW, Washington, D. C. 20006. Applications will be accepted until March 15. ... This summer, the Office of Civil Defense, the American Society for Engineering Education and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture will jointly sponsor a course in nuclear defense design at five universities (Hawaii, Maine, Montana State, North Carolina State, and Colorado). The course will be open to engineering, architectural, and city planning faculty members. For further information write: Project Administrator, ASEE, 1346 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. . . . Cornell University has announced the creation of

a new Division of Regional Studies in its Center for Housing and Environmental Studies. Jack C. Fisher, assistant professor of city and regional planning, will be in charge of the new regional studies division. . . . RPI also has announced a new study area within its curriculum: a Center for Architectural Research. Alan C. Green, associate professor of architecture, has been named director of the new center, and Morton C. Gassman, Senior design coordinator.

#### MIDTOWN SHOPPING CENTER





CLAYTON, MO. A proposal to convert land occupied by single-family houses into a commercial center, with highrise apartments, may revitalize the center of this small (population 15,245) Missouri town. Clayton draws shoppers from the surrounding area. The plan, designed by Sasaki, Dawson, Demay Associates, Inc., would, in effect, turn part of the downtown area into a suburban type center.

The nine-acre site will accommodate 400 apartment units (to be built in stages)- some in a high-rise tower, some in a Z-shaped slab building facing the tower across a mall. To the south end of the Z, on a slope, will be town houses. Underneath the mall will be parking for 1300 cars on three levels. To the west of these housing units will be a commercial center that includes four commercial buildings, a restaurant, and a theater. These are arranged around open landscaped areas. Retail shops, the restaurant, and theater front on two lower plazas. An upper plaza provides a parklike open

#### THE CONCERNED CUSTODIAN

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. For 20 years, Edward Smith has been caretaker of Hollyhock House, the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed dwelling in Barnsdall Park—scene of P/A's 13th Annual Design Awards luncheon (facing page). Smith cares for the house with zeal. "It has been the most meaningful thing in my life," he says, and for the P/A luncheon he displayed the care he lavishes on it by spending six hours placing dining tables in the living room, searching for the arrangement that would show off the room best and accommodate the 100 guests most comfortably. He even personally fitted each flower into the huge speaker's table center-piece. Because of his duties, Smith has developed a concern for good architecture and become a devotee of the works of Frank Lloyd Wright. His vacations have included trips to New York City to see the Guggenheim Museum, and to Racine, Wisconsin, to visit the Johnson's Wax headquarters.

Smith is obviously proud of

space. Also proposed for this area is a four-story parking structure for 1300 cars. Within the complex will be covered walkways, and someone living in Clayton Center can conceivably walk to work without going outdoors. Just to the south of the development will run a proposed expressway. Developer of the project is the Carondelet Development Company.

#### **Competitions**

Those interested in the \$6000 Rotch Travelling Scholarship must have their applications in to the secretary—Walter E. Campbell, 711 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass. 02116—by March 3...Applications are also being accepted for the \$3000 LeBrun Travelling Fellowship. Information may be obtained from Harvey P. Clarkson, Chairman, LeBrun Committee, New York chapter AIA, 115 East 40th St., New York, N.Y.

#### Ist Das Nicht Ein Clock Tower?



MILWAUKEE, WISC. A little bit more of Old Germany will be brought to this largely German community with the construction of an 80'-high clock tower patterned after one in Munich. Although it looks as if it had been carved by gnomes in the Black Forest, it is the work of Donald L. Grieb, architect for the civic center here, where the tower will stand. Inspiration for the

clock was German, but some distinctly native touches will be present. The tower will aim a searchlight at the nighttime sky, for instance, and on the hour play a few bars of "On Wisconsin." Beneath the two clock faces, each 17' in diameter, will be two turntables, which will revolve on the hour, displaying figures of fur traders, Indians, early settlers, and cows.

Money for the tower was donated by two sisters whose father founded a chocolate company in Milwaukee. They put up the \$250,000, they explained, to thank the city for allowing the family to prosper.

Not everyone in Milwaukee is accepting the gift with gratitude. "A glockenspiel or circus attraction," one architect called it at a Common Council committee hearing. But only two other persons objected then and the committee accepted the gift unanimously. Now, however, other voices of protest are being raised. Some object to its placement on the site; others to its design. Good breeding demands that gift horses should not have their mouths examined. But what about 80' clocks that play "On Wisconsin"?

#### Architectural Tour of Northern Europe Planned

Harlow, the planned com-munity for 80,000 outside London, Lijnbaan, the redevelopment area in downtown Rotterdam, and Vallingby, the new residential and industrial suburb of Stockholm, will be among the stops made by a group of architects and urban planners taking Alitalia Airlines' spring professional study tour of Europe. Leaving New York City on May 16, the group will visit England, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Finland, returning to New York on June 2. For those who wish to visit Russia, a five-day optional extension to Leningrad is offered. Cost of the tour, excluding the Leningrad extension, is \$825, which covers round-trip jet fare, first-class hotel accommodations, two meals daily, all sightseeing and admission fees, as well as special meetings and lecturers. Arrangements are being made to have Alvar Aalto meet the group in Helsinki to explain his plans for the new city center there. P/A's Editor, Jan C. Rowan, is planning to travel with the group.

For further information and an itinerary write: Mr. James Branciforti, Professional Program Director, Alitalia Airlines, 666 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10019.

#### Catalano Continuum



CAMBRIDGE, MASS. Construction was begun last month on Eastgate, a 30-story residential tower for married students and faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Located next to the recently completed Grover M. Hermann Building (see p. 58, January 1966 P/A), Eastgate is also the work of Eduardo Catalano of the MIT architectural faculty in association with Crawley Cooper, Robert Brannen, and Paul Shimamoto, Cambridge architects. Eastgate is designed to blend architecturally with both the Hermann Building and with the Alfred P. Sloan Building. Together, the buildings will be known as the Sloan Campus.

#### THE BIG "C" IN THE SKY



LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Throughout most of the Western world, the initials CC stand for Claudia Cardinale, Italy's entrant in the international sex kitten race; but in California, where sex kittens are more or less taken for granted, CC also stands for Crocker-Citizens (National Bank).

Foundation work started last month on Crocker-Citizen's Southern California headquarters building (Crocker-Citizens Plaza), a 42-story, cruciform tower, which will rise 620' above the street, making it the tallest skyscraper in this area. Near the top will be four large "C's," one on each point of the cross. Designed by William L. Pereira & Associates, the tower sits on a four-story square podium. Its ground level will include a promenade of shops and offices and a spacious interior lobby from which patrons can proceed by elevator, escalator, or stairway to a two-story-high banking area on the second level. A motor lobby is located just below grade, and below that are four parking levels. In all, the bank will have nine levels of enclosed parking capable of holding 754 cars. It will also have a gross area of over one million sq ft, Crocker-Citizens occupying about one-third of it. Anticipated cost of construction is approximately \$30 million.

#### Peak Year for Engineers

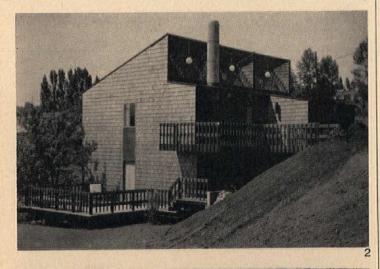
WASHINGTON, D.C. Engineers in private practice across the country are expected to be busier than ever before, according to a poll conducted by the Consulting Engineers Council. Leading to this record activity is continued, unprecedented economic expansion, coupled with the large public projects created by Federal aid programs. Consulting structural engineer Emanuel Pisetzner, of Weiskopf & Pickworth, who is president of the New York Association of Consulting Engineers, maintains that the present boom is characterized by great activity in all fields of practice and types of projects. He noted that at other peak times, the peak may be bolstered by increased activity in only one field, such as office buildings. This year's boom appears to be uniformly munificent in all building construction areas.

#### **Euphoric Eugene**

ber 1965, the Southwest Oregon Chapter of the AIA presented awards to four Eugene buildings. Selected by jurists Robert B. Price of Tacoma, Donlyn Lyndon of Eugene, and Don Knorr of San Francisco (who visited all 17 projects submitted in the competition), the awards went to: Lutes & Amundson of Springfield for the design of

Sheldon High School (1) in Eugene (First Honor Award); Otto Poticha of Eugene for the design of the Henshaw residence (2), Eugene (Award of Merit); Wilmsen, Endicott & Unthank of Portland for the Westmoreland Medical-Dental Clinic (3), Eugene (Award of Merit); and a special Commendation Award also went to Wilmsen, Endicott & Unthank for the remodeled façade of







Rubenstein's furniture store (4, 5) in Eugene.

The jury had this to say about the First Honor Award winner: "Sheldon High School is a thoughtful and well-controlled translation of evolving educational requirements into a building of considerable quality. It has a sensible and clear organization and a pleasant circulation system. While retaining reservations about some of the interior spaces, the jury felt that the architects should be honored for their development of an exceptional school plant."



# Distinctive Bank for Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, WIS. Most buildings in downtown Milwaukee were constructed more than 30 years ago, when the architectural tradition established by Louis Sullivan was still in vogue. Despite its overhead trackless trolley wires, and despite the remodeled façades of many shops and stores, the downtown area presented a fairly unified, dignified face to Milwaukee's baseball fans and other citizens. In the past few years, all this has begun to change. First came Saarinen's War Memorial Art Center on the lakefront. In the late 50's, Harrison & Abramovitz designed an office building for the Marine National Exchange Bank, the first high-rise office structure in Milwaukee in more than 25 years. Last year, Harry Weese's building for IBM was completed. And now in working-drawings stage is a bank and office building for the Marshall & Ilsley Bank, the city's second contemporary high-rise office structure, which,



if completed in keeping with its present design, should give future Milwaukee buildings something to emulate.

As designed by architects Grassold-Johnson-Wagner & Isley of Milwaukee, the \$11 million structure will have 20 stories: nine for the bank; nine for rental offices; and two for mechanical equipment. Adjacent to the high-rise building will be a ten-level parking garage, capable of holding 420

cars, built around and including the M & I's drive-in-banking facilities. Patrons parking in the garage will take elevators and stairs to the main banking floor, and elevators from there to the higher floors. Because the bank wanted as much uninterrupted floor space as possible, the service core will be in the building's northeast corner. This will leave the floor area

uninterrputed except for a second stairwell, required by the building code. Total gross area will be 358,000 sq ft.

On the exterior, the bank will be distinguished by buff-colored, epoxy-joined, cut stone mullions rising between spans of bronze-tinted glass in bronze aluminum frames. On ground level, the recessed main banking floor is enclosed in glass.

## Levitt Headquarters by Stone



LAKE SUCCESS, N.Y. Levitt & Sons have passed into legend by building more than 70,000 homes throughout the U.S. Last year, the firm recorded over \$60 million in sales, offering 34 basic house models.

When Levitt was planning to build a headquarters building for his organization, he called in Edward Durrell Stone to design it. The result is a distinctive "square doughnut" that is vintage Stone. Com-pleted last September, the building totals 70,000 sq ft on two levels, including a 72-ftsquare central atrium. Surrounding the atrium, with its five octagonal fountains, are offices that look onto this central court through adjustable aluminum jalousies. Overhead are nine geodesic skylight domes.

On the exterior, windows are divided vertically by glazed



white brick; two-story aluminum shutters cover the windows.

At night, the canopy, which overhangs all four sides of the building, is lighted by spotlights from the podium. Shrubbery around the site is also lighted, providing a nighttime setting for the building.

Levitt & Sons now have a shrine worthy of an Oriental potentate.

# World's Largest Parking Garage

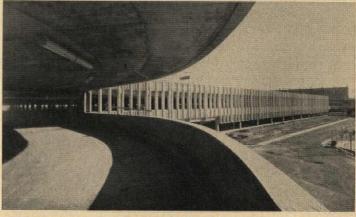
san Francisco, calif. To bill a structure as the world's largest parking garage is about as significant as to talk about the world's largest salt-water pool. It's distinctive, but is it meaningful? For the garage at San Francisco's International Airport, which officially began to shelter cars two months ago, the meaning lay in the efficiency and comfort with which

passengers could get from cars to planes and from planes to cars.

For one thing, motorists leaving their cars in any of the 2800 parking spaces now available (eventually there will be 8000) have a maximum walking distance to the terminal of only 450′, as compared to the previous maximum of 1500′. There are, in addition, two







moving sidewalks in each pedestrian concourse that cut walking distances even further. "They take the walk out of walking," says the manufacturer in a burst of ambiguity. Also, passengers are sheltered from the often unpleasant Bay weather as they leave their cars and trudge with baggage into the terminal. No more slogging through puddles or leaning into the rain and wind, for motorists arriving at the San Francisco airport.

Developers of the garage—a collaborative effort by architect Edward B. Page and consulting engineers J. J. Degenkolb & Associates—found that parking can usually be handled more quickly and economically in a parking lot. They therefore de-

signed the garage to consist, in effect, of four stacked parking lots. Each level is reached directly by curving ramps from the airport roadway system. When completed, the garage itself will be almost circular in form, fitting into the curve formed by the existing South and Central Terminals and the yet-to-be-built North Terminal.

To keep the garage's silhouette from obstructing a view of the terminals, the first parking level was placed underground; height from grade level to the top of the railing on the open fourth level is only 23'.

A precast exterior concrete grill helps support the upper levels and partially shields an outside view of long rows of parked cars.

#### ON THE BAY



LOS ANGELES, CALIF. Bay windows have never really been far out of style, but only rarely do they have a bay to overlook. As designed by Kurt Meyer & Associates, the baywindow-like projections of the Fisherman and Merchants Savings and Loan Association headquarters provide 180° views of the San Pedro Bay area, if not of the bay itself. The buttress-like projections of

the windows project from two concrete towers, which form the backbone of the building and hold utility centers and elevator and stairway wells. The five-story building will have a ground-floor loan and savings area, and, above that, floors for both the Association and rental tenants.

Ground-breaking began early this month, and completion is scheduled for this fall.

embellished with ornamented pediments and round-arched windows rising high above the fourth floor, where the exchange floor was located. The hall is a single unobstructed space, 58' x 115', with an arched and coffered ceiling. The east pavilion is composed entirely of offices.

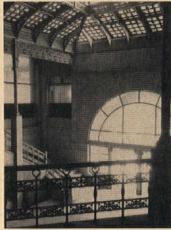


Photo: D. L. Hoffmann
The walls of the old building are of pressed brick and ornamental terra cotta of a matching earth-red hue. The ornament enriches the wall textures and articulates the composition.



Photo: D. L. Hoffmann

In the Midwest, the Brown Decades might more accurately be called the Red Decades.

Strongly plastic, the building's rounded angle piers give it a heightened sense of huge volumes. Its over-all expression goes far beyond the routine Romanesque of the 1880's. The Board of Trade moved in on June 30, 1888.

"This building," wrote Harriet Monroe eight years later, "is a noble monumental structure, which will speak to the future for this age as eloquently as monuments of the past declare to us the spirit of epochs."

Now somewhat abused and in disrepair, the old building remains a prime architectural landmark of Kansas City. Its feet are firmly planted in the soil, and its tower thrusts proudly into the blue Midwestern sky. It speaks, indeed, for the generation that built it, and for the imagination of a great American architect.

-DONALD L. HOFFMANN As of this writing, no financing or prospective buyer has been found for this Kansas City Landmark—ED.]

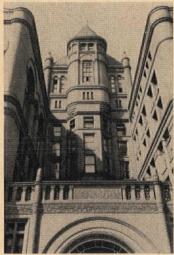
#### If You Don't Believe it, Look Again



NEW YORK, N.Y. On display this month in Manhattan's Lefebre Gallery are samples of an artistic technique called cinematization. Pol Bury, a Belgian artist who invented the art form-if that is what it is -turned to it from sculptures, which he animated with springs and electric motors. Although distinctly stationary (painted on flat canvas), Bury's cinematized pictures have a life of their own. One expects them to snap back into focus any minute-maybe if you just rub your eyes. What Bury does is to take a photograph, cut a series of concentric circles in it, twisting each ring slightly. The distortion this produces is preserved by transferring the photo to canvas and painting over it, maintaining faintly the outlines of the concentric rings. The resulting picture is like a reflection a drunk might see in a puddle. What the technique does to architecture is shown here, a cinematized version of New York's Pan Am building. Perhaps that's the way ought to look.

#### Kansas City Landmark Threatened

KANSAS CITY, Mo. John Wellborn Root's old Board of Trade Building in Kansas City will be demolished if a projected \$17,500,000, four-block-long apparel mart is approved.



Incorporation papers were filed July 16 by the Mid-Continent Mart Redevelopment Corporation, which announced its intention to ask the city planning commission for approval of the project under urban redevelopment laws.

Ruddy, sturdy, still full of character, the old Board of Trade was designed in 1886, when the Chicago firm of Burnham & Root won a national competition for the building. Among the other competitors were George Post of New York, Peabody & Stearns of Boston, and Solon S. Beman and Irving K. Pond of Chicago. There were 53 entries.

Root, the designing partner, planned a structure comprising two pavilions connected by an arched entrance screen, skylighted entrance court, and a grand tower housing the elevators and lobbies. The U-shaped plan, covering half a city block, thus provided air and light on all sides. The west pavilion was



Photo: George Fuller Green

#### Hovering Roof For Midwestern Church



BIRMINGHAM, MICH. Looking a little like the proverbial two hands pressed together for prayer, the roof of St, Regis Church will hover lightly over the congregation within. Formed in a shape that is increasingly popular-it is like half of Saarinen's North Christian Church in Columbus, Ind. the fanlike spread of the lower structure will house 1200 parishioners, grouped as closely as possible around the altar, which is a requirement of the recent revisions of the Roman Catholic liturgy.

The roof is thin, shell concrete sheathed with copper. In-

side, form boards will be left in place over the pews, and, hopefully, will look like large wooden panels between the concrete ridge and perimeter beams. Shaped in hyperbolic paraboloids, the roof sections flow together, rising into a 100' tower, directly behind the altar. Between the outer walls of brick and dark brown mortar and the roof is a band of gray glass. At night, when the church is lighted from within, the roof appears to float.

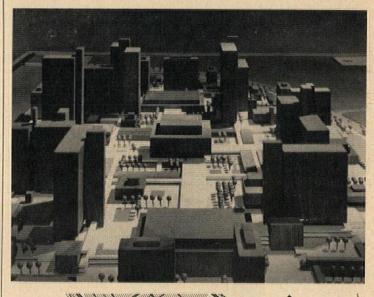
Construction is expected to start in early spring. Architects are Begrow & Brown Architects, Inc.

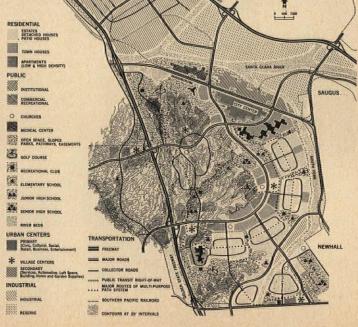
In its four floors and basement level, the space research center will encompass 38,000 sq ft. Because it must accommodate some highly complex equipment such as infrared measuring devices and heliumhydrogen sources, the laboratory is designed for interior flexibility. All mechanical and storage facilities, for instance, will be located in towers on the east and west ends of the build-

ing. Laboratories designed on a 10' module will line a central service corridor, and office and study areas will line the exterior walls on the north and south. Upper floors will be cantilevered 10' over the ground floor, and bronzecolored aluminum mullions will divide vertical bronzetinted glass and brown glass spandrel panels. Construction will begin in the spring.

#### New Town on the Rise

VALENCIA, CALIF. Work was begun recently on what by 1985 will be an addition to the burgeoning list of America's new towns. Located about 30 miles from Los Angeles, just north of the San Fernando Valley, Valencia, as it is being called by its developer, the California Land Company, will provide both housing and employment for some 250,000 persons of diverse age groups and income levels. It already has an 18-hole golf course, designed by Robert Trent Jones. Valencia's master plan, prepared by Victor Gruen Associates, shows a city center standing at the head of a group of five satellite village centers. About one quarter of Valencia's 44,000 acres (it was once the Newhall Ranch) will be





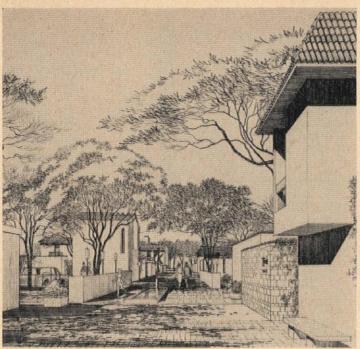
#### IT MAY BE GREEN CHEESE, BUT YOU CAN EAT IT?



The National ITHACA, N.Y. Aeronautics and Space Administration wants to know what astronauts can expect when they get to the moon, sometime within the next four years. And to help them find out, they are building a radiophysics and space research center on the Cornell University campus. NASA will provide most of the \$1.5 million needed to build the center; Cornell will

put up \$150,000.

The building, designed by the Ballinger Company of Philadelphia, will be part of a growing complex of science buildings near the center of the Cornell campus. Already under construction are an addition to the chemistry laboratory building, a physical science building, and an agronomy building.

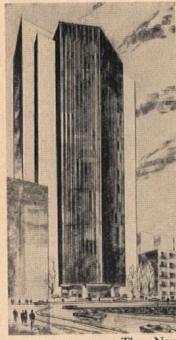


permanent open land—parks, lakes, and recreational areas. Construction is under way on the first area development, a 4000-acre portion, which, when completed in 1970, will include a complete range of housing and recreational facilities for 30,000 persons, elementary and secondary schools, churches, a 600-acre industrial center, and the nucleus of a

high-rise central city.

The planners are also providing for a public transit route, separated from roadways and walkways. Although automobiles are not banned, ("an instrument of collective immobility," Gruen once called them), the city will have a network of pathways that can be used by bicycles and electric carts.

#### Telephone Company Puts Up Another Pole

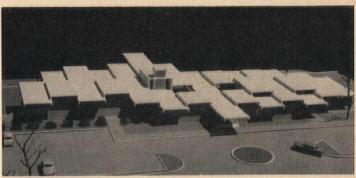


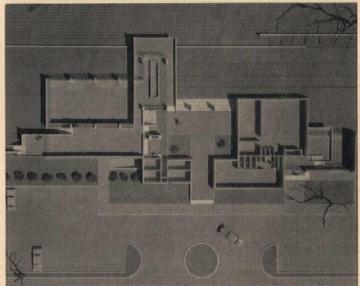
NEW YORK, N.Y. The New York Telephone Company recently announced its newest office addition, to be built for East Side Manhattan, 3000 employees, and \$20 million. Designed by Kahn & Jacobs of this city, the building will have a hexagonal design with alternating 3' wide columns of bronze granite and bronze tinted windows from tip to toe. Entrances footed by landscaped plazas will be on 37th and 38th Streets. Completion is expected by 1967.

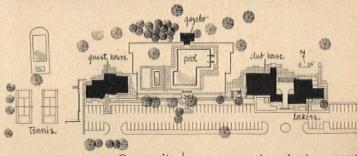
#### Calendar

A lecture series aimed at architects, entitled "Space Forms in Steel," will be presented in 50 cities by the American Institute of Steel Construction. The development of unusual roof structures will be reviewed in five lectures. In March, the series will appear in the following cities: Philadelphia, Toledo, Grand Rapids, Buffalo, San Francisco, and Oakland. . . . The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will sponsor a conference on the problem of solid waste disposal in the modern city at the New York Hilton, May 1-4. ...On September 21-23, the international conference on space structures will be held at Battersea College of Technology, London, England. Papers are now invited from all countries, and a brief summary of the content may be sent ahead to The Secretary of the Organizing Committee, International Conference on Space Structures, c/o Space Structures Research Center, Department of Civil Engineering, Battersea College of Technology, London S.W. 11, England, Preliminary applications for registration forms can now be obtained by writing the Secretary of Registration.

#### Repetitive Country Club







TOMS RIVER, N. J. On a site overlooking Toms River near the Jersey coast, almost directly east of Philadelphia, work has begun recently on the Toms River Country Club. When completed this summer club facilities will include, in addition to an already existing nine-hole golf course, a clubhouse (which is really two buildings arranged on either side of an open court: locker rooms on one side, and a meeting-room dining-room capable of accommodating 300 persons on the other); a guest house, with suites for visitors; a swimming pool; and two tennis courts. The north side of the clubhouse building will be of solid fieldstone, except for clerestory glass; the south side, overlooking the links and the river, will be all glass. In citing it for an award at the sixty-fifth annual convention of the New Jersey Society of Architects, AIA, the jury commented that "it was remarkably successful in using a simple, repetitive structural system

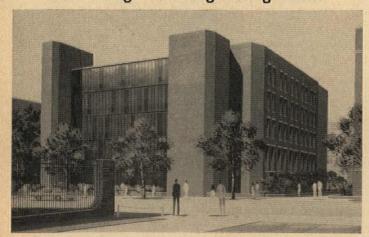
to unify a varied complex of building units. We thought it was beautifully related to the site, and that both open and enclosed spaces under its roof would be equally satisfying to architects and golfers." Composed of 2'x14' channels stacked to give variations in height, the roof system offers a distinctive silhouette, provides varied interior spaces with logical provisions for air scoops and sources of natural light. Architect is Paul Forutne Losi of Toms River, N.J.

#### Gym For IIT



CHICAGO, ILL. The Illinois Institute of Technology has, since 1947, used a "temporary structure" for its physical education and intramural athletic programs. Now, fitting in with Mies's master plan for the campus, construction will begin this month of a gymnasiumswimming pool on the temporary structure's site. Designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, the gym will have a steeland-glass façade, with curtain walls consisting of two layers of gray glass laminated to a frost vinyl sheet. "The only glass gymnasium in the world," SOM calls it. And because of the extra strength of the laminated glass, persons who play in the glass gym can throw baseballs. Below ground, the gymnasium has two levels, one of which houses an Olympic-size swiming pool with spectator seating. In all, there will be 72,000 sq ft of floor space, including a basketball court with seating for 2000 spectators, which can be converted into a convention center.

#### **GBOC Design Penn Engineering Center**



PHILADELPHIA, PA. Geddes, Brecher, Qualls & Cunningham designed this Graduate Research Center for the University of Pennsylvania's Moore School of Electrical Engineering. Replacing the university's financial office, which previously occupied the Walnut Street site, the new center is expected to cost more than \$2,000,000. Part of this cost has already been defrayed by two grants: one from the National Science Foundation (\$493,000), and one from the National Insti-

tute of Health (\$257,000). Penn expects a 50 per cent increase in full-time graduate students in the next 10 years. When completed in the fall, the new building will provide laboratories for research in computer development, solid state electronics, and biochemical engineering, in addition to space for faculty offices and for graduate students working with faculty members.

#### Applauding the Mall

washington, D.C. Late last year, the AIA voiced formal approval of the plans for the Mall in the nation's capital. In its formal commendation, the AIA commented: "These actions chart a course for the comprehensive planning and development of Capitol Hill and other important areas of the nation's capital." The AIA also "applauds its appearance, its daytime and nighttime use by residents and visitors to the area, which has, from its very beginning, been the heart of the nation's capital."

#### **Eavesdroppings**

"The national flower in this country today is the concrete clover leaf." Lewis Mumford.

"Las Vegas is the only town in the world whose skyline is made up neither of buildings, like New York, nor of trees, like Wilbraham, Massachusetts, but signs. One can look at Las Vegas from a mile away on Route 91 and see no buildings, no trees, only signs. But such signs! They tower. They revolve, they oscillate, they soar in shapes before which the existing vocabulary of art history is helpless. I can only attempt to supply names-Boomerang Modern, Palette Curvilinear, Flash Gordon Curvilinear, Flash Ming-Alert Spiral, McDonald's Hamburger Parabola, Mount Casino Elliptical, Miami Beach Kidney.

"It is no accident that Las Vegas and Versailles are the only two architecturally uniform cities in Western history. The important thing about the buildings of Las Vegas is not that the builders were gangsters but that they were proles." Tom Wolfe in The Kandy - Colored Tangerine Flake Streamline Baby.

"The character of the Federal strategy for cities has several major facets: It is directed, primarily, at raising the quality of life in American neighborhoods, and particularly for those most disadvantaged groups-the poor, the elderly, the handicapped, and the discriminated against. And it recognizes that the quality of life is not subject to remedies of better housing alone, as important as that element might be. There must also be a broad range of essential, supportive community facilities - neighborhood centers, parks and green spaces, recreation areas, health facilities, better schools, and adequate municipal services of all sorts-as well as those critical services which are needed to mend badly torn social fabric." Robert C. Weaver, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, speaking at the dedication of Wurster Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

"Figures are already available to prove that beauty is an integral part of good business. Before rebuilding, the blighted district now occupied by Constitution Plaza (Hartford, Conn.) returned \$90,000 a year in taxes to the city. The same area now returns \$1,456,-000 per year, without taking into account the huge revitalization of the surrounding area which this project has sparked." Morris Ketchum, Jr., speaking to the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Society of Architects.

"Like the other professions, architecture is imperfect, conscious of cracks and oily stains on its own floor. It is a very small profession, too small to exert pressure directly on U.S. society without first learning new techniques for magnifying itself and mutiplying its effectiveness. There are only 30,000 architects in the U.S., compared with 225,000 lawyers, 430,000 accountants, 975,000 engineers, and 265,000 doctors. There is a total of only about 10,000 architectural firms." "The Architects: A Chance for Greatness." Fortune, January

"Architecture has turned into chaos. It is baroque, with buildings by painters, not architects. They try to be as fantastic as possible, not as reasonable. Architecture can only

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express our civilization. You cannot invent a new architecture every Monday morning." Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, quoted in Fortune magazine, January 1966.

"Americans are too impatient. They expect instant beauty. But they forget that cities are not built in one day. We may spend years agonizing over a renewal project and then we expect the city to be rebuilt instantly. Can you imagine what Paris must have looked like when Baron Haussmann finished with it? The social and cultural shock must have been tremendous. It's like surgery; it takes a long time for the tissue to heal. The city has to echo life. If our life is rough and tumble, so is the city. I've always felt that ugliness with vitality is tolerable. The great danger our cities face today is that their vitality will be sapped by too much concern for instant beauty. New York is not a beautiful city. It may even be ugly, but it is exciting. It draws beauty from its vitality. If you drove all residents out and made it a gleaming commercial center, it would only be beautiful in a narrow sense. It woud be lifeless, and therefore intolerable." I.M. Pei quoted in Life magazine.

traffic on different decks, each of which would have five lanes. The designers believe they can use a stronger steel than was available when the bridge was erected in 1937, and substitute a steel deck for the existing concrete roadway on the existing upper roadway. In this way, they hope to reduce the total dead load carried by the structure's cables and piers.

Cost is expected to be about one-tenth that of a completely new crossing, and the work can be financed from bridge revenues.

PERSONALITIES

Allan B. Jacobs, Louis E. Sauer, Richard E. Toth, Sim van der Ryn have joined the University of Pennsylvania's faculty for the Graduate School of Fine Arts. . . . Fred L. Liebmann has been elected president of the New York Society of Architects. . . . James E. Lash has been appointed executive vice-president of Urban America, Inc., which has merged with ACTION Council for Better Cities. The merged organization has an annual budget of more than a million dollars to help make cities "more livable, more workable, and more beautiful." . . . Alvin Boyarsky, master and lecturer of architectural history at the Architectural Association School of Architecture in London, has been appointed associate dean of the college of architecture and art at the new Chicago Circle Campus of the University of Illinois. . . . Elliot Noyes has been elected president of the International Design Conference in Aspen.

#### Awards

John Carl Warnecke is a 1965 Sports Illustrated Silver Anniversary All-America winner. He was a tackle on the Wow Boy football team at Stanford University before his graduation in 1941.

# Theater Consulting Group Formed

BOSTON, MASS. Consultation in any phase of theater design and management is the service offered by the new theater consulting group at Bolt, Beranek & Newman, Inc. Under the direction of Thomas DeGaetani, who moves to the job from his position as Managing Director, Theaters and Concert Halls, of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the group plans to assist architects and others interested in theater construction. Among assistance offered through the firm's offices in Cambridge, Mass., New York, and Los Angeles, will be feasibility and preprogramming studies, fund raising, layout and space investigations, furnishings and equipment specifications program-ming, staffing, and management and operation.

#### **Obituaries**

GILES VAN DER BOGERT, partner in the Schenectady, (New York) architectural firm of van der Bogert, Feibes & Schmitt, died last November at the age of 58.

## Top Totem

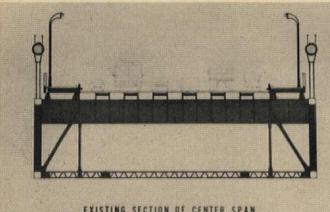


омана, NEB. The Omaha Indians called their lands "Nebraska" (meaning flat in their language), and the name stuck. And the state grew. And the people grew. And so did the

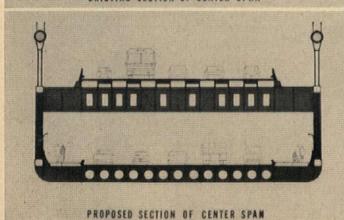
Now a 36-story hotel/retail shopping/and office building is being planned that will be twice as tall as any other building downtown. The Central Omaha Tower, designed by Leo A. Daly Co., will have internal parking facilities and underground walkways leading to its neighbors. Materials used will be granite and concrete, with solar bronze glass. Work is expected to start as soon as the GSA releases the land that houses a now-declared-surplus post office.

Judging from the rendering, the building's height may be its only distinctive feature. It looks a little like an old-fashioned

#### **Opening that Golden Gate**



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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Like most giant structures, the Golden Gate Bridge is many things to many people. For architects, it is a thing of grace and beauty; for airline pas-sengers coming in from the Pacific, it is a stirring landfall; to motorists in the 24 million vehicles that cross it every year, it is a means to an end; and for would-be suicides, it is a place of last resort. But after 28 years of operation, its structure, if not its image, needs, as they say, upgrading. A feasibility study of a proposed design, adding a second deck to the bridge, was recently authorized by the Golden Gate Bridge and Highway Dis-

Essentially, the design calls for addition of a five-lane lower deck and for reconstruction of the existing deck to lighten the total dead load. As worked out by Norman C. Raab, former chief of the State of California Division of Bay Toll Crossings, in association with the Tudor Engineering Co., the design should double the bridge's capacity and provide greater safety by separating inbound and outbound The Jefferson Trust & Savings Bank, Peoria, Illinois.

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#### **Science in Rotation**



BERKELEY, CALIF. Borrowing a device from other performing arts, scientists at the University of California are lecturing in what is billed as "the first rotating stage installed in a major auditorium on a college campus." Housed in an oval-shaped building (the recently completed physical sciences lecture hall), the stage allows professors to set up experiments and demonstrations behind the scenes while the lecture hall is in use. The rotating

stage has three podium positions, each complete with laboratory benches, sinks, and blackboards. Suspended from the ceiling within the hall are television monitor screens, which give the audience close-up shots of what is happening on the podium. These 16 screens can be lowered automatically from the ceiling and adjusted for proper viewing. The hall seats 550 persons.

#### 26 Western Homes Win Awards



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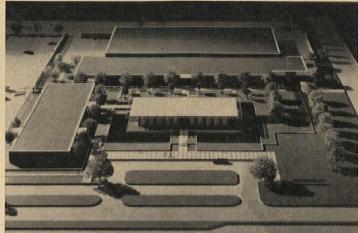
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MENLO PARK, CALIF. Sunset magazine's biennial home awards program this year drew 443 entries from architects registered in seven Western states. All 26 winners selected from this group were completed since 1960. Shown here are three of the top winners, which received Honor Awards. They are: a home in Gleneden Beach, Oregon, designed by Fletcher & Finch (1); home in Mill Valley, Calif., designed by Ian Mackinlay & Associates

(2); home in Seattle, Wash., designed by A.O. Bumgardner (3). Also winning an honor award was the mountain top

home designed in Mill Valley, Calif., by Marquis & Stoller, shown on the cover of the May 1963 P/A.

#### GRACEFUL GRIDS

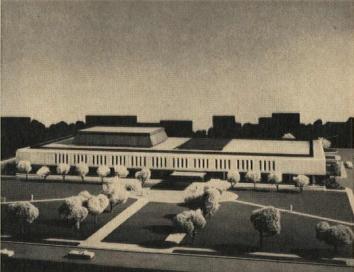


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COSTA MESA, CALIF. Construction of Atlantic Research's Missile Systems Division office will be completed by July. Designed by the Long Beach architectural firm of Killingsworth, Brady & Associates, the complex will include four buildings for engineering, manufacturing, and test facilities. The central executive

building will perch, Indianfashion, in a large reflecting pool, whose fountains will set a tone of gracefulness. The 800 employees will also be treated to garden areas adjacent to the cafeteria. Expansion as well as grace has been keynoted. All buildings have been designed to fit into 4' grids and thereby facilitate future additions.

#### The Sacred Halls of Ivy



hoto: Paul P

HOUSTON, TEXAS. The ivy had to go; it was much too old fashioned. Today's groves of academe demand a fast pace, a clean, uncluttered modern look—and this look is often reflected in what today's educators call a campus center. The campus center no longer is the hall of learning, but the hall of living. The office of George Pierce/Abel B. Pierce has designed just such a center

for the University of Houston. In addition to an education, students will be offered: a bowling alley, barber shop, arts and crafts areas, snack bar, lounges, dining rooms, bookstore, activity and meeting rooms, ballroom, music listening rooms, television rooms, post office, billards and table tennis area, and lo, a library. The \$5,000,000 facility will open its doors in the fall.









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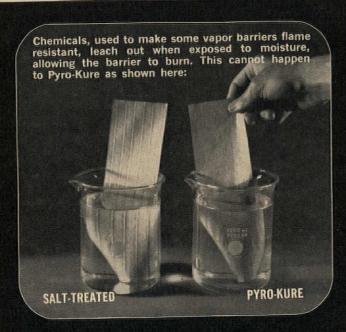
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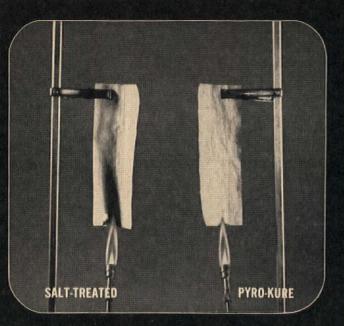


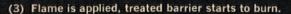
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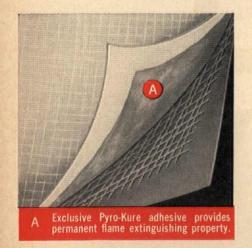
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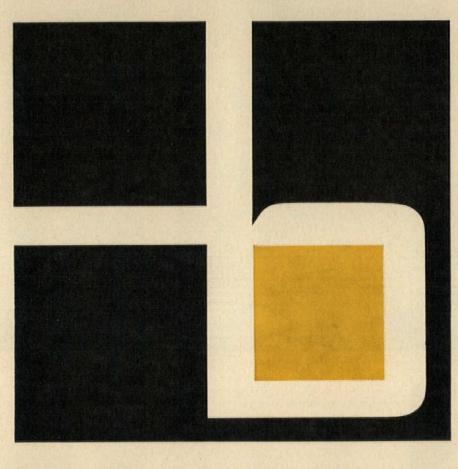
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# WASHINGTON/FINANCIAL NEWS

By E.E. HALMOS, JR.

The proposed "document" bringing the American Arbitration Association into construction industry disputes, which was so enthusiastically endorsed by the AIA in mid-December, won't be finally approved by all parties until March or April.

But there's no doubt that it will be approved, and that it can mark a brand new era for all parties in the industry.

Key points include:

Use of AAA facilities (through inclusion in contract documents) to settle disputes, thus eliminating alternate arbitration by an AIA panel;

Establishment of an "Advisory Council" that would represent the construction industry and would set up arbitration criteria.

A probable sharp cut in arbitration costs should make the procedures more attractive to contractors, and, it is hoped, might well eliminate much subsequent court action.

The second point is of most interest to contractors, who are usually the aggrieved parties in disputes with architects and owners. They've long felt that organizations such as AAA try to impose general rules on arbitration procedures that are perfectly suitable for most business problems but don't fit the peculiarities of the construction industry at all. Now, with a carte blanche to draw up their own rules (within the limits of AAA procedures), they feel that arbitration would be much fairer, and that they would use it more.

Of course, the fact that architects are to be removed from the occasional embarrassment of being judge, jury, and prosecuting attorney on their fellow workers' problems is another advantage.

Significance of real arbitra-

tion procedures in the industry is very great and could have a decided effect on construction costs. Many lawyers have boasted that they can by-pass any arbitration procedure, if their clients choose, by direct court action. But court records show that when arbitration has been conducted, a majority of cases are solved within the limits of the arbitration awards. Hence, if contractors

can be convinced that arbitra-

tion is fair, just, and that the arbitrators understand the facts thoroughly, the tendency to charge off to the courtroom will be reduced.

Delay in final approval of the plan is occasioned by dates of annual sessions of the Associated General Contractors and other participating groups, and by a need to work out details of membership and duties of the proposed advisory council.

#### AIA to Define Criticism

Architects will have to do much soul-searching, and pay careful attention to comments both verbal and written, before AIA promulgates any new interpretation of "criticism," or sets up a recommended program on public information.

Reasons: to avoid the unmistakable charge of sour grapes; and to avoid the implication of any attempt to control or direct press and public criticism.

Problem is that architectsparticularly in Washingtonhave not hesitated to criticize loudly the work of other professions in design and planning (even criticizing their own members, as recent comments on the employment of Mies van der Rohe to design a new library indicated). But when their own carefully selected design for a new headquarters building came under sharp attack in the capital, they had to backtrack on the plan themselves, under the guise of need for more space than originally specified.

To follow such an action with a publicity release stating that the AIA is taking "major steps to develop methods of informed architectural criticism" (announced at the same press conference as the change in plans for headquarters) almost invites the comment that AIA is seeking to prevent general criticism of itself and its members.

#### Railways in Tubes

The planners who envision rail lines in tunnels to connect great metropolitan areas with very high-speed service have a good idea in terms of the aesthetics and perhaps economics involved, but they may be forgetting an important principle

of aerodynamics that could cause a lot of trouble.

The U.S. Department of Commerce stressed the point: A train, moving through a tunnel at 55 to 70 mph, would build up about the same amount of pressure as an airplane diving 5000 to 7000 ft per minute. Such a rate of descent is forbidden by the Civil Aeronautics Board, which figures that, unless the plane cabin is pressurized, anything above 2000 fpm is dangerous to passengers.

On the basis of experiments with a two-car train in New York's Hudson Tubes, Commerce engineers argue that high-speed trains, such as those proposed for the Boston-to-Washington run, would have to be completely pressurized to be safe.

Architects and planners have suggested tunnels for such speedy travel, on the grounds that they would cause the least disruption of surface activities, the least marring of the landscape, the least need for purchase of expensive right-ofway, and would require the least maintenance against weather conditions that might block scheduled service. If pressurization must be added to the costs of construction and rolling stock, however, the whole idea could become astronomically expensive.

#### Urban Road Beauty Consultants Named

Appointment of that eightmember "Advisory Board of Urban Consultants," to assist the Bureau of Public Roads on urban route locations, reflects an upcoming change of emphasis in the vast Federal-aid highway program, as well as an attempt to scotch growing criticism of highway aesthe-

The change in emphasis is dictated by the program itself -away from rural areas, where a lot of road mileage could be built in a hurry and where few problems of interchanges and right-of-way are involved, to the highly urban areas, where costs will be enormously greater and progress a lot slower. There's also a political consideration: With the increasing voter power of the urban areas under recent court rulings and legislation, politicians must make suitable bows

At last year's conference on beautification, highway engineers came under heavy attack—much of it from architects and land planners—for their supposed concentration on road mileage at the sacrifice of beauty.

BPR has therefore named an unsalaried group of consultants (including two civil engineers) as the new advisory group. Included are Michael Rapuano (as chairman), a New York landscape architect and engineer; Lawrence Halprin, San Francisco landscape architect; John O. Simonds, Pittsburgh landscape architect; and Kevin Roche, Hamden, Conn., of Eero Saarinen & Assoc.

#### **Financial**

Key fact for architects is the continuing prediction of an ever-higher total-business volume (in dollars, at least) for the construction industry for 1966. The Commerce Department made it official with its own forecast, which is in close agreement with industry forecasters, of a \$73 billion year for new construction.

There was, however, a sobering note: just what effect the escalating costs of war in the Far East would have on the domestic economy. Cutbacks in military construction (for family housing and other amenities at U.S. bases), already announced, are one indication. If the Federal Government begins to take large amounts of material and labor out of the domestic construction economy, the final effect could mean a major shift in the type of work available.

Meanwhile, final totals for 1965 indicated a strong finish for the year, and close agreement with predictions of a year ago: In November, value of new construction put in place was set at \$6.1 billion—up 5 per cent over the previous year.

There was an encouraging note from the money markets, as average secondary market price of FHA-insured home mortgages dropped slightly for the fourth consecutive month—to \$98 per \$100 of outstanding loans.

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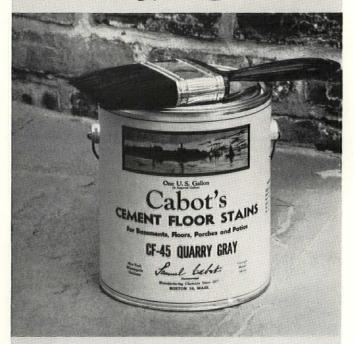
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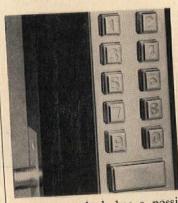


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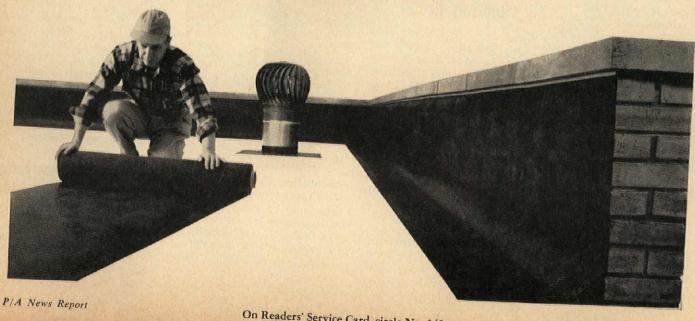
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# Modern French

**Furniture** 



Olivier Mourgue of France has designed two groups of seat-ing. The first consists of eight sculptured pieces-chairs, a loveseat, single and double benches, and a chaise longue (upper photo). Construction is of tubular steel with rubber webbing and molded foam rubber padding covered in

stretch fabric of vibrant colors, The other group, which is good for public spaces, is con-structed of flat stainless-steel bars with rounded edges; installed over flat suspension springs, the foam rubber upholstery is covered in black leather sewn in horizontal ribbings. This group includes an unusual back-to-back chair (lower photo), a low and a high-backed chair, a small bench/ottoman, and a chaise longue. George Tanier, Inc., 305 E. 63rd St., N.Y., N.Y. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 117

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three units with "glide-up" doors are 31" or 41" (double oven). Available in colors or copper and brushed chrome, with or without glass doors. Frigidaire Div., General Motors Corp., Dayton, Ohio 45401.

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# **Push-Button Rain**



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burg, Pa. The Michaels Art Bronze Co., Inc., Erlanger, Ky. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 132

# A Case for Bronze

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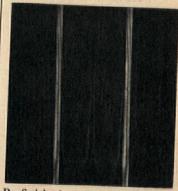
without bracing. Operated sunshades can span 12' horizon-tally or 18' vertically. Construction Specialties Inc., 55 Winans Ave., Cranford, N.J. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 135

# Surfacing **Block Flooring**

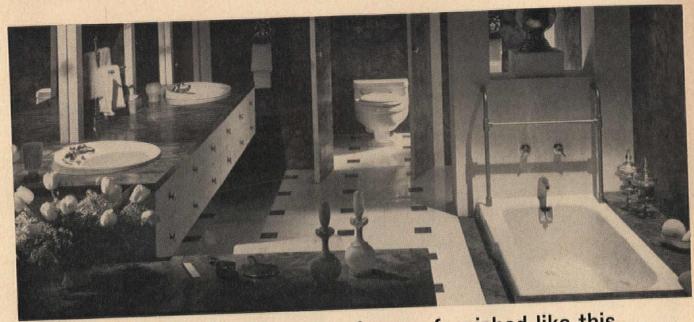


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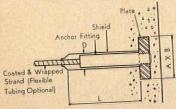
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Brochure of gas-powered unit heaters gives dimensions of three models and illustrates the heating coverage for several types of air deflectors. Brief specifications tabulate optional and standard equipment. 6 pages. Modine Manufacturing Co., 1500 De Koven Ave., Racine, Wis. 53401. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 201

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Pamphlet describes a French strand tendon now available in the U.S. Chart indicates available sizes and loading capacities; simplified drawings show fixed and free anchorage details. Also included are pictures of a few applications, brief specifications, and table of jack dimensions. 8 pages. Stressteel Corp., 221 Copyngham Ave., Wilkes-Conyngham Ave., Barre, Pa. 18702. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 202

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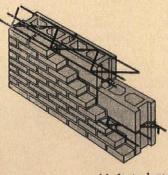
these steels and for finishing and protecting them. Well-produced details illustrate applications for several types of buildings. United States Steel Corp., 525 William Penn Place, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15230. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 203

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Design manual for plywood folded-plate roofs spanning from 24' to 100' simplifies design procedures with selection tables for slopes, bay widths, plywood sizes, contact area for gluing, bearing areas, and, where necessary, tie rod sizes for wide range of spans and loading. Connection details and construction photos are also included. American Plywood Assn., Tacoma, Wash. 98401. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 204

# The Tie That Binds



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# Vermiculite Concrete

Reprint of American Standard Specifications for Vermiculite

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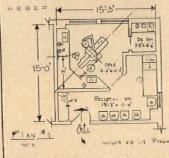
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# On the Face of It



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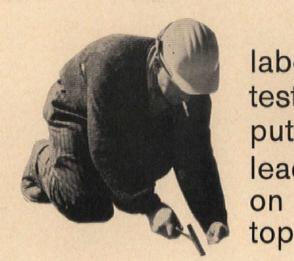
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# **Electrical Equipment**

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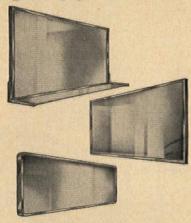
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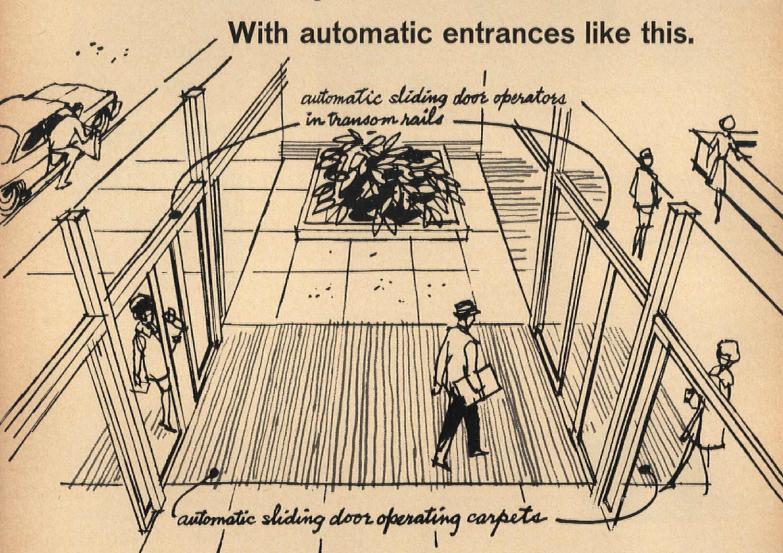
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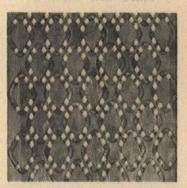
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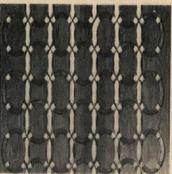
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84 Manufacturers' Data February 1966 pendants and ceiling fixtures, metal cylinders, and a variety of ceiling- and wall-mounted reflector-shades in metal and glassfiber. Also shown is a good selection of outdoor, garden, and walkway lighting. Besides, you will get a laugh out of a sleazy group of "Original Tiffany Designs" a claim that might be good cause for legal action if the illustrated tiffanesque "multicolor glass shades" were not so pitifully meager. EJS Lighting Corp., 921 East Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

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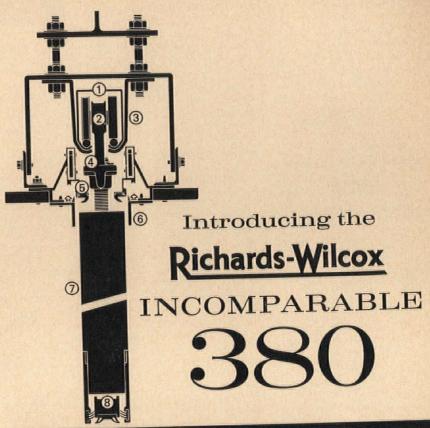
# Northern Lights



Four-page full-color brochure describes the "Danlite" line of imported Danish, metal, pendant light fixtures. Ten designs include glass globes in a (bakers) dozen colors and metal shades of satin aluminum, copper, and brass in free-form and geometric shapes. Complete specifications, including sizes, colors, electrical data, and accessories, are included. Art Metal Lighting Division, Wakefield Corporation, 1814 40th St., Cleveland, Ohio. On Readers' Service Card, Circle 223

## Wheel of Color Fortune

A three-section portfolio, 101/2" x 111/2", presents Jens Risom's new all-nylon upholstery fabric, which is produced in 65 spectrum-planned colors. The fabric, a simple weave of twoplied yarns, has a good texture and is finished with Scotchgard and also with a butyl-acrylic backing, preventing seam slippage and pilling. The first two sections of the portfolio contain 2" x 3" swatches of all 65 colors, which slip out for matching and presentation (replaceable on request). The third section contains a booklet with the



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# Another **Furniture Brochure**



"Memo #7 from Helikon", a four-page, black-and-white brochure, presents, among other neat, serviceable designs, a white oak desk trimmed with walnut, which was designed by Robert Benham Becker. Furniture by the firm and five companies it represents also includes sofas, chairs, and occasional tables. Helikon Furniture Co., 315 East 62nd St., New York, N.Y.

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# **Combination Pieces**

Fold-out color brochure describes "Kopenhavn" line of free-standing and wall-hung shelf units, designed by Noral Olsen. Available for incorporation into units are desks, bars, tables, chests, and filedrawers. Manufacturer claims unique locking system for easy and permanent assembly. Both groups available in nine finishes; custom finishes upon request. Brochure includes measurements and prices. The Northwest Chair Co., 2201 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, Wash.

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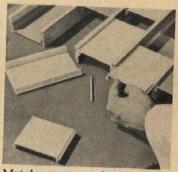
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# Keep It Clean

Cloth bag filters and electrostatic precipitators are described in two booklets. Solutions to typical industry air pollution problems are discuscussed briefly and photos of representative installations are shown. Wheelabrator Corp., 760 So. Byrkit St., Mishawaka, Ind.

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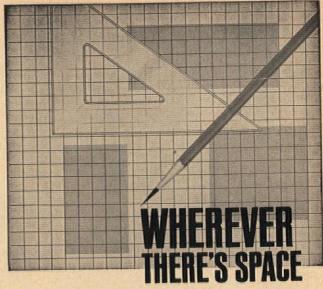
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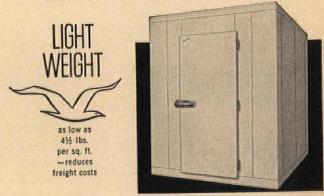
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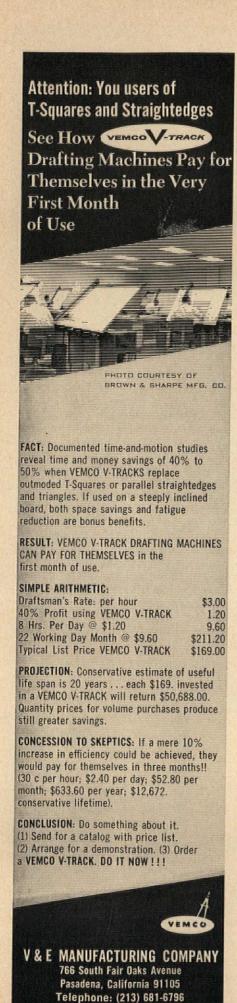
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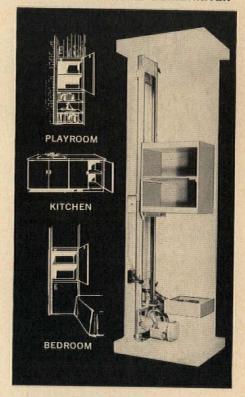
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