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It seems we stirred up a bit of a hornet's nest two months ago talking about new technology and the hope it holds out for cutting the high cost of building. Many of the letters received (some beginning page 48 this issue) in response to McGraw-Hill’s “Business and the Urban Crisis” report (February, page 80C) have, in one way or another, taken us to task for a “defeatist attitude” and urged us to “reverse your stand and adopt a more positive policy towards the need for research and development in construction.”

The statement that did the hornet-stirring was in the housing section of the report, and argued that “It is unrealistic to count on some magical breakthrough in technology to solve the cost problem. . . Yet industry leaders and government officials from HUD Secretary Robert Weaver on down keep calling for the breakthrough—thus delaying a commitment to solve the problem with the building tools already at hand.”

The key point we wanted to make is the last statement: “. . . thus delaying a commitment to solve the problem with the building tools already at hand.” In the face of the immense volume of new housing and other new construction that is needed I feel certain that we should (as argued at length in the report) face the fact that housing costs more than the people who need it can afford to pay, set up programs to fill that gap, attract the money needed to finance the construction into the capital pool, unwind the red tape, and start building the best we already know how. The point is not that we’re against (or even defeatist about) a technological breakthrough; the point is that while we can hope for it and work for it, we can’t wait for it or count on it. I guess it didn’t go without saying that as new building technology comes along to cut costs by saving materials or labor or time, whether it be from architect, engineer, builder, or manufacturer, we’re for adopting it forthwith.

I looked back through issues of RECORD for the past three years and found that we’ve published no less than 40 articles on system developments which, if they cannot be described as breakthroughs, were steps in that right direction. In the last four days alone, 1) had a visit from Elliot Krane, who is president of Modular Facilities of Old Bridge, New Jersey, which is factory-building two-story row houses which make use of three different “sub-systems” developed by three different manufacturers, and which can be delivered in one 7-ton piece by helicopter; 2) received release material from Laurel CEBUS, Ltd., a company set up to introduce a European system of room-size concrete panels into the United States; 3) had a long phone conversation with architect Bob Engelbrecht, who was chairman of the BRI conference on manufactured building modules: “The Case for Instant Space,” and 4) talked with architect Paul Rudolph about his continuing experimentation with room-size modular units for high-rise buildings. In short, I could not help but form the impression in talking with architects and engineers and construction men and manufacturers that more and more meaningful experimentation and development is going on.

If this new push is to be sustained and the breakthrough found, one of the things we must find are ways to finance failure. We’ve got to find ways to build (not just make sketches of) more projects like architect Moshe Safdie’s Habitat—which should not be dismissed (as it is by many) because it cost a great deal more than anyone thought it would, but studied because some of the lessons learned in that “failure” are already generating second-generation Habitats that may very well work.

And if this new push is to result in the kind of buildings that all of us would like to live in, we’ve got to have more architects involved in the development process. For example, with their Technocrete system (RECORD, March 67) architect Carl Koch and engineer Sepp Firnken have shown how design excellence and almost complete design flexibility can be an integral part of a highly engineered and mechanized building system. And perhaps the most intriguing possibility of what is possible when the varied skills within the industry work together is Paul Rudolph’s proposal (page 137 of this issue) for combining the home-grown but well-proven technology of the mobile-home manufacturer with some very sophisticated engineering to support clusters of “trailers” 150 stories in the air, and some extraordinarily exciting architectural concepts.

What is needed now is constant attack on every scale—from attempts to improve existing systems to bold forays into totally new systems—by architect, engineer, builder and manufacturer alike. Only this total effort will lead to constant improvement, perhaps lead to that technological breakthrough, and (lest we forget the name of the game) create better environments in which to live.

—Walter F. Wagner, Jr.
Environments: hostile vs. safe

Speaking to the architectural students at Pratt Institute recently, Philadelphia's Edmund Bacon asserted that design must learn to serve the ghetto and suggested that architects will need some new environmental terms of reference for that task. What happens when you think in terms of "hostile" and "safe," "ingrowing" and "outgrowing" environments? If minimum exposure means minimum danger, how do you design for security and "outreach"? Slides showed the beginnings of a notation system for analysis of such factors in design development. Mr. Bacon's illustrations also included some wonderful slides of medieval castles and towns and of work of that continuing influence on Mr. Bacon's design philosophy, Paul Klee: "full of meaning, but not with meaning bound up with particular things, but with meaning as a pure phenomena" —it is "the great illusion of designers," he said, that it is the system that is at fault; what is lacking is a willingness on the part of designers to take on the heavy responsibilities of thinking and working "in terms of larger systems of order."

From "I can do it cheaper" to "I can do it better?"

An optimistic note from a conversation with Robert F. Hastings, head of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, one of the largest architectural firms in the country. Anybody who tries to sell the future on the basis of "I can do it cheaper" is going to get clobbered, he believes: "The will of the people is changing and people are beginning to demand a higher level of environment." Mr. Hastings points to the automotive industry as one which learned that price is no longer a sufficient competitive tool. He notes that the new environmental quality demanded goes far beyond the walls of a house and the perimeter of a site. To get all of the environmental satisfactions they seek, he thinks, in fact, that "people are almost ready to buy houses as they buy cars—to use but not to keep"—to pass on or exchange or perhaps even (ultimately) "to throw away."

Would you believe the architect, Mr. Lessing?

"He has to be interested in tackling broad problems from unorthodox angles. He is broad but not shallow, trained to some depth in a specialty—electrical engineering, mathematics or whatever [underscoring ours]—but able to trace boundary lines into other disciplines and talk knowledgeably with specialists. This universalistic quality of systems men [underscoring ours] is the major reason for hoping that their technique can be fruitfully transferred to cities, where a major part of the challenge is to order and control sometimes conflicting situations." This quotation from an article by Lawrence Lessing in the January issue of Fortune might well seem to be a description of the architect—it would certainly be accepted by most architects as such—if the word architecture were substituted for whatever, and the word architects for the phrase systems men. Mr. Lessing, of course, only engaged in the currently fashionable pursuit of the "systems" mystique as the panacea for any really (or apparently) insoluble problem. But when will the real potential of the architect's role begin to get equal attention outside the field of architecture? Perhaps not before some new techniques of communication are developed—and practiced—by the profession.

A recollection of Hudnut: intimations of humanity

In the last of the many of his eloquent essays on architecture published in the RECORD, the eminent educator and critic Joseph Hudnut, who died January 15 at the age of 81, wrote in our October 1958 issue of "Architecture and the Individual." He said: "That spirit which in each epoch is the secret arbiter of architecture takes as its prime instrument the understandings and intuitions of its architects. . . . There can be no supreme excellence in any building except as its architect, at some moment in the progress of his design, discovers in his heart intimations of beauty in the human scene of which his building is to be a part—and knows these to be true. From that moment all the complex elements of his design—program, plan, structure, expediency and the human factor—must assume new relationships and directions conformable to that secret word. . . . We are in the midst of a building boom which is crowding our great cities with the tedious uniformities of a technological architecture. . . . Nevertheless, our age is not a technological age. Beneath these surface phenomena lie the great rhythms of freedom and justice, of progress and humanity, of eagerness and delight. These, too, are integral to that spirit which is the arbiter of architecture. . . . If we believe this—and I do believe it—we need not despair of architecture."

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John Johansen's design for a theater complex for the Mummer's Theater in Oklahoma City, which was made public last month, provides the repertory company with two theaters, a theater school, facilities for outdoor performances, and back-up facilities.

Johansen says that the design is intended to express explicitly as many of the separate elements of the program as possible, and to let the elements develop their size, shape and relationships to each other from their functional requirements without formal intent on his part. The clear expression of their connections is also critical. Above all he wants the complex to "honestly reveal itself" and "to invite the public to take part". He thinks the part will encourage people to use it as a public place, and expresses the hope that the "brash" colors for the metal facing will be chosen not by himself, but perhaps by some random passerby, and will be changed periodically.

Individual elements within the complex are: a theater in the round, seating 250; a theater in three-quarter round, seating 600 (see photo below); the theater school and managerial offices; and a stage for outdoor performances under the water tower (the tallest element in the photo at right).

The material for the basement level and the main buildings is concrete. Painted, fluted metal will be used for the lighter-weight stair systems and ambulatories.

The site is being made available through urban renewal. Construction costs will come in part from $750,000 raised within Oklahoma City, with the remaining $1.75-million supplied by a Ford Foundation grant.
Honor awards and Pan Pacific Citation presented at Hawaii Chapter, A.I.A., banquet

Honor award: Residence for Mr. & Mrs. Edward M. Brownlee, Pacific Heights. Architect: Wimberly, Whisenand, Allison & Tong; project architect: George M. B. Tong; contractor: Watanabe and Kondo.


Honor award: Residence for Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Johnson on Kaneohe Bay. Architect: George T. Johnson; contractor: Kasuo Fujimoto.

The presentation of five honor awards, an allied arts award, and the installation of new officers took place at the annual banquet of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Also presented was the Pan Pacific Architectural Citation, which went to Geoffrey Bawa of Colombo, Ceylon.

Serving on the jury for the award program were architects Thomas Creighton, chairman, J. Hugh Burgess and A. Bruce Etherington. The chapter presented their Allied Arts Award to Tom Lee, of Tom Lee Design, Inc., for “excellence in design.” Shown here is the infirmary at the Good Shepherd Girl’s Town, Hannella, and on page 5, at bottom, the smokehouse and curing facilities at Girl’s Town.

The new officers and directors in 1968 are: Donald D. Chapman, president; Herbert K. C. Luke, vice president; Gerald Allison, secretary; Howard M. Y. Wong, treasurer; and Joseph Farell, Lewis Inglis, Charles R. Sutton and Edward Sullivan, directors.
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Inter-connected complex wins housing competition for Brooklyn waterfront site

The architectural firm of Wells/Koetter of Ithaca, New York, have won a competition for their design of a middle-income residential complex (60 per cent of the units for the elderly) to be situated on Brighton Beach in Brooklyn, New York. The winning design and other premiated entries are shown on this page. The competition was sponsored by the Brooklyn and New York Chapters of the American Institute of Architects at the request of the Housing and Development Administration of the City of New York. Professional adviser was architect B. Sumner Gruzen.

Serving on the jury were architects Philip Johnson (chairman), Romaldo Giurgola, Donlyn Lyndon and Jose Luis Sert, builder Richard Ravitch, planner Charles Abrams, and city administrator and architect Samuel Ratensky (ex officio).

Second prize of $3000, awarded to architects Berman, Roberts & Sociddio & Stromsten, places six parallel buildings perpendicular to the boardwalk stepping down towards the ocean to provide terraces. The six buildings (four having six stories and two having four stories) each have centrally-located, double-loaded corridors with main lobbies on the street side and exterior steps at the end of each corridor leading directly down to the boardwalk.

Honorable mention went to Bentel and Bentel, Architects, for a 10-building complex—one nine-story, one eight-story, two seven-story, two six-story and four three-story. The design has two communal spaces at terrace and plaza levels, which, say the architects, “recaptures for the resident social use of the ground space taken by the building.” These levels, served by two sets of elevators, become his “street,” related to his apartment as well as to the beach.

First prize of $5000 (over and above the fee for the contract) went to the architectural firm of Wells/Koeter for a complex of four buildings semi-enclosing a multi-level court which faces the ocean. The four buildings are: a 25- and six-story tower both containing efficiency and one-bedroom apartments; and two eight-story structures containing two- and three-bedroom apartments. The buildings are connected by horizontal walkways running continuously between and through the fourth and seventh floors. Almost all apartments have a view of the ocean. The jury called the design “a rich and satisfactory solution” and praised its handling of public spaces.

Third prize of $1000 went to Venturi & Rauch, Architects, and Gerocj Clark, Frank Kawasaki and Denise Scott Brown Associates for a design comprised of two 14-story towers and 28 two-story townhouses. The scheme is unified by the street connecting the two halves, say the architects. It “is a positive element—an interior beach road for the public, a civic space as well as a private one.”

Fourth prize of $1000 was awarded to architects Donald and Marja Watson for a complex comprised of two 14-story towers and various four-story duplex over duplex units. The architects developed the site plan to achieve spaces of different qualities—“groups of family units [in duplexes] around identifiable neighborhood spaces; informal spaces, some for children, others where individuals could find quiet and active public areas that would be busy and lively.”
The Faulkner Hickerson house, Nashville, designed by Burkhalter, Hickerson and Associates—Clay Hickerson, designer, son of Faulkner Hickerson, principal in the firm—has won an award of merit, the only award presented, in the awards program of the Central Tennessee Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. A three-man jury (architects Bill N. Lacy and Francis Gassner and RECORD Editor Walter Wagner) praised the house for its “intriguing plan.”

Essex Terrace, Brooklyn, New York, a 104-unit middle-income housing complex, will consist of a six-story building and three three-story townhouse sections organized around a courtyard. Apartments in the $1.9-million complex will range in size from three to six and one-half rooms, with more than 90 per cent of the units having balconies or patios. Architect for the project is Norval White and contractor is Gotham Construction Company II, Inc.

A Mathematics-Statistics-Computer Center at the University Heights Campus of Rutgers University, Piscataway Township, New Jersey, designed by Warner Burns Toan Lunde and associated architects Kawecki and Tarafdar, will be a dark brick complex varying in height from two to nine stories, with the elements arranged around a semi-enclosed plaza. The buildings will have reinforced concrete frames with reinforced concrete floors and roof decks.

A classroom-office building at the Newark campus of Rutgers University, designed by Geddes, Brecher, Qualls and Cunningham, architects, will be an eight-story building designed for a sloping site. On the first plaza level will be five large lecture rooms (one having 133 seats, the others 88), nine classrooms, four laboratories, and a student lounge. On second plaza level and third floor will be classrooms and offices with other departmental offices above.

Two pavilions for Japan’s World Exposition to be held in Osaka in 1970 are a huge pneumatic structure for the Fuji group of enterprises (above) and the Iron and Steel Pavilion under the sponsorship of Japan’s Iron and Steel Federation (right). The pneumatic structure, designed by architect Yutaka Murata, will be a row of 24 huge inflated air beams bent into a “U” shape and anchored to the ground, creating a space 115 feet high. The interior structure will be a circular exhibit area of 12,870 square feet, with three huge curved projection screens. The Iron and Steel Pavilion, designed by Kunio Maekawa and Associates, will be a large auditorium, 98 feet high and 131 feet wide, and an outdoor sculpture court.
A 28-story hotel with mutually supporting surfaces in the form of two hyperbolic paraboloids enclosing a 14-story high skylighted lobby, will be the first phase of a six-building hotel-office-commercial and residential complex—called Century 21—planned for downtown Philadelphia. Each of the 750 rooms in the hotel will have interior and exterior balconies. The $200-million complex will be interconnected by a four-level enclosed mall, minirail and skywalk running the length of the project. Jung/Brannen Associates in association with Pietro Belluschi are architects for the hotel, with John Portman as consultant. Mr. Belluschi is coordinating architect for the entire complex, with Sasaki, Dawson, DeMay Associates as physical planners and architects, and John Portman, consultant to the developer.

Baystate West, a $40-million office-commercial-hotel complex in Springfield, Massachusetts, designed by architects Pietro Belluschi and Eduardo Catalano, will consist of two main buildings organized on a podium. The two large structures are a 29-story office building that will provide 300,000 square feet of rentable space and an eight-story, 300-room motor hotel. Below podium level will be two levels of retail space and three parking levels for 1400 cars. On top of the podium will be a fully landscaped roof plaza with swimming pool and convention and dining facilities.

The government center in Portland, Oregon, designed by Wolff-Zimmer-Gunsul-Frasca-Ritter, Architects, with Pietro Belluschi as consultant, is a $28-million project which will add three buildings: a two-block courts building containing 330,000 square feet; a police facility containing 280,000 square feet; and an 11-level parking structure for 900-1000 cars. Other buildings within the complex will be another full-block parking structure, a 20-story Government Services Administration Building and the new 29-story Georgia Pacific Building (September, 1966, page 40).
The recently completed Marine Midland Building, at 140 Broadway in downtown New York City, designed by the New York office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (Gordon Bunshaft, partner in charge of design), is an elegant, sleek tower of 52 stories. Marine Midland occupies 12 floors plus parts of three others and two basement floors; but this is a commercial office building and, according to Harry B. Helmsley, Partner, 140 Broadway Company, the owners, the building's architectural values were the key factor in attracting "prestige tenants" to pay higher rental for "prestige" space. The building occupies 21,000 square feet of a 47,338-square-foot site, and rises directly from a great travertine plaza. Highlight of the plaza is a 28-foot-high "cube" sculpture (16 x 16 x 16 feet) designed by sculptor Isamu Noguchi in collaboration with Gordon Bunshaft. The bright red metal sculpture (steel interior frame covered with one-half-inch sheet aluminum) complements and acts as a foil to the matte-black anodized aluminum and bronze-tinted glass facade of the building. The structural system is an all-welded steel frame. The tower, trapezoidal in plan, provides more than 1 million square feet of office space. General contractor was the Diesel Construction Division of Carl A. Morse, Inc.

The University of Haifa campus, located on the Carmel Heights overlooking Haifa, Israel, has been designed by Oscar Niemeyer as a continuous two-story structure 300 yards long and 70 yards wide. Facilities disposed on the long structure include, from left, a sloping auditorium, administration tower, a library with inverted pyramid roof, and two parallel classroom buildings. A scale model of the campus and other pertinent material are on display until April 25 at the Brooklyn Museum in New York.

The International Life Insurance Building, Nairobi, Kenya, (left) designed by Dalgliesh Marshall & Associates of Nairobi, and Gruzen & Partners of New York, associated architects, will be a 16-story office tower of reinforced concrete construction. The building has a Greek cross plan to bring maximum light into the core, with five-foot-deep concrete overhangs for sun protection. In the plaza area is a completely open three-story galleria of shops, a restaurant, and a bank beneath the building's tower.

A 30-story office building built over air rights in downtown Chicago, designed by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, will rise from a two-acre plaza. Below plaza level will be a shopping concourse and three levels of parking for 300 cars. The building will be sheathed in dark aluminum and tinted glass. The $40-million project will contain a total of 1,103,000 square feet on 29 office floors, a three-story lobby, and the other facilities. General contractor is Tishman Construction Company.
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New technology and cost cutting

We read your excellent report "Business and the Urban Crisis," but disagree completely with the statement that it is unrealistic to count on cutting costs through new technology.

At several occasions you have reported on our activities in the areas of system and industrialized building and the fact that the primary "raison d'etre" of this new technology, used on a vast scale in Europe, is to save cost.

While it is true, as stated in your report, that it is unlikely that research will find new materials cheaper than wood, brick, cement and gypsum, system building has proved, at least with cement, that substantial savings can be materialized by converting this material through industrialized processes into the finished product, namely the dwelling.

Your statement that it is unlikely that labor practices can be changed in any effective way, also applies, in our opinion, only to conventional construction methods. It does in no way apply to industrialized building, which has proved in many countries to be the only realistic means to give labor guaranteed yearly round employment and many other benefits not obtainable in conventional "craft" building.

You rightly point out that for years one innovator after another, often aided by federal grants, has tried to put housing on the assembly line, and that these attempts have failed to cut costs. The reason for this failure has been simply that the objective, to put housing on the assembly line, was never accomplished. It is very naive to assume that technological ingenuity used in most of these instances, can be a substitute for industrial tooling, which is the prerequisite for assembly line production. The demonstration projects to which you obviously refer, were for such small production runs that it was neither possible to create mechanized production machinery, such as routinely used in Europe by more than 300 plants, nor to use industrial programming techniques as used in all mass production industries.

Our studies on specific projects on our drafting boards, indicate that fireproof housing can be built with savings of 7 per cent of the construction cost, the shell consists of exterior and interior load bearing precast concrete walls produced in mechanized plants and assembled using advanced industrial programming techniques. Further savings amounting to another 7 per cent to 8 per cent are possible by integrating the mechanical and electrical systems into an overall system—and last, but not least, there are savings in the order of 5 per cent to 6 per cent of total cost by cutting the construction time of projects in half. This means that there are total savings of at least 20 per cent construction cost possible through industrialized building—provided that the necessary industrial tooling is created.

We recently made a study of problems created in Canada through accelerated urbanization and found that capital investments of $300 to $400 million a year are necessary for dwelling factories alone, to respond to the Canadian housing demand for the next decade. In the U.S. this figure is almost 10 times higher. But such an investment would result each year in savings at least equivalent to that of the original investment.

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I want to compliment you on your recently published special report "Business and the Urban Crisis." However, the "Housing" section fails to recognize the vast improvement the Federal Housing Administration has made in its multifamily processing. Also, there are some inaccuracies which should be corrected.

FHA's 221 (d) (3) program, for example, has not "ground to a halt" as your article reported. In fact, in the last half of 1967, FHA received applications under the below-market interest rate program for 230 new projects with some 25,000 dwelling units. During the same period we issued mortgage insurance commitments on 300 projects involving more than 30,000 units, and insured 116 projects with 16,000 units.

The reason given in your article for the supposed lack of popularity of the 221 (d) (3) program was "fantastic red tape involved in getting projects through local FHA offices." Experience in New York City was cited as the basis for this statement. There have been cases which have taken far too long to process. Sometimes this has been due to FHA, and on other occasions certainly has been room for improvement. Other times, however, the delays were attributable to the sponsor or otherwise beyond the control of FHA. The improvement in FHA processing in the last several months and the time limits given sponsors to get underway have resulted in these programs moving forward rapidly. But even before this, I believe it is inaccurate to say that it took two years to process a 221 (d) (3) project in New York. No doubt this did happen in some instances due to delays by FHA, the sponsors and others. But there are other examples of very speedy processing. One example makes the point. The below-market interest rate rehabilitation project at 114th Street involving 37 buildings and 457 units was processed from application to start of construction in less than three months in 1965.

On a national basis, a recent survey of 200 multi-family projects indicates an average FHA processing time of less than one year. Under a new processing system recently put into effect in a number of offices we have cut that time in half.

On the subject of rehabilitation, I would like to call your attention to a multi-million dollar program currently underway with FHA mortgage insurance in the Roxbury-Dorchester area of Boston. This involves over 2,000 dwelling units scheduled for complete rehabilitation by July 1968—about six months after

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In Pittsburgh, Action Housing, Inc., was instrumental in forming a private housing rehabilitation corporation sponsored by such major companies as U.S. Steel, Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Alcoa, Equitable Life Assurance Company, Duquesne Light Company, Koppers Company, Inc., Pittsburgh Plate Glass Industries, Peoples Natural Gas Company, and many others. These companies have subscribed several million dollars to form the profit-motivated corporation which expects to build to a level of rehabilitation of about 1,000 units a year. FHA has already committed to insure the first element of the corporation's initial project.

I believe this is substantial evidence of the interest of private enterprise in rehabilitation as a valuable housing tool and one that can produce a profit. Many problems remain in meeting the urban crisis, but the Federal Housing Administration is making a substantial and effective contribution toward this goal.

P. N. Brownstein
Assistant Secretary-Commissioner
Department of Housing and Urban Development
Washington

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The need for research

You are to be complimented for your progressive action in presenting the Special Report. There were two points, however, upon which I should comment.

On page C10 you indicate that "some new form of government subsidy" is needed to finance the staggering need for potentially profitable low-income housing. The need for this type of housing is beyond question and we concur wholeheartedly with you that this market presents opportunity for profit almost beyond comprehension. We recognize, furthermore, that government subsidy would bring shelter units within the reach of many people who would otherwise be unable to afford adequate housing.

It is our opinion, however, that in the long run the true concept of widespread, effective low-income housing will only be achieved when the developments are capable of standing on their own merits as a profit making enterprise. Our plans are to completely phase out all of our conventional construction activity in residential subdivisions and develop our undiluted efforts to the intriguing, worthwhile, and potentially profitable low-income housing market.

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BJ promises lots more housing—if Congress approves

Congress goes along with President Johnson's ambitious housing program he outlined last month in his "cities" message, homebuilding would become the biggest boom industry in the nation.

The President's goal: 20 million new or rehabilitated dwelling units in 9 years, privately financed, plus 5-million partially subsidized units also built with private mortgage money.

That means an average annual production rate of 2-million starts. Three years ago, before the money crunch descended, builders were rejoicing over 1.5-million rate. Today, they hope for 1.3-million rate if money doesn't keep getting tighter.

The President didn't say where all the money would come from, although he did ask for some reforms in the secondary mortgage market to encourage investments. Nor did he explain where the added capacity of the industry, and the labor supply, would come from. But the A.I.A. quickly pointed out some reasons why the nation might not respond quickly to the program.

Architects volunteer services while others invent subsidies

To fully realize the promise of modern technology, the skill of labor, the ability of contractors, and the talents of the design professions, our law and regulations must be drafted to encourage experimentation," A.I.A. first vice president George Kassabaum told the Senate housing subcommittee on March 12. "Certainly our 30 years of public housing experience, heightened by recent riots and dissatisfaction, should be sufficient testimony to the fact that a system that emphasizes only economy and quantity does not perform satisfactorily."

A.I.A.'s subsidy: Kassabaum outlined proposals now under discussion for providing the talents of the nation's architects to people who wanted to upgrade their neighborhoods. These proposals would "provide architectural services individually or through neighborhood design centers to anyone needing design advice," Kassabaum said in offering "a creative response to achieving the President's goal." He added the nation's architects would do this for a fee to the client who can pay, "but if he cannot he will still be served if it is physically possible."

[New York Chapter A.I.A., meanwhile, had announced continuation of a service launched in the late 1940's to provide the public with free advice by phone or mail on residential architecture and consultation in person at $15 per hour.] Kassabaum also referred to technical assistance programs in Cambridge, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington and San Francisco.

LBJ's subsidy: For the most part, the President's subsidy schemes were variations on existing themes. Uncle Sam would continue to fuss with mortgage terms, aiming at reduction of financing costs to bring the monthly payment within reach of the poor and near-poor.

He proposes to phase out the popular 221d3 program of 3 per cent interest rate mortgages and suggests instead a plan using market-rate mortgages with partial subsidy payments direct to the mortgage lenders.

This new scheme, based somewhat on a similar one worked out by Senator John Sparkman (D-Ala.) and his Senate housing subcommittee last year, (see Record, December, page 81) would also be applicable to single-family home ownership for poor people.

Percy's subsidy: When HUD Secretary Robert Weaver marched up to Capitol Hill to fight for the President's program, he ran headlong into Senator Charles Percy (R-Ill.) whose "Home Ownership Foundation" plan provided the headline excitement helpful in getting spending schemes through Congress.

Percy claimed Weaver was very unfair, if not downright partisan, in decrying his Republican idea last year while endorsing the Democratic President's concept this year.

New town subsidy: A.I.A. called for non-partisan support behind the new Federally guaranteed "cash flow" debenture idea, designed to underwrite (up to $50 million) new town developments.

A.I.A. suggested eliminating the existing new town FHA insurance on the grounds that it was encouraging only larger housing subdivisions, not truly integrated "new towns."

A.I.A. also endorsed the much expanded public housing program with emphasis on privately sponsored work. It supported the new urban renewal concept, whereby Federal funds would be allocated each year for city projects rather than on the basis of one huge grant allocation that would be spread out over many years.

Money market subsidies: Perhaps the most significant, and certainly the most
complex, changes proposed in the President's program pertain to the secondary mortgage market. The proposed changes are three:

- Lift the present 6 per cent ceiling on interest rates allowable on government-backed mortgages;
- Create a new kind of Federally-underwritten bond, or certificate, that represents part of a pool of FHA-insured or VA-guaranteed mortgages, to attract capital from sources that don't want to be bothered with servicing mortgages directly;
- Spin off the major part of "Fanny Mae," the Federal National Mortgage Association, which pumps money into the secondary mortgage market whenever overall money gets tight. The new all-private Fanny Mae could do the same thing, at a profit, while it would no longer be crimped by Federal budget strictures.

These ideas, plus some others, are kicking up a fuss in Congress. Representative Wright Patman (D-Tex.) and the AFL-CIO claim raising the 6 per cent ceiling would only let interest rates spiral higher and higher.

**Planning subsidy:** Buried in the huge omnibus housing bill (HUD estimates its price tag at $6 billion) are a couple of changes designed to improve the several ways by which Uncle Sam supports local planning efforts. Debate about the mortgage manipulations will crowd out any national discussion of the planning subsidies (the 701 program, metro area wide planning grants, etc.). It's also likely to crowd out Congressional concern about what A.I.A. feels is one of the biggest roadblocks to effective urban subsidies: red tape.

Experimentation is almost impossible, said Kassabaum. HUD should be required to pledge that it will not destroy worthwhile programs—such as the proposed Federal aid to non-profit housing sponsors—"by delay and red tape." An Kassabaum further asked that the negative "no frills" law on public housing be reversed into a more positive statement that the design will "contribute to the general betterment of living consistent with prudent budgeting."

Sadly, political observers doubt Congress would have much time for "general betterment of living" when this huge and expensive housing bill comes up for its key votes—just before election, right after the summer riots, and quite likely in the face of increased pressures for a tax hike.

### Durham calls for united action on liability problems

The president of the American Institute of Architects last month called on all professions and groups in the construction industry to unite in a broad effort to solve the industry's growing damage and injury liability problem.

Robert L. Durham, addressing a symposium on liability at the annual convention of the American Concrete Institute, said damage and injury claims are an increasingly serious problem for everyone in the construction industry, and that efforts by individual groups within the industry to ease their own liability difficulties without reference to other industry groups have been ineffective.

Architects and engineers, Durham said, are particularly affected by recent changes in the legal concepts of liability. "The design professions," he said, "have moved from the early English Common Law era in which the architect or engineer was not held legally liable for even his own negligence in making decisions, into an era when the architect or engineer may have to pay up because of someone else's negligence."

Changes in concepts of liability have occurred for several reasons, Durham said, including "the development of a social philosophy, or morality, which holds that individuals injured or damaged through the operations of society must be compensated by someone." He said this philosophy has resulted in a legal trend "in which compensation or redress is held due an injured or damaged person without regard to negligence," and to the steady abandonment of the legal principle of "privity of contract" which holds that a contractual relationship must exist for one party to be included within the scope of another party's liability. The effect of the latter development, he noted, has been to make architects liable for injury or damage to third parties outside the construction contract.

The architect, Durham said, wishes to solve liability problems in order to protect himself from unjust or excessive claims, and to preserve his ability to design without letting "the quality of his creativity be dulled because of the fear of future claims."

But the A.I.A. president said that problems of this nature are not limited to designers—they extend to contractors of all kinds, building product manufacturers, and labor groups. For this reason, he said, the industry should launch a single campaign to solve liability problems (see page 93).

"The tactical and strategic justification for mounting this kind of attack on the problem of liability is obvious," Durham said. "The moral justification for doing so is, at least to me, equally clear. I have said it before, but it bears repeating, that in the long run the owner pays the entire cost of construction: He pays for your liability insurance as well as mine."

Durham said the construction industry, therefore, "should be morally committed to keeping the cost of our collective liability at the lowest point commensurate with our social and community obligations. We can best do this by getting ourselves, and by beginning to operate to create industry unity on the liability problem."

A.I.A., Durham pointed out, is concerned with the need to develop answers to the liability problem that we can apply even when the interrelationships of members of the construction team change. The Institute has already launched a task force study of changing construction industry legal relationships, noted, and the study may "tell whether an effort to revise contractual law is feasible, and how we might about accomplishing it." He invited other construction organizations to join the A.I.A. in conducting this study.

### Rehab loans are seen as a reasonable investment

The first FHA insured, limited-profit, rehabilitation mortgage loan on a 40-year term at 3 per cent allows for "reasonable enough return to merit the attention of builders," says Erwin A. Salk, president of Salk, Ward & Salk, Inc. The Chicago-based mortgage bankers are financing $595,600 for the complete remodeling of two apartment buildings on Chicago's north side. While work is in progress, tenants will be housed in empty apartments of the buildings. "From an economic point of view," says Salk, "it is not only less costly than the kind of sweeping urban renewal that bulldozes entire blocks, but also does not involve the disruption of families and communities to force their removal from their homes. Architects Swann and Weiskopf have scheduled the work for completion by the end of 1968."

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Improving the quality of the housing stock

The eight years beginning with 1960, a total of nearly eleven and a half million housing units have been built. Over the same period, the growth in the number of households (i.e., families and individuals who occupy dwelling units) has been a bit less than eight million. A simple division of the larger number by the smaller shows that for every two new households that have come along since a decade began, three new dwelling units have been built.

This surplus of new housing over the amount needed to accommodate population growth suggests that something good may be happening to the quality of the nation's stock of housing. The tangible result is that by the end of the year there were nearly nine million homes in good condition than existed in 1960. But upgrading the housing stock requires not only adding good, new dwellings; it also means getting rid of the standard units. Some recent estimates HUD indicate that not enough progress is being made at this end of the problem. A total of about eight and a half million of the dwellings occupied in 1960 were substandard. Up to last year, this number had been reduced by only three million.

The single biggest factor in the reduction of substandard housing has been its outright removal—either by demolition or by fire, storm, and similar causes. In many cases, though, below-par housing can be brought up to standard. Thorough rehabilitation has been shown to be practical in selected experimental projects. And due to the extension of sewer and water facilities to rural areas, some million basically sound structures which were formerly classed as substandard solely for sanitary reasons have now been made respectable.

Yet, there has been an outstanding lack of progress within the hard core of truly dilapidated housing units. Nearly two and a half million such dwellings were in use back in 1960, and very close to two million are still occupied today. The root of the persisting problem of dilapidated housing has been migration. As very low income families left southern rural areas to settle in major eastern and mid-western cities they left behind them a large quantity of some of the worst housing in existence. Most of these structures were abandoned and eventually eliminated.

In the cities, however, much of the improvement in housing quality that came from new building was offset by the accelerated deterioration of existing housing. In some cities there has been an actual increase in the occupancy of dilapidated dwellings despite the wave of new construction since 1960.

Right now the emphasis is heavily on urban housing needs. Latest goals call for six million new low- and middle-income units to be built in the nation's metropolitan areas over the next 10 years. New programs like Rent Supplements and Model Cities have been developed to expand the limited scope of long-existing ones like public housing and urban renewal. Specially appointed Presidential committees are carefully investigating additional ways and means of meeting urban housing needs. No one could argue with the idea that new housing should have top priority among the many needs of our blighted cities. But in our earnestness to provide it, let's not lose sight of the need to preserve the still-useful urban housing that we now have.

Building activity: monthly contract tabulations

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Prefabricated construction in this country has never achieved the role of importance it plays in Europe. Proponents of prefabrication, both of the "component" and "packaged unit" type, see this fact as an indictment of U.S. construction practices and the building codes which enshrine them. The implication of course is that prefabrication will permit better, cheaper, or more quickly constructed buildings but that these advantages conflict with the economic interests of contractors, the building trades, and the design professions by eroding their respective roles in the construction process.

To determine if prefabrication does represent a potential economic "threat", the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO initiated a comprehensive study of prefabrication and its probable long-range effects on the construction industry. The results of this study, prepared by the Battelle Memorial Institute, have just been released.

Understandably, emphasis is given to the projected impact on jobs—the transference of work from job site to factory—but much of what is said (and some of the debatable conclusions) has meaning for architects, engineers, building material manufacturers, and other members of the construction industry.

Battelle concludes that a breakthrough is unlikely

The study concludes that prefabrication will make only gradual advances over the next few years. But more widespread use is not, they state, being delayed by a technological lag. Indeed, Battelle asserts that the present state of prefabrication technology is at least ten years ahead of U.S. practice. The lag is attributed to the essentially conservative structure of the industry and a reluctance on the part of the public to accept a rapid change from traditional methods. To support this conclusion they cite the numerous techniques that have been developed and are already being used in Europe, where, they estimate, industrialized building accounts for about 25 percent of all construction.

The main problem: "resistance to change"

Because slow public acceptance is considered to be a strong factor, Battelle doubts that the growth of prefabrication in low-rise residential buildings will be significant over the next few years. They do foresee more widespread developments in prefabrication in non-residential and high-rise apartment construction. They feel that the constraints on innovation are not so strong in this sector, primarily because consumer acceptance is less influential. In both sectors they find that the structure of the construction industry—decentralization, numerous firms, diffusion of project responsibility, present bidding procedures—inhibits the use of prefabrication.

The study cites a host of "formidable obstacles"

Still other factors, Battelle contends, will be "formidable obstacles" to the wider use of new methods, although to a lesser degree. These are: building codes, zoning, architects, unions, transportation and capital requirements. The study is more explicit in its analysis of these factors but in terms that are frequently oversimplified, inconsistent, or outdated.

Any talk of restraints of course presupposes a movement to be constrained and some incentive for such a movement. The impetus to wider employment of prefabrication must be economic but it is in this area of analysis that the report is weakest.

Battelle does approach one side of the question. They estimate that a number of factors will influence the growth of prefabrication over the next few years. These are: labor, material and land costs, availability of labor, packaging and transportation activity. But labor shortages, they maintain, are the only current justification for the system's building approach in Europe. And, "without the government's support, the system sponsors would not have been able to survive in most of the countries."

It is undoubtedly true that these factors will increase the cost of construc-
This statement would suggest that the sight is given as to the savings that may be realized by full-scale adaption of prefabrication or if these techniques are in fact the best answer to increasing costs. Battelle points out that “it was impossible to obtain any useful cost figures during this investigation” and while “there is much cost information available . . . its validity for comparison is questionable.”

This inconclusiveness concerning costs is unfortunate, particularly in light of the criticism the report levels at architects in general.

Architects come in for harsh (and mostly unjustified) criticism

For example, the study sees a potential area of conflict arising from “the construction industry’s current procedure for rendering architectural fees. Since this is geared to the cost of construction, any time a substantial reduction is evoked as a result of new methods and/or techniques, the architect’s fee is reduced. It will be virtually impossible”, maintains Battelle, “to optimize design so long as this procedure prevails.”

The conclusion which seems most unresearched (or at least outdated): “under the present construction process, the architect has to be considered as a constraint to the future growth of prefabrication. By education the architect is not oriented to systems engineering but rather to designing in terms of aesthetics, art and expressing his personality. Any change in the area of new products or methods that restricts his freedom to express, or decreases his selection of building components, is a potential ‘threat’ to his profession.”

Architects favor prefabs that foster design flexibility

This statement would suggest that the architect is an obstacle to progress. Yet in the wider context of the report this does not seem to be the intent. For in the very next sentence it is stated that, “to date, most of the architects have readily accepted well designed preassembled components that lend themselves to design flexibility.” And in the summary of the report, one major reason supporting the belief that greater advances will occur in the non-residential sector is that, “More architects will start to take advantage of the opportunities afforded to them by the preassembled and prefinished building components.”

There is an apparent contradiction in these statements. In one the architect is portrayed as a “constraint” to innovation and in the others, as a receptive user of new techniques. Omitted is the idea that many technological advances were conceived and developed by architects themselves.

A partial explanation may be found in the distinctions made among the various degrees of prefabrication, primarily between “unit” and “component” prefabrication. Because the latter permits the retention of a good degree of design flexibility, the architect is seen to favor improvements in this area. This is not the case with “unit” (totally pre-built in the factory) prefabrication. His reluctance to accept this approach, they state “. . . is understandable since there is little architectural input required on these types of buildings.”

But unfortunately the report does not always make a clear distinction when indicating how the architect acts as a “constraint” to advances in prefabrication, i.e., that he will resist the innovation of certain types, specifically “unit” prefabrication. And since the products of this approach have been frequently dull and unimaginative, there is little wonder that he has.

Unions are portrayed in milder terms

In contrast to this analysis, the role attributed to the unions is understated. For example, the report states that “to date, the unions as a whole have generally accepted prefabrication and have attempted to take advantage of its benefits, especially year around employment and better working conditions. However, certain locals have resisted specific advances with moderate success.” Philadelphia door men, take notice.

To most observers, the instances of resistance by certain locals are probably more apparent than any evidence of overall general acceptance.

The study does qualify this analysis by noting that unions “will probably be cautious of changes . . . that reduce manpower and eliminate skill requirements”, and they feel that “. . . the recent Supreme Court decision pertaining to work preservation can be a definite deterrent to advances in prefabrication if the union wishes to take advantage of this ruling”. Battelle projects that an equal number of trades will benefit from advances in prefabrication as will be adversely affected.

It might be concluded therefore that unions will develop more flexible attitudes toward prefabrication in the light of these findings. As for the architect, he will find that the report is quite informative as to the techniques and practices of prefabrication in Europe. But some hard questions on the economics of prefabrication still remain unanswered.
**indexes and indicators**

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**Preliminary building cost indexes**—average of all building types, 21 cities

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The information presented here indicates trends of building instruction costs in 21 leading cities and their suburban areas within a 25-mile radius. Information is included on past and present costs, and future costs can be projected by analysis of past trends.

**Economic indicators**

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that new technology can not cut costs; research is unlikely to find cheap, new materials; and that labor practices are not likely to be changed in any way. In this day and age, with $24-billion spent in 1967 on research and development in the United States, it is hard to conceive that the building industry would not benefit from scientific study, application of industrialized methods, and utilization of sophisticated technological systems. Certainly the advantages of research and development have been obviously demonstrated in virtually every other industry, why would it not be successful in the building industry?

Granting that savings in construction cost of the shell of a building would only insignificantly affect the total sale price, as you point out, we still must strive for technological breakthroughs for numerous other reasons. New techniques of production are necessary to circumvent the increasing qualitative and quantitative shortages of labor, to facilitate the introduction of improved quality control, to reverse the trend of reduced rates of production, and if not to lower construction costs, at least to inhibit their continuing upward trend. While new materials may never be developed that are “cheaper” than wood, brick, cement, and gypsum, as you stated, research and development could conceivably yield new materials that would be effectively cheaper by virtue of reduced “in-place” costs and low maintenance factors.

While the currently used conventional systems of construction have served us well in the past, they are not compatible with today’s labor conditions, spiralling costs of required materials and building products, the need for increased rates of production, and emphasis on quality, durability, convenience, and comfort. Current construction practices continually increase in cost. New construction systems will decrease in cost as they are improved and as the volume of application is increased. As the old systems increase in cost and the new systems decrease, the gap between them becomes smaller until eventually it is bridged and the new systems have to emerge as the best and most economical methods for shelter construction.

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Legal pitfalls flagged in book for architects and engineers


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That is perhaps the simplest sort of pitfall contained in this book on legal pitfalls, but it illustrates the authors' unusual insensitivity to language barriers and special meanings. The book is not written in legalese but conveys the sense of precision and awareness of legal thinking at can be even more useful than the wealth of detail as to court interpretations that it does in fact contain.

Information is easy to find. Chapters contain logical categories of pitfalls, and actually every numbered point is listed in a 10-page table of contents backed up by subject index. Part two offers special ms of contract provisions.

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At the risk of losing in condensation of the exact comprehensiveness which is a virtue of this book, the following extracts of Chapter 1 may provide a useful summary of some of the pitfalls in the owner-architect agreement.

Professional responsibilities in general. Each professional (architect and engineer) has an obligation to protect the interests of a larger segment of society than that made up of his clients. In addition, he must be guided by an inflexible sense of fairness in his relationships with contractors and with other professionals and must provide society in general with buildings which are safe and stable.

In the preparation of his plans and specifications, and in the supervision of the job as well, if either architect or engineer has the requisite skill and does not use it, he is chargeable with negligence; and if he does not possess the requisite standard of skill, he is liable because of the lack of it. However, these professionals are not held to absolute accuracy in performing their professional duties. They may be charged with the consequence of errors only where such errors have occurred for want of reasonable skill or reasonable diligence.

In soliciting work, or in accepting a commission, each professional represents: 1) that he possesses the requisite skill; 2) that he will use reasonable care and diligence; 3) that he will be guided by his best judgment; 4) that he will be honest. Should he fail in any one of these areas, and injury to person or property results, he may be liable under the law for any damages sustained.

The professional's most obvious and immediate duty, of course, is that established by contract or law. The client has a right to rely on his professional adviser to provide a building which will merit the standards set by the community in order to safeguard life, health, and property. Although the appearance of his buildings is a matter of primary concern to the architect, he does not guarantee to produce a design endowed with beauty, nor one which will be in accord with his clients' esthetic tastes.

Importance of written agreement. The right of the architect or engineer to compensation presupposes that there is an express or implied contract between him and his client. Ordinarily, the contract may be verbal. However, in certain jurisdictions, (and under some circumstances) the contract must be in writing. The writing is merely evidence of verbal understanding, as a note is evidence of a debt; the indebtedness exists quite apart and independent of the note itself.

Client may assert that services were free. The principal reason for insisting upon a written contract is that an oral agreement may not leave both parties with the same understanding of its terms.

One young architect arranged to provide plans and specifications without a written agreement. Before construction was completed, a difficulty arose, and the architect was discharged. Forced to sue for payment for preparing plans and specifications, the architect testified that his client had expressly agreed to pay him well for his services. However, the client testified that the architect had solicited the job, saying that it would be a great help to him in starting out in his business, and had offered to do all the architectural work without any charge whatsoever. Though the architect was awarded judgment, there can be no assurance that under comparable circumstances the same favorable result would follow. Each case rests upon its own factual foundation.

Death of client may bar proof of oral agreement. Another important reason for a written agreement is that in certain jurisdictions, a partisan witness is prohibited from giving his version of a transaction with another who is deceased, since when death silences one, the law will silence the other.
Danger in starting work before contract is signed. A more common mistake, also resulting in a loss to the architect, is to start work on a commission before an agreement has been signed. A single instance, except in detail, is typical of many: An architect sent a written agreement to a prospective client for a large residence, while starting work on the basis of an oral authorization. Although several reminders failed to evoke more than promises to return the signed agreement “as soon as I find time,” the architect completed the preliminary drawings and asked for a conference to discuss them. The client requested deferment of the conference, pleading his wife’s illness. It finally appeared that the wife’s illness was more severe than had been thought, and the client decided not to build at all—and not to pay his architect, as no written agreement had been signed. Such instances occur so frequently that the architect is well advised to say, “No, I have not started sketches yet, but I am anxious to start. Will you please send back the signed agreement so that we may begin to study this interesting project?”

Necessity for stipulating compensation. Where there has been no request for services, the architect or engineer may not recover compensation unless his services are accepted. One who officiously prepares sketches in the hope of securing employment is regarded in the eyes of the law as being a mere volunteer who may not claim compensation unless his services subsequently are accepted by the client. A request by an owner for services, followed by the rendition of the services, creates an obligation to pay. In the absence of any understanding regarding the specific amount of his compensation, the law will imply an obligation on the part of the client to pay the reasonable value of his services. If the reasonable value of his services is disputed, he would be obliged to entrust the duty of appraising the value of these services to the sagacity of a judge, jury, or arbitrator.

Extra compensation for additional services may be challenged. Is an architect entitled to additional compensation for extra work when his contract is silent on this point? At least one court has denied such compensation under these circumstances. In another case the architect was awarded further compensation for additional work because he was asked to prepare plans for a residence on the same site, but on completion of this extra work, refused to pay the architect more than the original sum stipulated in the contract. In this case, the court held that the architect was entitled to additional compensation for the extra work.

In order to avoid any question as to whether the changes involve merely an alternative of the original design, it is apparent that the contract always should include a provision for additional compensation to cover changes of any nature. The standard form of agreement contains such a protective provision.

Unenforceability of agreement to agree. The profession’s written agreement with amount to be paid or the measure of his client should state specifically the compensation. If perchance it is not reasonably possible to agree in advance upon the compensation, it should never be stated that “the fee shall be such sum as the parties hereafter shall agree upon,” for such an understanding is nothing more than an agreement to agree and is legally incapable of enforcement. But an agreement which is silent as to the amount of compensation is considered in exactly the same light as one which expressly fixes the standard of measure as the reasonable value of the professional man’s services, and thus is enforceable.

Agreements with corporations and public bodies. Even a written agreement clearly indicating a meeting of minds will not always assure the payment of compensation. Particular care should be taken when entering into a contract with a private corporation. First, the legal right of the corporation to enter into contract should be verified. Corporations are formed for certain specific purposes, and legally they may do only those things which are authorized by their charters. Second, even though it is determined that the corporation has a legal right to make a certain contract, the right of an officer to sign for the corporation should be verified, since in the final analysis it is the directors who normally must approve contracts. Given the opportunity, the professional should obtain a certificate from the secretary or assistant secretary of the corporation, certifying that the officer signing the contract on its behalf was authorized to do so by the directors. If this is not possible, every effort should be made to obtain the signature of the president, rather than a lower ranking officer, since it is usually presumed that the president of a corporation has the authority to enter into ordinary contracts on its behalf with express authority of the directors.

Similarly, caution should be exercised when entering into a contract with a public body; agreements which do not come within its charter or enabling act may not be enforced by law, and often the expenditure of public funds must be approved by the voters.

The foregoing sampling from Legal Pitfalls covers less than half of chapters one and two, which go on to take up such topics as maximum-cost construction agreements, accuracy of estimates, determining compensation, extra work, etc. Space allows only the following list of “don’ts” concluding chapter one (there are eight such lists concluding other chapters):

1. Don’t neglect to have a written agreement signed by the client before beginning work or undertaking additional extra work.
2. Don’t fail to state in the agreement the amount of the professional compensation, or the method of computing it.
3. Don’t enter into a contract with a private corporation, or a public body, without verifying its right to make the contract and the authority of the signer of the contract.
4. Don’t use unqualified words or phrases to which your client may attribute a meaning other than the one you intend.
5. Don’t permit a cost limitation to be established in your agreement, either expressly or by implication, unless you are willing to accept the responsibilities involved.
6. Don’t fail to restrict your obligation when it is necessary to include in the contract a reference to cost limitation, but it is recognized that you are not required to suffer any penalties if actual cost exceeds the limitation.
7. Don’t guarantee construction costs or permit a guarantee to be implied.
8. Don’t overlook the importance of neutralizing unfair contract stipulations making your compensation subject to conditions beyond your control.
9. Don’t select a basis for the professional’s compensation which is inappropriate to the project at hand.
10. Don’t fail to include specific rights and remedies to safeguard your interests against possible default in payment of compensation, especially in contracts with a foreign client.
11. Don’t fail to be definite regarding compensation for prolonged contract administration.
12. Don’t neglect to provide a proportionate payment to the professional at the event of abandonment of the project.
13. Don’t fail to exercise the more advantageous remedy in case the client repudiates the agreement.
14. Don’t forget that, unless specifically anticipated, a change in the membership of a partnership may dissolve existing agreement with a client.

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Concerning direct aids, we have recently earmarked over a million dollars for special projects within Milwaukee’s inner core. Likewise Wisconsin has developed a new Department of Local Services and Development to coordinate local and federal programs.

In addition we are moving forward to assist the urban schools. Legislation passed this year has enabled the Milwaukee school board to raise the limit on the maximum mill tax rate for school operations. At the same time, an Emergency School Aid grant of over $4.7 million has been provided to the Milwaukee school district in an attempt to bolster and improve the educational programs of the inner core.

I might point out that I have personally contacted approximately 300 Milwaukee area industries and businesses requesting them to make more job opportunities available to the unemployed in the inner area. It was heartening for me to learn that many of these employers had been working through the chambers of commerce and other organizations and had already been alerted to a number of programs such as Jobs Now, on-the-job training, Skills Bank, Job Fairs, Youth Opportunities Centers, etc. I am encouraged by industry and business support of these many programs which not only provide people for employment but also jobs and upgrade their skills on the job making them eligible for promotions and substantial living wage increases.

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Thin-wall urethane insulation cuts electric heat costs, increases room size, keeps apartments comfortable

A savings of 10% in forecast power requirements was realized in a new, all-electric, air-conditioned, 72,000 sq ft apartment building in Akron, Ohio last summer.

The high insulating ability of rigid urethane foam which was used on the building’s masonry bearing walls is credited with reducing the cooling costs, making possible thinner exterior walls that added up to 10 sq ft to each apartment and contributing to the overall comfort of tenants.

Irving Botnick, owner-builder of Hampshire House, the 8-story, 65-unit luxury apartment house, said that the 1”-thick urethane foam insulation provided the same thermal resistance as 2-4” of other standard insulating materials.

Electric heating and cooling is used in Hampshire House, Mr. Botnick said, for several reasons: 1) The system made possible savings of 35% of the initial cost of any conventional heating and cooling system, 2) The space normally required for a boiler room is utilized for other purposes, 3) Operating on one electric meter, Hampshire House buys the electricity required for lighting and other purposes at a lower unit cost because of the volume rates available to all-electric users and 4) The heating and cooling system is clean, easy to maintain and provides year-round comfort.

Power consumed for lighting and cooling from July 1 to September 30, 1967, the peak cooling season, was 166,000 kwh at a cost of $2994.87 or about 10% less than the $3322.40 estimated for this 3-month period by Ohio Edison Co., prior to occupancy.

The cooling system was so effective, the owner-builder said, that not once during the summer was it necessary to turn on the air conditioning for the lobby and the first-floor office.

The exterior walls at Hampshire House consist of 4” brick on 8” cement blocks. The 1”-thick urethane boardstock was placed against the blocks, furred in place by 1” x 2” furring strips. The furring was installed over the joints at 4’ intervals, then covered by ⅜” wallboard attached to the wood furring.

The walls were designed with a “U” factor of 0.10; the urethane has a k factor rating of 0.15 @ 75°F mean and an R thermal resistance, per inch thickness, of 6.67.

“The installed cost of the urethane foam insulation was slightly less than other materials,” Mr. Botnick said.

Total installed cost of 1”-thick urethane foam boardstock, 1” x 2” wood furring and ⅜” wallboard was $.45 per sq ft. A closed-cell material with extremely low (.9 perm rating) moisture vapor permeability, the rigid urethane boardstock required no special vapor barrier, such as would be needed with vermiculite and other insulating materials.

“We always are ahead when we can handle one material instead of two,” the owner-builder said. Further savings were realized because a much smaller bulk quantity of insulation was required with urethane, and this resulted in reduced handling and shipping costs. About 21,000 sq ft of urethane boardstock, in 4’ x 8’ sheets, was used.

“Aside from the various savings realized,” Mr. Botnick said, “the greatest satisfaction is that tenants have been pleased with the efficiently operating, comfortable air-conditioning. We expect the same reaction during the heating season.

“If we had used conventional insulating material there would have been a heat transfer through the walls,” Mr. Botnick said. “But there is little or no heat loss with urethane. Another factor contributing to the perfect heat seal we obtained is that we were able to insulate to the very top of the joints which cannot be done with blown insulation such as glass fiber or mineral wool. Also, the cellular urethane material was convenient to use during construction.

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THE MOBILE HOME IS THE 20th CENTURY BRICK

says Paul Rudolph who is eager to transform this humble pre-fab on wheels into a “plug-in-capsule” resembling the visions of Archigram. If the Graphic Arts Center, designed for the Amalgamated Lithographers of America, and shown in the drawing below and on the pages which follow, ever gets built, the mobile home industry will have transformed itself. Lower Manhattan’s Hudson River skyline, also dramatically transformed, will be enhanced by 4,050 dwelling units, mass produced like trailers, but trailers no more. These will cluster about 26 service cores, in a remarkable complex planned to include industrial, commercial and office space in addition to the apartment units.

The mobile home industry leads the low-cost housing field. The Mobile Homes Manufacturers Association now claims approximately one out of every four single family housing starts. Rudolph believes that given the opportunity to properly design, upgrade and test its product as the basic unit for a project of the magnitude of the Graphic Arts Center, the mobile home industry could become the leader in light-weight steel box frame technology, meeting this nation’s and the world’s great need for handsome, well-engineered low-cost dwelling units. Mobile homes already cover more of the United States than their present hideous design could ever justify. Huddled together in “mobile home parks” without benefit of site planning, most of these communities resemble the squatter favelas in developing countries. Since local zoning ordinances which endeavor to control unsightliness, forbid the creation of these parks except on undesirable land adjacent to commercial or industrial areas, attractive land is hard to come by. It is also expensive. The industry therefore realizes it must redesign for higher densities, while upgrading quality for wider public acceptance.

Only 15 per cent of mobile homes are ever moved once they reach their initial site. Their interest to Rudolph is not mobility—his, of course, are designed without the standard chassis, wheels and brakes. The single unit’s appeal is as a mass-produced, fully furnished, ready to occupy dwelling hauled from factory to site as a ready to position unit. The advantage is in quantity buying of components and quick erection—thus lower cost.
The Lower Manhattan Plan calls for increased residential use of land at the water's edge. In this proposal for a Graphic Arts Center, the West Side Drive will be lowered and bridged over by pedestrian walkways connecting the inner commercial areas with the residential towers located above the pier deck which extend 820 feet into the Hudson River.

The complex includes high quality industrial spaces for legal and financial printers and color lithographers. This space is arranged to create a man-made hill, forming a series of terraces for residential and commercial uses. At the base of this man-made hill, one level below grade, is the 520,000-square-foot trucking-service floor (bottom left). There are dock spaces for 56 trucks and extensive storage areas. The second level (not shown) is allocated for parking, as are three levels under the pier deck. Spaces are provided for 2,100 cars. The main pedestrian concourse is on the third level (middle left). Here one will be able to walk through a series of plazas and traffic-free streets onto the pier deck which will have an elementary school, a community center, a swimming marina and a series of restaurants and shops. This level also contains 386,000 square feet of industrial space for the color lithographers. The next four floors also comprise lithography space. This space is constructed in such a way that every other floor is moveable or removable—five different ceiling heights are possible—a 9-foot ceiling suitable for office space; and 11-, 15-, 16- and 20-foot ceilings where appropriate.

Above the lithography floors are seven floors of 200,000 square feet each for the legal and financial printers, and on top of these are two office towers. To complete the community are the 4,050 dwelling capsule gathered in clusters around the service cores (top left).
Unlike other designers of dwelling capsules, Rudolph prefers to "hang," rather than "cage" his plug-ins. Steel trusses cantilevered from a central core carry 10 stories each by means of steel cables encased in concrete. The mobile units arrive on flat bed trucks, and "tip-outs" (added space within the standard 12 foot towing width) are unfolded and locked into place. The units are hoisted by hydraulic lifts attached to the main truss and are joined to adjacent sections and to the central core tower.
Rudolph’s dwelling unit is 60 feet long and 12 feet wide folded, it tips out to 28 feet. It is supported by poles six inches in diameter encased in concrete, arranged in a 14-foot-6-inch-square grid, one wide and four bays long. This module permits a 12-foot-wide element to pass between the towers. Two parallel hinges at the far and two at the roof divide the unit into three elements—center is 12 feet wide and tip-outs are 8 feet each. The hangers are located 1-3” from the hinges, and are bolted to the unit after it is unfolded in place. The units themselves are arranged in a pinwheel and connected to the service core. “One of the bad things about a pinwheel,” says Rudolph, “is that it hides repetitive nature of the building.” Apartments overlap so that roof of a lower unit forms terrace for the one above. The service core contains elevators and stairs. These cores are placed at right angles to each other, allowing each to brace next against wind loads.
"A MOBILE HOME BY ANY OTHER NAME"

says Rudolph, "could be a useful solution to the low-cost housing problem." Although Rudolph's mobile home module bears no resemblance to the trailer house of the thirties, the phrase "mobile home" evokes in conservatives an image of transience and impermanence which limits acceptance. When their opposition combines with the building trades' resistance to change, good projects gather dust. The scheme shown below was to have housed married students at the University of Virginia and was to have been constructed not by the University, but by a private developer from units which the mobile home industry has the capacity to produce. It is an all-wood stressed-skin prototype of the all-steel Graphic Arts Center dwelling module—is dimensioned the same (28 feet by 60 feet), folds the same and was designed first. Unit cost of a two bedroom apartment module without site work and structural frame would have been $6,050 at the time that cost estimates were made. This design, vetoed by city officials as inappropriate for Charlottesville, will eventually be built somewhere else.
Sections are taken through the bath and bedroom element (above) and through the living room (right). Projecting windows, trellises, stairs and access ways are not “tip-outs” or “roll-outs.” They are added later, after the modules are in place. These units are designed to support the weight of one unit above and walls are strengthened at points where the loads are transferred.
Elevations of the two new buildings on Lafayette Square by John Carl Warnecke and Associates. The top drawing shows the Court of Claims on the east side of the Square, and the other drawing shows the Federal Office Building and the row of restored houses on the Square's western face.

THOSE NEW BUILDINGS ON LAFAYETTE SQUARE

Adding two large new buildings to a historic 19th-century square that is also the forecourt of the White House poses some particularly sensitive problems of scale and expression. The architectural result deserves evaluation, not only in terms of the special character of the problem, but also in terms of the process — involving Presidential intervention — through which it came to be.

by Jonathan Barnett
Aerial photo at top shows Lafayette Square before construction began. Drawing (1) shows an earlier proposal by a consortium of Boston architects for the Court of Claims Building on the east side of the Square. Drawings (2) and (3) show their design for the Federal Office Building.
When President John F. Kennedy took office in January 1961, one of the first problems awaiting his decision was theacement of two new government buildings along Lafayette Square. According to the painter, William Walton, who frequently advised Kennedy on matters concerning the arts and who is now chairman of Washington's Fine Arts Commission, the new President took an immediate personal interest in the fate of the square that is a forecourt for the White House.

The President had chosen an extremely difficult problem for his initiation to the art of architecture. The complexities of the situation had their origins in the history of the place, and represented a series of conflicting ideas—each of which had to be respected.

In the 19th century, the buildings standing on the square had all been residential, except for St. John's Church, designed by Latrobe in 1815. It seems unlikely that the square ever had much coherence as an architectural form, because of the small scale of the buildings in relation to the large park area, but it just had had a certain consistency.

There was no building there, however, that Cass Gilbert felt would be worth saving when he drew his plan for Lafayette Square just before the First World War. Gilbert envisaged a monumental ring of stone buildings, in the rich academic tradition, that would be fitting termination for the academic façades of Pennsylvania Avenue.

The Treasury Annex on the east corner of the Square represents the first increment of the Gilbert plan. Unfortunately, it was also the last. Not in itself a distinguished building, the Treasury Annex would have been acceptable as a part of a larger plan. Alone, it simply depopulated the old-scale relationships without defining anything new.

During the 20's, other new buildings went up around the Square. Some, like the Veterans Administration building in the northwest corner, were in conformity with some aspects of the Gilbert plan. Others were just piecemeal development.

In 1942 President Roosevelt intervened to make sure that the Government purchased and preserved the Blair and Madison houses, because there was already talk of using the west side of the area for a Federal office building. He acted, he said, because "there are few houses left that are at once distinguished and possess historic and cultural values."

President Roosevelt's view reflected a general enlargement of historical awareness created by events like the Williamsburg restoration. Gilbert, looking at buildings on the square through the eyes of the Ecole des Beaux Arts, could...
Plan and section of Court of Claims building shows how the small new building (containing a law library) that fronts on the Square, is connected to the main structure by a bridge over an arcade. Another arcade running along the face of the building looks out on the back gardens of the restored houses, which are being given new rear facades.

COURT OF CLAIMS

According to Walton, President Kennedy knew instinctively that something was wrong. A long-time Georgetowner, he regretted destruction of old houses. The architects, with work drawings well along, and heavily committed by decisions made during the Eisenhower administration, had difficulty adjusting to new requirements. A series of consultations, with Walton serving as intermediary, proved fruitless.

Then the President suddenly took the situation into his own hands. One night, quite by chance, he met John Warnecke at a cocktail party. The President, after the manner of people meeting architects at parties, asked Warnecke advice on Lafayette Square. Warnecke was unaware of the history and status of the two buildings and felt that, when President of the United States asks you advice on a question of public policy you must answer. He replied that he would try to keep all the old houses place the new structures behind them.

This concept appealed to the President and before Warnecke knew it, he had been given the job of carrying it out.

Of course, most of the problems remained to be solved. The Treasury next was still there, the program was massive, and a harmonious architectural expression had to be found. Now, though the restoration of some of the houses is yet to be completed, it is possible to evaluate the results of Warnecke's...
COURT OF CLAIMS

Jerry Spearman photos
The first thing that Warnecke did, which seems clearly a correct decision, was to treat both the east and west sides of the Square in a similar way. On the east side of the square he designed a new low building, in red brick, to replace the false-front theater building put up in the 1920's. The new building serves to link the Treasury Annex with a row of houses (including the Dolly Madison House) which the Boston architects had planned to move. On the west side of the square Warnecke unabashedly chose to use new versions of the houses that had been replaced by bigger buildings during the 1920's, giving a more or less consistent rhythm of facades along the whole west front (see elevations on page 147).

On both sides of the Square the basis of the new construction was set back from the old, with Warnecke accepting a greater height in return for a smaller area per floor. (The over-all square footage required by the program could not be changed.) The shape and scale of the Court of Claims building set the Federal office building's design, which was articulated into an off-H shape to keep its size comparable to the much smaller Court of Claims.

So far, there can be little argument that Warnecke's solution is both intelligent and sensitive. The questions that arise concern the building's color and architectural expression.

The color was obviously chosen to harmonize with the mellow brick of old houses on the west side of the Square. The photograph (4) on page 147 shows how successful this color harmony turned out to be. Warnecke says in a letter that a dark building tends to recede and become less conspicuous. Nevertheless, no matter how much the building may recede when viewed from Lafayette Park, they are quite prominent when seen as part of the skyline—from steps of the Jefferson Memorial, for example, or just walking near the Square.

Despite certain exceptions, like the Smithsonian Institution, major public buildings in Washington have traditionally been built of light-colored materials. The question is whether this tradition should always be observed. If you take a view of urban design similar to Cass Gilbert's, and feel that each new building is a fragment in an ideal composition that will eventually be realized, then each new building should probably be white. Warnecke's view is more pragmatic, and feels that times change, and that large scale compositions are seldom completed as planned. This circumstance doesn't worry him. In fact, he likes variety to be found in Georgetown, and finds the consistency of the Federal angle dull by comparison.
The main building is separated from Lafayette Square by a garden court and a row of old houses. Missing places in the row, left when newer non-conforming buildings were taken down, will be replaced by new houses designed to look like their neighbors.
As a practical matter, it would have been difficult to design a consistent treatment of the Square in white materials without painting or stuccoing the houses, particularly the Decatur house, which was a given in the situation. Warnecke feels that such a design treatment would have compromised the uniqueness of the White House.

The other question—the problem of architectural expression—was essentially the familiar one of "keeping in keeping." Warnecke's design, with its bay windows and mansard roofs, certainly captures something of the cranky silhouette of the 19th century buildings near the square; and, from a scenographic point of view, is quite a successful composition. However, it is my view that the main buildings possess a scale-less and empty character. They are too prominent to settle into the background without having enough character to stand out on their own.

Part of the problem may be the colored mortar, specified in an attempt to match the close jointing of older masonry. It counteracts the scale of the brick, making the building appear monolithic. The real problem, however, is that the building's interiors are standard government issue, and the architect had little opportunity to influence them, much less express their character. The architect was caught in a paradoxical situation; the nature of the site prevented him from designing an appropriate building that would be a simple envelope, but the fact that the buildings are in fact only envelopes becomes apparent in any case.

The importance of President Kennedy's intervention therefore turns out to be not so much the preservation of old houses, or an insistence on "good" architecture, but an official recognition that complex problems require complex answers. To the limits of his involvement, which concerned the exterior appearance, Kennedy was able to set up a situation which over-rode the "impracticalities" of restoring (or inventing) old houses, and changing around floor plans for exterior effect.

In an article in the Washington Post published soon after Kennedy's assassination, William Walton told of the many hours that the President spent on Lafayette Square:

"At one moment I apologized for interrupting his crowded day with a matter less than global in content.

"'That's all right,' he said. 'After all, this may be the only monument we'll leave.'"

Lafayette Square is far from John Kennedy's only monument; but, showing, as it does, the difference that a high-level concern with design can make, it is certainly not a bad one to have.
HOODED SKYLIGHTS ENRICH EXTERIOR

and create a varied and dramatic sequence of bold interior spaces

A phantasmagoria of shed roof skylights creates an ever-changing and picturesque composition of elevations in this large house for a Canadian diplomat, his wife and their son. The skylights, called “light-grabbers” by the architect, Hugh Hardy, are used to dramatically emphasize important interior spaces. Their use was motivated by a compact site closed on the east and west by neighboring houses, by the owner’s wish to have no windows open onto the street side at the north, and by the inappropriateness of using large expanses of glass where the temperature dips to 40 degrees below zero.

The resulting plan for this $120,000 house is a series of distinct pavilions developed on essentially one level. Only the west wing is expanded to two stories to provide extra bedrooms, storage and playroom below with dining room, kitchen, study and garage above. The identity of the pavilions is further enforced by capping them with separate mansard roofs, some also having skylight roof forms.

The exterior walls are intended to create a sequence of changing profiles and the fenestration is a series of “hole-punchings” determined by interior requirements. For ease of maintenance, poured-in-place reinforced concrete walls are used on the exterior in two contrasting finishes. The pavilion walls were given a smooth finish by plywood forms, while the remainder of the house has a rough finish created by rough-sawn board forms. The “light-grabber” roofs are sheathed in standing-seam copper, while the flat roofs are built-up construction.

The plan generates a deep central living room which looks south into a...
DOBELL HOUSE

The north facade facing onto the street was kept closed at the owner’s request. The entrance, above left, continues this idea by facing west, its double doors only implied from the street. A prominent “light-grabber” on the west facade, above and below, is built up to light a second-floor study. The house, hemmed in by neighbors to the east and west, and closed off to the north, opens out onto a courtyard, left, which becomes an extension of the living room.

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Ceiling treatment, used by Hugh Hardy for functional as well as esthetic reasons, plays an important role in shaping the sequence of interior spaces. Three lighting studies for the articulated planes of the living room ceiling, at right, show the variety of effects at day and night which enliven the room and provide a changing background for the owner's collection of painting and sculpture. At night, the ceiling is washed by indirect light from the top of free-standing bookcase elements, bottom right. The dining room, at bottom, and the master bedroom have triple exposure and are dominated by their dark ceilings which are edge grain hemlock tongue and groove flush board. Other walls and ceilings are plaster, with service areas such as the kitchen, having a flat roof.
The island of Barbados gets a Hilton
—this one worth a visit just for its architecture

Most travellers, including architects, will agree that days spent in adventurous discovery of things exotic, beautiful and strange, should end in the secure ambience of familiar comforts and unaccustomed luxuries—and this is why we need to have resort hotels. Because of their generally mediocre design, however, typical luxury hotels are rarely found in the architect's slide collection or sketchbook. The Barbados Hilton may turn out to be a noteworthy exception to this rule. On an island which holds much for architects to see—17th to 19th century buildings which include sturdy old sugar mills, military garrisons and warehouses, an occasional fine plantation house, a lovely Georgian church for each parish and a noble theological college founded in 1710—the only good 20th century building is the Hilton.

One of the principal reasons for its success as architecture was the decision made by architects Warner Burns Toan and Lunde to construct the hotel within the best native building traditions of Barbados and to make extensive use of coral stone, a beautiful material indigenous to the Caribbean. In addition, since the island now has an excellent precast concrete industry, precast elements were selected to form the basic structure. Another key reason for the aesthetic success of this hotel is the intelligent manner in which the natural and man-made advantages of the site have been utilized and enhanced. The bastions and cannon of an old fort, and a handsome lighthouse have been preserved. A brand new coral reef, just offshore, attracts the tropical fish—providing a fine ichthyological viewing ground for moderately venturesome snorkelers.
The photograph directly below was taken from the lighthouse tower looking toward the point. Bridgeton, the island's capital, can be seen across the bay to the right. A shopping arcade, parking, and the principal entrance are located on the bay side toward the town. In the foreground of the photo are two-story lanais interconnected at the second-story level by bridges which are reached by circular stair towers. As the site plan on the preceding page indicates, the portion of the land to the south which overlooks the Caribbean Sea and the swimming beach is the most intricately and richly landscaped. The heart of the scheme is the five-story lushly planted, interior sky-lit court shown in plan (1), section and in the photograph at right. The other major interior space is the terrace cafe (3) which overlooks the outdoor terrace (4) and is shown in the photograph at the bottom of the opposite page. Neither of these interior spaces is air conditioned. They are directly in the path of the trade winds which enter through louvered screens assuring a pleasant temperature. The ceiling fans, in the terrace cafe, like most of the lighting fixtures, railings, furniture, fabrics and finish materials were native-made. They slowly revolve in the gentle breeze. All other spaces are air conditioned including the elliptical dining room (6), a space defined by a series of cusps of varying sizes the larger of which form dining alcoves, a band stand and a space for displays of native cooking. The smaller serve as vertical windows. The exterior appearance of these cusps is shown at the top of this page.

Bedrooms are of two kinds. On the third bedroom floor are two-story duplexes with a precast concrete barrel vault which gives an even greater vertical space bonus. These units, containing stairs and a mezzanine, are extremely handsome, but because of their height in relation to their size, are difficult to photograph adequately. The duplexes alternate with the standard single-story units shown in the photo second from top on the opposite page. These are used throughout the lower floors and in the lanais. On the third floor the roofs of these units serve as private terraces adjacent to the duplex mezzanines. These terraces can be seen in the section and top photograph.
The major precast elements and coral stone infill can be seen in the drawings and photographs. The major precast elements and coral stone infill can be seen in the drawings and photographs. The main piers are cast in two parts which are U-shaped in horizontal section and surround the vertical mechanical ducts. These piers carry the transverse beams at their outer edges. The precast ribbed slabs which form the ceilings of the second, third and terrace floor rooms, balconies and corridors are gothic arched for esthetic effect only. These actually function as flat slabs. There are no true arches, and except for the aforementioned slabs, the cast barrel vaults and the curved caps, all structural elements are tilinear. The photograph of the wall helps to indicate the basic construction which in turn clearly reveals the interior plan. The spans follow the long axis of the hotel rooms while the short sides define the balconies on one side and the corridors on the other. Cool air is circulated through the bedrooms by supply and return ducts located within furred ceilings over the bedroom and entry.
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RURAL AND URBAN AMENITIES
Thinkers need peace and quiet so the contemplative environment is traditionally a rural retreat. But there are advantages. Access to major universities, scientific institutes and resources can make an urban location not only attractive but highly desirable. Battelle Seattle Research Center, a center for theoretical research, study and seminars, was fortunate in its site. It is in the best of both worlds: an undeveloped 18-acre plot contiguous at one corner with the University of Washington campus and located in a pleasant residential section of Seattle. The first phase of the Center's construction includes an office and seminar building, three apartments.
Idings and the handsome development of the site around a large pond.

The pond, focal element in the site plan and an idyllic note in the grounds, is feasible because it covers a natural in left when Lake Washington was lined from this part of the city. The fact that the entire site is lower than the surrounding area—it drops 20 feet from meter to center—contributes to the acy which was a requirement of the gram, but it also makes the roofs spicuous to residents of the hills. Pitched roofs with monitors (elved in the apartment buildings to direct sunlight to interiors) are ered with weathering steel.
TYPICAL APARTMENT

The three one-story apartment buildings each contain two three-bedroom units, which can be rearranged to provide one, two, three or four bedroom apartments; or a single room and bath can be used individually. All bedrooms have outside access. Dining rooms at the center of the building make a common space which can be used for discussions.

The research/seminar building contains office-studies for 41 visiting and permanent staff members, library, five conference and seminar rooms and a 100-seat lecture hall, which can be used by other than the Center's staff without violating the privacy of the staff office areas. The buildings are grouped around a court which opens to the pond.

NEW APPROACH
FOR SHOPPING CENTERS

Shopping centers have been extravagant consumers of land ever since the first center was built. Now, suddenly, the “vast sea of asphalt”—never acceptable esthetically—is no longer economically justifiable. Soaring land values and decreasing amounts of urban land point up the fact that what land is available must be more efficiently used. Undoubtedly this will mean that it will be more profitably used as well. So far these pressures have had little effect on shopping center design, as the centers on the following pages—selected from the finest of today’s centers—attest. But the shopping center of the future may be required to respond to those pressures, and the future rule of commercial centers may be compactness and multiple use of land. The impact that this could have on cities deserves thorough and imaginative study by architects and planners. From being the 20th Century’s odd new building type, the shopping center may well become a strong force for urban renaissance.

—Elisabeth K. Thompson

A NEW LOOK AT SHOPPING CENTERS

By Victor Gruen, F.A.I.A.

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Two trends—already apparent not only in planning now under way in the offices of architects and planners but in those of great corporations and by public agencies—suggest strong competition for the shopping center as we know it today. The first of these is the revitalized and strengthened downtown core, served by improved public and private means of transportation; enhanced by such amenities as pedestrian areas; served by well-designed, well-located terminal facilities for both private cars and public transit; enriched in their viability by nearby high-density housing and a complete co-mixture of all urban functions—cultural, spiritual, educational and artistic, with entertainment, shopping, office and civic facilities.

The second competitor will be found within the framework of “new towns” developed within the metropolitan region. Plans and designs now on the boards for such new towns feature town centers which attempt to duplicate, on a smaller scale, all the values mentioned above for revitalized city-core. This trend is clear in such new towns as Reston and Columbia in the East, Litchfield Park and Valencia in the West, and many others. There can be little doubt that in the next 15 years not only these but many other such projects will be under way all over the U.S.

Competition to the regional shopping center will take full advantage of all the innovations used by the conventional suburban regional shopping center but it will also avoid the mistakes made in even the best of today’s regional shopping centers. In the light of this developing competition it might be a good idea to reassess the conventional center, its strengths and its weaknesses.

Conventional centers have strong points

All of the strong features of the regional shopping centers show the effect of the strict separation of pedestrian traffic from automobile traffic (once the building cluster has been reached), and the separation of service and trucking activities from shoppers’ automobile and pedestrian traffic. These features—probably best exemplified in Southdale, still considered a highpoint in regional shopping center design—include one-stop shopping for all types of merchandise; the protected, air-conditioned, attractive and enjoyable shopping environment with comparatively short walking distances within a compactly arranged center; and cultural, educational and community as well as commercial values.

... but they have drawbacks

The appearance of most shopping centers—seen from surrounding streets and highways and from the parking area—is inferior, lacking strength of expression and unity of design. We have succeeded in making shopping itself a pleasant experience in a center like Southdale, but we have not succeeded in making the walk from the parked vehicle to the building cluster and back to the automobile anything better than sheer drudgery. On paper, walking distances are usually kept within 600 feet, but actual walking distances are much greater. Sixty to eighty per cent of the total available land area in the average conventional regional shopping center is used for on-ground parking and the necessary circulation roads and drives. The use of land in this way is uneconomic and wasteful; it is annoying and inconvenient for customers. Worse, on-ground parking creates an environment which repels good residential—and other—development in the area.

Fringe development spoils many

In most cases, shopping center developers have given no attention at all to the problem of development in the surrounding area, and the result has been pirating competition, sub-standard development, or development which is outright hostile to the functions and purposes of the shopping center. Even in Northland and Southdale, where far-sighted developers acquired control of surrounding land, the hopes which influenced this acquisition have remained either fully or partly unfulfilled. At Northland, for example, a comparatively vigorous development has taken place in the so-called fringe area: high-rise apartment buildings, office buildings, hotels, a legitimate theater, a movie theater, research laboratories, plants for light industry. Although some of these developments may have resulted in favorable real estate deals for the original shopping center developer, it is a question whether the “urban growth” around Northland has created more advantages or more problems for Northland Center itself.

Not only is the Northland building cluster itself surrounded by a vast parking area and a network of freeways and highways but each individual structure and group of structures in the fringe area is in turn surrounded by its own parking and road network.

Thus there is no special advantage being located in an office, an apartment or any other building within viewing distance of Northland because going to the Center from these buildings (or vice versa) is both hazardous and boresome on foot and it therefore becomes a vehicle, not a pedestrian, trip. This creates high traffic densities and a need for further road building and road widening; the near future it might well also require an internal public transportation system which would probably have to be subsidized. With an individual parking area for each building or group of buildings some parking areas are underused times and overused at others.

Urban sub-centers will be the next step

The next 15 years will be an era of urban population explosion, with the large number of future urbanites attracted to existing metropolitan regions. The regional pattern may respond to this either by additional unplanned spreading or by the growth of new satellite towns, both of which will likely be increasingly realized within existing suburban areas. Large tracts of land within the existing suburban area will become increasingly more difficult to find and to acquire. However, a land area of 100 acres will have to be utilized control of a new just a shopping center but a complete urban sub-center.

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TODAY'S CENTER REFINES BASIC PRINCIPLES

Westland, a large center near Detroit, Michigan, is a handsome development of the enclosed-mall type. Its enclosed, air conditioned environment provides a place for community activities, exhibitions and events which attract customers. Its public areas, landscaped and furnished with a variety of customer amenities—sculpture, benches, lockers, drinking foundations—are exceptionally pleasant. Parking for 4500 cars is provided around the building cluster, with access through arcades to the central mall which separates the east and west courts. Most stores face onto malls and courts, thus minimizing competition for attention through signs on the exterior of the center.

TOMORROW'S CENTER BREAKS BARRIERS TO HIGH-INTENSITY LAND USE

A
Standard shopping center: productive area 1,200,000; ground cover 430,000 sq. ft.; land area 4,360,000 sq. ft.; density 0.36.

B
Compact shopping center, with deck parking: productive area 200,000 sq. ft.; ground cover (buildings and pedestrian area) 45,000 sq. ft.; land area 1,060,000 sq. ft.; density 1.1 (3 times standard center).

C
Valencia city center, platform less: productive area 14,150,000 sq. ft.; land area 4,050,000; density 3.5.

D
Conceptual study for City Center, new city of Valencia, California: platform is base for UPTOWN high-rise office and apartment buildings; DOWNTOWN is multi-purpose commercial lever, with services in tunnel below; EDGETOWN is low-density residential. Concept details are being modified as project moves forward preliminary design. Architect: Victor Gruen Associates.
ssing all urban functions, residential its, office buildings, cultural and edu-
tional facilities, hotels, amusement ac-
tivities, churches, community facilities,
ic facilities, etc. All these urban func-
tions could be so intimately connected
with the shopping function, and with
other, that the automobile would
unnecessary and impossible within the
pan sub-center complex. If this can
accomplished, high land values for a
use of high- and medium-rise apart-
ment rental units or cooperatives, high-
medium-rise office buildings, banks, in-
tutions, etc., could be created be-
use in contrast to the pattern of fringe
development (as occurred in Southdale),
aAdjacency of these buildings to each
ner and to the regional shopping cen-
ter would not be illusory but factual.

3-centers would have many advantages

e advantages to a shopping center and
its department stores of a densely de-
developed and intimately connected

community surrounding would include:
• A captive shopping population

would be created consisting of the resi-
dents of the apartment buildings, the
employees of the office buildings, hotel
ests, etc., which could reach the center
department stores without using
s, and which would increase the sales
ume from 15 to 20 per cent.
• The attractiveness of the center

will be enhanced and the radius
its influence zone would be expanded.
• It would encourage the introduc-

tion and efficient operation of a public
transportation system, thus making pos-
elite a reduction in parking area
a higher sales income per square foot.
• The urban sub-center could be

able to withstand future competi-
tion of town centers of new satellite
ns, since it would be offering basi-
ly the same advantages.

Center planning needs a new approach

The basic difference between the con-
tinental regional shopping center ap-
ach and the urban sub-center ap-
ach consists in the employment of
those measures which make an inten-
land use possible. This involves:
• The planning of the shopping cen-
cluster itself. Here I don’t think one

to go much further than we did in
Southdale and many other shopping cen-
ters which we have designed since—
namely to utilize for purposes of the
shopping center three full levels: a lower
level fully or partly underground, a mid-
level on or slightly above ground
level and an upper level raised one floor
above the middle level. A fourth level
could be reserved for future expansion
of some or all of the department stores.
• A radically different approach to

the parking arrangement. Parking could
surround the tight building cluster on all
sides in a band of about 120 feet in depth
and five to six levels high. The lowest
level would be reserved for employees,
others would lead shoppers to the lower
or upper selling levels. Such a parking ar-
rangement would cut walking distances
for the shopper to one-fifth the distance
in the conventional parking arrangement
on ground level; it would provide for a
walk to and from the car in a sheltered,
protected environment; and it would
protect the car from all weather influ-
ences. It would also effect savings in up-
keep and maintenance of pavement.

The roof of the top parking level
would be on the same level as the roof
of the upper level stores so that one
large platform would result, a platform
which could be utilized for the construc-
tion of office buildings, high rise apart-
ment buildings and other structures.

An intensive land use such as this
would result (for a shopping center of
about one million square feet rental area
including the needed parking areas) in a
land usage of approximately 20 acres.
Thus approximately 80 acres would re-
main on which a community consisting of
high- and medium-rise apartment
buildings, possibly low-rise patio or row
housing units, restaurants, theaters,
amusement places, churches, community
buildings, office buildings, hotels, etc.
could be constructed. In addition, the
largest part of the platform (let us say 12
acres) on top of the shopping center
would also be available for such build-
ings. The buildings would be arranged
so that they are connected by pleasant
walkways with each other and with the
shopping center.

... and presents some problems

Most shopping center developers and, in
all probability, the major lending institu-
tions, will be reluctant to proceed along
completely new approaches involving
not only unusual expenditures (such as
for multi-level parking structures), but
also broadened activities in aspects of
land economics and real estate which are
less familiar than those presented by the
regional shopping center. There are dif-
ficulties and complications, not only for
the architect and planner whose task will
become infinitely more complicated, but
also in regard to staging, economics, tax
implications, and possibly zoning. How-
ever, it should be remembered that
Northland, at the time of its inception,
was poorly rated by economists who
warned against the high costs of its novel
features; not a single financing institution
could be persuaded to make a loan be-
fore construction started. At Southdale—
except for Dayton’s—everybody felt that
the scheme was impracticable and “way
out,” and many-sided resistance had to
be overcome before the architectural
proposals could be implemented.

There are other shapes of the future

Looking ahead to the not too distant fu-
ture, I predict that the trend toward re-
centralization, clearly expressed in the
hundreds of downtown revitalization
projects under way or on the boards, will
be even further developed. The one-pur-
pose shopping center of today will give
way to the integrated multi-function
center which will range in size from in-
tegrated neighborhood centers to in-
tegrated town centers and metropolitan
centers. We will learn to use land more
economically, through a three-dimen-
sional planning approach which will
permit using the land several times over,
with the different elements of a center
placed above and below each other, not
to side by side as now. We will store au-
mobiles in multi-deck garages, using
their top surfaces for “productive” struc-
tures—including residences—and urban
open spaces. With a density pattern of 1
to 3, some 7.5- to 13-million square feet
of productive area can be provided on
land where today we place between
600,000 and 1 million square feet of re-
tail facilities. The importance and size of
such a center will be a justification for
introduction of mass public transporta-
tion. The large, all-purpose, integrated
urban center is the shape of the future.
AUTOMOBILE DISPLAY, 
SALES AND SERVICE CENTER: 
A RARE EXAMPLE

This elegantly simple building for Schilling Motors, Inc., in Memphis, Tennessee, with its controlled graphics, well-organized office functions and dramatically lighted display spaces, shows how effective architecture can be in a building type generally marked by lack of restraint. In this instance, the architects were given a completely free hand by the client, who asked only that they design a showroom "unlike any other". The open pyramidal roofs with their skylights do indeed provide unique showrooms for the cars Schilling sells. So pleased was the owner with the first two showrooms, that he has added, a block to the west, a smaller but similar show room for display of a single Lincoln Continental. All three showrooms use high-intensity lighting for maximum effect. The Lincoln showroom is carpeted; the other two, shown here, have an impervious finish over epoxy terrazzo. The plans organized in three parts: display, office and service. A curved skylight, running almost the length of the building, daylights the office area and is a visual separation between sales-office area and service garage. Offices for owners and manager, and a conference room, are located on the second floor of the sales-display-office building. A balcony overlooks the display area. The garage building is air conditioned. Its second floor is for car storage, reached by a ramp from an existing adjacent building also owned by Schilling Motors. Exterior walls of the building are of brick or concrete block cavity construction; used brick and stucco finish the garage building walls, one of which is left exposed in the office area. All graphics were designed by the architects to incorporate the trademark lettering of the automobile manufacturer.


The program required showroom space for a minimum of 10 cars. The solution provides two identical two-story-high spaces with open pyramid ceilings topped with skylights. By day and by night, lighting is dramatic. A balcony along the second floor, where executive offices are located, overlooks the showrooms.
Old Town, a commercial and fine arts center in Los Gatos, California, some 50 miles south of San Francisco, preserves imaginatively exploits the scale and character appropriate to a small town. Here a shopping center of typical dimensions would have violated the particular quality of the area. Old Town fits in to the town and contributes its kind of visual and cultural delight to the community. Admittedly a specialty center, Old Town has exceeded the developer's most optimistic expectations that the first phase, shown here, will be augmented by phases two and three. The building around which the center is being developed is a 1923, Mission-style school building, sold by the district in 1957. Remodeling the building not inexpensive, says the architect, it not only netted greater height and more space than new construction could provide, but it preserved a community landmark. The architects added odd decks, trellises and balconies, and raised the roof in some portions to provide covered access to upper levels. The conference room—a new building visible in the photograph at bottom—is available to the community for actions and meetings and is a part of promotional activities of the center. These are generally cultural in nature, and attract large numbers of potential users. An outdoor amphitheater at the rear of the old school building is used for summer programs. Future expansion of the center will include remodeling of some of the old buildings in the vicinity: the old mill will be restored as a mill and bakery; a church will be remodeled to resemble the old railroad station and will be used as a banquet room.

Old Town, Los Gatos, California. Owner-developer: Max Walden; architects: Frank Lauen & Associates; civil engineers: Honoldt & Sweeney; landscape consultant: Paul McMullogan; general contractors: James A. Mason (exteriors work), Frans A. Laulainen (interior work).
SHOPPING CENTER FOR RANCHERS AND TOURISTS

Rancho California Plaza is the commercial center for an 87,500-acre development uniquely oriented toward agricultural uses and destined eventually to contain community facilities of a wide variety. The Plaza serves residents of the development but is designed to attract visitors and customers from U.S. Highway 395 which runs through the development and along one side of the Plaza. The program called for buildings which would reflect the ranching character of the development. With this requirement and a tight budget to meet, wood (rough sawn cedar) became the most appropriate material to use. The buildings, built at a cost of $9 per square foot, are deceptively simple, their sophisticated design relying on a play of planes against each other. Boardwalks and heavy timber trellises connect the various buildings and cut the rising lines of the shed roofs. Exterior texture is derived from the use of board and batten on vertical surfaces except where walls are used for graphics, painted on plaster surfacing. This first phase of the Plaza includes specialty shops (some feature local crafts), a refreshment stand, a market and two land-sales buildings. An existing building was remodeled by the architects for use as a general store and post office. A second phase will contain additional shops, a bank, drug store, restaurant and offices.

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ces and extensive use of wood, oined with sophisticated design, hese “country store” complex eping point for tourists and a ant place for local residents m Rancho California and nearby ns) to shop. The Plaza includes a ne rental stable and a children's ground with a lake.
A "SUPER REGIONAL" CENTER IN A DEVELOPING NEW CITY

Fashion Island is the largest shopping center built so far in the West, the size of 68 football fields, with almost a million square feet of store area. Its location in a fantastically expanding part of the coast of Southern California seems to warrant size, number and variety of stores, and its developers expect it to gross $35- to $50-million in annual sales within three years of its opening. It was fully rented five months before it opened. But Fashion Island is one part of 622-acre Newport Center, the business section of the developing city of Irvine, whose impetus is the new campus of the University of California. Fashion Island has the potential for the kind of quality fringe development mentioned in his article by Victor Gruen, and the managerial organization to make it happen. The land around Newport Center—88,000 acres—is owned by The Irvine Company which is the developer.

Fashion Island is set on a man-made mesa. Its 56 stores—four of them major department stores—open onto a series of courts, each different from the others in appearance and use, and it is the courts which give Fashion Island its special quality. The mall shop fronts are offset to form the courts, and the courts are offset from each other. This plan provides more corner area, important in customer attraction; it shortens the length of the mall by some 200 feet; and it offers changing visual experiences. One court, or plaza, is a sunken square, paved with blue and white tile, used for exhibitions; its good-sized stage is used for a variety of events. Another has a reflecting pool with benches along its length. Still another is a children's play court, and a fourth contains display cases. The fifth, with its raised fountain, opens to a view over Newport Beach to the Pacific Ocean and is used for fashion shows.

FASHION ISLAND REGIONAL SHOPPING CENTER, Newport Center, Irvine, California. Architects: Welton Becket and Associates (master plan, mall buildings and Buffum’s Store); William L. Pereira & Associates (J. W. Robinson’s store); Charles Luckman Associates (J. C. Penney and Broadway stores); civil engineers: Quinton Engineers; landscape architects: Sasaki-Walker & Associates; graphics consultants: Usher-Follis Associates; contractors: Diversified Builders (site work, mall shops, The Broadway), Allison Honor Co. (J. C. Penney), Jackson Brothers (Buffum’s), C. L. Peck (Robinson’s).
Furniture was designed by the architects: benches, lights, display cases, fountains. Sculpture court, on permanently installed "Three Graces", is used for exhibitions; it has a stage. Tile roofs add color white columns.
INTIMATE SCALE,
"HILL VILLAGE" CHARACTER
FOR A REGIONAL CENTER

At Del Monte Center, buildings and site have a rare affinity. Although this is a regional shopping center, it has the character of a compactly developed village and the scale of a neighborhood center. It was, in fact, originally designed as a small center, but the growth of the Monterey, California area (which this center serves) indicated need for a center of regional size and scope. The location of a regional shopping center on a site of such natural beauty was, however, a very sensitive matter, for the site is just outside Monterey on a hill beside the road to Carmel. The residents of the region were strongly opposed to any building which would change the scale and character of the area. As built, Del Monte Center recognizes the special qualities of the site, its design following the spirit, scale and character of the original small center. Its 10 buildings are clustered on the site and related to each other so deftly that even near the major department store which serves as anchor for the center, there is a sense of intimacy. The buildings are of various sizes, and their roofs vary in height; the covered walks and landscaped malls, the large oak and pine trees, and the fountains and plazas all contribute to visual pleasure of the center. Parking for 2400 cars is distributed on terraces throughout the site so as to minimize their presence by reducing their number in any one place; some existing trees were retained, others were added, to break the expanse of asphalt. Materials used on the buildings—adobe, slumpstone and redwood panels—were chosen for their reflection of the Monterey tradition of masonry and wood construction.


The center's 10 small buildings, with their tile covered hipped roofs, range along both sides of the irregular line of the mall. The large building is the center's one department store. Despite the size of the center—it has 408,000 square feet of store area—it manages to retain the kind of human scale more often found in a smaller center. Major roads bound the site; parking layout uses rolling terrain and some existing trees to break the 2400-space area into smaller components. Adobe and slumpstone facings for buildings recall traditional local construction.
furniture, benches, drinking fountains, waste receptacles, plant beds and tubs, graphics (for the year, not store and shop signs) lights—were designed by the architects and are handsome, and intrusive, parts of the setting.
Arcades encircle each of the mall buildings and give covered access to all parts of the center from the parking area. The tapered, faceted columns are of precast concrete, left natural. The climate, mild almost the year around, does not require an enclosed center; the design of the open mall makes the most of the site's natural beauty.
Unique, individualistic, idiosyncratic, Los Angeles is the super-contemporary city. Vigorous, vital, exciting, fast-paced and sometimes chaotic, it has evolved an urban pattern, a mode of living and a degree of individual mobility peculiarly appropriate to its location and to its time. Los Angeles could happen only where it did and does happen: in a still-new part of the New World, unhampered by the traditions and prejudices that sometimes fetter older cities. Growth is life to Los Angeles, even with the problems it generates. Undaunted by the most rapid population expansion and physical development ever experienced by a city, it courts even more growth. But from now on it will grow by plan, not by accident, for it has devised new and exceptional ways to make a plan that is of the people and by the people.—Elisabeth K. Thompson
The extensiveness of the Los Angeles basin led to prodigal use of the land for low-rise buildings, principally single-family homes, leaving little space for public parks. The city has 1.8 acres of park per thousand residents (a reason for the individual house and yard). Another reason is that Angelenos are mobile about other activities. They are equally mobile about recreation, leaving town on weekends to get to beaches, mountains and deserts within easy driving time. Los Angeles is unique, a city of cities, a new order of metropolis. It is today's city today and, some are beginning to say, tomorrow's city as well.

From the air, Los Angeles is magnificent, breath-taking—and shocking. The great basin below, from the Pacific Ocean to the San Gabriel Mountains 40 miles inland, from the Santa Monica Mountains on one side to the Puente and Chino Hills and the Santa Ana Mountains on the other, is carpeted with buildings. As far as the eye can see there is no break—except for the wide streets and broad swaths of the freeways—in the solid pattern of urban development. It is a sight to see, even to dismay—but not to ignore. Los Angeles is unique, a city of cities, a new order of metropolis. It is today's city today and, some are beginning to say, tomorrow's city as well.

Other cities have larger populations—Los Angeles with 2,799,000 is third in the United States, and far behind Tokyo and London—but Los Angeles has the largest area: 463 square miles. The combined land areas of eight major U.S. cities could fit within its boundaries. But the city of Los Angeles, large as it is, is only part of the even larger, 4,083-square-mile county of Los Angeles with its 7.5 million residents, and that in turn is part of the metropolitan area, also known as metropolitan Los Angeles, which comprises parts of adjacent Orange and Ventura counties and the hither parts of San Bernardino and Riverside counties. To distinguish the parts as visual entities is impossible; they flow into another more smoothly.

Climate and terrain vary greatly, from very hot and dry to cold and damp, from desert to mountain, from plain to beach. But from the air the variations are not discernible.

The scale, too, is confusing; so are small parts in so vast a whole: miles of low buildings punctuated here and there by taller buildings.
Los Angeles' organization is based on mobility and on the freeways which are the city's badge of feasibility: they make possible the widespread development, yet through them even the farthest community is within minutes of the city's center. When the 1500-mile freeway network provided by the state division of highways is completed in 1980, some phases of improved design will reduce travel time even more.

Perhaps mass transit—for continued growth

Element in scale with the place is the freeway. It gives form where there would otherwise be none; the sweep of bath, broad and relentless, is the strong against background pattern of dwellings. Looking down on the enormity his development and pondering the viability of its further development, one is constrained to wonder whether city-region will shape its future or be fulled by continuing laissez-faire.

Los Angeles, more than most cities, is at it by accident, not by plan. What would have been had there been a master plan to guide its development during the period of its greatest growth the last 25 years—can be only speculation. It might have been very different;—you realize as you study its form—it is have been essentially the same.

For entirely by accident, Los Angeles is almost a textbook example of the classic satellite plan. The interstices have been filled, and there are no greenbelts, but the basic relation of center city and satellites is nevertheless clear. The multicellular city breaks down the urban size into components which permit individual scale. The cells could multiply as many times as terrain and resources (water, services, government) would allow without forfeiting this individuality. As population increases and cities across the country become larger, Los Angeles' accidental solution is something to ponder. But in the future, no such haphazard actions are intended to prevail.

A master plan, called for in a charter amendment in 1941 but never formulated, is in the making and due in 1970—late, but still in time to influence another critical period in the city's development. Not only Los Angeles and its immediate surroundings but all of Southern California is expected to continue the growth of the past decade. While Los Angeles' master plan is specifically for the city, it considers and in some ways will affect the area it touches. The direction of change will be slow to become visible, but it may not take as long as has been anticipated. Already a feeling of change is in the air, although its evidence is as yet scattered and desultory.

Of the problems whose solutions will change Los Angeles and with which the master plan must deal, two are basic: density and transportation-circulation.

Density in Los Angeles (6,475 per square mile) is less than half that of Eastern cities. This makes for conditions of urban living that are exceptional. But if the city is to double in population by the year 2000, as the City Planning Depart-
A new approach to drafting a master plan: citizens have voice in setting goals, and

Four alternative concepts for a master plan were evolved from responses to the Goals program, combining choices in housing, employment and services, transportation and open spaces. Centers concept suggests highly urban character in 30 residence and employment centers, preserves present single family areas in suburbs, depends on rapid transit to connect centers; Dispersion also minimizes travel from home to work, emphasizes town houses and limited high-density housing, uses highways and freeways but no rapid transit; Corridors has a maximum housing choice in very urban environment with high-density development at rapid transit stations, little change in land use; Low density preserves present residential pattern, limits population growth to 4 million total, has minimum rapid transit system. All concepts recognize problems in getting additional large public spaces: Centers and Corridors propose acquisition of large outlying areas for parks; Dispersion and Low density intensity use of present open spaces, suggest acquisition of small spaces in cities.

ment predicts (or even if it is to add the almost half a million people that can be expected by 1980) where can it put these new residents?

Most of today’s millions, in the city, the county and the region, live in single-family houses and enjoy a degree of privacy and individuality rare for so large a number of city dwellers. What they have is for many the fulfillment of “the American dream”: a house of one’s own, on a piece of land separate from one’s neighbors, with front and back yard (or patio, in Angeleno parlance) and, for many, a swimming pool. In the benign climate (floods, slides, brush fires and water shortages are anguish to the many but disaster to a comparative few; even smog does not daunt a true Angeleno) it is indeed the good life. If for some the dream is tarnished, most would not exchange the life or the location for any other.

But if the single-family house is favored residential unit in Los Angeles there is little land left for more of them near the center city. Only far out the Fernando Valley, or toward Pomona in Orange and Ventura counties is there still room for this kind of dwelling. In city itself it is the multi-story building which is the key to continued growth. Office buildings as well as residence buildings have made Los Angeles a horizontal city. Now both types of buildings must go tall, like it or not.

Many people in Los Angeles do like the prospect. They fear what high rise buildings will do to the city, with some reason. There are few buildings in the whole of Southern California, and there is little opportunity close at home to experience their effects. Los Angeles itself has been slow to advantage of the lifting of the 13-s
Choosing between alternate concepts

ight limit which had been an impor-
t factor in the city's horizontality. In 11
years since the law was changed, 
buildings have gradually gone higher 
ev even now the tallest building in the 
is the 42-story Union Bank Plaza in 
ker Hill redevelopment project. Soon 
55-story towers will rise in the same 
 of the city. Apartment buildings, too, 
gradually increased in height.

Some examples of planning for in-
ess density—and greater open space 
do exist in Los Angeles, but they are 
in the making. Bunker Hill, a $500 
ion redevelopment project in the 
entral business district, combines office 
residential buildings with elevated 
as and open areas between the 30, 
and 42-story buildings. Century City, 
's privately developed “city in a 
 on 180 acres of the old Twentieth 
tury-Fox studio lands, does the same.

With their emphasis on site planning and 
well-designed buildings, these two proj-
cts should do much to alleviate the 
public's dislike of the tall building.

But the tall building, like the free-
way, is no unmitigated blessing. Tall 
buildings mean more people, more 
people mean more cars, more cars mean 
more parking. By 1980 the central busi-
ess district of Los Angeles will need 
18,910 new spaces for cars (exclusive of 
Bunker Hill, which will need 13,120 
spaces). Already today there is a defi-
ciency of 5,080 spaces in the same dis-
trict. Ominous as this sounds, expensive 
as it is to build parking garages, ugly as 
are the ubiquitous parking lots today, no 
one worries about the outcome: there 
will be a solution. And certainly no one 
intends to give up his car.

The automobile and the freeway are 
what make Los Angeles possible. There 
are 3,500,000 cars registered in Los An-
geles county, one car for every two per-
sons; not even the worst traffic jam de-
ters their owners from using them. For 
one thing, there is, literally, no other 
means of transportation. It is not only 
that each person prefers to drive his own 
car, he would be immobilized without it.

Besides giving form to the Los An-
geles cityscape, the freeway has created 
a way of living, a way of thinking (“fre-
way mentality”, one journalist calls it), 
and a new way of measuring distance. 
The freeway makes its users forget dis-
tance a miles; they think in minutes, not 
miles: 30 minutes from the Valley or the 
beach to downtown Los Angeles, 15 min-
utes from Hollywood to Pasadena, 21 
minutes from West Covina to Civic Cen-
ter. What do miles matter in a city always 
on the go? It is the time it takes to go
Century City is a residential-commercial development of 1,250 acres of the old 20th Century-studio lot. Its handsome buildings, fine public spaces and landscaped streets make it a showplace of mid-rise and taller buildings. Now one-fourth complete, Century City will eventually have 12,000 residences and a day population of 20,000. New large structures and a number of smaller office buildings have been built. Left: Gateway buildings (extreme left and right), Welton Becket & Associates, architects (also master plan); Century Towers Apartments (in distant left), I. M. Pei Associates; Century Plaza Hotel (center), Minoru Yamasaki & Associates; 1901 Building (right), H. H. Muth, Obata & Kassabaum. Supervising architects for Century City are Charles Luckman Associates.

Private redevelopment: "city in a city" shows Los Angeles a new scale

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For 20 years and more, Los Angeles has been talking about a rapid transit system but until now there has been only talk. Now a system has been proposed, routes chosen, equipment and operating plans studied. All that is needed is financing. The 62-mile initial phase will cost an estimated $1.5 billion, and the South California Rapid Transit District has committed itself to a vote on financing the line increase next November. There is powerful opposition to rapid transit, and the need is so desperate, not only to serve the public without cars but to relieve the freeways, that if rapid transit fails, some alternative must be found.

Whatever the vote on rapid transit, there will be more freeways. By 1970 the state Division of Highways will complete its planned network of freeways. The Los Angeles area: 1,500 miles, which over a third have been completed.
Bunker Hill redevelopment complex in downtown district was slow to start, still has only one major completed—but handsome—building to show: Union Bank Plaza (far left; Harrison & Abramovitz and A. C. Martin & Associates, architects), a 42-story office building. Under construction are three of five projected apartment buildings in Bunker Hill Towers group (below left; Robert E. Alexander & Associates, architects). Project area is directly across from Music Center, strategic for developing new vitality in downtown district. Other renewal areas in various stages of development are Watts, due to start this year; Hoover, near U.S.C. campus; Vernon-Central; and Beacon Street.

New routes will reach far into the San Gabriel valleys, connecting there with other freeways, extending Los Angeles city-region to other smaller cities and making, some time in the future, one huge urban conglomerate, miles long and a varying number of miles wide, depending on topography.

Never a metropolitan region needed regional planning, it is surely Los Angeles. Yet the Regional Planning Commission of the county is concerned with other aspects of regional government—physical planning, and the Southern California Association of Governments (modeled on the San Francisco area's ABAG) has no power to plan but only recommend to the cities represented. There are numerous citizen groups, some made up of design and mining professionals, others with business community members, lay citizens and a sprinkling of professionals. The trouble is there are too many of these organizations, and they do not speak with one voice. Struggling to make itself heard, and with a good chance of alerting the public to the problems of piecemeal planning and no planning at all, is the Regional Plan Association, which enjoys active support from the area A.I.A. chapters.

The real ray of light for the future of the whole area is the master plan which the City Planning Department of Los Angeles is preparing under a program of citizen participation throughout the county and in other communities as well as in the city itself. This broad involvement in the planning process, and the influence of Los Angeles' plan when adopted, suggest that some day planning on a trans-boundary basis may be done.

The Goals and Concepts programs are major experiments in planning by the people of a city. Great planning decisions of the past have been autocratic and authoritarian. In this country, the method generally used is less autocratic, but far from democratic: people may comment on and perhaps modify a plan but are seldom involved in the actual planning process. What Los Angeles is doing has never been done before in a large city, and the outcome of its program may well influence far more than the region around the city of Los Angeles. For the first time, the processes of democracy have been offered to the citizens in the initial stages of a planning project of the most comprehensive kind. If the people have been slow to respond—and they have—it is in part due to the usual public apathy on governmental decisions, in part to ignorance of the plan.
In its explosive growth periods, Los Angeles showed no public cultural motivations. But in the last two years two major cultural centers have been opened, surely a record for any city: The County Art Museum (below, William L. Pereira Associates, architects), an unusual museum building beautifully adapted to southern California; and the Music Center (above, Welton Becket & Associates, architects), a handsome group of buildings, landscaped plazas and fountains which includes an opera, symphony hall and two theaters. Placed at the high end of the Civic Center mall (Adrian Wilson Associates, architects), with the award-winning water and power building (bottom far left; A. C. Martin & Associates, architects), and adjacent to Bunker Hill, this civic and cultural complex gives the city the strong focus it hitherto lacked.

In Los Angeles' next eras of growth, culture will have a part as to its social, economic and physical effects. The implications of these effects are then studied and government implementation policies are outlined.

The Concepts program—phase two—brings the Goals program into sharper focus by offering four alternative planning possibilities for achieving the goals. Phase three is a Townscape study, due this summer, whose data will suggest visual form policies for the future city.

Once Los Angeles' cultural lacks were the butt of San Francisco's jokes, but the jokes never really bothered Los Angeles. It was moving too fast to stop and listen. Now, however, the jokes are silenced since completion of two major cultural centers: the County Museum of Art in Hancock Park and the three-building, multi-faced Music Center at the high end of the Civic Center mall and across from Bunker Hill's apartment complex. Culturally, Los Angeles has come all not only for the wealthy donors of handsome buildings, but for an increasing number of the city's people. In its first 10 days of the museum's operation, over 600,000 persons visited it, and the steady flow patronizes it daily.

Only a few years ago, planner Ken Lynch interviewed Los Angeles residents in a survey and found that they described their city as "formless" and "spread out." But the latest Townscape interviews of the first Goals responses make it clear that this is no longer their primary concern. They are specific about the problems: smog, traffic congestion, lack of good public transportation and park space. They like the weather and casual way of life, the new cultural opportunities and the single-family residential environment. And three to one, they are in favor of continued growth.
entists are worrying these days about the earthquake activity in various parts of the country, and mounting concern over reased building in potential trouble areas is spurring a new look at earth-
frame design—and the lack of it.

Alarm was sounded in California this year where slight but constant ground movement near the future site of a new steel frame building is being achieved in structural design. While 20 years ago, such research got little support, now vast government-sponsored research programs grind out quantities of data from recording stations in elaborate networks throughout the country. The Commerce Department's Coast and Geodetic Survey has for a number of years drawn isoseismal maps after each quake from data collected by its 161 watchdog stations. The Dee earthquake Research was set up by the Department of the Interior to monitor tremors of a new National Center for Earthquake Mechanics that is invaluable to structural design. While 20 years ago, such research got little support, now vast government-sponsored research programs grind out quantities of data from recording stations in elaborate networks throughout the country. The Commerce Department's Coast and Geodetic Survey has for a number of years drawn isoseismal maps after each quake from data collected by its 161 watchdog stations.

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Dr. Le-Wu Lu, an unbraced 3-story steel frame is subjected to man-made tremors generated by hydraulic loading equipment. Through such experiments, the researchers claim, it is possible to describe the plastic behavior of large-scale frames under controlled conditions.

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Premicost: where it stands; where it's going

Prefabrication will definitely grow during the next decade; however, the growth will be evolutionary, not revolutionary. Much of this growth will be based on the increased acceptance of existing methods and techniques, rather than the development of new methods. There will be more opportunities for advances in non-residential construction than in any other segment. These are a few of the conclusions of a new research report, "The State of the Art of Prefabrication in the Construction Industry," prepared for the Building and Construction Trades Department of A.F.L.-C.I.O. by Battelle Memorial Institute, and released last month.

Authors of the report expect no radical changes in materials and/or products in the next 10 years. Most manufacturers' research and development programs, the report states, are directed toward new markets and new applications for existing materials rather than the development of new materials and/or products.

The current state of the art of prefabrication is much more advanced than most people realize, the report suggests. But to date, reductions in initial building costs derived from prefabrication have not generally met expectations. The two greatest constraints, the authors believe, are 1) lack of public acceptance based on tradition and 2) the existing "struct-
The report analyzes the industrialized approach:

There are hundreds of building systems available in Europe. Many systems are similar, with differences being in overall dimensions, joint details, and materials involved. The key to success seems to be a company's ability to manage, organize and market its system. Many people in the business feel that the organization of the company is more important than the technical aspects of its system. There is little doubt that the dominant factor in the success or failure of many building systems in Europe has been encouragement by the national government. In France, for example, a number of major sites were allocated for experimental purposes. System building has made rapid progress in France, largely because much of the building program has been controlled by the central government. Thus two essential ingredients for economic operation were provided: 1) concentration of demand and 2) continuity.

The report states that apparently, little is known about the economics of system building, even by the system sponsors themselves. As a general guide, a central factory requires an annual program of 500 to 1,000 dwelling units per year over a period of five years, within a certain predetermined radius. The minimum size of any one site would normally be less than 200 dwellings. Site factories usually can be justified by smaller programs, but the minimum size must be greater than that required when there is a central facility. The economic area of operation for a central factory appears to depend on: 1) weight of the component, 2) road and traffic conditions, 3) distance to site, and 4) degree to which the component is prefabricated. The limit of economic area of operation for most of the heavy precast systems is about 30 to 40 miles. This figure might be reduced in a large metropolitan area, and is usually increased if water transportation is available. The more complex the unit (thus less site work involved), the greater distance it might be transported. For example, the Heart unit (Sweden's prefabricated bathroom-kitchen unit) is occasionally shipped up to 200 miles. It is the consensus in most countries that the heavy precast systems are probably 5 to 10 per cent cheaper than traditional construction for apartments. In the United Kingdom, system building has been shown to be approximately the equivalent to traditional cost for low-rise apartments, and about 5 per cent cheaper for those above four stories. According to the report, the principal disadvantage cited of the Heart unit is that it imposes severe design limitations on an industrialized building system—the whole system usually must be designed around the unit. The unit is 8 by 14 ft, weighs about 10 tons, and includes a bathroom, toilet, boiler room, and part of the kitchen. It costs about $2,800.

The three principal reasons are given why the European countries are using industrialized building systems: 1) shortage of labor, 2) reduction in cost, and 3) speed of erection. The only justification for use of this approach in Europe, the report states, appears to be the shortage of labor in specific trades. There is little reduction of cost over traditional methods. Reason is that expensive capital equipment is being substituted for relatively low-cost labor.

What about prospects for industrialized building systems in the U.S.? According to the Battelle study, the main factor affecting their use appears to be demand—when demand is great enough, certain building systems may be used in the U.S. This might occur if: 1) the demand for housing exceeds the ability to meet it with existing methods; 2) the government creates demand by allocating much more money to the public housing sector; or 3) the government changes the bidding procedure on some very large jobs, or allocates extensive funds for building entirely new cities. What are the major constraints? According to the report: 1) intense competition presented by existing construction methods; 2) current traditional construction practices, such as bidding procedures, and design flexibility required by architects; 3) building codes; 4) cost of setting up new plants for building components and paying royalty fees; 5) maintaining proper volume and continuity of flow.

What about the estimated state of the art of prefabrication by 1975? Here are a few of the report's prognostications: 1) more effective utilization of labor will be achieved by: a) shifting labor from job site to factory wherever feasible, b) employing more effective managerial techniques, c) using tools and equipment designed to increase worker output, d) using larger components in the building process; 2) dwelling units will change very little in overall appearance or shape; 3) more architects will take advantage of preassembled and prefinished building components; 4) sub-systems, such as integrated ceilings, will continue to make rapid inroads; 5) the "systems design concept (team approach by manufacturers to develop large sub-systems from inter-acting building components) will create some interest throughout the next decade, but only a small number of projects using this concept will be initiated by 1975.

Design for life safety from fire in housing the aging

Responsibility for life safety in fire is shared by many well-intentioned people who do not clearly understand their responsibilities. For this reason, according to a new report prepared by the Center for Architectural Research at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the vague and sometimes omimissive, approach is too often the direct cause of life loss in fires occurring in housing for the elderly. What are some of the other reasons? The report states that one is the proliferation of codes and regulations on fire safety, which have discouraged analysis of fire problems peculiar to any one building type by spelling out requirements for buildings. Another reason is the fragmentary nature of effort in study of fire: "Laws are made but not enforced; sophisticated alarms are installed, but no detection apparatus is used; great emphasis is placed on drafting board details while basic planning is overlooked, and so on.

What should the architect do? He has some suggestions contained in the report: 1) assist the owner in making basic planning decisions related to life-safety design; 2) remember the "minimum standard" aspect of building codes; 3) refrain from relying on plan reviews by building officials to detect problems in design and planning; 4) recognize that an automatic detection system can be justified only when escape or protection of the occupant is possible or is assumed to be safe; 5) not confuse detectors with alarms or sprinklers; 6) consider the possibility of an auxiliary power supply to operate the alarm system if normal power should fail; 7) select materials which contribute little fuel and produce little smoke for building elements, select materials which produce little smoke and have low flame-spread ratings for use in circulation and exit areas; consider the use of sprinklers as a mechanism, particularly in hazardous areas.

This 90-page study, "Life Safety in Fire—A Guide for Housing the Elderly," which was prepared for the Architectural Research Standards Division of the Federal Housing Administration, has one chapter devoted to planning for escape and refuge in buildings and another to planning for confinement.
The recent news of catastrophic earthquakes in Venezuela, Chile and Sicily make it evident that architects and structural engineers should have at least a general knowledge of what seismic design involves. This article briefly reviews the nature of earthquakes and the structural approaches for resisting their effects in buildings. It also describes the design for the 21-story concrete frame for the new Sheraton Universal Hotel in Los Angeles, currently under construction for which William B. Tabler is architect. This is the first high-rise building over 160 feet to be designed and built in concrete based on the flexible, shock-absorbing, ductile-frame concept, under the new provisions of the Los Angeles Building Code.

Nature of earthquakes
Earthquakes generally are the result of shifting of the earth's crust due to the rupturing of the great masses of rock many miles beneath the surface. Movement is mostly horizontal. This generally develops along a line which becomes known as a fault. Repeated ruptures usually occur along these faults because of the extreme pressure exerted on the rocks at their contact bearing points. The pressures are due to the cooling of the earth, convection currents, load changes on the surface, and the pull of gravity.

Basic design approach
A designer faced with the problem of producing a seismic resistant structure normally must take the following steps:
1. Investigation to determine the intensity of the earthquakes that are normally expected in the particular area.
2. Investigation to determine the most suitable economical materials that are available.
3. Architect and structural engineer must then work closely together to come up with the most desirable building configuration that will be seismic resistant as well as functionally and esthetically acceptable.
4. The structural elements are then analyzed and the seismic resistant details are incorporated into the construction.
To make the concrete frame "flexible," the columns and beams were designed with maximum strength at the column and beam joints, while points of contra-flexure were weakened relatively. An analogy of behavior of the joints might be the balance wheel of a watch (right).

Floor plan shows column and beam layout of Sheraton-Universal hotel.

A moment-resisting frame can take considerably more earthquake load than a more rigid shear wall type of structural system. For example, with the box system shown below, the horizontal force factor $K$ is $1.33$, while for the moment-resisting space frame $K$ is $0.67$, or only half as much. This means that—due to its built-in ductility—the moment-resisting space frame can be designed for half as much lateral load as the box system.

Total Base Shear, $V = KCW$

$K$ is determined by the structural system.

$C = 0.05\frac{T}{3} W$

where $T$ is the fundamental period of vibration of the structure.

$W =$ weight of building.

How choice of system affects lateral force for which it must be designed

"$K$" values required by Uniform Building Code and Los Angeles Building Code

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MOMENT RESISTING SPACE FRAME that will resist 100 per cent of the total required lateral forces in the frame alone when assumed to act independently of any other more rigid element.

COMPLETE HORIZONTAL BRACING SYSTEM that will resist all lateral forces, including a moment-resisting space frame that will resist at least 25 per cent of the total required lateral force when acting independently.

BOX FRAMING SYSTEM

ALL OTHER FRAMING SYSTEMS

BOX SYSTEM is a structural system that resists the required lateral forces by shearing stress in the vertical elements or by axial stress in bracing.

SHEAR WALL is a wall designed as a lateral-force resisting element. Braces subject to axial only shall be considered as shear walls.

SPACE FRAME is a structural system composed of individual spaced members other than shear or bearing walls which are interconnected and laterally supported such as to function as a complete self-contained unit, with or without the aid of horizontal diaphragms or floor-bracing systems.

MOMENT-RESISTING SPACE FRAME is one that resists a required lateral force by bending moment in the individual members and joints.

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Exterior columns of the structural frame for the Sheraton-Universal Hotel were shaped to express the ductile-frame design. As pointed out earlier, the reinforcing bars in the columns were spliced at mid-height to create flexibility in the frame (top left photo). Interior columns were kept straight, but, again, column reinforcement is spliced at mid-height.

Structural concepts
Basically there are two ways to engineer a building to safely withstand a major earthquake. First, the generally accepted method is to design into the structure a bracing system which has sufficient strength to respond within the elastic range. The second is to design into the structural frame properties that will offer ductility and energy absorption beyond the yield level into the plastic range during a major earthquake. The latter, of course, also must be moment resisting in the elastic range. It is apparent that the first method is more expensive than the second. In the second method we draw on the reserve strength in the plastic range. Research has borne out that if a moment resisting frame is incorporated in the second method, we can safely use a lower value in the calculation for determining the total seismic or base shear.

Seismic intensity and the resultant effect of lateral forces on structure
Local building codes have incorporated much of the research knowledge that the seismologists have accumulated. This has been boiled down to working steps which the practicing architect or engineer can use in his design calculations. Basically the prognosticated seismic intensity of any given area is based on geological data and historical intensities which are translated by the Richter Scale, Mercalli Scale, or simply as minor, moderate and major damage zones. Quantitatively the lateral force applied to the building varies not only proportionately with the intensity of the zone, but also must be adjusted for the “period” of the building. The period is the time it takes the structure to sway back and forth. It is dependent upon the structure's height and plan dimensions. In practice this force used in design is further modified to reflect the type of bracing system. Experience has shown that certain types of buildings (i.e., a box frame system) have relatively indeterminate periods and should be designed with an increased force. However, a building with a moment resisting space frame can be designed based on a lower force than common types of framing.

It should be pointed out, however, that the flexible theory is not always applicable when the over-all building design is considered. For example, in the 20-story Auckland Intercontinental Hotel, Welton Becket, architect, the structure was developed around an economical solid concrete end wall facade. Hence a rigid shear wall structure was used and was economical in the over-all picture.

The flexible ductile frame
It is far more economical to design a
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Space was also provided around exterior precast wall panels to allow parallelogramming of the frame. Attachment angles are slotted to permit movement of frame with respect to the wall panels.
Elevator noise: architectural and mechanical considerations

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Elevators have always been electromechanical equipment but the problem and its control are receiving increasing attention as a result of recent trends in building construction, design and utilization. The new construction practices usually produce a building structure of less mass than conventional methods, so that noise is more easily transmitted. At the same time, buildings are going higher, necessitating faster elevators, and higher elevator speeds tend to raise noise levels. Elevator noise that might not bother people at work in a 60-story office building could well bring complaints in a tall apartment tower.

New zoning laws encourage construction of towers that rise in unbroken vertical lines from an open plaza. In the former setback buildings, machine rooms for elevators serving lower floors of a building were often on the terraces med by this design. But in the sheer building, all machine rooms except those for the highest-rise elevators are likely to be next to occupied space.

On the job or at home, people are coming more insistent on a quiet environment. Completely air-conditioned buildings are now the rule, with windows her permanently sealed against outside, or at least closed much of the day. Shutting out street noise makes occupants more sensitive to noise from inside sources, including the elevators.

In the electric traction elevator, principal sources of noise are the operation equipment in the machine room and the movement of the car in the hoistway. The slower hydraulic elevator, noise comes primarily from the motor-driven pump and the hydraulic cylinder.

Initial separation of elevator noise

Noise relationships in a building may be controlled to minimize the impact of noise on people. In some recent commercial buildings, elevators have been located in

Sometimes a secondary sheave is located below the main machine room in traction elevator installations. It is desirable to provide openings in the walls surrounding the sheave so that noise can be dissipated before it reaches the highest occupied floor of the building. If this cannot be done, then the walls of the sheave space should be covered with sound-absorbing material.
a separate service tower, primarily to leave large, clear floor areas. This arrangement also pays an extra dividend in effectively separating occupied areas from possible elevator noise.

The more usual arrangement is still a utility core, including elevators, centrally located within the main structure. Elevator groups should then be surrounded by stairways, service closets and other installations that will help attenuate sound.

It may be possible to plan the occupied areas so that those where noise is most critical are farthest from the elevators. In an office building a mechanized accounting group, for example, could adjoin elevator hoistways, with general offices in a naturally quieter zone. In an apartment or hotel building, bedrooms would be located away from hoistways or machine rooms. The power unit of a hydraulic elevator may be installed in a basement space as far as possible from critical areas.

But spatial separation is not always possible. Then steps must be taken in design and construction to minimize sound transmission. Obviously tenants of premium-rental penthouse apartments or office suites are not likely to tolerate noise from nearby elevator machinery. Worst problems: machine room and hoistway.

What to do about a captive machine room
If plans call for a “captive” elevator machine room, surrounded by occupied space, there is a possibility that machinery noise may be transmitted by the building structure.

Sound isolation of gearless elevator machines is more economically planned as part of the original installation, since field labor costs may become appreciable if the work is attempted after machines are in service. A machine is set on rubber pads inserted between its bedplate and the machine support beams. The beams must be set in the correct position, horizontally aligned with each other to evenly distribute the load of the machine over the rubber pads.

Geared machines, motor-generator sets, controllers and hydraulic elevator power units may be similarly sound-isolated from the building. But mounting a geared machine to minimize transmission of vibration to the surrounding structure will not eliminate airborne noises from worm and gear misalignment. The worm and gear should be realigned if possible and replaced if too badly worn.

Air transmission of noise from equipment in a captive elevator machine room may prove objectionable to occupants of surrounding spaces. Possible sources of sound include rotating elements of driving machines or motor-generator sets, brushes, switches and brakes. Whatever the source of airborne noise, successful control often lies in proper acoustical design of the machine room.

There are several ways to quiet machine room noise
Airborne noise can be absorbed by double wall construction for the sides of the machine room next to occupied space. Doors through the double wall should also be double, installed in tandem.

A more economical but less effective means is to cover ceiling, wall and door areas with fibrous insulation or similar sound-absorbing material.

Air-conditioning ducts sometimes transmit noise from captive machine rooms to other parts of the building. In such cases a single-ply canvas section attached to the metal duct where it enters the machine room has been found to reduce noise transmission through the duct system.

In some traction elevator installations, the secondary sheave is located in a space just below the main machine room (see sketch on previous page). Hard-surfaced walls around this space reflect noise caused by the ropes running on the secondary sheave. Much of the noise is transmitted down the hoistway, the easiest escape path.

One way to reduce noise from this source is to eliminate part of the walls (broken lines in sketch) under the supporting beams. This change opens a larger space in which the sheave noises are dissipated before they can reach the highest occupied floor of the building. If the secondary sheave space cannot be opened up, the inside of the walls on all sides should be covered with sound-absorbing material.

Hoistway noise and its control is a more complex problem
Noise from a machine room is likely to bother people only on the same floor, and possibly on the floors directly above and below it. But noise generated in the hoistways and carried by the building structure or through the air can cause complaints on every floor the elevator serves.

In one high-rise apartment building of concrete construction with continuous wall and floor construction, tenants in apartments adjoining the rear wall of the elevator hoistway reported noise from that source. Investigation showed that the building structure was transmitting noise from the counterweight running on its guide rails. Specially designed sound-isolated mountings for the rails were installed to solve the problem.

Air noise can be produced by a high-speed elevator traveling in its hoistway. Fortunately, the noise tends to be noticeable only in a single-elevator hoistway and not with two or more cars in adjacent hoistways open to each other, a more usual arrangement in the tall building served by grouped elevators.

An elevator moving rapidly in single hoistway builds up air pressure ahead of the car, forcing air to flow around the car and creating turbulence and noise. The noise is louder when the elevator is running down, against the normally upward flowing air current (stack effect) in the hoistway. Varying directly with elevator speed and height, this kind of noise seldom becomes appreciable in buildings under 30 stories.

When noise proved objectionable in one high-rise building with a single-elevator hoistway, part of the concrete wall in the elevator pit was removed. Air under the down-traveling car could then escape through the adjacent hoistways, reducing noise somewhat. Greater relief was obtained in a similar other building by removing the low portion of the wall between two adjacent single hoistways so that air could flow from one to the other.

With the more usual double or trip hoistway, air noise is seldom troublesome, at least at present or prospective elevating speeds.

At speeds much higher than today's 1,800 fpm maximum, cars passing each other in a hoistway might cause sharp, but unpleasant puffs of sound. This could be reduced by aerodynamic aprons of plastic or metal on the bottom and sides of the car. Cars with domes of this type are already in use, on the Space Needle in Seattle and in other outdoor installations.

Aerodynamic characteristics of hoistways may cause noticeable "puffing" noise as an elevator runs, even at speeds below 1,000 fpm, past door sills, bulkheads, sills or other projections in the hoistway. The noise may be created by an aerodynamic column of air and may be either the front edge of the car or other projection as the front edge of the car passes by. Building the hoistway walls flush largely eliminates puffing from this cause.

This survey of recent experience with elevator noise suggests how various causes and cures are their possible causes and cures.

Design of an elevator installation with the desired acoustics, architectural and functional characteristics is seldom accomplished by a single discipline. Especially when conditions exist that those reviewed in this report are likely to prevail, early consultation of the architect with the elevator engineer and the acoustical engineer should prove beneficial.
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In this brief review, Honeywell scans some highlights of what's been happening within the industry in electric heating controls. Significant trends, ideas, developments—most of them new within the last few years.

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O’Gorman is a striking example of one who designed under the spell of the “new architecture” in the 1920’s and 30’s, then grew to regret the period. Feeling his way toward a more organic (and highly decorated) architecture, he wished that Frank Lloyd Wright rather than Le Corbusier had been their guiding influence. The mosaic-incrusted structure which O’Gorman has been building since around 1950 seem almost to mock his earlier translations of Le Corbusier functionalism and show a conscious return to a peculiarly Mexican idiom. His busy colorful mosaics effect a transition between Native Mexican motifs and the mural painters’ storytelling.

Rock is the physical heart of Mexican architecture. Both O’Gorman and Luis Barragan have designed homes in Mexico City’s Pedregal (Stony Place). While O’Gorman uses natural-color stones in his mosaics and literally carves much of his own house out of the volcanic stone, Barragan has worked rough flowing rock formations into the marvelous landscaped gardens of II Pedregal and into fountains about the city. Barragan has also molded man-made rockconcrete—into buildings whose expanses of plain solid wall possess a restraint and beauty complete unto themselves.

Spanish-born and educated Fernando Candela is, as we know, a master of concrete shell construction in the company of Torroja and Nervi. His bold churches and other structures have mushroomed in Mexico—and beyond into Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and Peru, even the western United States. “My principal task,” Candela modestly explains, “is to simplify, to convince people that success does not depend upon building extravagant forms but only, on the contrary, upon making simple ones, and studying the details with care and love.”

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