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#### TRENDS IN HOSPITAL PLANNING

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## The Architect as Leader in a Golden Age?

The thought of the flowering of the architectural profession in a world newly appreciative of its services, mentioned before in this column, came up again in the recent A.I.A. convention. President Arthur Gould Odell, Jr. reaffirmed his confident statement:

"I am optimistic about the future and I know that the profession will grow tremendously in numbers. It also will grow in its services to society and in its influences upon the betterment of our environment . . . I am convinced that architecture as a profession has the potential to strengthen itself much further as the one profession skilled in the design of man's physical environment and capable of correlating all of the services required to create that environment."

A reporter for the New York Times was something less than completely persuaded. She wrote that architects at the convention, which was supposed to be dealing with Cities of the New World, seem more interested in the next martini than in the future of our cities. How she arrived at this summary statement was not too clear. It is just possible that anybody interested in the future of our cities could do with a martini or two on occasion.

Certainly there is nothing easy about dealing with environmental conditions in our ballooning cities. And if the newly-ex-president was optimistic in his statement, he included such phrases as "will grow in its services," and "the potential to strengthen itself." He was not saying that the architectural profession has it all neatly tucked away in its intuitions, ready to be rolled out on demand. He was saying it "will grow in its services to society."

Perhaps it takes a martini to embolden the architect to face the problems of cities. Some reservations were expressed recently by Dean José Luis Sert, of Harvard's Graduate School of Design. At their recent Urban Design Conference the dean said, "Schools cannot instruct in everything . . . we must be modest . . . we must get rid of the unrealistic notion of the architect as God with the social sciences in his pocket . . . I am tired of the arguments about who should direct the planning process, architects or social scientists or whomever . . leaders are born leaders. They are not produced by university degrees. It is nonsense for you to think because you are the architect, you are the leader. We must have an end to the misgivings and hostilities among the professions."

Since this was the ninth of Harvard's conferences on urban design, one might assume that the Golden Age has eluded a considerable search. At least it requires more than some conferences on design to bring it to a glow.

No, you are not a leader, in urban environmental matters, just because you are an architect. Physical designs alone will not bring back hordes of suburbanites, or turn back tides of poverty, or of racial violence, and so on.

But those problems will not be solved *without* good physical planning and good design. If the architect has no magic wand, neither has any other group, as is plainly evident in the present wobbly progress toward urban renewal. There are no builders, no investors, no legislators, no social workers, educators, or city administrators, no highway engineers, planners, conservationists, landscape architects, lawyers or merchants, nobody else with ready answers.

Somebody has remarked that perhaps architects have already been too much in the limelight in city living problems. That too much has been expected of them, that they are asked to make too many decisions for which they are not trained.

But there is precious little training, anywhere, for anybody, in urban problems. And urban problems are being solved, negatively if not constructively, as the months go by. What is more natural than to ask the architect to get going?

So I'll string along with Odell the profession "will grow in its services to society."

*—Emerson Goble* 



-Drawn for the RECORD by Alan Dunn

#### So Ya Wanna Be an Architect?

While President Odell (now ex) was telling the A.I.A. convention (preceding page) about the Golden Age for architects, he also mentioned a few of the architect's responsibilities: "The architect's legal responsibilities to his client embrace esthetic, mechanical, electrical, structural, civil, acoustical, landscape, interior, urban and regional design, and any other design developed under the architect's coordination, whether associates involved be partners, employes, or outside consultants of the architect. Notwithstanding the number of engineers, planners, bookkeepers, administrators, landscapers, or economists that an architectural firm may have on its staff, the architect is the generalist legally responsible for the activities of the specialists who contribute to architectural practice . . ."

#### What, No Op?

Wolf von Eckhardt, who writes continuously and effusively about architecture, writes recently in Modulus 65, a publication of the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia, deploring a certain escapism in current architecture. He refers to an exhibition of American architecture destined for the Soviet Union:

"Good modern architecture—the kind we tell others about—consists of isolated outdoor museum pieces widely scattered over the landscape. It has as yet, some 50 years after the modern revolution in architecture, no more to do with shaping our actual visual environment than the paintings of Rauschenberg, Maxim Gorki or de Kooning or abstract expressionism, Pop, Op and all the rest . . .

"Afraid to be overrun by the machine age, our architectural stars seem to seek refuge in Freudian, individual 'self-expression.' We've had abstract expressionist architecture and Pop architecture. I am breathlessly waiting for Op architecture."

Well, Wolf, Alan Dunn starts it off ---page 15, our Mid-May house issue.

#### Let's Buy Our Art at the Low Bid

This old conventioneer would do better to put his camera away—all those friendly candids I took at Washington turned out to be duds. Seems they've changed the flash bulbs, so my trusty technique is obsolete. But the A.I.A. hired a professional, and he had some bad results too. It turns out that that photographer, poor lad, had no staff, no help, so he shot pictures all day and all evening and printed them between 12 P.M. and 5 A.M. Small wonder something got fuzzy. He was just in over his head.

But poor photographic performance is a serious error for a convention press organization. It may be impolite to mention it, but it seems the A.I.A. bought its art, its photographic art, at the low bid price.

#### Maybe You Shouldn't Design for Yourself

We were talking the other day (Albert Mayer and self) about those much-heralded responsibilities of the architect in the environmental matters of cities. We had been saying that the population explosion seemed to be unrecognized yet, except possibly in California, and that architects would be learning about congestion problems and densities and their effect on design. Mayer made an observation that architects may be missing another point that's new in our time-they will have to be designing for somebody other than themselves. Through the ages architects have been accustomed to working for people or institutions whose tastes and ideas paralleled their own. But the architect must broaden his field of acquaintance. And perhaps dirty his hands in the process.

You say he's been doing that for many years in public housing? Maybe he has and maybe he hasn't. Perhaps public housing wouldn't be in such a sorry state if more architects had got better acquainted with the people they were to house. And possibly less entranced with their own doctrines or assumptions. Corbu had some great ideas, but public housing wasn't exactly the place for them.

In any case, it's a point. While flying by the seat of his intuitions, the designer will have to make sure he's sitting in the right point of view.





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#### Memorial in Brooklyn

A stark simplicity characterizes the monument to John F. Kennedy in the Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, New York, designed by Morris Ketchum, Jr. and Associates, Herbert Riemer, partner in charge. The monument is a five-foot-square, eight-foot-high shaft of white Vermont marble. The representation of the President was executed by sculptor Neal Estern. The monument stands on a circular surface of black ebonite amazon pebbles within a walkway paved with precast granite blocks arranged in a hexagonal pattern.

#### **Interiors in the News**

Architect Victor Lundy relied heavily on hand-crafted wood-abstract forms and the extensive use of mirrors to create a primeval setting for the Singer Company Center (below *left*) which occupies 10,000 square feet in Rockefeller Center in New York City. Utilizing existing columns and ceiling as a base, Mr. Lundy introduced a filigree effect of hemlock strips, set off from the columns.

Architect Gordon Chadwick of George Nelson & Company in creating the Hall of Presidents at the

#### Winner in Spain

The winners of the San Sebastian, Spain, international competition revolted against the concept of architecture as a discipline of singlebuildings-for-single-purposes and designed what they call a "container", -a conceptual and formal solution in terms of a multi-occupancy structure. Contained in this structure are 105 luxury residences and apartments; a luxury hotel accommodating 300 guests; 300,000 square feet of shopping arcades; underground parking for 350 cars; an auditorium seating 1,000; a covered skating rink; indoor swimming pool and various sports facilities; elevated public terraces surrounded by gardens; and restaurants and cafes. The winners. architect Jan Lubicz-Nvcz in collaboration with architect Carlo Pelliccia and structural consultant William Zuk, are all members of the faculty of the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia. The promoters of the competition, the Gran Kur-

New York World's Fair (below center), felt that "the space should look 'Presidential' (that is dignified and somewhat monumental)." Because the space was interrupted by a structural brace and stairwells, it was divided into two main areas—a circle and a square. These spaces are defined by hanging "baffles" which contain the general lighting and hide the exposed air-conditioning ducts above. Graphics are by Nicholas Fasciano and the contractor was the Kreisler Borg Construction Company.

Architect Walter Pfeiffer of Morristown, New Jersey, who specializes saal Maritime and Real Estate Company of San Sebastian, intend to build the project at an estimated cost of \$6.25 million. Members of the jury included architects Secundino Zuazo Ugalde; Heikki Siren; Ernesto N. Rogers; Pierre Vago; Julio Cano Lasso; Rafael La Hoz Arderius, and sculptor Eduardo Chilida Juantegui.



in restorations, was asked by the West End Brewing Company of Utica, New York, to recreate an 1880's setting for plant tours and a hospitality center for the brewery.

Victorian grandeur unfolds throughout the tour and is culminated in the "hospitality center," the 1888 tavern (below *right*). According to Mr. Pfeiffer, the bar and glass from the swinging doors were rescued from a hotel in Kingston, New York. The bar, made of walnut and oak, with a mahogany top, has carvings on the front, including a representation of the head of the god Bacchus.











#### Academic Appointments

Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama: Three faculty appointments have been made to the department of architecture at the Auburn University School of Architecture and the Arts. Edward Earl Pickard became assistant professor at the beginning of the summer quarter. For the past two years Mr. Pickard has been engaged in private practice as a partner in the firm of Fountain & Pickard, Architects, in Biloxi, Mississippi. Ralph K. Morrill and Adnan S. Iaspinar will become associate professors in September. Mr. Morrill taught architectural drawing, design and history at Wentworth Institute in Boston during the past year. Mr. Iaspinar, who is visiting prof. for one year, has served, since 1958 on the faculty of the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana: Charles M. Sappenfield has been named first dean of the newly created College of Architecture and Planning, which will accept its first freshman class in September, 1966. Mr. Sappenfield, who has his own five-man firm in Asheville, North Carolina, is also assistant professor of architecture at Clemson University. More than 50 architects applied for this position.

University of California at Berkeley: Garrett Eckbo will become chairman of the Department of Landscape Architecture in the Col-

**O'Neil Ford** Is Given **One-Man** Show InTexas



O'Neil Ford, F.A.I.A. of San Antonio, Texas, has been honored with a one-man show of his work at the McNay Art Institute in San Antonio. The show, which consists of photographic panels, highlights signifi-

lege of Environmental Design. Mr. Eckbo will continue his professional practice as a member of the firm of Eckbo, Dean, Austin and Williams. Cooper Union School of Art and Architecture, New York: John Hejduk will become head of the Department of Architecture effective in September. Professor Hejduk will take over the position held for 33 years by Dean Esmond Shaw, who retained the title of head of the department when he became dean of the school two years ago-a position that he will continue to hold.

Columbia University, New York: In a sweeping revision the School of Architecture has been reorganized under three divisions: Architecture. Urban Planning and Architectural Technology. Kenneth Alexander Smith has been named dean of the school. He had been acting dean since the resignation of Charles R. Colbert in 1963. Romaldo Giurgola of Philadelphia was named professor of Architecture and chairman of the Division of Architecture. He has taught design and theory at the University of Pennsylvania since 1954 and has his own firm, Mitchell/Giurgola, Associates, in Philadelphia. Charles Abrams has been appointed professor of Urban Planning and chairman of the Division of Urban Planning. Mr. Abrams is a noted author and consultant on urban planning, and has been a visiting professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Graduate Facul-

cant aspects of Mr. Ford's work dating back to the early 1930's. The show, which was exhibited at the McNay Art Institute from June 20 to August 1, will be on display at the Dallas Museum of Fine Arts later this summer. Included in the exhibition is the plant for Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas (right), which was designed by Mr. Ford in partnership with Richard Colley. Shown is a view of the semiconductor components unit. General contractor was Robert McKie.

ties of the New School for Social Research. He has also taught at the University of Pennsylvania and at the City College of New York. Mario G. Salvdori, professor of Civil Engineering and Architecture, has been appointed chairman of the Division of Architectural Technology. Dr. Salvadori is a partner in the firm of Paul Weidlinger, consulting engineer. Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia; Bertram Berenson will become chairman of the Department of Architecture in September, succeeding William H. Moses. Mr. Berenson was formerly associate professor of architecture at Louisiana State University. Mr. Moses has become chairman of the Department of Building Construction Engineering. The appointment of Bernard Jensen to the faculty has also been announced. Mr. Jensen, who received degrees from the University of California and Stanford University, is a member of Highland Hospital Architects of Berkeley, California.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge: Lawrence B. Anderson became Dean of the School of Architecture and Planning, succeeding Dean Pietro Belluschi who retired on June 30. Professor Anderson, who has been head of the Department of Architecture since 1947. is a partner in the firm of Anderson. Beckwith & Haible, architects. Dean Belluschi will continue to be active in professional practice as the head of his own firm.

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Clockwise from left: Architecture and Art Laboratories; Chicago Circle Center (two units shown); Science and Engineering Laboratories; Physical Education Building (behind laboratories); Science and Engineering Staff Offices; Library; Classroom Buildings; and University Hall (far right).

#### Phase II Begins at University of Illinois at Chicago Circle

Phase II for the new campus of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle will include Science and engineering staff offices, architecture and art laboratories, a physical education building, addition to existing library, two classroom buildings and site development work. The new buildings will increase the capacity of the original scheme (August 1963, pages 117-124) from 8,200 students in the fall of 1965 to 14,000 students in the fall of 1967. Further additions will be required to accommodate 20,000 students by 1969. Architects for all buildings in Phase II, except for the physical education building which is designed by Harry Weese and Associates, are the Chicago office of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. The cost of Phase II construction is estimated at \$34.5 million.

The science and engineering staff offices will be a 13story structure of reinforced concrete and will contain 155,900 gross square feet. The architecture and art laboratories are designed on the cluster plan of studio-laboratories of approximately 80 square feet with mezzanines surrounding a central work space. The building will be five stories and will be constructed of reinforced concrete and brick. The physical education building, three stories in height, of reinforced concrete faced with brick, will contain 226,400 gross square feet and will house athletic facilities for the entire campus.

The library will have four-story additions on the north and south sides of the existing building which will total 126,000 square feet of gross area. Construction is of reinforced concrete and brick. Two classroom buildings will have 46,000 gross square feet of area and the addition to the science and engineering laboratories will total 264,000 square feet.



Top: Gymnasium, south elevation; bottom: Architecture and Art Laboratories



#### **American Structure for EXPO '67**

The United States Pavilion for EXPO '67, the international world exhibition to be held in Montreal in 1967, will be a geodesic bubble, 250 feet in spherical diameter and 187 feet in height. Congress has appropriated \$9.3 million for the design, construction and operation of the pavilion. Pavilion architect is R. Buckminster Fuller, associated with Shoji Sadao and Geometrics, Inc. Architect Peter Floyd will be project officer for Geometrics. The exhibit architects and designers are the Cambridge Seven of Cambridge, Massachusetts.

As the architects describe it, "the structure will be a lightweight metal space frame supporting a transparent enclosing surface. This surface will be composed of different materials in different locations. Most of these will be newly developed plastic or glass films and sheets. . . . The bubble enclosure, though transparent throughout, will not be invisible. In different areas, the various materials will be tinted and shaded or made partially reflectant by a thin metallic film. The final choice of materials and their location on the surface has not yet been decided, and will be in large measure dependent on the results of both mathematical and physical climatic models of the structure which are now under development. Among the materials now under active consideration are photochromic glass sheets, tinted acrylic sheets, oxygen porous silicone films, and vinyl and polyester transparent films with or without aluminum metallizing coatings. Another concept under consideration is retractable shading screens that will travel across the surface of the bubble following the course of the sun through the sky."

The underlying theme of the exhibit within the structure will be "Creative America," and the subjects to be covered will include: a lunar exhibit; a fine arts exhibit; a new technology exhibit; an "American heritage" exhibit; a "creative America" film, and a special events theater.



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The \$20 million Westmont Center project in Montreal, designed by Mies van der Rohe, consulting architect, and Greenspoon, Freedlander and Dunne, architects, will consist of two 21-story apartment towers, a 21-story office structure containing 250,000 square feet of gross area, and a one-story department store and mezzanine with a floor on concourse level and one half story on first parking level. Underground parking will be provided on two levels for 800 cars. The two apartment structures will contain 160 units each, with 30 per cent having one bedroom; 30 per cent two bedrooms; 30 per cent three bedrooms, and 10 per cent four bedrooms. Structural engineer is Irving Backler and mechanical and electrical engineers are I. Semenic & Associates. Construction is expected to begin on September 1.



#### P.C.I. Announces Annual Awards

Two first place awards and eight awards of merit were given in the Prestressed Concrete Institute's 1965 Awards program. The Hudson Hope Bridge in Hudson Hope, British Columbia was a first place winner, in addition to the other top winner, shown on this page. Engineers for the bridge were Phillips, Barratt and Partners and the general contractor was Hans Mordhorst Ltd.

Three merit awards were presented in addition to those shown here: (1) the Columbia River Bridge in Kinnaird, British Columbia. Engineers were Choukalos, Woodburn & McKenzie, Ltd., consulting engineer, Professor R. Morandi, and general contractor, J. W. Stewart, Ltd.; (2) MacKinnon Avenue Overcrossing designed by the Division of Highways, California. General Contractors were R. E. Hazard and W. F. Maxwell & Matich Constructors; (3) Vicente Creek Bridge, Monterey, also by the Division of Highways of California. The general contractor was the Thomas Construction Company.



Jury at Work: (*left to right*) Wallace L. Chadwick, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers; Edward D. Dart, A.I.A.; Max Abramovitz, F.A.I.A., jury chairman; Murray Wilson, past president of the National Society of Professional Engineers; and Arthur G. Odell, Jr., F.A.I.A.



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North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Building, Durham, North Carolina. Architect: Welton Becket, F.A.I.A.; associate architect: M. A. Ham, Associates, Inc.; Consulting engineers: Seelye, Stevenson, Value & Knecht; general contractor: G. C. Rea Construction Company.



"The prestressed single-tee shape is used in a composition that carries its rhythm throughout and expresses itself forthrightly."

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"Excellent use of the basic alphabet of prestressed concrete. Here is a harmonious assembly of the many component parts and units of a building complex resulting in considerable harmony with the landscape in a unified total composition."

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S.A.E. Fraternity House, University of Florida, Gainsville. Architect: Gene Leedy; general contractor: Guy Cleveland Construction Company. **Countway Library Is Dedicated at Harvard** 



The recently dedicated Francis A. Countway Library of Medicine at Harvard University in Boston, designed by Hugh Stubbins and Associates, is faced with buff-colored limestone with a smooth surface on structural elements and a rough finish on the story-high exterior wall panels. The square, vertical structure presents similar facades on all four sides and faces inward towards a central court. The \$6.284 million building contains 162,000 square feet and has a capacity of 750,000 volumes. It has eight stories, two of them below ground, and is set in a sunken court which is paved in brick. Mechanical engineers was Sidney J. Greenleaf Associates; electrical engineer was the Thompson Engineering Company; structural engineer was William J. LeMessurier and Associates; and general contractor was the George A. Fuller Company.



## Current Trends in Construction



Total contracts include residential, nonresidential and non-building contracts





## COMMERCIAL BUILDING STRONG AT MID-YEAR

This year commercial building is heading for its biggest gain in at least a decade. New contract value reported so far in 1965 for this important building category (which is made up principally of stores and their related warehouses, and office buildings) has already set a first-half record, and looks certain to top \$5 billion for the full 12 months. That would put this year's *increase* at well over half a billion dollars of construction, or about 13 per cent over 1964's big \$4.6 billion total.

Over the past decade or so, an interesting pattern has developed in the year-to-year behavior of commercial building. While the *total* value of these building contracts has advanced more or less steadily (only one small decline since 1956), this continuing expansion in the total has at one time been due to a spurt in store building, and at another time to a burst of office construction. It is in fact an unusual year when both of these two prime components of commercial building are found to be moving in the same direction—either up or down.

During the past few years, most of the growth in commercial construction has been sparked by office building, which expanded sharply in 1962 and kept on rising to its 1963 peak. Then, just as office building began to falter last year (it declined seven per cent in 1964), store building broke away from its slow-moving trend with a healthy jump, and once more the total moved up a notch.

This year's big difference is that for the first in a long time *both* offices and stores are moving ahead vigorously, and without one or the other of these building types acting as a drag, as has been the pattern in the past, total commercial building in 1965 is booming ahead.

The gain in store building this year is mainly a matter of 1964's momentum rolling on into 1965, but the current strong pickup in office building is something else again. The 1964 slump in offices (actually, it began late in 1963) was generally considered as a symptom of overbuilding. What's more, the condition was further complicated by the after-effects of New York City's recent change in high-rise building codes.

It all looks a bit different in mid-1965. Office vacancy rates have been holding firm at a 140-city average of eight per cent; New York's rate is even below the average. And the big projects—the ones that usually make the difference between a good year and a poor one—are flowing in heavily. While the first five months of 1964 produced only \$20 million worth of *large* office contracts, the same months of the current year have offered almost 10 times as much—more than was reported in *all* of 1964. And that doesn't count another billion or so worth of new jobs on the drawing boards of architects and engineers which haven't yet reached the contract stage roughly twice the volume at this time last year.

With all this activity taking place, it's certain that commercial building (and offices, especially) will be holding the key role it now has for some time to come.

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## **Building Construction Costs**

By William H. Edgerton Manager-Editor, Dow Building Cost Calculator, an F. W. Dodge service

The information presented here permits quick approximations of building construction costs in 21 leading cities and their suburban areas (within a 25-mile radius). The tables and charts can be used independently, or in combination as a system of complementary cost indicators. Information is included on past and present costs, and future cost can be projected by analysis of cost trends.

Α.	CURRENT	BUILDING	COST	INDEXES-J	IULY	1965						
					1941	Averages	for	each	city	=	100.0	)

Metropolitan Area	Cost Differential	Current Residential	t Dow Index Nonresidential	Per Cent Change Year Ago Res. & Nonres.
U.S. AVERAGE-				-
21 Cities	8.5	267.7	285.6	+1.36
Atlanta	7.2	303.9	322.3	+1.63
Baltimore	7.9	269.2	286.4	+0.46
Birmingham	7.5	249.3	268.1	+1.46
Boston	8.5	242.2	256.4	+1.69
Chicago	8.9	296.8	312.2	+0.78
Cincinnati	8.8	258.0	274.2	+1.00
Cleveland	9.2	270.9	288.0	+1.68
Dallas	7.7	252.3	260.6	+0.70
Denver	8.3	274.7	292.0	+1.08
Detroit	8.9	269.5	283.0	+1.52
Kansas City	8.3	241.7	255.8	+1.48
Los Angeles	8.3	262.5	296.5	+1.04
Miami	8.4	266.0	279.2	+1.02
Minneapolis	8.8	270.0	287.0	+2.08
New Orleans	7.8	242.5	256.9	+1.52
New York	10.0	280.2	301.4	+2.32
Philadelphia	8.7	266.6	279.9	+1.02
Pittsburgh	9.1	252.4	268.3	+0.64
St. Louis	9.1	264.5	280.3	+2.56
San Francisco	8.5	343.3	375.6	+1.49
Seattle	8.4	244.8	273.6	+1.40







#### B. HISTORICAL BUILDING COST INDEXES-AVERAGE OF ALL BUILDING TYPES, 21 CITIES

1941 average for each city = 100

					al sugar				1964 (Q	arterly)		1965 (Quarterly)				
Metropolitan Area	1952	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1s	t	2nd	8rd	4th
U.S. AVERAGE						1.00				2 1 2		115	-	1.		
21 Cities	213.5	248.9	255.0	259.2	264.6	266.8	273.4	274.7	276.8	278.6	279.3	27	).5	281.0		
Atlanta	223.5	277.7	283.3	289.0	294.7	298.2	305.7	310.0	312.3	313.4	313.7	31	3.9	317.9		
Baltimore	213.3	251.9	264.5	272.6	269.9	271.8	275.5	277.2	279.3	280.5	280.6	28	).5	281.0		
Birmingham	208.1	233.2	233.2	240.2	249.9	250.0	256.3	258.0	259.9	260.1	260.9	26	1.2	264.1		
Boston	199.0	230.5	230.5	232.8	237.5	239.8	244.1	246.1	247.9	251.3	252.1	25	1.7	252.6		
Chicago	231.2	273.2	278.6	284.2	289.9	292.0	301.0	302.2	304.5	305.1	306.6	30	5.5	307.3		
Cincinnati	207.7	250.0	250.0	255.0	257.6	258.8	263.9	265.1	267.1	268.9	269.5	26	.4	270.2		
Cleveland	220.7	257.9	260.5	263.1	265.7	268.5	275.8	276.3	278.4	282.0	283.0	28	2.3	283.4		
Dallas	221.9	230.5	237.5	239.9	244.7	246.9	253.0	253.7	255.6	255.6	256.4	25	5.9	257.9		
Denver	211.8	252.8	257.9	257.9	270.9	274.9	282.5	282.6	284.7	287.3	287.3	28	7.3	288.2		
Detroit	197.8	239.9	249.4	259.5	264.7	265.9	272.2	272.7	274.7	277.7	277.7	27	7.7	279.3		
Kansas City	213.3	235.0	239.6	237.1	237.1	240.1	247.8	246.2	248.0	249.6	250.5	25	1.2	252.0		
Los Angeles	210.3	253.4	263.5	263.6	274.3	276.3	282.5	284.0	286.1	286.1	288.2	28	3.9	289.7		
Miami	199.4	239.3	249.0	256.5	259.1	260.3	269.3	270.1	272.1	273.1	274.4	27	4.4	275.4		
Minneapolis	213.5	249.9	254.9	260.0	267.9	269.0	275.3	275.0	277.1	281.6	282.4	28	3.4	283.6		
New Orleans	207.1	235.1	237.5	242.3	244.7	245.1	248.3	247.1	248.9	249.3	249.9	25	).5	253.1		
New York	207.4	247.6	260.2	265.4	270.8	276.0	282.3	284.8	286.9	289.7	289.4	29	0.2	294.0		
Philadelphia	228.3	257.6	262.8	262.8	265.4	265.2	271.2	271.1	273.1	274.5	275.2	27	5.5	276.4		
Pittsburgh	204.0	236.4	241.1	243.5	250.9	251.8	258.2	260.8	262.7	262.9	263.8	26	4.0	264.9		
St. Louis	213.1	239.7	246.9	251.9	256.9	255.4	263.4	266.8	268.8	271.4	272.1	27	2.9	276.1		
San Francisco	266.4	308.6	321.1	327.5	337.4	343.3	352.4	358.2	360.9	364.1	365.4	36	6.6	366.9		
Seattle	191.8	225.8	232.7	237.4	247.0	252.5	260.6	260.1	262.0	265.7	266.6	26	5.1	266.3		

HOW TO USE TABLES AND CHARTS: Building costs may be directly compared to costs in the 1941 base year in tables A and B: an index of 256.3 for a given city for a certain period means that costs in that city for that period are 2.563 times 1941 costs, an increase of 156.3% over 1941 costs.

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### From the past for today

THE NEW ARCHITECTURE AND THE BAUHAUS. By Walter Gropius. Faber and Faber Ltd., 24 Russell Square, London, W.C.1. 112 pp., illus. Paperbound, 13s 6d. GARDEN CITIES OF TO-MORROW. By Ebenezer Howard. Faber and Faber Ltd., 24 Russell Square, London, W.C.1. 168 pp., illus. Paperbound, 9s 6d.

### A review by Robin Boyd

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Two Classics of the literature of early twentieth-century design have been re-issued in paperback. After 63 years in one case and 30 years in the other, each has at once historical fascination and vital relevance to our cities and buildings of today.

Both of them sought a bridge, in a physical sense, between two cultures. In 1935 Walter Gropius was concerned with uniting rationalism and poetry in architecture. A generation earlier, around the turn of the century, Ebenezer Howard sought to combine the best things of city life with the good things of country living and in effect founded modern town planning.

For some years now both men have been misunderstood, often deliberately, and their writings ignored, because it was easier and more comfortable to avoid the disciplines they proposed. Howard's great garden city idea has degenerated, except in Britain, into petunias and the suburban sprawl. Walter Gropius' great concept was discredited in the 1950's, called a cold materialist, functionalist, and considered to be internationally-minded to a suspicious degree and insensitive to regional nuances.

Many architects then revolted against the moralistic overtones of Bauhaus teaching and the seemingly puritanical ban on ornament. Historical styles crept back, as well as decoration, and false effects for art's sake. Evidence of this phase is available to us wherever we care to look. But in 1965 there is also evidence—though less in Australia than in some parts overseas—that this period of adult delinquency in 20th century architecture has almost run out its time.

Thus the appearance of Gropius' definitive statement on the "New Architecture," which he helped decisively to found, could hardly be more timely. Exactly one generation after it first appeared in 1935 his book returns to find the international modern movement which it celebrated in a confused, cynical, unsettled state.

But how confident, morally upright, and hopeful it was then in its youth. And to reread it today acts as a tonic. We can recapture the assurance and the heroic stance.

The Gropius statement is not long; hardly more than an essay. It is quite personal, starting with a brief explanation of his theory of architecture and going on to describe the teaching of the Bauhaus school in concept and practice. It finishes in Gropius' cantering off downhill on two of his favorite hobby-horses of that time: prefabricated houses and skyscraping flats.

It was written in England, during the short interlude in Gropius' career between his flight from the Nazis and his present, continuing success in the U.S.A. It often possesses a noble and classical simplicity, and to architects is almost as full of quotations as Shakespeare.

Gropius' famous early buildings are illustrated along the way. Some of them, such as the Berlin flats of 1929, are clearly dated to their period by their white box shapes gashed by strip windows. They represent the visual style that sometimes came out of the Bauhaus involuntarily, a purging style, that had few lovers next morning. But others, like the Werkbund Exhibition offices at Cologne of 1914, retain a capacity to excite and delight, and to amaze at the sheer precociousness of their design half a century ago.

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The Bauhaus and the early Continental modern movement which it crystallized has been misrepresented often, but here 30 years ago Gropius words which are up to date because the argument is timeless he stresses that rationalization of building is no more important than "the other side: the aesthetic satisfaction of the human soul," that "architecture implies the mastery of space," that "respect for tradition does not mean the complacent toleration of . . . individual eccentricity . . . or bygone aesthetic forms." He advocates "realistic" building, deriving its architectural significance "solely from the vigor and consequence of its own organic proportions, true to itself, logically transparent and virginal of lies or trivialities . . ."

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CHRIST AND ARCHITECTURE. By Donald J. Bruggink and Carl H. Droppers. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. 708 pp., illus. \$20.00.

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# COLLEGE DORMITORIES

### **BUILDING TYPES STUDY 349**

A discussion of the problems of designing dormitories and the attendant debates on what the appropriate character for them should be recurrently bring to mind that here is the essence of designing an architectural statement that must enhance, or at least live at peace with, neighboring buildings. It is brought to this more distilled state by the single ownership and administration of entire campus building complexes-and very sizable communities many of them are growing to be. We have assembled on the following pages a collection of extremely interesting college residence halls, each of which has its own statement to make, and each of which seriously seeks to cope well with its environment. We are also pleased to include a discussion examining the many factors involved in the design of dormitories, by the Director of Housing at the University of Illinois, where some 20,000 housing units have been built in the past few years, and the senior partners of a firm of architects which has been concerned with the construction of many of them.

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Design studies for undergraduate housing prepared for the University of Illinois at Urbana by Richardson, Severns, Scheeler and Associates, Inc., Architects

### THE DESIGN OF RESIDENCE HALL UNITS

A discussion of the University of Illinois housing program between Ambrose M. Richardson, president, John E. Severns and James A. Scheeler, vice presidents, of Richardson, Severns, Scheeler and Associates, Inc., and Paul Doebel, Director of Housing at the University's Urbana-Champaign Campus

### Factors affecting location

Paul Doebel: There are obviously many factors that affect site selection and the importance of each will vary from one campus to another. One of the most important factors is the availability of land; but not only must the land be available, it must be available at costs which are within the budget limitations of the institution. An important factor affecting the location of housing is the need to disperse housing facilities around the campus so as to minimize travel time and distance between housing units and academic facilities. If possible, housing should be sited close to existing utility distribution systems, otherwise the initial advantage of a low land cost may be more than offset by the high cost of bringing in utilities. The organization of the university also has considerable influence: if the university is organized around college units, such as liberal arts, engineering, etc., it may be desirable to locate housing facilities in reasonable proximity to each of these. Students on a large campus are likely to have to travel a good deal from one part to another. Even if a student is housed near his college, at one end of the campus, it is conceivable that meal facilities will be at the opposite end, which would involve a long journey at meal times from college to dining room. Some provision should therefore be made for providing meals for such students at the college end of the campus.

In our discussions, let us assume a well dispersed campus of some 20,-000 or more students. Whatever the size of the campus, much will depend on the specific type of housing with which we are concerned. For example, there will be some students who work for their meals, some who prepare their own and do their own housekeeping. These students will obviously be pressed for time, and will need to have light housekeeping units placed near the campus to save on travel time. Room-only facilities for those wanting meal jobs ought to be located in areas where there are such work opportunities.

Much also depends on the transportation system on the campus and the policy with regard to student vehicles. If the policy permits students to rely on their own vehicles, the housing site must be large enough to accommodate a reasonable number of automobiles, or parking space should be provided within a reasonable distance of the housing unit. If, on the other hand, the institution provides intra-campus transportation, a more distant parking area would be feasible as students would use their cars only for social functions or week-end trips. If parking has to be located near to housing, then obviously a greater amount of land is needed for the housing project.

John E. Severns: On the question of the location of student housing, I think two things are particularly important. First, the integration of academic and recreational programs and facilities as part of the housing function, and second an awareness of the scope of the "total" university, which includes the foundations, churches, quasi-university functions and private residential and commercial areas. We need, therefore, to relate the housing facilities to these areas as well. In a sense, we are dealing with an urban situation compounded, if you will, by the special requirements of an institution. I think also that one of the things which is giving us a good deal of concern is the relative urban scale of the university community. Inevitably, even an institution in a rural setting begins to develop its own urban surrounds with both institutional and private development. Housing has to relate in a meaningful way to all of these functions if it is to be appropriately sited.

James A. Scheeler: One must also consider the balance of housing which exists within the university environment. After all, housing at an institution like the University of Illinois encompasses more than just single student housing. We have single undergraduate housing for men, single undergraduate housing for women, a coed housing program, single graduate housing, the fraternity and sorority system, the organized independents and the more or less unorganized independent housing, apartments, dormitory apartments, married student and faculty housing. In each instance, it seems to me, there is a problem of the balance between privately developed units and the units which must be developed by the institution, as well as the scale of these units relative to the total environment. Doesn't this relate to the problem of availability of land and availability of utilities when you are speaking in terms of large projects? In large projects don't you have a different scale of land acquisition problem and a different problem relating that to "market demands" than you do when you are considering the smaller units of

### Factors affecting design

Doebel: Some of the basic factors affecting the design of a particular building are: the category of student to be accommodated-undergraduate, graduate, single or married; the sex of the student; whether or not the project is to be coeducational; the size and location of the site; the character of adjacent buildings; the extent of social and educational programing to be provided in the living units. Current policy provides for coeducational developments, for high rise construction where land is dear, for planning which will enhance private development, for maximum cultural programing in residence halls consistent with budget limitations, etc.

**Richardson:** Here, at Illinois, the food service has been a major factor in terms of the size of units. It was established that food service for less than 1,000 was not economically appropriate, and consequently for some time our units for undergraduates where food service is provided have been in increments of 1,000 students or more. Another thing which substantially affects siting and all aspects of the design is fihousing, regardless of type?

Paul Doebel: I don't think that anyone would want to have a large instructional structure overshadow a small group of private housing units. On the other hand, it is certainly desirable to have a mixture of smaller units and larger units in any particular area. If this weren't done then we would have large concentrations of students in small areas and then small concentrations of students in larger areas. We would have a very great unbalance on the campus.

Ambrose M. Richardson: In summary, I think we are saying that there are various factors which affect location, but obviously the type of housing is a very important one. For example, married housing might well be more remote because of children and other factors, while the single graduate might be close to the campus because of night work and research. Parking is yet another factor. While individual cases all have to be treated on their own merits, there are certain guiding principles which affect them all.

nancing and how much the market will bear. For example, at Harvard, their financing is, I know, very different from ours and I am sure that facilities there are very different because of this. Another factor which has noticeably changed our thinking on student housing is the development of the policy of housing women and men in the same complex-not in the same building -but with common food services. etc. This change of policy has certainly had an affect on design. Parking and transport facilities are again influential factors.

Scheeler: One of the policies that definitely affects design is that of the specific type of student facility required. In the development of student housing at the University of Illinois, the basic 2-man room, which provided combinations for study and sleeping in one space, became a "standard" and this then was related to another size unit which might be called the counseling unit. At present this counseling unit is made up of something in the order of 50 to 60 students. This can be called the "policy" for single un-

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Undergraduate residence halls for men and women, Illinois Street, University of Illinois. Design architects: Richardson, Severns, Scheeler & Associates, Inc. Associated architects: Mittlebusher & Tourtelot

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Men's residence hall, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Illinois. Architects: Keys & Hestrup; Design consultants: Richardson, Severns, Scheeler & Associates, Inc.

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Men's residence hall, Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois. Architects: Richardson, Severns, Scheeler & Associates, Inc.

dergraduate housing, and is a very basic influence in the design of a project regardless of whether it be for 200 or 1,200 students.

As a result of housing both male and female students in a combined facility, the importance of making provision for physical education and recreation programs and the importance of academic activities within the housing unit, the inclusion of study facilities, reference library facilities, discussion and actual teaching spaces has been brought into sharper focus. These programs and provision for them have been evolved through a number of projects and have now become statements

Evolution of student housing at Illinois

Doebel: The community and the fraternity and sorority systems provided most of the housing units on this campus for a number of years. These were primarily small housing units, few of which were large enough to warrant the provision of any extensive amount of space for programed cultural activities or for social and recreational purposes. Facilities for these activities were provided in the student union. As the need for the University to provide large scale student housing facilities developed, it became apparent that facilities for social, cultural and recreational programs could be provided economically in the housing facility because the cost was being spread over the 1,000 to 1,500 students accommodated in each housing complex. These new housing complexes thus took on the stature of something more than just living units, they became living units and student activity centers. Thus, because of the scale on which the University was forced to build in order to accommodate rapidly expanding enrollments, the total character of the residential units on the campus changed and they are now being built to include lounges, libraries, meeting-seminar rooms, recreational facilities and so forth. These facilities now are programed as basic requirements in the design of residence halls.

When university residence halls were first developed, men's units were located on one side of the campus and women's on the other; the provisions for dating were made of policy which are integrated with other programs of the University.

A rather highly specialized influence should, perhaps be added. The paraplegic program is very strong here and is reflected in all of the housing programs and buildings.

Severns: One of the most important aspects of housing policy at Illinois is the recognition that the policy is not static. It is, rather, subject to constant re-evaluation, appraisal and change. We can see many features presently characteristic of the housing program which were introduced in years gone by as accidents, experiments or variations on the basic theme.

primarily in the women's halls, yet extensive non-dating recreational facilities had to be provided for the men. We found that when we put the men's and women's living units in close proximity to each other in one complex, it was possible to provide a common center which permitted men and women to join together in certain social, recreational and cultural programs and for meals. At times this common space is available for the sole use of either of the sexes. The net result is that the amount of space per capita devoted to recreation, social and cultural purposes is much less than when it was necessary to provide facilities for the separate use of each of the sexes, and the over-all use of this space is much greater than when separate facilities were provided for each of the sexes.

Richardson: In tracing the history of our experience at Illinois, I recall that when I was first involved in housing design, very little experience had been accumulated with respect to high rise structures. However, as we developed and grew at the University, it was apparent that our land costs in certain areas where housing was desirable were so high that we were more or less forced into high rise-and now have how many in operation? We've had experience with at least one large unit for over a year, and we are planning and constructing others. It is interesting to evaluate our experience with this type of building.

Doebel: The experience has been very good. Initially it was of concern to many that the high rise unit might take on the atmosphere of a hotel, that is, an impersonal atmosphere. This was not the experience, however. With high rise buildings we were able to provide accommodations for a large number of students on a relatively small site, and vet provide a certain intimacy in the individual living units by holding the floor capacities to 50 or 60. Thus students are able to identify themselves with a small group yet have the advantages of a large center-a large variety of programs, special study areas, libraries, lounges, recreation and hobby rooms, and a professional staff. These spaces could not have been provided had we developed the smaller sites less densely.

Richardson: I think it is very interesting that large size, that is a complex for a thousand or more students, is not wrong in itself. In other words, as you have so clearly pointed out, the size, in terms of all the additional facilities which could not be provided in small units, is a distinct advantage.

### Future Trends

**Richardson:** I think we might conclude by discussing some of the trends that we all think are important in housing based on our experience to date, not only here but at other places. For example, we hear a great deal about incorporating the teaching facilities within the residence hall units to a greater extent than we do now. We also hear a great deal about breaking down the units in various ways. Perhaps we can consider where this will lead in the future.

Severns: One of the problems that many students have is using their time efficiently. If we are not careful in the way we mix together the learning, recreational and social environments and mechanism, the tools of normal living, we may compound some of this problem. In short, I can applaud the development of the entire campus community as a total learning environment, but I think we have to be a little cautious as to how best accomplish it.

I think there are some other aspects that are pretty fundamental at major institutions. One is the potential of food service preparation. This

In our experience we have tried, even though the complexes are designed for both men and women students, to design permissively so that if there is a change in the future in terms of the numbers of men versus women, and so forth, we haven't designed specifically for either sex. We have designed so that the facilities could be used interchangeably if needed. Another thing I think we should point out in respect to size and our experience here is that, in your first statements about location, the flexibility of types and the choice of types is very important, and I think that we have all agreed that there is no cure-all. Housing shouldn't be all large units, but on the other hand it should not all be small units. There is a place for both, depending on the institution. At the current time, as I think that you have mentioned, the demands are more for smaller housekeeping units, or for rooms for the students who are working and who don't require food service, perhaps working in food jobs, etc. Obviously the total program must be a balanced one.

we have discussed as an important facet in the development of any housing program. It has a good deal of significance in terms of serving not only the resident student population housed in university accommodations, but, of course, everyone on the campus. We need to think more in terms of centralized food preparation and dissemination to catering points as one means of offering a variety of food service to the students and faculty alike. This would apply directly to University housing programs. I think also we need to recognize that a major institution may have some responsibility in dealing with the private housing facilities around the campus. We have been concerned here about the economic feasibility of smaller housing units, whether they be privately operated or within the fraternitysorority system. Food service is a major element in the economic operation of these units. Perhaps we can look towards a time of catered services provided on a contract basis, not only to provide an economic way of maintaining these facilities but also, in my experience at least, provide a

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Men's and women's undergraduate housing, Pennsylvania and Florida Avenues, University of Illinois. Design architects: Richardson, Severns, Scheeler & Associates, Inc.; Associated architects: Fugard, Burt, Wilkinson & Orth

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Men's undergraduate residence halls, Gregory Avenue and Peabody Drive, University of Illinois. Design architects: Richardson, Severns, Scheeler & Associates, Inc.; Associated architects: Berger, Kelly, Unteed & Associates

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Faculty graduate Center (top) and model of single graduate residence halls, University of Illinois. Design architects: Richardson, Severns, Scheeler & Associates, Inc.; Associated architects (residence halls) L. Lattin Smith & Associates

better balanced diet for the student. You may recall that we did some planning studies based on this concept.

**Doebel:** When considering the question of facilities for learning in the residence hall—I think there are a number of advantages in conducting regularly scheduled credit courses in the residence halls.

One of the advantages is that it brings the academic climate directly into the residence halls. It brings closer to home the realization of the basic purpose of the student on this campus-to learn, to be interested in academic matters, etc. The other advantage is that it increases the space utilization factor. We know that many of the facilities provided in the residence halls are used after students are out of class, that is, after four o'clock in the afternoon and very little between eight a.m. and four p.m. By providing a little more flexibility in the design of these facilities it is possible to comfortably accommodate classes which would otherwise require space in academic buildings. One of the other factors that I think we must recognize in the future in designing housing accommodations is the growing independence of our undergraduate student population, particularly in the more senior years. The upper class student is not interested in participating in student government affairs and in programed activities. He is interested in social and cultural programs, but he is less interested in organizing these programs and in running them himself. This means that many students will want to live where they can avoid an involvement in group activities, yet participate as a spectator in certain activities.

One of the housing types that we have been considering for this campus is the supervised apartment, where three or four students might live together in a single unit and do their own cooking and housekeeping, and where there is less dependence on student government and programed activities. There is also need to recognize that today's students are less willing to conform to a set living pattern. This means that we have to increase the variety of types of accommodation, and I think we have come up with some four or five basic types that need to be developed or expanded on this campus. These are: (1) the residence hall boardand-room accommodation that we have been providing here for a number of years; (2) co-op housing units where 30 or 40 students would live together and share the housekeeping and cooking responsibilities on a group basis; (3) the supervised apartment mentioned earlier for the more mature undergraduates, where three or four students live together and share their cooking and housekeeping responsibilities; (4) the room-only accommodation for those who are on a limited budget and need to work for their meals; and (5) room accommodations with cooking facilities shared by 30 or 40 students, for those who desire to do a limited amount of cooking. Need for additional tyes may be apparent on other campuses, but without question we need to be sensitive to the changing needs and the growing independence of the student population and their need for variety of accommodations.

Scheeler: I think that when you consider a university of the size of the University of Illinois you see a relationship between the student and the institution which demands that the student relate himself to the environment very much in the same way as he would to any urban environment. In other words, the student at the University of Illinois belongs to a college, is enrolled in a given course of studies and through this makes a number of personal contacts which relate him as an individual to the larger organization of the university. He has living accommodations through which he relates in another way to a different group. Through quasi-university facilities and the social and cultural activities at the university, he will build up other relationships. This is, in my opinion, a definite part of his education in that it is not a dissimilar experience to what he will find in a highly urbanized environment. After all, most of our students will be going into an urban environment in which their primary contacts will be through their work, civic activities, through churches, clubs, etc.; so that while there has been criticism of size of the university, it seems to me that this very size may be a vital part of educating a student today, educating him to the fact that he will be part of a complex urban environment and must know how to exist and be creative in it.

### Married Students Housing

University of Georgia

A very pleasant environment has been achieved in this married students residence complex at an extremely reasonable cost. The architects comment that "the cost on this job has been quite favorable, less than \$10,000 per unit—somewhere around \$10 per square foot. This was the first of a multiple phase project, each containing approximately 100 units. Two more phases are under construction now, and we have developed a master plan for both high-rise and garden-type housing."

This complex organizes four groups of three buildings each to form pleasant grassed courtyards. Each building has either four or six apartments per floor; there are about an equal number of one- and twobedroom units. Apartments are arranged in a split-level fashion to fit the terrain, and are connected by covered, but open, corridors and stairs. Exteriors are surfaced with brick, cedar shakes and granite rubble. Heating is by electric baseboard units and cooling by built-in room air conditioners.

Married Students Housing, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia. Architects: Heery and Heery, Inc.; contractor: Lake McDonald Company; structural engineer: Richard B. Ellis; mechanical engineers: R. F. Niedernhofer and J. W. Austin Jr.; electrical engineer: Charles T. Owen; landscape architect: E. L. Daugherty

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### Coeducational Dormitories Brandeis University

Though dubbed "coeducational," this handsome residence hall provides separate living and recreational facilities, in opposite wings, for 200 girls and 150 boys. A common dining and living center is shared by both. The architects note-"the long undulating dormitory follows the downhill contours and the irregular campus boundary from which the curving form generates. Students live in groups of 10. Four double rooms and two single rooms share a common study. Room units are all basically similar, and the change of direction of the long building is handled by the trapezoidal service towers. Pedestrian circulation moves around a central court, through an arcade adjacent to the dining center, and across a bridge into the dormitories." The structure has brick bearing walls, exposed inside and out, and exposed concrete grid slab floors. Interior partitions are brick or plaster, and floors are black slate, carpet or vinyl asbestos tile. The interiors were also designed by The Architects Collaborative, Inc.

East Quadrangle, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts. Architects: The Architects Collaborative, Inc.; partner in charge: Benjamin Thompson; contractor: Charles Logue Building Company; structural engineers: LeMessurier & Associates, Inc.; mechanical engineers: Reardon & Turner; electrical engineers: Thompson Engineering

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### Men's Dormitories Southern State College

A satellite "house" system has been developed for this Arkansas campus to preserve a smaller scale for the student residences. The architects describe it as a system where "two men share a room; 20-24 men live on a floor sharing bath facilities and a lounge; three floors comprise a 'house' or unit; and three units share a central facility containing a lounge, TV room, laundry and an apartment for a housemother." Two such complexes have now been built, with others projected for the future.

Masonry bearing walls and reinforced concrete slabs comprise the basic structure of the living units. The architects state: "We felt it important to maintain a similar scale and use the same brick as the older buildings on the campus. The white-finished concrete repeats the white trim on the old structures." The result is a series of quietly handsome buildings. All are air conditioned by a hot and chilled water system, circulated to fan coil units in the living areas through the bridge connections.

Men's Dormitory Complex, Southern State College, Magnolia, Arkansas. Architects: Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson, Inc.; contractor: Texarkana Construction Company; structural engineer: Price Roark; mechanical and electrical engineers: Blaylock, Cook, Threet & Associates

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### Residence Hall Louisiana State University

This powerful, rough-concrete building serves as a combined residence hall and student center for the L.S.U. School of Medicine in downtown New Orleans. To separate them somewhat from the surrounding neighborhood, the various student center activities and the outdoor recreation areas are raised to the second floor level, with the ground level serving as a parking garage, as can be seen in the early, 1961 design sketch, below right. The upper floors contain a combination of one, two and three bedroom apartments, dormitories for unmarried students, nursing student residence, mechanical rooms, and a childrens nursery. To separate these different groups, the upper floors are separated into three cross-shaped towers with individual elevator and service cores. As the architects note, "the structure is poured lightweight concrete, with concrete shear walls cantilevered from a central longitudinal spine. This reduces foundations and columns."

Residence Hall and Student Center, School of Medicine, Louisiana State University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Architects: Charles Colbert and Lowrey•Hess•Boudreaux•Farnet; associated architects: H. T. Underwood & Associates; structural engineers: Ogle & Associates; mechanical engineers: Guillot, Sullivan & Vogt; contractor: Keller Construction Corporation

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### Undergraduate Dormitories Princeton University

Stubbins' new dormitory quadrangle, designed to be a contemporary neighbor "which would be on speaking terms with those nearby Princeton buildings which are in the Gothic Style" (see ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, March 1963), seems, indeed, to have become a very compatible part of the campus scene. Its varied skyline is shown below.

Possibly the most interesting part of the scheme is the handling of the interior court, with its alternating swelling and constriction of spaces, its unexpected byways for exits, and the changes in level created by fill. The ins-and-outs of the individual buildings, accented by projections of the walls, more or less define the stacks of rooms and the banks of stairs and baths which separate them. The complex will accommodate 361 students, mostly in single rooms; there are also three single-story faculty apartments (one is shown at the far right in the floor plan). The structures have brick bearing walls and waffle concrete slab floors.

Undergraduate Dormitories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. Architects: Hugh Stubbins and Associates, Inc.; contractor: John McShain, Inc.; structural engineer: Le Messurier and Associates, Inc.; mechanical and electrical engineers: Greenleaf and Wong, Inc.

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### Married Students Housing University of Southern California

Following the master plan for the University prepared by William Pereira and Associates, this housing quadrangle consists of three buildings of six stories, and four central ones of two floors. The low units and the two linked taller ones, shown on this page, are by Richard Dorman & Associates and include 28 two bedroom apartments, 55 with one bedroom, and 74 single rooms. The architects note that "the two-story units were designed to give scale to the complex, and to meet the University's requirement of a specific number of two bedroom units (which) were not to be above the second floor. They will be rented only to families with children. These units are of reinforced concrete with a shallow vaulted roof. The taller units are also reinforced concrete, with an exposed-frame structural system. Precast spandrel panels act as a horizontal strut and also as a sunshade." Exterior walls are sliding glass panels and brick, except for the "sculptured" concrete stair towers at the ends of the units.

Married Student Housing, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. Architect: Richard Dorman & Associates; contractor: Kemp Brothers; structural engineer: Brandow & Johnson; mechanical engineer: Boris M. Lemos; electrical engineer: Kocher, Bradford & Nishimura

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Robert Alexander's design was the first building of the complex to be constructed. As he says, "it is sited as a part of a complex forming an entrance into the campus, and is oriented toward the campus, with the building mass acting as a screen for the area, protecting it from the noise of the street. The structure is of steel and concrete construction with sculptured columns forming an arcade pattern on the two main facades. The column 'trees' were originally designed to be precast, but were changed to cast-in-place because of cost."

The first two floors of the building are divided into 12 two-story apartments for couples with children. The remaining four floors contain eight one bedroom units and 40 efficiency apartments. Living rooms face the campus, and have full-width sliding glass windows. The balconies on the street side of the building serve as circulation corridors and provide access to all the apartments. Exterior walls are brick and cement plaster; interiors have plaster walls and asphalt tile floors.

Married Student Housing, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. Architect: Robert E. Alexander & Associates; structural engineer: Parker, Zehnder & Associates; mechanical engineer; Boris Lemos; electrical engineers: Frumhoff & Cohen

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THREE MAN SUITE

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FOUR MAN SUITE

### Men's Dormitory Haverford College

An unusually compact arrangement of two-, three- and four-man suites has been devised for this new dormitory, for 129 students. Wedge-shaped spaces are used to provide small, but adequate, private bedrooms for each student. "The request for private bedrooms" as the architects explain "springs from the college's philosophy that students, in order to pursue serious study, require privacy and quiet. In addition . . . the college also faced a requirement of economy. The building is being constructed with assistance from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, and plans had to conform with H.H.F.A. standards. The basic building arrangement is a sequence of three rectangular, three-story units which step down the sloping site. The center unit is set back nine feet, and is joined to the other two units at the common stairwells."

Exterior walls are load-bearing field stone supporting concrete floors. The roof is slate. Interiors have painted concrete block walls, terrazzo corridor floors and carpeted living areas.

Dormitory, Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania. Architect: Vincent G. Kling; contractor: Nason & Cullen; structural engineer: Allabach & Rennis; mechanical-electrical engineers: Louis T. Klauder Associates

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### Dormitory Complex Pine Manor Junior College

The appealing, village-like atmosphere of these two dormitory quadrangles is highlighted by variety, small scale, and a softspoken contemporary design that seeks to be "a continuation of the old." The buildings are part of Pine Manor Junior College's new campus in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, which is scheduled for occupancy this fall.

Each quadrangle will house 150 students, subdivided into groups of 30 in twostory houses. A typical house, as shown in the plan, *below*, will contain 10 single and 10 double rooms, as well as a common lounge with a mezzanine on the second level. Each quadrangle also has a detached house containing lounge and apartments for the administrative staff. Exteriors are brick with slate roofing.

At a later date, a third quadrangle will be added for 150 additional students (D in the sketch, right). An existing barn (9 on the sketch) is to be converted for music and speech, "E" is the site of a future auditorium. A separate dining center is close by.

Dormitory, Pine Manor Junior College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Architects: Ernest J. Kump; associate architect: Edward F. Knowles; contractor: Aberthaw Construction Company; structural engineer: Henry Gorlin; mechanical and electrical engineers: Joseph R. Loring Associates

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LOUNGE

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### Cooperative Dormitory Connecticut College

A home-like, domestic scale was one of the major program requirements in this girls' cooperative dormitory. The 28 residents share equally in the cleaning and cooking. On the lower level are kitchen and dining facilities, and an apartment for the House Fellow. On the top level, a curved element above the living room contains three study cubicles. These are windowless "to facilitate concentration," but are top-lighted, by plastic bubbles, and fan-ventilated. The architects comment, "though the current campus theory seems to be focused toward single rooms, the budget would not cover all singles, and a mixture of singles and doubles was used. Narrow bedroom windows give maximum wall space to the girls. Because of the wooded site and the desired domestic feeling, natural wood and block was used."

A special feature was made of the fire stairs, required by local law, by providing decks for outdoor sitting areas. The structure is steel frame and concrete slab.

Cooperative Dormitory, Connecticut College for Women, New London, Connecticut. Architects: E. H. and M. K. Hunter; contractor: F. W. Brown Co.; structural engineers: Onderdonk and Lathrop; mechanical engineers: Quinlan and Giannoni

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### Residence Hall Complex University of Colorado

An extremely pleasant residential environment has been achieved in this big complex for 1,000 students by grouping four dormitories and a commons building around a series of artificial lakes. Two of the dormitories are for men, two for women. Each residence hall is designed with three wings radiating from a central area containing study-library, lounge, resident advisor's apartment, laundries and the like. The buildings are two- and three-stories high, with considerable variety in student room size and arrangement. The typical double room has a study alcove, with desks somewhat apart from the sleeping area. Short, carpeted corridors surround central utility cores.

According to the architects, "the exterior expression included the need to harmonize with the strong unified architectural character of the campus, yet to have a fresh approach that could give the new residence halls a fair and meaningful identity. The traditional use of native sandstone and red tile roofs was continued."

Kittredge Residence Halls, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado. Architects: Architectural Associates-Colorado (Fisher & Davis; W. C. Muchow & Associates; Hobart D. Wagener Associates; Ketchum & Konkel); consulting architect: Pietro Belluschi; site planners & landscape architects: Sasaki, Walker & Associates; mechanical engineer: James H. Konkel; electrical engineers: Swanson-Rink & Associates

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### Women's Dormitory Wayne State University

The most singular feature of Barnes' quietly understated design is its saucer-like setting of walled-in, tilted lawns. As can be noted in the air view, the site is rimmed with expressways and parking lots. From its early design stages (see ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, October 1961) one of the basic planning considerations was to provide adequate isolation for study and relaxation within the complexities of the surrounding traffic. To obviate the possible oppressiveness of the 10-foot wall needed to provide privacy, the scheme was developed with lawns ramping up from the building to the top of the wall. The optical illusion created by the tilted planes of grass seems quite successful.

Individual rooms are planned with the baths and closets ranged along the corridor side of the rooms, a bed on each long wall, and a desk along the outside wall. Tack boards flank a central window, with bookshelves and an additional strip window above. Lounges are at the ends of floors.

Helen Newberry Joy Residence for Women, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Architect: Edward Larrabee Barnes; associates: Richard Moger, Giovanni Pasanella, Hildegarde Bergeim; associate architects: Jickling and Lyman; structural engineers: Severud-Elstad-Kruger-Associates; mechanical engineers: Cosentini Associates

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APARTMENT PLAZA - LOBBY - TERRACE BASEMENT

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## Women's Dormitory

### Briarcliff College

A double pavilion scheme is used to achieve smaller groupings of students per floor in each of these two new Briarcliff dormitories. Both the recently finished Valley House (top, left), and the earlier constructed Hillside House (below) use the same type of plan with double corridors and utilities in the center. Rooms for one, two or four girls range the periphery with study-sitting areas on the outside and sleeping areas on the interior. Quiet study areas are at the end, and have flanking balconies.

The ground floor of Hillside House has a central lobby, quarters for the house mother and the custodian at one end, and student lounges at the opposite side. In Valley House, the quarters for the house mother are on the link over the lobby, and additional study areas and typing rooms are on the lowest level.

The buildings are reinforced concrete construction, with exterior panels of brick. Interior wall finishes in student rooms are vinyl wallpaper on plasterboard; floors are asphalt tile. Halls and lounges are carpeted.

Valley House and Hillside House Dormitories, Briarcliff College, Briarcliff Manor, New York. Architects: Sherwood, Mills and Smith; mechanical engineer: Abrams & Moses; structural engineer: Wayman C. Wing; landscape architect: H. R. Butler Associates; contractor: Peter Camilli

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# NEW DIRECTIONS FOR URBAN RENEWAL

By Robert C. Weaver

Administrator of the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency

"In retrospect, it seems obvious that urban renewal could never have been simultaneously the economic savior of the central city, an instrument for clearing all the slums, the means of attracting hordes of upper middle-income families back into the central cities, and a tool for rehousing former slum dwellers in decent, safe, and sanitary housing, while generating a volume of privately financed construction involving private investments four to six times as great as the public expenditure. It could, and did, in its various aspects, do some of all of this. But the expectation that the total package would be realized through urban renewal was unrealistic from the start. . . .

"The recent redirections in the program and those suggested in the proposed Housing and Urban Development message of 1965 recognize the necessity for changing the emphases of urban renewal. Together they offer a basis for outlining a new set of functions for the program." "Not only will urban renewal fail to clear all the slums, but I question if we shall ever rid our cities of them until we solve the economic, social and psychological ills which harass modern man. It is, therefore, unfortunate that a single program, oriented principally to a segment of the physical aspects of housing, has become associated with a goal which is impossible for it to achieve. The sooner we divest ourselves of this romantic illusion, the better we will assess our slum clearance activities."

Urban renewal was conceived in controversy and it has matured in controversy. In the process, two extreme schools of thought have grown up. On the one hand, there are those who can see no good in the program and would do away with it. The champions of urban renewal have often been equally dogmatic in its defense, denouncing all critics as biased and all criticisms as unfair.

In this war of words, and often invective, there is much lost effort in that the proponents and the opponents frequently fail to establish a common definition of the program's objectives. Urban renewal suggests different goals to different people.

As I indicated last night, one of the difficulties lies in the fact that the earlier champions of the program claimed too much for it. Thus, it was inevitable that the critics would disclose failures to produce what had been set forth as potential benefits.

Of course, there is, too, much controversy as to what actually happened. This involves the challenging of data, the selection and interpretation of data, and the evaluation of day-to-day administration of the program. Tonight I shall avoid the latter controversy, save for a passing reference to relocation. Rather, my concern will be to set forth the nature of urban renewal and attempt to formulate its current objectives. Once these issues are delineated, there is a sound basis upon which to evaluate both the program and the literature that relates to it.

The first controversy incident to urban renewal was over the form of the subsidy. Soon that gave way to differences of opinion relative to the degree to which urban redevelopment should be concerned with shelter. The issue involved the relative importance of housing, slum clearance, and redevelopment. Also, of course, this ultimately led to differences relative to the type of redevelopment-the mix between residential, commercial or industrial, and public construction. Within the universe of residential construction there were differences relative to the economic classes that should be housed.

As the program matured, these issues continued to harass it. They are still unsolved and, in my opinion, occasion much of the confusion which adheres to urban renewal. Today, discussion of them is complicated by other issues and objectives which are articulated by those who operate and evaluate the program. Until there is some consensus about the basic objectives and possible goals of urban renewal, it will continue to be surrounded by confusion. . . .

The true issue is not residential vs. non-residential or downtown vs. gray area renewal, but the proper combination of these elements in a local redevelopment program. Cities are composed, first, of people, and the proper housing of the residents is important. But cities also have to have an economic base. The elements

of the latter have changed, involving a lesser amount of manufacturing, more light and clean industry, a growing amount of research, and a greater volume of commercial, cultural, and service activities. These require new types of offices, plants, stores, and public buildings. And they cannot be built on improved land in the central city as cheaply as they might be built on much less expensive vacant land on, or beyond, the fringe of the city. Thus, if the central city is to survive, it needs to provide space and facilities for those economic activities which it can attract and hold. In addition to the cost factor, as basic as it is, there are other elements which influence the location of business activities. As far as industry is concerned, the availability of adequate space for the construction of horizontal rather than vertical plants is important. Also, the need for adequate parking space or the existence of efficient mass transportation are elements which determine where industry locates.

Urban renewal provides two needed ingredients. First, because eminent domain is employed, the city is in a position to acquire a total area and deal with it as a unit. Secondly, and even more basic (because there could be eminent domain without a federal subsidy program), subsidies which make it possible to provide cleared sites at marketable prices in central locations accelerate and increase the demand for the use of such land. In addition urban renewal provides the major source of financing for redeveloping core areas with good traffic flow patterns, pedestrian malls, adequate lighting, and other

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"The case for preserving and renewing our cities really rests on what I consider the keystone of our national housing policy. It is concern for maximizing choices for the American people. Some of us prefer to live in a central city; others prefer to reside in the suburbs. In order that these preferences may find realization, the central cities must be economically strong as well as attractive and functional. Urban renewal is a tool to achieve these objectives, and crucial elements in its approach are revitalization of the downtown areas and provision of some higher priced housing."

amenities which make downtown business, industrial and commercial redevelopment competitive with similar facilities in the suburbs.

There remains a problem. Nonresidential redevelopment usually pays off for the city. It produces more tax revenue; so why shouldn't the locality pay back the Federal contribution to it? At the outset it must be recognized that, once the redevelopment has been completed, such repayment is mathematically possible. But is it desirable?

The reason the Federal Government is in the field of urban renewal is because the cities do not have the financial resources to undertake it unassisted. Were cities to raise their own revenue for urban redevelopment, such action would involve higher local taxes, serving to accelerate the exodus of businesses and higher income families. To avoid this acceleration of a vicious cycle of financial deterioration, the cities must seek financial aid elsewhere to help bring about urban redevelopment.

We have slowly recognized that economic rehabilitation is a vital part of urban redevelopment. Thus, the downtown projects not only provide physical upgrading and employment and business expansion but also establish a long-term source of increasing taxes. If the latter is to have maximum impact, it should not be taken back by the Federal Government. . . .

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While urban renewal is a vital tool for preserving our cities, we must modify it in light of sound analyses and experience. Thus there has been, and there will continue to be, new direction in the program. Moderateincome housing and rehabilitation of existing housing will be stressed. The latter will be, for the most part, cost-conscious rehabilitation, designed to accommodate approximately the same income groups as resided in the structures prior to their being improved.

The Housing and Urban Development bill of 1965 contains significant new tools to accomplish this. The result will be a lessening of the relocation load, greater preservation of existing neighborhoods, and an attack upon the vast gray area of our cities. But the volume of private expenditures and the amount of tax assistance to local government will be less than was previously contemplated, suggesting the need for other forms of revenue assistance to our cities. This is recognized in the Housing and Urban Development bill of 1965, as well as in other current legislative proposals. To supplement indirect revenue assistance to cities via urban renewal, which makes the maximum contribution to local tax revenue, the Federal Government has proposed direct grants for vital public services and facilities. Included is the new program of matching grants for urban service facilities, such as neighborhood centers. These will help cities carry out plans developed in connection with their community action programs financed by the Economic Opportunity Act. In addition, Federal funds are proposed to provide significant support for education, job training, and associated services.

These approaches recognize that cities need financial assistance to meet their required outlays for public facilities and services. They take the direct route and are more effective in assisting the provision of such facilities and services because they provide immediate financial relief without reducing tax revenue over the short-run as urban renewal may well do. Direct grants, however, are complementary to, and not a substitute for, urban renewal. The latter not only improves the local tax situation but supports the economic base of localities, upgrades the quality of housing, serves to arrest blight and clear slums, at the same time that it encourages and facilitates orderly development of the localities. Direct grants can be, as they are, used primarily to assist the disadvantaged and the needy, providing services which are readily identified and politically accepted as those for which Federal funds should be spent.

If it is true that urban renewal will not and cannot solve all the economic and tax problems of our cities, "While the glamorous redevelopments may inspire local pride and engender some general support, this is somewhat acquiescent and contrasts to the positive opposition of those elements adversely affected. Tearing down the houses occupied by the poor—and especially the poor who are non-white—and rebuilding for high-rent occupancy may accelerate the return of the middle-class to central cities but in time it generates widespread opposition to urban renewal."

is it similarly limited as the cure-all for their housing ills? The answer is in the affirmative. And this is hard for us to accept since there has been confusion on this score from the beginning of the effort. On the basis of earlier Congressional intent and the tradition of Federal participation in housing and related problems, urban renewal was, and still is, looked at as primarily a slum clearance program which will ultimately eradicate all slums in American cities. Two sophisticated and able students of, and practitioners in, the field published a pamphlet on urban renewal in Washington, D.C. under the title "No Slums in Ten Years." Of course the ten years have passed and Washington still has slums. It also has a highly successful and attractive urban redevelopment which has pioneered in racial integration and replaces one of the worst slums in the Nation's Capital.

Not only will urban renewal fail to clear all the slums, but I question if we shall ever rid our cities of them until we solve the economic, social and psychological ills which harass modern man. It is, therefore, unfortunate that a single program, oriented principally to a segment of the physical aspects of housing, has become associated with a goal which is impossible for it to achieve. The sooner we divest ourselves of this romantic illusion, the better we will be able to assess our slum clearance activities.

As long as it was believed that we would be able to clear all of our slums through urban renewal, it was inevitable that questions of the timing and the cost of the undertaking would be raised. Thus, there are estimates of what the total effort would involve in dollars, and there is advocacy of accelerating the program rapidly. Total slum clearance and total urban renewal became an alternative to which Federal spending could be directed when and if our defense budget were materially reduced. This, too, is unrealistic. Urban renewal, involving slum clearance and dislocation, has a disruptive impact upon a locality, and there are economic, social and political limitations upon the volume of it that can be digested at any period of time. We now are comprehending that urban renewal is not only a time consuming operation but one that has to be paced to reflect the ability of cities to accommodate to its impact.

It is misleading, for example, to talk about the number of urban renewal projects that have been completed. Some, like the vast Southwest redevelopment in Washington, D.C. have been in execution for many years. Yet by any reasonable standard, Southwest redevelopment is a success. One reason for its success is the fact that it was not prematurely completed. Because it involves transforming the nature of a large area, timing of improvements was crucial. By phasing the construction, the demand for the new fairly high-cost housing grew as the supply increased. It is today renting briskly and the cooperative apartments and town houses find ready purchasers before they are completed.

The other side of slum clearance is the provision of housing for low- and moderate-income families. What has urban renewal done for these groups? What will it do for them? Originally the champions of urban renewal seem to have assumed that the low- and moderate-income households would be able to upgrade their shelter through the filtering process. Thus, urban renewal sites would be developed primarily for higher-income families and the less affluent would go into the vacancies occasioned by a series of moves incident to new construction. In this process, it was assumed that all income groups could and would upgrade their housing. Of course, it did not work this way. The two major impediments were the tightness of the housing market which inhibited the assumed chain of vacancies, and the various frictions in the housing market occasioned principally by racial bias and a paucity of good moderatecost housing accessible to the less affluent.

Recently the housing market has changed. In most cities of this nation, there are sufficient vacancies to ease the process of relocation. This economic fact, when combined with much more stringent Federal relocation requirements, has upgraded the rehousing of displaced households, albeit at rents which often have absorbed a somewhat higher proportion of income. In recognition of this, the 1964 legislation provided rent supplement for displaced families and cash payments for displaced small businesses.

Perhaps even more important has been the change in attitude toward relocation. At first it was considered no problem. Then it was ignored in some cities where poor families were pushed out of their homes with a "Despite the fact that there has been over-optimism about the rapidity with which upper middle-income families will return to the central city in response to attractive housing in redeveloped neighborhoods, urban renewal has demonstrated that, when they have something to come back to, some do respond. There is every reason to believe that the trend—today a trickle—will continue and grow."

minimum of assistance. Today most of those engaged in urban renewal are acutely conscious of the importance and difficulties of relocation, occasioning greater appreciation for the problem of the ability of communities to adjust to the impact of the program. Current Federal legislation and Federal policy recognize that relocation can and does entail economic costs and psychological stress among those who are forced to move. This realization is in part responsible for the recent emphasis upon expansion of moderate- and low-income housing and the push for rehabilitation rather than demolition. It also accounts partially for the current policy of not expanding the ratio of downtown redevelopment in the program.

Although I resolved not to enter into an evaluation of the performance of urban renewal in relocation, no discussion of the program is meaningful if it ignores this aspect. Because of the earlier deficiencies in relocation, "conventional wisdom" has it that the situation, while somewhat better, is still deplorable. When HHFA released data indicating that over three-quarters of those relocated in the fiscal year ending in July 1963 moved into decent, safe, and sanitary housing, those who view the program from academia responded that the figures are unreliable. They noted that the local public agencies which operate the program report the data and these agencies grossly overestimate progress. To prove their point, they cited a horror case. For they know that relocation is a scandal.

I, too, have realized that there are questions relative to the accuracy of the locally reported data. Therefore, last winter I contracted with the U.S. Bureau of the Census to make a survey of families relocated by urban renewal during the period from June 1 to August 31, 1964. HHFA identified all local redevelopment agencies which had projects going into execution during 1962 and 1963. There were 132 cities involved. During the three summer months of 1964, 2,842 families were relocated in these localities by urban renewal; 2,300 of these were interviewed by the Bureau of the Census-the remainder had moved from the city, could not be located, or refused to respond. Of those interviewed, 94 per cent had been relocated in standard housing.

All of these changes in the direction of urban renewal have a sound economic basis, to which references have been made. At this point the political and social elements can be set forth in a comprehensive manner that will relate them to most of the new directions that have been formulated.

Downtown redevelopment may promote enthusiastic support from some of the large businesses and financial interests, but it alienates the small businessman who faces displacement and the residents who may be uprooted. While the glamorous redevelopments may inspire local pride and engender some general support, this is somewhat acquiescent and contrasts to the positive opposition of those elements adversely affected. Tearing down the houses occupied by the poor-and especially the poor who are non-white-and rebuilding for high-rent occupancy may accelerate the return of the middle-class to central cities but in time it generates widespread opposition to urban renewal.

Thus, the new directions of the program are realistic. They will not in and of themselves upgrade the housing conditions of all the poor. And, indeed, urban renewal was never structured to do that, despite the legislative intent at the time of its origin. Renewal will, however, improve the quality of shelter and urban living for an increasing number of the less affluent; and, when combined with the anti-poverty program, provide meaningful assistance to many of the poor.

No one Federal program can, by itself, solve the social problems of the nation. Urban renewal, in the past, has, however, too frequently complicated rather than eased these problems; in the process, however, it revealed many social issues which had been ignored. Now it is attempting to make a continuing contribution to the economic health of the central city, make the city more attractive and liveable, provide sites for the housing of a diversified economic segment of the population, and upgrade the shelter and physical environment of the poor and the discriminated against. But even in this latter area it will not do the whole job. The proposed grants for construction of certain social public facilities, primarily in the gray areas, utilization of the open space program for parks and playgrounds in the central cities, and improvement of mass transportation will have even greater impact upon people. And, of course, the new proposals for significant expansion of low- and "Urban renewal, involving slum clearance and dislocation, has a disruptive impact upon a locality, and there are economic, social and political limitations upon the volume of it that can be digested at any period of time. We now are comprehending that urban renewal is not only a time consuming operation but one that has to be paced to reflect the ability of cities to accommodate to its impact."

moderate-income housing outside as well as inside urban renewal areas will bring new hope and housing opportunity to the poor, at the same time that they facilitate some slum clearance.

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The recent redirections in the program and those suggested in the proposed Housing and Urban Development message of 1965 recognize the necessity for changing the emphases of urban renewal. Together they offer a basis for outlining a new set of functions for the program. They are as follows:

1. Continue to undertake downtown redevelopment. This will serve to strengthen the economic base of central cities. It will also make a contribution to increased tax revenue, but grants for social public facilities and for services will be a more direct and effective support to local government finance.

2. Provide sites for new residential construction serving a variety of in-

come groups. A limited amount of this will be higher-cost and serve to hold in, and attract to, central cities middle-class families. Most will be moderate- and low-income housing.

3. Upgrade the quality of the existing supply of housing, especially in the gray areas, largely through new and expanded programs of rehabilitation and code enforcement.

4. Demolish *some* of the dilapidated and substandard housing in the blighted areas.

5. Afford sites for public institutions, particularly universities and hospitals.

6. Provide sites for industrial redevelopment projects.

7. Develop more attractive and better planned cities. . . .

Although I am convinced that economics, if not public policy, will diminish the volume and proportion of high-rent residential construction on urban renewal sites, it would be uneconomic to ban such construction. Also, if there is a large number of lower-rent residential construction in urban renewal areas and especially elsewhere in the city and a volume of effective rehabilitation, the social and political problems incident to some luxury redevelopment are greatly modified.

Despite the fact that there has been over-optimism about the rapidity with which upper middle-income families will return to the central city in response to attractive housing in redeveloped neighborhoods, urban renewal has demonstrated that, when they have something to come back to, some do respond. There is every reason to believe that the trend—today a trickle—will continue and grow. Also, housing in the central cities has a special appeal for the young, the newly-married and older persons of all income groups. Thus, while urban renewal can not presently retain in the central cities all middle-class white families tempted to move away or pull them back from the suburbs, it can, has, and increasingly will, make a contribution in this direction. But, at best, this will be a slow process.

What urban renewal can do is to assist in upgrading the gray areas, improving the housing for low- and moderate-income families, revitalizing the downtown core areas, and making the central cities more attractive, viable, and satisfying. A by-product of this will be to hold upper-income families and attract some middle-income households.

Over a period of 15 years urban renewal has changed a great deal. It is important that it remain flexible, and it is vital that we question constantly its assumptions and performances. It is not the magic some who are devoted to it would have us believe. It does not solve all the problems of the central cities in and of itself. Indeed, alone, it does not solve any one of these problems. But it does perform certain functions that are indispensable and it is beginning to perform others. Let us give more attention to defining its fundamental objectives. Let us realistically integrate it into the myriad of programs which affect the urban environment. And then let us evaluate, modify, and improve urban renewal.

Its task is to assist in preserving our cities. And they are worth preserving.
# ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS

# 6. GYO OBATA

CHIEF DESIGNER, HELLMUTH, OBATA & KASSABAUM, INC.

Every building has its unique set of requirements, both physical and spiritual. The architect must penetrate to the essence of these requirements and then let the building grow to an architectural entity in which the smallest detail is related to, and part of, the over-all concept.

Each project must evolve by a natural organic process out of the program it sets out to fulfill. The inner requirements determine the design concept. There are no preconceived ideas. The nature of the problem determines the exterior form—the structure and the materials.

Details are an integral part of the total design. As the complete plan is an attempt to solve the total problem in the most functional and appropriate manner, the purpose of each detail is to solve its special part of the problem as simply and directly as possible.

The projects shown here are executed in thin-shell concrete, poured-inplace concrete, precast concrete, brick skin on concrete frame, masonry wall and wood roof framing, and wood framing with rough-hewn redwood. Each solution, in concept and detail, seeks to express functional and inner spiritual requirements. Each aims at a total esthetic impact.

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GYO OBATA

Sixth in a series of presentation details of significant architecture Architectural Details: Gyo Obata



Obata: Three rings of thin-shell concrete parabolic arches enclose the side chapels, the main nave, and the bell tower over the central altar. The shell is three inches thick and has a surface of synthetic rubber roofing. Batt insulation and a vapor barrier are placed between the shell and the interior plaster. The arches are enclosed with a wall of two translucent plastic sheets: The outside sheet is a dark gray to contrast with the white of the shell's exterior; the inside sheet is white and glows under diffused natural daylight.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer; supervising structural engineer: John P. Nix; structural engineer: Paul Weidlinger; mechanical engineer: Harold P. Brehm



SECTION SCALE: 2"= 1'-0"



#### McDONNELL PLANETARIUM, ST. LOUIS, 1963

**Obata:** The shell of the building is in the form of a hyperbolic parabola of a single sheet. The design stemmed from the need to enclose the spherical auditorium for the project, make a large exhibit area around the periphery, and provide a roof platform for viewing the stars through telescopes on clear nights.

The thin-shell concrete is covered outside with synthetic-rubber roofing; and inside, batt insulation lies between the shell and the interior plaster. An expansion joint was placed at the junction of the hollow metal windows and the concrete shell. A separate steel structure supports the projection sphere and the ramp to the roof-top platform.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer, Chester E. Roemer, project manager; structural engineer: Albert Alper; consulting engineer: Milo Ketchum; mechanical engineer: Harold P. Brehm







#### BUREAU OF RECLAMATION BUILDING, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, DENVER, 1965

**Obata:** This 14-story building, which houses engineers' offices, has a structure and exterior of poured-in-place concrete. A five-foot-square modular concrete waffle is used throughout. The concrete aggregate is a lightweight expanded shale; exposed surfaces are sandblasted to create a stone-like finish with dark gray flecks. As protection against sun glare, windows are inset behind a double T-shaped precast sun shade of the same finish as the exterior concrete. Exposed ceiling waffles contain lights and acoustic panels. Interior partitions are movable, and can fall on any beam line of the waffle ceiling.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer, Rolf E. Muenter, project manager; structural engineers: Ketchum, Konkel, Ryan and Fleming; mechanical engineer: Harold P. Brehm



PARTIAL ELEVATION SCALE: 3/16" = 1'-0"







#### SAINT SYLVESTER CHURCH, EMINENCE, MISSOURI, 1950

**Obata:** This small church in the Ozarks was economically constructed of wood and fieldstone from the site. The roof is made of two-by-fours stacked vertically and spiked (but not glued) to create a laminated roof spanning 14 feet between the roof beams, which were hewed from tree trunks.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer; structural engineer: John P. Nix; mechanical engineer: John D. Falvey







# FEDERAL MAXIMUM SECURITY PENITENTIARY, MARION, ILLINOIS, 1963

**Obata:** All secured areas of this prison complex are made of precast, prestressed concrete panels seven feet wide. The panels, which have a core of rigid insulation, form exterior and interior walls and support the building. The precast units were pretensioned and poured in another location, shipped to the site by truck, and erected by cranes. Exterior finish is an exposed quartz aggregate.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer, J. Tom Bear, project manager; structural engineer: Eugene A. Dubin; mechanical engineer: Harold P. Brehm





#### Architectural Details: Gyo Otata



# Morley Baer

#### IBM ADVANCED SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OFFICES AND LABORATORY, LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA, 1964

**Obata:** This research center on the Pacific Coast has a wood frame and exterior walls of rough-sawn redwood board and batten. The cross-shaped units house a series of flexible 10- by 10-foot and 10by 15-foot offices for research scientists, while the related laboratories and shops are inside. The library, cafeteria, and administrative offices are located in the center of the complex. A preservative was used to finish the redwood while keeping its natural beauty intact. A five-foot-square module was used throughout.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer, William J. Harris, project manager; structural engineers: Gilbert, Forsberg, Diekman & Schmidt; mechanical engineer: Harold P. Brehm



SECTION SCALE: 3/8"=1'-0"



ELEVATION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'- 0"





#### DAVID P. WOHL MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE OF SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, 1960

**Obata:** The structure of this two-story hospital is a pan joist floor and roof system of poured concrete. Exterior concrete columns stand free around the periphery, creating a deep portico to shade the windows and create strong shadow lines. The spandrel wall is of brick masonry with a fan coil heating and cooling unit inside, covered by a wooden desk for the patient.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer, Herbert J. Koopman, project manager; structural engineers: Eason, Thompson & Associates; mechanical engineer: Harold P. Brehm

> SECTION SCALE: 1/2"=1'-0"



# LINDELL TERRACE APARTMENTS, ST. LOUIS, 1964

**Obata:** This is a poured-in-place reinforced concrete structure with a flat slab floor system. All exterior concrete is exposed to express the structure. A cast stone window sill provides a weathering device and serves as a backstop for the low fan coil units for heating and air conditioning. Ceilings of living and dining areas around the periphery of the building are of skim coat plaster; ceilings under the roof and throughout the interior core are of metal lath and plaster, suspended to accommodate mechanical equipment.

Architects: Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum, Inc.—Gyo Obata, designer, Charles Danna, project manager; structural engineer: Albert Alper; mechanical engineer: Harold P. Brehm





# SMALL BUILDINGS FOR GROUP MEDICAL PRACTICE

There is growing need for facilities where paying patients can receive, from the physician of their choice, a diversity of services backed by the diagnostic and consultation aids associated with today's medical practice. This need is generating a kind of privately sponsored, self-financed group practice in which several doctors, usually with one hospital affiliation, join in a mutually supporting endeavor—which thrives best in a building designed for its own purposes.

Consultation and examining rooms are laid out in suites for the individual doctors, sometimes varied according to specialty, and supported by common X-ray, laboratory and minor surgery spaces. Such buildings are usually near a large hospital, for the convenience of both doctors and patients. The tax advantages, the simplification of staffing and the ability to more firmly schedule doctors' free time contribute to activity in this rather special kind of small building, of which examples are shown on following pages.



Photos, top to bottom: Hospital Drive Medical Center William Guy Garwood, architect

Medical Block Clinic James E. Stageberg, architect

Westmoreland Medical-Dental Clinic Wilmsen Endicott and Unthank, architects

Dr. Harry C. Good Dental Building Hardwick and Lee, architects

Western Clinic Harris & Reed, architects



Karl H. Riek, photos



### COTTAGE -PLAN CLINICS FOR SPECIALISTS

This medical office group of three completed buildings in a projected complex of 14 is near the El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, California. Architect William Guy Garwood has developed variety and refinement of detail within the unifying dictum of shake roofs, shingles and redwood. "My selfimposed problem," he says, "was to use these housetype materials and avoid the development of a house character." The scale, nevertheless, is human if not residential and the pedestrian is the important planning element, from the close-in peripheral parking through the planted mall between buildings. Construction is slab on grade with wood framing, dry wall interiors, shingle and redwood exteriors, heavy shake roofs. The buildings are air conditioned. The three buildings now in place house suites for specialties in urology (site 9), pediatrics (site 12) and internal medicine (site 14).

There are 14 owner-doctors in the sponsoring group for this entire complex, which has a five-year construction schedule. Each doctor is the owner of his own building and is free to commission the architect of his choice. Garwood is the architect for













#### Hospital Drive Medical Center, continued

the three buildings shown and is also consulting architect for the whole project. He established the plot development concept, which was refined and executed by Peter Walker. As consultant, Garwood set standards of acceptable materials, roof lines and unifying elements, including a covered walk with flat top which will surround the site and allow for some variety of form behind it. Pergolas marking crosswalks also act as a unifying design constant.

Hospital Drive Medical Center, Mountain View, California. Architect: William Guy Garwood; site planners and landscape architects: Sasake, Walker, Lackey and Associates; structural engineers: Pregnoff and Matheu; contractors: site 9, Arthur Schirmer; site 12, Rudolph Slettin; site 14, Cal Contractors, Inc.









Phil Revoir Studio photos

### MEDICAL BLOCK WITH A DRUG STORE

The Medical Block Clinic was designed by architect James Edgar Stageberg to fit well into the outer business district of a rather small community, Red Wing, Minnesota. The special problem here, says the architect, was integration of a drug store with a medical facility while retaining a primarily professional character. Group practice suites are provided for as many as eight physicians, with common areas for minor surgery, X-ray and laboratory. There is a medical library at the third floor level.

Medical Block Clinic, Red Wing, Minnesota. Architect: James Edgar Stageberg; structural engineers: Myer and Borgman; mechanical and electrical engineer: Lew Freedland; general contractor: Bean L. Witcher









Tom Burns, Jr., photos

### MEDICAL-DENTAL GROUP WITH WOODED COURT

In this group-practice establishment for dental and medical doctors, architects Wilmsen Endicott and Unthank provide 15,000 square feet of space in two buildings connected by elevated walks which wind through a wooded court. The corner plot is about two acres in a residential zone of Eugene, Oregon. Facilities include eight medical practice suites and four dental suites. There are central X-ray, laboratory and surgical facilities. The buildings are of wood frame construction with red cedar siding, cedar shingles and Douglas fir trim. Water-to-air heat pumps provide year-'round air conditioning. A continuous crawl space provides mechanical flexibility and acts as a return air plenum. Interiors and landscaping were designed by the architects.

Westmoreland Medical Dental Clinic, Eugene, Oregon. Architects: Wilmsen Endicott and Unthank; engineers: Marquess and Marquess-Marquess and Yates; general contractors: Gale M. Roberts Company











Alexandre Georges, photos

### PLEASANT PRIVACY ON A NARROW PLOT

For a young orthodontist with a large teen-age practice, architects Hardwick and Lee designed this small (1,500 square feet) building to appear dignified and disciplined yet inviting in its narrow, wooded lot in suburban Jacksonville. The objective was to provide several small treatment rooms where young patients could have privacy and pleasant outlook during their regular visits for adjustment of dental braces. Ceilings slope up, out and away from dental chairs and project over recessed glass walls to increase apparent size and offer relaxing views of trees and sky. The building of stuccoed block is set back from a busy highway with front parking as an insulator from traffic. It received an honor award from the Florida Association of Architects.

Dr. Harry C. Good Dental Building, Jacksonville, Florida. Architects: Hardwick and Lee; contractor: Fred M. Cox, Inc.









## THREE-LEVELS ZONED FOR SERVICES

The Western Clinic was designed by architects Harris & Reed to maintain professional dignity in harmony with its residential Tacoma neighborhood. It is a three-level building on a sloping site which provides street-level access at both first and second levels. Main patient entrance and waiting rooms are at the second level, and the building is zoned for specialized areas of treatment, diagnosis and out-patient surgery. The clinic provides accommodations for a present staff of 13 doctors and 45 other employees in a group practice arrangement which includes pre-payment plan services. Structure is steel with concrete slabs. Facade is narrow two-story windows flanked by panels of marble chips embedded in white plaster. Expansion will be by addition of a fourth floor.

Western Clinic, Tacoma, Washington. Architects: Harris & Reed; landscape architects: Chaffee-Zumwalt and Associates; structural engineers: Horace J. Whitacre and Associates; mechanical engineers: Arnold N. Bogue and Associates; general contractors: Construction Engineers and Contractors



Mac Mizuki photos

# BRICK COLUMNS AND A BROAD ROOF SHELTER A GLASS-WALLED HOUSE

The bold columns, which might at first glance seem fanciful, are in fact the logical result of a design process that began with the clients' wishes for a house related closely to the outdoors—to the sun and view.



The owner of this house in Minnesota had asked architect James Stageberg to give as many rooms as possible good sunlight—and a view of a handsome stand of trees to the north. These contradictory requirements were met with a narrow, one-room-wide plan that opens all rooms to the view and lets south light into all but one bedroom.

This scheme led to a multi-level house: The drawings below show the two main levels, and there is a lower level which has 608 square feet of finished area (guest room/study and recreation room) with windows at grade on the downhill side of the house.

The enclosed living area then, is some 62 feet long and two stories high —but only 17 feet 6 inches wide; with all-glass walls on the two long sides. So, to create shade and a sense of shelter, and to give the house better proportion, the roof sweeps out six feet on both sides to rows of six 12- by 16-inch columns. The columns support the cantilevered balconies which open every above-grade room to the outdoors.

Inside, part of the 30-foot-long living room penetrates the full two-story height, and this height is dramatized by the big fireplace cylinder. The master bedroom overlooks this space, but can be closed off by a folding door.

The structure is frame with brick columns and end-walls. Window frames, balcony railings and balusters, and exterior trim are dark-stained redwood.

The finished floor area is 2,568 square feet and the approximate build-ing cost was \$50,000.











The almost-all-glass walls of the house create the close relationship with the outdoors that was the owners' first requirement. The night-time view shows the downhill (north) side of the house. The four-foot-high windows on the lowest level let these rooms share the view. The kitchen snack bar faces the view.



Dr. and Mrs. Harry Hoffman Rochester, Minnesota ARCHITECT : James Edgar Stageberg STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS : Meyer & Borgman CONTRACTOR : Weis Construction Co.

Residence for



# Architectural Engineering

#### Controversy re: Overhead Power Lines

To provide power for a \$114 million, 180 megawatt linear accelerator at Stanford University, the Atomic Energy Commission wants to build a 5.4 mile overhead power line cutting through Woodside, California, which has a local ordinance requiring underground power distribution. Woodside secured a court ruling on May 20 which said that the AEC, under its 1954 act, had to respect local ordinances regulating the transmission of electric power. Shortly thereafter the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, to amend this act, drafted bills which would give the AEC the sovereign immunity from local restrictions which other Federal agencies have.

The A.I.A., through John Dawson, the institute's director of governmental affairs, has pointed out that the intent of this legislation would run head-on into President Johnson's statements on natural beauty.

A recent statement from the Joint Committee puts the additional cost of the underground transmission facilities at around \$4 million. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company would be willing to underwrite \$1,012,000 of this, and the AEC has offered to pay \$350,000. Presumably the rest would have to come from the community of Woodside and from San Mateo County.

#### National Science Foundation Aids Laboratory Building

In the course of providing grants of approximately \$60 million toward college and university laboratory buildings in a year's time, the National Science Foundation reviews the plans of several hundred buildings. Most of these buildings are for postgraduate work, and include a number of exotic buildings, such as the circular accelerator at Cornell, which is the largest in the world.

While the intended purpose of the

examination of building plans is for recommendations to be considered internally, the architectural services staff, headed by Harold Horowitz, is prepared to give advice to architects doing college laboratories if they ask for it, even if the buildings have not been funded by NSF. The architectural services staff has compiled a bibliography of information on science facilities covering general planning, space utilization and cost studies; science building types studies, design criteria and construction details for science facilities.

#### **Design for the Handicapped**

Among the seven technical supplements in the new addition of Canada's National Building Code is a document on "Building Standards for the Handicapped." This is a guide suggesting minor modifications in building design which help to make buildings convenient for handicapped citizens. It is reported that one in every seven Canadians has a permanent physical disability or an infirmity associated with aging.

#### GSA Holds Symposium on Environmental Design

In a five-day symposium for Federal executives, held by the General Services Administration Institute June 7-11, the term "environmental design" embraced a broad group of topics ranging from anthropological factors and spatial interrelationships to building technology. Comprising the building technology section were presentations on climate control in buildings by William J. McGuinness; integration of illumination in building design by William M. C. Lam; the acoustic environment by Robert B. Newman; materials by Albert G. H. Dietz.

When asked how GSA might develop a set of rational criteria for the types of lighting employed in GSA-owned buildings, William Lam suggested a two-fold approach: first that GSA obtain advice from acknowledged authorities in lighting research

and design, and, second, that they build mock-ups of spaces with lighting which represent minimum standards. Architects of client agencies could then compare systems under consideration with a given mock-up to find out whether these systems exceed or fall below the minimum.

#### References on Architectural Acoustics

A 500-page annotated bibliography, Acoustics in Architectural Design, has been prepared by Leslie L. Doelle, an architect at McGill University. The aim of the book is to direct the architect and his consultant to a collection of books and papers that will provide both guidance and illustrative examples. Although some strictly acoustical references are included, the main emphasis is on the architectural literature. Thus the architect can discover how problems have been solved in architectural realizations.

The book has been divided into sections according to architectural function.

Acoustics in Architectural Design, (an annotated bibliography on architectural acoustics). Leslie L. Doelle, Eng., M. Arch. Bibliography No. 29, Division of Building Research, National Research Council, Ottawa, Canada. January 1965. 543 pp. mimeographed. Price \$4.00. Order No. NRC 8358.

#### **Traffic Noise**

A University of Michigan public health engineer, Jerome K. Brasch, is attempting to find a better yardstick to measure the "annoyance level" of traffic noise.

During the past 24 months, Brasch has sought new techniques for evaluating the noise of traffic and relating it to the irritation it causes those who live near it and drive through it.

Last October Brasch set up a tape recorder and calibrating devices near an expressway on the outskirts of Detroit. He recorded the road racket from dawn to dusk, and subsequently made a detailed analysis of it in his laboratory.

His results to date are highly technical findings which may help engineers cope with translating decibels into effects on humans.

In a report to the Acoustical Society of America, Brasch said that the conventional method may not give an adequate measurement of traffic noise because it shuts out the lower frequencies which contribute greatly to loudness.

He urged the acoustical specialists to give greater consideration, too, to the duration of noise. He said the human sense of annoyance derives from the amount of noise, plus the length of time it persists.

Although mainly seeking ways to analyze and express this traffic noise, Brasch said he detected, incidentally, a strange fact: The evening commuting hours with heaviest traffic volume were not the noisiest time of day. Instead, he reported, the uproar hit its peak in mid-morning. This coincided with the heaviest truck volume on the highway, and he concluded that an accurate measure of traffic noise will be closely related to the amount of truck traffic.

#### Computer Check on Hospital Plans

Whether or not hospitals seeking Hill-Burton aid meet specified architectural requirements may be checked out by computer one of these days. The computer program currently being developed by staff of the Institute for Applied Technology at the National Bureau of Standards will be evaluated mainly for economic feasibility, rather than technical.

#### **Plastics in Architecture**

Highlights of a one week course on Plastics in Architecture at M.I.T. in June included lectures assessing the weathering and aging of plastics, and the burgeoning field of plastic foams. Current testing methods as related to prediction of long range behavior were discussed. Researchers in the area of plastic foams described experimental structures of these materials for use by the Army and for potential application in low cost housing for underdeveloped countries.

The course was jointly supervised by Dr. Albert G. H. Dietz, Professor of Civil Engineering and of Architecture, and Marvin E. Goody, Associate Professor of Architecture.

#### Drawings Akin to Road Maps

Bidders on future Corps of Engineers projects may find engineering and construction drawings in two colors and on "half-size" sheets. While standard 28 by 40 in. drawings are prepared as usual, they are reduced to 14 by 20 in. to make them easier to handle. Color will be used to distinguish between highly complex mechanical and electrical systems and to show new work in relation to existing construction.

The Savannah District of the Corps started printing "half-size" drawings in the late '40's. In order to overcome psychological objections to the smaller drawings—which gave the impression of being too crowded —Savannah began experimenting with over-printing in color.

According to the Corps an invitation-to-bid package, containing 75 two-color, "half-size" drawings, costs about \$3.75 in comparison to \$2.63 for one color. Advances in offset printing, as used in printing oil company road maps, are responsible for the low cost, according to the Corps.

#### **Environmental Abstracts**

While the effect of the environment on human behavior has become one of the most significant and potentially fruitful fields of study in recent years, little has been done to gather together relevant material, or to evaluate the scope of the work that has so far been done in this field. "Environmental Abstracts"—a recently published 765-page, \$15 volume—is an attempt to rectify this situation by providing sources of basic information.

This new publication is the first in a series of book-length reports describing work accomplished by the School Environmental Research Project, an activity of the Architectural Research Laboratory at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Two other volumes are expected shortly. The S.E.R. project was established in 1959 by a grant from the Educational Facilities Laboratories with the object of determining "the effects of environment upon the learning process." The abstracts consist of condensations of some 600 documents which the project team considered "as offering particularly significant descriptions of the various relationships that link environment with human behavior."

A "first-look" study of the volume gives the impression of a very competent job. The material is organized intelligently and the purposes and scope of individual documents are clearly defined. The abstracts are not written in the traditional style, which though often informative, can be exceedingly dull and hard to digest. The reports in this volume are presented in a lively and highly readable form and include as well as the author's own conclusions, useful comments by the abstractor.

A closer look at one of the sections, that on illumination, confirms the impression that the summaries and comments have been extremely well done, but indicates that the actual selection of material may be more controversial. In the lighting section, while such well-known names as Luckiesh, Spenser, Tinker, Hopkinson, Weston are well represented, the name of Blackwell is conspicuous by its absence. His omission may be defended on the grounds that his research dealt only with the matter of illuminating requirements for a specific group of tasks and not with the total illuminated environment as such. One may wonder, however, if this is sufficient justification in view of the definite influence of Blackwell's work on illumination design.

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The precast elements in the new University of Sussex building have the board marked finish typical of in situ concrete

construction in the United Kingdom. Architect: Sir Basil Spence, R.A.; engineers: Ove Arup and Partners.

### THE APPEARANCE OF BOARD-FORMED CONCRETE

#### By J. Gilchrist Wilson, F.R.I.B.A\*

While there has been a steady improvement in the perceptive use of concrete, the improvement in the quality of concrete exposed finishes is less pronounced. In the United Kingdom the general trend in the use of exposed concrete has been towards the use of rough-board finishes, due in part to the influence of Le Corbusier. This influence can be seen in practically every country of the world, but possibly nowhere more so than in Great Britain, where it would be true to say that rough-board finishes have become the cliché of the Sixties, so much so that they are accepted as appropriate finishes for a wide variety of precast concrete elements and have resulted in the issuing of specifications bearing such

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Technological imperfections and blemishes can be clearly seen in the entrance hall and board marked soffit of the first floor of the Unite d'Habitation, Marseilles. For Corbusier, however, these are an accepted part of his personal concrete esthetic.



Variations in the color tone of the concrete fins at the base of the water tower, Caen La-Gueriniere, France, result from casting against formwork made up of boards with different degrees of absorbency, and from bleeding at joints.



In order to preserve uniformity of color, new and used boards should not be part of the same formwork. The dark concrete area at the top-left-hand corner of this photograph is probably due to the use of a panel of new formwork.

titles as "Design Notes and Specifications for Concrete from Rough-Board Formwork."

These specifications, while accepting the pattern and texture of Le Corbusier's well known works, are intended to eliminate the technological imperfections and blemishes with which his work is stamped and endeavor to replace them by a more disciplined board-marked pattern and texture, having the quality of finish typical of much of Nervi's work.

This trend in the architectural use of *in situ* concrete, and the desire on the part of some designers to obtain finishes that will be uniform in color and free from surface blemishes, has led research institutes in several countries to study the problem from a wide variety of aspects.

Work done by the Cement and Concrete Association (1), (2),  $(3)^*$ in the U.K. and a number of research institutes in other countries has established not only the cause of most of the common blemishes which affect the appearance of concrete but also the means to prevent them.

The purpose of this article is to draw attention to some of the more important factors which can have a marked affect on the appearance of in situ concrete finishes. It must, however, be appreciated that the steps necessary to produce concrete of uniform color free from surface blemishes will mean additional cost over what would be classed as normal concrete work. This can be quite appreciable, as much as \$11.20 per square yard on several structures in the U.K. The designer must therefore ask himself how much additional cost can be justified by the results. Does the weathering of the superior quality finish justify the means? Could not the same end be achieved at less cost by some finishing technique, as is already common practice in the United States and other countries?

#### Definitions

For the purpose of this article the following definitions apply:

*Hydration discoloration:* variation in shade of the surface matrix with gradual transition from light area to dark area but occasionally with definite boundary.

*Retardation:* dark surface matrix lacking in durability.

Blow-holes: small, regular or irregular individual cavities normally not bigger than about 15 mm in diameter.

Scaling: local removal of the cement matrix.

*Neat Oils:* neat oils without the addition of natural or synthetic surface-activating agents.

Mold Cream Emulsions: water-inoil emulsions where the external or continuous phase is oil.

Water-soluble Emulsions: oil-inwater emulsions where the continuous phase is water.

Barrier Paints: any coat applied to the form as surface impregnation.

#### **Color Variations**

The production of concrete of uniform color is one of the most difficult properties to achieve in practice, and its lack of attainment is the main criticism levelled against concrete by the lay public. On the other hand, many architects do not object to variations in color tone, accepting them as unavoidable and part of the general concrete esthetic.

Research has shown that, quite apart from the effect of the cement and color of the fine aggregate used in the mix, the formwork face against which the concrete is cast has an appreciable influence on the resultant color of the concrete.

As a general rule, the more absorbent the material against which the concrete is cast, the darker the tone of the concrete. The reason for this is that absorbent materials permit water to bleed from the concrete, resulting in a reduced water content at the surface. Differences in color tone brought about by a reduced water content are referred to in the U. K. as hydration discoloration.

In the same way that absorbency of the formwork face affects the resulting color tone of the concrete, similar variations result from loss of moisture from the concrete at board or panel joints.

Work done in several research institutes, and by the United States Bureau of Reclamation (4),  $(5)^*$ show also that, with all other factors constant, there is a significant reduction in the number and size of blow-holes with increasing absorbency.

Hydration discoloration can also be caused by the formwork detaching itself from the face of the concrete due either to slight shrinkage of the formwork, or of the concrete, permitting the surface of the concrete to "breathe" relative to adjacent portions still adhering to the formwork.

From the above it is obvious that any form face made up of individual boards will vary widely in absorbency, from relatively impermeable heartwood to semi-permeable sapwood. Variations will also occur across the annular growth rings. The absorbency of the face of any timber depends not only on the part of the trunk from which it is cut, but also upon the angle at which the cut is made through the sap channels.

With each re-use, timber form faces will produce concrete of a lighter color and with greater tendency for blow-holes to occur as the pores become blocked by oil and particles of cement.

The color tone of concrete cast against plywood will vary from sheet to sheet depending upon the amount of heartwood or sapwood present in the face veneers. Where constant color is important, plywood having a factory impregnated external veneer should be used.

Oil-tempered hardboards are relatively impermeable and can therefore be expected to produce concrete of uniform color. Where high quality finishes are desired they should not be re-used more than three times.

#### Influence of Formwork Design on Hydration Discoloration

As hydration discoloration occurs wherever moisture is permitted to bleed or escape from the concrete mix, it is essential to design the formwork so as to prevent excessive deflections. The following permissible deflections are suggested:

Between adjacent framing members	+1/16 in
Between adjacent ties on a framing member	+1/32 in
Over the full depth of a vertical face	$\pm 1/8$ in.
Over a 10-foot length, horizontally	$\pm 1/8$ in.

The pressure exerted by freshly placed concrete is the full equivalent hydrostatic value. In the casting of a 10-ft-high lift this can amount to a pressure of 10 lb/sq in. and it is imperative that all joints between individual boards and between panels



Hydration discoloration here is caused by loss of moisture at the board joints.



Formwork made up of low grade timber cut from various parts of the trunk or at different angles through the sap channels varies widely in absorbency and results in substantial color variation in the concrete finish.



The exterior of the Wolfson Institute, London, demonstrates a high degree of uniformity in the board marked concrete finish. In this case, color difficulties were solved by the use of white cement with a light colored fine aggregate, instead of ordinary grey cement. Architects: Lyons, Israel and Ellis.

should remain watertight under these pressures. Normal butt joints, depending for their tightness on the moisture in the timber, cannot under normal site conditions be relied upon to remain watertight, and for this reason it is advisable that foamed plastic sealing strips be used in all board or panel joints that may open to pressure of the concrete or shrinkage of the timbers.

Structural backing to formwork should always be arranged to coincide with joints between panels so as to limit movement at joints under vibration, and to reduce the risk of leakage and segregation.

#### **Release Agents**

The purpose of a release agent (mold oil) as the name implies is to facilitate the striking of the formwork and to reduce the likelihood of scaling or scabbing of the concrete surface when the formwork is removed. Kinnear (1)\* in his work on mold oils found that neat oils always induce the formation of small blowholes and water soluble emulsions always produce a dark porous skin on the concrete with a tendency to dusting. Mold cream emulsions and neat oils to which a small proportion of surfactant has been added are capable of producing concrete of uniform color and, in fact, reduce the tendency for blow-holes to form. In practice the addition of up to 2 per cent of synthetic surfactant is sufficient to provide uniform dispersion

in the oil or stability in an emulsion. Water soluble emulsions can mix with water in the concrete causing retardation of the surface and a dark surface matrix lacking in durability, and should not, therefore, be used.

For most average conditions only neat oils with up to 2 per cent synthetic surfactant added or a mold cream emulsion sold ready for use should be used if freedom from blowholes and uniform color are important. Wherever possible application of the oil or mold cream should be by spray gun at the rate of spread of about 300-400 sq ft per gallon.

#### **Concrete Mixes**

Cements of the same type vary appreciably in their color depending upon the raw materials used in their manufacture. Care must therefore be taken to make sure that the cement comes from one factory and if possible from one day's production at the factory. Likewise, sand has a marked influence on the color of the resulting concrete and, like the cement, should be obtained from the one source; should the color vary from day to day according to the working of the pit or quarry, arrangements should be made to stock pile a sufficient quantity of sand from a selected part of the pit or quarry. Extreme care must be taken with the mix proportions and particularly the quantity of water in each batch if color variations are to be avoided. Work done by Murphy (2)\* shows that, for uniform color, a mix should be rich in cement and have a high content of fine sand and the coarse aggregate should be of the largest permissible size and continuously graded. The use of an air entraining agent is also beneficial in reducing moisture movements within the concrete.

The compaction of the concrete should be by means of poker vibrators and great care must be taken to ensure by every possible means that the last 12 in. of any lift is adequately compacted to reduce the number and size of blow-holes present in the surface. To ensure even curing the formwork should be struck after three days and this period of striking maintained throughout the job. Day work joints are a feature which can spoil an otherwise good job and they should be hidden by means of a "recess" in the concrete formed by a splayed fillet attached to the face of the formwork. The use of foamed plastic sealing strips will prevent grout runs between lifts of concrete and are essential where rough-board finishes are used.

The normal control-testing arrangements should be similar to those adopted for the production of high-strength concrete because, for high-strength, variation in the mix proportions between batches must be kept at a minimum and this is also the requirement for concrete of uniform color.

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Roof structure of a branch bank for the Mellon National Bank & Trust Company in Pittsburgh employs 22 tapered vaults, supported by a ring of columns on the outside and an off-center compression-tension ring at the inside. Because of the steepness of the vaults top forms had to be used (can be seen next to sidewalk). Structural behavior is shown in sketch.



### INGENUITY IN BUILDING AN ELLIPTICAL ROOF

Foamed plastic is both form and insulation for shells. Structure copes with unusual loading.

The tapering of vaulted shells both lengthwise and crosswise for the roof of a Pittsburgh branch bank, designed by architect Harry Lefkowitz, posed an unusual forming problem. The solution involved foamed insulation applied to metal lath, shaped around a cage of pencil-rod reinforcement. The engineer for the roof structure, Richard M. Gensert, had to reckon with unbalanced radial forces on the center tension-compression ring.

The roof is elliptical-shaped, made up of a series of 22 arched, overhanging vaults integrally joined with a central compression and tension ring and supported by 22 outside columns so that the underside (the ceiling) is the same shape as the exposed roof. A glass-domed, 12-ft diameter skylight tops the ring.

Polyurethane foam was selected for two reasons: first, it has a high insulating value; second, it could serve as a form for pouring concrete. The special foam insulation will reduce heating and cooling requirements, and prevent condensation from forming.

Richard M. Gensert photos



Arched ribs of reinforcing rods supported metal lath which was given a brown coat of plaster followed by insulation.



Where vaults abutted the compression-tension ring, the lath was given a double-curvature shape similar to a fencer's mask.

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Polyurethane insulation was sprayed onto the plaster surface. It grew in thickness from approximately 1/8 in. to 11/4 in.



An integral tough skin on the top surface of the insulation allowed the placement of slab bolsters and reinforcement.

One reason for the elliptical design of the building, according to the architect, is drive-in banking convenience. The oval shape is highly practical for this service. There are three drive-in tellers. Assuming all, or even two, are busy at one time, the depositor in the second or third driveway teller positions will be able to leave the bank area without awkward shifting to move into the outer driveway position.

The basic bank structure is 22 ft high. Roof vaults add 7 ft to this, and the skylight rises another 8 ft. The elliptical-shaped structure measures 80 ft on the major axis and 70 ft on the minor axis.

The vault varies in length because of the elliptical design of the roof and the off-center location of the skylight. The shells are as long as 35 ft, including a 4 ft overhang around the periphery of the building. There, each vault is 11 ft wide and 7 ft high. This decreases gradually as the vault reaches the compression ring, where it is 11/2 ft wide and 2 ft high.

#### The Structure

Since the plan of the roof is an unsymmetrical ellipse, the radial forces acting on the tension and compression rings were not equal. This unbalance had to be taken by the entire roof deck in bending within its horizontal plane.

Vertical bending between supporting columns and the center rings was taken by the beam action of the tapered cylindrical shells. The roof deflected 1 in. when decentered; it was cambered 3 in.

Many of the columns supporting the roof were only 9-in. wide with an L/d of 30. Bending moments occuring in the 9-in. direction (weak axis) due to the deflection of the roof structure did not visibly deflect the columns or introduce deflection cracks. The contractor concreted the columns by pumping from the bottom up-eliminating pin holes from entrapped air.

In order to test the construction method, a pilot roof vault was fabricated of metal rods and lath and cement plaster which acted as the form for concrete construction. Polyurethane was sprayed over it and expanded to 30 times its volume to provide a 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in.-thick cover in 30 seconds. Conventional insulation would have required  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 in. of space. While insulation could have been placed at ceiling level, this would have destroyed the architectural concept of the roof vaulting from an interior point of view.

The special foam insulation was cured to full strength in 24 hours.
# CURVED ROOF ELEMENTS MAKE USE OF METAL LATH

#### 1. Church Roof in Byzantine Style

The six convoluted segments that make up the roof shape of the St. George Syrian Orthodox Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania, were constructed of laminated wood arches and purlins. To maintain the same configuration on the inside, the ceiling was formed of metal lath and gypsum-sand plaster.

In addition, the six curved, plastered segments are an important part of the lighting system of the main body of the church. At the base of each roof segment are wired glass





Laminated wood arch ribs and radial purlins form the main structure of St. George Syrian Orthodox church designed by architect John Michael, A.I.A. A metal lath and plaster ceiling was formed to follow the curve of the roof between the exposed arches. Roofing is shingles over plywood deck.





panels. The top of the 7 ft 8 in. wall, directly below the glass panels, consists of sand-float finish, white stucco, based on metal lath in order to follow the circular form of the foundation of the church. The ground at the foot of this wall is covered with a bed of white river stone. The vertical white panels and the bed of white river stone reflect natural light upward, through the glass panels to the curved ceiling of the church.

Mounted directly beneath each glass panel, and aimed upward and slightly toward the center of the building, are four 500 watt lamps. When natural light is insufficient, or entirely absent, these floodlights shine their rays against the curved segments of the ceiling.



Most of the light, natural and electric, enters through wired glass panels.

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Reinforcement for the 8-ft span was more than adequate.

The lath, ribs down, was rolled into the desired arch shape.



Two back-to-back angles maintain the arch of the metal lath.

A scalloped concrete canopy with elements 8 ft in span was designed and built by Professor James Marsh of Texas A & M with the use of rib metal lath and portland cement plaster. To arch the lath to the 8 ft span and the 1 ft 2 in. rise, Professor Marsh laid a 10 ft sheet of rib lath on the ground, propped up at one end and rolled an old water tank back and forth on it until the desired arch was obtained. The arched lath was then tied (ribs up) between pairs of back-to-back angles which were supported by 2 in. pipe columns. The lath was scratch coated from the bottom, and the top was poured and floated with a darby to the design shape. After curing, it



Applying brown coat of plaster to underside of the canopy.

was brown coated and finished on top with a sand finish and on the bottom with a sponged white stucco coat. (See photo, *above*.)

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# HOW TO SELECT ACOUSTICAL MATERIALS

Part 2 of an article prepared by the Acoustical Materials Association

This concludes a discussion of 14 characteristics of acoustical materials which should be considered in the design and specification of acoustical ceilings.

#### 3. Flame Resistance

The A.M.A. Bulletin currently lists flame resistance on all products with two types of specification ranges, as follows:

1. Flame resistance is listed in accordance with the Federal specification SSA-118B, the traditional type of classification for acoustical materials in the past. There are four categories:

- A. Meaning incombustible
- B. Meaning fire retardant
- C. Meaning slow burning
- D. Meaning combustible

2. The second listing classifies acoustical materials by flame spread and breaks them down into four classes, namely:

Class I—0 to 25 flame spread index Class II—26 to 75 flame spread index

Class III—76 to 200 flame spread index

Class IV—Over 200 flame spread index

Both systems are satisfactory if used properly. The alphabetical categories are more general in that the flame spread figures are more specific. Normally, the architect would specify in accordance with local code requirements which would give these values on the basis of either one of the two specifications.

A new and important type of classification is called "time rated construction." It may also be called "fire resistance" and denotes the ability of a material to contribute to the over-all resistance of an entire structure (typically a floor-ceiling structure) to the penetration of heat or fire from the side on which the acoustical material is installed to the other side. Tests for this property are made on the entire structure, including the acoustical material, and the results are stated as a time rating. In order to provide effective fire resistance, a material must necessarily be of noncombustible composition so that it remains in place, and must be attached to the main structure in such a way that cracks are not opened to allow the penetration of flame or hot gas to the supporting structure.

Time rated tests are made generally by the Underwriters' Laboratories and give structural integrity performance ratings in hours of endurance. Local codes may require 1-,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -, 2-, 3-, or even 4-hour rated construction installations. The A.M.A. Bulletin, under the individual product listings for its members in various footnotes, indicates the time ratings of various materials.

In addition to building code requirements, which preclude the use of materials not within flame resistance specifications, consideration must be given to personal safety and to fire insurance rates. Often it is advisable to specify a time-rated product even if the codes do not require it because of personal safety and insurance considerations.

# 4. Appearance of Acoustical Materials

After occupancy, the largest interior area visible to the occupants beyond the interior furnishings is the ceiling surface. It is, therefore, essential that the acoustical ceiling be in harmony with the space to be occupied, the design of the building, and the individual taste of the occupant. The Bulletin of the A.M.A. lists about 200 possible varieties of surface designs on acoustical materials. The categories can be reduced to: (1) perforated; (2) needle-point perforated; (3) textured; (4) fissured; (5) specially sculptured finishes; and (6) film facings.

A summary table in the introductory portion of the Bulletin lists various categories of acoustical materials which are available according to their surface appearances.

#### 5. Permanence and Maintenance

These are most important considerations in the specification of acoustical materials. Most acoustical ceilings can be painted, washed, and cleaned. But some pose maintenance problems of major magnitude in practice where frequent re-painting is indicated. It is better to select an acoustical product, when such painting is necessary, with large, perforated holes than to give preference to a textured, fine fissured, or smallhole perforated material. It is also more desirable to use a paint which will afford protection with a thin coat than one which will obliterate holes and damage the acoustical properties of the ceiling tile. There are also available film-faced products which do not require painting.

#### 6. Method of Installation

In its Bulletin, the A.M.A. lists the standard methods of installation, referred to as Mounting Numbers 1 through 8, and by means of drawings shows typical installation methods used in practice. In the appropriate places where the sound absorption coefficients are given, the mounting numbers are listed. There is significance from a specification point of view in this listing since sound absorption values of most materials vary with the method of mounting.

Most acoustical materials, when suspended below the roof slab, will provide higher sound absorption than if cemented to a solid surface. The reason is that the plenum space itself is absorbent and advantage is also taken of the absorptive back surface of the acoustical material.

The two most commonly used mounting methods are:

Mounting No. 1—Where the acoustical material is attached with adhesive to a solid surface.

The selection of the proper mounting method will depend on the specific job conditions. There is an obvious trend towards mechanically suspended ceilings in order to accommodate the increasing space requirements of other mechanical services such as air conditioning, lighting, and heating.

#### 7. Resistance to Moisture

In areas which are constantly subjected to high humidity, the specifications for acoustical tile should outline carefully the materials which are permissible. The individual manufacturer's literature usually gives an indication as to whether or not the material in question is resistant to moisture.

However, even products which are normally moisture resistant should be installed only after the area is glazed and the concrete, terrazzo, and plaster are dry. Installation should not take place when a building is excessively cold and damp or hot and dry.

Poured or precast concrete and gypsum or similar roof decks should be thoroughly dry and the space between such decks and suspended acoustical ceilings adequately vented to the outside. Where substantial temperature differences between the outside and inside of the building occur at any season, acoustical materials should not be secured by cementing directly to the underside of a concrete, gypsum or similar roof and deck unless adequate thermal insulation is provided on the top side of the deck.

If the building in which an installation takes place is so located that high moisture conditions exist, acoustical materials specially designed for such conditions should be chosen.

# 8. Compatibility with other Components

The architect is always faced with the problem of the compatibility of materials in a common environment. The sizes, joints, thicknesses and configurations of acoustical tile can be integrated readily with other objects on the ceiling such as diffusers, lights, sprinklers, loudspeakers, and related fixtures.

#### 9. Economy

The cost range of all the acoustical materials listed in the Bulletin varies so widely that the cheapest item versus the highest priced product has a multiplication factor of at least five.

#### 10. Light Reflectance

There is one condition which has to be watched carefully in connection with the interaction between light and acoustical materials. When light from the fixture strikes the surface at a small angle, even slight unevenness of joints between the acoustical materials may result in unsatisfactory appearance. Under these conditions, beveled materials should be used in preference to square edge materials and installed with considerable care. The same critical condition can occur when the windows are at ceiling height and project their light across the room.

There is no acoustical material made today with tolerances which can fully eliminate this danger. Sometimes shielded, diffused and recessed lights can minimize such a hazard.

The Bulletin of the A.M.A. lists light reflectance values based on tests conducted at the association's official laboratory. Average samples are selected by laboratory personnel from factory-painted material submitted for sound absorption tests. The light reflectance value which is given is for a finish designated as "white."

Summary tables listed in the Bulletin indicate light reflectance values of newly manufactured material in these ranges:

- a. .75 or more
- b. .70 to .74 inclusive
- c. .65 to .69 inclusive
- d. .60 to .64 inclusive

#### 11. Weight of Ceiling Structure

The Bulletin lists the weight of acoustical materials for sound absorption coefficients within its tables. Although there are wide variations, the average acoustical material is approximately one pound per square foot in weight. For metal pan products and asbestos board panels, only the weight of the sound absorbing element—the pad or blanket—is given.

The major purpose of such a listing is to define further the exact material tested. Density of certain types of material has a direct influence on its absorption and sound attenuation characteristics.

#### 12. Accessibility

Access of acoustical tile ceilings has become an important specification factor with the increased emphasis of mechanical services in buildings and a current trend toward mechanically suspended ceilings which hide mechanical installations.

#### 13. Size of Acoustical Material

Acoustical material size specified should be based on the available standard sizes offered by the manufacturers. Whenever a special size has to be made to satisfy a special module, the cost will probably go up.

#### 14. Thickness

Each type of acoustical material has its optimum efficiency from the point of view of sound absorption and sound attentuation at the standard thicknesses offered by the manufacturers. Most standard ceiling tile and ceiling board products are in  $\frac{1}{2}$  in.,  $\frac{5}{8}$  in., and  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. thicknesses. There are other standard and specialized products up to 3 in. or more.

The A.M.A. Bulletin lists the thickness of the material for which the characteristics have been tested. To specify a thickness which is not standard with a manufacturer would be both costly and in many cases impossible to obtain.

Reference to the tables of absorption coefficients of acoustical products shows that there is an average increase of about 0.10 in Noise Reduction Coefficient as the thickness of materials directly mounted to a solid backing (No. 1 Mounting) is increased from  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. to  $\frac{3}{4}$  in., with a similar increase as the thickness is raised to 1 in. This represents the practical range of thicknesses for most acoustical materials.

In considering these 14 performance specification factors, it can be seen that the proper selection of an acoustical material entails a great number of technical matters, some of which are essential for the proper acoustical and architectural environment desired and some of which may be compromised to a certain degree to satisfy more important objectives.

The Bulletin of the Acoustical Materials Association, which is revised and issued annually, is available without charge to any architect from the association's offices at 335 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017

**Product** Reports

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### NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ELECTRICAL FIELD

1. A new line of sealed-beam PAR and reflector-type R bulbs, which utilize *Quartzline* lamps as sources, have been introduced by General Electric for floodlighting, spotlighting and general lighting requirements. The new lamps, which range in size from 250 to 1500 watts, are said to compare very favorably with existing conventional lines, giving longer life, greater maintenance of light output through life, higher efficiency and lower over-all cost. General Electric Company, Large Lamp Department, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio

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*tron*, ranges in capacity from 2 to 10 tons and features an improved compressor motor with special windings able to withstand the extreme stresses of heat pump operation. Rigorous laboratory tests in severe pressure, atmospheric and corrosive conditions show a very high degree of reliability. General Electric Air Conditioning Department, Louisville, Ky.

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#### SCHOOL AIR CONDITIONING

Herman Nelson's unit ventilators as used in a number of different schools are illustrated in this extremely wellproduced and informative brochure. Plans and drawings of the schools show variations in design and placing of the units to achieve maximum efficiency in different situations. Herman Nelson School Products Department, American Air Filter Company, Inc., Louisville, Ky.

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#### **ROOM AIR CONDITIONING**

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#### ARCHITECTURAL SEALANT CATALOG

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CELLULAR GLASS INSULATION Complete specifications for the use of Foamglas cellular glass insulation in low temperature space construction are given in a 24-page brochure. Detail drawings, charts and photographs cover all phases of cold storage construction from walls, floors and ceilings to door bucks and finishes. A special section describes the company's "black box" method of cold storage construction and gives details of total envelope construction. Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa.\*

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#### LOUNGE CHAIR HAS WALNUT FRAME

Ray Zimmerman designed this lounge chair as a development from his already well-known No. 7222 arm chair. The new chair, No. 6133, features a walnut frame with slat back and slender arms. The buttoned seat and back cushions are of poly-dacron, with zippered covers. Dux Inc., San Francisco, Calif.

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**FORD PAVILION:** Ford Motor Company's showplace is the largest of the Fair's 200 structures. The 235-ft. diameter glass-enclosed circular pavilion is surrounded by 64 curved steel pylons that soar over 100 ft. high. Designed and Engineered by: Welton Becket and Associates. Structural Engineer: Richard Bradshaw.





## extravaganza of new engineering concepts

"Civilian" visitors to the New York World's Fair are finding plenty to pop their eyes, but studying the buildings themselves is a field day for engineers. Among the most spectacular structural feats is the stainless steel Unisphere, with its axis tilted 23½° from the vertical. To achieve the open sculpture look, its design was so complicated that a large electronic computer was required for the solution of matrices with more than 600 unknowns to determine the structural strength needed. Among other points of design interest are cantilevered buildings, a structure made of steel-framed prisms, and one of the world's largest cable-suspended roofs.

Unsurprisingly, most of the spectacular World's Fair buildings—three-fourths of them—are framed with steel, some 250,000 tons of it. Most architects chose steel because of its esthetic versatility, and because it can be erected quickly. Since all the new structures except the Unisphere and the Heliport will be removed after the Fair, inexpensive dismantling was also an important consideration. Steel members can be re-used, or sold for scrap at good prices. Steel structures can even be torn down and reassembled elsewhere as some of these may be.

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**HELIPORT:** One of the Fair's permanent structures, the 160 x 210-ft. platform, is 120 ft. above ground supported by four legs placed at midpoints of the sides of the rectangle, instead of at corners like table legs. A huge elliptical steel box girder connects the tops of the towers and supports the restaurant and "table top" heliport. To insure proper fit, the ring girder was preassembled at the Ambridge, Pa., plant of American Bridge, then dismantled and shipped in large units. Designed and Engineered by: Port of New York Authority.





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The new *Baedecker* fabric collection recently introduced by Jack Larsen includes *Waterlilies*, a cotton velvet fabric in which this chair is upholstered. The design is a free interpretation of Monet, printed on the fabric



by a new printing method. Shades of green, gold and red are available. Jack Lenor Larsen, Inc., New York, N.Y.

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#### VERSATILE FLOOD LIGHTING

A complete line of compact, iodinequartz flood lights for indoor and outdoor applications, featuring six different mounting styles and a series of decorative color filters, has recently been introduced. Called the Sun Flood Caribbean line, the new fixtures are designed for a wide variety of applications ranging from home use to specialized commercial and industrial installations. The six models in the line all have a common basic fixture head equipped with a 120-volt, 250 watt, single-ended iodine quartz lamp. Sylvania Lighting Equipment Operation, Wheeling, W. Va.

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The new Model 234 gas-fired hydronic boiler for all types of residential hot water heating systems is available in three different types for baseboard radiation, radiant panel and convection radiation. The new series consists of Model 234-GW for conversion of a gravity circulation system from coal- or oil-fired equipment; Model 234-PW for the most modern forced circulation hydronic heating system; and Model 234-CW which has a built-in, tankless water heater coil to provide ample capacity for normal residential uses. All models in the line have new, controlled flame steel burners for natural, mixed, manufactured or propane gas. Bryant Manufacturing Company, Indianapolis, Ind.

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#### METAL MESH AND GRATING

Stainless or carbon steel and aluminum gratings designed for residential, industrial and architectural applications are fully described in a new 26-page catalog. Four patterns of mesh are illustrated, and specifications for mesh and grating are included. Alabama Metal Industries Corporation, Birmingham, Ala.

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#### DESIGN KIT FOR EPOXY FLOORING

A seamless epoxy floor compound, said to be especially resistant to spike heel damage, is now available to the designer in kit form. The kit contains a dozen samples of colored polyester chips, ten base colors and transparent topping epoxies, and the necessary hardeners. The floor itself will duplicate the proportions of the sample selected by architect or designer. The Flex-Coat "design-afloor" kits may be used without charge through any company representative. Flex-Coat Corporation, Paramount, Cal.

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Two catalogs (AIA 4-E-9 and 11) are now available for this range of aluminum and bronze fittings. Included in the two-color brochures are drawings and dimensions of joint covers, expansion assemblies, floor angles, and frames for grates, trench, and manhole covers. Specifications and installation details are given. Architectural Art Manufacturing, Inc., Wichita, Kan.

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#### STEEL SHELVES FOR WALK-IN COOLING UNITS

A four-page fact sheet, describes adjustable modular shelving for use in walk-in refrigerators. The folder suggests various shelf layouts for walkin freezers and coolers. Specifications and dimensions for all units are given, and a price list for shelves and accessories is included. *Bally Case and Cooler, Inc. Bally, Penn.*\*

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This manufacturer of builders' hardware has available a new addition to its #95 catalog, a 20-page booklet (AIA 27B) describeing sets designed for folding and bypassing doors. Illustrated in two colors, the brochure gives specifications and installation details for 15 different sets. A price list will be included with the catalog. *McKinney Sales Company, Scranton, Pa.* 

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In a new brochure from the Industrial Division, American-Standard describes its American Blower line of industrial fans. The 34-page book discusses facilities for the customdesign of special units, and pictures actual installations of gas recirculating, forced-draft, and supply and exhaust fans. Basic specifications of each type are included, and the brochure contains a list of sales offices. Bulletin 116-1-24, American-Standard Industrial Division, Detroit, Mich.\*

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Four series of copper-bronze lighting fixtures for outdoor use are shown in this four-color, eight-page booklet. Pictured are pathway, spread and up-lights, and a unit designed to be hung from a tree. Dimensions, finish characteristics and installation information are included for the "Emerald" fixtures. Shalda Lighting Products Co., Burbank, Cal.

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Heavy-duty lavatory fittings and sink faucets, designed for use in hospitals, schools and other institutions, are illustrated in a two-color folder. Eleven models are shown, and complete specifications are included for the company's fixtures in this range. T & S Brass and Bronze Works, Inc., Westbury, L.I., N.Y.

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The Syosset, N.Y., consulting engineering firm of Lockwood, Kessler & Bartlett, Inc. announce the opening of an office on Kendall Square in Boston.

William Wilde, Tucson, Ariz., has opened a branch office for the practice of architecture, space planning and industrial design, Arizona Title Building, First Ave. & Monroe, Phoenix, Ariz. 85003.

#### New Firms, Firm Changes-

Gridley Barrows has become a senior associate in the firm of Alonzo J. Harriman Associates, Inc., architects and engineers, Auburn, Me.

Istvan Botond, A.I.A., has opened an office for the practice of architecture and urban design at 2152 Wyoming Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 2008.

S. W. Brown & Associates, consulting engineers in New York City, have succeeded to the practice of Brown & Pomerantz.

**Robert J. Drayton**, architect, has opened an architectural office at 101 N. Main St., Crystal Lake, Ill.

Morris Ketchum, Jr. and Associates, New York City, has named John D. Evans, A.I.A., an associate of the firm.

The firm of **Ranger Farrell and** Associates, acoustical consultants, has been formed with offices at 150 Riverview Ave., Tarrytown, N.Y.

Albert H. Fiedler, A.I.A., has joined the staff of Giffels & Rossetti, Inc., architects and engineers of Detroit, as architectural consultant medical facilities.

The Office of Max O. Urbahn, architects in New York City, has announced that Joseph Fuller, A.I.A., has entered the firm as an associate.

The new firm of Win Hoffman, Architect and Associate has opened offices at 80 Fifth Ave., New York City 10011.

Karl Kaufman, A.I.A., has been continued on page 240 At Concourse Village in the Bronx, Turnbull elevators will provide "street-level" convenience for the 5200 apartments in the six 25-story units of the village. 18 high-speed gearless passenger elevators give individual, nowaiting passenger service to all floors. For high rise apartment comfort, or efficient skyscraper office service, Turnbull engineering meets any passenger traffic requirement.

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Four sets of unusual gates like these frame the entrances to the Shrine Room of the William Penn Memorial Museum in Harrisburg—another new building featuring custom-matched architectural metalwork by Michaels throughout. The gates are constructed of extruded aluminum, satin anodized. The figurines, fastened to the gates, are cast bronze. They were designed and sculptured by Charles Rudy, depicting historical Pennsylvania personages. The Michaels custom aluminum and bronze fabrications include extensive curved curtain walls, lines of heavy-duty doors in aluminum-framed glass walls and partitions, fascias, grilles, convectors, numerous ornamental castings, and even the bronze Shrine Room exhibit cases. Michaels' broad experience and skills in custom bronze, aluminum, and stainless steel work assure

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Eggers and Higgins, Architects, New York City, has appointed four new associates: Frank W. Munzer, Robert H. Welz, Joseph A. Capano and Peter G. Moore.

Sam Reisbord and Jerrold M. Caris announce a partnership for the practice of architecture with offices at 1551 S. Robertson Blvd., Los Angeles.

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Augie W. Saxe has been made a general partner in the firm to be known as Jenkins, Hoff, Oberg, Saxe, Architects, Houston.

Smith, Hinchman and Grylls Associates, Inc., Detroit architectural, engineering and planning firm, has named John V. Sheoris, A.I.A., design director for medical facilities.

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**1.** Entrance Area, upper left, Pennfield Jr. High School, Hatfield, Pa. Feature wall: 1%" Tile Gems® with mural in assorted glazed colors. Architect: Howell Lewis Shay & Assoc. Tile Contr.: E. Roman & Son. Plate 537.

**3. Freedoms Foundation**, lower left, at Valley Forge, Pa. Floor is subtly shaded Murray Ember Flash quarry tile. Architect: Howell Lewis Shay & Assoc. Tile Contr.: Italian Marble Mosaic Co. Plate 516.

**4.** Entrance lobby, upper right, of Dulaney High School, Towson, Md., has colorful abstract ceramic mosaic design. Architect: Henry Powell Hopkins & Assoc. Tile Contr.: Atlas Tile & Terrazzo, Inc. Plate 539.

**5.** Entrance, in E. B. Erwin High School, Birmingham, Ala. Color and design interest is given to walls by using contrasting stripes of tile against a background of scored tile SD-5 in 370 Cr. Mocha. Architect: Davis, Speake & Thrasher. Tile Contr.: Wilson & Daniels Tile Co., Inc. Plate 536.

**6.** Lobby, lower right, James M. Bennett Jr. High School, Salisbury, Md. Mondrian-type mural is 1%" Tile Gems. Architect: Booth & Somers. Tile Contr.: The Ba-Mor Co. Inc. Plate 512.

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The interior dimensions of a typical office floor will be 120 feet by 150 feet. The core for the elevators and utilities will be in the center, and will comprise less than 20 per cent of the area.

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Mr. Urbahn's plan calls for six 54story apartment buildings containing 3,000 units to be built over twostory industrial buildings already proposed for the site by the Housing and Redevelopment Board of New York City. The roofs of the industrial complex would be the parking decks



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and utility areas for the housing units. A second deck, for recreational and community use, would be built over the part of the parking area directly adjacent to the housing units.

The total project would be divided into four superblocks, with two apartment structures each on two of the superblocks, and one each on the other blocks. The superblocks would be connected by overpasses to create an interrelated project.

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**PRETENSIONING.** High tensile steel strands are stretched between abutments. Concrete is then placed into forms which encase the strands. As the concrete sets, it bonds to the tensioned steel. When the concrete reaches a specified strength the tensioned strands are released. This *prestresses* the concrete, putting it under compression and creating a built-in resistance to loads which produce tensile stresses. Pretensioned prestressed concrete is manufactured in the plant, resulting in completely finished, prefabricated members ready for delivery to the job site.

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