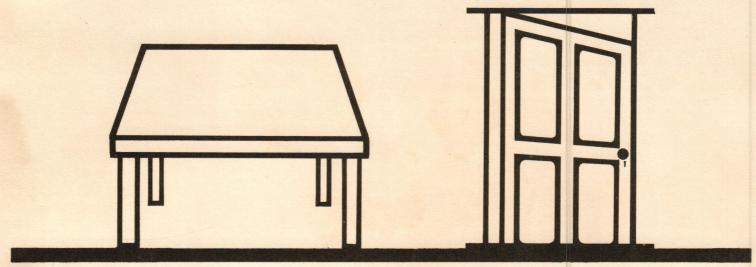
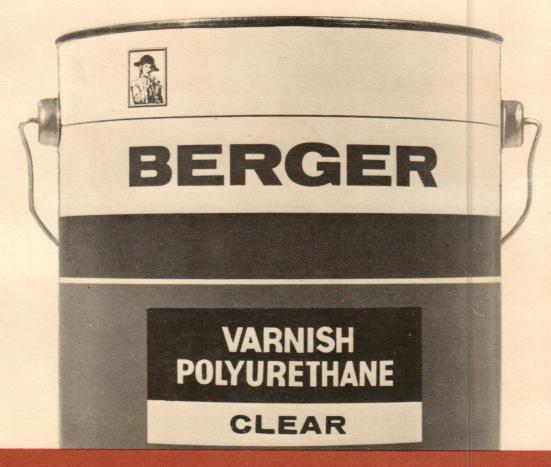
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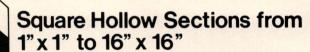
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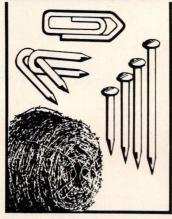
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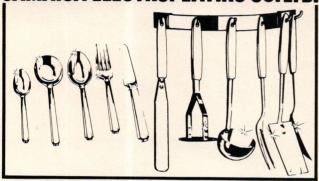
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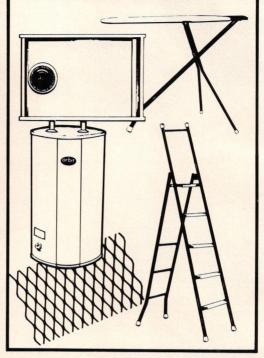
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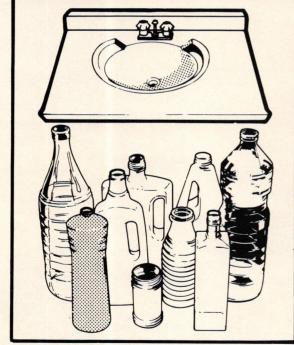
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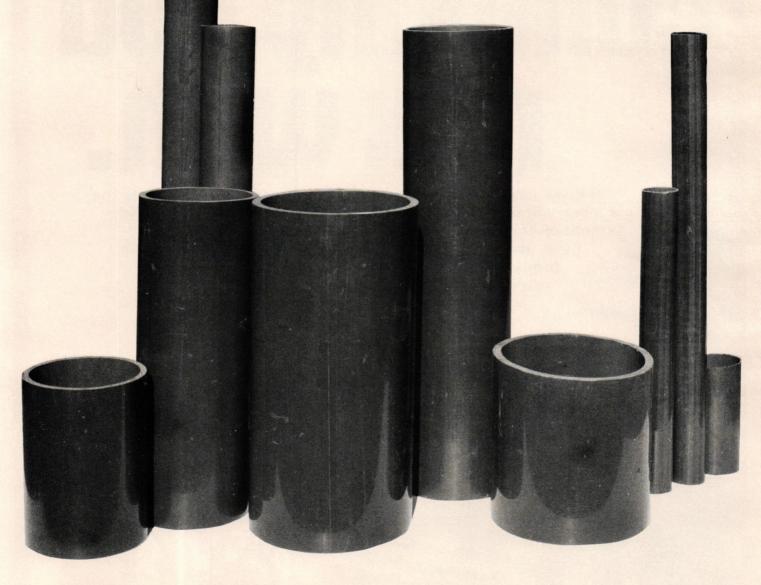
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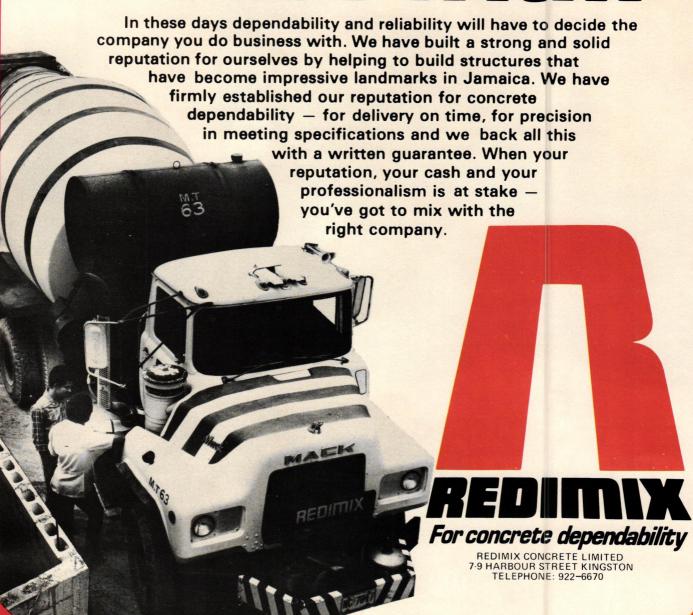
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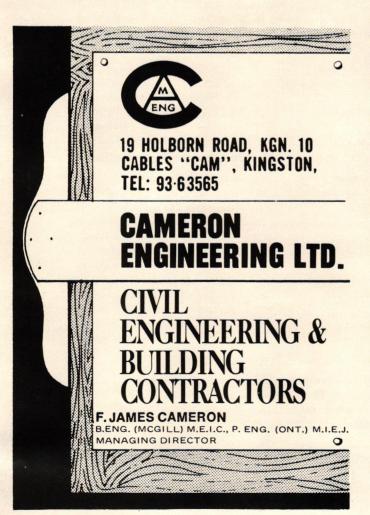
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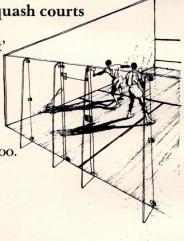
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BY ARCHITECT R. A. RICHARDS, B.Sc., B.Arch., M.J.S.A. Chairman of the Magazine Committee of the Jamaican Society of Architects & Guest Editor.

In this issue of the Jamaica Architect, we present the works of architecture that were adjudged by our accessors to be the most outstanding of those submitted for the Governor General's Award for Architecture in 1975. The competition was divided into six categories. These were:

Residential A [Town Houses]
Residential B [Single family dwellings]
Remodelling
Public and Institutional
Resorts
Commercial and Industrial

The competition, which attracted 49 entries, is a biennial affair. It provides an opportunity to honour members of the Jamaican Society of Architects for outstanding work, to assess their contribution to the development or underdevelopment of the society and to have their buildings viewed and appraised by the general public.

Architecture is perhaps the most dynamic and enduring form of art expression known to man. The monuments of man created out of stone, brick and in modern times, iron, steel, glass and concrete, have withstood plundering, genocide, bombs, the rigours of harsh weather and terrestrial disturbances.

Architecture is also a chronological documentation of the development of man and his environment. It is important, therefore, that we pause to examine our contemporary architecture, the history which we are recording and the inadequacies thereof.

In some quarters, it is believed that the artist merely records and reflects the vibrations of the society in his works. If the society is violent one, then the theatre, films, music and even the dance portrays this violence. In architecture, violence is not as easily portrayed as it is in other arts, but architecture is capable of capturing, precisely, and concisely, related illnesses of the society, such as indiscipline, disorder, fear, neglect, disregard for rules and regulations, dishonesty, poor wealth distribution, exploitation, distorted priorities and political bungling.

The movie maker contends that if his film is a composition of violence, it is not because he wishes to bombard the society with violence, but merely because the society is violent. His film is therefore only a mirrored image of the society. The question is, should the architect, or can the architect resolve his architecture with the 'movie makers compromise'? Movies, once shown, are shelved but a building stands as a concrete monument, attesting to the level of decision-making that brought about its existence. We have created some worth while solutions out of the chaos and disorder which now exists. For the most part, however, we have failed to maintain a grip on the areas and on the process of decision making which are relevant to the profession and hence to the society.

We have built town houses which look like and function as prisons. Our assessors remarked in their commentary that "... One of the apartment house schemes probably reflects the social alienation of the building's occupants — it was like a fortress". Our 'modern' concept of design and planning have completely negated the existence and use of the street. Streets are the arteries of any dynamic city, through which the life blood of the city flows. It is in the streets that people meet, interact and linger. Streets are also used as playgrounds by children. The street is the common territory for all the people of the city. Our town house





Top: The Honourable Florizel Glasspole, Governor General of Jamaica presenting the Governor Generals Award for Architecture 1975 to the Design Collaborative partners. Left to right, Architect Pat Stanigar, Architect David Twiss, Architect Stephen Mendes and Architect Evan Williams.

Below: The Assessors, Architect Ruskin Punch [second from right] and Architect Antonio Miro Montilla [extreme right] being presented to the Honourable Florizel Glasspole, Governor General of Jamaica [left] by Architect Herbert W. Robinson, President of the Jamaican Society of Architects [second from left].

concepts have 'turned in' on themselves. The streets have become desolate pathways, unlit by the light of houses and the sound of voices. Is it little wonder, then, that the prowlers of the night find the streets to be the perfect hunting ground for ensnaring the lonely traveller?

Architects often abdicate their responsibility to the people by allowing themselves to succumb to the pressures of the "big spender"!. Clients take advantage of their ability to spend ... by dictating their own concepts of design and planning. The architect therefore is employed solely in the capacity of a technician to produce a set of working drawings. In other instances, some clients even have the effrontery to revise the architects' design without seeking the advice, knowledge or consent of the architect. We have become unconcerned with the total environment, focusing our attention only on the lot on which we are putting a building.

The Jamaican architect must now use his training and expertise to become a determined force in the society with the hope of developing a dynamic and ordered environment. He or she should refuse to take commissions which he knows will be detrimental to the proper development of the city. Although he may be retained by the government or by the wealthy sector, his ultimate responsibility is to the people because it is they who work and live in his structures and who pay for the architects services in the final analysis.

The Governor General's Award for Architecture, 1975, was

won by the McIntyre Lands project. The development is a low-income Government-commissioned community, located in a 'depressed' area of Central Kingston.

The architects for the project are a relatively new and young group called Design Collaborative. The partners are Evan Williams, Patrick Stanigar, Peter Mendes and David Twiss. It is a remarkable achievement for this young group of architects, as the project was the very first assignment they received. It was, in fact, the challenge of this very project that brought them together as they were all previously employed by other architectural firms.

The Award also has great significance, as it clearly indicates that proper design and beauty can be incorporated into architecture for the poor, at reasonable costs. The Award also suggests that a new level of awareness and consciousness is on the horizon, which hopefully will address itself toward curing the ills and disparities of the Jamaican society. The JAMAICA ARCHITECT magazine applauds the decision of the assessors!

### About Assessors

For this Governor General's Award competition, the Jamaican Society of Architects requested the services of two experienced and knowledgeable architects from the Caribbean area to be our assessors. We had the honour of obtaining the services of Professor Antonio Miro-Montilla, Dean of the School of Architecture, of the University of Puerto Rico and Architect Ruskin Punch, an emminent Trinidad and Tobago architect. It was thought that a Caribbean architect would be more cognizant with the problems of designing in tropical environment and also the fact that the development of the various territories in the Caribbean basin was not too dissimilar. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our assessors for the tremendous amount of work done in such a short period of time and that the Jamaican Society of Architects is very pleased with the fair and unbiased manner in which they assessed the works presented.



Arch. Ruskin Punch Dip. Arch., A.R.I.B.A., M.T.T.A.A.

Architect Ruskin Punch is a citizen of Trinidad and Tobago. He attended the Architectural Association School of Architecture, London, England, and obtained the Architectural Association Diploma. He did a one-year stint at the University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. He returned to the Architectural Association in London and obtained a certificate in Tropical studies in 1966. Arch. Punch has been the winner of scholarship awards from the Government of Trinidad & Tobago and the University of Science & Technology, Ghana. He is now a partner in the successful partnership of Anthony C. Lewis, Port of Spain, Trinidad. He has other architectural experiences from the Ministry of Works, Trinidad, and from Gringling & Crisp, Architects and Planners, London, England. Prior to studying architecture, he was a design draughtsman in Trinidad & Tobago. Arch. Punch has written papers on Housing, Tour-ism, Professional Practice and Architectural Education, published in the Journal of the Trinidad & Tobago Society of Architects. He is a member and past president of the Trinidad & Tobago Society of Architects and an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects.



Arch. School of Architecture, Puerto Rico.

Architect Miro-Montillo is a citizen of San Juan, Puerto Rico. He gained his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana U.S.A., in 1961. He is currently the Dean of the School of Architecture, University of Puerto Rico. Architect Montilla has a wide range of experience which includes being the Executive Director, Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority; an Associate of Amaral & Morales - Architects and the Architect for the Puerto Rico Urban Renewal and Housing Corporation. He has also served on several advisory committees, such as the San Juan Public Building Authority, the New San Juan Centre Citizens Committee, the Committee for the Construction of schools by Antonio Miro-Montilla private industry, a jury member for the Com-Dean, petition for the Design of the Ponce Regional College of the University of Puerto Rico, and many more. His publications include an essay titled, 'A Rapidly Developing Society Meets Its Public Building Needs', published in Invest-ment Dealers Digest, December, 1970. He is the recipient of many awards for excellence in architecture, such as the second prize in the International Competition, Formica Design, for the New York World's Fair in 1964-65. He is an honourary member of the architectural societies of Mexico, Brasil and Bolivia, and a full member of the Puerto Rico Institute of Architects, the American Institute of Architects [Puerto Rico chapter] and the Pan American Federation of Architects Associa-

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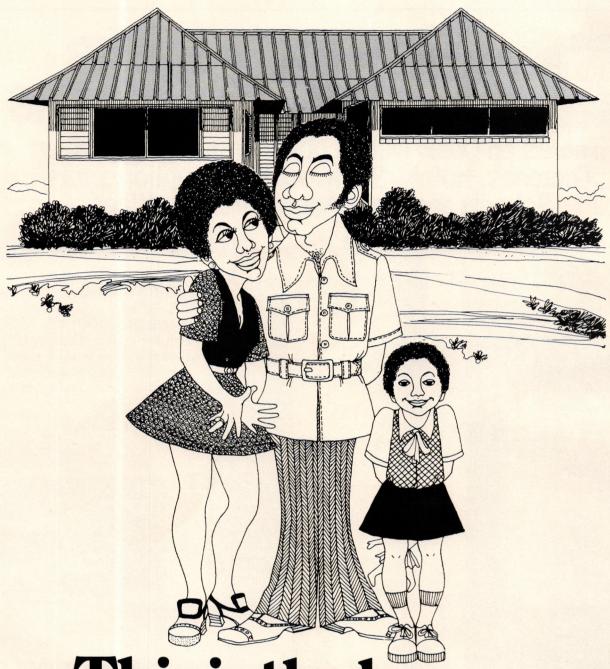
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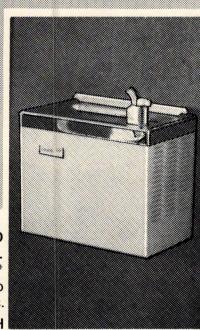
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### An Interview with Architect BERT ROBINSON

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Herbert 'Bert' Robinson is the current President of the Jamaican Society of Architects. Bert studied architecture at the University of McGill, Montreal, Canada after which he returned to Jamaica and was employed by Alcan. Bert is among the first six Jamaicans to hold a professional degree in architecture. After his stint with Alcan, which, according to Bert, did not satisfy his creative urge, he joined the firm of McMorris and Sibley which then became McMorris Sibley Robinson. Since that time it has been the largest architectural practice in the English speaking Caribbean. The interview that follows represents the essence of his thinking on the subject of architecture.

Int.: "Mr. Robinson, let me first ask you, are you pleased with the G.G. Award Programme which your Society has just satisfactorily completed?"

H.R.: "Was it satisfactorily completed? My Society and I would like to think so but on reflection, the number of shortcomings which such a week revealed gives rise to many disturbing things — it sets us a lot of problems to consider and possibly targets to aim at."

Int.: "What sort of shortcomings?"

H.R.: "You may not view them as shortcomings, but in fact, they are — I suppose — shortcomings of the Jamaican society at large, the populace. For example, our aim on this G.G. wcek basically combined honouring our workers for outstanding work, as well as communicating with the public. The first part, which is inter-membership — so to speak — was successful ... the awards were made; but the second part — reaching the public, fell short of our aims."

Int.:"Why was that? Your Society seems to have done a good P.R. job."

H.R.. "We did our best, but what I mean is this, we realise that the best way to reach the people is by Radio and TV. Radio Programmes we managed to have, but failed to get on to any TV Programmes, such as Focus."

Int.: "Why would it be necessary to be on Focus?"

H.R.: "The radio programmes — if you had listened to any — would have shown up what I mean. The interviewers themselves, from the nature of the questions asked — in good faith and interest, mind you — showed that they, themselves, knew and understood little about what Architecture is about, what the role of the Architect really is; and these interviewers are among the better informed!"

Int: "I think this lack of understanding by the public is clearly the fault of the Architects, who do not take an active interest — who do not participate in community affairs and who tend to regard themselves as of the elite."

H.R.: "Rubbish! We are absolutely practical people and our failing is that we are too

modest and do not go around shouting our names from the proverbial roof tops. The fact is, we are anxious to give a public report — at any time — to have public forums — to inform and educate the public as to our function. We sit quietly in our offices, move about on sites, and try to do 'good' jobs. Now, don't misunderstand — our Clients understand our function and use our services, so we are happily gainfully employed; but this relationship is naturally with a very small sector of our society. We want to reach the masses. We want, and are anxious to have the total population understand and therefore want our services. Radio and TV exposure is the easiest route to the people."

Int.: "Already people think your fees are excessive, but still you wish to reach more people. You ...

H.R.: "I am glad you brought up the subject of fees. I am not going to deal with the matter right now, but I am certainly going to get back to this point before we finish our little chat. For the moment, let me say that our fees are fees and not profit as many seem to think; therefore, for any good fee, the Architect may well lose money on a job. But back to the point of services - and this is the point we are trying to get understood. Because of our training, interest and experience we are useful to a wide ranging number of groups - for example, School Boards and Statutory Bodies. Our members are willing and anxious to serve Jamaica in this way. We are not specifically referring to remunerative services. The Architect's role in the community should be a dominant one because, we have, not only an interest in public affairs, but also the training and exposure essential to serving properly in these areas.'

Int.: "I understand your point — it was only during our recent chat concerning the setting up of this interview that your explanation gave me some real in-sight as to what your work entails. If you agree now, I would like to get back on track and discuss what I really came to talk about."

H.R.: "Yes, let's get to the main point."

Int.: "The G.G. Programme again brings your work into focus. What we see appears to us, the untrained but interested, to be the sort of work done in North America and Europe."

H.R.: "Before starting the reply, I am warning you that what I am about to say will be by Bert Robinson and not by Herbert W. Robinson, the JSA President, you understand. I, myself, may be unable to differentiate between them. Our work tends towards an international style."

Int.: "Is this because you have all been trained abroad?"

**H.R.**: "That fact, of course, is basic to the result, but modern technology — a major influence on the work of the Architect — now

transcends national barriers. A lot of our work is a development rather than a creation. It's like doing Arithmetic. One accepts the fact that 2 + 2 = 4. We don't start doing sums by just studying the theory of numbers."

Int.: "True, but we had a Jamaican Architecture which we all became accustomed to — why ignore it?"

H.R.: "You are, of course, referring to what is called the Great House Architecture. No one has ignored it — least of all Architects. But right away, that categorizes things. You clearly now refer to houses. So let's talk houses. First, we must understand that, not because things have been Great Houses, or otherwise called Georgian Houses, are they or ever were they good Architecture. In fact, a lot of that stuff is lousy, ugly stuff. Chances are, they were never designed in the first instance but just grew. Architects, I am sure, had very little to do with them, or if they did, then they were darned awful Architects!"

Int.: "Lack of beauty offends you. Would you call yourself an aestheticist as well?"

H.R.: "Of course, I am. This is one of the main things that Architects are specially trained to achieve."

Int.: "Then Architects must be artists as well?"

H.R.: "Of course, we are. The thing must work but must also look good."

Int.: "No wonder you people — you Architects don't like to do low cost housing."

H.R.: "Hold on — I would guess that all low cost housing schemes in Jamaica have been designed by Architects — certainly all schemes in the past 15 years for low-income or no-income families. In fact, I am very interested in low cost or lower cost housing. We all are — and not only because it's all very virtuous! In fact, I am doing one right now.

Int.: "How do you, as an Architect reconcile that?"

H.R.: "I am practical as well. I recognise the economic constraints and like all of our group, do the best aesthetically that can be managed. Let's face it, regardless of what the heck we want to talk about — you know, introducing full art and such stuff into the building — is a lot of bull. The results are, regrettably, very much anti-architectural. But we try ... you don't look convinced ..."

Int.: "I am certainly not - like every one else, you have double standards."

H.R.: "Low Cost Housing is bare bones housing. So as far as the units go, there's not much to them. Some of them are inhumane concrete jungles. The way these things are shoved together is done to achieve the density requirements necessary to bring the overall costs down as low as possible. The results — Trench Town for example, is one heck of a place fit for exactly what happens there. But that's how

economic constraints tie us up."

Int.: "Would you say there's no chance of aesthetically satisfying Low Cost Housing?"

H.R.: "As long as we refer to the lowest possible costs of a shelter — the answer is yes, for the unit. I am optimistic that in time the fallacy of having to create the highest density (that is the high number of units within a minimal space) on ground will be overcome — and then the Architect will create spaces that are pleasant.

But I would like to get back to the Jamaican Architecture point. Lofty ceilings and wide verandahs on a building standing on legs is out of our financial means anyway. In any event, what the heck is the use of that space under a building but for yard animals to mess around or for criminals to hide! How ridiculous it would be to construct that sort of building now. We don't need that sort of problem. We put the buildings firmly on ground, use aluminium jalousies to keep off the sun and that sort of treatment."

Int.: "You seem to be saying that we won't ever have a Jamaican Architecture — an indigenous Architecture."

H.R.: "That is exactly what I am saying. Time will evolve better solutions to our problems of gusty winds, of hurricanes, seismic shocks and forced entry by burglars. We will develop better use of Solar heat, and, with the Energy Crisis, may be forced to abandon the aircooled processes, but these will be solutions of an international nature."

Int.: Other members of your profession have been known to comment on a development of a definite Jamaican Architecture."

H.R.: "Listen, we have always been and always will be influenced by the Paul Rudolphs, Bunshafts, Mies', Tanges, etc. The styles of an Architect will change with the times, Structural skills and technology will allow one's imagination to, from time to time, produce very exciting work. We however, have no real tradition to draw on. We have only Western technology. We don't have the cultural traditions of the Mexicans or the other Central and South American nations, or the ancient traditions of the Japanese, This is what one would build upon over the years. Government decree won't change that. It is not like replacing suits with Nehru Jackets!

I know you have other specific points to raise. Maybe we should have the forums I mentioned earlier — a series of them — where we could discuss with the public having the option of listening — all these many important points that we have been rambling over today."

Int.: "I would like to arrange this. I would also like the chance to prepare my questions more thoroughly on the specific topics which at this time you gloss over too quickly for my real absorption."

H.R.: "Success for me! Anyway, seriously, I'll go more slowly with my views."

Int.: "Let's move on to ...

H.R.: "Before moving, I would like to make one more comment on the Jamaican Architecture story. While I, personally, do not expect to develop such a style or manner as such, I expect or perhaps more hope, than expect, that we will develop a Jamaican approach or attitude. Generally speaking, our Architects have failed to look at the problems which really face us here — and to resolve these problems. I am an aestheticist unquestionably. I even expect to make sacrifices in terms of the functional aspect of design in deference to the aesthetic. Just like women and their clothing which sometimes is a bit uncomfortable, but the overall package is

darned good and absolutely pleasing. But we must learn to give solutions to basics."

Int.: "Do you mean that they are too decorative?"

H.R.: "No, decoration like cosmetics properly applied is good. Atmospheres must be created and if this means burning some sort of incense, then it must be burnt. All senses must be developed. But specifically, I refer to proper orientation of buildings, proper and adequate eaves to houses for sun and rain protection, adequate slopes to roofs for wind loads and water run-offs, designing to provide good natural ventilation using suitable materials and not forcing things. I am really getting at the need to always do proper and complete design which, regrettably, is not always done — either because of inexperience of the designer or because the designer is carried away by faddish considerations."

Int.: "I have spent a lot of time talking to Architects, and I believe I have noticed some of the things you are talking about. I've seen houses without eaves and so water from the roof flows into the windows, and the sun beats mercilessly on the opening."

H.R.: "You are absolutely right. All over Kingston and St. Andrew. I, personally, could never come to terms with many of the buildings around. We are all faced with the same problems but our rationales differ."

Int.: "This sort of self-examination is not personal remorse, is it?"

H.R.: "Ha-ha-ha there are certain things that I don't admit to designing — that quite true, but remorse, etc. — no, definitely not that. I believe it to be an impartially honest and valid criticism."

Int.: "How do you explain what you refer to — this sort of lack of proper examination by the Architect? Is it where the Architect is trained, for example?"

H.R.: "Well, training naturally has something to do with it, but more importantly, is the matter of experience. We are talking about the way a building finally looks and the way that building finally works. This has a lot to do with techniques, etc., yes - but experience is vital. This is where the young Architect learns to put all the pieces together. You see, the discussions have already taken place at school where technologists who know more about putting cafeterias together - more than an Architect will likely ever know - have talked at length on their subject. Currently, we do not have an internship-sort-of-thing period. Well, of course, we have nothing at all - no registration - so our Society cannot functionally impose an experience period prior to the Architect satisfying, by examination, a Board, about his competence on local conditions and the like. Right out of school, regardless of school, the young chap is set at large. Quite a ridiculous situation really; but, hopefully, this one little aspect of it will soon be cleared up.'

Int.: "Now you seem to be as dissatisfied as many of the public are."

H.R.: "Dissatisfied from a professional point of view, which I am sure is quite different from the general public who, as I said before, really know very little about Architects and so, believe that the majority of the buildings around were designed by Architects. That view, of course, is totally incorrect, particularly, as regards to houses. Another point, small but important, is that there are cases where the client is overpowering and the Architect, who must have a fee to live, would throw in the towel and succumb to the owner's or developer's whim — often with disastrous effects."

Int.: "Would you, for example, refuse these jobs?"

H.R.: (After a slight pause) "Maybe I talk too quickly to get into that situation. I have never had to give up a commission on grounds of my ethical standards after I've got involved in the design process. Although my practice and expertise is certainly for sale, I have, on many occasions, turned down commissions when the requests of the owners were intolerable to me because of the desired appearance of the project."

Int.: "Your main care is the appearance?"

H.R.: "Maybe you could say that. The building must work for the owners, but it must look good to me. My own integrity, as the artist, must also be satisfied."

Int.: "It sounds almost as if you want to create monuments for yourself."

H.R.: "You have put it in a way that doesn't sound right but we all do so — at least, even a little bit subconsciously. In fact, all architecture is monumental."

Int.: "You didn't seem to have meant that when we were talking about Low Cost Housing a little earlier! Besides, I believe the real problem that we face today excludes monumental solutions. The task of the Architect today must be to create, to build that sort of environment which satisfies human needs, to respond to human satisfaction horizons and not to satisfy the Architect's quest for immortality."

H.R.: "Of course, in broad terms. But I must say your interpretation seems very much influenced by the teachings in our nearby neighbour, Cuba. But I do not wish to get too involved now with that sort of thing. Still, we must never forget that 'monumental' means many things — not only the buildings which are great in size, very prominent and having the reputation of elements that is, usually associated with the monumental, but also buildings which are permanent and significant — particularly, where the significance concerns important social needs."

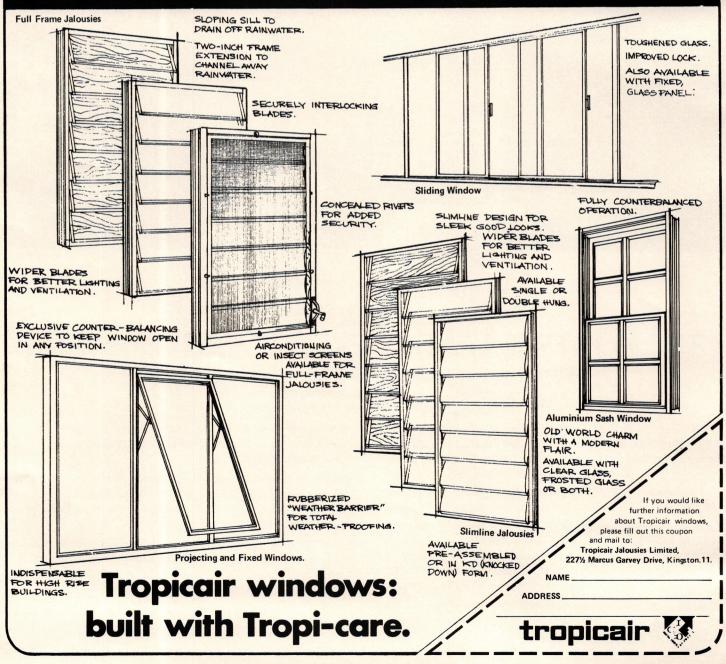
Int.: "That's certainly a new slant on monumentality."

H.R.: "Not really now, but always one of the meanings — a human consideration. We are designing for people. When the design ends up looking awful, when it's not aesthetically satisfying, then the Architect has failed — the building would be just ugly and not monumental."

Int.: "The materials are surely a necessary and valuable part of the monument."

H.R.: "Yes, however it is not just the choice of materials but how they are used. This use of materials helps to create the aesthetic or the opposite. But this matter of materials is a whole new topic and maybe we should look at that item at another time.

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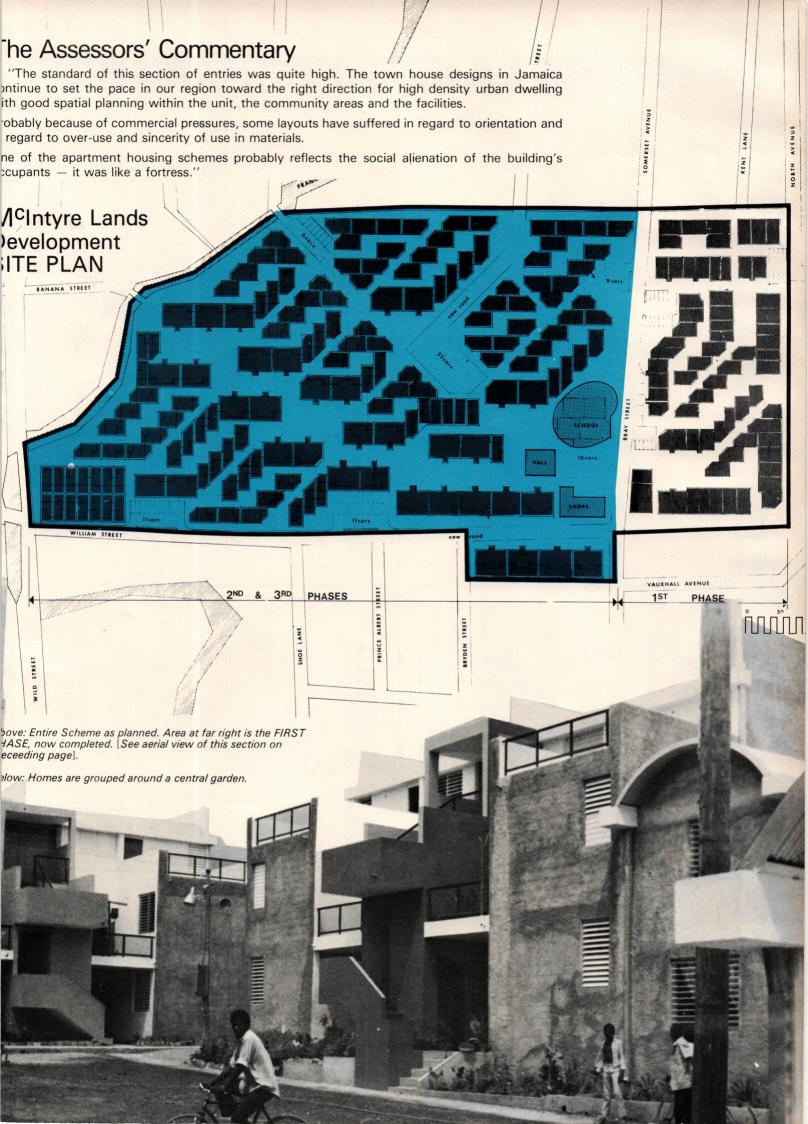
... "As you know, the Governor General's Award must come from one of the Merit Award winners.

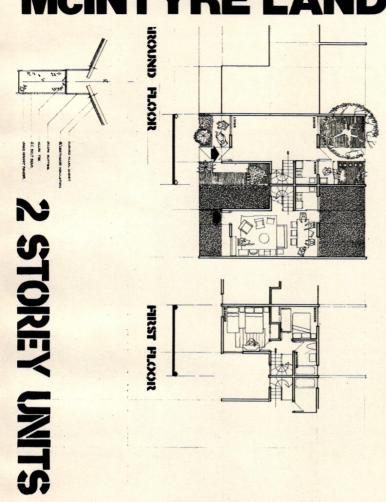
It was clear to us on review, that a certain scheme — because of its planning and architectually integrated concept — was quite the most outstanding.

We found that the Governor General's Award for 1975 should be given to the project which in our view, was brilliantly conceived and which was by its nature, the most forward-looking as far as the regional needs are concerned.

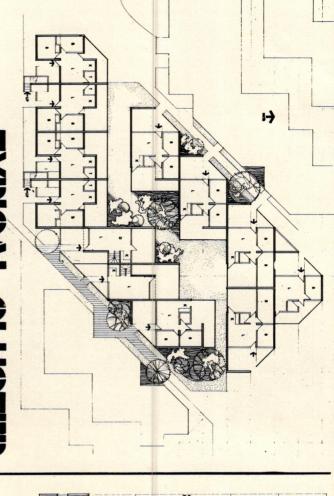
In the circumstances, the Assessors, unreservedly agreed that the project which appears to have made this conceptual breakthrough, Architecturally and Socially, is the McIntyre Lands Development Housing Scheme."

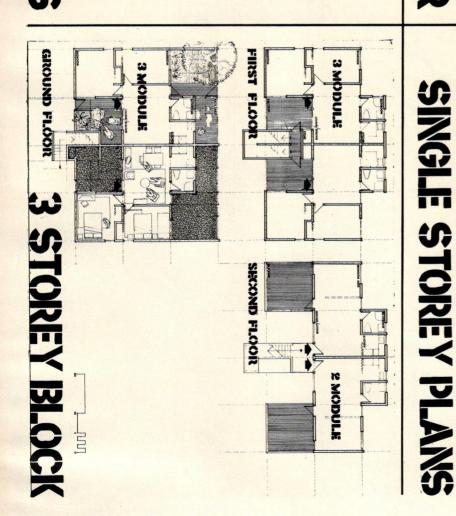
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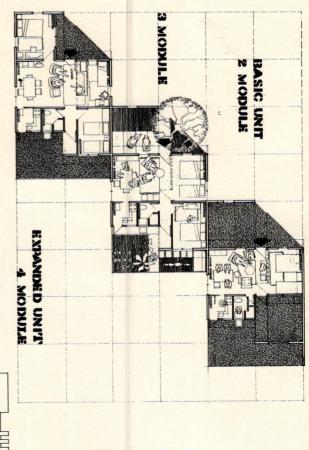


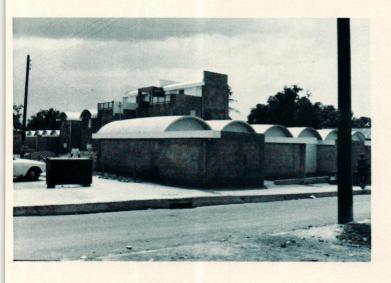














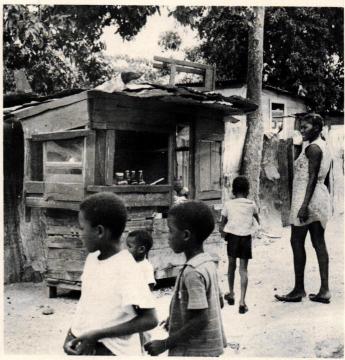


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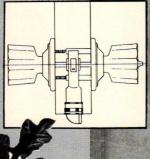
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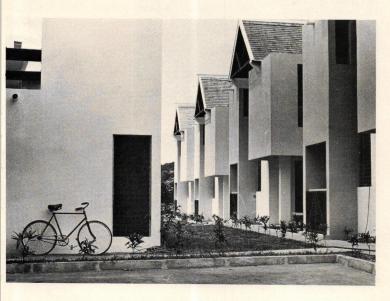
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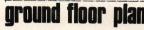
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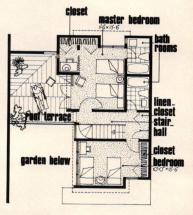
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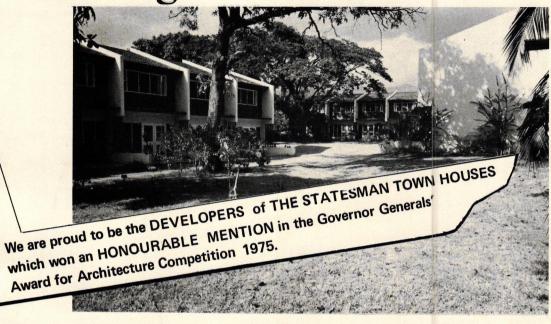
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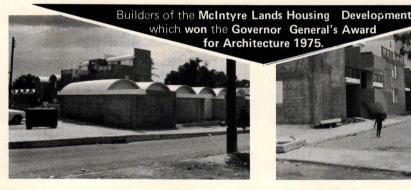
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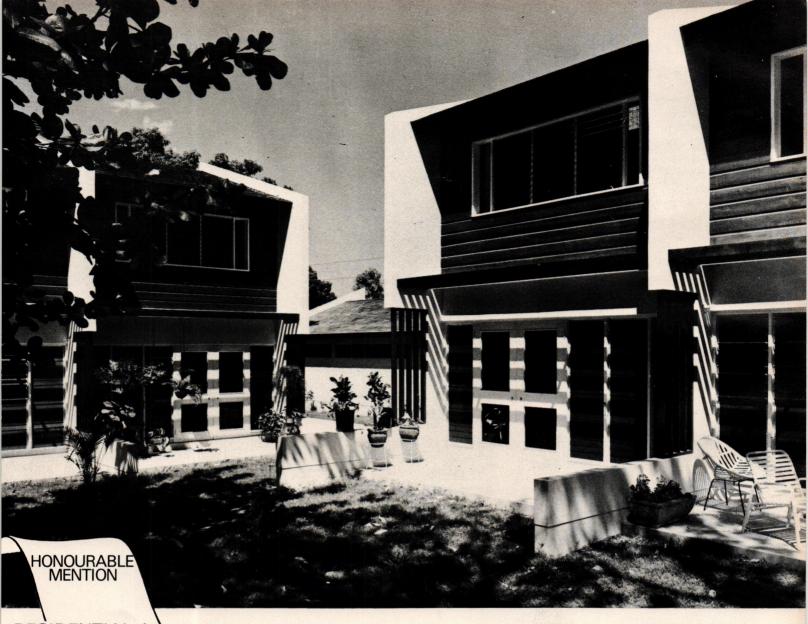
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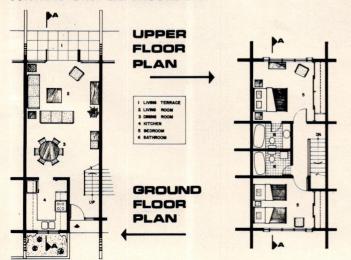
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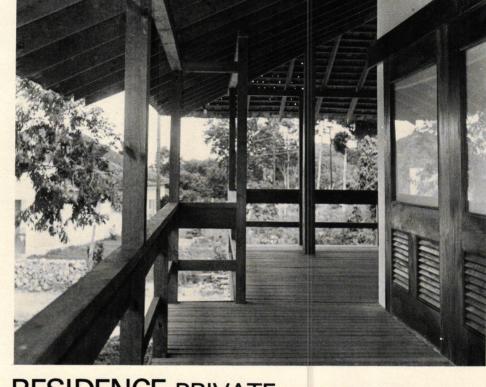
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### RESIDENTIAL B The Assessors' Commentary

... "We found it extremely difficult to assess this very personalized section. Particularly, as outsiders we found that the standard of living of the families was so high that we wondered whether we were judging the carpets and furniture or the houses."

... "For a well designed, strongly conceived house, with rooms off a central space.

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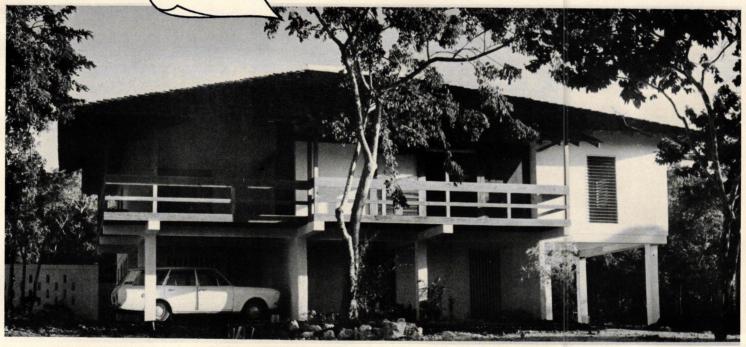


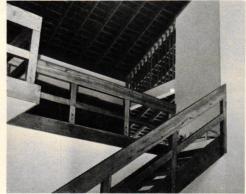
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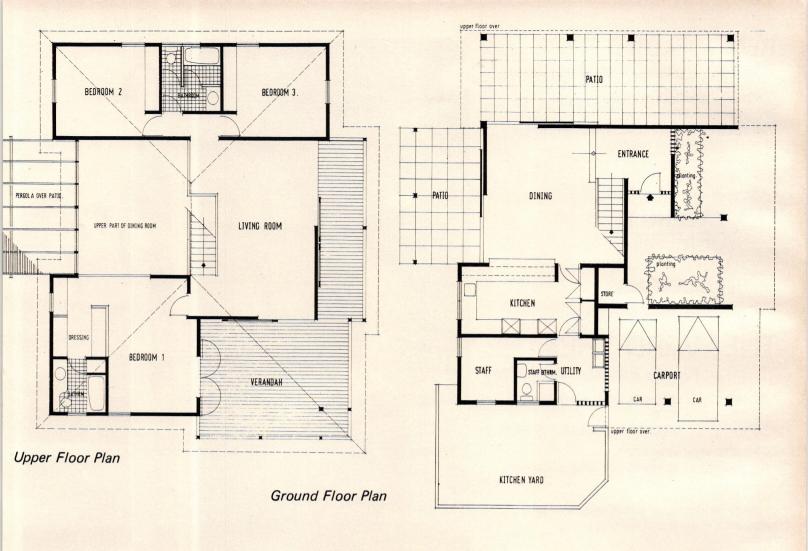
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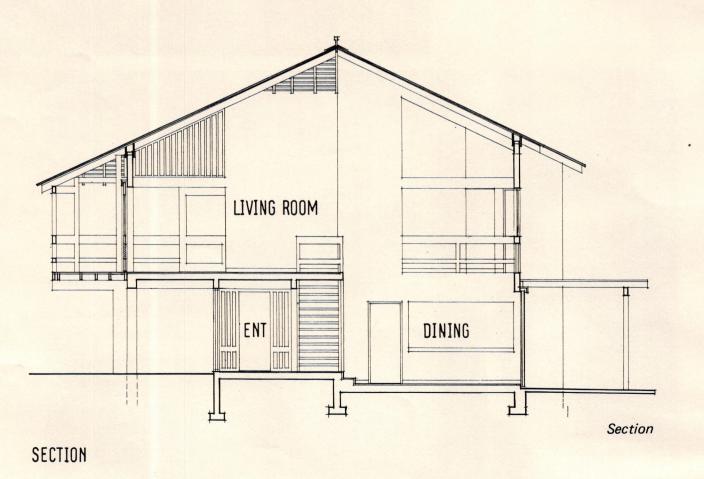








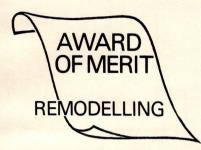




### REMODELLING

The Assessors' Commentary

... "This section was disappointing in that the entries were insufficient in number and quality. The standard of the entries was definitely not as high as the other categories."



### THE WARD THEATRE

North Parade, Kingston

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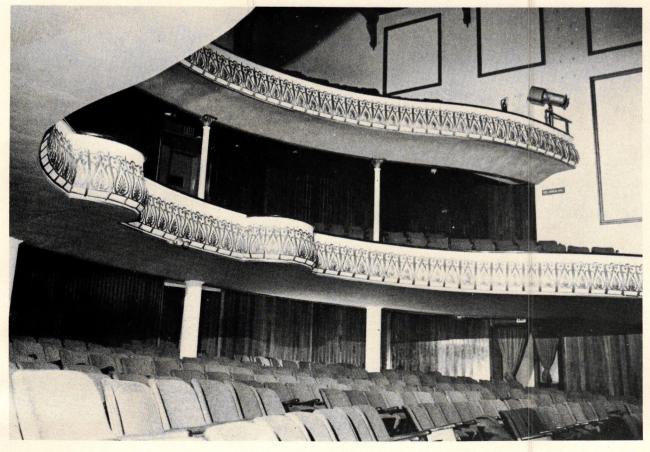
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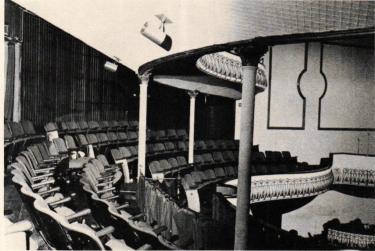
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... "For making use of limited resources to renovate and uplift and existing public facility."











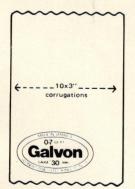


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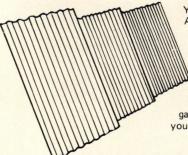
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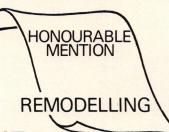
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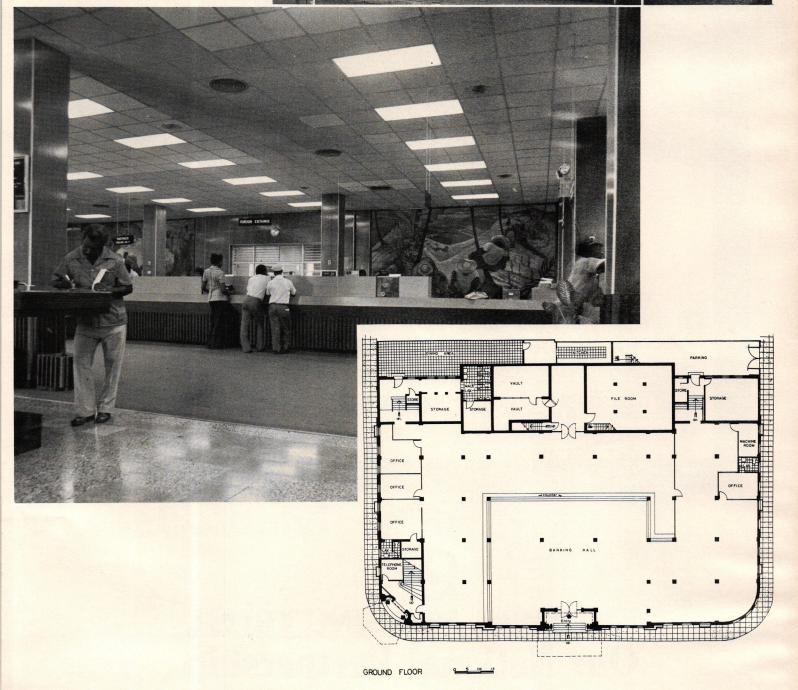
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### COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL The Assessors' Commentary

... "This section had the largest number of entries and there was generally a contrast between those which were well detailed and well executed and those more mundane in character. The contrast did not depend on size.

The majority of buildings recognized the corner problems and the problems of meeting the ground. It generally appeared that Jamaican Architects were recognizing and attempting to solve these problems.

Most entries were correctly concerned with sun-shading but two in particular stood out in this regard. Even though these buildings were not given awards for other architectural reasons, we feel that the architects of the Vanhase Shopping Centre and the Credit Union House should continue to further explore the possibilities.

This section was the most difficult to judge because of the high standard of the exhibits."





### THE VICTORIA MUTUAL OFFICE BUILDING Half Way Tree Road, Kingston

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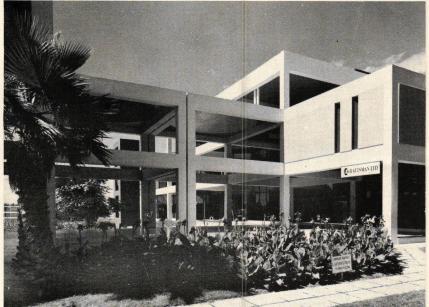


... "For a strong clear concept, deliberate articulation between the building envelope and the structural frame and exciting movement between both.

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were further accentuated by the use of colour.

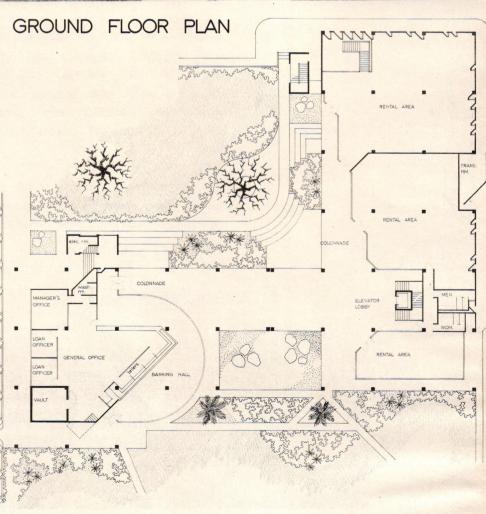
A well conceived and executed design, substantially contributing to the urban landscape."











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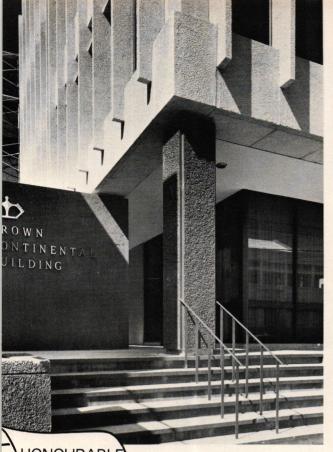
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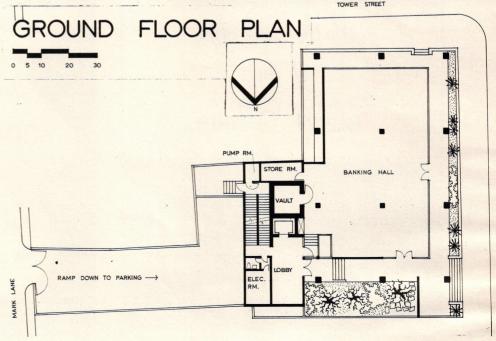
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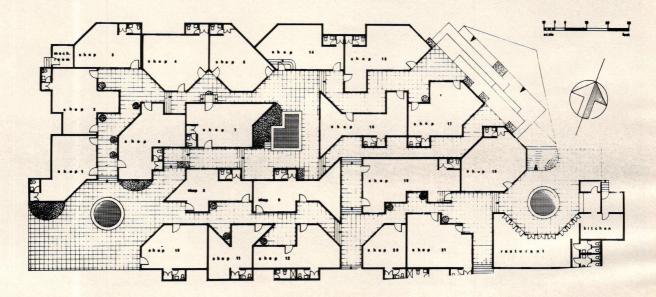
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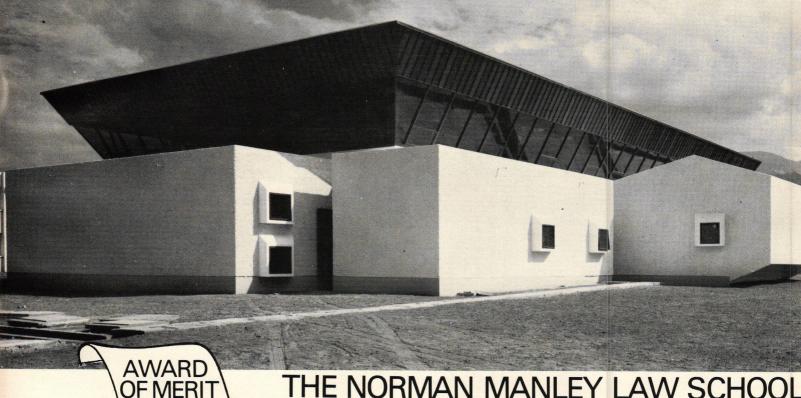


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... "These entries also represented a fair degree of contrast, perhaps with more entries, this section could have been separated in a more meaningful way.

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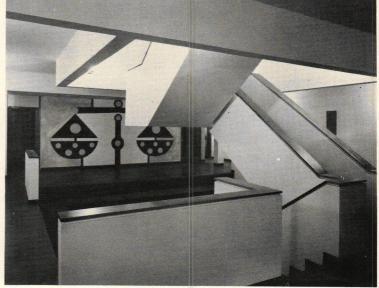
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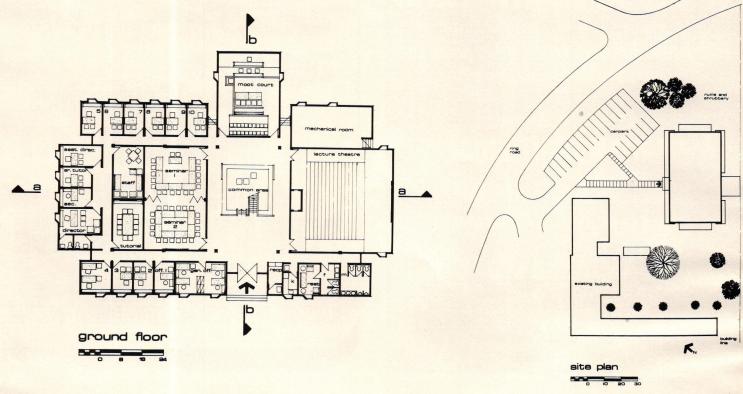


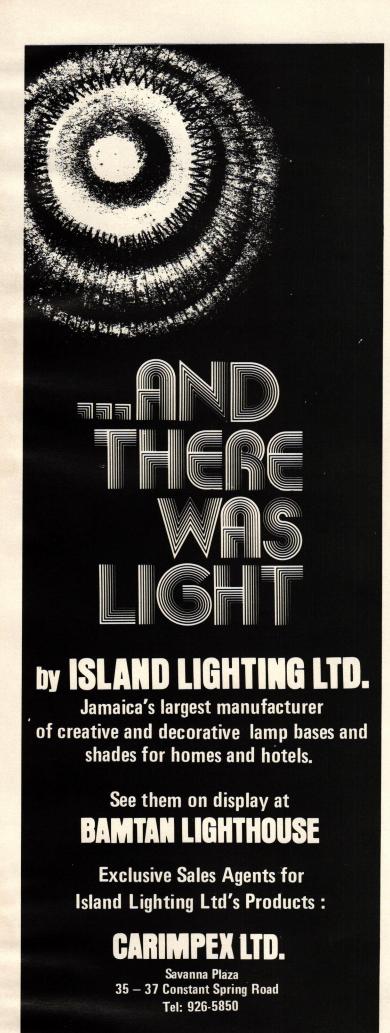


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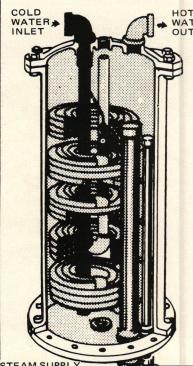
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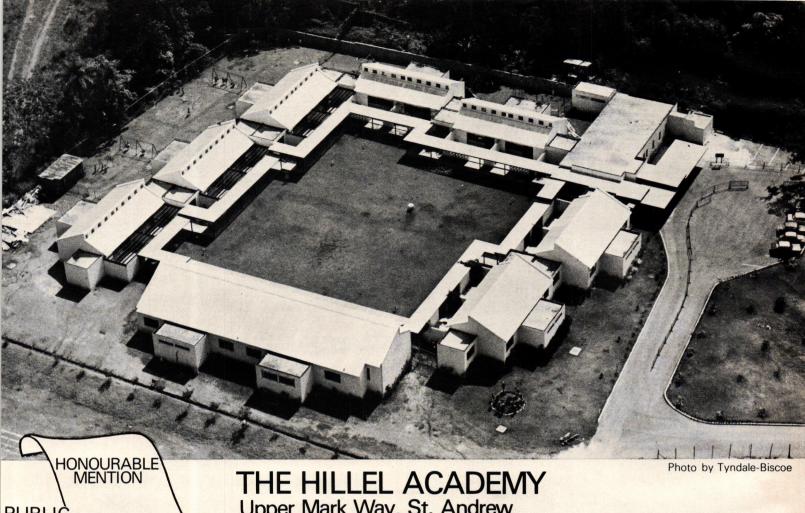
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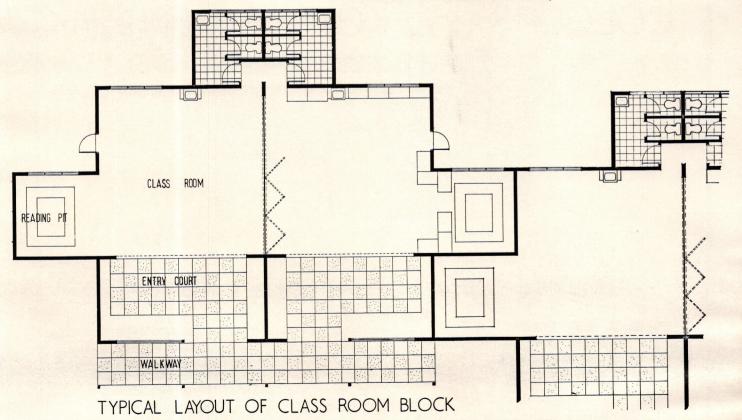
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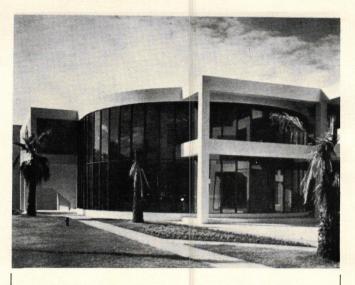


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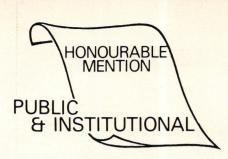
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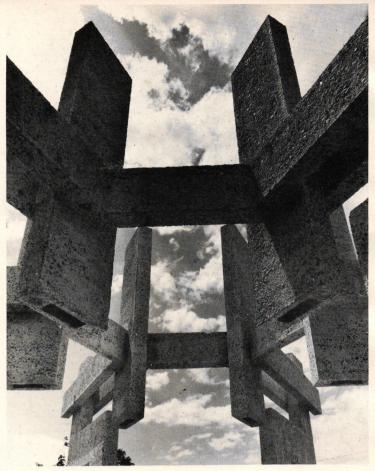
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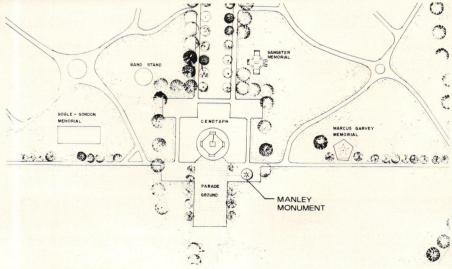
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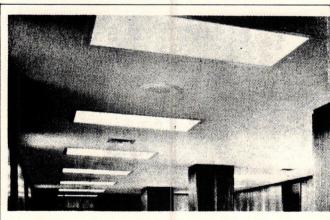
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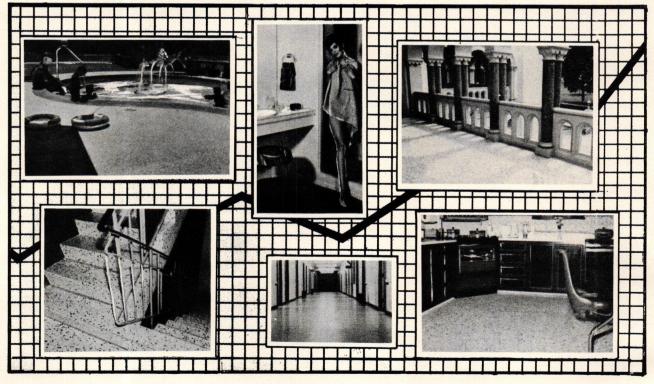
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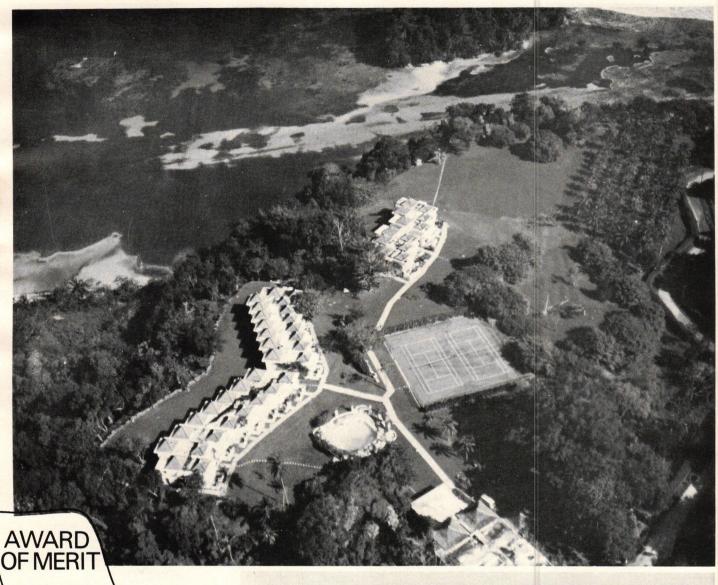
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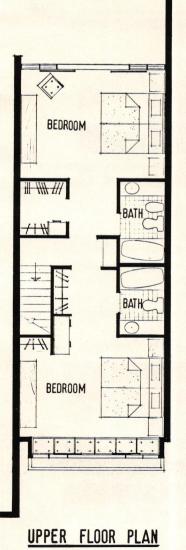
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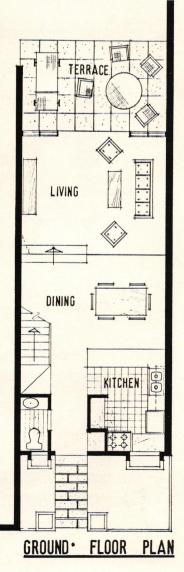
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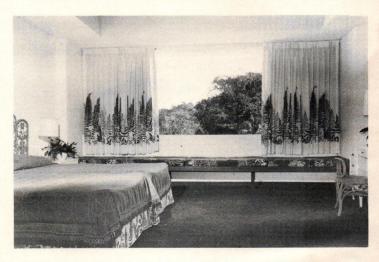














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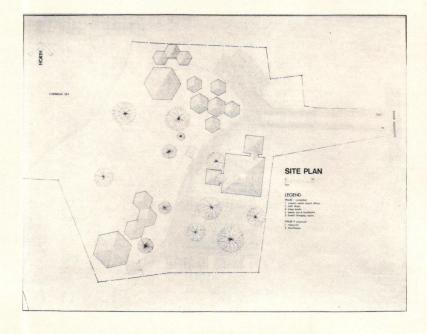
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Dear Colleagues:

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I have the pleasure of addressing you as President of the PFAA with the purpose of manifesting to you, through your national sections the gratefulness of the new Executive Committee which I have the honor to preside, for electing it to direct the destinies of the PFAA during the 1975-1979 period.

We have accepted our responsibility with modesty, in the understanding that the success of our labor will depend primarily on the individual backing that the architects will lend to their national sections, and these in turn to the Executive Committee through the regional reunions, seminaries and work commissions, culminating all these actions with the celebration of our next congress to be held in 1979 in Caracas, Venezuela.

The Executive Committee in which I am accompanied by distinguished architects from North, Central, Caribbean and South America, is organizing a program of activities with which it hopes to be of service to you individually as well as to the national sections, the continent and the International Union of Architects.

Although regionally we may have certain differences as to geography, climates, idioms, and technology, we may say that our main problems are common to all of us.

The architect in this last quarter of the twentieth century has to recuperate his position in society and be the leader in the pursuit of the ideals that will conduct our nations in the achievement of the welfare and life quality to which we all rightfully aspire.

Today, it is not only through modern technology and the efficient utilization of time that we will arrive at the solution to the problems created by our increasing urban society, but through the fact that we have to dominate our natural and artificial medium and resources utilizing science in conjunction with the artistic expression that our contemporary life demands, so we may implant our autochtonous cultures and the independence of our countries within the ideals of liberty of our founding fathers.

To obtain this, the individual and egoistical labor of the architecture is not enough. It is in

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We have the firm hope to count on you so you may give us the enthusiasm and motivation to serve you.

From our part, we can assure you that in answer to the trust placed on us, we will be at the service of the Panamerican Federation of Architects' Association.

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