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## Coming in the Record

## NEW TOWN, U.S.A.

In Europe, where the ravages of war pushed the pressures of expanding population farther faster, the experimentation with "new towns" -not suburbs, but self-contained communities-has played a major role in post-World War II planning and housing. In this country, it has only recently developed significant potential for community architecture. The new town of Reston, Va., which will be the subject of a major feature next month, is one of the first of the new towns U.S.A. to near the occupancy stage, and most important not only for its pioneering design concepts but for the fact that it is entirely privately financed.

## ARCHITECTURE IN INDUSTRY'S SERVICE

As industry faces the proliferating problems of automation and diversification in an expanding economy, its plant requirements likewise proliferate and so-for all the competitive intruders-do opportunities for architects. Next month's Building Types Study on Industrial Buildings will report on some of the new opportunities and show some of the notable architectural results.

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It is clear nevertheless that the Fair is something less than a victory for "good design." The early efforts of New York architects to establish the principle of design discipline were a quick and total failure, so the Fair, by intent, became a mammoth competition by exhibitors for the attention of the crowds. Attendance figures are amazingly high, and great queues form at many of the exhibits. Highly automated spectaculars are bewitching millions of sightseers. So who wants good design?

Well, one who does, in a different context, is CBS president Frank Stanton. In accepting from The Architectural League of New York the Michael Friedsam Medal, Dr. Stanton put it a little urgently :
"In an age when everyone is seeking to get everyone else's attention, when the demands made upon our senses increase daily in number, in persistence and in complexity, and when a hectic man-made world intrudes more and more upon the orderly and graceful world of nature, respect for superior design seems to me a minimum essential of effective communications and constructive human relationships.
"I do not think that we can be narrow about this or falter by persuading ourselves that good design might matter in some cases but not in others. It is senseless to be concerned about great institutional architecture and then rush tastelessly into the building of offices, stores, factories and laboratories, where we are more continuously served by good design and punished by bad than anywhere else, except possibly our homes. It is witless to preserve carefully the fine artifacts of other times and then surround ourselves with the mis-
shapened and unsightly in our day.
"We all spend our lives in a world of instruments and implements, ranging from buildings to books, from airplanes to appliances, from pianos to pencils. Ugliness, incongruity, distortion, disguise, dis-proportion-all these can so grate upon the mind and spirit that much of the point and service of the thing designed are lost or warped."

CBS is rather a powerful tastemaker, and it seems hopeful that its president sees where the proliferation of tasteless design is taking us. But the Fair is probably important among the pacesetters in matters of tasteother large fairs have been-and surely it is not leading in the direction of order and grace and serenity.

Of course the Fair is a fair, and glamour and glitter are obviously essential. And what Dr. Stanton was talking about was a living environment. Now I don't suppose that CBS will renounce glamour and glitter, and neither will architects. Through countless eras life has seemed pretty dull to billions of people, and a reasonable indulgence in glamour and glitter seems permissible, however concerned we may be about "good taste."

But it is important to note that fun and games and indulgence sometimes seem to be the total goal of a prosperous and democratic society. "Bad taste" seems to proliferate much faster than "good taste." And the best of taste seems to be contaminated, not refined, as proliferation overwhelms it.

Surely as population and prosperity increase, the demands upon our senses must be restrained by some order and taste. As Dr. Stanton said: ". . . when a hectic man-made world intrudes more and more upon the orderly and graceful world of nature, respect for superior design seems a minimum essential . . ."

And it may not be amiss for the designer to remind himself that he is an important generator in this hectic man-made world. If he should be moved toward a little campaign for restraint, he will know where to begin it.
-Emerson Goble

## AIR ACADEMY CHAPEL GETS REYNOLDS AWARD



The firm of Skidmore, Owings \& Merrill will receive the 1964 R. S. Reynolds Memorial Award at the American Institute of Architects Convention in St. Louis for their design of the U.S. Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colorado (December 1962, pages 85-92). Partner in charge and designer was Walter A. Netsch Jr., of the firm's Chicago office. The jury of architects, selected by the A.I.A., unanimously agreed that the chapel successfully met both criteria for the eighth annual $\$ 25,000$ award-a "distinguished achievement in architecture with significant use of aluminum."

The jury especially commended the expressive way in which the chapel's design meets the "challenging problem" of a religious structure for our times: "The light, airy feeling of this beautiful soaring structure, so appropriately placed in the center of a complex of related buildings, is uniquely appropriate to this very special problem of a chapel for the United States Air Force Academy."

The jury consisted of: Hans Maurer, B.D.A., chairman and last year's winner of the award; George F. Pierce Jr., F.A.I.A.; Robert M. Little, F.A.I.A.; and Dahlen Ritchey, A.I.A. A fifth juror, Mario Ciampi, F.A.I.A., was unable to attend the jury review due to illness.

## CHICAGO AWARDS HONOR TWO BUILDINGS



On the basis of "architectural design, craftsmanship and construction," two Honor Awards (see photos) and $11 \mathrm{Ci}-$ tations of Merit were given to Chicago area buildings in the 10th Annual Honor Awards program of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry and the Chicago Chapter, American Institute of Architects.

Members of the jury were: Winston Elting, F.A.I.A., chairman; Harry Weese, F.A.I.A.; G. Kidder Smith, F.A.I.A.; Paul Goodrich, president, Chicago Title and Trust Co. (representing the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry) ; and Lyndon H. Lesch, vice-president, L. J. Sheridan Co. (also representing the Association).


Above: Chicago Child Care Society Building. Architects: George Fred Keck and William Keck; builder: R. C. Wieboldt Co. It "was commended for its honest and unselfconscious suitability to purpose . . . appropriate to its program and to its child users. It is a permanent building yet modest in budget"
Left: Continental Casualty and Assurance Co. Building. Architects: C. F. Murphy Associates; builder: A. L. Jackson Co. Jury comment: ". . . probably the finest commercial office building of recent years. It is commended for its structural expression, sober mien, scale and detail. It is masculine, dignified and belongs to Chicago"

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## NATIONAL PROGRAM HONORS TEN CHURCHES WITH DESIGN AWARDS

Ten churches were singled out for distinction at the 25 th National Conference on Church Architecture, held April 7-9 in Dallas, Tex., under the joint sponsorship of the Church Architectural Guild of America and the Department of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches.

A jury of Protestant church leaders and architects unanimously selected the University Presbyterian Church in Rochester, Mich. as the best design of the 116 that were exhibited. Rev. Edward S. Frey, chairman of the jury, stated that the awards were made "in recognition of total design, including special features."

On the jury were: Rev. Edward S. Frey of New York City, chairman and executive director, Commisssion on Church Architecture, Lutheran Church in America; Herbert Powell, F.A.I.A., San Marino, Calif.; Theodore Criley, A.I.A., Claremont, Calif.; John E. Stafford, A.I.A., Eugene, Ore.; and Dr. James F. White, Assistant Professor of Worship, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas.


St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Johnstown, Iowa Architects: Charles Herbert and Associates Built in 1963


Parish house, Central Park Presbyterian Church Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Architects: Kohlmann, Eckman and Hukill Built in 1962-63


Design for St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, Lanham, Md. Architect: W. Kent Cooper


Westwood Lutheran Church, St. Louis Park, Minn. Architects: Sovik, Mathre and Madson Built in 1963


Church of the Holy Spirit, Vashon Island, Wash. Architects: Durham, Anderson and Reed Built in 1963


Hope Lutheran Church, Paradise Valley, Calif. Architects: Maul and Pulver
Built in 1963


Education building of the First Baptist Church, Pomona, Calif. Architect: Everett L. Tozier
Built in 1963-64


Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Dallas, Tex. Architects: Harwood K. Smith and Partners Built in 1961


All Saints Lutheran Church, Livonia, Mich.
Architects: Roy D. Murphy and Associates
Built in 1961

## Buildings in the News

## CALIFORNIA BUILDINGS RECEIVE HONOR AWARDS

Out of nearly 100 entries, 11 buildings were chosen to merit Honor Awards in the 1963 Triennial Honor Awards program sponsored by the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

Limited in its choice to projects completed subsequent to January 1958 in the Southern California area and designed by a member of the Southern California Chapter, a five-member international jury nominated 26 entries for award. From this group, a local jury, composed of previous award-winners, selected the outstanding 11 projects. The remaining 15 were included in the Triennial Exhibition.

The international jury consisted of: Sir Basil Spence, London; Otto Glaus, Zurich; Felix Candela, Mexico City; Harry Weese, Chicago; and Ernest Kump, Palo Alto. On the local chapter jury were: David Witmer, F.A.I.A.; Henry Withey, F.A.I.A.; W. L. Risley, F.A.I.A.; Wallace Neff, F.A.I.A.; Ralph C. Flewelling, F.A.I.A.; Graham Latta, A.I.A.; Herbert Powell, F.A.I.A.; Samuel Lunden, F.A.I.A.; Paul Williams, F.A.I.A.; Robert Alexander, F.A.I.A.; Kenneth Johnson, A.I.A.; Henry Eggers, F.A.I.A.; Thornton Abell, A.I.A.; Alfred Chaix, A.I.A.; Ralph Water Johnson, A.I.A.; George Allison, F.A.I.A.; Clinton Ternstrom, A.I.A.; Robert Mayer, A.I.A.; John Lautner, A.I.A.; Walter Reichardt, A.I.A.; John C. Lindsay, A.I.A.; Hugh Gibbs, A.I.A.; Raymond Kappe, A.I.A.; Howard Morgridge, A.I.A.; and Maynard Lyndon, F.A.I.A., Awards Program Chairman.


Sunset-Vine Tower Office Building, Hollywood. Architects: Honnold and Rex, Architects and Associates; contractor: Integrated, Inc.; owner: Los Angeles Federal Savings and Loan

Duffield Lincoln-Mercury Agency, Long Beach. Architects: Killingsworth, Brady, Smith \& Associates; contractor: Millie \& Severson; owner: Duffield Lincoln-Mercury Agency


Space Technology Laboratories, Inc., Redondo Beach. Architects: Albert C. Martin and Associates; contractor: TwaitsWittenberg; owner: Space Technology Laboratories, Inc.


Hunt Foods \& Industries, Inc., Fullerton. Architects: William L. Pereira \& Associates; contractor: Lindgren and Swinerton, Inc.; owner: Hunt Foods \& Industries, Inc.


Publication Engineers Building. Architect: Daniel L. Dworsky; contractor: A. L. Miller Construction Co.; owner: Charles Gutentag


Residence of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maston. Architect: Carl Maston; contractor: E. W. Hahn, Inc.; owner: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maston


Wyle Ranch, North Fork. Architects: Honnold \& Rex, Architects \& Associates; contractor: Mr. Frank Wyle; owner: Mr. Frank Wyle


230 South Lake Avenue Building, Pasadena. Architects: James G. Pulliam, Bernard Zimmerman, \& M. J. Matthews; contractor: Ted Tyler; owner: H. W. Adams


Saint John's Seminary College, Camarillo. Architects: Albert C. Martin and Associates; contractor: Fred E. Potts Company; owner: Archdiocese of Los Angeles


Office Building, South Pasadena. Architects: Whitney R. Smith and Wayne Williams; contractor: Ted Tyler; owner: Whitney R. Smith and Wayne Williams


Case Study House No. 25 for Arts and Architecture Magazine. Architects: Killingsworth, Brady, Smith \& Associates; contractor: Stromberg and Son; owner: Mr. Edward Frank


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## 1964 BRUNNER PRIZE AWARDED TO HARRY WEESE



The Arnold W. Brunner Memorial Prize in Architecture was awarded by the National Institute of Arts and Letters this year to Harry Weese. The citation and $\$ 1,000$ award was presented to Mr. Weese on May 20th at the Joint Annual Ceremonial of
the National Institute and the American Academy of Arts and Letters for the "promise" he has shown in "contributing to architecture as an art."

Mr. Weese joins a list of former winners which includes Gordon Bunshaft, John Yeon, John Carl Warnecke, Paul Rudolph, Edward Larrabee Barnes, Louis I. Kahn, I. M. Pei, Ulrich Franzen, and, last year's winner, Edward Charles Bassett.

Harry Weese, who now practices in Chicago, was educated at M.I.T., where he received his degree in architecture in 1938. He continued his studies at Yale University and at Cranbrook Academy, where he held a Fellowship in City Planning under Eliel Saarinen. Before establishing
his own practice in 1947, he worked for several years as a designer in the Chicago office of Skidmore, Owings \& Merrill.

Among his most important works are the U.S. Embassy and apartments in Accra, Ghana; Arena Stage, Washington, D.C.; and the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Menaska, Wis. A 16 -page feature in the May, 1963 issue of the Record (pages 127-142) presented some of his more recent designs, including the First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ind.; Center for the Visually Handicapped. Chicago; Residence Halls for Cornel College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa; and the Reed College Arts Center, Portland Ore.; and the Beloit College Science Building, Beloit, Wis.

## BREGER GROUP WINS ALLEGHENY COMPETITION

That only one design scheme out of 305 submitted in an international competition for the Allegheny Public Square in Pittsburgh was deemed worthy of an award might perhaps be taken as an oblique indictment of the present state of design for urban renewal projects. In selecting the project of a team headed by William Breger, Chairman of the Department of Architectural Design at Pratt Institute, the seven-member jury decided to eliminate a second stage of
judging, stating that "perhaps architects and designers are yet not able to formulate clear design goals necessary for good urban design."

Mr . Breger, assisted by two senior students at Pratt, James Terjesen and Warren Winter, has been designated to receive the commission in addition to being awarded a $\$ 5,000$ prize. The winning scheme will become the nucleus of a 79 -acre, $\$ 85$ million Allegheny Center renewal project-a three-acre public square
to be a transitional area between new residential and commercial areas.

As to the final outcome, the jury, which included five professional members-Hideo Sasaki, Dahlen K. Ritchey, Gordon Bunshaft, John B. Parkin and Hector Mestre-and two non-professionals-H. J. Heinz and Adolph W. Schmidt-stated that whether "a public square can synthesize again a community spirit of civic well being . . . will have to await the test of time."


Above is the total design concept for Allegheny Center as prepared by architetcs Deeter \& Ritchey. Ground will be broken in early June for the first phase, and work on the public square (arrow) will be undertaken by the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh in late 1965 or early 1966


The winning design for Allegheny Public Square bounded on the left by two buildings to be preserved-Buhl Planetarium and Carnegie Library. The jury complimented the "urban quality of the paved plaza" as "simple in concept" and "a receptive place where groups and individuals may gather"


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Selection was made by a sevenmember Jury of Fellows: Harold T. Spitznagel, Sioux Falls, S. D., chairman; George B. Allison, Los Angeles; Walter E. Campbell, Boston; Arthur Q. Davis, New Orleans; Samuel E. Homsey, Wilmington, Del.; Alfred Shaw, Chicago; and Linn Smith, Birmingham, Michigan.

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First of all, store construction has some catching up to do. Over the past decade there has been a close relationship between the value of store contracts and the value of residential contracts. This isn't surprising because as new housing units go up, the new home owners and apartment dwellers need local retail outlets where they can shop conveniently. Retailers recognize that housing developments represent good markets, so they follow their customers and open new stores. To point up how close the relationship between the volume of store and residential construction has been, store contract value as a percentage of residential contract value stayed between 10.4 and 12.4 per cent from 1953-63 with only 1955 as an exception ( 13.5 per cent).
Since 1961, however, residential building has been growing more rapidly than store construction. Residential contract value jumped 27 per cent from 1961 to 1963, while store contract value was up only 7 per cent; and the ratio between store and residential contracts dropped from 12.4 per cent to 10.4 per cent. Store construction has been lagging behind homebuilding during the last few years. And 1964 is expected to be another good year for residential construction. As a result, the demand for retail outlets should swell this year, and first quarter figures may be signaling this.

Another plus factor is retail sales which, in the first quarter, were 4 per cent higher than in the comparable period of 1963. Some people have been disappointed with the performance of this series because the heralded tax cut law (which affected take-home pay from March 1st on), was expected to provide a substantial boost to retail sales. So far, it hasn't. What's been happening is that many consumers have decided to use their additional income to reduce their installment debt: total repayments in March exceeded $\$ 4.9$ billion-a record high. If consumers continue to reduce their outstanding debt, it will put them in a better position to step up their buying later on this year. And retail sales, already ahead of last year, are likely to gain momentum as 1964 draws to a close.

With a healthy housing market and the prospects of higher retail sales, the outlook for store construction for the rest of 1964 is optimistic. The increase in contract value won't be of boom proportions, but the chances are good that it will exceed the slow growth rate of recent years.

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## Building Construction Costs

By Myron L. Matthews<br>Manager-Editor, Dow Building Cost Calculator, an F. W. Dedge service

The information presented here permits quick approximations of building construction costs in 21 leading cities and their suburban areas (within a 25 -mile radius). The tables and charts can be used independently, or in combination as a system of complementary cost indicators. Information is included on past and present costs, and future cost can be projected by analysis of cost trends.
A. CURRENT BUILDING COST INDEXES-MAY 1964

| Metropolital Area | Cost Differential | Current <br> Residential | Dow Index Nonresidential | Per Cent Change <br> Year Ago <br> Res. \& Nonres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U.S. AVERAGE- |  |  |  |  |
| 21 Cities | 8.5 | 263.7 | 280.9 | $+2.56$ |
| Atlanta | 7.1 | 297.0 | 315.0 | $+2.88$ |
| Baltimore | 8.0 | 266.1 | 283.1 | +2.05 |
| Birmingham | 7.4 | 244.1 | 262.5 | +2.94 |
| Boston | 8.4 | 236.5 | 250.3 | +2.57 |
| Chicago | 8.8 | 293.6 | 308.9 | $+2.66$ |
| Cincinnati | 8.8 | 254.5 | 270.5 | $+2.46$ |
| Cleveland | 9.3 | 266.2 | 283.0 | +2.31 |
| Dallas | 7.8 | 250.2 | 258.3 | +1.70 |
| Denver | 8.3 | 271.9 | 289.0 | +3.78 |
| Detroit | 8.9 | 265.3 | 278.5 | $+2.95$ |
| Kansas City | 8.3 | 238.1 | 252.0 | $+2.47$ |
| Los Angeles | 8.4 | 266.4 | 291.4 | $+1.97$ |
| Miami | 8.4 | 262.7 | 275.7 | $+3.34$ |
| Minneapolis | 8.9 | 264.9 | 281.6 | $+243$ |
| New Orleans | 7.9 | 240.2 | 254.5 | +1.82 |
| New York | 10.0 | 272.1 | 292.6 | +1.74 |
| Philadelphia | 8.7 | 264.3 | 277.5 | $+3.23$ |
| Pittsburgh | 9.1 | 249.1 | 264.8 | $+2.47$ |
| St. Louis | 8.9 | 256.2 | 271.4 | $+2.53$ |
| San Francisco | 7.5 | 336.0 | 367.7 | +2.66 |
| Seattle | 8.5 | 242.1 | 270.6 | $+2.33$ |


2. BASE WAGE RATES \$/HR.


B. HISTORICAL BUILDING COST INDEXES-AVERAGE OF ALL BUILDING TYPES, 21 CITIES

1941 average for each city $=100.0$

| Metropolitan Area | 1952 | 1957 | 1958 | 1959 | 1960 | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 (Quarterly) |  |  |  | 1964 (Quarterly) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 1st | 2nd | 3 rd | 4th |
| U.S. AVERAGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 Cities | 213.5 | 244.1 | 248.9 | 255.0 | 259.2 | 264.6 | 266.8 | 269.4 | 270.3 | 273.4 | 275.0 | 274.7 |  |  |  |
| Atlanta | 223.5 | 269.6 | 277.7 | 283.3 | 289.0 | 294.7 | 298.2 | 302.0 | 303.0 | 305.7 | 307.5 | 310.0 |  |  |  |
| Baltimore | 213.3 | 249.4 | 251.9 | 264.5 | 272.6 | 269.9 | 271.8 | 272.3 | 272.9 | 275.5 | 277.1 | 277.2 |  |  |  |
| Birmingham | 208.1 | 228.6 | 233.2 | 233.2 | 240.2 | 249.9 | 250.0 | 251.3 | 252.0 | 256.3 | 257.8 | 258.0 |  |  |  |
| Boston | 199.0 | 224.0 | 230.5 | 230.5 | 232.8 | 237.5 | 239.8 | 240.4 | 241.2 | 244.1 | 245.6 | 246.1 |  |  |  |
| Chicago | 231.2 | 267.8 | 273.2 | 278.6 | 284.2 | 289.9 | 292.0 | 296.4 | 296.4 | 301.0 | 302.8 | 302.2 |  |  |  |
| Cincinnati | 207.7 | 245.1 | 250.0 257.9 | 250.0 | 255.0 | 257.6 265.7 | 258.8 | 260.0 | 260.7 | 263.9 | 265.5 | 265.1 |  |  |  |
| Cleveland | 220.7 | 258.0 | 257.9 | 260.5 | 263.1 239.9 | 265.7 | 268.5 246.9 | 272.3 | 272.8 | 275.8 | 277.4 | 276.3 |  |  |  |
| Dallas | 221.9 | 228.4 | 230.5 | 237.5 | 239.9 | 244.7 270.9 | 246.9 | 251.5 | 252.2 | 253.0 | 254.5 | 253.7 |  |  |  |
| Denver | 211.8 | 245.6 | 252.8 239.8 | 257.9 | 257.9 | 270.9 | 274.9 265.9 | 275.0 | 275.4 | 282.5 | 284.2 | 282.6 |  |  |  |
| Detroit | 197.8 | 237.4 | 239.8 | 249.4 | 259.5 | 264.7 | 265.9 | 267.1 | 267.9 | 272.2 | 273.8 | 272.7 |  |  |  |
| Kansas City | 213.3 | 230.5 | 235.0 | 239.6 | 237.1 | 237.1 | 240.1 | 242.3 | 242.9 | 247.8 | 249.3 | 246.2 |  |  |  |
| Los Angeles | 210.3 | 248.4 | 253.4 | 263.5 | 263.6 | 274.3 | 276.3 | 279.1 | 279.7 | 282.5 | 284.2 | 284.0 |  |  |  |
| Miami | 199.4 | 234.6 | 239.3 | 249.0 | 256.5 | 259.1 | 260.3 | 262.4 | 266.7 | 269.3 | 270.9 | 270.1 |  |  |  |
| Minneapolis | 213.5 | 235.6 | 249.9 | 254.9 | 260.0 | 267.9 | 269.0 | 271.4 | 272.1 | 275.3 | 276.9 | 275.0 |  |  |  |
| New Orleans | 207.1 | 232.8 | 235.1 | 237.5 | 242.3 | 244.7 | 245.1 | 246.5 | 246.5 | 248.3 | 249.8 | 247.1 |  |  |  |
| New York | 207.4 | 240.4 | 247.6 | 260.2 | 265.4 | 270.8 | 276.0 | 280.9 | 280.9 | 282.3 | 284.0 | 284.8 |  |  |  |
| Philadelphia | 222.3 | 255.0 | 257.6 | 262.8 | 262.8 | 265.4 | 265.2 | 265.6 | 265.6 | 271.2 | 272.8 | 271.1 |  |  |  |
| Pittsburgh | 204.0 | 234.1 | 236.4 | 241.1 | 248.5 | 250.9 | 251.8 | 255.0 | 256.1 | 258.2 | 259.7 | 260.8 |  |  |  |
| St. Louis | 213.1 | 237.4 | 239.7 308.6 | 246.9 321.1 | 251.9 327.5 | 256.9 337.4 | 255.4 343.3 | 260.1 | 262.4 | 263.4 | 265.0 | 266.8 |  |  |  |
| San Francisco | 266.4 | 302.5 | 308.6 | 321.1 | 327.5 | 337.4 | 343.3 | 350.1 | 350.1 | 352.4 | 354.5 | 358.2 |  |  |  |
| Seattle | 191.8 | 221.4 | 225.8 | 232.7 | 237.4 | 247.0 | 252.5 | 256.5 | 257.8 | 260.6 | 262.2 | 260.1 |  |  |  |

HOW TO USE TABLES AND CHARTS: Building costs may be directly compared to costs in the 1941 base year in tables A and B: an index of 256.3 for a given city for a certain period means that costs in that city for that period are 2.563 times 1941 costs, an increase of $156.3 \%$ over 1941 costs.
TABLE A. Differences in costs between two cities may be compared by dividing the cost differential figure of one city by that of a second: if the cost differential of one city ( 10.0 ) divided by that of a second (8.0) equals $125 \%$, then costs in first city are $25 \%$ higher than costs in second. Also, costs in second city are $80 \%$ of those in first $(8.0 \div 10.0=80 \%)$ or $20 \%$ lower in the second city

TABLE B. Costs in a given city for a certain period my be compared with costs in another period by dividing one index into the other: if index for a city for one period (200.0) divided by index for a second period (150.0) equals $133 \%$, the costs in the one period are $33 \%$ higher than those of the other. Also, second period costs are $75 \%$ of those of the other date ( $150.0 \div$ $200.0=75 \%$ ) or $25 \%$ lower in the second period. CHART 1. Building materials indexes reflect prices paid by builders for quantity purchases delivered at construction sites. CHART 2. The $\$ 1.20$ per hour gap between skilled and unskilled labor has remained fairly constant. CHART 3. Barometric business indicators that reflect variations in the state of the money market

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On behalf of the American Institute of Architects, Morris Ketchum Jr., F.A.I.A., A.I.A. New York regional director, presented Mrs. McGuire with the Institute's Citation of Honor for her "courageous, intelligent and determined efforts to create an enlightened national program for low-income housing."

Mr. Mayer was cited by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment officials for his role in creating "a new opportunity for public housing architecture."



Morris Ketchum Jr., F.A.I.A. (left), presents the American Institute of Architects' Citation of Honor to Marie C. McGuire, commissioner of the Public Housing Administration. At right is Mr. Robbins.

Above: Albert Mayer, F.A.I.A., receives a scroll in appreciation of his contribution to low-rent housing design on behalf of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials from John D. Lange, executive director of N.A.H.R.O. From left: Robert C. Weaver, administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency; Herman D. Hillman, director of the New York Regional Office of the Public Housing Administration, general chairman of the seminar; Mr. Mayer; Mr. Lange; Ira S. Robbins, president of N.A.H.R.O.; and Thomas B. Thompson, assistant commissioner for development of P.H.A.

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## Traffic in Towns

The central idea of this important official report is that the urban environment has a definable capacity to accommodate traffic. When more than that amount of traffic enters a given area, changes in the environment must take place. Streets must be widened, parking provided, and in the more extreme cases elaborate multi-level urban centers must be built to separate vehicles and pedestrians. With all this, changes in the urban fabric, the destruction of historical continuity, and a profound alteration in urban life itself occurs. That these changes are costly is readily established. But that the city itself, as an environment for human life, with its amenity, efficiency and economy, is the chief victim of an unlimited, undisciplined and unplanned accommodation of traffic has never before been so brilliantly demonstrated. And never has a rational method been offered to use designers in the transportation planning process, to incorporate their values into the total plan, and to exploit the resources of design in a convincing manner.

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[^1]tion solutions to urban problems.
Many of these values are due to Colin D. Buchanan, under whose direction the report was produced. At the time of its inception as a highlevel British Cabinet undertaking at the urging of the Minister of Transport, Ernest Marples, Buchanan was Senior Planning Officer in the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. Highway, urban transportation and parking pressures have been building up for some time in Britain (although there is still a ratio of but one car to three families) and the government shrank before the magnitude and cost of these undertakings at an American or Continental scale. When Buchanan was seconded to the Ministry of Transport three years ago it was with quite a different mandate than, in a parallel case, General Lucius Clay had in the United States when he was instructed to get the interstate highway system into motion. With its greater maturity and national unity, its extensive and discretionary planning powers and practical experience, and its freight of historic urban centers, it was obvious that in Great Britain surgery, not butchery would be needed.

At the start a parallel need for urban renewal was also recognized. Hence the British statement of the problem of "traffic in towns" was to modernize roads and mass transportation in the context of extensive urban change. Buchanan's qualifications included an interest in transportation that had led him to write an excellent book, "Unmixed Blessing: The Motor in Britain," ${ }^{1}$ a tough-minded determination to get to the root of things, and an admirable ability to make complicated situations as clear as a diagram. Currently he is also president of the Town Planning Institute and has become a professor of transportation in the Imperial College, South Kensington.

Buchanan formed a technical group and established them in what
seems to have been a combination drafting studio and seminar room while the report was being written. They used a minimum of the computer hardware familiar in American transportation planning, and put a maximum reliance on wellrounded thinking. In this they were aided by a steering group headed by Sir Geoffrey Crowther, editor of The Economist, whose job it was to keep the economic and political realities clearly in mind. This procedural innovation could profitably be imitated not only in government but by such related inquiries as that which is being conducted by the A.I.A. Urban Design Committee. It contrasts particularly with the organization and approach of the Penn-Jersey Transportation Study, which also aims at transportation policy determination within an urban planning framework rather than the narrower objectives of highway engineering. Despite the many differences between government in Great Britain and the United States, a recognition of these administrative and political factors seems to be the first of the several values which Americans may derive from the Buchanan Report.
While the British are, in the matter of automobile ownership, about where we were a generation ago, it is difficult to see that either our plethora of cars or experience with autodominant highway plans are of much value in arriving at long-term solutions. To be sure, thoughtful observers, like Professor Melvin Webber at the University of California, have seen in the new urban pattern of Los Angeles a revolutionary innovation that may offer a whole alternative direction to our urban civilization. ${ }^{2}$ But that regions of older or more constricted urban development should or could adopt this pattern evolved by a new metropolis with distinctive characteristics of rapid growth, aviation, space and petrocontinued on page 82

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chemical industries, a distinctive and large structure of higher education, and massive scientific research and development operations (and consequent characteristic transport demands) is far from clear. I suspect that where American conditions, as in the Boston-to-Hampton Roads East Coast urban belt, resemble those in Great Britain, Buchanan will speak for us all.

## Design as a Tool

The substance and the method of the Buchanan Report are best illustrated in the several case studies which comprise the body of the document. Dealing with a range of urban situations, from the 30,000 population town of Newbury (Berks.) to a relatively small section of Central London, the case studies test the analytical and design principles offered in the report. The exercise also revealed shortcomings of existing data. It is, however, as an effort of design that the case studies show the recognition of values, the perception of alternatives and their consequences, and the application of professional judgment rather than merely quantitative methods. The result is an impressive overturning of the piecemeal conclusions, resting upon partial bits of data (however much refined) that have led to such absurd recommendations of highway engineering in the United States. The analytical method thus allows the simultaneous and interacting development of traffic and environmental proposals.
"The general problem in the town center is the now familiar one of reconciling accessibility and environment. With regard to accessibility, in view of the future great increase in car ownership, the problem is mainly concerned with the provision of sufficient and convenient parking space, and the vehicular access to it. As to environment, we took it to be a reasonable first assumption that the center of Newbury should be retained broadly as it stands without sacrifice of the buildings of architectural and historical interest and the present character and atmosphere. Two other objectives for the center continued on page 86


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were defined: that so far as possible the center should be made safe, and that living and working conditions should be made secure against erosion by the motor vehicle."

Given these objectives, a new methodology was evolved, an important element of which was the "environmental appreciation," a rapid survey technique.
In the final plan several degrees of urban redevelopment are described, each corresponding to a hypothetical future level of traffic requirements. This drives home the main finding of the report: the inseparability of the two interdependent factors. Hence, the report poses the basic question: do we want to accommodate this much traffic if the consequence is (1) the destruction of environmental values; or (2) drastic measures of urban redevelopment? To arrive at a rational choice between such alternatives is, the report assumes, the very essence of planning. That it seems so remarkable to Americans is because it is a choice we have never been allowed to make. To our compartmentalized thinking, the answer to traffic jams is more roads and parking; and when the erosion of cities has advanced far enough, it is time to "redevelop" them.

## The Role of Politics

The decisions about how much traffic to accommodate, and what degree of redevelopment to undertake, the two pretty much deciding how much tax money is to be spent or what degree of environmental deterioration to allow, are considered by the Buchanan Report as a political rather than technical matter. As Professor Buchanan said in a BBC broadcast commenting on his report: "We make no recommendations as to the amount of traffic that should be sought or how much money should be spent or the kind of "new look" that should be accepted, these being matters for political decision."

The American reader will find in this sophisticated book not only much that is relevant but some trenchant observations on conditions here. Here is one sample insight: continued on page 94

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"The American policy of providing motorways for commuters can succeed, even in American conditions, only if there is a disregard for all considerations other than the free flow of traffic which sometimes seems to be almost ruthless." Among other shrewd comments on American conditions I might mention the skepticism with which the report views the mandatory provision of parking space in office buildings, and its general treatment of the renaissance of public mass transportation. Further useful observations will be found in the discussion of commuter travel, particularly the case for subsidized mass transportation and user charges (especially parking charges) as a means of limiting the use of private vehicles. "Distasteful though we find the whole idea, we think that some deliberate limitation of the volume of motor traffic in our cities is quite unavoidable. The need for it simply cannot be escaped." This thought is courageously elaborated, and one hopes that some of the technical papers commissioned by the Buchanan group dealing more extensively with these issues will be published.

## Limit Traffic and/or Towns

Given this approach, a good deal of the report deals with another heresy: the limitation of motor traffic. Exclusion of vehicles from city centers, whether in whole or in part, is one of these. Control of parking, and the pricing of parking charges to regulate the use of new parking facilities, is another. The regulation of traffic to allow some categories of trips (buses, commercial traffic) and to restrict others (commuting, shopping) is also explored.

A corollary to the limitation of traffic, of course, is to limit the size of towns. While this implication is recognized, and with it the whole apparatus of metropolitan planning, greenbelts and new towns that have been developed in Great Britain since the war, it is not explicitly discussed. Under British conditions the maximum efficiency of a free-standing town seems to be reached at about 200,000 population. The subdivision
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of existing cities into "environmental areas" for planning and regulation, and the creation of "new towns," might well aim at this figure rather than the classic 50,000 scale garden city exponents still advocate.

Another similar extension of the report is the case for public mass transportation. In the larger cities, this is obligatory. Compared to the alternative costs in rebuilding cities or making provision for increased traffic (particularly at peak hours) any imaginable transportation subsidies are miniscule.

As the Buchanan Report elaborates, it is possible to build at very high densities. But if the environmental standards are not to be sacrificed, the result will be extremely expensive because of the need for dou-ble-decking, traffic separations, parking structures and, of course, the large amounts of land required for these features. Since we seldom are given the total amount of such work and the total cost involved, many highway plans have been presented in an exceptionally favorable lightand this has been compounded by the $90-10$ Federal grant formula under which most urban expressways have been built. What Buchanan's "law" obliges us to recognize is that something has to give in the highwaydominant solutions: usually it has been the environment. The consequence is the danger, noise, fumes, vibration, the constant movement of traffic and the destruction of residential amenity.

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Engineered 4-Square lumber is designed for precisely engineered construction and modular building systems. Because of its greater strength and stability Engineered 4-Square lumber insures tight, strong construction and permanently solid joints. It virtually eliminates such callback problems as cracks in walls, nail popping, squeaky floors and sticky doors and windows.
5. Uniform size and consistent grades

Engineered 4-Square lumber is machine surfaced and squared to an exact size after the electronically controlled drying process is completed. There-
 fore, there is virtually no change in dimension after it gets on the job. All grading occurs after seasoning so the grade you specify is the grade your builder gets.

## 2. Greater strength and stability

Engineered 4-Square lumber at the new uniform low moisture content will carry a third again as much load without breaking as unseasoned wood and it has three times the nail-holding power. Because it is uniformly pre-shrunk at the mill it is highly stable. There is little or no dimensional change in place on the job.

## 4. Field-tested and widely accepted



More than fifty million board feet of Engineered 4Square lumber has been used in construction throughout the nation. It was selected as the framing lumber for all three homes at the New York World's Fair House of Good Taste exhibit. The new size and improved moisture content have been endorsed by the American Lumber Standards Committee, the National Association of Home Builders, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, the Western Pine Association, the United States Savings and Loan League and the American Institute of Architects.

## 6. Clear identification of quality

Engineered 4-Square lumber is distinctively colored with an attractive cherry-brown stain which has certain water-repellent characteristics. This protective coating helps to maintain the low
moisture content. All Engineered 4-Square lumber is prominently edge-marked and carries the grade stamp " $11 / 2$ " DRY."

## The technical story of why Engineered 4-Square Kiln-Dried lumber is your best buy




Green
When it is first cut, a green 8 -foot stud may contain as much as three gallons of water. There are about three pints of water in the same stud (at $30 \%$ moisture content) when it gets to market.


## Kiln-Dried

When the same stud is Kiln-Dried to the prevailing 19 per cent average moisture content (no maximum limit) it will contain about two pints of water. This makes for good lumber, but it no longer fits today's needs in engineered-type building.


## Engineered 4-Square

A Weyerhaeuser Engineered 4Square Kiln-Dried stud will contain about one pint of water. This is close to the moisture content the wood will attain in service and it's ideal for all types of precisely engineered wood construction.


## Why the smaller size?

There's a place for green lumber. Weyerhaeuser has always made it and probably always will. However, the size of a lumber framing member should be directly related to the moisture content the lumber will attain in use.

Green lumber dressed to $15 / 8^{\prime \prime}$ will shrink down to about $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ when it finally dries out. Since new Engineered 4-Square Kiln-Dried lumber is pre-shrunk at the mill it doesn't make sense to use the larger size when the $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ thickness will meet the requirements of all existing span tables.

## How to specify Engineered Lumber

You don't have to complicate your specifications with references to moisture content or dressed sizes. Just use the standard nominal designations for structural members ( $2 \times 4,2 \times 8,4 \times 8$, etc.) and specify "all framing lumber to be Weyerhaeuser Engineered 4-Square Kiln-Dried."
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View to the north. On the east is the liberal arts wing, and on the west the administration building

## PLANNING THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On old farmland near the town of Corning, New York, is a new campus, one of few conceived as an entity and built all at once, but planned with an eye to the future growth and expansion expected for community colleges.

More such campuses must rapidly be built.
Hopefully some of them will be as well designed as this one by architects Warner, Burns, Toan and Lunde

Corning Community College
Corning, New York
ARCHITECTS :
Warner, Burns, Toan and Lunde
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS:
Severud-Elstad-Krueger Associates
MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS :
Segner \& Dalton
CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR SITE IMPROVEMENT, WATER \& SEWAGE TREATMENT:
Eberlin \& Eberlin
GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
Roger \& McCay, Inc.


Because the number of college bound young people has reached a new peak, many will transfer to the established private or state and city colleges at the third and fourth year level, when the attrition of the freshman and sophomore years makes places available. Two year community colleges are planned or are under construction in many locations all over the country to handle these students for whom there are no openings in the first two years of the four year colleges.

The new community colleges are not generally conceived as vocational schools as many junior colleges now are, but instead have full-fledged two year liberal arts programs. They are expected to draw most of the student body from the area.

The Corning Community College is a part of the State University of New York. Under this system the students at Corning pay one third of their tuition and the remaining two thirds of the cost of educating them is shared by the local community and the state. Fifty per cent of the total cost of campus construction was paid for by the state and almost all of the remainder by the Corning Glassworks Foundation, which realized that the presence of a handsome campus nearby would make the town of Corning a better place to live, and at-
tractive to the glass technicians. Glass technology, however, will not be taught in the new college. The four building complexes, the reservoir and pumping system, the central heating plant, roads, site development and all furniture came within a budget of slightly over $\$ 5,000,000$. For the buildings alone the architects were held within a budget of $\$ 20$ per square foot.

The land selected for the new campus had long been a farm. A broad flat area on the top of a hill became the site for the initial development. Out of the desire to make the most of what was already there, the architects plotted the new buildings and paths within the coordinates of the existing hedgerows, working carefully within the form of the old farmland. Later new planting which is to be added will reinforce the old landscape. The existence of marshy areas to be avoided was a further determinant of the site plan.

At present over 10 per cent of the students are renting in town while the remainder live at home. To take care of the growing number of students attending college away from home a dormitory complex is at present being planned to the northwest. It will be distinctly separated from the academic sector.


1. Student center looking west showing portion of driveway loop in foreground, an edge of the administration wing to the south, and the gymnasium to the west at the end of the path. The driveway loop may be used by students in their cars and it connects the student center, the administration wing and one of two large student parking lots off the encircling perimeter road. The site plan, however, prevents students from commuting by car from one building to another. The architects believe that once the student is on foot he has committed himself to campus life; in a car he need only press the accelerator and flee. All campus buildings have adjacent faculty parking and service areas served by the perimeter road
2. Each building has been so placed that a cluster of additional elements may be added to it at a future date, growing outward from the campus core and possessing a consistent character. Present elements are deliberately spaced close together around the central campus so that it should be difficult to place future buildings in the interstices. As architect Danforth Toan points out: "You mustn't produce a situation where the next architect who comes along to do a building on the campus has to work between two existing structures." Shown are the science and technology building and the science amphitheater

3. The campus core has been deliberately held to a domestic scale. Looking directly north, the administration wing and liberal arts building appear at the crest of a gentle rise. As the plot plan (opposite page) makes clear the liberal arts element is free to expand down the slope to the east. The edge of the library appears to the west
4. The buildings, with the exception of the science amphitheater which has bearing walls, are set on raised bases. This makes the brick walls read correctly as infill, framed by the structure. The raised bases are an advantage for the cold climate in upstate New York, because after a snowfall buildings at grade seem to have sunk. View is to the east showing the end of the library, the edge of the science and technology building and amphitheater. Beyond is the liberal arts and administration complex




## The Student Center

Like all the campus buildings except the science amphitheater, the student center is built of precast reinforced concrete with an exposed finish of beach gravel aggregate. Apart from the doubly curving ceiling of laminated wood beams over the kitchen and dining spaces, the roof in common with the other structures is of precast, prestressed hollow core concrete, as are all the floors. Interior and
exterior surfaces are of white sand molded brick, in contrast to the other campus structures all of which use a brick almost as brown as mahogany. The architects took advantage of the slope to provide a basement and additional dining space at the lower level. The entrance is well related to the major campus circulation artery as the site plan shows, and is accessible by car


Wall behind lecturer is of porcelainized enamel and doubles as a chalk board and movie screen
Science and Technology Building and Science Amphitheater



## Administration and Liberal Arts

As the section and plan (opposite page) indicate, the science amphitheater may be entered by way of a linking element from which one descends to a mid-point and then climbs up or down to a seat; or from the side at this mid-point. Each of the major sciences has a preparation room in the area below the link from which demonstrations, made ready in advance, are wheeled to the lecture platform which is at this lower level. Auditorium seats are upholstered buckets on swivels. At the rear of each row of seats a "modesty panel" supports a hinged tablet desk which readily folds out of the way when not in use. These can be seen in a closed position in the photograph (opposite page). Students are thus provided a comfortable working seat or a theater seat

The liberal arts building is at present minimal in size, but has been so located on the site that it can be added to in three directions. The pyramidal roof emphasizes and enhances the administration building lobby



Because the Corning buildings will rarely be lit by brilliant sunshine, their surfaces have been strongly modeled to compensate for this lack. Since precast concrete weathers badly, deep overhangs were devised to keep the rain off and prevent continued thawing and freezing. The overhang fascias are tilted forward to diminish their apparent depth and are designed in short pieces to look like the cladding element they are. The overhangs do not turn the corner on any of the buildings, partly because at this juncture they would cantilever 9 feet at the diagonal and present special mitering problems. The facade of the library building is shown in the photograph (above), but the fenestration of the classroom buildings is handled in a similar manner. The New York State Code for school buildings requires as minimum that glass area used for light equal 10 per cent of the floor area, and that glass equal to 5 per cent of the floor area be movable for ventilation. The Corning classrooms have windows equaling a minimum average of over 20 per cent of the floor area, and over 10 per cent of this glass is operable by means of sliding aluminum sash. The architects feel that this is a better ratio for non-air-conditioned buildings



# Arthur A. Houghton Jr. Library 

The module of all the campus buildings is a 9 -foot square forming 27 -foot bays. The library, shown in plans and section (above) and in the photographs (opposite page), is subdivided into 9 -foot bays. Designed for beginning students, no special facilities for advanced scholars were required. No monumental reading room or universal space was planned, but rather a series of rooms of moderate size
opening onto a central spine or gallery. Sky-lights in the gallery's peaked roof are on 9 -foot centers. To enclose the campus proper and prevent "escaped space" the architects deliberately blocked a magnificent view down the valley by putting the library partway down a slope in its path. The view can now be enjoyed from within the building, a reward to those who enter


## Gymnasium

The gym floor is cast in place and the columns are precast. A series of bow trusses made of laminated wood members with the ends turned up to produce gutters, span 100 feet. Between supports are concrete block cavity walls. Vertical redwood strips are used on the short sides


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# TRADITION AND CONTINUITY IN ARCHITECTURE 

## Beginning last month Architectural Record is presenting in its entirety a major recent address by Walter Gropius. This is the second of three installments

## Part 2

No doubt the visual illiteracy and helplessness, which have become characteristic of the average citizen of industrialized countries the world over, are a formidable handicap for the architect of today and one which can be overcome only by patient, longterm educational influence. To arrive at established standards of evaluation is the slowly accruing result of long efforts made over generations which have made people responsive and sensitive to the meaning of form and its symbolic powers. During the speedy changeover of our civilization from a locally-centered, nationally-bound system of values to the free moving world-exchange of experience, research and material goods, our former values have become obscured, and the new insights have not yet found the voluntary general acceptance which would be needed to make them effective. One outcome of this disorientation is the present habit of seeing art and architecture as mere luxury and status symbol, while it formerly used to be the deeply-rooted, unself-conscious imagery of people who shared a common code and could be sure of response when any one of them raised his voice or hand in creative work.

In our pathetic rush for at least a token participation in the new world of kaleidoscopic patterns and schemes which has enveloped us, we have forced certain sectors of the human mind into accelerated development while others remained locked in their traditional attitudes. The slowness in correlating our highly developed powers of intellectual reasoning with our half-hidden emotional impulses has produced a deep cleavage in the minds of men. This

Note: illustrations were selected by editors
splitting up of ones' life into separate segments, unconnected by the driving force of a central conviction, destroys coherence and unity. We seem to have lost control temporarily and continuity in a cultural sense seems threatened. Only the determination and courage consistently to live up to our own insights, to practice what we profess, to draw together what threatens to slip apart, and to pick up the live thread instead of the dead one can help us propel tradition and continuity forward into the future.

You know that I, for my part, have always been identified since the early twenties with the idea of "functionalism" as the only straight and narrow line to take us into this future. But in the interpretation of those with only sectorially developed minds, this line has become indeed so "straight and narrow" that it led straight into a dead end. Its original complexity and psychological implications, as we developed them in the Bauhaus, were forgotten, and it was described as a simple-minded, purely utilitarian approach to design, devoid of any imagination that would give grace and beauty to life. To this I can only say: the revolution of the twenties was total and moral, and its creators looked at beauty not as something self-consciously "added on," but as something that was believed to be inherent in the vitality, appropriateness and psychological significance of a designed object, whether it was a building, a piece of furniture or a stage design. We knew and taught that space relations, proportions and colors control psychological functions which are as vital and real as any performance data for structural and mechanical parts and for the use-value of a plan. If our early attempts looked somewhat stark and sparse, it


Lewin Housc, Berlin Zehlendorf, 1928. Walter Gropius, architect


Erecting a prefabricated house designed by Walter Gropius in the Bauhaus years
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is because we had just found a new vocabulary in which to speak out, and this we wanted to set in the greatest possible contrast to the overstuffed bombast that had gone before. Besides we were often held down to a minimum of expenditure by a public which could only be sold on modern architecture when it promised to be cheaper because it did not yet recognize its esthetic qualities.

As the evolution of form develops always in successive waves of reactions against preceding trends, it is only natural that these early testimonies to a newly-found freedom in architectural design have been followed by a wealth of new conceptions and refinements in the field of space relations and in the use of new techniques. If one compares the typical architecture of the twenties with that of today, the most significant development lies in the increasing accentuation of three-dimensional plasticity. Structural boniness, curved shells, recessed and protruding building parts offer a rich play of light and shadow absent from the flat surfaces of the curtain wall which, for so long, had become the one-sided trademark of modern architecture. Personal interpretations of these fresh experiences have enriched our vocabulary and pleased our audience, and the stage seems to be set for a major contribution to the evolving image of our time . . . if we could only keep from straying into a new eclecticism or from adopting a sort of superfunctionalism that borders on mysticism. Curiously nothing seems harder to achieve right now than a sober, straightforward, balanced approach which would allow us to solve our design problems without bending over backwards too far in our desire to include all possible tricks of a scholarly or a technical nature which are
at our disposal today.
These defects, which weaken our hand, are partly a reflection of the vain efforts of the average citizen to seek an emotional affinity with the past which, in practice, he is unwittingly denying with his every action. Whether the dishonest label "ranch house" is put on a mass-produced little commodity, or whether "home laid eggs" are sold to a nostalgic customer, it all plays up to his longing to be comforted by familiar phrases at least, if not by familiar sights.

Our very real need to develop an understanding for historical continuity is not helped by these flights into make-believe, but these do not only occur at the commercial level; even our best minds succumb sometimes to the urge of galvanizing remnants of the past into an artificial participation in the activities of the present. The problem of what to protect and what to destroy haunts all cities with a proud past. Significant and venerable landmarks should, of course, be incorporated into the growing city pattern as far as possible. Nobody will want to miss, for instance, the old cemetery on busy Tremont Street in Boston. There are some cities, like Rome, for example, that have been remarkably successful in their attempts to preserve the old and even the ancient sections of town in unadulterated fashion, but this can usually be accomplished only in places where the resulting loss in productivity and livability can be offset by their income-producing value as tourist attractions. Without the tourists gazing at its wonders and using them as a backdrop to all kinds of entertainment, the city of Venice-to name only one-would be hard-put to make a decent living in its present setting. As for less famous sites and buildings, it becomes more and more difficult to

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Philadelphia (Merchant's) Exchange at left. William Strickland, architect. 1832-34. Bank of the
maintain, along with the old structures, the specific atmosphere which created them in the first place and without which they seem unanimated. The concern for preservation per se should not mislead us into creating lifeless, museal islands which cannot be assimilated by the life of the city. There is no one answer to the solution of these problems, and each case must be treated on its own merits.

The majority of American cities are less often confronted with these dilemmas than the old European and Asian ones. But the uproar about the changes that have occurred on Park Avenue in New York show that also here the citizen hates to part with familiar sights on the one hand, though, on the other, he precipitates their disappearance in all manners and ways at his disposal. The proposal to freeze certain esthetically pleasant town patterns, which have outlived their compelling usefulness for the actual life that goes on in them, into a memorial for a former social set-up, will always come to grief if the citizen does not share the tenets any more which made this particular set-up possible. Much as he may like the looks of it from long association, he will inevitably destroy it eventually by letting the tools which accommodate his own way of life sweep in, be it in the form of vehicles or buildings. If the citizens of Manhattan had been really serious about wanting to save Park Avenue's spacious, dignified former appearance, they should have protested when the very first skyscraper threatened to go up on its side, because this event spelled the end of a well-worked out system of order and proportion which had distinguished Park Avenue from other thoroughfares.

It has been a break in continuity and tradition when the City of New York neglected to replace the
old zoning law by a new one which would similarly impose a unifying height limit and building line for all buildings in this street, but now geared to the new order of magnitude which was imposed on this part of the city by the gradual transformation of its former functions to its present one as a business and trade center. The failure to act properly at this strategic moment has sanctioned a commercial development in an uncontrolled free-for-all spirit on the Avenue, and unless we want to challenge the very idea of the free enterprise policy, with its vested interest in the property value of land, it becomes pure hypocrisy to cry wolf now when free enterprise asserts itself. It is inconceivable that it should be expected to refrain from using its privileges and assume instead a noble attitude of financial sacrifice when nothing in our national book of conduct taught it so. It is futile and self-deceiving to expect from this, our system of expediency, more than an occasional gesture towards better town planning at the present time. Once it should become generally apparent that good business is not necessarily identical with good living, this attitude may become obsolete, but that time unfortunately is not yet.

This story of the detrimental effect of city inaction shows that mere occupation with studies of the traditional past, as it is exercised today in our general education, obviously does not by itself secure responsible continuity and vigilance. I, myself, have often been accused of having withheld the teaching of art history from the Bauhaus students and to have insisted that such courses were relegated to the later years of studies at the Graduate School of Design in Harvard. I had my very good reasons for this, and they were certainly not the outcome of a presump-


Society Hill, Philadelphia. This and photo above taken April, 1964


Paris, Frank Horvat-Magnum
tuous disregard for the grand achievements of former periods.

With regard to the students of the Bauhaus, who had just emerged from a long period of frustration with a frozen status quo, the introduction of regular art history courses would have caused an instant emotional defiance. It seemed to be a much more urgent task at that time to release the pent-up creative energies that had been suppressed for generations.

With regard to the Harvard curriculum, I acted upon the experience my own development had taught me: that the study of art history, imposed at a time when the student is pregnant with his own thoughts and works and has not yet felt a genuine curiosity for the works of the past, remains unassimilated, dead knowledge. There had been times when I had shut myself off for years from any studies of the past, only to resume them happily and with better judgment and appreciation later on when I felt firmer ground under my own feet and became more articulate in my own thinking and doing. A new insight, a sudden recognition, may be triggered into consciousness by incidental or planned confrontation with a masterwork of the past, and from there on it is not a guilty conscience, but keenest sympathy, which keeps an individual voluntarily on the track of history, and nobody needs to worry any more about how much he will absorb. At this point, an inspired teacher may be able to open up new worlds of visual experience to him and to deepen his understanding for the underlying conditioning factors that shaped the image of this or that period. If he can awaken a student to the infinite possibilities of visual creativity and to the need to extend his own responsibilities beyond the immediate concerns into
the larger context of past and future, he will have added a new dimension to the student's personal insights and aspirations. But this enriching experience should come only after he has already weathered his own first encounters with the practical process of design. Nothing increases respect and admiration for the masterpieces of the past more than having been face-to-face with one's own inadequacies in solving even a simple task of planning and constructing. When confronted too early with the great works of architectural history, a sensitive beginner may be rather more intimidated than stimulated; and, since, in my view, nothing must ever endanger his developing a creative approach to design right at the start, the studies of art history, I believe, should not be placed at the beginning of the curriculum. They should be put into the later years of the training when time must be found to widen out his knowledge in the humanities, to make him into a well-rounded personality.

Eventually, though, it is only the positive involvement with the forces that shape our own time which will generate that identity of belief and action which is so indispensable for a new cultural effort. Sureness and experience come from being exposed to the realities of present living and doing, not from renewed sentiment, nor from seeing Pompeii. Those who are endowed with genuine creative talent and who have been taught the age-old obligation of the architect to exercise humility in his personal contribution for the sake of the whole, will almost instinctively achieve a successful co-existence of the new with the old, while the uncreative mind will produce stillborn solutions however much he has devoted himself to the study of art history.
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Only that type of society takes up the thread of tradition in earnest which has educated itself to convey its own image via a specific visual order, well secured by a self-imposed ethical code. It is this moral force which embodies its quality of permanence while its ever-changing features replace each other in unending continuity. They are only temporary answers, from one time-limited conception to the other, intuitively taken out of the immense reservoir of the unknown and then consciously articulated by ever-growing knowledge.
This deepening and consolidating of a newlygrasped truth, which helps build true tradition, is missing too often in the turbulence of our times. Magazines and newspapers have favored a publicity which applauds the stunning surprise-effect of architecture over the patient and consistent search for fundamental solutions, capable of development, growth and repetition. I want to quote here Sir Christopher Wren who said, "Variety of uniformities make complete beauty." We, however, have become top-heavy with personal contributions of a more-or-less glamorous nature which then fail to find their necessary foil in a dignified, restrained back-ground-architecture of a rather impersonal, collective character. The building of extraordinary character and importance needs such a background in order to function well in a visual sense. The love and care which other periods have lavished on these more anonymous prototypes of a public spirit of decency and propriety can be admired to this day in the famous street patterns of the Rue Rivoli in Paris, or Beacon Street in Boston, or the brownstone houses in New York. In our own time, architects have left these "gray" areas largely to the commercial builder
to fill up, or they have introduced such a confusing variety of shapes and techniques in one and the same building area that their different structures never attained a common rhythm and close relationship. The modern urge for personal glorification has warped our standards and confused our goals.

How else can we explain, for instance, the indifference with which the architectural profession has looked on one of the true means of coping with this problem: that of prefabrication? For fear that the introduction of prefabrication would impair their commitment to individual expression, the majority of architects bypassed its development almost completely, only to be rewarded finally by the ugly sight of shoddy, commercial minimum housing creeping all over the countryside. We have almost lost that battle, but we are in danger of losing more, unless we learn to speak up more forcefully on the cardinal problem facing every planner of our environment: the obstruction to sound development caused by private ownership of land. Though our deeply-rooted belief in the sacred right of private property is undergoing a certain mutation, the process of legalizing a growing awareness that the right of the people must supersede the right of the individual has made little progress in the face of powerful opposition. A beginning of a solution has been established by the public right of expropriation, which, however, is only rarely forcefully enough applied though common interests are at stake. It is obvious that, particularly for a broad and farsighted renewal of urban areas, collective ownership of the land is a necessary precondition. Eventually rentability of land for a lifetime, or for limited periods, may replace outright individual ownership.

# ARCHITECTURE AS TOTAL COMMUNITY: THE CHALLENGE AHEAD 

A series of seven articles examining the contemporary crisis in human environment and presenting strong, frequently controversial, convictions on planned development as guiding principles for community order with diversity, beauty and humanity

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## 4. UNDERLYING DYNAMICS

## OF SOCIAL-PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

This is the PIVOT ARTICLE. It occupies the pivotal central position because much of its content has become clear from the previous discussion of the character of, and the weaknesses and the gaps in, the development tools. The weaknesses and the gaps stem from inherent underlying conditions which our current measures and our attitudes toward development do not fully recognize. Or they are passively-intellectually recognized, but do not searingly penetrate, and are not adequately coped with.

In this article, we identify these deep-running factors and influences which must be dealt with if the measures already discussed are to become more effective, if the creative policies which we take up in our last three articles are to become realities, to become effective while there is still time. So, this is the pivot around which the whole subject turns, or which links the past-and-present to the creative potential future, if we visualize and determine to actualize it.

Before we embark further on this voyage of blood, sweat and tears as well as of high excitement, let us refresh our spirits and intentions at this point to state again what we seek, what makes the travail worthwhile and transforms it into a great mission. To explain what we want to, must, get away from, I quote a compact trenchant statement by Artur Glikson. While I am not in full agreement with it factually, the tone is right: "In the metropolitan concentrations, urbanization has come to mean the uniformization and mechanization of the processes of human interaction and the introduction of a giant incomprehensible scale in the environment, leading to the annihilation of social and environmental complexity. The contrast of the confusion in the metropolitan centers with the monotony of suburbia does not represent a valuable form of environmental di-
versification, but a bundle of environmental incompatibilities. The unsolved traffic problems are only a physical manifestation of the unsolved general problems of human communication and interaction in the focal regions of metropolitan civilization." ${ }^{1}$

And on the positive side, quoting the first article in this series: "We should now be able to create for all a life with diminished tensions and more drama; the life of expanded understanding and vision and the daily experiences reinforcing it; diminution of drudgery and its transformation into unforced creative activities; easy accessibility of market place and community, and of the counterpoint of nature and its healing. . . . The purpose of this series is to explore what are the elements in the physical-social planning and development of our urban civilization and how they must be deployed, to much more fully realize the promise of the new forces, and to minimize their wastes and menaces."

## Three Master Factors

Now, reinforced and re-equipped, let us set out again. As will soon be clear, there is a considerable number of these dangerous submerged rocks which I have referred to and these will be explored at some length. Three of these elements are picked out for immediate brief consideration (later to be elaborated), because they seem to be the most dramatic and the least viscerally grasped.

The first of these master factors is the population explosion, well recognized, of course, and mentally pigeonholed. But listen to this hair-raising state-

[^4]ment by Dr. Robert Weaver, administrator of the Housing and Home Finance Agency: "In the remaining 40 years of this century, our urban population is expected to more than double, from 125 million to 280 by the year 2000 . . . This means that in the $40-$ year period we have now entered, we will have to provide homes and all of the facilities needed for urban employment and enjoyment equal to all that has been built to date in the entire history of our country."

Let's just repeat that: 40 years in which to more than duplicate the total of existing living and working structures, and their framework, of the entire country! Is there anything in the programs we have reviewed, or in the visible performance of private builders, or both, to suggest that we can do or are preparing to do this stupendous work, and at the same time to re-do a large part of what is already here?

Quantitatively, this will require a sustained yearly output for the whole period as high as the top figure we have ever reached. And it should mean an imagination, a discipline, a quality of output and habitability and equitable cost range beyond anything we have ever done or now have the machinery to do.

It is overwhelmingly important to have this stupendous job and prospect make a burning and everpresent impact, and not just achieve an intellectual nod: MORE HOMES: massively, MORE HOMES. Let us, for example, not get confused, as a number of leaders are becoming confused by, and excessively preoccupied with, the appeal of rehabilitation and conservation-good in their way, if the limitations are recognized. But all the rehabilitation in the world does not add one cubit to the needed supply. Indeed, in many situations it decreases supply because it involves elimination of over-crowding. In others, it effectively decreases low-rent supply because the improvements often price people out. Just don't anybody forget that it is only new building that increases supply and gives us the necessary leverage to realistically enforce building codes, etc., and don't anybody get any sloppy or inferential idea that rehabilitation can do it. Let's not get lost in the fine by-ways of rehabilitation, or think that it's the highway.

We come to the second of these still-submerged master points. It is this: that our effective leaders-who-get-things-done are far from realizing the life-and-death importance of the quality, livability, viability-economy of our cities in terms of national efficiency and productive economy. There is a certain amiable agreement that we ought to be improving things, but by no means a sense of urgency, by no means a comprehensive understanding that these aspects are getting so far out of gear that they affect
not only amenity but efficient productivity and our world-competitive place.
Lowdon Wingo has put this cogently: "The national interest arises from the productivity of urban land, not the amount. Urban space represents substantially less than one per cent of the nation's area, but it houses three out of every four people in this nation and produces well over four-fifths of the total economic output. This massive concentration suggests the critical importance of urban efficiency to the national product: increasing inefficiency in the organization and functioning of our major urban areas will in short order militate against the effectiveness of our national economic establishment simply because they will affect the bulk of our economic activities. Although we are not likely to run out of space for urban activities, cities may at some scale become subject to increasing costs which can be traced back in large part to inefficiencies in their spatial organization." ${ }^{1}$

Western European nations, and in particular Great Britain, The Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries, have actively recognized this connection, and in the last two decades have hammered out policy and have been taking effective measures. We, in our outstandingly productive pre-eminence and self-confidence, have been overlooking or underestimating the galloping disarrangement in terms of human disarray, and its most palpable reflection in traffic costs and in constantly rising local taxation which, however, just cannot keep up with the need.

I am convinced that IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK. I am always reminded of the possible similarity of our position to the industrial pre-eminence of Victorian England, its over-weening and static self-confidence. The sands of time were running out, and progress in the United States and Germany was silently but relentlessly undercutting the grimy obsolescence of Manchester and Glasgow and Durham. Suddenly came ultimate awareness, but by then competitive reality had caught up and outstripped England, which has painfully, but not yet fully, recovered from this luxury of unawareness and cocksureness.
The power men have got to begin to realize that the lengthening tiresome and tiring journey to work, increasing costs of such travel, cumulative dissatisfactions and tensions of people extracurricular to their jobs, the cost of massive highway systems and fanciful interchanges are all ultimately part of their production costs. One of the specific diversionary reasons why the heavy direct and indirect costs are considered good business is that they provide work and sales of materials (the oil industry has a heavy budget to push road construction). But surely we can find
"Our effective leaders are far from realizing the life-and-death importance of the quality of our cities to national efficiency and productive economy. . . ."
more socially useful employment than by further promoting expenditure of money, time and energy by mutual centrifugality.

There are many people who are aware of, and who are greatly worried by, the silently ticking timebomb: planners, sociologists, researchers in many fields. But their statesmanlike worry hasn't penetrated to the power structure of business and its associations, whose worry and gratification in urban development are generally concentrated on the bothersome central slums and their conversion by urban renewal to prestige centers. How to translate their delightful and each-time-satisfying activity of converting one to the other, a readily tangible enterprise, into the big realization, SOON: this is the problem. ${ }^{2}$

In this probably arbitrary and personal choice of three factors as "first among equals" of the numerous crucial obscured factors to be enumerated and discussed, the third is the thesis that process is fully as important as tangible result or tangible product. If the psychological accompaniment of urban renewal is lasting or long bitterness and resentment on the part of many people, the tangible result, however handsome, is still a negative and of course no major historic change is ever accomplished painlessly. One is demanding, however, that this aspect be creatively minimized. Or, in a less drastic case, if the people affected have merely acquiesced, and the results are beneficial, the undertaking and the experience have still not had their maximum flowering. It is in fact the process leading to the result that can galvanize people, give them a lift in terms of morale and of initiative, if their participation has been creative and continuing. In fact, the process itself can best produce the growth, the met challenge, the conquest for once of the frustration that so permeates so many lives. The touchstone is: have the affected people themselves had a real hand in producing the end results?

The ways are infinitely various: co-exploration, coplanning, consultation, actual construction self-help, in whole or in part. Not every plan or operation lends itself equally ; some, probably, not at all. But I go so far as to urge that every planning-development operation should be closely analyzed to see how far and in what way it can lend itself to process-participation from the start; that this be very high among the intentions and priorities; that skill and imagination in evoking and involving positive, disciplined interest be considered a major qualification in the administrator; that here is an added dimension that requires constant recognition, and re-recognition.

We can now discuss and analyze a number of the other major underlying forces.

## The Dog-Wagging Developer

Private enterprise, in the form of the speculative land-developer-cum-builder, operates both in the expansion periphery and outlying areas, and in the central areas of the city. In both cases, he thrives on change in land use or its intensity, and on differential obsolescence, following various trends or forcing trend. The essence in both situations is to buy land at a given low cost, convert it into "higher" denser use and make a profit on this differential. In the outlying situation, the major profit is in this land conversion rather than in the building construction; in the central situation, the building profit is more important.

On the periphery and in the suburbs and beyond, the highway system and the super-highways permit and encourage the potential home owner to go farther and farther out, even if his job is in the city; and his ownership of a car permits him to go even farther undirectionally, because he need not then be even very close to the major highway and bus route. Thus the developer-builder has a wide range of distant exfarm land which he can buy at very low prices, and he converts it into housing colonies which, because they will then accommodate many times the number of families-i.e., a suburban density instead of a farm density-produce that greater land value and sales price which make this operation worth his while in profit. The very fact that a single large operation of this character has been consummated attracts many others into this or similar more-distant-than-hitherto locations. This is now the characteristic type of outlying development.

This kind of operation is not new in kind. It has always characterized the suburban push and our land development system. But the new mobility (combination of widely expanded car ownership, highways and super-highways), the population splurge, and the new kind of financing available have made it a much more galloping situation, with much more detritus, more gray areas and blighted areas left behind, and much more scatteration ahead.

How does the system of financing encourage and accelerate this process? The fact is that in the build-ing-development industry or business, the promoter-

[^5]builder himself has only a minimum of investment, and that only catalytic and temporary, if he guesses right and his judgment is good. For, in the present general situation, it is he who calls the shots and chooses the locations, while the lender or mortgage-holder-the insurance company or the savings bank or the building-and-loan association-is the real but quite passive investor. They and other elements make loans-insured by government or not-of so high a percentage of total cost that the builder need have only a small and temporary investment, and that investment is reduced to zero when the houses are sold. Thus, in this kind of operation, the developer-builder selects his site and completes his operation and gets out, with no long-time investment interest. The main investor is the lending institution. The smaller investor is the home-owner. The man who made all the vital development decisions has moved on. Thus the alert developer tail wags the supine mortgage and investment dog which is the important and significant permanent element. The builder has made his profit or his loss, and goes on again to find new cheap land and another differential-obsolescence situation. As he (generically) has been doing this for decades, leaving once-new neighborhoods behind, and attracting people to the newer ones, there is a growing residue of "gray" areas, semi-blighted or blighted, problem areas which have got to be saved at a later date with government help (if they can be).

Currently, and of great immediacy, the peppering of such residential developments in so many locations, in different locations, and farther and farther out, spoils the land or the map, makes very difficult, and very much limits, rational planned self-contained properly located development such as is suggested in, for example, Baltimore's regional "Metro-Towns." And as at best these will take time in terms of years to get well under way and then to develop and complete, this spoiling or interference becomes progressively more destructive of these possibilities, or might dictate a drastic change in their theory and location, distance out from the metropolitan center, etc.

A similar dynamies is at work in the center of cities, with differences appropriate to the different locational circumstances and weight of factors. There, depending for its intensity on whether the city is a national metropolis or a middle-sized city, there is a similar finding or assembling of land, often occupied by older, though by no means always physically wornout buildings; or there is property assembled by urban renewal. An entrepreneur (or in the big cities, several or a number, in various locations) sees a chance for promoting an operation of greater density and higher rentals, hence supporting considerably
higher land price, and develops a tall office building or an apartment house. This initial success immediately sparks in an upward-optimistic direction the land values or prices of a whole belt or area of parcels which are similarly located, makes it tempting to a number of other developers to follow suit, and makes it difficult for the owner of old or older existing buildings to carry on. Thus, this new cycle tends to empty out or thin out the tenancies of older buildings, their level of proper maintenance can no longer be afforded, and this becomes a contributing cause of blight or slum (residential or commercial or whatever).

Here again the process is accelerated and exacerbated by the financing system: the office building with substantial space leased to a big-name firm can borrow out; and in the case of apartment houses, cooperative purchasers take over the required equity and leave the builder free to move on; in a substantial number of other cases, FHA has insured the high mortgage loans of in-lying apartments. It must be noted that mostly these apartments are for upper-middle-income and beyond, hence do not increase the housing supply in the price-range and location where most needed, and even diminish it by demolition. Thus, again, there is constant change, a large part of whose end product is the deterioration of large areas of the central city. More gray, and darker gray, areas.

The very thin financial interest of the dog-wagging developer, and the temporary nature of that interest, are further ramified even where he has not borrowed out, or nearly so, by the following characteristic of the system. The builder-developer has no particular allegiance to his creation, characteristically sells it for a profit at the earliest moment. In fact, there is a large group of business men in this field, called "operators," who do nothing but buy and re-sell properties. In fact, sometimes a contract is made by an operator to buy a property, and it is re-sold to another operator-purchaser even before the first deal is closed and title taken-all in a matter of months. While there are estates and large companies that intentionally keep their own properties, this is not at all characteristic of the system. The significance of this is two-fold. It underlines the temporariness of interest of the developer and of his successors. And it establishes something else: the state of mind and the attitude of those in this field, as far as a real sense of responsibility or commitment or allegiance goes, toward an entity of property which strongly affects the lives and activities of the people who occupy it. It is well to bear in mind this kind of attitude (as well as the factual characteristics of the system which we are describing), in appraising how fitted private enterprise in its present form may be to carry on the
"The alert developer tail wags the supine mortgage and investment dog which is the important and significant permanent element. . . ."
large-scale statesman-like developments that must be contemplated and undertaken. Private enterprise in building entrepreneurship is in this sense much more irresponsible in the U.S. than in England and Europe, or than most other industry in the U.S.A.

## New Role for Private Enterprise?

Massively involving other sectors of private enterprise in direct development operation on a new basis could, it seems to me, eliminate a good deal of this basic frivolity and irresponsibility and their wanton result.

The enormously large aggregations of capital in insurance companies, pension funds of big companies and labor unions and savings banks, which now generally play the supine role of mortgage-lender, and make the fantastic operations possible, should be invested in part in direct development 100 per cent equity ownership. Then the actual investor would weigh his policy in terms of income over many years, not the hoped-for killing and moving on. Some insurance companies have made large-scale experiments and have made some very substantial investments, with steady income, and sometimes contributing to positive social development. They have of late years given this up because of public relations considerations such as racial integration, unpopularity resulting from raising rents, etc. As one of their executives has put it, they prefer not to have investments of "high visibility." Perhaps it is understandable business policy not to assume what is considered a special risk that competitors avoid. Obviously the way to get over this hurdle is legislation to require direct capital investment in development of a definite percentage of assets, by all these aggregations of capital, so that any real or imagined competitive disadvantage from such investment would be removed, because all would be involved. ${ }^{1}$ Similarly, the huge funds in philanthropic foundations should be required to make some investment. They would be peculiarly fitted for this social-economic-explorational function.

Actually, there are a few excellent current examples of pension fund activity in direct investment. In the last article there is briefly described the fine example of St. Francis Square in San Francisco by the fund of the Longshoremen's Warehousemen's Union -Pacific Maritime Association. We find very largescale examples in Sweden. The Svenska Riksbiggen, a housing agency of the building trades unions, accounts for 20 per cent of all residential units. Another is the famous H.S.B., a cooperative building and loan association. In England there are the nonprofit associations or trusts. Such organizations (all are private
enterprise, but they are a quite differently motivated sector of private enterprise) are by no means curealls, but they eliminate the anarchy, the differentialobsolescence motivation, the inflation due to sales and re-sales. Certainly we should not lose the drive and initiative of our customary private developer. But the developer can handle the actual building operation, can bring his ingenuity to bear on the costreduction possibilities, etc., as part of a quite differently oriented system of private enterprise. ${ }^{2}$

This account is an over-simplification, but does, I think, present a fair and true picture of the role of the developer in what I have called the underlying dynamics. The purpose here is not to pick out the developer as the moral villain in the piece. The point is that he and they and the mortgage picture are all part of a system which is essentially not geared to optimum planned development and maximum civic-economic, long-run economic value; a system which also makes it acceleratingly more difficult to produce ultimately good solutions. ${ }^{3}$

## Impact of Tax Structure

The other half of this private developer system, which helps push it along, or is a major factor in causing its troubling motivations and results, is the urban and metropolitan real estate tax rationale and structure.

In our time, something between one-half and two-thirds of city revenue comes from real estate taxes chiefly, for the well-known reason that other major sources are pre-empted by Federal and State governments. Our system and assessments are based on capital value. The assessors, of course, have a stake in maximum capital value to meet the mounting expenses of local government.

In order to achieve this maximum, it is to the city's (or county's) apparent, or at least short-term, interest to make this tax base as high as possible. One, and a very principal, method is this: when a developer has converted a chunk of ex-farm land into the higher density and value of suburban or ex-urban housing, or a similar job has been done in the central city, as decribed, the new land value of this area is applied to all similarly located areas, on

[^6]the theory that if it has been done once, it can be repeated indefinitely. The result of this much higher assessment is multiple: it tempts the owner to sell at a profit; the new high taxes make it uneconomical or financially impossible for him to hold it, and tend to force him to sell; or, if he holds it, he does so because of enhancing land value and not as an economic rental proposition, so that he puts as little as possible into operation and maintenance cost, and he gets marginal or sub-marginal or no tenants. Result: a central well-located slum or drab neglected building right on the main stem-of which there are thousands and thousands around the country.
Thus, the municipal and county tax basis causes or follows or develops these conditions jointly and simultaneously with the private development philosophy and processes. Both are part of the same basic municipal and regional economic-technologic system leading at one and the same time to scatteration, to over-concentration, to anarchic development, to boom-and-bust both in the time-cycle sense and in the areal or regional land use sense (perhaps the latter should be called boom-and-slum).
These forces and this system I identify as the deeply and strongly influential and operating forces which our physical-social planning does not begin to match, and whose characteristic operations and effects must be understood and altered. Yet in my mind there is not on the scene adequate recognition of these realities, or any measures or proposed measures on the part of government to cope with them.

Like so many states of fact and issues raised in this series, they demand drastic and extended attention, but there is simply not space to develop this fully. One may suggest a few points, however, in connection with the taxation dilemma. For example, the British system of property taxation is based on the income of a property, not on its capital value or putative capital value. Thus there is not the frantic urge for premature development in all directions, and/or premature or accelerated obsolescence. A more specific aspect of this, applied elsewhere also, is that farm land continues to be taxed as farm land as long as it is so used, even if there is a subdivision right next to it. This compares with our own system of jumping the assessment of all open land around or "similar" to the subdivision.

## Land Policy as a Force

Land policy, land for housing, in the city and in the metropolitan region, is relevant here, but only briefly noted because it enters in more importantly later in other connections. The question in my mind is whether land is not going to have to be considered like a public utility; whether policy will not have to go further to embrace large-scale purchases by government. This has long been policy in Sweden, in

Denmark, in Israel. There is partial precedent for it here, in the acquisition, with help of URA grants, of land for permanently open purposes, and in Land Bank policy in a few cases.
The relation of city, and especially central city, to the metropolitan region is a crucial and vexed question which will be taken up as the great dilemma it is, in the article on the region. But here, in this "hidden dynamics" installment, we must take up a frequently unrecognized facet of it. A matter of the greatest seriousness is the failure to find or to develop "local public agencies established on a . . . regional or unified metropolitan basis . . . to contribute toward the solution of community development or redevelopment problems on . . . a unified metropolitan basis," as envisioned in the Housing Acts. One knows the multiple frustrating effects of the hundreds of separate political jurisdictions in metropolitan areas, and their autistic policies.

But in the case of low-cost or low- and low-medium rental housing, the effect is catastrophic. The vacant land in the central city is almost non-existent, hence expansion of the terribly tight housing supply is all but impossible there. In the suburbs and outlying areas there still is vacant land which could alleviate this supply situation and in many cases permit low-income workers to be nearer their jobs. But by minimum lot zoning for large lots and by other devices, the callous decision has almost everywhere been made to keep these groups out. There are other reasons even more potent why this narrow atomization of metropolitan jurisdictions should be overcome; among them, self-damage to these outlying areas themselves. But how to convince them or overcome the preventers?

As a number of such outlying communities are already themselves seeking and applying urban renewal funds, it may well be possible and practicable for the Federal Government through URA, and others of its financial aid dispensers, to make inducements or to practice withholdings. Some things are more important than the rapid allocation of funds. The National Planning Association's Business Committee notes in its 1963 Report on Urban Renewal and Redevelopment: "It is also necessary to integrate local initiative into a consistent regional pattern of urban renewal projects"; and "One way to reduce local reluctance to participate in a metropolitan or regional plan would involve the provision of financial inducement on the part of the Federal Government." This thinking should be followed through, and coming from this group, it's just possible that there may be real support.

One doesn't mean to suggest that urban renewal must attempt to bear the full brunt of this massive problem; and we will discuss this issue later in a more balanced way, in dealing with the region. But it must be emphasized here, because it is so relevant to the real success of urban efforts.


Louis Reens photos

## A BIG TEMPLE FOR BALTIMORE

Temple Oheb Shalom
by architects
Walter Gropius and Sheldon Leavitt is well planned for worship, assembly and learning

In 1950 the Oheb Shalom Congregation, which had occupied a series of locations near the center of Baltimore for over 100 years, decided that it should plan to build a new temple in a suburban area to be near the younger members of the Jewish population. The synagogue is now complete.
"At a glance, it is apparent that Oheb Shalom Temple is a several-purpose building," writes architect Sheldon Leavitt. "Among the considerations in design was the intent to express a feeling on the exterior of the moods generated within each functional area of the building. Thus the sanctuary is clothed in dignified forms which yield strong, solid shadows. Its roof, in spaced measures, vaults to a great height. The auditorium exhibits a more temporal appearance but retains a suitable dignity of form to make it compatible with the sanctuary; this relationship is intimate when the spaces are combined. The classrooms and administrative blocks express their practical plans and academic uses by crisp straight lines and extensive use of glass.
"Gyorgy Kepes designed the glass mosaic murals seen on each side of the entry. They provide an immediate introduction to the spiritual content of the temple; their transparent colors, grading from dark to light, symbolize the passage from daily activities to the realm of religion. The ceiling here is low, so that upon walking into the temple sanctuary one feels the great rise of space.
"Each of the several reinforced concrete roof sys-


Left and below: The sanctuary roof is a series of 15 -foot diameter vaults extending 6 feet beyond each side of the sanctuary. They are connected by 15 -foot-wide slabs which continue the roof at an elevation 2 feet below the spring line. On two sides the sanctuary is enclosed by the alternating brick panel walls. The end walls are extensions of the vault surfaces which continue to the ground and are faced with limestone. This system encloses an 83 - by 90 -foot sanctuary interior, free of supports

Below: In the 900 -student school, a pan-type waffle slab reinforced concrete floor and roof is used. Curtain walls are of glass and precast concrete with exposed surface aggregate


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consulting structural engineer: Paul Weidlinger
lighting consultant: Gerald Ewing
interior design : Design Research, Inc.,
Frederick Miller Interiors
acoustical consultants: Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Inc.
tems helps to express the mood and use of the space which it encloses. In the sanctuary the 40 -foot-high vaulted roof creates an enclosure of great rhythms. These vaults are first seen on the exterior where the complementary form is visible. They are constructed of a thin shell of reinforced concrete only $31 / 2$ inches thick at the crest and 8 inches thick at the spring line. The vaults span the 90 -foot width of the sanctuary and find their supports in reinforced concrete slab legs at each springing. Between these legs are the masonry walls, set alternately at the inside and outside edges, giving the enclosing panel walls of the sanctuary a deep rhythm which harmonizes with the roof but which has a flat form more appropriate for the vertical surface. At the front, a gently curved wood screen, covered with acoustically transparent grill cloth, gives visual privacy to the choir and organ spaces. It forms an apse-like surface against which the tall ark is set.
"Important in setting the mood of the sanctuary as one of reverence, is the careful control of illumination. Everywhere the source of light is obscured or indirect and always it is subdued. Sunlight does not enter the building directly. There are skylights on the northern rises of the roof vaults whose illumination is directed forward toward the ark. Wall fenestration is minimal and where it occurs it is glazed with deeply colored glass. Windows are set behind or above the sight line of the congregation. At the opposite side of the lobby, the auditorium stands as an extension of the great sanctuary. The same materials, concrete, brick and stone, which are used in the temple are employed here, but the resultant shapes are more direct in form. The dark gray terrazzo floor carries throughout the building to illustrate the continuity of the spaces. All of the colors of the building are carefully restrained, leaving to the furnishings and to the people who will occupy it, the opportunity for color emphasis and attention.
"In the school, the colors are light and cheerful, and the floor, although much lighter, remains a gray color to symbolize its unity with the other portions of the building. As in the other major areas, the roof structure in the school is exposed." Total cost of entire complex was $\$ 2,024,04$, not including the cost of land, furnishings or landscaping.



Sanctuary receives sky light from vaults. The ark is 8 feet wide by approximately 20 feet high and is shaped like the Moses tablets. The doors are walnut veneer with an applique in triangular bits of colored metal in a composition based on the theme of the six-pointed Star of David. Hebrew letters are in aluminum against a dark blue velvet lining. Ark and menorahs were designed by Gyorgy Kepes and Robert Preusser. Behind the ark, a beige fabric is stretched behind a golden frame. Chairs are upholstered in black and deep violet


The temple sanctuary had to be designed to be no larger than necessary for the normal services during the year, but with double its space available for the high holy days. This flexibility was achieved by placing the social hall and sanctuary on the same axis and using large folding walnut doors for the lobby walls. This permits the transformation of the sanctuary, the lobby and the social hall into one large space 170 feet long, for over 2,000 people, equipped with a public address system reaching all seats. All parts of the building group are accessible from the lobby and concourse which, like the spine of the plan, stretches from the main entrance at the street side to the back of the children's school. As can be seen in the section (below) the floor rises from the rear of the sanctuary to the bema, enhancing the dramatic effect


One of two glass mosaic murals designed by Gyorgy
Kepes for opposite sides of the entrance lobby. Colors are black, white and gray with a little gold

The auditorium roof is made of precast concrete girders and slabs




# PIN-WHEEL PLAN PROVIDES PRIVACY WITHOUT FENCES 

John Field uses fin walls of house to screen pavilion plan



## The Packer House



## Residence for

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Packer
Santa Clara County
California
ARCHITECT:
John L. Field


The site for this trim house is in a tract of Stanford University land sold for faculty housing; it is surrounded closely by four houses, with only one exposure that is at all private. The other houses in the neighborhood are totally fenced-in, but in this case, the clients wanted privacy achieved without fences. The basic program called for a threebedroom residence with a separate guest suite for visitors.

A sort of pin-wheel scheme was developed, with fin walls as visual baffles. The architect describes it as "a contemporary use of the Spanish city house, with its entry court and family inner court all facing a blank wall to the street. The end walls extending as screens, create private spaces surrounded by the glass living or sleeping pavilions. The guest suite with the garage acts as an integral adjunct to the basic house and helps define the entry court. Total privacy is achieved with little landscaping and no fencing."

At one side of the entrance gallery, there is a study for the lady of the house, who is a writer; the room is lined with books, has a couch for use as an extra guest room, and one window only-for the supervision of the play yard behind the garage.

The house derives a great amount of elegance from John Field's typically neat detailing and the dentilated cornice. All the wood structural members and trim are strongly emphasized and finished with a dark stain to contrast with the painted siding.



The neat and careful details apparent on the exterior of the Packer house are also obvious throughout the home, as can be seen in the photos of the kitchen, bath and dressing areas. The kitchen has one window wall overlooking the children's play court for supervision. A separate court is provided for adults and general family living at the rear of the house

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## BASIC NECESSITIES OF STORE DESIGN

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The contemporary department store is a complex design problem, enormous in scale: a typical interior floor is approximately 100,000 square feet in area. Architectural elements which in themselves are desirable must be seen from the perspective of their relationship and compatibility to the merchandise displayed. Fundamentally, the architect's problem is the imposing of an architectural and design discipline on a wide range of elements, establishing a design theme and quality, and developing specific variations within that theme and within the everpresent economic realities of the department store situation.

The architect is usually called in by the store owner to assist in the development of the complete program, many factors of which are already known. These include the anticipated dollar volume and the basic departments the client expects to provide, plus a general image or store identity which is to be sustained or, often, enhanced.

## Size

The size of the store in square feet is essentially a mathematical rather than an architectural solution. The relationship of dollar volume to store areas is known through Mean Operating Results published by the National Retail Merchants Association, and organized departmentally so that productivity fig-
ures per basic merchandise department are available. A typical branch store in the $\$ 5$ to $\$ 10$ million range averages $\$ 75$ gross income per square foot. Market surveys are utilized to establish purchasing power and demand anticipated for the new store, then these factors are correlated with the traditional figures.

In establishing the size of the new store, it must be remembered that sales departments represent about 70 to 80 per cent of the entire floor area, with the remainder consisting of non-selling facilities. Factors influencing the size relationships include: the number of branches involved affecting warehousing requirements within the store itself; merchandise marking and shipping procedures; and store policy regarding restaurant and rest room facilities, and public and institutional rooms. If sales area works out to, say, 75 per cent, and sales goal figures are known, this knowledge may be converted mathematically to actual store square footage from which to work.

## Ground Coverage and Number of Stories

Once the total floor area of the store is established and its location planned in relation to the shopping center, the next step is the conversion of the square footage into ground coverage. Ground coverage is affected by the number of stores to be developed and


Figure 1. Shopping center arrangements keyed to one, two or three department stores: (left) two department stores connected by mall and small shops; (center) single department
store flanked by small shops; (right) a three-store center in triangular arrangement. Variations of these three are as numerous as the permutations of commercial and siting influences
also by parking ratios and the codes of the communities involved. A widely accepted standard today is one car space per 1,000 square feet of building, and/or a four-to-one ratio of parking site to building. The department store's parking positions must, of course, be coordinated with the over-all parking plan of the center and conveniently accessible from store entrances.

Number of stories is selected to formulate the best possible mix of related selling departments and to provide for possible future expansion. The two-floor mix has been found most satisfactory in a majority of cases. It provides one fashion floor, combining apparel and fashion accessories, and one home fashion floor, each completely self-contained in terms of merchandise. At 100,000 square feet per floor, it is spacious, but not barnlike, and requires minimum vertical transportation cost. A three-floor mix is accepted generally where the store wishes to provide a bargain basement; this also depends on soil conditions and whether you can excavate and develop a full basement.

Four-story stores provide opportunity for a more homogenous floor, but it is difficult to get enough traffic to the upper levels to justify the higher expenses of a multi-story department store building. Generally, where there are three or four stories, there will be "overflows" of merchandise. Sometimes these cannot be avoided. One new store, restricted by its site in town, built three floors totaling 100,000 square feet. No floor is complete; every floor contains areas which do not relate ideally in merchandising terms to the surrounding merchandise.

## Location and Shape

The department store is the anchor for traffic in a shopping center, and most shopping centers are designed for two department stores of similar size. Normally, as a traffic incentive for smaller stores, they are placed at the outer ends, providing a complete ring of parking facilities. This placement of the department stores also provides opportunity for developing exterior facades as identifying elements,
and for receiving merchandise at truck docks located out of car and pedestrian movement.

Where one department store is the focal point of a shopping center, as is Hudson's at Northland, Michigan, it is effective to make it the central point. Customers are drawn to the department store through the peripheral shops located on all four sides of the store. The only essential cost differential in this plan is the introduction of a truck tunnel to make deliveries to the department store.

In the rare instances where three department stores are included in one shopping center, Randhurst's solution of placing each at the apex of a triangle gives each equal importance and gives the surrounding stores equal traffic potential.

Unfortunately, with the inequalities of customer interest and store drawing power, there will always


Figure 2. Effect of building shape on store layout. Rectangular shape permits use of end spaces for service areas leaving ample wall space for displays. The square requires skilled development of large center area. The circle poses layout problems and generates high non-selling space ratios. The cross generates four specific sales areas
be a stronger and weaker area within the center, and merchants in general prefer the long mall to all other plans. Figure 1 illustrates store placement in shopping centers.

## Building Shapes

In determining the shape of the department store building, the necessity for providing adequate spatial relationships to perimeter walls is vital. The square, while the most economical basic shape, is also probably the most difficult to justify from a merchandising point of view. The enormous amount of interior area far from a square's perimeter wall prevents proper articulation or separation of interior areas.

The rectangle not only provides more workable perimeter space but also adapts easily to a few major traffic aisle directions, and may be ringed with shops which do not interfere visually with each other. The interior form may also be retained with important service areas set at each end of the rectangle, thereby eliminating a minimum of perimeter area and providing easy access to delivery and other related functional areas.

The circle, while more interesting per se, is extremely costly as a merchandising space. Logic dictates structural development by a series of radial columns, with the moving stairway in the direct center. Consequently, every interior element and fixture must be custom made; if straight fixtures are


Figure 3. Diamond's (Thomas Mall, Phoenix) entrance near restaurant annex showing exterior stairway and interior access passages to restaurant at between-floors level
used, wedge-shaped aisles and wasted space will result. In one store currently under construction, the circle was dictated by the shape of the site and used to develop complete annular rings of parking arranged with entrances to each of the selling floors at quadrant points so that no customer need park further than 100 feet from an entrance.

The interior of the circle was subdivided into coordinated patterns, eliminating most structural problems; the circle was recalled in the interior on two sides and by emphasizing the central moving stairway. Service departments were placed in wedgeshaped sections at two sides of the circle, with a resultant interior that suggests but does not actually reflect the building's shape itself. Figure 2 suggests layout problems of various shapes.

The rectangle is unquestionably the most efficient solution, and its relatively unexciting shape can be developed functionally and esthetically. It can be exploded by wings used for outdoor shops, pavilions or restaurants. At Gimbels, Moorestown, New Jersey, excavation proved impossible due to site conditions, and the basement store was placed alongside the main building as a self-contained wing, preserving the inherent efficiency of the rectangle within an expanded plan. A restaurant, almost always a part of today's department store planning may be placed as a pavilion above the store, accessible to roof parking and thereby functioning independently regardless of store hours. The restaurant may also be used to provide an unusual elevation pattern, as at Diamond's in Thomas Mall, Phoenix, Arizona,


Figure 4. A suggested downtown store design is a rectangle with helix ramp leading to parking floors sandwiched between selling floors, all served by central moving stairways. See also Dayton's St. Paul store, page 170



Figure 5. Effect of entrance location on store layout. Balanced arrangement of entrances (left) provides flexibility for departmental layout and efficient use of space. Service entrance
is at upper left. Entrance near corner (center) restricts corner use and poses traffic problems. Corner entrance (right) generates layout and traffic problems
where it is an annex set at an elevation between the two basic levels, accessible to both floors and to the outside by a staircase which crosses a lagoon. (See Figure 3.)

The plan for a new downtown store sketched in Figure 4 provides another variation within the rectangular theme. Set in a city plot, with its complete lack of expansibility, the store has been designed as a rectangle with a helix leading to parking floors sandwiched between selling floors. Not only does this provide access to all floors from parking at minimal distances, it enables a continuous bank of central moving stairways to serve both parking and selling floors. It also provides opportunity to pierce facades with grills at parking floors to add exterior definition and design. The truck dock will be set below the helix for maximum efficiency in getting merchandise in and out. This plan, furthermore, is vertically expansible to any height that may become economically feasible in the future.

While non-selling areas are generally placed along perimeters, a central non-selling core has been developed in a few stores, notably Hudson's at Northland. While this gives a maximum of perimeter exposure and can be developed into a series of elongated shops, enclosed and exploded at any interior point, this pattern will work with reasonable efficiency only in a floor area of 100,000 square feet or more. The problem of merchandise placement and coordination in the four quadrants resulting is a major one, and the loss of flexibility and expansibility must be considered in attempting to utilize this plan. By the same token, the cruciform shape is costly, provides maximum perimeter and a minimum of flexibility; essentially, central service core solutions are suitable for highly specialized stores with rigidly controlled and unvarying departmental requirements, a rarity in today's merchandising world. In both cases, also, a truck tunnel must be provided.

## Location of Entrances

Location of entrances is determined by traffic directions and interior merchandising needs. There must
be a sufficient number of entrances so that a $400-$ foot distance from parking is maximum as is 250 feet a maximum between entrances themselves.

The corner entrance should be avoided. While it may look attractive from the exterior, it may result in an interior angular plan with numerous doglegs. Interior departments are difficult to place around a corner entrance. The entrance should not be less than 75 feet away from a corner. With less than this amount, interior wall depth will be inadequate for any but small departments which do not justify placement at such major traffic points. (Figure 5 illustrates possible entrances and their special features.) It is almost impossible to prejudge which entrance will be the most important one in a multientrance store. Many cases have been recorded where interior planning and ultimate major entrance points have conflicted. In one major branch store, men's and boy's departments now frame the main entrance and create an inadequate store im-


Figure 6. Important entrances for Diamond's are three at top, right and bottom around the right end of plan. Mall entrance is less important. Entrance at left with least access to parking is least important
age. In another instance the main entrance was placed on the main street, but the rear entrance to parking quickly achieved more than double the street traffic pull. In the case of a store like Diamond's, which offered four excellent exposures and one obviously of smaller potential, the architect must make what essentially amounts to an educated guess and atiempt to provide strong departmental exposure at each of the major points at which he expects traffic to concentrate. (See Figures 3 and 6.)

It is also important to note that to the department store located in a shopping center, the mall entrance may be among the least important, parking entrances generally are most valuable to the store, with such difficult-to-predict factors as a bad road turning often the key to the success or relative disregard of a particular store entrance.

## The Mall Entrance

With shopping centers today more and more completely enclosed, it is more a matter of image than necessity that determines the type and size of the mall entrance. Some stores prefer to minimize the difference between the mall and the store, such as Macy's which in the Walt Whitman Shopping Center, Huntington, New York, is completely open to the mall for approximately 50 per cent of its mall exposure. It is not wise to open the store to the mall more than 50 per cent; valuable perimeter display area is lost; there is visual confusion resulting from the sea of tables, racks and fixtures of all types, and it is impossible to control traffic in and especially out.


Figure 7. Diamond's mall entrance at the Thomas enclosed mall is conventional, flanked by backed-up display windows which preserve interior wall space but need skilled staff

As a general rule, mass merchandise stores will open their mall faces, while higher priced stores will seek to retain their own image and establish an enclosed mall facade. In the Thomas Mall Shopping Center, Diamond's provides convential doors (Figure 7) while Montgomery Ward, at the other end of the center, is open for a considerable area. Wallachs at Walt Whitman Shopping Center is similarly open to the mall (Figure 8).

## Display Windows

There are three types of display windows possible in any store-the backed-up window, the see-through window and the shadowbox. Each has its advantages and disadvantages, although the shadowbox is essentially too small to be more than an extra added attraction.

The backed-up window offers opportunity for the most lavish window displays, and is consequently desirable particularly for quality merchandise. It has the additional advantage of taking a minimum of perimeter space from the interior, and can be highly effective at the mall entrance.

The see-through window used at an entrance actually doubles the impact of the entrance and makes the store interior itself become the display. Furthermore, in shopping centers where a majority of the customers enter from parking, window-shopping from the exterior of the building is practically nonexistent. It must also be realized that branch stores cannot justify the display costs of the typical downtown store, and do not retain a skilled display staff.


Figure 8. Wallach's store at Walt Whitman Shopping Center, Huntington, New York, opens half of its mall facade, uses store interior as display

Consequently, the see-through window is the best solution for a department store in a shopping center, with backed-up and shadowbox windows used for balance and accent.

## Vertical Circulation

Moving stairways are the major vertical circulation in any modern department store, and theoretically should be in the geometric center of the floor. The moving stairway is the store's 100 per cent location, pulling all traffic, with the best flow position. In almost all cases, it should be set parallel to the long building axis to provide ample depth at either end and maximum exposure span on either side. One moving stairway is sufficient for almost any branch store, and while a 24 -inch-wide tread is feasible, it is best to specify a 48 -inch width, not to handle peak loads but to provide a spacious atmosphere. In the rare cases where a moving stairway is not placed in or near the center, there is almost always a specific reason: a strong emphasis on departmental separation. This may be clearly seen at Lord \& Taylor, Garden City, New York, where service areas are built into the rear wall with the moving stairways set directly against them, almost splitting the far side of the store in two, and most effectively helping to develop the store's highly conscious "shop" feeling. Possible arrangements of vertical circulation systems are sketched in Figure 9.
Fixed stairways, required both for convenience and by law, are also sometimes specified for imagebuilding reasons, as in the Diamond's restaurant stairway previously described, or at many Gimbel's stores where a stairway is generally located immedi-


Figure 9. Vertical circulation systems. Moving stairway set against service area near rear wall permits open shop effect. Moving stairway set on store's short axis provides minimum exposed shop span. Central stairway on long axis provides maximum visibility and efficiency. Off-center stairway creates shallow departments and limits visibility
ately adjacent to the moving stairways to suggest spaciousness and elegance. In providing the necessary fire stairs, the architect should try to relate them to vestibules as much as possible to minimize the number of openings onto the street.

The architectural treatment of the moving stairway is a vital factor in establishing interior importance. By piercing the slab and creating an open well, a monumental effect may be achieved. The open well, where permitted by law, must be completely equipped with a sprinkler curtain.

Outstandingly effective examples of moving stair well treatments include Davison-Paxon, Atlanta (Figure 10), where the parallel up and down white marble moving stairways were separated by a pool containing a two-story fountain, with lighting and color synchronized to the fountain's patterns and providing a constantly changing effect. To enhance this further, a domed ceiling was installed at the upper level, with the entire area becoming the store's single most important and attractive feature. At Diamond's, the glass sided moving stairways were carried through in a completely Diamond-like well treatment, enhanced by glittering artwork, bright uprights, and similarly treated display and structural elements.

## Truck Receiving and Materials Handling

The location of the truck dock must be coordinated with interior freight elements, including not only the freight elevator but also near enough to the restaurant to take care of food delivery and garbage disposal. As previously discussed, the truck dock exterior must be removed from customer traffic and


Figure 10. Parallel moving stairways in white marble are separated by a two-story fountain at Davison-Paxon, Lenox Square, Atlanta, providing an effective interior focal point, but at some sacrifice of merchandising space
screened; wherever economically possible, truck tunnels should be provided.

The determination of the size of the truck dock depends on how far the store is from its parent store or warehouse, how much merchandise is received directly from manufacturers, and how much its own warehousing capacities may be. The truck dock varies in capacity from two to six trucks. The average 200,000 -square-foot store is usually able to function efficiently with space for three or four trucks.

Normally, one large size freight elevator is adequate to meet almost any delivery situation, regardless of seasonal factors. Mechanical conveyors should be utilized as much as possible for small merchandise boxes, and gravity chutes are an important reason to place freight areas below selling levels.

While it is economically best to have passenger elevators adjacent to the freight elevator, with a consequent saving on structural materials and penthouses, this rule of thumb can be broken by specific needs. At Diamond's the freight elevator was placed near the least effective customer entrance, since this was also the least crowded parking area and consequently most efficient for service use.

Receiving and marking in a store take up a considerable area, often as much as 15,000 square feet in a 200,000 -square-foot store. These services are never located on the main floor. If possible, they should be placed at the lowest level, serviced by gravity chutes. If on an upper level, conveyors must be used at an increase in cost. While major appliance stock is usually placed downstairs, this is not a particularly valid practice since their turnover rate is considerably lower than that of many smaller items; consequently, it is often wiser to place the smaller, more portable and busier items in any easy to handle location since they will be going in and out at a much greater rate.

It is frequently advisable to place all major nonselling elements together in one area, which therefore does not have to be highly designed and decorated. Placement of these areas on lower floors, or as in the case of one store just being built, as one entire floor below ground, will also eliminate possible expansion problems. Service distribution systems are sketched in Figure 11.

## Basic Interior Plan

Departments within the net selling area must be considered in terms of both their nature (as to whether they purvey by impulse or demand) and their relationships to other merchandise. Impulse departments must have excellent traffic locations; demand departments will draw traffic no matter where they are located. However, this rule must be modified in such cases as children's departments, where impulse items such as socks must be placed in

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Figure 11. Service distribution systems: ( $t o p$ ) receiving on grade with check-in and marking on upper floor requires freight elevator, permits use of gravity conveyor; (next) receiving, check-in and marking on lower level requires freight elevator and mechanical conveyor; (third) receiving, check-in and marking on upper level permits use of gravity conveyor for stock distribution; (bottom) receiving and check-in at parking and lower levels requires upward conveyor and elevator, theoretically the least efficient arrangement


Figure 12. Circular boutique on the main floor at Diamond's, with changes in floor and ceiling treatment, adds variety to a basically rectangular form
the same area as demand items such as nursery furniture to create a departmental cohesion.
The free flow plan, which had a brief flurry of use, is long gone. It proved inflexible, confusing and inefficient, and required custom designing of most fixture elements. The diagonal plan is also inefficient since it creates useless corners and inadequate, inflexible spaces. The simple rectilinear plan is the most efficient, most orderly, most economical, and can be treated with infinite variations depending on the type of store and its image. Diamond's plan on the main floor, essentially rectilinear, nonetheless featured three central boutiques, two square and one circular, with perimeter shops, perimeter variations, and so on. Figure 12 illustrates the effect of this treatment.
A typical mass market store plan is very simple, with a minimum of variations from the rectangular. (Figure 13.) On the other hand, Milgrim's begins as a rectangular plan but explodes in many directions and with many luxurious structural variations. (Figure 14.)
The architect's first specific interior planning problem on an actual job, once location of departments on one floor or another and the allocation of non-selling spaces have been established, is the layout and location of sales departments.
The same statistical factors apply here as in the determination of the size of the entire store itself; each department's sales per square foot and its potential as estimated by the store. These are not bounded by design but by economics. However, it is the architect's function to place the departments in appropriate, coordinating relationships and to provide built-in flexibility for the future.
This departmental siting is done on an area allocation plan and is dependent upon many factors. Departments requiring traffic must be adjacent to entrances or moving stairways, but must also have a logical merchandising and design relationship to other departments. Some departments must have perimeter wall area for proper merchandise housing and display, while others do well in a free central


Figure 13. Typical mass market department store plan with rectilinear arrangement of sales fixtures and traffic aisles. Shaded areas are non-selling
area. All departments benefit from being against a wall, but since this is obviously impossible, peripheral partitions must be developed on this plan and their heights and traffic determining effects carefully established. All apparel, furniture, rugs and carpeting, shoes, major appliances, curtains and draperies, sporting goods, china and glass, and lamp departments, plus the closet shop, must be against a wall to function properly.

Beyond this, however, departments should be grouped into centers-with fashion, home, leisure and gift as the primary groups-and placed to provide relatively natural bridges of consumer interest. Cosmeties should be near accessories: jewelry, handbags, neckwear, hosiery, etc. Cosmetics also act as a bridge to drug sundry and pharmaceutical departments, and to smallwares: notions, candy, stationery, books, greeting cards.

Very few departments in a store have a genuinely "independent" merchandising existence, and those that do are important in solving area allocation problems. Shoes, a strong demand item, sell almost anywhere in the store, within reasonable boundaries. Although shoes are often considered most effective when placed near apparel, many stores today consolidate all types of shoes within one family shoe department. This provides a saving in the number of sales personnel required, consolidates stock and handling problems, and eliminates the duplication of controls. The family shoe department is most important in branch stores where the family frequently shops as a group.

Area allocation for maximum coordinated sales effectiveness is first drawn in the block plans. Then a preliminary plan, which is the next step for the architect, fills in the area allocation plan, sets aisles, subdivisions of space by walls and partitions, high display elements, islands, displays, and sets, by its density and form, the interior texture of the store.

The architect's knowledge of merchandise needs and fixturing is vitally important in determining the layout, number and type of fixtures on the preliminary plan. For instance, jewelry is sold over the


Figure 14. Arrangement of curves within a rectangle as at Milgrims at Severance Plaza, Cleveland, animates rectangular space and defines separation of departments
counter, requiring counter-type fixtures; greeting cards are sold via self-selection fixturing. These factors are determinants in deciding whether to set a showcase line of 15 to 20 feet in tandem in one area, with another department requiring a lighter scale and more specific fixturization.

Showcases and counterline fixtures define the store's roads. Fixtures with legs are lighter in appearance than those with recessed bases and for that reason are generally preferred. However, in large batteries, recessed bases are recommended to avoid a confused floor picture.

## Visual Effects

The quality, level and type of illumination throughout the store must now be determined. The level has gradually risen over the past 10 years but still depends to a large extent on accepted standards by geographical region. In the Northeast, where exterior light and atmosphere generally lack brilliance, 30 to 40 foot candles is accepted as a general background level. In the Southwest, a level of 75 foot candles is appropriate and not considered excessive. Generally, a fine specialty shop or the better departments of a store will have a 30 to 35 foot candle level. A discount or variety store may, on the other hand, require 100 foot candles to create its desired, characteristically brilliant effect.

All available instruments and types of light should be utilized as they relate to store image and interior design requirements. AH schemes should also use supplemental devices to pinpoint special areas. Wall and floor surfaces must also be considered: their use as light reflectors can be extremely effective, while their darkness may reduce a store lighting concept. Illuminated fixtures are also effective in pinpointing special areas and adding highlights to the over-all lighting plan.

A highly controlled and styled lighting system, such as a counterline plan which follows the fixture layout, is effective only if the store retains its design discipline permanently. This qualification is almost utopian ; consequently, it is highly inadvisable to try to establish this tight a lighting control in the average store design plan.

Many effects-domes, coves, etc.-are possible at the ceiling level to set off various departments within the store, and with appropriate lighting will add variety and distinction to the basic ceiling, which should be a concealed spline system in almost all cases. The exposed T suspension system, with its busy and inelegant pattern, should be confined to situations where it is a budgetary necessity.

Flooring materials in a store are basically confined to vinyl asbestos or vinyl tile, with carpeting required for shoe departments and furniture departments, and other appropriate materials for wash-
rooms and delivery areas. There are two basic theories regarding the design use of flooring materials. We have found that it is both more attractive and efficient to combine many of the departmental subdivisions into large groups of flooring patterns, thereby achieving a unity and floor spaciousness and permitting maximum flexibility. The contrary view advocates that the floor be ringed by identifying aisles and changes of color, a plan which, carried to its logical extent, functions only so long as the departmental and fixture plan remains constant.

## Structural and Mechanical

Reinforced concrete and steel are the basic department store materials, and their use depends to a large extent on geographical factors: the local tradition of use and haulage efficiency makes concrete more practical in Phoenix, for instance.

While many theoretical studies have been made to develop ingenious long-span systems of columnfree store space, the economics of the initial installation combined with the resulting nonproductive truss or dome arch cubage has, for all practical purposes, ruled this out in store design. Practically speaking, the department store requires a simple column, beam and slab structural system, with a long span truss in a multi-story building utilized for stock and non-selling functions. Column placement varies between 25 and 30 feet, with the square pattern preferred for a well-organized interior, providing nondirectional lighting and related elements. The square is more economical in concrete, the rectangle more economical in steel, but the square bay is more pleasing and efficient.

Finished floor to finished ceiling height is generally standardized at 12 to 13 feet, with 3 -foot minimum clearance. In recent years, the effectiveness of double-decking stock areas has been proved and store owners today generally demand this feature, resulting in a minimum of 16.5 feet from floor to floor, since about 7 feet is necessary per tier. There are no disadvantages to double-decking stockrooms, which provide excellent extra cubage at no loss to any other store element.

Boiler and air-conditioning equipment should be placed either in the basement or on the roof. Air conditioning is almost always more advisable on the roof, since it will otherwise require extensive ductwork to secure fresh air. The choice between a central airconditioning system and a cooling plant that pipes chilled water to dispersed air-handling locations is essentially in favor of the former if the roof area is available. At Diamond's the complete plant is centrally located on the roof, giving the simplest possible distribution. The well of the moving stairway is used for return, and of course standby equipment is necessary to guard against mechanical failure.


Peacock's glass front (below) reveals imaginative interior (above) designed by Walter Sobel


# UNIFIED VARIETY ON A FOUNTAINED MALL 

Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook, Illinois

owners:
Oakbrook Terrace Shopping Center, Inc.
Marshall Field \& Company
Sears Roebuck \& Company
architects: Loebl, Schlossman and Bennett
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS:
Nelson, Ostrom, Baskin, Berman \& Associates
mechanical and electrical engineers:
Robert E. Hattis Engineers, Inc.
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS:
Lawrence Halprin and Associates
civil engineers: Joseph A. Schudt \& Associates general contractor: Inland Construction, Inc.

Although the presence of chain stores exerts a pressure toward sameness in the aspect of shopping centers, one to another, as it has on the street fronts of towns in the United States, Richard Bennett discerns encouraging signs of counter-pressures. Community pride, he points out, sets increasing value on the small differences that make for uniqueness. The shopping center, with architectural control sympathetic to local tradition and materials, can display those imaginative differences that create for local shoppers the exceptional store that the chain "did for us." At the same time, the architect can amalgamate and pace those differences from one store to another in his center so that the total effect has its own prideful identity.

Similarly, says Mr. Bennett, the harmony of landscaping and its decorative elements with the truly urban manifestations of paving, street furniture and interplay of plane store facades is more than the conventional exercise of various professions. It is the creation of a coherent, directed, many-faceted envi-ronment-a civicscape, if you will.

Oakbrook Center is the thoughtful expression of all this philosophy keyed to the real world of its basic merchandising function. Located at the intersection of a tollway and a limited access freeway about 25 minutes from downtown Chicago, it is layed out in roughly triangular form to present full faces of buildings to incoming traffic. The plan is developed around three terminals: Sears Roebuck


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Above: Stairway approach to mall from lower parking level


Below: Another Sobel interior for Benson and Rixon


and Marshall Field as the principal anchor stores and a one-story food store which adjoins the base of an eight-story office building. A truck receiving dock and central heating and cooling plant for the center and proposed satellite structures are in the basement of the office building.

Marshall Field's three stories posed a problem of achieving human scale and suburban character. The solution, echoing the chain identity, is the tile roofed, low-rise entrance portico uniting the dual use of cut stone and painted brick on exterior walls. Field's delivery area is also underground.

Sears' has entrances on two levels, a separate auto service center in the lower parking area and a distinctive, rounded corner with high carousel overhang overlooking a vista of successive courts toward the tile shingled portico of Marshall Field's. Courts are established by the zig-zag arcade fronting offset facades of rental buildings. They have the effect of shortening the distance between anchor buildings, an effect heightened by the unifying element of seven fountains and pools used as terminals, turning devices or linear motifs.

The atmosphere, says Mr. Bennett, is meant to be an invitation to take one's time to shop with a sense of almost leisurely well-being.

Peripheral buildings shown at the top of the plan represent the owners' determination to avoid chaotic commercial encroachment on the center by developing their own selected neighbors. Future buildings outlined are an office building, theater and motel.



# A DOWNTOWN STORE WITH INDOOR PARKING 

The Dayton Company Department Store
St. Paul, Minnesota
owner:
The Dayton Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS:
Victor Gruen Associates
Herman Guttman, Partner in Charge
MERCHANDISING AND INTERIORS:
Raymond Loewy/William Snaith, Inc.
garage planning and engineering:
National Garages, Inc. and Enco Engineering Co. Richard C. Rich, Chief Designer


The decision of the Dayton Company to locate a major store in the heart of downtown St. Paul, says Herman Guttman, partner in charge of Dayton Company projects for Victor Gruen Associates, offered architects an opportunity to apply certain theories and principles that had been successfully tested in postwar suburban stores and shopping centers.

The store occupies an entire block of 96,000 square feet which anchors the southwest corner of the proposed Capitol Center project for redevelopment of about 10 square blocks of downtown St. Paul. The Dayton store plan includes a continuous spiral ramp incorporated with parking space for 650 cars at four levels. Customers arriving by car have elevator access to a main floor, use store's moving stairways to reach other three sales floors.

In addition to parking provisions, the suburban objective of separating pedestrian from vehicular traffic has also been applied in this scheme. All trucking, both incoming and outgoing, is concentrated in an underground loading dock with a single ramp connection to Cedar Street. The entire traffic pattern both trucking and auto, was integrated with the existing one-way system which revolves around the entire city block in a clockwise direction.

Two of the streets bounding Dayton's store (Sixth and Seventh Streets) fall sharply to the north producing a difference in grade elevation of about 20 feet. Advantage was taken of this grade difference by locating main pedestrian entrances at both first and second merchandising levels thus producing two main floors of equal importance and accessibility. There are two additional sales floors of 61,576 square feet each, making a total store area (including basement and mechanical penthouse) of 380,333 square feet. Garage space (including ramps and roof top parking) adds 253,125 square feet for a total building area of 633,458 square feet. The store is designed to expand to 750,000 square feet which will involve six


Exterior walls faced with buff brick in projected pattern top a darker base of polished panels containing dark granite chips. Walls are inset at both pedestrian access levels to provide sidewalks up to 30 feet in width. Overhead ramps provide a sheltered waiting area at a bus stop on Seventh Street (above) radiantly heated by snow melting coils and infrared lamps. Street lights, flush-mounted in walls, are framed in a projecting metal rectangle. Cars admitted at the Sixth Street ramp (below) spiral toward the roof on alternate layers sandwiched between those served by the Seventh Street ramp



Store Planning Displays, Retail Reporting Bureau photos

additional merchandising floors and four additional parking decks for a total capacity of 750 cars. Until the expansion occurs, the roof of the department store is used for parking with temporary access to the store elevators.

The windowless exterior has evolved over years of store planning as the most desirable solution for a major merchandising structure, says Mr. Guttman. Space organization dictated by merchandising concepts involves surrounding sales areas with secondary supporting areas, stock and fitting rooms, etc.

The need for constantly controlled lighting in the

merchandising areas coupled with the undesirability of windows in the secondary areas makes the windowless wall a logical solution. The walls become 100 per cent usable in stock areas, and problems of heat loss and heat gain are greatly simplified.

At ground level, however, traditional show windows have been strategically located, encouraging window shopping. The ground floor is recessed on three sides providing a covered arcade, and the sidewalks are radiant heated throughout. A landscaped plaza at the corner of Seventh and Cedar streets provides access to the Cedar level through an air curtain.

# LONG SHOP WITH A WIDE LOOK 

Store for R. Alexander Manoff Philadelphia, Pennsylvania architect: Paul Vinicoff contractor: Keystone Construction Co.

Starting with a $\$ 25,000$ budget and three straight walls defining a rectangle about 18 by 125 feet, Paul Vinicoff created this store for high quality crystal china and silver in an old Pennsylvania town house.

Typically, the entrance level of the original building had been 4 feet above pavement level. Previous business tenants had lowered about half the floor to street level and had inset the entrance about 25 feet to provide street windows for clothing displays. Mr. Vinicoff pulled the entrance to the street front and designed a white marble and glass facade. He completely re-established the interior partitions, using white vinyl-covered wall board to create a store of varying width. Alcoves and two level floor give an impression of spaciousness to this long narrow enclosure.

To protect breakable merchandise from store traffic, four pilasters were established near the entrance with shelves bridging the shallow alcoves thus created. Similarly, a recessed display space along the opposite wall provides shelving for glassware in brilliant contrast to a red felt background. A terrazzo floor was provided in the entrance foyer and the rear floor was covered with carpet.

Glass windows at the front are in black anodized frames contrasting with white marble. Aluminum cross bars protect window glass which goes to pavement level.

G. William Holland photos



# COLOR AND TEXTURE BRIGHTEN A COMPACT SHOPPING CENTER 

Monmouth Shopping Center, Eatontown, New Jersey oWNERS: Massachusetts Life Insurance Company ARCHITECTS: Kahn \& Jacobs Designs, Inc. engineers : Abbott Merkt \& Company GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Joseph L. Muscarelle and (for Bamberger) Wm. L. Blanchard Co.


The Monmouth Shopping Center is on a 64 -acre site in Eatontown, New Jersey. It is designed on a cluster plan with most rental stores grouped around the two major department stores, L. Bamberger and Company and Montgomery Ward. Rental stores are also in groups of major shopping categories such as service stores, variety stores and fashion stores. This, according to architect Robert A. Jacobs is an arrangement preferred by customers.

Pedestrian traffic was a dominating consideration in the layout of malls. Provision is made for protection by canopies, while an open spaciousness is enhanced by plantings of trees and shrubs. Variety is further augmented by sidewalk patterns in three basic colors, black, white and beige. Colors are also emphasized in the choice of materials for buildings and canopies. Buildings make an extensive use of rough tapestry brick as background for plantings and sculpture. Variety is achieved by studied use of fieldstone, tinted concrete, mosaics and glazed brick in a coordinated color scheme. Under sides of canopies are robin's egg blue.

Service facilities are planned so that most trucks make deliveries through underground tunnels with access from peripheral roads. Parking space for 4,200 cars completely surrounds the center. There are 10 entrances to the center from a nearby parkway and major subsidiary roads. Parking is planned to permit minimum walking distance to selected store


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categories. Area indicators mark each parking field.
Heating, ventilating and air conditioning are accomplished by roof mounted package units for each store. Power for the center is supplied from two transmission lines entering a sub-station on the center property to reduce the likelihood of power failure. Water supply is similarly obtained from two main pump sources to prevent supply failure.

One of the features of the Monmouth Center is a combination multi-purpose room and auditorium which will be made available to community organizations. The room will have a 12 - by 24 -foot platform stage and will accommodate a public address system and portable motion picture equipment. Two sound-proof folding partitions can be used to divide the 60 - by 72 -foot space into three smaller spaces for simultaneous meetings. The room has wood panel storage along the walls for auditorium chairs.

Interiors for Bamberger and Franklin Simon stores were designed by Copeland, Novak and Israel.

## Architectural Engineering

## "Overhead Blight"

Since 1929, a growing number of American communities have enjoyed the more dependable service, and esthetic and lower maintenance advantages offered by buried power lines, according to a report from the Urban Land Institute. This trend to underground wiring has been furthered by reduced costs resulting from more advanced techniques and utility-company disposition to help foot the cost of buried cables.

Despite this favorable picture, nine out of ten new housing developments are blighted with a skyscape of wires and utility poles, laments engineer George Bestor in his informative survey of buried electrical distribution for residential land development ("Buried Cables," Technical Bulletin No. 48, $\$ 3.00$ ). In 1958 the writer toured one of the large Dutch farming areas reclaimed from what was once the Zuider Zee. He commented to the Dutch engineer who was showing him around, "The farms and farmhouses are so modern, I should think that rural electrification would have been included in the project." The Dutchman looked surprised and answered, "All the farms are fully electrified." "But where are the power lines ?" Mr. Bestor asked. "Underground of course," was the reply.

Fire Test in High-Rise Apartment

In France, full-scale fire tests have been performed in four- and five-story demol-ished-to-be buildings but building researchers have rarely had the chance to carry out such tests in high-rise buildings. The Scientific and Technical Center for Building, working closely with the Paris Fire Department, realized an "arsonist's dream" in 1962 when they were given permission to perform a full-scale test in a first floor apartment of a new 20 -story apartment building (before occupancy).

The test yielded important information on the effectiveness of various smokeremoval devices and methods, and precise knowledge about how smoke is propagated in high-rise buildings. (Dense smoke pockets can make corridors and stairways impassable in a matter of minutes.) Some test conclusions: (1) The speed with which observers reported impassable conditions in all 20 corridors ( 16 minutes), is conclusive evidence that open stairways should not be permitted in tall buildings -their presence allows smoke to cut off access to enclosed stairways. (In fact, a single enclosed stairway would be less dangerous than one enclosed and one open stairway.) ; (2) In order to remove smoke at least partially from corridors, fresh air should be introduced by means of air ducts at each floor level, with openings near the floor.

In this test, smoke was produced by a fire in a small room, the fire was controlled to produce a maximum volume of smoke, and the smoke was directed toward the inside of the building. Despite these limiting conditions, the test showed that removal of smoke is one of the most important fire protection problems. Observations and results of the test were published in the January, 1964 edition of the National Fire Protection Association's Quarterly.

Comments Sought On Softwood Lumber Standard Proposals

In April the U. S. Department of Commerce circulated the proposed revision of the softwood lumber standard, submitted by the American Lumber Standards Committee, to determine whether the lumber industry favors a differentiation between dressed sizes of dry and green lumber. (Green lumber is defined as having a moisture content in excess of 19 per cent, and is subject to shrinkage between the time of measurement and use.) The present standard provides for uniform sizes at the time lumber is dressed at the mill, regardless of moisture content. The revision calls for a reduction in the minimum widths and thicknesses of nominal 2 -in. lumber: from $15 / 8$ to $11 / 2$-in. for dry, and from $15 / 8$ to $1^{17 / 32}$ in. for green lumber.

# VERSATILE STRUCTURES FOR APARTMENT FRAMING 

## Notes on wind-resistant behavior of various concrete wall and column arrangements

By R. M. Gensert, Consulting Engineer

High-rise apartment buildings offer excellent opportunities for columns and walls to perform other functions besides structural support. For example, closely spaced exterior columns can serve as window mullions, and bearing walls as room dividers. Structural efficiency, hence cost, and freedom from annoying structural obstructions are enhanced if the floor plan and structural schemes are con-
sidered together for compatibility. Since gravity loads are relatively small in apartment buildings, the prime structural problem in tall ones is wind resistance. Wind loads can be withstood in a variety of ways. Closely spaced columns in exterior walls acting together with spandrel beams can be designed for rigid-frame action; the whole wall, in effect, behaves as a vertical girder. A different technique
uses wall elements to resist wind loads in shear, in flexure, or a combination of shear and flexure, depending on the height to width ratio of the wall. Some buildings have used exterior wall rigid frames to take wind loads from one direction and shear walls for the opposite direction.

Additional articles on this subject will appear in future issues.

## COLUMN, WALL ARRANGEMENTS



Wind resistance of columns is weak about " x - x " axis


While wind resistance of columns is good about either axis; it is greater about the " $y$ - $y$ " axis due to column orientation


Curved walls used for a circular plan give good wind resistance about either axis of the building

Wind resistance of columns is good about either axis


Wind resistance is good about either axis; however, columns and the wall must work together in each direction


Diagonal walls in pie-shaped plan provide resistance to wind loading about any major axis of the building


Above: Possible structural system employs a precast, loadbearing exterior grill with cast-in-place floor slabs and interior columns. Exterior grid withstands winds by acting as a shearresisting Vierendeel panel. Interior columns and floor slabs take vertical loads only. If the exterior grill is so light that it can resist vertical loads but not wind loads, then the wind resisting element could be a service core.
Right: Exterior columns function as window mullions as well as vertical load-bearing elements. In the upper drawing, the columns and the bearing walls are coupled with a one-way slab; thus, in the short direction, the structure works as a rigid frame to resist wind. In the lower drawing, shear walls have been placed at strategic locations on the plan and interior columns have replaced bearing walls. This eliminates wind reinforcing and cost of structure is less than for other scheme

## SHEAR WALL BEHAVIOR



TYPE I $\quad b / h=4 / 1$ TO $/ / 1$



Above: Type of stress in a bearing wall depends on the height to width ratio and the percentage of openings. In Type I, wind load results in shear stresses; Type II, bending stresses; Type III, combination of shear and bending stresses.
Right and below: When does the size and spacing of openings in a wall change bearing wall action to frame action? To answer this, consider a horizontal spanning element with length 1.5 times its depth, subjected to a concentrated gravity load at the center span; it responds in arching action rather than bending. As the span increases, bending stresses will prevail. Now consider the effect of wind load on a panel with length equal to height; it reacts primarily in shear rather than bending, but as the height increases, bending stresses increase. These principles can be combined to evaluate the action of a pierced wall


# AIR CONDITIONING OF TELEVISION STUDIOS 

By Alfred Greenberg, P. E., Consulting Engineer

Design of air conditioning for television studios requires careful attention to the elimination of heat buildup and control of noise. In addition there are problems of air motion and variations in lighting and occupancy load.

## DESIGN PARAMETERS

The critical areas of a television studio consist of the performance studio and the control rooms. The audience area may be handled as an auditorium and should have its own air distribution system or, at least, its own zone control off the studio system. The heat generated in the studio area should not be allowed to permeate the audience atmosphere.

## Heat Loads

Television studios have very high lighting intensities which may fluctuate over considerable ranges in short periods of time. This is especially true of color television where lighting capacities are up to three times greater than those for black and white TV. In addition, there may be as few as one to as many as several dozen people on stage within narrow spans of time. Thus the air conditioning system must be extremely flexible and capable of handling wide load variations quickly.

## Air Movement

It is essential that the air movement within the stage area which will contain scenery and people be kept below 25 fpm . Since scenery is often fragile, it may be set in motion by air velocities above 25 fpm ; also actors' hair and clothing may be disturbed. The design criteria usually followed is that the 25 fpm air velocity should not be exceeded anywhere within a 12 ft height from the floor.

In the "on camera" studio, which is the stage of the television studio, air movement must be uniform and draftless so that it will not interfere with studio operation. Since scenery, cameras and equipment may be moving during the performance, the ductwork must be very carefully laid out to avoid interference.

The large heat loads that may de-
velop require that the studio have a high air change rate. This will generally be in the range of $15-20$ air changes per hour.

Each studio may have one or more control rooms serving different functions. The video control room, which is occupied by the program and technical directors, contains the monitoring sets and picture effect controls. If conventional electronic tube circuits are employed, this room may have a sensible heat load as high as 300 Btu per sq ft. Transistorized electronic equipment will reduce this load substantially, but the room still requires special system design. The control room will usually require at least 30 air changes to maintain proper conditions.

## Noise Control

Television studio noise levels must be kept exceedingly low; the air-conditioning system must be designed not to exceed NC $20-25$. Since studio microphones may be moved through many parts of the studio during the course of a performance, they are bound to move past or stop near air outlets or returns. These microphones are very sensitive and have a flat frequency response from about 20 to 15,000 cycles per second. This is more sensitive than the human ear which tends to be insensitive to low and high frequencies at low sound levels. Therefore, the sound measuring apparatus that is used to measure equipment noise in studios must reflect the sensitivity of the studio microphones.

## Air Cleanliness

Filtering efficiencies in the range from 20-40 per cent efficiency based on the National Bureau of Standards atmospheric air distribution test are satisfactory for most studio applications.

## System Applicability

Based upon the criteria established above, the air distribution system selected should be either dual duct, single duct with cooling and/or heating booster coils or a multi-zone system. A low velocity, low static pressure system is desirable in order to elimi-
nate any potential sources of noise.
Studio loads seldom exceed $50-100$ tons of refrigeration. Even if the studio is part of a large communication center or building, it will be desirable for the studio to have its own refrigeration system, in case of emergencies.

## Air Distribution

Ductwork must be expertly fabricated and installed so that there are no rough edges, poor turns or improperly installed dampers which may create turbulence and eddy currents within the ducts. Ductwork should contain no holes or openings which might create whistles. The air outlet locations and distribution patterns must be carefully analyzed to eliminate turbulence and eddy currents within the studio, since noise may be produced which can be picked up by the studio microphones.

All supply, return and exhaust ductwork should be internally lined with acoustical material. Any duct serving more than one room should have sound traps to separate each room acoustically. All ductwork should be suspended by means of neoprene or rubber in-shear type vibration mountings. Where ductwork goes through wall or floor slabs, the opening should be sealed with acoustical material. In addition, the supply fan discharge and the return and exhaust fan inlets should have sound traps, and all ductwork connections to fans should be made by means of nonmetallic, flexible material.

## Piping Distribution

All piping within the studio area and adjacent areas which might transmit noise to the studio should be supported on suitable vibration eliminating mountings. The velocity of the medium transmitted through the piping should be low enough so that it cannot be heard. Special "soft" flexible pipe connections must be used at the pumps and compressors to prevent transmission of vibration. Piping should not be supported from light structural elements such as joists. It is safer to support the piping from floor or wall mounted stands separated by vibration mountings.

## Mechanical Equipment Rooms

These rooms should be located as remotely as possible from the studio. All equipment should be selected for very quiet operation and should be mounted on suitable vibration eliminating supports. Structural separation of these rooms from the studio is desirable.

## Offices and Dressing Rooms

Since the functions of these rooms are quite different from each other and from the studio areas, they should each be treated as separate zones with their own controls.

## Control Rooms

Each control room should be designed as a separate zone. The large number of air changes required and the low sound level which must be maintained dictate special analysis of the air distribution system. A perforated ceiling with plenum is one excellent solution. Some of the exhaust may have to be taken through the control equipment to prevent it from overheating.

Provisions should be furnished in each control room to enable the air conditioning to be turned on and off.

If a separate control room is furnished for the announcer, the heat load and air distribution problems will not be as critical as those for the program, technical and audio directors.

## Air Exhaust

Whenever practicable in the studio, the largest portion of the air should be exhausted over the banks of lights. This is similar to theater stage practice. There should also be sufficient air removed from the high points in the studio to prevent heat buildup.

## Special Ductwork Requirements

In some instances, spiral flexible or telescoping ductwork has been used to take care of special supply or exhaust air problems. This type of ductwork requires careful coordination with the equipment served and must have proper maintenance to assure noise free operation.

## Testing

All television and radio stations must have complete sound measuring equipment on hand in order to quickly search for and find all unwanted sources of noise.


In spite of a maximum concentration of 75 watts per sq ft in the two new TV studios of WJAC, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, temperatures can be maintained at a comfortable level of 75 F at all times. This is achieved with a gas-fueled air-conditioning system that can be operated economically even at minimum cooling loads of 2 per cent of total capacity (about 4-5 tons of a total of 208 tons). The studios and associated offices are housed in a two-story building $46,325 \mathrm{sq} \mathrm{ft}$ in area. The two TV studios are two stories high; studio A measures 60 by 80 ft and studio B, 30 by 40 ft .

Studio A has a maximum heat input from lights of $593,765 \mathrm{Btu} / \mathrm{hr}$. It is cooled by a $27,000 \mathrm{cfm}$ built-up air handling unit, incorporating outside air dampers, tempering coils for outside air, return air dampers, electronic filters, steam coils, cooling coils and a two-speed centrifugal fan. In the studio itself, air distribution is through six specially constructed diffusers which direct part of the cooling air downward, while jets at the sides of the diffusers circulate high velocity air horizontal currents of cool air close to the lights and directly to return air ducts located in the ceiling. Thus most of the heat from the lights is prevented from reaching the floor level. Cooling or heating load is controlled by the average reading of four thermostats located in the corners of the studio. (One thermostat might give a false reading if strong lights were operated close to it.) Studio B is served by a $7,100 \mathrm{cfm}$ package air handling unit, two ceiling diffusers and two thermostats.

Both systems were calibrated after installation for sensitive and accurate response to heating and cooling requirements, as well as for noiseless operation. When it was discovered that the air delivery was higher than rated and required, rather than use dampers, the fan drives were reduced in size, making the operation more economical and quiet.
Noise levels from either the machine room or the air outlets are lower than the background noise of the cameras. The machine room has two low-pressure gas-fired boilers and two 104 -ton absorption machines.
Architects for the building were Hunter, Cambell \& Rea, Johnstown and Altoona, and mechanical engineers was H. F. Lenz \& Company, Johnstown


## REINFORCED PLASTIC FORMS

## PRODUCE SHARPLY DETAILED CONCRETE FACADE

Clean detail and edge lines, as well as a high-quality finish, were achieved in a 22 -story exposed concrete facade through the use of molded fiber glass reinforced plastic forms of advanced components and configuration.
I. M. Pei and Associates, noted for the consistent color and "fair face" of their on-site, exposed concrete, specified a highly refined surface texture and a deep indentation detail for the facade of this building-the Washington Plaza Apartments in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The basic design element of this cast-in-place apartment building- 300 ft long by 60 ft wide-is a repetitive window module created with precision T-shaped forms, 8 ft 7 in . in height.

Project architect Edward Friedman, I. M. Pei's specialist in concrete technology, and the construction firm for the project decided to used molded fiber glass reinforced plastic forms because of their inherent, monolithic, jointless nature-ideal for casting difficult configurations in exposed concrete.

These unique forms had to accomplish several jobs. The columns and spandrel beams, in addition to fram-
ing the windows, serve as a bearing wall, taking both gravity and wind loads. Where the concrete will be seen from the outside, a plastic surface was used in the formwork; the remainder of the forms is of plywood. Besides the smooth finish and deep indentation area, the design also called for clean-cut edges and precision tolerances. The form design finally conceived to accomplish these tasks was a complex of molded fiber glass reinforced plastic (f.r.p.), plywood, rubber stripping, and supporting steel framework.

Some of the solutions decided upon to meet these conditions were:

1. Although wood bracing was used for similarly constructed exposed concrete buildings designed by I. M. Pei's office, steel bracing was chosen for this project. This bracing, starting point for the construction of the individual forms, had to be made within a tolerance of $1 / 16$ th of an inch -an unusually narrow margin for a welded assembly of this type.
2. The molded f.r.p. skin, having a minimum over-all thickness of $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$., had to have an extremely smooth surface. This was accomplished primar-
ily through the use of a gel coat-a resin coating that is sprayed into the female mold and allowed to partially cure before the first layer of reinforcing fiber glass is applied.
3. The indentation area- 5 ft 8 in . high, $21 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. deep, 8 in . wide, and beveled in four directions-also presented problems. In order to obtain these precise dimensions as well as edges that were sharp, yet sturdy enough to mold concrete, several reinforcing materials had to be used in the mold.
4. Plywood was used to shape the unexposed areas of the columns and beams.
5. A critical step was the installation of strips of rubber, of precise durometer, which were used as forming surfaces for the "sides" where adjoining T-forms meet. These strips are later removed.
6. Rubber expansion joints were permanently attached to the form edges to absorb expansion of the form's molded f.r.p. skin and metal components.
7. Since the f.r.p. skin and the attached steel bracing have different coefficients of expansion, the forms
were undercut slightly, and the steel bracing designed to be capable of onsite loosening and tightening.

For the most part, handling of the forms on the job site was conventional. However, the building design, the repeated use of each form, and the concern with preserving an unmarred concrete surface, dictated care in alignment and handling. Each T-shaped form was aligned with a transit before being bolted to the adjoining form.

The smooth finish obtained when the forms were stripped eliminated a considerable amount of rubbing, patching or other finishing steps. (The uniform buff color of the cured concrete specified by the architects, was maintained by using river sand and gravel aggregates obtained from a single source.)

Ninety-four forms, enough to mold exterior columns for an entire floor of the structure, were used on the project. Rate of progress was one reinforced concrete floor every three days. The forms for any one pour were erected, aligned and bolted in one day.

The building is divided into three sections to accommodate shrinkage of the concrete. The $21 / 2 \mathrm{ft}$ wide control joints between sections are poured later.

The f.r.p. forms allowed the construction crew to keep the project on schedule, according to the contractor. "While two, even three, sets of forms might have been thought necessary to meet the schedule for the project," he said, "we decided to have just one full set made, and they have worked out exceptionally well."

Accordingly, the same forms were used for 21 floors of the building, and then modified for the taller columns of the 22 nd floor. This modification did not permanently alter the forms; they will still be reusable in their original form after the 22nd floor is cast. There is the possibility that the forms, after being repolished, will be used for two more identical apartment buildings which are called for in this apartment project.

The forms were designed by an experienced fiber glass molder (which pioneered in the use of f.r.p. forms for concrete used in the construction of such buildings as the Dulles International Airport Terminal in Washington, D.C.) and a concrete forming accessories company.


This close-up of the completed columns shows the clean lines of the indentation area and the concrete's smooth finish


Transit in foreground is used to align forms individually. Reinforcing rods form continuous links between pours


A plastic gel undercoat, which gives the form its extremely smooth finish, is sprayed into the female mold

## MARBLE STRIPS DISTINGUISH PRECAST CONCRETE FACADES



Each precast concrete panel for the Toronto City Hall (scheduled for completion in 1965) has strips of split-faced marble set into it. Special techniques were developed for molding the marble strips into the panels. The building was designed by Viljo Revell, of John B. Parkinson Associates, Architects \& Engineers, Toronto, Canada


The rear wall of one office tower takes shape as precast units are fitted into position. The units will become the form for a poured, reinforced concrete wall behind them


Marble pieces are fitted into the rubber extrusion form by hand. Concrete will then be poured into the form and vibrated to insure a close lock with the grooved marble strips

Distinguished by inset vertical strips of Botticino marble, the curved precast concrete panels of Toronto's new city hall office towers demanded new production and construction techniques.

The curving rear walls of each tower, having a total area of 170,000 sq ft , consist of concave precast facing units covering a reinforced concrete structure. Yet visual and textural interest on a human scale is maintained by these slightly projecting strips of split-faced marble. The marble strips, imported from Italy, come in $3 / 4$ - and $13 / 4$-in. widths, and in random lengths of from 4 to 6 in . The strips are set end to end, by hand, into the special rubber extrusion forms just before the concrete is poured to form the panels. As the concrete is poured, the form is vibrated to insure a close lock between the concrete and marble.

Another attachment measure is the narrow locking groove diamond-sawed into each side of the marble pieces before they are set into the forms. A special machine, equipped with two diamond saws, cuts a groove of the required depth on both sides of the strip as it passes between the blades. The gap between the blades can be adjusted to groove both strip widths.

The precast units go up before the reinforced concrete walls behind them are poured, a reversal of the usual procedure of attaching the finished material to the exterior walls.

Beer Precast Concrete Limited designed its own production system for manufacturing the precast concrete units, and Marathon Equipment developed the sawing machine.


The 12 -in.-diameter diamond saws in this specially designed machine saw a groove into each side of the marble strips as they are fed between the water-cooled blades. Gap between blades is adjustable

## SUSPENSION ROOF FREES ARENA FROM COLUMN OBSTRUCTIONS

Column-free space for the arena of a new sports and exhibition palace in Genoa, Italy has been achieved by a $230-\mathrm{ft}$ cable suspension structure roofed with translucent plastic. The diameter of the complete building is 525 ft .

The cable structure rests on 48 prestressed concrete cantilevers, and the roof load on these cantilevers is counterbalanced by the weight of the exhibition area around the perimeter of the building.

Cables are attached in the center to steel tension rings kept apart by a
light tubular steel structure which, geometrically, is a hyperbolid of revolution. A concrete compression ring which restrains the cables at the perimeter sits slightly above the cantilever supports. In this way the cantilevers need not resist the tensile forces in the cables, but merely the gravity load at the roof.

The building was designed by Gruppo Studio Palasport of Genoa which includes Franco Sironi, coordination; Lorenzo Martinoia, architect; Leo Finzi and Remo Pagani, structural engineers


Cable roof spans 230 ft to cover arena portion of $525-\mathrm{ft}$ diameter building. Cables are covered by translucent plastic; remainder of roof is corrugated aluminum. The "bicycle wheel" roof is supported by 48 prestressed concrete cantilevers which can be seen partly exposed around the perimeter. A hyper-bolid-type drum at the center of the suspension roof keeps the two layers of cables apart and adds to the visual interest of the roof


## NESTED HURRICANE SCREENS SHIELD WINDOWS



Each window has a nest of three hurricane screens installed between the main and clerestory lights. In closed position, only outer, stainless steel screen is seen


When a storm threatens, outer screen is pushed upward over clerestory window. Two inner screens of corrugated aluminum are then lowered in front of lower light

Modernized "shutters"-a nest of three vertically-operating metal screens-provide decorative interest as well as hurricane protection for the window wall of the University of Miami's new Otto Richter Library.

Each window of the building has a nest of screens located between the clerestory and lower, main light. In case of an impending storm, the outer screen is pushed upward with a pole over the clerestory window. This outer screen automatically locks into its raised position, exposing two inner screens of corrugated aluminum. The inner screens are then released and lowered in front of the main light.

When not fulfilling their protective function, only the outer screens are visible. These screens are made from gray-color-coated embossed stainless steel, with the raised portions polished to expose the gleaming metal.

The nested screens were designed to provide shading from sky glare and low-angle sun penetration.

The building was designed by architects Watson, Deutschman and Kruse of Miami, Florida.



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# ELEVATORING HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDINGS 

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Working in office buildings of 25 stories or more is old hat, but the potentialities of "lofty living" are just beginning to be realized. The desirability of high-rise living depends primarily upon the success of the engineer in providing vertical transportation under a virtually new set of conditions; and apartment elevator service requirements are being extensively encountered at heights comparable to office buildings for the first time.

## Elevator Service Requirements

An apartment building's needs will differ significantly from those of an office building of equivalent dimensions. Moreover, because service requirements are shaped by factors of design and occupancy distinctive to each structure, no two apartment buildings, however apparently similar, will call for exactly the same elevator capabilities.

Analysis and experience does, however, reveal a few guidelines for the quantity and quality of elevator service a particular apartment building may require.

Service quantity is measured by the number of passengers carried during a prescribed time period, usually five minutes. Traffic volume fluctuates throughout the day, and a building's elevators should have capacity to meet demands during the busiest five-minute period.

The new in-town towers appeal more to working couples and bachelors, both male and female. Under such conditions, heaviest demand for elevator service occurs in the morning when practically the entire building population leaves for work. Every five minutes during the morning or evening peak, elevators may be called on to handle from 5 to 7 per cent of the total building occupancy.

Apartment building elevator traffic is also heavy in early evening, when many tenants are returning
home and others are leaving for dinner or similar engagements.

Service quality has several criteria. The main criterion is the time interval between elevators. While office-building tenants may chafe at waiting more than 25 or 30 seconds, the same people, in an apartment, may accept 50 to 75 second intervals. The interval, however, should be consistent; tenants complain if waiting periods are irregular.

The ride's speed and smoothness are other elements of service quality. In an apartment building, people accept somewhat longer riding time than in an office building but balk if the elevator makes too many intermediate stops, or if total trip time -waiting and riding-exceeds two minutes.

## Factors Determining Service Needs

Traffic volume, which depends on building population, determines the quantity of elevator service required. It may be estimated at from 1.5 to 2 persons per bedroom, depending on rental range and other factors.

Design of the building-its size, height and general plan-must also be considered in determining elevator capacity. Special facilities, from basement garage to rooftop swimming pool, create heavier traffie and additional stops which add to the demands for elevator service.

The quality of elevator service varies with rental levels. If upper floor tenants pay premium rentals, they demand comparably superior elevator service. A significant aspect of elevator service in higherrental apartment buildings is the visual design of entrances and car interiors and the quality of illumination and ventilation. In lowerrental projects, however, the durability of the installation's exposed parts in withstanding abuse by children may assume priority.

Economics, as always, is another important determining factor. While rentability in a tenant's market requires elevator service of appropriate standards, profitability demands that the service be provided with economy in equipment, cost, space consumption and operating expense. To meet this objective of maximum elevator service despite higher rises and more stops, engineers are applying concepts of elevator grouping and automatic control new to apartment buildings.

## Planning the Installation

Basically, traffic volume, height of rise, and number of stops determine the size, speed and number of elevators needed to attain desired service standards.

Apartment building passenger elevators should have $2,000 \mathrm{lb}$ lifting capacities with car interiors at least 6 ft wide and 3 ft 8 in . deep. This size can comfortably hold 8 to 10 passengers, or a carriage and two or three standees. The car's wide, shallow shape lets passengers on and off more rapidly at each stop, improving service.

Although higher rises demand faster elevators, the longer runs possible in high risers allow elevators to travel at their top speeds more of the time (see table). Pas-

TYPICAL ELEVATOR TRAVEL SPEEDS (fpm)

| Stories | Passenger | Service |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 10 to 20 | 200 to 350 | 200 |
| 20 to 30 | 350 to 500 | 350 |
| 30 to 40 | 500 to 700 | 500 |
| 40 to 50 | 700 to 1,000 | 500 |
| 50 to 60 | 1,000 to 1,200 | 700 |
| more than 60 | 1,200 and over | 800 |

senger elevators are usually in the speed range for gearless machines, which have added advantages of smooth, quiet operation, longer life and reduced power consumption.

In relation to the building plan, elevators should be located cen-
trally, within some 150 ft of the farthest apartment. If a building has widely separated wings or towers, each unit may require a bank of cars.

Locating cars together and operating them as a group improves service continuity and frequency. Single elevators at scattered locations make passengers who miss an elevator wait until it completes another round trip, a time which becomes intolerably long in a tall building. Moreover, isolated elevators usually cost more per unit than group installations since each elevator must have its own hall button system.


Figure 1. Separate banks of express and local elevators improve service for high-rise apartment buildings. One 34 -story building has an express bank in the tower section, while local banks in the wings serve the lower floors


Figure 2. Express-local plan (A)-two express and two local elevators-may offer better service at no substantial cost increase over three local elevators (B). Plan A needs less hoistway construction at upper floors, one-third fewer hoistway entrances

## Local and Express Service

If an apartment building requires four or more elevators, they may advantageously be separated into local and express banks. Each bank will then serve fewer floors and, on the average, make fewer stops, improving service quality and handling capacity. Express runs let cars travel longer at full speed and serve upper floor passengers with fewer intermediate stops.

The plans for elevatoring a 34story middle-income apartment building with an approximate population of 1,410 suggest the excellent service standards that may be attained with local and express operation. Three $2,000 \mathrm{lb}$ local elevators were recommended for floors 1 to 13 and three express cars of the same size, for the upper, tower floors. (See Figure 1.)

Local elevator speeds of 350 fpm let the three-car group carry 53 persons in a five-minute period, or 6 per cent of the 870 population on the floors served. Average intervals between elevators is 61 sec onds. The three express elevators, traveling at 500 fpm , have a fiveminute handling capacity of 38 persons, or 7 per cent of the 540 population on the upper floors, with a 62 -second interval.

Preliminary studies for a 30 story building with a smaller population indicated that three elevators, serving all floors, would provide adequate carrying capacity and an acceptable interval. But further calculations showed that four elevators, two local for floors 1 to 15 and two express for floors from the 16 th up, could provide better service without substantially increasing elevator costs. (See Figure 2.) Instead of three highspeed elevators, the express-local system would need only two highspeed and two slower elevators. Express-local service would require only 60 entrances instead of 90 for all-local operation. Total space requirements for hoistways would be the same with either arrangement. The local-express plan, however, reduces space consumption on upper floors where construction costs more and rentable space can earn greater returns.

## Skip-Stop Operation

While express-local systems can improve elevator service, skip-stop
arrangements may have the opposite effect. Skip-stop operations may trim 3 to 5 per cent from total elevatoring costs by eliminating alternate hoistway entrances, but the impairment of service limits these systems to low-rental housing.

If one car of a pair of skip-stop elevators serves odd floors while the other serves even, the interval for any floor will be excessive: the full round-trip time of a single elevator. If both elevators of a pair serve the same alternate floors, tenants on the other floors will be forced to climb stairs part of the way, a serious inconvenience for handicapped persons and for users of baby carriages and shopping carts.

## Service Elevators

Service elevators may be even more essential in the high-rise apartment building than in the office skyscraper. Rapid turnover of downtown apartment tenants produces moving-day traffic which ties up an elevator for prolonged periods, including the morning peak.

Since service traffic slackens in the early evening, a properly located service elevator can supplement the passenger cars during the pre-dinner period of heavy passenger traffic.

Service elevators for apartment buildings should have a minimum capacity of $2,500 \mathrm{lbs}$ and an interior 6 ft 8 in . wide by 4 ft 3 in . deep. A car this size will take larger pieces of furniture, up to 8 ft long. Such elevators require higher cab heights and wider doors.

## Control Systems for

## Elevator Automation

Operating economy is but one reason for the appeal of automatic elevators. The old-time elevator attendant, prone to hold an elevator car for some tenants or to leave his car and run errands for others, delayed rather than expedited service. In taller buildings, automation becomes essential for efficient elevator performance.

Standard control systems for two-elevator groups automatically assign each hall call to the car that can answer the call most promptly. For groups of three or more cars, or for optimum service from a two-car group in a tall tower, advanced control systems an-
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## SURFACING IN DEPTH

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## COMMERCIAL AIR CONDITIONING

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## GUIDE SPECIFICATIONS FOR STAINLESS STEEL DOORS

Four different categories of stainless steel doors are covered in separate guide specifications: revolving doors, rolling doors and grills, sliding doors and frames, and swinging doors and frames. The specifications follow the format of the copyrighted A.I.A. specifications worksheets. Specify category of door when requesting copies of these guides from the Readers' Service Section, The International Nickel Company, 67 Wall St., New York 5, N.Y.

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## CERAMIC FLOOR AND <br> WALL TILE

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## LAMINATED PLASTICS

"Fact Book for Architects and Designers" contains architectural applications, illustrated specifications, and general information on Formica laminated plastics for commercial and institutional interiors. Paper reproductions of Formica colors, woodgrains and patterns of greatest interest to the architect are featured. Formica Corp., Dept. 3L27D, 4614 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45232*

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## FLUORESCENT LIGHTING

"Surface-Mounted Fluorescent Lighting" consists of photos, diagrams, specification features, and candlepower distribution charts on Lightolier's surface and pendant mounted fluorescent fixtures. Lightolier, 346 Claremont Ave., Jersey City, N.J., $07305^{*}$

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## STEEL ROOF DECKS

Mahon standard and long-span roof deck, utilized in commercial, industrial and institutional buildings, is described and illustrated in a 16 -page catalog, No. D-64. This booklet covers both standard steel and long-span $M$-Deck, including general descriptive information; design, construction and performance advantages; section property and load tables; construction details and specifications. The R. C. Mahon Company, Building Products Division, 6565 E. Eight Mile Rd., Detroit, Mich., 48234*

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## SEALANT AND CAULKING <br> GUIDE

In "Sonneborn Sealant and Caulking Guide," prescribed sealing methods are explained, essentially covering the use of the firm's sealing and caulking materials in glass, masonry and metal joints. Specific applications in tight or surrounded joints, metal to masonry joints, and metal curtain wall joints are amplified. Also, various joint types are illustrated showing the reaction of sealant to expansion, contraction and adhesion. Sonneborn Building Products, Inc., DeSoto Chemical Coatings, Inc., 1700 S. Mt. Prospect Rd., Des Plaines, Ill.*

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## TRAY SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Two 24 -page engineering catalogs explain Kurlok ventilated continuous tray support systems of galvanized steel and of aluminum. The systems are used for distribution in the electrical, mechanical, control and communication fields. Kurlok Division, Unistrut Corp., 4118 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, Mich., 48184

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## LABORATORY FURNITURE

"Illustrated Specifications and Basic Units," a new 28 -page catalog, is about Kewaunee's line of metal laboratory furniture.

The publication is prepared in three sections: section one is in the form of an illustrated specification to emphasize the major construction features; section two is a written specification; and section three covers basic units with elevation views of the standard and specific-purpose base cabinets, wall and counter mounted storage cases, and fullheight storage cases available. Ke waunee Manufacturing Company, 5046 S. Center St., Adrian, Mich., 49221

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## OPEN-WEB JOISTS

Bethlehem open-web joists are illustrated and described in a 24 -page catalog, No. 1897. Tables in the catalog supply information on joist dimensions as well as on safe working loads. Illustrations show how to provide for heating lines, recessed lighting, air conditioning, complicated communications setups and sprinklers. Bethlehem Steel Company, Room 1020, Bethlehem, Pa.*

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## READING LABORATORY

## PLANNING GUIDE

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Two assumptions in the Buchanan Report are fundamental to its conclusions and, as the author has said, "for anyone not prepared to accept this proposition, the whole of our report must be meaningless." The first of these is that despite their lack of definition in the present report, objective environmental standards can be developed and are in themselves desirable. The second is that the dispersing tendency of the automobile which, if unchecked, virtually eliminates any kind of new town centers as they have been known in history, must be countered in the name of historical continuity and the implicit values in civic centers. The report concedes that these values might be embodied in some new form of city yet to be developed, but it rejects the idea that the laissez-faire development of sprawling urban areas is itself such a form. Similarly, there is a conspicuous reluctance to endorse the "planetary" model of urban structure, with its central city, satellite towns and greenbelts, which has been favored in postwar British planning. Here one feels the Buchanan Report has deliberately withheld judgment. We need more study, it says, before reaching a wise decision on the form of the future city. We need fundamental political decisions before technical decisions can be made. To admit these shortcomings is not weakness but wisdom. One can only hope, although but faintly, given the response in Britain thus far to the Buchanan Report, that both deficiencies can be remedied.
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* The Impact of Design: Transportation and the Metropolis, A. Symposium led by Colin D. Buchanan. Washington. The Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies, 1962. $\$ 5.00$


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Cyclorama Building, Gettysburg, Pa.

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Raytheon Mfg. Co. Building, Bedford, Mass.


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## MERCURY LAMP BALLAST

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## VENTILATING TILE

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