ILLINOIS
CAPITOL RESTORED

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. On August 26, the 150th anniversary of the State of Illinois was marked in Springfield with ceremonies commemorating the rejuvenation of the old Illinois State Capitol building. It will be dedicated officially in December.

Since 1876, it has been the Sangamon County Courthouse. However, from 1839, when it was completed as a State Historical Building, it has housed all the Illinois State government offices. The building was altered radically in 1876, it housed all the Illinois State government offices. The building saw much of Abraham Lincoln during his days as an Illinois legislator, and it was here that Lincoln gave his famous "house divided" speech: "A house divided against itself cannot stand. I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free."

Structurally, the building was altered radically in 1899, when it was raised vertically 11' to provide a third floor. (It was raised in 12 days by workmen using wooden hand jacks, who gave a quarter turn at each signal from the foreman.)

Now, the Springfield architectural firm of Ferry & Henderson is overseeing the return of the building to its original state. It will be completed this month. Not only will the structure be lowered to its original two stories, but space will also be provided, in five basement floors, for the State Historical Library, containing papers of Lincoln and other 19th-Century Illinois legislators. Around the library will be underground parking for 465 cars.

Ferry & Henderson did research on the building for a year-and-a-half before they sat down at the drawing board. None of the original Rague drawings existed, so the architects prepared their own, working from the existing structure, from photographs, and from similar work done in similar buildings in the 19th Century.

In all, the $6,400,000 project has taken three years, which is not long, considering the difficulty of the task. The 4" thick walls were dismantled stone by stone, each of the 3000 stones being catalogued, marked, and stored, under guard, on the Illinois State Fair Grounds. When the underground parking and library work had been completed, the stones were trucked back to the site and reconstructed.

CHAPMAN-REINHOLD, INC.
MERGES WITH
LITTON INDUSTRIES

NEW YORK, N.Y. On July 31, stockholders of Chapman-Reinhold, Inc., publishers of PROGRESSIVE ARCHITECTURE, exchanged their stock for that of Litton Industries, Inc. With the exchange, Chapman-Reinhold became Litton Publications, Inc., a communications division of Litton, responsible for developing and marketing improved methods of disseminating information. On page 60, P/A publisher Philip Hubbard, Jr., tells of the organizational change in a memo to P/A readers.

MILK TRAIN TO OSAKA

WASHINGTON, D.C. The four-sphere, air-inflated, supported structure that was to have been the United States Pavilion at Expo 70 in Osaka, Japan, will never be built. Its budget deflated radically in July by an election-year appropriations cut, the pavilion is being redesigned.

Although there are cries of protest from those who equate best with biggest, significance with shininess, and prestige with prestidigitation, it is not at all certain that architects Davis, Brody Associates and designers Chermayeff, Geismar and de Harak will not do just as well on a reduced budget. Indeed, despite the excellence of the first design, they may do even better.

Expo 70 is the first Asian-based World's Fair given a First Category classification by the Bureau of International Expositions. First Category means that the Fair will be like those in Paris in 1937, Brussels in 1958, and Montre...
Architects Marcel Breuer and Herbert Bechard created for the Torrington Manufacturing Company's corporate headquarters a unique facade with a rhythmic pattern of Mo-Sai windowwalls that complements the woodland setting.

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FDA. Oakwood Heights, a 110-room hotel, is scheduled to open late next year. It will be the Regency Hyatt's most striking feature: its 21-story sky-canyon, which is encircled by the balcony-corridors of the guest-room floors (see pp. 160-162, July 1967 P/A). The focus of the addition will be outward, toward the city; that of the main portion is inward toward the courtyard.

Located in the new tower's base will be a 180-seat, two-story restaurant, reached by a circular staircase from the open court-lobby.

Construction is now under way, with completion of the $3 million addition expected late next year.

PHILIP H. HUBBARD, SR., RETIRES FROM CHAPMAN-REINHOLD CHAIRMANSHIP

NEW YORK, N.Y. Last month, at the age of 68, Philip H. Hubbard, Sr., retired from Chapman-Reinhold after 45 years with the company. Of them as president. For the past two years, Hubbard has been chairman of the consolidated corporation Chapman-Reinhold Inc., and his retirement comes at a time when the company, in whose growth he played an important role, became part of the multimillion dollar family of Liton Industries (see p. 60). In 1945, when he became president of the Reinhold Publishing Company, the company had annual sales of $1,800,000. By 1967, this annual volume had grown to $11,200,000.

Hubbard started his career in sales in New York selling advertising novelties; then Ralph Reinhold, who was publishing a magazine called Pencil Points, gave him the job of organizing a Chicago sales office. Although the Reinhold Chicago office had failed to catch on in two previous attempts, Hubbard made it work—so successfully that, in 1927, Reinhold brought him back to New York as advertising manager of Pencil Points. Two years after that, Hubbard, with one full-time and one part-time salesman, sold 2005 pages of advertising in one year for the magazine, a record that stood unbroken for 28 years. When it was broken, the sales staff consisted of a sales manager, eight full-time salesmen, four part-timers on the West Coast, and a representative organization in the South.

Several years ago, commenting on the characteristics most responsible for Hubbard's success, Ralph Reinhold listed them as "an all-out devotion to the interests of the company, a high sense of fairness, the patience to take infinite pains, courage and unselfishness, and an uncanny publishing perception."

In his years with the company, Hubbard was not only responsible for the growth of Pencil Points into progressive Architecture, but also for the formation and success of Materials Engineering and of the company's book division.

Hubbard lives with his wife in Pelham Manor, N.Y.
HABITAT PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO. On a sunny hillside in the San Patricio area of San Juan, Moshe Safdie is planning some changes. There he will put up a modification of his Habitat '67. The largest modification will be in cost. He hopes to cut costs drastically with three basic alterations: in the weight of the modules, (cut from 90 tons to a more manageable 22 tons), in installation process (bathroom units, kitchens, windows, and mechanical and electrical equipment will be installed at the factory in larger units), and in modular units (limiting building blocks to three basic elements: precast modules, half modules, and parapet-planters). Safdie estimates that the 800 units of 221(d)-(3) housing can be put together for $13,500,000, bring the cost of a 1000-sq-ft finished unit down to $17,000, compared with $100,000 for a 1380-sq-ft unit in Montreal.

A typical hexagonal module in Habitat Puerto Rico will contain 436 sq ft of usable space—a kitchenette, bedroom, bathroom, and dining-living area. With the addition of a half module, Safdie creates a three-bedroom unit. By locking two modules together, the tenant is given a choice of four bedrooms. The system will use vertical post-tensioning between slabs and welded connections at the compression points.

By siting the structure on a hillside, Safdie hopes to avoid the need for elevators. Roads will spiral up to each level of the six-level clusters, providing residents with direct access to their particular floor. The first-level units will be attached either to precast foundation walls or to pile caps, and subsequent units cantilevered from those below. As in Montreal, the roof of a lower unit will become the patio of an upper one.

Development Corporation of Puerto Rico, the project's developer-builder, plans to build a plant capable of turning out five modules a day. Sales of the units started September 1. As soon as 20% are sold, factory construction will start, then on-site construction.

A NEW OLD BOROUGH HALL?

BRONX, N.Y. Built in 1897 at the corner of Tremont and Third Avenues in the Bronx, the Old Borough Hall, is, according to the New York Landmarks Commission, "a good example of a public building through the nobility and scale of the architectural elements employed." Its architect was George B. Post, who also designed the main building of the New York Stock Exchange. In his Borough Hall, he used brick and terra cotta, with high arched windows rising on the second and third stories of the three-story building.

Located on a rocky outcrop next to the Third Avenue El, the Borough Hall was once the focal point of Bronx political life, and as such has been, more than any other building, linked with 70 years of the Bronx's growth and development. Now, although its façade and structure are essentially intact and sound, the general condition of the interiors is "disastrous." This description of its condition is part of a 124-page survey of the building's reconstruction and modernization undertaken early in the year for the New York Department of Public Works by architect Giorgio Cavaglieri.

Cavaglieri's main task was to propose uses for the building that might justify its refurbishing, and his primary suggestion is to turn it into a community center. The site is actually an open one, in a corner of the Bronx's Crotona Park, and a community center there would not only bring people into the area but also strengthen the activities already provided. Cavaglieri suggests adding a pool, a gym, a little theater, a dining hall, a darkroom, a small library, and so on, and he believes this reconversion could be done, keeping the façade, for the relatively modest sum of $2,700,000.

CROSSTOWN EXPRESSWAY: PLANNING FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

CHICAGO, ILL. It will cost about $146 million to build the first 3½ miles of Chicago's Crosstown Expressway. Eventually, there will be 22 miles, running from the Dan Ryan Expressway, past Midway Airport to the Kennedy Expressway, and the cost is expected to be $650 million. Ninety per cent of that will be put up by the Federal Government, the rest by the city, county, and state. Federal approval seems virtually assured. The cost could go higher, because most of the expressway will be depressed below grade and so the "Chicago Daily News is calling it.

In Chicago, the groove appears to be in, and more conventional ways of siting and constructing expressways are out. But the Crosstown is not unusual merely for its depression. It may be, for instance, the first large urban highway with split roadways. (A portion of an urban expressway in Baltimore is, of course, being planned along the same lines. But there is speculation, at least in Chicago, that the Chicago plans will be carried out first.) In Chicago, the north and the southbound roadways will be separated by a quarter of a mile, and plans are underway to use the intervening area and space alongside for parks, recreation, and industrial and commercial sites.

The Bureau of Public Roads, faced with mounting criticism of the urban miles of the interstate highway program, has been pushing ways
to make urban expressways part of comprehensive plans of neighborhood improvement. As a result, in Chicago, what may be the largest, most diverse group ever assembled to study such a problem went to work. Involved were representatives of 24 agencies from all levels of government and engineering and architectural firms: C. F. Murphy Associates, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and the consulting engineering firm of Westenhoff & Novick, Inc. The Crosstown design team, as the group made up of these three firms was known, was headed by Joseph Passoneau, on leave from Washington University.

Now that the initial demolished-mile segment of the expressway has been planned and welcomed enthusiastically at a public hearing in the neighborhood on July 11, the design team, and everyone else, will tackle the remaining 18½ miles.

Work on the initial segment has produced plans for one four-lane segment, replacing Cicero Avenue, running northbound past Midway Airport. A second four-lane segment will run southbound a quarter mile to the east parallel to the Belt Line railroad tracks. This reversal of the normal direction of divided highway lanes is said to be necessary so that the ramps, service road, and buffer strips needed for the three blocks of houses and industrial areas between the two routes can be added most easily. Only 69 homes will be displaced in building the initial segment and its accompanying facilities, including parking space for 4000 cars in front of Midway Airport. But much of the commercial development along Cicero Avenue will have to move. Some 97 commercial firms will be displaced, and 30 industrial firms. The routes were chosen to run where they would produce minimum disruption of existing residential neighborhoods. And the earth removed in cutting the expressways into the earth will be used in building up recreational areas. William Hartman of SOM suggests: "Let's make the recreation hill higher in Palos Park."

MODULAR STUDENT UNION LOOKS FOR APPROVAL

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. Waiting approval by the trustees of California State College is a student union building, designed by Moshe Safdie, which is as remarkable for the way the commission was granted as for the design itself.

Following his success with Habitat 67 at the Montreal fair, Safdie was approached by the San Francisco State College Union Council, a student-faculty-administration group. They wanted an architect who could work closely with young people, translating their needs into his work, rather than falling back on preconceived architectural concepts. After examining the work of 28 firms, they

found what they wanted in Safdie.

Working with San Francisco architects Edmund Berger and Patricia Coplans, Safdie has provided a college union that will rise gently from one end of the campus green, becoming, as he puts it, "a pavilion within the green surrounded by the academic buildings." With the concrete academic buildings providing sharp definition for the edge of the green, the college union will relate to the green in another way. Instead of a sharp barrier between green and building, the one will flow into the other, and although the union will be seven stories high, it is stepped back so that it appears lower. Primarily, the architects have tried to make it inviting, the kind of building that one can walk through and participate in, in going from one section of the campus to another.

The union will have to provide space for as many as 15,000 or 20,000 students, and it is probably not unreasonable to imagine an influx or egress of some 5000 persons at one time, as classes end or start. In all, the union provides a complex of rooms and halls for meetings, dining, comradery, reading, working, book selling and other commerce, and so on.

To provide all this, the architects have tried to develop a method of construction much like that Safdie used in Montreal. A small number of repetitive modular elements, lending themselves to mass production and easy site assembly, can be grouped in a host of ways, to form what the architects call a "hierarchy of spaces from the smallest to the largest." The basic modular element is a bent shape, 30' in span, inclined at 45° on both ends, forming an open U. This basic unit would be precast in
concrete 4" thick, with edge beams 8" thick. In addition, there would be cast and precast octagonal floor slabs. The floor slabs are simply bolted to the U-shaped units; then, a 3" layer of concrete topping is poured over adjacent floor slabs to provide structural continuity. As the bent elements go into place, forming the walls of rooms and corridors, the spaces at the top between the bents become windows. All mechanical equipment and ducting is distributed through a system of vertical shafts penetrating the modules and in spaces below the floor slabs screened by a suspended ceiling.

Because of the extreme flexibility needed in a student building, the architects developed a system of pivoting and hinging walls, providing what they call "instant flexibility." With it, the largest assembly room, seating 700, can, they believe, quickly be broken down into several smaller rooms.

If approved by the trustees, the building will proceed in stages. First phase is eating facilities, to cost an estimated $4,700,000, raised largely by bonds floated by the trustees, and a bookstore, whose $820,000 cost will be met by the San Francisco State College Foundation. Second phase will cost $2 million and will be financed by fund raising.

rather than with "how it looks." Good design, this year at Aspen, meant a healthy, socially useful, life-enriching design. At least, this is what all the talking was about — an interesting shift for a conference that was until recently probably the most object-oriented of all the traditionally introspective design conclaves.

The summary, delivered by political scientist Jivan Tabibian, proved, first of all, that an Armenian from Lebanon can command the English language and express ideas even better than such a prolific rhetorician as Reyner Banham, and, second, that verbal form-making can be more effective than those sketched with a 6B pencil. The image Tabibian drew was that of a world divided between pragmatists and dialecticians. The pragmatists, with their utilitarian approach, are doers who might be solving wrong problems. Only through dialectics, according to Tabibian, can one discover what the real problems are and priorities can then be assigned. Through such comprehension of total reality (a characteristic of the dialectic approach to design) can one create a diversity of choices and actions for people, Tabibian argues, and thus prevent their alienation — something that is essential in our alienated, pluralist, post-industrial society.

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THE MEANING IN THE OBJECT:
INTERNATIONAL DESIGN CONFERENCE 1968

ASPEN, COLO. This year's annual designers' powwow in the Rocky Mountains was memorable for disproving the theme of the meeting. The program chairman of the 18th International Conference in Aspen, British art historian Reyner Banham, assuming a mental gap between European and American designers (with the cerebral weight on the European side, no doubt), organized discussions around the theme "Dialogues: America and Europe." Soon after the conference had begun, it was obvious that Banham was wrong. In the preamble to the program, he said "...the product speaks with a local accent, and the designer sees with eyes that belong to his side of the ocean," but after the meetings, were over he admitted that the division among designers does not follow any arbitrary geographi-

cal boundary. And so it is. After all, the differences between conditions and attitudes in Spain and Britain are greater than those between Britain and the U.S. The Atlantic Ocean is not necessarily the great divide that was at one time.

More important than the backfire of the theme of the conference was the tenor of the discussions. Speakers, as a rule, did not show or discuss their own work or that of others. Except for some films, there was a noticeable lack of visual content. The designer's product, be it a toothbrush or a building, was left out almost entirely: The talks were about the design of attitudes and not the design of objects. And so, it seems, that all the design professions — graphic artists, industrial and interior designers, as well as architects and planners — are now preoccupied with "what it means" and the drive will cut beneath a pedestrian bridge. The bridge will replace the existing automobile bridge and will link the Memorial to the downtown Milwaukee streets on the bluff overlooking the lakefront. Thus, the War Memorial will be isolated like a contemporary castle by the moat of the freeway.

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SAARINEN'S WAR MEMORIAL:
A WHOLE NEW SCENE

MILWAUKEE, WIS. Milwaukee's determination to have a lakefront freeway has raised the question of what to do with Eero Saarinen's War Memorial Center building. Constructed in 1957, the War Memorial rests on a hummock of land that is a stone's throw from Lake Michigan. Lincoln Memorial Drive, Milwaukee's beautifully landscaped lakefront automobile promenade, now curves by the War Memorial's upper entrance. With the construction of the Lake Freeway, however, both it and the drive will cut beneath a pedestrian bridge. The bridge will replace the existing automobile bridge and will link the Memorial to the downtown Milwaukee streets on the bluff overlooking the lakefront. Thus, the War Memorial will be isolated like a contemporary castle by the moat of the freeway.

In partial compensation for this isolation, landscape architects Johnson, Johnson & Roy of Ann Arbor, Mich., who are under contract to the Milwaukee County Park

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Commission, suggest two major changes in the War Memorial's setting: first is long parking zones to the north and south of the Memorial, with easy direct access to Lincoln Memorial Drive and to the Memorial's main lower level entrance. Perhaps most important, the landscape architects' report calls for broad, curved steps leading down from a ground-level addition to the Memorial to an oval lagoon to be created on the lakeshore. Saarinen's original plans allowed for such expansion to the east; He arranged the building's interior circulation at a level that would be directly extensible into an eastern addition built up from a lower grade. Milwaukee architects Maynard W. Myer & Associates, who were Saarinen's local representatives during construction of the original building, have undertaken preliminary architectural studies for the addition. It would provide approximately 80,000 sq ft more space on two levels. Two exhibition art gallery wings would flank a central art lobby, educational areas, and an outdoor sculpture court. The roofs of the two gallery wings would be landscaped terraces with direct access to the steps and seating surrounding the lagoon. To the west, toward the city, on the side where the new bridge will link the Memorial with the city, the building will be extended 25' to provide space for mechanical equipment and offices.

As an added dollop of deferral to local civic pride, the Johnson, Johnson & Roy proposal mentions the old Northwestern Railroad Depot tower, a crotchety gingerbread hold-over from the era of The Hiawatha and The 400—crack trains that made the 90-mile trip to Chicago in under an hour. They suggest that it could become a meaningful part of the new development near the War Memorial, and that, if retained, it should be moved a block or so north of its present site. Cost of such relocation, the architects feel, would be about half a million dollars.

In all, the proposals for the restructuring of the Memorial and its site (and there have been no modifications in these proposals so far), would cost about $8,200,000. Construction would be concurrent with that of the Lake Freeway in 1970.

PEI MUSEUM NEARS COMPLETION

Syracuse, N.Y. Almost completed here in the revitalized downtown of Syracuse is I.M. Pei's long-awaited Everson Museum of Art. It is a difficult site for a museum, downtown of Syracuse is planned as a piece of sculpture to house sculpture. The three-story structure is only 260' x 140', and adjoins a large country auditorium and a steam-generating plant that has an 80' smokestack. But the museum's bold, warmly textured, rose-colored forms give vitality to the structure despite the scale. Four galleries are cantilevered out around a central courtyard (longest cantilever is about 26'), and the building itself is set on a podium and fronted by a reflecting pool. It is the first art center designed by Pei.

Max W. Sullivan, the museum's director, plans an opening dedication in late October. Opening exhibition will be paintings and sculpture from the collection of Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller. Associate architects are Pederson, Hueber, Hares & Glavin.

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candidate at the Berkeley campus of the University of California, is this year's winner of the Joe W. Kelly Scholarship, sponsored annually by the Chemically Prestressed Concrete Corporation. Taylor's doctoral thesis is based on research in the field of concrete technology. The Ford Foundation has announced award of a $214,600 grant to Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, to promote Negro opportunities in the profession of city planning. A second grant of $130,625 was awarded to The University of Pittsburgh for the same purpose. The University of Michigan's Department of Architecture has a new chairman, R. C. Metcalf.

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BELGIAN BAGEL

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM. S. A. Glaverbel, manufacturer of flat glass products, employs 9000 persons in seven plants. To consolidate their administrative departments, from offices in Brussels and Charleroi, they constructed the circular building shown here, shaped around a central landscaped courtyard. It has 325,000 sq ft on five levels and an external diameter of 380'. The central courtyard, 250' across, will have a garden with trees and flowers. Two underground parking levels accommodate 400 cars.

As might be expected, much of the building's façade (about 67%) is glass: it has 2827 double-glazed, sealed windows. Spandrels are faced by squares of granite, which, dark at first, will whiten with age. Architects were Braem, Guillaume, Jacquain, and Mulpas, in collaboration with Boccard, Nuthals, and Opdendries.

OBITUARIES

Robert J. Lyman, executive director and chief administrative officer of the Prestressed Concrete Institute, died in an automobile accident July 16. He was 50 years old. Born in St. Mary's, Pa., Lyman received a Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Ohio Northern University in 1941. For 15 years, interrupted by three years of service during World War II as a Corps of Engineers officer in the Pacific, he served with the Engineering Division, Albuquerque District, Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque, N.M. From 1956 to 1963, Lyman was vice-president and Director of Design at Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall in Los Angeles, has become a partner in the firm of Victor Gruen Associates. He will direct the design of all architectural projects for the Gruen office. A juror for the 1969

PERSONALITIES

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FIFTEEN STEEL-FRAMED BUILDINGS HONORED

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Also, Steel Bridge Studio, San Luis Obispo, Calif., by Paul Neel and students of the School of Architecture, California State Polytechnic College; Fairchild Semiconductor Headquarters Building, Mountain View, Calif., by Povl Rasmussen, Simpson, Stratta & Associates; Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center (2), Evanston, Ill., by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Alcoa Building, San Francisco, Calif., by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Superior Oil Company Geophysical Laboratory, Houston, Tex., by Todd-Tackett-Lacy; Bank of Houston (3), Houston, Tex., by Wilson, Morris, Crain & Anderson.

AWARDS

Edwin C. Taylor, a candidate for a master's degree in urban transportation at Pratt Institute, is the recipient of the AIA's 1968 LeBrun Traveling Fellowship. The $3000 award was made on the basis of Taylor's winning entry in a national competition for the design of an urban rapid transit station, and will be used for study and travel abroad...

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command of the Department of the Navy has presented its highest honor to Vincent G. Kling & Associates for development of the Comprehensive Master Plan for the Bolling/Anacostia area, Washington, D.C., and for design of the 1500-man dormitory building at the Bolling Air Force Base in Washington.

COMPETITIONS

The American Academy in Rome offers Rome Prize Fellowships for 1969-1970 for architects, landscape architects, and environmental designers who are U.S. citizens. Each fellowship carries a stipend of $3600 a year and may be renewed. Applications must be received by December 31, 1968. Requests for details should be addressed to: Executive Secretary, American Academy in Rome, 101 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10017...

TORONTO, CANADA. An international competition for a hotel-commercial complex at the end of the civic square opposite Toronto's controversial City Hall was won by a local firm, Webb Zerafa Menkes. With the award goes a contract for design of the $50 million complex. Developer of the complex will be Third Generation Realty Limited.

Judged by Canadian architects John Bland and C.E. Pratt and by planning consultant Hans Blumenfeld, the competition called for a grouping of buildings that would provide uses to attract people to the area day and night. Prime tenant of the complex will be Hilton International, but in addition to hotel facilities, the area will hold a motion picture house, an art gallery, boutiques, department stores, and a vast skylighted area called "The Galleries," a space 75' across and 80' high, which the designers envision as an indoor version of the vast civic square just outside.

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consist of twin 50-story towers with 1,400 guest rooms and an adjacent, low-rise, block-shaped structure with banquet and other ancillary hotel facilities. Below-grade pedestrian connections are planned to adjacent buildings and to the City Hall parking garage. Interior consultants are Roland Wm. Jutras Associates, Inc., of Boston.

WASHINGTON/ FINANCIAL NEWS

By E. E. HALMOS, JR.

What the New Housing Bill Means — There’s some very significant language for architects in the opening pages of the mammoth, 220-page Housing and Urban Development bill that Congress passed in early August before it quit to go politicking.

“The Congress finds,” says Section 4, “that the Federal aids to housing have not contributed fully to improvement of architectural standards. . . .

“The Congress commends the Department (HUD) for its recent efforts to improve architectural standards through competitive design awards and in other ways, but at the same time recognizes that this important objective requires high priority if Federal aid is to make its full contribution toward improving our urban environment.

“The Congress finds that even within the necessary budget limitations on housing for low- and moderate-income families, architectural design could be improved, not only to make the housing more attractive, but to make it better suited to the needs of occupants.

“The Congress declares that in the administration of housing programs which assist in the provision of housing . . . emphasis should be given to encouraging good design as an essential component of such housing and to developing housing which will be of such quality as to reflect its important relationship to the architectural standards of the neighborhood and community in which it is situated, consistent with prudent budgeting.”

That’s a most unusual bit of wordage in Federal legisla-
tion, and its inclusion is largely the result of testimony of architects when the bill was under consideration in committees — testimony that decried the emphasis on costs, which stifles attempts at achieving anything but stolid design results.

And it makes a fitting opening for a measure of such proportions that nobody has really put a price tag on it (though estimates run between $4 and $6 billion over a 6-year period), and that breaks a lot of new ground in the field of public housing.

To sum up briefly, the new law:

- Provides “ownership assistance” to low-income families through payment by the Government of the difference between the “buyer’s” specified payment and the actual cost of interest, taxes, insurance and the like.

- Continues “rent supplement” payments for low-income families.

- Provides for Federal insurance for mortgages who may not otherwise be able to obtain such funds.

- Raises to $554,300,000 (from $366,300,000) the authorization for construction of low-rent public housing, increases amounts available for home improvement loans and makes other changes in insurance and loan provisions.

- Makes possible the insurance of mortgages on “seasonal” homes.

- Continues the existing urban renewal programs, including the addition of “neighborhood development proposals” to be carried on by local authorities; rehabilitation loans to owners and tenants of property; grants for demolition and relocation of residents; provision for “comprehensive planning” by local governments; grants for water, sewerage, and other needed public utilities; and grants for purchase of open space lands. "Model cities," "urban renewal demonstration programs," grants for rapid-transit surveys and construction are also continued and raised.

Of great importance is the approval of formation of “National Housing Partnerships” (Title IX), to "encourage the widest possible participation by private enterprise."

The title authorizes creation of "private corporations for profit" (or limited partnerships created by such corporations), which will have power to "plan, initiate, carry out the building or rehabilitation of housing, particularly for the benefit of families . . . of low or moderate income."

Another key section of the new measure is Federal action to assist state insurance authorities in developing programs to assure that insurance coverage is available for properties in high crime and other dangerous urban locations, where many private insurance organizations have recently been canceling policies as a result of recent riots. (Also included under insurance provisions is Federally backed insurance for property owners whose buildings are endangered by floods.)

Generally, the bill went through in just about the form the Administration proposed it, but there are some important changes:

First, instead of an immediate program for a definite number of housing units, HUD is ordered to come up with a report within a year on a 10-year housing construction program, as well as periodic reports on progress.

Second, urban renewal demonstration grants may now be made to "nonprofit" organizations, as well as to public bodies.

Third, funds for urban information and technical assistance service programs are raised from $5 million to $15 million annually.

The housing bill, together with the $11-billion-old highway bill and the general provision that appropriations bills already put through, are about all that can be expected from the current session of Congress.

The lawmakers are scheduled to come back to Washington immediately after Labor Day, but they’ll be coming back resentfully and reluctantly. They will be in no mood to do anything except jockey for political advantage, if a similar rump session in 1960 is any guide.

Certainly, there will be no drive to put through such nonpolitical, nonvote-getting items as a study preparatory to the adoption of the metric system in the U.S., or many other laudable pieces of legislation. Even more important bills — many affecting stream pollution, labor, and the like — have already been swept under the Capitol rugs, in the legislative rush to get out of steaming Washington and on to the political hustings.

An example of the impatient mood of Congress was the short shift given to the annual foreign aid bill, which was chopped to under $2 billion for the first time, and with restrictions (through a 1% rise in interest rates) on A.I.D. lending for construction and other work abroad.

Financial — Despite all its protestations about economy, Congress will still wind up authorizing between $9 and $10 billion for construction purposes. Catch in this is the directive President to chop $6 billion from Federal spending: he and his department heads are almost at complete liberty to cut anywhere they wish. Indications are that most cutting will come in construction programs.

Costs of construction continued to be the big worry. The Bureau of Public Roads reported that its highway construction cost index rose again in the second quarter of the year, to reach an index of 121, which is within 2 percentage points of the all-time high established a year ago. And the index of sewer construction costs also continued a steady climb — up to a new all-time high of 122.49 (with 1957-59 as 100).

Although housing starts continued their slight decline month to month (though still slightly ahead of last year), FNMA thought it saw an encouraging sign of steadying in the mortgage market, as a result of recent “auction” transactions (in which “Fannie Mae” buys VA and FHA mortgages). Housing starts, however, were running at a seasonally adjusted rate of 1,313,000 units in June, down from 1,345,000 in May.

■ Over-all construction volume seemed to be holding steady in second quarter of 1967, but showed no major gains. The Census Bureau said the seasonally adjusted rate of new construction in May was $83,600,000,000, which is about even with April, and only slightly over the rate a year ago ($83,300,000,000).
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