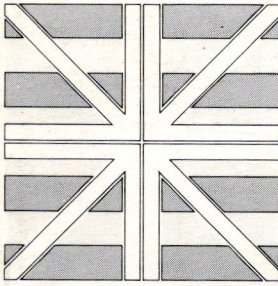


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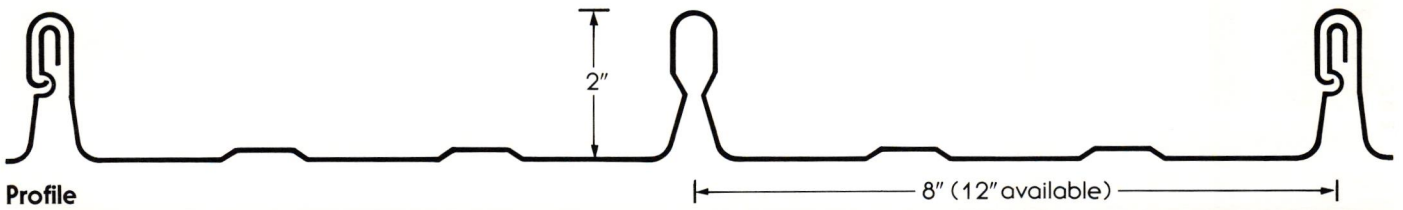


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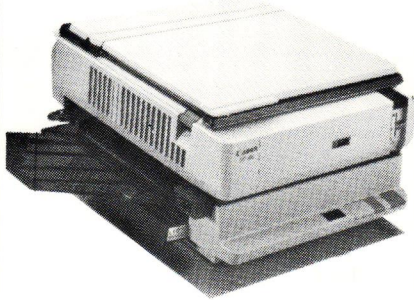
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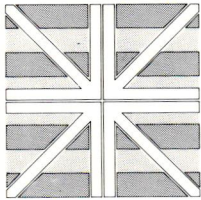
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Honolulu Urban Design Form

by Lewis Ingleson
President, Hawaii Society/AIA

We often hear it said that Honolulu appears as a hodge-podge of buildings with no urban design form or direction and that "it's too late, the damage has been done."

I don't believe that all is lost for the future design of our city. Many opportunities still remain, but recognizing and implementing them takes some effort.

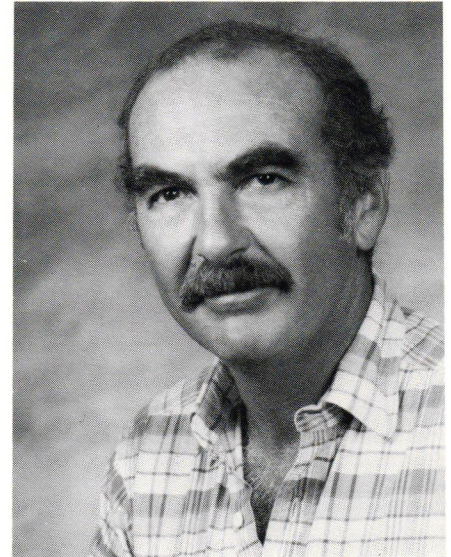
For me, one of the most beautiful urban areas of our city is the Civic Center. Here stands a collection of fine buildings: some very old, like the Mission Houses, Kawaiahao Church, and Iolani Palace; some quite new, like the State Capitol and the Municipal Office Building, all in a lovely park-like setting. Broad lawns, fine mature trees, major art works, and the absence of visible automobile parking make this one of the finest government centers anywhere.

And we see extensions of this great park beginning to reach out into other areas of the city, particularly mauka from the Capitol toward Punchbowl and makai, along Mililani St. toward the harbor.

Opportunities for future extensions are yet to be realized. Thomas Square, the cultural center of Honolulu, with its Academy of Arts and Neal Blaisdell Center, could be linked to the Civic Center by creation of a beautifully landscaped mall along Hotel St.

The removal of bus lines to Beretania St. and the creation of a mall on Hotel St., Ewa of the Civic Center, would provide a further extension into the Central Business District, Chinatown, and ultimately Aala Park.

We have made a meaningful beginning in the Civic Center Park, and to those responsible we owe our gratitude. Extending this park into other areas of the city can result in a beautiful network of parks and malls, which will, in turn, pro-



vide our city with the framework for that urban design and form sorely needed.

What I propose need not be costly. However, it will require vision and leadership on the part of our public policy decision-makers and the dedication on the part of all our citizens to make Honolulu a truly beautiful city. HA

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