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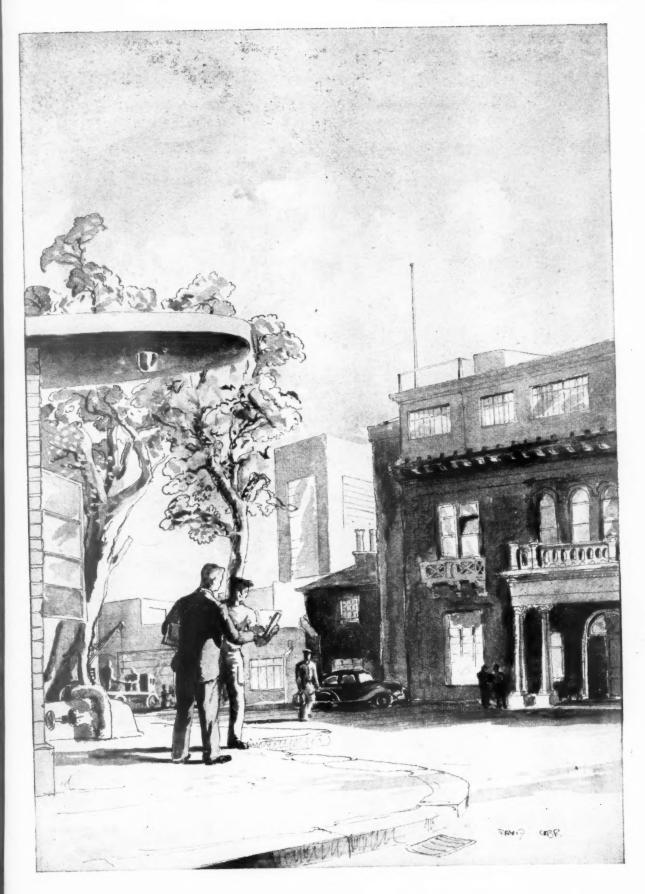
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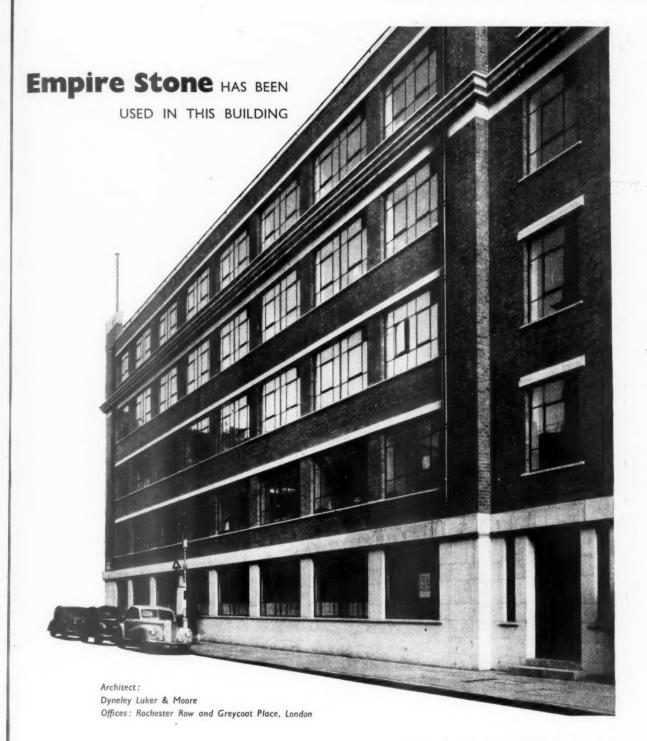
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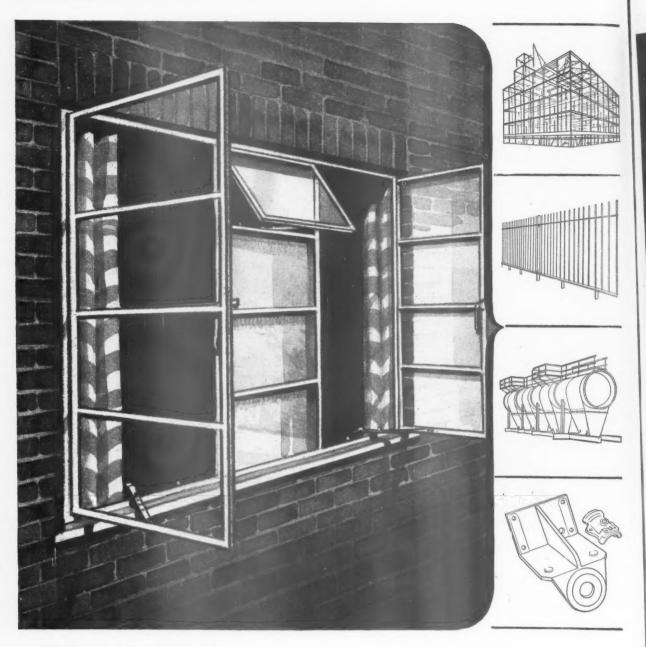
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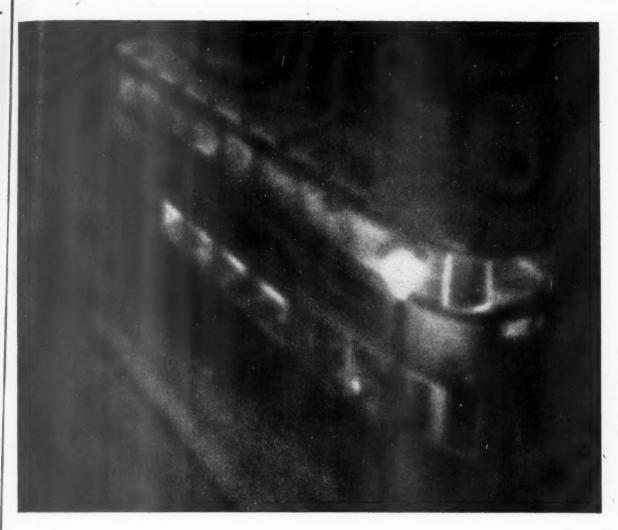
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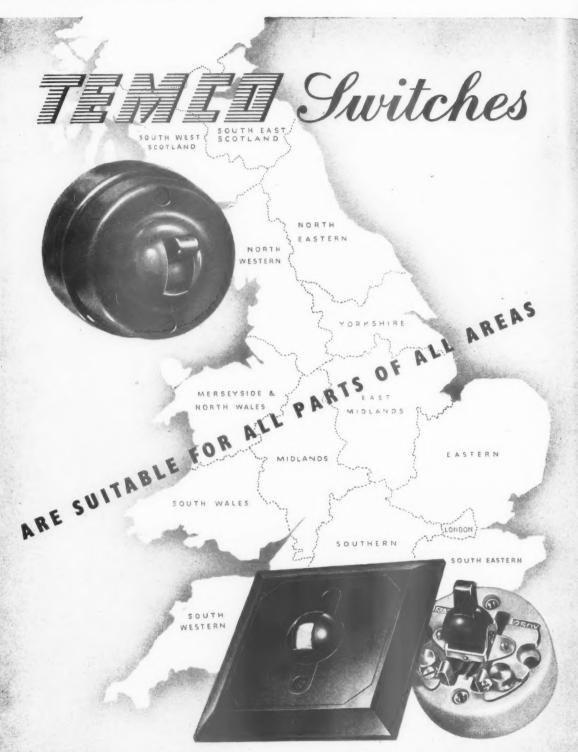
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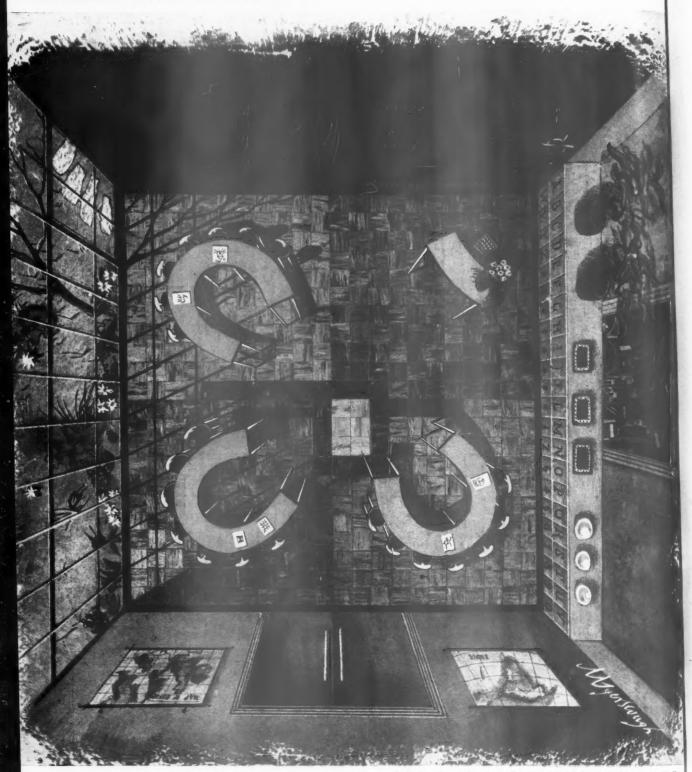


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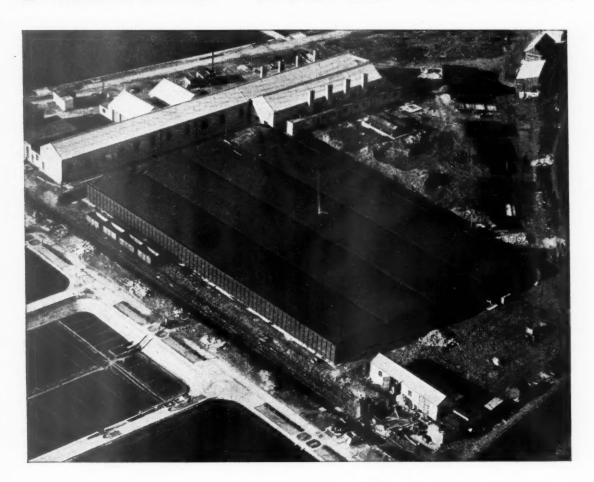
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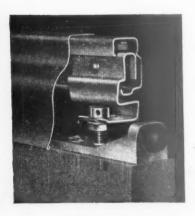
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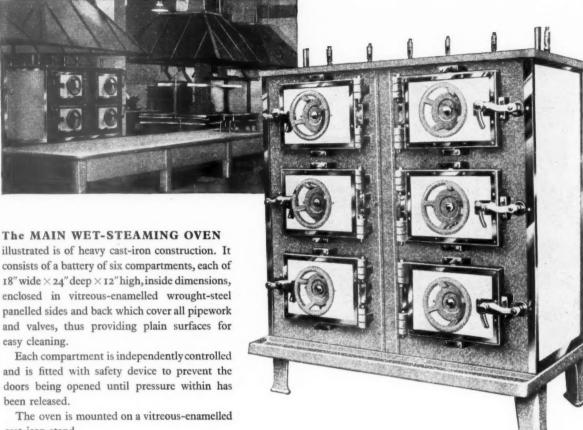
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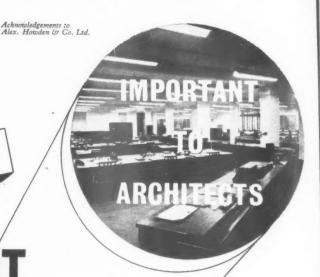
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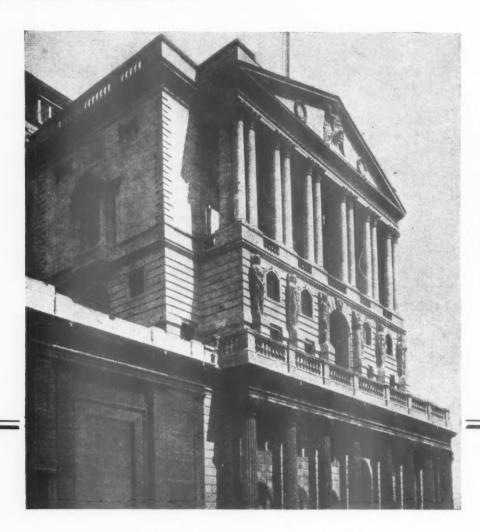


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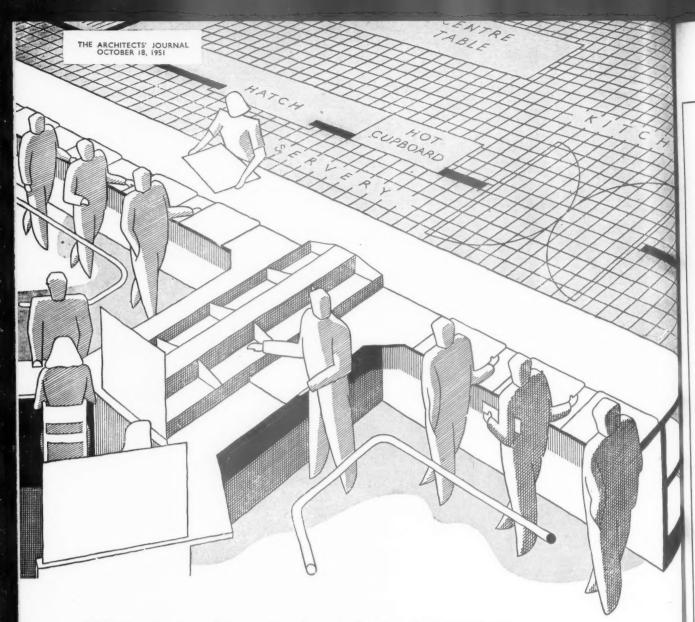
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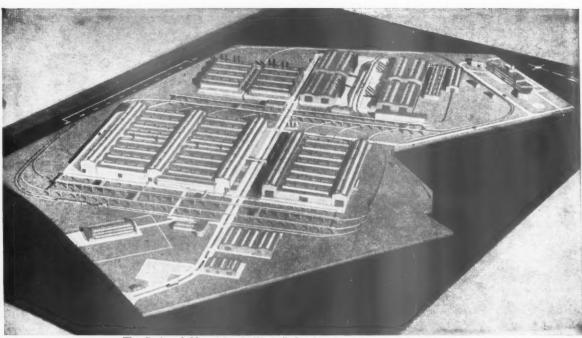
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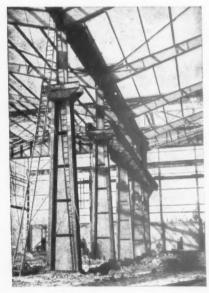


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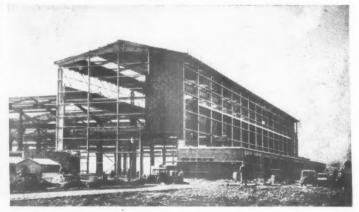
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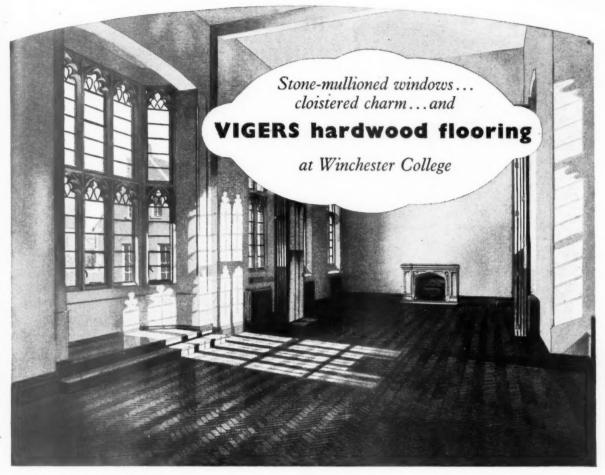
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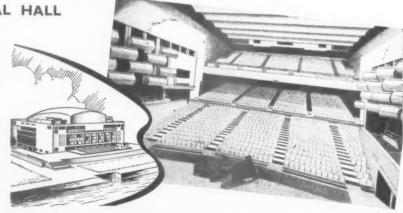
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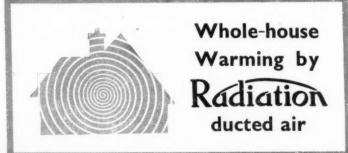
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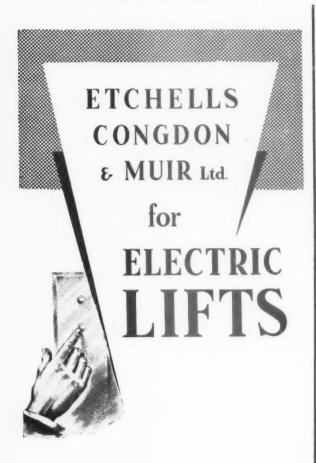




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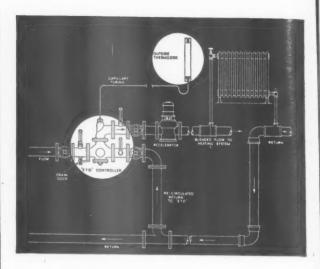
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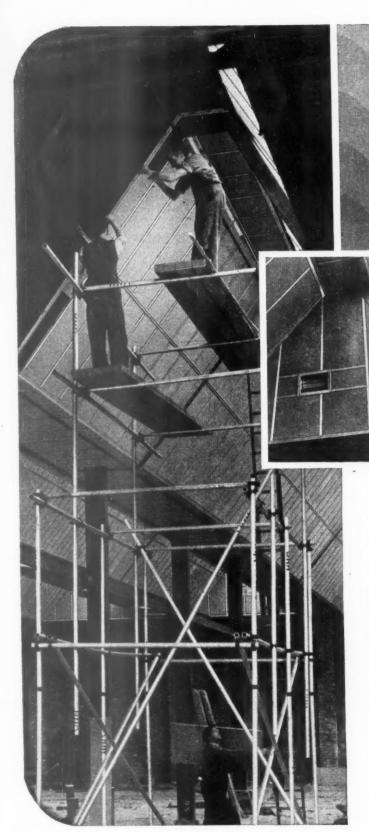
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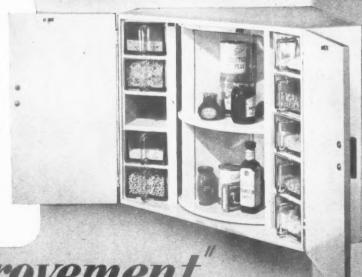
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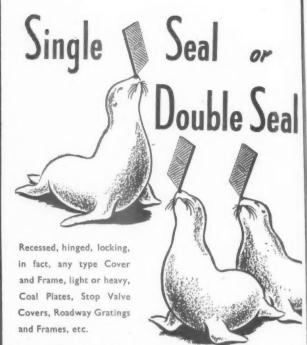


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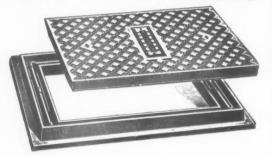
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#### THERMAL PROPERTIES

In this series of articles, some of the principal characteristics of aluminium and its structural alloys are briefly discussed for the interest of students and others.

#### Expansion

The dimensional change of aluminium and its alloys with change of temperature is roughly twice that of the ferrous metals, the average coefficient of linear expansion of commercially-pure metal, in the range 20—100°C, being 0.000024 (20—600°C: 0.0000285). That of the alloys is affected by the nature of their constituents: the presence of silicon and copper reduces expansion, and magnesium increases it.

This high expansion should be con-This high expansion should be considered when aluminium is used with other materials, especially in a rigid structure. However, the stresses developed are moderated by the light metal's low elastic modulus, and there are countless examples of mixed construction, notably aircraft and other vehicles, in service in widely varying atmospheric temperatures. Only where dimensions are really great, as for example in a light alloy superstructure on a steel ship, or, in archisuperstructure on a steel ship, or, in archi-tecture, where large pieces of aluminium are set on a steel framework or in masonry, are slip-joints, plastic caulking, and other

stress-relieving devices usually needed.

The outstanding instance of bi-metallic construction subjected to a severe temperature change is the aluminium internal combustion engine piston that works in an combustion engine piston that works in an iron or steel cylinder. Here, where good fit is important, differential expansion is countered by the employment of low-expansion piston alloys, high-expansion iron cylinder linings, and such devices as split piston skirts and non-expanding struts cast into the piston cast to receive struts cast into the piston, so as to permit very small "cold" clearances.

Another form of dimensional change, which does not directly affect the user of aluminium but is important in the production of castings, is the contraction of the metal on solidifying: linearly, this is I-I.7% (comparative figures for iron, steel, and brass are, respectively, 1%, 2%,

#### Thermal Conductivity

The quantity of heat that flows through a plate of commercially-pure aluminium 1 cm. thick is 0.52 calories/second/sq. cm.

area/°C temperature difference between its faces (measured at 20°C; there is a small increase with temperature). This

may be contrasted with temperature). This may be contrasted with 0.12 C.G.S. units for steel, and 0.92 C.G.S. units for copper. Alloying, especially with manganese or magnesium, reduces thermal conductivity; in many structural alloys it lies between 0.3 and 0.5, while in an alloy containing 10% magnesium it may fall to 0.22. Although pure copper is more heat-conductive than aluminium, its engineering alloys, the brasses and bronzes, are generally inferior to the aluminium alloys

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#### Specific & Latent Heats

The specific heat of aluminium (0.22 at normal temperatures) is higher than that of any common metal except magnesium (0.25), that of iron and steel being about 0.12, and of copper and brass 0.09. Volume for volume, however, the heat capacity of the aluminium is less than that of these heavy metals.

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#### Temperature & Strength

In general, aluminium and its alloys suffer a loss of strength at temperatures much above 100°C; the highest operating temperature for any alloy is about 350°C, and this is only compatible with

350°C, and this is only compatible with low stresses, as in pistons. The original strength is in many cases not fully restored on cooling, as the effects of work-hardening or heat treatment have been removed by heating, and the structure permanently changed.

Time also plays a part, and some alloys may be damaged by prolonged exposure to temperatures that, for short periods, have a negligible or even, by causing precipitation, a beneficial effect on their strength. Another effect of subjection to prolonged elevated temperature when under stress is to encourage plastic flow. under stress is to encourage plastic flow, or creep, which was discussed in our sixth article.

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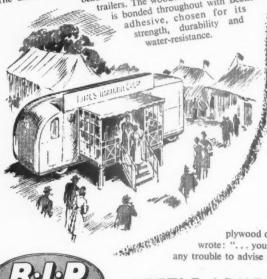
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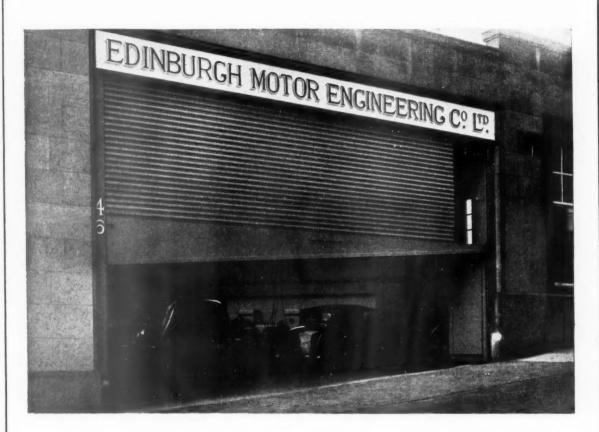
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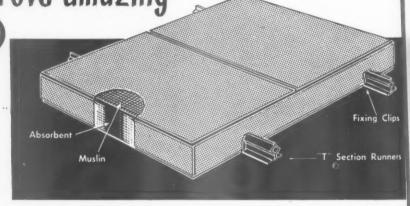


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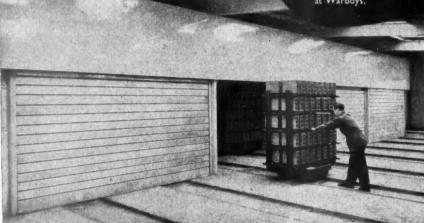


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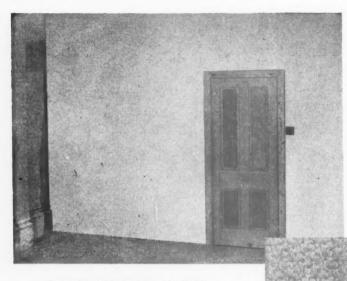


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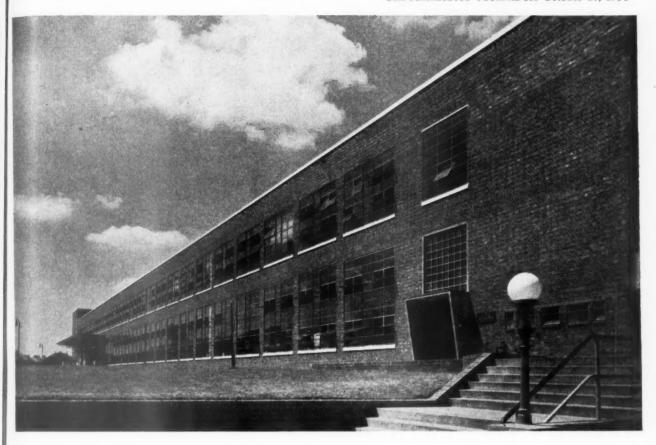
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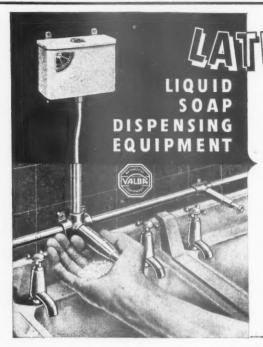
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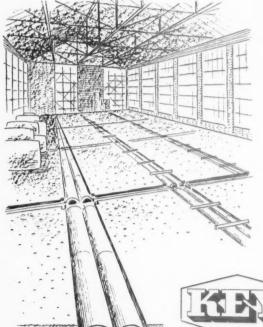
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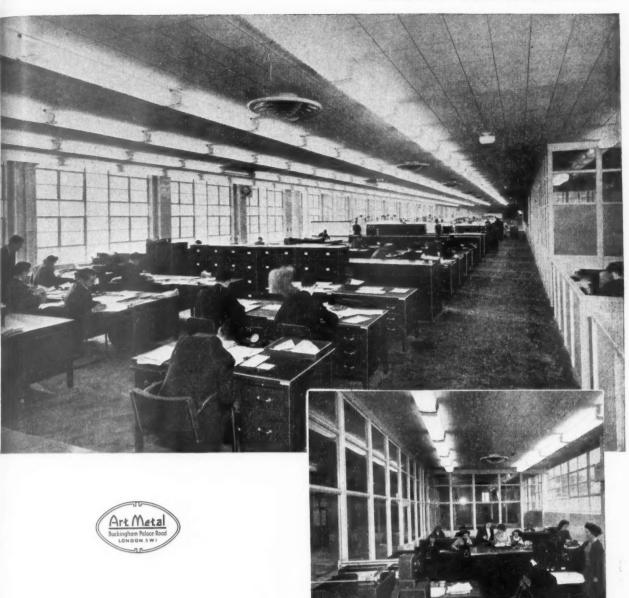
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"BOY! MY TAXI"

You may remember that when the return of steel priorities was first announced, the procedure for the building industry was "to be decided later." Do you know what has actually been arranged? I didn't until a few days ago, when my builder showed me MOW form 2065, sent out as long ago as September 15, to all builders on the register, but not ' to architects. For this really astonishing oversight the MOW Press Officer gives two rather naïve excuses. Sending the form to builders automatically covers all jobs, architect designed or not, and, more astonishing still, the Ministry has a list of builders but not of architects. Dear me; I admit that the current RIBA Kalendar is about a year old, but has the Ministry ever heard of an organization called the Registration Council,

which publishes a list of registered architects? The vital facts are, briefly, as follows. No steel without licence after December 3 for any job now building; applications to be in by October 22. The operative word now is speed. If your builder has more than one job on hand he may have used his only form for the one that isn't yours. So hurry.

#### F. L. WRIGHT, PRESERVATIONIST-OR, PIONEERS MEET

Thumbing through back numbers of the American Journal of Architectural Historians, I was brought up short by some extracts from a report on the American scene made by an Englishman fifty years ago, which the editor was handing on to his readers because it was always interesting to hear what the English thought of the United States. "We understand," he explained, "that our visitor, who died only recently, became well known as a scholar and writer on classical architecture."

The visitor, as you will hardly have guessed from that, was C. R. Ashbee. In the winter of 1900-01 Ashbee spent several months in the States on a lecture tour designed to promote an American organization on the lines of our National Trust. He addressed between fifty and sixty audiences, totalling (he reckoned) nearly 20,000 persons; his efforts seem to have had certain immediate results, but no permanent ones of importance. His report, "beautifully printed in black and red and limited to 350 copies," is not in the RIBA library; so you must look up the J. of AH, March, 1951 (which is) if you are interested. Here I can do no more than present you with a single tit-bit.

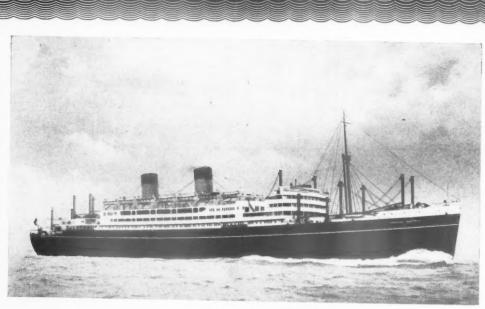
In Chicago (" the only American city

I have seen where something absolutely distinctive in the æsthetic handling of material has evolved out of the industrial system") Ashbee addressed ten meetings, he tells us. He goes on: "Several ladies and gentlemen also joined the informal committee, and Mr. Frank Lloyd Wright, one of the leading spirits among the younger architects, and of whose work the city may well be proud, was appointed secretary." Astragal understands-though he is open to correction by the editor of the J. of AH on this point—that Mr. Wright, who is still alive, became well known as a lecturer and writer on architecture and has even acquired some reputation as a practising architect.

#### COMMONWEALTH RECEPTION

The annual reception given to students and young architects from the USA, the Dominions and the Colonies is one of the most worth-while of the RIBA's social activities. I call it an annual event in the hope that it is intended to make it so. Last week's reception was in fact the second, and seemed to me even more successful than the first, held a year ago.

It must have been quite an undertaking to track down over two hundred and fifty architects and students who are temporarily in London. turned up at the RIBA from all over the world, in large and small contingents-nearly a hundred from Australia, seventy from South Africa, down to single individuals from Ceylon, Jamaica, Aden, Nigeria and Hong Kong. They were all provided with identification tags, which they wore much less self-consciously than the RIBA councillors and guests invited to meet them, wore theirs. But the tags served their purpose of making



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#### SCANDINAVIA IN FORM

You can actually buy the furniture, fabrics, light fittings, pottery and general bric-â-brac on show at Heal's Scandinavian Design for Living exhibition which is open until November 13, though prices are fairly steep. A simple table with two drawers in elm and birch from Stockholm's Nordiska Kompaniet is £36, a bureau dressing chest from Denmark is £58 and a small standard Swedish floor lamp in brass and mahogany is £14. But I suppose the prices are relatively not too bad, considering the duty, freight and craftsmanship.

There is nothing particularly startling or new in the designs, most of which are as simple and gracious as ever, dependent for effect largely on texture and colour. The oiled teak top of the Danish dining table by Hans Wegner, for instance, gives voluptuous pleasure. A notable achievement on the part of the manufacturer as it has a veneered finish. Norway and Finland have almost nothing to show, Sweden a good deal more, though nothing that one might not have seen before the war. Denmark comes off best in the furniture with its subtle refinements of form. The fascinating pleated paper lamp shades from Copenhagen are there, of course, doomed to early extinction by London soot, but one looks in vain for a chair by Finn Juhl to prove that chair design is the highest form of sculpture. One also misses the Swedish package furniture and the new pottery from Gustavsberg.

#### U.S. OFF FORM

By way of contrast with this faintly arid good taste, my illustration this week is of some furniture designed and made in America. It appears in one of the Studio's lushly produced *Decorative Art* series and is, I think, sufficiently coarse to make one feel grateful that our designers and manufacturers are still looking east rather than west for inspiration.

The manufacturers of these particular pieces of furniture are also the producers of a coy little booklet titled "Everything in it is you—a handbook

for homemakers." I was shown a copy by a representative of the firm of Hille (makers of Robin Day's furniture), who was just back from the States and much impressed by the high moral tone of American salesmanship-" selling on a real ethical basis . . . giving the customer a feeling of uplift." The booklet was a perfect example of this-sprinkled with quotations from the Bible and with the friendly warmth of phrase of an æsthetic Buchmanite. "What is to be the theme within your home?" it coos, "The note (like the piccolo phrase in Richard Strauss' Till Eulenspiegel) that repeats . . ." I can't go on.

#### A FIG FOR YOUR FILES

When I was growing up in New Guinea or Coming of Age in Bedford Square or whatever it was, one used to do a good deal of what was called Research-mostly, in those days, consisting of tracing cathedral plans out of Banister Fletcher and circulation diagrams from a book on Planning published by that green-and-white weekly you occasionally see on the news stands. A particularly popular exercise for some reason was the kitchen, and I wish I had a bacon rasher for every time I pursued raw food from its entry (larder and frig.) preparation (sink-tablecooker) to its final disappearance in



"I wish they'd duplicate these development plans—one for us and one for the salvage drive."

the Dining Recess (8 ft. 6 in. minimum width). It was not perhaps such a silly exercise as it sounds. It taught us to think on paper about a human activity, it improved our tracing, and it dropped a few more gold pieces into the needy pockets of that green-and-white architectural weekly.

The real trouble was twofold. First it usually meant we never ob-



Buffet, table and chairs in saffron walnut. An example of American furniture designed by T. H. Robsjohn Gibbings, and manufactured by the Widdicomb Furniture Co. This illustration is from Decorative Art, published by the Studio, Ltd., price 30s. See Astragal's comment.



#### German Vertical Feature

When the buildings for the South Bank Exhibition were being designed, great emphasis was laid on their necessarily short life and the temporary nature of their construction. It is to be regretted, however, that architecture has not yet developed into so exact a science that the effective life of building materials can be judged very precisely. Visitors to the South Bank today cannot, then, expect to see the collapse, or hear the thud of steadily disintegrating materials which have reached the end of their designed life. Even more regrettable, though, is the instance where an exhibition building, put up as a permanent structure has to be taken down at the close of the exhibition because it is unsafe. This was the case

with the building shown above. It was one of the most exciting exhibits in a German building exhibition held recently in Hanover and it took the form of the actual stand for the German Cement and Concrete Federation. Intended to be permanent and used after the exhibition as a café it was of prestressed concrete construction. Unfortunately, however, under extremes of loading the deflection of the fifty-foot cantilevered platform proved excessive and it has to be taken down. Designed by architect Gutshow, of Hamburg, the floor is nearly twenty feet above the ground, and is supported, as is the roof, by three beams cantilevered from three columns. Further photographs of this exhibition are shown on page 465.

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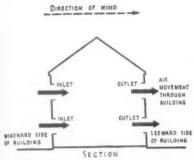


Fig. 1, from a BRS Digest. See below.

served anything directly for ourselves (how many of us ever went into the kitchens of our homes except when driven there to help) actually to watch the preparation of a meal? Secondly, in many of us was bred a slightly cynical attitude to research which in my case has lasted to this day—a feeling encouraged by hardening arteries, a growing resistance to tracing and a strengthening resolve to do nothing which furthers the welfare of that green-and-white . . . etc.

Anyway, like most architects I suppose,-I do read, and carefully file, those admirably short and informative BRS Digests issued monthly in The RIBA Journal. This month, however, as I looked at Fig 1 (Digest No. 34 on Natural Ventilation) and reproduced in its splendid entirety on this page, I felt once more surge within me that familiar suspicion that the scientists were getting at me. This feeling was reinforced by the swinging prose which describes Fig. 1. Here goes: "On the windward side of the building the outside pressure will normally be higher than the inside pressure. This pressure difference results in the movement of air from the outside through any apertures to the inside. Conversely on the leeward side of the building the pressure outside will be less than that inside and the inside air will thus tend to pass through any apertures to the outside. It may be said, therefore, that a positive pressure exists on the windward side and a negative pressure on the leeward side of the building." Well, it's gone into the file with the rest of them, but it's a long time before I shall feel quite the same about the Digest. Something to do with a negative pressure on the leeward side of my scientific approach perhaps.

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#### The Editors

#### BUT NOT LYING DOWN

COME day someone was bound to say it. Nevertheless, to hear such a well-known architectural personality as Osbert Lancaster giving a talk on: "The End of the Modern Movement in Architecture" comes somewhat as a surprise to those supporters of modern architecture who imagined that, in this Festival year, the movement was at last gaining both in strength and popularity. However, a study of Mr. Lancaster's talk, broadcast on the BBC's Third Programme on October 7 and printed in part on pages 465-8 of this issue, shows that Mr. Lancaster is describing the end of a "modern movement" which faded away, at least, as far as the avant garde were concerned, in the 'thirties. "The failure of the Modern Movement," he said, "to get clear of the coterie stage was in very large measure due to the fact that the best they could produce in the way of cliches was a window that turned a corner and a couple of pavement lights." Such a sentence vividly conjures up a mental picture of a certain kind of architecture, and his description of the "modern girl" is of the kind of person who would inhabit it: "a tubular siren showing acres of shiny pink-silk stockings rhythmically jigging to the strains of 'Yes, Sir, that's my baby'." Two such descriptions neatly elucidate the title of the talk. Mr. Lancaster, somewhat belatedly, is saying goodbye to the gay 'twenties.

With that we have no quarrel. We also agree that "the inhibiting fear of the cliche must . . . be overcome" as must "the frenzied rejection of the past." Once it is quite clear what Mr. Lancaster is saying goodbye to, his talk can be enjoyed for its stimulating, amusing and erudite qualities. There is, however, one point to be made. It is surely unfortunate that so well known an architectural personality should give a talk to the public under such a misleading title. As a subject for debate amongst architects and students it could As a subject for a popular talk by an hardly be bettered. authority on modern architecture, however, it seems a strangely irresponsible choice. The position of modern architecture in this country today is not so strong that its advocates can risk creating yet more opposition to it through avoidable misunderstandings. There are many traditionalists who would be only too ready to misread and misuse such material, and there are also, unfortunately, many intellectuals who, in their search for bright topics and smart catch-words, may, thus encouraged, continue to write of the death of one or other of the several fledglings rapidly growing up in the nest labelled "The Modern Movement."

#### No. 5: Technical Editor

#### HIGHER TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION

A white paper has just been issued setting forth the Government's policy for the development of higher technological education in Great Britain. The problem of technological

education in this country is so vital to every industry that we make no apology in referring to it here. There is more than a possibility that we in this country are falling behind other nations, both in the facilities afforded for higher technological education and in the numbers of suitably trained men for industry. Our economic survival depends on our being able to keep well to the forefront in technological development, and it is only recently that we have come to accept the position that in certain fields of technology we no longer hold the leading position.

The conclusions set out in the white paper represent a council of despair. Expansion of technology within the Universities is limited by buildings and qualified staff. To build a new technological university, or to expand an existing institution, would involve heavy capital outlay and no rapid return. The white paper considers that to proceed directly with any such project would not be in the national interest at the present time, but the matter will be reconsidered on its merits when the situation improves. Vast building projects for housing armies of controllers? Yes! But technological education must await an improvement in the situation.

The sole positive recommendation in this paper is the establishment of a College of Technologists, presumably under close political surveillance, which will make awards to technical college students who qualify for higher awards; and will approve courses where they give improved financial assistance to selected colleges of technology. In effect there will be no extensions to Universities or colleges but a considerable increase in consumption of paper and administrative labour.



#### Some Rake-off

SIR.—A very great deal of quite unnecessary tuss seems to have been caused by Alderman W. E. Power's recent speech at the Institute of Housing Conference in which he condemned the architects "rake-off."

Either the gentleman was perfectly correct in his allegations, or he was wrong. If he was right, then every available inch of every architectural journal in the world, covered with every possible form of denial architects can think up wouldn't make the slightest difference.

If he was wrong, then his outburst should

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have been treated with the contempt it would have then deserved and the architectural fraternity's cold indifference would have sufficed. People have very short memories, you know. The loud and somewhat panic-stricken yells for the worthy Alderman's blood only helped to keep his speech in the limelight a little longer.

Mind you, my own opinion, for what it is worth, is that some architects ask for this sort of trouble; far too many, in fact. They to realise that as far as people inside the building industry itself are concerned, for in-stance, that there is a very great deal of difference between theory and practice, and that this is probably the only country in the world

in which a man can become a fully qualified architect without going near a building site.
So, you see, all the carefully cultivated mystery and supposed detachment that sur-rounds the activities of the average architect only serves to infuriate the very people with whom he comes into contact most; and when he holds his hand out for his money, few of

them are quite certain how he earned it. The layman, of course, including most aldermen, knowing even less about these things than the people who work on building s.tes, merely questions the value of architects as such.

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#### Wanted: Church Plans

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[We publish this appeal, confident that while no reader of the JOURNAL will offer plans for a church which are already in existence, it is possible that some architect will undertake the task of designing a church for Bangor at a nominal charge.—ED.]

Factory Made Beauty

SIR,-It is so interesting to see a roof Sir.—It is so interesting to see a roof placed on a house like a hat on a man's head. (AJ, August 16.) Even the chimney stacks can be seen flying in the air. How revolutionary! But when we are told that the finished product "doesn't look like a factory-made house," it is reminiscent of the nineteenth century advent of iron and steel into the building industry with the architects trying to make "i" look like the "good old." May I, with due respects to the traditional say,—and I am sure many will agree tional say,—and I am sure many will agree with me—there is boundless scope for beauty in all fields, and that a "factory made look" can be made much better than the traditional.

ADITYA PRAKASH

#### Another Satisfied Readerman

SIR,—As a keen scienceman (and also an architect of unquestioned competence), I followed the reports in your Journal of the followed the reports in your JOURNAL of the discussions on design research, with much appreciation. I would, however, join issue with W. Allen, if he intends to suggest that the approach of R. L. Davies' organization to hospitalization is a new departure. L. personally, was conscious of the bearing of bedding-density upon space utilization as long ago as 1925.

With regard to the education of architects in relation to sciencemanship (later referred to by M. Shaffer and R. L. Davies), I would commend the high level of remoteness and magnificence occasionally attained in the discussion. Architects still have something to learn in this sphere.

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#### **ENGINEERS**

#### Architects' Hospital Maintenance Criticized

In a presidential address to the Institution of Engineers-in-Charge at St. Bride's Institute, London, on October 10, Robert Chalmers, president of the Engineers' Guild, criticized the practice of hospital boards in putting an architect in charge of the maintenance of hospital premises. The architect's distinctive function concerned with planning and æsthetics of buildings had practically no application to maintenance. The system whereby an engineer was required to report application to maintenance. The system whereby an engineer was required to report to the regional board on proposals estimated to cost more than £1,000 were stultified and frustrated when the most senior engineer available at regional headquarters was a comparatively junior assistant in the architect's dearstraint. tect's department.

The educational standards for qualification as an architect did not require any ground-ing in the elements of natural science without which no comprehension of the nature of engineering was possible. Supervision of the engineer by an architect was purely nominal and might have a faint administra-tive flavour, but it could add nothing to the value of the engineer's work. Although at the passing of the National Hospital Act the Minister of Health advized regional boards about appointing medical officers, secretaries and architects it was not until 20 months had gone by that he gave any advice about employing engineers.

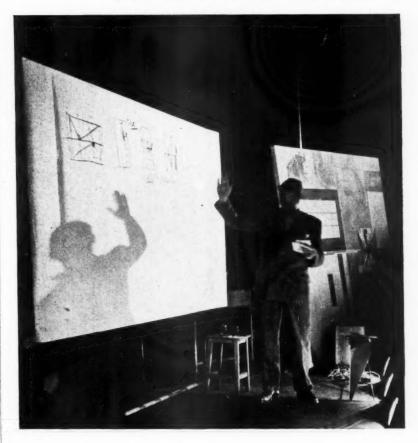
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#### Terrace Houses Prototype

An experiment in the erection of prototype terrace houses with no hall and fewer fit-tings to Department of Health experimental tings to Department of Health experimental plans at Sighthill, Edinburgh, and Toryglen, Glasgow, was described by R. J. Gardner-Medwin, chief architect and planning officer of the Department of Health, in an address on "Low Cost Housing" to delegates at the annual meeting in Largs recently of the Scottish National Housing and Town Planning Council ning Council.

ning Council.

He explained that in building the prototypes the department were trying to modify existing standards in order to produce houses more cheaply and make available materials go further. There were eight houses in the terrace. They did not expect the prototypes to be copied slavishly, but hoped the ideas in them might start a fresh line of



Many well-known architects, artists and sculptors attended and spoke at the "De Divina Propor-tione" Congress held recently in Milan. Top, Le Corbusier, giving his lecture. Right, Le Corbusier in conversation with architect and painter Max Bill, on left. Also Ernesto attending : Rogers, Alfred Roth, and Siegfried Gieldion.



approach by Local Authorities.

The four-apartment houses would cost £130 less than the present average, and the three-apartments £100 less, and they hoped

oget the same results from less space.

Mr. Gardner-Medwin emphasised that the department did not suggest that the experiment was the answer to low cost building. It was one answer among many others, and he hoped that it would be seriously considered by Local Authorities.

Mr. J. C. Hill, Edinburgh, representative of the National Federation of Building Trade

of the National Federation of Building Trade Operatives, said he did not see how they could make progress by going backward.

Bailie W. R. Ingram, Housing Convener, Dundee, said Mr. Hill was living in the Victorian era. They had to meet the needs of the times. They had the problem of people without homes of any kind, people living in houses that were a disgrace to civilization. "Here is an attempt to give these people a chance in life, and I do not think it would be a serious loss to do away with some of the fittings. with some of the fittings.

Bailie Gilmour, Peebles, declared that the department were shooting at the wrong target. "The gun," he said, "should be turned on monopolies controlling the cost of building materials. The supply of steel windows, for instance, is a closely cartelized industry, and steel windows are a very expensive item, costing as much as £5,000 in schools and hospitals. There is a ring in the industry, and any job over a certain figure is immediately reported to the secretary of that association in London. The secretary allocates the job to one firm. The price to be quoted by the firm is told to every other member of the association, and each member is told how much higher percentage to quote and also the delivery dates to quote." "As a result," went on Bailie Gilmour, "building trade contractors are forced to take the lowest offer, whether or not they want to deal with that particular firm. What applies to steel windows applies to other materials in the building trade. This thing should be broken. The Government knows it goes on and does nothing." Bailie Gilmour, Peebles, declared that the ment knows it goes on and does nothing."

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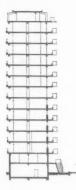
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At an informal reception at the Housing Centre on September 25 for the Alderman and Directors of Public Works, Town Planning and Housing of the city of Rotterdam, C. van Traa, Director of Town Planning and Reconstruction and A. Bos, Director of Housing, spoke on postwar housing in the bomb damaged city, and lantern slides were shown. During the bombardments in 1940 and later in the war there was a loss of 27,546 dwellings, but this included many dwellings that had become sub-standard. On the left is a photograph of a 14-storey block of flats designed by W. van Tyen, which is financed by the municipality and is man-



Typical plans of semi-permanent bungalows



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Section and typical flat plans

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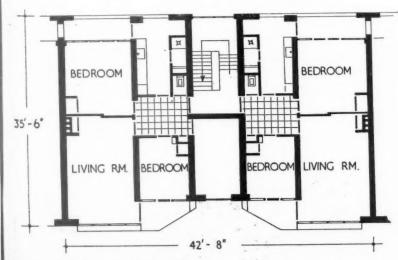
aged by a committee. This block has a reinforced concrete frame with brick infilling and pile foundations. Piles are needed for most buildings due to the soft, peaty soil and it was a temporary shortage of piles which led to the building of the semi-permanent bungalows, seen in the photographs, left, which could be constructed without their use. Cavity brick walls, prefabricated blocks for partitions and wood window frames are used. These houses are designed by the Housing Department. The flats at Kralingen, a district of Rotterdam, seen on the opposite page, are designed by Brinkman and van der Broek. As in most Dutch flats there is a basement floor for pram and cycle storage, laundry and heating plant. The flats are

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standard on the ground, first and second floors, and smaller flats for young people are provided on the third floor. In these flats the walls are load bearing.



Typical flat plans on ground to second floors

#### ABS

#### Competition, Annual Ball and Stand at Building Exhibition

The Architects' Benevolent Society is organizing three events to add to the £7,000 subscribed following their Centenary Appeal for money to build a home for old people. At the Building Exhibition they will have a stand (due to the courtesy of Hugh Montgomery) at which they will sell Christmas cards (designed by architects E. B. Musman, Frank Hoar, Norah Glover, and Peter Shepheard) and pictures. Architects and students are asked to present oil paintings, water colours, line drawings, etc., framed or unframed. Those presenting pictures should notify the Secretary at 66, Portland Place so that the collection of pictures can be arranged.

The Annual Ball, on December 12, at the Dorchester Hotel. Tickets are two guineas each and include supper. Last year's successful side shows will be repeated, the Regent Street Polytechnic School of Architecture helping, and the AA School of Architecture have been asked to stage a cabaret.

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An Architectural Competition for a "Monument to Commemorate the Passing of the Good Old Days of Architecture." this, the conditions state, "will on no account be erected on a site in the middle of Portland Place." H. S. Goodhart-Rendel, Osbert Lancaster and John Summerson are the assessors. Premiums: first, £10; second, £5; third, £2 10s.; and four awards of £1. Copy of conditions on payment of a minimum non-returnable deposit of ten shillings. The designs will be exhibited and the results announced at the Annual Ball.

#### DIABY

The 1951 Census. Mark Abrams. At 28, King Street, Covent Garden, W.C.2. (Sponsor, Students' Planning Group.) 6.15 p.m. OCTOBER 18

Concrete Finishes. J. G. Wilson. At 66, Portland Place, W.1. (Sponsor, RIBA.) 6 p.m. OCTOBER 23

Some New Developments in Prestressed Concrete. A paper to be read by Dr. P. W. Abeles before the ISE, 11, Upper Belgrave Street, S.W.1, at 5.55 p.m.. OCTOBER 24

The Quantity Surveyor and the Building Contract. A lecture by Arthur J. Willis. (Sponsor, IQS.) At 98, Gloucester Place, W.1. 6.45 p.m. OCTOBER 24

Is Planning Incompatible with Democracy?
Discussion at 28 King Street, Covent Garden,
W.C.2. (Sponsor, Students' Planning Group.)
6.15 p.m. OCTOBER 25

RIBA President's Inaugural Address.
Presentation of the London Architecture
bronze medal to A. J. P. Powell and J. H.
Moya, for the Westminster City Council's
Housing Scheme at Pimlico. At the RIBA,
at 6.0 p.m. November 6

The Design and Planning of Colleges for Further Education. Symposium at the Architectural Association, 34 Bedford Square, W.C.1. Entrance fee, one guinea. 9.30 a.m. until 6 p.m. November 14

Course of Three Lectures. The Cathedral of Chartres, by Jean Maunoury. (Sponsor, the University of London.) At University College (Architecture Theatre), Gower Street, W.C.1, at 5.30 p.m. DECEMBER 5, 6 & 7

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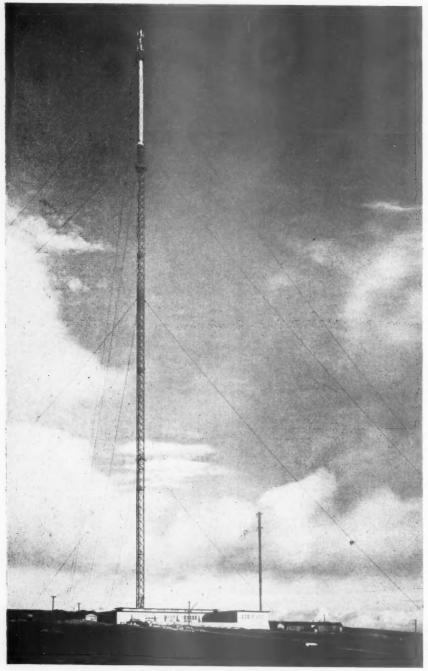
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#### TELEVISION STATION AT HOLME MOSS, HUDDERSFIELD



Holme Moss, near Huddersfield, is the second high-power transmitting station to be completed under the BBC's post-war plan for extending the television service and will reach a further II million people. The station comprises a 750-ft. mast and a 150-ft. reserve mast, both seen in the photograph on the left, and two buildings, one for the two main transmitters and the other for two reserve transmitters. The layout and planning of the buildings is by C. P. Williams of the BBC architects' department, and Wimperis, Simpson, Guthrie & Fyffe designed the elevations. A view of the main L-shaped building looking north is seen below. The site is 1,750 ft. above sea level and in order to be in keeping with the wild moorland character the external walls of the buildings are faced with hammer block random rubble grit stone. These walls are of cavity construction with the inner skin of 9-in. brickwork. The floor level of the buildings has been kept high above ground level as a precaution against heavy snow drifts, and the voids beneath the floor accommodate ventilation ducts, wiring and storage space. The mast, which has a weight of 140 tons, has a maximum downward thrust of 350 tons under severe conditions and at the base there is a 2-in. diameter steel ball in a socket to allow for movement in a high wind. The general contractors for roads and buildings were John Laing & Son, Ltd., and for the mast, British Insulated Callender's Construction Co.,

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The following is an extract from a talk by Osbert Lancaster given on the BBC's Third Programme on Sunday, October 7. See page 459 for editorial comment.

#### OSBERT LANCASTER

#### The End of the Modern Movement in Architecture.

Modern is probably one of the most ambiguous and certainly one of the most variously employed words in the English language. Unlike most adjectives, so far from defining or expanding the meaning of the substantive to which it is attached, its own meaning is entirely governed by that word which follows it. Thus when we speak of "the modern woman" we summon up a vision of some South Kensington Hedda Gabbler of the 90's all shirt-waist and pincenez, peddling madly round Battersea Park thinking about Mrs. Sydney Webb. If, on the other hand, we say "modern girl" this vision is replaced by a tubular siren showing acres of very shiny pink-silk stockings rhythmically jigging to the strains of "Yes, Sir, that's my baby." When employed in connection with art or architecture, modern retains all its period flavour and may mean anything except contemporary. In ordinary usage the phrase "modern art" is now practically confined to works produced in Paris between the emergence of Van Gogh and the coming of Surrealism. While "Modern Style," particularly pronounced in a slight foreign accent, refers to those tendencies in design which flourished in Vienna and Munich at the turn of the century. So overburdened has this unfortunate adjective become, that we have been forced to invent derivatives such as "modernistic." a term of contempt correctly employed to describe a type of all too popular decoration out of early Cubism by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer; or borrowing from abroad, to acclimatize a word such as "Modernismus" in an effort to distinguish English works which display a perhaps imperfect understanding of the principles enunciated at the Bauhaus. But to what precisely do we refer when we speak of the "Modern Movement"?

Thanks largely to the exhaustive researches of Mr. Morton Shand and Professor Pevsner, we know quite well when and how the modern movement started, and can follow the course of its early development. What, however, remains in doubt is exactly where we, and it, stand today. Does 1951

BUILDING EXHIBITION IN GERMANY





First floor plan



Ground floor plan

In August a large building exhibition Only moderately was held in Hanover. attended it closed after five weeks. exhibition was an international one, and eight foreign countries exhibited. Eight huge exhibition halls and an adjacent open showground contained every aspect of town planning, architecture and building techniques. While, on the whole, the standard was acceptable but unexceptional, some exhibits were outstanding. Two of these are shown here. Above, the Berlin Pavilion by Wassili Luckhardt. Below and left, rear view and plans of small terrace houses by Werner Hebebrand. See also page 458.







Import restrictions since the war have prevented the British public seeing or being able to purchase much work of contemporary design from foreign countries, but Messrs. Heal are now displaying in their Mansard Gallery a new collection of Danish furniture, Swedish glass and Norwegian hand crafts. In the photograph above left is seen a group of Danish furniture in teak and beech for a bed-sitting room; from left to right is a bureau-dressing chest with concealed mirror, a storage unit, the doors of which are held by small magnets, a small storage unit and a bookcase, all designed by Borge Mogensen. The

writing chair in teak and beech with cord seat and the arm chair in beech are by Hans J. Wegner. On the floor is a Swedish cotton rug. Above right is a dining table also by Wegner, which has drop ends fixed by satin brass rods and is 7 ft. 9 in. long when extended. In the background is a printed linen called "ceramic." Below is an easy chair in laminated mahogany and beech designed by Peter Hvidt and O. Mølgaard Nielsen of Denmark; the settee in laminated walnut with beech frame is by Hans Wegner; the satin brass adjustable table lamp by Le Klint can also be used as a wall bracket; the curtain is



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"Dockleaf." a printed sateen by Arne Jacobsen. Above is a nest of utility tables designed by Andre Tuck in mahogany and beech and a chair in beech with teak inlay designed by Wegner. Below is a mahogany writing desk, a beech chair, a flower pot stand in natural pine and a printed linen designed by Miss Brit Bredstrom of Sweden.



mark the final triumphant flowering, or just a further stage on the upward march, or the end of the whole thing and the beginning of something quite new? Is Mr. Hugh Casson, for example, an Alberti or a Bernini? The rest of my remarks this evening will be largely directed towards encouraging the last assumption.

#### THE GOTHIC REVIVAL PARALLEL

It was generally proclaimed by the fathers of the modern movement, that it represented a complete break with the past and in so far as it was directed towards the abolition of "style," as generally understood, it could not possibly be compared with any other historical architectural school. This contention, which is of course commonly made by all artistic pioneers at all periods, we will treat with the contempt it deserves and draw, what I hope may be a helpful parallel with the history of the Gothic Revival. I choose the Gothic Revival not in order deliberately to infuriate such supporters of the Modern Movement as may be listening to-night, or still less the rather smaller circle of Gothic Revivalists, but because not only has it a clearly defined beginning, middle and end, but, thanks to Mr. Betjeman and Sir Kenneth Clark, its history is now generally familiar. And, moreover, the moment one begins to make the comparison one is immediately struck by a curious parallelism. Both movements started with what one may perhaps describe as a romantic fun-and-games stage, represented in the case of the Gothic Revival by Strawberry Hill and Fonthill, and in the case of the Modern Movement by such works as the interior of Maxims Restaurant in Paris and Horta's house in the Rue de Tournai.

Then after a short period of settling down, when the early exuberance had slightly diminished, represented in the one case by the Commissioner's Churches and in the other by the buildings of Voysey or Berlage, comes the doctrinaire period, all manifestos and witch-hunts. Pugin dismisses all the work of his contemporaries and predecessors as trivial, worthless and based on a complete misunderstanding of the principles, and, assisted by the Camden Society lays down the new law; Gropius does the same for Art Nouveau, and the Jugendstil and such men as Van de Velde. And in both cases it is at this moment that the movement, hitherto purely architectural, tends to become involved in extra-curricular activities—in the one case tractarianism, in the other Social Planning. Then comes the high summer in both cases marked by the emergence of the twin figures of the Prophet and the Publicist. There, however, there ensues a curious reversal of roles, for in the one case the Prophet exerted his influence through the medium of words and in the other chiefly by practical example, but nevertheless, the points in common between Ruskin and Frank Lloyd Wright are fundamental, the differences largely superficial. Both men, it seems to me, tower head and shoulders above all their fellows; the thought and outlook of both is deeply coloured by an evangelical background; and both it must be admitted, exhibit aspects, at which it is possible for trivial minds (which at some time or other includes most of us) to laugh. The similarity between the roles played by Sir Gilbert Scott and Le Corbusier although perhaps less immediately striking is none the less considerable. Sir Gilbert, it is true, built a great deal more than Le Corbusier and wrote a good deal less, but both men were in their own ways superb showmen. And probably did more than any of their contemporaries not only to put their respective movements in the limelight, but keep them there.

To all intents and purposes the Gothic Revival was over by the seventies. Dozens more Gothic buildings were erected after that decade, but either they were largely hack work, or if of merit, exhibited features which had little to do with 19th century Gothicism and heralded a coming change. The event which may be held definitely to mark the end was Norman Shaw's experiment with Queen Anne; a deviation all the more important in that Shaw came from the Street stable, and in the history of the later Gothic Revival the office of G. E. Street played a role comparable to that of the Bauhaus in the Modern Movement. This heresy, of course, provoked a storm of criticism from the stern unbending Goths and the curious thing is that the slight note of hysteria there detectable strangely resembles that which characterizes the weighty condemnation in strong, if recently acquired, American accents delivered against that recent deviation from the Modern Movement known, for reasons that are not immediately obvious, as the New Empiricism.

#### THE INVERTED SNOB

But similarities in the course of the development of two movements are not themselves, even if convincing, sufficient to indicate that they will necessarily end at the same stage or in the same way. For that it is necessary to examine rather more closely the fundamental doctrines on which each were based. There one is at once struck by a strange fact; it is not surprising that they should be totally different but it is curious that they should be so neatly antithetical.

At all times and in all places the role of the architect lies between that of the plumber and the sculptor; but seldom midway. like the majority of nineteenth century architects, he is an æsthetic snob he will get as close to the sculptor as he can; if like most contemporary architects he is an inverted snob, he will suck up to the plumber. Thus, roughly speaking, most Gothic Revivalists and Modern Movement boys are equidistant from the centre which makes their conflicting theories almost exactly complementary, and, in my view, equally suspect.

But the most striking fact in common between the two movements was the true reason for their failure, totally dissimilar as were its products. This lay in an ineradicable tendency to give a general validity to theories that were by their very nature par-ticular. Thus the Goths maintained, perfectly correctly, given the liturgical require-ments of the Catholic faith and the prevail-ing intellectual climate of their time, that Gothic was the only style for churches.

Where they went wildly wrong was to advance from this premise the untenable proposition that Gothic was the only style for railway stations. Similarly the Moderns were one hundred per cent, correct in main-taining that crenellations and lancets were out of place on power stations in which true beauty was only to be obtained by the revelation of function through form. When they went on to apply this theory to all architecture they were still perfectly justified on paper, but almost never in practice, for the very good reason that whereas the func-tion of a factory, or a power-station, or a hospital is exactly ascertainable, there exists a whole class of buildings, including domes-tic, where this is only partially true, and in all monumental architecture function can only be defined in the very vaguest terms.

#### COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

It is in the varying reactions to this last awkward fact that the leaders of the Move-ment reveal the existence of a schism. If ment reveal the existence of a schism. It one may judge from the results of the symposium on monumentality recently held by the Architectural Review—which is not altogether easy as the gift of clear literary expression seems, with the exception of Mr. Le Corbusier and Mr. Mumford, to have condeningly extended to modern architectural and the condeningly extended to modern architecture. be but grudgingly extended to modern architectural writers—the Purists side-step the

whole question by taking refuge in sociology and saying that the whole idea of monu-mental architecture is ridiculous, uncon-temporary, and not to be encouraged. An attitude which in view of the fact that a very large proportion of the world public, in-cluding, to judge from all one can see, that not inconsiderable section that lies east of the Elbe, is still crazy for monuments, and whopping big ones, is not helpful. Far more praiseworthy is the reaction of those who admit the need and go gallantly ahead in an effort to meet it; even though, as Coventry, that effort ends in almost total failure. Let me say at once that this failure is not in my view to be laid at the door of Mr. Basil Spence. Rather is it attributable to those responsible for organizing the competition, who seemed to have but the vaguest idea of what they really wanted or what a cathedral is, an ignorance the more astonishing as the purpose and nature of a cathedral have so recently been admirably defined by the highest authority in the Archbishop of York's book on the Church of England. If they wanted a building which would combine the advantages of a parish hall blown up to meet diocesan requirements, with the popular appeal of a brand-new Odeon, they should have said so and not called it a cathedral. But to call in an architect trained in the functional tradition and not to have made it clear that, in so far as cathedrals are concerned, function is liturgy, and liturgy is function, was to invite disaster. In this bland denial of the very tenets of the functional faith the wheel has come full circle, and Coventry Cathedral seems likely to be Pancras Railway Station of the Modern Movement.

But it is in their respective attitudes to the machine that both movements proved finally inadequate.

The Goths invited disaster through fear which so inhibited them that they were quite unable to take advantage of the mechanical revolution of their time, and finally led them into the cosy wilderness of Arts and Crafts. The attitude of their successors was more complicated. On the surface it was coloured by a mystique of the Machine which found its earliest and dottiest expression in Marinetti and the Futurist manifesto and was later rationalized by such men as Professor Giedion. But underneath, deep down in the collective subconscious of the Movement, there remained—inherited from William Morris who, it is important to remember, was a Janus figure standing exactly at the cross-roads—a profound misgiving lest the price to be paid for all the manifest advantages to the consumer of "mechanization taking command" prove disastrously high in terms of the spiritual well-being of the producer. However, further to expand this statement with all its inevitable sociological implications, might well involve me in expressions of opinion to which, in this tense pre-electoral atmosphere, vile minds might attach a partisan signific-

#### SOUTH BANK TRIUMPHS

Moreover, to speak solely of failure is unjust and unhelpful, for the end of artistic movements is not commonly marked by achievement of intended success, which provides a spring-board for fresh leaps. An extreme example of what I have in mind, drawn from modern painting, is afforded by le Douanier Rousseau. He, as we know from his corre-spondence, aimed at painting like Bougereau, but happily came nowhere near his avowed But in the process produced a number of masterpieces of a quite different kind. Without for one moment attributing to Hugh Casson and his colleagues a comparable degree of naïveté, the view that the Modern Movement has now reached its term is far more plausibly supported by the triumphs of the South Bank than by the inadequacies of Coventry.

Here a hand-picked selection of the younger exponents of the Modern Movement were given a free hand to do what they liked without the necessity of making even a formal observance of theory. Indeed it would have been impossible for them to do so even had they so wished, for the purpose for which exhibition buildings must, supposes, be fit is to exhibit, and one of the most enjoyable things about the South the most enjoyable things about the South Bank Exhibition was that there was virtually nothing of the smallest interest to exhibit. Thus one could enjoy the wonderful Piranesi-like drama of the interior of the Dome of Discovery without bothering one's head, any more than one suspects did Mr. Tubbs, as to whether this imposing arrangement of strong and maging this research. ment of ramps and moving staircases was in fact the best or most functional method displaying all the pseudo-scientific bric-à-brac with which it appeared rather hurriedly to have been filled. Similarly in other pavilions where the exhibits ranged in exotic fantasy from a row of cows being milked to a London omnibus, one was able un-distracted to concentrate on the architectural qualities of the buildings themselves. As one did so one gradually became aware that in many individual cases, but not all, and in the general effect of the whole ensemble of something quite new—of a quickening wind stirring the grim bare branches of modernism—and a wind, moreover, that was certainly not blowing from the direction either of Mr. Bauhaus or the Rue Mallet-Stevens.

#### FUNCTIONAL IVORY TOWERS

Is this new spirit, which I shall not attempt to define, for definition and analysis have been the curse of modern architecture, the first swallow of a new summer, or just a belated straggler from the old autumn of the picturesque as certain of the most austere upholders of the International Style would have us believe? It is at this stage quite have us believe? It is at this stage quite impossible to say, but one thing is certain. If a really live and profitable movement is to develop from this beginning, then many of the most cherished illusions of the Modern Movement will have to go over-board. That frenzied rejection of the past, for instance, that ridiculous attitude of having absolutely no connection with the period next door, which has had such disastrous effects on architectural education. That inhibiting fear of the cliché must at all costs be overcome and it must be realized that a good supply of sound, generally acceptable, clichés is one of modern architectures' most urgent requirements. That whereas the success of eighteenth century architecture, for example, as of eighteenth century poetry, lay very largely in just this invention of cliches, that could safely be entrusted to local builders to exploit without becoming wearisome, the failure of the Modern Movement wholly to get clear of the coterie stage was in a very large measure to the fact that the best they could produce in the way of clichés was a window that turned a corner and a couple of pave-ment lights. Above all, the modern architect must at all costs come down from his functional tower of reinforced ivory and realize that a public which has for years been asking for half-timbered bread is not going suddenly to be satisfied with a cantilevered stone.

If, in fact, we are witnessing a new de-parture, then it would be churlish to conclude without paying a tribute to the stern, and sometimes inhibiting discipline which the Modern Movement imposed. If one thinks, as I do, that it always remained inextricably confused between ends and means, it nevertheless fulfilled an essential task. As with abstract painting, it was not a blind alley, as some might think, but a necessary diversion, and those who passed through it are likely to travel considerably farther than those who stuck to the main road

#### EXTENSION FACTORY

in STAG LANE, KINGSBURY, LONDON, N.W.9 designed by HOWARD, SOUSTER and PARTNERS architect-in-charge, R. R. FAIRBAIRN

The new warehouse, office and reception building for the Frigidaire Division of General Motors was sited to link up with the conveyor system of the large existing factory and had to be planned on a somewhat restricted area. The block form is virtually controlled by the fact that the steelwork was purchased and shipped from the USA from a cancelled scheme and was replanned to give a shape at ground-floor level to accommodate conveyorized production and despatch of refrigerator equipment.



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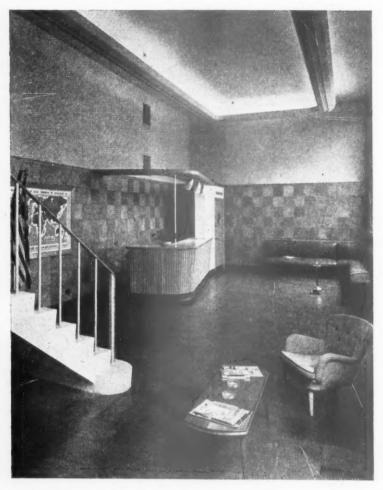
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PLAN.-The most important factors affecting the plan form were the necessity for access at both ends of the building for works personnel in one case and administrative staff in the other, and for the best possible light for the first floor offices. The ground floor was arranged so that partly completed goods are conveyed into the east end and despatched as finished products at the west end, where the reception and display rooms are situated.

CONSTRUCTION.—The building is steel framed and has 9-in, brick walls and fireproof hollow tile floors. The roof over the office block and the low level ground floor roof is of steel decking.

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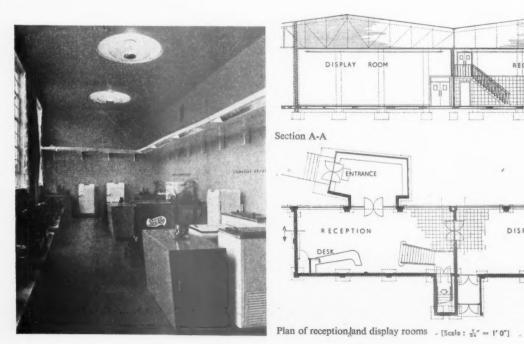
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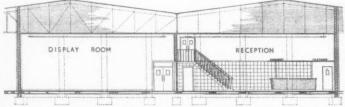
FINISHES.-Most of the internal partitions are steel, glazed above 4 ft. height to give maximum visibility throughout the interior. The ground floor is finished with hard wearing granolithic, Staircases are pre-cast with terrazzo finish and aluminium balustrades. The main office on the first floor has a ceiling finished with acoustic tiles for sound deadening.

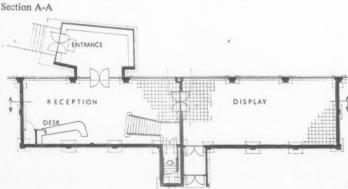
Left, the reception room. Below left, the display room, both in the west corner of the ground floor.

#### FACTORY EXTENSION

in STAG LANE, KINGSBURY, LONDON, N.W.9 designed by HOWARD, SOUSTER AND PARTNERS







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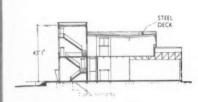
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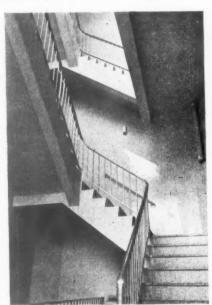
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SERVICES.—Heavy goods lifts are provided at floor ducts and wherever possible pipes been have both ends of the building for moving office equipment and to allow for possible change of use of the The general contractors were W. J. Marston & Son first floor space. Telephone cables are run in

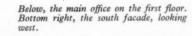
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Below, main staircase in the tank tower. Bottom left, the main entrance gates.









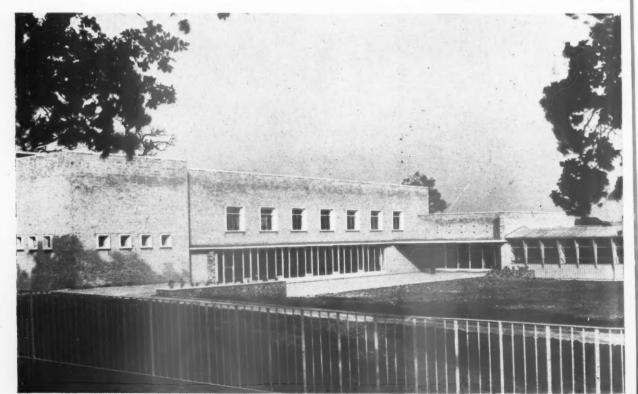


#### SECONDARY SCHOOL

in PYRLES LANE, LOUGHTON, ESSEX designed by H. CONOLLY, COUNTY ARCHITECT

The Fairmead Secondary School on the LCC Debden Estate at Loughton was designed for 450 pupils of both sexes and with dining accommodation for 336. The site, which covers 11°4 acres, slopes from north-east to south-west and is surrounded, except on the north, by new housing development. Because speed of erection was essential to contend with the rapid growth of the estate, it was decided to build all teaching rooms, sanitary offices and staff block in prefabricated aluminium construction.

The assembly hall and main entrance looking east.



The west.



The dining room, looking

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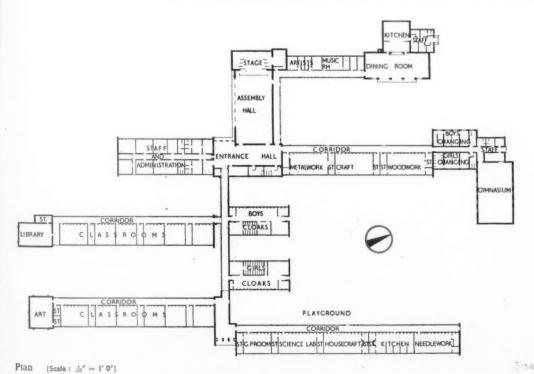
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PLAN.—The school has an irregular open plan which gives south-east aspect to teaching and dining rooms. The layout and the use of single-storey construction was largely dictated by the priority order of building and the necessity of segregating occupied portions from work still in progress. The project was initiated in February, 1949, and classroom accommodation for 400 was

required for use by September of the same year. CONSTRUCTION.—Teaching accommodation, sanitary offices and the staff block are of prefabricated aluminium construction and the remainder of the school is built of traditional load-bearing brick construction. Steel trusses are used for a lightweight roof over the assembly hall, gymnasium and dining room. Roofs elsewhere: precast concrete.





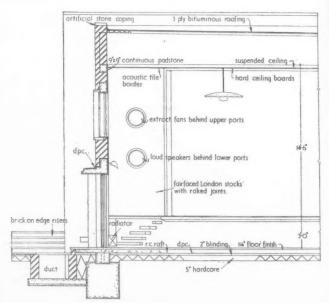
Left, the assembly hall looking towards the stage. Below left, the steps on the left of the stage.

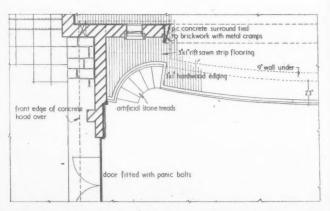
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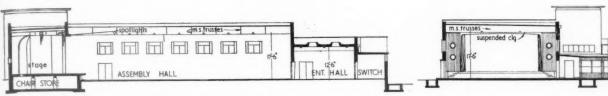
FINISHES.—External brickwork is of London stocks with trims of white artificial stone or reinforced concrete finished with cement paint. The aluminium is painted a warm buff colour externally with wind-braces and gutters light blue. The polished aluminium windows have been left untreated. In the brick portions of the building, windows and rain-water goods are painted ivory. Internally, the walls are painted in a variety of colours, but many of the fibre board and asbestos spray ceilings are left unpainted. The assembly hall is equipped for



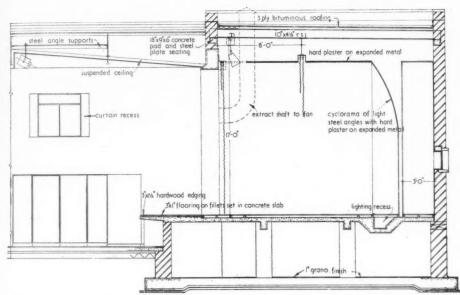




Part plan of stage and part section through assembly half [Scale: 1" = 1'.0"]



Longitudinal and cross section through assembly ha! [Scale: 317 = 1'0"]





Section through stage and chair store [Scale:  $\frac{1}{3}'' = 1' 0''$ ]

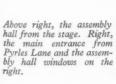
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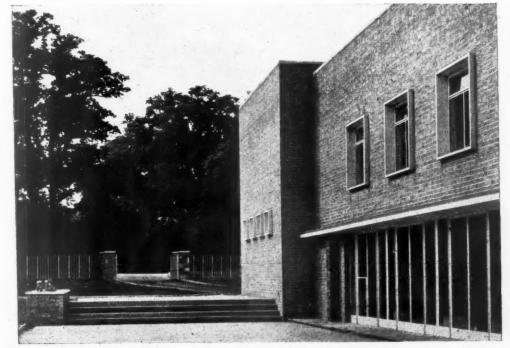
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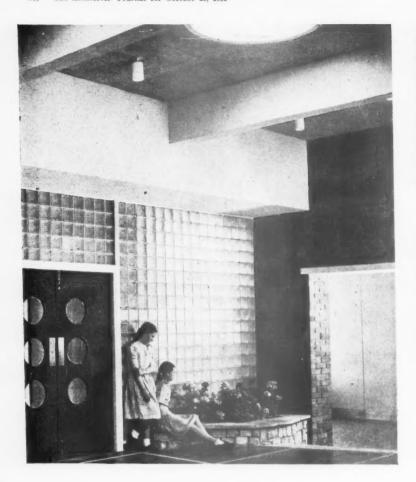
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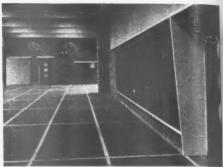
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entertainments and has a cyclorama and full lighting equipment for the stage, which is designed for music or drama. A low ceiling is used, which, together with the cyclorama, gives maximum sound direction. The stage size can be adjusted or sound reflection assisted by the flats, which are hung on a central overhead pivot to a sliding track, and are therefore capable of movement either rotary or across the stage. The central portion of the fibre board ceiling is treated with a hard, dense paint for reflection











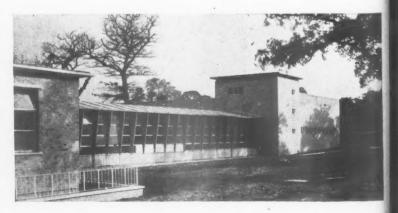
Views of the main entrance hall. Left, the opening on the right, leads to the waiting room. Top, the door on the right is to the assembly hall. Above, the window to the secretary's room.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

in PYRLES LANE, LOUGHTON, ESSEX designed by H. CONOLLY, COUNTY ARCHITECT

Below, the gymnasium. Below, right, from left to right, the kitchen, dressing rooms, music room, scenery tower and back wall of





and there are acoustic tiles on the rear wall to control reverberation.

SERVICES.—Heating is by a low pressure hot water system. Service pipes are laid in external ducts below the footpaths. The heating and lighting installations were designed by the County Architect's Department under the direction of G. E. Slade, Chief Engineer.

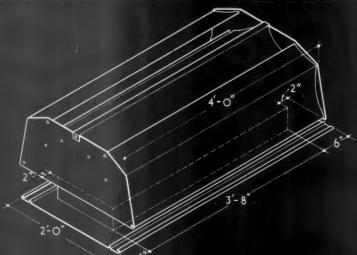
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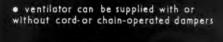


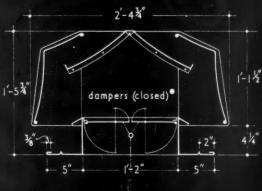
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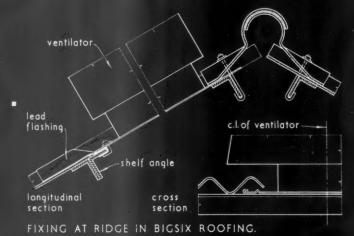


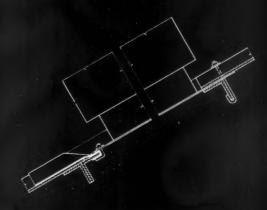
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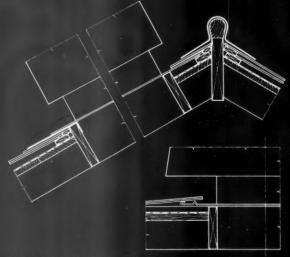


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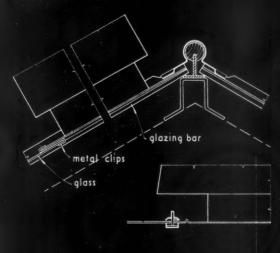




FIXING CLEAR OF RIDGE IN BIGSIX ROOFING.



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FIXING IN GLAZED ROOF.

#### 30.D10 COLT S.R.2046 EXTRACT VENTILATOR

This Sheet the first of a series dealing with Colt ventilators, describes the Colt S.R.2046 extract ventilator. The ventilator can be fixed in any type of roofing, including glazing, and the drawings on the face of the Sheet give a general view and cross section of the ventilator, together with details of typical fixings.

#### General

The ventilator is designed on aero-dynamic principles using aero-foil curves which control the wind and roof eddies from any direction: this creates a suction which produces an air extraction equal to that produced by mechanical means without the drawbacks of noise, wearing parts or operation and maintenance costs. The design gives a flat curve of extraction which eliminates any tendency to excessive extraction in high winds.

#### Sizes

The sizes of the S.R.2046 ventilator are given on the face of the Sheet. A larger model of the same type, S.R.3080, is also available and measures 3 ft. wide by 8 ft. long overall by 2 ft. 4 in. deep with 6-in. side, top and bottom flanges. For very large factories or where extremely large areas of extraction are required over concentrated positions, the Colt continuous S.R. ventilator is recommended. This ventilator is of the same design but measures 9 ft. wide by 6 ft. deep and is built up in sections to any required length (average 20 to 30 ft.).

#### Material

The material used is anti-corrosive hardened aluminium, steel (galvanised after the ventilator is made) or asbestos cement. The choice of material used for the ventilator to be fitted is dependent on the purpose for which the building is designed and also on the type of roofing used.

#### Controls

Both ventilators can be supplied with or without control dampers for manual operation by cord or chain: motorised or manually-operated gearing can be incorporated with ventilators arranged in batteries. These give control over the different amounts of ventilation required for varying atmospheric conditions.

#### Air Inlets

For the ventilators to work efficiently adequate fresh air inlets are essential and the total free area of inlets should be approximately double that of the extracts.

#### Fixing

Owing to their light weight the ventilators can be fixed in any part of the roof without additional roof reinforcement. Typical fixing details are shown on the face of this Sheet.

#### Applications

The ventilators are recommended for foundries, laundries and other works where large quantities of hot or foul air, fumes, etc., have to be removed quickly.

#### Fixing Service

A service is available for fixing Colt ventilators in any part of the country.

#### **Further Information**

The manufacturers maintain a technical department and testing laboratory together with an outside technical staff, resident in all the main centres throughout the country, who are available to answer questions and advise on technical problems and carry out site surveys.

The manufacturers also supply a comprehensive manual giving full technical details and containing nomograms from which the requisite number of ventilators can be calculated for any particular problem.

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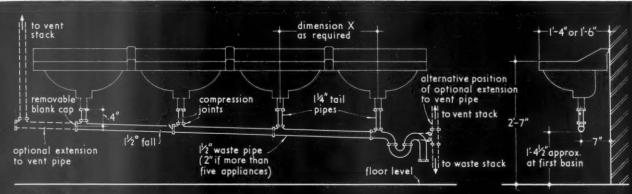




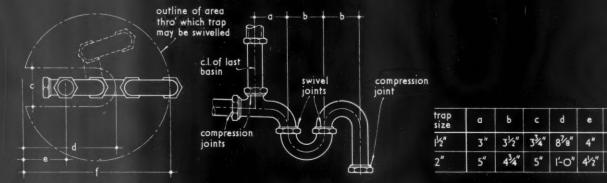
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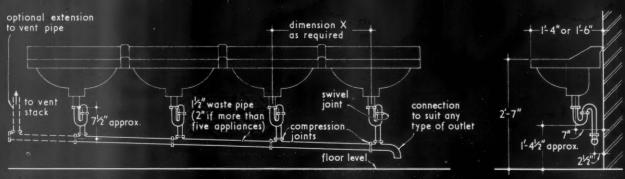
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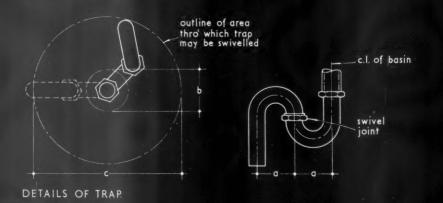
#### BASINS CONNECTED TO COMMON TRAP.



#### DETAILS OF TRAP.



#### SEPARATE TRAP TO EACH BASIN.



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2"	434"	5"	1'-7"

·ECONA· COPPER PLUMBING TO RANGES OF LAVATORY BASINS: UNVENTED SYSTEM.

Manufacturer: Econa Modern Products Ltd.

#### 33.B2 · ECONA · COPPER PLUMBING TO RANGES OF LAVATORY BASINS : UNVENTED SYSTEM

This Sheet deals with the unvented system of Econa copper plumbing to lavatory basins. The drawing at the top of the Sheet shows a single range of basins connected to a common trap and the drawing on the lower part of the Sheet shows a single range with a separate trap to each basin. Enlarged details of the traps themselves are given with each arrangement. It is often convenient to include a drinking fountain at one end of the range. Where this is done it is essential that the fountain be individually trapped.

#### Material

Traps, waste and vent pipes are constructed from copper tube to B.S. 659: 1944, Light gauge copper tubes for water, gas and sanitation.

#### Design and Construction

Pipework generally: Pipes and fittings are designed to provide an even bore throughout their length, there being no restrictions at the various joints. Since no castings are used, there are no rough internal surfaces on which hair or fibre can begin to form a blockage. The sections of waste pipe between the basins and all the tail pipes, except the first, are supplied slightly longer than necessary so that they can be cut to the correct length on the site. tee junctions are formed integral with the waste pipe sections so that only two joints instead of three are required at each junction.

Joints: Two types of joint are employed, a coupling union and an Econa compression joint. The coupling unions allow the traps to lie in the most convenient line and, therefore, permit the installation of the unit even if the waste fitting on the basin or sink is

not the standard distance away from the wall exactly. The compression joints are supplied brazed into position on the fitting concerned. They employ a patent split ring which compresses the copper and makes a sound joint. This ring can be easily removed, without being destroyed, thus enabling the joint to be unmade and remade without damage to itself, the nut or pipe.

Traps: Cleaning eyes are not necessary as the coupling unions may be readily disconnected and the outlet elbow removed for cleaning when required.

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#### TECHNICAL SECTION

The recent symposium on "Prestressed Concrete Statically Indeterminate Structures," organized by CCA, was attended by over 200 engineers and research workers. Below are extracts from the address given by F. G. Thomas (Senior Principal Scientific Officer, BRS) in which he summarized and commented on the two days proceedings. This is followed by a report, by A7 Specialist Editor No. 13 (Structural Engineering), on the paper by Prof. Magnel

#### PRESTRESSED CONCRETE **SYMPOSIUM**

Final summing up by F. G. Thomas

I shall assume that we must have continuous structures and try to sum up what we have learnt about them in the last two days and, perhaps more important, what should be the course of our future study in order, that we may design them more efficiently and economically.

#### FRICTION

There has been much "friction" at this Symposium, particularly in terms of cap cables, where the friction is accompanied by another apparent defect—the slip in the anchorages. Apart from the practical difficulties that have been mentioned with regard to cap cables, it is quite evident from the discussion that we want to know quite a lot more about the friction developed with such cables—or indeed with any cables in which there is curvature. We have, in fact, been told that even in straight cables there may be appreciable friction. There does not seem to be complete agreement with not seem to be complete agreement with this, and we certainly want to know more about it. It is quite clear that we ought to find out more about the coefficient of fric-tion for a wide variety of conditions—dif-ferent types of wires, with various surface conditions, working in different types of sheathing or holes in concrete. Moreover, there should be research or development work designed to reduce the value of the coefficient of friction by suitable sheathing coefficient of friction, by suitable sheathing or other means.

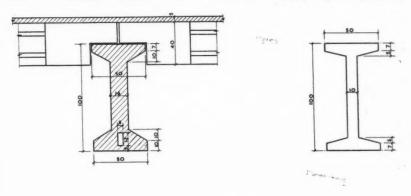
It has been suggested that these difficulties can be overcome by avoiding the curvature that induces friction losses; but again it has been pointed out that to work on such lines is to lose the desirable flexibility of such structural systems. In many cases it is a great advantage to use curved cables, but much of this advantage may be lost unless this friction loss is kept to a minimum. If we have the data—the coefficient of friction and the losses at anchorages—then we can make the necessary allowance. This kind of

data can be obtained from tests in the laboratory and occasionally on full-scale structures, and must be obtained in order to obtain more economical designs.

#### ULTIMATE LOADS

We have had practically no direct data concerning ultimate loads, apart from the results of some tests which have been started at London University. However, from what data we have on steel or reinforced concrete structures, and from our knowledge of the deformation characteristics of simply supported prestressed concrete beams, it certainly does appear at this stage—though again further data will be required—that the redistribution before failure is likely to be smaller with prestressed concrete than with ordinary reinforced concrete. As was mentioned during the Symposium, the approximations that we are accustomed to make with ordinary reinforced concrete frame design—which to some extent rely upon the ability of ordinary reinforced con-crete to accommodate itself to moment conditions for which it was not designedconditions for which it was not designed—may not be applicable to prestressed concrete. We may need to be very much more careful about our estimation of the moments throughout continuous frameworks. The same applies to the possibility of differential settlement of foundations or abutments; the effects with prestressed concrete may be more serious than with ordinary reinforced concrete. crete may be more serious than with ordinary reinforced concrete. Most of what we have heard about this particular subject is based upon opinion or

on some theoretical treatment, but that is not sufficient for us to be satisfied that we have the right load factor for our structures, and it may well be that in considerations of the load factor we should allow more for the possibility of differential settlement than we do with ordinary reinforced concrete. The type of failure of prestressed concrete members has an important bearing on this, and Mr. Morice's film showed that a very sudden failure may sometimes occur with prestressed concrete. Such a failure is very much rarer with ordinary reinforced concrete. Again we have not very much information on this; the ultimate strength and the behaviour at failure of even simply supported prestressed



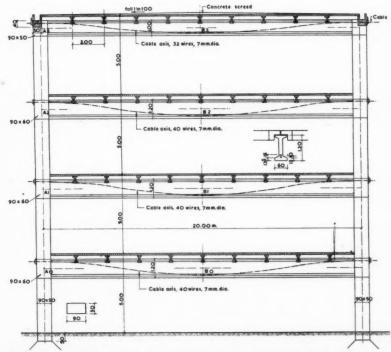


Fig. 1 (See page 478). Simple frame, span 66ft., with prestressed concrete beams. Top left, section of monolithic beam; top right, beam of precast blocks.

concrete beams is a subject on which we

know very little indeed.

With regard to redistribution of stress it appears that this would be of some value, particularly for lower strength concretes. The point has been made that our factor of safety or load factor should take account of the possibility of using poorer concrete than that assumed in the design; the fact that there is more creep, or what has been called "plasticity," with lower strength concrete may help to reduce the loss in strength of the structure.

#### THEORY

One of the important features for consideration in the theoretical study is that of the secondary moments, and in this connection variation in cable position has been shown to be of some importance. Contractors in this country are, on the whole, very good but, nevertheless, it is difficult, as Professor Evans said, to keep the re-inforcement or prestressing element exactly where it is shown on the working drawings, and it was shown in one paper that small variations in the cable position would have an important effect on the

secondary moments.

The positioning of the cable in design is possible in two primary ways; one is to use the concordant cable about which we heard from M. Guyon, or we can adopt a more or less arbitrary position deduced by pre-vious experience, or intuition, or some rule of thumb method such as following the

bending moment diagram.

With regard to ultimate load, it is clear we know very little in connection with pre-stressed concrete continuous structures. The relationship between stresses and loads has tion of this factor is mainly dependent on further data-particularly experimental data -being obtained.

#### CONTINUITY IN **PRESTRESSED** CONCRETE

By Professor G. Magnel

Professor Magnel's contribution to the Symposium consisted of a general review of the problem of achieving continuity in pre-stressed members. He described several methods of construction using straight cables in a beam of varying section, cables of several curvatures in a continuous beam and short cables placed in the beam over the internal supports with ends protruding from underside of the beam close column. The first case is considered to be the best solution as the loss in friction is no more than in that of the simple-span, prestressed beam. The second case produces high friction, due to the various changes in curvature, resulting in a loss in prestress for the same applied jacking force. The use of short cables over the support should not be applied in cases where the spans are small, as it is impossible to prestress short cables with sufficient accuracy. For cables with sufficient accuracy. For example, a cable 15 ft. long stressed up to example, a cable 15 ft. long stressed up to 140,000 lb./sq. in. would have an elongation of 0.9 in. and, using two jacks to decrease friction losses, the elongation at each jack would be 0.45 in. Due to wire slip while wedging up a loss of 0.1 in. is possible, which would mean an inaccuracy of 22 per cent., in addition to frictional loss. The

only other means of establishing continuity by means of short elements over the sup-port, at our present state of development, appears to be by the use of high-tensile steel rods, the fixing device being some sort of nut.

The positioning of the cables in the systems described above is of great importance; a small accidental displacement would produce

a considerable variation in the external moments due to prestressing. Special arrangements have to be developed to allow prestress to be applied in structures incorporating expansion or contraction joints. Three spans can be made continuous, with a cantilever extending to one fifth of the next span. The centre three-fiths of this span can be bridged by a prefabricated, prestressed beam supported on these cantilever ends. Alternatively, dowel bars can be placed in the ends of the canti-levers and the span completed in ordinary reinforced concrete. A similar arrangement is going to be used in Belgium for mushroom slabs. It is intended to build the mushroom panel above the columns prestressed in two directions; the remaining parts of the slab will be in ordinary reinforced concrete.

Despite the obvious difficulties of achieving continuity in prestressed concrete, Prof. Magnel takes an optimistic view. He believes that, rather than concentrating on developing methods of calculation to in-crease accuracy, concrete making itself and prestressing operations should be carried out in the best possible manner.

Fig. 1 shows a simple frame of 66 ft. span;

Fig. 2. A 4-storey office building at Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo. Span approx. 46ft.

been discussed, and it has been pointed out that to work to certain design stresses may give little or no indication of what margin of safety we have against collapse. Here obviously is a field for study, again particularly experimental.

Another point which has not been agreed upon here is the use of subsidiary non-prestressed reinforcement. Some members have advocated it and said that it was necessary, but others have said that to mix ordi-nary reinforced concrete and prestressed concrete is impossible, or, at any rate, illogical. The use of such additional steel may be of value in controlling cracking or in increasing ultimate strength. We have no scientific data for judging the real value for this subsidiary reinforcement.

#### PRACTICE

The final section with which I want to deal is that of practice, and here I need say very little. little. Although, for ultimate economy and full efficiency, it is necessary to develop theories and to obtain the parameters of these theories from experiment, progress in prestressed concrete work will, in general, come from the fact that structures have been built in it. Many people have very little faith in laboratory tests; many more have little or no faith in mathematical juggling. see a structure actually erected is a comforting thing.

The practical difficulties of friction of curved cables, of anchorages, particularly for short cables, and expansion joints have all been overcome in important structures; none has yet fallen down, as far as I know. It is likely—as some of our designing friends have agreed—that the load factor in many of these structures is much too high, but the reduc-

the beam can be monolithic, with the cable 2 x 16 wires, 5 m m. dio

hidden in it, or it can be made of prestressed blocks, with cables on each side of the beam. In each case the tops of the columns serve as end blocks for the beam. The columns can be either of ordinary reinforced concrete or of prestressed concrete. A two-storey building has been built on the latter principle at Machelen. Fig. 2 shows a four-storey office building at Leopoldville in the Belgian Congo. The span is about 46 ft. and the height from floor to floor 15 ft. 9in. The beam is made up of blocks, about 5 ft. 6 in. long, between in situ columns and beam-stubs. The cables were placed on each side of the web.

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Another good example of the use of prestressed concrete, described by Prof. Magnel,
is the Sclayn Bridge over the Meuse. It
has two spans, each of 206.72 ft.; the roadway being 23 ft. wide, with two footpaths
each 5 ft. in width. The structure is a box
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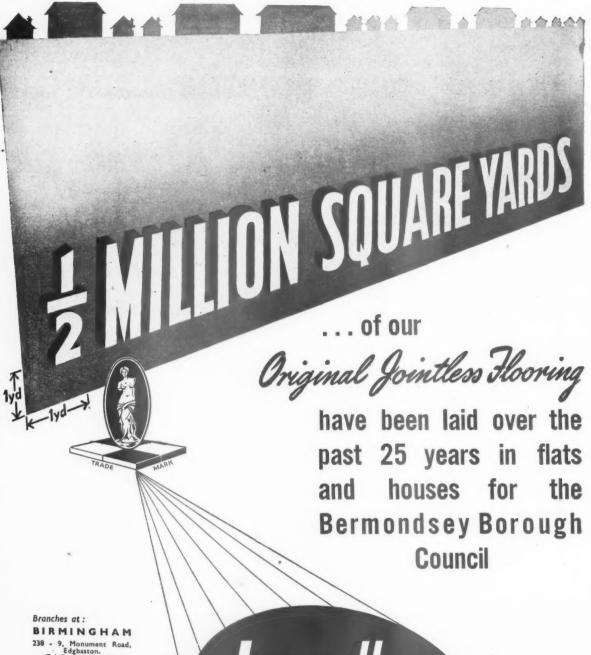


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GRADE CLASSIFICATIONS		A	A		A <sup>2</sup>	A <sup>3</sup>
		n 3s. 1				
	Labourer	rs 2s. 8	8d. 2s.	7½d. 2	s. 7d.	2s. 6½d.
Prices vary according to quality	and the qu	antity or	dered.	1	BRIC	KLAYER-
Those given below are average	market p	rices and	include			
delivery in the London are stated, but do not include o for the General Contractor.					Southwa	d engineering ater engineer ed) ressed bricks
CONCRETOR				- 1	* I	Haulage extra
Cement	18		6 tons			
Portland to B.S. 12 Rapid hardening to B.S. 12 Aquacrete water repellant Above prices include for delivery to paper bags or cotton sacks.	****	ton	nd over. 95/3 103/3 127/9		White, Head Strete	
For other packages, deduct 20/3 per Returnable jute sacks: 35/6 per 1 Credit on return at 1/6 per sack. Returnable cotton sacks: 66/8 per	on of ceme	ent or 1/9½	per sack			livery charge
Credit on return at 3/- per sack. Snowcrete (minimum 1-ton lots), per	ton, 252/9	(including b			†Lime, *Lime, Washed	greystone, to chalk, ditto hydrated, dit l pit sand to
Aggregate and Sands,		oaas)				cluding paper of jute sacks
(Down) Washed, crushed and graded to B.S. 882, Table 2	[	per yard cub per yard cub	pe 16/3 pe 15/3		at 1/9.	gauge galvar
"Sharp washed sand to B.S. 882, To Brick hardcore	]	per yard cut	e 8/-		B.S. Wall tie	1243 es, galvanized proof course s
D 1 4		•			Size	14" × 9" 14" × 4\frac{1}{4}"
Reinforce Heme trade maximum basis price for r rods to B.S. 785, * diameter and upv	nild steel				Hessiar 743	$14'' \times 4\frac{1}{4}''$ hase bitume
mills delivered to station or siding .	]	per ton	£27 12	0		
Extras for :-		ner ten	15	0		otta airbrick
Under 5 to 7 diameter Ditto 7 and over 3 diameter	<u>I</u>	er ton	£1 2	6		ized cast-iron ized cast-iro
and over the diameter	]	per ton		0		ilators
A" and over A" diameter		per ton per ton		6		rra-cotta chin
and over diameter	1	per ton	£2 12			inforcement
		per ton per ton	£3 0 £4 10		‡2" v	vide black jaj
			~- *0		121"	wide black ja eater widths
Fabric Reinj	orcement o. 9.32 lb.	4.71 lb.	1.83 lb.			nt for quantil
Steel wire mesh fabric to B.S.			1.03 10.			
1221, Part A per yd. super. 7/-1	4/1	2/1	1/41		Dacco	to D C 400
BRICKLAYER	De/el-				Hollow	to B.S. 492 clay to B (keyed)

Common Bricks

Facing Bricks

 Hand-selected sand limes
 per 1,000
 132/9

 Phorpres rustic Flettons
 per 1,000
 125/9

 Stocks, first hard
 per 1,000
 237/4

 Stocks, second hard
 per 1,000
 227/4

 Southwater pressed sandfaced reds
 per 1,000
 257/6

 Darking regsed sandfaced multicoloured features
 per 1,000
 218/6

Dorking pressed sandfaced multicoloured facings .... per 1,000 218/6

Third stocks ....

Rough stocks ....

Mild stocks ....

Phorpres pressed Flettons ....

Sand limes

... per 1,000 118/10

.... per 1,000 202/4 .... per 1,000

... per 1,000 100/9

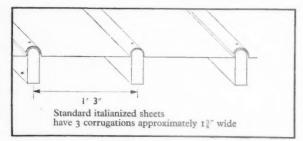
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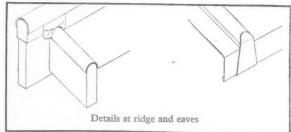
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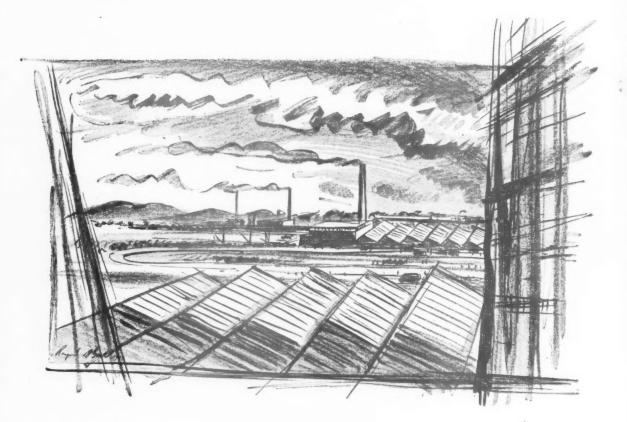
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Southwater engine	ering wirecu	ıta .			pe	er 1,000	182/6
pressed) *Blue pressed by	ricks to B.S	. 1301			pe	er 1,000 er 1,000	255/- 362/-
* Haulage	extra					,	
		Glaced	Brick				
					st qual		s. d.
White, Ivory or	Brown, 9"	× 21" ×	41"				
Headers Stretchers	****	****	per 1,0	000 3	9 10	0 37	0 0
Stretchers	Prices for	glazed	bricks	+ 45	%, sec	onds.	0.0
Plus delivery ch	arge in Lor	don are	a of 30	)/- per	1,000	1	
		Limes a	nd San	ds			
	4. D.C. o	00				1 ton lo	ts.
Lime, greyston	e, to B.S. 8	90	****	per to	n	99/-	
Lime, bydrated	l. ditto	****	****	per to	n	121/6	
Lime, chalk, di Lime, hydrated Washed pit sand	d to B.S. 12	00		per y	ard cu	be 18/10	
- including p	atper ougs.						
†Hire of jutes	sacks charge	ed at 1/0	and c	redited	1 at 1/	b. If left,	charge
mc 1/0.		Sun	dries				
10 s.w. gauge ga B.S. 1243 Wall ties, galvan Damp proof con	alvanized b	utterfly t	type w	all tie	s to	per 1,000	101/6
Wall ties, galvar	nized, 8" ×	1" × 1",	to B.S	5. 1243		per cwt.	100/6
Damp proof cou	ırse slates :			***	Impo	rted We	lsh
Size 14" × 9"		****	]	per 100	9	5/6	1/3
Damp proof cou Size 14" × 9" ,, 14" × 4! Hessian base bi	tumen dam	p course	to B.	S.	, 2,	1/- 4	10
1.80		9-00		170	a yearu	ouper	010
T	alaka		-	.b	× 3"	9" × 6"	8. × 8.
Terra-cotta airb Galvanized cast	iron airbric	ka	eac	eh.	3/1	5/2	8/-
ventilators					9' 6"	3' 6"	5' 0"
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ventilators Buff terra-cotta pots	chimney 1	'0" 1'	6" 5	1/9	15/6	34/2	57/8
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## ITALIANIZED ZINC ROOFING







Italianized zinc roofing enables zinc roofs to be laid directly on to rafters or purlins without the use of boarding. It is thus both cheaper and easier to lay than other systems, since the sheets are factory-formed; and it is especially suitable for large buildings, such as warehouses, railway stations, etc. It can be adapted to housing, if used with a decking material to provide sound proofing and thermal

insulation. The standard italianized sheet of Z.G.16 (19 I.S.W.G.) measures 8' long by 2' 8" wide, the rolls being spaced at 1' 3" centres. The sheets are fixed by galvanized screws directly to the rafters or purlins. Further information on roofing systems and other uses of zinc in building can be had from the Association, together with a list of publications.

## ZINC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

LINCOLN HOUSE TURL STREET OXFORD TELEPHONE OXFORD 47988



DRAIN

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Seconds Best Qua British S Tested Q British S

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#### **PRAINLAYER**

Clay Land Drain Pipes to B.S. 1	196		
	3"	4"	6"
Pipes in 12" lengths per 1,000	159/6	206/6	428/-
Salt Glazed Stoneware Pipes and 1	F1441		

	Orders for 2 tons and over	Orders under 2 tons 100	than 100
Seconds Quality Best Quality British Standard Quality Tested Quality British Standard Tested	$47\frac{1}{2}\%$ less $15\%$ $47\frac{1}{2}\%$ $47\frac{1}{2}\% + 10\%$ $47\frac{1}{2}\% + 37\frac{1}{4}\%$	$67\frac{1}{2}\%$ less $15\%$ $67\frac{1}{2}\%$ $67\frac{1}{2}\%$ $+ 10\%$ $67\frac{1}{2}\%$ $+ 37\frac{1}{2}\%$	$77\frac{1}{2}\%$ less $15\%$ $77\frac{1}{2}\%$ $77\frac{1}{2}\%$ $77\frac{1}{2}\%$ $+$ $10\%$ $77\frac{1}{2}\%$ $+$ $37\frac{1}{2}\%$

#### Cast Iron Drain Pipes and Fittings

Socket a	and sp	igot p	ipes t	o B.S. 43	7:			
Wei	ght pe	r 9 ft	Size	9 fts.	6 fts.	4 fts.	3 fts.	2 fts.
	-			per yd.	per vd.	each	each	each
1	1	17	4"	17/4	19/1	30/4	23/2	18/8
2	0	1	6"	25/11	30/5	48/6	38/11	29/2
3	3	21	9"	46/10	60/8	104/-	79/6	
To	nnage	Allow	ances					
	Orde	ers up	to 2 t	ons nett.				
						4"	6"	9"
*Bends	(short	radiu	18) as	Fig. No.	4 each	6/3	13/-	40/-
*Single	juncti	ions as	Fig.	No. 18	each	11/-	22/6	69/-
Intere	epting	trape	as Fi	g. No. 33	each	30/-	50/-	123/-

<sup>\*</sup>Bends (short radius) as rig. No. 18 ... each 11/Single junctions as Fig. No. 18 ... each 11/Intercepting traps as Fig. No. 33 each 30/\*Gallies ordinary trapped "P" ... each 14/6
\*Extra for 4" vertical back inlet each 4/3
\*Grease gully trap ... ... each 121/
\* These prices are subject to 91½% plusage.

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#### Channels in Brown Glazed Ware.

Standard list + same discounts as "Best" quality salt-glazed Stoneware pipes.

#### White Glazed Channels

			33	nue	Cruzeu	Chu	nnew
Orders	under	20	pieces.	St	andard	list	+321%

Manhole covers and fra	mes	
·	Size of load	Unit
C.I. coated double triangular manhole cover and frame, 22" dia. clear opening to B.i. 497, Grade A eac C.I. coated circular manhole cover ar frame, 22" dia. clear opening to B.S. 49	S ch 35 tons ad	134/9
Grade B eac Siz	ch 5 tons se of Single seal	73/6 Double seal Flat type
Coated manhole cover and frame to		
B.S. 497, Grade C, 24" × 18" each 1	ton 35/1	58/6
Galvanised ditto, 24" × 18" each 1	ton 63/-	90/-
Coated manhole cover and frame, to	50/1	7011
	ton 50/1	76/1
Galvanised ditto, $24'' \times 24''$ each 1	ton 93/-	134/3

#### MASON

#### Yorkstone

Building quality Robin Hood and Woodkirk Blue S	one.
Blocks scrappled, random sizes per foot cube	10/8
Add for blocks to dimension sizes per foot cube	1/3 (each dimension)
Templates with sawn beds, edges rough (up	
to 4 ft. super and not over 2' 6" long) per foot cube	11/11
Templates with sawn beds, sawn one edge, per foot cube Price f.o.r. Yorkshire, railway rate to London Station	13/9
per ton. (Minimum 4-ton loads)	49/6
Bath Stone in random blocks	
Monk's Park per foot cube	6/2
St. Aldhelm Box Ground per foot cube Delivered on rail at South Lambeth station.	

Portland Stone in random blocks, average 20 feet

Delivered on rail at Nine Elms Station.

.... per foot cube

6/11

#### MASON-(continued)

#### Artificial Stone to B.S. 1217

$4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 4''$ Sill, sunk, v	veath	ered, t	hroate			
grooved	****	****	****	****	per foot run	3/6
9" × 3" Ditto	****		****	****	per foot run	4/9
$2'' \times 12''$ Coping,	weat	thered	and	twice		
throated					per foot run	4/3
3" × 12" Ditto		****			per foot run	6/3
5''  imes 12'' Saddleback	copi	ng, twi	ice th	roated	per foot run	9/6
6" V 19" Dista					per foot run	11/9

#### SLATER, TILER AND ROOFER

#### Slates

					100000	100					
									£	8.	d.
16" ×	10	" Best	Bangor	Slates	to B.S.	680	per .	1,000 actual	47	18	6
20" ×	10	" Ditte	)				. per	1,000 actual	69	15	0

#### Tiles

2 0000		
Hand-made sandfaced 101" × 61" red roofing	tiles	
	per 1,000	311/6
Machine-made sandfaced best red tiles	•	
with continuous nibs, $10\frac{1}{2}$ " $\times$ $6\frac{1}{2}$ "	per 1,000	281/9
Berkshire hand-made red Pantiles, 141" ×		
10"	per 100	93/-
Concrete plain tiles, 101" × 61"	per 1,000	160/9
Ditto interlocking tiles, 15" × 9"	per 1,000	490/-

#### Ashestos-cement

\*6" corrugated sheets, grey .... per yard super  $5/6\frac{1}{2}$  \*Prices are for minimum two-ton loads, and are subject to  $2\frac{1}{2}\%$  discount.

#### Felt

Reinforced roofing feit to B.S. 747	per yard sup.	1/111
Roofing felt (1-ply bitumen) to B.S. 747, Part I		1/51
	per vard sup.	2/44

#### CARPENTER AND JOINER

	wall boards
1" Imported Fibre board	5,000 to 15,000 sq. ft.
(per 100 sq. ft.)	50/-
Imported Hardboard (per 100 sq. ft.)	59/6
"Imported Hardboard (per 100 sq. ft.)	82/3
* 36" Semi compressed asbestos cement flat building sheets, grey	per yard super 2/3 per yard super 3/2 Subject to 5% trade
Sundries	

"Sisalkraft" standard grade	
"Sisalkraft" subsoil grade	
* Bitumen bonded fibre glass	nor word our 1/84
* Price is for orders value £5 and over.	

#### Timber

Softwood for Carpentry (average price)	per std.	£115
Softwood for Joinery (ditto)	per std.	£120
Tongued and Grooved SoftwoodFlooring (ditto)	per std.	£120
First Quality English Oak (ditto)	per ft. cube	25/-
Teak (ditto)	per ft. cube	45/-

#### Standard Panelled and Glazed Wood Doors to B.S. 459, Pt. I

Type 4	size 2' 6" ×	6' 6" × 11"	 each 48/9
Type $2 \times G$	size 2' 6" ×	$6'$ $6''$ $\times$ $2''$	 each 54/9
Type 4 × G	size 2' 6" ×	6' 6" × 2"	 each 60/10
In lots of	from 1 to 11	inclusive.	

#### Wood Windows

TATE OF	. 01.00		21 11 11					30/5
INP 26	size 2' 6"	X	I. 94.		***		each	
4V 36	size 3' 6"	X	7' 94"	***	****		each	134/8
IV 40	size 4' 0"	X	2' 11"	****	****	****	each	40/9
3T 46	size 4' 6"	X	5' 107"				each	131/11
4T 50	size 5' 0"	X	7' 94"	****			each	160/6

#### In lots of from 1 to 20 inclusive.

					K	itc	hen	Uni	its			
No. 1	size	3' 6"	×	2'	8"	×	1'	7"	****	****	each	156/-
No. 2	size	3' 6"	X	2'	8"	×	1'	7"	****		each	100/7
No. 4	size								****		each	95/4
No. 5	size										each	76/11
No. 7 In lots o	size of from							7"	000=		each	142/3

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There can be no doubt about what goes
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Specification—No. 261/1936. There can be no doubt, either, about the protection it gives against all weathers, and, with a 100% basic carbonate white lead paint—such as Cookson's Crescent Brand—there is never any doubt about its long term economy. We mean economy—in spite of the present cost of lead paints. For the paint represents the least part of the cost of an average painting job: labour, scaffolding, and preparation are the major cost items. Long life in the paint is the real economy—and

## WHITE LEAD PAINT LASTS

## ASSOCIATED LEAD MANUFACT

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LIMITED

#### STEEL AND IRONWORKER

Basis price for rolled steel joist sections in 10 ft. to 50 ft. len		ex mills per ton	£ 24	8. 12		
Extra for sizes :-					0	
9" × 7" 3½" × 3½", 5" × 4½", 6" × 4½", 10" ×	0# '19#	Add per ton		5	0	
× 8", 14" × 8", 16" × 8", 18"	× 6"					
18" × 7", 18" × 8", 20" × 61", 20"	× 71"			10	0	
10° × 4½", 12" × 5"		27 27		15	0	
4" × 21", 5" × 3', 22" × 7"		99 99	1	0	0	
3" × 3", 4" × 3", 5" × 2½"	****	99 99	1	5	0	
4" × 4", 6" × 3"		99 99	1	10	0	
41" × 11", 24" × 71"	****	99 99	2	0	0	
4" × 14"	****	99 99	3	0	0	
3' × 1½"		29 29	04	10	0	
Basis price for angles	****	ex mills per ton		5	6	
,, ,, tees	****	99 99	21	5	6	
" " " solid steel columns	****	99 99	20	9	0	

#### All delivered Station or Siding.

#### PLASTERER

1-ton	6-ton
loads	loads
	111/-
	Works
Paristone (haired) to B.S. 1191, Class B per ton 96/-	Kent.
Ditto (unhaired) per ton 93/6	
Sirapite (coarse) to B.S. 1191, Class C per ton 138/-	113/6
Ditto (fine) to B.S. 1191, Class C per ton 146/-	121/6
Keene's Pink to B.S. 1191, Class D per ton 184/-	
Keene's White to B.S. 1191, Class D per ton 189/-	
Cullamix (Tyrolean Finish), 1-top lots	
and upwards per ton from 174/3 to 20	7/9

#### Sundries

Sharp washed sand to B.S. 11	98					]	per yard c		
Cow Hair				****		]	per cwt.	97	/6
Expanded metal lathing, 9	0"		2'	0,	X	3"		-	10
mesh × 24 gauge	Up	to	149	18	50-2	299	per sheet 300-599	Over	
3" Plasterboard (base board)		ards			ard	8	yards	yar	
per yard super	2	81		2	41		2/33	2/2	4
Galvanized lath nails 14 G						***	per	cwt. 13	7/-
Hessian Scrim cloth in 100-ya	rd r	olls,							
31" wide				***			. per	roll 1	0/-

#### Wall Tiles

The following prices are subject to 174 per co	nt. addition:
Standard quality white glazed 6" × 6" × 1"	
Cream glazed 6" × 6" × ‡"	per yard super 20/6
Eggshell or glossy glazed 6" × 6" × 1"	per yard super 26/3

#### PLUMBER

#### Lead and Copper

31 lb. and upwards milled sheet le of 5 cwts. to 1 ton in sheets to B		per cwt.	206/3
Allowance for old lead delivered manufacturer		per cwt.	171/-
Ditto	wt. 23 wire gauge 24 wire gauge	per cwt.	
Zinc sheeting in 2-cwt. lots	14 gauge	per cwt.	

#### Cast Iron Goods

Percentag	e Adjustment	on List	No.	3100 A.	B. 13/8/51.
Rainwater Goods (		painted)		****	Plus 81%
Soil goods (coated	or uncoated)	****	***	****	Plus 81%

#### Mild Steel Rainwater Goods

		Standard List
Gutters	(under 100 lengths)	Less $17\frac{1}{2}\% + 27\frac{1}{2}\%$
Pipes and Fittings	( ,, ,, )	Less $17\frac{1}{2}\% + 27\frac{1}{2}\%$

#### Asbestos-Cement Rainwater Goods

The following prices are subject to  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  trade discount. Orders over £30 are subject to  $17\frac{1}{2}\%$  trade discount.

#### PLUMBER-(continued)

#### Rainwater Pipes.

		Diameter				
	2"	21"	3"	4"	6"	
2' 0" lengths	• 2/11	3/4	3/11	5/5	11/2 each	
3' 0" ,,	3/11	4/6	5/3	7/4	15/- ,,	
4' 0" ,,	5/-	5/6	6/4	8/11	18/6 ,,	
6' 0'' ,,	5/10	6/7	7/10	10/10	22/4 ,,	
8' 0'' ,,	7/9	8/9	10/5	14/6	29/9 ,,	
10′ 0′′ "	9/9	11/-	13/-	18/-	37/3 ,,	

#### Gutters.

Short lengths of gutte to 4' 0" as 11 yards, and				as 1	yard; from	2' 0"	
Half round gutters	3"	4"	41"	5"	6"	8"	
per vard run	2/1	2/6	2/7	3/-	4/3	5.3	

#### INTERNAL PLUMBER

Lead pipe in Lead soil pip	e					per c		207/6 210/6
Drawn lead B.S. 504		with	brass sere	ew eye, 6	lb., to	11"	14"	2"
S. trap		****		each	7/7	8/10		15/10
P. trap				each	6/8	7/4	9/2	12/9
Extra for 3"				each	1/10	2/2	2/5	3/1
Extra for 3"	deep	seal "	P" trap	each	1/3	1/6	1/6	2/2

Screwed and Socketed Steel Tubes and Fittings for Gas, Water and Steam, etc.

Fittings and flanges and tubes ordered in long random lengths are subject to the following trade discounts:—

Tubes:	1" to 4"			
Class B	241%	Fittings:		
" C	131%	Lightwe	eight veight	41% plus 31%
Galvanized Class B	plus 8%			
,, ,, C	plus 23%			
Flanges:	1			
0		" to 2"	24"	3" to 4"
Lightweight (Table	D) Plus	91%	less 291	% less 44%
Heavyweight (Table	e E) Plus	301%	less 1730	6 less 33½%
Copper tubing to B.	S. 659 and 1386	Basic pr	ice per	th. 2/2

#### GLAZIER

Sheet Glass, cut to size (ordinary glazing quality), to B.S. 952, Section A. For quantities exceeding 500 ft. super.

18 oz.	****		****	 ****	****	per foot super	41d.
24 oz.	****		****	 ****	****	per foot super	5 d.
32 oz.	****	****	****	 	****	per foot super	9}d.

Polished Plate glass, ordinary substance, approximately 1", to B.S. 952, Section A.

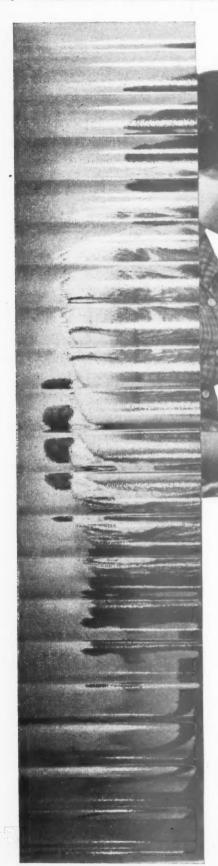
In plates not e	exceeding:		Glazing quality	Selected	Silvering
2 ft. super		per foot super	2/8	2/10	3/4
3 ft. super	****	per foot super	3/-	3/5	4/1
5 ft. super		per foot super	3/2	3/10	4/7
*45 ft. super		per foot super	3/9	4/1	5/7
*100 ft. super	****	per foot super	4/5	5/7	7/2

\* Extra sizes, i.e., plates exceeding 100 ft. super or 160 in. long, or 96 in. wide, at higher prices.

1" figured rolled and cathedral, to	o B.S. 952,	Sec-	
	***	per foot super	7 d.
18" or \$" rolled plate, ,, ,,	****	per foot super	81d.
or t rough cast, ,, ,,	****	per foot super	81d.
	Section D	per foot super	10d.
I" Georgian wired polished pare	99	per foot super	3/10d.
1" wired cast ,,	****	per foot super	9 d.

#### PAINTER

White ceiling distemper	****	****		per cwt.	27/9
Washable distemper	****		****	per cwt. from	112/-
Ready mixed white lead	paint	(best),	semi-		
gloss, per 32 lb			****	per gallon	70/-
Aluminium paint (best qual	lity)		****	per gallon	38/-
White enamel paint		****		per gallon	55/-
Oil stain (seumble)				per lb.	4/1
Varnish (outside quality), c		ak		per gallon	36/-
				per gallon	34/-



Reeded glass is available in four patterns, Narrow, Broad, Cross and Major. The glass itself is exceptionally white and clear and its surface bright and lustrous. The light transmissions of all the patterns are about the same, but the narrower reeds give greater obscuration. They are excellent glasses for partitioning, for

REEDED borrowed lights and for windows where some obscuration is required. The reeding is completely in key with the tendency of so much contemporary architecture to emphasize either vertical or horizontal motifs.

> Two new developments of Reeded glass, Narrow and Broad Reedlyte, offer greater obscuration and are more suitable where a high degree of privacy is necessary. Besides

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#### TECHNICAL DETAILS FOR REEDED GLASSES

Width of Reeds: Narrow-1 in., Broad-7 in.,

Cross ½ in., and Major-13 in.

Light Transmission: 85 per cent.

Thickness and Weight:  $\frac{1}{8}$  in. (36 oz./sq. ft.),  $\frac{3}{16}$  in. (44 oz./sq ft.).

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#### AND THE HOUSING **ELECTION**

By Ian Bowen

Even without an election this would have been a year in which housing policy might well have been reviewed and adjusted. This month, indeed, can be said to mark the end of the post-war period of reconstruc-tion—a period of six years which began in wrangling but ended in something approach-The next government, whatever its political complexion, will have to look at its policy in relation to, firstly, re-armament, secondly, the large achievement that has already been recorded and, thirdly, the changing requirements of the country.

THE PRESENT POSITION AND FUTURE DEMAND

By the end of August, 1951, 1,390,172 families had been re-housed in Great Britain since 1945 (apart from those accommodated since 1945 (apart from those accommodates temporarily in service camps and requisitioned properties). By the end of 1951 the total will not be far short of 1½ millions, and will provide, therefore, for the estimated increase in newly-formed families since 1939, crease in newly-formed families since 1939, as well as for those who lost their houses as a result of demolition or war destruction. These "newly-formed families" are not, however, the only source of housing demand. Quite apart from slums and "condemned" properties, which, it is hoped, will be cleared eventually, there are always numerous "suppressed" families, sharing dwellings or occupying rooms as lodgers. dwellings or occupying rooms as lodgers, who, under favourable economic circumstances, will demand dwellings of their own. How great this demand may be at any given time is difficult to assess, but the history of the housing lists of local authorities—which rarely get shorter—shows that, with full employment, rising wages and controlled rents,

this kind of demand is far from satisfied. Moreover, there has been, and, no doubt, there will continue to be, a shift of population towards more prosperous areas, such as the Midlands, at the expense of other parts of the country, so that the current economic demand for new dwellings is not satisfied by the mere provision of a number of houses equal to the number of new families coming

wherever the immediate short-term problem has been solved, there is to be solved, also the problem of slum clearance. solved, also, the problem of slum clearance. This turning-point has already been reached. Slum clearance, on a small scale, has begun in London and in a few provincial towns. The time is ripe, then, for a review of policy and, certainly, such a review should be made in an open-minded way. Conclusions should be faced, even if they are unlikely to please some people, and likely to please to the stringe others: it is unfortunate that there enrage others; it is unfortunate that there are so many vested political, as well as

economic, interests involved. It would be tedious, perhaps, to repeat at length the arguments for reform which have been made so often on this page. The setting-up of regional housing authorities, the provision of more small dwellings, and the rationalization of the building industry by deliberate official encouragement of the more efficient medium-sized and large firms—such sweeping changes are unlikely to be effected sweeping changes are unlikely to be effected until sheer necessity forces a government to act. However, less drastic, but important adjustments may be made, for the next few years of re-armament will hardly permit any extensive waste of available resources to

With only 227,000 men employed on housing work and a limited supply of materials available, resources will have to be deployed very carefully. The number of new houses being completed each month is falling, and will, doubtless, fall further in 1952. It will be difficult to maintain even the figure of 200,000 house per year; yet the economic demand will not diminish, unless rents are allowed to rise steeply, and social demand will become ever more pressing as old properties continue to decay.

#### UNDER-OCCUPANCY

The apparently insoluble housing problem does not, in Great Britain, result in large numbers of homeless persons and families occupying the streets at nights, as occurs in the less fortunate countries of the world. It is always as well to remember that, if one person/one room is taken as a reasonable person/one room is taken as a reasonable standard of occupancy, there are enough rooms in existence for all the 50 million persons in the British Isle. The shortage arises from under-occupancy, which, in turn, causes overcrowding. Economic pressure on some sections of the middle class has already reduced under-occupancy, in some districts. sections of the middle class has already reduced under-occupancy in some districts; for instance, the typical Victorian-built family homes of many towns have been converted into flats or are shared, with varying decreas of comfort, by several families. The degrees of comfort, by several families. The Housing Act of 1949, with its clauses for financial assistance for conversion work, was a notable official attempt to speed up this process, but inquiries suggest that perhaps this Act is not being implemented vigorously enough. The responsibility lies with the local authorities; under the Act they may advance the cost of any conversion, provided that the owner of a property accepts certain restrictions on the rent he charges. However, the process has not gone far enough; some form of graduated taxation on unoccupied premises, or under-occupied premises, would probably yield far better results than some people seem to imagine, and it should not be administratively difficult (so long as no one person was allowed to reserve himself two "houses") to prevent false claims to occupancy being used to defeat the object of the

#### THE DANGER TO FAMILY LIFE OF HIGH

The question of rent policy will, no doubt, also have to be considered. So much has been written about it in the last twelve months that it might seem unnecessary to review the present muddle. There has been much tinkering with this intricate problem, but one point seems to have been forgotten, especially by those who cheerfully argue that most "economic" housing problems would be solved, or at least alleviated, by the simple abolition of all rent restriction; that is, that the original purpose of the Act was to secure some pro-tection for tenants. However incompletely tection for tenants. However incompletely the Act operates, the less fortunate family has been protected. The status of the family, as such, in modern society is precarious enough—a fact which is seldom recognized—and even if rent policies create some absurd anomalies, they do prevent the greater anomaly of trying to maintain the

family as an institution without making it economically feasible. Those who would rationalize rent restriction must propose alternative remedies for the problem of making the young family a tolerable economic burden to the working father and mother, whatever their social status. Family life depends, ever their social status. Family life depends, very directly, on good housing. A slight, or even substantial, increase in family allowances would not be sufficient to replace the existing housing subsidy and rent restriction policy. Any rent policy must give some recognition to the altruistic institution upon which society depends.

This is not to suggest that the small one- or two-person "family" should not be catered for as well, but only that the original pressures which led to rent restriction cannot yet be ignored.

#### NEW DESIGNS AND NEW METHODS

Evidently 1951 is a turning-point in yet another sense. The South Bank exhibition has stimulated architectural awareness among many thousands of people, and made them, in varying degrees, alive to the possibilities of design and of the use of new materials. The efforts of a public event of this kind are bound to be felt for several years. In future, complaisant acceptance of traditional designs and methods may not go unchallenged so easily on the housing committees of our city councils, and there will be less resistance to the consideration of new methods of construction and skilful, if unconventional, designs. Housing design may be affected as has been school design, and may take a bolder and more experimental direction, giving greater scrope to the application of new techniques.

Other economic reasons why this may many thousands of people, and made them,

Other economic reasons why this may happen are, firstly, the growing demand for housing in all other parts of the world and, secondly, the rising cost of skilled labour. secondly, the rising cost of skilled labour. Higher real wages must be justified by more productive techniques, which are unattainable unless actual methods of construction are constantly adapted to new needs. Already the export of houses overseas has become an economic proposition, and methods of factory production of transportable units for construction overseas may be encouraged. This development will in turn stimulate operational research and turn some of the bright ideas of our scientists into practical production jobs.

A further economic reason why new designs and new methods are likely to need encouragement is the persistent fuel shortage, which should have resulted, long ago, in a campaign to improve domestic heating and to encourage these methods of construction. to encourage those methods of construction which are most economical in fuel require-

The existence of these economic tenden-The existence of these economic tendencies does not mean, of course, that housing policy will, necessarily, be framed on national principles, or vigorously prosecuted; instead, our politicians may be content to think of a number, double it, and present it as a bait to the electors. In reality, the requirements of a sound policy are very few and very simple, and the very are very few and very simple, and the very least that can be expected of whatever government is returned is that a commission of enquiry be set up soon after the election—not on the basis of a wide representation, but a small working committee of full-time men, all of wide experience in the diverse fields connected with housing and certainly including a practising architect.

#### Announcements

Messrs. A. H. Davis & Partner, chartered quantity surveyors, of Newburn Chambers, 107, New Bridge Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, have opened a branch office at 14, Finkle Street, Kendal, Westmorland (Tel.: Kendal 1446).

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Arthur S. Cripps, F.I.A.A. & S., M.B.SAN.I., Architect & Surveyor, of 6, Shooter's Hill, Cowes, Isle of Wight, has taken in partnership Hedley C. Farrow, A.R.I.B.A. The firm's name is now Arthur Cripps and Farrow.

Ernest A. Smalley, A.R.I.B.A., has relinquished his appointment as architect to the Lunesdale Rural District Council and has confimenced in private practice at Lowlands Road, Morecambe (Morecambe 166) and at "Greycroft," Hornby, Nr. Lancaster (Hornby 336) and will be pleased to receive trade catalogues, etc.

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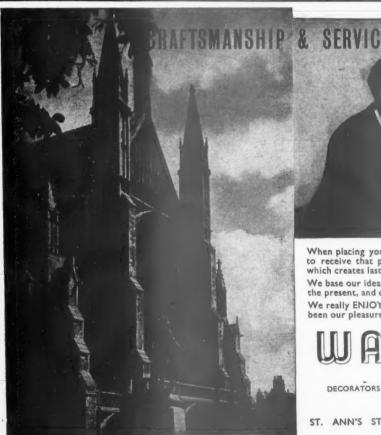
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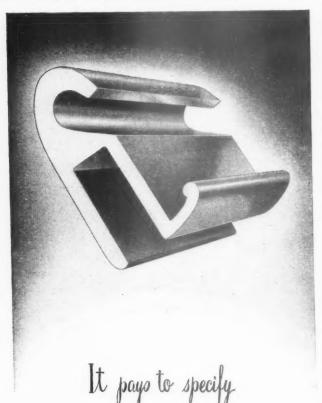


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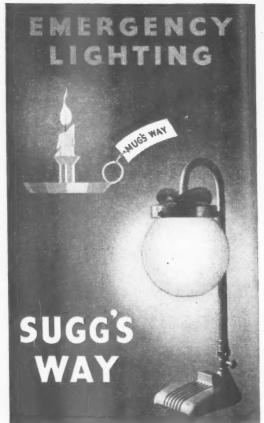


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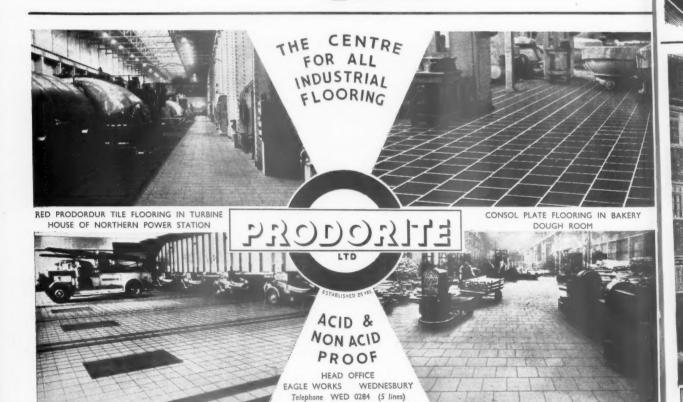
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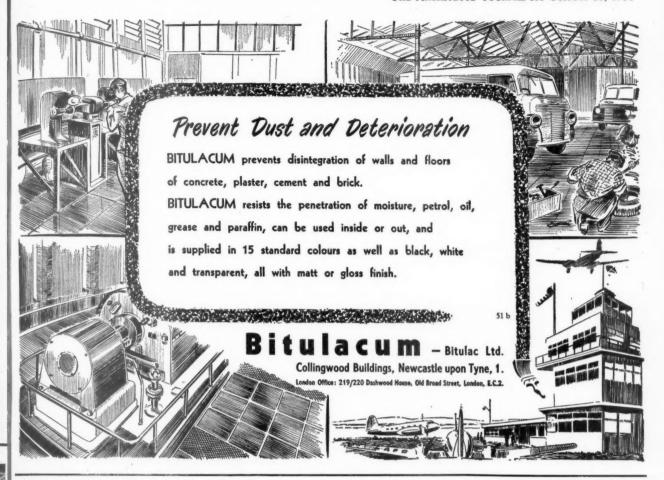
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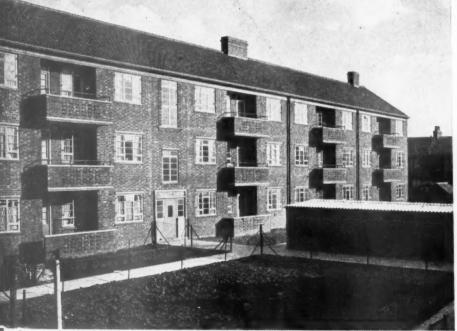


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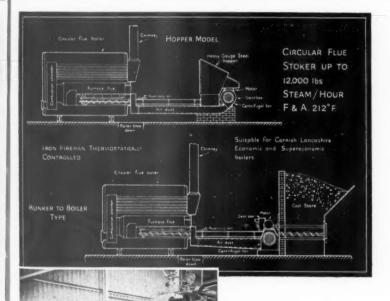
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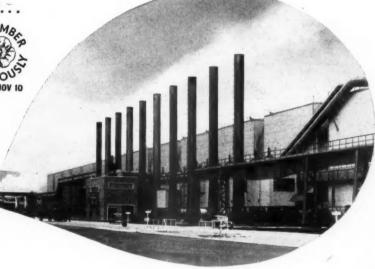
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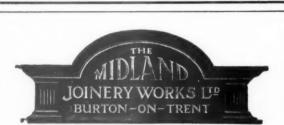
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J. YATES, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Ilkeston. 4th October, 1951.

Town Hall, Ilkeston.

4th October, 1951.

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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ARCHITECTURAL

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H. COOK,

Clerk of the Council.

Town Hall, Pontypool.

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The appointment is a permanent one and the successful candidate will be required to submit a satisfactory medical certificate.
Application forms together with full details and conditions attaching to the appointment, may be obtained from me on the receipt of a stamped and addressed foolscap envelope.
The last date for the receipt of completed applications is Saturday, 10th November, 1951.

KENNETH O. MALE.

County Planning Officer.

Rridgegate House.

Bridgegate House, Lower Bridge Street, Chester.

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T. C. HAYWARD,
County Hall, Chichester.
5th October, 1951.

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County Hall, Chichester.

5th October, 1951.

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QUANTITY SURVEYOR.

Applications are invited for the appointment of SENIOR ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR, in the Department of the Borough Surveyor, at a salary of 2600-2660 per annum (Grade A.P.T., Va).

Applicants must have passed the Final Examination of the R.I.C.S. (quantities Section), and should have had considerable experience in the preparation of Bills of Quantities, measurement of site works, and the preparation of Statements for Interim and Final Payments.

Applications will be considered from candidates who may not be so fully qualified, the grade and salary of the position being in accordance with qualifications and varying as follows:—Grade II (2470-2515) for a candidate with some experience, but not having passed the Intermediate Examination of the R.I.C.S.; Grade III or IV (2500-2545 or 2530-2575) for candidates who have passed the Intermediate Examination and Grade V (2570-2520) if the Final Examination of the R.I.C.S. has been passed.

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K. B. MOORE, Town Clerk. 4537

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
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Applications are invited for the following appointments in the Architect's Branch of the Birmingham Education Department (Architect to the Committee: Mr. Alex Steele, A.R.I.B.A.).

(i) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Salary: A.P.T. VII (£668-£25-£760). The branch is engaged on a large building programme part of which consists of multi-storey school construction. Applicants will be responsible for the design, working drawings, supervision, as well as administrative work in connection with one or more such schemes. They must be Registered Architects of Chartered Architects.

(ii) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Salary: A.P.T. V (£570-£620). Applicants must be Registered or Chartered Architects and should have had good general experience in the preparation of schemes and working drawings for educational buildings.

(iii) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, Salary: A.P.T. V (£580-£516-£575). Applicants should have passed the R.I.B.A. Intermediate Examination or its equivalent at one of the recognised Schools of Architecture and worked in an architectural office for a period of two years. They should be capable of preparing working details for major contracts.

(iv) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT. Salary: A.P.T. III (£500×£15-£545). Applicants should interpret to the complex of the complex of the contracts.

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E. L. RUSSELL, Chief Education Officer.

Education Office, General Purposes Branch, Margaret Street, Birmingham, 3.

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Appointment will be on a Short Term Contract a period of two years, with or without eligibility for bonus as may be agreed. Salary ranges between £E.771 and £E.1,438 if contract provides for a bonus and £E.322 and £E.1,533 if it does not. Starting rate would be determined according to age, qualifications and experience.

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF ESSEX.

COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointments on the Established Staff:—

(a) SECTIONAL ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade X, A.P.T.D., to be in charge of a group of other assistant architects in the School Buildings Section. Salary at a rate of not exceeding £1,000 a year. Candidates should be members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Work projected includes Primary and Secondary Schools, Colleges and any other buildings required for education purposes.

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In fixing the commencing salary in each case regard will be had to the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate.

Applications must be made on a form obtainable from the County Architect, Mr. H. Conolly, F.R.I.B.A., at the address stated below (please state post for which form is required) and when completed the form, accompanied by copies of not more than three recent testimonials, should be returned to reach him not later than 1st November, 1951.

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JOHN E. LIGHBURN,

Clerk of the County Council.

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ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAUGHTSMEN.

Applications are invited for the above positions in the Architect's Section of the Chief Engineer's Department in Central London.

Applicants for positions as Architectural Assistants should be studying for or have passed the Intermediate Examination of the E.I.B.A., be capable draughtsmen and have had several years experience in an Architect's office.

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Application forms obtainable from Establishments Officer, 46, New Broad Street, E.C.2, to be returned duly completed and stating grade applied for, by 10th November, 1951. Please enclose addressed foolscap envelope and quote reference V/1256/66/A on all correspondence.

BOROUGH OF SCUNTHORPE.
BOROUGH SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.
TECHNICAL STAFF.
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ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Grade V (£570-£620). Housing accommodation will be provided if necessary.

Applicants for the appointment should be Chartered or Registered Architects, and preference will be given to Associates of the R.I.B.A. with experience in Municipal Housing work, shops, preparation of specifications, estimates and working drawings.

The appointment will be subject to the Local Government Superannuation Acts, and the successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination.

Applications, stating age, present appointment, qualifications and experience, and giving names of two persons to whom reference may be made, should be delivered, suitably endorsed, to reach the undersigned not later than Friday, 2nd November, 1951.

W. P. ERRINGTON,

W. P. ERRINGTON, Town Clerk.

W. P. ERRINGTON,
Municipal Offices,
34, High Street, Scunthorpe.
9th October, 1951.

NATIONAL COAL BOARD.
Applications are invited for the following posts in the Architect's Branch of the Northern (N. & C.) Divisional Coal Board:
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Qualifications required: Associateship R.I.B.A.; recent experience in the design and supervision of large modern buildings. The successful applicant will act as Depuity to the Chief Architect and must have had experience in the administration and organisation of an office.

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ARCHITECT GRADE II (£450×£25-£700). Qualifications required: Final Examination R.I.B.A.; good experience in preparation of sketch and working drawings for large schemes and arrangement of sib-contracts.

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Starting and aries according to qualifications and experience.

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THE ESTABLISHMENT OFFICER, National Coal Board, Northern (N. & C.) Division, Ellison Buildings, Ellison Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CORPORATION OF LONDON.

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT—AUXILIARY STAFF, Applications are invited for the appointment of an Assistant within the range of Higher Grade I (2400 x 225—2625). Commencing salary to be subject to age, experience and qualifications. The first 2400 of the salary is subject to 15 per cent. and the remainder to 7½ per cent, cost-of-living bonus.

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Applicants should have had good office experience and have passed or be preparing for Intermediate R.I.B.A. or R.I.C.S. Examination.

The appointed officer will require to pass a medical examination and to contribute to the Corporation's Superannuation Fund as maintained under the City of London (Various Powers) Acts, 1931 and 1950.

Applications, giving full personal details, particulars of qualifications, experience, age, past and present appointments and the names of two persons to whom reference may be made, should be sent to the City Surveyor, Corporation of London, 55/61, Moorgate, London, E.C.2, not later than the 31st October, 1951.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, GRADE II,

A.P.T. Applications are invited for the appointment of an Architectural Assistant. Salary: Grade II,

A.P.T., £470×215 to £515 per annum.

The appointment is subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937.

Applications should be submitted to S. J. Hands,

A.R.I.B.A., County Architect, County Buildings,
Huntingdon, by not later than Wednesday, 51st

October, 1951, with copies of two recent testimonials or the names of two referees.

JOHN KELLY.

Clerk of the County Council.

County Buildings, Huntingdon.

18th October, 1951.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF STEENEY.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO ARCHITECTURAL

ASSISTANTS (UNESTABLISHED) IN THE

BOROUGH ENGINEER & SURVEYOR'S

DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited from person qualified for the above-mentioned appointments.

Preference will be given to candidates having experience in the preparation of design, layout, working drawings, detailed specifications for housing schemes, etc., and who hold appropriate recognised professional qualifications.

Salary payable will be in accordance with Grade A.P.T., VI of the National Scheme of Conditions of Service (£648-2710, plus appropriate London Weighting Allowance).

The appointments will be subject to the Council's Rye-laws and Standing Orders, and to the above National Scheme as adopted by the Council and applied to its staff.

Application should be made direct to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor at these offices.

Canvassing, either directly or indirectly, will disqualify.

J. E. ARNOLD JAMES,

Town Clerk.

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Municipal Offices, London Fruit Exchange, Duval Street, E.1. 8th October, 1951.

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8th October, 1951.

MERIONETH COUNTY COUNCIL.

COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

The Merioneth County Council invite applications for the following appointments:—
(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT at a salary in accordance with Grade VI A.P.T. Division of the National Joint Council Scale commencing at £645 per annum and rising to £710 per annum, together with travelling allowance in accordance with the Council's Scale.

(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT at a salary in accordance with Grade II A.P.T. Division of the National Joint Council Scale commencing at £470 per annum and rising to £515 per annum. With regard to appointment (a) applicants should be registered architects and Associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects, with experience in preparation of working crawings, particularly school buildings, and supervision of buildings; preparation of working crawings, particularly school buildings, and supervision of buildings in course of erection.

With regard to appointment (b) preference will be given to applicants who have passed the Intermediate Examination of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The appointments will be subject to:—
(a) one month's notice on either side;
(b) the Local Government Superannuation Acts, 1937-39;
(c) the Council's Sick Pay Regulations;
(d) the successful candidate satisfactorily passing a medical examination by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Applications endorsed "Assistant Architect" or "Architectural Assistant" as the case may be, stating age, and present position, also giving particulars of qualifications, experience and accompanied by copies of not more than two recent testimonials must be forwarded so as to reach the undersigned not later than Wednesday the 31st day of October, 1951.

\*\*Clerk of the County Council.\*\* County Offices, Dolgelley, N. Wales.

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8th October, 1951.

BOROUGH OF SOUTHGATE.
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S
DEPARTMENT.
APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL
ASSISTANT.
Applications are invited for the appointment of an Architectural Assistant in the Department of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor. The post is permanent and superannuated, and is graded A.P.T., IV-Y, plus "London weighting," and the starting salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience.
Preference will be given to applicants who are in possession of the Intermediate examination of of the Royal Institute of British Architects, although applications from persons who are undergoing a regular course of study for that examination will be considered.
Forms of application may be obtained from the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, and should be returned to the undersigned not later than 9 a.m. on Monday, the 12th Novemher, 1951.
Canvassing, directly or indirectly, will be a disqualification.

GORDON H. TALLOR,
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GORDON H. TAYLOR, Town Clerk.

Town Hall. Palmers Green, N.13. 10th October, 1951.

CITY OF PLYMOUTH.

CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT.

Applications are invited for the following appointments on the established staff, subject to the Conditions of Service of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities, Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical Services; the Local Government Superannuation Act, 1937, and one month's notice on either side for termination:—

(a) SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Grade VI (£645 to £710).
(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Grade III (£500 to £545).

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Candidates should be experienced in the design and construction of schools, Municipal housing or general work. For appointment (a) they must be Registered Architects, and preference will be given to Members of the R.I.B.A. In the case of (b) preference will be given to candidates who have passed the Intermediate examination of the R.I.B.A.
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passed the Intermediate examination of the R.I.B.A.
Successful candidates will be required to pass a medical examination. Applications on forms obtainable from the undersigned, accompanied by copies of not more than there recent testimonials or names of persons to whom reference may be made, should be received at my office not later than the 9th November, 1951.

THE CORPORATION MAY MAKE HOUSING ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE TO THE SUCCESSFUL MARRIED CANDIDATES IF REQUIRED.

H. J. W. STIRLING, A.R.I.B.A.

City Architect.
Seymour Road, Plymouth.

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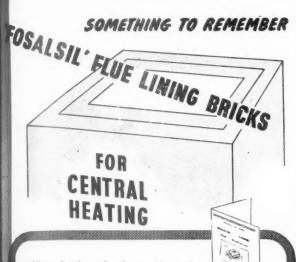
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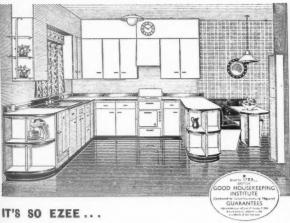
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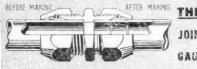


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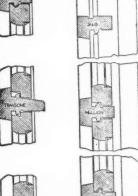
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