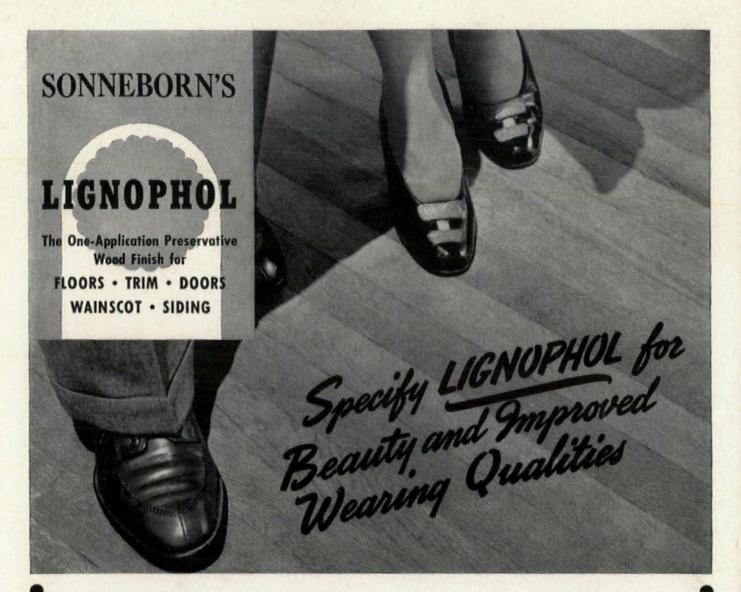
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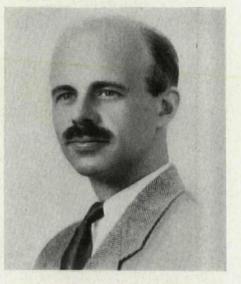
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### IN THIS ISSUE

Ernest A. Grunsfeld, Jr., who de-signed the rooms for Chicago Bar Association published in this issue, began his architectural practice in New York in 1923, moving to Chicago a year later to become associated with Eugene Henry Klaber, with whom he practiced until 1928. He has continued his independent practice since that time, and his work has included a number of important buildings, housing projects, and residences. Grunsfeld is a native of Albuquerque, New Mexico. He took his first architecttural training at M.I.T. where he received his S.B. degree in 1918 and a certificate in naval architecture the following year. He later studied at L'École des Beaux Arts and the American Academy in Rome.

His professional honors include a Gold Medal from Chicago Chapter, A.I.A., for his Adler Planetarium, first prize in the WGN radio theater competition, and awards in other national competitions; and the Gold Medal of the *Société des Architects*. He has served as consultant for the PWA housing division, as a member of the A.I.A. Committee on City and Regional Planning, and as a member on the Illinois Housing Commission. He has also been a contributor to professional magazines. "To base my expectations of reward on a solid foundation of service rendered; to be willing to pay the price of success in honest effort. To look upon my work as an opportunity to be seized with joy and make the most of, and not as a painful drudgery to be reluctantly endured. "To remember that success lies

"To remember that success lies within myself, in my own brain, my own ambition, my own courage and determination. To expect difficulties and force my way through them; to turn hard experiences into capital for future struggles.

"To believe in my proposition, heart and soul; to carry an air of optimism in the presence of those I meet; to dispel ill temper with cheerfulness, kill doubts with a strong conviction, and reduce active friction with an agreeable personality.

"To make a study of my business, to know my profession in

Wallace F. Yerkes, who is Associated with Grunsfeld, graduated from Armour Tech. in 1922 and maintained a private practice for a number of years until hc entered Grunsfeld's office in 1932. William E. Koenig, also an Associate of Grunsfeld's office, has been connected with the office since 1935 and also contributed to the design of the Bar Association rooms.

James F. Eppenstein, whose offices for Ziff-Davis Publishing Company also are shown this month, did not begin the study of architecture until he was 30 years old, and he was 35 when he opened his office in Chicago. Graduating from Cornell University in 1919, he spent 9 years in the factory of Elgin-American Manufacturing Company. Although he had charge of the factory for 4 years of this time, his childhood ambition to be an architect was unsatisfied and he gave up his job, moved his family to Ann Arbor, Michigan, and entered the School of Architecture as a freshman. A year later he transferred to Harvard where he received his M.A. and supplemented his training with two years of travel and study abroad, including a year at L'École des Beaux Arts and, for a time, at the State School of Architecture in Berlin.

In 1933 he returned to this country and went to Chicago, where he has lived since although his work has been in localities as distant as every detail, to mix brains with my own efforts, and use system and method in my work. To find time to do every needful thing by never letting time find me doing nothing. To hoard days as a miser hoards dollars; to make every hour bring me dividends, increased knowledge, or healthful recreation.

"To keep my future unmortgaged with debts; to save as well as earn. To cut out expensive amusements until I can afford them. To steer clear of dissipation and guard my health of body and peace of mind as a most precious stock in trade.

"Finally, to take a good grip on the joys of life, to play the game like a man; to fight against nothing so hard as my own weaknesses, and endeavor to grow in strength a gentleman, a Christian.

"So I may be courteous to men, faithful to friends, true to my God, a fragrance in the path I trod."

Chile. Eppenstein's practice has been based on "a complete architectural job" including all points of construction, furniture and interior design, and landscaping in his work with hotels and residences. He has also designed menus, linens, etc., and the scope of his practice has extended to a streamlined train.

Robert Law Weed, A.I.A., of Miami, has practiced architecture in Florida for 20 years. He is a native of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and received his architectural training at Carnegie Tech. He served with the A.E.F. in France and returned to this country in 1919 to Florida in search of health. There his study and work have given him a practical approach to the problems involved in planning and building for tropical conditions.

He is president of the Florida Association of Architects, a past secretary of the Florida South Chapter, A.I.A., and has been working actively for unification for the architectural profession as well as education of the public regarding the true function of the architect.

Paul László of Beverly Hills is an industrial designer as well as an architectural and interior designer. He came to the United States six years ago and opened his California office, where he has designed a number of distinctive homes that he has built and furnished in the Southwest. His training began in

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Hungary where his family had been known in the design field for generations. He continued his studies in Vienna and Germany; then opened his first office in Paris, later practicing for 19 years in Vienna.

Frederic A. Pawley, Architect and Design Consultant, of Bronxville, New York, is the author of the technical article in this issue, "Sight-Lines in Theaters." Recipient of S.B. and M.Arch. degrees from M.I.T., where he won the A.I.A. School Medal for top scholarship average over four years, Pawley studied architecture in this country as a Rotch Traveling Scholar and also has travelled abroad. His architectural work, in leading New York offices, has included auditoriums and theater design, museums, stores, offices, hospitals, residences, museum research, and exhibitions. He is a registered architect in New York and Virginia and has published more than 40 articles on technical subjects. For the past two years he has been working on the design of prefabricated houses.

### ARCHITECTS vs. ENGINEERS

A Special Book Review By Serge Chermayeff

Almost exactly one year ago, when Civilian Defense planning was getting into its stride, in spite of the fact revealed by subsequent evidence that a great number did not really believe it would become a vital issue in an actual war, I received a letter in the West from an engineer in the East. In it the author made a dogmatic and slightly irritating statement as follows:

"... It is my belief that civil defense is a purely structural and engineering problem. For this reason the Committee on Civilian Protection in the War Time (about which he was writing) was organized and is led by civil engineers ..."

The belief that the problem is one purely for engineers persists. The persistence might lead an outside observer to conclude that it is based not so much on doing the best for an important job as to corner it for a group. At least architects have not produced so dangerously foolish a generality on behalf of their profession. By the same token they had at that time failed as a professional group to produce tangible action of a comparable kind in connection with U. S. defense.

It is surely being made increasingly clear by the development of events that successful Civilian Protection can only be achieved through a united effort of a diversity of groups, each making its special contribution to the common end. How clearly this is shown in the article "Soviet Air Raid Warden" in New Masses of February 10, 1942.

Upon receiving the statement quoted above, I made a mild protest on behalf of at least the profession of which I am a member and replied that, while agreeing that civil defense was largely a technical problem, I felt: "... that the whole pattern requires synthesising minds to bear upon it, in order to give point and value to each contributive element including that of the specialist engineer. My own fear being that 'defense' will become a natural field for architects and engineers to rush into, faute de mieux, and will produce 'patent medicine' for possibly inexisting diseases. .."

An enormous amount of intelligent, serious work has been done by representatives of both architectural and engineering professions and many others besides. This work continues and is gaining weight and momentum. It is time to call a truce on these departmental bickerings and to get on with the job.

However, in part, this legend of the engineer's omniscience in the field of Civil Defense is being perpetuated. Witness the Publisher's announcement accompanying the last book on the subject, Aerial Bombardment Protection, by H. W. Wessmann and W. A. Rose. This says, among other things, that the book ". . . . gives you the en-gineer's answer to this important question" (Aerial Bombardment Protection). Here is the layman, in this case the publisher, perpetuating the legend of the engineer's omniscience for his commercial purposes by implying that the enviable reputation of engineers will sell the book-that engineers' words carry an especial weight in our society on any subject.

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The book, with the exception of a few comments on gas exclusion and decontamination units, and a very cursory comment on camouflage, deals with protection against high explosives with protection against buildings and buildings to be erected. For this last purpose it is to be recommended. One can only wish for as thorough a series of surveys of the many other facets of passive defense, which some believe to be of greater immediate importance.

Appearing almost simultaneously with this specialized book, the CIVILIAN DEFENSE ISSUE of the Architectural Forum (January) reveals the whole pattern in a masterly issue which the editors describe as a reference number.

This is no specialized treatise for technicians, but I heartily commend it to all those groups and individuals listed by Messrs. Wessmann and Rose in their preface quoted above. For here they will find the problem stated in its broadest terms, making perfectly clear what are the dangers against which to take protective measures.

The Forum states the problem under the headings:

"Can U. S. Coastal Cities be Bombed?"

"Would the Enemy's Gain Be Worth the Risk?"

"What Passive Defense Should the U. S. Provide?'

and proceeds to give an up-to-date resume of the different means at our disposal.

In conclusion-a plea to authors and authorities on the question of terminology: can agreement be reached on some simple description of the subject? Here we have Civilian Defense, and Civil Defense, and the very cumbersome Aerial Bombardment Protection and its more direct cousin Air Raid Protection or ARP. I have, personally, a sneaking affection for ARP in this word-tortured world.

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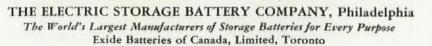
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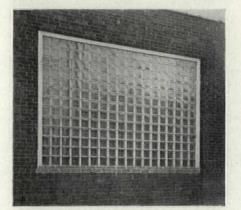




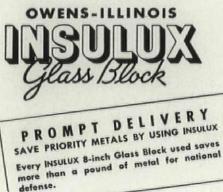
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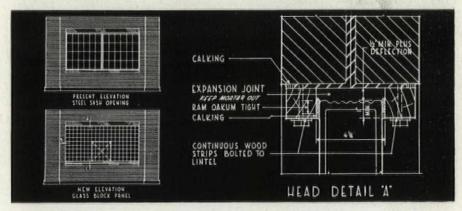




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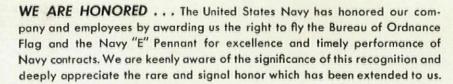
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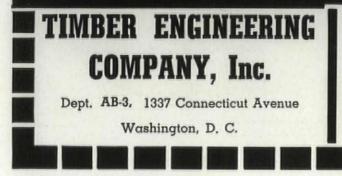
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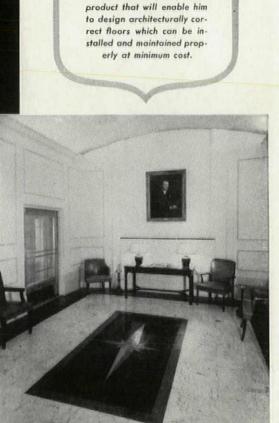
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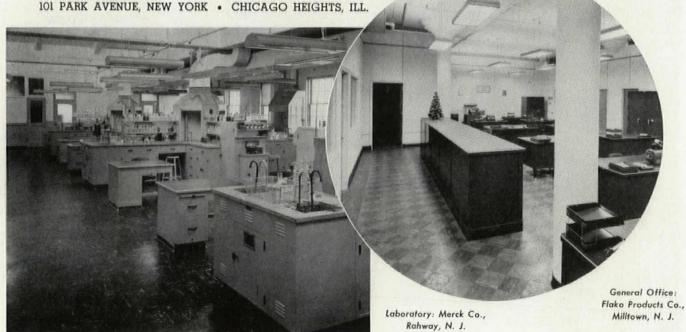
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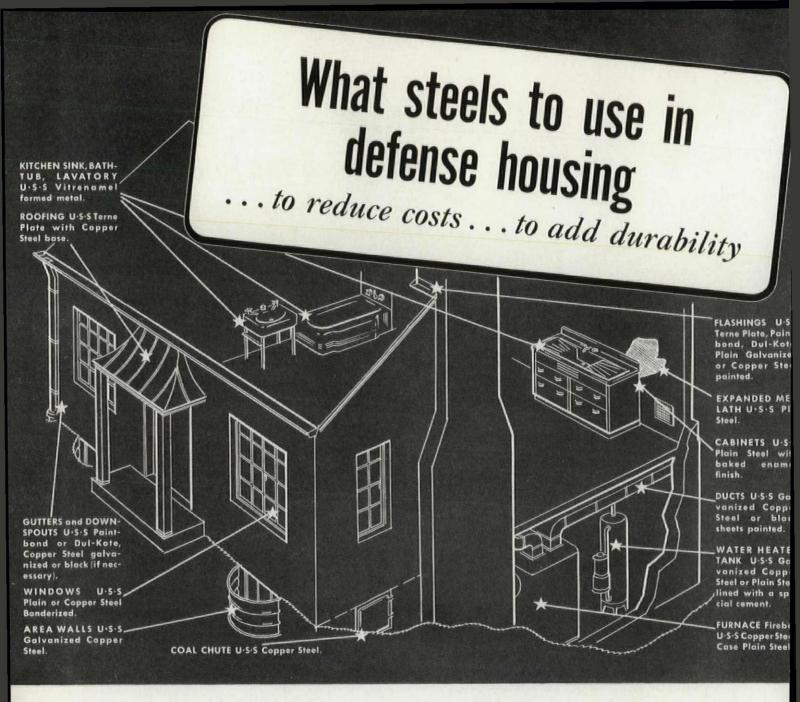


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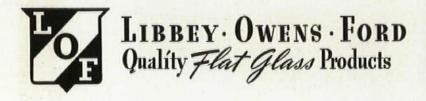
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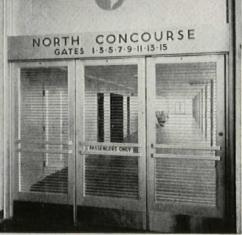
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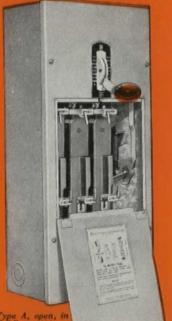
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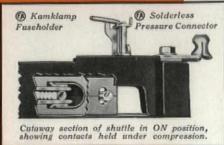




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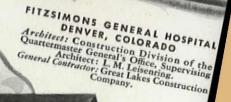
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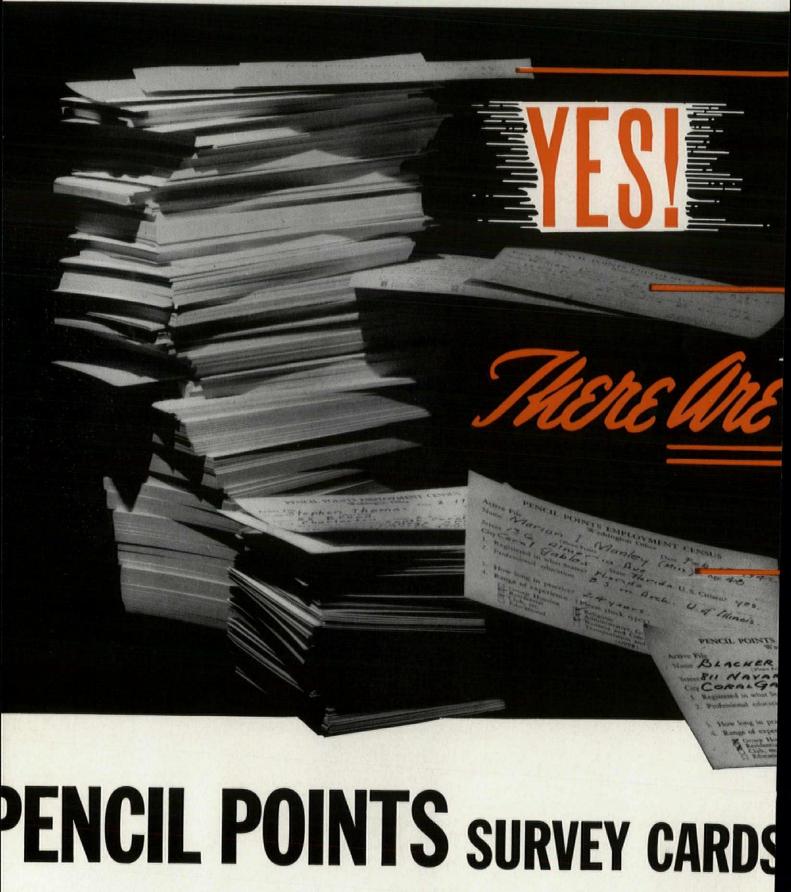
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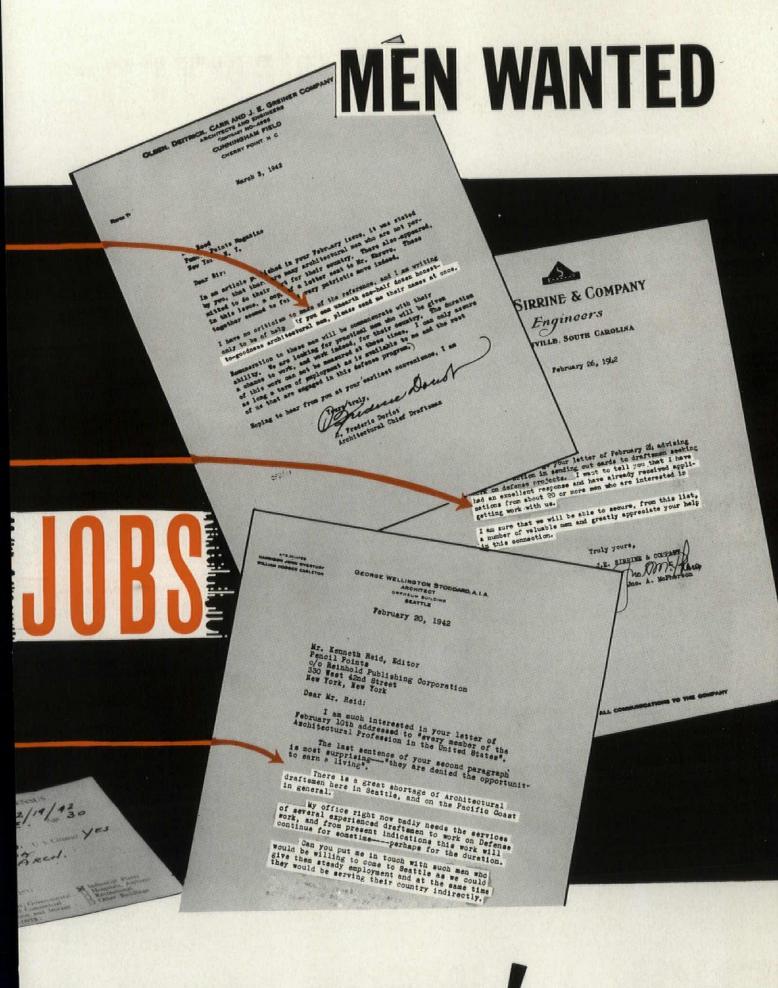


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### WASHINGTON PROGRESS

In pursuit of our effort to stimulate the use of architectural skills by Government and industry in the Victory Program, we have arranged with Willis A. Vogel, of Toledo, Ohio, to be the Washington representative of the architectural men who have registered with us. For the present he may be reached by mail through this office at 330 West 42nd Street, New York.

Since the February issue of PENCIL POINTS went to press, we received from President Shreve of the A.I.A. a reply to our letter reproduced therein. He was appreciative of our offer of cooperation, but there developed several reasons why it was not possible at this time to provide space in the Octagon House for our proposed activity. This, of course, does not preclude the coordination of effort that is so desirable, and it is our expectation that Mr. Vogel and the A.I.A. Washington representative will work independently without conflict.

It will be Mr. Vogel's purpose to cooperate as closely as possible with Edmund R. Purves, to the end that duplication of effort will be avoided. Both the Institute and PENCIL POINTS are working towards the objective of getting the full strength of the architectural profession into the service of our Nation and its people.

The response to our proposal and questionnaire has been large and enthusiastic. Already we have the records of over 3,500 men, with more coming in every day. This is evidence of the existence at this time of a substantial reservoir of high-class personnel with mental habits of planning and coordination and a broad background of familiarity with technical processes. Ideally, all these men should be engaged in things architectural, working either on projects for immediate construction or on advance planning for post-war construction. There is no reason, however, why they could not effectively fill many types of technical and semi-technical administrative positions in industry or Government. It is our purpose to work for recognition of this principle and also to establish contact between as many of the men as possible and the jobs that need to be done.

As Mr. A. D. Taylor pointed out in his Washington Report for February, there is an acute need for a satisfactory way of making available to individuals desiring employment the names and locations of Victory Program construction projects, together with names of the Architect-Engineers involved. As a result of our employment census, we have already received several requests from Architects or Architect-Engineers doing such projects to furnish them with the names and addresses of the available draftsmen of different grades. We have been able to help in these cases and we urge that other firms seeking men let us know of their needs.

### PROFESSIONAL UNITY

The trend of these times, as we have observed here before, is definitely towards improved organization of the architectural profession. The profession has been handicapped in the past because the A.I.A., its only national body, included as members but a fraction of the total number of architectural men. This situation has been remedied to some extent through the affiliation with the Institute of a number of State Associations. These affiliations have now brought the total number of architects so organized to about 8,000, which is still far short of complete representation.

There has recently developed in several sections of the country a movement towards further consolidation through merging the various architectural societies that have existed side by side in the same area and unifying their direction and action. *This we believe to be a healthy movement*. We would like to see it carried forward until The American Institute of Architects becomes as powerful in this country as the R.I.B.A. is in Britain.

We would like to see the Institute include every reputable architect, and we would like to see associate and junior memberships extended to architectural draftsmen and students in the architectural schools. The profession of architecture does not consist simply of men who happen to be in practice for themselves at a given time. We have long maintained that it includes *all of the men who make their living from architecture* and also those young men who are embarking in the schools on the first steps towards eventual professional practice.

A body such as we visualize would include as members more than ninety percent of the entire profession and would, as a result, speak with a powerful voice on all matters pertaining to the relations between architecture and society. There need be no lowering of true professional standards and ideals. On the contrary, there can and should be a great strengthening of professional unity of purpose to serve society honestly and well. It is impossible that any such unity of purpose could ever be attained with architectural men divided into many small groups existing side by side, ready victims of the human weakness to fall into petty disagreements over matters that are relatively minor. The time has come to get together, to overlook small irritations and jealousies, and to join our strength in carrying out the true objective of every architect-the improvement of man's environment.

The current emergency offers to The American Institute of Architects an opportunity to become such a body, much better organized, more completely representative, and more powerful for the common good than it has ever been.



WILLIS A. VOGEL

Since Monday, March 16, the able and energetic man whose picture appears above has been in Washington acting on behalf of the Architectural Men registered with us who want to be of service to the Nation in its war effort. He is to be known as Technical Personnel Adviser. Mr. Vogel has, we believe, the qualities that will make him effective in this work he has undertaken. He is Vice President of the Toledo Chapter of The American Institute of Architects and a Vice President of the Society of Ohio Architects. He is dedicated to the principle that the technical skills of the architect can and must be used in every possible way in the Victory Program. He will remain in Washington, working for YOU, as long as needed.

NOTHING MORE DESERVING of commendation has happened recently in the way of Government reorganization than the creation of the new National Housing Agency and the appointment of John B. Blandford, Jr., as its Administrator. For altogether too long there has existed confusion due to conflicting and overlapping functions of no less than sixteen different federal agencies that had to do with housing. *The reduction of this chaos to a clear and orderly set-up will be, we believe, to the advantage of all parties concerned.* The division of the new administration into three principal units—one dealing with publicly-financed housing, one with privately-financed but publicly-insured housing, and one with the financing of individual home ownership—makes a great deal of sense.

As for Mr. Blandford, his executive and administrative abilities were demonstrated beyond question during his service as General Manager of the Tennessee Valley Authority, from 1933 to 1939. We look for a steady improvement in government housing policy and activity from now on.

THE ASTOUNDING POSITION of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, in regard to War Housing, was reported in newspapers just prior to the announcement of the new housing set-up. This association made public a resolution advocating that, "Housing for war workers built with public funds be temporary in character with minimum facilities essential to a healthful life for war workers and such housing be erected on the basis that it shall be removed or disposed of in accordance with the wishes of the local community as soon after the conclusion of the War as possible."

Herbert U. Nelson, Association Secretary, went on record to the effect that the apparent loss of the one billion dollars set aside for Defense Housing could be written off as one of the minor expenses of the War. This light brushing aside of such a substantial public investment is, in our opinion, quite unjustifiable. Every architect worthy of the name should raise his voice in opposition to the real estate proposal.

A large proportion of the needed War Housing can and should be permanent in character, planned to be a long term asset to the communities involved. The motive behind the expressed wish of the Real Estate Boards is clearly to preserve the fictitious values of obsolescent housing in those same communities. If their suggestion were to be carried out it would amount to an expensive public subsidy for the benefit of a comparatively small group of private individuals who have a vested interest in retarding intelligent housing progress. One recalls the statement by Nathan Straus, in his letter of resignation as Administrator of U.S.H.A. last January, in which he charged, "The ownership and operation of slums is still one of the largest and most profitable industries in America."

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### LEOPOLD ARNAUD, Dean Columbia Architectural School

Without a well-planned and a wellexecuted post-war program, obsoles-cence will break down to deterioration of catastrophic proportions. By 1945 one third of all the 40,000,000 dwellings in the country will be more than fifty years old-past the accepted age of efficient usefulness. By 1945 the 6, 000,000 dwelling units which were in need of major repairs in 1935 will probably be unfit for use. By 1945 the ten billion dollars' worth of commercial construction undertaken during the boom years of the 1920s will be about twenty years old, and ready for discard, according to the "actuarial" tables of the Treasury Department for tax amortization purposes. Paradoxically, the immense and inevitable post-war problem constitutes a prime opportunity to utilize expanded industry, no longer needed for national defense, in rebuilding and reorganizing the nation.

### CHARLES D. MAGINNIS, F.A.L.A. Maginnis & Walsh, Boston

I have been greatly impressed by the forehandedness of the English in this particular respect, in spite of the fact that the national mind has constantly been harassed by impending attack. Studies have been proceeding there for the world that is to follow. In this country, we detect clearly enough that the problem of post-war employment has possibilities of great social upheaval, but so far there is no realism about the effort to solve the problem in the thoughtful terms you indicate. More power to you!

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Nothing, of course, must be permitted to interfere in the slightest way with our country's war effort. To the extent that talent and man-power, not essential to the war effort, might be available to undertake such a post-war planning program. I believe that this activity would be both desirable and constructive. A sound building program, carefully prepared in advance, will provide one very effective solution to post-war unemployment.

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# COMES BACK FROM THE WAR

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On every hand we hear the cry "Production is the thing." It is today-for the duration. It will not be tomorrow -after the War. Then distribution is the thing. If free enterprise has the merits we claim for it-and I think it has-then now is the time to lay plans which will assure its survival. The public, too, had better be sold on those plans as an assurance of equitable distribution.

#### G. DONALD KENNEDY Michigan Highway Commissioner

One of the greatest and most important problems we, as Americans, are now facing is that of the post-war period. Nothing matters if we fail to win this war, but it would be a sad development if, upon winning it, we should lose the peace that follows by failure to provide adequate, worth while, sound projects for a public and private works program in the post-war period. That such a program will be necessary is almost a foregone conclusion. It is our responsibility to prepare now with complete plans and drawings, the sound projects which will not only furnish employment but contribute to the economy of our various states and the nation.

### TIMOTHY L. PFLUEGER San Francisco

Most emphatically agree with PENCIL POINTS' proposal for necessity of planning now for post-war construction. Wasteful expenditures of last decade without planning proves this. Needs developed by war and opportunities created by increased production of new materials demonstrate that problems should be tackled now in a broad fundamental manner looking toward a replanned nation, not merely toward piddling and stop-gap construction.

### ROBERT D. KOHN, F.A.I.A. New York City

The value of advance planning of public works, which you so effectively demonstrate in the supplement to PENCIL POINTS for February, is beyond question. "In time of war, prepare for peace" is a good slogan for the building industry right now. What you suggest as a first step (namely writing your Senator favoring Senate Bill 1617) is important. All the arguments in favor of such planning which you mention with relation to public improvements are equally applicable to private work plus the possibilities of the spread of work over that much larger group of architects acquainted with needs of clients.

### FRED W. JONES, Editor The Architect and Engineer

Heartily agree with your early planning set-up for post-war building and would like to cooperate to the extent of giving your plan the widest possible publicity on the Pacific Coast. Competent architects and engineers, for no fault of theirs, have not been called upon to contribute their talents in behalf of their country. Right now is the time to put forward effective measures that will take care of this wasted architectural energy. And how better could this talent be directed than to start planning now for the tremendous post-war building revival that is sure to come?

#### ALBERT KAHN Detroit

I strongly favor the plan of preparing for post-war work now. Governmental work to tide us over the period immediately following the cessation of war is imperative so as to give employment to returning soldiers. All that can be done now will be invaluable in expediting return to normal. It is of utmost importance, therefore, to enlist architects and engineers today out of work and not in military service.

#### ALFRED RHEINSTEIN, Acting President New York Building Congress

The correct application to post-war planning of the professional skill now unused would produce manifold wholesome results. It will add to civilian support essential to a sustained war spirit and it will prevent the loss of skills which survive only with practice. Probably the next influential movement in regard to building construction will be the replacement of obsolete structures with new ones, so arranged as to offer suitable accommodations for modern traffic, both on the highways and for parking, to provide for airplane landing fields and give more value to light and ventilation.

### FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA, Mayor New York City

As terrible as the war is, it doesn't frighten me as much as a consideration of the post-war period does, with its readjustment of surplus, semi-public works and private industry. This reservoir should be a complete, detailed working plan with specifications, so that we can start working immediately.



### RAYMOND CLAPPER New York World-Telegram

No one would wish President Roosevelt and his war organization to take much time out now to plan for the world after the war and so risk losing the war. However, the very fact that the government is limited in what it can do now makes it all the more necessary that others carry on the study and discussion. This is the period in which specialists can be assem-

bling the materials, surveying the possibilities, working over the possible line of action. Unfortunately, the House recently voted down a proposal which would have authorized funds to enable the National Resources Planning Board to proceed with studies. Aside from the international problems, much internal preparation must be made in order to avoid a severe collapse when war production is sharply reduced. Much work by states and local governments will be necessary. It should all dovetail with national public-works programs. But the House refused to authorize such studies. Unless more encouragement is given, we are apt to reach the end of the war as unprepared for that drastic changeover back to peacetime work as we were when the necessity of changing to war production hit us.



## ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

BY ALBERT KAHN, INC., ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

Notable example of the 1942 style in industrial architecture that is reflecting the fast tempo of the Victory building program – characterized by insistence on construction economy – is the Administration Building of the new airplane plant for Curtiss-Wright Corporation in Central Ohio. Nonessentials have here been eliminated and simplicity of line heightens the effectiveness of the design, without sacrificing the monumental character that distinguishes Kahn's most important buildings. The cut stone veneer and pilastered openings of the central block of the building accent the entrance. Glass block panels between the two-story pilasters offer an interesting contrast to the long rows of steel sash in the flanking bricked wings. The Lobby (illustrated across-page) and the offices above it are thus as well lighted as the long series of clerical departments and work rooms around the building.

From general offices to executive offices the interior has been strikingly furnished—utter simplicity being the keynote. (With the exception of the lower photograph across-page, from Baker Art Gallery, all photographs were made by Hedrich-Blessing Studios, of Chicago.)

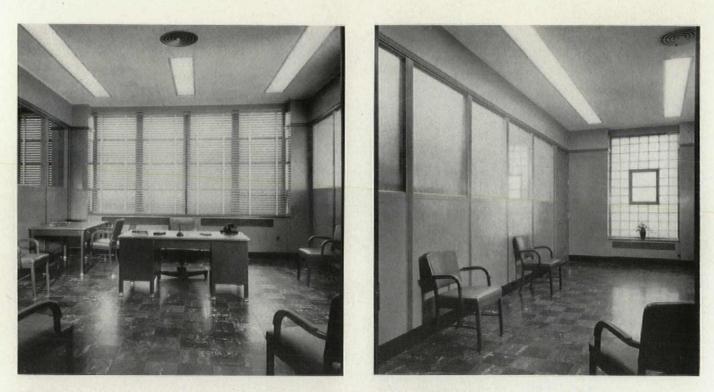


Fluorescent units, concealed in the acoustically-treated ceiling, light the Lobby. Walls and furniture are finished with bleached walnut. The floor is terrazzo



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Working areas are exceptionally well lighted. The offices for junior executives (photographs above) are separated by metal and glass partitions. Clear glass is used in partitions between the offices, and frosted glass is used between the offices and the corridors. The executives' dining room, in the basement, has a restful atmosphere (below). Wainscoting and molding are of knotty pine, and the plaster walls are finished in a neutral tint. In the basement, too, are additional offices, a well-equipped plant hospital, personnel departments, record storage vaults, and fan rooms



# WRIGHT AERONAUTICAL AIRCRAFT ENGINE PLANT

BY ALBERT KAHN, INC., ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS

The vast aircraft engine plant designed by Albert Kahn for Wright Aeronautical Corporation-manufacturers of power plants for leading types of transport and military planes - is representative of a new direction in design of large-scale industrial construction. The typical peacetime factory had taken form as a long, narrow building admitting maximum light and air, cooled by air drawn through the windows and exhausted through open sash in long rows of monitors, and housing various "departments" of mass production machinery. But here we have a compact, single-story work area that is air-conditioned, flooded with shadowless fluorescent light, and readily "blacked-out" without interruption of the 24-hour-a-day production schedule of the plant, designed by plant engineers to apply the "in line" principle of continuous mass production as developed there.

Coordinated with the main building, which has been described by the architect as the largest singlestory air-conditioned building in the world (see PENCIL POINTS, October, 1941, page 660), are the Office Building presented on the following pages, tory unit went into operation just 152 working days after ground was broken late in 1940.

The Office and Engineering Building illustrated in this issue is a T-shaped reinforced concrete unit (see plans on pages 132-133) adjoining the main assembly building. It affords 67,040 square feet of area for the clerical, administrative, and executive offices. It is air-conditioned, like the main building, and adequately lighted both naturally, through the long, continuous strips of steel-sash, and artificially, by fluorescent units of higher intensity than the 30-foot candle illumination provided by the fluorescent systems in the factory units. Every thought has been given in the buildings to employee convenience and comfort. There is a cafeteria seating 2,500 served by adequate kitchen facilities, and the layout includes great parking areas strategically-located to serve the production and administration buildings.

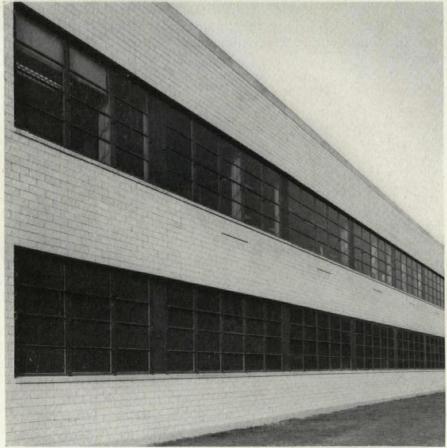
Before the era of equipment for adequate control of temperature, lighting, and production noise in the great industrial plants, there was always seasonal slackening of work and variation efficiency

a Power House, Test Cells, Chip Handling Building, and an Aluminum Foundry and various auxiliary structures. The site, chosen for its proximity to an industrial population and accessibility to transportation, fuel supply, power, and water, affords ample room for future expansion of the plant. Incidentally, through overlapping of planning, purchasing, and construction, the first fac-



through each day, due to the effect of exterior conditions. For a plant pushed to top-speed production for Defense, Kahn's answer was effective temperature control through circulation of refrigerated water in 70 coil systems that cool and dehumidify air that is taken into the factory and administrative units. When heat is wanted, hot water circulates through the same coil systems.

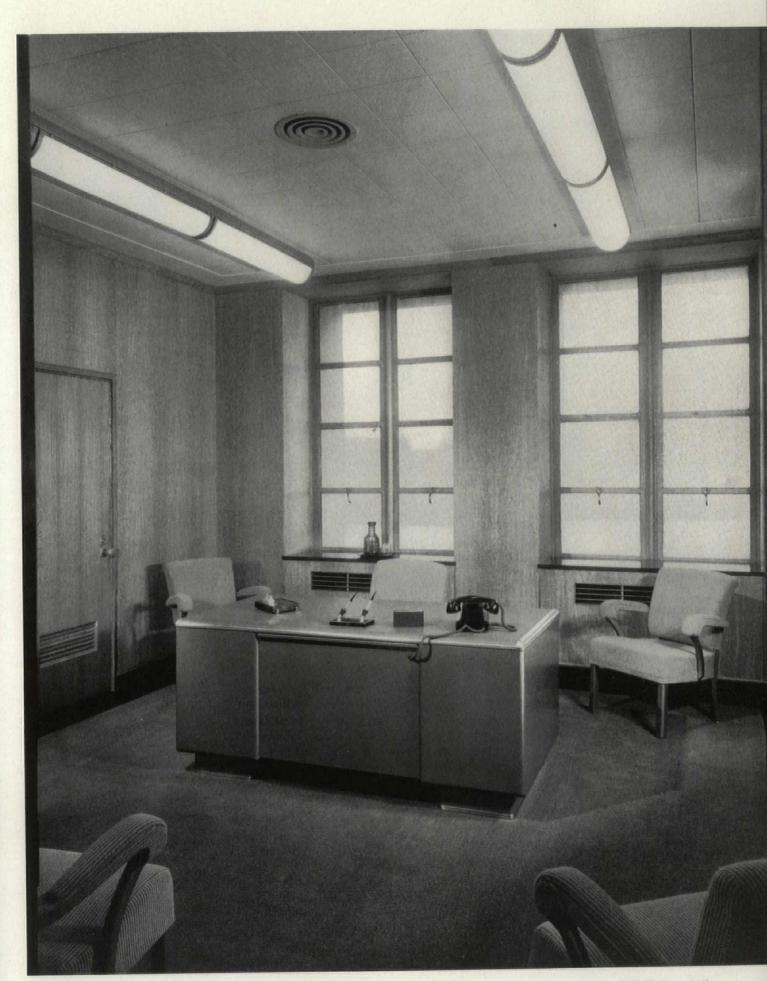




The dignity and importance of a great industry are ably expressed in the architectural treatment of the Office and Engineering Building of this Wright Aeronautical Corporation plant, shown here in photographs by Hedrich-Blessing Studio, Chicago. The entrance (above) is marked by the vertical openings and a facing of cut stone -both contrasting effectively with the light-toned glazed terra cotta and long strips of continuous steel sash used on the flanking wings

The Executive Offices are handsomely finished with Flexwood walls and acoustic tile ceilings, and are lighted by fluorescent units. The photograph across-page was taken in the office on the second floor just above the Lobby (See plan on page 133). The Office areas, factory area, and cafeteria in the Main Building, are air-conditioned

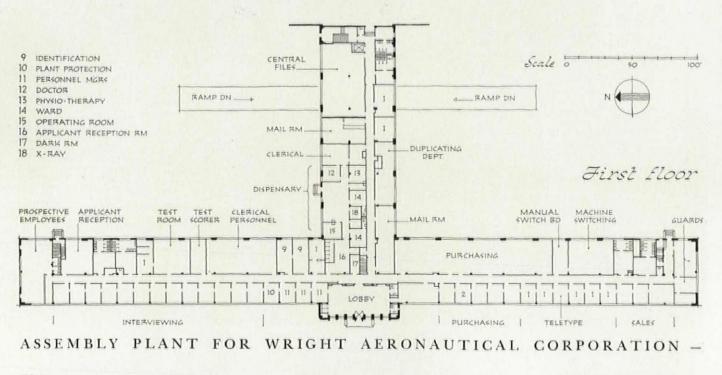
ASSEMBLY PLANT FOR WRIGHT AERONAUTICAL CORPORATION -



BY ALBERT KAHN, INC., ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, DETROIT

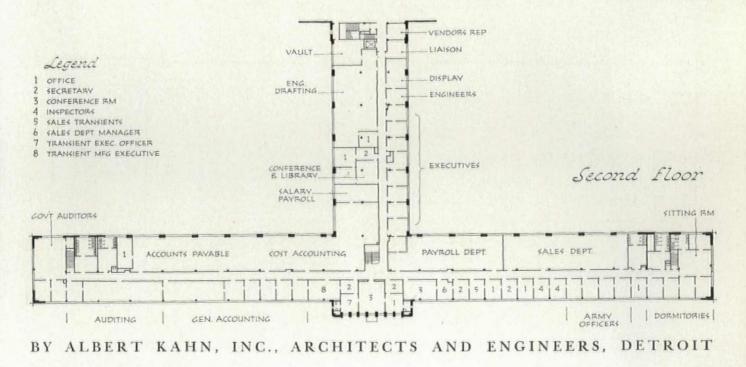


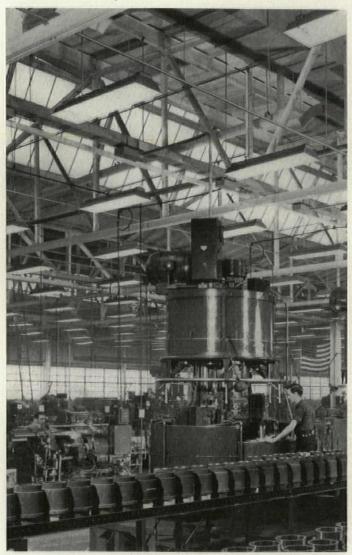
The entrance door opens directly into a spacious Lobby that is arranged for control by a single attendant. The only decoration is the red and blue Wright Medallion in the terrazzo floor. This Lobby is always well-lighted; by windows across the front or by the recessed fluorescent ceiling units





Lighting is also a prime consideration in the Clerical Departments, as this photograph shows. The ceilings and floors are sound-absorbent and all of this portion of the plant is airconditioned. The plans (below) indicate efficiency of the administrative set-up, also on a "straight-line production" basis





FOUNDATION	Reinforced	concrete	basement	wall	and
	floors				

WATERPROOFING .....Ironite method FLOOR CONSTRUCTION ...... Reinforced concrete slab 

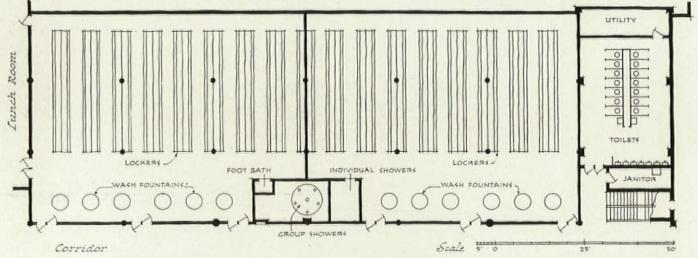
SHEET METAL	. Copper flashing and gutters; galvanized iron ducts, etc.
Sound Insulation .	Acoustic ceilings in lunchroom and in engineering offices
	. Continuous steel sash with wire glass in monitors, and obscure glass elsewhere. $Factory$ has heat-resisting glare-proof glass on west and south side
FLOOR FINISHES	.Terrazzo in lobby and office toilets; asphalt tile in offices, corridors
WALL CONSTRUCTION.	. Terra cotta tile with stone sills and copings; brick walls; interior partitions of glazed terra cotta tile
INTERIOR-WALL FINISI	Travertine in lobby; glazed terra cotta tile; Executive offices have flexible cloth-backed veneer over plaster; others are tile plastered with wood sash and trim, and wood sash doors
HARDWARE	.Standard brands except for electric control
Electric	Office has fluorescent lighting fixtures; two 40-watt fluorescent tube fixtures suspended on messenger cable in fac- tory; bus duct wiring system in fac- tory; distribution panels on columns
Plumbing	Wash fountains, group showers, etc.; piping of vitrified tile—storm and soil; cement—storm; cast iron—sanitary, soil; galvanized iron—soil pipe above ground, branch vents and wastes; cop- per—hot water and circulating; black steel—gas and compressed air; galvan- ized steel—cold water circulating
AIR CONDITIONING	Large fans on overhead platforms, supplied by chilled water; individually- controlled exhaust fans
Неатін 6	.Office section and office building have direct radiation of the convector type. Building is zoned for control purposes; basement locker rooms, dining rooms, kitchens, etc. have hot blast system; factory has piping connected to coils in various fan eveteme which eirenlein

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various fan systems which circulate warm air in the winter, cool air in summer. *Truck wells, shipping areas,* and outside bays are heated by over-head unit heaters supplied with steam. Pulverized fuel used, with oil burner for stand-by service. Radiators of the convector type; some cast iron ones of the wall-hung type. the wall-hung type

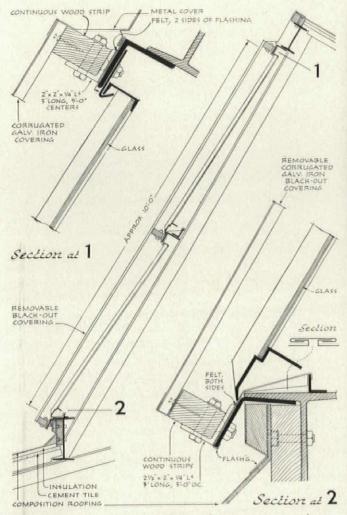
OTHER EQUIPMENT...

Factory call system; sprinklers; elec-tric kitchen ranges; stainless steel kit-chen equipment; aluminum kettles for kitchen

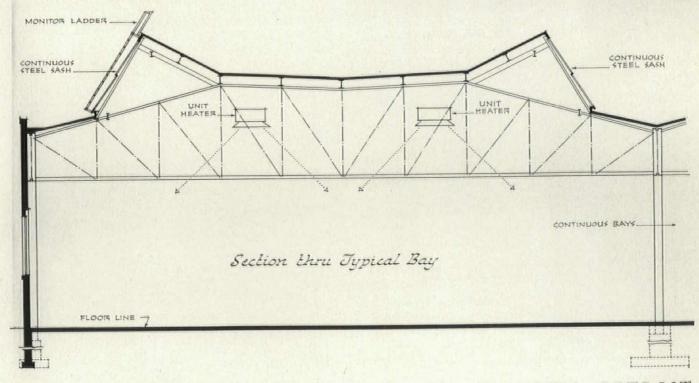


The efficient handling of the Shower-Locker Room units of the plant reflects Kahn's skill in factory planning

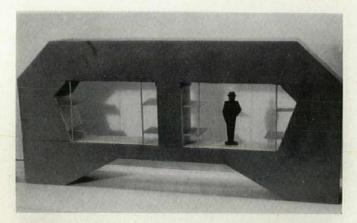
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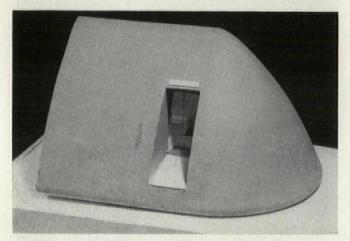
Non-glare glass was used in the factory monitors, which can be blacked-out with corrugated iron covers



BY ALBERT KAHN, INC., ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, DETROIT



Concrete shelter of type to withstand 500-lb. bomb



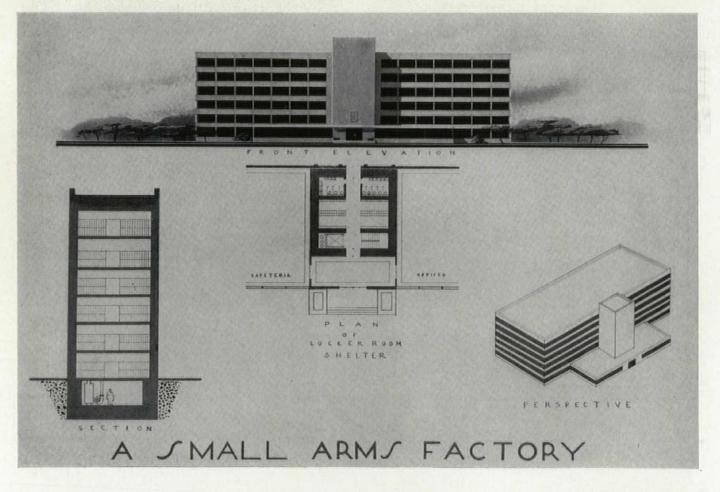
A shelter rounded to deflect delayed-action bomb

## BOMBPROOF AND

#### PRATT INSTITUTE MAKES

Responsibility of the planning professions to originate measures for protection of the United States against aerial attack becomes increasingly apparent. The diffidence and vagueness of those who should have concerned themselves with this problem some months ago may yet have tragic consequences; but it is encouraging to find that information on protective measures *is* being disseminated actively by *educational bodies*, which have stepped to the front in this program!

The College of Engineering of New York University in cooperation with United States Office of Education, sponsored a conference in New York last month embracing a series of lectures on the technical aspects of Civilian Defense for 350 Municipal Architects and Engineers, 60 Civil Engineering teachers, and industrial technicians called from all parts of the United States. The conference was requested by Mayor LaGuardia,



PENCIL POINTS

## SPLINTERPROOF CONSTRUCTION

#### SERIES OF MODELS FOR THE STUDY OF SHELTER TYPES

then National Director of the OCD, and dealt with the principles of A.R.P. but, because of the subjects discussed it was closed to the press.

Something of the timely defense program undertaken a year and a half ago by the Pratt Institute Department of Architecture, of which C. C. Briggs is Supervisor; was told here last month. The findings there of the architectural staff of 15 experts have received favorable commendation, and the Government has been sponsoring the Pratt Course in Design of Air Raid Shelters by providing funds for night classes for graduate architects. As a result of this intensive study, certain decisions have been made about shelter types.

Bombproof Construction is "a much-abused term", in the opinion of the Pratt staff, which admits that it is possible to build shelters safe against a direct hit, but at such high cost that little effort has been expended even in designing such structures. Giving consideration to the relative sizes of bombs used by the enemy (500-lb. bombs were dropped in London, but many 100-lb. bombs were used at Pearl Harbor against the civilian population), it seems adequate to build against a 500-lb. bomb or less.

Such structures have been built and are in service in the country. The War Department has built and tested this type of shelter, with a roof 5 feet thick, and it has been proved safe (see similar section across page). Heavy reinforcement is required and the concrete should be designed for ultimate strength of 4,000 to 5,000 lbs. per square inch. The cost of such a shelter, including gas filtration units and other equipment, is about \$400 per person sheltered.

An application of Bombproof Construction to normal design requirements is illustrated by the drawing across-page, also a problem in the Pratt course. The tower shelter of this factory would be used as locker space in peacetime, serving to amortize the cost of the construction which must be heavy enough so that basement walls will withstand earth shock and adjacent hits.

The classification, Splinterproof Construction, necessarily includes nearly all types of refuge we will come to know as "air raid shelters".

Those illustrated on this page are two low-cost shelters of the series studied in models at Pratt.

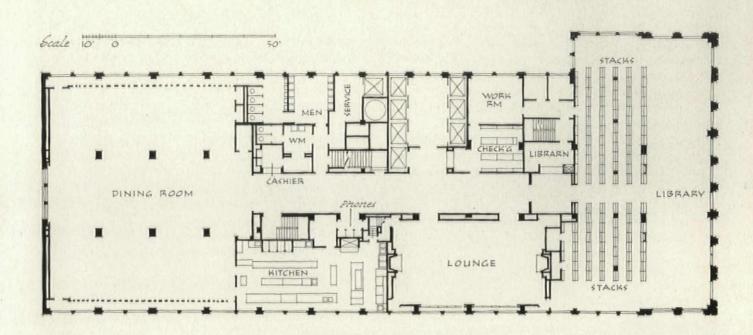




The materials and color scheme of these rooms were calculated to give an impression of richness and dignity. The Lobby (photo above) is inviting - its brown leather and sharp green, fabric-covered chairs accenting the beige walls. The problem of the fenestration was given particular attention. As shown on the plan and in the photograph across-page, the Architect designed a system of translucent screens to mask the existing windows and diffuse light in the Dining Room. The glass in these translucent partitions is ordinary frosted glass, with the sandblasted surface on the Dining Room side! With the exception of the Dining Room chairs, all the furniture in the rooms was designed under the Architect's supervision. (Photographs from Hedrich-Blessing, Chicago)



CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION ROOMS - ERNEST A. GRUNSFELD, JR.,



## CHICAGO BAR ASSOCIATION

LOUNGE, DINING ROOMS, AND LIBRARY



ARCHITECT; WALLACE F. YERKES. WILLIAM E. KOENIG, ASSOCIATES

In designing new quarters for the Chicago Bar Association in an old steel frame skyscraper where the Association occupies the entire top floor (eleventh) and the attic space, the architect had to make extensive structural changes, and provide for an elaborate duct system for air-conditioning without sacrificing ceiling height in the principal rooms. The attic space, previously a maze of pipes, now is used for seven private dining rooms and for storage of books.

A tedious job of measuring all the pipes and making a color diagram to identify the different pipe systems had to be undertaken before actual design could be started. Ducts for the air-conditioning system were designed so that (inside elevation) they are wedge-shaped; thus, by placing one wedge atop the other a constant rectangle (in section) was provided for the combination supply and exhaust ducts. Work on the ducts had to be done within one-inch distances, since there was no room to spare without encroaching on the desired ceiling height. The ceiling heights vary from 7'-4" to 8'-0" clear in the dining rooms. Structurally the biggest changes were made, as the attic floor had to be strengthened to carry not only the weight of the construction but also the tremendous loads imposed by the book storage in the attic. Steel could not be slipped under the library on the eleventh floor because reinforcing would have to extend below the ceiling line of offices below, which do not belong to the Association. It was here that the architect used the device of lessening the load on the eleventh floor by hanging some of the bookcases from the strengthened attic floor, hammock fashion.

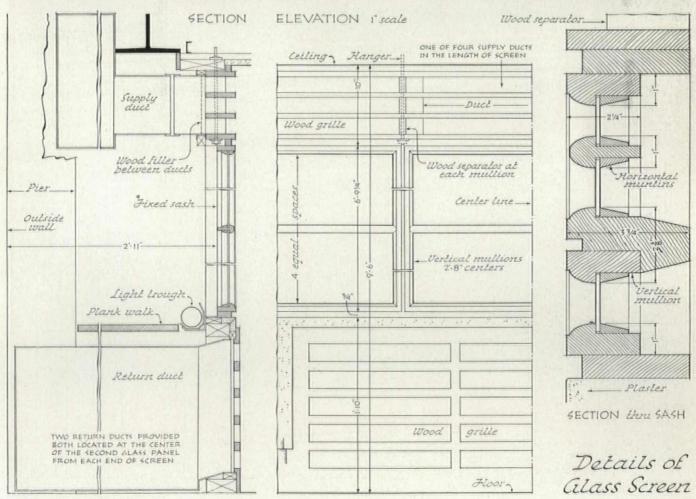
The furniture in the Lounge (shown below) and in the Library was designed by the architect. The color scheme in the Lounge and in the Lobby (top photograph on page 138) is rather interesting. Walls are pinkish-tan, and the furniture is covered in brown leather. Some of the chairs are covered in green fabric for contrast. All exposed wood surfaces are of bleached mahogany.

The fireplaces in the Lounge (one at each end) have lacquered brass trim and accessories. The lighting fixtures are of the same material.



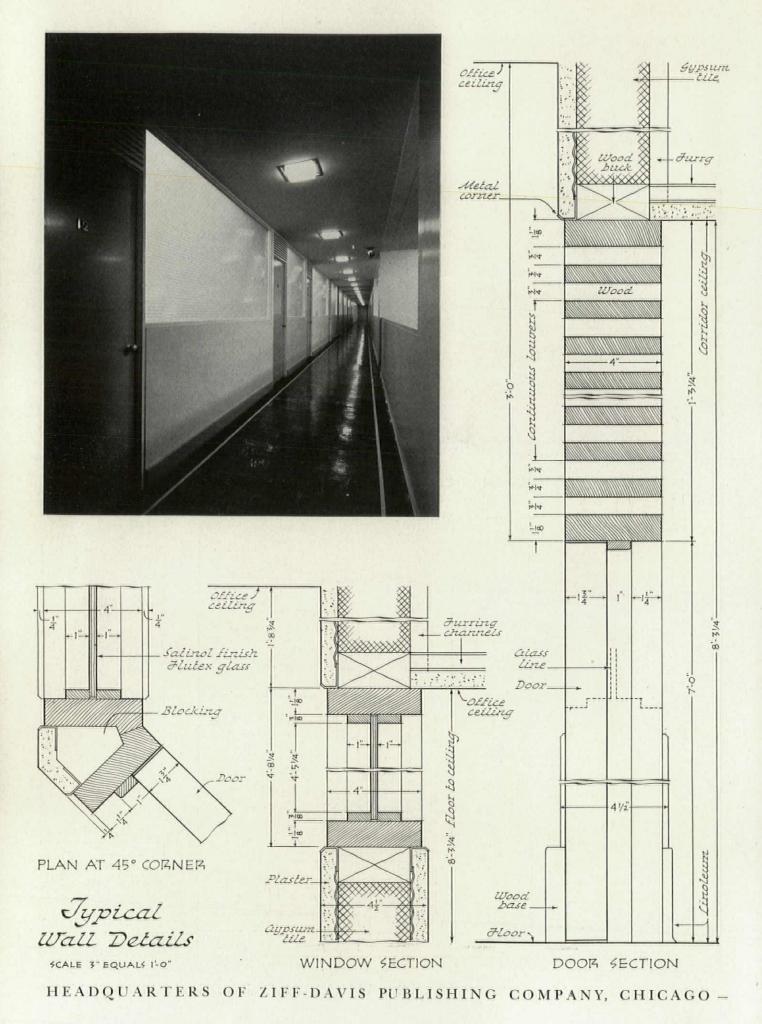
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ARCHITECT; WALLACE F. YERKES, WILLIAM E. KOENIG, ASSOCIATES

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Wood, glass, and leather were used extensively and with ingenuity in the modernization of the editorial offices of Ziff-Davis Publishing Co. to economize on "hard-to-get" materials needed for the Victory Program. In the reception room (below) the photomural depicts the evolution of a magazine from copy to bound volumes. The mural adjoins the receptionist's desk (right.) Walls here are in tangerine, exactly matching the furniture. Color plays an important part throughout the offices. Blues, yellows, greens, and grays are used throughout to lessen the intensity of the sun, and in the corridor (acrosspage) to give the impression of greatly-increased width. The glazed partitions divide the area into twenty private offices and several large working areas. Wooden division bars and mounts support the large panels of frosted, fluted glass. (Photographs from Chicago Architectural Publishing Company)

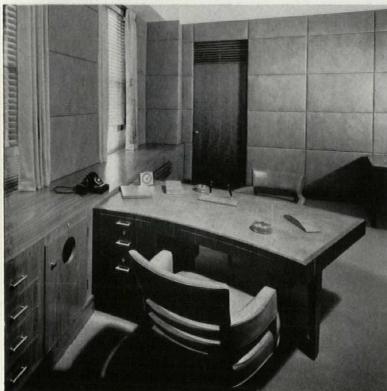


### OFFICES FOR PUBLISHERS



DESIGNED BY JAMES F. EPPENSTEIN, ARCHITECT, OF CHICAGO

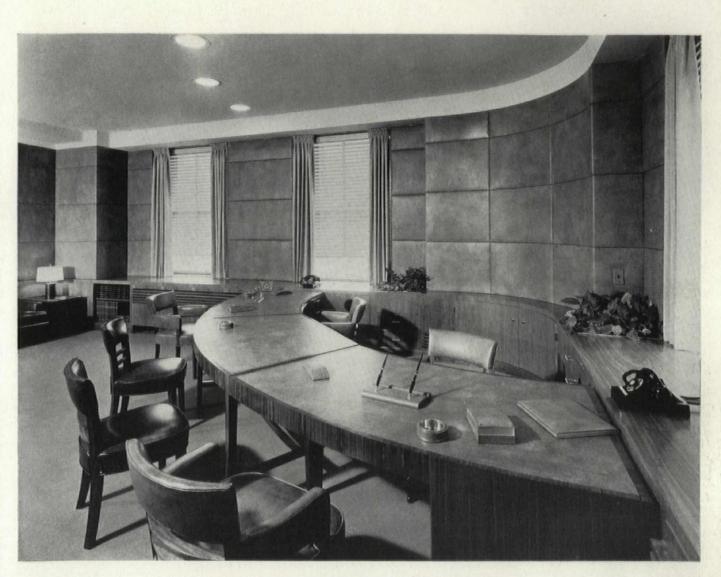




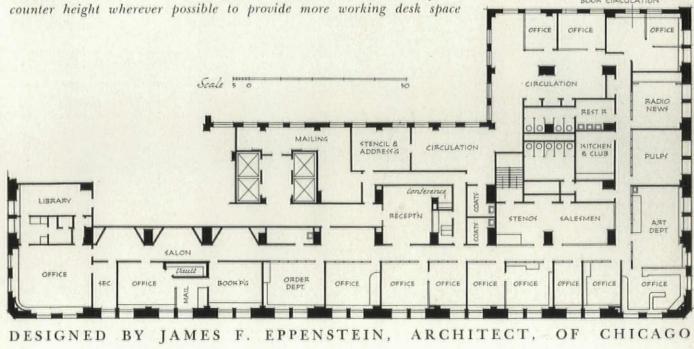
#### MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

FLOORS	Rubber tile in corridors; Lin- oleum in work spaces; Carpet- ing in main offices, reception room
Doors	Grid core flush panel type; en- trance door of tempered plate glass
GLASS	Partitions and glazed doors of etched fluted glass
INTERIOR FINISH .	Private office is leather pan- eled, with doors, trim, cabinets, furniture in natural walnut; Salon and Reception Room have bleached oak doors, trim, cabinets, and furniture; other areas have painted wood and plaster surfaces
SOUND TREATMENT.	Acoustical tile
	Vacuum
	Tempered air supply and ex- haust ventilation
HARDWARE	Brushed brass
	Private Office has recessed bullseye light; Offices and Work Spaces have direct, in- direct; Reception Room has lamps; Corridors have semi- recessed fixtures: Salons and Picture Galleries have con- cealed troughs
OTHER EQUIPMENT	Venetian blinds, electric re- frigerators, electric drinking fountains

HOME OFFICES OF ZIFF-DAVIS PUBLISHING COMPANY, CHICAGO -



In the private office of Publishers William B. Ziff and B. G. Davis (shown on these two pages) is a cleverlydesigned set of two desks and a wall table, all arc-shaped. The three can be placed together to form a curved conference table (photograph above). The desks and the table are leather-topped in a grained cowhide matching that of the leather-upholstered walls. Woodwork is natural finish walnut. Specially-designed built-in cabinets, files, and shelves are made of wood, and are kept to







Adjoining the reception room is a semi-private nook (photograph below) where the editors may meet visitors without disturbing their normal office routine, and where they may converse without being interrupted. Similar use is made of the three wide alcoves (see photograph above) situated outside the private offices of company executives. Furniture is of leather and bleached walnut. These alcoves, which are illuminated by concealed fluorescent lighting, are also used as a permanent photographic salon to show the winning pictures from competitions conducted by one of the firm's magazines. Pictures are changed from time to time to keep the exhibit interesting. In the alcoves, as in the publisher's office, the reception room, and elsewhere in the offices, are growing plants, here used by the architect as a permanent part of the design. In many cases the containers for the various plants were built into place

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## THERE IS SOMETHING TO FIGHT FOR

BY TALBOT F. HAMLIN

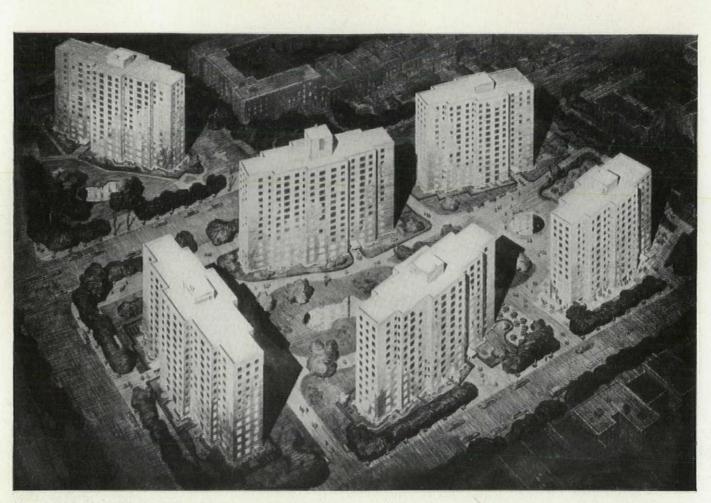
The end of February, they say, is the bottom of the year. Certainly there are things happening to architecture right here in this country which reveal some kind of a nadir. They all have to do with the great problems of city growth (growth in form rather than in population) and the whole purpose of planning. They are random evidences of a struggle which will not down—a great struggle between planning as an economic measure to protect so-called values, and planning as a humanistic measure to improve human living conditions.

An evidence of the conflict is furnished by the recent history of the New York City Planning Commission and its definite abandonment of the entire idea of creating a master plan. At the moment I am less interested in the merits or demerits of this action than in the fact that it was taken at all and in the influences which may have affected it. The fact that it was taken would seem to indicate that there is little popular support for the planning idea—that is, for the attempt to determine future growth in the city toward the end of making city living pleasanter and richer.

The public hearings on it were miserably attended. This is a shameful fact. Certainly the architects are sufficiently implicated in such matters to make it seem desirable to have representatives from all architectural societies present with strong and forward-looking statements. The future of architecture does not lie in little individual buildings here and there, the commissions for which have been obtained by scraping and bowing and bootlicking; the future of architecture as a profession lies in bringing to bear upon community life the creative imagination which the architectural profession can offer. The quality of what can be offered-nay, even the possibility of offering anything really constructive at all-is integrally bound up with the whole concept of the purpose of planning.

In this connection it is interesting to read a *Report* on the Master Plan of Land Use Proposed by the City Planning Commission offered by the Citizens' Budget Commission last December. This report itself is a magnificent example of the most complete damning with faint praise. It gives grudging lip service to the concept of planning as a whole, and then proceeds to attack almost every single objective of any intelligent plan—for instance, decentralization and a stabilized population. But the report contains, besides the wet blankets prepared by the Budget Commission itself, two other reports presented by Ernest Goodrich and Arthur Tuttle. In these the wet blanket of the Commission becomes active and violent attack, and the attack is made on one basis only, that of property values.

Tuttle's piece is especially significant. He supports the present outrageously loose zoning ordinance of the city in its present form, not realizing how that same zoning act-through permitting overbuilding and overcrowding-has overburdened city services and itself given rise to the rapidly progressive blight that has destroyed the very values zoning was supposed to protect. Tuttle therefore recommends that the present status of zoning in New York be accepted as the master plan! As for the reason behind this extraordinary suggestion, he writes: "The studies made by the [New York City Planning] Commission in the field of planning for a better city are to be commended, provided they can be made use of without prejudicial effect upon property values in every part of the city." Here, then, is the real reason for the Citizens' Budget Commission's distrust of master planning. They know full well that any planning worth the name is bound to affect property values, because many property values on the books today are completely without human meaning. Should they carry their thinking through, it could be changed to read, perhaps: "We are willing to jeopardize the future of the city itself and the real economic future of many landholders (who will lose their land because of blight and depression) in order that a very few may here and there make a speculative profit."



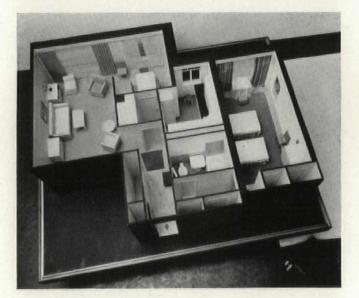
Perspective of "Clinton Hill", Brooklyn-by Harrison, Fouilhoux, & Abramovitz, Architects and Engineers

But why, in a time of war, should we even consider such idealistic matters as the purpose of city planning? Ought we not to forget the future, rush to Washington, plunge into the technical bureaucracy there, or else grab our little share of housing for war workers or industrial plant design? Perhaps, if this could be done. But the fact is that, though we may forget the future, the future will not forget us, and the future is being manufactured right now by our every thought and action. The quality of the peace that will follow the war, and the quality of human living that will go on, will be the inevitable result of the ideals currently existent in the minds of people and rulers when the peace comes. We are forging, every day, chains that will bind us and our children to certain kinds of thinking and certain kinds of living, and every choice we make inevitably welds another link. Now above all times is the time to see that our lip service to democratic ideals extends further than the mere idea of every man making as much money as he can while the making is good.

The problem has much more than local significance, for behind the chaos in the whole defense housing problem lies carefully hidden the same conflict. Decentralization at enormous speed is being forced upon the country by Victory needs. Short of complete catastrophe, much of this decentralization will be permanent, and many plants built for war purposes with all their concomitant housing will form permanent villages and towns. The quality of these is being created by the program of today. The small-town slum is perhaps even more deadening and disintegrating than the slum of the large city, because physical escape from it is perhaps more difficult. And not only the economic future of these Lanham Act houses is going to be important, but the quality of their design as well. We cannot allow either bad management or bad design.

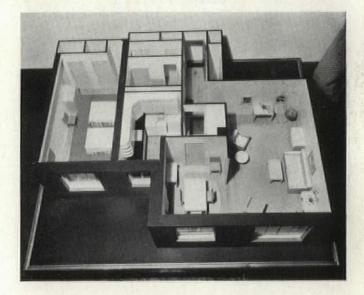
Both the problem of standards and the problem of city planning are brought very much to the fore by the housing developments to be built by the Equitable Life Assurance Society in Brooklyn, the news of which has recently been released. The scheme contemplates two major groups of twelveand fourteen-story buildings some three blocks apart on Clinton Avenue. They are situated in a part of Brooklyn that has long been a dying residential region of large, comfortable houses, some even lavish, set on large lots, so that the population concentration has been very low. Into this it is proposed to bring two groups with a population congestion fifty percent greater than that in East River Houses-an intensity of land use equaled in New York, I believe, only by London Terrace and Knickerbocker Village. Since the money is being furnished entirely by "private enterprise" (as if any great insurance company were actually private enterprise!) there is no opportunity for any control whatsoever by the City Planning Commission or the public housing bodies; the only controls are the manifestly ill-suited zoning ordinances applying to that part of town. The area is ill supplied with transit facilities and still more ill supplied with schools and community services of all kinds. Coming on top of Parkchester, this development makes one seriously wonder whether there is not some way in which large developments could be more organically related to city facilities.

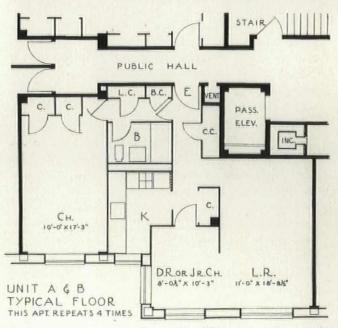
One wonders, too, why priorities were granted to this project, which is to be rented to a mediumincome group, when at the same time priorities were being denied to one-half of the entire Fort Greene housing development of the New York City Housing Authority. When the news came that these priorities had been granted, the New York City Housing Authority at last obtained permission to go ahead with the whole of Fort Greene; a refusal would have seemed too absurdly inconsistent. Obviously the Equitable, like all the big insurance companies, has enormous amounts of capital to invest and must find profitable investments. Obviously, too, the net assets of the big companies are so colossal as to have, even without a desire for it, a great power in Washington. And it may be that housing investment by insurance companies is an advantageous and socially useful act. Yet this does not affect the basic question of the advisability of dumping such crowded groups of thousands of people suddenly into a part of town designed only for large, widely spaced, individual house living. What will the people do with their cars? How will they get to work and where? Where will their children go to school and how? We must remember that the median family income of the group is likely to be between \$3,000 and \$3,500 (at Parkchester I believe it is \$3,100).



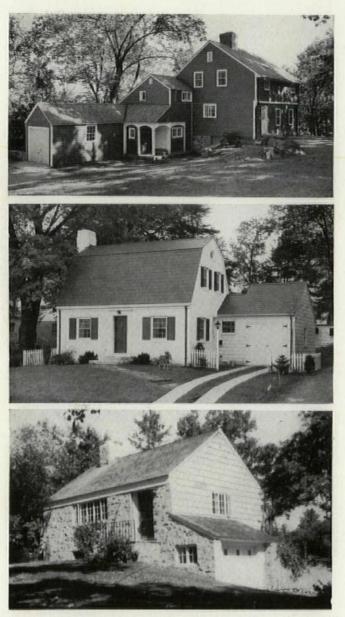
This is certainly not low-income housing, nor will many of the inhabitants of this development be industrial workers; the whole group, however, received priorities on the basis that it was defense housing and in a defense area!

The individual buildings themselves, designed by Harrison, Fouilhoux, and Abramovitz, have perhaps the most brilliant, carefully studied, and beautifully integrated unit plans that any middleincome housing development has yet achieved. The rooms are ample in size, pleasant and efficient in relationship, and taken by themselves will furnish pleasant and livable homes. And they cover but 39 percent of the net area. Granted all this, however, the basic problem of what seems a shocking over-use of land remains, and it all goes to prove that the existing zoning acts are obsolete. Perhaps in residential districts we should forget entirely heights of buildings and merely limit the number of families per acre, as the English do.





Typical unit of "Clinton Hill", Brooklyn-plan and model-developed by Harrison, Fouilhoux & Abramovitz



The 1941 Certificates of Merit for Excellence in Small House Design were awarded recently by the New York Chapter, A.I.A., in cooperation with ten other architectural societies in the metropolitan region. Awards were given for houses designed by the following architects: William F. Dominick, New York (above); Arthur H. Goddard, Bayside, Long Island (center); Harry C. Starr, New Canaan, Conn. (below)

Some time ago the Small House Committee of the New York Chapter decided that it would be a good thing to offer prizes for the best small houses in the New York neighborhood. The awards of this year have just been announced, and if these premiated houses are the best that are being produced in the small house field in the vicinity of America's largest city, certainly architecture is in a bad way. One was an incoherent jumble of meaningless out-of-scale details for a little house on a hilly site trying to be quaint and Colonial. There are more *things* on the house than should be on a residence of three times its size, and the whole is a blatant example of misapplied Colonial exhibitionism as unlike the direct simplicity of real Colonial work as anything that could be imagined. Another is a smug little number in which the attached garage seems to overwhelm the white, gambrel-roofed house. The slopes of the gambrel, the second story windows, the treatment of textures all show that kind of unpleasant attempt to be smart and different, and Colonial and in good taste at the same time, which vitiates so much suburban work. It is no better and no worse than thousands of houses put up by speculative companies the country over. The third, to me the only one that seems to show any idea whatever of what design means today, is in stone and wood not unpleasantly put together. But even of this perhaps the best that can be said is that it has no marked faults except a somewhat forced scale. I cannot but think that to stamp these three buildings with the stamp of approval of the largest chapter of the American Institute of Architects is a frightful mistake, I do not know the mechanics by which the award was made. Perhaps these were the only three buildings submitted! Certainly publication of more awards of this nature would only succeed in undoing the efforts of years to educate the public as to what real, creative architecture means. Discouraging thought: is it possible we are no better than that?

The announcement of a method of obtaining designs for the new defense housing registers one of the first victories the American Institute has had in governmental circles for a very long time.\* Its importance is enormous; not only is the usefulness of architects recognized and the use of architects made the basis of the program, but the American Institute is accepted as the best agency for representing all the architects-members and nonmembers alike. This is an epoch-making decision. But we architects cannot rest there; we must go on aggressively to win a deserved place for the profession in all other types of construction work involving design. As yet many Washington bodies have for the architect only an arrogant disdain. There is, moreover, an *emergency* psychosis abroad that is releasing a tremendous amount of inferiority complex in non-architects in high places. The idea goes something like this: "Now, thank heaven, due to the emergency, we need no longer worry about such stupid idealisms as planning and design; we'll just build!" But the basic fact is that the question is not one of planning versus construction; the constructed buildings will be arranged and designed somehow. The question is simply and solely between good and bad planning.

\*In a Federal Works Agency release dated February 1, Acting Administrator Baird Snyder, III, announced that local architects for FWA individual projects would be chosen from names suggested by the A.I.A.

## ELL-HOW BIG IS A ROOM?

#### BY ALBERT HOMER SWANKE

he accompanying compilation of he requirements of various reguatory agencies concerned with housing is presented as an objective study of the thought given apportionment of space in dwelling units, as well as for design use. By comparison of the requirements of the agencies included, the accepted average for the various types of housing can be seen at a glance. The specific requirements of the various agencies are condensed for quick reference, and the basis for solutions which would qualify under any allied group of requirements is indicated.

The requirements of the Group V Mortgage Information Bureau, and of the Mortgage Conference, formulated in an effort to stabilize the basis for loans placed by member institutions, are concerned with privately financed, constructed, and operated apartment projects. Although the desirable minima for room sizes are established and a definite room-count value assigned such sizes, the apportionment of space, the occupancy, and the relationship between the various elements of the rental unit are at the discretion of the operator and the prospective mortgagee. Foyers, baths, dressing rooms, open or enclosed porches, and cooking re-cesses, kitchenettes, or interior cooking compartments are not given credit in the room-count. Dining rooms, to be rated as rooms, must be separated from the cooking facilities by full partitions.

The Multiple Dwelling Law defines the minimum legal standards for rooms in Multiple Dwellings in New York City, and those standards are included because of the influence they have exerted on design during the past ten years. An outgrowth of the Tenement House Law of 1901 and its subsequent revisions to 1929, the Multiple Dwelling Law was evolved from study of and experience with the largest apartment - dwelling area in the country, New York City, and its standards represent the absolute minima desirable. Among its provisions are the requirements that windows be of at least an area equal to 10% of the floor area of the rooms, that ceiling heights be not less than 8'-0", and that rooms may not be subdivided in any manner so that areas less than 70 square feet in size or without a window are created. Baths, foyers, and kitchens of floor area less than 49 square feet are excluded from the room-count.

The requirements of the Federal Housing Administration are similar in form to those of the agencies concerned with fully private opera-tions. It is required in single-family one-story detached, single-family detached, row, or group dwellings, that all habitable rooms be lighted by windows not less in size than 10% of the floor area of the room and ventilated to the extent of openable fenestration not less than 4% of the floor area of the room; that basements containing habitable rooms shall not be more than 30" below the average grade; and that baths be accessible without passing through a sleeping room or a cooking space. Ceiling heights must not be less than 7'-6" in all habitable rooms: in single-family detached, row, or group houses, this minimum must be increased to 8'-0" on the first floor. For singlefamily one-story detached dwellings the space requirements are based on the provision of areas for Living-Dining-Cooking, Sleeping, and for a bathroom, with flexibility possible as indicated by the chart. For single-family detached, row, or group houses, the dwelling unit must consist of not less than three habitable rooms and one bathroom: Living Room, Bed Room, Kitchen and Bath. Further requirements include the provision of one closet for each bed room, and for not less than 30 square feet of general storage space.

The United States Housing Authority, necessarily concerned with the absolute minima desirable in space apportionment, controls room sizes and areas by a system based on the number of sleeping rooms, and thus, indirectly, on the number of occupants in the dwelling unit, with the Living, Dining, and Cooking areas in proportion to the number of occupants as indicated by the bed rooms provided.

The control of the New York City Housing Authority is based on the number of persons housed in each dwelling unit, and similarly to the United States Housing Authority, has devised a relationship between Living, Dining, and Cooking areas that is dependent on the number of persons housed. The Authority has developed its requirements to the point of indicating the most desirable basic room sequence and arrangement, and requires free access to all rooms and toilets without passing through any sleeping room. Control of areas is further had by the requirement that the drawings indicate the placement of the furniture necessary to the occupancy proposed. One bathroom is acceptable for an occupancy of seven persons, and a toilet compartment is acceptable in units for single-person occupancy wherever public bathing facilities are available. Further requirements include the provision of no less than 3 square feet for general storage, 7 or 8 square feet for perambulator storage, approxi-mately 3 square feet for the storage of wheel toys, and special and craft room space of approximately 15 or 16 square feet, for each dwelling unit. A coat closet and a linen closet are required for each dwelling unit of more than three rooms, and a clothes closet is required for each bed room.

The requirements of the New York State Division are similar to those of the New York City Housing Authority with only minor differences. The State Division defines a dwelling unit as having at least a private toilet and bathing facilities, one private bed room, one living room, cooking facilities, and one coat closet, one linen closet, and one closet for each bed room. The minimum total square feet a dwelling unit, or gross floor area, is defined as the total area within but not including the enclosing walls or partitions.

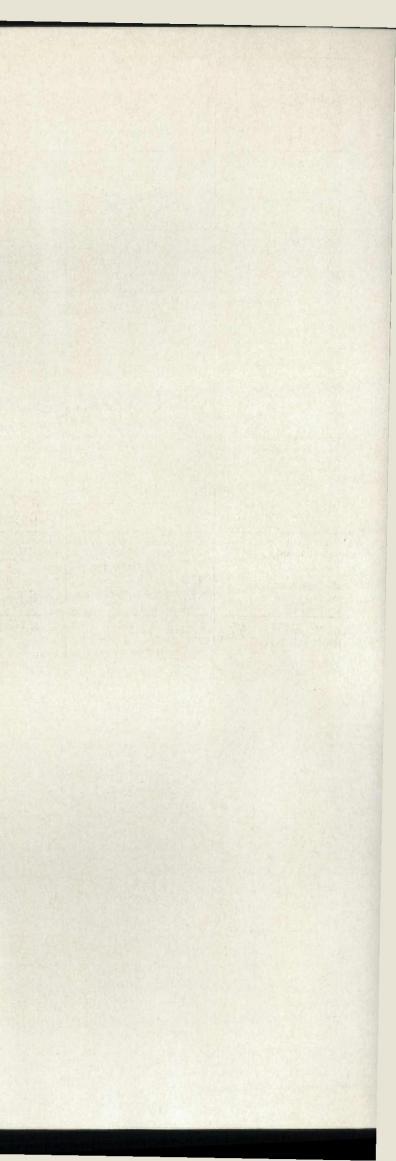


CHART NO. 1 COMPARISON OF SIZE REGULATIONS AND COUNT VALUES FOR ROOMS IN DWELLINGS									
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REGULATORY AGENCY	APPLICATION		LIVING ROOMS "A"	PRIMARY BEDROOM "B"	SECONDARY BEDROOM	s COOKING ONLY "D"	WITH DINING SPACE	DINING ROOMS	MAIDS' ROOMS "G"
reau, Savings Banks of Brooklyn and Queens, New York	Metropolitan N. Y. Area, for 6 & 9 story non-fire- proof Multiple Dwellings	Special Provision	If not less than 220 sq. ft.	1 Room If not less than 180 sq. ft ½ Room if less 12'-0" x 15'-0"	1 Room If not less than 130 sq. ft or if apt. has 2 baths 1/2 Room otherwise 10'-10" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 70 sq. ft. 1/2 Room if less 5'-10" x 12'-0"	<ul> <li>1½ Rooms</li> <li>1f not less than 140 sq. f</li> <li>+ sep. window for D.S.</li> <li>1 Room otherwise</li> <li>11'-8" x 12'-0"</li> </ul>	1 Room If not less than 130 sq. f 1/2 Room if less 10'-10" x 12'-0"	See Col. "C" t. No specific requirement
The Mortgage Conference B of New York	for Multiple Dwellings: Rental \$18-\$25/Rm./Mo.	Room Count Floor Area Special Provision Sample Size	1 Room No-minimum	1 Room If not less than 180 sq. ft. <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> Room if less 12'-0" x 15'-0"	1 Room If not less than 140 sq. ft 1/2 Room if less 11'-8" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 90 sq. fr + full D.R. in apt. 2 Room otherwise 7'-6" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 90 sq. ft. 1/2 Room if less 7'-6" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 140 sq. f 1/2 Room if less 11'-8" x 12'-0"	t. If with private bath 1/2 Room otherwise No minimum
Multiple Dwelling Law of M the State of New York	ings erected in New York	Min. Floor Area		Not less than 80 sq. ft. 8'-0"	See Col. "B" 7'-0" for 3rd, 4th & 6th B.R.'s	Not less than 49 sq. ft.	See Col. "D" Plus Alcove not more than 55 sq. ft.	Not less than 70 sq. ft. Designated Dining Alcov 7'-0"	e Not less than 80 sq. ft. See Col. "C"
Property Standards Circular No. 2	Mortgage Insurance, Title II, Sects. 207 & 210, Na- tional Housing Act — Amended 1938. For Single- Family Detached, Row, or Group Dwellings, Metro-		If not less than 160 sq. ft. or if combined with other units for an aggregate area of 220 sq. ft.	Less allowable for seasonal		<ol> <li>Room If not less than 60 sq. ft.</li> <li>49 sq. ft. acceptable in multi ple dwellings</li> <li>5'-0" x 12'-0"</li> </ol>	Dinettes — sub-divided from Kit. may extend not mor than 22'-0" long (inc. Kit. at right angles to required window	Less not accepted	See Col. "C" No specific requirement No specific requirement
Federal Housing Authority. Supplemental Standards, 1940	finimum Standards for Mortgage Insurance under the National Housing Act for Single-Family, One-S Story, Detached Dwellings, Metropolitan New York Area	Room Count Floor Area Special Provision	1 Room If not less than min.: 140 sq. ft. If D.S. included, not less than 160 sq. ft. If D.S. & K. included, not less than 220 sq. ft.	1 Room If not less than 100 sq. ft.	1 Room	1 Room If not less than 60 sq. ft. Less not accepted 5'-0" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 85 sq. ft. Less = Col. "D" 7'-1" x 12'-0"	1 Room 1 Room 1 f not less than 70 sq. ft Less not accepted 5'-10" x 12'-0"	See Col. "C"
Federal Housing Authority. N Rental Housing Division	Mortgage Insurance, Sec- tion 207, National Housing Act, for Multiple Dwell- ing Rehab., Rental Hous- ing, Metropolitan News	Floor Area	1 Room If not less than 160 sq. ft. Less not accepted 12'-0" x 13'-4"	1 Room If not less than 110 sq. ft. Less not accepted 9'-2" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 80 sq. ft. Less not accepted 6'-8" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 60 sq. ft. 1/2 Room if less 5'-0" x 12'-0"	1 Room If not less than 60 sq. ft. 1/2 Room if less 5'-0" x 12'-0"	<ol> <li>Room If not less than 110 sq. f <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Rm. if less = Din. Alc. 9'-2" x 12'-0"</li> </ol>	See Col. "C" t. No specific requirement No specific requirement
United States Housing Au- thority (FWA)	finimum and Maximum Standards for Projects De- veloped under the terms of the United States Housing Act of 1937 as amended	$\begin{array}{c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c c $	Min. — Max. 150 — 180 sq. ft. 160 — 180 sq. ft. 160 — 200 sq. ft. 160 — 200 sq. ft. 160 — 210 sq. ft. 160 — 220 sq. ft. 160 — 220 sq. ft. 160 — 220 sq. ft. 170 — 220 sq. ft.	Min. — Max. 120 — 130 sq. ft. 120 — 135 sq. ft. 120 — 135 sq. ft.	Min. — Max. None None 100 — 110 sq. ft. 100 — 110 sq. ft. 100 — 110 sq. ft. 100 — 110 sq. ft. 100 — 115 sq. ft. 100 — 115 sq. ft.	$ \begin{array}{c c} \mbox{Min.} & - \mbox{Max.} \\ \mbox{Space for ckg. eqpt. in L.R} \\ 50 & - \mbox{100 sq. ft.} \\ 50 & - \mbox{110 sq. ft.} \\ 50 & - \mbox{110 sq. ft.} \\ 70 & - \mbox{120 sq. ft.} \\ 80 & - \mbox{130 sq. ft.} \\ 110 & - \mbox{140 sq. ft.} \\ 110 & - \mbox{150 sq. ft.} \\ \end{array} $	Aggregate Area of L.R. & Kit.           Min. — Max.           210 — 250 sq. ft.           240 — 280 sq. ft.           260 — 280 sq. ft.           270 — 290 sq. ft.           280 = 300 sq. ft.           300 — 330 sq. ft.           310 — 340 sq. ft.	ft. counts as 2½ rooms. All B. R. sizes indicated B. R.'s for single perso sq. ft80 sq. ft., with Aggregate net area of L. sq. ft. counts as 2 rooms	, R. & Kit. R. & Kit. not less than 260 s are for 2 person occupancy- n occupancy should range ( minimum dimension of 7'- R. & Kit. of 240 sq. ft28

### CHART NO. 2 - COMPARISON OF SIZE REGULATIONS AND COUNT VALUES FOR ROOMS IN DWELLINGS

REGULATORY AGENCY	APPLICATION	OCCUPANCY	LIVING ROOM	COMBINATION LIVING AND COOKING	COMBINATION LIVING- COOKING-DINING	PRIMARY BEDROOM	SECONDARY BEDROOM	TERTIARY BEDROOM	KITCHEN
NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY	MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SLUM CLEARANCE PROJECTS IN NEW YORK CITY	STANDARDS							None None None None 120 sq. ft. 
		OCCUPANCY Min.   Max.	ROOM COUNT	GROSS FLOOR AREA	LIVING ROOM	PRIMARY BEDROOM (2 Persons)	SECONDARY BEDROOM (1 Person)	DINING ROOM	KITCHEN
NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING	MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR SLUM CLEARANCE PROJECTS IN NEW YORK STATE	2 Persons2 Persons2 Persons2 Persons2 Persons3 Persons3 Persons3 Persons3 Persons4 Persons4 Persons4 Persons5 Persons5 Persons5 Persons6 Persons6 Persons7 Persons	2		Yes: No Min. or Max Yes: 250 sq. ft. Yes: No Min. or Max Yes: No Min. or Max		None None None 2 @ 80 sq. ft. None 	Dining in L.R. or Kit     Dining in L.R. or Kit	. Cooking in L.R. Yes: No Min. or Max Cooking in L.R. Yes: No Min. or Max Optional: No Min. or Max Yes: No Min. or Max



## APARTMENTS IN NASSAU, B. W. I.

#### DESIGNED BY BRADLEY DELEHANTY, ARCHITECT, NEW YORK

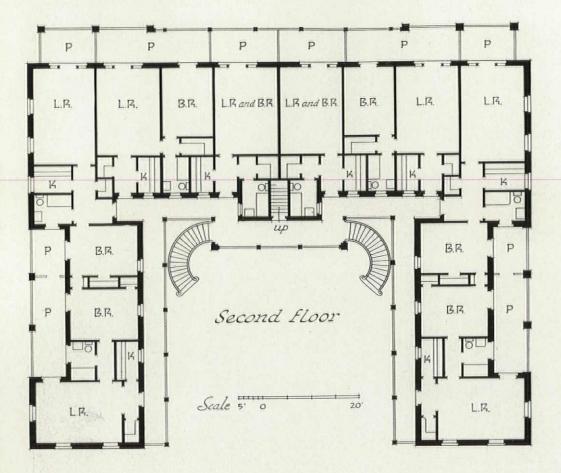
The design of the Cable Beach Apartments for a waterfront site at Nassau, B.W.I., embodies many features that contribute to comfortable living in a warm climate. The sixteen apartments (see plan on page 154) consist of one-, two-, and three-room units, ingeniously planned to permit flexibility in the number of rooms rented together. The building is constructed around a patio, abundant with tropical foliage. Though contemporary in design and detail, the building harmonizes with British Colonial architecture of the Islands.

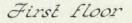
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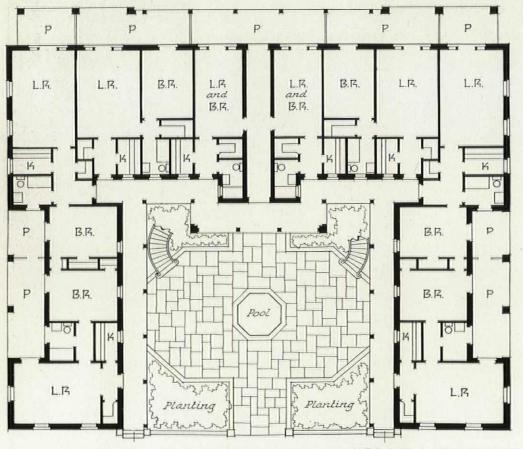
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the quoins, belt course, water table, and keystones painted white. The stucco walls of the covered porches (which provide secondary light in the living rooms) are painted a soft tropical blue, and the wooden awnings, porch railings, and balusters are painted a light blue warm grey. Each suite has a private porch overlooking the sea.

Living room furniture is made of bamboo, with upholstered cushions varying in color schemes for each apartment. Bedroom furniture and auxiliary pieces have a natural oak finish. (Photographs were made by F. S. Lincoln, of New York.)







CABLE BEACH APARTMENTS, NASSAU, BRITISH WEST INDIES -



#### MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

FOUNDATION WALLS
TERRACESLocal split flagstone laid in cement
WALL CONSTRUCTION Waterproof stucco, backed with local hollow cinder blocks
FLOOR CONSTRUCTIONFirst floor—tile laid over 5" concrete; second floor—wood joists of Southern yellow pine
RoofWood shingles weathered a natural silver gray
SHEET METALCopper
WINDOWS
FLOOR FINISH
INTERIOR WALLS Plastered and floated in ac- cordance with local practice, and sand finish painted
PLUMBINGCast iron and brass pipes; vitreous china Bathroom and Kitchenette equipment
HARDWAREBrass; chrome for <i>Kitchen</i> and <i>Bath</i>
ELECTRICALRigid conduit
CEILINGSPecky cypress
OTHER EQUIPMENT Electric ranges, mechanical refrigeration, etc.



DESIGNED BY BRADLEY DELEHANTY, ARCHITECT, NEW YORK



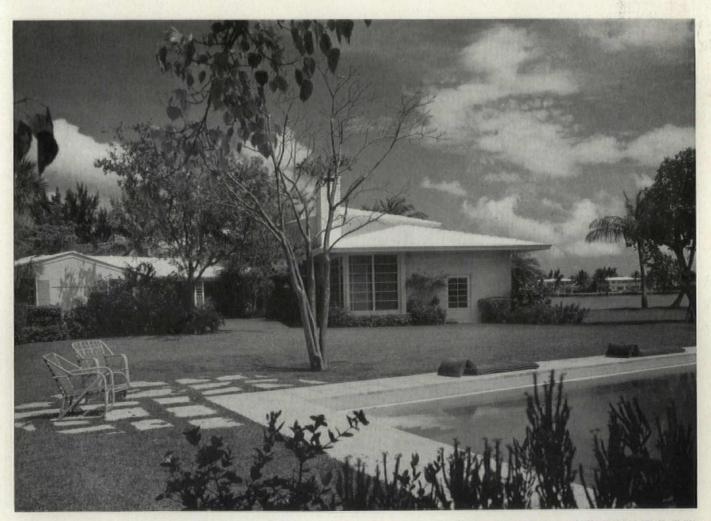
Practical information about special problems involved in planning living spaces and shelter in tropical and semi-tropical areas, gathered over a space of twenty years, has served Robert Law Weed well, and is reflected in the design of this house for Adolph Dick. Weed was a pioneer in the use of several materials now widely accepted in Florida, especially white tile roofs, popular on the lower East Coast. In developing this type of roof he first experimented with painted clay tile, then white cement tile made especially for the job, and finally a clay tile with a white baked-on slip (see application in photograph below). The insulating value of white against a tropical sun is ideally adapted to the Florida climate.

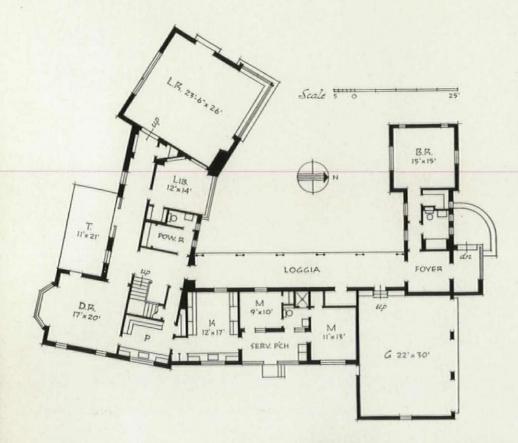
Mr. Weed also experimented early with the filling and polishing of the native quarry key stone the limestone quarried in the Florida Keys. In his work first appeared this porous, beautifullyfigured stone, filled with cement and colored pigment, and then polished. The material, thus treated in many colors, is widely used in Florida today. (See application in loggia across-page.) The loggia, which has bamboo-lattice roof-supports, overlooks the swimming pool shown below. (The photographs were made by Ernest Graham, Cleveland)

## A BACHELOR'S HOUSE

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## MIAMI BEACH

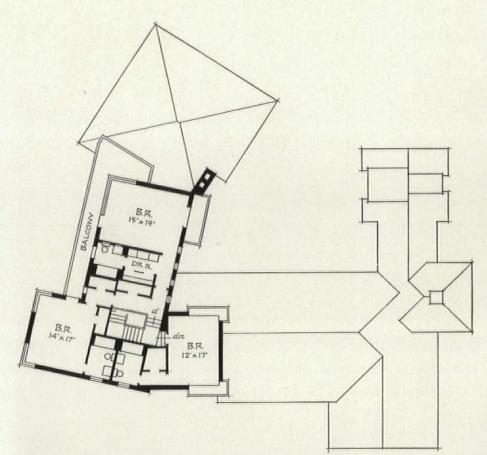




#### MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

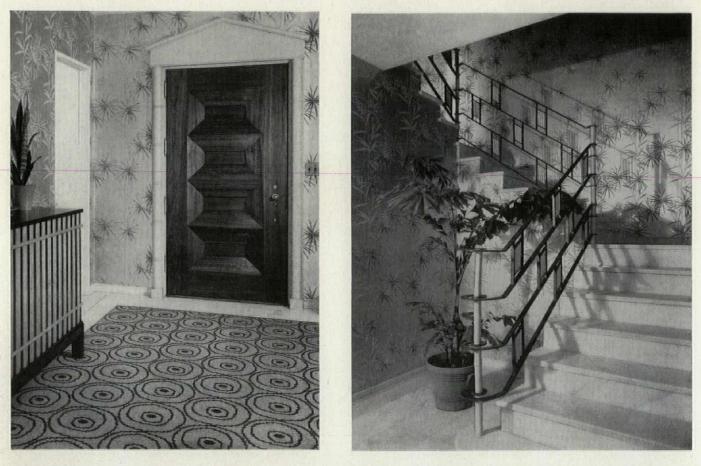
	.Concrete piling, reinforced concrete grade beams
TERRACES	Limestone quarried from the Florida Keys
FLOOR STRUCTURE	.Free supported concrete slab
WALL CONSTRUCTION	.Stucco on concrete block; adobe brick
Roofing	.Shingle-type cement tile over saturated felt
WINDOWS	.Casement steel sash with D.S. A. window glass; fixed type steel screens with bronze wire; louv- ered shutters
FINISHED FLOOR	. Marble on first floor; wood on second floor; ce- ment tile in pawder room, lavatory; wood block in li- brary; linoleum in pantry, kitchen; tile in bathroom; cement in bedroom and servants' rooms
INTERIOR WALLS	.Stud, plaster board lath, and plaster
PAINT	.Cement water paint on ex- terior masonry and con- crete; lead, zine, and oil paint for exterior wood- work; lead and oil primer for interior woodwork and semi-gloss enamel finish coat; casein paint for in- terior plaster work
HARDWARE	Dull chrome
	.Copper tube water pip- ing; vitreous china bath fixtures
HEATING	.Electric space heating and domestic water heating





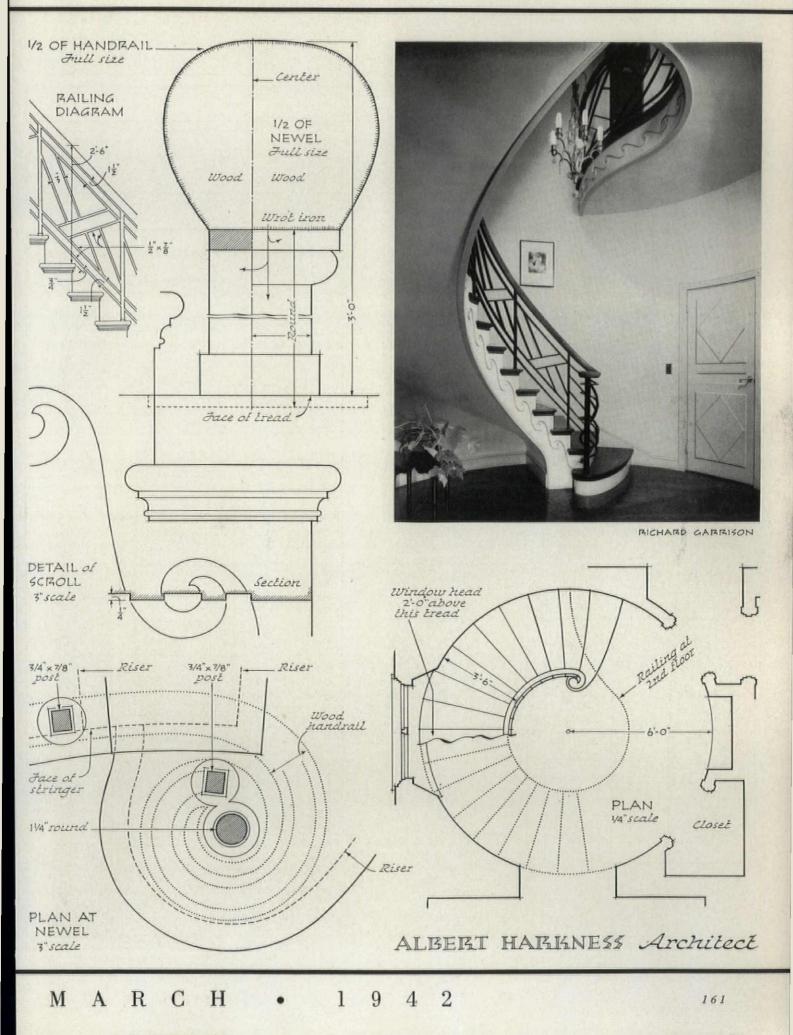
The furniture is so arranged in the living room (below and acrosspage) as to casually divide it into several living areas. The Venetian blinds provide ample protection against sun glare, yet admit tempered secondary light



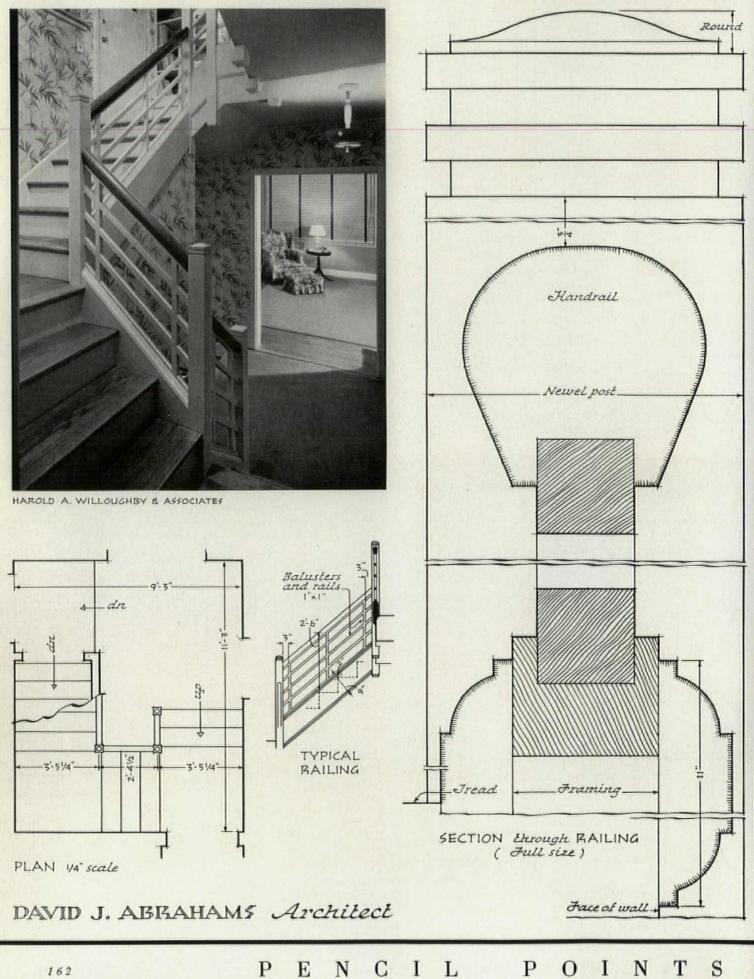


The bamboo design motif is used effectively in the Dick residence. It frames the entrance doorway (photograph above, left) and is used for the newel posts on the stairway (above, right). In this entrance hall, a bamboo-design wallpaper is also used. Illustrated below is the spacious and well-lighted dining room. (See plan on page 158)

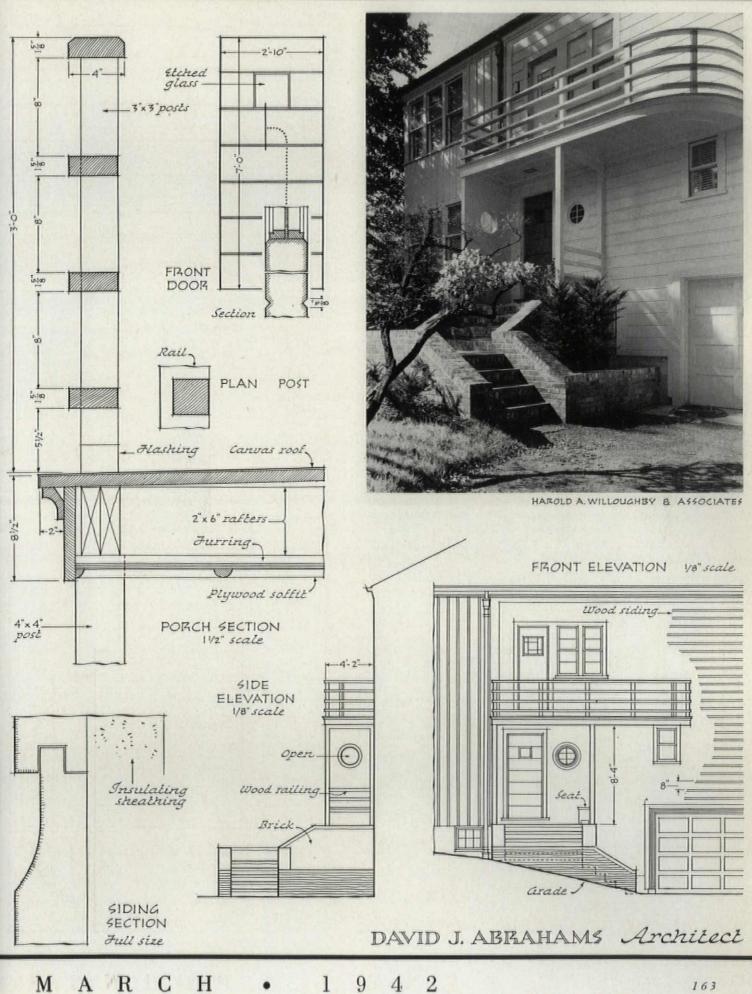




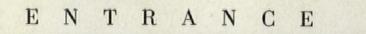
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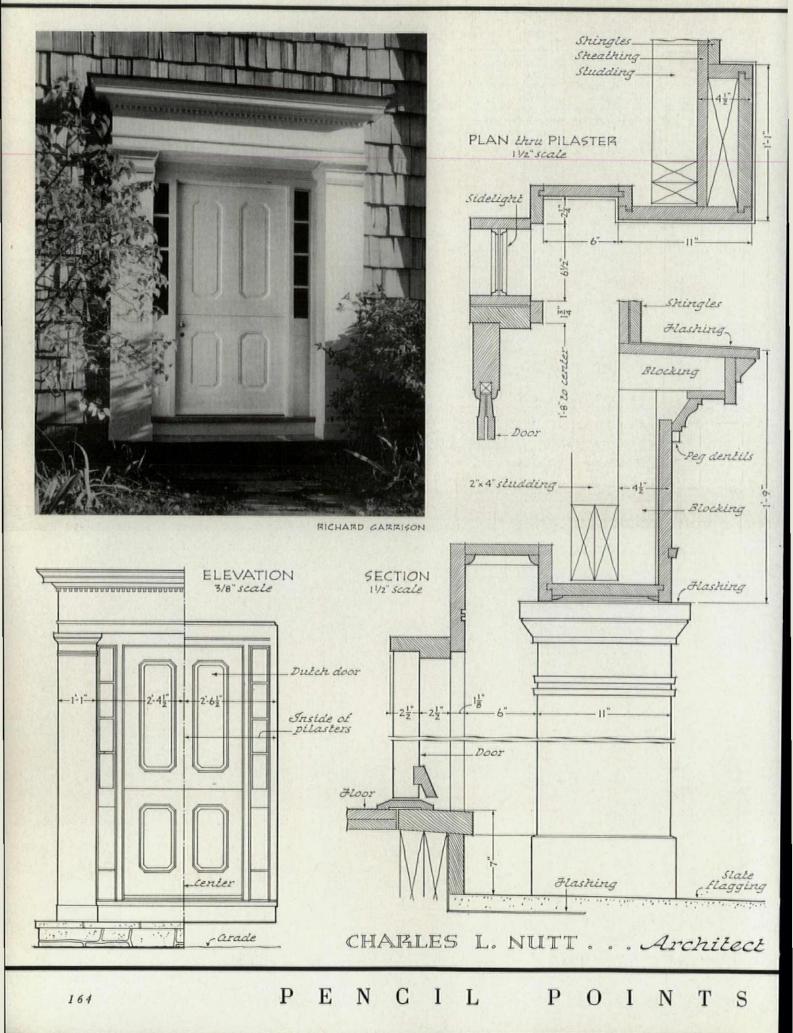


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A SMALL HOUSE ON A HILLSIDE

DESIGNED BY PAUL LASZLO, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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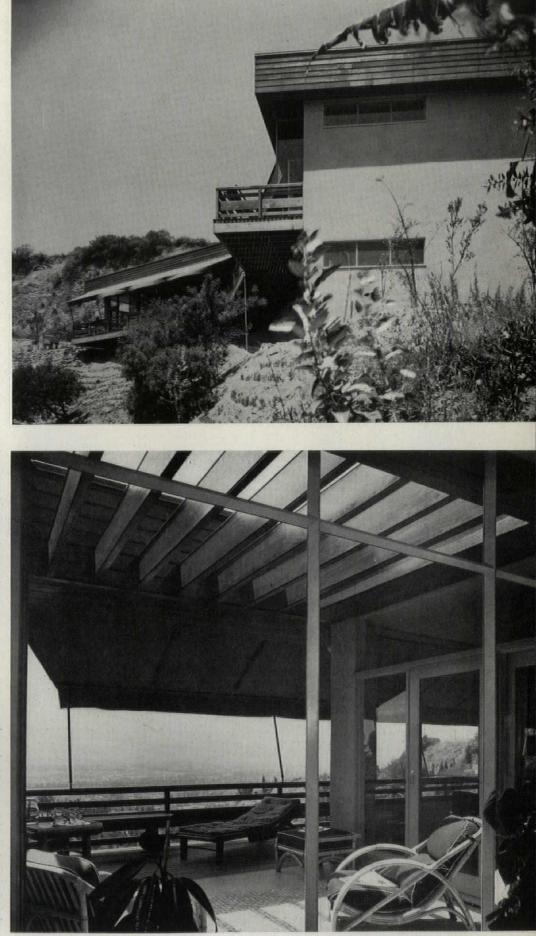
## MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

FOUNDATION WALLS.	. Reinforced concrete, waterproofed . Reinforced Concrete, waterproofed
	Stucco over galvanized wire mesh, 15-lb. saturated felt; 18 ga. gal- vanized over studs
	Plaster on keyhole lath over galvanized wire mesh
Roof	Composition
BALCONIES	Redwood
SHEET METAL	
FLOORS	Linoleum in Kitchen, Bathrooms;
	Oak in Living Room, Bedrooms,
	Halls, etc.
WINDOWS	Residential type steel sash with
	bronze screens
GLAZING	Double strength A
INTERIOR FINISH	Canvas on plaster in all rooms
	except <i>Bedroom</i> near patio; gum paneling
HEATING	Gas-forced air with summer
IIIaiiau	ventilation
LIGHTING	Recessed floodlights in Kitchen,
	Bathroom
HARDWARE	Dull chrome
ELECTRICAL	Flexible metal conduits; residen-
	tial fixtures
OTHER EQUIPMENT.	Electric washing machine, gas
	range, refrigerator, electric kit-
	chen fan



SMALL HOUSE ON A HILLSIDE - DESIGNED BY PAUL LASZLO

In the design of this small stucco house commanding a panoramic view of Los Angeles, Paul László incorporated the outdoor living qualities that are so characteristic of Southern California. The rugged hillside provides a picturesque setting for the house (photograph on page 165) with its spacious balcony across the rear, wide roof overhang on the south side, and the glass-enclosed patio back of the balcony-all suggesting comfortable living. Beyond the entrance (across-page) is the glass-enclosed living-room patio (lower photograph across-page). The balcony extends the full length of the house (photographs below). Wide windows on the rear light every room. (Photographs are from Julius Shulman)



SMALL HOUSE ON A HILLSIDE - DESIGNED BY PAUL LASZLO

## CAN THE PLANNING

# **PROFESSIONS COOPERATE?**

## BY WALTER R. HAGEDOHM

The most rugged of the "rugged individualists" is without a doubt the architect—and following him (without much distance between) would come the members of the other planning professions. To bring together into a cooperative group such manifest individualists is no small task even when only small numbers are to be considered! But when an entire section of a State, particularly when that State is California, is to be so organized, the *thought alone* is frightening.

However, that is exactly what the State Association of California Architects, Southern Section, is trying to do with its "Construction Planners, Inc.," a cooperative corporation it has sponsored. Membership in the corporation is open to all registered architects in the State of California; registered structural, mechanical, and electrical engineers; civil engineers engaged in private practice, and landscape ar-Thus, in one organizachitects. tion, will be found all the technical and planning talent to carry on any construction planning project, efficiently and quickly, with the forces of established offices working as units under a coordinating head. This prevents the dislocation of forces; the getting together, at obscure localities, of large drafting forces which can only work at a low efficiency. And then, before the men can realize a complete organization, it is uprooted; with the resultant confusion, and loss of time and money.

This corporation forms a responsible party to which the government can confidently allocate defense projects of any kind for rapid handling, with undivided responsibility.

Since obtaining the corporation

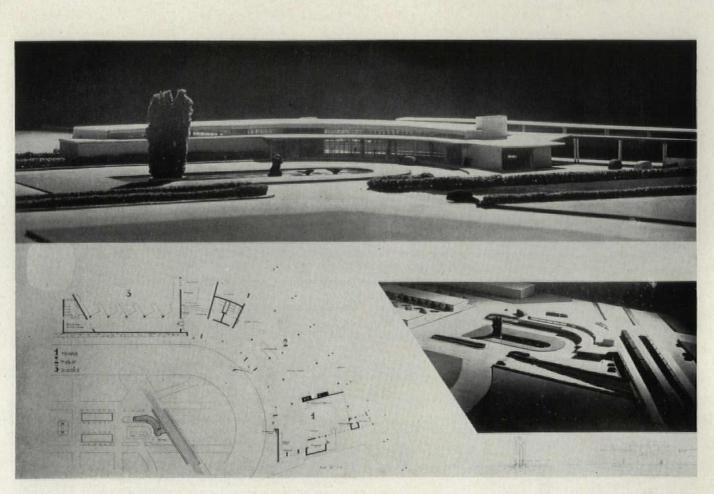
permit, over one hundred architects, landscape architects, and engineers in all categories have joined. More are being added to the roster every day. Each office is tabulated-the force available, the equipment on hand, the experience of the office in various types of buildings and construction, and other pertinent data. Each member is permitted only one vote with his certificate of membership. The executive board is elected by popular vote and is known as the Board of Directors. A managing director handles the work through an administrative staff, which is employed by and is responsible to the Board of Directors. All of the planning professions are repre-sented on the Board of Directors.

Many problems have arisen, of course, but so far they have been taken in stride, adjustments made to fit conditions, and the organi-zation proceeds. Most of the difficulties are the usual human ones -but the major one is that many still cannot realize times have changed. Things are not as they were in the Roaring Twenties-and probably will never be again. From now on it will be necessary to work even more closely together. There is a war to be won-and the talents and full resources of the planning professions are needed to aid to that end. In organizing this corporation it continuously has been brought to the attention of the members that this is not to be a means of making millions; but a method of preserving the planning professions as trained and efficient units in the task of winning the peace-by having them available and ready, instead of scattered and unorganized!

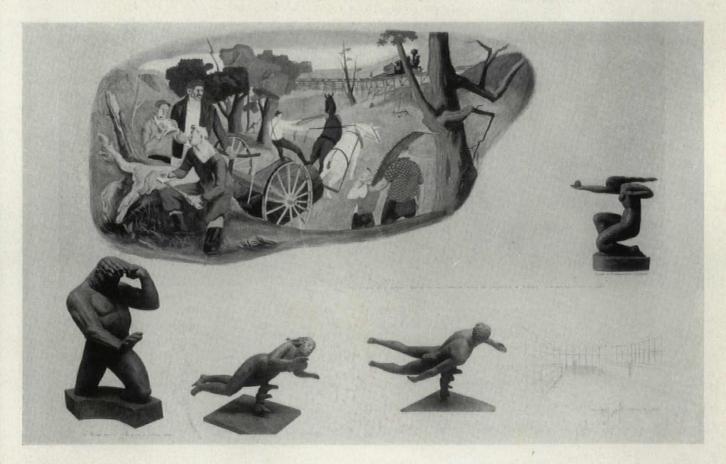
The reactionary attitude is being overcome by the very times in which we live. Private work has long since disappeared. Government projects are not easily obtained by smaller offices. A vehicle has been provided here for the architect and engineer to get some of this work-to keep the small organization intact-to remain somewhat of an individualist!

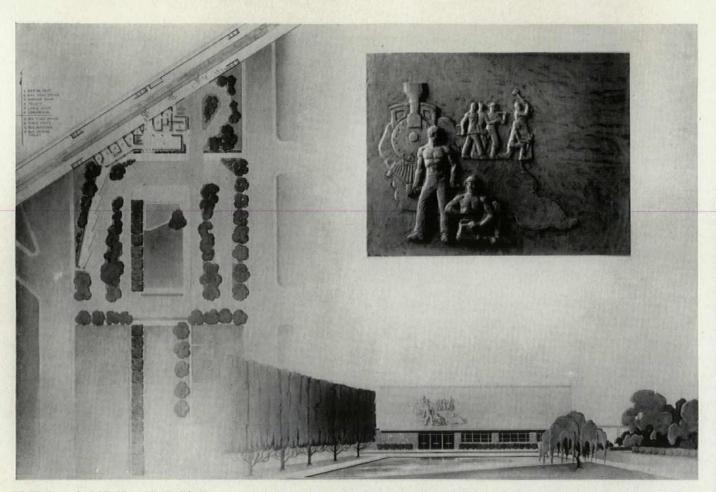
The next problem is to secure sufficient work to keep *this* organization functioning. A vehicle has been provided in Southern California by which the government can promptly, efficiently, and economically handle its Victory Program, It will avoid duplication of effort and overlapping of various agencies, with the resultant division of responsibilities. It will permit the governmental agencies to return to their original functions of fact-finding and consulting. It will provide a method of spreading a large volume of governmentsponsored work to smaller units of professional activity; and maintain them as tax-paying bodies.

What is going to happen to the architect or engineer who now receives work directly from the government? Nothing. He will still receive his share and will not be interfered with by the corporation. A survey made before organizing indicated that of over ninety million dollars worth of defense work performed in Southern California during a four-month period, only eighteen and one-half percent was handled through private architect and engineers! That leaves over eighty percent for the cooperative corporation to work on! That, with the Long-range Planning Program, for post-war construction, will keep Construction Planners Inc., busy; and the men in the planning professions in a compact group for efficient action!



First prize of \$200, awarded by the Alumni Association of the American Academy in Rome for the best solution of its timely collaborative competition, "A Railroad Station and Bus Terminal for Appleton, Wisconsin", was awarded to a team from the Cranbrook Academy of Art. Members of the team were Miss Ann Sirotenko and Stephen S. Page, who collaborated as Architect and Landscape Architect; Jack Steele, Painter; Winslow Eaves, Sculptor. (See also page 170) THE 16TH ROME COLLABORATIVE COMPETITION



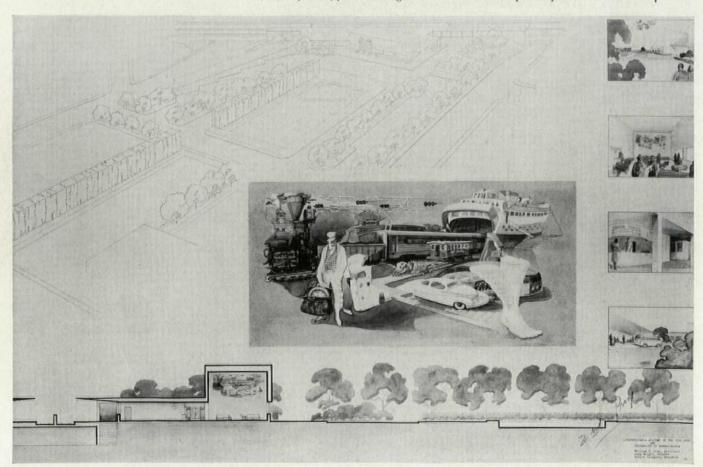


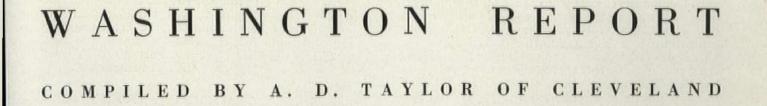
## THE 16TH ROME

## COLLABORATIVE

## COMPETITION

A team from the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and the University of Pennsylvania won second prize of \$100. On the team were William D. Shay, Architect; John Wright, Painter; Robert Spurgeon, Sculptor. (See page 169 for first prize winners). Serving on the Jury of Award were Edgar I. Williams, William L. Bottomley, and Lorimer Rich, Architects; Robert L. Fowler, Jr. and Michael Rapuano, Landscape Architects: Gaetano Cecere and C. Paul Jennewein, Sculptors; and Russell Cowles and Carlo Giampaglia, Painters. Fifty-eight teams from fifteen colleges and art schools participated in the competition





#### GENERAL TREND

The agencies of the Government, through whom the new program of housing for war workers will be administered, are much the same as the Government agencies which have heretofore been responsible for this part of the Housing program. There has been no change since the February report. The program of housing for war workers has been greatly increased in each of the agencies to be responsible for this work—Construction Division of Federal Works Agency, United States Housing Authority, Public Buildings Administration, Defense Homes Corporation, and Farm Security Administration.

There has been increased speed because of the necessity of providing houses at the earliest possible date for workers in Defense areas, primarily in the private industrial plants and in the Government Ordnance plants.

Additions to the present personnel are being made, especially in the Construction Division of the FWA. The amount of *private* work requiring the services of Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Architects, conducting offices in private practice, is rapidly decreasing, with a corresponding increase in the number of applicants seeking employment as Architect-Engineer on Federal projects, or as salaried employees on the Government payroll. With the enlarged program of construction there is strong possibility that many members of the technical planning professions will be placed in the group of commissioned officers to serve the Government on the many construction projects, and as civilian salaried employees of Government agencies.

VICTORY HOUSING

Too much emphasis cannot be placed upon the importance of having one's name upon the mailing list in the Office of Information, Federal Works Agency, North Interior Building, Washington, D. C., to receive the news releases published by this office with extreme promptness and containing up-to-the-minute information on the allocation of funds for housing for war workers. This information is available to the technical planning professions before any Architects-Engineers, or Landscape Architects, are employed. It is available in many instances before the site has been selected.

It is very important that those who are seeking contracts to provide professional services on housing projects and on other projects should study carefully the organization charts previously published in these pages. Without this full knowledge of this part of the Government organization the applicant for professional work is greatly handicapped.

Attention again, is called to the "Defense Housing Construction Bulletin," published by the Federal Works Agency, Office of Information, and containing detailed information in tabulated form on the status of projects under the Federal Works Administrator.

For over-all information, attention is further called to the "Victory" magazine, published by the Office of Production Management.

## EMPLOYMENT

The great concern of the majority of the unemployed, and temporarily employed members of the technical planning professions, is to find the opportunities for employment. So much of the prospective employment is through the Washington offices of the Federal agencies and their respective Regional offices, distributed in many cases throughout the United States, that the applicant for employment, hav-ing little knowledge of the organization of Federal agencies, experiences difficulty in locating these opportunities. These agencies are: Construction Division, FWA; United States Housing Authority (USHA); Public Buildings Administration (PBA); Corps of Engineers, Division and District Offices; Navy Department, Bureau of Yards and Docks; U. S. Army Air Corps. Many opportunities for

temporary employment are available through the offices of Architect-Engineers engaged to provide services on Victory projects, through the manufacturers of prefabricated houses (with their Field Erection Contractors) and with municipalities engaged in the preparation of plans for post-war construction.

The most important question confronting members of the technical planning professions, aside from the sources of employment, is the method of procuring employment. Those conducting offices, or identified in groups represented by different offices, and considering themselves qualified to provide complete service on a contractual basis as Architects-Engineers, should have their applications on file with the War Department, the Navy Department, the Federal Works Agency, and the Public Buildings Administration. The file of such applications in the Con-struction Division of the FWA, concerned with housing of a temporary character for war workers (demountable or prefabricated units) is already of considerable size.

Those desiring employment with Federal Agencies on a salary basis should have their written applications, with a clear statement of their experience and qualifications, in the files of each of these agencies engaged in the construction program. Unless one has personal contacts through acquaintance with Government officials within these agencies, a great amount of time and of money can be expended for a trip to Washington seeking employment. The wave of applicants now asking for appointments in which to discuss possibilities of employment is seriously handicapping those who should be otherwise engaged in providing the technical services for which they have been employed. A strong letter of endorsement, together with a properly prepared application, will in most cases accomplish as much as any trip to Washington.

In addition to salaried positions on the Government payroll, there are many positions of a somewhat more temporary character to be procured through the Architect-Engineer working on the problems of planning and supervision for the major construction projects. There continues to be difficulty in procuring information concerning the appointment of Architects-Engineers on these specific projects, and also of procuring the addresses through which to apply for such positions. This condition should be corrected.

## VICTORY HOUSING: FWA

Engineers, Architects, and Landscape Architects are being employed under the heading of Architect-Engineer to prepare plans and supervise the construction of these projects. The technical services on these demountable housing proj-ects are concerned primarily with engineering as related to roads, grading, and utilities, and to site planning, which is a highly specialized field of design. Architecture, as such, is a small part of the problem on projects developed with demountable houses, except where such projects are of consid-erable size and located away from any center of population, thus requiring the design and construction of community buildings (for schools, business, recreation, maintenance, administration, and operation). On projects such as are being developed with permanent houses through the USHA, architecture becomes a factor which dominates the design program.

Approximately fifty of these demountable projects are now in the planning or construction stages. They range from approximately 200 units to 5,000 units in a single project. As of the present date, the general design conforms to modern sub-division requirements with each lot having frontage on an improved street, as against the superblock, group-housing pattern, so much used in the extensive program of low-rent housing.

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## VICTORY HOUSING: USHA

The United States Housing Authority is starting on a very extensive program of housing for war workers, the greater part of which will probably be done through the Local Housing Authorities, from whom recommendations will be received by the USHA as to members of the technical planning professions (qualified through experience, ability, and organization) to design and supervise these projects in accordance with the schedule for completion. This program for housing is being made public in the releases from the FWA, Office of Information.

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VICTORY HOUSING: OTHER AGENCIES A large program of housing for war workers, under appropriations referred to in the February report, will be undertaken through the Public Buildings Administration, the Farm Security Administration, and the Defense Homes Corporation. The Public Buildings Administration has indicated its intention of adopting much the same procedure heretofore adopted by the United States Housing Authority, i.e., employing members of the technical planning professions in private practice to provide services on a lump sum or fee basis for design and supervision.

The Farm Security Administration will be concerned in this program, largely with temporary units of a demountable type and with dormitory units. The Defense Homes Corporation will be concerned with both types of housing and is employing members of the technical planning professions in private practice, to provide services.

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## GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

There is strong possibility that the entire program of housing for war workers, now administered by the Construction Division of FWA, the United States Housing Authority, the Public Buildings Administration, the Defense Homes Corporation, Federal Housing Administration, and the Defense Housing Coordinator's Office, will be put under one administrative head.\*

Progress has been made through the joint efforts of different agencies to adopt the standards of design, schedules of fees, and general procedures which heretofore have been the specific prerogative of each separate agency.

The United States Housing Authority, which has heretofore been decentralized only to the extent of having two of its regional offices (at Fort Worth, Texas, and at San Francisco, California) located away from Washington, is now decen-

\* On February 24 all agencies were, by Executive Order, placed under one Administrative Head. The USHA now becomes the Public Housing Authority.-Editor tralizing all of its regional offices, as follows: Region 1, Boston, Mass.; Region 2, New York City; Region 3, Washington, D. C.; Region 4, Atlanta, Ga.; Region 5, Chicago, Ill.; Region 6, Fort Worth, Texas; Region 7, San Francisco, Cal.

## COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The rather extensive program of community facilities (consisting of Utilities, School Buildings, Recreation Buildings, and other service buildings) will continue. Engineers and Architects in private practice, located within the areas where these projects are constructed, will be increasingly employed, largely through the Office of the PBA, to prepare plans and provide supervision.

## EMPLOYMENT

STABILIZATION ACT This Bill, "S.1617", "to amend the Employment Stabilization Act of 1931," is being held for further consideration. The purpose of this Bill, as and when passed, is to provide money for allotment to Federal, State, and Municipal Agencies, etc., to be used "for the making of such examinations, surveys, investigations, legal studies, comprehensive plans and programs, engineering plans and specifica-tions, etc., as may be necessary to facilitate and expedite the selection, financing, and inauguration of public improvements, etc". It is provided that such advances to these agencies shall be "subject to such requirements as to reimbursement, or with respect to contribution of funds, services, or materials, as the President may determine"

As and when this Bill is passed it will be possible, under the conditions prescribed, to have funds available with which to aid the municipalities, among other agencies, in financing planning programs in preparation for post-war projects under the Public Works Reserve.

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## CIVIL SERVICE

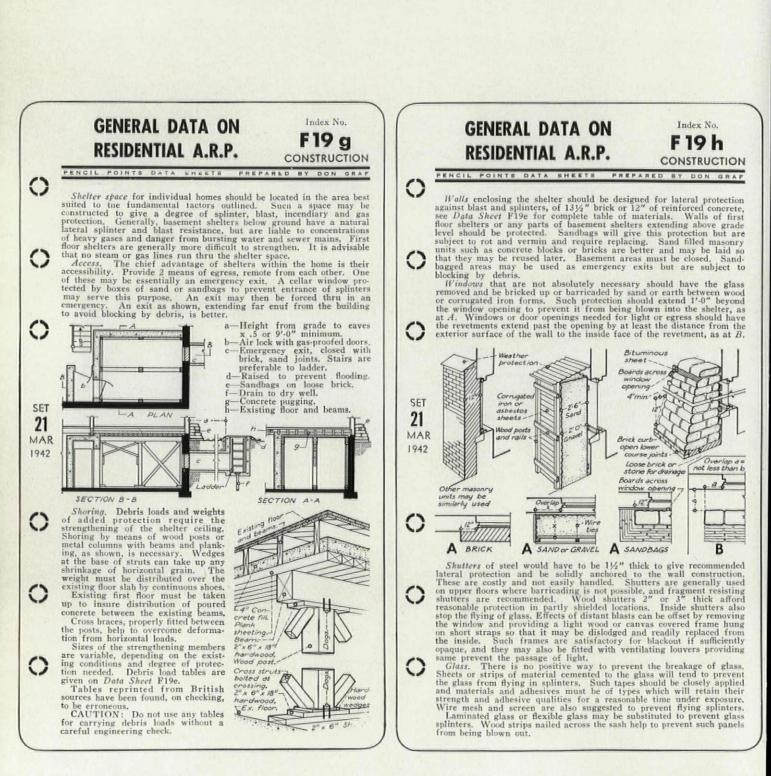
Civil Service regulations have been modified so that members of the technical planning professions desiring employment on a salary basis in the Federal Government agencies will find opportunities to procure such employment much less difficult than heretofore, when Civil Service status was required in order to procure an appointment in Federal agencies.

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# PENCIL POINTS DATA SHEETS

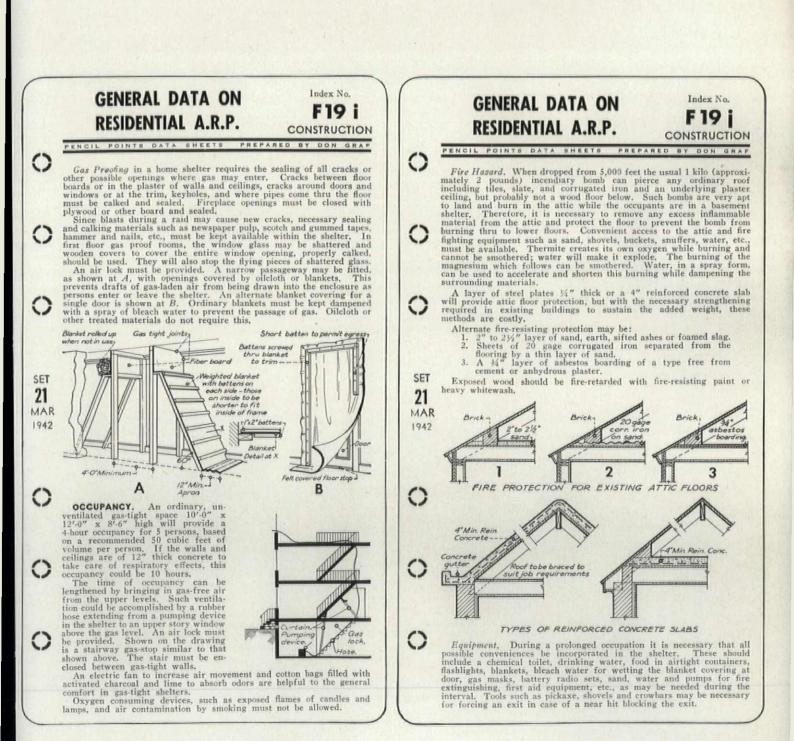
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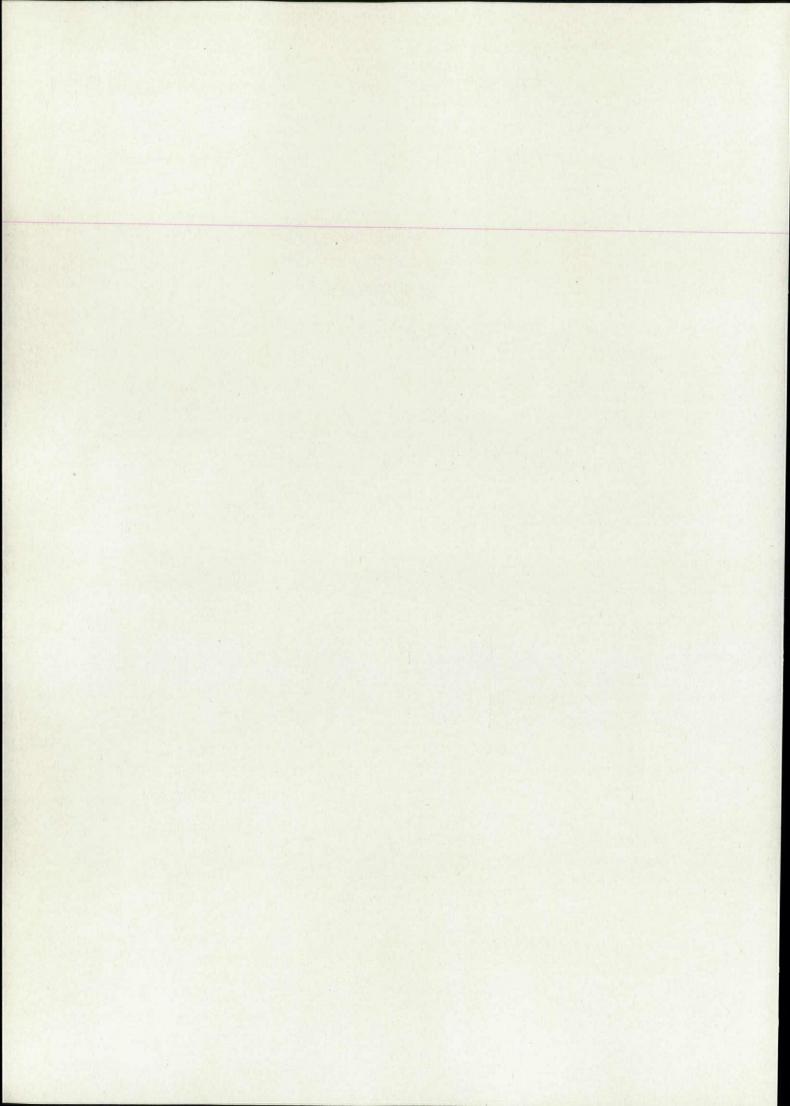
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# PENCIL POINTS DATA SHEETS





## BY FREDERIC A. PAWLEY

The following study of some phases of auditorium seating and scene visibility is not presented as a panacea but as another step toward more logical theater planning. The formulae and methods demonstrated cannot be exact because of physical differences of members of an audience. Certain rules and layout methods long in use are analyzed and replaced or improved. A graphical presentation shows for the first time the relations of a number of seating variables. This data naturally cannot be a substitute of good planning sense, which also includes theater economics, but it can assist in improving the functional design of this building type. Some of this technical data will show how to improve the functional data will

Some of this technical data will show how to improve vision of stage or screen in flat-floor, multipurpose halls with movable seats as well as in more specifically planned theaters. The limits given for side-angle and maximum views will prevent the eyestrain resulting from improperly planned motion picture halls. Such results have a definite value for our current program of national defense with its increased need for healthful recreation and evening entertainment after intensive daytime training or production work.

#### SEATING RADIUS

One problem which has had numerous tentative solutions in the history of theater planning is the determination of a logical center for a radial seating plan.

for a radial seating plan. It seems obvious that when dramatic action is to be concentrated in a relatively small acting area, or upon a motion picture screen, there is a fixed center of interest for the audience in general. The desirability of a radial plan with center at this fixed point is illustrated in the accompanying three diagrams, A, B, C. This center has been taken usually at the positions indicated in the second group of diagrams, as at D or E, or at various intermediate points; less often as in the more logical diagrams F and G.

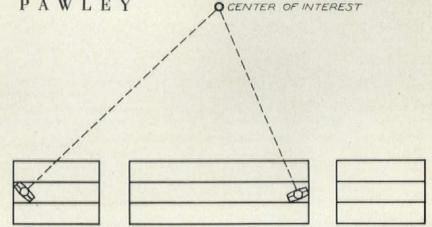


DIAGRAM A. Straight rows of seats. This is uncomfortable for the spectators in the side banks. Unequal stress is placed on the seats and backs

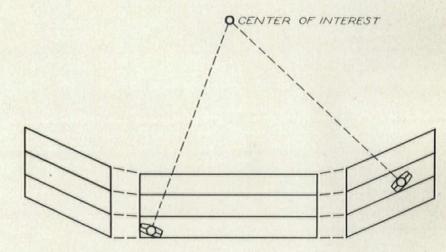


DIAGRAM B. Straight rows of seats with canted side banks present the same defects as straight rows. Rows do not line up. Aisle steps will be unsafe

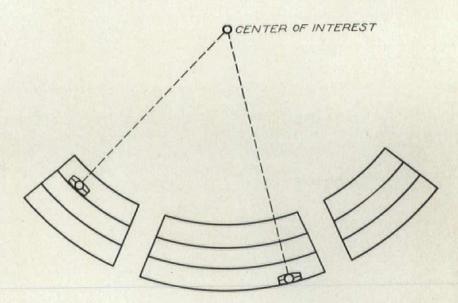


DIAGRAM C. Curved rows (radial). Best for comfort, ease of vision, safety

These differing locations have been selected sometimes without scientific vision-planning—for appearance alone, to harmonize with preconceived (or in alterations, existing) plans of stage-apron or auditorium rear wall, or to facilitate planning of a lounge behind the last row of seats. Sometimes more than one center is used, certain designers even favoring an entire series of centers.

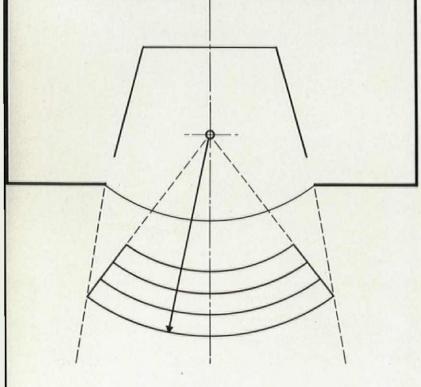
As indicated in Diagram H, such a compromise with the ideal of a fixed center at the center of interest may be justified by the argument that by flattening the arc

DIAGRAM D (above). At center of rear wall of stage DIAGRAM E (right). Behind the rear wall of stage DIAGRAM F (below). At the center of acting area

> of the first row a few seats are gained. This is bad planning because these are dissatisfaction-brewing seats, gained in an area of poor visibility of the show.

> Incidentally, when center-points are moved, it is important to check carefully for legal back-to-back spacing or clearances at ends and centers of rows. The spacings vary, as shown in Diagrams I and J, with these types of radii.

> In the legitimate theater the additional center space provided by a shorter radius front row may help to make room for a fore-stage. In the motion picture house it will make up part of the highly desirable distance from the first row of seats to screen. Minimum radius



without special tapered seating is twenty feet.

This problem of a location for a fixed center-point for motion picture seating has been analyzed in a new way by an English correspondent of the writer, C. K. Parker, R.I.B.A., in material sent me just before the Battle for Britain began. A description of this method follows:

Apparently in England an intelligent code regulation fixes minimum front row distance from screen by establishing a maximum of a 30° angle of vision for the nearest top edge of screen. (The screen size and location in Diagrams K and L follow Mr. Parker's data.)

This solution, therefore, determines a center-point for cinema seating radii by means of the vertical limit of comfortable vision. It is interesting to note that in the case selected the front row distance obtained from the *vertical* limit of comfortable vision is 28.5 (= distance) = 1.4 times

 $\frac{20.5}{20} (= \text{ screen-width}) = 1.4 \text{ times}$ 

screen-width, which is the same as that obtained by the writer's published analysis determined by a comfortable *horizontal* visual angle of  $40^{\circ}$  (with eye but not head movements). Mr. Parker's first row distance, however, is measured from the nearest edge of screen to side of first row. This increases beneficially the first row distance on the axis of the screen, decreasing the required horizontal visual angle there (which is the maximum anywhere in the house) to less than  $36^{\circ}$ .

#### VISIBILITY

While checking certain phases of the above study it became evident that efforts of informed designers and writers on seating to encourage a general increase of back-to-back spacing of rows have been partially misdirected. It is highly desirable from a vision standpoint, on the other hand, to keep row-spacing down near code limits in the front seating and to provide wider seats in these rows. This is particularly important for auditoriums with flat or slightly sloped floors which have low performance areas (stages, fore-stages, or low-hung screens which cannot be raised-a typical condition in the multi-use hall). These changes are necessary to good vision; in short, when sight-lines pass between heads.

To illustrate the obstructions caused by the heads of two people sitting in front of us, we may frame any view with our two

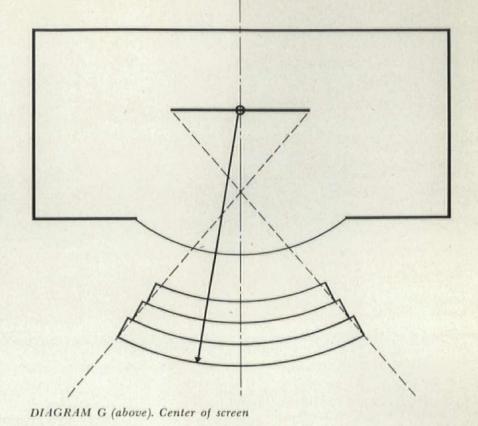
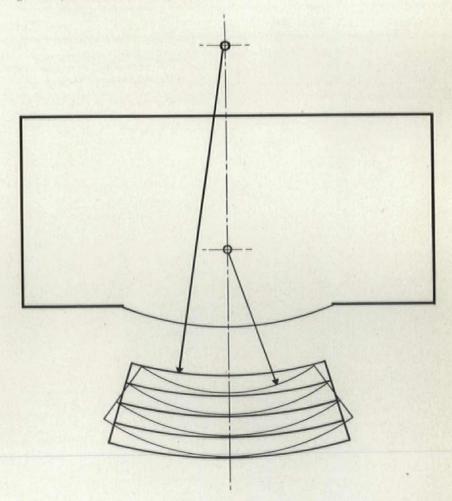
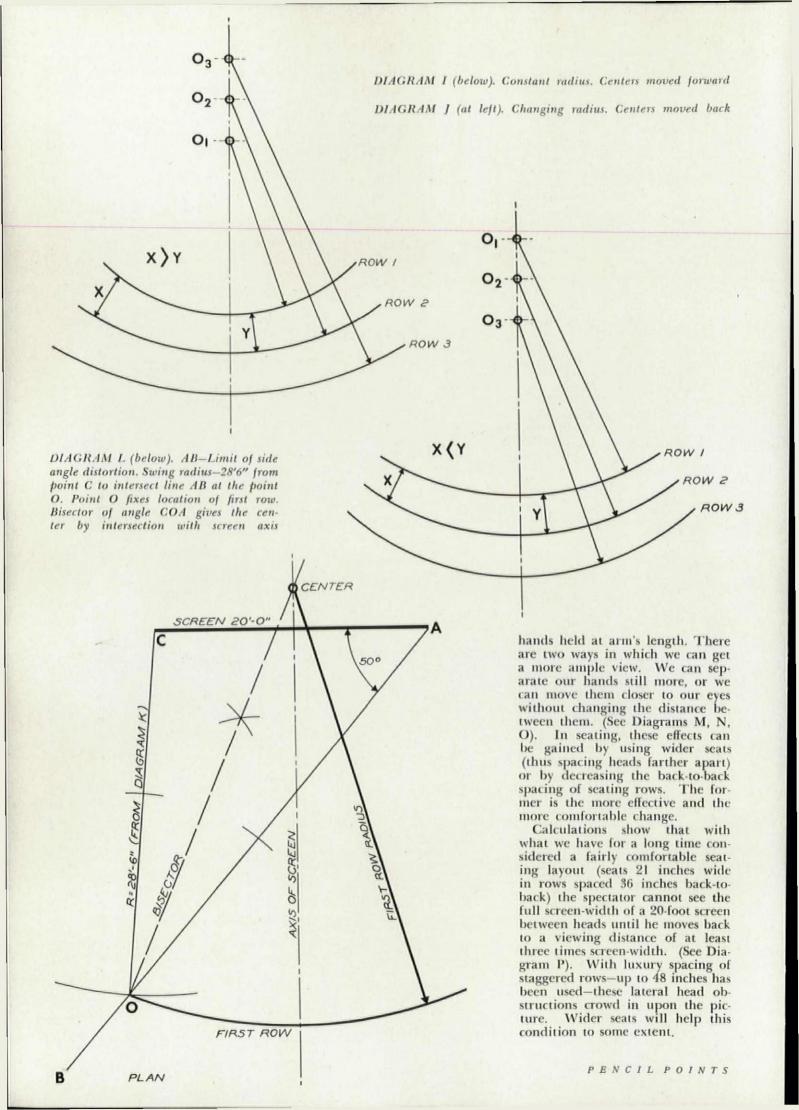


DIAGRAM H (below). Flattened arc gains a few seats in area of bad vision





The seating zone, it has been demonstrated, should be between the limits of a  $1.4 \times$ Screen and  $6 \times$ Screen. (Refer to Diagram P again). Consideration of visibility between heads indicates that roughly the front third of this seating zone, in addition to being in front of the preferred audio-visual area (3 to 5 x Screen or scene), in the name of luxury itself penalizes paying customers a second time by letting them see only part of the show—and that between ears.

If there is any way to improve this front seating, obviously it should be done—to balance the desirability of seats throughout the house. This front zone can be helped, as suggested, by wider seats and code, or near-code, backto-back spacing of staggered rows. An analysis is given here in

graph form of these relations between seat-widths (from 19-inch to 24-inch), back-to-back spacing (from 32-inch to 36-inch), and views between heads in the next row front. This graph will assist in checking vision characteristics of an existing seating plan, or help in designing a new auditorium. The visual standards established for any particular job will be governed in many cases by commercial requirements, but this study may illustrate and bolster arguments against ineffective seating in quick, graphic fashion. The less frequent "ideal" jobs will undoubtedly benefit by application of this analysis.

To facilitate reading the graph, the scale representing visible scenewidths is larger than that for viewing distances. Recommended first row distance, preferred audio-visual area (perhaps primarily of motion pictures although a stage show is improved by a little space for perspective and acoustical mixing), and a tolerable (2/3 or better) view of scene-width (screen or acting area) have all been indicated on this graph.

#### HOW TO USE GRAPH

To determine visible scene widths at various viewing distances for any specific seat-width and row spacing:

Enter graph at right on proper diagonal line for seat and spacing and check visible scene at top for viewing distances on left margin. *Example:* How much of the screen will a spectator sitting at a view-

DIAGRAM M (above). Basic relation DIAGRAM N (center). Wider seats DIAGRAM O (right). Less row spacing

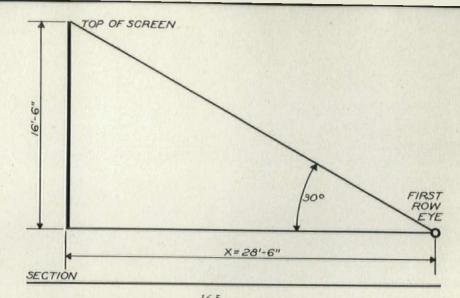
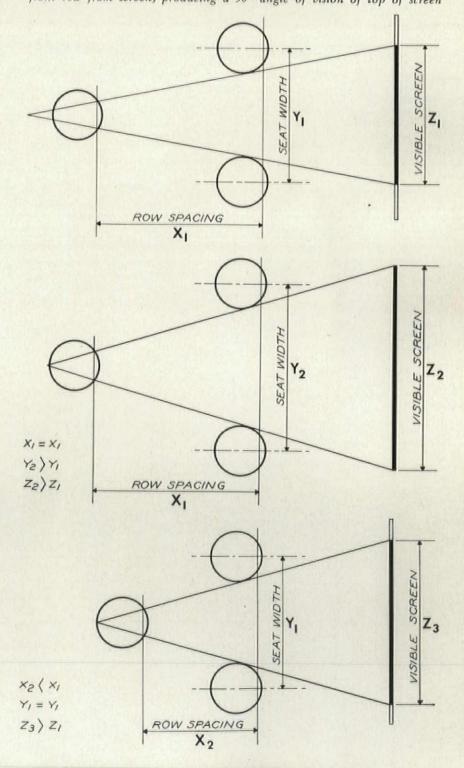


DIAGRAM K (above).  $X = \frac{16.5}{\tan 30^{\circ}} = 28'6'' = horizontal distance of the front row from screen, producing a 30° angle of vision of top of screen$ 



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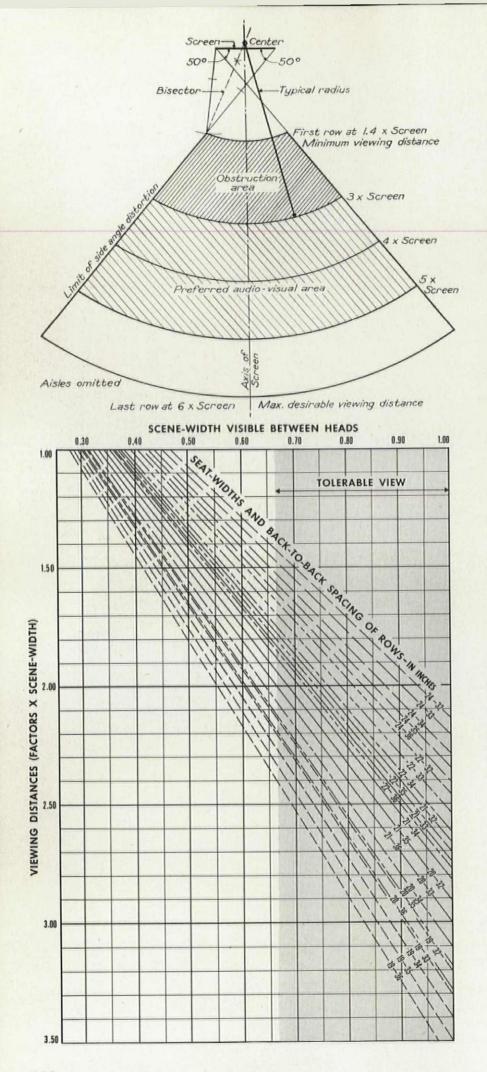


DIAGRAM P (left). Analysis of auditorium with seats 21" wide and placed in rows which are spaced 36" apart

CHART Q (below). Relation between seat widths, back-to-back spacing, views between heads in next row front

ing distance of 2 x Screen see from 20-inch seating in rows spaced 35 inches? Find diagonal for 20-35, follow to horizontal line indicating viewing distance of 2 x Screen, read vertically up for scene-width of approximately 5/8 visible between heads.

To check forward limit of viewing distance for a specific degree of scene visibility:

Read vertically down from top scale, and diagonally down to select proper seat and spacing combination for the viewing distances.

All seats of a specific size and spacing behind the viewing distance at which their diagonal line intersects the vertical line at right margin have *full view of scene*, i.e., 20-inch seats, spaced 34 inches, at any point behind 3.1 x Screen will have full view between heads.

All seats to left of this full view limit have increasingly obstructed views of scene as distance decreases.

Seats to left of vertical line marked 2/3 scene—that is, seats which lie in front of the various viewing distances indicated by intersections with this 2/3 scene line —have poor views of scene under the conditions described.

The following table gives general formulae for the different seat widths, for these relations.

VD' = View Distance in feet, for full view.

B'' = Back-t	o-back	sp	acing	in i	nches.
S' = Screen	or sce	ne-	width	in	feet.
19-inch seats:	VD'	=	0.1	B″	S'
20-inch seats:	VD'	=	0.091	B″	S'
21-inch seats:	VD'	=	0.083	3 B"	S'
22-inch seats:	VD'	=	0.077	7 B"	S'
24-inch seats:	VD'	=	0.067	7 B"	S'

Example: At what distance from screen will a spectator in a 21-inch seat, in rows spaced 38 inches (note, not within limits of graph), have a full view of a 20-foot screen? General formula for 21-inch seats is VD' = 0.083 B" S'. Substituting:  $VD' = 0.083 \times 38 \times 20$ . Therefore, VD' = 63.08 feet = 3.15 x Screen.

Behind the viewing distance at which specific seating factors give a full view of scene, and in nonstaggered seating, increased back-toback spacings are desirable to increase comfort and decrease the obstruction caused by a single head between spectator and scene.

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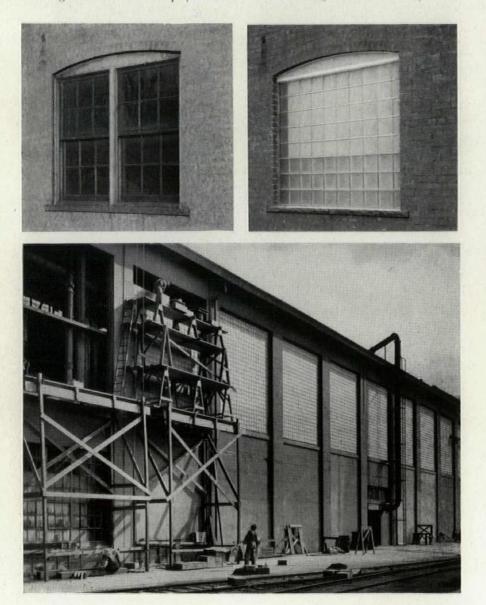
### WAR (Formerly Potomac Patter)

Everything and everybody architectural is now on an all-out defense program, directly or indirectly. This column drafts itself to the forces working toward the supreme effort and henceforth gives out only information for home consumption and of no possible benefit to the enemy, such as:

Office space for vital government agencies is at such a premium that some of these agencies have been found to bid against each other for rentable space. Is somebody overlooking the fact that taxpayers are shelling out (and how) the dough? Doesn't P.B.A.'s Space Control Unit act for the entire government?

Could that be the reason that the War Department acquired a new privately owned 10 story office building (A. R. Clas, Architect) from under the nose of the Maritime Commission for whom the "Space Control" section of P.B.A. was renting the space? Maritime had arranged for this building many months ago, had even made its own office layouts (Alain de Bouthillier's Styling and Furnishing Branch did a swell job—with *Paul Windom's* help) and the boxes were already packed for the morrow's moving. But the next morning-the War Department yelled "Bingo" and both Maritime and Public Buildings, which at the last minute tried to capture the space for itself, yelled "Aw Shoot!"

Recent Presidential action with regard to personnel transfers among more or less vital and defense government agencies will help many



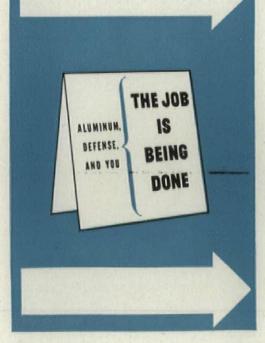
architects and engineers now frozen to unsatisfactory jobs, from the standpoint of either salary or the doing. His unfreezing order would now permit some excellent men to transfer from lesser jobs in lesser defense agencies to better jobs in the more important units where, naturally, needed help is offered better jobs and more remuneration. But all this won't help the War Department's losses-in spite of its highest priority rating on manpower. Some of the boys left War (freezing by prejudice notwith-standing). As Irv. Cahn, a recent resigner, pointed out: Capable men (like himself) rebel against puny jobs and more puny pay when the times demand the best effort by the best minds and hands. So now Irv. does his bit in defense housing for Kenneth Franzheim, who has plenty of it. Another with plenty of the same thing, we hear, is William N. Denton, Jr. whose spacious and well-appointed offices should echo with joyous pencil-pushing for many a day.

Naturally enough your Uncle Sam has practically closed the season for visitors. Many points of interest are now being carefully guarded by some of last year's draftees but that doesn't stop some of our architectural brethren from dropping down to visit. Business (Continued on page 46)

With the Victory effort drawing off all new metal and depleting existing stocks, the maintenance and replacement of factory sash is becoming a knotty problem. A solution has been suggested by recent experiments conducted by the Insulux Division of Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Toledo, Ohio. Actual factory openings were studied in the tests. The old sash was first removed, the masonry opening trimmed up, and the sill painted with an asphalt emulsion. Wood chases were erected at the jambs and head, and expansion strips were put in place. Glass blocks were laid up in mortar, and the panel edges were packed tight with oakum and then caulked.

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STEEL DECKS-A new 24-page catalog (A.I.A. File No. 12-B-3) on Holorib steel decks has been issued by Detroit Steel Products Co., 2250 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich. Feature of the catalog is the detail section. The plates are in two colors, with one color showing the Holorib installation. Included are construction details, specifications, other data on steel decks, reinforcing floor forms, Sanacoustic roofs, insulated roofs.

UNDERGROUND STEAM SYS-TEMS-Valuable reference manual for those concerned with the layout and purchase of underground and overhead steam line construction is a new Bulletin No. 420A from The Ric-wiL Co., Cleveland, Ohio. The wire-bound manual covers general requirements for average needs on underground heating or power piping systems, with typical layouts, sketches, diagrams, and plot plans of actual installations. It includes many charts, tables, and details on piping methods, sizes, combinations, capacities, and details of various fittings used in such systems. The manual is limited to persons connected in an engineering and planning capacity with military, naval, aeronautical, other war construction projects, or with industrial plants built for or converted to war facilities.

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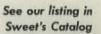
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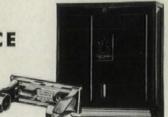
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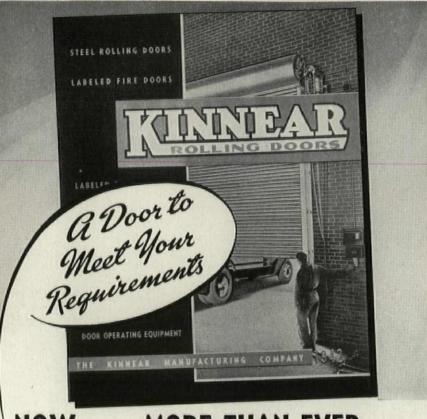
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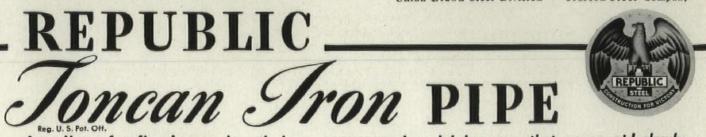
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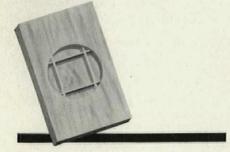


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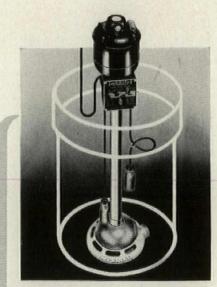
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might be the instigating factor but present day Washington still holds an architectural appeal. Among our recent visitors were architects: Wm. M. Ingemann, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Maurice Lavanoux, New York, whose work with the Liturgical Art Society is well known. Clarence B. Litchfield, of Alfred Hopkins & Associates, New York, dropped down -but strictly on business. RED

## PANAMA PANORAMA

We are ONE! Since our columnito first made its appearance in PENCIL POINTS a year ago, a great deal of water has flown thru Peter Magill locks and many changes have appeared on the Panama Panorama. What of the personalities who have appeared from time to time? For instance, what about Clark Teegarden and Fred Herman, of Panama pictorial map fame? Well, Clark has just married the belle of the Isthmus, with Howard Wipf and Panama Pete basking in reflected glory as ushers at the very impressive wedding service at the Cathe-dral of St. Luke in Ancon. The young couple honeymooned in my favorite country, Guatemala, My enthusiasm for Guatemala, which I had the privilege of visiting a year ago, has earned for me the name of F. Guatemala Dopp.

And Fred? Fred has returned to God's country—Seattle and the state that goes with it, in case there is any doubt in your mind. He took back with him an enviable portfolio of excellent water colors as well as God knows how many thousand feet of Ciné-Kodak Kodachrome to remind him of his sojourn in the tropics. Our old pal, Sam Hitt, has come out of his brief retirement to help his Uncle Sam with the war program. Brooklyn Navy Yard is his headquarters, where he bats out sketches on a day-and-night basis these hectic days. Norman Little and Jack Buechele are both recent daddys-inlaw. Carl Stoye sent one of his very swell photo-Xmas cards from his new base in Jamaica.

Roger Morrow has lost his amateur standing as a water colorist. He now has an enthusiastic dealer vending his wares in New Orleans. Bravo, Major! Of the Panamanian boys, Rogelio Navarro has been flying down to Rio recently as a member of Panama's delegation to the big conference. The smartest thing in Panama is Rogelio's new residence within putting distance of the Panama Golf Club, of which he is the president this year. Inocencio Galindo is now Commisioner of Civil Defense in Panama as well as the new President of the Union Club, Panama's social center. He recently won the competition for the new Caja de Seguro Social. (Social Security Building to you, Tootsito.) Luis Hernandez received second prize and the Guillermo de Roux-Octavio Méndez team came in third. Octavio Méndez was also the winner of the competition for the Caja de Ahorros. (You figure that one out for yourself.)

For some time the famous Pacific Sailfish Club has felt that it should have its own clubhouse, so plans were drawn up by a group of architect-engineer members headed by Norman Little. In appreciation of their efforts the club tenderly tendered them a super-swell dinner. The project according to plans will be quite expansive, but with things as they are now, well. . . .

And also with things the way they are now, there will not be much of a carnival this year and hence no architects' float. People who must hammer nails are building air raid shelters instead.

At the last dinner-meeting of the Club de Arquitectos at the Union Club, we inaugurated the new airconditioned bar which was designed by Luis Hernandez and features local decorative woods of which Panama has a goodly supply. A newcomer at the bar was Chuck Stewart, who found his old U. of Ill. buddy, Octavio Méndez, down here. Another recent newcomer to the Zone is Talbert Jones, of the U. of Minn. Joneses. At a previous meeting of the Club the boys had impromptu fun caricaturing one another none too flatteringly on a slate black board borrowed from the billiard room.

Our old Washington pals, Carl Schloctor and his charming wife, were stationed here for a short time in connection with some designing for the third locks project. They had a chance to make a side trip to picturesque Costa Rica, our good neighbor to the north, in case your geography is as hazy as I think it is. George Graeber has returned from a holiday jaunt to the States, which included a side trip to Washington to see his old buddies in what was called the Procurement Division in the old days. George brought back a super-deluxe, stream-lined port-able typewriter for Panama Pete, all the better to get out this column with, my dears. Hasta luego! PANAMA PETE

Prepared exclusively for architects is a monthly bulletin service, "Design of the Month", issued by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Grant Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa., which shows the many possibilities in the modern treatment of store buildings. Realizing the importance of new store front design in merchandising technique, the firm has gathered twenty-five of the design renderings, known as the Loan Collection of the Month, which is available for exhibit showing to any architectural society or accredited school of architecture. The designs, printed in color, from drawings approximately twice their size, serve as reference documents in design, construction, and rendering. The collection consists of 21 renderings 221/2"x 20"; two renderings 391/2"x281/2"; two renderings 193/4"x281/2". The photograph at left shows a portion of the exhibit on display at a recent showing.



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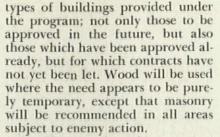
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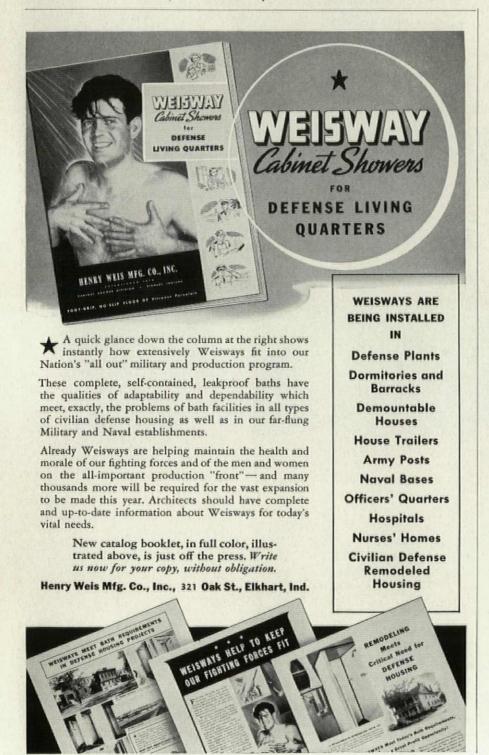
## PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

Use in Defense Public Works projects of steel and other critical materials will be cut to an absolute minimum, according to a basic construction policy recently announced by *Baird Snyder*, *III*, Acting FWA Administrator.

Under the new policy, buildings constructed under the DPW program will be limited to one- and two-story masonry, and one-story wooden structures. These limitations apply to schools, hospitals, firehouses, and virtually all other



Specifications have been worked out for a basic masonry unit with concrete foundation and floor, which is set over a gravel fill. Sixteen-inch concrete pillars will support a concrete roof. The walls



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Similar specifications have been worked out for two types of wooden structures, one purely temporary and the other fire-resistant and more permanent.

Auditorium-gymnasiums required for schools will be built of wood and connected to the basic masonry buildings by covered passageways.

## DEFENSE CONTRACTS

Under government requirements all holders of defense contracts must file duplicate copies of their drawings of the particular equipment being manufactured. These duplicate copies must take a definite form and must comply with definite specifications. The Frederick Post Co., Box 803, Chicago, Ill., is offering condential advice to government contractors and subcontractors on a time-saving method of reproducing drawings re-quired under these contracts. Request for information should state whether the contracts held are for the Army, Navy, Air Corps, or whatever governmental department is involved.

## LANG HONORED

A civic dinner in honor of Otto H. Lang, dean of the architectural profession in Texas, was planned by his friends in the construction business for February 27, in Dallas, Tex. Lang, who has practiced in Dallas for 54 years, recently announced the retirement from business of his firm, Lang & Witchell, and his association in an advisory and consulting capacity with Grayson Gill, Dallas architect and engineer. The firm's principal plan files and goodwill have already been transferred to Mr. Gill.

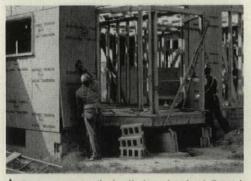
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LeRoy Grumbine, 12161/2 Trenton St., Los Angeles, Calif., Ernest Jonson, 126 W. 12th St., New York; J. T. Ridley, 3872 Boston Road, New York; and H. Van Pelt, 513 Crescent St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

The editors also have on hand an article, "Modern Architecture -A Revaluation", which the author (unknown) may have upon request.

The contributions will be held until August 1, after which they will be disposed of.

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## WESTCHESTER ARCHITECTS ELECT OFFICERS

George A. Boehm was re-elected president of the Westchester County (New York) Society of Architects at the Society's annual meeting, held February 11, in White Plains, N. Y. Other officers for the coming year are: Louis Levine, vice president; Edwin F. Hayner, secretary; and Ted Arthur Homa, re-elected treasurer. The following men were elected to serve as directors for three years: George A. Boehm, Phillips B. Nichols, Louis Levine, and Reynold E. Paufve.

## SUMMER COURSES

The Department of Architecture, College of Fine Arts, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., will conduct six courses in architecture during the 1942 summer session, according to an announcement from *Professor L. C. Dillenback*, Director. The courses will cover a six-week period of study in Elements of Design and Theory of Architecture; Introduction to Construction; Materials of Construction; Freehand Drawing; Architectural Design; Shelter.

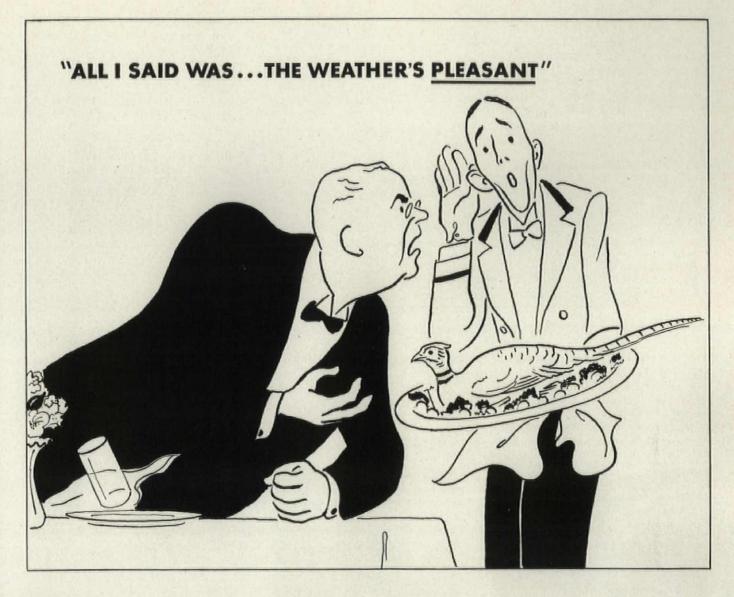
## FWA ARCHITECTS

In a move to decentralize FWA construction activities, *Baird Snyder*, *III*, Acting FWA Administrator, has appointed three regional representatives to facilitate FWA programs. Local architects for individual projects are to be chosen from names suggested by the American Institute, according to Mr. Snyder, and every effort will be made to lease sites for prefabricated, demountable houses rather than to purchase such housing sites outright.

Director for Region I (the New England States, and New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, with New York City headquarters) is John T. Egan, who has been regional director of the United States

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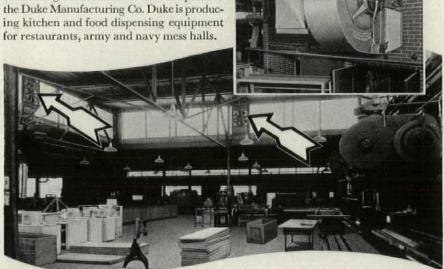
Housing Authority, FWA, since 1939. Director of Region 5 (Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, with Fort Worth, Texas headquarters) is James Bradner, former chief of the defense housing management section, FWA. Director for Region 6 (California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, Idaho, Washington, with San Francisco headquarters) is Pierce Williams, formerly director of the FWA defense housing field office at Los Angeles. Appointments for the three other regions will be made shortly.

It is the intention of the FWA to request from the A.I.A. a panel of local architects residing in or near the specified municipality who, in the opinion of the Institute, would have adequate facilities to design and supervise the construction of the project in question. The Institute will furnish names without distinction between members and non-members of the Institute. From the panel, the FWA will select an architect with the understanding that he would associate with an engineer in the undertaking.

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## COMPETITIONS

## FITCHBURG AIRPORT COMPETITION CANCELED

Because of the use of critical materials in the construction of the proposed Administration Building at the Fitchburg (Mass.) airport, the War Production Board in Washington has asked that this construction be deferred for the present. Hence, the competition for the proposed airport Administration Building, announced in good faith (page 70, February issue of PENCIL POINTS), has been postponed. Joseph Hudnut, Professor of Architecture at Harvard University, professional advisor for the competition, has notified each architect who had requested a copy of the program.

The Competition Commission hopes that the postponement may be brief. In any event, it will not proceed until it is assured that the construction of the building will not in any way interfere with the war effort of the government.

It had been suggested that the Commission proceed with the competition by offering a substantial money prize to the winner in lieu of the commission for the work. It had also been proposed that the Municipal Authority award the winner a commission for the work with the provision that this work would be undertaken at some future date. However, both of these proposals were found to be impracticable.

## A.I.S.C. AWARDS

Students from Iowa State College took all the prizes in the recent annual Students' Bridge Design Competition conducted by the Ameri-can Institute of Steel Construction. Winners were Everett Thorbrogger, first prize; R. Kenneth Kendall, second prize; Carlton Mueller, third prize; Gordon Johnson, first mention; Wayne A. Norman, sec-ond mention; Dick Utterback and Ralph A. Krass, honorable mention. The problem of this year's competition was a steel bridge over a river crossing.

## GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

The University of Pennsylvania, School of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pa., has announced three graduate fellowships and a scholarship in architecture. The fellowships (two Theophilus Parsons Chandler Fellowships and the Joseph V. Horn Fellowship) provide advanced study for graduates of approved architectural schools who

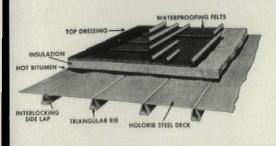


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### STANFORD WHITE WORK ON EXHIBITION

The Museum of the City of New York, Fifth Ave, between 103rd and 104th Sts., has opened a special exhibition, "The New York Work of Stanford White", which will continue to the end of May. The exhibition shows in drawings, prints, and photographs the many structures, past and present, which were designed by Mr. White. Most of the exhibition, which has been loaned by McKim, Mead & White, depicts the Victorian tradition characteristic of Mr. White's designs.

# OBITUARIES

# ARNO KOLBE

Captain Arno Kolbe, New York architect and former Army officer, died February 19 in Yonkers, N. Y., aged seventy-two. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Architecture in 1902, he was a member of the architectural firm of Fellheimer & Wagner, New York.

# THOMAS W. LAMB

Thomas White Lamb, noted theater architect, died February 26 in New York, aged seventy-one. Although he achieved his widest fame in the design of theaters and other places of amusement, he also drew the plans for many other New York City structures. He won honorable mention in 1932 in a world-wide competition for designs for the Palace of the Soviets in Moscow.

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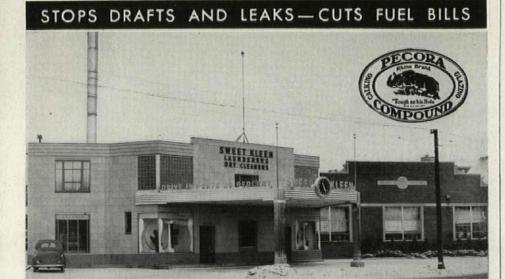
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BEECH AIRCRAFT CORP., Plant Engineering Department, Wichita, Kans. (Data on building materials dealing with industrial buildings.)

GLANVILLE DOWNEY, Librarian, School of Fine Arts, Yale University, New Haven, Conn. (Data and material for complete A.I.A. file.)

DAVID TAMMINGA, Student, 24 West 108th St., Chicago. (General literature and data for complete A.I.A. file.)

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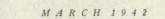


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latest edition at \$6 should find its way into every architectural drafting room. We still object to spell-ing molds "moulds"; we think gage is quite as literate as "gauge"; and the title of the book we insist should be "Graphic Architectural Standards" and not "Architectural Graphic Standards." For these criticisms this reviewer acknowledges the service of his assistant in charge of hair-splitting. There is an unbelievable scope of informa-tion which runs the gamut from a musical scale in 3 flats and 6/4 time on the tone of church bells to the dimensions of row-boats. The material is well organized and indexed for easy reference. D. G.

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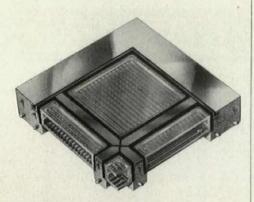
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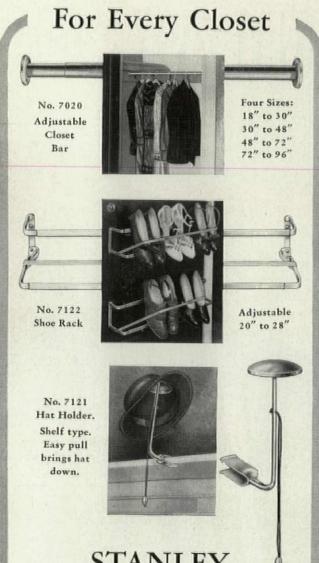
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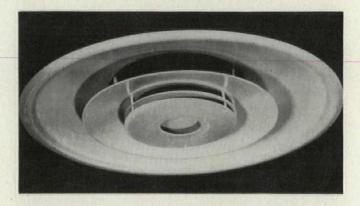




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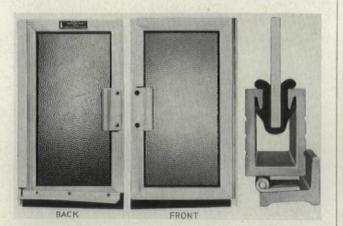


face Combustion Co., Toledo, Ohio. The new units incorporate Multi-Thermax heat exchangers-a battery of heavy gauge steel tubes which are vertically placed with horizontal fins projecting into the air stream. Each tube is equipped with internal heat absorbers. The Amplifire burner unit is made of gray iron into which is welded a series of corrugated strips forming the burner ports. As there is an individual burner head for each heat exchanger section, all burner flames are confined within the heating sections.

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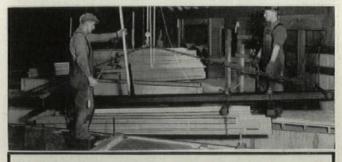




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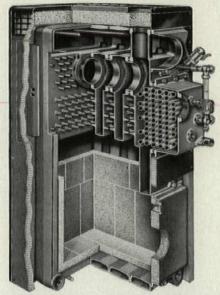
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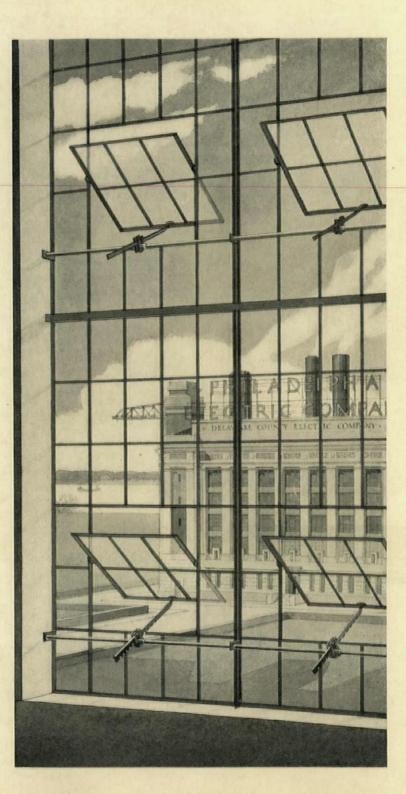
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