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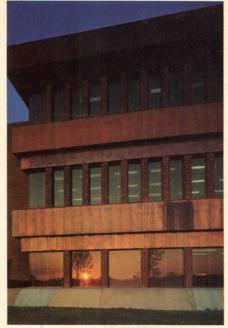
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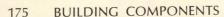
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This is also a time, as argued in these pages in July, when architects stand in the the strongest position they have held for a very long time. The opportunity for architects has never been greater, the need for architects has never been greater, and the influence of architects has never been greater-at every scale of practice, in private and public work.

Beginning now, in the pages of the RECORD, we will be emphasizing these "New Dimensions of Architectural Practice," an editorial theme intended not to argue—but to demonstrate—the growing influence and range of practice of architects and the engineers who work with

This is not something that has happened in a revolutionary fashion. It has been clear for some time. Let's look at just a few of the demonstrations the RECORD has published in just the past year:

"Urban Housing: A Comprehensive Approach to Quality" (January) described the work of a team of young architects and planners to raise the design quality of much of the Federally-aided housing in New York, under a system which directly involved the mayor of the city in lightening the hand of bureaucratic review. This is a new kind of influence—and practice—for architects.

In the introduction to the Issues in Architecture series, managing editor Jeanne Davern wrote: "If the architecture of the early Fifties seemed often too absorbed in stylistic polemicism to be much aware of 'humanity, our client,' the architecture of the late Sixties seems more likely to be seduced by non-architecture, or even antiarchitecture. At least there actually appear to be doubts in some architectural circles that the visual ordering of the environment is any longer an appropriate cause. (If people are the cause, does architecture matter?) The great issues of our time concern the architect, and the architect-to-be, as never before. This architectural generation is aware of human problems, all right, and wants to be, indeed demands to be, involved in their solution. But how? This is the great debate that engages the professions: practitioners, teachers and students. In a time that cries for reason and reflection as well as passions, the RECORD begins a new series of critical articles on 'Issues in Architecture.' " And those "critical articles"—written through the year by architects William W. Caudill, Richard Llewelyn-Davies, Benjamin Thompson, Edmund Bacon and Albert Mayerhave indeed spoken with passion, and reason and reflection, about the needs of humanity, the needs of people, and therefore the need for architects and the need for the architecture they produce.

#### New problems require that architects work on a broader scale-and they are

One example, noted on this page just two months ago, is the new official policy of the A.I.A. that henceforth A.I.A. programs must be structured to achieve "responsible involvement in those areas—the human and physical sciences, economics, politics, public education—which shape the physical environment and represent constraints in the creative process." That means involvement -among other things-on the legislative front.

- While the bulk of work for almost any architect is still designing buildings for clients in the traditional manner, new problems-ranging from the design of subway stations and subway trains (as Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's Chicago office has just done) to the design of prototype space stations (as Eliot Noyes and Warner Burns Toan Lunde are doing)—are being accepted and handled well.
- More and more planning—from neighborhood-block scale to city scale—is being done on a three-dimensional rather than a two-dimensional basis, and this is leading to essentially new kinds of teamwork between professional planners and architects. For one example, see the article in this issue (page 131) on the work of New York City's Urban Design Group in the development of the city's new Comprehensive Plan.
- On guite a different scale is the growing involvement and influence of architects in the design of interiors. RECORD INTERIORS OF 1970 (page 97) shows the work chosen by the editors as best architect-designed interiors of the year-including work done as part of the design commission for the building, or as separate interior commissions. In a survey of architect-readers of the RECORD (June), 64 per cent of the architects surveyed practiced interior design as part of their professional service; and three quarters of them intend to expand that part of their practice. New roles, broadening range of practice.

The emphasis of the architect's involvement in all of these problems-what the architect wishes to contribute and is unique-



ly qualified to contribute—is a rare skill in translating into buildable designs a sensitivity to a broad range of human values.

#### Today's broader scale brings new practice problems, and they are being solved

One example of that scale (and probably an unprecedented one) is the construction under way by the 45 agencies of the State of New York. Last year, those agencies had under construction \$3.6 billion of new buildings and facilities, and will have under construction next year over \$5 billion. The design for 98 per cent of that work is done by private architectural and engineering firms, and its over-all quality is extraordinarily high.

Just one of those 45 agencies is the State University Construction Fund, whose general manager, Dr. Anthony Adinolfi, has commissioned well over 100 architectural firms to work on over 30 campuses within the state. Over 20 firms are involved so far in the planning of a 1,200-acre campus for the State University of New York at Buffalo, which will by 1975 have a total enrollment of 36,000, and over 5,000 staff and related people; and will be the catalyst for the development of a whole "new town" now in the planning by another state agency, Edward Logue's new Urban Development Corporation.

That Corporation, which will operate on an unprecedented scale, and which has enormous powers including eminent domain and bond issuance, has under commission some of the state's most distinguished architects. How does this "new kind of client" retain architects? As reported to interested parties in "Oculus", a publication of the New York Chapter of A.I.A.: "Mr. William Chafee, an architect formerly with I.M. Pei & Partners, heads the Research & Development Department. He receives brochures and interviews prospective architects and then makes recommendations to Edward Logue . . . and the final selection is made. There is no 'Mayor's List.' There is

no selection by seniority . . ." Which is, it seems, so simple and believable (and traditional) a practice as to put into perspective all kinds of vague and never defined concerns about the architect working with "the new client." There are few problems more "new scale." And good architects—with the help of good clients—are solving those problems effectively.

#### What other "new problems" can affect the role and influence of the architect?

■ Take housing. Those 26-million housing units are a crucial national problem—now being attacked boldly on many fronts: by Operation Breakthrough, by other Federal programs, and by state and local programs across the country. The enormous boom in mobile homes notwithstanding, does anyone really feel that the people (not the statistical people, but the people one by one) are ready for a housing package, like an automobile package? "Units" are not enough; we need homes. This housing must and will be built—and when anyone (even the Federal government) is playing with that kind of blue chips it calls on (indeed demands) all the skill it can get. Consider that the exploding demand for housing (especially since an increasing percentage of it will inevitably be high-density) will see not a diminishing role for the architect and his traditional professional partners but an overwhelming increase in their role and influence.

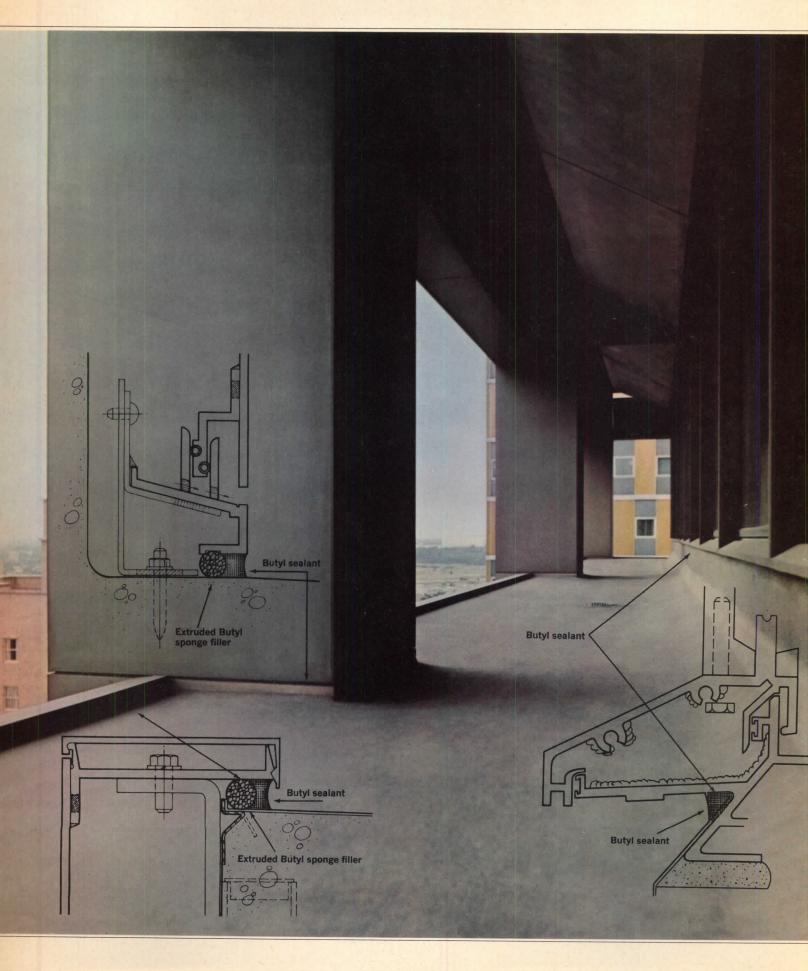
Take "the new competitors." As pointed out in the July issue, it is one thing to say that there are new breeds of design-oriented consultants, new kinds of construction management consultants, new kinds of "systems people"—and another to say that the architectural profession is in danger of losing its role in the building process. To repeat: "Let us remember that architects have long worked in a businesslike, professional, mutually advantageous relationship with a great many professional advisors . . . that most architects thoroughly understand the relative costs and merits of various building configurations, construction techniques, mechanical arrangements, and material and product options . . . and that systems analysis cannot create a design that offers something beyond the functional solution and responding to human needs-which is a terribly important role of the architect."

 Take construction activity. As everyone is aware, the building industry faces some uncertainty next year. But while there is uncertainty about 1970, there can be no uncertainty about the 1970's. The demand is too strong. The "building of a second America" is not a slogan, it is a hard, measurable national need. To meet that need, we will need all of the capabilities of all of the facets of the building industry. And some new capabilities. Of course architecture and the practice of architecture is going to change. In his extraordinary speech to the 1951 convention of the American Institute of Architects-"Humanity-Our Client"-John Ely Burchard asked some searching questions that are still being asked today: "If he [the architect] is to be the conductor of this orchestra, what talents must he develop? If he is to play a lesser role, that of concert master, or just that of a member of the orchestra, what yet is required of him?" He answered, after defining the architects' client as "nothing less than all humanity," that "this is no time in the history of the Western World to espouse fear or disclaim beauty. This is not a time when every sinew in every man should be strained only for the attainment of the practical. It is not a time when we should fall easy prey to the fallacy of defining a few types of men as useful and the rest as expendable. Artists and architects should go out to meet this challenge head on. They must not trim their ideals to every blast but must rather incessantly seek in their work the gay, the pleasant, the human, the moving, the beautiful . . . " In 1970 -as then-that is still the dimension of architecture.

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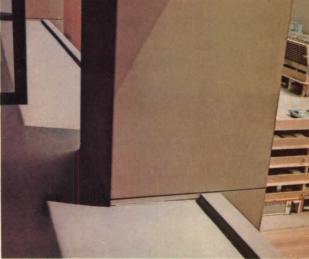
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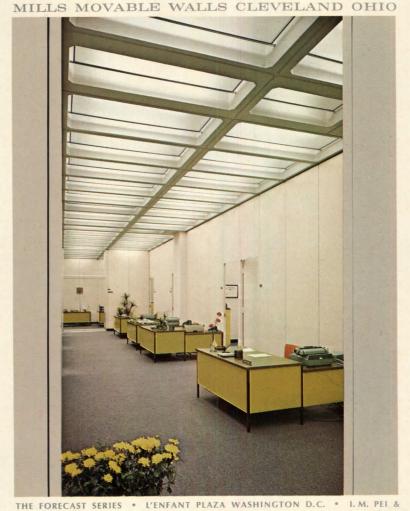




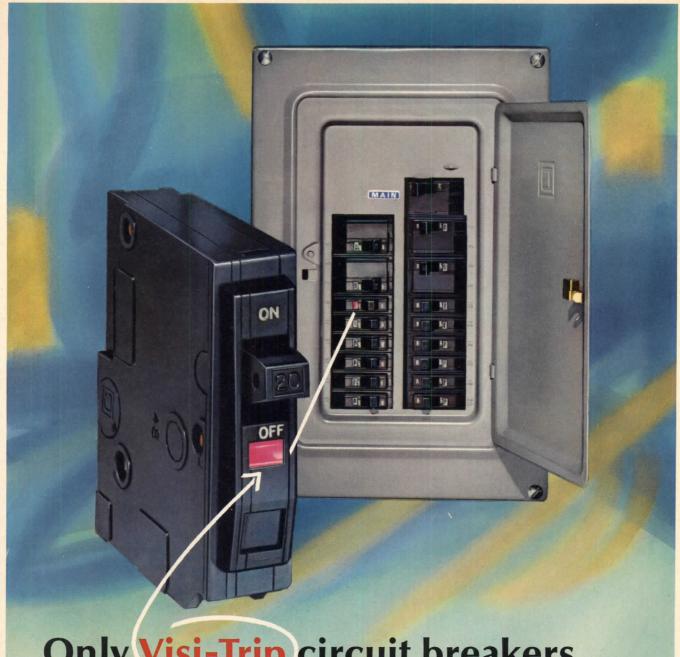




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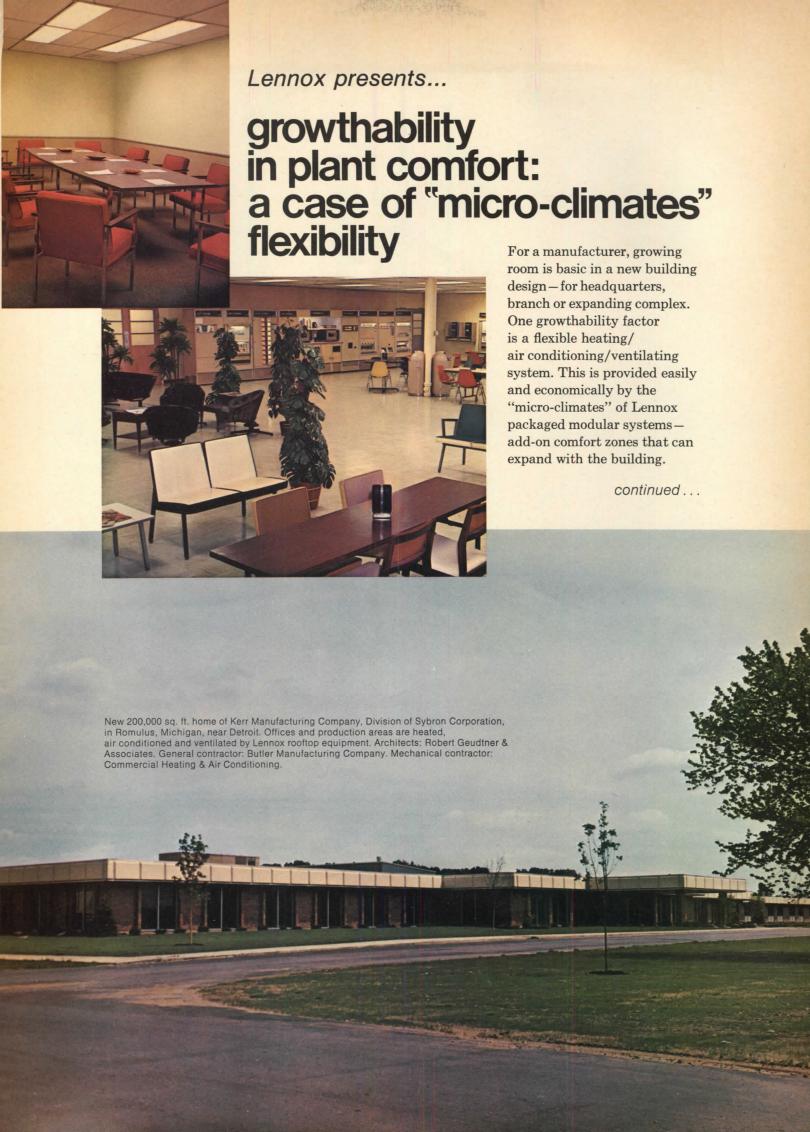
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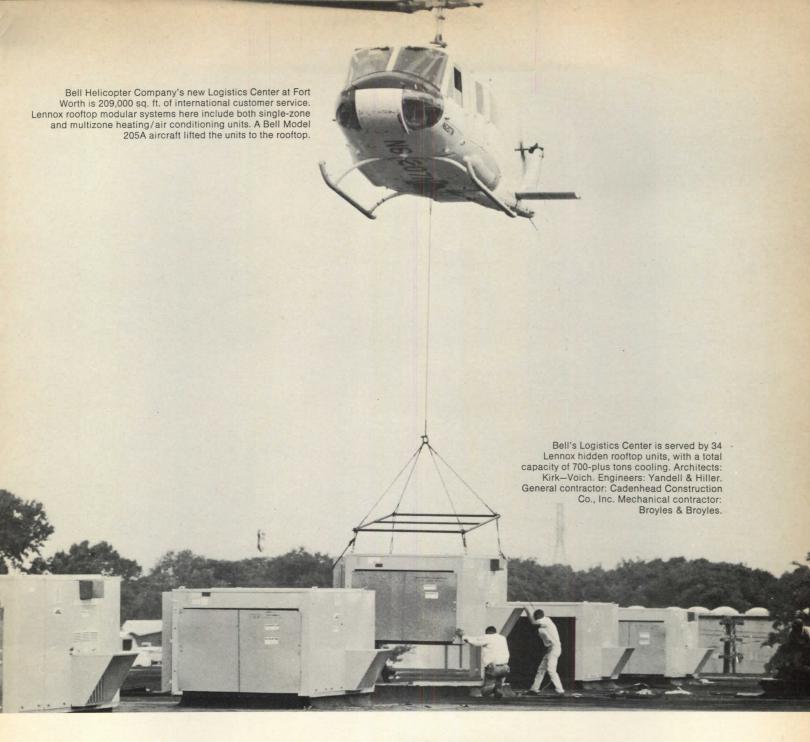
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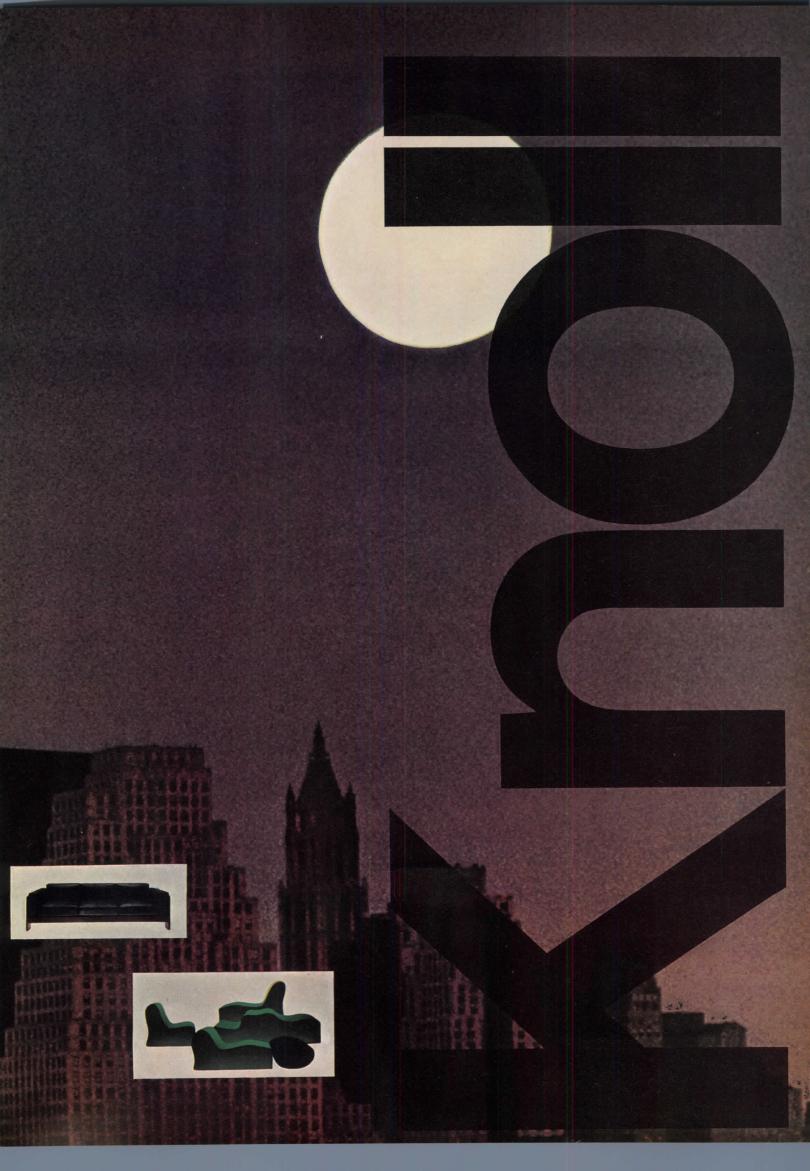
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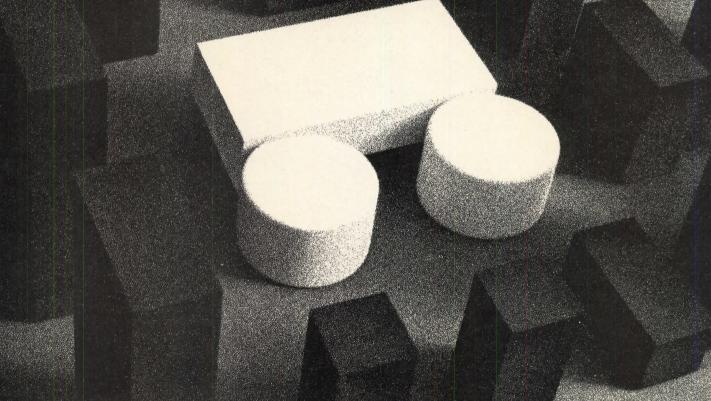
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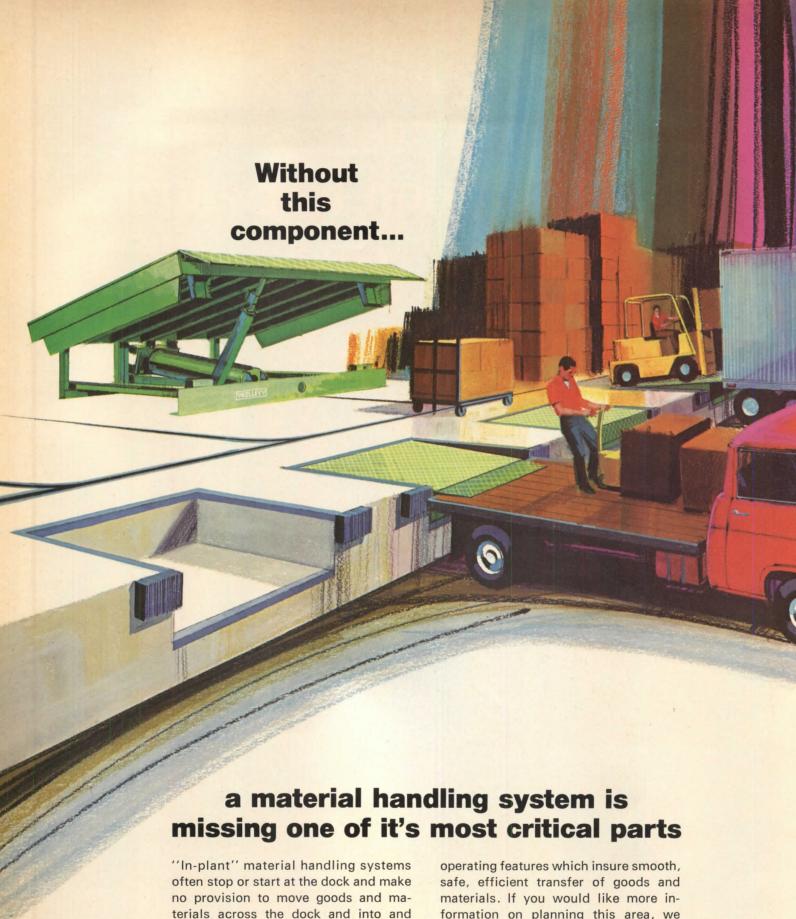


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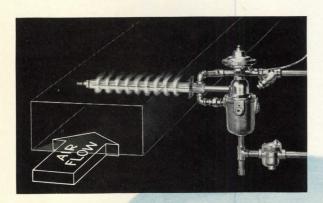


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## News in brief

- HUD's Operation Breakthrough has announced eight prototype sites, and has narrowed to 37 the housing systems it is considering (about 20 will finally be chosen for construction.) Architects worked on a large proportion of the 37 systems. (Full story on next page.)
- Reciprocal licensing for British and American architects will begin this January. An American who wants to practice in Great Britain will simply fill out a form identical to the NCARB form for U.S. licensing, An Englishman wishing to practice in America, in addition to completing the form, must take an examination (usually oral) in the state where he wishes to practice. While laws in about twenty states still prevent foreign registration, NCARB expects those states to accept reciprocity within the next year or two. Canada, which recently formed its own national registration organization, may soon join the U.S. in the program; and several other countries, including Mexico and Australia, are interested. (See August, page 67.)
- A major reorganization of HUD takes effect January 1. The change is designed to streamline the \$2.6 billiona-year department, dividing it into six major "functional groupings" on the national level, each under an assistant secretary, increasing to 10 the number of regional offices, and creating HUD area offices in every state (which will have important decision-making powers, including final responsibility in processing all multi-family housing projects). HUD expects processing time will be greatly reduced through this decentralization and cutting of red tape. One of the first steps planned by the FHA is the establishment of a single set of construction standards for all government-assisted housing.
- Congress is studying possible restoration of the Capitol's West Front instead of the \$45-million 4.5-acre expansion proposed by the Capitol Architect, engineer J. George Stewart. The American Institute of Architects strongly encourages preservation of the original walls (October, page 36).
- Housing, cities, social change and natural resources will be major priorities among American Institute of Architects concerns and programs during 1970. The A.I.A. Board of Directors took this action at its December meeting, also decided to investigate several professional practice issues in order to evaluate 1970 A.I.A. programs.
- Six hundred architects and engineers from all 50 states are expected in Washington February 17-18 for the American Institute of Architects and Consulting Engineers Council Public Affairs Conference to talk with national leaders about such topics as the environment, finance and design quality.
- The Construction Industry Foundation will be advised by three architects, Robert F. Hastings, F.A.I.A., Jack D. Train, F.A.I.A., and Robert W. Cutler, F.A.I.A. The non-profit New York foundation, set up last May, will work on ways to lower costs and raise quality, and will also serve as an educational source and watchdog.
- Glenn Stanton, thirty-third president of the American Institute of Architects, died October 16, 1969. He was 74. Mr. Stanton was very active in professional and civic affairs, serving twice as president of the Portland Planning Corporation. Born in Iowa, he graduated from the University of Oregon and M.I.T.
- The San Diego Stadium has received the first annual Bartlett Award from the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped for consideration of the handicapped in its design. The stadium was designed by the San Diego firm of Frank L. Hope and Associates.
- The Society of Architectural Historians will meet in Washington January 29-31 with the over-all topic, "The Classic." Speakers will include Henry A. Millon, Ada Louise Huxtable and Henry-Russell Hitchcock.
- Elliott Carroll, F.A.I.A., will be deputy executive vice president of the A.I.A. Mr. Carroll will continue to be Director of Public Services, and will work on a wide variety of assignments.
- Quote for 1970: "We live on a spaceship—the spaceship Earth. This too is one of the spin-offs from our \$24billion space program. Once you realize you live on a spaceship, you realize that there is no way to throw anything 'away.' There is no 'away.' All we can do is throw things in each other's back yards, in each other's streams, in each other's atmospheres."--Barrett Hardin, professor of bioscience at the University of California at Santa Barbara, at the 1969 convention of the California Council, the American Institute of Architects.

## Breakthrough names semi-finalists

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has moved Operation Breakthrough—its scheme for stimulating new approaches to producing housing across the nation (September, page 36, October, page 131)one more step forward; but there is still a long way to go. From initial submissions of some 236 Type A proposals (Type B proposals are still being evaluated), HUD has selected 37 developer-designerbuilder consortia with which HUD will begin final negotiations, eventually selecting "about 20" as winners. These winners will then be assigned sites on which to build. Eight sites around the country, ranging in size from an 80-acre suburban area outside Indianappolis to a 6.5-acre inner city site in Jersey City, have already been selected, and two more will be added to that total.

Eleven planning groups have also been selected by HUD for "further discussions and negotiations." Each of the planners finally selected will be responsible for preparing an over-all plan uniting a particular hous-

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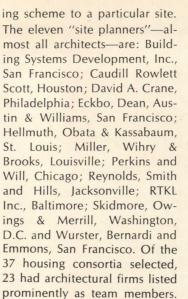
The movie is available for purchase or rental from the A.I.A. in Washington, D.C.

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## Julian Clarence Levi honored on 95th birthday at Architectural League

Friends and admirers of all ages crowded the Architectural League of New York on December 5 to celebrate the 95th birthday of Julian Clarence Levi, architect and for most of his life ambassador extraordinary for U. S. architects around the world.

The cake was presented (above) by Helen Treadwell, mural painter and long-time doyenne of the League's social activities and tradition.



Secretary Romney, when asked about funds committed, said that \$15 million will be used from HUD's site acquisition funds, was vague about what other sources were immediately available, stressing "regular" HUD funds, and mentioned that the "largest bulk" of money will come from private financing—which of course does not usually produce low-income housing.



## "City within a city" to rise in Missouri

Crown Center, an 85-acre business, entertainment, and residential community, master planned by Edward Larrabee Barnes as a "single interrelated space," will be built near central Kansas City, Missouri. The complex, being constructed by Hallmark Cards, will separate pedestrian and vehicular traf-

fic, with parking underground.

Mr. Barnes will design first phase offices, a bank, and the retail-entertainment complex; Harry Weese will design a 750room hotel; and Norman Fletcher, of The Architects Collaborative, will plan the first 600 apartment units.

Office buildings, hotel, and entertainment-shopping complex appear above.



## Apartment towers first in U.S. to use European prefab system

The first of three 20-story apartment towers (above) using the French TRACOBA system will rise in Yonkers, N.Y. this spring in an estimated ten weeks and at a hoped-for substantial cost reduction.

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The project is a joint venture of American Standard, Inc., Celanese Corporation, and Module Communities, Inc., run by Harold Bell, head of Columbia University's Urban Action and Experimentation Program. The system, a Breakthrough contender, uses non-loadbearing exterior walls and panels which come from the factory fully finished.

## Victorian Pittsburgh community restored

On the theory that "preservation must look beyond the individual landmark," the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation is organizing the rehabilitation of the city's declining Mexican War Streets district.

The Foundation is using a revolving fund to modernize rundown house interiors and restore facades; and it is urging sympathetic investors and local residents to do the same. No government money is being used.

In order to preserve the fabric of the community while injecting new life into it, restorations "range from the pure and exacting to the moderate" so as to offer housing for all incomes.

The Foundation hopes its approach can become a major tool for a "true renewal" of America.



## Urban schools new film subject

"A Child Went Forth" shows how schools can destroy a child or allow him to grow, with some powerful examples of both possibilities. The movie was produced by the American Institute of Architects with Educational Facilities Laboratories York) and the U.S. Office of Education. The 28-minute film was shot on locations across the U.S. by Larry Madison Productions of New York, and it emphasizes the need for a sympathetic and exciting school environment.

It opens with a nightmarish sequence in Harlem: crowded ancient buildings, bullied children, assembly-line feeding—and interviews with dropouts. Then it shows how good design and good teaching can make radical differences in children's lives in schools whose architects include Skidmore, Owings & Merrill (New Haven), Caudill Rowlett Scott (Cleveland and New York) and Fridstein and Fitch (Chicago). But the designers

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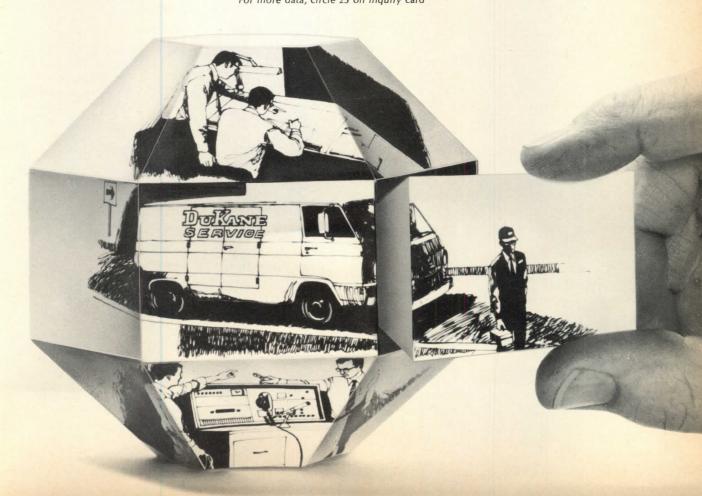
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## Southern California Chapter A.I.A. announces awards in triennial program

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Maxwell Starkman, A.I.A. and Associates; Daniel, Mann, Johnson and Mendenhall; and Daniel Dworsky, F.A.I.A. and Associates.

The jury: Charles Bassett, A.I.A., Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, San Francisco; Harwood Taylor, F.A.I.A., Neuhaus & Taylor, Houston; and Elisabeth K. Thompson, F.A.I.A., senior editor ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, San Francisco.



Worldway Postal Center, Los Angeles; Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall.

Stephen S. Wise Temple, Los Angeles; Daniel Dworsky, F.A.I.A. and Associates.



Joseph Magnin's store, Costa Mesa; Frank O. Gehry, A.I.A. and Associates.

**Equitable Savings and Loan branch,** Long Beach; Daniel L. Dworsky, F.A.I.A. and Associates.







The U.N. Center, Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates, architects, will be a two-block addition to the United Nations complex in New York designed to make life in the city easier for delegates, while "bringing the city closer to the United Nations."

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The buildings will be sheathed in the highly reflective glass first used for Eero Saarinen & Associates' Bell Laboratories, Holmdel, New Jersey (RECORD, October 1962). Glass awnings will help unify the stores with the street, and glassroofed entrance plazas (above right) will bring the life of the city into the Center.



First place winner in the National A.I.A. competition for a civic center for the City of Thousand Oaks, California is designed by Robert Mason Houvener of San Diego. The jury

was composed of: Charles W. Moore, A.I.A. Cesar Pelli, A.I.A., George W. Davis, and Dr. Raymond Olson. Their statement on the winner: "The scheme, without any major disturbances to the hill and oak trees, creates a simple, yet beautiful building which gains its strength from the hill. The plan works well . . . this scheme will be

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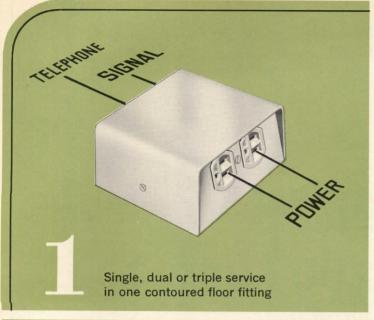
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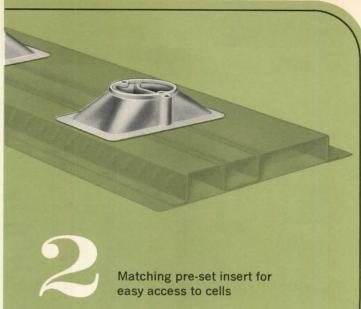
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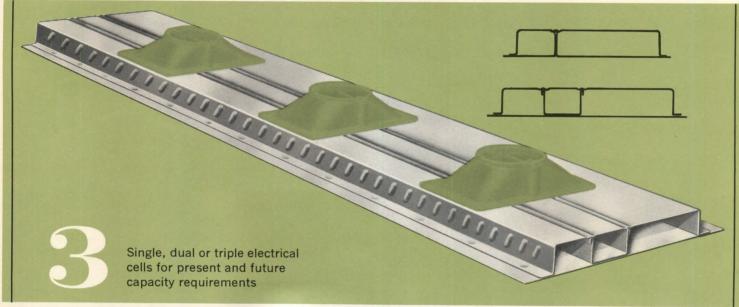
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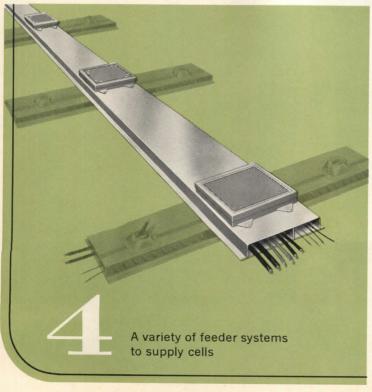
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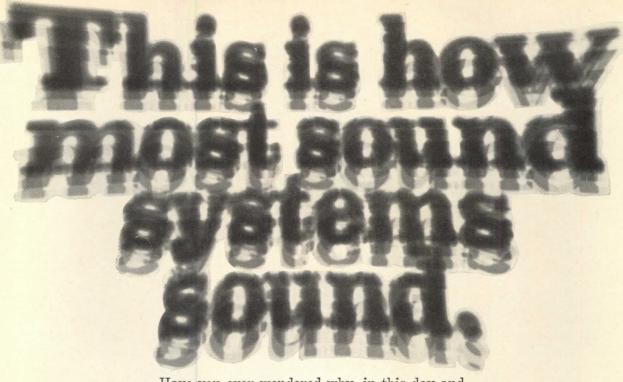
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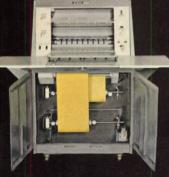


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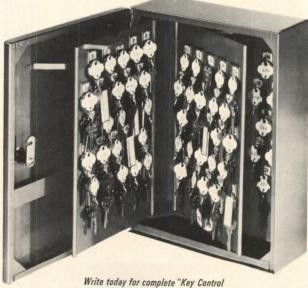




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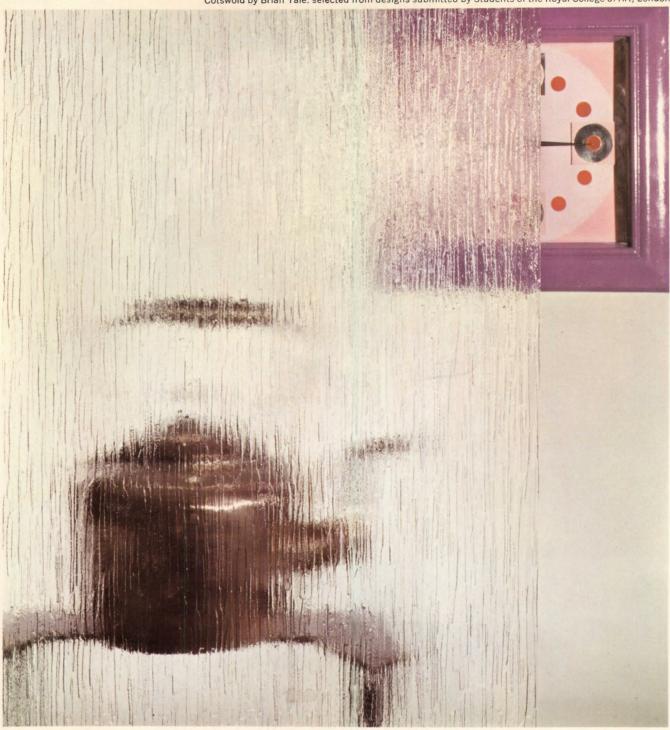
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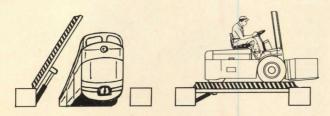
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## Some common errors in cost control programs

By Bradford Perkins, McKee-Berger-Mansueto Inc., Construction Consultants

"If you were to outline for architects the basic guidelines of an effective cost control program, you would insult the architects' intelligence." This statement (by an industry expert) is true, by and large, but under today's increasingly complex operating conditions even the profession's more sophisticated firms are prone to misapply or ignore simple rules of cost control that can only be called basic guidelines.

The three case histories that follow illustrate some common mistakes and the lessons that should be learned from them. While these cases are based on actual experiences of architectural firms, they are not intended to imply that the profession is not concerned with building costs. But the growing complexity of design and construction processes—as well as additional problems of inflation-have made it far harder to avoid fundamental errors. Hence, the following case histories are not an indictment. but they do illustrate how faulty approaches to cost problems can be damaging to the reputation of the profession and to the purchasing capability of its clients.

Case One: A private hospital board submitted a program for a new hospital and an inflexible budget of \$11 million to its architect. After a brief examination, the architect accepted the program and budget as reasonable.

After design development, a detailed review of the project and its potential cost showed that the project would cost \$16 million. Independent consultants agreed there was virtually no "fat" in response of the design to the program. The simple fact was that the project, as programed, could never have been built for \$11 million.

Many of the country's most unhappy owners have been outraged by the results of similar over-optimism on the part of their architects and themselves. All project programs and budgets should be given critical analysis at the beginning of the project -not at the end of design development or after bids have been opened.

Few owners have highly flexible construction purchasing ability that can respond to post-design increases. Public bodies, in particular, are being squeezed by severe fi-

nancing problems, and a rate of inflation augmented by padded bidding so that it often exceeds that for private work. Therefore, unless there is a clearly-stated understanding between the architect and the owner that the project budget may have to be revised at the bidding phase, the budget should be assumed to be fixed.

The architect must make a careful review and analysis of the program and budget whether the budget be fixed or not. This is important for buildings, such as hospitals, which are rigidly constrained by building codes and the interdependency of the program elements. A large cost estimating mistake is hard to correct later in such a project.

A good review process takes into account more than updated square-foot costs of similar projects. It considers other influences on bids such as how busy local contractors and labor are likely to be at the time of bids, the size of the project, and the amount of interest contractors are likely to show. Large public projects, for example, are currently having a difficult time finding responsive bidders. Contractors are understandably wary of projects that run beyond the life of local labor contracts and are subject to the slow payments and extra administrative costs for which public projects are notorious.

Recent bids on a community college near New York City illustrate what can happen. The project was originally budgeted at \$12 million, and the architect convinced the client that the building called for in the program would probably cost as much as \$16 million. This estimate did not take into account the lack of interest that contractors were showing for such projects, and the bids came in at \$30 million.

This type of overrun is usually impossible to predict, but the owner and architect should be aware of situations in which

ARCHITECTURAL BUSINESS THIS MONTH Indexes and indicators ...... 65 Building activity ...... 69 it is likely to occur. Moreover, they should take steps to avoid such situations.

This architect did take one important step. He told the owner that the budget was unrealistic. Some architects are hesitant to do this. They fear that if they tell the client the project cannot be built for the budget, the client will find another architect who will say that it can.

Ethical considerations should prevent the architect from keeping silent; and practical considerations make a straightforward approach imperative. The architect faced with an unrealistic budget should take action to convince his client that increased funding is necessary. If the architect's persuasive powers and the weight of his own cost data are not enough, he should obtain additional support from a consultant. If the owner still is not convinced, the architect must develop a design approach which is compatible with a restrictive budget. Under no circumstances is it wise to ignore this problem, for the consequences later in the project are costly for both the architect and the owner. None of the post-design solutions-of which there are only three-are very palatable to either the architect or his

The first solution is to try redesign. Unfortunately, if the budget is tight or the program is rigid, the first sacrifices are usually the materials, details and special areas which are so important to the esthetic and environmental quality of the project.

The second solution is to find construction techniques that can reduce bid levels. These include phasing construction and letting many small, rather than several large, contracts. This solution has been used with considerable success but it is always a gamble. Moreover, the extra construction administration costs and headaches for both owner and architect may be prohibitive.

Another solution is to cut the program, and this is a last resort on almost all projects.

Case Two: An architect was commissioned to design an \$8-million school in a town far from his office. An independent estimate of his design solution revealed that the probable bids would be over \$13 million. His mistake: he did not understand the construction "habits" and requirements of the area in which the school was to be built.

Understanding the construction process is vital for effective cost control. Typical of the design decisions that showed construction naiveté in this case was the architect-specified special window system. These windows had to be shipped from the architect's home area to the project site, and were difficult to install.

Every architect knows that special items cost more money, but understanding the reason why is equally important. On major items, such as foreign-made electrical or mechanical systems, a contractor will prepare a higher bid which includes a contingency allowance for installation problems, labor objections and similar unknowns. On smaller items the contractor's justification is based primarily on the possibility of installation problems.

This happened with the window system in this case. The contractor was correct to include a contingency amount, for he found that the window system was hard to integrate with the wall system and that there were delays in delivery and installation. Specification of equipment and materials which local contractors know and understand will often minimize such problems.

Esthetic and environmental considerations will make some expensive items justifiable. Nevertheless, the architect should be aware of the potential construction problems caused by all such design decisions.

Once the architect is aware of these potential problems, it is possible to attempt value engineering. Value engineering is a design effort to achieve the same result for less cost. On a recent project, the architect found that a seemingly insignificant simplification of one detail, which was repeated throughout the project's interior, reduced the millwork bid by half. The detail was redrawn to minimize the work required of the carpenters.

In the case of the school project under discussion, the most serious error was a failure to understand the local construction requirements. The project's precast concrete requirements, for example, were beyond the capacity of the local construction industry.

This particular example may seem atypical, but it is actually illustrative of a type of error which many architects make. Architects in an area with many skilled carpenters will design a complicated poured-in-place concrete structure for an area where the necessary skilled labor is not available; designers in colder climates overdesign for weather conditions in more temperate areas; and many other design professionals have shown similar disregard for the limitations and opportunities which exist in every locality.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines results in costly redesign, unhappy clients, a problem-plagued construction phase and all the other well-known headaches which accompany over-budget projects.

■ Case Three: A New York City community college was bid recently as a single package for each of the four major trades. The resulting bids totaled \$103 million. This total was far more than the final estimate of \$55 million. These bids, which represented a square-foot cost of almost \$100, were clearly unreasonable, and they were rejected. New bidding packages were split into five phases which are coming in at or near the original \$55-million estimate level.

This case is not an illustration of a major mistake. It has been included to show the value of intelligent contract-award planning.

Spiraling labor costs have received virtually all of the blame for the construction industry's chronic inflation, but, as this case shows, there are other significant forces behind high bids. The most important of these other forces are the contractors. Contractors in today's construction market often push bids far above reasonable levels. This is due in part to the over-burdened, noncompetitive nature of much of the industry, and in part to the poor contract-award planning of the owner and architect.

Contracts can be planned to minimize costs. In an over-burdened construction market, careful planning of this single area can often lead to larger savings than careful selection of materials or careful design of the project's systems and details.

A well-planned contract is usually the result of at least three major actions on the part of the owner and architect—the establishment of an appropriate project schedule, the development of a project package which is attractive to a competitive group of contractors, and the selection of a qualified contractor.

Project scheduling is particularly important in this period when costs are escalating at a rate which now exceeds one per cent per month in many areas. Careful scheduling, through the use of the Critical Path Method or other techniques, allows the owner and architect to compare the feasibility of expediting procedures, such as phasing or crashing, to avoid part of the inflationary spiral, with a more conventional construction schedule.

Other benefits of careful scheduling can lead to even more significant savings than those achieved by merely shortening the period to completion. Scheduling can permit owners and architects to put projects out to bid during lulls in construction activity, to avoid the higher bids associated with unrealistic completion dates and to begin construction during a month which is best for local contractors and construction techniques.

The architect of a project which could possibly run into bidding difficulty can evaluate whether any special approach to contract scheduling is warranted by getting answers to some simple questions: Will the contract run beyond local labor union contracts? Are there large unpredictable cost areas, such as unknown subsoil conditions,

included in a lump sum contract? Is the contract too big for all but a few already busy contractors? These and many other contract provisions, such as slow payment procedures or excessive inspection conditions, can lead to unnecessarily high bids.

Three examples of changes that might be recommended are: for unusual subsoil conditions, a separate cost-plus contract; where there is a shortage of interested large contractors, dividing the contract to interest smaller firms; and phasing a long construction period to match bidding periods to local labor contracts. The latter two approaches were the ones chosen for the project in Case Three.

None of these actions are guaranteed solutions, and, if not handled carefully, all can have negative repercussions. For example, separate contracts usually mean more management problems, and a single lump sum bid can at times be lower than a phased or split-contract approach. Nevertheless, when carefully planned and implemented, many of the special contractaward approaches discussed above can often result in significant reductions in construction costs.

All of the above recommendations are, of course, of little value if the project is built by an incompetent contractor. Wherever possible, the architect should help the owner encourage qualified contractors to bid, and disqualify those who are not fully capable. A good pre-qualification procedure evaluates each builder's workload, experience with buildings similar to the project, ability to undertake work of the project's size and reasons for failing (if ever) to complete a previous project.

Ability to handle the project is probably the most important of the above considerations, for contractor failure is a growing problem for both owners and architects. In 1967, for example, over nineteen per cent of the nation's business failures were bankrupt contractors. The cost of contractor failure for all parties is well known and has been pointed out in an earlier article, "A growing problem: Liabilities of contractors who fail" (RECORD, February 1968, page 77).

The contractor's experience with similar projects is also a very important consideration. Recently, a large financial institution hired a noted architect and a competent contractor to build a housing project on a cost-plus basis. The original budget was \$8 million, but the contractor's estimate was \$12 million. Inflation, an inefficient design, and several other factors accounted for part of this overrun. A significant portion of the increase, however, was due to the contractor's complete lack of experience with housing. Because of residential construction's many repetitive elements, builders specializing in this type of work have been able to develop many cost-cutting shortcuts. The owner's failure to choose a firm which knew these shortcuts was a major cost error.

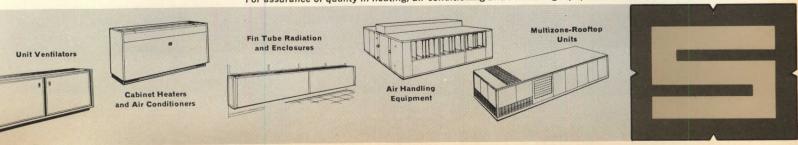


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JANUARY 1970				% change		
Metropolitan	Cost	Index	year ago			
area	differential	residential	non-res.	res. & non-res		
U.S. Average	8.6			+ 7.50		
Atlanta	7.4	95.5	101.3	+ 8.70		
Baltimore	7.9	95.7	101.8	+ 4.54		
Birmingham	7.4	94.3	101.4	+ 6.65		
Boston	8.4	95.8	101.4	+ 6.43		
Chicago	8.9	96.5	101.5	+ 4.84		
Cincinnati	9.1	95.4	101.4	+ 7.64		
Cleveland	9.8	95.5	101.5	+ 8.03		
Dallas	7.7	97.8	101.0	+ 9.49		
Denver	8.2	95.2	101.2	+ 8.46		
Detroit	9.4	96.4	101.2	+11.55		
Kansas City	8.3	95.8	101.4	+ 6.27		
Los Angeles	8.4	93.5	102.3	+ 7.47		
Miami	8.5	96.5	101.3	+ 7.84		
Minneapolis	8.7	95.2	101.2	+ 7.02		
New Orleans	8.0	95.7	101.4	+ 8.47		
New York	10.0	95.2	102.4	+ 7.16		
Philadelphia	8.6	96.4	101.2	+ 6.37		
Pittsburgh	9.2	95.2	101.2	+ 5.83		
St. Louis	9.1	95.7	101.4	+ 6.64		
San Francisco	8.7	93.5	102.3	+ 9.47		
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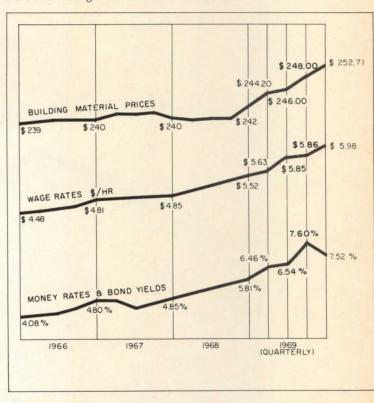
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Metropolitan									1968 (Quarterly)				1969 (Quarterly)					
area	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967		1st	2nd	3rd	4th		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
U.S. Average	264.6	266.8	273.4	279.3	284.9	286.6	297.5		301.5	302.6	309.3	310.0		314.9	316.5	332.4	333.0	
Atlanta	294.7	298.2	305.7	313.7	321.5	329.8	335.7		345.6	346.7	352.3	353.1		364.2	365.9	382.8	383.4	
Baltimore	269.9	271.8	275.5	280.6	285.7	290.9	295.8		302.9	304.1	307.9	308.7		311.4	313.0	321.8	322.3	
Birmingham	249.9	250.0	256.3	260.9	265.6	270.7	274.7		278.5	279.5	283.6	284.3		288.4	289.9	302.4	302.9	
Boston	237.5	239.8	244.1	252.1	257.8	262.0	265.7		269.3	270.3	276.3	277.1		278.2	279.6	294.0	294.5	
Chicago	289.9	292.0	301.0	306.6	311.7	320.4	328.4		329.4	330.0	338.7	339.5		340.4	342.1	354.9	355.5	
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Cincinnati	257.6	258.8	263.9	269.5	274.0	278.3	288.2		291.4	292.5	301.8	302.6		309.8	311.5	324.8	325.3	
Cleveland	265.7	268.5	275.8	283.0	292.3	300.7	303.7		316.5	318.3	330.7	331.5		334.9	336.7	357.1	357.7	
Dallas	244.7	246.9	253.0	256.4	260.8	266.9	270.4		272.3	273.4	281.0	281.7		287.2	288.7	307.6	308.1	
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Denver	264.7	265.9	272.2	277.7	284.7	296.9	301.2		309.2	310.4	315.5	316.4		326.8	328.5	351.8	352.4	
Detroit	204.7	203.3	212.2	211.1	204.7	230.5	301.2		267.5	268.5	277.2	278.0		281.0	282.3	294.5	295.0	
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Kansas City	237.1	240.1			297.1	302.7	310.1		312.0	313.1	319.3	320.1		323.7	325.4	343.0	343.6	
Los Angeles	274.3	276.3	282.5	288.2			286.1		293.1	294.3	304.5	305.3		309.6	311.2	328.3	328.8	
Miami	259.1	260.3	269.3	274.4	277.5	284.0			300.0	301.0	309.0	309.4		310.6	312.2	330.1	330.7	
Minneapolis	267.9	269.0	275.3	282.4	285.0	289.4	300.2					274.2		285.5	287.1	296.6	297.1	
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San Francisco	337.4	343.3	352.4	365.4	368.6	386.0	390.8		396.4	398.0	401.9	402.9		415.6	417.5	439.9	440.5	
Seattle	247.0	252.5	260.6	266.6	268.9	275.0	283.5		286.2	287.2	291.6	292.2		296.1	297.5	316.8	317.3	

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## Construction versus inflation: Part 1

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Early in September, President Nixon proclaimed a 75 per cent reduction in new contracts for government construction, beginning his announcement with the statement that "The cost of building a home or an apartment house has become exorbitant." Although there is considerable room for debate over the means chosen by the administration to attack the problem, nobody has questioned the truth of that opening statement. Construction costs of new housing—as well as office buildings, factories, schools, hospitals and just about every other type of construction—have become exorbitant, at least in relation to what they used to be or compared with price increases of most other goods and services. Inflation is the nation's number one economic problem today. With the exceptions of public transportation and medical care, the construction industry has experienced the greatest degree of inflation of any major economic activity in the Sixties.

Take a look at the record. The left-hand chart below compares the rising costs of all construction and of non-residential building with the basic index of costs for all goods and services—the one used by the Commerce Department to adjust its Gross National Product statistics for price changes. This is what they show:

- Since 1958, construction costs have consistently risen faster than the costs of all goods and services. The total rise through 1969 was 40 per cent in construction and 27 per cent for the adjusted GNP.
- Within the construction industry, inflation has been more severe in non-residential building-which includes most of the architect-designed building types—than for

the average of all construction. The elevenyear increase in this category has been more than 50 per cent.

- Prior to 1965, in a period of relatively mild inflation, the over-all price index was rising at a 1.5 per cent annual rate, while total construction costs were climbing at a two per cent rate and non-residential building costs were rising at 2.5 per cent a year.
- In the more recent period of severe inflation, the general price level has gone up at a 3.5 per cent annual rate, total construction costs have gone up five per cent a year, and the annual cost rise in non-residential building is now over six per cent.
- In 1969, the gap widened even further, as the GNP deflator rose 4.5 per cent, total construction costs went up seven per cent, and the average non-residential building costs 8.5 per cent over the previous year. This latter increase was almost as great as the total rise in costs from 1958 to 1962.

The right-hand chart describes what is behind the sharp rise in construction costs by showing trends in the two major cost factors: wages and materials. (On a typical job, materials account for about half the cost of the finished project, exclusive of land, while the on-site wage bill represents between a guarter and a third of the total.) Up until 1965, it is apparent that rising wages were largely responsible for the increase in construction costs. Indeed, materials prices, on the average, had remained virtually unchanged for over seven years. Since 1965, both wage rates and materials prices have contributed to the over-all construction cost rise. Hourly earnings of construction workers have jumped 25 per cent in the last four years, and materials prices

have moved up over 20 per cent, with most of that coming in the last two years.

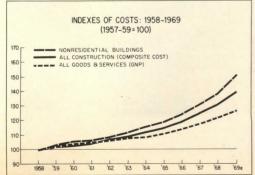
These indexes describe what's been going on in construction costs and the major elements in these costs. In effect, they are symptoms of the inflationary problem. But they don't explain why costs in these areas are climbing so fast, or why construction has been singled out for especially severe inflationary tendencies.

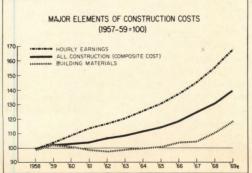
In considering some of the broader aspects of inflation and the characteristics of construction that have made it so susceptible to inflationary forces, one should bear in mind that there are two basic kinds of inflation. The "demand-pull" type simply means that there is an excess of demand in relation to capacity, and prices are bid up. This is usually temporary, for the higher prices encourage the creation of new capacity and sooner or later balance is restored. The current round of inflation started out that way, when huge Federal budget deficits poured more money into the spending stream than the productive capacity of the economy was able to absorb.

The other kind of inflation—usually referred to as "cost-push"—is much harder to deal with, for it results from built-in rigidities in the system that prevent the competitive forces of the market from achieving the automatic balance that leads to price stability. Examples of these strictures that abound in the construction industry are:

- Union policies that restrain growth of the construction labor force and inhibit technological advances.
- Low productivity due to the low ratio of capital equipment to number of workers.
- Lack of standardization of design components, especially in mechanical and structural systems, that might be overcome to some degree by more uniform building codes
- The seasonality of construction, which results in excessive overtime and high labor turnover.
- The high rate of failure among building contractors.

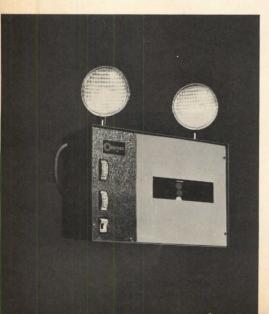
Not all of these restrictions are either avoidable or undesirable, but they all contribute to inflation. The cutback in Federal construction contracting deals only with the demand side—which is important at a time when both types of inflation are in operation-but the longer term solution of inflation in construction requires a concerted attack on the forces that persistently prevent stability in the industry.





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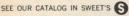






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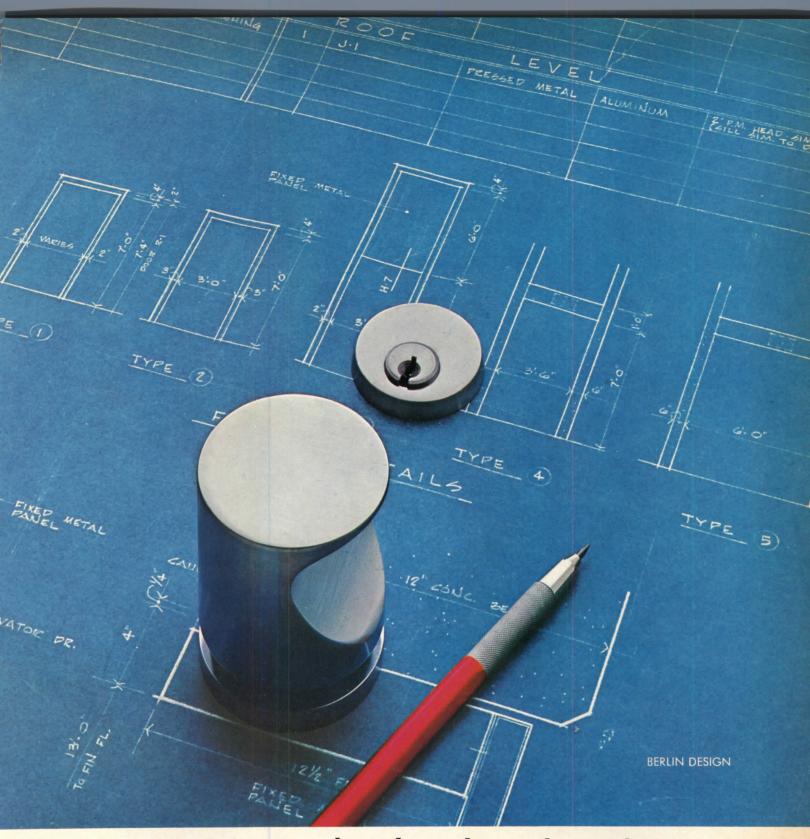


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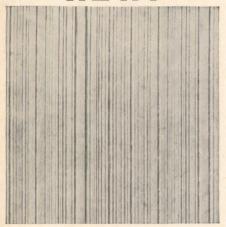
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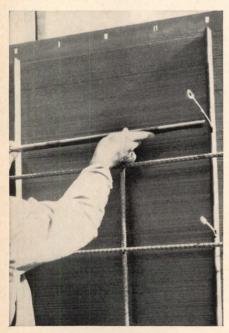


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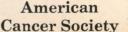
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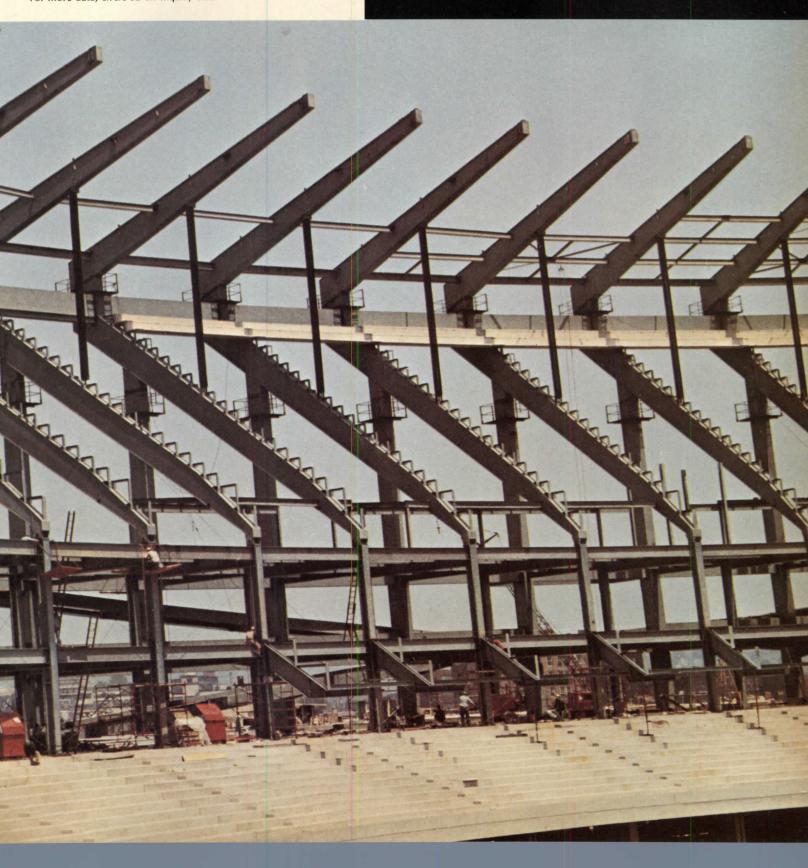
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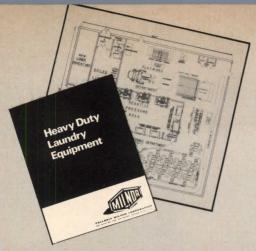
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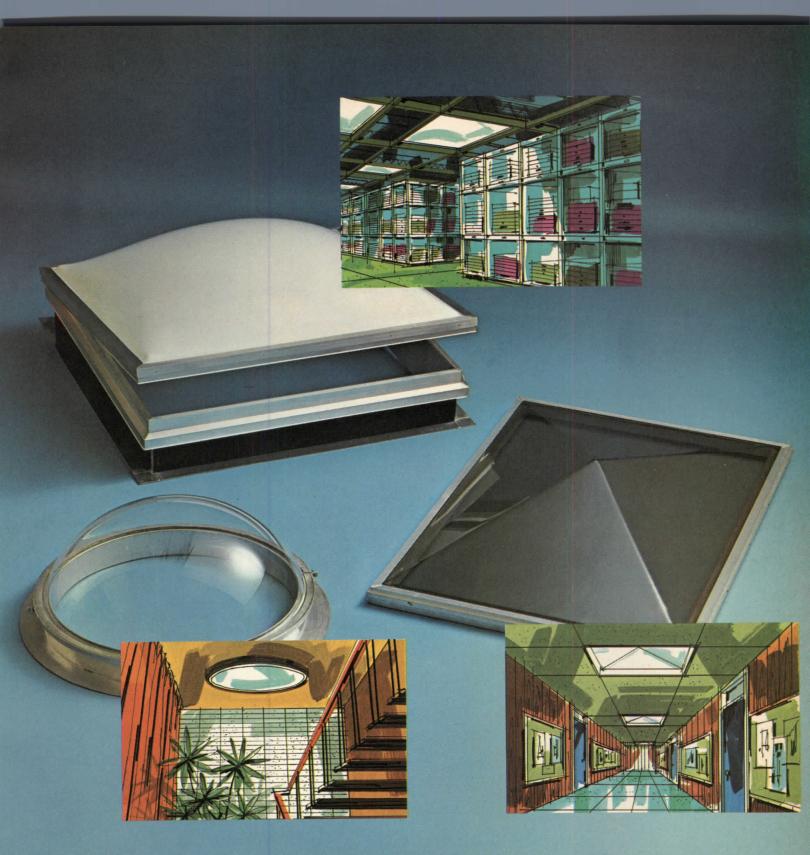
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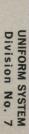
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### Record Interiors himself, or a refurbishing of an existing one. In mak-

the architect has designed

ing the selections an effort was made to reflect at least a small range of the many types of interiors that more and more architects are designing. More examples selected from among the submissions will be presented on a regular and continuing basis in later issues. Another search for significant work of the year will be made next fall, with a deadline for submissions on October 1st and publication a year from now.

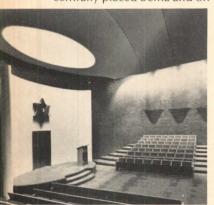
Each of the owners and architects of the twelve interiors shown on the following pages will receive certificates citing them for the excellence of the design solution based on the particular program for the project. The range is from very low budget to quite generous, from warm and textured to sleek, and from a relatively conservative contemporary to a near-mod. Each, it was felt, was very appropriate for its stated objectives and carried out with creativity and professionalism.

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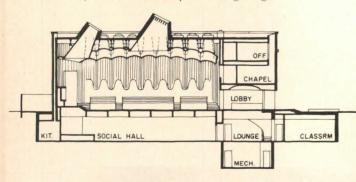
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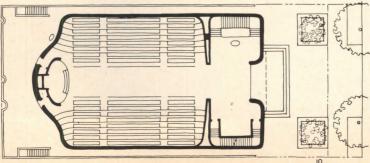
The sanctuary of this new synagogue for an Orthodox community evokes a warm and sensitive religious ambience by simple, yet powerful, architectural means. It is on a limited site closely flanked by a tall apartment house and two-family residences, which precluded any effective use of side windows. Top lighting which plays on the undulations and curves of the interior walls provides not only an apt solution to the problem, but has been developed into the major design feature of the space. The skylights, fitted with artificial lights as well, are concealed by a sculptured plaster ceiling molded to give form and scale to the room, and by deep, slanted wells acting as a cut-off for the lights. In addition to those ranging the side walls, two larger ones in the middle focus light and attention on the centrally placed Bema and on the concave shaped Ark

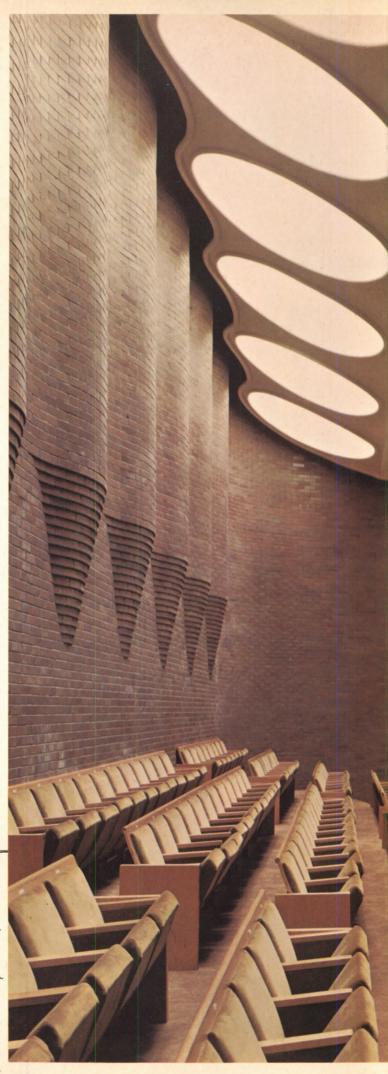


wall where such significant symbols as the Ark, Eternal Light, and Star of David read as isolated elements on the white plaster surface. Richard Foster chose an interesting ironspot brick for the interior and the exterior because of its self-cleaning quality, the depth of coloration, and the ease of obtaining the various required shapes. Stone, where used, is red sandstone and

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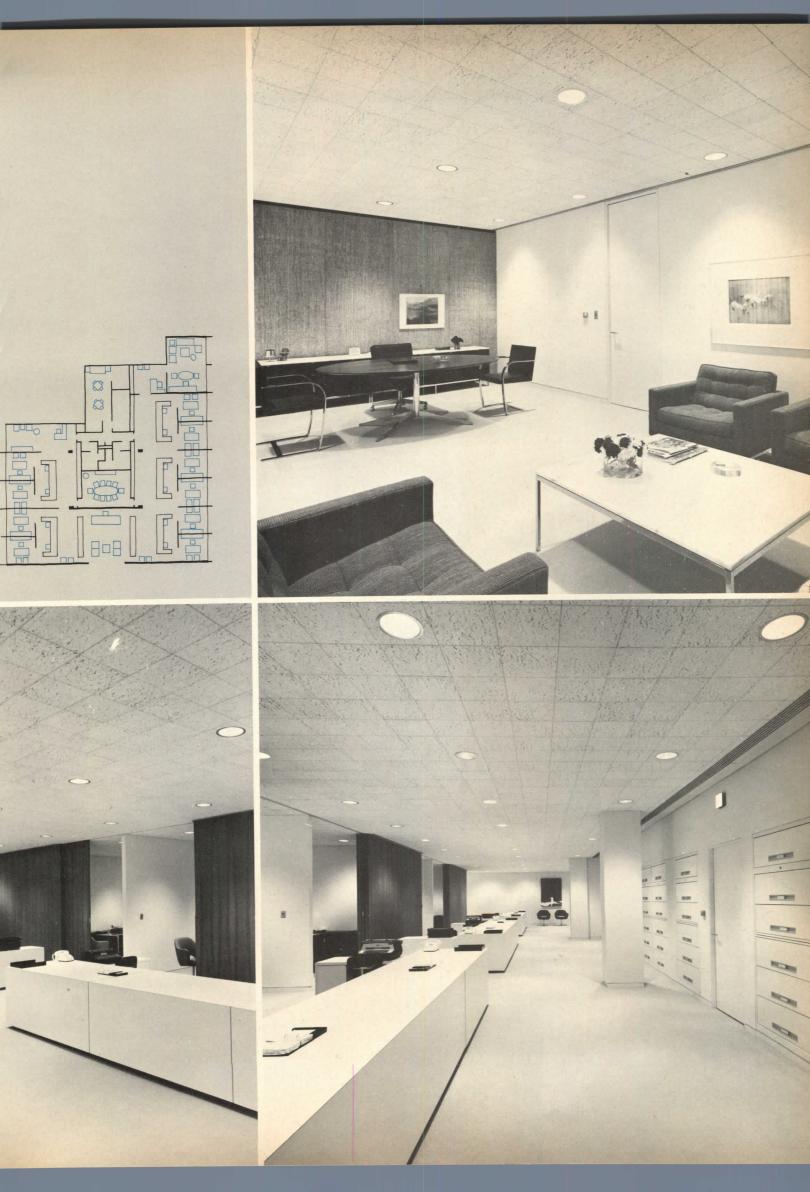


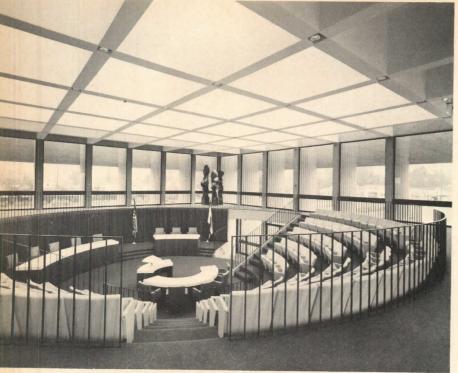


#### MFB Insurance Offices, Atlanta, Georgia Architects: Wolf Associates

The trim, clean-cut sophistication that pervades these regional offices for an insurance company results from meticulous organization and a discerning selection of contemporary classics in furniture. The general monochromatic color scheme of white/off-white/brown/ black is sparked by fabric wall panels in the major spaces: red in the reception area (top left); gray flannel in the conference room (left); and beige raw silk as a background for red upholstered furniture in the executive office (top right). The perimeter offices all have interior partitions of full height, six-footwide teak veneered doors, which completely pocket into twelve-foot sections of matching teak walls. A highly efficient incandescent light unit, especially developed for the project, allows the use of a six-foot grid spacing.

A special part of the project is an internal "core" scheme containing conference room, toilets, supply room, storage, telephone equipment and a lunchroom. The passageway connecting the two sides of the "core" gives access to the interior function and provides a link between MFB's offices and those of a sister company which adjoin this project. Especially noteworthy in the design are the very trim, well organized secretarial spaces and files. Color and fabric consultant was R. G. Kromelow.





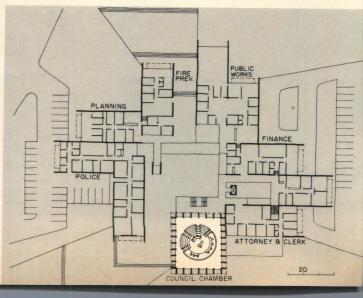


### City Hall for Santa Rosa, California Architects: Jacques DeBrer, Richard Heglund

The offices and council chamber of this city hall for a town of 42,000 people show an unusual degree of sophistication and awareness of the arts for a community of its size. And, as the structure and furnishings were planned together by the architects, the total environment of the building has an unusual sense of unity and appropriateness. The architects' design won first prize and the commission for construction over a field of seventy-five architects from Northern California in the Santa Rosa City Hall competition. First phase requirements were 48,000 square feet, with planned expansion for the future of 24,000 square feet. The sandblasted concrete structure of the building forms the major design focus for the interiors, with warm colors, simple contemporary furniture and some well chosen sculpture and paintings used to accent, rather than dominate, the pleasant and varied architectural spaces.



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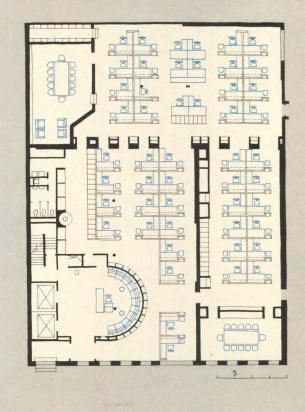




# Offices for The American Field Service New York City Architects: Harold Roth-Edward Saad

This trim rehabilitation of a sound old loft building to expand the adjoining offices of a non-profit foreign student exchange organization represents a sensitive, economical example of urban renewal. The architectural endeavor was to restore the straightforward factory aspect of the 1880's building by exposing the timber joists and brick bearing walls, and by making all necessary alterations to the exterior conform in scale and detail to the original. On the interiors, all exposed surfaces are painted off-white with bright splashes of color in built-in niches used for bookshelves and file cabinets. All these are bathed with incandescent light. Floors are carpet, except for quarry tile in the entrance lobby and in wash rooms. Special carrels were designed for use as individual work stations to provide some acoustical and visual privacy without resorting to completely enclosed offices. The result is a very fresh, congenial ambience created at low cost. Engineers were Associated Engineering (structural) and John L. Altieri (mechanical and electrical); the contractor was Raberg, Nusser & Raberg; the lighting consultant was Sylvan R. Shemitz







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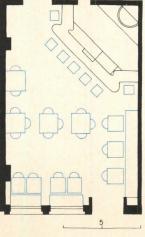
### Clydes Bar, Washington, D.C. Architect: Hugh Newell Jacobsen

Space-expanding techniques with mirrors and beautiful craftsmanship give a sense of unusual ease and quality to this addition to Clydes Bar in Georgetown. All woods are a lustrous, clear white oak: oak strips for the hung ceiling covering the air-conditioning ducts; lacquered oak flooring for the walls; an oak laminate for banquettes, tables and bar. To contrast with all this wood, all floors are surfaced with a white, unglazed ceramic tile. The chairs are also oak and covered with black plastic. The comfortable bar stools were fabricated from brass-plated tractor seats; this metal is echoed in a mirror-finished brass gutter to the bar, and in all hardware. Great spaciousness and sparkle are added to this monochromatic scheme by extremely effective lighting and a knowing use of mirrors. To visually extend the height of the walls, mirror was laminated to the existing ceiling around the perimeter of the room; the bar and banquettes are visually extended by floor-to-ceiling mirror strips. With the careful, handsome detailing and execution of everything in the bar, Jacobsen has clearly met his design objectives: "Clydes Bar opened in 1966 with dark-stained, beadedsiding walls of pine, bentwood chairs, Tiffany lamps and low camp. It was a howling success. I was retained to add more room in the building

next door. Under the premise that any camp is too much, my objective was to use traditional materials in a new way, but to keep the pub saloon-like atmosphere that had proved so successful." The contractor for the project was Edwin Davis.



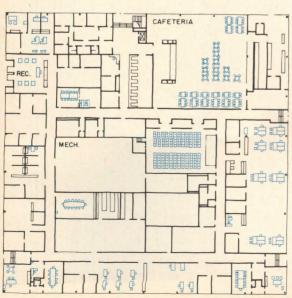






# Westinghouse Electric Corporation Nuclear Turbine Plant Charlotte, North Carolina Interior design: ISD Incorporated

Perkins & Will's interior design division, with John King, officer in charge, and Anne Lewis, project designer, have created an unusually urbane and vibrant environment for the personnel of this manufacturing plant. The interiors are simple and clear cut to serve as an appropriate setting for a fine collection of art selected by Charles King, manager, architecture and interior design department, Westinghouse Corporate Design Center. Brilliant wall colors relate well to the primary colors of the collection, which includes pop, op, impressionist and hard-edged expressionist. Supergraphics representing a part of the Westinghouse logo are used on the long walls of the auditorium. For similar effect in the cafeteria (far right), wall hangings of Marimekko fabric panels are hung like contemporary banners; porcelain enamel graphic panels by Barbara Stauffacher serve the same purpose in the reception room (top right). The furnishings combine a well selected group of fairly well known contemporary pieces, which quietly and elegantly complement the more exuberant art and graphics. The basic background color throughout is off-white.

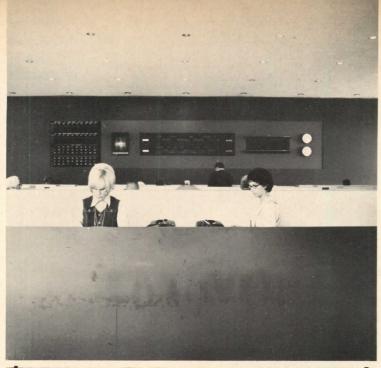


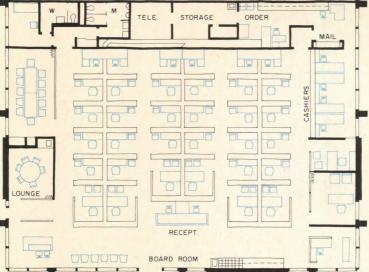












#### Branch offices for Shearson Hammill & Company Newport Beach, California Architects:

Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc.

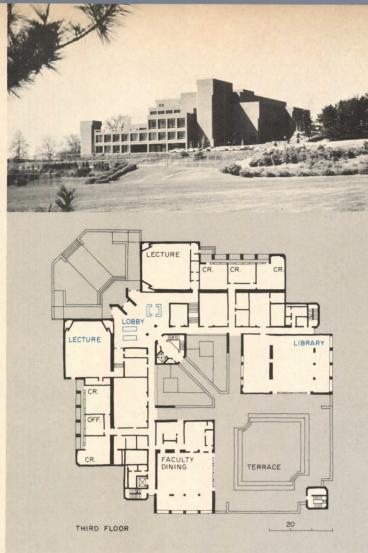
A spirited, high quality environment, combined with specifically planned facilities for the efficient handling of peak volume markets, highlights this branch investment office. One of a large number designed by the architects for the same firm, this facility skillfully merges a reassuring order with a fresh, contemporary milieu of primary-colored walls and panels, and compatible furnishings and paintings. The executive work stations are carefully designed to incorporate the necessary communications, electronic and other equipment, and to adapt to the individual characteristics of operational needs. Program was sparked by David Teiger, first vice president for Corporate Planning. The principal in charge for Cambridge Seven Associates, Inc., was Paul E. Dietrich; associate principal was Erling Falk, who also formed the design team with Franklin Allen for this branch.



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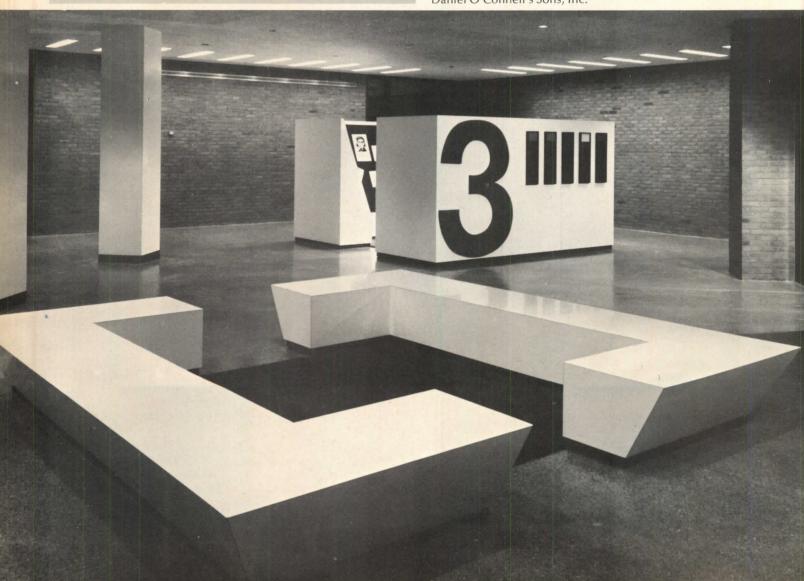


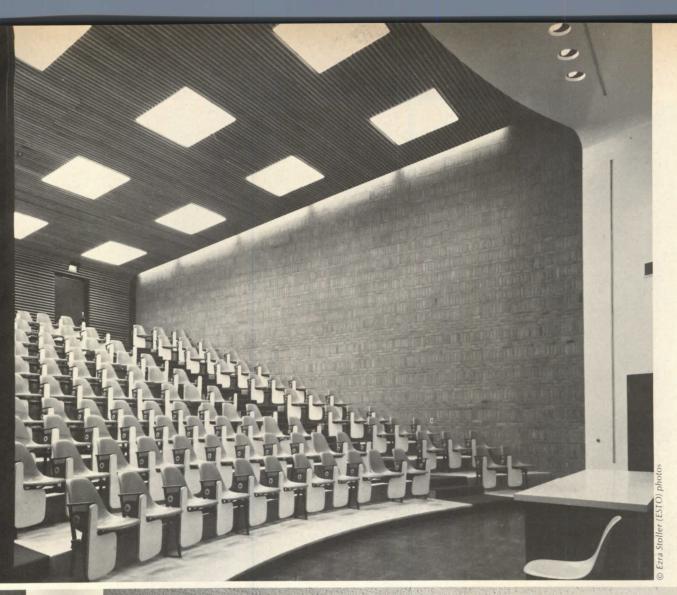




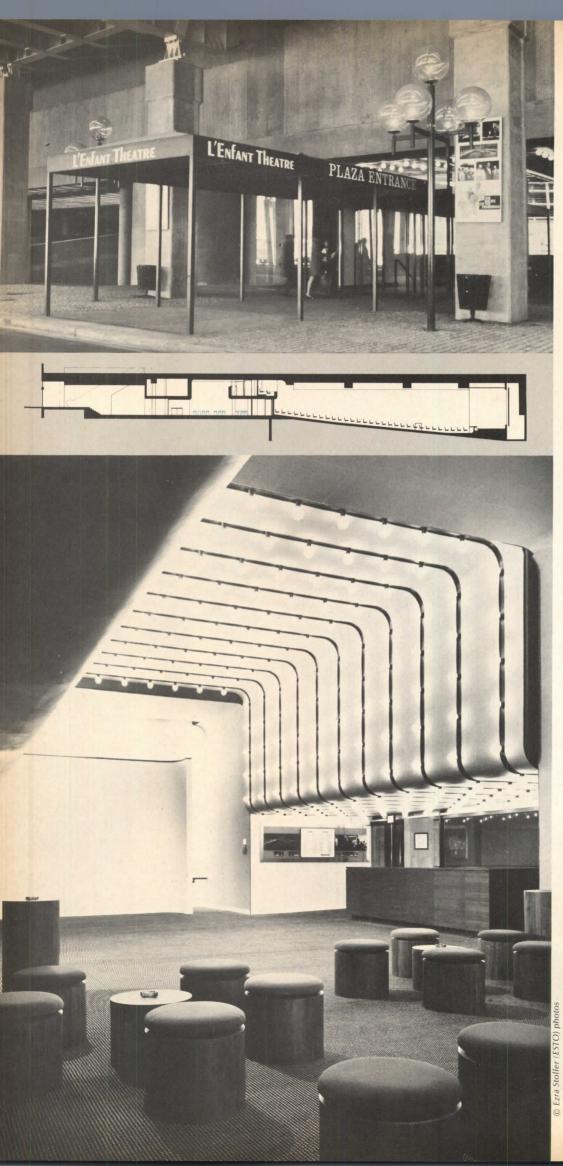
### Amherst College Science Center Amherst, Massachusetts Architects: Campbell, Aldrich and Nulty

The strong, warm and colorful interiors of this new science center were explicity designed by the architects to reflect their design for the structure. The exterior materials of brick and masonry are also used inside to emphasize the continuity. Colorful graphics and carpeting are used in public spaces inside to accent the building's boldness and provide a humanizing quality to contrast with the functional, utilitarian laboratories. Offices and the middle floor (shown here), with the library, dining hall and lecture halls, are the most completely furnished for ease and comfort. The library (below right) has oak study carrels and oak chairs upholstered in brown tweed. Easy chairs have red/orange vinyl sling seats and backs. The carpet is a copper color in an acrylic grospoint weave. In the lecture hall (right) the chairs are floor mounted, molded fiberglass shell and upholstered in plastic. The architects' interior design team includes Jan K. Sterling, Robert Lucas, Deborah Chase, and Linda Grossman for graphics. Engineers were Le Messurier Associates (structural) and Francis Associates (mechanical). The contractor was Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Inc.



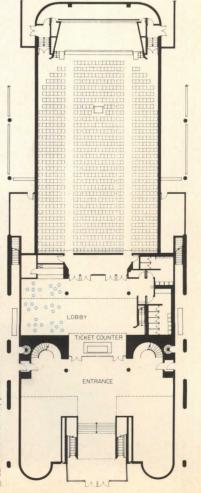




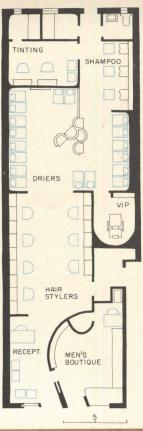


### L'Enfant Theatre Washington, D.C. Architect: Jan Hird Pokorny

The restrained, warm elegance of its design is extremely appropriate for this highly sophisticated theater which is used as a multi-media communications center by day and as a cinema in the evening. Among its remarkable array of electronic equipment is a color TV system which will receive, project and simultaneously transmit both picture and sound through a Comsat satellite link-up. The lobby, canopied by sparkling, clear incandescent globes, serves as a reception area and extra viewing space for slides and films. A quiet color scheme of black, beige and walnut, with four shades of purple in upholstery, is repeated in the very simple but effective auditorium. Stuart Pertz was associate in charge for the Pokorny office; Ben Schlanger was consultant; Flack & Kurtz were mechanical engineers; and Tuckman Barbee was contractor.









### "metamorphosis", Great Neck, New York Architect: Alan Buchsbaum

Verve and a good dash of supergraphic color give strong identity to this otherwise trim and functionally designed beauty parlor and men's boutique. The idea of combining the two types of shops is to get the women to buy presents for their husbands after having their hair done. The basic finishes and fittings are white: painted walls, vinyl floors, vinyl chair covering and plastic laminate cabinets. Color is concentrated at the entrance, accent floor inlays around chairs and in silhouette fin-walls. The shop is by Design Coalition/Alan Buchsbaum, architect; Alan Mitelman, graphic designer. The contractor was John Blom.



### Singer Company Showroom New York City Architect: Victor A. Lundy

In a space previously occupied by a French restaurant in La Maison Française at Rockefeller Center, Victor Lundy has created an extremely effective and intriguing two-level showroom for the Singer Company. Continuing his interest in creating very architectural interiors by the use of laminated wood forms, he has unified and dramatized the big space here with a series of wood "flowers" which create a series of bays and vistas, all reflected and extended by mirrored walls. Neutral beige tones dominate the scheme as a foil for the brilliant colors of the fabric displays. With the exception of the chairs, Lundy designed all the interior furnishings, such as tables, display tables of glass and wood, and counters. Grasscloth covers walls not mirrored, and the entire space is carpeted. Chairs and stools are upholstered in linen velour. The lighting throughout was carefully planned for the dual function of highlighting displays and emphasizing the dramatic shapes of the "flowers." An open well and escalators are used to interconnect the two levels. Rockefeller Center, Inc. acted as contractor; engineering consultants were Jaros, Baum & Bolles (mechanical) and Edwards & Hjorth (structural).

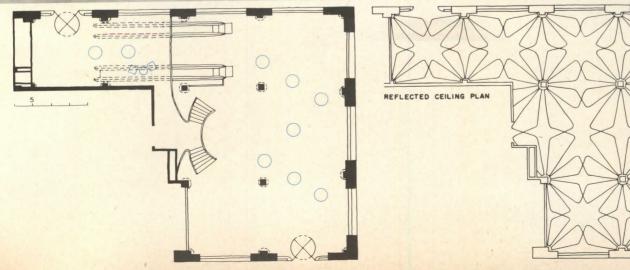


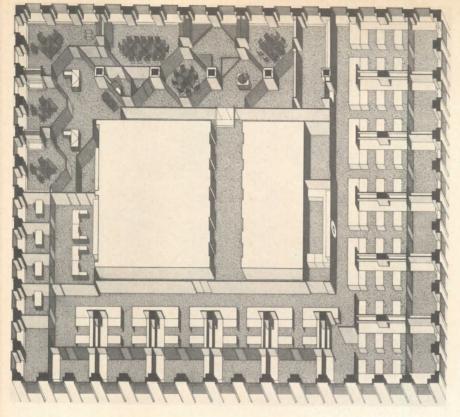




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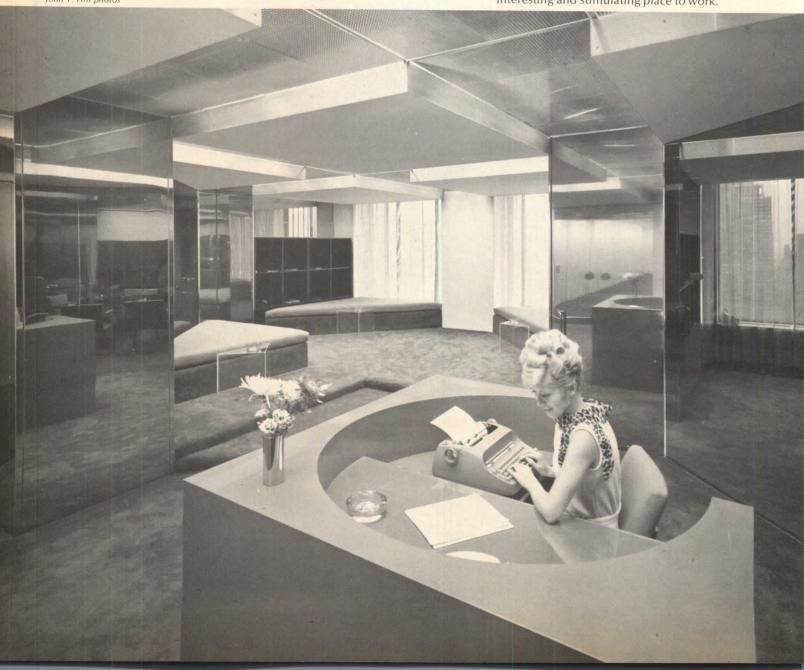


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# Offices for W. A. Di Giacomo Associates New York City

Interiors by: K & J Designs, Inc.
Project designer, Der Scutt, AIA,
Architects: Kahn and Jacobs

These unconventional but brilliantly executed offices for an engineering firm strongly reflect the growing inventiveness and color experimentation of Der Scutt. The owners requested that the architectural design of the office represent a direct statement of the firm's image, and that all materials, forms and colors completely reflect the materials and "energy sciences" which relate to the engineering design performed by the firm. This led to a vigorous, brightly colored interior formed of metals, plastics and glass, which achieves space divisions by ceiling and floor modulations, suspended wall units, tinted gray glass partitions, highly polished stainless steel doors, and a quantity of custom-designed furniture and fittings. It has all been brought off with sufficient skill and flourish to form a very interesting and stimulating place to work.











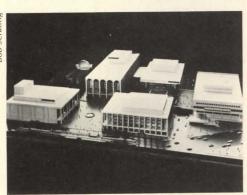


The Di Giacomo offices provide the same sense of comfort, color and sleek finish in the offices, secretarial areas and drafting rooms as in the reception and conference areas shown on the preceding page. Der Scutt's use of gray glass in full or partial partitions tempers the varying colors of adjoining spaces to a sufficient degee that one is only fully aware of the colors of the room one is in. Lighting and mechanical services are incorporated in the special ceiling.



## THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL

A conservatory for the performing arts—and one of the most complicated buildings ever made—completes the construction of Lincoln Center.



Model: Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

Contained within the serene, well-ordered, simple and rather innocent facades of the new Juilliard School (the world's first conservatory for all the performing arts) is an almost infinite variety of spaces fitted together with a sorcerer's skill in an arrangement as intricate as a Chinese puzzle. In the process of developing the kind of spatial organization required to satisfy the complex Juilliard program in a tight urban site with severe height limitations, Pietro Belluschi and his associate architects Eduardo Catalano and Helge Westermann have managed to tuck and fit the assorted instructional and performance facilities of a good-sized campus into one integrated structure

Solving the structural, mechanical, accoustical and theater engineering problems posed by the organization of elements in this building called for all the skill and ingenuity at the command of the architects and their consultants. Rooms which on a larger site would normally be widely separated for acoustical reasons are stacked above each other, overlap or nestle side by side. The column-free larger halls which in most performing arts complexes are composed as separate elements under their own long-span roofs, are here framed to carry eccentric loads from the complicated spaces on the floors above. Minimum clearances due to the height restrictions made the coordination of structural elements, mechanical ductwork and stage equipment a challenging problem.

In the 12-year struggle to get Juilliard

designed and built, the architects, with great patience and willingness to start over, produced about 70 different sets of preliminary drawings. The architects and engineers produced over 300 on-the-job sketches to coordinate structure and equipment during the construction process.

Because Juilliard remained in the design stage for so long and was begun last, its designers learned from the mistakes made in the other buildings at Lincoln Center. There was time, also, to sensitively adapt the school to its surroundings as it gradually became evident what its surroundings would be. Juilliard's travertine-sheathed exterior, a gift of the Italian government, is sympathetically related to the handsome facades of the Vivian Beaumont Theater by Saarinen with which it shares a small plaza to the north of the main square (see cover).

Juilliard's interiors are in some ways better than those of the other buildings. Its beautifully shaped wood panelled auditoriums, for example, prove that it is possible to create elegant halls in contemporary terms without resorting to skimpy evocations of the gilt, plaster and crystal decor of the great halls of the past.

The art with which the arts are housed affects them profoundly for the better. It is fortunate, therefore, that the incredible effort on the part of Belluschi and his team has produced such a fine building. Since Juilliard is a school for the musicians, actors and dancers of the future, it is appropriate that the best building at Lincoln Center should be theirs.

-Mildred F. Schmertz



THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL, New York, N.Y. Owner: Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.; constituent institution: The Juilliard School. Architect: Pietro Belluschi-Eduardo Catalano and Helge Westermann, associated architects; Frederick Taylor, Robert Brannen and Joseph V. Morog, project architects; Austris J. Vitols, Robert P. Burns and William E. Pederson, designers; Joseph Zelazny, resident architect and engineer. Structural engineer: Paul Weidlinger; mechanical and electrical engineers: Jaros, Baum and Bolles; stage design consultant: Jean Rosenthal Associates, Inc.; acoustical consultant: Heinrich Keilholz; special structures engineer: Olaf Soot; organ consultant: Walter Holtkamp; interior furnishings: Helge Westermann; contractor: Walsh Construction Company

A complex program for a tight site, to be solved within the severe height restrictions

of Lincoln Center. Early in 1957 Juilliard voted to accept the invitation from Lincoln Center to move from Morningside Heights and relocate in a building to be constructed for the school by the Center. Great benefits were foreseen from having young artists in training at Lincoln Center.

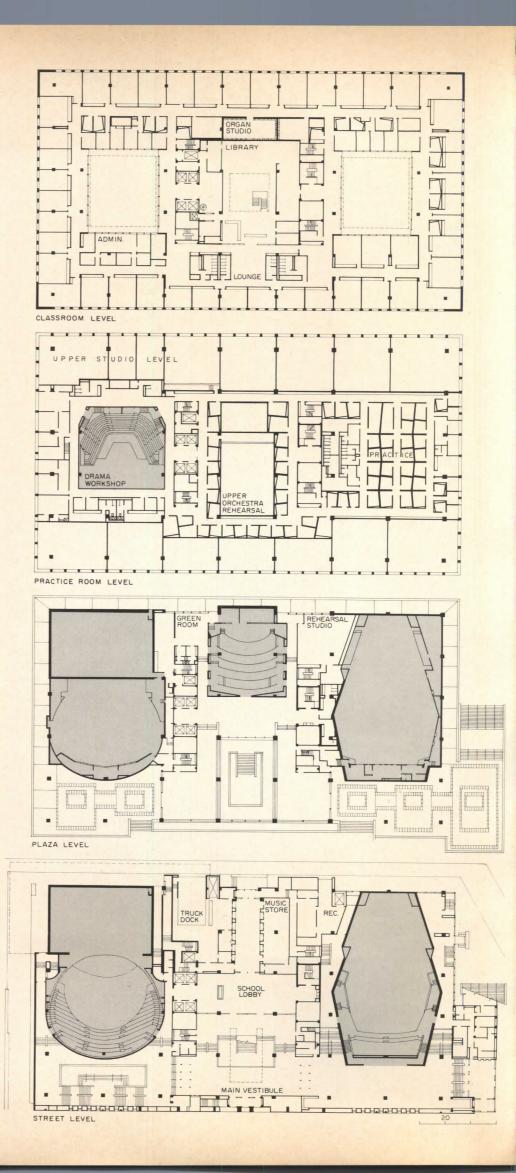
The school's requirements kept changing and expanding, however, as the plans developed. In the early design period the size of the site had not finally been decided upon. (The land upon which Juilliard is built was not part of the original Lincoln Square Urban Renewal Project and was acquired separately without the urban renewal writedown.) During the design process the Drama Division was added to the school and George Balanchine's School of American Ballet was invited to function within Juilliard as an independent unit. At one time a multi-use complex was conceived which would have included shops and restaurants. The architects, further, had to adapt to changes in the administrative leadership of both Juilliard and Lincoln Center.

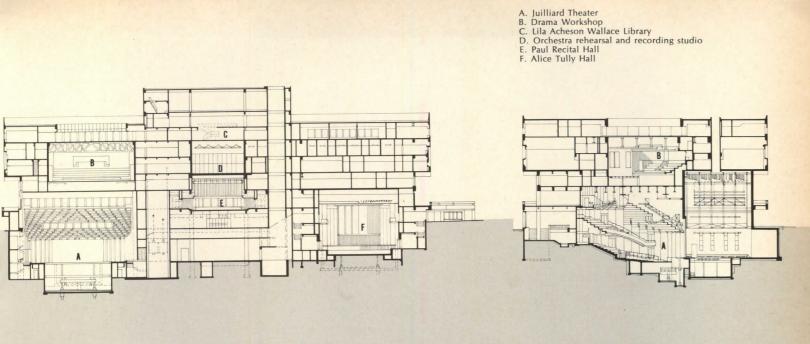
Juilliard is connected to the main plazas of Lincoln Center by a broad bridge across 65th Street. The principal access from Broadway is by means of a monumental stair and terrace. Extending for a distance of 350 feet along 65th and 66th Streets and 200 feet on Broadway, the building includes four stories below the street level and six (not including the mechanical equipment penthouse) above. The building contains approximately 500-thousand square feet and 8-million cubic feet of space. The cost, with furnishings, is \$29.5 million.

Three of five entrances, one on 65th Street, another on 66th Street, and one at the Plaza level from the bridge all lead to a central lobby which serves the Juilliard Theater, Paul Recital Hall and the elevator corridor leading to the instructional and administrative facilities of the school. An entrance below the terrace serves Alice Tully Hall.

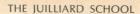
As the sections indicate, the Juilliard School has three general zones from the sub-basement to the penthouse. Beginning four stories below the street, the lowest zone includes the performance areas of the Juilliard Theater and Alice Tully Hall, their supporting facilities, and a portion of the mechanical equipment. The uppermost zone, below the mechanical penthouse, consists of three instructional floors.

This intermediate zone contains the public areas, administrative services, lounges, Paul Recital Hall and the Drama Workshop.









Terraces and lobbies both public and private are generous and well-scaled, but economical

in materials and finish. Although the facades are of travertine (a gift) and the floors are carpeted wall-to-wall (wherever appropriate to reduce noise levels) Juilliard is by no means luxurious. Because of rapidly rising costs, finish details were simplified wherever possible throughout the structure and more expensive materials abandoned. The wood paneling, for example, which had been designed for the principal lobbies, was eliminated and the concrete left exposed.

The photo (top left) shows the bridge across 65th Street connecting Juilliard to the north plaza of Lincoln Center. The top row of windows provides light and views for the large private studios and classrooms for group teaching located on the top floor. The large windows directly below illuminate the large double-story rehearsal studios on the north and south sides of the building which have two levels of single-story supporting facilities in the interiors. Underneath the overhang is another level of doublestory rehearsal studios and below these, at bridge level, are the principal administration offices. All the outside windows of the studios and classrooms are triple-glazed to keep out street noise.

The photo (bottom left) was taken from the Broadway terrace over the entrance to Alice Tully Hall. A corner of Philharmonic Hall appears on the left. Both the Vivian Beaumont Theater and the Metropolitan Opera House can be seen in the background.

The lobby of Alice Tully Hall (opposite page, top left) has a purple carpet and gold accents. Miss Tully, the donor of the hall, took an active interest in its decor. The Juilliard Theater lobby (top right) is carpeted in crimson. The handsome globe-shaped lighting fixtures are of standard manufacture and are also used in Paul Recital Hall.

The principal lobby (opposite page, bottom) interconnects the Juilliard Theater and Alice Tully Hall. Stairs lead to the Paul Recital Hall directly above.











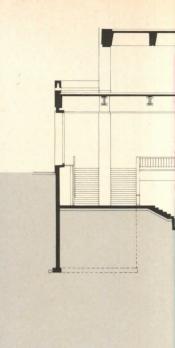
A handsome room with an adjustable ceiling designed for opera production and training, yet suitable

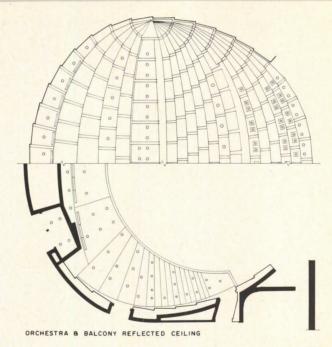
for drama and dance. The most remarkable feature of this 960-1,026 seat theater is its movable ceiling which adjusts to three positions within a seven-foot range to change the angle of reflection of sound from the stage and pit and reduce the volume (and thereby the reverberation time) of the room for drama, or increase the volume and reverberation time for the performance of music. This ceiling, finished in basswood and cherry to match the sidewalls, forms a sound reflective shell, made of horizontal, overlapping curved and tapered tiers. It includes platforms and light bridges for stage lighting and provides access to all other overhead services. Since the entire structure is located over the audience, safety was of prime importance. The architects and the ceiling engineer Olaf Soöt chose a long-span one-piece structure over several smaller movable units. The selection of a long-span structure on heavier but simple machinery minimized the maintenance requirements, reduced the over-all cost, and provided a foolproof "fail-safe" system.

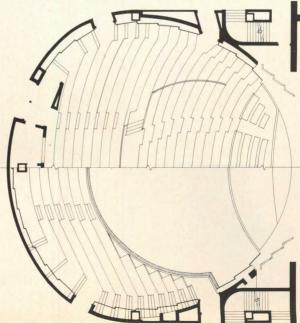
The basic structure consists of two main box trusses tied together by box-type secondary trusses. This box truss system forms the self-braced structural support for all the secondary framing, catwalks and ceiling panels. It is supported by four self-locking jackscrews and is held laterally by four guide columns, one near each jackscrew.

Each pair of jackscrews is driven by one main drive assembly. Because of the large distances between each pair of jackscrews, it was impractical to connect the main drives by mechanical means and, therefore, electrical synchronization with self-compensating leveling at predetermined stops was employed. Should any of the shafts or other drive train components become disconnected from the associated jackscrew drive, the ceiling will stop and cannot be operated unless the repairs are made. Additional interlock systems protect personnel and machinery. The ceiling is operated from a control station within the auditorium, but for the ceiling to move another button must be kept under constant pressure by an operator located in the catwalks with a full view of the service area.

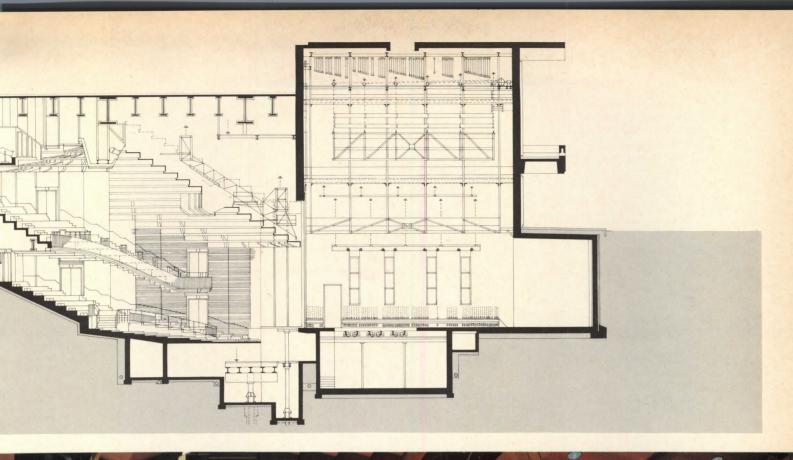
The stage and lighting facilities of the Juilliard Theater and the three other halls were planned by Jean Rosenthal Associates, Inc. The associate engineer-in-charge was Clyde L. Nordheimer.







ORCHESTRA & BALCONY





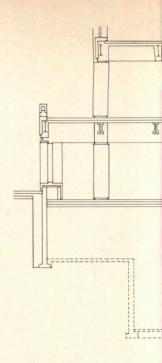
A Lincoln Center facility and Juilliard's only public hall designed primarily for

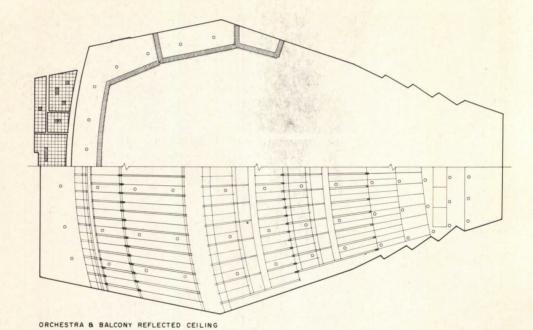
recitals and chamber ensembles. This hall, unlike the Juilliard Theater, is not acoustically adjustable, and therefore cannot approach an ideal for each type of performance which will take place there. Lincoln Center, Juilliard, the architects, and their acoustician Heinrich Keilholz, considered of first importance that the hall meet recital and chamber music requirements. The 1,096-seat hall is not too large for this function and critical response to the acoustics for this type of performance has so far been good. Acoustician Keilholz points out that Tully Hall should not be used by large orchestras, and adds that if the acoustics prove good for other musical purposes than those for which the hall was designed "it will be a gift!" He attributes part of Tully Hall's acoustical success to the use of wood as a resonant material and points out that musicians like to have it around them. Dampening has been inserted where needed behind the wood battens.

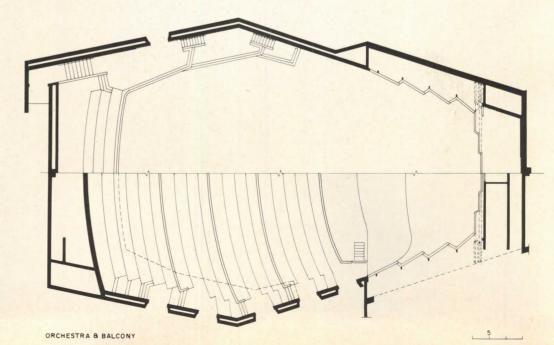
The recital stage has a depth of 23 feet and an average width of 50 feet. An organ can be raised into position or lowered and concealed at the rear. For small orchestras an additional 14 feet of stage depth is obtained by stowing the first three rows of seating under the stage and raising a lift to stage level. This configuration will also accommodate modest theatrical performances. Draperies, lighting, pipes and other scenic devices are suspended from electric winch systems above the stage ceiling. The side walls pivot for access from back stage and a traveler curtain can be drawn across the stage.

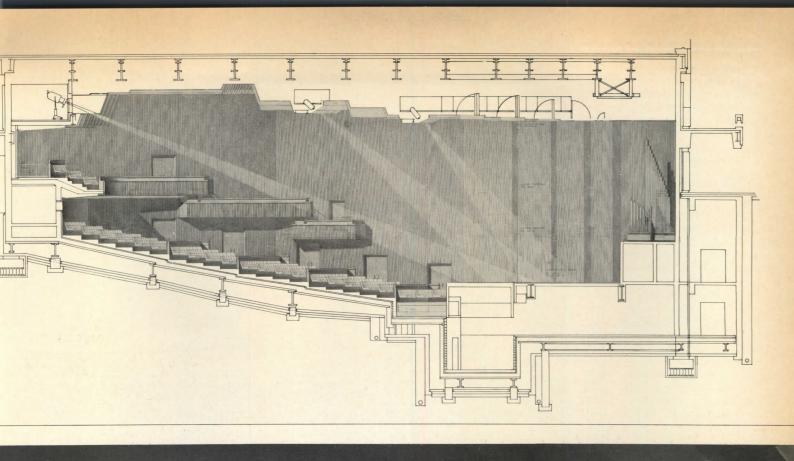
In addition to the standard concert lighting, Tully Hall is equipped with a complete theatrical lighting system. If an orchestra pit is required, two additional rows of seats can be stored under the stage.

Facilities for film presentations have been designed into the space. A complete projection booth and sound system have been installed.











Special purpose spaces require

unique acoustic treatments and varying surfaces and particular volumes to challenge the structural engineers. The Paul Recital Hall (top) seats 277 people. Its side walls and ceiling are paneled in cherry wood. Ceiling coffers are sloped to create optimum diffusion of sound. It is used for instruction on the Holtkamp organ, for recitals and as a lecture hall and has been volumetrically sized for these purposes. Private teaching studios (middle left) are carefully sound insulated, as are the practice rooms. These spaces had to be of minimum size to get as many as possible into the available space but large enough to provide proper sound diffusion and reflection. The organ practice rooms (middle right) required special wall and ceiling treatments to prevent the organ sound from becoming too "hard." The Lila Acheson Wallace Library (bottom) is located directly above the orchestra rehearsal and recording studio, which floats free of the structure to inhibit the transmission of sound.

All major sound-producing spaces are insulated from the structure. Each has a unique volume and special wall, floor and ceiling treatments. As a result, no two floors of Juilliard are alike, and floor slab elevations constantly vary. The building has cavity walls, solid walls, walls with insulation and walls without. Because of the intricacy of the plan, there is no direct transfer of loads to the foundation. Floor loads are huge and range from 250 to 280 pounds per square foot, including the concrete slabs, secondary slabs and floor finishes. The dance rehearsal floors, for example, are 18 to 20 inches thick and include steel springs 20 inches on centers. Because the biggest column-free spaces are near ground level, structural members are quite large to handle the long spans and the loads from above. There are steel composite girders which are 104 feet in length. Joseph Zelazny and Matthys Levy, associates of Paul Weidlinger, the structural engineer for Juilliard, point out that in spite of these complications there is a structural module of sorts. At the east and west ends of the building over the two major halls are 93 foot spans. Between them the columns are 46 feet on center. Spans are 35 feet the opposite way.

Of special interest is the fact that the northeast corner of Tully Hall is only 20 feet from the IRT subway. A special envelope was made for the hall. The engineers inserted a one-inch thick asbestos pad lined with cork between the foundation and its solid rock bearing. The perimeter wall of the theater was isolated from the structural columns so that the subway vibrations would not be transmitted.









### URBAN DESIGN AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS

by Jonathan Barnett

A group of architects working for the New York City Planning Department is developing new professional skills to help shape urban growth and change

verybody talks about what's wrong with our cities, but relatively few people have been prepared to do anything about them. Over the past four years I, and a group of other architects and planners, have been involved in an effort to bring our professional competence to bear on the problems of New York City—not by making yet another sweeping proposal for the city of tomorrow, but by participating in the governmental process, trying to create comprehensive answers to the intractable problems of today.

We didn't realize it when we began, but we are only one example of a national movement of architects and other professionals towards a greater degree of social involvement. Very few, however, seem to have taken the path that we have chosen, if for no other reason than that we were incredibly lucky to have received the opportunities that came our way.

As a result, I think we have had a chance to develop some new techniques that would not have been thought of had we not been in the right place at the right time. The story is a complicated one, but, if you will bear with me, I think you will see why we have come to believe that an architect has some special abilities to deal with certain kinds of city problems; and that there are reasonable grounds for saying that cities can be a product of design.

ew York is a particularly frustrating place for anyone who knows about architecture and planning. At first it would seem that all the ingredients are present for a new kind of city that would surpass in amenity, liveliness and excitement any other city ever built. In midtown and downtown Manhattan, building construction is almost continuous. Every year, without the aid of urban renewal, a dozen new structures spring up that

would be large enough to dominate the skyline of an ordinary city. In New York they are simply lost in the crowd. New York possesses hundreds of miles of waterfront, beautiful parks, great educational and cultural institutions. It is the headquarters city for the country's commerce and industry. The municipality itself spends over a billion dollars a year on capital construction. With such an awesome combination of public and private resources there ought to be no limit to what the city could achieve.

Unfortunately, the city's physical problems are as awe-inspiring as its opportunities. Each new building in the center of Manhattan seems to diminish the environment, not add to it. The waterfront is decaying, parks are deteriorating, congestion and pollution are everywhere; and there are more apartments and houses in bad condition in New York City than there are people in Baltimore, Maryland. Something has gone very wrong, and the city's great, dynamic energies have been somehow misdirected.

Tantalizingly enough, there is just a sufficient number of examples where the system has worked to show what could be made to happen everywhere in New York. Riverside Drive is a good demonstration of what can be achieved by a strategic combination of public investment and private enterprise, with the government-built park, roadway and waterfront making the frontage an attractive real-estate opportunity. Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn is another example, a boulevard that equals or surpasses any of its famous counterparts in Europe. The Promenade in Brooklyn Heights and Carl Schurz Park in Manhattan show what can be done with the highway in the city; Grand Central Terminal is a classic example of the successful separation of automobiles from pedestrians: a solution to urban congestion that is often prescribed but seldom achieved. Rockefeller Center, Tudor City, Sunnyside in Queens, and the Grand Concourse in the Bronx are examples of successful urban environments created by design and planning.

In fact, however, for every opportunity like these that has been taken, a dozen others have been

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missed; and architects and planners who can see the possibilities are continually confronted by the lost city that could have been built.

It is a fashionable attitude at the moment to ascribe these failures of the physical environment to the failures of the larger social order: no wonder nothing works when "the system" is rotten to the core. An architect, who knows how difficult it is to make even a small house come out right, can have a somewhat different perspective on the problem. Even the shortest acquaintance with the way physical planning decisions are made in American cities—or, for that matter, by private industry—is enough to convince that often things could just as easily have been done according to design.

f you suspect, as we did, that with a thorough understanding of the decision-making mechanism, we could produce significantly different results, what should you do next?

Well, the five of us, Giovanni Pasanella, Jaquelin Robertson, Richard Weinstein, Myles Weintraub and myself, decided that the 1965 election campaign of John V. Lindsay afforded us the opportunity to try to win acceptance for concepts that we had long been discussing.

We were clear about what we were trying to do. We were not working on the basis of a political ideology, and we were not seeking careers in government or politics. We simply wished to identify the places in the decision-making process where the wrong choices were being made and then to point out what the better alternatives would be.

Naturally we were both more audacious and more ignorant than we knew. Nevertheless, looking back four years later, it seems to me that we had chosen the right point of view. We had recognized that the city is a design problem, analogous in many respects to the design of a building, and decisions about it were proceeding as if a building were being designed in pieces by a hundred architects and engineers. We saw that the city could use the kind of coordination and fitting together of disparate elements that architects are used to, but we recognized that the result would not be like a building. It is the design process which is important, and we were sufficiently astute to have an open mind about what the result ought to be.

Il the same, we were lucky. Without fully recognizing it, we had picked one of the few political figures who would let us try what we wished to do. If you want to make changes in a decision-making process, you need the whole-hearted support of the man at the top of the decision-making tree. These changes don't get made lightly; they aren't slipped through without people noticing, and you need a great deal more than a vague commitment to certain goals; you need tough, specific, political support.

In John Lindsay we had hit upon a political figure who was interested in and knowledgeable about architecture and planning, and not just mouthing appropriate phrases fed to him by his speech writers. We later found that, if he thought you were

right, he would back you all the way—even in the face of formidable political problems.

We were also extremely fortunate that, in our first encounter with the Lindsay campaign organization, we were introduced to one of the few men in it with the patience and interest to work with a group of people such as ourselves: Donald Elliott, now the Chairman of the City Planning Commission, then on leave from his law firm to work in the campaign's research section. Elliott, in addition to a skeptical and incisive intelligence, has another quality which has been very useful to him as a city planner: he never gives up. It is truly amazing how many lost causes can be won by sheer staying power and will; and Elliott has achieved success where many another planner would have thrown up his hands in dismay.

Elliott immediately put us to work studying the state of planning and renewal in New York. We thought at the time that we were advising him; but of course what we were really doing was educating ourselves. We were astonished by what we found out. We assumed that things were bad; we had little idea how bad the situation really was.

n 1965, planning in New York City was just waking up from a long sleep; but the housing and renewal programs were nearing total paralysis. Four years earlier, under then Planning Commission Chairman, James Felt, New York City had passed the first comprehensive zoning revision since the original ordinance of 1916. The importance of the new law was just beginning to be understood in 1965. Although criticized in some quarters for not being innovative enough, the revised zoning had turned out to represent a tremendous accretion of power to the Planning Commission, with ample possibilities for discretion and innovation. Felt's successor, architect William F. R. Ballard, was struggling manfully with the enormous new work load that the revised zoning procedures had created. With inadequate staff and resources, the Commission was just barely able to keep up with routine business, and with furnishing unglamorous, but necessary, statistical inform tion to other city agencies. Ballard did find funds, however, to commission the Lower Manhattan Plan, an urban-design study by three consulting firms: architects Whittlesey and Conklin, landscape architects Wallace and McHarg, and transportation consultants Alan M. Voorhees and Associates. Work on this study was then in progress.

In urban renewal, the city's former practice of selecting certain residential areas for total clearance was coming to a complete halt. A heightened awareness of the consequences of relocation, plus growing alertness and militancy on the part of local neighborhoods, spelled the end of large-scale clearance policies. The City had also just about run out of large tracts of vacant or marginally utilized land for development purposes, and the amount of low- and middle-income housing "in the pipeline" (as renewal officials like to call it) had slowed to a trickle.

Complicating the situation even further was a completely bizarre renewal procedure, the result of the creation of a whole sequence of different agencies with overlapping jurisdictions. Spelled out in the *Pratt Planning Guide*, a straightforward exposition of the necessary steps in the renewal process became something of a classic of dead-pan humor.

The same situation had been reached at more or less the same time in many other American cities, and the causes lie deep within our attitude to the role of government. City planning strikes many people as something of an undemocratic concept. The idea that the state can specify the future course of development for pieces of private property has always made Americans nervous, and vast redevelopment and highway projects, with their sweeping social consequences, have made us more nervous still.

Thirty years ago, city governments were only expected to provide essential services, and city planning was a form of municipal engineering, a governmental service like clean streets and city water. Planners were careful to keep to straightforward regulations based on concepts such as preservation of light and air, appropriate drainage gradients and the like. Great care was taken to appear as objective as possible, and anything that might appear in the least arbitrary or subjective tended to be put rigidly out of mind.

Today the popular expectations of government are very different and the influence of government is well on the way to becoming all-pervasive. City planners and other responsible officials can no longer take refuge in a cult of objectivity and impersonality, because a decision-making process that does not consider the social consequences of an action does not relieve the government of responsibility for the results.

However, the kind of control over society implicit in a coordinated use of existing governmental powers, and actually exercised in many European countries, is unacceptable to Americans today. The result is the familiar scenario of dithering on the part of public agencies, followed by angry confrontations with various local groups, followed by more dithering, and so on.

he existing institution which seemed to us to offer the most hope for a way out of this impasse was the Community Planning Board. The New York City Charter of 1963 had specified that the Planning Commission divide the city into Community Planning Board districts, each of which would have a board of citizens to advise the city on decisions affecting their area. These boards were not yet operational, although they existed on a local basis in several of the Boroughs. The trouble with these boards is that there is no corresponding administrative unit in the city to work with them, so that their role is not only advisory, but without a context as well.

Working with Elliott, we spent much of the election campaign formulating a partial decentralization of the city government, based on the planning board districts and local branches of the Mayor's office. This proposal, called the Neighborhood City Halls Program, seemed to us to offer the most direct avenue to changes in planning and renewal policy,

because it would permit the city to exercise its powers in a context that provides appropriate checks and balances.

We used the Coney Island district of Brooklyn as a sample area, and, when Lindsay gave a campaign speech there, he presented some of our work. The speech was very well received because the grasp of local issues that it exhibited took it out of the category of ordinary campaign oratory. It was a good demonstration that even a rudimentary involvement in the local community was worth a great deal of theorizing back at headquarters.

fter Lindsay's election, a whole series of study groups and task forces were set up to find ways to make planning more effective and to discover how to start the renewal process on its way again. We were appointed to a study group charged with preparing of a detailed program for the Neighborhood City Halls. Unfortunately, it was soon clear that these, I think, high-minded, proposals would get nowhere in the City Council, where they were denounced as an attempt to set up political clubhouses at government expense. However, Mayor Lindsay gave an assistant, Robert Blum, the job of starting pilot Neighborhood City Halls using foundation grants and existing City funds, and we may yet see the full program established.

When our report was completed, we all staged a quite genuine Cincinnatus act—back to our regular jobs to catch up with our work. I think that our political friends were impressed with our lack of interest in the possibility of office; of course, the state of planning and design in New York at that time was such that there really would not have been a place for us in any case.

While we were working on the Neighborhood City Halls, another, better-known study group was assembled under the direction of Edward Logue. It is no secret that Logue was being asked in effect to write his own job description; and the message of his report was "thanks, but no thanks." Surveying New York in the light of his extensive experience in New Haven and Boston, Logue concluded that a successful planning and renewal program would not be possible in New York without a large-scale consolidation of the city government-including the merger of the renewal agency and the Planning Commission—and something like a sixfold increase in Federal funds. As neither of these goals seemed achievable in the near future (they required, respectively, extensive revisions to a brand new City Charter and a re-orientation of national priorities), Logue returned to Boston. The report contained many valuable suggestions, however, and David Crane's lengthy appendix on planning and design contained many concepts that were ultimately put into effect.

The Logue report was not completed and published until September, 1966—almost a year after Lindsay's election. In the meantime, the Mayor had to make decisions about a great many housing and renewal policies. In January 1966 Elliott became Counsel to the Mayor and Chairman of the Housing Executive Committee, and Mrs. Eugenia Flatow took over as acting head of the Housing Co-ordinator's

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office, a position which had been established in the last years of the previous administration in an attempt to bring order out of the tangled mass of different agencies.

Elliott, with his customary resilience, proceeded to devise an approach to planning that possessed many of the same characteristics of community participation and neighborhood orientation that we had envisaged would result from the Neighborhood City Halls. A forerunner of the N.D.P. programs that would be part of the 1968 Housing Act, this was the vestpocket program, so-called because it substituted smaller housing and rehabilitation sites for total clearance. Instead of relatively limited urban renewal areas, five whole neighborhoods were designated in which planning consultants, working with a committee of neighborhood residents, would prepare a comprehensive development plan and select housing and rehabilitation sites.

Elliott proposed to us that we take on the job of planning one of these areas as a pilot study of our neighborhood planning and design concepts. The J. M. Kaplan Fund, a foundation noted for its support of experimental urban projects, agreed to finance the study, and the Institute of Urban Environment at Columbia University accepted responsibility for administering the grant.

At the same time, Arthur Drexler, director of Architecture and Design programs at the Museum of Modern Art, asked us to prepare an urban planning concept for an exhibition on the design of cities.

his combination of circumstances marked the point at which we began to turn away from the more or less well-marked paths of the architectural profession into a new form of activity for which there were few precedents. Jaquelin Robertson and Richard Weinstein decided to leave their jobs at Edward L. Barnes's office to work full time on these projects. Giovanni Pasanella already had his own office, and Myles Weintraub and I continued to sandwich this work in between other commitments.

othing could have provided a greater contrast than working on these two projects at the same time.

The most striking feature of our job in the Bronx was the tremendous wave of suspicion and hostility that swept over us whenever we tried to contact the people of the area. The record of the city was so bad, there had been so many arbitrary actions and broken promises, that no one would believe that we represented a new approach. We were shouted down at meetings, and a local planning board seriously debated whether it would talk to us at all. Eventually, some local community leaders—not professional politicians, but neighborhood association presidents and clergymen-put their own personal prestige on the line to assure us a hearing; and the process of planning with the community was able to begin.

In the meantime, we were also attending meetings in the lofty members' lounge of the Museum of Modern Art. Drexler's purpose in preparing the exhibition was to demonstrate that cities could be the

product of design. It was a courageous decision, as it opened him up to criticism from both sides: from partisans of art, who opposed so much contact with sordid reality, and from the partisans of planning, who complain that the design of cities is not an art but a science.

For our part, we were concerned that the exercise be as realistic as possible, while still presenting a comprehensible urban design concept. Our project (there were three others) concerned a proposal to redevelop the air rights over the elevated railway viaduct that runs along Park Avenue from 97th Street to the Harlem River, with the aim of removing a blighting influence and, at the same time, opening up the possibility of major change in a densely populated area with little open land. Our engineering consultant was David Geiger, who developed the basic structural concept; construction consultant Edward Friedman and Johnson, Muser, Rutledge, and acoustical consultant, Michael Kadaras, as well as Alfred Schimmel, helped us to keep the project as feasible as possible.

We thus had the useful experience of approaching the problems of the city from two different directions: On the one hand we began to learn how to make the small-scale decisions necessary to conserve and improve the existing urban situation, while, at the same time, developing ways to bring about major change.

n the meantime, events were taking place that would end by drawing us into the New York City government. Upon the completion of the Logue Report, the Mayor decided to carry out those aspects of it that did not require the lengthy and uncertain course of charter reform, as part of the general process of administrative reorganization he was applying to all city departments. Donald Elliott became the Chairman of the City Planning Commission and of the Model Cities Policy Committee. Mrs. Flatow became the executive secretary of Model Cities, and Jason R. Nathan, an able and experienced urban renewal administrator, agreed to take on the newlyconsolidated Housing and Development Administration—despite the fact that the Logue Report had, in effect, defined the job as an impossible one.

The Mayor also set up a new study group to be concerned specifically with urban design in both the private and public sector. This group was headed by William S. Paley, Chairman of the Board of the Columbia Broadcasting System, and included architects I. M. Pei and Philip Johnson. Jaquelin Robertson was also a member of this group, as was architect and editor Walter McQuade, who was later to become a member of the City Planning Commission.

The Paley group stayed away from charter changes, and, instead, hired management consultants Booz, Allen, and Hamilton to try to find the most strategic decision-making points in the city's design process. Their report concluded that one of the most effective actions the city could take would be to add a group of urban design professionals to the staff of the City Planning Commission. This recommendation was part of the final report issued in February, 1967.

nd so we had been rather neatly woven into the web of circumstances. Between the Paley report and Donald Elliott's position as Chairman of the Planning Commission, we seemed to have very little choice. In the spring of 1967, all of us, except for Giovanni Pasanella, whose architectural practice was too well-established to leave, agreed to put aside our ideas about starting an architectural practice and join the City Planning Department staff.

orking for a city government belongs to that category of experience that no description will convey: it has to happen to you. We now feel, however, that such an initiation into the mysteries of the governmental power structure is a prerequisite for making successful design proposals about cities. What seems to the outsider to be a simple change may in fact turn out to be practically impossible, while a seemingly difficult accomplishment may really be very easy to bring about. In private life, decisions most frequently have a simple cause-effect relationship. Someone wishes to do something, and it is done; someone wishes to prevent something, and it is not done. In government, the factors involved are so diverse that the decision-making process is best visualized by remembering those resolution-of-forces diagrams that are found in elementary engineering textbooks. A number of interests are pulling in different directions; and the course of action is the resultant of all the forces being exerted.

This tendency produces a situation where agreement is valued for its own sake, and is the chief reason for the frustration and lack of influence of professional planners and architects working in governmental situations. A professional architect or planner does not want to split the difference with his opponents in order to preserve harmony; he remembers Abraham Lincoln's dictum that there can be no compromise between right and wrong. The politician on the other hand is professionally distrustful of absolute positions.

Elliott's great contribution to city planning has been his ability to mediate skillfully between these two points of view. He encourages his professional staff to be as undoctrinaire as possible; at the same time they find themselves exercising far more influence over city policy than they ever did before. Naturally he receives pot shots from both sides, with some professional planners considering him apostate, and a lot of politicians finding him difficult to deal with. Elliott, however, seems quite content to let himself be judged by his results.

Elliott established the four of us as the nucleus of an Urban Design Group to serve, in effect, as an in-house design consulting organization; and he told us to recruit our own staff. At the same time he also began building a planning office for each of the city's five boroughs, a capability that the planning department had not possessed up to this time, and an important step in realizing the kind of neighborhood planning capacity once envisaged as part of the Little City Halls programs. As things turned out, we became as much involved in these borough offices as in urban design; indeed, the two functions have proven to be as closely related as we originally predicted.

Elliott was careful to set up these new offices as flexible—and relatively unstructured—organizations; and he gave them a great deal of personal attention during their formative stages. This kind of special treatment was very important, as it is hard to do innovative work through "normal" channels, and it took a while for our new areas of responsibility to define themselves. Our approach, worked out experimentally over a period of about a year, was to take the Planning Commission's existing powers, some of which, as Elliott says, are rather blunt instruments, and make them more specific and effective. The Planning Commission's authority is essentially negative in nature; it can turn down a proposal, but the Commission's approval is not necessarily a guarantee of the project's success. In many cases, the Commission has neither the leverage nor the desire to reject a proposal outright, and the Commission would be almost powerless if it did not have the means to study other possibilities and suggest alternative courses of action.

The ability to suggest alternatives generally reguires extensive staff work, and the key to Elliott's program has been to render the Commission's powers more effective by increasing its ability to say: "We won't approve this, but why not try this instead?"

What are the powers of the Planning Commission, then, and how do you go about turning them to account?

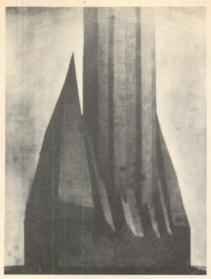
The Planning Commission, through zoning, determines the land use and density of development for all the real estate in the city, except for land controlled by the State and Federal governments. The 1961 Zoning Resolution sets far more stringent limits on development than New York's earlier regulations, in fact it exercises what amounts to direct control over the shape and size of building development in "What seems to the outsider most of the areas where developers wish to build the to be a simple change maximum allowable floor area. Zoning traditionally has been a series of restrictions and limits, but we found that by relatively minor modifications we could make zoning the directing force for whole sectors of the city—to the benefit of both the developer and the public.

The Planning Commission must also approve the location and configuration of any new street, and any street closing or other change. This power has proved immensely valuable for our attempts to redirect the growth of outlying areas of the city. In conjunction with cluster zoning, it has permitted large sectors of vacant land to be developed privately according to a co-ordinated plan.

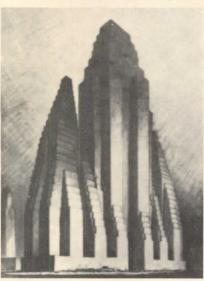
The Commission also designates areas for urban renewal and publicly-aided housing, and reviews and approves urban renewal plans—a critical power for achieving neighborhood planning goals.

On the following pages are some specific examples of the ways in which zoning, mapping, site selection and renewal powers can be made to work together, which give a clear indication of what we have been trying to accomplish.

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WHAT ZONING IS, AND HOW IT WORKS

Zoning regulates two things: land use and intensity of development. The principle behind the regulation is to minimize any adverse effects that the development of a piece of land might have on adjoining property and the public interest.

A map is demarcated into various zones showing what land use and building bulk are permitted in each area. These zones are determined according to a municipality's general policy plan, and should apply equally to any property inside a zone, no matter how large or small.

Land uses generally fall into three categories: residential, commercial and industrial; and the various kinds of commercial and industrial uses are generally sorted out into groups on the basis of such considerations as the noise or traffic generated.

Building bulk was originally regulated in New York by means of the so-called zoning envelope, which is most readily imagined as a roughly pyramidal shape covering the whole building site, the angle of the sides being determined in relation to the width of the street. This familiar series of drawings by

Hugh Ferriss shows buildings being "carved" out of the New York City zoning envelope.

Intensity of development is now regulated in New York, and in many other cities, by floor area limits. Each zone has a ratio which determines how many square feet of floor area can be built on any given lot. For example, if you have a 10,000-square-foot lot, in a zone which has a floor area ratio of 2, you can build a 20,000-square-foot building. (There are some complications in computing exactly how much of the building counts as area for zoning purposes, but we can ignore them in this summary.)

Many of the envelope controls have also been carried forward into New York's most recent zoning regulations, along with provisions designed to create more open space at ground level.

The 1961 zoning resolution also incorporated a system of floor area bonuses designed to encourage the provision of plazas, and, to a limited extent, arcades; and it suspends the envelope restrictions for towers that occupy less than a certain percentage of the site.

Zoning laws are among the most powerful urban design tools available in cities like New York. We have to admit that we once regarded zoning as a collection of boring regulations: and the less we had to know about them, the better we used to like it. It was something of a shock to discover that a great many of the stereotyped buildings that we had been prone to dismiss as the work of unimaginative architects and greedy developers were in fact the direct result of the Planning Commission's zoning require-

Zoning's primary purpose is the very necessary one of regulating population density and land use; but, in New York at least, it has come to have some undesirable side

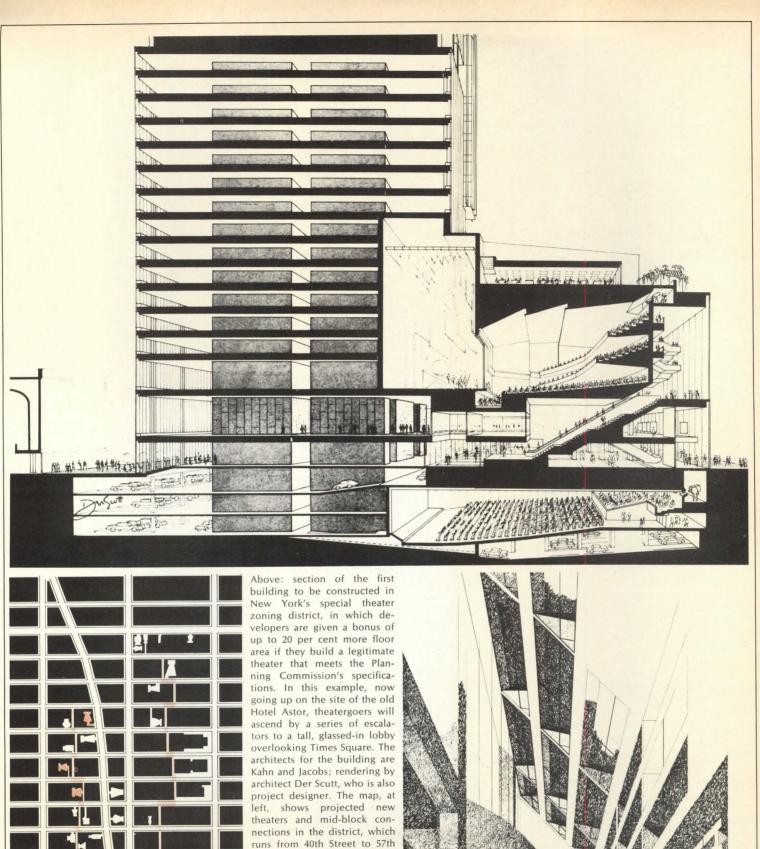
New York's zoning regulations, like most others, tend to pull development inward, away from property boundaries, in line with the traditional zoning concept that the segment of the public interest most in need of protection is represented by the rights of adjoining property owners. In the case of a highly complex urban center like midtown Manhattan, the public interest is much better guarded by the interconnection of buildings; and, even in suburban areas, the public is often better served by the clustering of development than by even distribution at the same density over large areas. Traditional zoning thus makes largescale, co-ordinated development very difficult to accomplish.

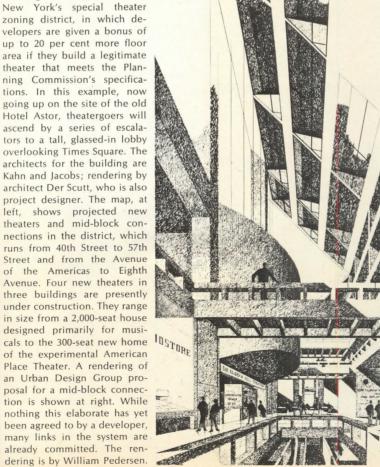
In addition, seemingly objective setback, tower and plaza regulations are really based on unstated design concepts, which become institutionalized without taking account of topography, orientation or existing physical features—such as a church in the middle of the block. The resulting buildings, and often whole sectors of the city, are more the product of circumstance than a designed response to program and site conditions. Some exceptions: the Ford Foundation Building, CBS, Seagram's have been accomplished at a considerable sacrifice of permissible floor area.

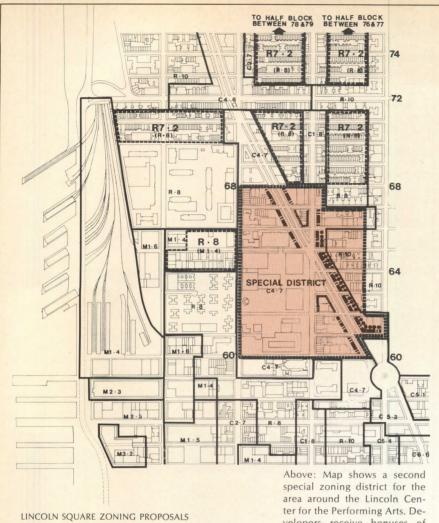
If zoning has in fact become a direct development control, planners clearly have an obligation to encourage the most desirable forms of development. An important step in this direction was taken in New York's 1961 zoning resolution, which provided a 20 per cent floor area bonus for plazas in certain high-density districts. This incentive provision has been widely used, and the results from the point of view of urban design have been at least partially successful. Unfortunately, the proliferation of plazas has accentuated the tendency of zoning to pull development into the center of the block and isolate individual buildings.

The concept of a zoning incentive, however, represents a very useful line of development. Our first provision along these lines was the special theater district in the Times Square area of midtown Manhattan.

The expansion of the midtown office concentration had begun to threaten the







Mandatory building to lot line (85' to set back)

Mandatory building to lot line (no set back)

Mandatory arcade

R 8 rezoned to R 7-2

velopers receive bonuses of floor area for adhering to an urban design plan. Certain features of the plan, such as holding the street line along Broadway to a specified height, are mandatory, Below: This photocollage was made to try to persuade a developer that a covered interior plaza with suitable bonuses would be a superior alternative to a plaza.



continued existence of the legitimate theaters, which were an economic land use only because they were old and had been paid for long ago. No private developer can afford to build a major legitimate theater today, and there was no way for the city to insure the preservation of the old theaters.

New York without its Broadway theaters and the Great White Way would not be New York, and the loss of a concentrated theater district would have a destructive effect not only on the theater, but on the city's hotel, restaurant, and tourist buildings —as well as diminishing one of the major attractions that produced the office building concentration in the first place.

Within our new zone, extending from 40th Street to 57th Street and from Eighth Avenue to the Avenue of the Americas, developers can be given a bonus of additional floor space, similar to the one already granted for providing a plaza, if they build a new legitimate theater as part of their building. The profits from this additional floor space offset the losses that can be expected from the theater.

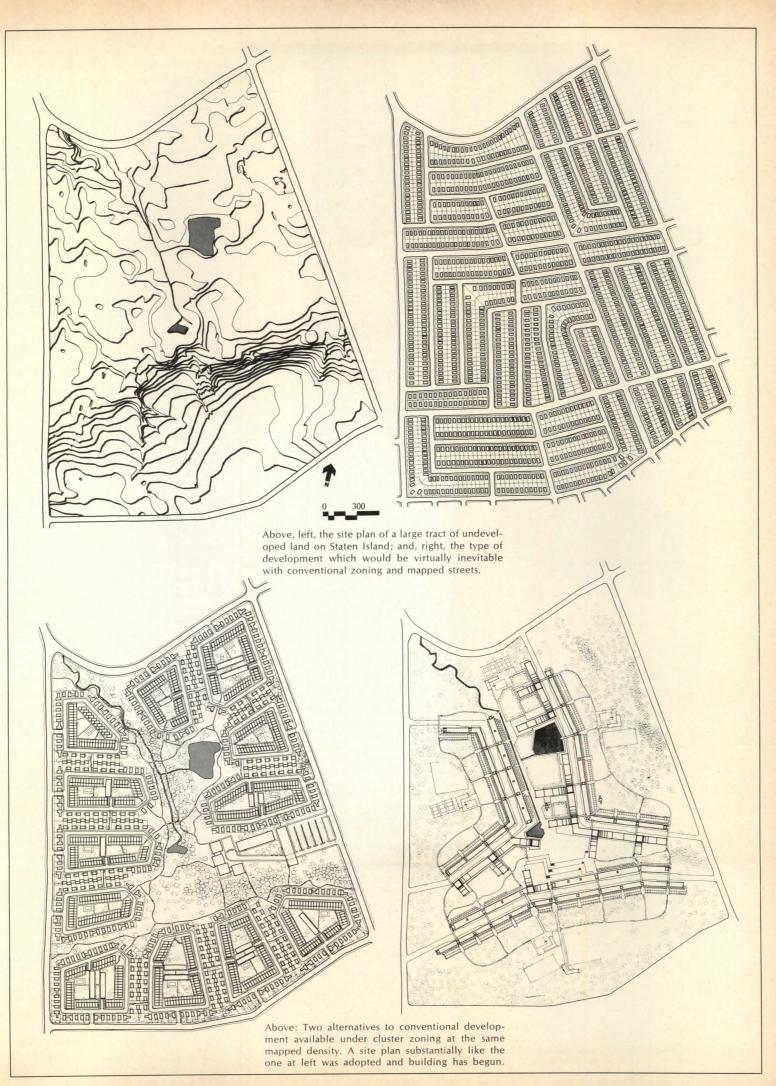
The bonus is discretionary up to an upper limit of 20 per cent, and the Planning Department retained an economic consultant, Richard Steyert, to help determine the appropriate bonus in each case. Developers are also encouraged to provide improved pedestrian circulation, by means of concourses, arcades and mid-block plazas.

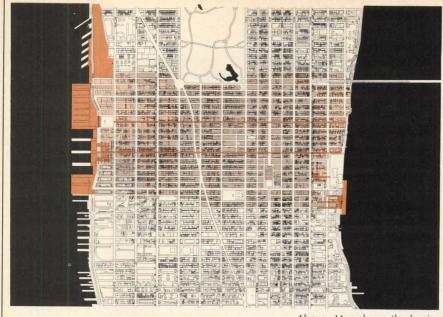
A second special zoning district, created around the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, defines the public interest more explicitly and also makes certain requirements mandatory.

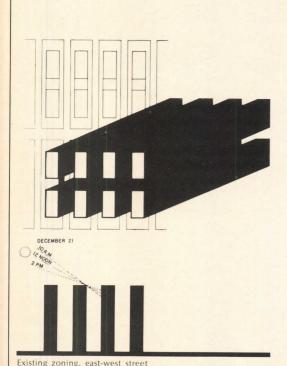
Developers are encouraged to provide a continuous arcade along the east side of Broadway, creating a uniform backdrop for Lincoln Center, as well as a sheltered pedestrian promenade. Plazas for these buildings would be on their eastern side, forming a series of mid-block parks. The law also contains provisions designed to stimulate the construction of gallerias, covered public spaces, and connections to the subway.

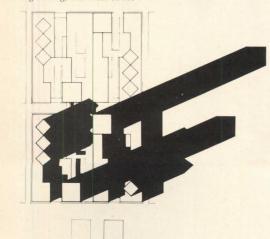
An analogous approach to urban design can be seen in our published standards for cluster development in low-density residential areas. Cluster zoning is a familiar concept, but there were few precedents for cluster housing at New York densities of 12 to 20 units to the acre. Sweeping changes in the mapped street system proved at least as significant in making cluster development work as easing zoning's minimum spacing and setback requirements.

Special zoning districts and cluster development provisions both demonstrate the premise that it is the functional and spatial relationships between buildings that are of most importance to the public, not the design of individual structures. On the following pages, you will see how this type of legislation, combined with more conventional renewal techniques, can make it possible to design whole sectors of a city.









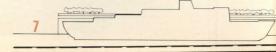
Above: Map shows the beginnings of a planning and design policy framework for midtown Manhattan. New cross-town transit links are under study, and one, across 48th Street, has already been funded. This transportation will open the area west of Ninth Avenue to high-density commercial development for the first time. It is proposed to concentrate the first increment of new office construction in a four-blockwide strip along 48th Street, reserving the area to the north for residential buildings, and to the south for later commercial expansion. This concentration of development permits the design of a coordinated plan that provides a circulation and servicing system far more complex and sophisticated than could be achieved by use of the street alone. Also shown are first steps in recapturing the waterfront for general recreational use above and around the new liner terminal on the Hudson, and adjoining the U.N.'s expansion along the East River. At left is a series of diagrams contrasting the effect of conventional zoning regulations with a coordinated design plan. The top two drawings show that, although a primary purpose of zoning is to safeguard light and air, very little of either is preserved in intensively developed districts. The contrasting drawings show the superior effect of a design plan that takes orientation and topography into account.

One of the most critical aspects of the recently published New York City master plan is the programed expansion of Manhattan's business center in order to preserve New York's role as the nation's center of business, finance and the arts. The visitor to Manhattan may not believe that further expansion is possible, and, indeed, this concept of increased concentration has been the plan's most controversial provision.

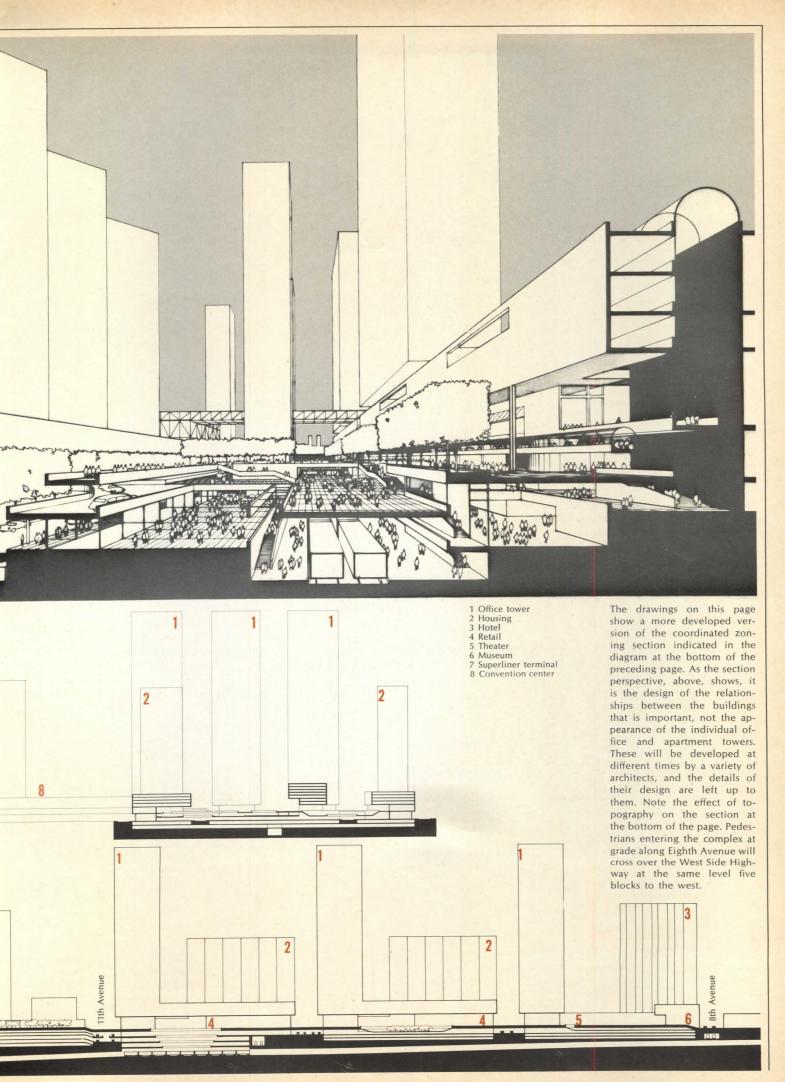
There is in fact plenty of physical space for such an expansion of commercial and office buildings, but the manner in which this change occurs is absolutely critical. Multiplying the type of plot-by-plot growth which has taken place in the last 20 years would be disastrous. What is required is a three-dimensional physical design which will describe a coordinated expansion plan. This plan should provide for underground truck service, pedestrian concourses running directly from the subway to the buildings served, and covered pedestrian malls, as well as second-level connections that will take people across intersections and provide extra shop frontage. Provisions of this sort not only would make increased office density tolerable, but would create a framework that could be gradually extended to take in earlier development.

These kinds of remedies have been prescribed often enough in the past. However, past proposals have always required the municipality to take on major new capital expenditures; and, with the current state of city finances and priorities, relatively little money is available. It is the construction of a new subway across 48th Street (funded by a state bond issue) that provides an opportunity to plan the expansion of the midtown area. This subway will open up prime office building sites that have been inaccessible up to now. In the past the increased land values created by the subway would fall to whomever happened to own land in its path. This time, it is proposed to condemn a two-block wide strip along the subway route at rates based on current valuation, and transfer the land at cost to a development corporation which will set design controls. This form of capitalization, plus incentive zoning devices accompanying the necessary zoning changes, should be able to finance development like that shown at right. The proposal also includes a new passenger liner terminal at the Hudson River and New York City's first full-sized convention hall.

The plan also contains provisions for rehousing present residents of the area, many of whom have low incomes and have lived in the neighborhood for years. New housing is to be built around DeWitt Clinton Park, some five blocks to the north, and zoning and housing policies already enacted confirm this area as a residential neighborhood for all income levels.

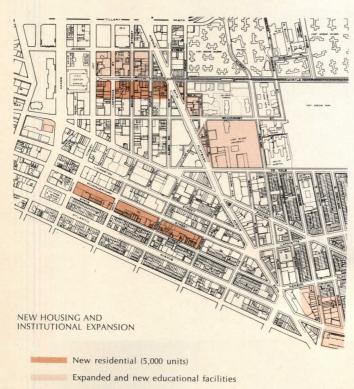


Proposed zoning, east-west street

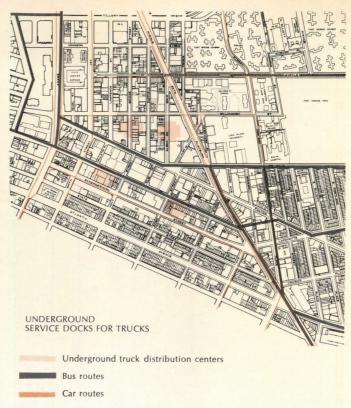




Downtown Brooklyn's existing transportation system is one of its major assets. All the city's transit lines are funnelled through this small area, which is only one stop from lower Manhattan. The extensive existing subway concourses provide an opportunity to create a second-level pedestrian concourse system, analogous to the one in Montreal. The missing links could be paid for by a zoning incentive system.



There is enough vacant or under-utilized land surrounding the downtown Brooklyn commercial center to provide space for 5,000 badly needed new housing units, as well as expansion room for some of the most severely restricted of downtown Brooklyn's many educational institutions. Some of the new housing can be for faculty and students at these colleges and universities. Stronger educational institutions, and more residents, would, of course, both have a beneficial effect on the shopping and office center.



The major cause of traffic congestion in downtown Brooklyn at this time is the presence of trucks making deliveries to stores and warehouses. By providing a system of underground truck docks, partly on city property, servicing could be taken off the streets as part of a development plan. This move would create greater capacities on certain avenues, allowing them to become through traffic routes. Fulton Street, the main shopping artery, could then become a restricted street with wider sidewalks, special bus stops, and bus traffic only.



The capacity of the existing shopping area is large enough for at least one new department store, probably two, as well as additional secondary frontage. In a separate city, such a large commercial area would almost certainly have generated considerable office building development. In downtown Brooklyn today, there is almost no office space; but consulting studies indicate that a potential demand exists. The presence of a ring of new offices around the commercial district will strengthen the shopping street, while the presence of good shopping helps attract the offices.

Downtown Brooklyn, just across the East River from Lower Manhattan, is New York's second largest shopping center, but it is more similar to the downtown area of a separate city like Cincinnati or Dallas than to midtown or lower Manhattan. Downtown Brooklyn's proximity to the Wall Street area has tended to blind everyone to its independent significance; it has been largely overlooked by real-estate developers and has not received the kind of urban renewal attention that a commercial center of comparable size would have received in any other location.

Although downtown Brooklyn today is a thriving commercial complex, its immediate surroundings consist of vacant land and decaying warehouse buildings. The increasing number of suburban shopping centers in the outer parts of Brooklyn and in Nassau County on Long Island suggest that downtown Brooklyn is at a turning point: it can either take advantage of the growth opportunities surrounding it and improve its competitive position, or the process of decay may begin to set in.

An examination of downtown Brooklyn's problems and assets reveals a very favorable balance. There is an excellent existing system of mass transit access; major educational and cultural institutions surround the center on three sides, and there are several prosperous nearby neighborhoods. The problems stem largely from traffic congestion (caused by truck deliveries to the stores and traffic crossing Brooklyn on its way to and from Long Island) as well as fragmented land holdings and an intentionally conservative zoning pattern.

Our plan is based on the assumption, reinforced by a number of consulting studies, that there is a strong potential for further commercial and office building development in downtown Brooklyn, with office tenants representing both an overspill of "back office" space from lower Manhattan and those seeking a Brooklyn location.

If governmental powers are used to increase the allowable building bulk and to help assemble land, we believe that the downtown Brooklyn center can be virtually self-renewing, without subsidies. In fact, we intend to use this combination of incentives to enable private capital to build the underground truck service and pedestrian concourse system which is needed to make such a new business center work.

One of our consultants, Vincent Ponte, has helped us to work out a system of renewal that is staged over a 15-year period. Existing subway concourses will be linked into a new system comparable to the one in Montreal, the four underground truck docks will enable a new traffic pattern to be created, and there will be balanced increments of new commercial space, housing, and parking garages.

Again, as in midtown Manhattan, our design effort has centered around the functional relationships between buildings, and in finding an appropriate financial mechanism to see the plan carried out.



Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan, stage one; The first development centers around Fulton Street's weaker eastern end, includes a new office tower, a department store, and the first garage and truck dock

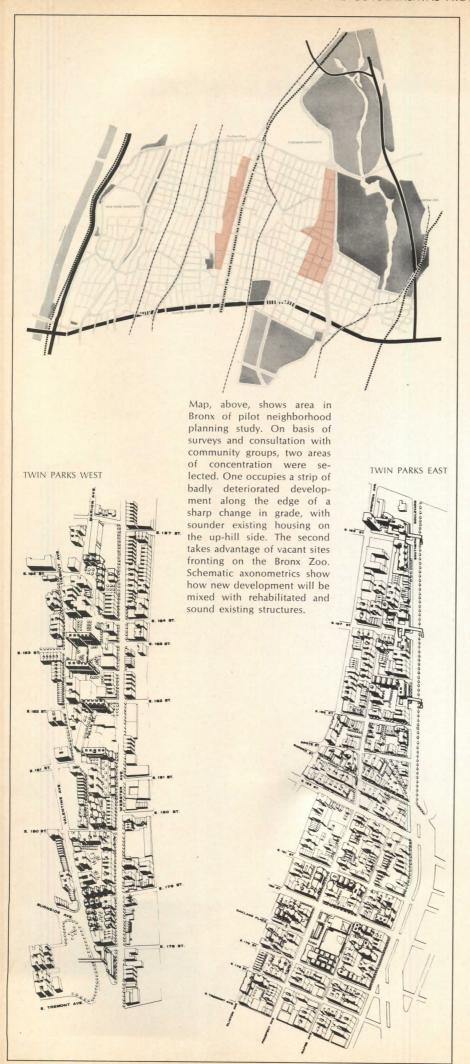
Model photos by Jerry Spearman



Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan, stage two The next stage includes additional office towers, the beginning of residential construction, and the first stage of special large-floor office buildings



Downtown Brooklyn Development Plan, stage three: This final photograph shows the full extent of development. Plan is based on construction by private enterprise, without government land subsidy, but with government-assisted assemblage, and special zoning incentives



There are vast areas of New York where no thriving real-estate market exists to be channeled through zoning and the other kinds of incentives described on the foregoing pages. These neighborhoods require a totally different approach.

Traditional urban renewal was based on the assumption that physical decay in the city could be treated surgically—by removing diseased areas and replacing them with sound development. The 1965 report of the Community Renewal Program made it clear that these kinds of renewal programs could never catch up with the city's housing needs. At the same time, extensive community opposition to various renewal proposals made it equally plain that total clearance of whole neighborhoods was no longer acceptable anywhere in the city.

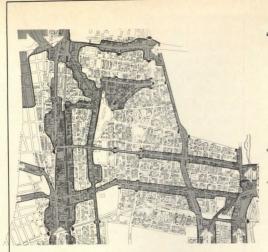
In an urban area as completely built up as New York, the combination of these two factors amounted to a dead end; and, when the Lindsay administration took office, the renewal process was almost at a standstill. A totally new approach had to be devised. The solution was to take the idea of smaller, "vest-pocket" housing projects, which were already being tried on an experimental basis, and deploy them strategically in the context of neighborhood planning programs designed to promote rehabilitation and maintenance of the existing housing stock. This concept was later made part of the Federal Housing Act of 1968.

Neighborhood planning requires the active participation of the present residents of the area, if only because they will be the future residents as well. We believe that community participation also improves the quality of the plan by providing information and criticism somewhat analogous to that given by the client during the design of a building. Community participation also keeps local residents informed about what is being planned, and helps to build a constituency to assure implementation.

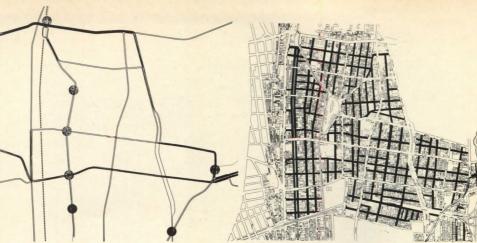
Our assignment in the East Tremont area of the Bronx was to work with various community groups to select "vest-pocket" housing sites, and, in the process, to start defining which decisions can appropriately be left to neighborhood residents and which must remain the primary responsibility of planning and design professionals.

Our approach, shown on these pages, was to select two areas of concentration where we felt new construction would have the most beneficial effect. Within these areas, renewal is programed as a staged combination of new buildings and rehabilitation. At the same time, we drew up a framework for future planning decisions.

Vest-pocket housing is primarily a conservation program; it is not designed to produce substantial increases in the city's housing supply or sweeping changes in the character of a district. The new buildings are more costly—and more trouble to design—than conventional structures, but these costs are justified by the social stability and physical conservation obtained by planning in a neighborhood context.

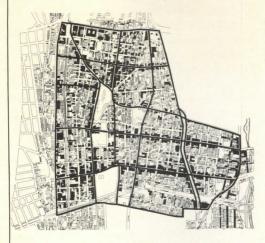


1. Map shows pattern created by existing zoning. Commercial and industrial districts create residential sectors.



2. Bus and rapid transit routes reinforce zoning pattern. Circles indicate rapid transit stations, single lines bus routes.

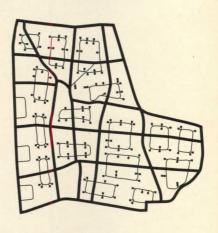
3. Streets that are blacked in are used primarily for access to fronting property, rather than for traffic.



4. The remaining traffic streets, shown blacked in on this map, relate closely to existing commercial frontages.



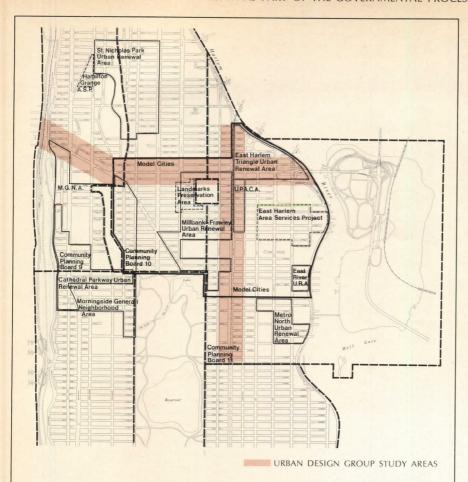
5. A synthesis of the above four factors produces a sector map that corresponds closely with local neighborhoods.



6. New street map shows how access streets could be looped, and given parking cul-de-sacs, leaving land for parks.

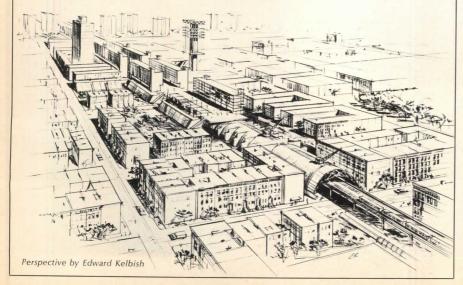


Map at right shows first-stage housing and rehabilitation sites in relation to evaluation map of whole area. Local residents, using evaluation map and neighborhood structure analysis can make more informed decisions about priorities for future housing sites.



The perspective, below, was drawn for an exhibition at the Museum of Modern Art done by founding members of the Urban Design Group before they joined the New York City Planning Department staff. Sketch shows redevelopment of air-rights over Penn-Central railroad between 97th Street and 134th Street in Harlem. Concept required that all construction be done in two- to three-year period. Map, above, shows some of overlapping political and planning jurisdic-

tions in Harlem, one reason why only incremental development is practical suggestion. Maps on facing page, for the same railway air-rights corridor and for 125th Street, show possible responses to this situation. Zoning proposals for 125th Street depend on through traffic being shifted to streets on north and south. Railway air-rights proposal is based on zoning and street mapping powers of city, and does not specify physical design concepts in detail.



The Harlem Model Cities area is a part of New York where the kind of "vest-pocket" programs discussed on the previous two pages cannot solve all the problems. There is no ready alternative, however, as Harlem is a densely populated and fully developed area where there are few opportunities for large-scale redevelopment that do not involve the displacement of large numbers of people.

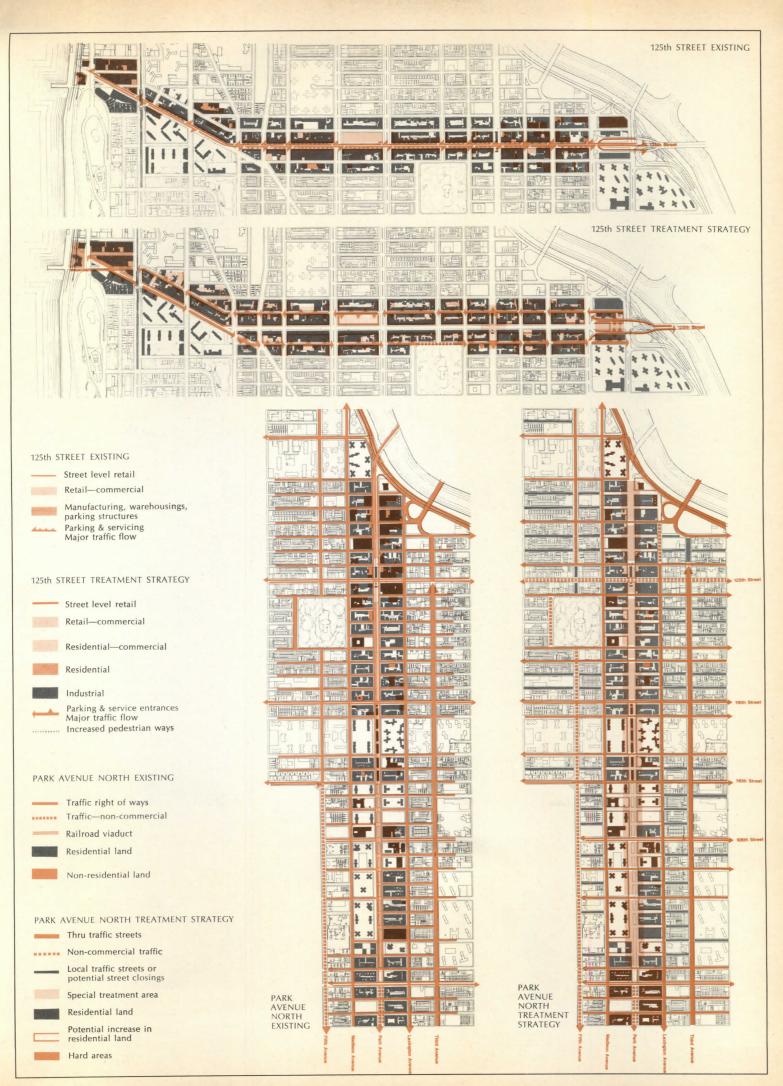
Earlier city policies accepted this relocation factor as inevitable, in fact desirable. Planners were working towards a thinning of residential densities, and wide swaths of new housing were cut through the Harlem area. Few of the people displaced by this process were able to return by the time the new housing was finished. If there had been a large number of good apartments available elsewhere in the city, this displacement policy might have been acceptable. With the housing shortage as serious as it was, however, the result was hardship for the people who had to move, and a multiplication of crowded conditions in other parts of New York.

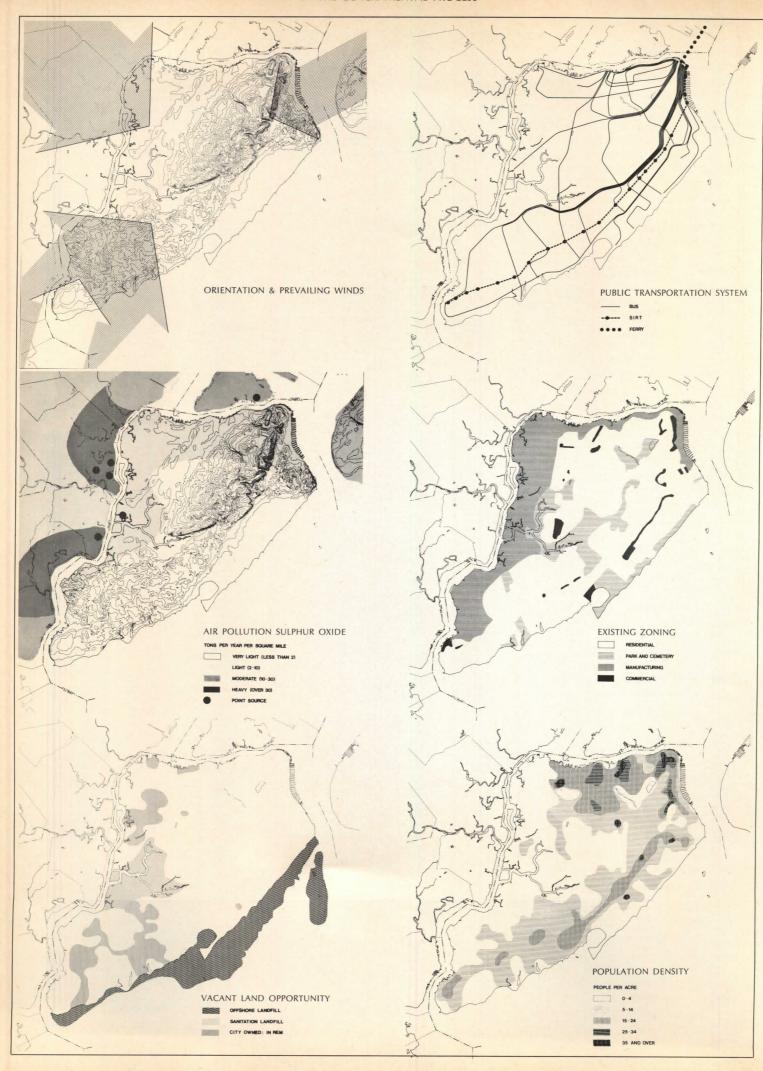
We made this problem our subject for an exhibition on urban planning that was shown at the Museum of Modern Art in January of 1967, and we were immediately struck by the strategic position occupied by the elevated railway viaduct that runs along Park Avenue from 97th Street to 134th Street and the Harlem River. This viaduct has been both a barrier and a serious blighting influence; but the air rights over it represent a major opportunity as one of the very few areas of potential development in Harlem that do not require much relocation.

The question we asked ourselves was whether the cost of developing the air rights and the immediately adjacent frontages was in any way comparable to the cost of condemning and clearing a similar quantity of land under conventional renewal procedures. The work done for the exhibition indicated that we had the beginnings of a feasible project; and, when we began to work for the city, we were asked to investigate these air-rights possibilities in more detail.

These studies have been complicated by the near impossibility of retaining engineering consultants under the city's contract procedures, by suspicion on the part of neighborhood residents (quite justified, in view of previous city actions) and by the political complexity of the various Harlem communities.

However, we have been able to reach a number of conclusions, some of which are shown on these pages. We now realize that the ability to accomplish redevelopment in increments is essential for feasibility, and that the air-rights development is only part of the complex series of questions relating to residential density in all of Harlem. We have also extended our work to include the development potential of 125th Street, Harlem's major shopping area, which might help finance the cost of new housing in a manner similar to that envisaged for the west midtown development.





The idea that the city itself could be the product of design is generally viewed as a desirable goal; but most successful examples have required the exercise of almost despotic power. If Baron Haussmann had had to accept community participation, Paris would still be a medieval city. In the United States, the city beautiful movement was at its most successful when it dealt with parks and waterfronts. Where the interests of large numbers of people would have had to be sacrificed for this kind of physical planning, it was usually the plan-and quite correctly—that ended up being sacrificed.

We have begun to see, however, that the design process is a useful tool for studying large-scale policy questions that are generally not associated with urban design at all. The series of maps shown on these pages is part of a much larger sequence that shows how the entire borough of Staten Island can grow from its present population of less than 300,000 to an area with a population of well over a million, a growth possibility that could improve the city's flexibility in dealing with its housing problems.

There are really three different kinds of map involved. The first is a series of inventory drawings that document existing physical conditions such as topography, prevailing winds, air pollution, and existing transportation, as well as opportunity areas such as under-utilized or vacant land.

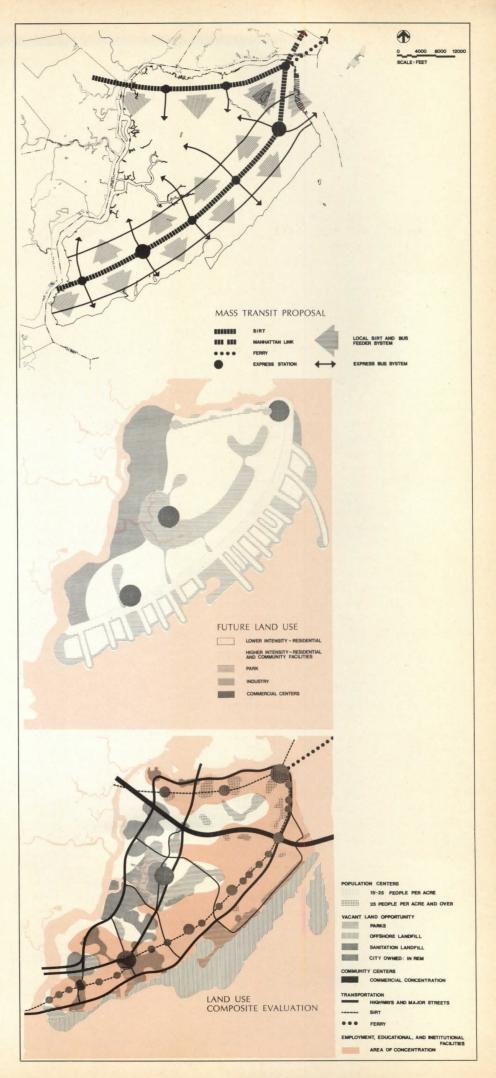
The second set represents a synthesis of these physical factors into a policy hypothesis. For example, topography, climate, transportation and many other factors all indicate that the eastern part of Staten Island is the most logical area for high-density development.

Finally these policy hypotheses are tested against the available opportunities. There is actually more vacant land in the western part of Staten Island than on the east, but air pollution and lack of public transport indicate that it is more desirable to make this western land available for industry or low-density housing, and to use land fill to create more land on the eastern shore. These decisions are then related to highway plans and street patterns to produce the final result.

This analysis may seem so straightforward as to be obvious without such an elaborate presentation, but in fact, earlier, and less systematic, policy studies identified only the southern part of Staten Island as a major opportunity area, because only certain kinds of vacant land were considered.

There are strong similarities between this map series and a set of drawings articulating the steps by which a building is designed, although the result is very abstract, and is simply a large-scale policy framework for more detailed subsequent studies.

We believe that an analogous approach can be used to analyze the city's more builtup and populous boroughs, and that ultimately it is possible to produce a series of policy maps which will frame the alternatives for growth and change in New York over the next several decades.



ew York's recent mayoral election naturally caused us to stop and evaluate our progress to date. In the not quite three years since we began working for the New York City government, we feel that we have participated in a considerable record of accomplishment. The New York Times, in a lead editorial on the Sunday before the November mayoral election, stated that in no field had the Lindsay administration done more "than in the broad and fundamental area of planning and urban design—which is the concrete expression of the vision of the city's future."

"Urban Design," the editorial went on, "has been dealt with in a way that makes it possible for the first time to foresee city trends and draft solutions. The city's zoning laws have been revised and reshaped to make New York a better place to live and work, not just reduce it to a profitable pulp. The city has moved forward decisively with community participation and planning. Urban renewal processes have been radically revised."

The editorial also commented on the proposal by one of the Mayor's opponents that the Mayor's special development offices, the Urban Design Group, and other planning efforts be abolished to save money. "Never in the city's history," said the editorial, "would false economy exact a more formidable price." The editorial concluded that "at stake with the Lindsay administration's urban policies is the future of New York in the largest sense."

he Mayor's reelection insures the continuation of these urban policies, and we hope that the next four years will see their consolidation to the point where the formidable vested interests that sought their abolition will have to accept them as part of the status quo.

Lindsay's re-election also insures the uninterrupted publication of the city's Comprehensive Plan, the first in the 32 years of city planning in New York. The first volume, containing general policy statements, was published in November; and volumes covering each of the five boroughs will be issued in the course of the winter. This massive effort—the six volumes are each 17 inches square and their combined weight is 19½ pounds—is basically one of Donald Elliott's achievements. Although there had been previous drafts, almost all of the final version has been produced within the last three years.

The Plan provides a context for Administration policies and an orderly framework for deciding what the future of the city should be. To insure the widest possible participation in the planning process, a special effort has been made to present the Plan in such a way that the ordinary citizen can understand it.

The existence of the Plan helps to insure the effective execution of urban design concepts, and virtually all of our work over the last few years has been incorporated into the Plan.

A further guarantee of the continued influence of these concepts has been the movement of people associated with our urban design effort into important administrative positions related to their previous work.

In January of last year Jaquelin Robertson became the director of the Mayor's new Office of Midtown Planning and Development, and, more recently, Richard Weinstein took over as director of the Mayor's Office of Lower Manhattan Development. Alexander Cooper, who joined us in August of 1967, and did an outstanding job directing the production of a neighborhood plan for the Coney Island area (one of several significant projects we have had to leave out of this article because of lack of space) is now the director of design in the city's Housing and Development Administration. Michael Dobbins, who joined us right at the beginning of our work for the city, is now the director of planning for Staten Island.

The Urban Design Group itself now numbers some two dozen highly skilled professionals, who are acquiring the experience to move on to important responsibilities in their turn; and we now have a complete set of urban design titles established under civil service.

e remain optimistic about the future of New York and other cities. The wealth and energy to make changes is there, although the problems are enormous and a successful outcome is far from certain. Ultimately, all the efforts of the cities will be futile unless there is a major reallocation of our nation's resources in the context of a national planning policy.

There is still much worth doing at the local level, however. In our own field, there is a long way to go before urban design considerations really become an integral part of the City's decision-making process. Even the City's own capital construction program is far from being the effective design force that it ought to be. Readers of the Record will recall the articles describing the innovative design approaches of the City's Parks Department and Housing and Development Administration; but much remains to be done along these lines in other areas.

We now know, however, that even the efforts of a small group can make an appreciable difference; and we hope that it will become the practice of many people in our field to spend at least a few years tussling with the problems of government. It is impossible to exaggerate the educational value in discovering how the decisions that shape our environment are made. Graduates of jobs such as ours will emerge, we are certain, with a new definition of what constitutes an effective architectural practice.

In the meantime, the problems of our society are complex and formidable, and there is no escape from them. We are all in this thing together, and everyone ought to lend a hand.

The following are some of the people who have contributed to the work shown on the foregoing pages:

Theater District: Richard Weinstein, Jaquelin T. Robertson, Jonathan Barnett, Myles Weintraub; Norman Marcus, Counsel to the City Planning Commission, and Richard Steyert, economics consultant.

Lincoln Square Special District: Richard Weinstein, Jaquelin T. Robertson, Rachel Ramati; Norman Marcus, Counsel to the City Planning Commission, Marilyn Groves, Commissioner Harmon Goldstone, and Richard Steyert, economics consultant.

Cluster Zoning: Michael Dobbins, Jonathan Barnett, assisted by Frank A. Rogers, Gregory Matviak. Millard Humstone, principal planner, and Samuel Joroff, deputy director of Staten Island Development.

Midtown Manhattan: Jaquelin T. Robertson, Ajyzk Jagoda, Lauren Otis, assisted by John G. Turnbull, Rumy Shroff, Alexander Caragonne, Terry Williams.

Downtown Brooklyn: Jonathan Barnett and Richard M. Rosan, Vincent P. Ponte, planning consultant; assisted by Joan Franklin, Peter Woll, Jung Ling Wang.

Original Twin Parks Plan: (in alphabetical order) Jonathan Barnett, Giovanni Pasanella, Jaquelin T. Robertson, Richard Weinstein, Myles Weintraub, assisted by Lucinda Cisler, E. T. Seabury-Kramer, Heidi Konwalinka. Neighborhood planning diagrams by H. Merrill Pasco, assisted by Leila Seroussi, Carol Woodward, Bruce Prince.

125th Street and Park Avenue: Lauren Otis and Edwin Woodman, assisted by Frank A. Rogers, W. Joseph Black, Joyce Saginaw.

Staten Island Planning Diagrams: Michael Dobbins and Gregory Matviak assisted by Jeremy Walsh, Christopher Clews and Robert Bratvett.

## HEALTH FACILITIES:

#### IMPROVEMENT THROUGH MANAGEMENT AND MONEY FOR ARCHITECTURE

As the public client at every level of government has poured increasing billions of dollars into construction of all kinds, two important effects have emerged. First, the sheer volume has called for fresh approaches to management of both design and construction processes. Second, the response of the architectural profession has been to reach for new dimensions in practice commensurate with the size and complexity of new work.

Health facilities demonstrate these changes more aptly than some other building types—partly because of the increasing penetration of the public client into programing and design development, and partly because of the rapidly changing medical techniques new facilities are called upon to accommodate. In the field of mental health, especially, new therapies have had a two-fold effect on architects' involvement. One effect has been the rapid obsolescence of existing facilities, which has called for new client sophistication in programing and new administrative approaches to reconstituting state facilities. A second effect has been the emergence of entirely new kinds of mental health facilities for which few design precedents exist.

The facilities described on following pages have been designed (with one exception) under a construction program initiated in 1964 by the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene and implemented by a funding and management agency now called the New York State Health and Mental Hygiene Facilities Improvement Corporation. The facilities shown are a sampling of the following kinds of work handled by the Corporation:

- Rehabilitation centers. As tranquilizers and other modes of therapy permit a more truly psychiatric interchange between physician and patient, rehabilitation becomes a major activity replacing the mainly custodial care of former programs. Hence, a new series of some 15 rehabilitation centers is being developed for the New York system. Characteristically, these are separate day-centers located on hospital grounds and designed to implement training for return to outside communities. See page 154.
- Schools for the mentally retarded. In 11 new designs for these schools, the architectural goal, again, is to reinforce development of the maximum capacities of the retarded rather than simply provide custodial housing. See page 164.
- Psychiatric hospitals for children. There are seven such planned for New York's mental hygiene program. In addition there will be a series of some six hospitals newly designed for mentally ill adults. See page 162.
- Narcotic addiction rehabilitation centers. These are commissioned by the state's Narcotic Addiction Control Commission, and the design and construction management are handled through the Corporation. See page 160.
- Research facilities. At least two separate facilities for scientific research in psychiatric problems are in work. One of these, the Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation, was initiated prior to 1964, but is being completed under the Corporation's management program. See page 157.

The article beginning next page describes the role of the Corporation in fostering a working climate in which new dimensions of architectural and construction practices may thrive.

—William B. Foxhall

#### Architects in private practice, mustered by enlightened public policy, are upgrading New York's health and mental hygiene facilities

Buffalo Rehabilitation Center Architects: Milstein, Wittek, Davis & Hamilton



Hudson River Rehabilitation Center Architects: Cadman & Droste



Central Islip Rehabilitation Center Architects: Armand Bartos and Associates



Syracuse State School of Mental Retardation Architects: Sargent-Webster-Crenshaw & Folley



Kings Park Rehabilitation Center Architect: Edgar Tafel

One public agency that has been a proving ground for methods of maintaining architectural quality while meeting unprecedented demand for new kinds of health, facilities is the New York State Health and Mental Hygiene Facilities Improvement Corporation. That name, cumbersome though it may be, grew to its present length as visible testimony of the Corporation's success in handling some 1500 projects valued at over \$855 million.

The agency started out simply, in 1964, as the Mental Hygiene Facilities Improvement Fund. It was created by the New York Legislature, on behalf of the Department of Mental Hygiene, as a means of accelerating the flow of money and construction knowhow into updating old and developing new kinds of mental health facilities. Success of the fund's operation led to new assignments, first for the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission and later for general health facilities. The latter assignment was launched by a \$700-million appropriation by the 1968 State Legislature in a bill directing the Corporation to help cities and counties in the construction of general hospitals and changing the Corporation's name to its present mouthful.

The funding methods established in the charter of the Corporation in 1964 are essentially self-sustaining. Money for a given mental health project is appropriated by the State Legislature at the request of the Department of Mental Hygiene. Bonds through which the money is repaid are sold by the Housing Finance Agency. When the facility is completed and in operation, fees from patients are used to pay off construction bonds and the program continues as a self-funded agency without excessive load on the state tax structure. As a public agency, the corporation is accountable to the State Bureau of the Budget, but otherwise maintains substantial freedom of action in the management of its own affairs.

#### Selection of architects is flexible and fair

The role of the corporation is not only to administer funding but also to award architectural commissions and to manage construction of facilities for client agencies (the Department of Mental Hygiene, the Narcotic Addiction Control Commission, and now various city and county departments).

The procedures for selection of architects are substantially more flexible than those of some other public agencies. For example, there is no "approved list," so the

whole membership of the architectural profession is available to the program. The scope of work is such that there are opportunities for all. Firms do have to qualify for a given project by showing capability to produce quality work within restrictive budgets. And they must have the capacity in manpower to design the proposed project without adding considerable staff. Since the design and development staff of the Corporation, consisting of staff architects, engineers and construction experts, operates in the New York office of the Corporation where development meetings at regular intervals are held, the architects responsible for design must be able to be present at those meetings.

On mental health projects, for example, the process might work as follows. The Corporation's director of design development, Roy Harlow, may receive a letter of request from the State Department of Mental Hygiene. He will review a number of available firms considering scope and location of the project, and discuss these firms informally with the executive director of the corporation, Milton Musicus. The executive director then puts a recommendation for some of the firms on an agenda for consideration at the next meeting of the client department. For general health services, architects are similarly proposed and are finally chosen with the consent of the local agency for whom the facility is being designed. At the invitation of the client, city or county, the Corporation may identify three firms which have demonstrated abilities. Or the client municipality may itself suggest three or more prospective architects who are invited to make presentations to the various officials involved and to the Corporation staff. The Corporation seeks strong assurance that the project architect assigned to work commissioned to a particular firm is at an executive level and fulfills the requirements of responsibility implicit in the firm name.

Corporation staff architects and engineers review plans and specifications at various stages of development as a check against omissions or errors that could eventually develop into change orders. This review process as well as much of the followup on construction schedules is done under the administration of John Yurtchuk, coordinator of construction management.

#### Construction management: one key to quality and cost

One of the decisions of the corporation has been to commission an independent con-

struction manager accepted by the architect to work on each project. The construction manager is usually a representative from one of the large contracting organizations which have elected to participate in management consultation rather than bid on any of the basic contracts involved in the job. By law, jobs are bid under at least four contracts: one each for general construction, HVAC, electrical equipment and plumbing.

The larger general contractors are not always available or willing to bid on the multiple contract basis, but their skills in overall construction management are brought to bear on Corporation projects by inducing them (with a moderate percentage fee) to assign some of their top people to act as construction managers. The caliber of management personnel is checked at approval interviews with the Corporation's board.

The selected construction managers are sophisticated not only in the wide variety of technologies involved but also in the practices employed by certain marginal bidders in making up for extremely low bids by encouraging the proliferation of change orders and other opportunities for profit. The Facilities Improvement Corporation sought for many years to coordinate the required four contracts under the general surveillance of the prime construction contractors. In many cases, however, the construction contractor was not equal to the task. Moreover, he often had a self-interest in disputes that involved other contractors.

The answer to this quandary was the establishment of the construction management program.

As projects increased in size and complexity, difficulties emerged in obtaining responsible bids even under the four-contract system. The Corporation decided to make greater use of its well-developed construction management potential and to further divide bidding into as many as 30 trades involved on a given project. The results of this ultimate diffusion of the bidding process are not all in, but on those few projects to which it has been applied, it seems to be working well.

One of the encumbrances on earlier process involving four prime contractors had to do with the flow of money. Now smaller contractors who may be of good quality but not substantially capitalized have an opportunity to participate as primes and can be directly and promptly reimbursed by the corporation rather than being subject to the delays of transfer between prime and sub-contractors. The rate of payment has been accelerated to three-week intervals so that the demands on resources of smaller contractors are alleviated.

#### Regular meetings help solve communications problems

One of the major advantages of the construction management operation has been the ability of the Corporation to involve the construction managers in design development conferences among architects, Corporation personnel, the client agency and various consultants. The advantage to the architect is two-fold. First, he gains assurance that his own administrative time will not be dissipated in coordinating and scheduling problems. Second, he gains some feedback of the manager's familiarity with local conditions in the region where the building will be located. This pertains not only to the resources of local contractors but also to the capabilities of local trades in using optional materials that vary in availability and cost from one locale to another.

In design meetings which (for a major hospital, for example) are regularly held at the New York headquarters of the Corporation, there may be as many as a dozen agencies represented, including the client agencies, the Health and Hospital Planning Council and the State Department of Mental Hygiene. That Department may be brought in at both city and state levels, because most large general hospitals now are introducing substantial mental health facilities. The medical personnel of the hospital will also be represented either by the administrator or various department heads.

This technique of large preliminary meetings seems cumbersome at first, until it is realized that one of the most inhibiting conditions that has slowed the process of development and construction has been the increasing multiplicity of agencies and bureaus with some stake in the outcome and some responsibility for review during the development process. This overview process has reached the point where it is quite normal for a ten-year lapse between the emerging need for a facility and its ultimate completion. Further, the facility design itself not only suffers compromise for the mere sake of expediency in getting it approved, but is likely to be obsolete, or at best inadequate in scope, by the time it reaches completion.

There is some temptation to castigate the burgeoning process of overview as bureaucratic empire-building, but the fact is that the growth of multiple surveillance has

been a direct response to public pressure. The consequences of direct action by individual public officials in the expenditure of public funds for construction have often been dire, politically, for responsible officials whose aim was only to "get things done." The human response of inviting multiple backup to share responsibility is at least understandable.

Historically, from the architect's point of view, the result has been an increasing proliferation of basically architectural decisions made, or at least controlled, by nonarchitectural bureaucrats. But, under the state system, with face-to-face presence of all parties concerned at preliminary meetings, the review homework has already been done at the end of each meeting, and the understanding of the purposes and crosspurposes of participating bodies is aided by verbal exchanges, heated or otherwise, rather than cumbersome and lengthy exchanges of correspondence.

One of the side effects of this conference process has been an educational interchange among parties involved. A city official from, for example, the Bureau of the Budget may not only increase his own comprehension of a project but may also get quick answers, without political repercussions, to some of the technical or costing questions that might have encumbered his approaches to a purely documentary presentation of the project.

Not the least contribution to this educational process is an opportunity for everyone present to rationally evaluate cost figures of a particular job rather than superficially compare square-foot-cost records of previous and not necessarily comparable projects. The essential components of the square-foot cost can be simply explained, and the realities of the particular situation brought to bear.

On the subject of square-foot costs, the Corporation has made detailed analyses of comparable mental health facilities. They have turned their attention to categorical analyses of the costs of recreational space, therapeutic space and dormitory space; this analysis then becomes a guide, but not a constraint upon, the emerging cost figures as the project develops. It is a useful tool of the estimating technique rather than a catalogue of limits.

Endless details of invention and control have made of this whole program a demonstration of how money, management and architecture can unite in new dimensions of public benefit.

#### New centers at state hospitals designed for rehabilitation, not custody

Middletown Rehabilitation Center is the first completed of 15 such centers New York State is building at existing mental hospitals. The design objective is to bring together and express, in community-related rather than austerely institutional buildings, new programs in pre-discharge therapy that had become fragmented and poorly housed in state hospitals during recent years.

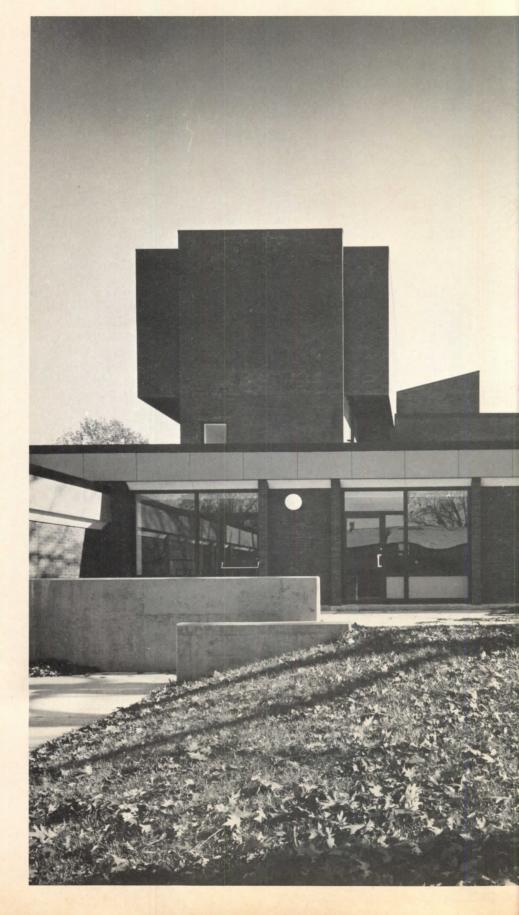
The Middletown center is designed to actively enhance mental rehabilitation procedures in advance of patients' return to their own communities. For that purpose, the architects sought to achieve the effect of a busy small town. The building's one-story and two-story elements enclose two courtyards that contain towering oak trees. Patient traffic traverses the larger courtyard that is partially sunken and has an outdoor dining area that functions as a miniature town square (see page 156). Glassed arcades that surround this courtyard lead to workshops, classrooms, the cafeteria and to other parts of the building. The second courtyard is a quiet grassy space (right) surrounded by a terrace that provides access to the library, classrooms, and therapy areas. The superstructure in the photo is the cooling tower. Photo at bottom, opposite, is a high-bay exercise game room near the swimming pool and joined by glass arcade to the gymnasium. The vocabulary of brown brick and yellow fascia is sustained throughout.

Entrance to the complex through the "town square" courtyard is approached from the outside through a passage bridged by second-story offices (top, opposite).

Directly across the "town square" from the bridged passageway is an entrance to the lobby of a 400-seat, multi-purpose chapel-auditorium. This lobby also has a terraced entrance from the grounds outside the complex and another door leading to a gymnasium and other recreation facilities which extend around the south end of the town square and terminate in a cafeteria to the left of the bridged entrance passage.

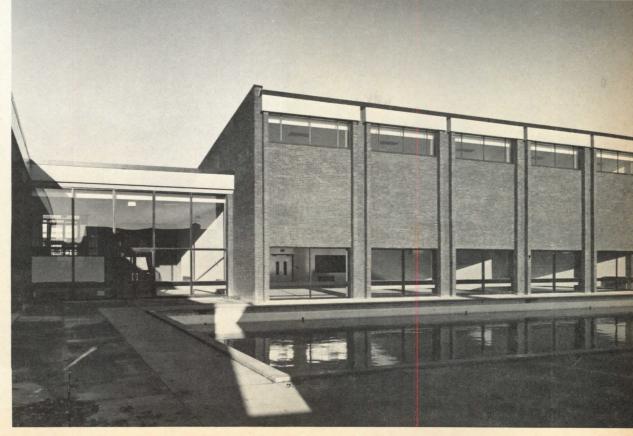
The rehabilitation program seeks maximum development of each patient's capacities for self-sufficiency. For this, the center offers medical, counseling and testing services and a variety of educational and vocational activities.

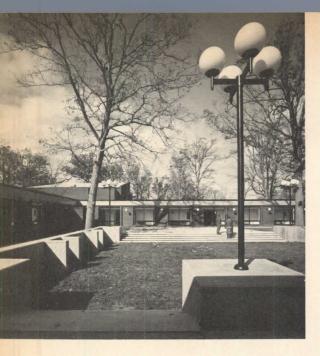
REHABILITATION CENTER, Middletown State Hospital, Middletown, New York. Architects: Helge Westermann/Richard Miller Associates; mechanical engineers: Caretsky & Associates; structural engineers: Lev Zetlin & Associates; landscape architects: Robert Zion & Harold Breen.





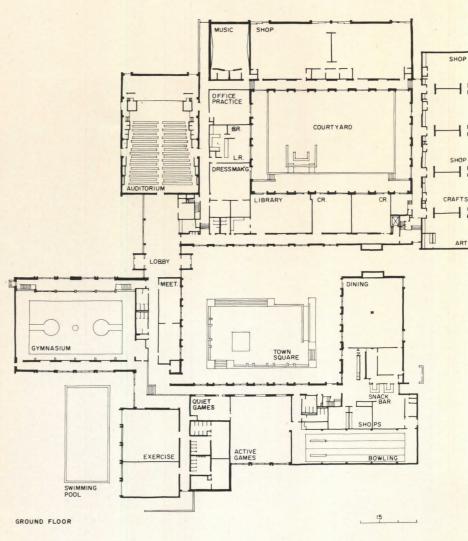




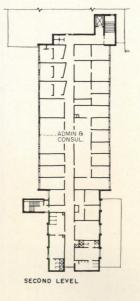








Designed around courtyards to function as a cluster of buildings rather than as a single building, the Middletown Rehabilitation Center has many features in common with other community centers. The large court (photo top left) is called the town square, and the arcade surrounding it gives access to classrooms, gymnasium and meeting rooms. The administration offices are on the second level bridging vehicle and pedestrian access to the larger court. Interior rooms such as the secretarial space (left) have clerestory windows facing the court side. Activities are carefully zoned but are related visually across courts and sequentially in terms of patient traffic. The objective has been to enhance the sense of scale and place with reference to ultimate community experience.



#### Retardation research lab has total flexibility for basic sciences

The \$12-million Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation, located on Staten Island adjacent to New York's Willowbrook State School for the mentally retarded, is the first institution in the state (and perhaps in the world) to focus programs in eight to ten disciplines in the basic sciences entirely on mental retardation with all facilities housed in one structure. The building has been finished and construction and outfitting of its laboratories are now under way.

The structure is of steel and prestressed concrete, and stone panels. It consists of a 5-story concrete research tower, to which are joined three single-story wings. One wing contains administrative offices. Another has wards for 40 patients. The third wing houses experimental animals.

An important element in the design of the building is the flexibility that has been built into the laboratory spaces to accommodate changes in research techniques and the diversity of procedures of many disciplines. The structural module is 25 by 10 feet, and each laboratory floor is laid out in 40 such modules. Movable walls allow rearrangement of space within the module system as research presses in new directions.

Also serving flexible layout of laboratories is a vertical distribution system for utilities at module intervals (see page 151). Further, each laboratory floor has a 5-foot mechanical space above its walk-on ceiling, with many knockout panels for access so that utility lines can be serviced without disturbing laboratory work.

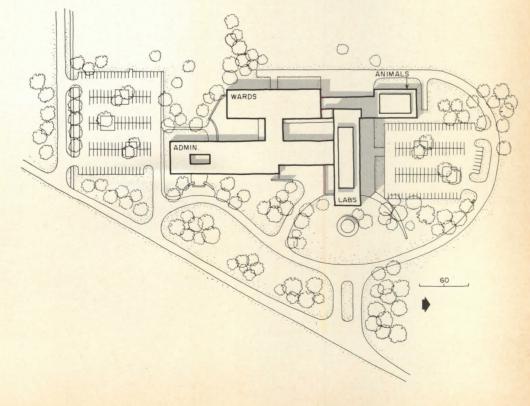
Laboratories have been laid out so that any scientist can get from his work area to the administration section or to the wards without passing through any other scientist's work area.

The same principle of flexibility is built into the wards which are designed so that patients selected from the Willowbrook population for specific research projects can be studied under controlled conditions in groups of two to forty. These wards are solely for patients under observation.

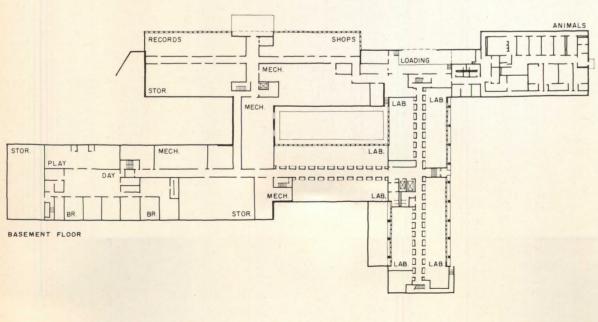
In the administration area, there is a divisible multi-purpose room for scientific meetings in addition to interview rooms specifically designed and equipped with instruments and projectors.

INSTITUTE FOR BASIC RESEARCH IN MENTAL RE-TARDATION, Staten Island, New York. Architects: Fordyce & Hamby Associates (now Hamby, Kennerly & Slomanson); consulting engineers: Syska & Hennessy, Inc.



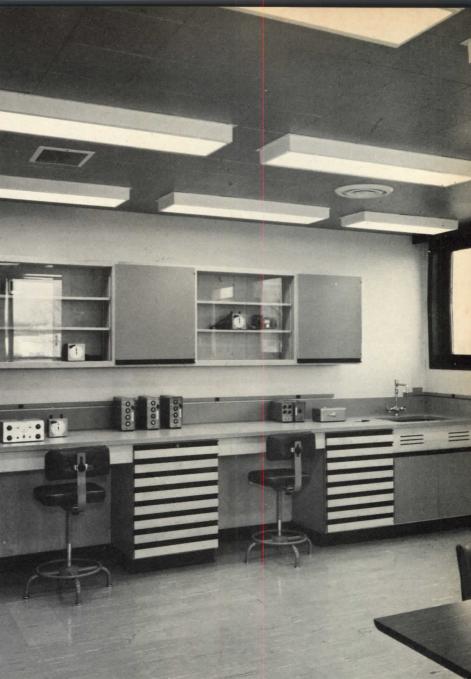


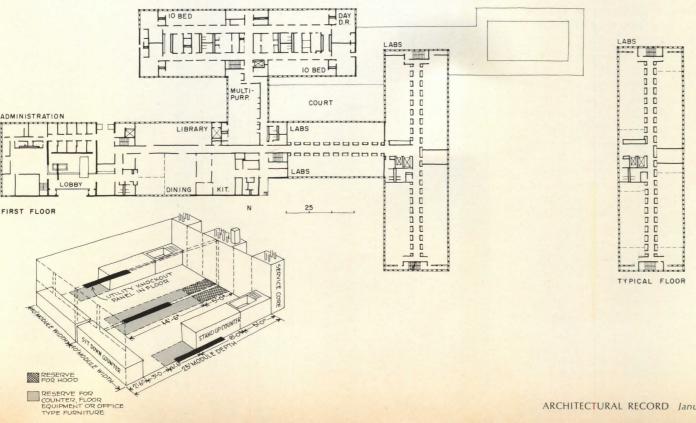




Virtually total flexibility in laboratory design was the objective of architects and engineers at the Institute for Basic Research in Mental Retardation. The basic design module is 10 by 25 feet with wide ceiling span as shown in the photograph above for unlimited options in placement of partitions according to discipline requirements. Mechanical spaces over ceilings and vertical service cores with a variety of piped fluids placed at ultimate module intervals (opposite) further support flexibility. The two-level support facilities house general administrative and operating spaces and a small patient wing in which selected patients from nearby Willowbrook State Hospital for the Retarded are housed during some phases of research. Special rooms for controlled atmospheres and pressures aid patient research.







#### Architecture to help drug addicts calls for speed and inventiveness

The response of architects and the Facilities Improvement Corporation to program requirements of the New York State Narcotic Addiction Control Commission has been prompt and varied. Facilities tend to center in the environs of New York City where the majority of the state's addicts are located. The pressures of time and urban location have demanded that architects and commission programers use great inventiveness in the design and rehabilitation of urban facilities.

This Manhattan Rehabilitation Center, designed by Gueron Lepp and Associates, demonstrates some of that inventiveness. It is a 400-bed narcotics rehabilitation facility for women and consists of three separate buildings served by common mechanical and kitchen facilities. The two buildings which form the treatment portion of the center were existing structures which were extensively renovated. One of these is an old public library which was converted to a treatment center. The other was a motel building which was converted for dormitory and activity uses.

The third building is an entirely new structure (right and opposite) which serves as a reception and administration building. This building also has facilities for housing 50 patients during detoxification.

One major problem in conversion of the motel was to screen the view from the street and provide some security at windows. This was solved by the addition of a bronze-tinted aluminum screen on the street side of the building. There are bedrooms for 350 women in addition to classrooms and sanitary facilities on converted motel floors. The ground floor and the basement (formerly lobby and parking garage) were converted to administrative support offices, infirmary, visitors' lounge, food services and mechanical spaces.

The library building completes the interior court on this site and provides additional classrooms and vocational training areas as well as a library and gymnasium.

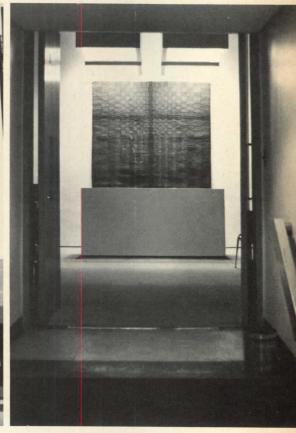
The architects and commission programers were able to discern the general potential of the existing buildings as more or less conventional spaces to which addicts might respond. The special problems of early confinement and analysis were handled appropriately in the new structure.

MANHATTAN REHABILITATION CENTER, New York, New York. Architects: Gueron, Lepp and Associates; mechanical engineers: William Kaplan & Associates; structural engineers: Zoldos & Meagher; construction contractors: George Rosen & Son Inc.



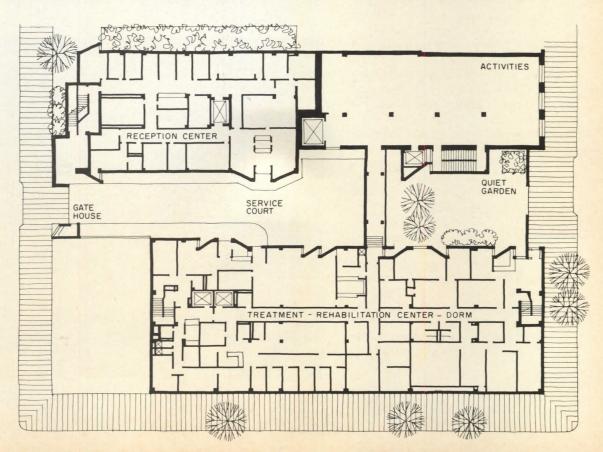






Exterior of the new building at Manhattan Rehabilitation Center is an expression of the concrete frame with splayed walls of dark brown brick to harmonize with a bronzecolored aluminum security screen on the adjoining dormitory building, a converted motel. Spaces in the new building include combined dining and recreational rooms, doctors' offices, treatment rooms, admissions facilities and an exercise room.

A small multi-faith chapel (above right) was included in the rehabilitation of the existing library, which now adjoins the new building. All patient "activities" are housed in the sturdy, turn-of-thecentury structure including classrooms, vocational training shops, library, gymnasium and beauty shop. Large story heights in the building permitted addition of mezzanine floors for the patients' library and two additional classrooms.



#### A great house for children copes with the urban scene

Houses for 192 psychotic children 5 to 16 years old have been designed and scaled to relate not only to the residential experience of their occupants but also to the massive urban scene surrounding their site on the grounds of the Bronx State Hospital. The urban scene is not new to these children. But the overwhelming presence of highrise, and the street canyons from which many of the patients come, have been counteracted in this facility by design emphasis on residential aspects and human scale. This was done in spite of the enormous problem of housing almost 200 children in what is, in fact, a single building.

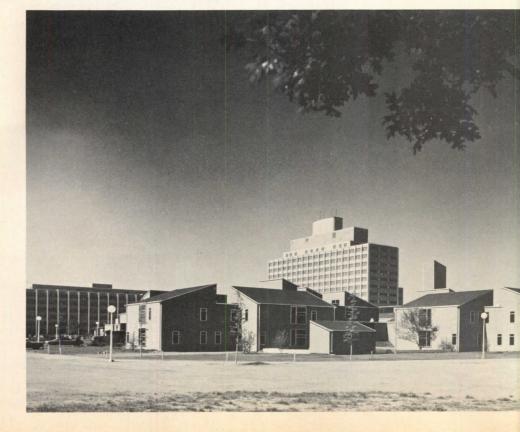
The planning concept involves clusters of domicile units in which small-group living will be enriched by easy access to central facilities reflecting community participation within the scope of the young patients. The center of the complex will also contain facilities for intensive psychiatric and medical therapies. It is enlivened by an irregular succession of courts in which colorful sculpture and wall decorations enhance the sense of childhood participation. The children are housed in a series of eight two-story buildings. These buildings are arranged to permit each group of eight children to live in some semblance of family relationship in four double bedrooms opening on a living room. Three such 8-member groups will live on a ward floor with common social and dining spaces on each floor.

The first floor of each two-story living unit will adjoin diagnostic, evaluation and therapy sections as well as educational and administrative spaces. Each second floor will contain a small infirmary and some educational spaces.

In addition to the central courtyards, there are ample spaces for outdoor recreation with playing fields and picnic areas as well as sheltered play terraces adjacent to the complex.

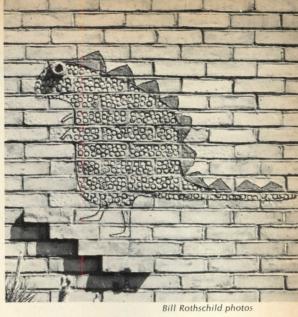
The exteriors are of brick bearing wall construction with steel joist framing, concrete plank roofs and concrete floor slab.

Although interior materials and decoration had to be selected for durability, the architects strove for warmth in color and texture by the use of painted block walls and vinyl asbestos floors with accent colors.

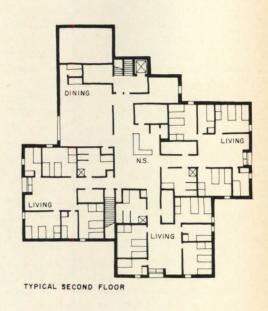


BRONX CHILDREN'S PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, Bronx State Hospital, Bronx, New York. Architects: The Office of Max O. Urbahn; structural engineers: Wayman C. Wing; mechanical enginers: Tizian Associates, Inc.; site engineers: Seelye Stevenson Value & Knecht



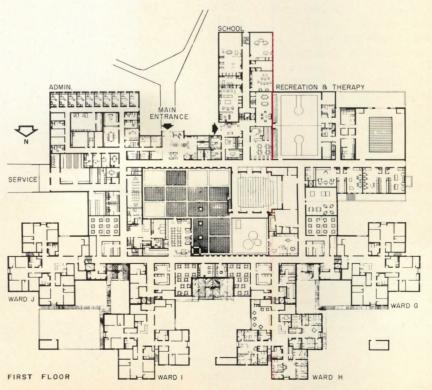








Plan of the Bronx Children's Psychiatric Hospital encompasses the huge problem of handling almost 200 boys and girls of varied diagnoses in a single giant complex with a full panoply of interdisciplinary psychiatric, medical and educational services. Division of the children into familysized residential groups with opportunities for interaction are aspects of the design intended to pre-adjust the children for return to the outside communities from which they come. The use of sculpture and decoration was a strong design componentinside and out-and was implemented by the architects' personal visits to the brickyard for design and casting of gay figures into brick walls and the Nivola sculptured animals and relief in concrete as shown in photos above. The plan shows division of the complex into three main categories of space.



#### Architectural stimulus and response in a school for the mentally retarded

The Wilton State School for Mentally Retarded is the first of 11 such new facilities planned for New York State. It will house a population of 500 mentally retarded children and adults. The program of the school calls for each resident to be scheduled for activities suited to his needs and capacities. Training will include activities of daily living and a full program of educational and prevocational training for those who may be able to develop personal independence.

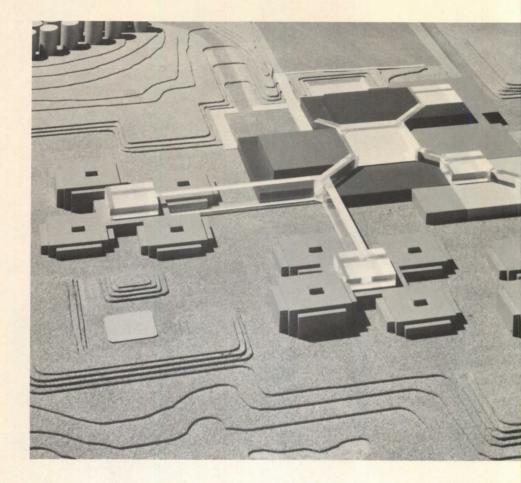
The architects' interpretation and development of the program, in cooperation with the Department of Mental Hygiene, took into account the fact that the inhabitants would be indoors for nine or ten months of each year, so that the concept was directed to provide a complete community experience indoors. The over-all plan, therefore, simulates a system of streets and houses with as much diversity as those terms imply.

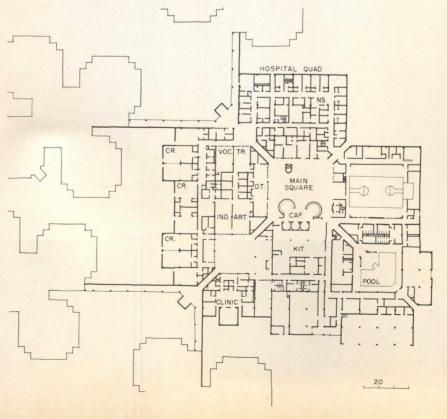
A sense of residence is generated in living units which are arranged in four clover-leaf clusters of four structures each. One structure in each cluster is a two-story unit so that there is a total of five house-size patient floors in each cluster.

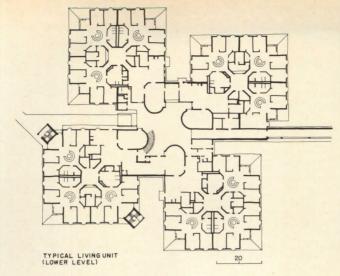
Each floor is divided into three cornergroups of four two-bed rooms opening onto a two-part living room made up of a central activity area and a glazed corner. Each two-bed room has built-in storage for personal belongings and a round plastic window designed to relate to the outdoors while preserving a sense of security. Each 24-patient floor has a common activity area and dining space and each cluster hub is a two-story high space called an environmental center which serves as a near-home gathering plaza and directional clue to the passageway connection to the central activities building. Each cluster looks out on a peripheral play area and in toward its own environmental center.

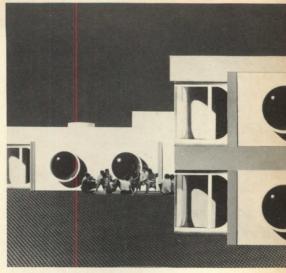
The main building has learning spaces connected by "streets" and divided into quadrants allocated to identifiable categories of activity. Quadrants for recreation, education, medical services and occupational shops and kitchens are arranged around a central square which students identify as a main plaza and to which the four "streets" from living quarters enter on diagonals at the corners.

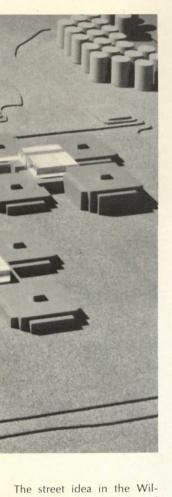
WILTON STATE SCHOOL, Wilton, New York. Architects: Conklin & Rossant; structural engineers: Zetlin Desimone & Chaplin; mechanical engineers: Caretsky & Associates.

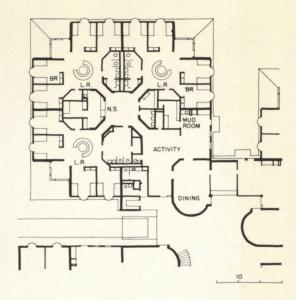




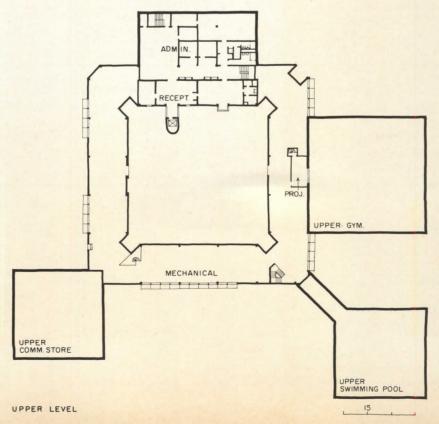




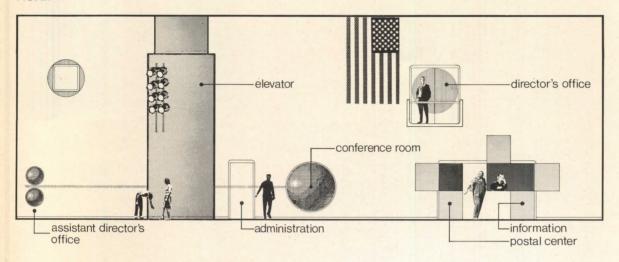




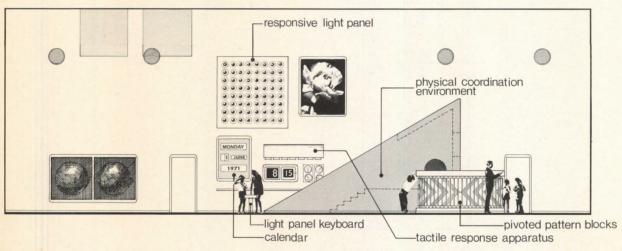
ton school plan is reinforced by four smaller squares peripheral to and visible from the main central square. Two of these sub-squares identify linkage to the corner meeting points of pairs of living-unit passageways. The other two relate to and identify activity areas which are grouped as recreational, educational, clinical or occupational in quadrants of the central building. Each sub-square can be readily identified by a characteristic drug store, barber shop, or other street-corner aspect. The main plaza has a cafeteria for noon meals which is laid out to include three smaller circular dining areas intended to preserve some aspects of residential scale. The main plaza also has "teaching walls" with lively lights and sound devices to stimulate outgoing responses of residents as shown in elevations on page 166.



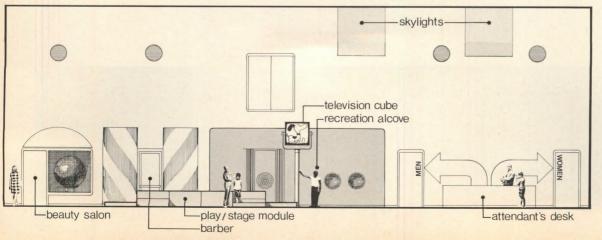
#### North



#### West



#### East



Rendered elevations of three of the walls of the main square in the central building at Wilton State School for the mentally retarded restate and underscore fundamental design objectives: to increase innate capacities of residents to the fullest possible extent so that they may not vegetate as their affliction inclines them to do in the purely custodial situation. For example, the overstated graphics and human presence at the toilet-training station on the east wall, the physically responsive light panel and apparatus on the west wall, the 'establishment-oriented" reminders on the north-all stimulate and guide the outgoing response.

#### ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

#### Central plant heats and cools California's capitol

A year ago California began operation of a central heating and cooling plant that promises to save the state government \$1 million annually in air-conditioning and heating

Instead of using individual decentralized heating and cooling systems in each of the old and new buildings presently surrounding the 95-year-old Capitol, the engineers built a \$13-million central heating and cooling plant and distribution complex fueled primarily by natural gas. M. A. Nishkian & Company, design engineers and consultants, Long Beach, California, developed the new system, which is one of the largest facilities of its kind in the West.

The new system is part of a three-stage construction project known as the California State Capitol Mall, developed under the direction of the State of California's Department of General Services, Office of Architecture & Construction.

The initial increment contains four large centrifugal refrigeration machines with

a combined air-conditioning capacity of 9,650 tons, driven by six natural gas turbines and one steam turbine in the central plant. In addition, the plant has an initial nominal steam generating capacity of 120,000 lb/hr at 275 psig, using two gas-fired 60,000 lb/hr steam boilers, with short duration capability of 80,000 lb/hr each. The system will eventually be expanded with the addition of two more gas turbine-driven centrifugal chillers plus another steam turbine-driven centrifugal chiller, as well as two more steam boilers. Ultimate plant capacity is projected at 16,000 tons of refrigeration and 240,000 lb/hr of steam generating capacity.

At present, the central plant supplies steam and chilled water via piping in an underground tunnel system to about 4.5million square feet of floor space in 15 old and new buildings of the Capitol Mall. By 1980, the system is expected to be serving about 6.6-million square feet of floor space in 34 buildings. This load is scheduled to increase to 8.8-million square feet in 44 buildings by the turn of the century, 31 years after the plant went on-stream.

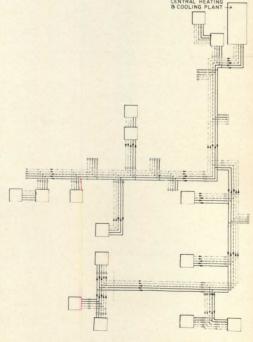
#### Diversity factors a key to initial and operating economies

Before the state engineers decided to proceed with the central plant's design, they commissioned an exhaustive study by the Nishkian staff. They reported that a substantial advantage in central plant economics is achieved by recognizing the diversity factors -the relation between calculated building design loads and actual experienced loads.

Governing factors to be used in calculating diversity include: number of buildings connected to the central system; variations in building occupancy; correction of building system design safety factors; effects of building exposure to direct sun or elements; and length and capacity of distribution system as related to the "flywheel" storage effect.

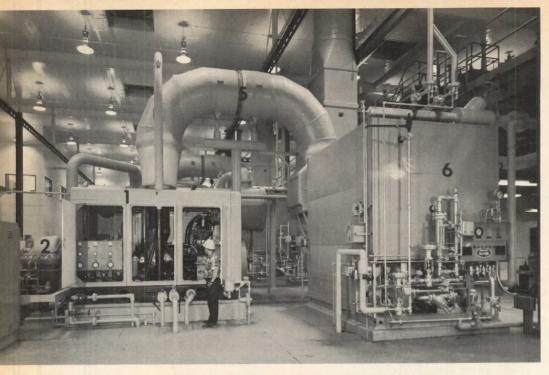
Numerous central plant systems had been designed by the Nishkian staff before

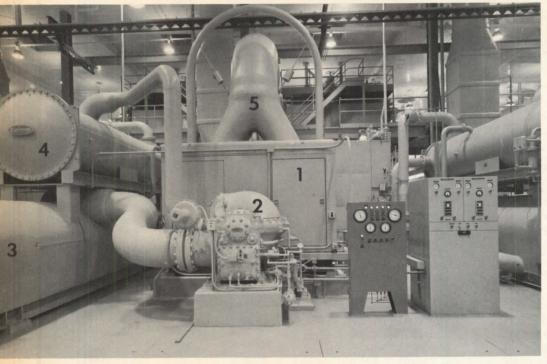




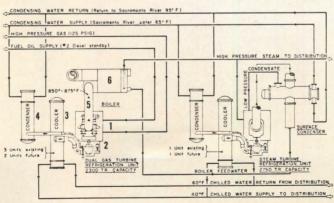
The new high-rise office buildings in the foreground are just two of the 15 buildings served by a huge \$13-million central heating and cooling plant (low building at right) and distribution complex. The central plant supplies steam

and chilled water via an underground tunnel system to about 4.5-million square feet of floor space which includes the Capitol building, the library, the archives and a number of state agency buildings.





Numbers on the photos and on the drawing, right, identify principal pieces of equipment producing motive power and refrigeration: 1. dual gas turbine drive, 2. refrigerant compressor, 3. water chiller, 4. refrigerant condenser, 5. gas turbine exhaust, 6. heat-recovery boiler. The top photo shows the doors open on the soundattenuating cabinet of the gas turbine unit. Heat recovery boiler is behind the turbine unit in the photo directly above



they began work on the Sacramento project. One of these projects was a central thermal environmental control plant serving the Los Angeles County Civic Center. Designed in 1955-56, the Los Angeles plant was considered a similar type of facility serving generally similar types of buildings in a climate that bears comparison with that of Sacramento.

Operating data of the Los Angeles plant, compiled over a 12-month period, was used to arrive at a realistic load estimate and diversity factor for the Sacramento plant. Climatic loads were based on U.S. Weather Bureau statistics. Maximum summer temperatures were found to be 5 F higher in Sacramento than in Los Angeles, while Sacramento's lowest winter temperatures were 15 F below those of Los Angeles.

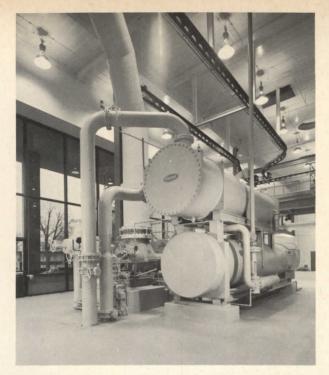
After adjusting all the pertinent analytical statistics to compensate for the differences between the two plants, the engineers established the various factors and estimating criteria for the California State Capitol Mall's plant. On this basis, it was estimated that only 65 per cent of the gross floor area in the buildings would require air conditioning. Instead of the normal cooling load factor of 40 Btu/net sq ft, the engineers worked with a diversity factor of 85 per cent and an adjusted cooling factor of 34 Btu/net sq ft in their estimates. The normal heating load factor used for estimates is 33 Btu/net sq ft, but a 90 per cent heating diversity factor lowered this to 29.7 Btu/net sq ft. Accuracy in the estimates of annual operating costs was established by defining a realistic load factor (the ratio between the available plant capacity, based on calculated maximum peak requirements, and the actual plant capacity utilized over a year). After due consideration of all the variables between the Los Angeles plant and Sacramento plant, the operating load factor for both heating and cooling systems of the Sacramento facility was established at 30 per cent, the figure on which annual operating cost estimates were based.

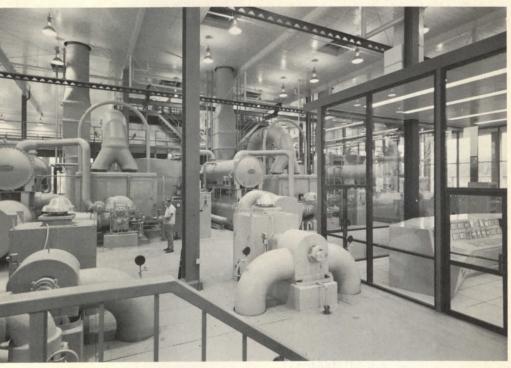
#### Energy cost comparisons lead to system selection

Once the feasibility study established that a central plant-type system was desirable, the Nishkian staff surveyed design considerations for the cooling and heating systems. Three alternate cooling systems were considered: 1) a combination of natural gas and steam turbines driving centrifugal type water chilling units; 2) electric motors driving centrifugal chilling units; and 3) steam turbines driving centrifugal units, in combination with absorption type water chiller units. Two alternate water heating systems were considered: steam and high temperature hot water.

The choice of a steam-heating system over a high-temperature hot water system was justified in this case by cost savings produced by the substantially lower over-all costs of the steam system as compared to the HTHW system. In addition, some of the existing buildings were already using

Steam generated by the heat recovery system is the source of power for a steam-turbine driven centrifugal chiller that provides 2,750 tons of refrigeration. When all six gas turbines are operating, there is enough "free" steam to run the 2,750-ton centrifugal. The center photo shows an over-all view of the central plant with two of the gas turbine units in the background. The bottom photo shows the console from which all equipment can be monitored and controlled.







steam-heating systems while others had hot water systems. Nishkian's engineers felt that a steam supply was less expensive to convert to hot water systems than a hot water supply would cost to convert to steam systems. Finally, hot water was not compatible with any of the three cooling systems, but the steam generating capacity of the plant could be used for the production of chilled water in two of the proposed systems. Natural gas was specified from the beginning as the primary fuel for the boilers. This was due to its economy at interruptible rates for such a large-tonnage project and its clean burning characteristics.

Of the three cooling system alternatives, Nishkian's staff recommended Alternate No. 1, which would ultimately include five gas-turbine driven centrifugal chillers. Annual estimated plant operating costs in this system included: \$296,620 (fuel gas); \$41,140 (electricity); \$864 (water); \$7,765 (water treatment); and \$37,800 (maintenance). Total annual operating costs were estimated at \$384,189 for Alternate No. 1, as compared to \$470,523 for Alternate No. 2 and \$461,896 for Alternate No. 3.

Annual costs of direct investment for the full Alternate No. 1 system were estimated at \$793,222, as compared to \$738,823 for Alternate No. 2 and \$755,722 for Alternate No. 3. Annual operating labor cost was estimated at \$70,000 for each of the three systems. Grand total of estimated annual operating and owning costs for Alternate No. 1 was \$1,247,411, as compared to \$1,279,346 for Alternate No. 2 and \$1,287,618 for Alternate No. 3.

These figures indicate an annual saving of \$31,935 in favor of Alternate No. 1, based on a 35-year amortization period. Nishkian's figures indicated that Alternates No. 1 and No. 2 were approximately equal in total annual operating and owning costs when a 16-year amortization period is used, but beyond that point, Alternate No. 1 showed an advantage that increased progressively as the amortization period was lengthened.

Although the electric-driven centrifugal units required the least capital investment, the natural gas and steam turbine combination offered an annual saving of \$86,334 in operating and maintenance costs. The difference in cost between the two systems allowed the payout of the higher direct investment costs in only 16 years.

Key to the economy of Alternate No. 1 is the practice of "piggybacking"-recovering the waste heat included in the turbine exhaust gases and using it to generate steam in a cascading supply until the combined supply is capable of powering a full condensing steam turbine driving a centrifugal chiller. Heat energy in the natural gas fuel supply powers the turbines that drive chillers; the surplus heat is transferred to the exhaust gases and would be vented to the outside air unless a heat recovery system is employed. At the California State Capitol Mall plant, the exhaust gases of each pair of gas turbines are passed through a heat recovery unit, and much of the "exhaust" heat is converted into steam that powers a 2,500-horsepower steam turbine driving a 2,750-ton centrifugal water chiller.

#### Design innovation by engineers permits economy-sized equipment

Each of the three chiller units driven by gas turbines in the Sacramento plant is rated at 2,300 tons of cooling capacity and requires a 2,100-horsepower prime mover. The limited module size of gas turbines available in 1963, when the feasibility study was conducted, presented a problem in matching turbine-chiller selections without including too many chiller units.

This problem was solved in the Sacramento plant by using a unique equipment configuration. First in its field, the configuration was designed by M. A. Nishkian Co. engineers. Two gas-fueled 1,050-horse-power turbines were paired to power each of the centrifugals. Both turbines start simultaneously when the centrifugal unit is activated. Space limitations in the central plant's building, combined with the objections to operating and maintenance problems, prevented the use of 10 separate smaller chiller packages that would have allowed the use of single low-horsepower prime movers.

Maintenance costs of the complete refrigeration equipment were estimated at \$1.00 per installed ton per year (a total of \$12,400 annually), while maintenance of the steam system equipment was estimated to cost one cent per 1,000 lbs. generated (an annual cost of \$5,400). Two maintenance men were budgeted at \$10,000 per year each. Total annual maintenance cost of the full plant was therefore estimated at \$37,800. Maintenance of the gas turbines consists of a monthly preventive maintenance procedure and teardown after 10,000 hours for inspection purposes, conducted by state engineers. Life of the gas turbines is projected at 30 years.

Natural gas for the turbines and the boilers is supplied at 150 psi by the Pacific Gas and Electric Company on an interruptible gas rate, billed monthly. Standby fuel for the gas turbines is No. 2 diesel oil, stored in two tanks with a total capacity of 50,000 gallons. Switchover to the standby fuel is manual; the system is checked once each month. Average monthly gas usage by the eight turbines was estimated at 24,200,000 cubic feet, plus 39,400,000 cubic feet of gas for the four boilers, or an estimated total monthly gas bill of \$24,718. Actual gas bills for the first six months of operation averaged \$21,719 per month.

#### Well water for condensers eliminates cooling towers

Another unusual feature of the central heating and cooling plant is the absence of cooling towers in the Capitol Mall area—a rigid esthetic requirement imposed by the state's architects. Condensing water needs of the cooling tower system are about 36,290 gallons per minute (based on a 14 F temperature differential), which would have re-

quired a 50-cell cooling tower measuring 30 by 26 by 180 ft. This would not only have taken up valuable property space but would also have occasionally generated objectionable clouds of vapor.

Instead of a cooling tower, the central plant draws up to 16,200 gpm of condensing water from a collector well adjacent to the Sacramento River. The 80-ft deep well produces 56-62 F water that is piped 3,800 ft to the central plant, via direct buried underground concrete pressure pipe. Condensing water requirements are reduced by the extremely clean well water to one gallon per ton of refrigeration. Return water is aerated before it is fed to the river, a protective measure to prevent the fish from being harmed.

Although the initial cost of the welltype collecting system was nearly double the cost of a cooling tower, Nishkian's engineers reported that maintenance and amortization costs over a 35-year period resulted in an annual cost difference of only \$1,124 in favor of the cooling tower. Since the collector well system requires virtually no maintenance and meets the esthetic requirements of the state's architects, Nishkian recommended its use over either a cooling tower or direct use of river water. The use of direct surface river water was rejected because of high turbidity and its associated costs, wide variation in river water temperatures, and possible interference with marine life.

#### Tunnel system houses water and steam lines

Two methods of distributing the steam and chilled water from the central plant to the 15 buildings were considered. One involved the direct burial of pre-insulated conduit, which would have been less expensive to install than the alternative system of reinforced concrete pedestrian tunnels. However, maintenance of a buried system that includes about 5,000 ft of main line piping plus 5,200 ft of secondary piping is next to impossible.

The pedestrian-type tunnel system was considered to be more in keeping with the over-all concept of the master plan and central plant design, even though it represented the largest single portion of the proposed project in terms of the dollar investment. Basic advantages inherent with the tunnel system were: inspection and maintenance of pipes, valves and expansion joints is convenient; failure points can be easily located and damage repaired without the inconvenience of excavation, etc. The main backbone tunnel is 10 ft square, while the secondary tunnels are 6 ft by 8 ft. Initial cost for the distribution system serving up to 34 buildings (to the year 1980) was estimated at \$8,223,071, plus additional work of \$1,580,000 to the year 2000.

#### Some of the details on plant load and operation

Buildings currently in the California State Capitol Mall range from four stories to 17 stories in height and include a total of about 4.5 million sq ft of floor space. About half of the buildings in the complex are more than 30 years old.

Existing air-conditioning systems in these buildings varied greatly, depending on the nature of use. For example, the legislative chambers in the Capitol were air conditioned in 1950 using two 200-ton centrifugal chillers in the basement. The Capitol is open around the clock, seven days per week, and most of the other buildings have at least some 24-hour areas.

Another air-conditioning factor is the growing number of computers in the complex. Ten large systems are now in use, each occupying 10,000 sq ft or more.

Combustion air for the gas turbines driving the centrifugal chillers is supplied at the rate of up to 250,000 cfh through a unique underground air shaft, 6 ft in diameter. Acoustically treated air intakes for the system are inconspicuously integrated into the corners of the building.

#### Central plant cuts down

State and municipal codes impose rigid regulations on the number of operational and supervisory personnel required for environmental control systems. Almost every plant that generates steam in excess of 15 psig requires attended operation.

A plant that requires a minimum of one operator per shift actually needs a total staff of five men. The extra employes rotate for days off, vacations, holidays, sickness, etc. Direct costs of operating and maintenance manpower are further increased by 25 or 30 per cent because of fringe benefits that the building owner must provide.

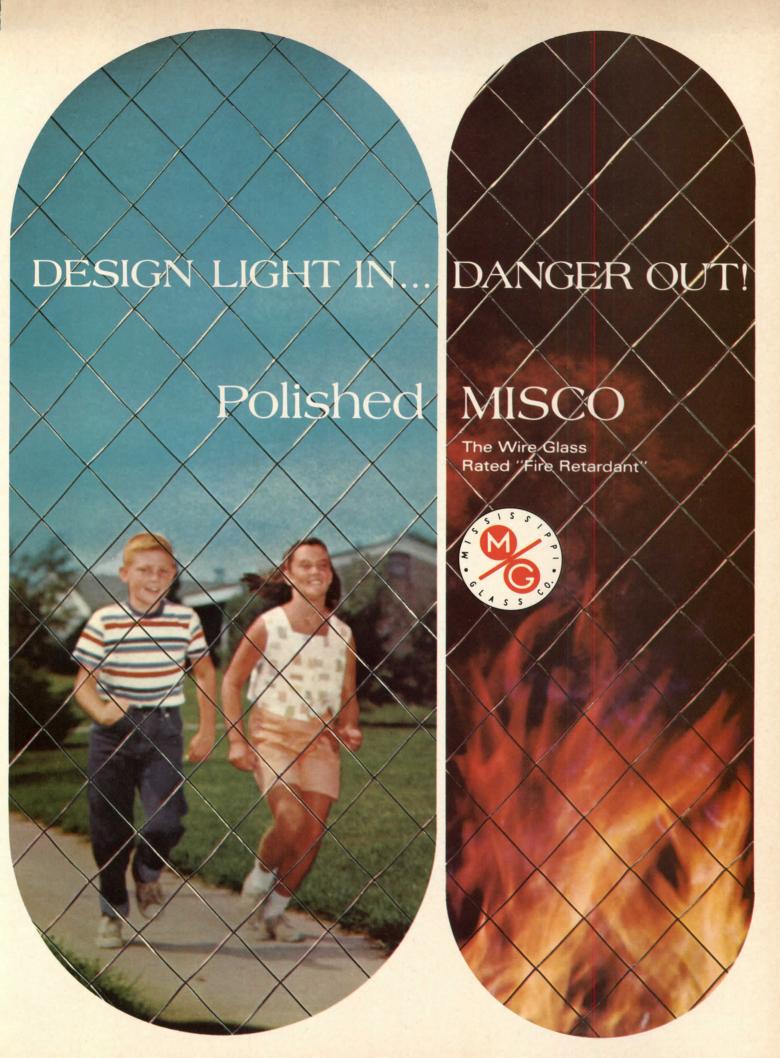
Before the California State Capitol Mall's central heating and cooling plant began operation, there was a total of 57 plant engineers in the buildings of the complex. The central plant's staff has been reduced by attrition to 22 engineers—there were no layoffs.

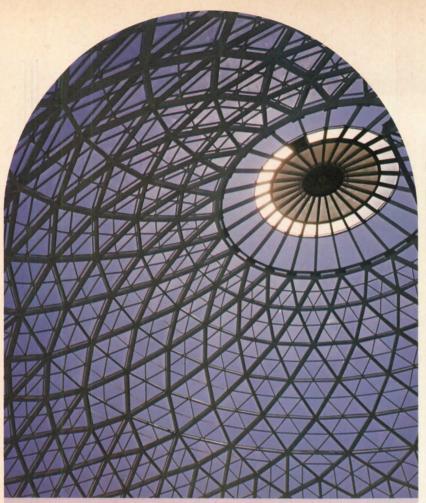
#### Cost savings projected from first six months' operation

At this time, the central-heating-cooling plant is about 65 per cent completed, as compared to its final equipment schedule. However, its savings in energy and manpower costs are already dramatic.

When contrasted against the operating costs of individual in-building plants, the new central plant will save the State of California a total of \$444,846 during its first year of operation. Actual recorded costs of the first six months of operation were projected for the remainder of the year to obtain this figure. Of the total, \$203,060.00 represents utility cost reductions, while \$241,786.00 is produced by manpower curtailments.

California's engineers expect the annual savings to increase to an average of \$1 million when the plant reaches maturity. These savings will be about equally divided between utility cost and manpower cost reductions.







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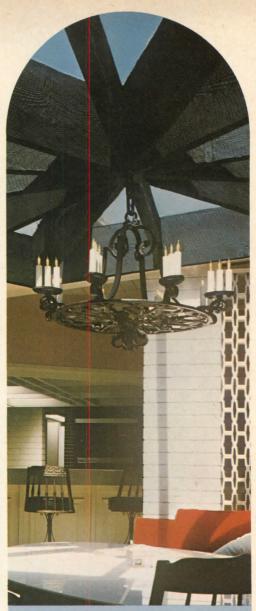
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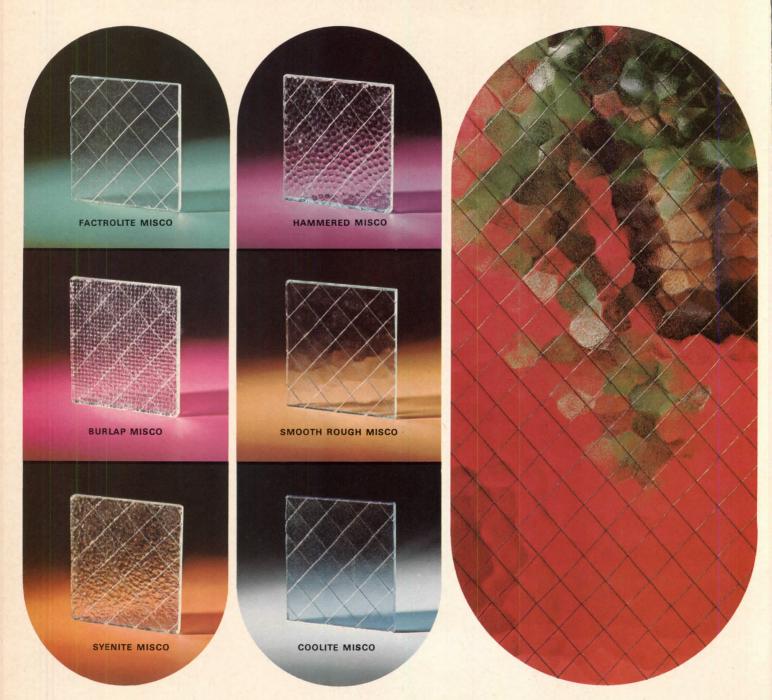
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The system, developed by the Buildex Division of Illinois Tool Works, Inc., provides a fastening plate in continuous form in lengths up to 40 ft. It is being used in the installations of window frames, roof decking, metal building base anchoring and metal siding.

The most recent use of the system is in high-rise concrete buildings in the Chicago area. With fastening plates located in window openings, the metal framing members are quickly fastened.

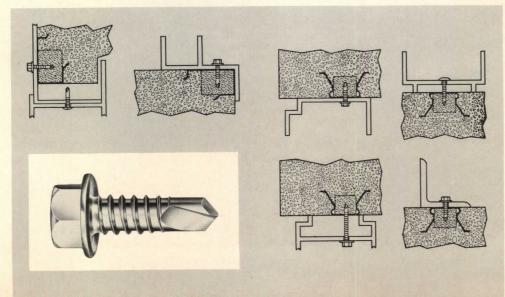
The fastening plate is available in continuous or spot (2 in.-length) form. In continuous form it has a pull-out value of 3,000 lb per ft in average-strength concrete.

The basic advantages of the system include the ease with which the fastening plate is installed in the forms, the ease of fastening to the plate and the latitude the plate provides in the placement of fasteners.

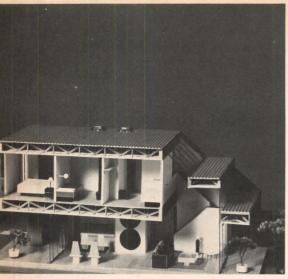


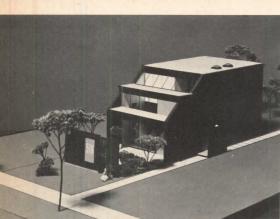


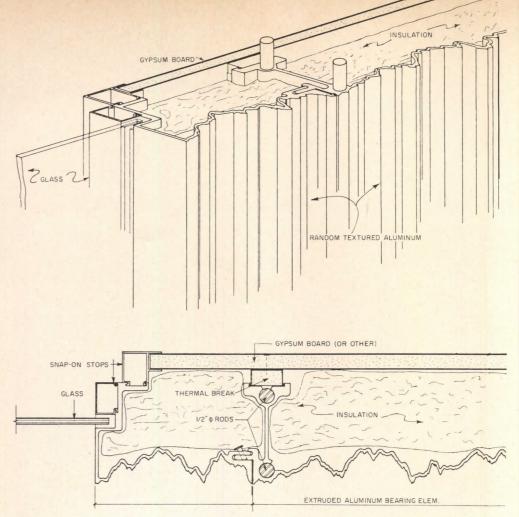




Self-drilling fasteners are installed with a power drill that embeds them in a galvanized steel fastening plate. Inset within the plate is a piece of polystyrene foam to provide a void into which the fastener can penetrate. The fastening plate is attached to the concrete forms by means of nails. The details at left show the variety of window framing elements that can be installed using this technique. Photo left shows the self-tapping fastener. Because the fastener is self-tapping many timeconsuming operations are eliminated.





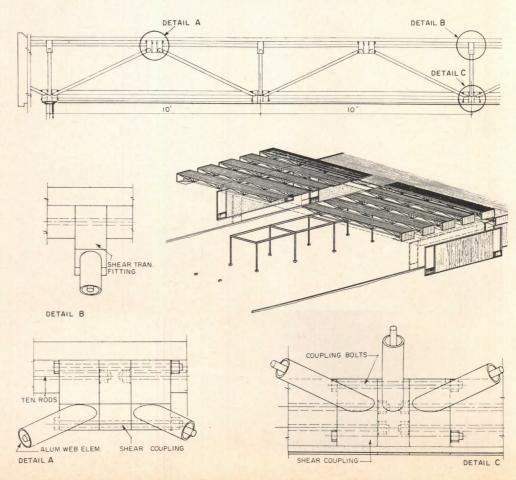


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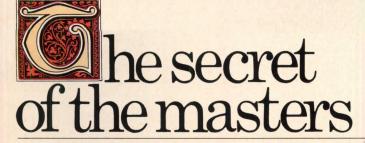
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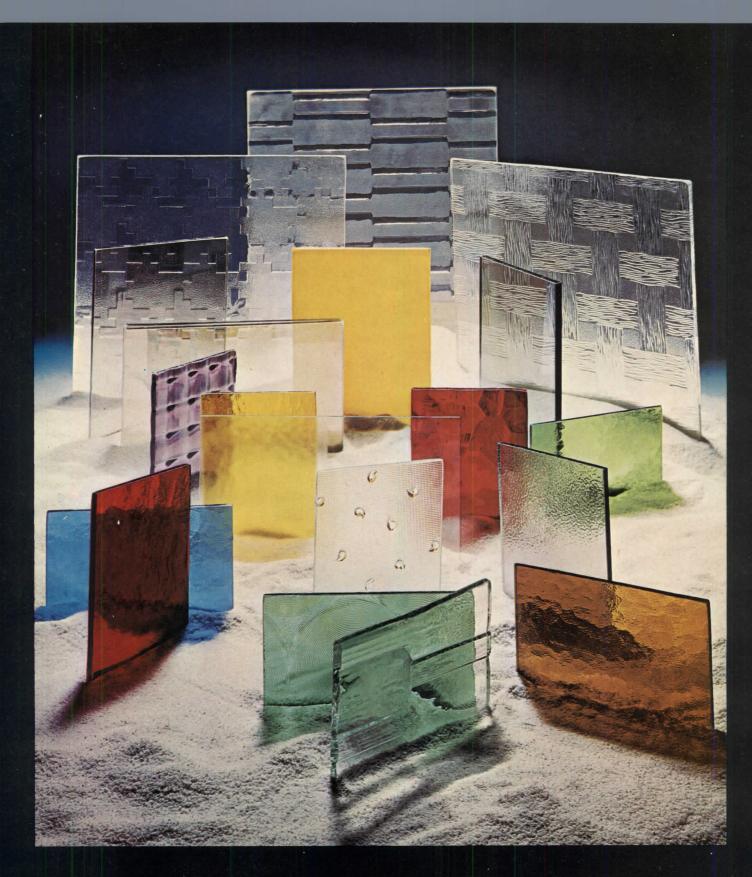






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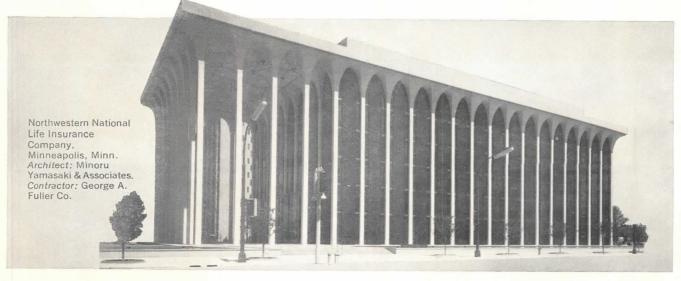
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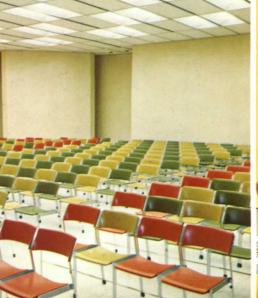
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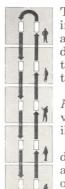


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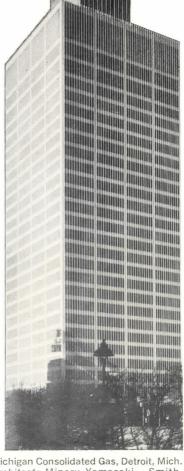
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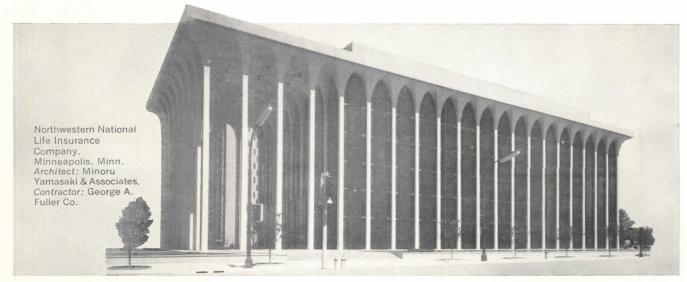
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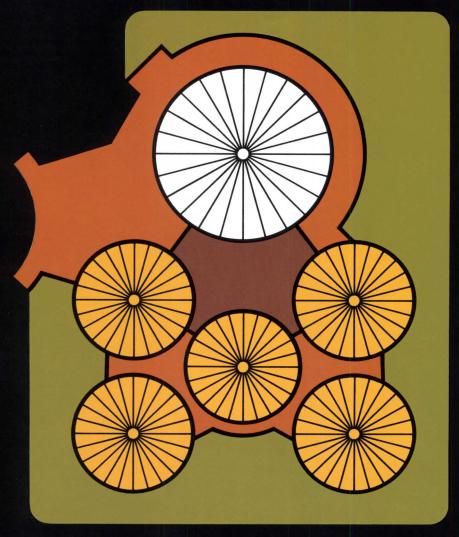




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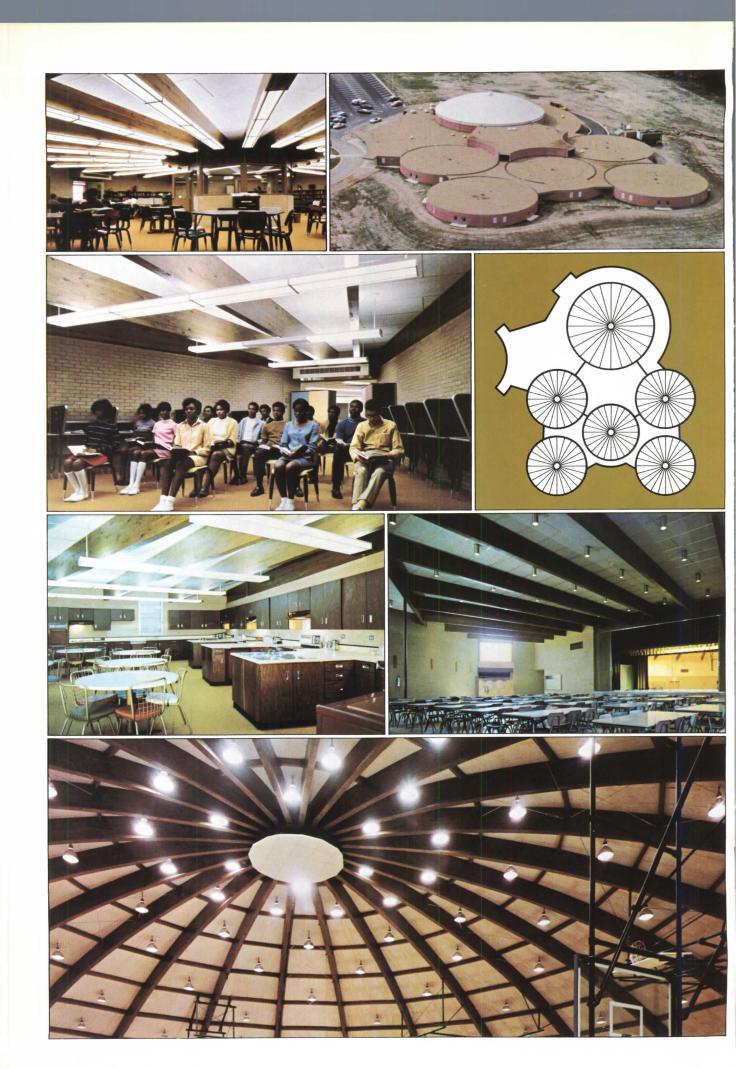


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Architect Oscar C. Butler credited the low cost per square foot to Koppers exposed laminated wood beams and arches in the common roof system joining the six circular pods. "Cost of other structurals and their required concealment for interior beauty would have jumped our construction costs considerably. Another cost-savings factor," he added, "was the ease of handling the wood laminates and speed of erection."

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Architect: Butler & Dobson, Natchitoches, Louisiana



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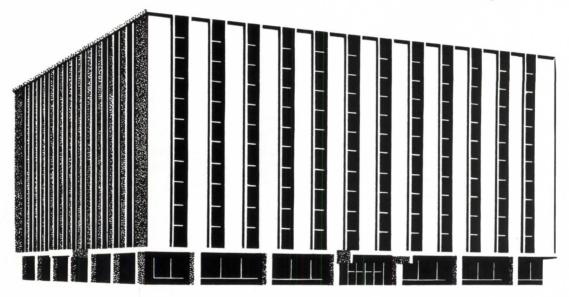
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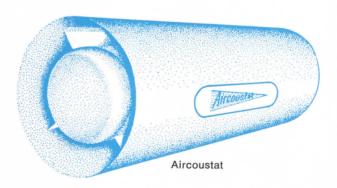
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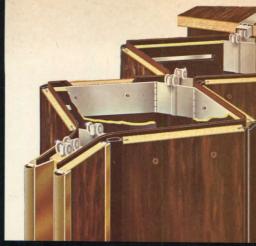






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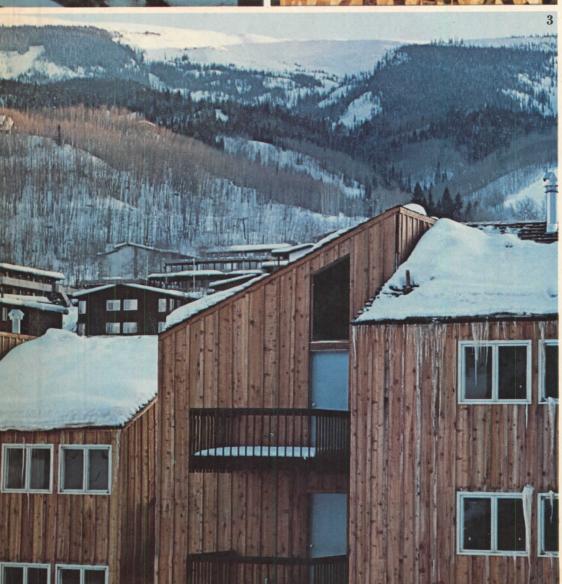


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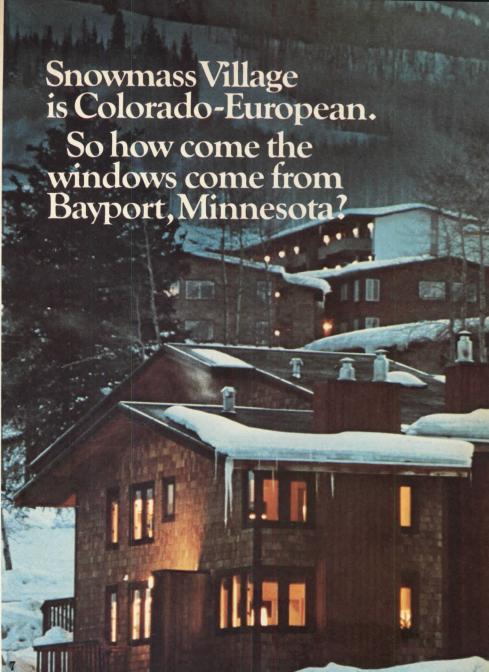
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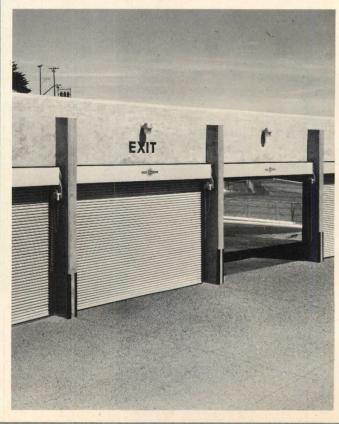
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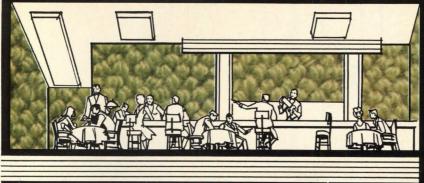
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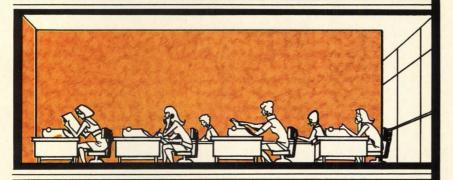


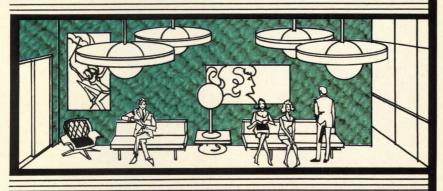
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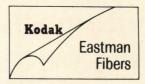






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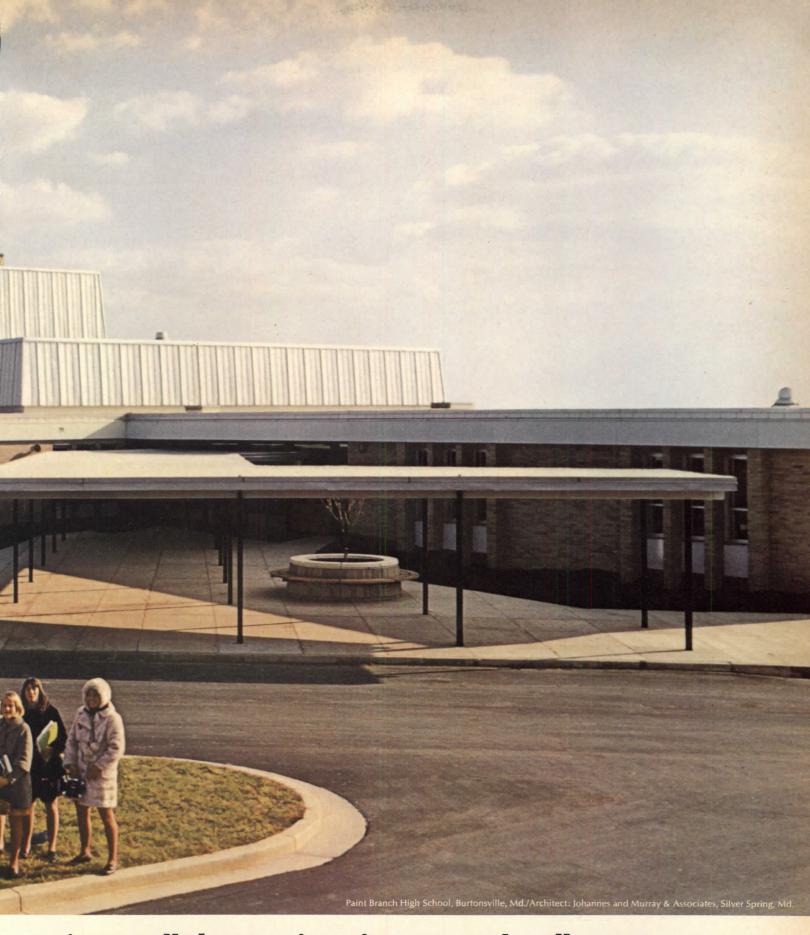
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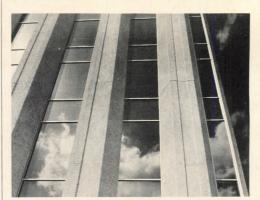
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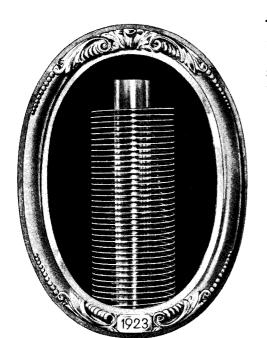
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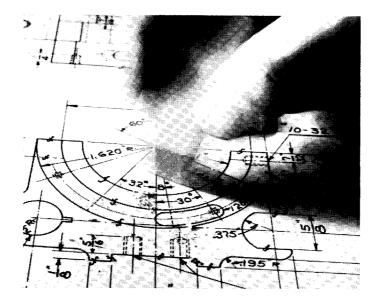
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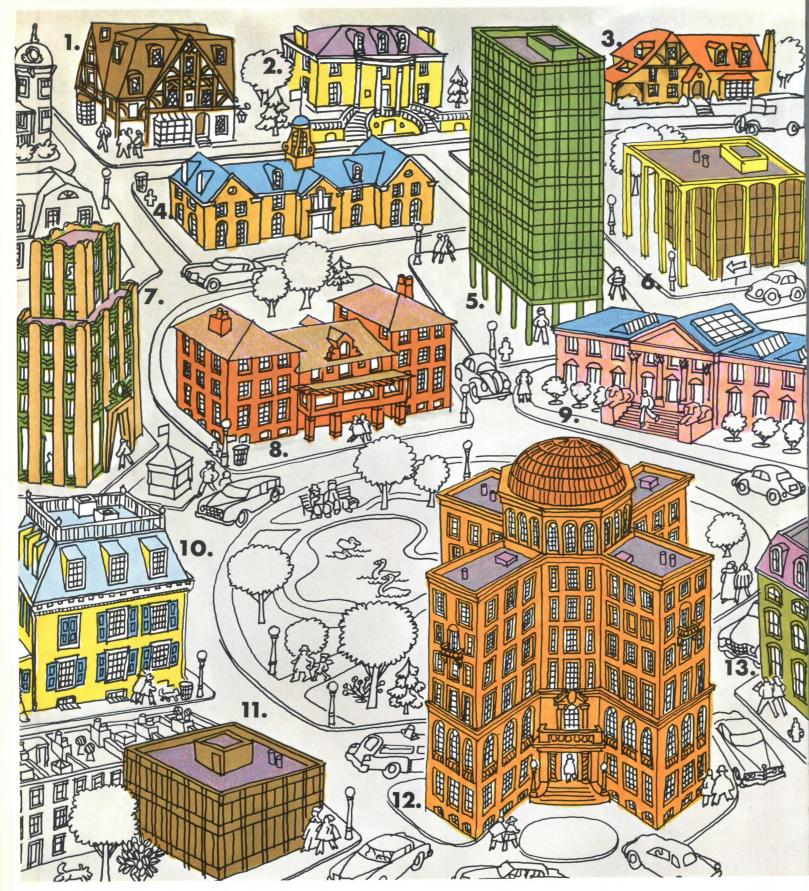
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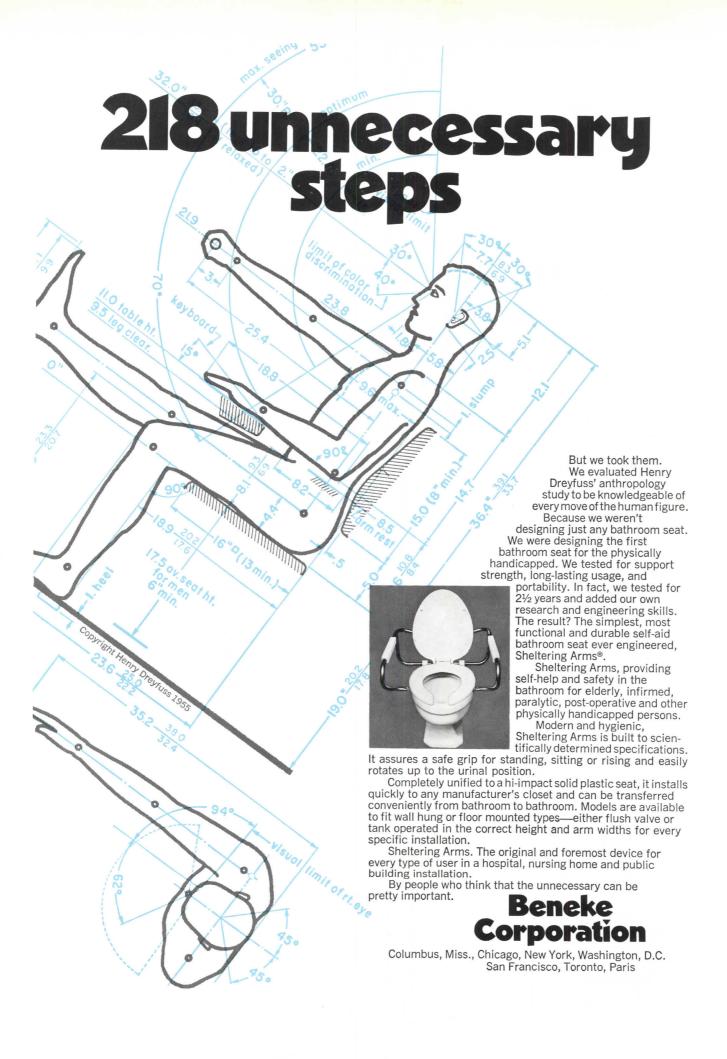


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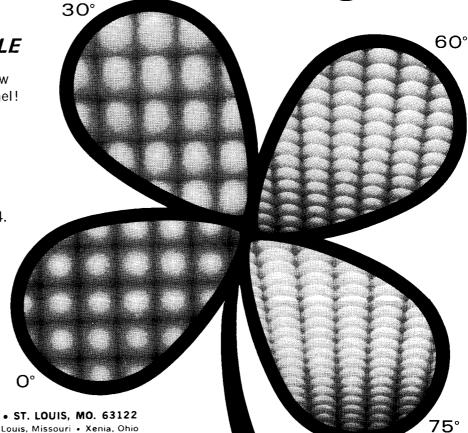




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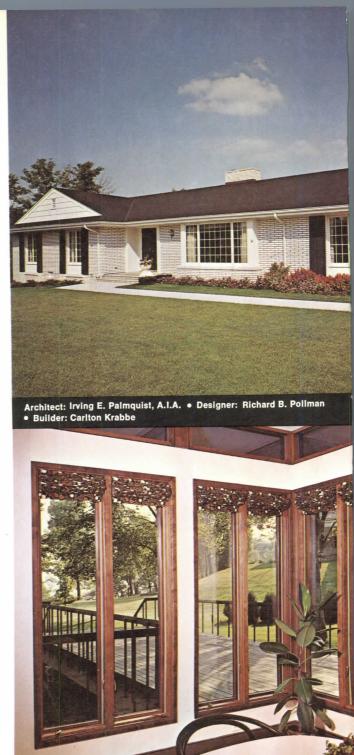


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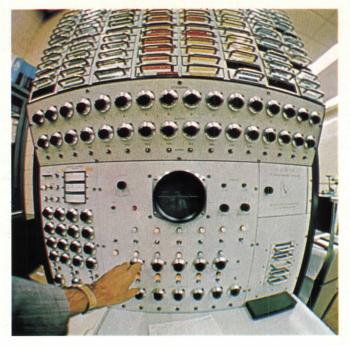


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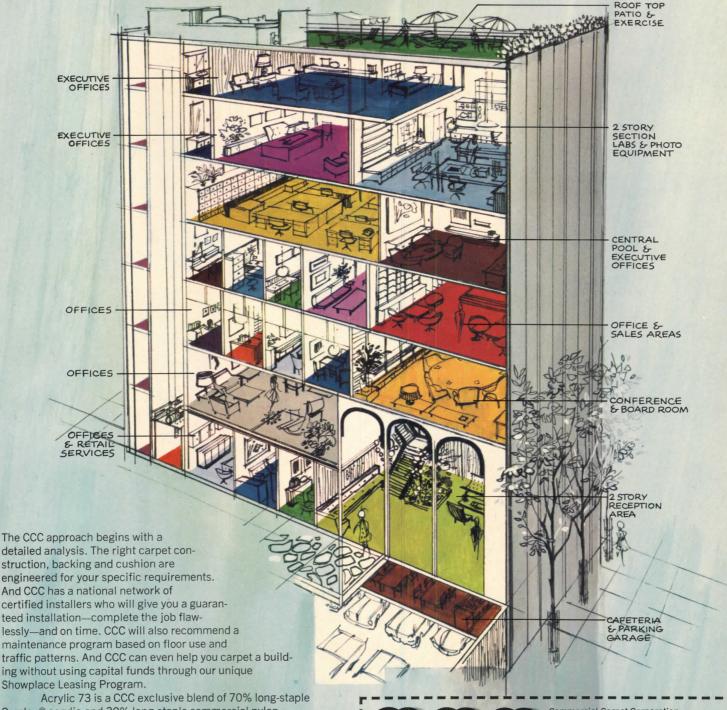


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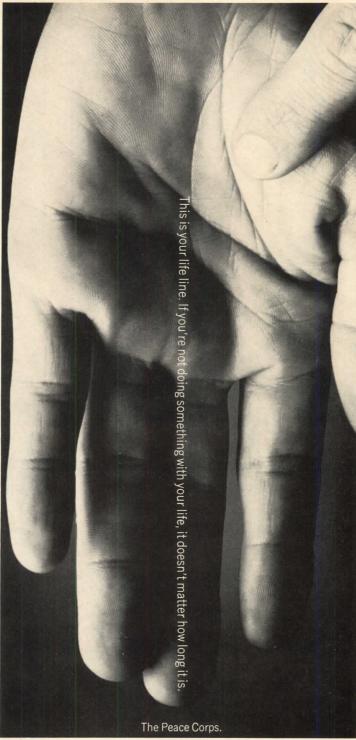
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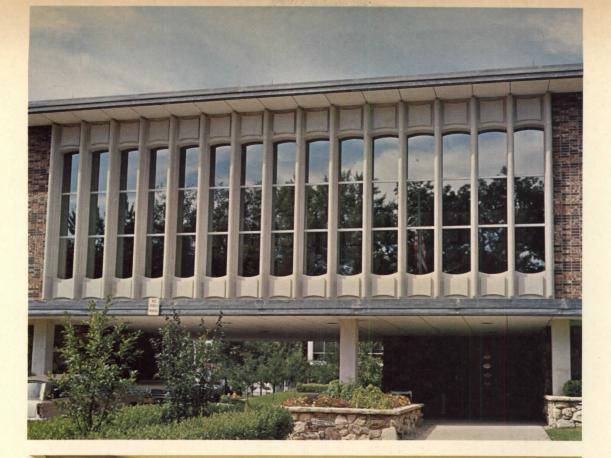
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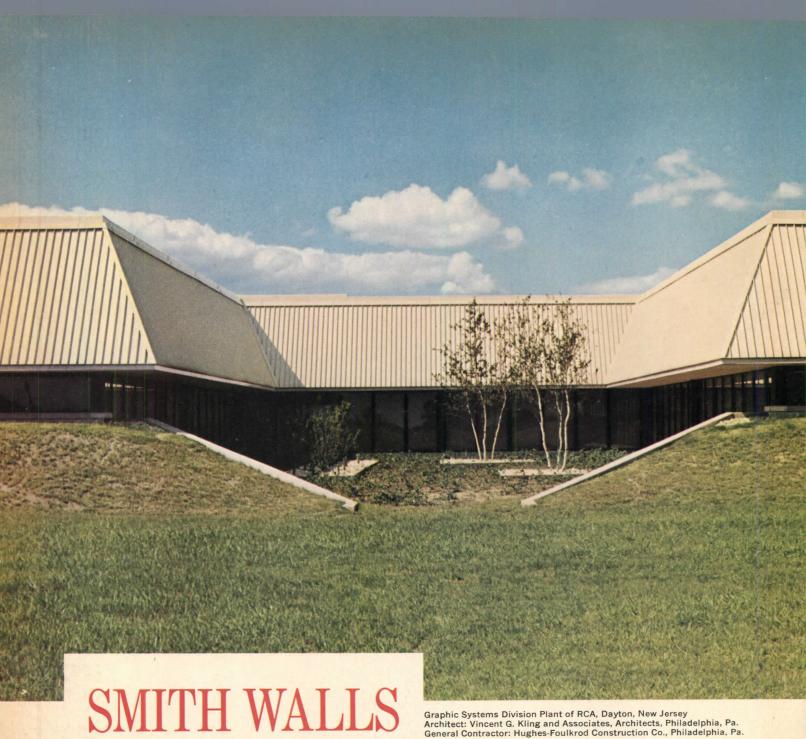


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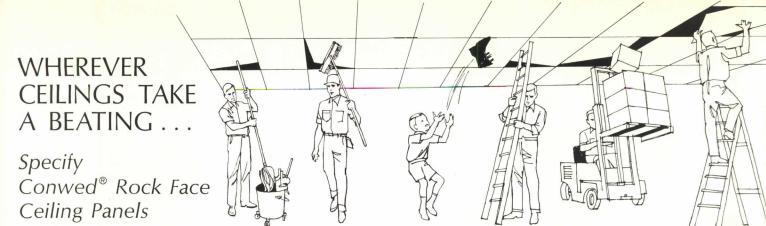
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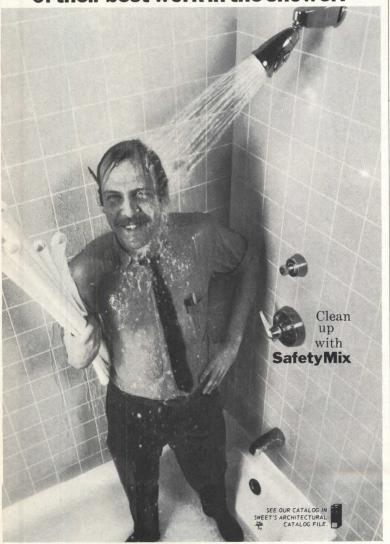
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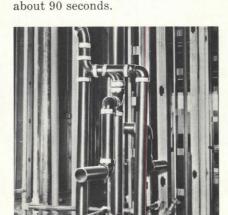
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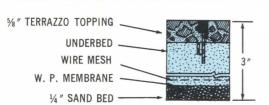
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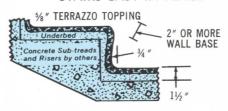




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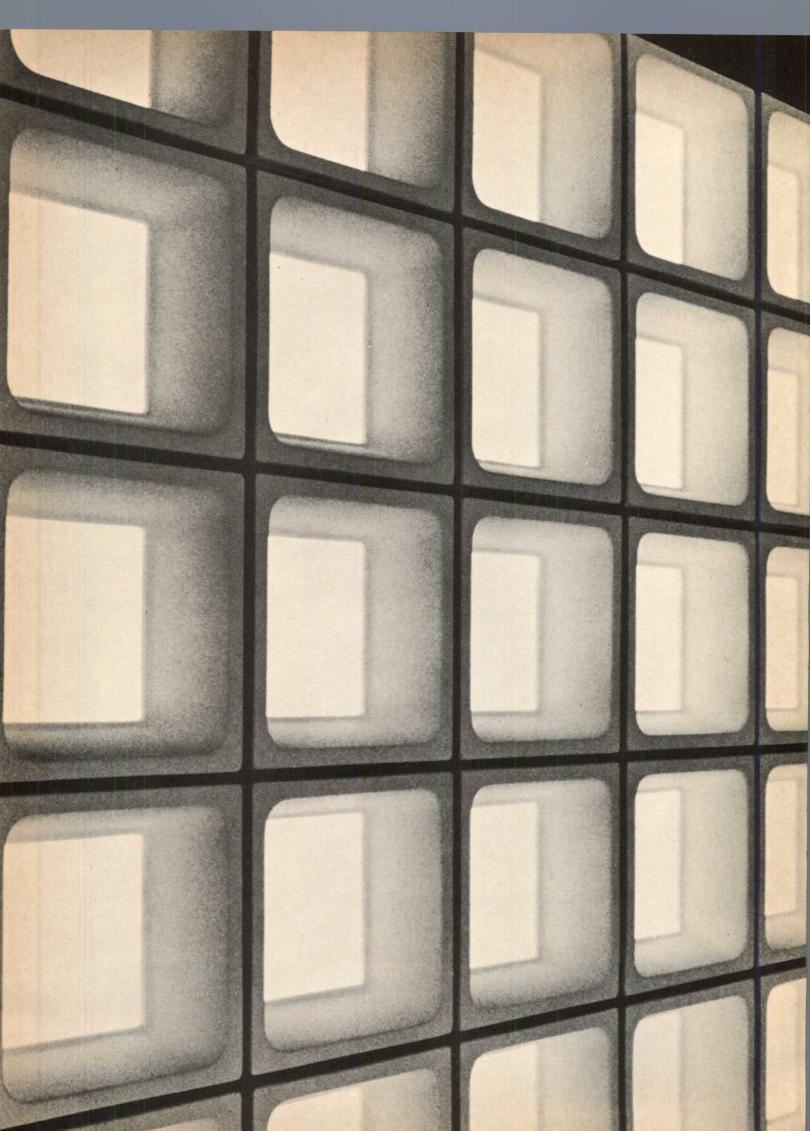
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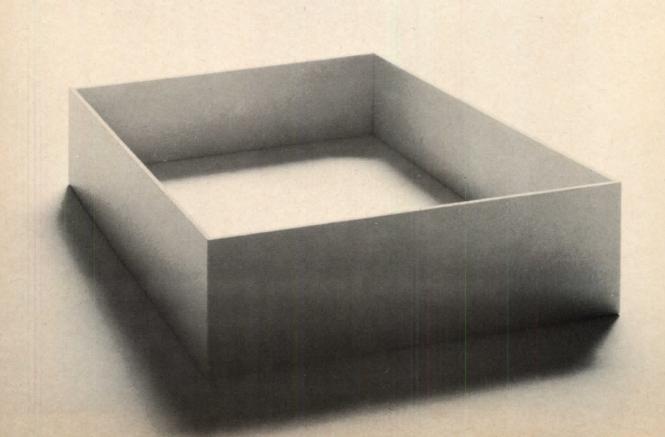
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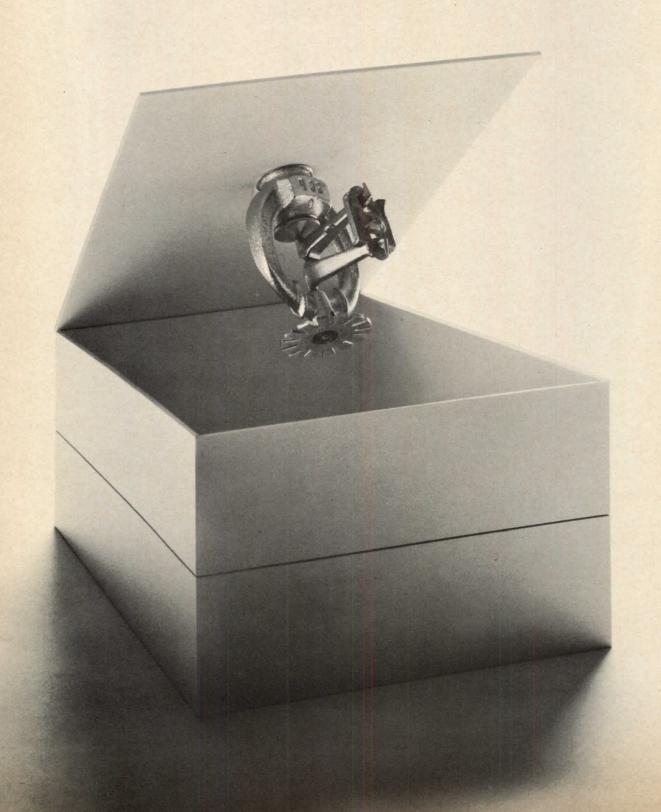
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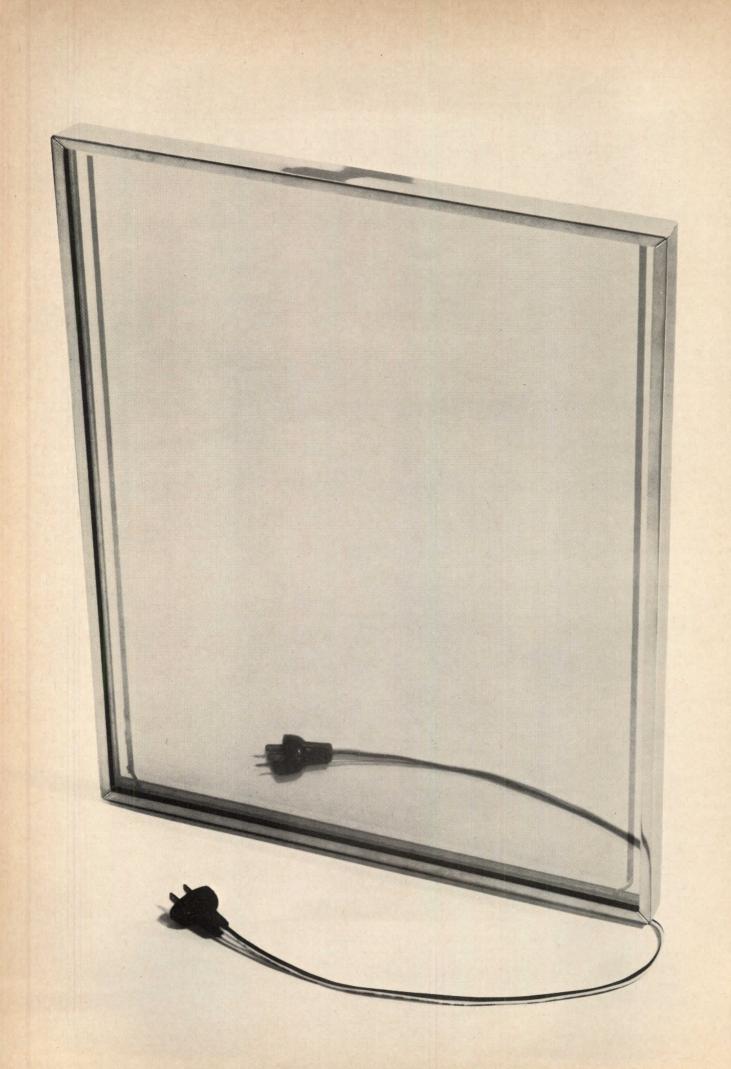
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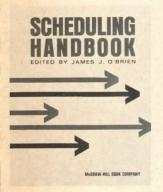
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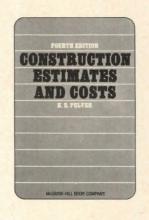
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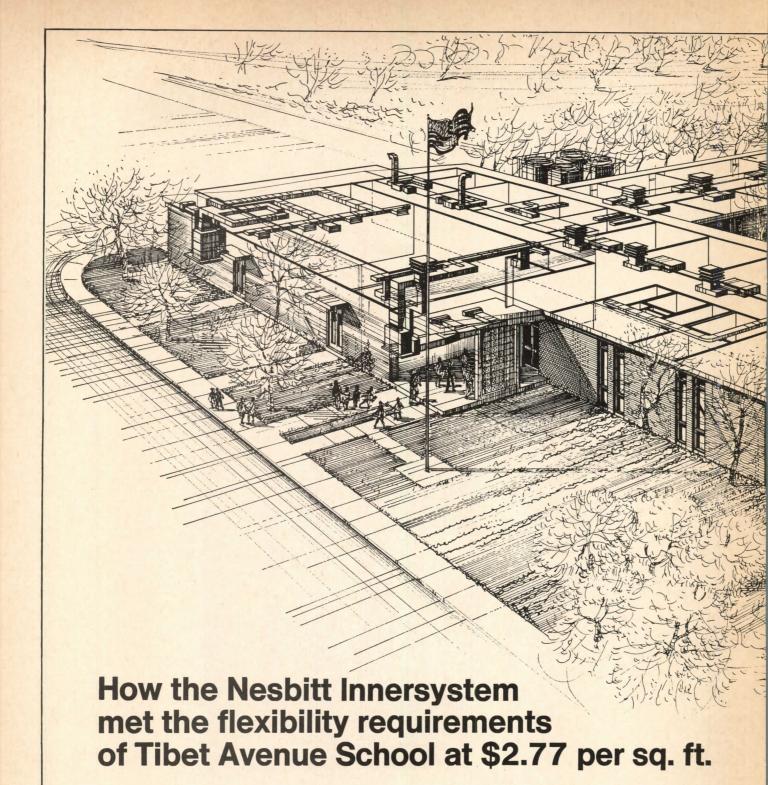
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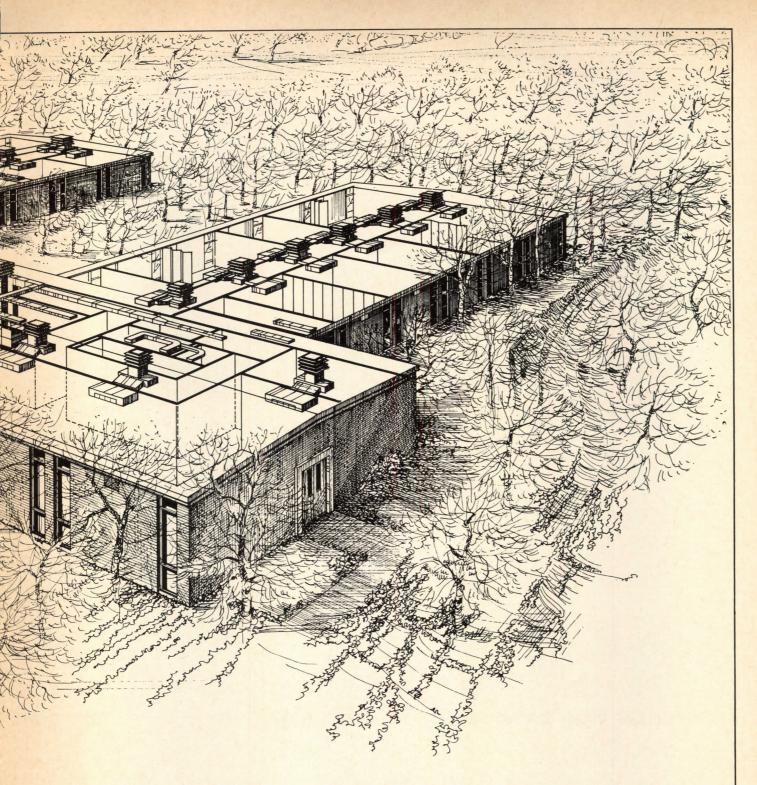
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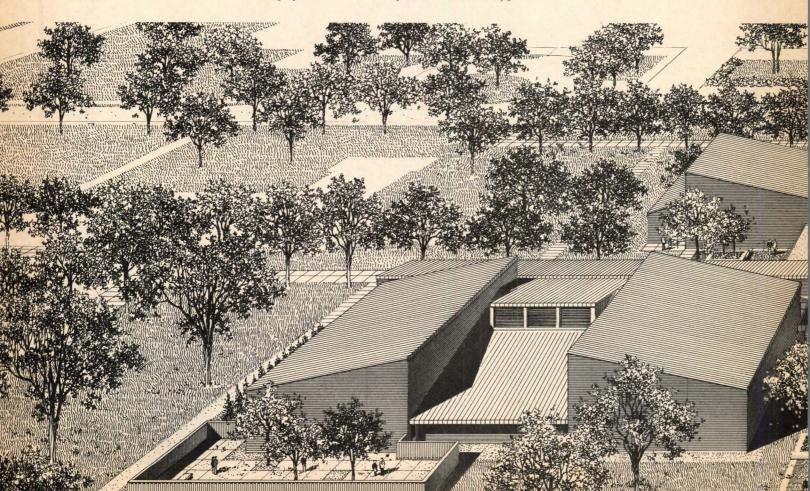
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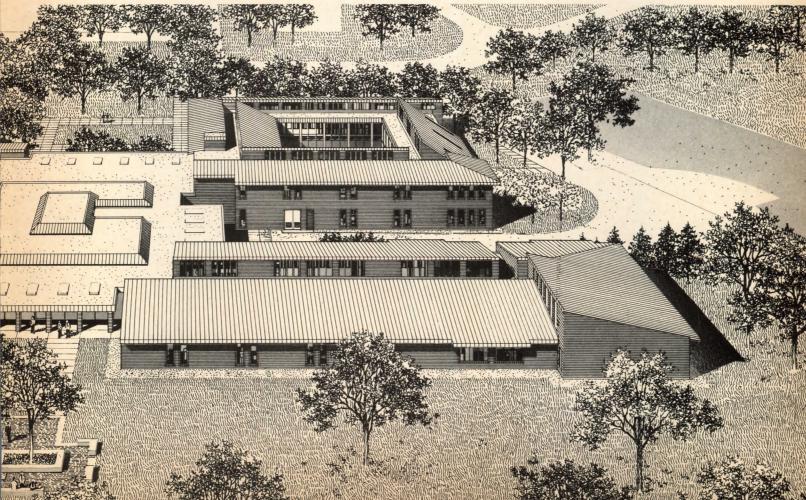
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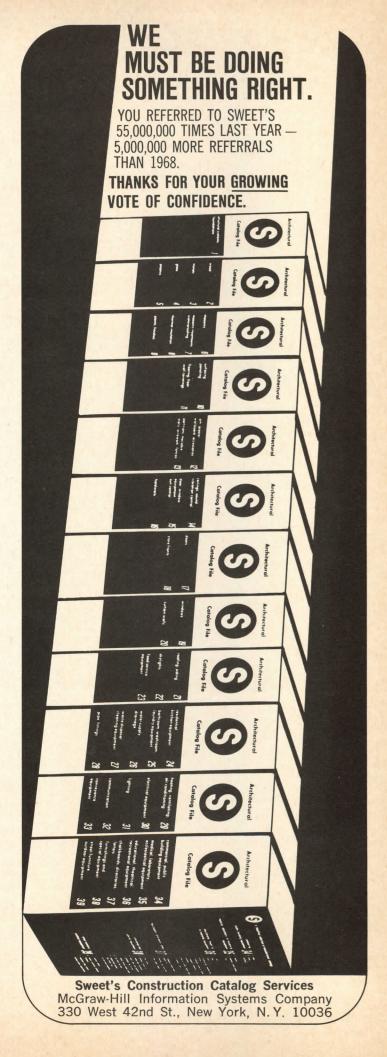
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