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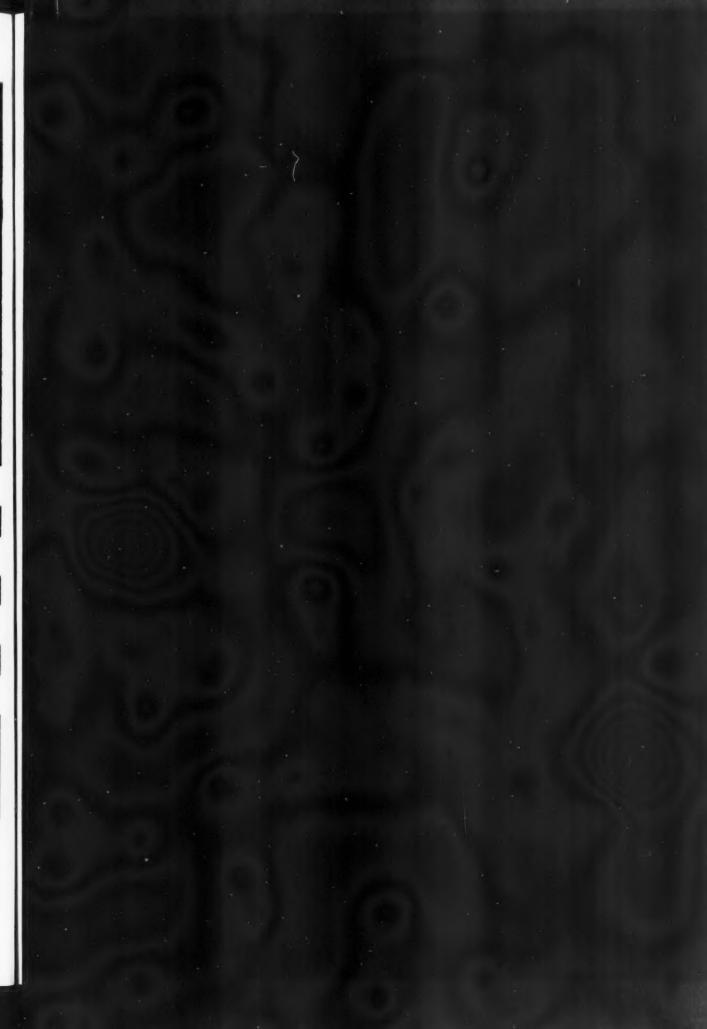
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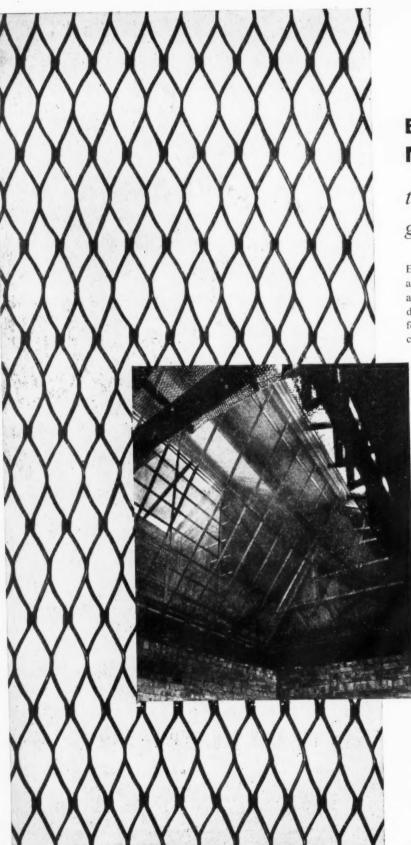


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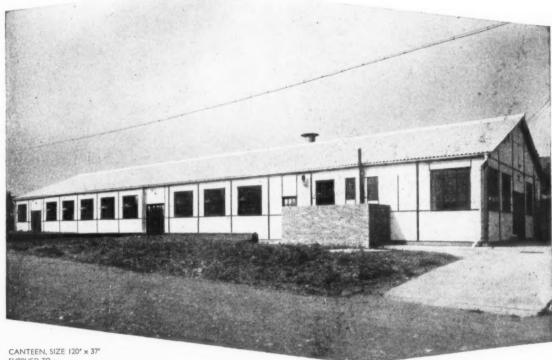
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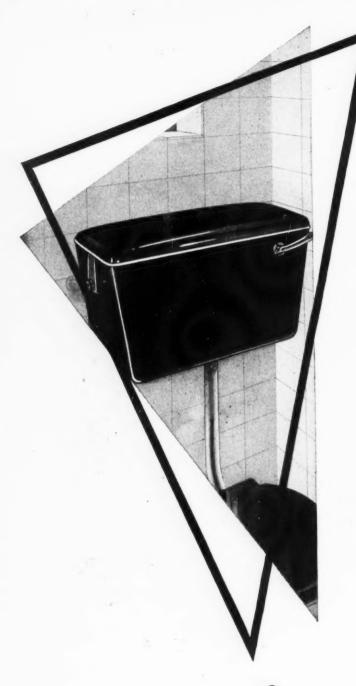
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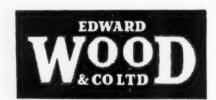
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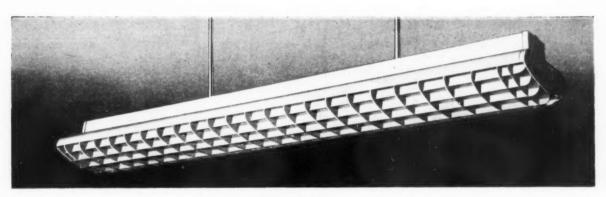


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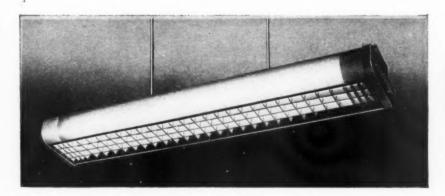
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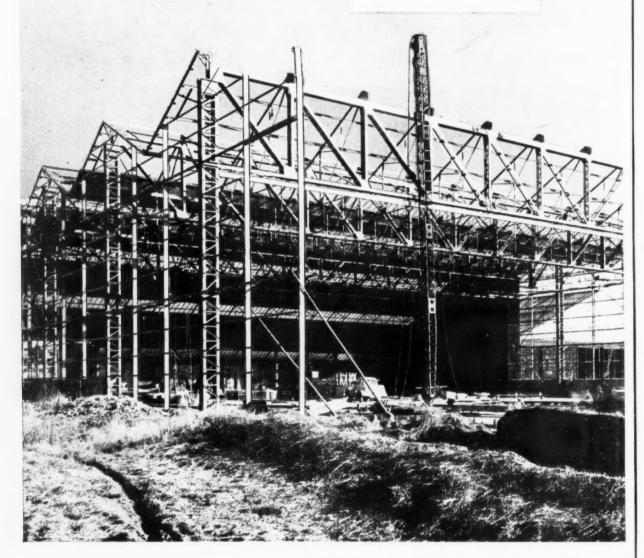
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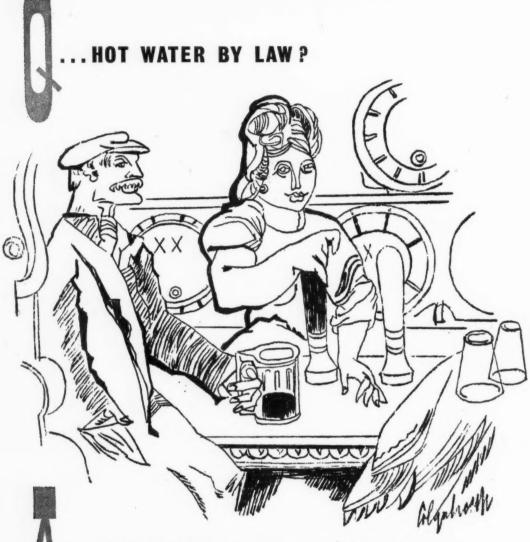
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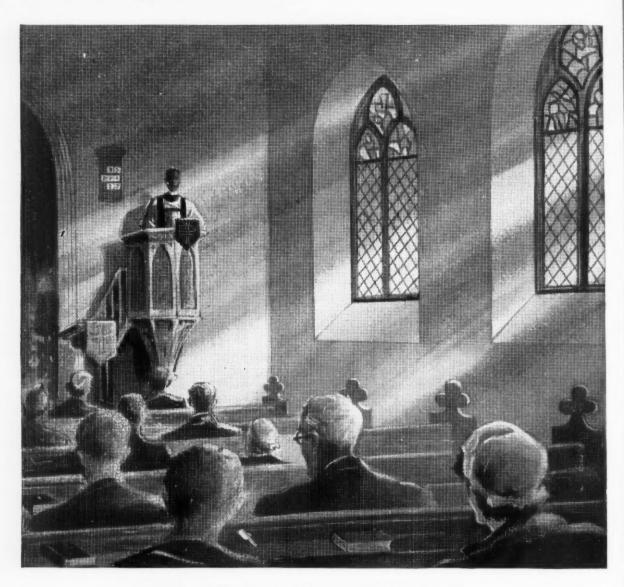
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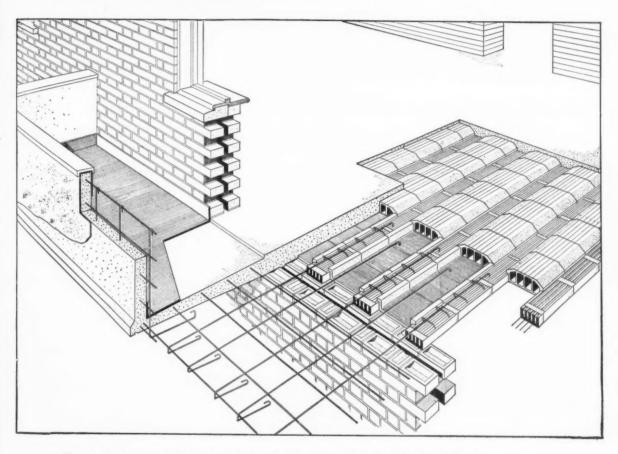
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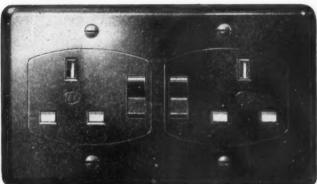
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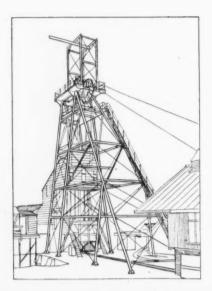
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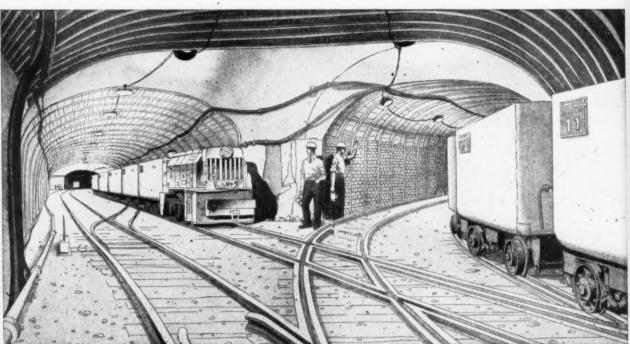
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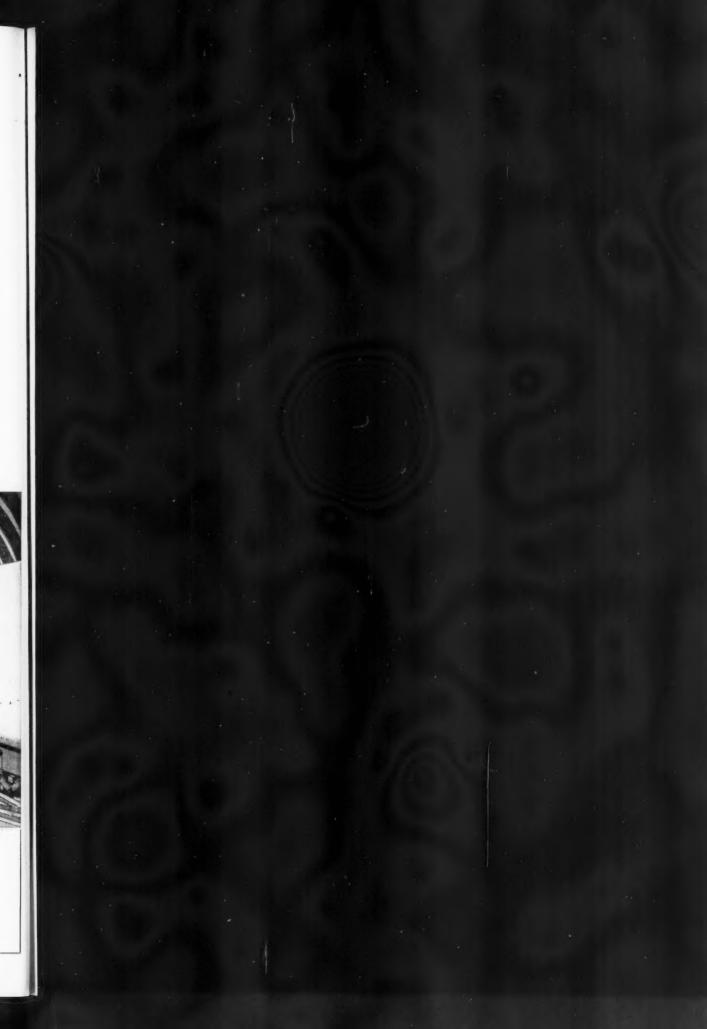
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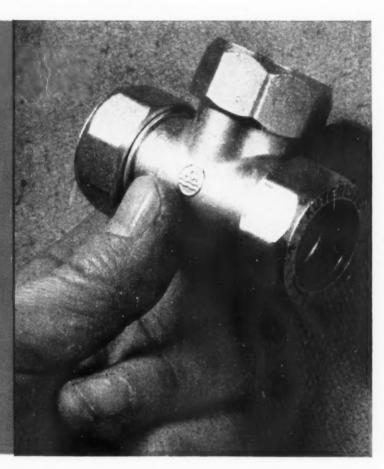


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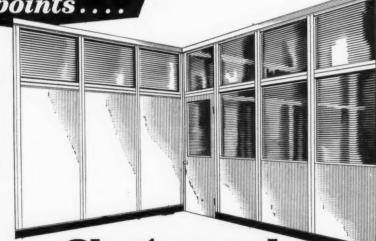
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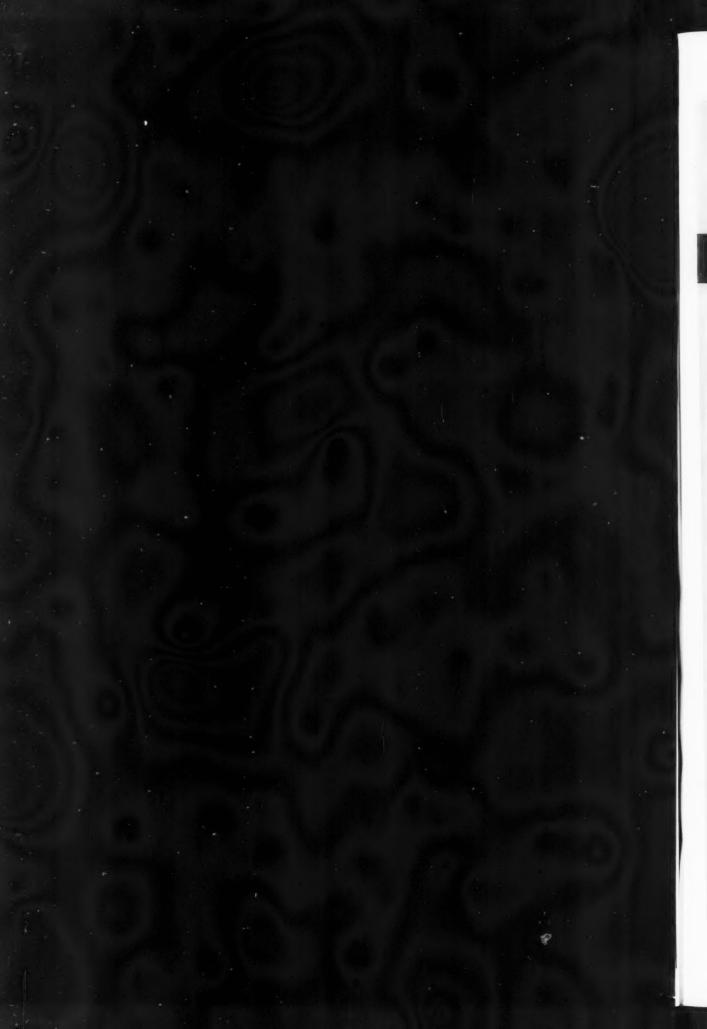
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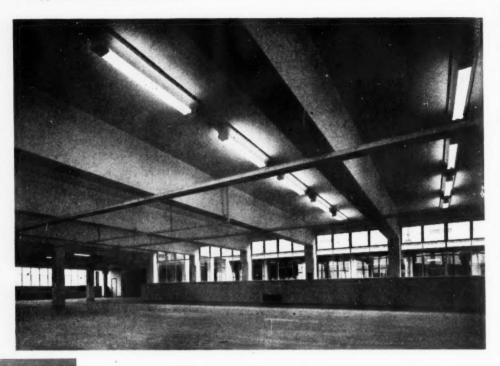
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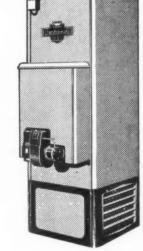
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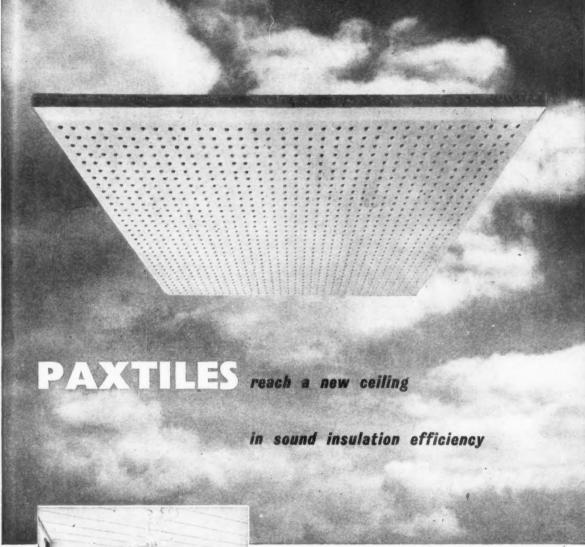
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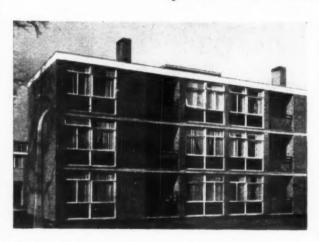


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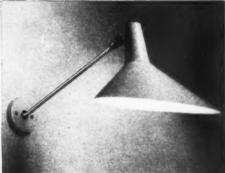
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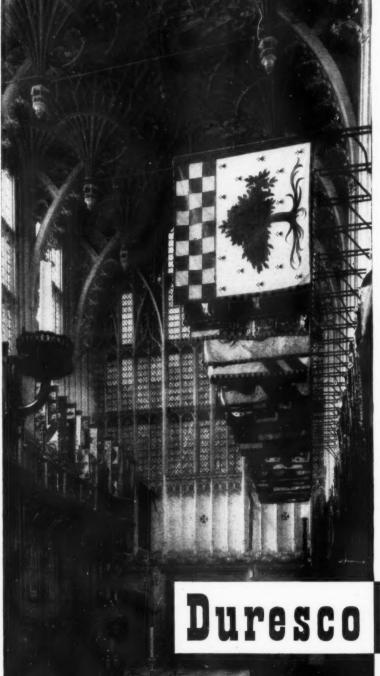
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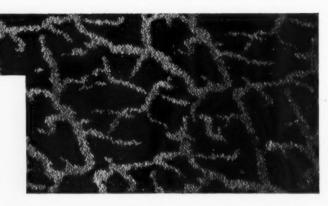
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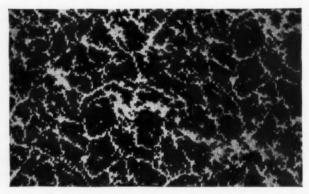


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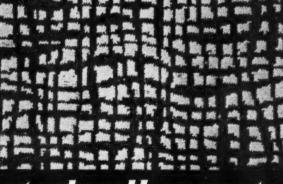
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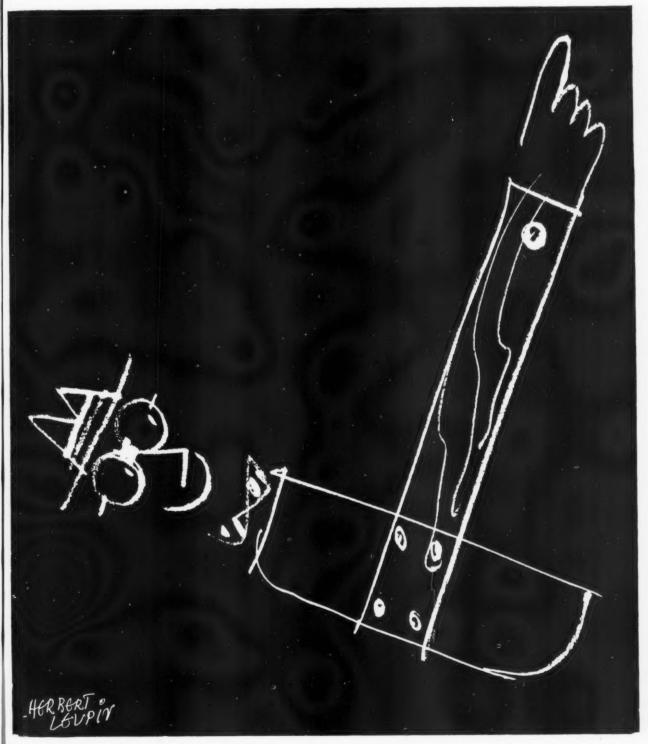
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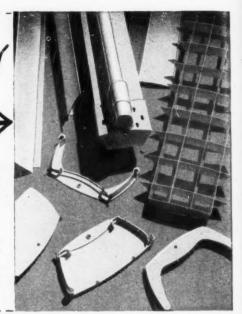
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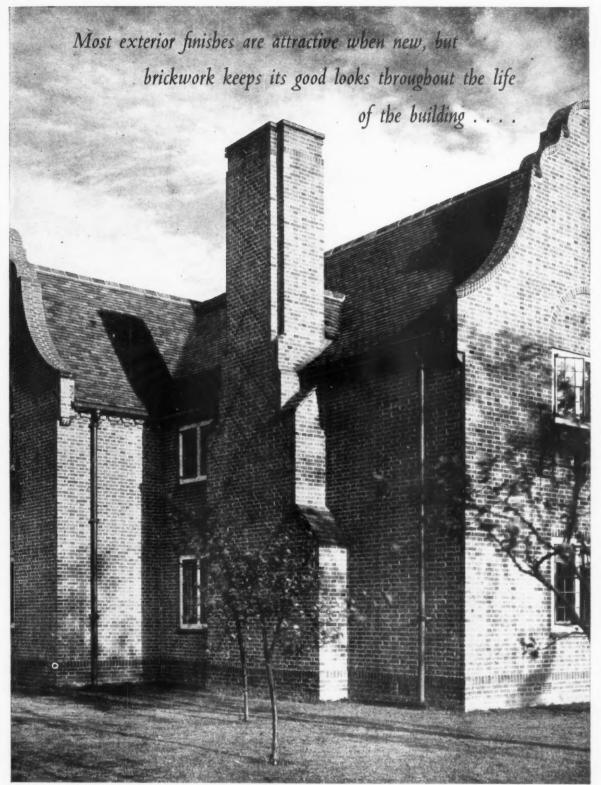
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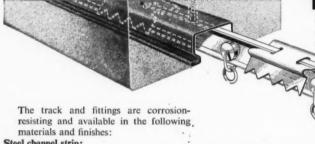
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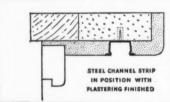
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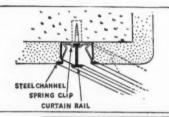
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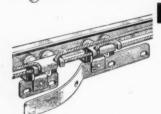
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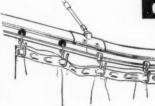
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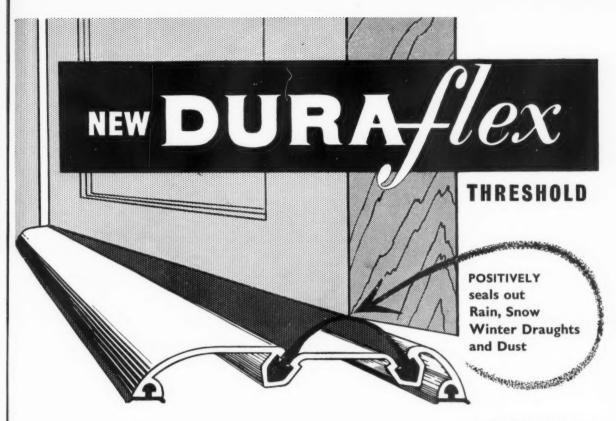
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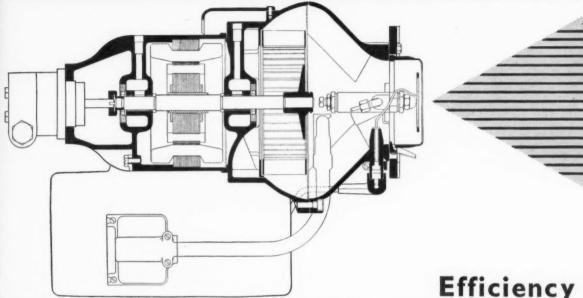
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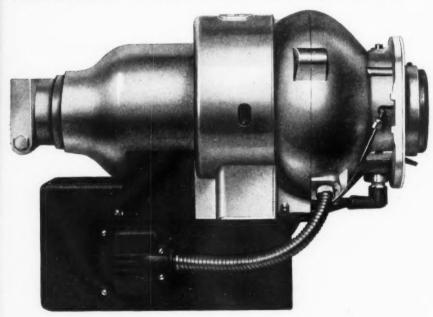
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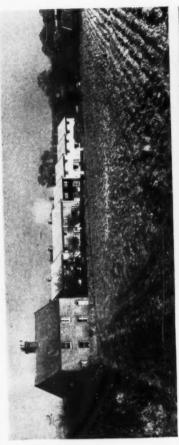
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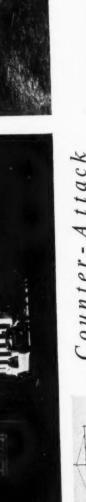
"The Vitruvians?" Gontran Goulden said, looking round the rapt concourse. "The Palladians? They're such old names, these. Why not simply—the Corboosers?" Loud applause for this divining sally, and merited. The new PAA is one of those big, amiable, expansive fellows who manage to keep a soft spot going for the game that brought misery down upon them in summer after summer of compulsory boyhood.

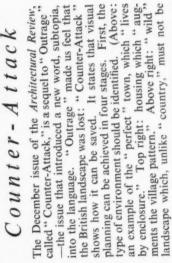
"First," he recalled poignantly, "one had to get over the hardness of the ball." The hardness of the ball combined with its high rate of velocity had made the impact hard to bear. Then his smile lost much of its tautness. Cricket had its easier side. "Do you remember?" he jollied us, not without nostalgia, "do you remember those grass-stalks that were such good eating in the outfield? The tall ones with fleshy nodules at the joints?" And then a most evocative touch, "Passing the time with these, praying that a catch would never be sent up in your direction and wondering if you could work up to the next nodule before the next ball was bowled?" Did we remember? It is cricketers' tic. We were practically reaching for those familiar, satisfying grassstalks. We reached instead for our cigar-

In thanking this distinguished speaker for proposing the toast to the Club Roger Norton had to point out that the distin-









interrupted.) Second: "clutter must be removed."
(Note how it spoils the town, extreme left, and the wild landscape, left.) Third: cut out "dead ground." Fourth: camouflage the mess you cannot get rid of in any other way. These points are thoroughly discussed and illustrated and, in addition, there are articles on housing policy and planning machinery which will be discussed in next week's Journal. See also Asrradal's note on page 848. (The "perfect" town is Amsterdam. The augmented village is Hales, Norfolk (architects: Tayler and Green). The wild landscapes are at Glencoe. The cluttered town is Oxiord.)

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guished speaker had hardly mentioned the Club. "In case this is because he knows so very little about us may I be forgiven if I . . .?" He was forgiven. The names of John Wheeler, Dick Fairbairn, Douglas Taylor, Basil Smyth, Sidney Caulfield and Peter Adams were brought out on a seemly note of exaltation without sonority in the Captain's brief history of the Club.

These were the men who had made it. As each name received acknowledgement its possessor, if present, stared fixedly at the tablecloth as if he hadn't heard it. It all began in 1946. The only match arranged was twice rained off. In 1947 three were played and the Club hadn't looked back ever since. The membership now numbered over forty and there were six regular annual fixtures. In ten years they had won rather more matches than they had lost and for a young club this wasn't bad, the Captain thought. The press were thanked for taking an interest in the matches and the AJ in particular for its "controversial reports that have not only brought new members into the Club but have also encouraged publicityminded principals to give their assistants time off to play for the Club."

John Seward, toasting guests, indulged in some Mancunian high jinks. He orated on the subject of his personal cost analysis for last season's CCC game. Miles travelled 834, runs scored 2, cost per run scored 42s. 2d., cost per pint consumed 18s. 6d. Failure was entirely attributed to poor site conditions, an eliptical ball, a blind umpire and putrid luck.

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I have since received a threatening letter from this redoubtable Free Forester. On no account is his speech to be bluepencilled where it refers to a certain pressman "who after a very good time at the dinner last year issued forth into Bedford Square and thence to Russell Square, where before an admiring audience he gave a performance that could only be described as an unfortunate marriage of the talents of Mme. Galena Ulanova and Mr. Elvis Presly." Why should Mr. Seward fear the blue pencil here? We publish the extract in full and with pleasure. The incident is apocryphal.

Readers, please turn to the news section this week for a serious report of the Club elections which took place at the annual general meeting just before this excellent dinner.

The Editors

THEY LEAD THEIR ARMIES FROM BEHIND

THE need for architectural students to be taught leadership was one of AA president Gontran Goulden's principal points in his recent inaugural address. But a profession well versed in the qualities of leadership is not enough. The profession itself should be given leadership. A proportion of this can come from the Royal Institute, and a certain amount can come from enlightened clients, but the bulk of it should come from the Government. The two main political parties do not seem to realise this, and neither, by and large, does the civil service. This may be due to the fact that when the present senior civil servants started their careers central government was but a pale shadow of what it is today. As for the political parties, they seem more concerned with power than with policy, and least of all with leadership. Why, it may be asked, should the government exercise leadership towards architects in particular? To which we would reply that, if engineers and planners are included with architects, the three professions control, or at least fumble with, the bulk of this country's fixed investment. And that seems a very good reason for the setting of a very high standard by central government. It is no good trying to put the clocks back. This country's natural resources have been so abused, and the stock of buildings, roads, railways and other services so casually and wastefully assembled that it is obvious to all but the stupidest tory that this country has to have planned development. But are we getting the quality of planning and the quality of building which we should have? It is all too obvious that, whether we see Britain in terms of subtopia or subsistence or credit balance, the answer is that we are not. At this point it is usually possible to say something polite about our schools ("the best in the world") and the MOE'S good example or about LCC housing ("so much better than USA municipal housing"). But we are sick and tired of deriving comfort from these overworked sources. What we want to hear is that housing, offices, laboratories, roads, factories, are progressively getting cheaper—or at least not becoming more expensive—and being more quickly built without lowering standards or even just simply being better designed and built. And we want to be convinced that there exists somewhere a Ministry of Planning who can show that a planned policy of moving industry and labour, and of siting oil refineries, atomic power stations, power cables, motorways and so on is paying dividends in terms of greater efficiency and greater amenity. The public rows that blow up over virtually every major building project would lose half their force if Ministries could show blighted areas regained, amenities restored and a positive gain to the nation's economy. A few week's ago an architect planner reviewed the MOHLG's

annual report in the JOURNAL and deplored the fact that the report in no way indicated that the Ministry was engaged in

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any intelligent research, development or study in order to be able to produce a progressive planning policy. Without that fundamental work it can give the professions little real leadership. This week, on page 852, a reviewer comments on the MOW, as seen by a former Permanent Secretary, Sir Harold Emmerson. Virtually the same complaint can be made. Here is a Ministry putting up and servicing a great variety of buildings. But its contribution to the building industry in terms of improved standards, economy, or technique are (and it's sad and hard to say it) negligible. And without that contribution how can it give the leadership which the industry—and particularly the architect—needs?



COUNTER-ATTACK

The immense amount of attention the Review's "Outrage" issue received included a debate in the House of Commons. During the debate the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Housing & Local Government said he thought the Review ought to follow it up with another issue of a more positive kind. That is exactly what the Review has now done.

The December issue is called "Counter-attack," and it shows the people who are made angry about the subtopian rash that is covering the whole country what they should do about it. Ordinary people, by and large, can only act indirectly—by making their views felt, raising their voices in protest and supporting who-

ever is trying to do the right thing. Architects and planners can act more directly; they are the specialists by whom the authorities responsible are—or should be—guided, and "Counterattack" at last provides them with a set of rules to go by.

It also illustrates good examples of design, where the *Review* has been able to locate them at home or abroad, which it uses in order to show how the disappearing difference between town and country could be re-established.

In addition to this casebook, there are Gordon Cullen's telling cautionary drawings and there is Peter Shepheard on trees; but perhaps most useful of all to architects is the study W. Manthorpe has made of all the regulations, by-laws, codes of practice and prejudices that make good planning (especially in housing layouts and the like) almost impossible. Such a study has never been done before and badly needed doing.

"Outrage" made a tremendous impact and, among other things, added a new word—Subtopia—to the language. If "Counter-attack" has the same impact it will do more: it will start the move forward from words to deeds.

BIG BEN AWARD

Ben Nicholson—probably the English artist whose works are most coveted by architects—has won the first tenthousand-dollar international Guggenheim Award. Quite apart from the fact that it could not have happened—as they say—to a nicer person, this success story has two interesting morals. The award is a polite snub to the profession of art-criticism in

England, for the English local selection-jury (no names, no backbiting) only sent Nicholson's picture forward to the final as a kind of hedge to their main bet, which was one of those loud Brutalist breakfast-scapes by young John Bratby, but wasn't (one hears) even short-listed by the final jury.

The award is also a feather in the cap of the British Council, who have continually expressed their faith in Ben Nicholson as one of the men who matter on an international plane, by showing his works at major international exhibitions here, there and everywhere, and have been heavily criticised above and below stairs for doing so. Quite apart from the fact that they are now proven right, their efforts are also to some extent responsible for the outcome, in persuading foreign critics to take Ben Nicholson's work seriously.

TRANSPORT TREASURES

An excellent exhibition of "Transport Treasures" now on view at the Shareholders' Room, Euston Station, was prepared by Christian Barman and designed by Sheila Stratton and Peter Miller. The exhibits here will be changed from time to time; at the moment they consist mainly of badges, handbills and crockery, together with a few ships—a reminder that before the Transport Commission's time canals were not merely argued about.

What a pity it is that there is still no news of a permanent transport museum. The old Nine Elms station was considered at one time, as you may remember, but it is really suitable only for a railway museum. As room has to be found for buses (horse-powered and otherwise), as well as a lot of other relics, it seems to me that the best place for a museum is the old engine shops of the L.B. & S.C. at Brighton, which are due to be closed before long.

SPECTATOR IN THE CITY

Once in a while such weekly journals as the *New Statesman* and *Time and Tide* go in for architecture, do an article or two and then drop the idea. There are a number of reasons for this sad little story: (a) architecture in England is not a popular subject (this

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is largely the fault of the profession which dislikes criticism—always a popular practice); (b) it is extremely difficult for one practising architect to criticise another's work publicly—which limits the field, and (c) these journals do not use illustrated matter, and architecture is difficult to explain without illustration.

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But when a journal does attempt such a thing it deserves all the praise and support we can give it. ASTRAGAL is, therefore, happy to give the Spectator a backslap for the stimulating and outspoken article in its "City of London" section of November 30 on new office blocks in the City. The article is headed " . . . And The Usual Offices " and is by John Wood. Mr. Wood's main thesis is that there are bad and better buildings going up in the City and that the better ones cost no more than the bad ones. He asks "who gains by bad architecture?" It is a question we have all been asking ourselves for a long time. We hope to see more articles of the like in the *Spectator*.

Incidentally, John Betjeman is doing a good job in the *Spectator* these days in his "City and Suburban" column. When he is not reporting amusingly on his travels on nearly-disused branch railways he is bringing to light many scandalous stories about the fate of buildings of historic or architectural interest.

OXFORD DISENCHANTED

A new book on Oxford* is the combined work of the "foremost English photographer of architecture and a fashionable philosophy don at Balliol": whether hopes are raised by such a conjunction is a personal matter. But one nevertheless expects more than what is given. The photographs, which cover the ground super-

* A Portrait of Oxford. By A. F. Kersting and Marcus Dick. Batsford. 30s.

ficially, are almost without exception undramatic and give no idea of the townscape, the microcosmoi, which transform a walk through Oxford, in and out of college gardens and quadrangles, into such an enchanted experience. The tunnel-like passages that link so many open or not-so-open spaces are so characteristic that the topography of Alice in Wonderland, if not Freudian (which the townscape of Oxford colleges may be), was probably suggested to Lewis Carroll by his daily surroundings.

To dull illustrations is added a biased text. Queen's is "braggadocio" and "arrogant"—this is not said in derogation, which makes it the more absurd—the Examination Schools by T. G. Jackson are "hideous," the original Jacobean gables are "unfortunate," Butterfield's Balliol chapel is a "pink obscenity," and so on. It is a relief that the author concedes "it would be

The poorly-designed notice boards at London Airport have surprised and dismayed many visitors. But these notices are only temporary, and will be replaced by permanent ones designed by the architect, Frederick Gibberd, when exact needs have been discovered. The restaurant decor (bottom pictures) seems unlikely to be changed. The architects and authorities Ministry level assumed a high standard of catering in the design stage and although it is said that objection has been taken to Forte's handling of notices, bar layout, etc., no changes have been made.



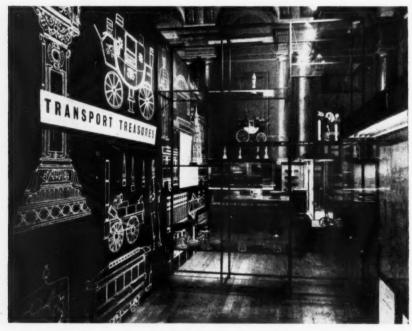












"Transport Treasures," the exhibition at the Shareholders Room, Euston Station, which ASTRAGAL refers to on the previous page. The exhibition was prepared by Christian Barman, and designed by architects Sheila Stratton and Peter Miller.

frivolous to dismiss Keble chapel"; it would indeed. Magdalen cloisters "cannot compare with those at New College "-period. Why can't they? Both are illustrated and tell their own story. Surely, as a point of accuracy, the cloisters and bell tower of New College are not late seventeenthcentury, as the caption says. To hark back to the lack of interrelation, it seems more than a shame to relegate St. Mary's Church, as an extra, to a page at the end facing St. Anne's and Nuffield College. But it is foolish to whip a dead horse. The book will do perfectly well as a Christmas present

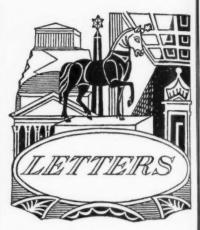
to Aunt Edna and that is probably what the publishers—who, be it noted, also published Christopher Hobhouse's near-masterpiece on Oxford—had in mind.

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But Once A Year

SIR,—Now that the present-giving season is getting near, may I suggest that every principal architect counts the number of new jobs which have come into his office since last Christmas, multiplies that number by his own factor (10s.?, 20s.? or more?) and sends the proceeds to the Architects' Benevolent Society for the benefit of others less fortunate than himself?

If we could make such presents habitual, the headaches and heartaches of the Architects' Benevolent Society would become considerably reduced.

London H. G. C. SPENCELY.

RIBA Journal: An "Expensive Wrapper"

SIR,—We, the undersigned, would like to endorse the views expressed by your correspondents of November 29 with regard to the RIBA increased subscription

the RIBA increased subscription.

We agree that there should be lower rates for members who reside some distance from the "Club" in London, and already feel they receive little more for their subscription than a "Who's Where" and an expensive wrapper for the BRS Digest. In addition, there should be some differentiation between rates for the masses of struggling young architects, as distinct from the successful few, who can afford the new rates.

cessful few, who can afford the new rates.
We also note that the president and secretary of the RIBA are to go on a world tour. Why, and who pays?

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"You Young Editors "

SIR.—I was shocked to read the editorial statement in your issue of November 22. There you say: "the local authority should not heed unduly the desires of the present middle-aged or elderly generations of slum-dwellers who have reached an age at which they are likely to be intolerant of change anyway." I assume that you must all be young editors, and therefore tolerant of change; but have you, therefore, to be so inconsiderate (one might say, heartless) about older people? I wonder how many middle-aged and old slum-dwellers you have visited and how well you know their point

It has been the job of myself and my col-leagues to visit many of them in the last two years in the course of a social enquiry Some of these people regard slum-clearance as a sentence of death. Many are opposed to it. They want to stay in their own homes, provided only that repairs and improvements are done. And if they do have to move, they want to be rehoused as near as possible to their families and to the neighbours they know.

At present those whose houses are demolished are quite often evacuated to one part of London, and their children to another. The result is loneliness and the destruction of community. If middle-aged and old people want to prevent these horrors, why should you disregard their wishes? The callousness displayed in your remarks has been far too often expressed in post-war been far too onen design and administration,

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Trade Literature

SIR,-I was sorry to find that your recent survey on the handling of trade literature included the following recommendation, "Send a protest card to the manufacturer the sizes do not conform to BSS 1311, 1955, for which template can be drawn on the wall.

The British Standard recommends that trade literature should be either 11 in. \times 8½ in. or 8½ in. \times 5½ in. with a tolerance of plus or minus $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. Some of your correspondents have gone so far as to recommend that nonstandard literature should either be torn up or returned to the manufacturer. In my view this attitude is both ill-considered and uninformed. My reasons for this are as

follows.

It is sometimes extremely uneconomical to use the British Standard size of 11 in. × 8½ in., particularly when bleeding off (i.e. running colour to the edge of the page without the use of a white border) extra costs can be heavy. This is because British Standard recommendation makes no allow ance for trimming required under these cir-cumstances and in order to produce a properly trimmed publication it is necessary properly trimmed publication it is necessary to cut from an uneconomical size sheet. I can instance a case where a 70-page catalogue with a printing of 3,000 copies cost an extra £150 to produce in the British Standards size. There are, in fact, times when it is quite impossible to print leaflets to this standard. As for instance when using a high quality coated paper to assist in good reproduction of photographs. The fact, that standard sheet sizes of certain fact that standard sheet sizes of certain qualities of paper do not conform to mul-tiples of British Standard recommendations can make the preparation of some publica-tions very difficult if the British Standard size has to be reproduced and in such cases the cost is often prohibitive.

Perhaps, however, use of this British Stan-

dard falls down worst of all when applied to the production of data sheets. Properly produced, a manufacturer's data sheet can produced, a manufacturer's data sheet can be amongst the most valuable of all types of trade literature. It is conceivable that the size of the data sheet will depend upon the type of product to which it refers. In many cases foolscap-size sheets will be the most convenient. It is essential that data sheets be kept up to date and there are occasions when such sheets will first be produced by a duplicating system such as a produced by a duplicating system such as a

Roneo or Rotaprint. These systems are based on foolscap (13 in. × 8 in.) or quarto (10 in. × 8 in.) size sheets and there will be times when a properly printed data sheet will follow from an earlier sheet that has been produced on a duplicating machine. To change to the British Standard size for all data sheets would be yet another unnecession. sary and undesirable inconvenience. I would also suggest that there are times when it is desirable that details on a data sheet be produced to full size or, to a scale which can be traced off the data sheet on to the drawing board. One wonders whether the use of the British Standard size will always be convenient in producing data sheets which are gridded up to a 4 in. module grid. I do not feel that the use of 4 in. increments in modular co-ordinated design, will be greatly assisted by the British Stan-dard for technical literature. I have found from experience that unwavering adherance to this standard under all circumstances produces literature that is hampered by unsatisfactory design requirements, and in my view it should not be used except when convenience demands its use.

onvenience demands its use.

I feel that the editors of the JOURNAL should be amongst the first to support these views, in view of the sizes of the data sheets in that JOURNAL, and no doubt the producers of Specifile sheets will also be in agreement. It seems to be a definite fact that many of these widely used data sheets do not conform to British Standard recommendations, and there seems to be no reason why an analysis of trade literature should

exclude the reproduction of data sheets.

The production of good trade literature is of very real importance and deserves the attention that the JOURNAL is directing to the subject. It is to be hoped that your readers will not be induced to support recommendations that do not fully take into account the requirements of the producer of the literature as well as the reader.

P. A. DENISON.

Mr. Ritter Is Right

SIR.—My congratulations to Paul Ritter on his first-class article on Architectural Educa-tion. He has succeeded in hitting a very large

tion. He has succeeded in hitting a very large nail very firmly on the head.

I am gratified to find that, amongst many other radical truths, he has come down heavily against part-time staff, an attitude which I have not seen expressed before. While I find his tale of his own experience of a "good architect" rather an extreme case, it does underline one regrettable aspect of this system.

Architectural staffs should be made up of men (and women) who have one aim in life, namely to put architecture across to

men (and women) who have one aim in life, namely to put architecture across to their students. Why part-time professional practice should be of any criterion in this I fail to see. In my experience it only succeeds in conveying (probably unjustifiably) an impression that teaching is regarded as a lucrative side line, and in widening the already vast gulf between student and staff. student and staff.

There is a great deal to be done towards convincing us of our staff's out-and-out sincerity and making them more approachable, at any time, and on any subject. A STUDENT.

The AJ Research Board **Fellowships**

The AJ Research Board Fellowships -If you want to apply for one of the two £1,000 Fellowships which are being offered by the AJ Research Board you must act quickly. The last date for the receipt of applications is December 15. Full particulars appear in an advertisement on page 120, in the AJ for December 6.



Canterbury's chief architect and planning officer is now John L. Berbiers (aged 35), who has a starting salary of £1,350.

Key Points in Planning was the title of the recent TCPA Conference at County Hall, London. Most planners have their own ideas about what the key points should be, but those selected for discussion at the conference—The "Redevelopment of the Centres of Expanded Towns," "Green Belts" and "Housing Densities"—are all of major importance to planning in Britain Belts" and "Housing Densities"—are all of major importance to planning in Britain today. They are also topics on which the Association might be expected to hold decided views, and the main speakers, Henry Wells, Lord Chorley and Sir Frederick Osborn, made the most of their chance to put these across to the delegates. It remains to be seen how far they succeeded. Some delegates, mostly Councillors and local government planning officers, seemed doubtful about the application of some of the principles to their own local conditions. But the views of the TCPA, however controversial, are always of interest to planners and architects, and many of the points raised will be examined in a future article in the JOURNAL. in the IOURNAL

Forty cricketing architects are members of the RIBA Cricket Club. The following officers were elected at the recent AGM. They are: P. W. Adams (president); T. E. Scott, S. B. Caulfield, C. D. Spragg, Douglas Taylor, R. R. Fairbairn, and Basil Smyth (vice-presidents); C. A. R. Norton (captain); D. L. Robinson (vice-secretary and captain); J. G. Batty (treasurer); G. Fyson and R. Case (ordinary members). R. R. Fairbairn has retired from the committee after serving on it from its inception in 1947.

H. Myles Wright, Lever Professor of Civic Design, Liverpool University, will discuss on Wednesday, December 19, in the Third Programme's "Prospect" series, a new approach to the double problem of congestion within the big cities and haphazard new building development account their new building development around their edges. His talk follows those by three pre-vious speakers in this series, Sir Patrick Abercrombie, Christopher Tunnard and Conrad Andren, who all put forward points in connection with urban planning.

We were wrong to describe Basil Ward as Professor of Architecture, Royal College of Art, in our issue for November 29. He has not been Professor of Architecture since 1953. He was Lethaby Professor of Architecture and Architecture since 1953. tecture for the three-year period of the Chair from 1953 until this year, and he is no longer connected with teaching at the College.

WHAT IS MOW?

What is the Ministry of Works? Sir Harold Emmerson, who has written a book about it, considers it an organization with a high standard of taste-subject to the disciplines of the public services. This is one of the points that a correspondent considers in a review of the book, printed below.

The present Minister of Works is a member of the Cabinet. Of course, previously he was the Government's Chief Whip. But, in taking up this latest volume* in the new Whitehall Series on the Ministry of Works, one tends to ask whether there is not a case, on grounds of policy rather than of per-sonality, for having a department of this kind represented in the highest council of

A careful study of thirteen of the fifteen chapters in the book reveals no compulsive reason why the Minister of Works is, or need be, a member of the Cabinet. Certainly neither the past history nor the present size of the department are sufficient warrant, though both these points are of interest.

The middle history of the Office of Works (seventeenth to early nineteenth centuries) was professionally distinguished by the services of people such as Denham, Gibbons, Vanbrugh, Hawksmoor, Chambers, Smirke, Soane and Nash. The introduction of parliamentary control and the spread of Gladstonian administrative doctrines seem to have brought this to a stop—probably by abolishing the sinecures which many of the appointments undoubtedly were. From about 1850 until, it may be said without disrespect, today, the absence of outstanding architectural talent has been cloaked by the tradition of anonymity in the public

But if there are no great names, there are certainly great numbers. The Economist's certainly great numbers. The description of the "Ministry of Too Many Works "† and its enunciation of Parkinson's first and second laws (the first on the inevitable growth of the Civil Service and the second on the structure of Cabinets) are necessary background reading on this point. The fact is that the Ministry employs 13,330 non-industrial civil servants, 6,750 of them in professional grades, and 16,000 industrial staff. This is a lot of men, and one may wonder what they do. The thirteen chapters already mentioned catalogue an extra-ordinary range of activities which a reviewer can only attempt to grapple with by severe

simplification.

Broadly speaking, the Ministry of Works is the nation's estate agent-cum-clerk of works, on the one hand, and the Govern-ment's building contractor, on the other. In its first rôle it variously owns, leases, requisitions, subsidizes, repairs, services and/or administers most of the nation's property and land; government offices and opencast mines; British embassies and public statues; the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square; public post offices and royal palaces; national museums and ordnance factories; the Old Bailey and Brompton Cemetery; and miscellaneous castles, mansions and monuments; anything, it would seem, from Stonehenge to Calder

In its other capacity the Ministry designs and erects new buildings for the public service at home and abroad. Throughout Sir Harold Emmerson's book it is difficult to disentangle the cost of new works from that of maintenance of existing ones, but we know from the Fifth Report of the Select Committee on Estimates (1955-56) that the value of new work carried out each year varies between £25m. and £35m. (with maintenance expenditure currently at about £15m. a year). This is a big enough volume of work to allow fairly powerful ideas about building costs, design, construction and site organization to be tested, developed and demonstrated. What evidence is there that this has been achieved or even attempted?
A passage on page 81 reads:—
"There is ample scope for creative

ability and artistic discrimination in many fields, while [the Ministry's] more mun-dane responsibilities for the housing of the apparatus of Civil Government keep its feet on the ground. It is the Ministry's constant aim to use the knowledge with which this dual experience has endowed it so as to maintain a high standard of

artistic taste while being subject to the disciplines of the public service."

The references to artistic discrimination and taste are perplexing. If anything is and taste are perplexing. If anything is clear about the buildings which the Ministry designs it is their lack of commitment to designs it is their lack of commitment to any coherent pattern of values. Only a rather wobbly eclecticism can account for the mixture of office block anonymous, South Bankism, Post Office Queen Anne and Embassy Georgian. But the absence of any discernible æsthetic is perhaps less important than the inquisitive outsider's inability to discover just what value the taxpayer is getting for his money. Nowhere in the book is any reference made to the unit the book is any reference made to the unit cost of a particular building, or to the comparative cost of different types of building or to the distribution of space (plan analyses) of stock types of building. Two passages deal with standards (pages 31-32 and 45-46 for Government office buildings and overseas diplomatic and consular buildings respectively) but patter contains buildings, respectively), but neither contains a single figure or quantitative measurement. Visual inspection is enough to decide whether the Ministry "maintains a high standard of artistic taste." But some hard standard of artistic taste." But some hard figures are needed even to begin to trans-late from Whitehallese what "being subject to the disciplines of the public service" means in terms of physical standards and value for money. Fascinating thems

Fascinating though these issues are, however, they are not matters of high state. Cabinets do not split because the air conditioning in the House of Commons is not working or because the cost per square foot of the latest block of Whitehall offices is too high. Should the Minister and the Ministry therefore properly lie on the periphery of affairs?

In the two remaining chapters of the book

X and XI—something like a problem, and
thus a responsibility, fundamental to the thus a responsibility, fundamental to the national economic well-being is disclosed. One in every ten male adults in civil employment is engaged in the building and civil engineering industries—over 1,000,000 operatives in all, without counting those employed in the building materials industries. A passage on page 98 aptly remarks:
"... these industries stand in a special

economic relation to industry as a whole and to the economic life of the country. They account for about half the fixed investment, on which in turn depends the future efficiency of industry and transport.
The more efficient the building industry
the more building the country can afford."

Any Government must have something it can call a policy with regard to matters of this kind. What are the essential elements in such a policy? One brand of policy will turn on the need to control all building investment in a totally planned economy. Starting with a licensing system it may well fetch up with a nationalized building in-dustry. The present Government obviously do not favour this line, and the present

volume, written by civil servants, obviously could not discuss it rationally if they did.
The clear alternative to such a policy—presumably the one we are at present experi-encing—is unbridled investment in a totally free economy, checked, when too head-strong, by the halter of credit restriction and dear money. This sort of policy, in fact, consists in not having a policy. Thus the building industry and the size of its programme are seen as, to quote, "a sensitive barometer of the trend of economic affairs." This suggests that they follow and reflect rather than precede and shape economic events such as inflation or unemployment. Similarly, the Ministry's two main functions of "assessing the load of work" (page 99) and arranging "machinery for consulting (page 101) are mainly retrospecindustry (page 101) are mainly retrospec-tive. Both are, of course, necessary, though in practice we could probably do with less committee bumbledom, however Regional, Consultative or Joint, and could certainly do with better statistics of the load on the industry (the present categories of repairs and maintenance, new housing and nonhousing are too crude to guide anybody to any useful conclusion except surprise that the industry divides into these three categories in the proportion it is said to do). But is it enough simply to collect market intelligence and run a network of consultative committees? Even under the policy of free enterprise, somebody, somewhere, should be asking, and not merely CAN

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answering questions.

Does the building industry really need and can the economy really afford one million building operatives? Would not 250,000 can the economy really afford one million building operatives? Would not 250,000 of them be better used helping out on the balance of payments front? Why is such a transfer regarded as unrealistic when present productive efficiency (productivity and not output) is probably 20 to 25 per cent. below the pre-war level? Can we interfer a contractive in the industry and in cent. below the pre-war level? Can we justify a structure in the industry which results in 60 per cent, of firms having less than 100 men each and 30 per cent. less than 20 men each? What effective room is there in such a structure for an increase in training and education, mechanization and research, fundamental or applied (page 108 notes, passively and without comment, that "at least 1,000 full-time workers with special professional and technical qualificaspecial professional and technical qualifica-tions and experience" are recorded as being engaged on research; this is .001

of the industry's operative strength)?
These are only a few of the most obvious questions one would expect a Minister of Works to ask. Answers which go to the root of these problems could effect a very broad segment of the total economy. If they were asked and answered it is entirely reasonable to set the Ministry, not on the edge of things, but at the centre with its. Minister a member of the Cabinet. But are they even asked? Perhaps it is unfair to expect this particular book to venture on to expect this particular book to venture on to this ground. It is about the Ministry of Works and not the Minister of Works' policies. But most people will want to read it not because they are mildly interested in how the Ministry of Works works, but because they are deeply interested in the welfare of the building industry and the part it ought to play in the country's economic—and social—life.

For those, however, who are interested in the Ministry of Works itself, and want to know how what the Economist called "the

know how what the Economist called " the Government's main repository of building expertize" is organized and works, the charts on pages 164 and 165 are worth studying. The fact is that there are really two Ministries—one administrative, the other technical and professional. How effectively are they integrated? How far is there an identity of purpose and values? We know that the administrative divisions live in Lambeth Bridge House and the pro-fessional divisions on the other side of the river. There is a lurking suspicion that more than the Thames divides them.

The Ministry of Works, by Sir Harold Emmerson. George Allen & Unwin, Ltd. 15s.

Reprinted in AJ of September 13, 1956.

CANADIAN EXHIBITION BUILDING FOR 1958 BRUSSELS FAIR



In addition to 40,000 sq. ft. of exhibition space, this building houses a cinema, dining facilities for about 300 persons, administrative offices, a small art gallery, a library and a tower bearing "Canada" signs. Because the Belgian Government wants all traces of building and site development to be removed six months after the close of the Fair, a bolted steel frame was chosen for the structure, with only the outer line of steel welded for precision in detailing. A module was determined on the

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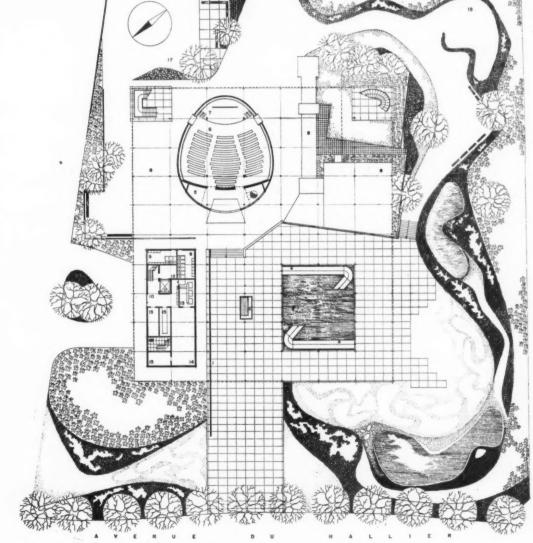
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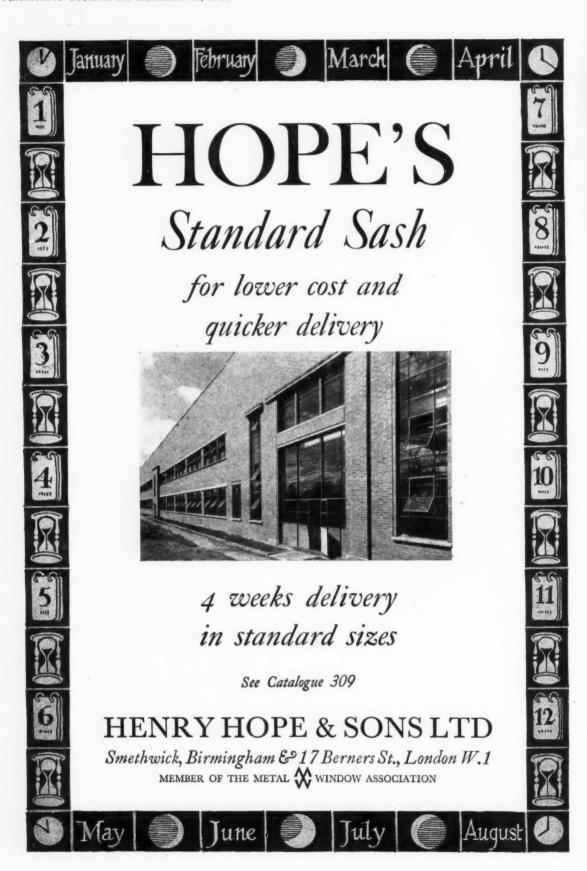
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- 3. Water court
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 - 5. Foyer 6 Cinema
 - 7. Stage
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 - II. Elevator
 - 12. Machine room 13. Transformer vault
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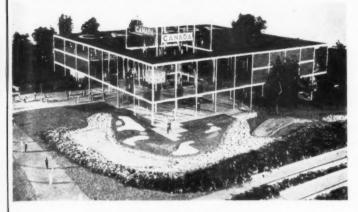


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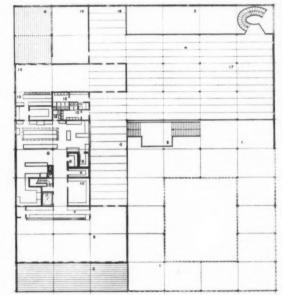
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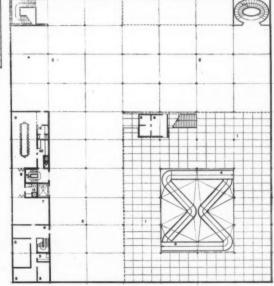


basis of the economical use of steel and the fact that most exhibits occur in multiples of 500 sq. ft. The cinema, requiring substantial roof spans, worked well within the module chosen. As a lot of people will pass through the building each day, careful separation of the various sections was necessary to minimize congestion. It was discovered that the rate of fall of the site was almost exactly that required for a sloping cinema floor. Because of this, as well as for "modular considerations," the cinema is placed on the ground level. The office building forms a separate unit, accessible from the grounds and the main building is elevated 17 ft. The main exhibition space is located on the first floor of the building proper, with additional exhibition space, cafeteria, library and art gallery on the second level. As a visual link seemed necessary to call the visitors' attention to the existence of other important elements on the second level, the upper floor was floated within the envelope as a mezzanine,

the promenade becoming two storeys high. Only where maximum light control is needed is the cladding opaque. The architect, C. B. Greenberg, tried to find cladding which would be light in weight and yet retain a large scale. A two-inch-thick panel of paper honeycomb, faced on both sides with masonite, allows for the full floor-to-floor span of 12 ft. This is set in reinforced, conventional aluminium curtain-wall members. A laminated floor decking 2 in. × 4 in. timbers on edge, the under side exposed and stained, allowed for a decorative use of Canadian woods. The floor covering is, in most cases, linoleum. The exposed steel frame is white, the masonite panels blue, coloured glass is used extensively. Window and door frames and stair rails are anodized aluminium.



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First floor plan

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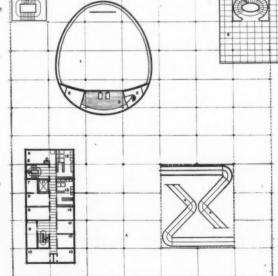
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- 2. Upper part of exhibition space
- 3. Observation
- anding
- 4. Circulation area
- 5. Cafeteria Terrace
- 7. Cafeteria servery
- 8. Kitchen
- Cold storage
- 10. Storage
- II. Elevator
- 12. Wash rooms 13. Bar
- 14. Cocktail lounge
- 15. Library
- 16. Art gallery
- 17. Exhibition space

First floor

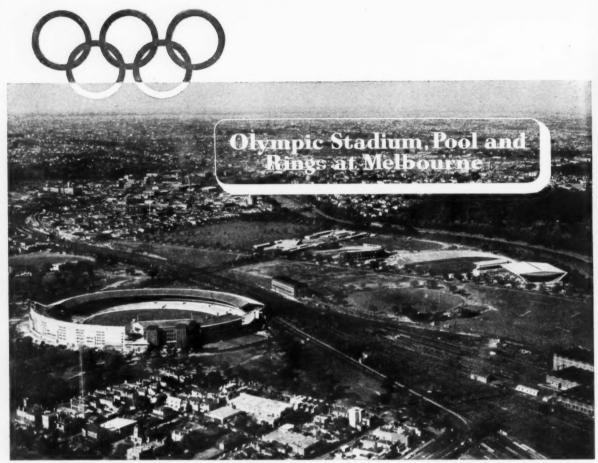
- 1. Promenade
- 2. Exhibition space
- 3. Storage
- 4. Ramp 5. Office
- Waiting room
- 7. Commissioner's office
- 8. Ante room
- 9. Dining room
- 10. Servery
- II. Elevator 12. Wash rooms

Mezzanine floor

- 1. Upper part of
- cinema 2. Upper part of
- foyer
- 3. Projection room 4. Ramp
- 5. Observation
- platform
- 6. Boiler room Storage
- 8. Staff lounge
- Switchboard
- 10. Office
- II. Elevator
- Wash rooms
- 13. First aid room



Mezzanine floor plan



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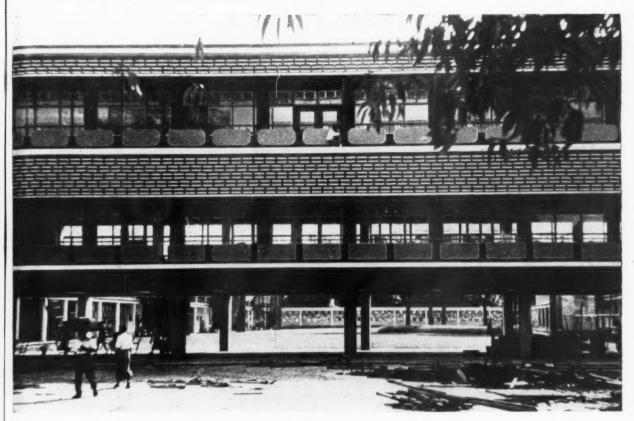
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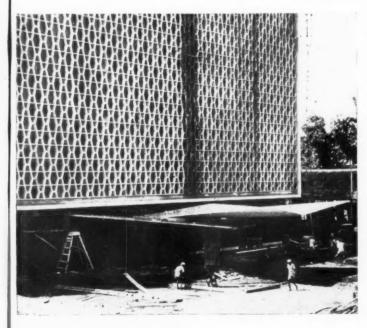
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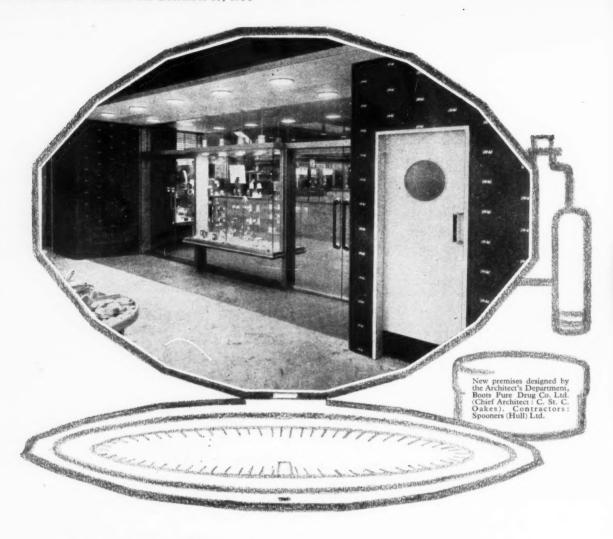
ENGINEERING COLLEGE AT RANGOON UNIVERSITY



The Engineering College at the University of Rangoon which was officially opened on November 22, is part of a £2,500,000 scheme for buildings for higher education. The architects were Raglan Squire and Partners (architects-in-charge, R. B. Roberts and B. C. Adams). The College is on a 12½-acre site about seven miles outside the city and has accommodation for about 1,000

students. So far nine buildings have been completed, consisting of three laboratory and classroom blocks, two lecture theatres, a heavy engineering block, assembly hall, a five-storey administrative block (below), and a mechanical engineering block (above). The administration building contains a library for 35,000 volumes, common room, dean's room, board room and offices. The construction is of reinforced concrete with a reticulated grille as a facing to each facade above first floor level. This grille consists of 3,000 precast hexagonal concrete units, each weighing 3 cwt., fabricated on the site. The interstices are filled in with coloured glass ply based on traditional folk patterns of the Shan States of Northern Burma. Permanent cross-ventilation is provided by smaller unglazed openings. The mechanical engineering building is constructed in traditional methods, using Burmese labour and materials. The assembly hall (Ove Arup and Partners, consulting engineers), which was illustrated by a model photograph in the JOURNAL for May 5, 1955, has a "turtle-shell" roof of laminated Burma teak, 150 ft. long and 90 ft. maximum width. It is hoped to illustrate this scheme more fully in a later issue of the Journal. The general contractors are Taylor Woodrow Construction Ltd.





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13.135 materials: timber

The Efficiency of Adhesives for Wood. FPR Bulletin No. 38. (HMSO. 2s. 6d.) This Bulletin gives as an interim report the results of tests on the durability of adhesives for plywood and general joinery, which have been going on during the last five years or more. Plywood panels and test units for joinery glues have been exposed to various conditions both in this country and Nigeria. The results show in detail the behaviour of many different glues, but it must be said that unless the reader has some knowledge of the subject and the terminology it is rather difficult to follow. Some photographs are included however and these certainly help the reader to visualise the work being done.

For architects the main interest is in the table given under the title "The Assessment of Durability," summarising the results for both plywood and assembly glues. Briefly,

this shows that phenolic and resorcinol glues maintained sound joints under all conditions, including full exposure to weather in England and Nigeria; melamine formaldehyde, fortified urea formaldehyde and urea formaldehyde failed in full exposure, showed marked degrade in open sheds, but were sound in fresh water and in heated rooms; and casein and animal glues failed in all conditions except in heated rooms.

Point is made in the Bulletin that the efficiency of an adhesive is the measurement of success of the adhesive under its conditions of service. For instance, animal glue is as efficient as phenolic when used internally, but not in an exposed position.

Incidentally, the alternate use of the words "adhesive" and "glue" may give the impression that there is some distinction between them, but in fact, the author considers the words synonymous. He makes use of both words simply to make the English less monotonous

19.201 construction: details HOUSE FOUNDATIONS

House foundations on shrinkable clays: some production and economic aspects. W. S. Forbes and R. C. Sansome. (The Municipal Journal, 21.9.56)

This paper, written by two BRS engineers, is in fact the first release of research carried out by that body on this most important subject. It deals with four types of foundation for load-bearing walls, illustrated below: the traditional strip, the narrow concrete strip, straight bored piles and under-reamed piles. Some relative costs are given which show the three non-traditional types to be about equal, and somewhat cheaper than the traditional strip; the latter, however, was the only one *not* carried out

in the experiment in question, its cost being calculated on assumptions made from conditions on the site.

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DOMESTIC HEATING

A Field Comparison of the Coal and Coke Consumptions of an Inset Open Fire with Large Back-Boiler. E. Danter. (Jnl. Institute of Fuel. July 1956)

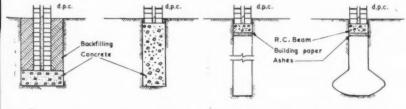
Describes an experiment carried out in eight occupied houses on the BRS site at Abbots Langley, to compare the consumptions of a modern inset open fire when burning coal and coke respectively. The open fires had large back-boilers providing domestic hot water and serving two small radiators. It was found that, reckoned in terms of the thermal content of the fuel, the consumption of coal was about 25 per cent, higher than that of coke: in terms of weight, this implies a consumption 20 per cent. higher with coal than with coke. The result is of obvious importance in the efficient use of fuel and will also assist in the development of smokeless zones.

23.223 heating and ventilation DOMESTIC HEATING

A Field Comparison of the Coal Consumption of the Stool-Bottom Grate and the Improved Open Fire. E. Danter. (Jnl. Institute of Fuel. July 1956)

The result of this experiment was given in the BRS report for 1953; the present paper relates in greater detail the design of the experiment and the statistical analysis of the results obtained. The main result of the investigation was that no appreciable fuel saving was effected by the use of the newer appliance when burning coal. The inset fire was of course designed primarily for burning coke, but it had been claimed that the improved control of combustion could produce some economy even when burning coal. The economy possible when coke is used is indicated in the other paper by the author noted above. It would appear that if coal is to be used for open fires with the maximum economy, the free-standing types recently developed must be adopted-these have the added advantage of built-in dampers to reduce the flow of room air into the fire.

Four types of foundation for load-bearing walls. See note 'House Foundations.'



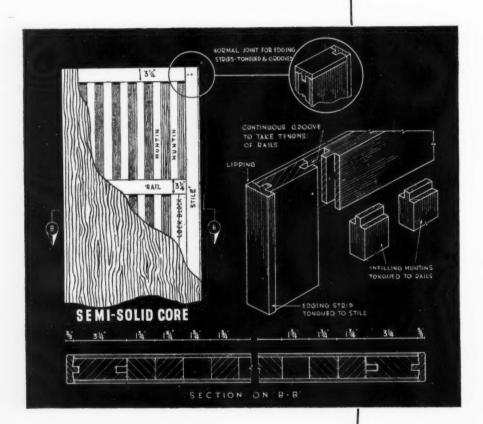
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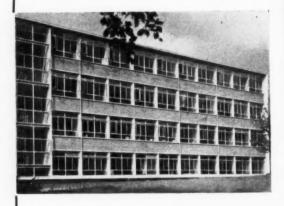
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24 LIGHTING calculation of factory lighting

On comparatively small jobs it is not aways possible for the architect to call in an independent lighting consultant, and he may not wish to accept the design services offered by lighting contractors. For this reason we have asked J. B. Harris, A.M.I.E.E., F.I.E.S., to show how to calculate a lighting installation for a machine workshop of approximately 20,000 sq. ft. using eight different types of lamp and fitting. His article concludes with a table giving the total annual cost of each scheme.

A factory of approximately the same size and type as the example discussed in this article. The lighting solution used is fluorescent on continuous trunking.

When planning the general lighting of an interior it is usual practice to use the Lumen Method. The mathematical calculations for this are based upon the adoption of an average illumination for the whole area. One formula takes care of all the variable characteristics likely to be encountered*.

$$E = \frac{L \times K \times D \times N}{A}$$

where E = Average service illumination over working plan in foot candles.

> L = Light output (average throughout life) per lamp in lumens.

K = Coefficient of Utilisation.

D-= Dust Factor.

N-= Number of lighting fittings.

A = Area of working plane in sq. ft.

Average service illumination: the Schedule of Recommended Values of Illumination (IES Code for Light-

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ing in Buildings) gives the average values for general service illumination for a large variety of uses.

The actual value of illumination obtained initially will be greater than the figure inserted in the formula owing to allowance having been made for the ageing of lamps and accumulation of dust on reflecting surfaces, in factors L and D. With normal conditions of service and assuming cleaning of equipment at economic intervals, this initial value will be 1·25 to 1·3 times recommended value. It is, of course, the responsibility of the management to ensure that the illumination does not fall below the recommended value through lack of servicing.

Light output per lamp: this is an average value which allows for lamp ageing since for all lamps there is a gradual drop in output during the "burning" life. The data for various lamps are usually available in British Standards Specifications and are sometimes published in manufacturers' catalogues.

Coefficient of utilisation: this is the ratio between the light flux received on the working plane and that emitted by the actual lamps. The efficiency of the lighting equipment, its height above working plane, its light distribution, the size and proportions of the room and the reflection factors of room surfaces all contribute to this figure. Standard data tables have been prepared for the various classes of fitting, but it is advisable to consult manufacturers wherever possible.

Dust factor: this allows for the effect of depreciation in the light-reflecting and transmission qualities of surfaces, of both the lighting fitting and the room itself, through the gradual accumulation of dust. For normal atmospheric conditions it may be taken as 0.8. Number of fittings: this will depend on their allowable spacing, which differs for each type of fitting and the mounting height. The matter will be dealt with in detail later.

Area of working plane: for a general lighting scheme, in which machinery or benches may be repositioned, the whole area of the interior at working level is considered in the calculations.

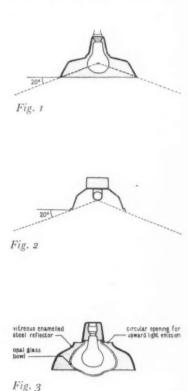
Choice of light source

Electric lamps vary according to type in respect of luminous efficiency, electrical consumption, shape, size, life, and colour rendering properties. For small and medium-size industrial lighting installations, in which mounting heights are fairly low, the choice would include tungsten, fluorescent and colour-modified mercury vapour discharge lamps. The latter take the form of blended mercury/tungsten lamps or mercury/fluorescent lamps, Colour-modification is necessary where distorted colour appearance is unacceptable. Although the spectral quality of the emitted light need not be as that required for accurate colour matching, psychologically it is preferable that it should blend with daylight. In this respect tubular fluorescent lamps are to be recommended. Those designated White and New Warm White have the highest luminous efficiency, while Daylight and

Natural have a colour rendering more akin to natural daylight.

Choice of fitting

Optical characteristics: luminaires for industrial interiors are usually of either the direct or semi-direct type, the latter being preferable as it reduces the contrast of brightness between fitting and ceiling. Protection against direct glare can be obtained by limiting the angle of direct light. For high-brightness lamps, the cut-off angle is between 20 deg. and 30 deg. below the horizontal on all axes, Fig. 1; for low-brightness sources such as fluorescent lamps the cut-off angle is usually applied on one axis only, Fig. 2. Alternatively the fittings themselves may consist of translucent enclosures, Fig. 3, giving greater diffusion and reducing surface brightness. The luminous efficiency of the fitting should be high, demanding good optical design and the use of satisfactory light-controlling materials.



Mechanical design: fittings should be so designed as to facilitate lamp replacement, cleaning, and wiring inspection. For example, components such as visors and louvres should be capable of being detached or hinged down. Regular cleaning will be encouraged if the reflector or diffuser or even the complete unit can easily be taken down and replaced by a clean one. The possibility of a breakdown of fluorescent lamp control gear should not be overlooked, and here again removal of the whole unit facilitates examination on a test bench.

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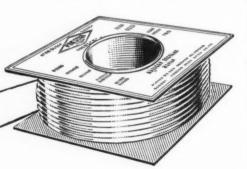
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Generally, fittings should be of robust construction and metals and finishes suitable for the atmosphere concerned; rustproofing processes, for instance, should be applied to steels before stove enamelling.

Electrical design: the wiring up of fittings and their connection to the electricity supply must be such that they can be easily and safely carried out on the site. If there is a possibility of the lampholder and conductors becoming very hot, asbestos roved cables should be used. Electrical requirements are dealt with in British Standard Specifications and IEE Regulations.

Appearance: it should not be assumed that the appearance of fittings can be disregarded because they are installed in a factory.

Positioning of fittings

The theoretical uniformity of illumination assumed in the formula is not, of course, obtainable in practice. To achieve conditions as uniform as possible, fittings should be so placed that distribution fields overlap to give a ratio of maximum to minimum illumination not greater than 1.5 to 1. To design within this limit it is necessary to avoid exceeding a maximum ratio between the spacing of the fittings and their height above the working plane. This spacing/height ratio will vary according to the light distribution curve of the fitting concerned. In practice it normally lies between 1:1 and $1\frac{1}{2}$:1. If a ratio greater than that recommended is used, there will be a noticeable lack of uniformity and the lighting will become "localized."

In a factory, structural features such as beams, roof trusses and columns will often dictate the spacing of fittings and consequently influence mounting heights. If fittings are arranged in rectangular formation, it often happens that, in order to accommodate the required number, there will be a difference between lateral and longitudinal spacing. The ratio between the two spacings should not then exceed 1½:1. Also, if benches are placed next to walls, the distance between the walls and the nearest line of fittings should not exceed one-third of the normal spacing (as opposed to one-half, which usually results naturally with standard-bay structures).

As soon as the number of fittings has been determined, application of the formula will give the light output from each lamp. Alternatively it may happen that fittings can be positioned anywhere, and by choosing a type and rating of lamp, the formula can then be used for calculating the number of fittings required. These are then arranged, within the spacing/height ratio limitation, to suit the area concerned.

Initial and running costs

The overall cost of a lighting scheme, which should consider both initial and running expenses, will quite obviously vary according to the number, quality and type of luminaires installed. It is not possible to lay down a hard and fast rule about the most economical type and size of industrial lamp or fitting, because too

many variable factors are involved. Each case should be considered according to its own conditions, taking into account the following:

Type and proprietary brand of fitting.

Trade discounts available.

Number of "burning" hours per annum.

Labour costs of cleaning and lamp replacement.

Cost of electricity.

The electricity tariffs in particular vary widely throughout the country, often incorporating standing charges based on the magnitude of the installed load or on the value of the maximum demand.

As a guide to the possible solution of the lighting problem of a medium-size factory, it is proposed to consider here a number of alternatives for a particular case.

EXAMPLE OF A LIGHTING PROBLEM

The interior is a machine shop measuring 120 ft, by 160 ft., and the ceiling height is 16 ft. The roof structure includes trusses spaced at 10 ft. centres, the bottom of the trusses being set at a height of 14 ft. Reflection factors of ceiling and walls (finished in light matt paints) are 70 per cent. and 50 per cent. respectively. The height of the working plane is 3 ft. The visual task is that associated with fairly small bench- and machine-work. That work is carried out on a horizontal plane and does not involve accurate colour matching.

Solutions

General: the IES Code gives the average service illumination for the task as 20 foot candles. The atmospheric conditions are such that with cleaning taking place at regular intervals, a dust factor of 0.8 may be assumed.

Scheme 1: this is based on the use of general purpose tungsten filament lamps housed in standard (open) dispersive vitreous enamelled steel reflectors, Fig. 4. Reference to data tables shows that under the given conditions a Coefficient of Utilization of 0.64 may be used in the lumen formula. The lateral trusses provide a good means of carrying horizontal runs of conduit from which the fittings can be suspended; assume, therefore, that the longitudinal spacing of the fittings is 10 ft. If we assume that for a uniform layout the

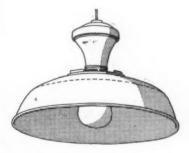


Fig. 4



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longitudinal spacing is also 10 ft., then the total number of fittings is

$$\frac{160}{10} \times \frac{120}{10} = 192$$

Applying the formula we have

$$L = \frac{A \times E}{K \times D \times N}$$

$$= \frac{160 \times 120 \times 20}{0.64 \times 0.8 \times 192}$$

$$= 3,900 \text{ lumens.}$$

The tungsten lamp having the closest light output to this value is a 300-watt lamp, which emits 4,430 lumens and, if used, an illumination of about 23 foot candles would result.

The more economical solution would be to use fewer fittings by increasing the spacing in one direction. By adopting an 11 ft. by 10 ft. spacing we obtain 176 fittings. These will give an average illumination of

$$\frac{176}{192}$$
 × 23 = 21 foot candles.

The trusses being 14 ft. above floor level, the fittings when suspended from these positions could have their lamp centres about 8 ft. above the working plane. Under these conditions the spacing/height ratio does not exceed 1½ (the maximum for this type of fitting) and the uniformity of illumination will be satisfactory. In order to avoid the "tunnel" effect which happens when light is emitted in the lower hemisphere only, some manufacturers market fittings of the standard dispersive type having a small upward lighting component. Easy removal of the reflector facilitates cleaning.

Scheme 2: instead of steel reflectors, use can be made of the reflecting properties of prismatic glass. Fittings of this type, obtainable as standard commercial items, may have open or enclosed reflectors and are supplied complete with a cast metal canopy for conduit or chain suspension, Fig. 5. Their great advantage is that 75 per cent. of the light output is directed towards the working plane, and 25 per cent. reaches the ceiling and upper walls. Fittings can be supplied in clear or blue-tinted glass, the latter offering improved colour quality due to absorption of some of the excess red radiation of the tungsten filament lamp. For an en-

closed dust-tight fitting, consisting of a reflector and a detachable diffusing cover glass, the Coefficient of Utilization is approximately the same as for Scheme 1. Thus, using 300-watt tungsten filament lamps, 176 fittings would be required, giving an illumination of approximately 21 foot candles.

Scheme 3: tungsten filament lamps up to 500-watt rating may be housed in dustproof industrial lighting fittings, consisting of a dome-shaped perspex enclosure attached to a diecast, corrosion-resistant, aluminium lampholder canopy, Fig. 6. The perspex reflector and



Fig. 6

visor can be supplied in various grades of opal, but for normal mounting heights the reflector is of grade 028 and the dished cover is of pinspot patterned design. This type of fitting is highly efficient and gives reasonable ceiling illumination for the avoidance of disturbing brightness contrast. The Coefficient of Utilization is of the order of 0.7 and using 160-300-watt fittings it is calculated that the resulting illumination is

$$\frac{4,430 \times 0.7 \times 0.8 \times 160}{160 \times 120} = 21$$
 foot candles.

On this basis the longitudinal spacing of 10 ft, will result in a lateral spacing of

$$\frac{120}{10}$$
 = 12 ft.

Scheme 4: the mercury/tungsten lamp, available in five wattage ratings, represents a colour-corrected discharge source, the construction and operation of which does not involve the use of external auxiliary control gear. The lamps can be used in normal type industrial fittings, Fig. 7, but take a short time after switching on to reach their full light emission.



Fig. 5

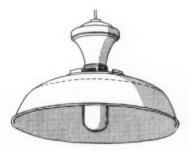


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Scheme No.	Type	Rating (watts)	Average light output: Rated life through life (tuneus)	Rated life (hours)	List price	Type	Electrical load per fitting, including control gear losses if any (watts)	Total number of futings	Potal electrical load of scheme (watts)	List price	Total initial cost of fittings	Annual cost of electricity consumed, based on 2000 burning hours per annum and charge of 1.3d. per unit	Annual cost of lamps	Annual capital charge on fittings (depreciation based on "write off" of 10% p.a.)	Total annual cost of lighting scheme
	Tungsten filament	300	4,430	1,000	3 G. G.	Open dispersive reflectors, vircous enamelled steel. Designed for upward light emission. Reflector removable for cleaning	300	176	52,800	4 6 0	£ s. d. 756 16 0	£ s. d. 572 0 0	£ s. d.	£ s. d. 75 14 0	£ s. 779 14
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	Mercury	250	3,500	3,000	2 16 0	Open dispersive reflector as Scheme 1	250	224	26,000	4 6 0	963 4 0	0 0 909	418 0 0	0 9 96	1,120 6
	Mercury	125	3,900	4,000	2 19 0	Open dispersive reflector as Scheme 1	137	192	26,304	to 16 0 (complete with control gear)	2 073 12 0	285 0 0	287 0 0	207 7 0	7 677
	Hot cathode tubular fluorescent "white" or	08	4,160	5,000	16 7	Trough reflector, stove enamelled steel. Designed with stots for upward light emission. Complete reflector removable for cleaning	001	261	19,200	9 10 0 (complete with "quick start" control gear)	1,824 0 0	208 0 0	63 8 0	182 8 0	453 16
	Hot cathode tubular fluorescent "white" or	125	7,000	5,000	1 8 0	Trough reflector. Details as for Scheme 6	150	011	16,500	(complete with "quick start" control gear)	1,650 0 0	179 0 0	55 0 0	0 0 591	399 0
	Cold cathode " white " fluorescent tubing. Two	091	2,600	15,000	4 0 0 (for two tubes)	Trough reflector (10 ft. long) stove enamelled steel	192	140	26,880	28 0 0 (complete with control gear)	3,920 0 0	291 0 0	74 14 0	392 0 0	757 14

Table comparing the total annual cost of the eight alternative schemes discussed in the article.

Assume the use of the 250-watt rating, as its light output of 3,500 lumens is nearest to that of the 300-watt tungsten filament lamp. If a fitting of the standard dispersive reflector type is employed, the Coefficient of Utilization would be of the order of 0.64. Then the number of fittings required is

$$\frac{160 \times 120 \times 20}{0.64 \times 0.8 \times 3,500} = 214.$$

A 10 ft. spacing longitudinally would result in a line of 16 fittings. The number installed laterally, therefore,

would be $\frac{214}{16} = 13.4$, or 14 to the next whole number.

The lateral spacing using 14 fittings would be 120

= 9 ft. and the total number of fittings becomes

 $16 \times 14 = 224$. The illumination would be of the order of $\frac{224}{214} \times 20 = 21$ foot candles.

Scheme 5: mercury/fluorescent lamps, which exist in 80, 125, 250 and 400-watt ratings, have a high luminous efficiency and an acceptable colour appearance and rendering. They are used in normal industrial



Fig. 8

reflectors, Fig. 8, but accommodation, usually remote, must be found for the control gear: a choke and condenser. Time to reach full light emission is about six minutes.

Assume the use of the 250-watt size, which has a light output of 3,900 lumens, and a standard dispersive reflector. Again assuming a Coefficient of Utilization of 0.64, then the number of fittings required is

$$\frac{160 \times 120 \times 20}{0.64 \times 0.8 \times 3,900} = 192$$

These would be arranged symmetrically in the area with a 10 ft. spacing in each direction.

Scheme 6: tubular fluorescent lamps of the hot cathode type possess many characteristics which are of special advantage in industrial interiors. The range of lamps available is ever-increasing, but the most popular size is the 5 ft. 80-watt rating. The efficiency of light production varies with the fluorescent powder used.



Fig. 9

Fittings, usually of the trough reflector type, Fig. 9, are available in steel (stove or vitreous enamelled), white opal perspex, and white p.v.c. If the reflecting material is opaque, slots are cut to enable light to reach the ceiling. The lateral cut-off angle of the reflector is about 20 deg. below the horizontal. If there are long lines of fittings in constant view, distracting glare may result. This may be avoided by fitting laterally placed parallel louvres beneath the lamp to give a longitudinal cut-off angle of 20 deg.

Assume the use of White or New Warm White 5 ft. 80-watt fluorescent lamps having a light output of 4,160 lumens. If these lamps are housed in steel trough reflectors, stove enamelled white, the Coefficient of Utilization may be taken as 0.64. Then the number of fittings required is

$$\frac{160 \times 120 \times 20}{4,160 \times 0.64 \times 0.8} = 180.$$

A longitudinal spacing of 10 ft. results in a line of

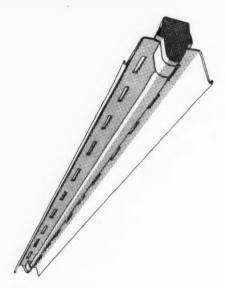
16 fittings and this would mean the use of $\frac{180}{16} = 11.2$

fittings along the width of the area. If we use 12 fittings laterally, at a 10 ft. spacing, the total number installed would be $16 \times 12 = 192$. The average illustrates

mination, therefore, becomes $\frac{192 \times 20}{180} = 21$ foot

candles. The fittings could be suspended at two points by means of conduit or chain drops. Alternatively, they could be mounted on a continuous channel using a proprietary trunking system.

Scheme 7: the recently introduced 8 ft. 125-watt hot cathode tubular fluorescent lamp has interesting possibilities, and has been used in double and triple formation in high bays. Due to its length it may present difficulties in handling, but provided spring-loaded lampholders are used, replacing of lamps need only be a one-man job. There is no objection to the use of one-lamp units in factories of medium size, and standard trough reflectors of the slotted type,





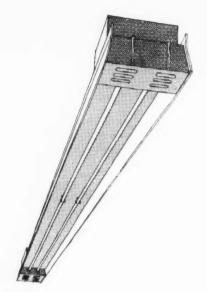


Fig. II

Fig. 10, can be purchased commercially. Using a White lamp which has a light output of 7,000 lumens, we will assume a Coefficient of Utilization of 0.64. The number of fittings required is

$$\frac{160 \times 120 \times 20}{7,000 \times 0.64 \times 0.8} = 107.$$

The fittings would be arranged in lines parallel to the long axis of the building and a trunking system of wiring and suspension would be the most practicable. If the fittings are spaced along the trunking at 15 ft. centres, the number per line is $\frac{160}{15}$ = 11 (approx.).

This means a row of $\frac{107}{11} = 10$ across the width of the building. The lateral spacing is therefore $\frac{120}{10} = 12$ ft., and the total quantity of fittings is $10 \times 11 = 110$.

Scheme 8: cold cathode fluorescent tubing, although somewhat lower in luminous efficiency and higher in capital cost than hot cathode lamps, has the great advantage of a longer life. It is often installed, therefore, where there is difficulty of access to fittings. The control gear consists of a step-up transformer, which produces the high voltage necessary for initiating and maintaining the discharge, and a power factor condenser. The lamps themselves can be specially fabricated to suit individual length and shape requirements, but standard 9 ft. 6 in. straight tubes are usually employed in industrial lighting schemes. The colour range matches that of hot cathode fluorescent lamps. Assume that a twin 80-watt tube industrial trough fitting with enclosed control gear is used, Fig. 11, the Coefficient of Utilization being taken as 0.64.

The total light output of the two tubes is about 5,600 lumens, and so the number of fittings required is

$$\frac{160 \times 120 \times 20}{5,600 \times 0.64 \times 0.8} = 134.$$

A suitable spacing longitudinally would be 11 ft., which results in an almost continuous line of 14 fittings. A lateral spacing of 12 ft. would give $\frac{120}{12} = 10$ fittings. The total number of fittings is $14 \times 10 = 140$ and the illumination becomes $\frac{140 \times 20}{134} = 21$ foot candles.

COST GUIDE

The chart on page 862 has been designed to compare the total annual cost of these alternative lighting schemes. Certain assumptions have been made and these should be borne in mind when examining the final results. In order not to complicate the calculations, wiring and fixing costs together with those of maintenance and cleaning have been omitted. The lighting fittings have been selected as typical examples from the standard ranges of reputable manufacturers. In the case of those for use with hot cathode fluorescent lamps, they include for control gear of the quick-or instant-start variety.

Under the stated conditions the hot cathode fluorescent lamp schemes are cheapest. The cold cathode fluorescent tube scheme compares quite favourably with the mercury/fluorescent and tungsten lamp schemes.

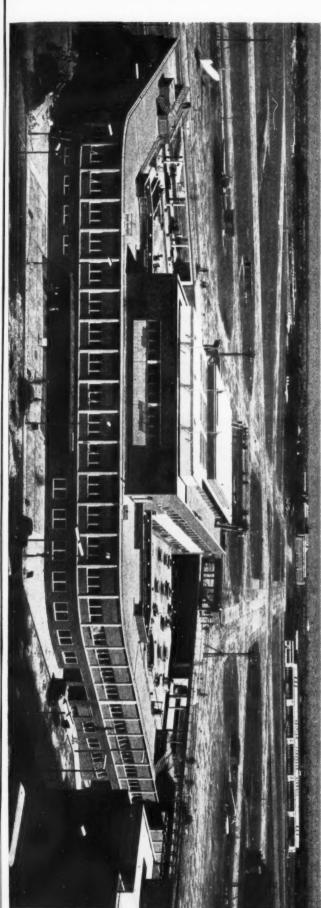
If the architect approaches the problem on these lines and includes estimated costs of fixing and wiring, he will be able to decide on the cheapest and most suitable scheme for his own particular building.

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control and amenities, with operational and air lines offices, and also for consulting engineers (structural) SIR WILLIAM HALCROW and PARTNERS; (heating and ventilating) G. H. BUCKLE and PARTNERS the Journal for April 21, 1955. This building was designed for crew control tower and the passenger handling building were illustrated in (electrical) EWBANK and PARTNERS; quantity surveyors FRANKLIN and ANDREWS associate partner J. W. GRIMES; responsibility for construction, Director-General of Works, Air Ministry; at LONDON AIRPORT, MIDDLESEX; designed by FREDERICK GIBBERD; partner-in-charge R. J. DOUBLE The Queen's Building forms the eastern apex of the terminal area. The

permission to have a cost analysis published for this building and post offices. The architect has been unable to obtain the client's and exhibition hall. Off the entrance hall are a lecture room, news cinema public access from the main entrance to the roof terraces, restaurants

Viewpoint 1: the Queen's Building from the roof of the control tower.



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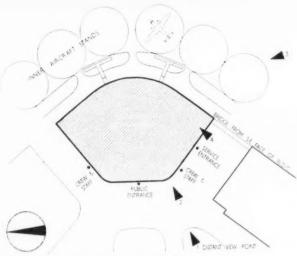
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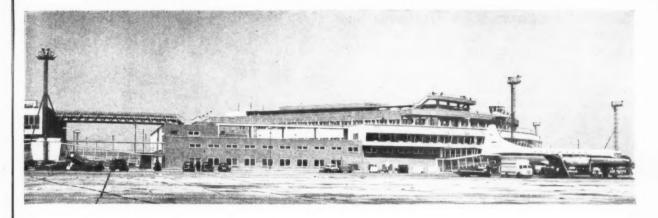


Key plan showing photographic viewpoints



faience tiling continue the character of the terminal area. Natural stone paving has been used below the entrance canopy, and this is contrasted with strips of Derbydene

Viewpoint 2: the main entrance. The brick facings and limestone. The canopy over the entrance doors was illustrated as a Working Detail in the JOURNAL for May 31, 1956, and the doors were similarly illustrated on June 21, 1956.



Above (viewpoint 3): this photograph, taken from the inner aircraft stands, shows the projecting windows of the grill room, which on the right become the windows of the private dining rooms and the spectators' snack bar. On the left is the tubular steel bridge and below it the airside gallery, connected to the passenger-handling building. Beneath the bridge is the service area, from which a subway leads to goods lifts for the kitchen. Below (viewpoint 4): this photograph, taken from the bridge connecting the Queen's Building and the passenger-handling building, shows the centre block rising to the third floor terrace, with a public viewing

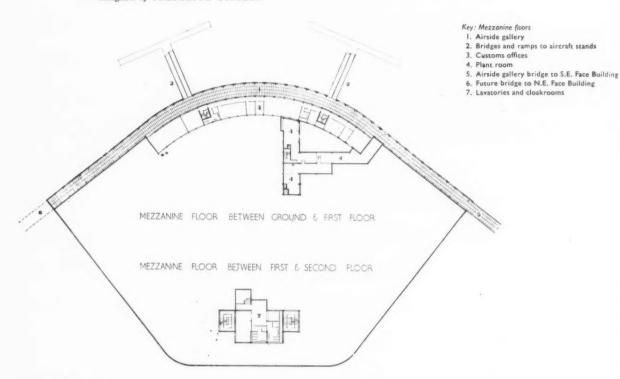
platform above. The bottom row of windows are those of the kitchen servery and crew dining rooms and the upper row are the kitchen windows. The dome lights with wire protective covering in the foreground give natural light to the ground floor offices and are integrated with circular plant tubs and a pool to form a roof garden. The plan shapes of the roof gardens can be appreciated from the upper terraces. The mushroom lights over tubs give a decorative effect at night. The wire strand balustrade permits an excellent view of parked aircraft. For a detail plan of this roof garden, see page 873.



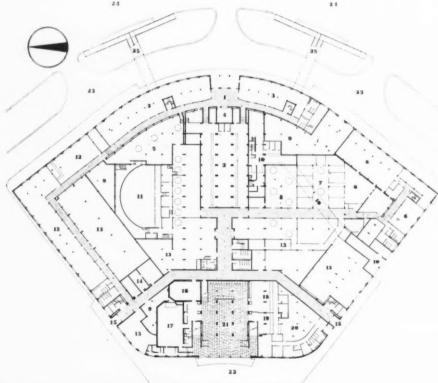
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Mezzanine floor plan



Key: ground floor

- I. Crew entrance hall
- Crew customs examination hall

Key: 1. 5 2. 1 3. 1 4. 1

9. 10.

- Customs offices
- 4. Check point 5. Aircraft load control
- 6. Meteorological forecasting
- 7. Meteorological briefing
- 8. Navigational and signals briefing
- 9. Plant room 10. Kitchen service area and connecting subway
- II. BEAC operational control
- 12. BOAC operational control
- 13. Airlines offices
- 14. GPO plant room
- 15. Crew and staff entrances
- 16. Lecture room
- 17. News cinema
- 18. Public post office
- 19. Staff post office 20. Sorting office
- 21. Public crush hall
- 22. Forecourt
- 23. Apron circulation
- 24. Inner aircraft
- 25. Bridge and ramp from mezzanine floor to aircraft standings

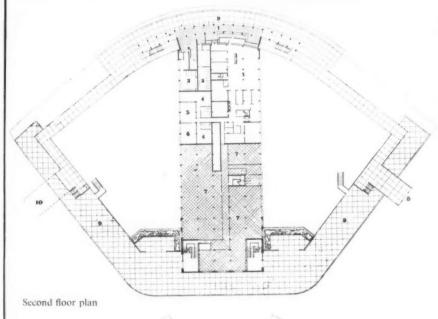
Key: second floor 1. Spectators'

- snack bar
- Kitchen
 Kitchen staff
- cloakroom 5. Kitchen staff
- dining room 6. Kitchen staff
- 7. Airlines offices
- 8. Spectators' bridge to S.E. Face Building
- 9. Spectators' roof
- Future bridge to N.E. Face Building

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Left: a view of the public post office off the main entrance, which has been designed to allow for further developmen of the central area. The wall beyond the louvred glass screen is lime green, 10Y 5/6, and this contrasts with the mahogany column facings. The floor is finished in light grey terrazzo with ebonite dividing strips and the ceiling is white. The wall on the left of the entrance is matt black, the furniture combines to achieve a pleasing effect. This scheme was the result of close association between the GPO and the architects. The counter was illustrated as a Working Detail in the JOURNAL for July 19, 1956.

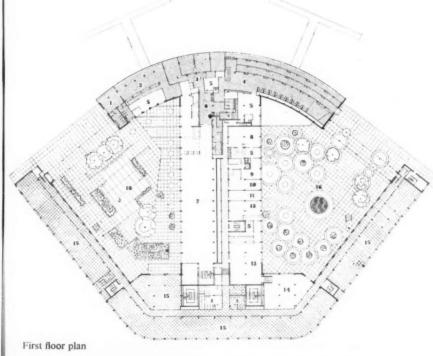




The news cinema, seating 168, has a central suspended matt black ceiling, with anaemostats blowing down conditioned air which is then extracted from below the screen. Side walls are grey archrome 44, the seating blue, and diffused lighting from the ceiling creates a spacious effect.

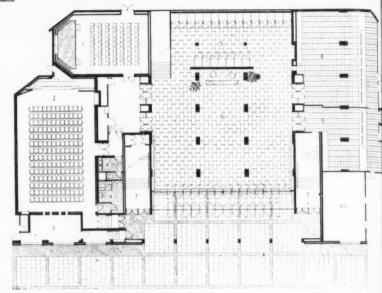


The platform in the lecture room is backed with veneered panels and the fibrous plaste suspended ceiling gives good audibility. The ceiling and rear wall are lined with perforated matt black metal trays which are sound-absorbent.



- 1. Lavatories
- Lavatories
 Spectators
- 3. Private dining room suite
- 4. Grill room
- 4. Grill room
- 6. Grill room foyer and lavatories
- 7. Exhibition hall
- 8. Crew dining room
- 9. Captain's dining room
- 10 Captain's lounge
 11. Female crew lounge
- 12. Seaff snack bar
 - 13. Crew snack bar
 - 4. Crew lounge
- 15. Airlines offices 16. Roof garden

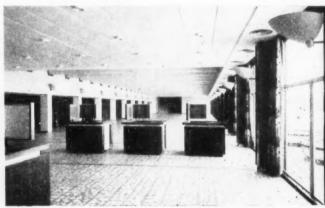
Below: view across the public crush hall, with the cinema and lecture room doors on the left. Beyond this hall are the stairs to the exhibition hall. The decorative tiled wall on the right screens a row of telephone booths. The maroon and black tiles with white dots were designed by Peggy Angus. The hall is floored with Derbydene limestone, and Levanto Rosso marble covers the walls. The acoustic tile ceiling is painted white. The north roof garden can be seen through the windows on the right side of the exhibition hall (below right). The ticket boxes in the foreground admit the public to the roof area, which stretches to the end of the passenger-handling building. The stairs at the end of the hall lead to lavatories and cloakrooms on an upper mezzanine level. The floor is terrazzo, with white Sicilian chips set in grey, and plain cross strips combine with cross beams to break the length of the hall visually. The dark recesses on the left are faced with a yellow green woven material with a gold metallic thread. The ventilation duct over the windows on the right was illustrated as a Working Detail in the JOURNAL for June 21, 1956.



Detail plan of entrance hall [Scale: 32" = 1'0"]

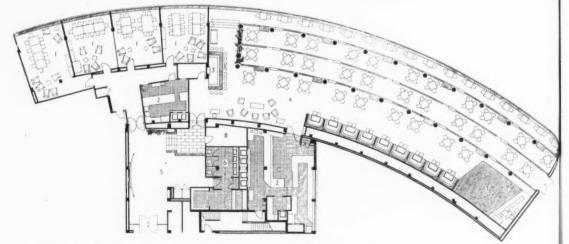
- Key: Entrance hall
- I. Lecture room
- News cinema
 Projection room
- Lavatories
 Telephone boxes
- Public crush hall
- 7. Escape stairs from roof
- 8. Public post office
- 9. Staff post office
- 10. Telegraph room



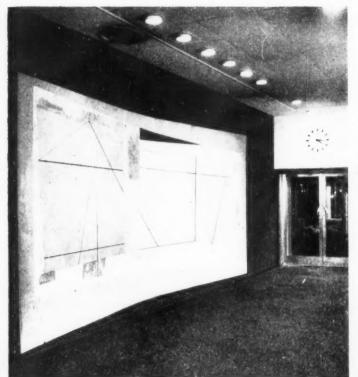


Key: Grill room

- I. Private dining room
- 2. Servery
- 3. Bar
- 4. Grill room 5. Foyer
- 6. Lavatory
- 7. Band platform
- 8. Store



Detail plan of grill room [Scale: 1/2" = 1'0"]



Above: the entrance to the grill room, with the mural painting by Ben Nicholson set on the north wall of the foyer. The grill room (below), seating 200, has stepped levels to give each row of tables a superb view of the aircraft stands and runways. Wall-papered screens and "U"-shaped seating divide the rear wall into dining recesses, while to the right

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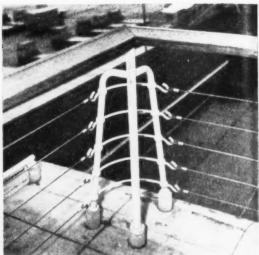
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of the entrance in the distance is a cocktail lounge. The specially-designed black carpet with yellow spots, and the midnight blue sloping ceiling provides a rich background. The grill room windows were illustrated as a Working Detail in the JOURNAL for August 30, 1956. The projecting glazing carries round the first floor level to the spectators' snack bar (below), which has a buff-flecked, thermoplastic-tile floor and a midnight blue ceiling. Access for cleaning the upper section of the anti-sun glazing is by means of a ladder hooked over the terrace rail, while the lower section of the 4-in, polished plate glass is cleaned from below. The roof areas of this building allow for an attendance of 10,000 spectators.









Above left: the Press conference room on the ground floor is for the interviewing of personalities arriving or leaving. Six separate curtains on the rear wall allow for adjustment in the character of sets. The floor is blue-carpeted and cork-tiled, while the walls are veneered ash on $\frac{3}{16}$ -in. ply and special batten spacing. Above right: galvanized steel wire ropes are threaded through $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diameter M.S. tubular posts and are tightened by turn buckles at end posts. The balustrade is

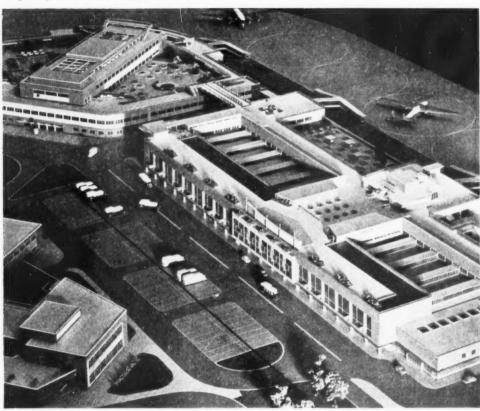
surmounted by a splayed ex 6-in. × 3-in. hardwood handrail. The posts are painted white and the handrail oiled. Different levels of the building have different colour schemes, but corridors (below) have grey Munsell N.8 (archrome 47) or terra cotta (5R 3/12) walls and black-flecked, thermoplastic-tile floors. Ends of corridors are picked out in contrasting colours and the individual doors are painted yellow Munsell 2.5 GY 8/10.



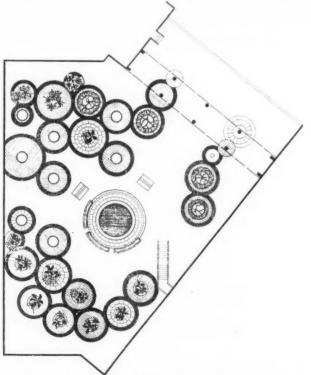
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Above: model of the terminal area from the south-west. The Queen's Building is in the background, left. In the left foreground is the control tower, and on the right is the passenger handling building.



Detail plan of roof garden, South side [Scale: 28" = 1'0"]

CLIENTS' BRIEF: their 'stated requirements

A building was required provide all technica and recreational facilities for aircraft crews, with control rooms and offices for the major airline corporations. The needs of the spectator public were to be combined with these functions.

SITE: topography, surroundings, access and planting

A perfectly flat site on the east face of the diamond forming the Central Terminal area of London Airport. Access to this area is by a tunnel from the Bath Road under the runways. The site was cleared of all planting.

PLAN: general appreciation and relation of units

The outline of the building had been previously established by the client when the terminal area was laid out. The building had to provide entirely separate circulation at various levels both for crews and public. The whole plankis interconnected without independent units, though the building was divided into blocks for planning and construction.

MAIN CONSTRUCTION: general appreciation

11-in. cavity-brick walls. Normal beam spans are 12 ft. and 18 ft., and floor-to-floor heights and internal downpipes. In order to speed This is a steel-framed building, cased in concrete, with reinforced-concrete foundations ceilings for duct work and fittings. Public roof

between block stanchion bases to support the areas are paved in waterproof concrete tiles and rainwater disposal is by means of gullies construction the foundation, drainage and steelwork contracts were let separately.

STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS

Work below ground floor evel: foundation type,						
pasement	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
Concrete-block stanchion cases, with reinforced- concrete foundations to carry he load from facing prickwork	Throughout	Concrete mass and reinforced concrete			Economical construction. The sub-soil was found to be good load-bearing gravel at approximately 5 ft.	
External walls and facings	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
tt-in. brick-cavity wall with facing bricks	Ground to first floor on three sides, also airside and centre block	Facing brickwork			Brick was used for its British character and low mainten- ance cost	
Reinforced-concrete wall with faience tiling	Panels to first floor on three sides	Faience tiling				
Frame or load bearing	Location	Materials	Beam spans	Cohumn grid	Reasons and comments	
Steel frame	All parts	Steel-encased in concrete	12 ft. and 18 ft.	12 ft.	Steelwork was used because of speed of erection and enables contract to be let ahead of building work	
Upper floor construction	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
Precast units. Reinforced concrete slabs to special sections	Throughout	Precast units	Upper part (screed, Low- faced in cert- scored for pl others	er part fair ain parts,	Speed of erection, no interference with other operations being precast off site	
Staircases	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
Main staircase	Main entrance hall	Reinforced-concrete construction	Terrazzo			
Escape staircases	Throughout	Reinforced-concrete construction	Granolithic			
Height: floor to floor = 13 f	t. 6 in. and 18 ft.					
Roof construction	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
Flat construction with precast reinforced- concrete units	Throughout	Precast units	Three-layer marble chips Waterproof concrete cole other patters paving	pings paving with oured tiles and	Precasting reduces site work and interference, speeds erection, designed to carry the loads of spectators and to form roof gardens and terraces	
Roof lights	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
	Single-storey parts of building	Dome lights with special protective metal covering			Used to give light to central single-storey parts of building	
Windows	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
Carda double-glazed windows	All offices	Hardwood pivot type	Painted		Double-glazed for sound insulation	
	Grill room and snack bars	Metal	Painted, rus	t-proofed	Special studio type window to airside for view of sky	
External doors	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
	Main entrance	Aluminium-framed armour plate glass				
	Sub-entrances	Teak .	Polished and varnished			
Glazing	Location	Materials	Finish		Reasons and comments	
	Throughout	i-in. plate glass		Sound insu		
	Throughout	{-in. rough cast to w.c. etc.				

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PARTITIONING

Internal partitions	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
	Various parts	9-in. and 4½-in. brick	Plastered	To minimize risk of cracking with a framed structure
		4-in, hollow clay blocks	Plastered	with a framed structure
		2-in. steel removable	Stove-enamelled	Removable partitions in
		partitions		offices for flexibility
W.C. Doors and partitions	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
	Throughout	1‡-in. flush	Painted	Easily kept clean and possib to fix fittings
Internal doors	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
	Throughout	13-in. flush	Painted	Most doors were glazed to give light to corridors
		2-in, timber framed with glazed upper panel	Some double doors polished	
ronmongery to internal loors	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
	Throughout	Silver bronze	Self finish	Ironmongery handles
				specially designed by architect
FINISHINGS				
Floor finishes	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
	Crew customs hall	Wood block	Sealed and polished	Hard wearing
	Offices Exhibition hall	&-in. thermoplastic tile Special terrazzo tile	Polished Normal polish	Economical Hard wearing
	Teleprinter rooms	Cork tile	Sealed and polished	Sound-absorbing
	Grill room and dining	Carpet	Stated and pointed	totalia-absorbing
	rooms			
Wall finishes	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
	Generally	Plastered	Emulsion paint	For decorative schemes
	Public areas	Veneered plywood, wallpaper, fabric, marble and tiling	Wax polished	
Ceiling finishes	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
	General offices	Fibreboard	Fire-resisting treatment	Entirely removable, concealed fixing
	Public areas	Fibrous paint plaster	Emulsion paint	Special features
	Public areas	Perforated aluminium panels	Special paint	Heated and removable
	Public areas	Acoustic tiles	Emulsion paint	Special acoustically-treated rooms
Decorations	Location	Paint types	Munsell or other reference	Reasons and comments
	Plastered walls	Emulsion paint		All colour schemes worked
	Fibreboard ceilings	Emulsion paint		out with furnishing scheme Very large range of Munsel colours used, many specially
	Joinery and metal work	Oil paint		mixed for architect
	Hardwood joinery and metal work	Wax polish		
FITTINGS				
Kitchen equipment	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
Main kitchen	and floor	Stainless steel	Stove-enamelled	The kitchens and serveries were fully equipped with al
Serveries	1st floor			required items
SERVICES				
Rainwater disposal	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments
Rainwater pipes from special roof gullies	Throughout	Cast iron	Painted	All rainwater pipes within building
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Plumbing, internal: waste disposal	Location	Materials	Finish	Reasons and comments

Hot water storage	Location	Materials		Capacity		Reasons and comments
Vertical calorifiers	Ground floor plant	Galvanize	a steel			HPHW supplied from centre boiler house
Cold water storage	Location	Materials		Capacity		Reasons and comments
Large tanks	Roof level	Sectional	steel			
Plumbing: sanitary fittings	Location	Materials		Finish		Reasons and comments
	All lavatory units	Vitreous fireclay u and show	china w.c. basins, rinal stalls, sinks ers	White glazed, chafittings	romium	Standard filling used
Heating installation neat exchanger type	Location	Materials		Air change rate		Reasons and comments
Low-pressure hot water converted from HP in horizontal calorifier from boiler house off site	Throughout, Calorifier in ground floor plant room	65°		Generally 5 per l 18 in air conditio grill room and cir	ned	
Boiler type and capacity	Location	Heat load	d and fuel type	Stoking method		Reasons and comments
HPHW economy-type boilers	Central boiler house	Oil fired		Automatic oil fee	d	Economy
Water heater type	Location	Fuel type		Stoking method		Reasons and comments
Vertical calorifiers	Ground floor plant room	HPHW i	rom central use	As for boilers		
Drainage: type of system	Location	Materials	s	Finish		Reasons and comments
Separate system	Throughout	floor. Sto	down to ground neware in under building			All drains below ground floor level were constructed with separate foundation contract
Drain types	Location	Material	s	Finish		Reasons and comments
One-pipe system	Throughout	Cast iron waste bra	verticals, copper anches	Painted		
Kitchen ventilation	Location	Material	s	Finish	· · · · · ·	Reasons and comments
Main kitchen	and floor	Alumining glass hoo	um with wired ods	Self finish		Hoods were provided over all items giving off steam
Serveries	1st floor					
Electrical installation: source and fitting type	Location	Illumina	tion level	Quality		Reasons and comments
Recessed fitting in false ceiling	Public crush hall, grill room, snack bars, airside gallery		t. candles			
Bracket fitting and recessed ceiling fitting	Exhibition hall, lecture room	Basic 10	-ft. candles			
Recessed fluorescent, with egg-crate diffusers	Offices	Offices generally, 12- to 15- candles, BEAC offices without natural lighting, 25-ft. candles		ft.		
Natural lighting	Location	Materials			Reasons	and comments
	Offices		Carda windows, hardwood, pivot type		Double glazed for sound insulation	
	Grill room and snack bars		Metal		Special studio type windows to airsid for view of sky	
	Roof lighting to single-storey segments		Dome lights with special pro- tective metal covering		Dome lights to give natural light to central one-storey parts of building	
Wiring and switching types	Location		Materials		Reasons and comments	
Steel conduit system. Standard switch gear	Main switch gear in b	asement				
Power supply type	Location		How distributed		Reasons	and comments
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Lifts Location Capacity and speed Motor room position Reasons and comments

Goods lift Kitchen area Ground floor adjacent to lift Shaft Hoists Kitchen area Above lift shaft It was decided that passenger lifts for crews and public would not be installed on grounds of economy

 Paved areas
 Location
 Materials
 Reasons and comments

 Perimeter of building
 Ground level
 2-in. paving slabs with limestone insets in front of building

 Roof gardens
 All roof levels
 Various atterials, concrete tiles, brick tiles, cobbles, etc.

THERMAL INSULATION

Type Location U-value Reasons and comments

11-in. cavity brickwork Office section Normal values

Carda double windows Office section

Light weight screeds, felt roof covering, marble chippings

SPECIAL ACOUSTICAL TREATMENT

Sound absorption material Location Absorption coefficient Fibreboard ceilings Offices Treatment is in accordance with requirement. Special treatments in teleprinter rooms Acoustic fibreboard tiles and metal trays on ceilings. Cork floors Various public parts including lecture hall and news cinema Location Insulation standard Reasons and comments Windows, double glazing Carda All offices High Fibreboard ceilings helped to reduce sound between floors II-in. cavity walls Various parts

FIRE

Structural precautions

Grade of protection, apparatus

All steelwork encased in concrete
Fire check doors to various sections

Planning precautions

Access for fighting

Normal

Sprinklers

Sprinklers

Reasons and comments

Hose reels and extinguishers placed at points to serve all parts of building

Reasons and comments

Specially-planned throughout to escape staircase from roofs for spectators

REFUSE DISPOSAL

 Method
 Type of refuse
 Waste recovery
 Reasons and comments

 Large container system
 Normal. Office and public building
 Collected by local council

TIME SCHEDULE

Drawings Tender date Contract signed Work commenced Work completed Type of contract

Commenced 1952 Foundations and steel, 1952 Building January, 1954 Immediately Open April, 1956, completion all parts, August, 1956

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RATIOS

Area of enclosing walls		0.3255	Area of windows (including external doors)		0.0945
Total floor area	pan.	1	Total floor area	211	I
Area of solid wall		0.2302	Total roof area		0.488
Total floor area	200	1	Total floor area		1

COST ANALYSIS

The architects were unable to obtain the permission of their clients to disclose the costs. This also applied when the control tower and passenger handling building were illustrated in the JOURNAL. The architect tells us that the building was economical in cost, and that the large quantity of materials used, together with the prestige value, resulted in keen tendering throughout.

SITE ORGANIZATION

Site labour and equipment: Site organization—agents, section foreman, trades foreman, site engineers, quantity surveyors, time keepers, cashiers, first-aid and shorthand-typist. Site equipment—concrete mixers, mortar pans, hoists, compressors, kongo hammers, concrete vibrators, swing circular saws and paint spraying machines.

Sub-letting: Painting, plastering and glazing—normal practice for a large job.

Job management: Main progress chart broken down into various operations, weekly progress charts between site and head office giving estimated progress and actual progress. A director was in charge of contract (T. Freakley) and a senior surveyor based at head office, making daily site visits. Head office departments gave service to the site: plant, buying, engineering, invoice, etc.

CONTRACTORS

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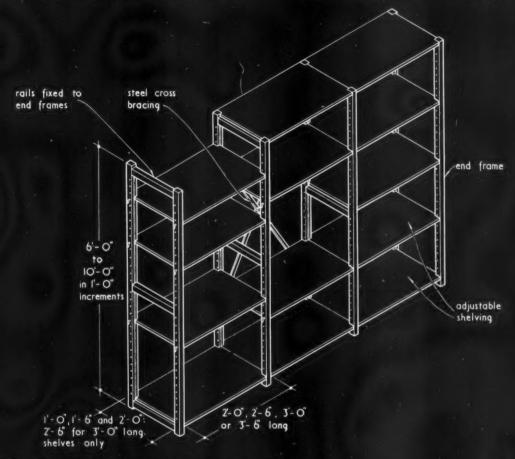
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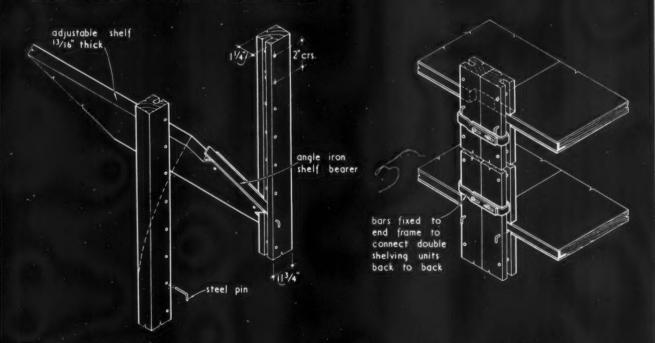


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ISOMETRIC SKETCH OF TYPICAL SHELVING ASSEMBLY.



DETAIL OF ADJUSTABLE SHELF FIXING.

DETAIL OF CONNECTING BARS.

LUNDIA PREFABRICATED INDUSTRIAL TIMBER SHELVING

Manufacturer: Remploy Ltd.

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This Sheet describes Lundia industrial shelving which is available in prefabricated units for building up to form an installation of any size. The design of fixings is simple and the positions of all shelves are adjustable.

Construction

End frames: Manufactured from clear hemlock, these consist of $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. corner posts grooved to take the shelf bearers with $1\frac{1}{4}$ in. by $1\frac{3}{4}$ in. fixed rails at top, bottom and intermediately (one intermediate rail for units up to 8 ft. 0 in. high and two for units over 8 ft. 0 in.). There are holes at 2-in. centres in the corner posts for shelf adjustment

Cross braces: These are in $\frac{1}{2}$ in. by $\frac{3}{16}$ in. steel and one pair is required for a single bay. Where there are a number of bays, braces should be used on alternate bays for heavy loads and less frequently for lighter loads.

Shelves: The shelves are manufactured from selected Scandinavian softwood, kiln-dried to a standard moisture content of 12 per cent. They are $\frac{13}{16}$ in. thick with $\frac{5}{8}$ in. by $\frac{5}{8}$ in. by $\frac{1}{2}$ in. angle iron bearers inserted in the ends, as shown in the detail on the lower face of the Sheet.

Steel pins: Where the flange of the angle bearer projects into the groove in the corner post it is supported on a loose mild steel pin pushed through the holes in the post.

Connecting bars: The mild steel connecting bars are used as shown in the drawing on the lower face of the Sheet to connect ranges of shelving back to back. One pair of bars is used at top and bottom of the corner posts at every 9 ft. 0 in. approximately on a run of shelving.

Size

End frames are available 6 ft. 0 in., 7 ft. 0 in., 8 ft. 0 in., 9 ft. 0 in. and 10 ft. 0 in. high by 1 ft. 0 in., 1 ft. 6 in., 2 ft. 0 in. and 2 ft. 6 in. deep. Shelves are 2 ft. 0 in., 2 ft. 6 in., 3 ft. 0 in. and 3 ft. 6 in. wide by 1 ft. 0 in., 1 ft. 6 in. and 2 ft. 0 in. deep. Shelves 2 ft. 6 in. deep are also available in 3 ft. 0 in. width only.

Fixing

It is usual to fit top and bottom shelves first, but not essential.

Finish

The wood is left white and smooth on all surfaces: any loose or dead knots in the shelves are removed and the holes plugged. All metal parts are cellulose-dipped.

Applications

Each shelf will carry a working load of 500 lb. Owing to the ease with which the shelving can be assembled, installations may be rearranged or extended to meet the requirements of any layout.

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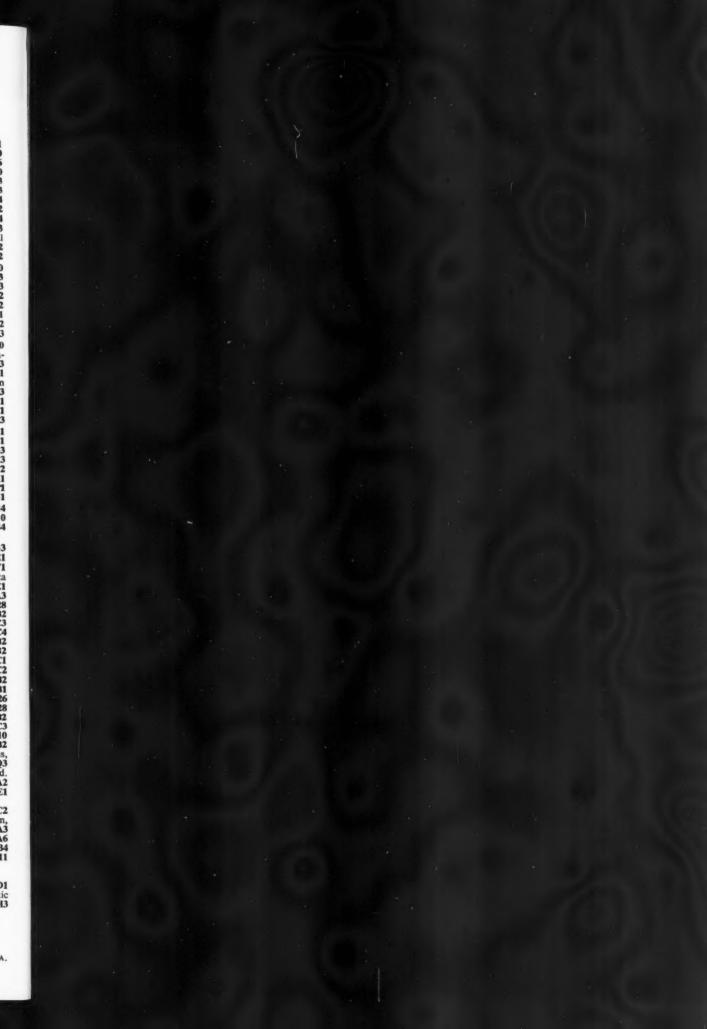
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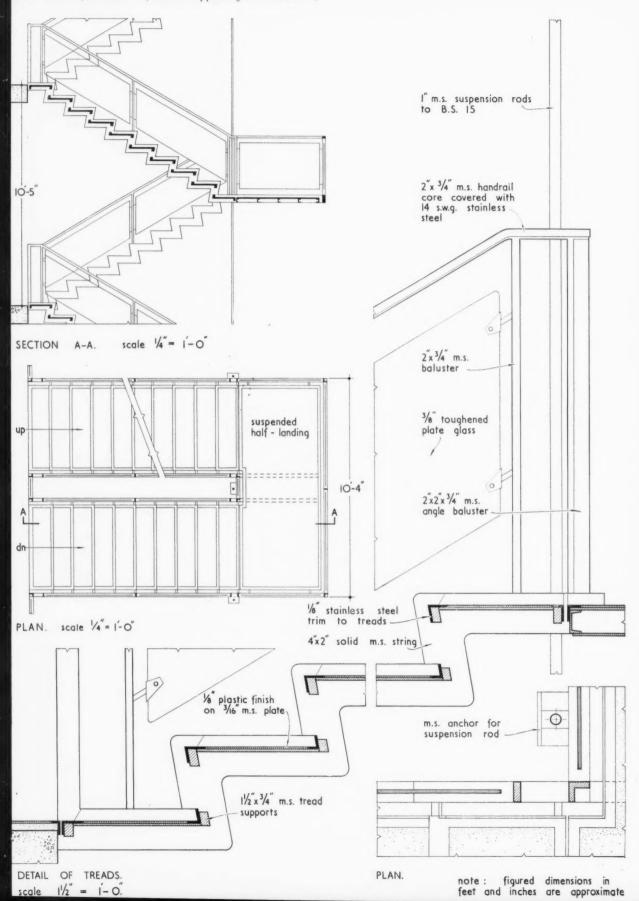
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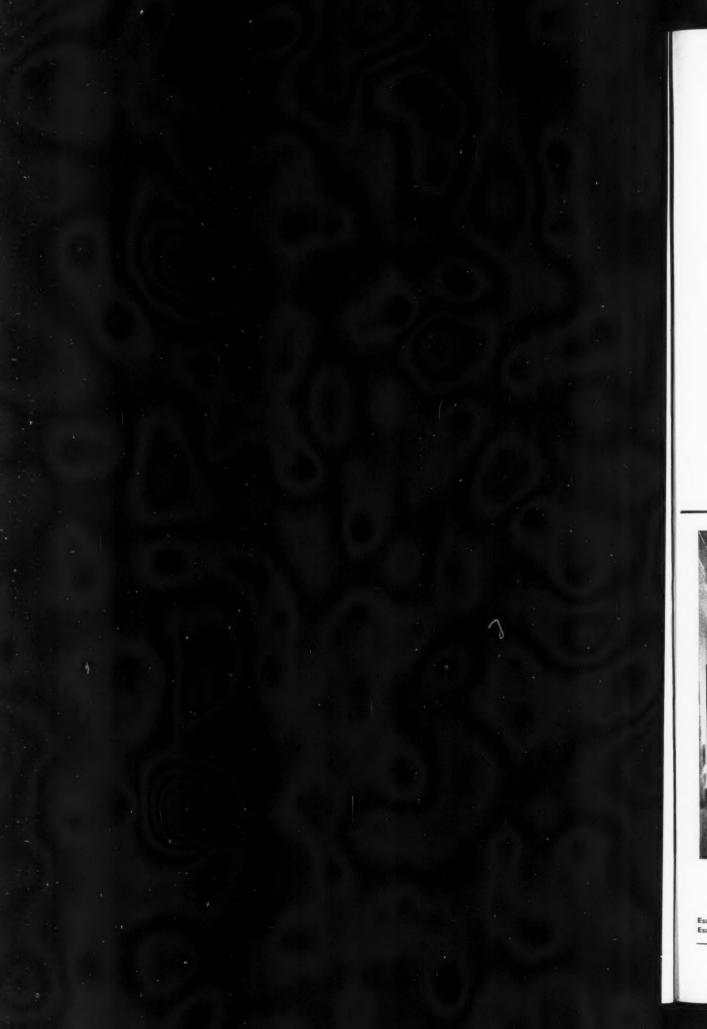
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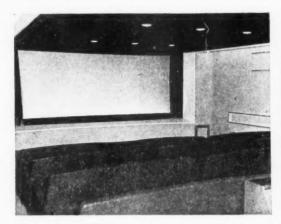
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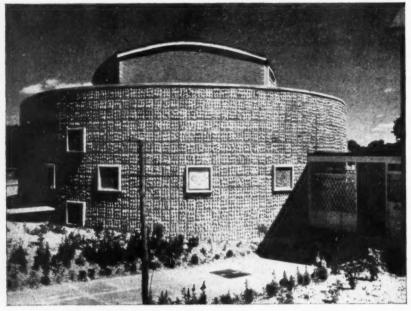
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Announcements

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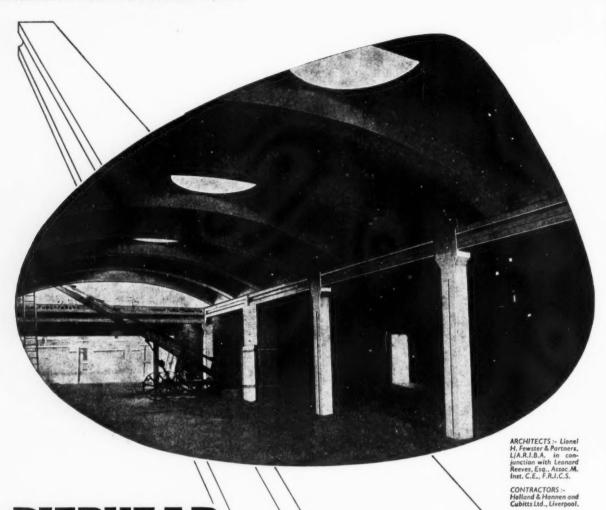
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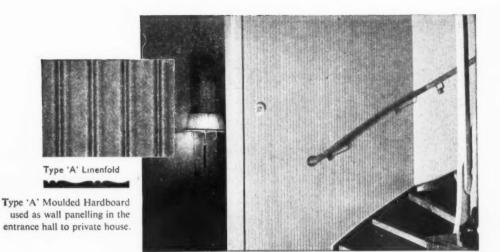
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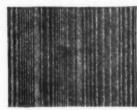
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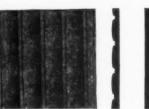
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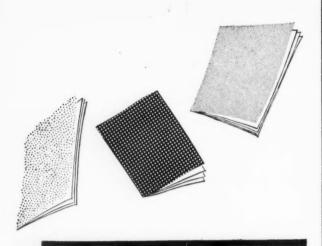
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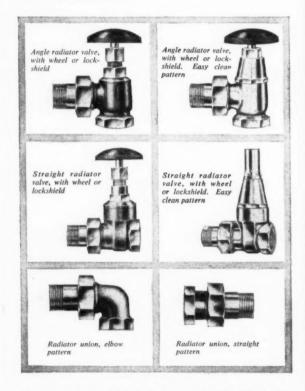


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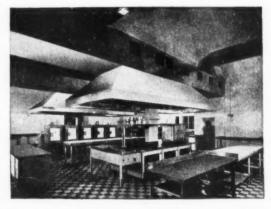
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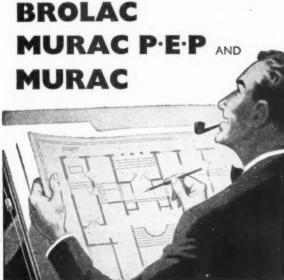
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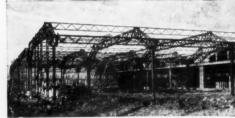
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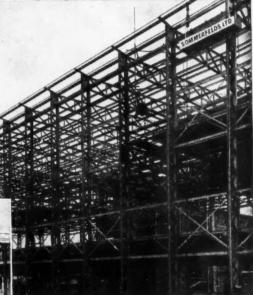
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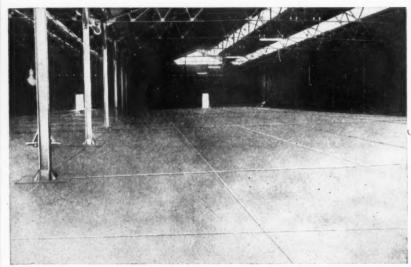
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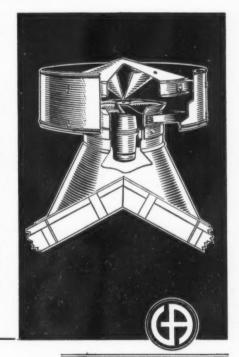
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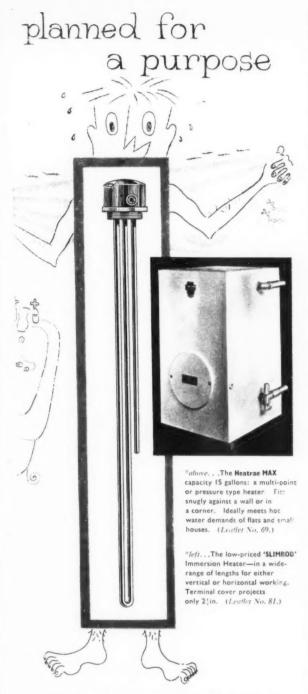
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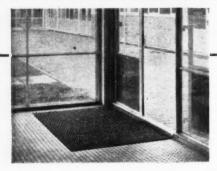
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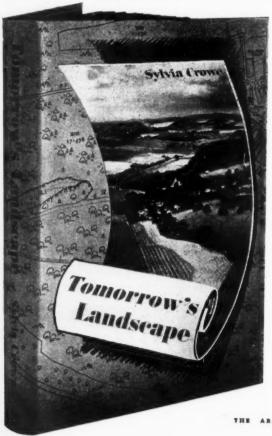
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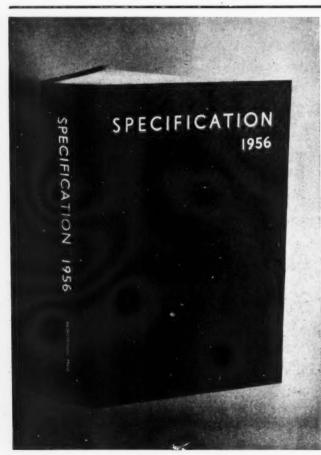
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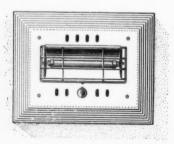
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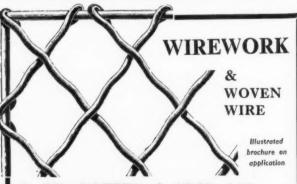
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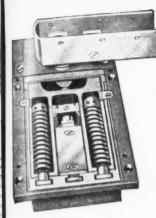
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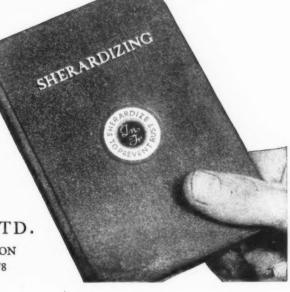
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