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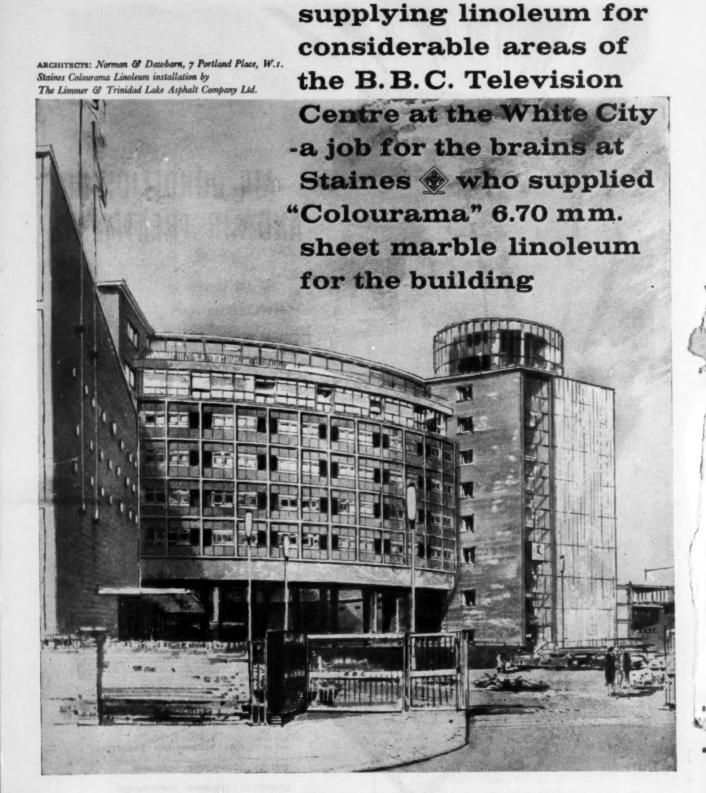
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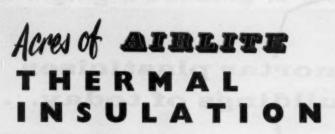
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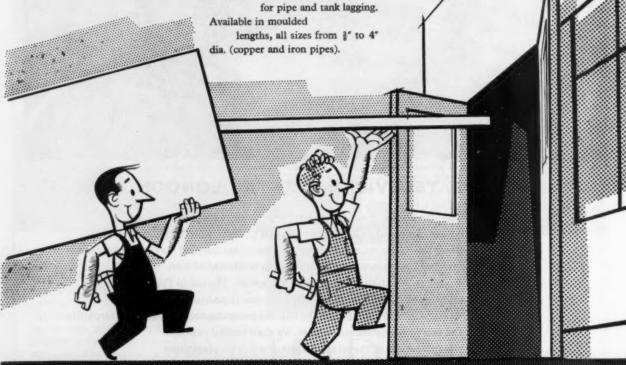
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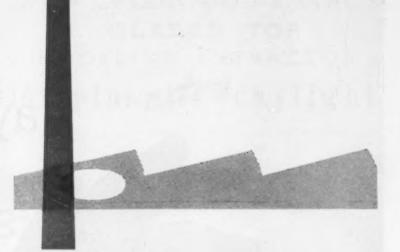
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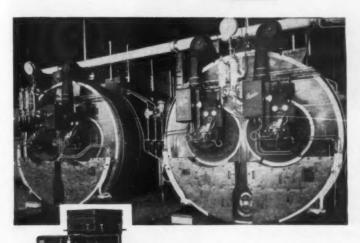
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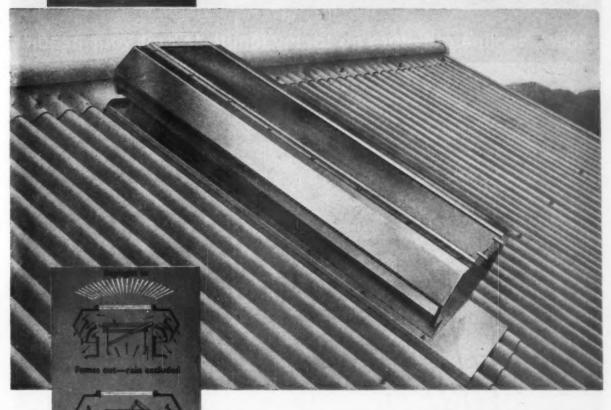
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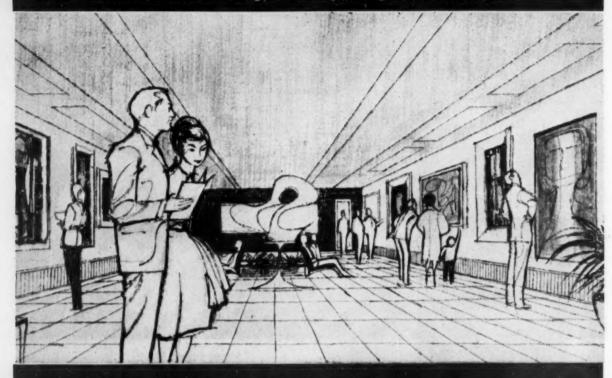
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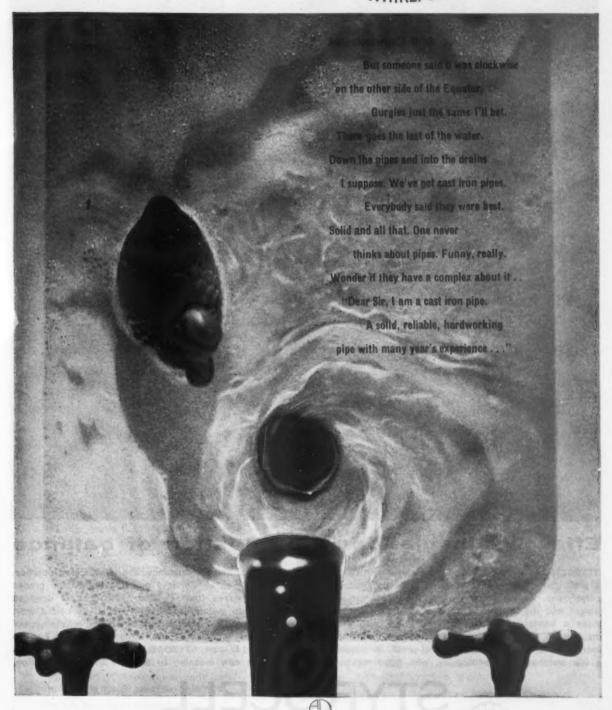


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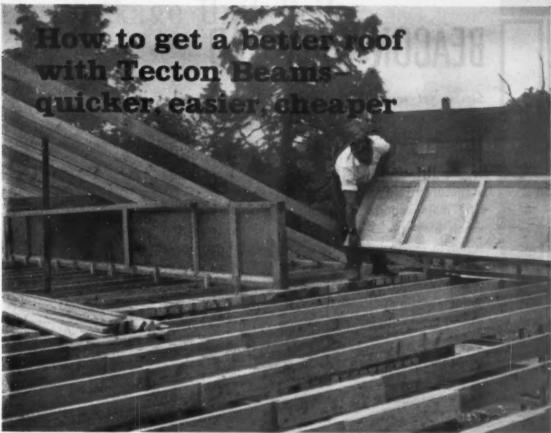


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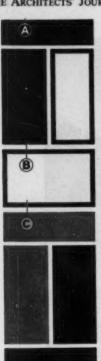
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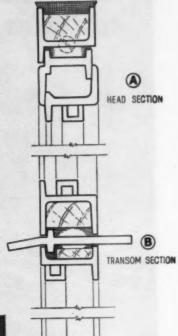


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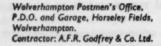
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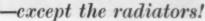
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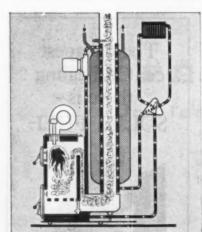
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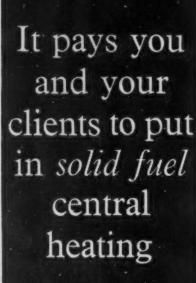
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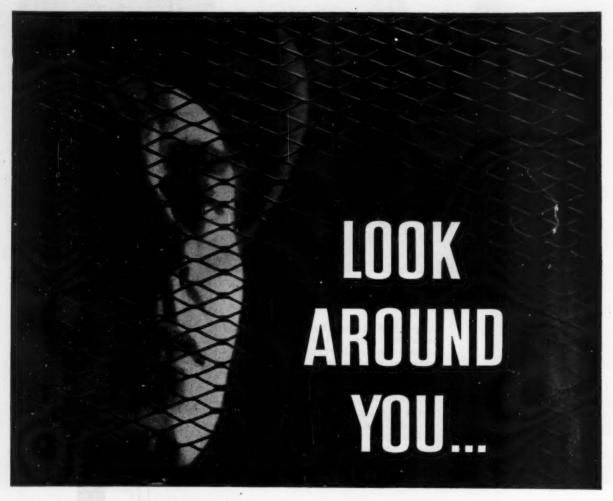
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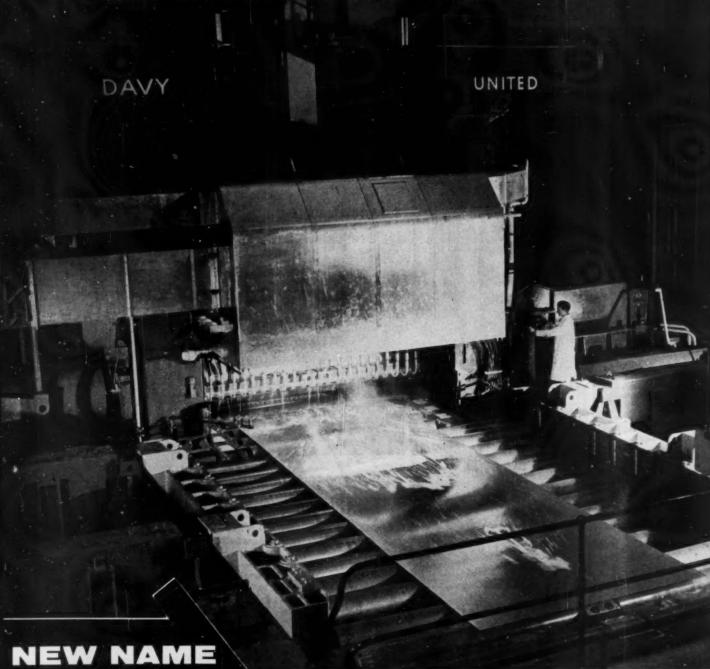
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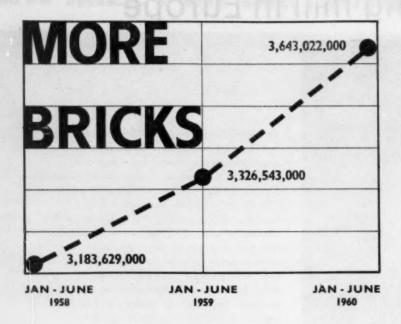
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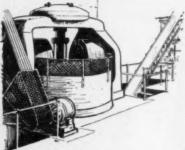
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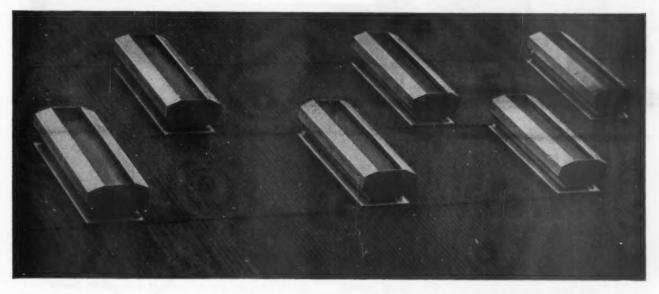
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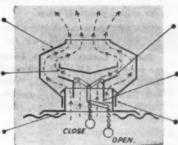
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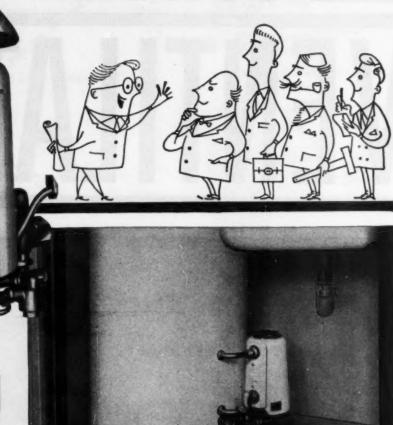
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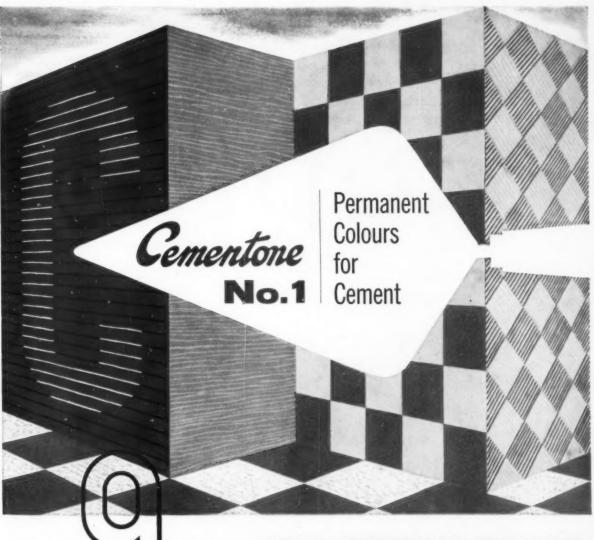
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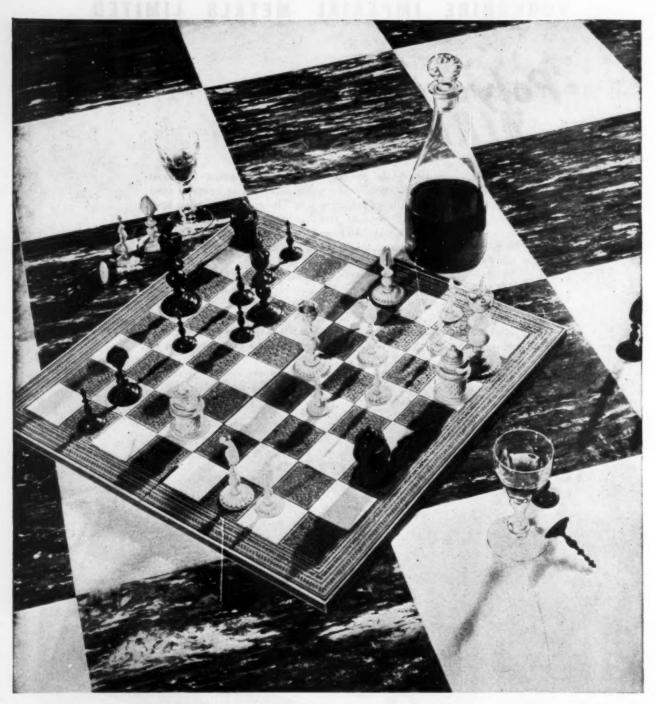
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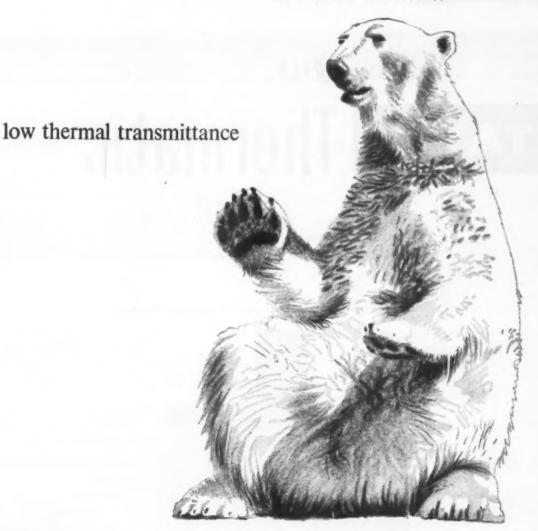
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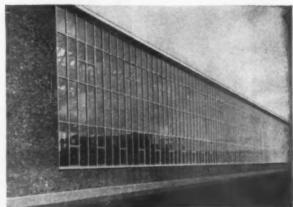
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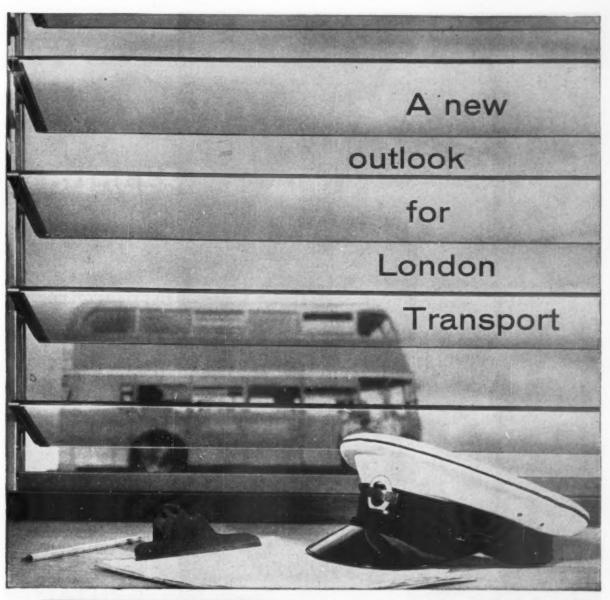


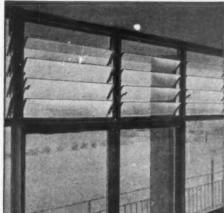
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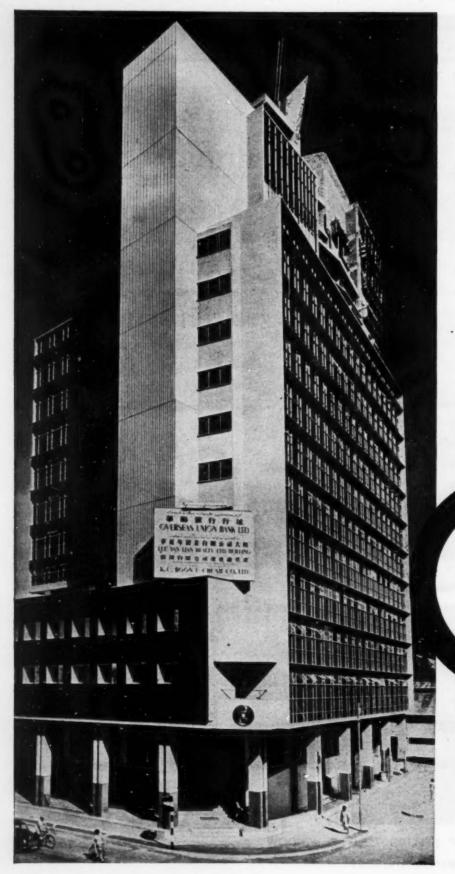
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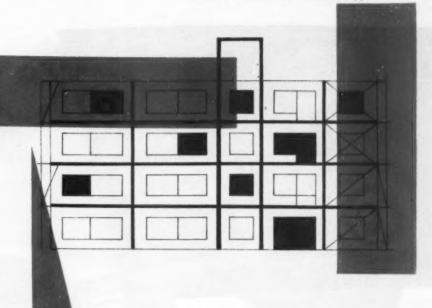
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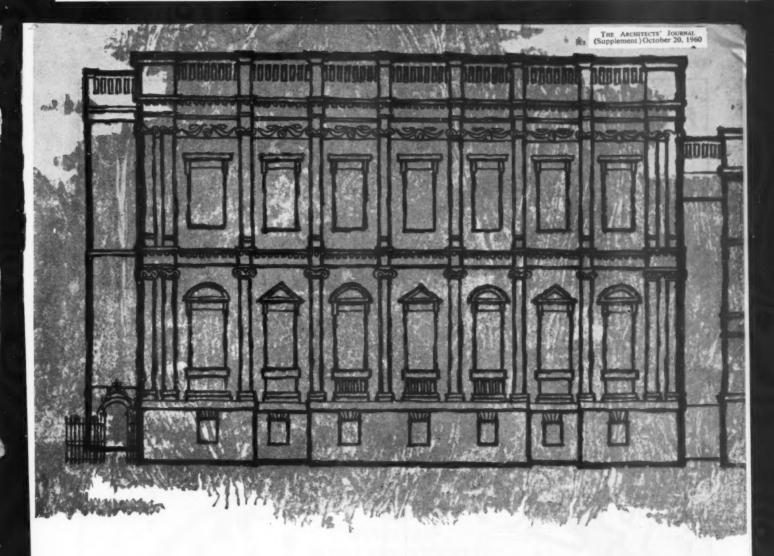
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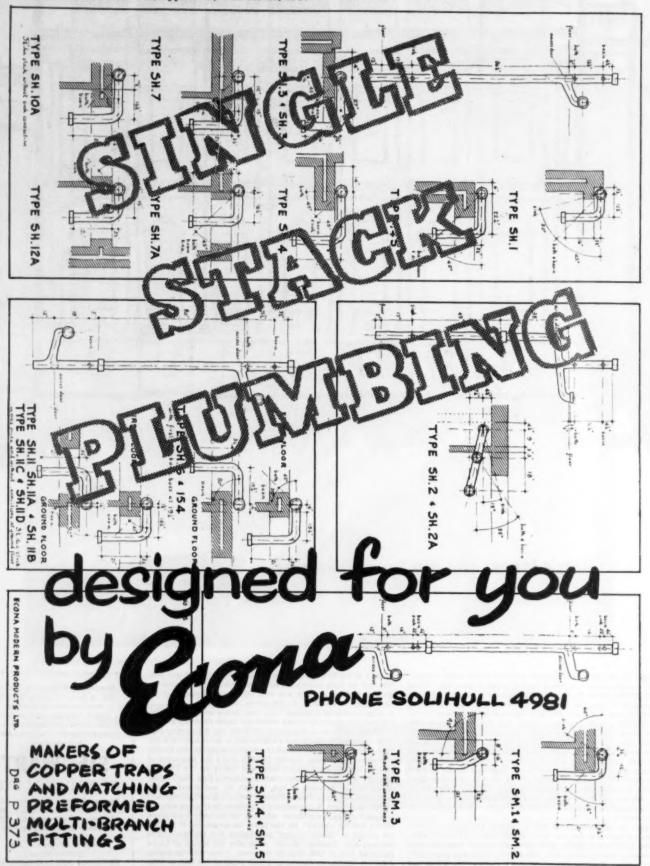
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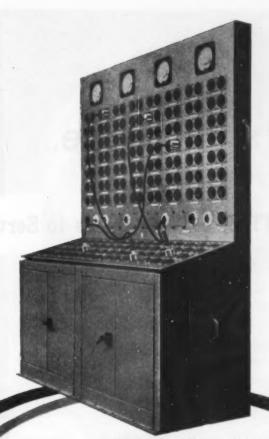
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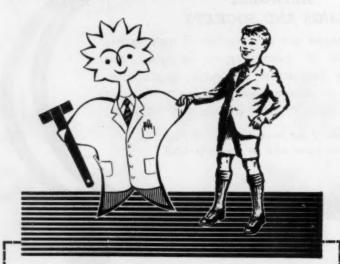


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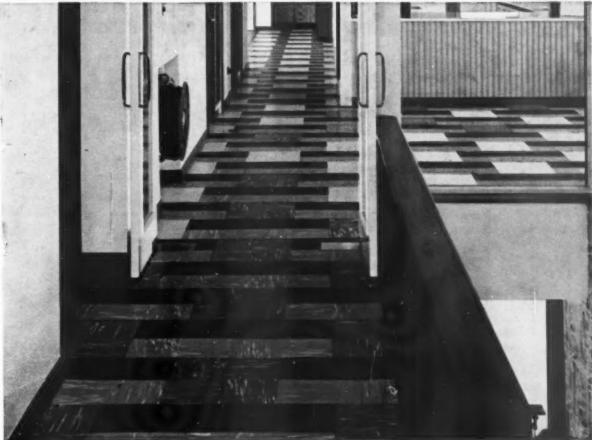
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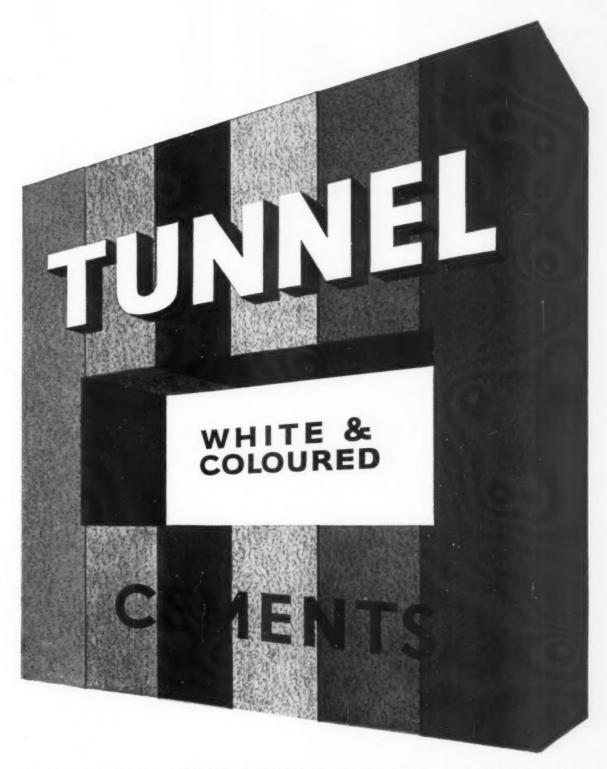
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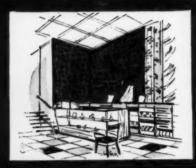
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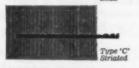
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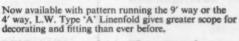
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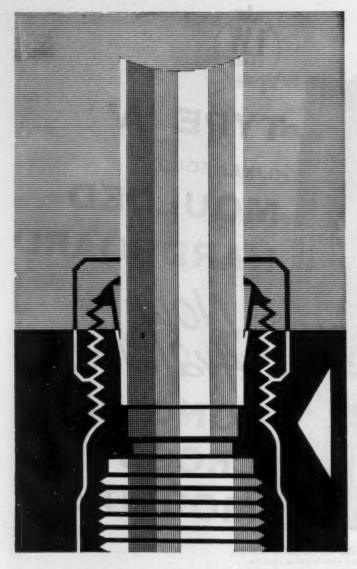
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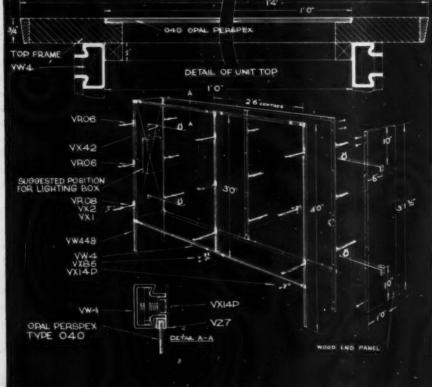
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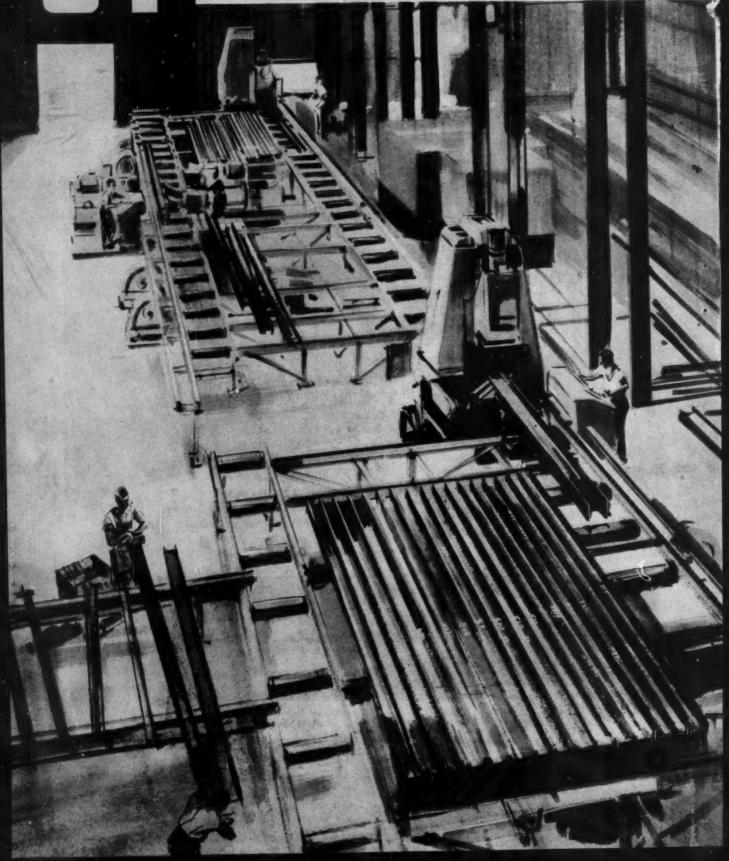




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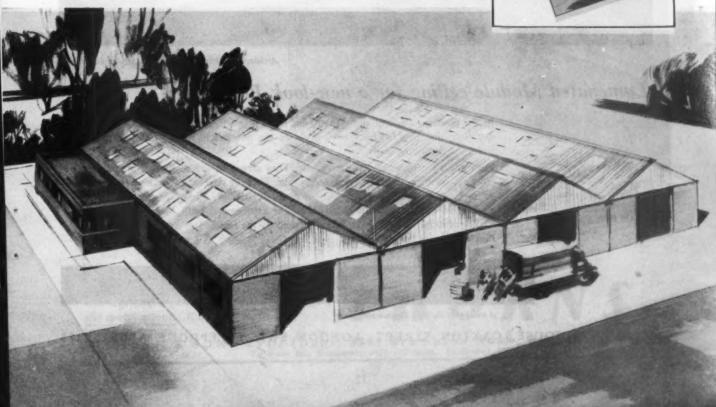


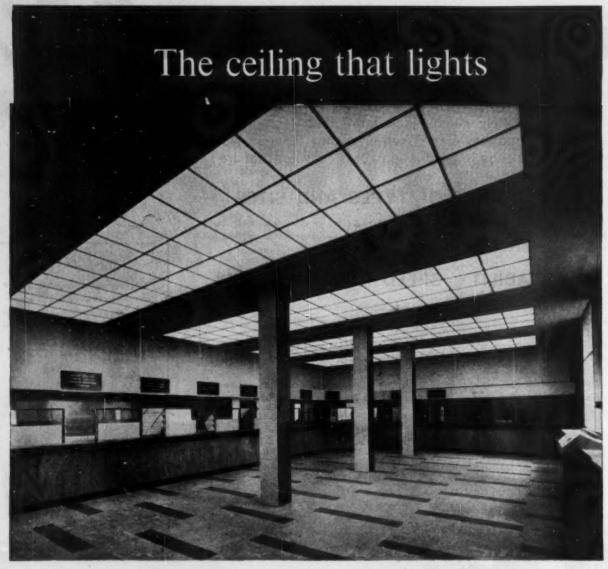
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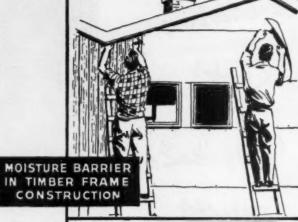
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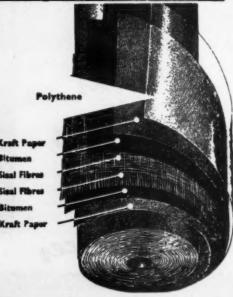
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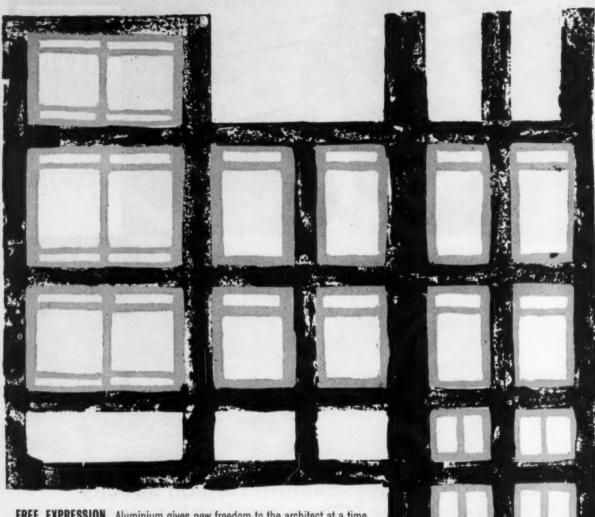
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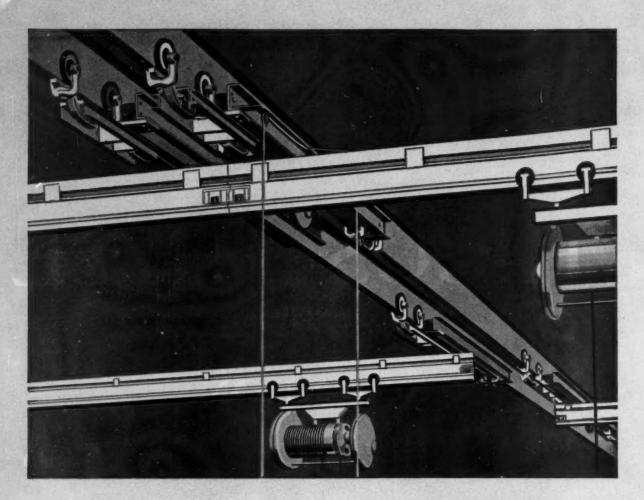
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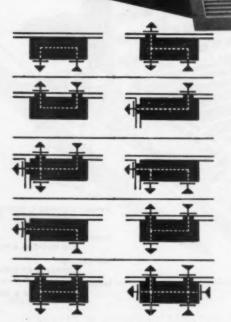
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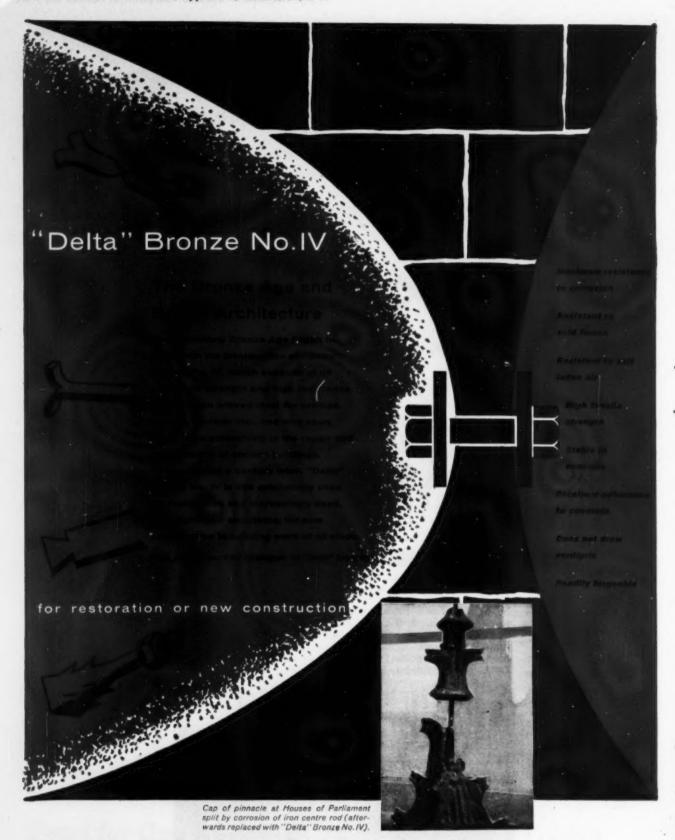
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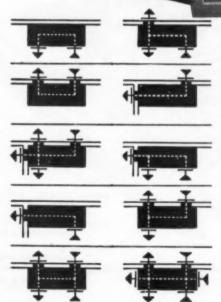
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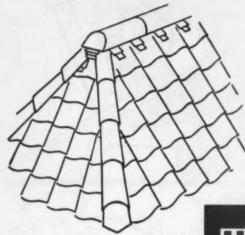
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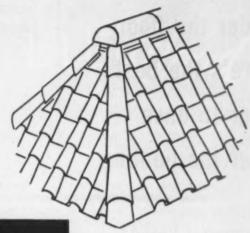
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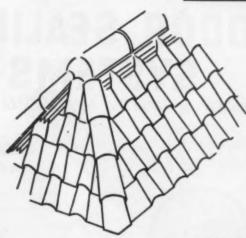
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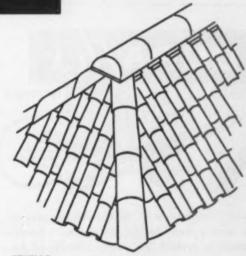




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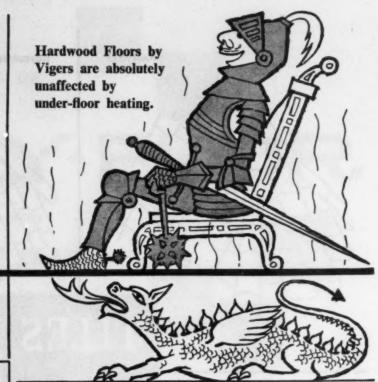
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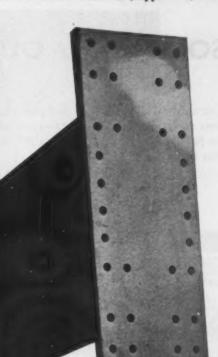
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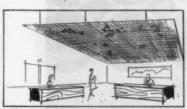
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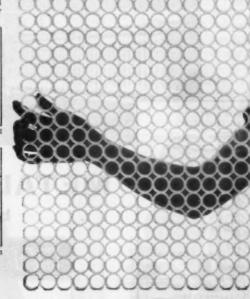
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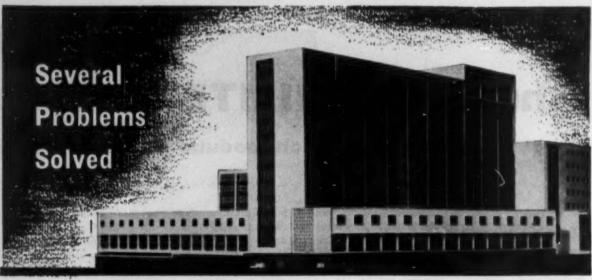


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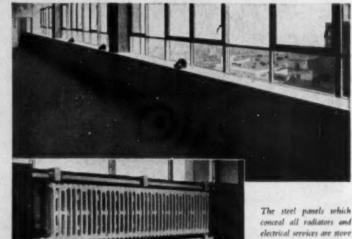
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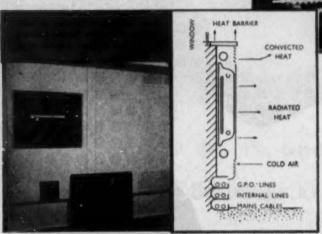
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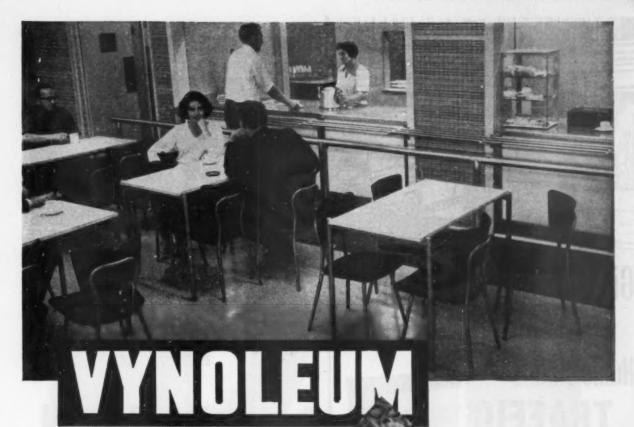
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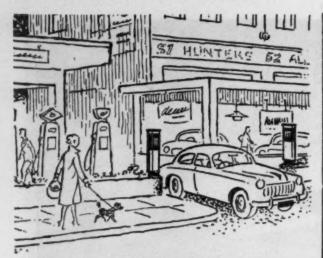
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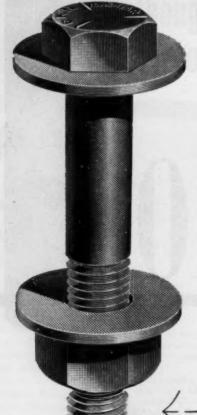
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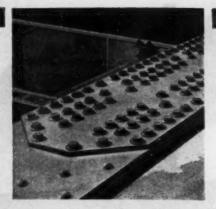
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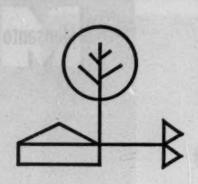
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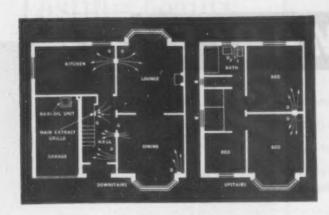
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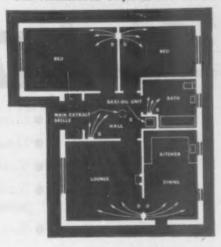
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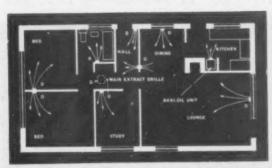
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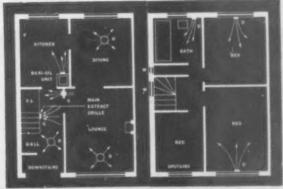
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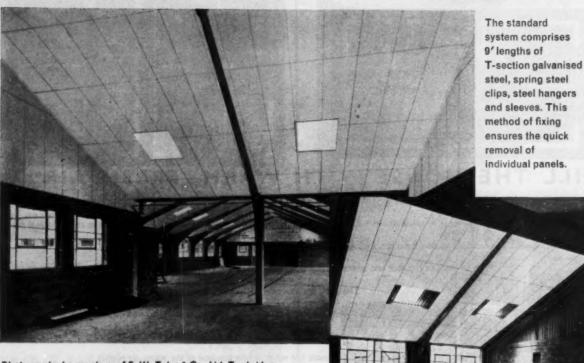
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I feel you are a little young to be contemplating partnership, which is, after all, something meant to last a lifetime. There are bound to be clashes of interest and temperament (we are, don't forget, artists!) and only mutual understanding and sympathy can overcome such differences. The disparity in your ages would make the task much 'more difficult and the result could be disastrous. Why not wait a little longer, until you are absolutely sure in your own mind, one way or the other?

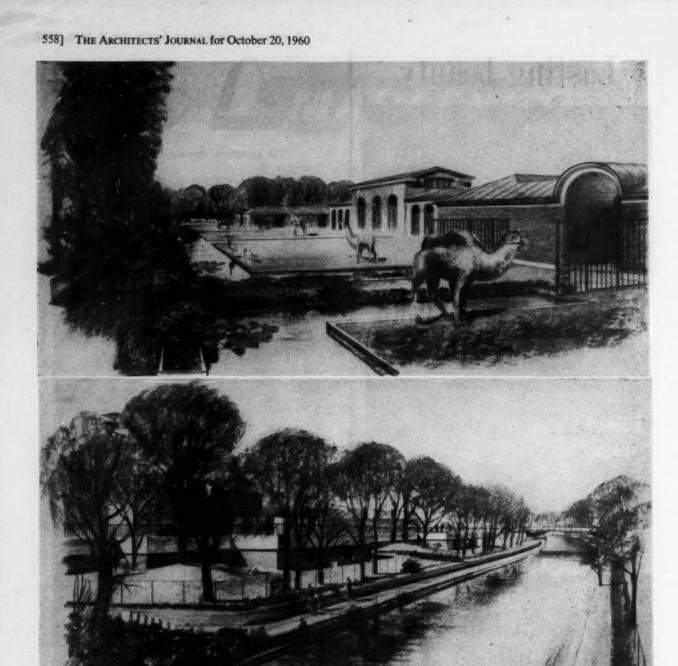
### Growing Problem

In our general office we have a space screen with a climbing plant which is very nice but it won't stop. We recently had to move into bigger premises. Now the office boy is missing. What do you advise?

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### Endless Search

Now that Aldermaston is almost popular, I



My Goodness, My Burton! Too many of the modern buildings in the London Zoo were based more on an elaborate architectural conception than on a careful study of the requirements of the animals, the keepers, and the public. These sketches by Peter Shepheard of his proposals for the new sheds for antelope, okapis, yaks, camels and bison suggest a welcome change in the architect's approach to the problem. The new quarters for yaks, bisons and camels which flank Decimus Burton's Giraffe House, will be derided by sensation-seeking critics and unthinking architects as dull. But how right the architect is to avoid structural pyrotechnics, to conform with Burton's simple shedding and to let the animals themselves dominate. Welcome too is the use of water instead of bars to contain the animals. The lower illustration shows the proposed landscaping, and deer houses, also by Peter Shepheard, along the south bank of the Regent's Canal. Here, unfortunately, fences have had to be used, but Mr. Shepheard hopes to soften the effect of this with planting. See also page 566. Jack Cotton, the developer and head of the firm of architects, Cotton, Ballard & Blow, has given £250,000 for this scheme.

am trying to start a New Movement. Can you suggest anything? I can't join the anti-Uglies because my duffel-coat is at the cleaners. I feel Reaction is the Soul of Youth, don't you?

I have two suggestions to offer, First, a SIN movement (Subtopia is Nice) on the basis that by expressing themselves through visual ugliness, people relieve themselves of inhibitions which otherwise would cause grave psychological disorders leading, ultimately, to outbursts of violence and crime. Alternatively, you could start a campaign on behalf of Town Planning committees, setting out to prove that unqualified, inexperienced, disinterested laymen are the ideal people to judge the work of architects being, as they are, more detached and objective. I think you will find both of these are minority causes, which is presumably what you are seeking.

### Odd Man Out

My professional friends sneer at me because I talk about the "modern style" and the "traditional style" and so on. Some of them have threatened to send me to Coventry, because they say such talk is dangerous. Please help me, in simple terms.

Architects are very sensitive about words these days, and with some justification. "Modern" is really a type of jazz, "Contemporary" a make of furniture, and "Style" is something you put on, to alleviate civic wrath. I suggest you avoid all these words. "In an idiom appropriate to the age" is fairly safe, and if you wish to be disparaging, "Fashionable" has quite a sharp edge. I would avoid using the name Coventry in the sense of the artisan; in your environment, the word has quite different implications.

### The Unwanted

My designs are regularly turned down because they are "out of keeping with the amenity of the district." What is amenity? Can anything be done about it?

Yours is quite a common problem, but unfortunately you don't give enough information for me to help you very much. It would appear, however, that "amenity" in your case is what your designs are out of keeping with. You could try another district.

### In Brief

A.J. (Salop): You have been very silly. I am sending you some Building Research Station pamphlets.

J. Barbican (Stoke): I see no reason why an architect should not be considered a bona fide art student. What did you say the address was?

Senior Partner (W.1): Yes, you did that rather well.

ALAN PLATER

The Editors

### BUILDERS GET THE WIND UP

LAST week E. J. Cook, President of the LMBA, voiced the anxiety which builders feel for their future and, suggesting that architects and quantity surveyors were worried too, called for joint discussions by all three parties. A major cause of the builders' worry is the growth of the practice of building by direct labour. This same week the publishing house set up by the NFBTE has put out a booklet\* pointing out the rise of this practice and roundly condemning it.

There is much to be said for the closer association between builders, quantity surveyors and architects called for by Mr. Cook; but it must be pointed out that on this issue of direct labour the quantity surveyors and architects have a slightly different standpoint to the builders. Traditionally the builders' organizations are primarily concerned, not with technical advancement, but with economic protection. The architects and perhaps the quantity surveyors too, have been through much heart searching regarding the growth of the public employment and the corresponding decline of the independent practice of their members; but, arguing that their main business was to give society the best possible service. they were prepared to take a philosophical view of this great political issue: to grant, therefore, an equal standing to members in the public sector and to private practitioners and to await events. Impartiality does not mean a lack of concern, for the effort of a profession when faced with a problem of this kind must always be to ascertain and protect what is best in both systems of operating and to ensure that the issues which arise between the followers of each should be treated in an objective spirit and without bitterness. The builders are seeking professional status and they are surely right to do this; but the characteristic of a profession is that it puts the public interest first and that of its own members only a good second. The builders as a group are correct to call for an impartial ascertainment of the rights and wrongs of direct labour and they have every right to expect architects and quantity surveyors to help them in this; but, if they are out to scotch building by direct labour merely by exerting political pressure (as the tone of their booklet suggests), then they must go it alone.

\* See news note on page 563

### THREE CHEERS FOR THE PRODIGAL

Henry Brooke, the Minister of Housing and Local Government, is asking local authorities affected for their views on a proposal to build a New Town at Skelmersdale for 80,000 people. This is no new idea, it was put forward some years ago by Lancashire County Council. It would, however, be churlish to complain on this score. Here is most welcome evidence that at last the Government no longer looks on New Towns as a political matter, a piece of socialist planning, but, as an essential factor in the rehabilitation of our over-crowded

out-worn cities. The expanded town programme can hardly be called a great success. It is making its contribution in reducing population density but on far too small a scale, and too slowly, to be endured as the sole source of relief while

housing conditions are so appalling.

We hope that Skelmersdale will be the start of a series of Mark III New Towns, incorporating the planning advances of Cumbernauld and Hook, and planned on a national scale so as to alleviate the overcrowding of the sordid industrial towns of the Midlands and the North, and to counteract the attraction of people and work to the south-east. Such a programme of New Towns, linked with a control of office building similar to that of factories, and co-ordinated with the road and rail policies of the Ministry of Transport, would be proof of the Government's determination to rebuild the outworn towns of the industrial revolution in a manner worthy of the second half of the twentieth century.



WANTED MEN

Since 1958 Bristol's city architect, A. H. Clarke, has been having a lot of staff trouble in spite of the easing of restrictions on capital expenditure. During this time 47 people have left his department and at present he needs 21 architects, three quantity surveyors and five administrative employees. In his biennial report he says that the constant shortage and frequent changes of staff are hindering the work of the department.

There is a general shortage of architects today, but things are particularly bad in public offices because of low pay and local government bumbledom. (So much for the exhortations of the AJ's guest editors in 1952.) There's a lot to be said for the well-known CLASP organisation, in the Midlands, which makes sure that the maximum number of design chores are standardised and that the individual, however inexperienced, gets responsibility and a commensurate salary.

### INFECTIOUS EFFICIENCY

Technical journalists often find they ought to be in two places at onceperhaps at a plumbers' ball and an RIBA meeting. The editors of building papers met members of the Institute of Public Relations last week to discuss ways of preventing clashes of events. It was suggested that a comprehensive diary should be prepared, so that anyone wishing to organise a meeting could be sure of avoiding days on which there would be counter-attractions. Another sensible suggestion was made-that a list of companies, products and PRO's should be compiled. Although this register would be principally for editors, it could result in a better information service for architects. (It sounds just the job for information man Dargan Bullivant). The enterprising editors behind these proposals are Norman Jenkins, of the Master Builder, and Arnold Whittick, of Building Materials.

IMAGINATIVE ARTISTS WANTED

When the JOURNAL published two advertisements depicting men ignoring safety regulations on building sites, an alert reader spotted the mistakes and encouraged us to get in touch with ROSPA. The association agreed that in these advertisements various sections and sub-sections were being contravened by men standing on corrugated asbestos sheet without crawling boards. or inspecting a job without toe-boards and handrails. Since then the deputy chief inspector of factories has consulted the NFBTE, whose press officer has asked the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising to keep an eye on this sort of thing.

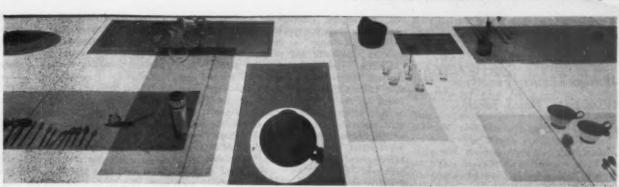
That sounds fine. But let us hope the IPA won't ask its members to get their facts right by doing their drawings on the site. The regulations are, in fact, often ignored. Stanley Bonham, London organiser of the Plumbing Trades Union and author of the first building workers guide to the safety regulations, says that although the big contractors are very much interested in safety for business reasons, the small builder—even 15 miles out of London—frequently reveals an almost complete absence of safety standards.

### BETTER BUILDING FOR BOYS

If you look at this week's information centre (page 578) you will find details of an excellent handbook written by a layman for laymen on the building of boys' clubs. This modest publication, issued by the National Association of Boys' Clubs, is a lucidly-written guide to the procedures involved, including the architect's briefing. We could do with similar publications to help the layman know more about other types of building.

### CERAMBIC PROCLOVATIONS

Colin Rowe's writing is often (a) baffling and (b) worthwhile. It is much more (a) than (b) in the Cambridge Review piece about the Sidgwick Avenue scheme, by Sir Hugh Casson and Neville Conder. The article appears to say that this is the first modern building put up by the University, but that you can't see it because there's a high wall in front of it. Both statements are true. But was it necessary to introduce this coy note about modernity after nearly 3,000 words of preamble?



The Finmar show of hotel-ware at the Tea Centre (See "Winter Draws" below.)

The following is a good sample of what had gone before.

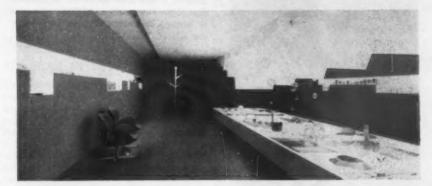
... whatever practical or aesthetic virtues we think we apprehend in the building which occupies our attention, our discernment is prone to be directed by considerations quite extraneous to its use or shape. A building insinuates a subliminal argument. We are always swayed—generally more than we know—by a connotational significance.

Yes, I can see what it means—though I'm not so sure about some other passages—but what a palaver! Was the whole thing an elaborate joke about University English? Was it, perhaps, written in Neo-Georgian so the initiated would know what the author really thought about the Casson-Conder architecture? Or did Mr. Rowe originally set out to write about something else? One thing is clear. This sort of writing won't help us in the fight for better architecture in the universities.

### WINTER DRAWS

There are too many good exhibitions on in London at the moment, but the following are my private nap selection:

The Sir Charles Barry Centenary exhibition at the RIBA includes drawings of all sorts (from sketch to contract) by the most professional architect we produced in the last century. They show the enormous competence he had in organising complex plans and composing vast façades, and the pyrotechnical skill with which he manipulated stylistic detail from all periods. There is absolutely nothing to suggest what we would call an artistic personality these



days: everything looks like the work of a carefully hand-picked committee except the early Travellers' Club.

At the Royal Academy is a massive. bludgeoning sort of exhibition of the work of our greatest painting francophile, Sir Matthew Smith—a man with a three-track mind; nudes, fruit and flowers. There are a few landscapes, but the whole thing was summed up by a leading art-journalist (I bet he never says this in print) as The Gulley Jimson Show. This is unfair to Smith as a person, but his pictures are much more the sort that would have been painted by the hero of The Horse's Mouth than those Brutal-Bratby's we saw in the film.

The Finmar display of hotel-ware at the Tea Centre includes the usual elegant products, brilliantly displayed by Stefan Busas. It is for the trade only, so use your headed paper and fiddle a ticket. That dull room at the back of the Tea Centre has never been better used.

### NEW DEPUTY PLANNER

As we go to Press ASTRAGAL learns that Walter Bor has been appointed deputy planning officer under L. W. Lane at the LCC. Mr. Lane, a surveyor-planner, has, since he succeeded Arthur Ling in the post, done a tre-

mendous job in fighting for threedimensional comprehensive planning. Doubts expressed at Queen Anne's Gate about his appointment have proved unjustified. Supported by an architect-planner in Walter Bor, Lane will be able to form the team he needs to solve the world's hardest planning problem.

### UNCONSCIONABLE TIME A-HATCHING

The incubatory period of the school for the joint training of architects, surveyors, engineers and builders must be the longest since the last roc hatched. Engineer-builder E. J. Crouch, president of the London Master Builders' Association, paid the customary tribute to the idea in a speech to fellow builders last week. He then continued with a few words on leadership. "We cannot accept," he said, "that in these days of rapid progress there is any 'Divine right of kings' in our industry. Leadership must be by example, not by inheritance." It is now also customary it seems for builders to tell architects to pull their socks up or get out of the way, or be absorbed by the boys who know their stuff. RIBA research activities haven't come a moment too soon, if architecture isn't to revert to façade dressing or expensive monuments for the odd client indulging in an occasional folly.

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Peterlee



Lubetkin's plan for Peterlee Centre.

SIR: The progress report from Peterlee (AJ, 29.9.60) will arouse memories and interest for many architects previously employed by the Development Corporation. Lubetkin's "despair" was experienced by other architect-planners who followed him. Lubetkin's original plan in 1948 was similar in conception to the South West Area of Peterlee in 1960. Failure to produce such urbanity at the time was due to the inability of the architects to cope with local political influences and prejudices and the remote control of both the Central and Development Board administrations.

The National Coal Board permitted an area known as Thorntree-Gill to be developed free from complications in 1950: had Lubet-kin illustrated his proposals by actual building there would have been no need for despair for the future of the town. It is amusing to recall that "the red brick semis' sprawl" which supplanted his idea, drawn by the Corporation architects in collaboration with Grenfell Baines, was awarded the Ministry of Housing and Local Government medal.

The outcome of the South West, Chapel Hill and Dene House areas of urbanity development when they are completed will be eagerly examined by local authorities and private development companies, though some private developers will recall similar urbanity schemes at Ham Court, Richmond. Surrey.

It is hoped that technical representatives will visit these sections of the new town as photographs, sometimes taken from impossible angles, may be misleading.

The forthcoming cost analysis of these subsidised schemes in the AJ will be of vital interest, for unless building construction, landscaping, maintenance and administration costs are proved reasonable, the "wind of change" at Peterlee will remain an experiment and perhaps later a "hurricane" embarrassment to the authority who will eventually control the town. New Town administration under the New Towns Act 1946 is in need of change: over the years progress in constructional development, especially housing, has been retarded with monotonous regularity by the changing central government administration, Development Board personnel and the bank rate.

It will be interesting too to follow the progress of a new town under the administration of the Northumberland County Council at North Killingworth. Perhaps it may earn the title of "Mark III."

W. J. SCOTT

South Shields, Co. Durham

### Craftsmen's Furniture



SIR: Whilst we are in full agreement with much of the criticism expressed by John and Sylvia Reid of the Craftsmen's furniture (AJ, October 6), we feel that in the penultimate sentence they are guilty of a fundamental mistake.

The education programme they advocate has the disadvantages, inherent in all corrective educational policies of this sort, of being able only to go skin deep. In this exhibition, for instance, there were examples of the misunderstanding which can arise from undigested knowledge of this sort.

The skill and sympathy of the Danish craftsmen is deep rooted in an uninterrupted tradition. Their ability stems from something which is unselfconscious, and to suggest that a course of design lectures from a well-meaning demagogue would have any effect but to add to the confusion is absurd. Whatever is to be the fate of British craftsmanship, it will be resolved by the craftsmen themselves. If they reach for better things, they will do so in spite of the chaos which surrounds them, in spite of opinions thrust upon them, and the din of mass pub-

licity. If they learn' they will learn from example, and what they finally express should be what they sincerely believe and not what they are expected to believe. Surely any other situation would be a mere contrivance.

One encouraging thing did emerge from the exhibition. Whatever failings they may have in design ability, British craftsmen still possess great feeling for the material in which they work. This alone seemed to offer hope for the future.

It is sad to reflect that the writers of the article themselves have been as guily if not more guilty than the craftsmen, of the practices they so heavily censure. The enclosed brochure (illustrated here) is eloquent of how deeply the ideals which they expressed are connected with their practice. The furniture depicted attributed to John and Sylvia Reid, is hardly indicative of the fundamental appreciation of design for which they call.

Their message to craftsmen is a pious one, but this is an age of pious messages, and craftsmen, like anyone else, look for more practical demonstrations of principle than empty phrases.

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### F.L.W. Exhibition

SIR: The information on page 296 of the August 25 issue of The Architects' Journal was incorrect. The Frank Lloyd Wright exhibition at the Milan Triennale was designed under contract to the United States Information Service by myself and Walter McQuade.

The room in which the exhibition was shown was adapted handsomely by Professor Scapa to contain this exhibition, with certain modifications and changes requested by Mr. McQuade and myself.

PAUL GROTZ

New York

### DIABT

The Landscape of Industry: Power. A paper by Sylvia Crowe at the ILA, 1 Park Crescent, W.1. 6.30 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

Planning in Relation to Tall Buildings. Discussion on tall buildings organised by the LCC at the Brixton School of Building, Ferndale Road, S.W.4. 6.45 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

The Cage of Cacophony. Talk by Edward Playne at the AA. 34/36, Bedford Square, W.C.1. 8 p.m.

OCTOBER 26

The Architect and the Building Contract. A course of five weekly lectures by Donald Keating at The Building Centre, Store Street, W.C.I. Fee for the course: £1. Applications for admission shou'd be addressed to the Secretary, Brixton School of Building, Ferndale Road, S.W.4. First lecture 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER I



### **NEW TOWNS**

### Skelmersdale

Local authorities in Lancashire have received a letter from the Minister of Housing, consulting them about the Government's proposal to establish a New Town at Skelmersdale, as he is bound to do under the New Towns Act.

The letter reviews the need for very largescale development to meet Liverpool's problems, pointing out that the City of Liverpool alone contains over 80,000 slum and near slum houses, and densities are such that many thousands of people will have to be rehoused elsewhere. There is also an overspill problem in North Merseyside.

The Minister reminds the local authorities of the need to restrict development on the edge of the built-up area and says that the scale and urgency of the problem are such that he has decided to pursue the proposal for a New Town, originally put forward by Lancashire County Council.

A map is enclosed which shows an area around the present village of Skelmersdale in which, according to the Minister's calculations, room could be found for some 80,000 peop'e, with industry, shopping, public services, recreational and other amenities. The local authorities have been asked to reply to the proposal within two months, when he will decide whether to go ahead with the scheme.

### Scots press for New Town

Renewed pressure for another New Town for Scotland is being put upon Lord Craigton, Minister of State for Scotland, by Glasgow Corporation, and by the Clyde Valley Regional Planning Committee. A deputation of Glasgow councillors met Lord Craigton in the summer but was unable to persuade him that Glasgow's overspill of between 200,000 and 300,000 urgently requires the establishment of another new town.

The Corporation is now seeking a further interview with Mr. Maclay, Secretary of State for Scotland.

### Jobs near Glasgow

The financial help available to industrialists wishing to set up or expand their business in Glasgow's overspill area is outlined in a leaflet entitled "Industry and Overspill" issued last week by the Department of Health for Scotland in conjunction with the Board of Trade.

As long as Glasgow remains a development district, firms which increase the number of jobs in overspill reception areas can apply for financial help under the 1960 Local Employment Act. The leaflet lists the towns and counties which have overspill agreements with Glasgow.

### NETBE

### Building in 1961

The amount of building work in 1961 is expected to be about 2 to 3 per cent above the amount for 1960, according to estimates by the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, and as the industry is already enjoying full employment, they foresee this increase as being matched by a similar increase in output per man.

Since the increase is expected to come in "a few heavy-spending industries like iron and steel and motor vehicles," however, the report says that "if any one of these ran into difficulties the figure . . . might be reduced appreciably." In view of the present plight of the motor industry, this admission must cast doubt on the likelihood of any overall increase, since the increase in these industries is expected to be 12 per cent, more than cancelling out expected reductions in other sectors.

Of housing the NFBTE comments: "The decline in the local authority housing programme is expected to continue. This decline should... be offset by a corresponding increase in private housebuilding for

In the public sector, other than housing, the report points out that the Government aims to hold expenditure at the 1960 level. "Thus it is fairly certain that educational and road building will increase, while work on such projects as power stations and civic buildings may decline," the total result being a small overall increase.

No change in the Government's credit policy now would seriously affect the amount of building work next year. It is interesting to note, however, that, despite the credit squeeze, bank advances to builders and contractors have increased by nearly 50 per cent in the last 12 months.

Of materials requirements, the report forecasts heavier demand for cement for the road programme and a tendency to substitute concrete for clay tiles and aggregate for concreting sand.

But the only serious shortage is of bricks. Brick production this year has been lower than was hoped for, and the report quotes the Ministry of Works admission that brick stocks at the end of July had sunk to "about 3-4 days' supply," and that

there is acute labour shortage in the brick-yards.

### LANCASHIRE CPRE

### Battle of the Pylons

The disfigurement of stretches of wild and otherwise unspoiled country by pylons of the Super-Grid Scheme is the major issue, along with the preservation of green belts, on which the CPRE in Lancashire have fought a useful, but still losing battle in the past year.

Their Annual Report records as the most important single event the submission of Lancash're C.C.'s Green Belt proposals to the MOHLG, which will now be the subject of a public inquiry. It goes on to record a series of "major engagements" in the effort to prevent the countryside being dominated by the towers and heavy cables of the Super-Gr'd Scheme.

The Minister, they point out, only gave approval to this scheme "with considerable reluctance," and the Central Electricity Board has been very actively on the defensive.

The report comments, "The profits of the industry go up year by year and until those in charge accept their responsibility to devote a substantial sum from these to the avo'dance of disfigurement, local councils and amenity societies should press for public inquiries where the industry is obliged to justify its proposals in relation to the diminishing assets of the nation in terms of natural beauty."

### BRICKS

### Packaged and Perforated

Packaged bricks and perforated bricks were warmly recommended to the interest of brick making firms by Lord John Hope, the Minister of Works, when he opened the new brickworks at Kibblesworth, Co. Durham, last Thursday (October 13).

He described the situation where perforated bricks are concerned as "a vicious circle. Brick makers are naturally reluctant to make perforated bricks which might require the installation of comparatively expensive machinery, until they can see a market for them.

"Architects on the other hand are reluctant to specify them, until they know they are available in sufficient quantities and of good quality."

He urged architects and brick makers to "find ways of co-operating with one another and with the builders to press forward this development" which would show great economies over traditional cavity walling.

He also urged brick makers to take up the question of packaging bricks, and called their attention to the B.R.S. Digest (No. 121) on this subject.

The new brick works at Kibblesworth is expected to produce 450,000 brieks a week, with an output of 4,500 per operative compared with the national average of under 2,000.

### HURST PARK

### LCC Offer

The chairman of the L.C.C. Parks Committee told a questioner at the October meeting of the Council that Hurst Park race-course at Esher would be a valuable addition to the Green Belt, and that the L.C.C. had informed Surrey County Council that London would be prepared to contribute to the cost of acquiring the land for playing fields.

The decision of the Minister of Housing and Local Government on the recent public inquiry into the use of this stretch of riverside land is now awaited.

### LCC

### Londoners in New Towns

The chairman of the L.C.C. housing committee gave these figures of the number of London families which have moved to New Towns and expanding towns:

New Towns: 3,116 families have been housed in new towns from the Council's industrial list, of which 1,744 were on the Council's waiting list and 1,372 were on borough council waiting lists or borough council tenants.

14,000 other families have moved out to New Towns.

Expanded towns: the L.C.C. expects to rehouse 28,000 families in the expanded towns under the Town Development Act 1952, and has so far rehoused 3,138 families.

The L.C.C. now owns 20,474 houses and 84,597 flats in the County, and 82,549 outcounty houses and 11,930 flats.

### SOCIAL SURVEY

### Students at Stevenage

Fifty students from Birmingham School of Architecture have just completed a social survey of Stevenage New Town in co-operation with the Institute of Community Studies.

First briefed by Peter Willmott, deputy director of the Institute, the students took a questionnaire to some 500 Stevenage residents, selected by a recognised sampling technique. The local Press had already given news of the proposed survey, and very few of the sample refused to be interviewed.

The questionnaire asked for information about family and friend relationships, neighbourliness, class and political relationships and the effect on all these of having moved to the new town.

It also sought to find out what the "neighbourhood unit" means to those who live in one, their shopping habits, attitude to neighbours, distance from the town centre; and further questions dealt with the individual house, and what the residents thought about density, privacy, size of garden, what they liked or disliked and what improvements they could suggest in arrangement or design. The results are now being analysed by the Institute of Community Studies and will be published in the new year.

The exercise was devised by Anthony Goss and David Walters of Birmingham School of Architecture, to acquaint students with methods of social investigation and give them first hand experience of consumer reactions.

### TRAFFIC SEGREGATION

### Exhibition in Amsterdam

Paul Ritter's international traffic segregation exhibition opened for a fortnight in Amsterdam on October 6, in the fine cloister of the Academie van Bouwkunst, and the Genootschap Architectura et Amicitia invited Mr. Ritter to lecture at the opening and introduce the exhibition.

The lecture was illustrated with slides dealing with the various sections of the exhibition, from entire new towns based on the principle of segregation, to housing estates and the centres of old towns, as well as Mr. Ritter's own proposals for introducing segregation in a typical inter-war estate. The schemes and reports, he pointed out, were the work of pioneers in the field, but most bore traces of committees restricting the scope of the architect. Mr. Sakema, whose Lijnbaan was a notable forerunner to most of the schemes shown, introduced Mr. Ritter, and after the opening of the exhibition, the meeting resumed for a lively session of questions and discussion.

### BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME

### No 1960 Scholarship in Architecture

The Faculty of Architecture of the British School at Rome has announced that none of the eight designs submitted in the competition to design a University library reached a standard which would justify the award of a Rome Scholarship.

The basic fault of all the designs lay in the lack of careful analysis of the subject set and of research into its requirements, the consequence of which was failure in logical and suitable planning.

Few of the designs showed appreciation of quality in presentation, nor in the main did they make the designer's intentions easily apparent.

### MOH

### Development Group

Three members of the Ministry of Health Development Group are moving on to University and Regional Hospital Board appointments, which the MOH points out in a regretful news item "is healthy but will necessarily slow down the work of the Development Group." The Ministry is now advertising for additional staff.

Mr. P. D. Cowan is to carry out research into the "Balanced Hospital Community" at University College, London, under Professor Llewelyn Davies; Mr. R. O. Moss has become Principal Assistant to the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board, and Mr. V. H. Lee joins the North West Metropolitan Board shortly as Deputy Regional Architect.

Thirty-six new hospitals are now partially completed and in use, under construction or being planned.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTS

### Pay Rise

Staff of Architects' departments in local government are among the 170,000 local government employees who get small increases of salary under a recent award agreed by the National Joint Council. Their salaries will now range from £840 p.a. to £1,145 p.a.

This places them in the salaries hierarchy just above Public Health Inspectors and just below Assistant Solicitors, along with engineers, surveyors and finance staff.

The increases are effective from September 1.

### REVIEW

### Building by Direct Labour

The Federated Employers' Press Limited has put out a booklet by I. Ernest Jones entitled Building by Direct Labour\* which sets out the case against this practice. The case is based partly on a priori considerations, partly on such cases as have been reported in the press (notably that of Manchester in 1958) where direct labour has come unstuck. Surprisingly, the practice of using direct labour is on the increase of late years. In 1951 the number of operatives so employed was 162,000 and by 1959 it had risen to 183,000; that is, to 121 per cent, of the total building force in the country. Although the overwhelming majority of these men are employed on maintenance work, the trend is evidently causing anxiety to builders and the purpose of this booklet is to reverse it.

The real difficulty of this subject lies in the fact that there are few, if any, reliable records to show whether direct labour pays and, if so, in what circumstances. This booklet collates those cases where it did not pay and which have come to light, and the author suggests that there are a great many more failures which the public never hears about. Aneurin Bevan laid down in 1946 that direct labour work must be carried out in competition. A Ministry letter of 1959 suggested that "not less than every third contract" should be put out to tender. The author of the booklet points out that it is comparatively easy for a local authority works department to omit from its tender items (such as interest on

 Available from The Federated Employers Press Limited, 82, New Cavendish Street, London, W.1. Price 6s. loans, depreciation of equipment, etc.) which a contractor would have to include and that the absence of a contract makes it possible to conceal over-spending by transferring items of cost from one job to another. The booklet is a partisan document; but its demand that competition between public works departments and contractors must be demonstrably fair competition and that full, accurate and impartial accounts must be kept of all jobs of any size done by public works' departments will be welcomed by all who want to know the truth of this intricate matter.

### ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH

### Minimum Housing Standards

A lively paper on the effect of present trends of populations and living standards on minimum housing standards was given by J. M. Austin-Smith at the R.S.H. last week. He began with a warning to the Central Housing Advisory Committee, which is collecting evidence on housing standards, of the danger of reviewing these too much in conformity with existing practice. The RIBA, he pointed out, in replying to the sub-committee's questionnaire, had expressed the opinion that many questions were phrased in terms which suggested that this danger was not recognised. Housing standards must be flexible enough to permit completely new design approaches.

The population was expected to increase from 52 to 54 million in the next ten years, Mr. Austin-Smith pointed out, with increases in the proportion of teenagers (to 20 per cent.)-relatively prosperous members of the community who will spend their money on record players, motor cycles, clothes and equipment all requiring extra storage space in the houses of the future: and an increase of 15 per cent. in the number over 65, who were likely to be better off with money for travel, gardening and other hobbies. All this would lead to increased demand for household goods as well as housing.

He considered the most important single sociological trend of the present time "the fragmentation of families." "This has already been found in slum clearance," said Mr. Austin-Smith, "where several generations of a family living together in a slum require two if not three new houses on rebuilding." He thought the demand for more and smaller houses would go on increasing.

The car had created a host of problems and its effect on the housing problem was enormous, increasing the problem of layout, quiet and privacy, and making improved landscape treatment essential.

"The popular idea of landscaping is based on trying to imitate the grand manner on a small scale," said Mr. Austin-Smith, whereas what is required is the art of making very small enclosed spaces pleasant and inviting." He went on to consider density, "the factor which has the biggest influence on environment." High density did not mean over-

crowding, and the recent MOHLG circular No. 37/60 marked a significant change in official policy regarding density. While welcoming this, Mr. Austin-Smith pointed out that "there is clearly a great need for an overall national master plan."

Turning to other factors which would change the interior of the house in years to come. Mr. Austin-Smith put first whole-house heating. "The historic concept of a room with four walls, entered from a corridor so essential when only specific rooms were warm, no longer applies," he said.

Specialised electric equipment would improve æsthetically and functionally, and the housewife would want to show off and open up the kitchen, not to enclose and hide it: drip-dry fabrics put washing machines with spin driers out of use, but required a large dripping space, and suggested that washing in future would be done in the bathroom, not the kitchen. Television too had brought problems in planning a home and highlighted the need for privacy.

Multi-use of space" was Mr. Austin-Smith's answer, with whole house heating opening up the plan, and privacy imposing the need for some sub-division. "The important point is that the two types of division are completely different and what is now required must be capable of movement so as to give larger open spaces," he said. Standards would rise but areas and prices might come down.

In the discussion that followed, Kenneth Campbell, chief housing architect to the L.C.C. differed on this point, arguing that increase of gadgets and equipment would require more not less space. He questioned the desirability of multi-use of space on grounds of noise, and because most people can afford only to furnish one room decently and would not want to expose their whole interior when they opened the front door.

G. Graham Don, senior lecturer in public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, then spoke on "Building Control" and was pessimistic about bye-law control, pointing out that even today there is no mandatory requirement that a new house should have a bath.

He was equally sceptical of improvement grants, saying "the British landlord simply does not want to improve his property. Why should he, Mr. E. Wakelin (chief public health inspector for Birmingham) pointed out, from the audience, when the demand for accommodation so much exceeds supply that a landlord can let sub-standard property at a good rent?

An interesting suggestion was put forward by Mr. Graham Don-that houses should be licensed, with a certificate of habitation for 70 years when built. " At the end of that time the onus would be on the house to prove its fitness and not on the local authority to prove it unfit," he said.

### RESEARCH

### Information for the Architect

In a lecture on "Information for the Architect," at Bristol Building Centre, Mr. Dargan Bullivant described the present

situation as "too much information of inferior quality and too little useful literature" and said that the building profession was very badly documented compared to agriculture, or even cookery.

After welcoming the fact that an increasing number of development groups are now engaged in research—there was one in 1947. now there are "at least nine"-and that post-graduate architectural departments have been set up at Edinburgh and London Universities-Mr. Bullivant went on to analyse the various requirements of an efficient information service, and placed standardisation, first of paper size, as being the first essential for filing efficiently.

On classification he welcomed the fact that an authoritative Building Filing Manual is expected to be published by the end of this year, but considered that rationalisation of the channels through which information flows to the user is also essential.

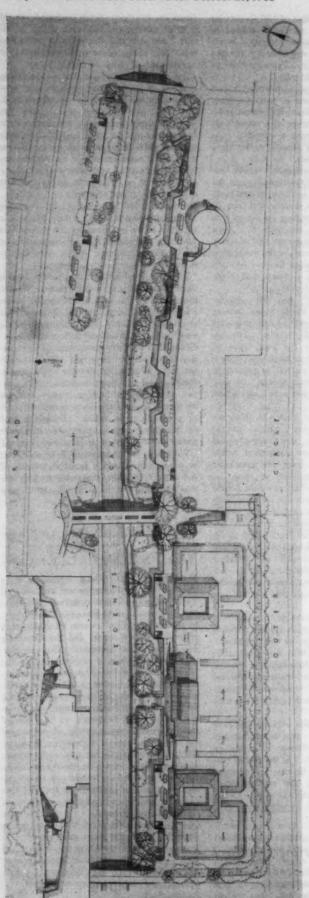
"Britain is particularly unfortunate in not having established an information service after the war," he said. Much smaller countries had such organisations. Finland, for example, with only 800 architects, has a very comprehensive information service.

Going on to discuss the content of information supplied, Mr. Bullivant asked whether the same information services could supply the needs of architects, builders, and quantity surveyors, for instance, and answered his question by showing a series of slides of publications in which information was so clearly presented that the particular group could easily select what was required. "With such an arrangement," he said, "it is possible to compile from the stock of individual sheets, manuals which meet the needs of different users as closely as pos-

### SWITZERLAND

### The First Step

The Federation of Swiss Architects have decided, in the absence of any central organisation equivalent to BSI or the various Ministry development groups in this country, to take the initiative towards standardisation of building components and the launching of systems of prefabrication. This step follows a report from a study group, to the effect that whilst Swiss building achieves a high standard of quality, detailing and workmanship-the sort of things that make the visiting British architect envious-the country is relatively backward in the use of factory made components in all sectors of the industry, especially low-cost housing. The report stresses that any such reform would impose a discipline on the architect. but that provided he masters it, good design need not be inhibited. It foresees that practical results can only be achieved if there is close collaboration between industry and the profession, with the participation of both central and local government. Following the report the Federation have set up a Centre for the Study of Rationalisation in Building under the direction of J.-P. Vouga, and it has commenced work at Zurich, Tergasse 4.



## New Buildings in a New Landscape for Zoo

Above is the plan for the redevelopment of the Canal banks and the area between the Outer Circle and Albert Road known as Middle Gardens in the London Zoo. The Giraffe House by Decimus Burton is being modernised by F. A. Stengelhofen, the architect to the Zoological Society; Hugh Casson and Partners (Associate, Frank Shaw, engineer, Stephen Revesz) have designed a foot bridge (top left) of post-tensioned concrete to link the north entrance with the Middle Gardens; and Peter Shepheard (assistant architect. Margaret Maxwell; engineers, F. J. Samuely and Partners) have designed sheds for the larger mammals (camels, bison, etc.) to flank Burton's Giraffe House. The animals will be separated from the public by a most externally, and in the houses by a deep pit. The floor of the dens will be above the level of the public space and they will be dramatically lit from concealed windows above. The steep bank of the canal is unsuitable for animals, so a retaining wall is to be built parallel with the canal. On one side the earth will be built up to form a walk and the other side will be comparatively level. As many trees will be retained as possible. Under the walk, and projecting like bastions, are the dens for the animals (deer and antelope). The dens are top lit, left, from raised lights in the upper level. Stairs from this level lead down to passages behind the dens so that the animals can be seen during the winter. These dens and the landscape are by Peter Shepheard.





This Dominican monastery outside the village of Eveux par l'Arbresle, about fifteen miles north-west of Lyons, is the most recent building in France to be completed by Le Corbusier.

In much of their design work architects find that they are grappling with two apparently incompatible forces which are tending to shape the building. In one direction a proper study of functional requirements can exert a strong pressure towards loose and free planning. Diametrically opposed to this, considerations of construction—such as the convenience of repetitive bays for the structural frame or similar plans for different floors, and beyond this perhaps a striving towards a formal or even monumental concept for the building—combine to create a tendency towards a design within a much more rigid envelope. In extreme cases, of course, one or the other of these forces tends to dominate. (A classic case is the two schools of Hunstanton and Wokingham: the one design completely formalised and axially planned, the other growing freely out of MOE researches into requirements for secondary schools. Although designed at much the same time, these two buildings could hardly provide two more different answers to the same requirement.)

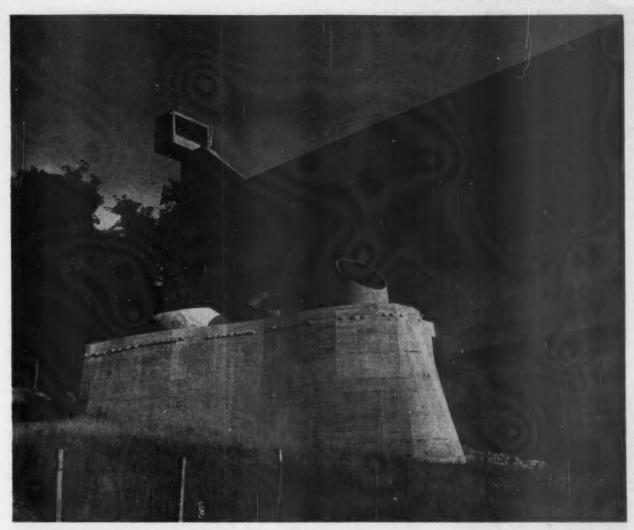
One of the central themes of Le Corbusier's work has been to attempt in many ways to overcome this paradox. His rejection in the twenties of load-bearing brickwork in favour of the concrete frame, and the liberalisation that he explored as a result, can be regarded as a first step in this direction. Later on, in such buildings as the Villa Savoye, the idea is much more richly and completely developed. The first floor of this house is a formally conceived envelope inside which there is free play between



The west side of the building, with three floors for communal activities below the double bank of cells

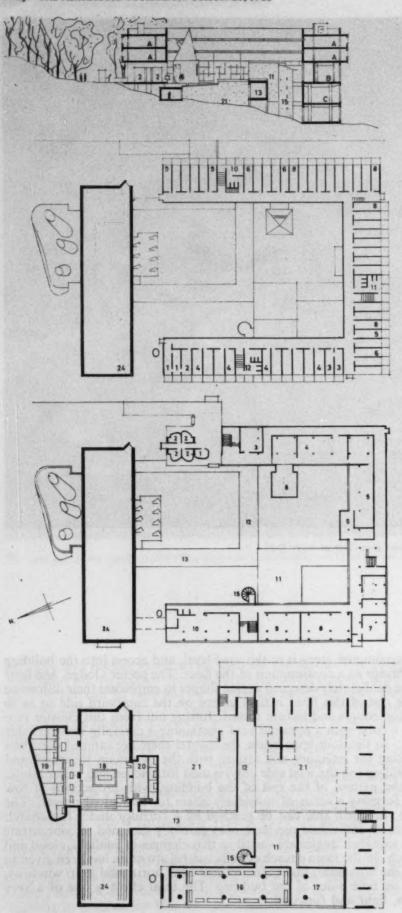
interiors and outside terraces; on the roof are further free shapes which are nevertheless sufficiently controlled not to destroy the almost monumental concept of the whole design.

La Tourette can be regarded as an exercise upon this same theme, but basically in a new and quite different technique from Le Corbusier's houses of the twenties and thirties. The monastery was required to house one hundred monks in roughly two types of accommodation: individual cells for privacy and meditation, and spaces for communal living, such as lecture rooms, library, refectory and church. After a careful study of the daily life of the monks, Le Corbusier chose to position the building at the top edge of the most steeply sloping part of the site and to arrange the building in the form of a quadrangle, with the church on the north and the rest of the accommodation on the other three sides. The cells, each with its individual balcony, are on the top two floors—the best position for quiet and privacy. As a result, at this upper level the building is defined with a massing which is clear-cut and monumental: this is particularly evident from the approach road. Below this level, the building can best be visualised as a series of more freely planned spaces, either under the blocks of cells or projecting out from them. The slope of the site causes the number of floors for communal activities to vary from one on the east side to three on the west. As far as possible these spaces are hung on the structure supporting the cells, so that the ground runs freely through underneath—a point of vital importance to the clarity of the whole concept. Otherwise, as Le Corbusier says, he would have been stuck with a building looking rather like an Assyrian fortress.



The north side of the church, with the side altars projecting at lower level

On the east side the top floor of the communal areas is at the road level, and access into the building past the porter's lodge is by a short bridge as a continuation of the floor. The porter's lodge, and four interview rooms associated with it, are deliberately designed as free shapes to emphasise their difference in purpose from the cells above. The rest of this floor is fully glazed on the courtyard side so as to form a cloister serving library, common rooms and lecture rooms. Jutting out from this cloister into the courtyard is the novices' chapel, a cube with a pyramid roof containing a carefully designed slot to direct daylight onto the altar wall. At the floor level below the cloister there are ramped corridors crossing the quadrangle and connecting the refectory and atrium with the two main staircases and the church. The lowest floor of the building (on the west side only) is used for kitchen and boiler house. The massing of the chapel follows the pattern of the rest of the building, with projections at low level on both north and south sides forming a series of subsidiary alters for individual prayer. The levels are arranged so that altars on the north side can be reached by a corridor under the church floor. The rooflights over these altars for individual use have been carefully designed to concentrate light in the right places; on the north side their angles are varied so that changes of sunlight, cloud and shadow are expressed inside the church. In the main church equally careful attention has been given to the lighting; a rooflight illuminates the high altar, and there are low-level horizontal strip windows, carefully screened, behind the pews on both sides of the building. The total effect is one of a very highly developed integration of form, light and function.



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Section looking south
Plan of cell floors
Plan at entrance level
Plan at lower level of refectory and church

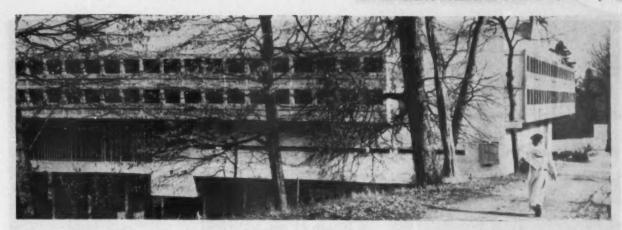
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  6. Chapel
  11. Atrium
  13. Corridor, church/atrium
  15. Stairs
  21. Courtyard
  Cell floors
  1.-9. Cells
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- Lay brothers' commonroom
   Novices' library and
- common-room
  5. Library and reading-room
  6. Novices' chapel
  7.-10. Lecture rooms
  11. Atrium
  12, 13. Corridors
- 12, 13. Corridors
  15. Stairs to atrium
  16. Refectory
  17. Treasury
  18. High altar
  19. Side altar, north
  20. Side altar, south

Windows in the building are generally fixed, adjustable shutters providing ventilation. For windows lighting communal spaces, other than those at cloister level facing into the courtyard, Le Corbusier has used for the concrete mullions the wave-motion pattern first developed at Chandigarh, this being, of course, set out on the Modulor scale. This dimensioning system has also been used throughout the building except for the church, where there is a complete change of scale to a 50 ft. ceiling height, and where in any case Le Corbusier felt that the Modulor, once away from the living-quarters, was no longer appropriate.

Naturally, the building had to be constructed within relatively low cost limits, and it has been carried out at a price per square foot in line with that for low-cost housing in France. It is almost certainly wrong to attribute to this factor the building's relatively low standard of finish, because the latter is such a common feature of Le Corbusier's more recent work. One fact that must be borne in mind is that, owing to there being no French equivalent of the William Morris group and the art and crafts movement, most French architects seem not to be particularly interested in texture as a medium of design. Certainly such things as expensive hand-made bricks, so frequently used in this country, strike them as quaint. Therefore, the context in France of this rough finish is quite differ-

ent from what it would be here. In



The approach to the monastery along the road from the south



Looking into the courtyard with the church on the right. Baffles on end windows screen off low-level daylight



Courtyard looking west, showing storey-height windows of the cloister and steeply pitched roof of the atrium



Pointed roof of the novices chapel

Entrance, with interview rooms on the right



Refectory

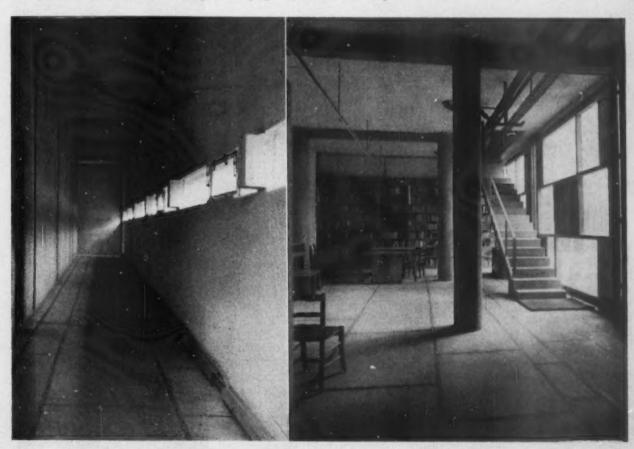
A lecture room

A typical cell

any case, it seems clear that Le Corbusier welcomes the rough board marks on his concrete rather as a painter enjoys seeing his brush strokes on canvas, and believes that for this particular



Courtyard looking north-east, with the ground sloping away under the building



A typical corridor

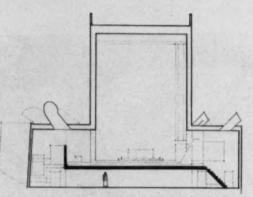
Library

building such treatment is in character with the directness and simplicity of monastic life. This also explains why all services round the inside of the building are left exposed.



Inside an interview room

Glazing to the refectory



Section through the church looking east showing access to the north side altar [Scale: 1:400]



Rooflights to north side-altars

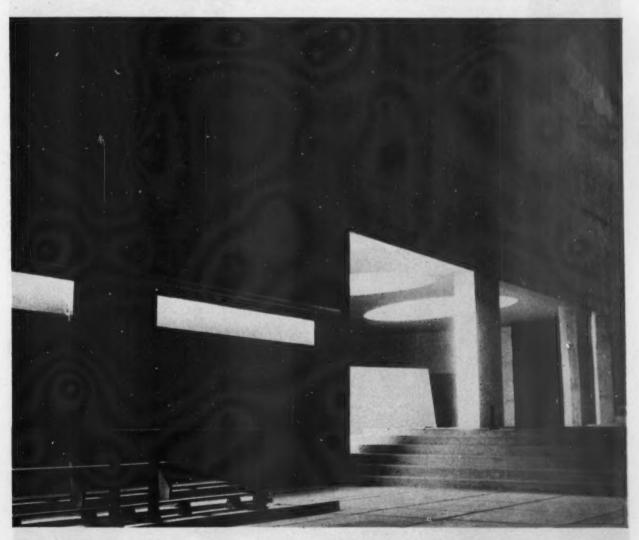
It has always been a tragedy that Le Corbusier's buildings are so often looked at superficially, then copied equally superficially. The trouble started a long time ago, when architects took the horizontal windows of such early houses as Maison Cook, or the villa at Garches, and applied them to the traditional English brick-box house. To make the effect more convincing, they sometimes covered the brick with white rendering to make it look like Le Corbusier's concrete. More recently the pop windows of Ronchamp and its water spouts have been stuck on buildings which are otherwise conventional. There is now even a Ronchamptype shop-front on a furniture store in Paris—a thick, roughly rendered wall with holes in various places through which the display inside can be seen. One would have thought that critics would know better, but there was the celebrated occasion when one of them visited both Maison Cook and Maison Jaoul, soon after the latter was finished, in order to compare the two. He came back in great distress because Maison Jaoul was on such a tight and overgrown site that he found it quite impossible to see some of the elevations—even from the neighbours' gardens—while the older house, Maison Cook, had been ruined in his view because a tree had been allowed to grow in front of the street facade.



Tiers for the north side-altars



Interior of church looking towards the high altar which is raised above the main floor level



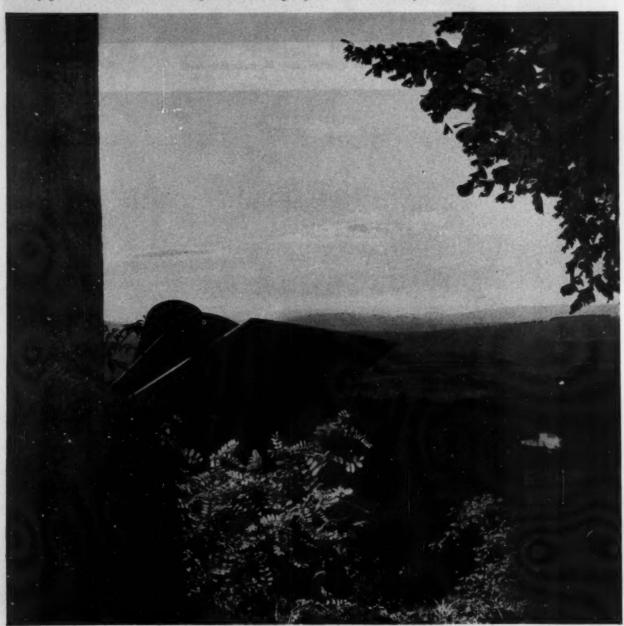
North side-altars as seen from the church

The greatest difficulty is that, in general, architects see buildings, especially those abroad, only in photographs with little or no explanatory text, which tends to foster this purely superficial view. Another factor, which is all too easily forgotten, is that the particular social environment in which the architect is working may be totally different from that in this country. In France, the whole focus of activity is development to the highest possible pitch of the individual in both philosophical and creative terms. This is the perfect setting for the very few individual masters that any particular generation can produce, with everyone else working at a much lower standard. La Tourette stands as a superb exercise within this context; the paradox of formalism and functional planning has been resolved, and there is a perfect integration between space, structure and natural lighting, carefully developed from a close study of the pattern of monastic life.

At La Tourette, Le Corbusier is thus working in the best traditions of French architecture. But one is left with grave doubts as to whether this method of design by a single omnipotent architect, which after all is an essentially Renaissance concept, can survive much longer in the face of the increasingly complex problems of present-day building design. Such doubts apply less, perhaps, to Le Corbusier himself than to those who will follow on and try to keep this tradition alive. Even at La Tourette it is evident that certain technical aspects of the design have been more or less left to look after them-

selves, such as heating and ventilation, noise control and artificial lighting.

The rooflights over the side-altars are angled so that changes of sun and cloud are expressed inside

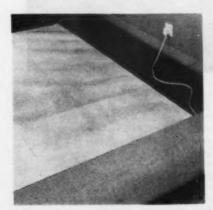


### THE INDUSTRY

This week Brian Grant describes an electrically heated underlay, an emergency lighting system, a bonding agent for screeds, data sheets on slate, and a range of oil-fired boilers.

### Floor Heating

Martindill are now producing an electrically heated underlay for use with carpets or linoleum. The units are made up with two layers of fibre-glass cloth with the heating element between them. Standard sizes vary from 9 by 6 to 12 by 12 feet and loadings from 1 to 3 kilowatts, prices from £14 to £37 retail. The heaters are guaranteed for 3 years and also carry an indemnity policy up to £10,000 against damage to people or property due to faulty workmanship. (Martindill Ltd., 3/5 Commercial Road, Paddock Wood, Kent.)



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### **Photomurals**

From a leaflet just issued by Autotype I am surprised to discover that photomurals are less expensive than I had imagined, an area 15 ft. by 7 ft. 6 in. costing about £35, this amount being made up of £10 copyright fee and the preparation of an intermediate size negative, and £25 for the mural itself. The standard method of printing is on lightweight white base paper for ease of hanging, and the murals are made up in 36-in. wide strips ready trimmed for use by the paperhanger. Autotype hold a large library of photographs, but can produce murals from any good quality negative or print. Hand-coloured photomurals are also produced, but are considerably more expensive. (The Autotype Co., Ltd., Brownlow Road, West Ealing, London, W.13.)

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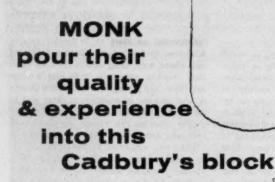
Kirkstone Quarries have issued a folder of data sheets with fixing details for slate cladding, window surrounds, cills and copings and floors and paving. The details are clearly set out and the information is clear and to the point. There are also some good photographs showing the various finishes available, and samples are available if required. Visitors are welcomed at works or quarry, so anyone going through the Lakes on a holiday might do worse than stop to have a look. (Kirkstone Green Slate Quarries Ltd., Skelwith Bridge Sawmills, Ambleside, Westmorland.)

### Oil-fired Boilers

A new range of Swedish made Lombard oil-fired boilers is now being marketed in this country. They are intended for central heating and hot water supply and are made in three sizes, 80,000, 115,000 and 140,000 B.th.u. per hour, selling at £165, £185 and £205. From the output figures it will be seen that they are intended for fairly large houses, but they have thermal efficiences in excess of 80 per cent and can be used with the output cut to about half the maximum rating. Construction is welded steel and plan dimensions are a little less than 15½ in. square. (Lombard Engineering Enterprises Ltd., 39/40 Albemarle Street, London, W.1.)



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Factory Building Study No. 5 Sites and Foundations. A. D. M. Penman (HMSO, 1960 3/0)

This booklet provides some 20 pages of general advice on foundations problems. The pamphlet is divided into five sections. The first deals with movements not caused by structural loads, i.e., mining subsidence, swallow holes, consolidation and expansion of fill, shrinkage of clay, frost heave and chemical attack on buried concrete. The second section deals with movements caused by imposed structural loads such as loads on fill, consolidation of clay, plastic flow and shear failure in the soil. Section 3 is a brief dissertation on site investigation and section 4 deals with the bearing capacity of the soil. The last section covers construction of foundations and permissible settlements. Two tables are provided, one giving extracts from six different countries' Building Codes, the other giving permissible total settlements as allowed in the building code of the U.S.S.R. 1955.

Generally this pamphlet provides a summary of information which has been published elsewhere by B.R.S. and others over the last 10 years. Unlike other pamphlets of this series it does not specifically apply to factory buildings and in this respect is a little disappointing. Machine bases, press shop equipment, etc., require something more than a description of soil mechanics to aid-in their design and illustrations of foundation types and antivibration mountings would surely come under the heading of foundation design.

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### 17 CONSTRUCTION: GENERAL

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In this, the final article\* of this series, R. Michael Rostron completes his presentation of a survey of 67 curtain wall structures in this country.

Owners' Experience and Opinion (Tables 21 to 24): Many of the results of the owners' questionnaire must be judged in the light of their limited experience of many of the buildings. Table 22 shows that 30 per cent of the owners had occupied the buildings for less than two years. The reasons for this have already been given, but it should not be forgotten that two years (or even eight years) is not very long in the life of a building. It may, however, safely be assumed that a large proportion of defects would be apparent after two years.

Table 23 indicates a generally favourable opinion of the appearance of the cladding, the opinions being fairly uniformly distributed between building owner (or occupier), employees and public. The large number of "good" opinions (rather than "excellent" or "poor") is, perhaps, as much a confirmation of the characteristic British like of compromise as a considered opinion. (In America, the BRAB Survey showed a marked preponderance of "strong approval "). The distribution of "poor" opinions has been analysed in Table 24, but to give a fair result a correction was made as follows. The ten "poor" opinions in Table 23 were first divided into cladding types. Since cladding types were in unequal numbers, the number of "poor" opinions of each type was then divided by the number of examples of each type and tabulated as relative percentages. It should also be explained that "Sheath Wall: 24 per cent," for example, does not mean that 24 per cent of sheath walls were considered poor, but that 24 per cent of the "poor" opinions in Table 23 refer (subject to the corrections noted) to sheath walls. Because of the comparatively small number (10) of "poor" opinions. Table 24 should be regarded with some caution. It does, however, suggest that the least disliked types of cladding from the point of view of appearance are the "traditional" types: grid panel and sheeted. This should cause no surprise!

Previous articles in the series were as follows: Heat Transmission. February 25, 1960; Stability, March 3; Condensation, March 10, Fire Resistance, March 17; Sound Insulation, March 31; The Joint, April 28; Materials and Finishes, Metals, May 12; Materials and Finishes, Timber and Glass, May 19; Materials and Finishes, concluded, June 23; Erection, July 21; Durability and Maintenance, September 22; Survey, 1, October 13.



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YEAR	No.	96				
1931	1	2				
1936	1	2				
1951	1	2				
1952	1	2				
1953 1954 1955	2	4	-			
1954	7	13				
1955	15	28				
1956	19	36	E-		-	
1957	6	. 11				
	62	100				

TABLE 21

Date of erection

OCCUPANCY	No.	0/0	
less than I year	6	11 -	
1 to 2 years	10	19	
2 to 3 years	16	30	
3 to 4 years	12	22	
4 to 5 years	3	6	
5 to 6 years	2	4	
6 to 7 years	4	2	
7 to 8 years	1	2	
over 8 years	2	4	
	53	100	the second secon

TABLE 22

Occupiers' years of experience of building

	OWNER	EMPLOYEES	PUBLIC	total	%		
Excellent	16	17	16	49	30	-	
Good	31 .	29	18	78	49	Table 1	
POOR	5	. 6	5	16	10	-	
No answer	2	2	13	17	11	-	
				100	100		

TABLE 23

Opinions on the appearance of the cladding

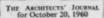
### Performance: (Tables 25 to 34)

The information on performance confirms many suspicions about light cladding. It also reveals where further manufacturing research is necessary as well as offering a pointer to future developments. In both, the architect has a useful and necessary part to play. The most frequently raised objection to the sheath wall in particular and to light cladding in general is confirmed in Tables 26 and 27. Table 26 gives the disturbing information that 42 per cent of the buildings examined leak. This, it should be pointed out, is continued leakage. Leakage occurring during the defects liability period and since remedied is omitted. Table 27 is built up and corrected in a similar manner to Table 24. It shows that 84 per cent of the buildings which leaked were either sheath walls or vertical panel walls (which may be regarded as a series of narrow sheath walls interrupted by continuous mullions). No leakage was reported through sheeted walls (which have

few joints) or through grid panel walls and only comparatively slight leakage through horizontal panel walls. This suggests that horizontal projections (such as occur on horizontal and grid panel walls) give substantial protection against water penetration. This supposition is to some extent confirmed by Table 28. Horizontal projections protect horizontal joints and it is these joints which Table 28 shows to be weakest. Leakage through (or, more correctly, around) glazing occurs equally around opening windows and fixed panes.

Badly fitting windows, especially metal windows, were the most significant cause of draughts (Table 29). Noticeable draughts occurred in 15 per cent of the buildings examined. In a similar number some dust penetration was reported (Table 25), although in few cases were they the same building.

Internal surface condensation on walls (Table 32)



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TYPE OF CLADDING	%	
Sheath wall	24	_
Grid ponel wall	0	
Horizontal panel wall	42	
Vertical panel wall	34	
Sheeted wall	0	- 450-10
	100	

### TABLE 24

Distribution of "appearance Poor" in TABLE 23 (corrected for number of examples of each type)

	No.	%	
No infiltration of dust	39	85	
Some infiltration of dust	7	15	
	46	100	

### TABLE 25

Infiltration of dust

	No.	%	
No infiltration of water	31	58	
Some infiltration of water	22.	42	
	53	100	

### TABLE 26

Infiltration of water

TYPE OF CLADDING	%
Sheath wall	45
Grid panel wall	0
Horizontal panel wall	16
Vertical panel wall	39
Sheeted wall	0
	100

### TABLE 27

Distribution of leakage noted in TABLE 26 (corrected for number of examples of each type)

and windows (Table 33) was fairly infrequent, due to the low thermal transmittance of most panels and to the common practice of positioning radiators in front of panels (Table 31). No opportunity was available to investigate the occurrence of interstitial condensation, but it was felt that any severe condensation within the panel would have made itself apparent.

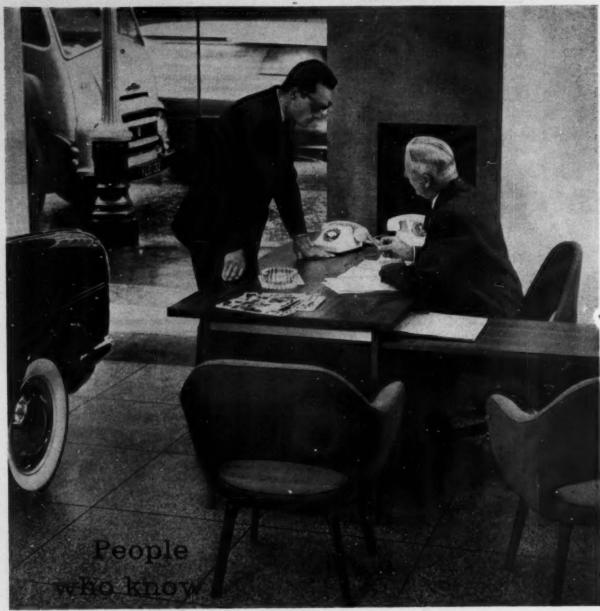
Table 34 reveals a common defect which has not yet received nearly enough attention in this country: solar heat gain. Despite the infrequent appearance of the sun in England, over one third of occupiers interviewed reported uncomfortable solar heat gain and a large proportion of these claimed it the most serious defect in the building. It is obvious that increased areas of glazing present a very real problem in this respect. It is certainly not a problem confined solely to tropical and semi-tropical areas.

### Maintenance: (Tables 35 to 41)

Very few maintenance problems were raised, a fact which seems to reinforce the opinions given in Table 5, where the most frequent reason for the choice of a particular cladding material was easy maintenance. The change of method of maintenance (Table 38) from ladders to cradle occurs somewhere between three and four storeys—a limitation imposed generally by the maximum length of ladder available.

### Conclusions: (Tables 42 and 43)

Architects' and occupiers' conclusions are based on their actual experience of buildings in the survey and are generally favourable, perhaps more so on the part of occupiers than architects. Architects' reservations mostly concern panel finish and material and windows with complaints about sealants closely following.



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LOCATION OF LEAKAGE	No.	%	
At vertical joints	2	7	-
At horizontal.joints	11	35	
Around opening windows	9	29	
Around fixed panes	9	29	
	31	100	

### TABLE 28

Location of leakage

	No.	0/0		
Draughts have been noticeable near walls	8	15	-	
No complaints about draughts near walls	45	85		
	53	100		

### TABLE 29

Winter comfort conditions: draughts

	No.	0/0	
Surface of wall comfortable to the touch	15	83	
Surface of wall cold to the touch	3	17	
	-		
	140	100	

### TABLE 30

Winter comfort conditions: wall surface (where accessible and not heated by adjacent radiators)

METHOD OF HEATING	No.	%	
Radiators in front of panels	33	58	
Radiators elsewhere	3	5	
Warm air	16	28	
Floor panel	1	2	
Ceiling panel	1	2	
Air conditioning	1	2	
None	1	2	1
	57	100	

### TABLE 31

Method of heating

PANELS	No.	%	
No noticeable condensation	50	94	
Some condensation observed	3	6	
		-	
	42.00		

### TABLE 32

Apparent surface condensation : PANELS

GLAZING	No.	%	
No noticeable condensation	41	77	
Some condensation observed	12	23	
	-		

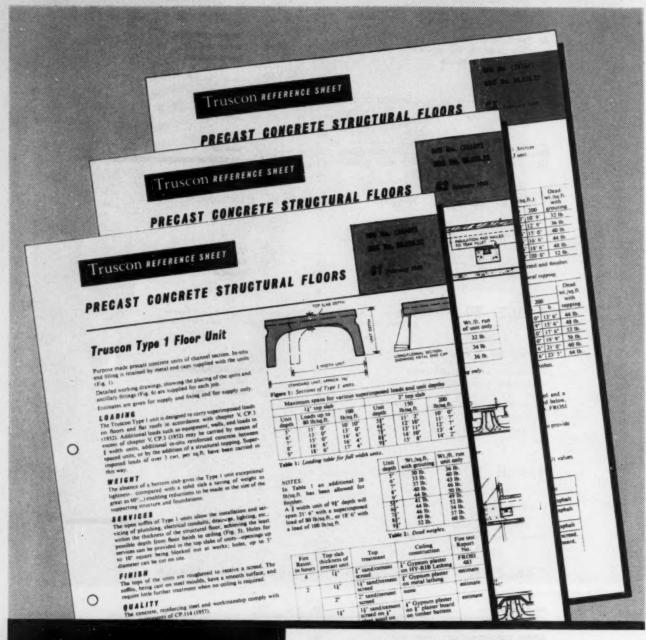
TABLE 33 Apparent surface condensation: GLAZING

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### TABLE 34

Solar heat gain

### **Information for Architects**



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TV SACRETTE SACRETE	No.	%			
No effect	35	66		-	
Corrosion of Framing	4	7			
Fading or colour change of panel	6	11			
Surface deterioration of panel	. 3	6			
Failure of panel	5	10			
	53	100			

### TABLE 35

Effect of weather on appearance

FRAMING	No.	%	
Framing remains clean	44	63	
Framing unduly grimed on horizontal surfaces	9	17	
	63	100	

TABLE 36 Effect of airborne dirt on framing

PANELS	No.	%	
Rain keeps panels clean	39	73	
Dirt forms vertical streaks on panel	10	19	
Panels permanently darkened	4	8	-
	63	100	

### TABLE 37

Effect of airborne dirt on panels

NO. OF STOREYS	T	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	%	
Ladders	3	14	13	2						32	59	
Cradie			3	3	3	3		- 1	1	14	26	
From inside			2	1	2	-				6	II	
Platform lorry				1						1	2	
Projecting nib				1						1	2	
							-	-		54	100	

### TABLE 38

Method of maintenance

PANELS	CLEANED	No.	%		
Every 1	month	3	6		
Every 2	months	1	2		
Every 3	months	7	13		
Every 4	months	6	12		
Every 5	months	1	2		
Every 1	year	2	4	-	
Every 2	years	2	4	100	
Never	12010	29	57		7
		51	100		

TABLE 39

Cleaning of panels



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WINDOW	S CLEANED	No.	%	
Every	week	2	- 4	-
Every :	2 weeks	3	6	
Every 3	3 weeks	3	6	
Every	month	11	22	
Every :	2 months	3	6	
Every :	3 months	9	18	-
Every 4	months	15	30	
Every !	months	1	2	
Every (	5 months	1	2	
Never		2	4	-
		50	100	

TABLE 40

Cleaning of windows externally

ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE	No.	%	
None	18	35	
Some, easily repaired	31	59	
Some, difficult to repair	3	6	-
	80	100	

TABLE 41

Occurrence of accidental damage

WOULD USE AGAIN	No.	%	
Ves	43	81	
No	7	13	
No answer	3	6	-
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TABLE 42

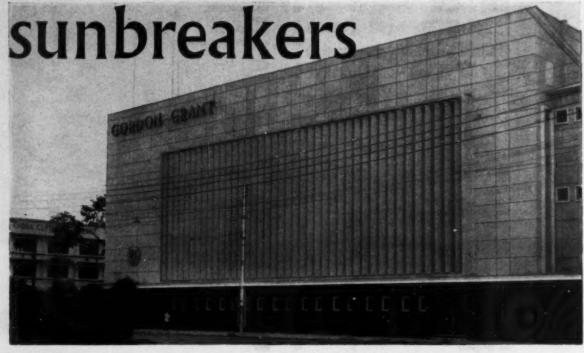
Owners' answers to question: "Would you use this type of construction again?"

ANSWERS	No.	%		
No	34	49	_	
Different panel material	7	10		
Different panel finish	7	10		
Different opening windows (type, size or number)	6	9		
Different Sealant	4	6		
Different framing system	3	4		
Allow more tolerances	2	3	-	
Allow for greater thermal movement	1	11/2		
Provide cleaning cradle	1	11/2		
Allow for all window cleaning from inside	1	11/2		
Different method of attachment	1	15/2		
Easier internal access to panels	- 1	11/2		
Provide more external sun control	1	19%		
	69	100		

TABLE 43

Architects! answers to question: "If repeating the same contract, are there any points you would wish to change?"

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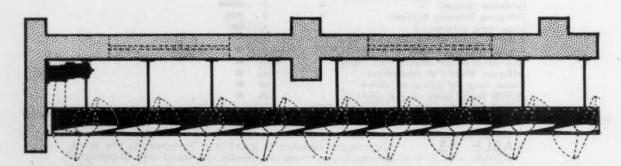


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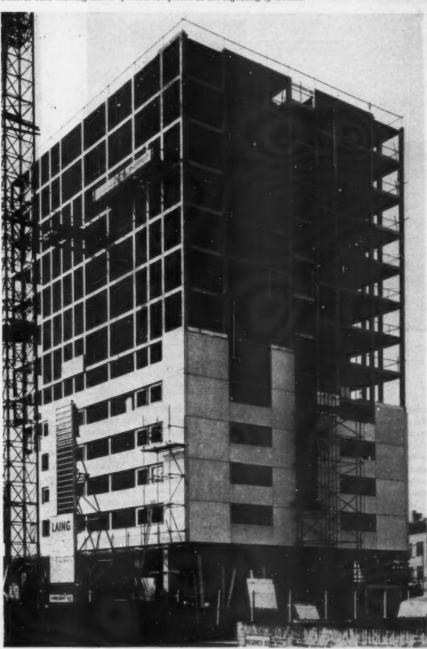
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General view showing extent of work completed at the beginning of October



#### Concrete Cladding

Since brick and stone ceased to be inevitable choices for facing materials, experiments have been made to find substitutes which would be pleasing in appearance and would weather well. Regarding such substitutes, new factors must now be borne in mind, such as the extent to which the facing may be regularly cleaned (as is necessary in glass-clad buildings) or adaptability of the material to current techniques in building—notably prefabrication and all that this entails.

Recently, most tall office buildings have been clad in some form of curtain walling, but this did not seem altogether appropriate for a building devoted to dwellings, although of course there are examples on which curtain walling has been used. Alternatives for a framed building could be infilling panels, of brick or of rendered blocks, but these methods have their attendant difficulties such as preventing rain penetration at floor levels.

The nature of the frame at Hide Place, combined with the feeling that exposed aggregate concrete in one form or another was worth serious consideration, led to the possibility of wholly clothing the building outside the framework in large-scale panels, thus making best use of the crane required for the rest of the precast work.

Such large-scale panels enabled all vertical joints to occur against columns, and also eliminated the need for scaffolding since they could be hoisted into position by the crane and fixed from inside the building. The object of restricting the vertical joints to the line of the columns was to simplify weather-proofing. Vertical joints could thereby be "open" and there would be no need for exposed mastics which would require periodic renewal.

The sketches show typical details of the external walling, also how it is intended to dispose of any condensation or dampness which might occur on the inside of the slabs.

The storey-height panels hang on the beams, and are fixed by bronze bolts

progress report



Lifting a cladding slab into position

threaded into cemented-in sockets, and by bronze straps, as shown in sketch A. Smaller panels rest on a nib at the foot which is bolted down to the beam. Theoretically this is an adequate fixing, but positive fixing at both ends at sill level has been included to assist in retaining the slab against the columns and the diameter and number of the bolts at the foot accordingly reduced. In position on the building the slabs look essentially simple, and have a broadness of scale which it was in fact hoped to achieve, but this apparent simplicity conceals some complexity in manufacture and erection. In any future scheme the aim would be further simplification and even more repetition. The notes which follow list some points that need study in designing cladding slabs. The comments relate

to the methods used at Hide Place they are not intended to be taken beyond this particular context.

### Manufacture

Repetition: number of slabs 639; number of types 44.

Accuracy: the tolerances specified are:  $\pm 1/16$  in. in 20 ft. 0 in. of length;  $\pm 1/16$  in. in 12 in. in cross section;  $\pm 1/32$  in. in height of length in twist or bowing.

Treatment of corners: the exposed aggregate is continued round the corner as shown in sketch C.

Exposure of the aggregate: slabs are cast face up and the aggregate exposed by spraying.

The manufacturer of the slabs has expressed the view that there is no great difficulty in production (out of

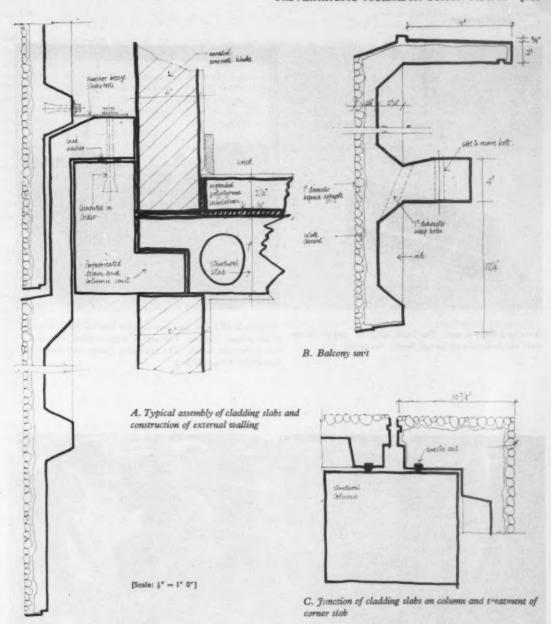
250 panels already made only two have to date been rejected by the makers). It has not been found difficult to obtain uniform exposure of the aggregate even in the largest slab. The moulds are of painted softwood with hardwood bearers; in any future scheme it would possibly be worth making a part of the moulds in concrete to increase stability.

### Handling

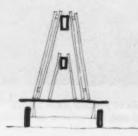
Size: the largest slab is overall 12 ft. 0 in. × 10 ft. 3 in. (exposed face 12 ft. 0 in. × 8 ft. 10 in.).

Weight: 1.75 tons (of 12 ft. 0 in.  $\times$  10 ft. 3 in. panel).

Strength: the slabs, which contain a nominal mesh reinforcement, are stiffened by reinforced ribs. The reinforcement is designed to give the required strength against windloads and this



provides also for the temporary stresses set up in lifting the slabs from the horizontal beds on which they are cast. *Transport:* Each typical floor has 30 panels requiring 5 loads made up as shown in the sketch below.



Lifting: The slabs are hoisted by two leads from the crane attached to eyes temporarily bolted through the slabs, as shown in the photographs. Care was taken to ensure that these eyes were placed in each slab so that it hung vertically.

Damage: Some damage occurs to arrises.

The contractor has agreed to make good any damage to the arrises.

### Fixing

Tolerance: The amount of adjustment permissible is governed by the accuracy required to maintain a uniform ½-in. gap between two adjacent panels, at the same time maintaining a level horizontal joint. Some degree of lateral tolerance is given by slotting the holes in the slabs through which the fixing bolts pass,

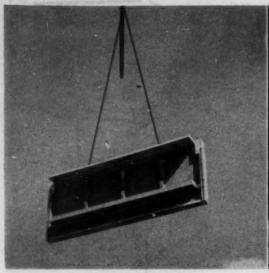
whilst vertical adjustment is secured by lead washers inserted between the slab and the beam.

Experience has shown that the procedure adopted at Hide Place achieves the desired results, provided that the degree of accuracy appropriate to the whole conception of the structure is maintained in the manufacture and erection of the framework. In any future scheme, however, erection and alignment of slabs of the size involved could be made easier and quicker if there were an easier means of adjusting them and if the tolerances were increased.

### Function

Strength: The slabs are designed with the minimum cross section to withstand windloads and to support their own

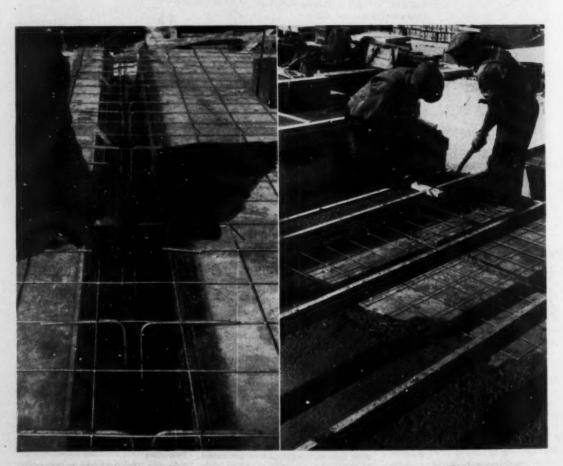
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Hoisting a balcony unit. The lower nib gives support for the unit: the projection at the top forms a broad sill



Bringing a sill-height unit into position between two columns of the precast framing. The unit is being steadied while side bolt fixings are made. The remaining fixings will be made through the nib at the foot



Preparing reinforcements in moulds. The steel is galvanised to Laying in and vibrating the ordinary Portland cement concrete which forms ribs and backing to slabs

weight. The strength required for handling is mentioned above.

Weather protection: The slabs are considered to be relatively impervious and any moisture or condensation which should occur on the inside face is drained out at each horizontal joint. The aggregate is not absorbent.

Insulation: The calculated U-value of the wall consisting of the slab/cavity/6-in. aerated concrete block/plaster (allowing for the fact that the cavity is not sealed) is U = 0.148 BThU.

It should be mentioned here that the construction described above is not in accordance with the London Building Act by-laws but a waiver was granted.

### Appearance

Staining: The pattern of weathering is difficult to forecast, but certain principles have been followed. The reinforcement has been galvanised to avoid risk of stains from rust. There are no drips from window sills on balcony

fronts, but the concrete is steeply weathered at these joints and it is hoped that water will disperse evenly along the length of the slab and that defined paths of water will be broken up by the exposed aggregate.

Joint design: The system of jointing emphasises the scale of the units and makes a sufficient pattern to give interest. If larger tolerance were planned (see above) and the joints were wider, the effect would, of course, be more pronounced.

Aggregate: The aggregate is Norwegian crystal quartz, chosen because it is hard and impervious, light in colour and has a certain sparkle. This, in a white cement matrix will, it is anticipated, produce a wall surface which will weather evenly and maintain a relatively bright appearance even in London.

#### Costs

Total costs of largest slab (12 ft. 0 in.

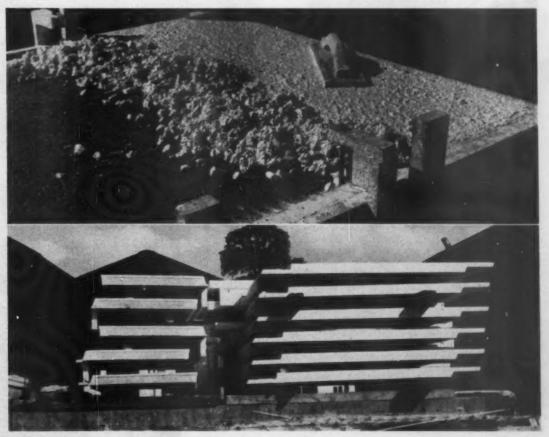
× 10 ft. 3 in.) supplied to site—£38. Hoisted and fixed complete—£43.

Relationship of the cost of exposed aggregate to total cost: The unit cost of Norwegian crystal quartz aggregate is £14 6s. per ton. This is a relatively expensive stone and it is therefore of interest to know that the cost of this part of the aggregate in the slab represents approximately 22 per cent of the total cost of the slab.

Proportion of cost of slab (fixed) to cost of superstructure: 7.9 per cent.

The cost of the slabs should not be judged without reference to the total prescribed cost for the building and to the Contract Sum (figures were given in the first report in AJ, June 23, 1960). Fortunately, it is still the architect's prerogative to decide within limits of total cost which elements of a building merit greater or less expenditure, and in a building such as Hide Place it need hardly be said that the cladding is of paramount importance.

Placing the Norwegian crystal quartz aggregate in white cement to form exposed face of slab. The slabs are sprayed to expose the aggregate



Complete slabs awaiting transport from works to site

### Laboratories for Yale University by Paul Rudolph

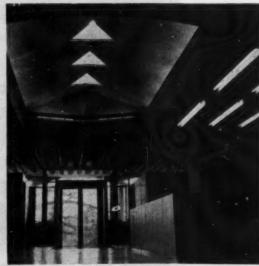


General view of the block



Main entrance

This building, housing laboratories, lecture rooms and offices for the School of Forestry, is the first to be designed for Yale University by Paul Rudolph since he was appointed head of its Department of Architecture. The structure is in precast concrete units for both columns and roof beams, the form following the stresses in a Nervi-like way, in situ work being restricted to the main beams. Internal partitions are of prefabricated timber panels faced with plywood, and where these are in line with the structure, interstices in the heads of columns are filled with glass. In the entrance hall there is a large raised lantern pierced by three small rooflights; general lighting in the rest of the block is provided by fluorescent tubes recessed into slots in the roof beams. Obviously the structural form has been developed with care, and there is a sense of crispness and quality in the precast work. The form chosen causes no problems in the external walling, since the glazing has been set back from the line of the structure. This is not the case internally, so slightly awkward collisions are inevitable. It seems a pity, too, that the architect has been so mesmerised by the structure that he has thought it necessary to leave it completely showing throughout; for this reason no sound absorbents have been provided at ceiling level, nor for that matter anywhere else.



Entrance hall

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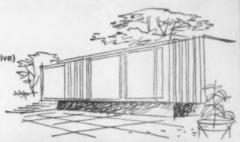
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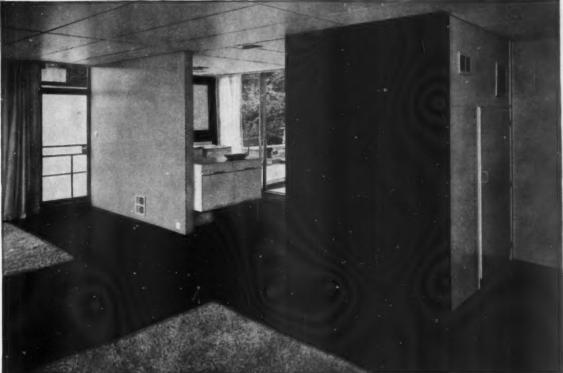
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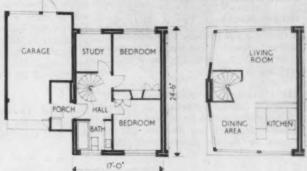
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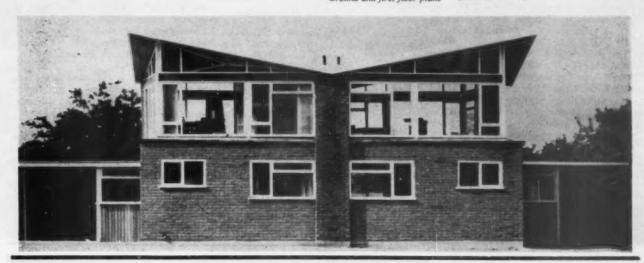


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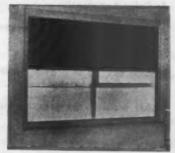
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The Community Planning Association of Canada is organising a National Planning Conference in Hamilton from October 23 to 26. Subjects for discussion include: drafting a master plan; cities in the motor age; children in our cities; land use control, and the keynote address of "Planning for the Smaller Communities" will be given by James W. Wilson, Executive Director of the Lower Mainland Regional Planning Board, British Columbia. Requests for registration and accommodation should be sent to CPAC, 425. Gloucester Street, Ottawa 4.

An exhibition of drawings submitted for the Design, Measured Drawings and Sketching prizes offered annually by the South Eastern Society of Architects will be held on 10th November 1960 in the Croydon Technical College and College of Art, Park Lane, Croydon, at 4.30 p.m.

The Timber Development Association Research Laboratories, near High Wycombe, will be open to the public on Thursday, 13th October from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The address is St. John's Road, Tylers Green, Penn, Bucks. Anyone wishing to visit the laboratories should get in touch with the Secretary of the TDA at 21 College Hill, E.C.4.

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Godsmark & Miller-Williams of Darlington and Richmond have incorporated with Chippindale & Edmondson of Bradford and London. Robin D. Butterell, B.Arch., A.R.J.B.A., has commenced private practice at 42, Charlotte Street, London, W.I. (Telephone LANgham 6432). Representatives will only be seen when an appointment has been made in writing.

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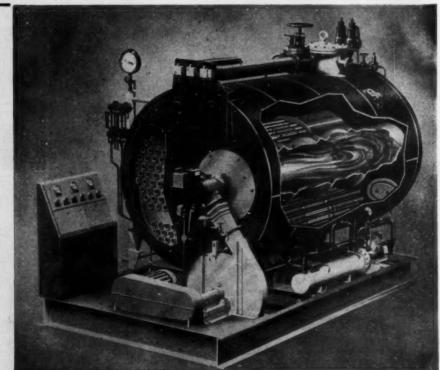
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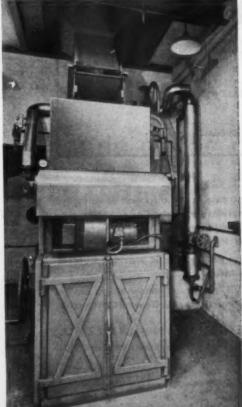
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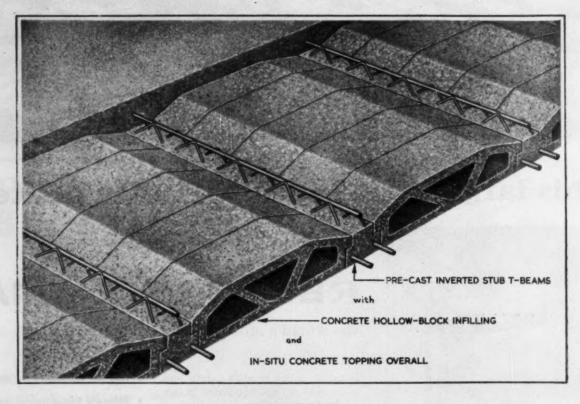
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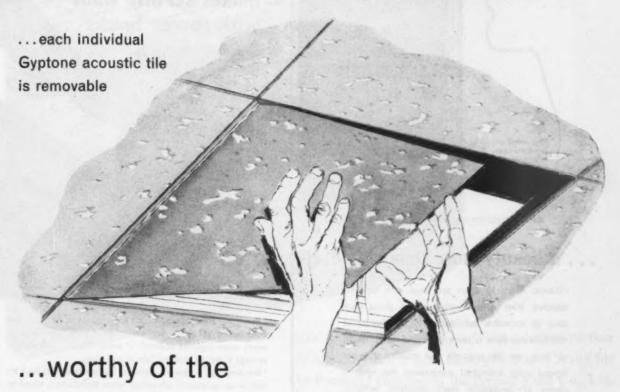
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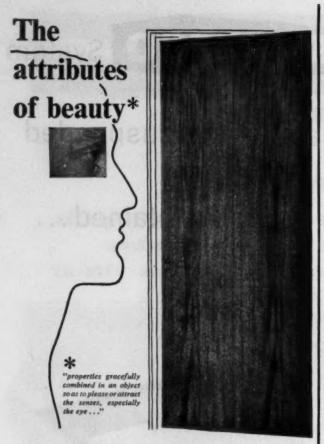
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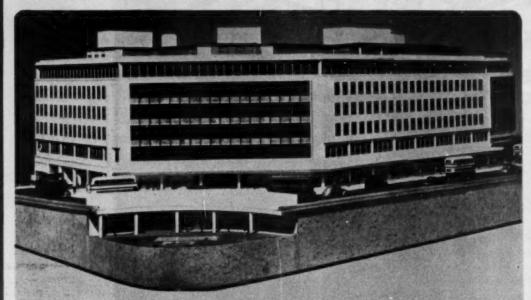
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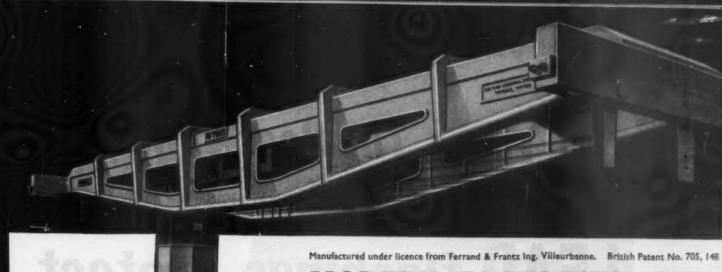
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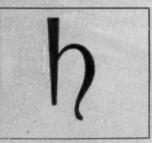
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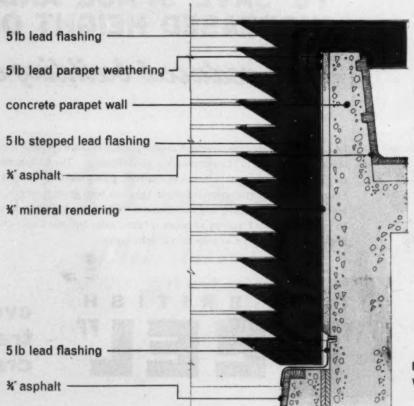


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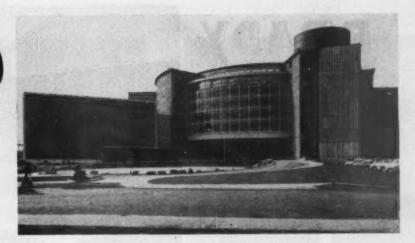
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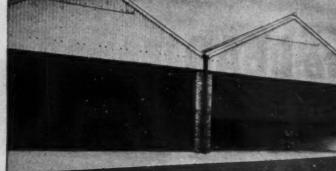
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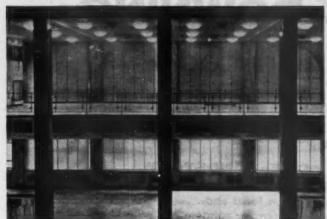
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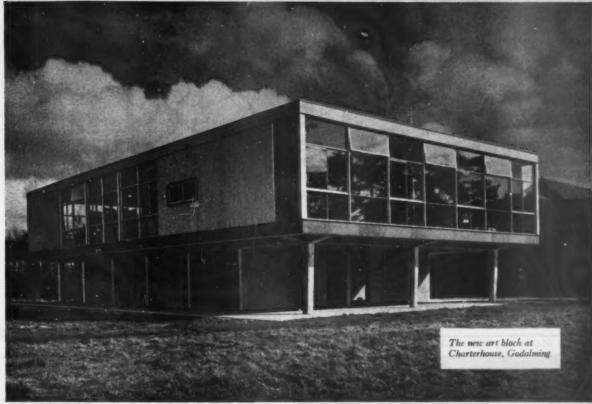
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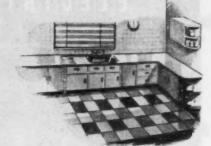
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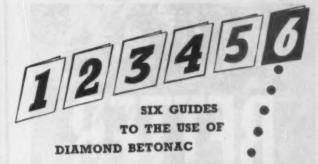
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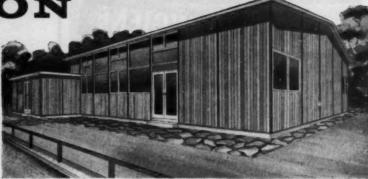
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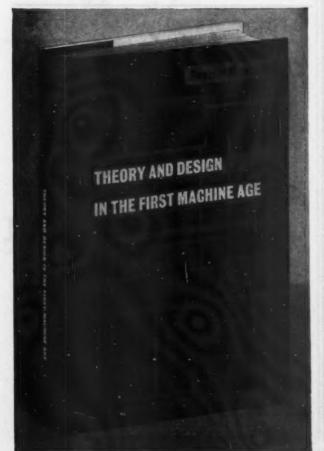
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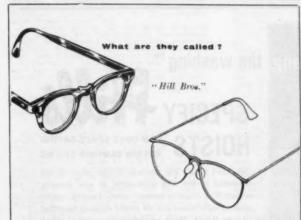
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Application forms and further particulars may
be obtained from The County Architect, County
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possible.

A. C. AYLWARD, Clerk of the County Council.

County Buildings, Huntingdon.

Huntingdon.

Applications are invited for the posts of (a) JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL and (b) JUNIOR ENGINEERING ASSISTANTS in the City Engineer's Department. Salary within Grade A.P.T. I., according to qualifications and experience. The appointments are subject to the terms and conditions laid down by the Southern Provincial Council, and to the Local Government Superannuation Act.

Applications, stating age and details of experience, together with the names of two referees, should be addressed to the City Engineer, Guildhall, Winchester, and should reach him not later than Monday, 3ist October, 1960.

In the case of (a) the post has been designated as a key post for housing purposes, and suitable housing accommodation will be made available.

Guildhall, Winchester. 4th October, 1960,

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The Borough is expanding rapidly under the Town Development Act, and there is considerable scope for imaginative and skilful planning work—both in the layout of the large open areas earmarked for industrial and residential development about to proceed, and in the town centre, which is being extensively remodelled and developed on pedestrian way lines for shopping. Candidates should have had suitable experience and have passed the Final Examination of the Town Planning Institute. The commencing salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience.

A five-day week is in operation. Housing accommodation will be offered to married candidates from other areas, and assistance towards removal expenses may be granted.

Applications on forms to be obtained from the Town Clerk, Civic Offices, Swindon, must be returned by 3rd November, 1960.

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COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
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On completion of the project, Architecta will be engaged on a wide variety of new buildings for the Lancashire County Architect.

Application Forms and details of appointment from:

The County Architect.

Poston, returnable by 3rd November, 1960, quoting reference A/AJ.

\*\*Review of the Structural County Council School County Hall.

Preston, returnable by 3rd November, 1960, quoting reference A/AJ.

BOROUGH OF CASTLEFORD
APPOINTMENTS IN THE BOROUGH
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Applications are invited for the following appointments:
SENIOR ASSISTANT ENGINEER. Salary—Special Grade: commencing salary according to qualifications and experience but not less than 2960 per annum, rising to £1,145 per annum. Applicants must be Corporate Members of the Institution of Municipal and/or Civil Engineers, and have had experience in a Municipal Engineer's Office.
SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT. Salary—Special Grade: commencing salary according to qualifications and experience but not less than 2960 per annum, rising to £1,145 per annum. Applicants must be Associate Members of the R.I.B.A. and/or Registered Architects, and have had some years' practical experience.
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Applications, on forms obtainable from me, to be returned by the 29th October, 1960.
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Applications are invited from suitably qualified
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T. M. LISTER, Town Clerk

Municipal Offices 34 High Street, Scunthorpe. 11th October, 1960.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF PRESTON
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
(Salary A.P.T. IV. & 1,140—£1,319)
Applications are invited for the above-mentioned appointment in the Borough Surveyor? Department. Candidates must be Registered Architects and Corporate Members of the R.I.B.A.
The programme of works is large and veried and the appointment affords opportunities for good experience, particularly in educational buildings.

good experience, particularly in customers of Service and Local Superannuation Acts apply, and the successful applicant will be required to pass a medical examination.

Forms of application can be obtained from the undersigned, to whom they must be returned. completed, not later than Taesday, sth November.

W. E. B. LOCKLEY.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF SOUTHAMPTON BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT Applications are invited for the following

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(c) ENGINEERING ASSISTANT, Grade A.P.T. III 2815-2960). Must have completed professional training, passed the Intermediate examination of a recognised engineering institution and have had subsequent experience in a Municipal Engineer's office.

The appointments are subject to the N.J.C. conditions of service, with housing accommodation available in approved cases, and approved removal expenses reimbursable up to a maximum of 289.

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT Department of the Northern Area Planning Office at Newcastle-under-Lyme of a Senior Planning Assistant on A.P.T. Grade V (21,310-21,488 per annum). Applicante must be corporate members of the Town Planning Institute and should hold in addition a recognised qualification in architecture, engineering or surveying.

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ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
(Male or Female)
Applications are invited for the undermentioned appointment in the Surveyor's Department.
Assistant Architect. Salary in accordance with Special Grade commencing at 289 per annum.
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Clerk to the District Council.

Council Offices,
Redlington,
Northumberland.

10th October, 1960.

CARLTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
APPOINTMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL
ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for the above appointment at a aslary in accordance with Grade IV
of the A.P.T. Division of the Scales of Salaries
of the National Joint Council commencing at
21.146 per annum and rising by annual increments
of £1.319 per annum ribe point of entry to be
determined having regard to the experience of
the applicant.
Applicants must be Associates of the R.I.B.A.
or Registered Architects.
The appointment will be subject to the provisions of the Local Government Superannastion
Acts 1937 to 1953, the National Scheme of Conditions of Service and the satisfactory passing of
a medical examination.
Applications stating age, qualifications and
details of experience, together with the names
of three referees should be forwarded to the undersigned by 10 a.m. on Wednesday the 26th October,
1960.

Housing accommodation will be made available
it required and removal expenses will be paid by
the Council.

A. E. F. WALKER,
Clerk of the Council.

A. E. F. WALKER, Clerk of the Council.

Council House, Burton Road, Carlton, Nottingham. 11th October, 1960.

### THE SOUTH WALES ELECTRICITY BOARD

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS

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R. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

ARGYLL COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY ARCHITECTS DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited from members of the
Royal Institute of British Architects for the post
of SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT on salary
grade £1.050 × £50-£1.200 with placing according
to experience. Applicants should have had considerable experience of architectural practice
and in particular knowledge of modern school
building with experience in organising large
building projects and be capable of supervising
assistant staff. Housing accommodation will be
made available if necessary.
Applications, stating age, preeent salary,
preeent and previous appointments, details of
training and experience, together with the names
and addresses of two referees, should be lodged
with the County Architect, County Offices,
Duncon, on or before 22nd October, 1966.

A. D. JACKSON,
County Clerk.

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COUNTY BOROUGH OF CROYDON

ARCHITECTURAL AND SUBVEYING STAFF
Applications are invited for the following
appointments under the School Architect (C. T.
Ayerst, A.R.I.B.A.).

(a) THREE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
for work on major and minor educational
building programmes.

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and Final certificates and setting builders
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Salary scale for both appointments—A.P.T.

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Borough Valuer's valuation will be available
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in Croydon.

Further particulars and application forms from
the School Architect, 38 High Street, Croydon.
Closing date 7th November, 1960.

WILTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the following posts:
ONE ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. IV, £1,146
—£1,146.

TWO ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Special,
£246—£1,146.

ONE ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. III, £960
—61,140.
TWO ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Special, £2440—£1,145.
THREE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, Special, £2440—£1,145.
THREE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, THREE ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS, A.P.T. I and A.P.T. II, £645—£960.
Preference given to qualified Architects for the posts graded A.P.T. III and IV and to Assistants undertaking a course of study leading to qualification for the remaining posts. Day release may be considered in certain circumstances. Previous Loal Government experience is not essential.
The appointments are subject to medical sammingston, the National Scheme of Conditions of Service and the provisions of the Local Government Superannation Act 1937-53, and determinable by one month's notice in writing on either side. Alternative Saturday mornings are free and canteen facilities available.
Applications should be submitted on forms to be obtained from the County Architect. Completed forms, accompanied with the names and addresses of three referees should be returned to the Clerk of the Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, within fourteen days after the appearance of this advertisement.

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ARGYLL COUNTY COUNCIL

Ourteen days after the appearance of this advertisement.

ARGYLL COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited from Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects for the post of SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT on salary grade £1,660 × £50-£1,200 with placing according to experience. Applicants should have had considerable experience of architectural practice and in particular knowledge of modern school building with experience in organising large building projects and be capable of supervising assistant staff. Housing accommodation will be made available if necessary.
Applications stating age, present salary, present and previous appointments, details of training and experience, together with the names and addresses of two referees should be lodged with the County Architect, County Offices, Dunoon, or before 22nd October, 1966.

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF HAMPSTEAD
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HOUSING ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT (Group Leader)
on the permanent staff to lead a group on area
redevelopment and the design and construction
of new flats and houses.
Salary within new A.P.T. Grade IV (£1,140—
£1,310 per annum) plus London weighting allowance.

ance.
Applicants must be members of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Applications giving training, experience, previous appointments and names of two referees are to be sent to the Town Clerk. (AJ), Town Hall, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3, by 26th October, 1960. No housing provided.

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LONDON ELECTRICITY BOARD

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
Applications are invited for the above positions in the Chief Engineer's Architect's Section at Lesco House, Stamford Street, S.E.L.,
Applicants should be studying for, or have passed, the Intermediate Examination of the R.I.B.A., be capable draughtsmen and have had several years' experience in an architect's office. Salary within the range £5940-£1,650 p.s. incl. Application form obtainable from the Personnel Officer, 46 New Broad Street, E.C.2, to be returned completed within 14 days of the publication date of this notice. Please quote ref. PER/V/299/1.

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BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS required for interesting work on all types of hospital architecture. Applicants must be registered architecture, and the requisite examinations. Salary scale 596-£1,30; commencing salary according to age and experience.

Apply saming two referees te Secretary, 18 Augustus Road, Birmingham, 15, as soon as possible.

PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK
Applications are invited for the appointment
under N.J.C. service conditions of JUNIOR
PLANNING ASSISTANTS, A.P.T. Grade I (2645

2815) in the office of the Peak Park Planning
Board at Bakewell. The posts offer a wide range
of interest both in the field of general planning
and in national park activities.
Forms of application and further particulars
from the Planning Officer, Aldern House, Bakewell, Derbyshire. Applications to be received by
3rd November, 1560. Canvassing disqualifies. 3756

ARCHITECTS AND MAINTENANCE SUR-VEYORS. Pensionable posts for men and women at least 25 and under 35 on 1.1.60 (extension for regular Forces service, Overseas Civil Service, established civil service and temporary Government service as Architect or Maintenance Surveyor). Candidates must be registered Architects or, alternatively, for Maintenance Surveyor posts, have achieved Corporate membership of R.I.C.S. (Building Section), or have passed examinations necessary for attaining Corporate membership. Salary (men, London) £330-£1,125 according to new rising to £1,300. Promotion prospects. Write Civil Service Commission, 17 North Audley Street, London, W.1, for application form quoting S/50-61.

BOROUGH OF HESTON AND ISLEWORTH APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR PLANNING ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for the above post at a salary in accordance with Grade II of the A.P.T. Division of the National Scale, viz. 2815—2966 per annum plus appropriate London weighting according to age.
Applicants should have passed the Intermediate examination of the Town Planning Institute or other equivalent and have had experience in a town planning department of a local authority. The appointment is a permanent one and conditions of service are those of the National Scheme.
The Council is unable to assist the successful candidates with housing accommodation.
Applications are to be submitted by 31st October. 1960, on forms to be obtained from and returned to the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, 88 Lampton Road, Hounslow.

D. MATHIESON, Town Clerk

Town Hall, Hounslow, Middlesex.

BOROUGH OF HENDON
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S
DEPARTMENT
SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
Grade A.P.T. V
Applications are invited for the above appointments in the Architectural Section, in which a general re-organisation is taking place and new sections are to be formed.
Applicants must be Associate Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects.
Grade A.P.T. V
Commencing salary according to

Royal Institute of British Architects.

Grade A.P.T. V

Commencing salary according to experience within the scale £1,356 to £1,525, including London weighting. The person appointed will be directly responsible to the Chief Assistant Architect with opportunity for suitable applicant to act as Group Leader. Previous experience in school work, housing and redevelopment, or civic buildings, will be an advantage.

Grade A.P.T. IV

Commencing salary according to experience within the scale £1,126 to £1,355, including London weighting. Qualified architects are required to undertake work within the groups to be formed. Pensionable posts; subject to National Scheme and medical examination. The Council is prepared to consider assistance with housing.

Applications with full details and names and addresses of two referees, must reach the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4, by 31st October, 1966.

R. H. WILLIAMS, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4

ROYAL BURGH OF DUMFRIES
DEPUTE BURGH ARCHITECT
Applications are invited from Qualified
tects, preferably with experience in Rede
ment work.
The appointment, within

Applications, testing age and caperience in Measurement work.

The appointment, within the salary scale £1,140

—£1,220 (i.e. £100 in excess of Admin. Grade D of the N.J.I.C. Scheme) will be subject to the Town Council's Superannuation Scheme and N.J.I.C. Conditions of Service, and the successful applicant will require to pass a medical examination. If required, the tenancy of a Council house will be given to the successful applicant.

Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, together with copies of three recent testimonials, or the names of three referees, should be lodged with the undersigned not later than 2nd November, 1960.

GEORGE D. GEANT,

Town Clerk.

GEORGE D. GRANT.
Town Clerk.

Municipal Chambers,
Dumfries.
12th October, 1960.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF GREENWICH
APPOINTMENT OF
SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
Applications are invited from suitably qualified
persons with experience of multi-storey building,
for appointment in the Borough Engineer and
Surveyor's Department, at a salary of £880 to
£1,190 per annum (including London weighting).
The commencing salary will be according to
qualifications and experience.
The successful candidate will be given opportunities for designing schemes and bringing them
through to completion, as part of a varied and
imaginative building programme in historic Greenwich.

wich.
Application forms obtainable from the Town
Clerk, Town Hall, Greenwich, S.E.10, returnable
by noon on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1960.
C. TURK.
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Greenwich, S.E.10. October, 1960.

S.E.10.

October, 1960.

THE POLYTECHNIC 309 REGENT STREET,
W.I.

SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYING
AND TOWN PLANNING
Applications are invited for a full time post as
Grade II ASSISTANT LECTURER IN ARCHITECTURE, duties to commence as soon as possible.
Candidates should hold the degree or diploma
of a fully recognised School of Architecture and
be Associates of the B.I.B.A.

The salary scale rises to a maximum of £1,240
per annum plus London allowance of £38 or £51.
The commencing salary may include increments
for previous teaching and/or professional experience. A form of application, which should be
returned within two weeks of the publication of
this advertisement, may be obtained from the
undersigned.

Applications would also be welcomed from
qualified architects for inclusion on the panel of
visiting lecturers for either part time day or
evening attendance.

J. E. RICHARDSON.

J. E. RICHARDSON.
Director of Education

ARCHITECTS (MAIN GRADE): MINISTRY OF HEALTH—Hospitals Research and Development. Two pensionable posts in London for Registered Architects (men or women) normally at least 35 on 1.11.59, with experience of clientarchitect briefing, collaboration with engineers, manufacturers, or research organisations in the development of new techniques or specialist services, and of design cost data. No previous hospital building experience necessary. Duties include examination of current schemes and offlation of past and current experience in the planning, design, construction and building costs of hospital and other health buildings; and the production of Hospital Building Notes. Salary (men) £1,325—£1,790. Starting salary may be above minimum. Write Civil Service Commission, 17 North Audley Street, London, W.I., for application form quoting S/5219/66. Closing date 11th November, 1960.

BOROUGH OF SLOUGH

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS
Grade A.P.T. IV (£1,146-£1,28 per annum) and
JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
Grade A.P.T. II (£615-£966)
These vacancies arise in consequence of the
Council's approval of a MAJOR PROGRAME
OF BUILDING WORKS, including, in addition to
normal housing development, 12-storey blocks of
flate, factories, shope, and buildings for parks
and other municipal functions.
The appointments will be for the duration of
the programme, which it is estimated will be
completed in 3-4 years. The appointment on
Grade A.P.T. IV are suited to fully qualified
architects who are particularly interested in the
application of original thought to the design of
buildings for a variety of functions and to whom
contemporary architectural design appeals. The
junior appointment is particularly suited to
students who have passed the Intermediate
examination and wish to extend their experience
in a progressive town, and facilities for parttime release will be arranged for the successful
applicant who is pursuing a recognised course of
architectural study.

A five-day week is in operation and housing
accommodation will be arronged for the successful
applicant who is pursuing a recognised course of
architectural study.

A five-day week is in operation and housing
accommodation will be provided for married
candidates, if required.

Persons interested in these appointments are
invited to write ta the Borough Engineer, Town
Hall, Slough, Bucks, giving brief details of their
qualifications and experience. He will be pleased
to send them details of the programme of design
work, together with information which would be
of particular interest to those not familiar with
Slough in regard to the Department, the town
and its surroundings.

FOUR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS
Within scale A.P.T. IV according to experience
(£1,185-£1,355 inclusive). Must have recognised
architectural qualifications.
JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
A.P.T. I (£645-£615 plus London weighting).
Full particulars and forms of application obtainable from Borough Engineer, Town Hall, Ealing.
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Closing date 31st October, 1960.
E. J. COPE-BROWN,
Town Clerk.
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BOROUGH OF EDMONTON
BOROUGH ARCHITECT'S DEFARTMENT
TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT
Applications are invited for the above appointment from persons appropriately qualified. Applications should have had experience in development control and central area redevelopment. Salary 2840—£1.45 pius 265 London weighting.
Applications on forms obtainable from the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Edmonton. N.9, must be delivered by the 29th October, 1960.

H. BACKHOUSE,
Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Edmonton, N.9.

EXHIBITIONS OFFICERS FOR D.S.I.R.
Two officers required in the Assistant Information Officer grade to work in Headquarters Exhibitions Section, London, S.W.I., of the Department
of Scientific and Industrial Research. The work
involves publicising the results of scientific research by means of exhibitions. One officer must
have some years training at a recognised school
of art or architecture as well as a keen interest
in scientific matters. Work will necessitate
familiarity with drawing board techniques and
practical knowledge of contemporary design and
materials. The other must have some years experience in laboratory work with an interest in
transmission of scientific information by exhibition techniques. Salary (Mon) 2640 (age 22)—2755
(age 25)—21,140. Women slightly less until 1st
January, 1961. Application forms from Manager
(P.E. 3157) Ministry of Labour, Professional and
Executive Register, Atlantic House, Farringdon
Street, London, E.C.4.



LARNE BOROUGH COUNCIL

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the above temporary appointment. Commencing salary will be on the scale 2890-2990 with entry according to qualifications and experience.

Candidates must have obtained Associateship of R. I.B.A., and preference will be given to those with planning experience. Consideration will also be given to applicants who have passed the Intermediate examination of the R. I.B.A. and if suitable they will be appointed on the salary scale 6570-276.

The appointment offers good opportunity for a young architect to gain experience in the various branches of Municipal Architecture and Planning work and is limited in the first instance to five years from the 1st October, 1960.

Applications giving date of birth, qualifications and experience together with two recent testimonials should be lodged with the undersigned not later than Friday, 28th October, 1961.

R. LYTTLE,

Town Clerk.

Gardenmore House, Larne. 13th October, 1960.

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BUCKS COUNTY COUNCIL
Applications are invited for the following
opointments in the County Architect's Depart-Applications are invited for the appointments in the County Architect's Department:

ASSISTANT COUNTY ARCHITECT, J.N.C. Scale "C,"

£1.385-£1.520-£1.755 p.a.

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, J.N.C. Scale "C,"
£1.385-£1.620 p.a.

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Grade V
£1.220-£1.375 p.a.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, A.P.T. Grade III, £880-£1.665.

These appointments are superannuable and subject to medical examination and applicants should be suitably qualified for architectural appointment.

A weekly allowance of 25e. and return fare home once every two months may be paid for six months to newly appointed married officers of the Council nuable to find accommodation.

Applications, on forms provided, must be returned by the 7th November, 1960.

F. B. POOLEY.

County Offices,

County Offices, Aylesbury, Bucks.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF BARNSLEY
BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SUEVEYOR AND
PLANNING OFFICER'S DEPARTMENT
Applications are invited for the following
appointments:
(a) CHIEF PLANNING ASSISTANT, A.P.T. V
(21,310-21,480). Essential User Car Allowance.

ance.
(b) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. III (£960-£1,140).

£1,449).

For appointment (a) applicants must be suitably qualified and have had considerable planning experience including development control and redevelopment work. For (b) candidates should have had previous experience in the design of housing and public buildings although municipal experience is not essential.

The posts are superannuable and subject to passing of medical examination, N.J.C. Conditions of Service and one month's notice on either side.

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HOUSING ACCOMMODATION CAN BE PROVIDED IF NECESSARY AND 50 PER CENT. OF REMOVAL TRANSPORT EXPENSES WILL BE PAID IN APPROVED CASES.

Applications, stating age, present and previous appointments, qualifications, experience, etc., together with the names of two persons for reference, should reach the Borough Engineer, Town Hall, Barnsley, by Tuesday, 1s November, 1960.

Canvassing will disqualify.

A. E. GILFILLAN, Town Clerk.

Barnsley. October, 1960.

BOROUGH OF MALDEN AND COOMBE BOROUGH ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT
SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECT
Applications are invited from Chartered Architects for the appointment of Senior Assistant Architect, Grade A.P.T. IV, £1,140—£1,310, plus London "Weighting" and car allowance of £75 per annum, commencing salary according to experience and qualifications. Forms of application, which must be returned endorsed by not later than Monday, 7th November, 1960, to be obtained from John Apse, A.M.I.C.E., Borough Engineer and Surveyor.

HAROLD E. BARRETT,

HAROLD E. BARRETT

Municipal Offices, New Malden, Surrey.

Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department (Non-County Borough in the County of Middlesex Population 199,700, Area: 12,400 acres) Applications are invited, from suitably qualified persons, for the following permanent appoint-ments:

Applications are invited, from suitably quantum persons, for the following permanent appointments:

1. ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT. A.P.T. II £815—2969 per annum plus London weighting.

2. JUNIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT A.P.T. I, £645—2815 per annum plus London weighting The commencing salary will be fixed at points within the scale commensurate with qualifications and experience.

There is a large varied programme of work, including the redevelopment of Clearance Areas and other areas scheduled for Comprehensive Development.

Housing accommodation may be made available in appropriate cases. The Council is also prepared to consider 100 per cent. advances in successful applicants for house purchase within the Horough.

Saturday mornings are normally free from duty. Application forms, obtainable from H. D. Peake M.Sc.(Eng.), M.I.C.E., Borough Engineer & Surveyor, 7 Little Park Gardens, Enfield, Middlesex, must be delivered to the undersigned not later than Monday, Th November, 1960.

CYRIL E. C. R. PLATTEN, Town Clerk.

NATIONAL COAL BOARD
NORTH EASTERN DIVISION
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANTS required in Architects Branch, Denaby Main, Nr. Doncaster. R.I.B.A. Intermediate and three years' subsequent practical experience, or Final (practical experience not necessary) or considerable practical experience without qualifications.
Salary 2715 × 225 to 2850 (exceptionally £1,000). Full details and application forms from Mr. H. Smith, F.R.I.B.A., P.O. Box No. 4, Denaby Main, Nr. Doncaster; forms to be returned by 28th October.

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Nr. Doncaster; October.

BOROUGH OF EALING
DRAUGHTSMAN for Civil Engineering Work,
Miscellaneous Grade V, £725—£800 inclusive.
Full particulars and application forms obtainable from the Borough Surveyor, Town Hall.
Ealing, W.5. Closing date 51st October, 1960.
E. J. COPE-BROWN.
Town Clerk.
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### ARCHITECTURAL **ASSISTANTS**

Drawing Office Assistants are urgently required for the Architectural Section of the Civil Engineering Development Department at one of Britain's largest Steel Works.

Candidates should be neat draughtsmen and possess a general knowledge of building construction with a qualification at ordinary National Certificate

Salary will fully reward experience, ability and age.

> Write c/o Box 3733 Architects' Journal

### **ARCHITECTS ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS**

A leading firm of London Consulting Engineers have vacancies in their Architect's Department (Chief Architect: Mr. K. A Brundle, F.R.I.B.A., A.A. Dipl.) for work in a wide and interesting field of Industrial Projects. These are permanent and pensionable positions; five-day week, luncheon vouchers.

Applications, stating qualifications, experience and present salary should be sent in confidence, to the

Personnel Manager, W. S. Atkins & Partners, 158 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1. BOROUGH OF ACCRINGTON
Applications are invited for the following persanent posts in the Borough Engineer's Depart-

manent posts in the Borough Engineer's Department:—

(d) QUANTITY SURVEYOR, A.P.T. Grade III.

(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT, A.P.T. Grade I. The posts offer interesting work in a variety of projects including central area redevelopment, new market, bus station, etc.

Applicants should be suitably qualified and for post (a) should have experience in preparation of bills; taking-off; measurement of works and settlement of final accounts.

Housing accommodation will be provided if required.

The appointments will be subject to N.J.C. service conditions and to a medical examination.

Applications, with names of two referees, stating post applied for, should be sent to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Accrington, by 31st October, 1666.

Applications, with names of two referees, stating post applied for, should be sent to the Town Clerk, Town Hall, Accrington, by 31st October, 1960.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF EAST HAM SENIOR ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER GRADE A.P.T. II, 2815—2960 Vacancy in Borough Engineer's Department. London weighting paid in addition. Salary above minimum paid according to qualifications and experience.

A subsistence allowance may be paid over a reasonable period to person appointed if unable to obtain suitable housing accommodation, necessitating the maintenance of two homes.

Details and application form (to be returned within 7 days) from the Town Clerk, E.6. 3700

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SENIOR ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT required at PRESTON, A.P.T. Grade V, salary £1.310—£1,480 per annum.

Applicants must be qualified architects, planning experience is desirable but not essential. Duties include the design of housing layouts and central area redevelopment schemes, and the preparation of working drawings for houses, flats and shops. Applications, giving age, qualifications, present appointment, experience, etc., and two referees, to the County Planning Officer, East Cliff County Offices, Preston, by the 25th October, 1960. 3715

BOROUGH OF AYLESBURY
APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above appointments in the Consultant Architect's office at a salary within the A.P.T. Grade V (£1,310 to £1,480 per annum).

The Council has embarked on a scheme of town expansion under the Town Development Act 1962 for the acceptance of industry and population from the greater London area entailing a considerable architectural programme including the provision of new Civic buildings, town centre shopping facilities, industrial and housing development.

The appointments will be subject to the Local Government Superannusation Acts and to the National Scheme of Conditions of Service and will be terminable by one month's notice on either side. The appointments will be required to pass a me

B. D. W. MAXWELL, Town Clerk.

Town Hall, Aylesbury

Town Hall.

Aylesbury.

OVENTRY REDEVELOPMENT
Applications invited for the following Planning
Division appointment:—
SENIOR GROUP PLANNING OFFICER
(Redevelopment Plans) Scale "B." £1.305-£1.485
per annum (plus approx. 12½ per cent revised
scale awaited).

The person appointed will be responsible to
the Assistant Principal Planning Officer (Redevelopment) for matters affecting design in the
reconstruction areas (at present approx. 250 acres).
Permanent and pensionable subject to satisfactory medical certificate. Housing accommodation
in approved cases. Removal expenses loan avaiable. Five-day working week. Canteen facilities.
Application forms from Department of Architecture and Planning, Council House, Earl Street,
returnable 16 days publication.

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EOROUGH OF NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME
(a) ASSISTANT ARCHITECT—Special Grade.
Salary £840-£1.145 per annum.

(b) ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT — Grade
A.P.T. II. Salary £815-£960 per annum.
Applicants for (a) are required to have passed
Parts 1 and 2 of the R.I.B.A. Final or Special
Final Examination.
Applicants for (b) should have passed the
Intermediate examination, and will be allowed
to attend a one day per week school course
leading to the Final examination.
Commencing salaries will be given to the
provision of housing accommodation in suitable
cases.
Further particulars and conditions of appointments may be obtained from the Borous Surments may be obtained from the Borous Surments may be obtained from the Borous Surments may be obtained from the Borous Sur-

cases.
Further particulars and conditions of appointments may be obtained from the Borough Surveyor, Lancaster Building, Newsastle, Staffs. to whom applications must be submitted by Tuesday, 1st November, 1960.

C. J. MORTON.

District Bank House, High Street. Newcastle, Staffs.

BOROUGH OF ALTRINCHAM
ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT
(Special Grade £240—£1,145)
Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the above appointment in the Borough Surveyor's Department.
The appointment will be subject to the National Joint Council's Conditions, the Local Government Superannuation Acts 1973 and 1965, to one month's notice on either side and to the passing of a medical examination.
Applications, stating age, qualifications and experience, with the names of two referees, should be delivered to me not later than Friday, 4th November, 1960.
Consideration will be given to the provision of housing accommodation.
Candidates must disclose whether they are related to any member or senior officer of the Council.
Canvassing will disqualify.

Council.
Canvassing will disqualify.
E. GRAHAM THOMAS.
Town Clerk.

Town Hall,
Altrincham.
October, 1960.

COUNTY FOROUGH OF EAST HAM
ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER—
GRADE A.P.T. I—2645—2815
Vacancy in Borough Engineer's Department.
London Weighting paid in addition. Salary
above minimum paid according to qualifications
and experience.

above minimum paid according to qualifications and experience.

A subsistence allowance may be paid over a reasonable period to person appointed if unable to obtain suitable housing accommodation, necessitating the maintenance of two homes.

Details and application form (to be returned within 7 days) from the Town Clerk, E.6. 3802

MODERNISATION OF ERITISH RAILWAYS The Western Region requires the following technical staff: CIVIL ENGINEERING, AECHITECTURAL, BUILDING, HEATING & VENTILATING SOIL MECHANICS.

Interesting work in pleasant conditions with promotion on MERIT, Superannuation Fund.

Reduced rates of travel in this country and abroad and other concessions.

Commencing salaries up to £1,000 according to ability.

Commencing same ability.

A limited number of posts in ranges between £1,150 and £1,695.

Five-day week.

Applications giving qualifications and experience to: Chief Civil Engineer, British Railways, Western Region, Paddington Station, London, W 2.

western Region, Paddington Station, London. W.2.

ROYAL COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE
ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, A.P.T. Grade V. 21,510—21,480. Candidates must be Associates of the R.I. B.A. and have had considerable experience in design and the running of contracts. The post will rank as second in a group of eight.

ASSISTANT ARCHITECT, Special Grade. 2540—21,146. Candidates should be members of the B.I.B.A. and have had good architectural training.

ARCHITECTURAL ASSISTANT A.P.T. Grade II. 2815—2960. Candidates should have nassed the Intermediate examination of the R.I.B.A. One day per week will be allowed for study at a recognised School of Architecture.

ASSISTANT QUANTITY SURVEYOR, Special Grade, 2840—21,145. Candidates should be Associates of the R.I.C.S. (Quantities Sub-Division) or member of the I.Q.S.

The office is engaged on all types of County buildings and owing to the rapid increase in population a very full programme lies ahead. There is a number of staff houses and flats, some of which become available from time to time, and assistance up to 75 per cent of removal expenses is given.

Audication forms obtainable from the County Architect, Wilton House, Parkside Road, Reading, are to be returned by October 25th, 1960.

AIR MINISTRY require SENIOR TAKERS OFF in the Quantities Division. London. Must have wide experience of all classes of work and preferably be A.B.I.C.S. (Sub-Division III Quantities). Salary scale £1,375 to £1,785. Commencing salary A.Q.E. Non-pensionable but long term. Good prospects of establishment and/or promotion. Five-day week. 22 days' paid leave. Applicants must be natural born British subjects. Forms from Ministry of Labour. Technical and Selentific Register (K) 26, King Street, London. S.W.I. Ouoting J 340/OA.

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BRACKNELL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION Applications are invited for the rost of CLERK OF WORKS in the Chief Architect's Department. Salary range £880—£1.065. Superannuation schemes, medical examination. Housing available. Apply by 1st November, 1960. stating age, when available to commence duties, experience and appointments held (with dates and salaries) and names of two referees, to General Manager (C.W.A.). Bracknell Development Corporation Farley Hall. Bracknell, Berks.

LANCASHIEF COUNTY COUNCIL TRAINER ARCHITECTS AND QUANTITY SURVEYORS
There are vacancies in the County Architect's Department for Trainee Architects and Quantity Surveyors. The office offers a wide acops for young men of the right calibre who wish to take up a professional career.

The applicants should be between the ages of 16 and 21 and should apply immediately for further details to the County Architect, P.O. Box 26, County Hall, Preston.

AIR MINISTRY require JUNIOR WORKERS UP in Quantities Division in London. Must be fully experienced and competent to Work Upentire Bills of Quantities. Candidates must hold O.N.C. or C. & G. (Quantities) or equiv. technical quals. Financial assistance and time off given for recognised courses of study. Promotion and pension prospects. Five-day week with 13 days' paid leave a year initially.

Salary ranges from £250 (at age 26) to £975. Applicants, who must be natural-born British subjects, should write stating age, quals. and exp. to the Manager (PE.1224). Ministry of Labour, Professional and Executive Register, Atlantic House, Farringdon Street, London, E.1.4. No original testimonials should be sent. 3985

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QUANTITY SURVEYING ASSISTANTS GRADE III required by AIR MINISTRY in the PROVINCES. Duties include abstracting and billing, site measurement and preparation of estimates. Candidates must hold Q.N.Q. (Euiding or Builder's Quantities) or equiv. and have good experience under Quantity Surveyor or Building Contractor. Knowledge W.D. Schedule an advantage. Financial assistance and time off given for recognised courses of study. Promotion and pension prospects. Five-day week with 18 days' paid leave a year initially. Overseas fours for which special allowances granted. Salary ranges from £770 (at age 25) to £925. Commencing salary dependent upon age, quals. and exp. Applicants, who must be natural born British subjects, should write stating age, quals. and previous appointments including type of work done, to Manager (PE2). Ministry of Labour, Professional and Executive Register, Atlantic House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. No original testimonials should be sent. Candidates selected will normally be interviewed in London and certain expenses reimbursed. Only applicants selected for interview will be advised.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.
COUNTY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT
SENIOR ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS—N.J.C.
Scale B. £1,320 to £1,485 (now under
review) according to experience.
Applications are invited from experienced,
registered architects to deal with a wide variety
of buildings, including Magistrates' Courte,
Police Training Schools and Technical Colleges.
Application Forms and details of appointment
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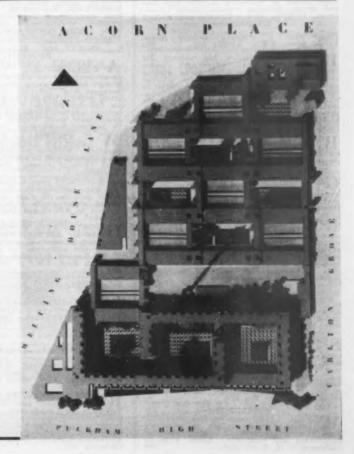
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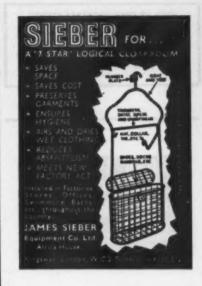
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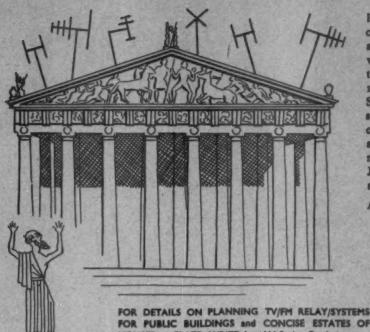
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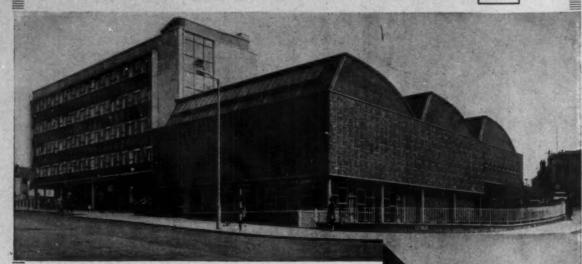
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