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Architect Benjamin Thompson’s new building in Cambridge, Massachusetts for his own store, "Design Research"—to be featured in May—is a glass showcase for the display of dresses, fabrics, furniture and objects that depends greatly on the color and life inside as a major part of the architectural design.

BUILDING TYPES STUDY: PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO PLAY

Recreation facilities continue to be a major need and open space use a major concern. The May Building Types Study will examine the means for accomplishing these apparently paradoxical aims. Among buildings to be included will be three simple camps for day use, a clubhouse building and a horticultural hall for a state fair. An article by William Penn Mott, Director of Parks and Recreation for the State of California, will describe plans and programs of our most populous state for handling 40 million visitors a year in its state parks.
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Beauty and the Beatles
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Wouldn’t it be something if the children and young people—say from kindergarten through high school—were as concerned about quality of design in their environment as they are about the latest doings of the Beatles?

I’ve got a 12-year-old girl (if you’ll pardon a personal note) who can tell you Paul McCartney’s mother’s maiden name. She also, at the public expense of at least two school hours per week, has learned to play the flute very well. She is also required by public policy to spend several school hours a week drawing pictures, making collages, and dabbling in paper and flour paste in the name of “Art.” But never, despite the fact that she is getting an impressive education in an impressively-managed and suburban-financed public school, has anyone ever talked to her about architecture—about the quality of the design of the environment in which, for example, she attends school for six-and-a-half hours a day, 180 days a year.

The point is simple, of course: 1) We can and should (and must) teach the rudiments of quality in the environment that we all must share, and 2) Creating this awareness of quality in environment in children’s still-open minds is really pretty easy—if we can only feed them ideas about quality of design and environment as effectively as we feed them ideas about set theory and computer language. And if there’s time to teach the flute, there’s time to teach something about form and grace in architecture.

Some real attempts are, of course, being made to develop this awareness of quality design and environment in the schools. The A.I.A. has been involved since 1966, when it set up the task force which in 1969 became a full-fledged committee (Committee on Public Education). Projects designed to stimulate interest in this kind of environmental education have also been undertaken by many state and local chapters, and by individual architects.

For example: the Philadelphia chapter has helped develop a broad program to be incorporated in the program of the upper six grades of the public schools, designed “to prepare students for their future responsibilities as citizens and clients.”

The Northern California chapter has developed a curriculum and some teaching materials for grades K-6 to “enrich existing social studies.” “Explains Betty Thompson, RECORD senior editor in San Francisco who has been active in this chapter program since 1966 as well as in the national A.I.A. committee: “The method we are using requires that the child evolve his own bases for judgment out of the ‘learning experiences’ which form the major part of the material in preparation. The teacher, however, is provided background material for her own handling of the content of the lessons. The lessons are in effect an enrichment of what is already required in the social studies curricula, and do not constitute a new or additional course. They amplify what is suggested but rarely documented in teacher manuals. Since the material is being prepared by persons whose training, experience and daily work are in the design of the environment, this aspect of the content is accurate (which cannot be said of most school materials which touch on architecture and urban design) and, we dare to think, imaginative enough to interest not only the children but the teacher as well.”

There have been other projects of varying scope in over a dozen other chapters.

There have been personal efforts. Just one example: architect Donald Gibbs of Long Beach, California, proposed to the district curriculum supervisor a review of existing textbooks to determine what, if any, material they contained on architecture and the visual environment. A cursory survey revealed (surprise!) very little and very poor content in those areas. And the school district then appointed, at Gibbs’ suggestion, a committee of architects, landscape architects, and planners to do a careful review and advise on texts before their purchase.

Some curriculum materials have been developed as part of these projects. Other material is in development by CEMREL (Central Midwestern Regional Education Laboratory) for an experimental K-12 “environmental studies program” to be tested in Missouri; by architect Richard Hatch as a result of an ARCH program of “Urban Action: Planning for Change” in Harlem and other New York City schools; and by some corporations in the educational field.

These and other programs will be detailed in a new Guidebook on Environmental Awareness to be published by the A.I.A. Committee on Public Education.

But what is needed is more: more programs, more curriculum material, more involvement by teachers and by professionals working together. For as Betty Thompson points out: “Alas, the educator knows all about method but little about the environment—and has the strangest ideas about it when he thinks he does know about it. The architect (and others in the design fields) know about the environment but little about writing in the educational method.”

With the right effort by teaching and design professionals working together, in today’s climate of environmental concern, it seems likely we can make students as involved with the quality of design as they are, say, with the latest doings of the Beatles. Wanna try?—Walter F. Wagner, Jr.
Postscripts on education and environment

Postscript No. 1: A new kind of joint action towards more and more effective teaching of design and environmental values was begun just a few months ago at the Octagon. A Consortium on Environmental Awareness and Public Education, attended by spokesmen for 25 private organizations and Federal agencies, agreed to consider "joint action in classroom instruction, testimony before government bodies, and information to the public."

Some quotable quotes:

By George Arnstein of the National Academy of Sciences: "What we all share is a feeling things are going badly. If we don't move now, we may not get another chance to help shape growing public concern over quality of the U.S. habitat."

By Mrs. Alice Cummings of the Association of Classroom Teachers: "Teachers are worried about the lack of concern by schools in presenting environmental problems to students. We want to get our 900,000 members excited about the potential in such instruction."

By Paul B. Mott, Jr., of the Urban Design and Development Corporation, an A.I.A. affiliate: "Students, consumers, and politicians are increasingly voicing determination to improve the quality of life in the U.S., and professionals must organize to see that this energy is not wasted."

Postscript No. 2. Two of our sister McGraw-Hill publications—Nation's Schools and College & University Business—are making a very special effort to reach school administrators with information on this need. Writes Daniel M. Kelley, their publisher: "Ever since President Nixon's State of the Union address, the subject of environmental control has been covered exhaustively. . . . Ultimately, after the initial furor subsides somewhat, it will be left to our schools and colleges to provide a proper continuing education on this very essential subject. Most of you know about the 'environmental teach-in'—to be called 'Earth Day'—scheduled for April 22 in education institutions across the country. Students and faculty will be making demands at that time, some rational and some not so rational, about the future course of their curriculum as it relates to the environment. . . . To provide some direction at this critical time, the April issues of Nation's Schools and College & University Business, which will reach the desks of education administrators just prior to Earth Day, will devote a major part of their editorial content to the subject of our changing environment and its effects on education."

Postscript No. 3. Guess who (hint: not the architects) is holding a series of eight evening programs of adult education on "Criticism and Impressive Needs," "Environmental Planning," "Pollution," "Transportation," "Structures," "Education and Public Policy." With such speakers as Ian McHarg, Larry Halprin, David Brower, Alan Voorhees, Gerald McCue. The meetings—"with attendance limited to 390"—are being held in Oakland and presented jointly by the San Francisco Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California. Again, hooyay for the engineers.

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How about a monument to bad judgment?

The Friends of the Earth, the San Francisco-started conservation organization, has proposed that San Francisco Embarcadero Freeway, on which construction was halted by public indignation, be left standing as "a concrete reminder of our profound environmental crisis . . . and the inability of the old technological solutions to cope with the numerous problems raised by urban development: a colossal monument to bad planning and bad architecture." —W.W.
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News in brief

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There was evidence of a thawing of military construction funds last month. For the first time since the "big freeze" several months ago, the Bureau of the Budget told Defense it could use $61.3 million immediately for building family housing.

The A.I.A. will decide how to handle the controversial ethics question when the board meets this month. Relations with clients, information disclosure, advertising, securing of commissions, and contracting are at issue.

The housing systems, the sites, and the site designers have now been picked for Operation Breakthrough. HUD Secretary Romney announced twenty-two proposals as "winners" in the Federal government's program to break the housing crisis by industrializing our techniques for building, and these systems will be tested and erected as prototypes beginning in July of this year. The systems, all capable of mass production, range from existing prefabricated suburban housing now in production to rather innovative concrete and fiberglass modules which would be stacked at the building site. Four of the winners are precast concrete panel systems imported from Europe. Architects have been widely involved in Operation Breakthrough: nine of the eleven site designers are architectural firms, and all but four of the twenty-two winners have architectural firms as members of their proposing consortium. (See page 137 for a summary of the proposals and an evaluation of Breakthrough as a whole.)

A $1,000,000 scholarship fund to help minorities become architects will be financed by the Ford Foundation and the American Institute of Architects. Each will pay half. The A.I.A. will conduct a search for candidates, with the assistance of local chapters, A.I.A. Community Design Centers, the Urban League, and other groups. Students will receive scholarships leading to a first professional degree in architecture.

HUD will give priority treatment in all areas to communities that waive building codes to accommodate HUD-approved housing systems in an effort to make sure Operation Breakthrough goes beyond the prototype stage.

Many historic sites face extinction unless Congress adequately funds the National Historic Preservation Act, according to the A.I.A. The A.I.A. points out Congress has appropriated about one-twentieth of the $32,000,000 it voted in 1966 for a four-year period. Last year, $82,500 in matching funds was divided among 25 states and Puerto Rico for preservation. (It cost the A.I.A. $350,000 to restore its 1798 Octagon House in Washington, D.C.)

Architect Kevin Roche has been elected to the National Institute of Arts and Letters, the most prestigious U.S. honor society of the arts. Mr. Roche, who came to the U.S. from his native Dublin in 1950 when he was 28, worked for Eero Saarinen before forming his own practice with John Dinkelsbuhl.

Harvard University has guaranteed minority employment in two recent construction contracts, the first of their kind, the University believes. The two contracts, which total $5 million, contain detailed, specific "manning tables" for each of the crafts and each phase of the work, leading to a projected 19 to 23 per cent minority employment rate. Firms with the most open hiring practices got the jobs. Clifford Alexander Jr., former chairman of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, led the Harvard group that negotiated the contracts. The action was largely the result of pressure from black students at Harvard.
Israeli new town on ancient site receives Reynolds award

A new town on the site of the Biblical city of Beersheba has received the second R. S. Reynolds Memorial Award for Community Architecture. The first went to Cumbernauld in Scotland in 1966. Beersheba now has a population of 70,000 and is planned for 250,000 in thirty years. The Israeli Ministry of Housing made the over-all plan, but private architects were called in to do individual buildings. A national competition was held for the multi-use Town Center building (right), which contains stores, offices and apartments. Planners had to integrate the new Town Center and high-density residential sections with the old town. Jury members were Daniel Schwartzman, F.A.I.A., George T. Rockrise, F.A.I.A., and Jules Gregory, F.A.I.A.

Louis Kahn to receive New York A.I.A. award

The New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects will give Louis I. Kahn, F.A.I.A., its Medal of Honor at a preview of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's major exhibit, "The Rise of an American Architecture," May 4. Mr. Kahn, who is 69, is the author of a new book brought out by Rice University, Louis I. Kahn: Talks With Students, a small, elegant paperback in blank verse filled with the familiar Kahn cleverness, simplicity, and optimism: "I believe that if you just hand it over to the architects, everything will be fine."

Open space marks development

Village Greens, the largest single-family home community in New York City (2000 houses), will be built on Staten Island as townhouses grouped around wooded green spaces. Architect Norman Jaffe has planned the project to keep out all through-roads and separate pedestrian and auto traffic. According to Mr. Jaffe, the clustering of houses will make it possible to preserve the land's natural contours and save trees, providing 35 acres of green space within the 160-acre tract. Village Greens will consist of nine "villages" of 225 town houses.

Robert F. Marshall, former RECORD publisher, retires

Robert F. Marshall, Vice President—Administration, of the McGraw-Hill Publications Company, retired April 1, after a long, distinguished career always closely associated with ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. He joined F. W. Dodge (now McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company) in 1935; transferred to RECORD in 1941, and subsequently served as promotional manager, advertising sales manager and publisher. In 1963 he was named Group Vice President of McGraw-Hill Publications Company and assumed his present post in 1969.

St. Louis architecture students build Seguin sculpture

Students at the School of Architecture of Washington University in St. Louis have built a large sculpture designed by Olivier Seguin. They cast the concrete and welded the Corten steel for its five vertical elements during Mr. Seguin's two months as visiting artist at the School of Architecture. Mr. Seguin is French, but lives in Mexico City, where he built a huge sculpture for the Olympics in 1968.

New lumber sizes at issue

For more than seven years, the lumber interests of this country have been seeking a suitable compromise of their positions on board sizes to effect a satisfactory revision of the softwood lumber standards of 1953. After considerable blood-letting on the part of rules writing, producing and marketing groups a version now has been run through the industry "acceptor list" by the U. S. Department of Commerce and, presumably, is to take effect September 1.

But this so-called final version was to have been made effective March 1 of this year. At the last minute the American Lumber Standards Committee notified interested parties that the effective date had been pushed back six months "to provide an orderly transition from Simplified Practice Recommendation 16-53 to Product Standard 20-70," the revised wording.

Meanwhile, however, a new board of review established by the revision will be empowered to receive and act upon regional grading rules prior to the September 1 date.

Involved in this hocus-pocus exercise stretching over so many years have been a number of factors. Dimensions of green versus dry softwood lumber were at the heart of arguments; span tables, stress values, methods of canvassing industry opinion (the acceptor list), and what the change might do to housing costs were points of disagreement—and still are. Modules of elasticity values and Federal Housing Administration attitudes toward them have been important.

Architects and engineers have been interested observers of this long fight to change basic measurements of softwood lumber through the voluntary industry standards process. But by virtue of their technical interests they have not been on the firing line.

The fuss culminated in full-fledged Congressional hearings in March when a select subcommittee on small business of the House of Representatives took a look at not only lumber standards revisions but also the whole subject of voluntary industry standards.

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Masterpieces of two Sullivan students: one is destroyed, one saved

Irving Gill and Frank Lloyd Wright both learned their art at Louis Sullivan's feet. At the beginning of this century, they designed two monuments of residential architecture which were to have perilous existences.

Dodge disaster
Early one recent Monday morning, in the pouring rain, Irving Gill's Los Angeles Dodge House (1916) was demolished, ending a long struggle to preserve it. Three days before, its owners, Riviera Management Corp., had told Ray Girvigian, California State Preservation Coordinator for the A.I.A., that they had no plans to demolish it. A Citizens Committee for the Dodge House and a lawsuit had failed to get the house any official protection. Far from it: the Los Angeles High School District condemned the house and evicted its occupants in 1939, later changed its mind about tearing it down, and eventually auctioned it off at a 1000 per cent profit.

When Martin Meyerson, president of the State University of New York at Buffalo (March, page 36) persuaded the University to buy the house for the presidential residence a few years ago, it had been divided into three apartments and an office and the out-buildings, stable and conservatory had been destroyed. However, the house was in good condition, and architect Edgar Tafel of New York, a former Wright student, began the work of "revitalization"—not, says Mrs. Meyerson, just reproduction. Much of the original Wright furniture was relocated with the help of Mr. Martin's two children, who also described the original color scheme, which has been generally lightened, while keeping to Wrightian earth colors. A grant will be necessary to continue the restoration.

The three other remaining Wright buildings in Buffalo have come into the hands of University faculty.

The Martin restoration and the Meyerson presence have stabilized and brought new life into what had been an aging neighborhood.

First HUD-assisted new town springs up

Jonathan, Minn., a town of about 45,000, is taking shape twenty miles outside Minneapolis. The new community, which will include housing (both high-rise and single family), industry, recreation, and a college, is the first to be built under HUD's New Communities Program, which can guarantee up to $50,000,000 for a project. Architect for Jonathan is Benjamin H. Cunningham, A.I.A. The plan emphasizes preservation of natural features, use of air-rights in single-structure (for protection from severe winters) town center and reliance on prefab houses. The units shown below sell for $6,000 to $10,000.

Arkansas exhibit stresses environment

"Architecture and 3-D space should celebrate man's presence," "The auto is a Trojan horse," "Give a damn," say the captions of an exhibition in Little Rock's Arkansas Art Center, designed by Charles Witsell of The Cromwell Firm and Mikeoose of Environmental Design, Inc. The show's sponsors are the Arkansas Chapter of the A.I.A., the Junior League of Little Rock, and the Art Center, and it consists largely of diagrams and large painted panels (above).

Other notes on the condition of Earth:
- Secretary of Transportation Volpe reiterated to the Reuss Committee (March, page 36) his promise that "no commercial supersonic aircraft will be allowed to fly over populated areas at boom-producing speeds." Some, including Representative Reuss (D.-Wis.), interpreted this to mean they would not fly over land, but Friends of the Earth (Feb., page 36) went ahead with its plans to publish a full-page anti-SST advertisement in The New York Times saying "we had better come up with alternatives to endless technological expansion, considering that we live on a planet of fixed size."
- The California Council of the A.I.A. announced it would seek national action to promote establishment of a Santa Barbara Channel National Marine Sanctuary to stop "exploitation of our natural scenic resources on California's coastline." Meanwhile, oil covered beaches in Florida and Louisiana.
- Salvaged glass can now be converted into building bricks, insulation and pavement additives, according to the U.S. Bureau of Mines, which has developed technology for these uses, as well as means of magnetically separating glass and metal fractions from incinerator residue.
- Bills to facilitate bringing lawsuits against environmental hazards, toughen penalties for polluters, help small businesses reduce pollution, and introduce regular weather bureau-type reporting of air and water pollution were introduced in Congress last month.
- New York City which has the nation's (world's?) worst air pollution (even worse than L.A., according to H.E.W. figures) announced its air is measurably cleaner than last year. Breathing easier! The emphysisma death rate in the city has increased 500 per cent since 1960, according to the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association.
- Governors in 28 metropolitan regions have a year to implement new Federal clean air standards. The National Air Pollution Control Administration set the deadline, standards and control methods.

APRIL 22 IS EARTH DAY
Community Design Center conference meets at Howard University

It’s not architecture, it’s politics. That was the message at the A.I.A.-sponsored meeting in Washington for 250 architects, students, planners, engineers, and neighborhood leaders, at which leaders from design centers around the country participated. Anger and despair often came to the surface as C.D.C. leaders told of their experiences. Some major successes were described, as in Cambridge, Mass., where Urban Planning Aid has successfully (so far) prevented construction of a super-highway through a low-income neighborhood, and in New York City, where ARCH (February, p. 41) helped force Mayor Lindsay to put a black and a Puerto Rican on the Planning Commission. But for every (usually small) success, there were reports of years of bitter fighting against an apathetic, obstinate, often-hostile “establishment.”

Architects were not omitted from that establishment; and despite the national A.I.A. support, many C.D.C. leaders at the meeting were pessimistic about the depth of the profession’s commitment. The Cleveland Design Center found one of its biggest problems was “getting the local A.I.A. to function,” although it needed its approval to qualify for government money.

A leader of the Real Great Society Urban Design Group (New York City) described a battle with a prominent architect who objected to community suggestions on a school design “because they would limit his self-expression.” Many at the meeting urged that architects donate their time along Legal Aid Society lines.

The Community Design Centers clearly aren’t going to give up or go away, despite their failures and their bitterness, and hope to be “a healthy thorn in the side of the architectural profession.” But again and again during the conference, C.D.C. leaders emphasized their belief that only political power will get their programs built.

One encouraging note: While “poor” and “black” may be nearly synonymous in this country, most Community Design Center staffs contain many whites; and no one at the meeting expressed cynicism about their commitment.

Vanishing historic engineering works recorded

American ingenuity has been famous since Franklin invented the lightning rod, but much of that inventiveness has brought about rapid obsolescence, neglect, and loss of many monuments, small and large. To record what remains, the National Park Service, the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Library of Congress have established the Historic American Engineering Record.

That record is being made with the help of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Smithsonian Institution, along with local groups in survey areas. The first survey covered the Troy, New York area, once a great center of transportation and iron production. Six structures were measured and drawn and numerous other photographs.

This year, H.A.E.R. will cover 180 miles of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, bridges, in Pittsburgh, sites in Virginia, a canal in New Jersey, and, possibly, structures in Pennsylvania and Montana.

Soleri and Guimard are subjects of two major exhibits

A population of several million could be concentrated in an arcoology a mile high and a few miles in diameter, unburdening the land from the sprawl of cities which, Mr. Soleri believes, will inevitably destroy life unless it is stopped. The inhabitants of arcological “miniaturized” cities the size of Mount Washington would find stimulation in the closeness of contact within the structure and in the openness of the land outside. While the examples in the exhibit are emphatically schematic, they are not unbuildable, according to Mr. Soleri.

Until now, Mr. Soleri has lived in relative obscurity in Arizona, not far from Scottsdale, where he worked for Frank Lloyd Wright for two years. He was known only among critics and his students and followers. But the co-sponsorship of his show by the Prudential Company of America and HUD and the publication of his new book, The City in the Image of Man, by the M.I.T. Press (page 129), indicate arcoology is, to some minds at least, an idea whose time has come. A well-known critic advises: “He is the prophet in the desert and we have not been listening.” Praise, however, has not been universal. Another equally well-known critic writes, “The answer is not to despoil man’s humanity as [the earth] by making him bring up his children in Babylonian stone piles and or to remove him further from contact with nature.”

Art Nouveau

The Museum of Modern Art in New York City has put together a show of about 200 items by Hector Guimard (1867-1943), “France’s most original and important Art Nouveau architect and designer,” which illustrate Guimard’s interest in “molding his entire environment” (above). Much of the work shown was uncovered in research done for the exhibit. The show will run until May 10; then it will travel to San Francisco, Toronto and Paris.
Detroit A.I.A. Chapter announces annual Honor Awards

Zumberge Library at Grand Valley State College (Allendale, Michigan) and Lecture Hall Center (right) at the Stony Brook campus of the State University of New York, both by William Kessler and Associates, Inc., architects, were among projects by three Detroit firms to receive Honor Awards. Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. was honored for its Chevrolet-Saginaw Foundries Administrative Office Building (Saginaw, Michigan), and Tarapata-MacMahon-Paulsen Associates, Inc. received an award for its Campus Center, Residence Hall, and Parking Deck for the General Motors Institute (Flint, Michigan). The Zumberge Library, designed for a capacity of 850 student stations, emphasizes ease of circulation, informality, and unity with the rest of the campus. The Lecture Hall Center comprises ten halls for 60 to 600, for a total capacity of 2,000 students of all disciplines. Its sculptural appearance belies an efficient plan, reflecting the various needs of the ten halls.

New York State Association of Architects announces honors

Earth and Space Sciences Building at Stony Brook, New York, by Gruzen and Partners (New York City), and the Jewish Child Care Association's Residential Treatment Facility for emotionally maladjusted youth (right) in New York City, by Horace Ginsbern, A.I.A. (New York City) were among five projects to receive Certificates of Merit. The Earth and Space Sciences Building stresses "encouragement of interrelationships between faculty and students, graduates and undergraduates, instructors and researchers." The Treatment Facility is designed to provide a "home-like" quality with sleeping facilities for 40 children and 8 staff members, also provision for future vertical expansion. Other Certificates of Merit went to Gray Taylor, A.I.A. and SMS Partnership (Stamford, Conn.) for the Hudson River Museum Public Branch Library in Yonkers, N.Y.; William S. Downing, Jr., A.I.A. of Ithaca, N.Y., for the Edlund Division, Monarch Tool Company, Cortland, N.Y.; and Leonard Feldman, A.I.A., of White Plains, N.Y. for his design of the Helmut Jacoby Town House, New York City.
Naval Reserve Training Center, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Von Storch and Burkavage, architects, Clark's Summit, Pa., was the first building reviewed by a panel of distinguished architects under a new Navy program. "Use areas," arranged for maximum convenience to related functions, are externally expressed at a scale comprehensible to cars passing on a nearby highway.

Harvard Business Review Building at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Mass., by Kubitz and Pepi Architects, Inc. (Wellesley, Mass.) contains such diverse users as the Business Review, a college store, and a U.S. post office. It is made of poured concrete and planned with future expansion in mind.

Greenwich Library addition, The SMS Partnership, architects (Stamford, Conn.) houses 100,000 books in open stacks and a 370-seat auditorium. Easy auto accessibility was important, as well as provision for expansion and ease of maintenance. The architects designed much of the casework and graphics and selected furnishings and colors.

Library-Learning Center at the Green Bay campus of the University of Wisconsin, by Daverman Associates, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Cal Lane project architect, is to be made of concrete with brick veneer. The first stage will form the hub of the new campus, and will be directly linked to the University's four colleges.

Minneapolis Clinic of Psychiatry and Neurology, by Hammel Green and Abramson, Inc., of St. Paul, received the First Honor Award of the second national medical clinics awards program of the A.I.A. and the American Association of Medical Clinics. It was chosen for its combination of practicality and non-institutional character.
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Guidelines for early planning estimates

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

The relationship of building complexity to construction cost, while obviously positive, has been one of the most difficult functions to quantify in terms of both budget estimates for clients and fee structures for architects.

A recent study of estimated building costs for the City University of New York sought to develop guidelines based on data gained in prior planning estimates involving some $316 million in construction for six other metropolitan New York colleges. While the whole study would be more particular than useful, one section of it, a checklist of trade-related elements arranged in order of complexity, reprinted below, may be a useful outline for others whose costing resources can adapt the method for other building types and locations.

By relating each project to the listed elements and a set of current square-foot costs, it is possible to increase greatly the sensitivity of advance estimates. Further, this approach offers an itemized scrutiny of design options related to cost control as well as a realistic basis for fee negotiation.

Prior to using the checklist, the estimator needs certain documents and information in hand: the owner's program regarding quality and substance of his needs; the architectural program of net and gross space allocation; advance drawings showing general configuration and physical scope of the project; qualitative information about foundation problems, structural and mechanical systems, basic materials and finishes and any site or schedule problems that may affect costs.

The procedure is successively to refine an approximate over-all estimate based on rational square-foot costs through discussion and detailed evaluation of the trade-related items below. Confirmation of the "complexity-related" approach developed in an analysis of university buildings by type which showed that of seven types was represented at all three levels of complexity with surprisingly uniform brackets of square-foot costs: "simple" in the low $30's; "average" in the upper $30's; "above normal" between $40 and $50. The logical overlap of an "above normal" gym with a "simple" lab further confirms the complexity approach.

The following table shows the range of trade-related values applied in the New York project:

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Note that a mixture of complexity categories occurs in almost all projects. Further, users are reminded that these figures are for a particular time and place and must be adjusted for any other use. Also, the following list is adaptable and is shown to demonstrate a method, not to limit applicable cost considerations.

AGING

**STRUCTURAL**

Simple
Unclassified earth excavation, minimal elevation deviations.
Stockpiling of excavated material on site.
Balanced cut and fill.
Uniform spread footings.
Continuous wall footings, non-stepped.
Concrete block or poured concrete foundation walls.
Concrete slab on grade.
Minimal interior foundation wall requirements.
Simple bay size layout.
Masonry load-bearing walls.
Exposed steel frame, spray-on or masonry fire-protected. Bar joist framing with poured concrete plank deck.

Generally simple shaped building, easily framed.

Average
(25 to 45 per cent higher in cost than "simple" construction)
Unclassified earth excavation, some variance of grade elevations.
Stockpiling of excavated materials on site.
Balanced cut and fill.
Spread footings generally uniform dimensions with some oddities.
Continuous wall footings, with stepped requirements.
Poured concrete foundation walls.
Concrete slab on grade.
Some interior foundation wall requirements.
Usually uniform bay size layouts for structural system, including variances for special conditions.
Reinforced concrete frame and arches.
Structural steel frame, masonry or spray-on fire protection.
Simple-use precast concrete or architectural cast concrete members for structural purposes.
Generally more complicated building shape with breaks, corners, cantilever requirements requiring an experienced contractor.

Above normal
(Over 45 per cent higher in cost than "simple" construction)
Classified earth excavation such as hardpan, clay, boulders, rocks, etc.
Great variations in grade.
Dewatering problems.
Required bracing, shoring, etc.
Unbalanced cut and fill resulting in need of borrowed material.
Foundation complications requiring spread footings of varying sizes and shapes; special foundations, such as piles.
Grade beam requirements more often than typical, continuous wall footings and foundation walls.
Structural slab not on grade.
Interior requirements for foundation walls and footings.
Varying bay sizes.
Complicated reinforcing concrete frame and slab; structural steel frame encased in concrete fireproofing.
Involves precast concrete or architectural concrete details.
Generally complicated shaped structure requiring unique structural design solutions or considerations requiring high-caliber contractor.
Design for future expansion.

ARCHITECTURAL TREATMENT

Simple
Simple shaped building with minimal architectural features.
Exterior brick or block with stock window shapes, some stone work or precast trim, low ratio of windows. Unplastered block or drywall partitions in most areas.
Resilient tile floors, V.A.T., predominantly used.
Painted exposed ceilings in most areas.
Hung ceilings in corridors and offices.

Flat roofs with parapets.
Simple waterproofing requirements.
Vitreous spray or cement enamel in lieu of ceramic tile, minimal use of vitreous materials except for floors in wet areas.
Simple program requirements.
Low ratio of interior work.
Hollow metal doors and bucks at normal heights.
Simple stair erection, and fire protection requirements.
Minimum provision for future flexibility.
Minimum circulation space, double loaded corridors.

Average
(20 to 40 per cent higher in cost than "simple" treatment)
More complex shaped building expressing architectural features.
Exterior glass brick, architectural concrete, larger ratio of windows, special size windows, moderate use of stone work.
Unplastered block partitions utilizing expressive bonds. Use of more expensive interior finishes, especially in public areas.
Resilient tile floors, V.A.T., predominantly used, some use of carpet.
Insulation for mains, risers, water lines and horizontal storm drains in finished areas.

Average (Includes "simple" category plus the following items resulting in more than 40 per cent higher cost than for simple systems).
- Sump and ejector pump systems.
- Hot water generator.
- Domestic water pressure system.
- Emergency generator—gas connections.
- Standard fixtures.
- Kitchen work.
- Tempered water for showers.

Above normal (Includes "simple" and "average" categories, plus the following) which will add 90 per cent or more to "simple" costs.
- Galvanized steel or wrought iron above grade for sanitary and storm systems.
- Foundation drainage if required.
- Preheater for domestic hot water.
- Water treatment if required.
- Gas piping for laboratories.
- Acid-neutralizing system for labs.
- Exotic gas systems for labs.
- Emergency showers and eye wash.
- De-ionized and distilled water systems for labs.
- Kitchen work—i.e., slurry systems with extractors and pulpers.
- Air compressors, vacuum pumps, distillers.
- Fire pump and jockey pump.
- Insulation of all domestic water piping and all horizontal storm piping.
- Luxury fixtures.

HVC
- Low pressure, one pipe steam system.
- Two pipe circulating hot water system.
- Ventilation only, of interior areas (toilets).
- Self-contained, low pressure heating and air conditioning systems, all air.
- Forced air heat only.
- Self-contained boiler rooms.
- Insulation of piping and supply duct work.
- Electric automatic temperature control system.

Average (Includes "simple" category plus the following which will add 20 to 40 per cent to cost.)
- Central station heating and air conditioning (single zone).
- Multi-zone heating and air conditioning systems with reheating coils.
- Fan coil perimeter system, two or four pipe.
- Unit ventilator system, two or four pipe.
- Kitchen and "simple" laboratory exhaust.
- Mechanical equipment rooms, including controls, chillers.
- Acoustic lining.
- Automatic sprinkler system (fire prevention).
- Pneumatic controls, electric-electronic controls.

Above normal (Can include "simple" and "average" categories, plus the following which will tend to increase costs more than 40 per cent above costs for "simple" systems.)
- Dual duct system with mixing boxes at terminal reheat.
- Induction system.
- Fume hood exhaust.
- Dust collection system.
- Thermal wheel heat exchange.
- Refractory heat reclamation.
- High pressure steam, with PRV stations.
- Radiant ceilings and floors.
- Air lift distribution systems.
- Heat pumps.
- Glycol and/or brine systems.
- Steam humidification.
- Snow removal systems.
- Water treatment systems.
- Boiler feed system.
- CO2 fire prevention system.
- Remote power plant installation.
- Circulation, computerized monitoring for automatic temperature controls.
- Sound attenuation systems.
- Design requirements for future expansion.
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Building materials hold the price line surprisingly well despite recent surges

In previous articles in this column, we have examined the general nature of inflation in the construction industry and the effects of wage trends and labor productivity on building costs. This month we'll look at the other major component of direct construction costs—building materials. These can influence final costs in three ways: the price trends of the materials themselves; the replacement of one material by another; and the substitution of materials for labor.

The table of materials price trends shows that building materials as a group contributed practically nothing to inflation in the first half of the Sixties. The combined index rose at a rate of less than one tenth of one per cent a year through 1965. Since manufacturing hourly wages rose three per cent a year (and wages in the building materials industries averaged close to the median for all industry), it can be assumed that productivity gains in building materials manufacture matched or exceeded those for the economy as a whole.

Beginning in 1965, this situation began to change—slowly, at first, then much more rapidly as the decade came to a close. Building materials prices rose at an annual rate of 2.1 per cent between 1965 and 1967. This was a little higher than the rise in total wholesale prices and intermediate goods, but still below the gain in final goods costs. A number of building materials were still posting declines in prices, but some that had fallen or remained stable in the early part of the decade began to pick up sharply. Plumbing and heating equipment and concrete products prices reversed earlier declines as inventories were cut back following the housing slump of 1966.

In 1968, building materials prices jumped 5.6 per cent—more than twice the rate for all wholesale prices and intermediate materials, and almost twice that of final goods. This was followed by a six per cent rise in 1969, bringing the rate of increase in construction product prices in the past two years up to the total rise during the previous twelve years.

This sudden, sharp rise in building materials prices was a combination of a number of factors. First, the general inflationary trend in the economy made itself felt in the form of higher factory wage rates and raw materials prices. Secondly, the sharp drop in housing in 1966, followed by a boom in commercial construction in the past two years upset the normal capacity-demand relationships of many building products manufacturers, and prices were adjusted to restore balance (and to yield profits, which had been much lower than those in most other industries for several years). Finally, a good bit of the over-all price rise since 1967 has been concentrated in lumber, millwork and plywood, where unusual shortages at the source forced prices up over 30 per cent.

Designers and builders have been able to reduce many materials costs by substituting less expensive products for those with higher absolute costs or rising price trends. Thus, output of vinyl floor coverings has tripled in the past decade, while usage of hardwood flooring has been cut in half. Wooden doors, window frames and sash are being challenged by metal and plastic components. Concrete panels have found increasing markets in place of both wood and metal for many uses. By and large, those products made of readily available raw materials, easily transported and capable of further technological improvement, have shown the stabler price patterns and offered the best opportunities for savings.

The greatest potential for cost savings in construction probably lies in substituting materials for labor—in effect, adding an additional step at the factory and eliminating one at the building site. The increasing emphasis being placed on off-site manufacture of larger building modules and components suggests that the application of mass production techniques to construction provides one of the most likely ways of curbing long-run inflationary tendencies (zoning regulations and union rules permitting).

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Elkay refrigerated water coolers fit today’s creative design ideas for every type of building. Easily replaceable decorative panels of laminated vinyl in nine colors and two in baked enamel are offered at no extra cost and for immediate delivery. A unique cascade design, anti-splash basin with built-in, vandal proof drain teams up with a hooded stream projector and separate control button. The complete water cooler line includes Elkay innovated corner models, floor models and wall models, in regular and compact sizes. Three sizes of fully recessed and two capacities in semi-recessed coolers complete the line. Parts interchangeability and standardization are part of the Elkay concept in improved water coolers.

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WHAT'S BEHIND COST TRENDS
Although recently negotiated wage increases for construction labor will average 15 percent per year over the next two or three years for most trades, the prevention of future increases of similar scope would not "contain the rabid inflationary malaise now infecting the industry," according to Gerald McKee of McKee-Berger-Mansueto Inc. In a recent talk to C.S.I., McKee pointed out that wage increases thus far can account for only about half the rate of construction cost increase, especially in the East where rates of 12 to 15 percent per year are responsibly quoted. The remainder, he said, can be traced to the preponderance of demand over supply. Trade union policy in general supports the status quo in which two-thirds of all labor input to a building is performed on site. But this requirement, says McKee, "equally suits the purposes of contractors and subcontractors, local material suppliers and, in many cases, even the design professionals." Labor's role as an impediment to change and growth, then, is "symptomatic of a more pervasive disorder rather than its cause."

Building cost indexes
The information presented in the tables indicates trends of building construction costs in 35 leading cities and their suburban areas (within a 25-mile radius). Information is included on past and present costs, and future costs can be projected by analysis of cost trends.

The indexes are computed on a basis of 40 percent labor rate and 60 percent materials price. Wage rates for nine skilled trades, together with common labor, and prices of four basic building materials are included in the index for each listed city.

Differences in costs between two cities can be compared by dividing the cost differential figure of one city by that of a second.

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The Denver architectural firm of Anderson Barker Rinker has appointed two associate architects, Richard A. Lehman and Dana C. Rickli.

Ronald W. Backhus has been named associate with Fitch Larocco Carington Jones, Architects—Planners of Chicago.

Armand Bartos and Associates, Architects, New York City, have recently appointed Martin Price as partner and Augusto Morpurgo and Robert Rhodes as associates.

Burton W. Berger has announced the admission of Robert D. Ascione as a partner of the firm of Berger and Caltabiano for the continuing practice of architecture, city planning and urban design under the firm name of Berger Caltabiano and Ascione. The firm is newly located at 170 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The partnership of Berger/Spiers Architects—Engineers has announced the admittance of Richard D. Parsons, A.I.A., Architect as a general partner and the merger of their firm with Porr, Loddengaard & Parsons, Architects—Planners. The address of the new firm, Berger/Parsons/Spiers is P.O. Box 3742, Harrisburg, Pa.

Harold E. Wagner, F.A.I.A. and Associates has announced the advancement of Angel B. Chorno, R.A. to associate.

Bernard M. Deschler, A.I.A. has recently announced the formation of his architectural firm, Bernard M. Deschler Associates, Architects, 53 East 34th Street, New York City.

Architect Carroll R. Dove is now an associate in the firm of Segreti & Stilwell, Architects/Planners, Washington, D.C.

Carol Lynne Freyer has been named director of interior design for the Miami firm of Ferendino/Grafton/Pancoast/Architects.

Parsons, Brinckerhoff, Quade & Douglas, New York City-based engineering, architectural and planning firm announced that Henry L. Michel and Perry D. Lord have been admitted to the partnership. Paul H. Gilbert has been named an associate.

Ginocchio, Cromwell, Carter & Neyland has announced the continuation of the practice of architecture and engineering under the name Cromwell, Neyland, Truemper, Millett & Gatchell. The firm has offices in Little Rock, El Dorado and Forrest City, Arkansas.

Wallace B. Berger, A.I.A., Barnard A. Fischer, C.S.I., Irving L. Levett, Paul Silver, A.I.A. and Murray Sput, A.I.A. have been named associate partners of the New York and New Jersey architectural, planning and engineering firm, Gruzen & Partners. Promoted to the position of associate were Harold E. Ehrenberg and Paul Willen, A.I.A.

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Elwyn L. Jordan
Construction Coordinator
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Mr. Mayer does plan to enlarge on this series for a book, but I am afraid its publication is some time off. You might be interested in his earlier book published by McGraw-Hill, “The Urgent Future.” —WW

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On behalf of the Corporation, I wish to express my gratitude for the exceptionally clear and comprehensive article about our work in the January issue. We are a relatively young organization, but thanks to the driving imagination of our executive director, Milton Musicus, and the hard work and uncommon ability of my predecessor, Dan Sullivan, we were able to get the best environments that limited money can buy for the state’s mentally and physically ill.

The names of the deserving architects who are really responsible for the day-to-day success of the program, my Development Administrators are: Sidney Delson, Frank Eliseo, G. Darcy Gibson, Frank Jacob, Edward La Mura, Donald Levy, Sanford Maller, Anthony Mancini, Andrew Mitropoulos, Mildred Popkin, David Sanders, Charles Scaleri, and Julius Twyne.

Roy Harlow, A.I.A.
Director of Development
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Non-architects the world over
“The making of non-architects,” an article by Sibyl Moholy-Nagy is very relevant to present-day students’ lives in every department of architecture throughout the world. What she discusses is very true down to details, even in India. U.S. students flock to Canada, Europe and the Arizona desert whereas we flock to the U.S., Canada, Europe—for that matter, even Kuwait. This article makes it clear that the lives of the students of architecture worldwide is akin and alike and it is nothing but utter frustration.

Mrs. Moholy-Nagy’s article is commendable. It discusses every case except that of the faculty members with nil practical experience whatsoever, who settle in the department till time for their pensions, making real non-architects out of us.

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THE OAKLAND MUSEUM

The city of Oakland, California now boasts a regional museum much of which has been constructed underground. Designed by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates on a four-block site which slopes downward toward an inland tidal lake, it appears to be a terraced park rather than a building. Appearance to the contrary, the Oakland Museum is more than a handsome new public park. It is a huge $10-million complex consisting of three interrelated museums tucked under terraces and opening onto gardens, the latter designed by landscape architect Dan Kiley.

At the outset the city's program called for three separate structures to house the collections of Oakland's art, history and natural science museums. Architect Kevin Roche was convinced from the beginning that these three collections belonged together in one place. After careful analysis of Oakland's actual and potential urban design structure (page 122) Roche also decided that an urban park was urgently needed on the site as the first link in a chain of integrated work and leisure facilities designed to give order and coherence to the city. Since Roche believes that museums and parks belong together, the solution then became obvious to him—a three-part underground terraced structure with a park on top. The result as built has been widely acknowledged as an architectural triumph for Roche, but it also stands as strong evidence of his power of persuasion. He didn't give the city of Oakland what it originally asked for. He convinced the city to want and build what it really needed.

—Mildred F. Schmertz
1. A park system for Oakland in a city plan report prepared in 1915 by Werner Hagemann, one of the great city planners of the time. It was based on recommendations made by Frederick Law Olmsted in 1868 and again by Charles Mulford Robinson in 1906. It proposed that a series of parks be developed along the natural creeks and canyons which would form green arteries into the heart of the city. On axis with the entry into the harbor, an island park was proposed—both to screen the industrial development in this area and also to provide a space for water sports and regattas. Unfortunately these plans were never carried out. The heart of the proposal for Oakland was the Lake Merritt Park and the Connection to the East Bay.

2. A closer look at the Lake Merritt Park and the East Bay connection. Hagemann proposed that the main north-south axis not be obstructed by buildings placed across, as the new civic auditorium (white rectangle) had unfortunately been, but rather that the axis should be emphasized by buildings placed parallel to it, thus preserving the free continuity of water and park.

3. Plan for a civic center developed in 1930 by the Alameda County Society of Architects, based on Hagemann's recommendations. It creates a formal park right down to the estuary to be bordered by public buildings. Two proposed buildings make a formal composition to the south of the civic auditorium. On the north side the plan follows Dr. Hagemann's suggestion for a plaza with fountains projecting into Lake Merritt. On the west side of this plaza the plan indicates a group of civic buildings around a mall. The first of these, the court house, was almost completed when the Great Depression stopped work. Roche believes this to have been an excellent plan. "While it may have been unrealistic about traffic," he acknowledges, "this was certainly excusable in 1930; had this plan been followed, Oakland would truly have one of the most magnificent centers in the country today." Unfortunately this scheme was forgotten during the war years through industrial development along the waterfront.

4. The 1947 master plan, an outgrowth of a civic center study begun in 1944, reflects a 1935 zoning ordinance which designated the waterfront for industrial use. The plan reflects the fact that the center of population had begun to move to the south and east and the belief that a civic center should not be located in a central business district because of land cost and the constrictions it places on expansion. The plan argues, therefore, that the civic center should spread across the park, tying the east and west together. It eliminates the rest of the proposed park and thereby destroys the estuary connection. The plan also indicates an elaboration of intersection of roads, now built in a somewhat altered form.

5. The Lake Merritt area in 1961 when Roche's studies for the Oakland Museum began. The 1947 plan had become obsolete, a site had been picked for the Museum which was inconsistent with that or any other earlier plan and the Nimetz Freeway had radically altered the traffic pattern of the area. It was apparent that at this stage Oakland had neither a civic center nor a plan for one which could be realized, so Roche began by taking a broader look at the whole city.

6. An analysis of the Lake Merritt area in the context of Oakland in 1961, which was still a city ringed by mountains revolving around a natural focal point—Lake Merritt—and facing an estuary and bay. Much of the land bordering the estuary, and now given over to junkyards, is publicly owned and can be reclaimed as park. Five distinct centers had developed by 1961. Bordering the northwest finger of Lake Merritt is a cluster of office buildings known as Kaiser Center. To the southeast is the courthouse area near the civic auditorium, almost due west is the city hall and to the south near the harbor breakwall is Jack London Square, a highly successful development bordering the central business district.

7. Roche's proposal showing the elements which constitute the city tied together to form the city. His unifying means would be wide park-lined boulevards and avenues with a mix of commercial, cultural and private buildings. The excitement generated by shops, hotels, museums and theaters would give life to the green open spaces and to the public and private office buildings located within or under them. The Oakland Museum, which doubles as terraced green space, is really the first segment of Roche's grand plan based in part on the work of Hagemann. Roche here states that to have built a large building on the site would have been wrong for the city, architecturally and humanistically.

The local environment—as actually accomplished and hopefully envisioned—shaped Roche's plans for the Oakland Museum. "If the city is to have a sense of order," says Roche, "a building must be part of an over-all composition. It must dominate or be subservient to its local environment. Visual responsibility goes far beyond the limits of a site."

The architects made an extensive study of the Oakland area, not as a comprehensive report nor as a proposal for a city plan, but for their own use as part of a preliminary investigation in the orderly process of designing the Museum. The ultimate development (7) shows the Oakland Museum as constructed but includes a proposal for the entire area which Roche believes is deserving of serious consideration by the people of Oakland.

THE OAKLAND MUSEUM, Oakland, California. Architects: Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates—Philip Kinsella, associate on job; engineers: Severud Associates (structural); Alexander Boome (mechanical and electrical); landscape architect: Dan Kiley; contractor: B & R Construction Company.

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A BUILDING IN THE DORIC TRADITION

The new MacMillan Bloedel building in Vancouver, British Columbia, is the latest—and finest—building of the young firm of Erickson/Massey, whose principals gained international fame a few years ago with their winning design for Simon Fraser University. This new office building, their first tall building—urbane, well suited to its location and well sited in the downtown part of the city, and much the reflection of itself which the client wanted—almost did not come into being.

MacMillan Bloedel Limited, Canada's largest forest products company, had considered a number of proposals for a headquarters building. Finally, unhappy with the then latest, (a package deal for a typical core-plan building with a precast curtain wall) they first asked Erickson/Massey to improve, then to restudy their entire program and suggest—in two months—an equally economical but architecturally distinctive solution. In the specified time the architects produced a design for the building based on one pervading concept, simplicity: outside, giving expression to the "vigor, directness and strength" which the architects found characteristic of their
ERICKSON/MASSEY'S MACMILLAN BLOEDEL BUILDING IN VANCOUVER IS STARK AND SIMPLE BUT NEITHER PLAIN NOR BARE

clients' company; and inside, reducing the usual office clutter by minimizing the number of elements needed for good function. This elegant leanness is best described in Arthur Erickson's own words: "a Doric building in its starkness and simplicity." This is nowhere more evident than in the exterior wall surface, the most important feature of the building. Its concrete, unrelieved except for the square opening of the deep-set windows, reads as it was poured, says Erickson, "because the total surface is big enough for the irregularities to act as a patina to the concrete." The size of the openings was carefully calculated to let the wall act as a wall, not as a system of spandrels and columns (which is the structural solution) and to permit the use of one sheet of glass, unbroken by mullion or muntin, in each opening. The effect is, to quote Erickson again, "of glass jammed into the concrete directly to bring out the extreme contradiction of character of each. All detail was avoided in achieving an uncompromising junction between glass and concrete—void and solid."

The over-all form of the building is uncluttered, too, both towers and central core being of the same height. The offset of the two towers from each other and from the core breaks the volume, heightens the interest and increases the access to natural

Floodlighting at night dramatically emphasizes the "contradiction of void and solid" and the concrete nature of the building. The sunken plaza along the building front affords a view of the venerable Hotel Vancouver and a picturesque contrast in architectural style and statement. The building is entered across a walkway between two reflecting pools. A 240-car garage at rear has direct access to lobby, arcade shops and mezzanine restaurant. The central core separates the twin towers and, with their exterior walls, provides the main vertical structural support for the building.
light and view for the office areas—design objectives from the beginning—and allows the width of each tower to be determined by the best subdivision for perimeter offices (many were required) with a central corridor for circulation and, on some floors, for secretarial stations. The structural solution derived from this: a clear span of 42 feet, bearing wall to bearing wall in each tower. The mass of the walls at the base and the solidity of the core offer effective wind resistance.

The interior expression of the same principle of simplicity that governs the exterior, and is as important in assessing this building’s significance, results in exceptional spaciousness because of a unique ceiling structure which integrates electrical and mechanical services with the structural grid, eliminates hung ceilings, permits a standard-height partition throughout and effectively reduces the usual clutter of office interiors.

The ceiling grid—structural beams crossed by air-conditioning ducts—is left exposed, economically providing unusual spaciousness for office areas. Under beams, height is 8 feet 8 inches; between beams, 11 feet. In the coffer thus produced, 7 feet square, a single light fixture is suspended at a height which makes it unnoticeable beyond the second in a row; this is augmented by indirect light from each side of the ducts. One fourth the usual number of fixtures results in low-contrast, glare-free, desk-level light. Secretarial desks are designed to fit the storage wall (see section, bottom), and match it in color and wood. Floors are carpeted.

The architects designed all company interiors and selected most of the furnishings. Interior walls are natural concrete, sandblasted, except along corridors where storage walls, finished in oak or in walnut, are used. The lobby (across page), 40 by 40 feet, appears larger because of its 13-foot windows and 21-foot ceiling, similar to ceilings throughout the building. The lighting—natural by day, indirect by night—and the felicitous handling of the reception area furnishings make this lobby exceptional for its warm and human quality and for its pleasant scale. Walls are concrete.
The shopping arcade (top), originally designed as a one-story space, was altered after construction had been completed to accommodate a mezzanine floor for a restaurant and bar. Access to the arcade is from the lobby (via elevator lobby) and from the side street, across the sunken plaza. Of the small commercial areas, International Travel was designed by James Strasman of Erickson Massey. Its area, though small, is exciting, due to the conjunction of colors (green, blue, yellow, red-brown), many lights and mirrors, which together produce the effect on the visitor of being inside a kaleidoscope.
STANDING AT THE HEAD OF HIS PROFESSION

THOMAS JEFFERSON, ARCHITECT, by Fiske Kimball
Da Capo Press, New York, 1968, with a new introduction by Frederick D. Nichols. 348 pp., illus., hardcover, $8.00

Reviewed by Paul F. Norton. Dr. Norton is Chairman of the Department of Art at the University of Massachusetts. His research has dealt mainly with English and American architecture of the 18th and 19th century.

Today Fiske Kimball's scholarly study of Jefferson's architecture (first published in 1916) may still be called excellent, and although as F. D. Nichols points out, new drawings have come to light, and further documents have proved a few of his conclusions incorrect, there is little to criticize after fifty years. This cannot be said of most of the writing on architecture before the First World War.

Any work excellent as this is needs re-printing as it becomes difficult to obtain; and we should be most grateful to the Da Capo Press for undertaking its publication. The first edition was very limited and had become almost impossible to buy.

Since the new edition of Kimball's book is not an exact replica of the old, one may wish to know what changes were made. The size of the book is reduced considerably (and the weight cut by two pounds), but it maintains exactly the same dimensions for the printing and illustrations. A third introduction (W. C. Ford and Kimball each wrote one) is added by F. D. Nichols, and a page of bibliographical notes. New photographs were taken of each drawing and slightly more legible numbers in black replace the obscure white.

The introduction by Nichols, the only important addition, is informative about Kimball the indefatigable scholar and Kimball the great director of the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Although Nichols has mainly praise for Kimball, he finds him in error a few times and takes him a little to task for not emphasizing the "highly personal quality" of Monticello. He points out too that Morris's Select Architecture (1755) is a book Jefferson owned, but which Kimball did not consult (it was not available to him). The importance of Morris's book is that its plates explain the origin of several of Jefferson's drawings. In this regard Nichols might have mentioned that Clay Lancaster first pointed out the relationship between Jefferson's drawings and the plates in Morris (Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, Vol. 10, No. 1, March 1951, pp. 3-10). Of the four extensive quotations in his introduction Nichols gives no hint as to the published source of any.

That the Jefferson drawings have survived so well must be owing to careful preservation. But, in spite of all effort, the new photographs reveal the disappearance of many little pieces during the last fifty years. Almost all the drawings have, since 1916, received pen and ink numbers corresponding to those Kimball uses in this book. There are better ways of identifying drawings than by defacing the original. Although the black printed numbers replacing the former white ones are easier to see, they tend to detract from the appearance of the drawings, particularly where they mingle with the designs. Would it not have been better to number the drawings beneath each, or in the margins? In this way both the Kimball and Nichols numbers could have appeared and made identification far easier. On comparing the drawings in the two editions it is clear that each edition has some drawings reproduced better than the other. Drawing number 176, in the new edition, is upside down.

Perhaps it is not so clear how this book can be of interest to a practicing architect. There is little apparent relation between the style of 1800 and the 1970's. And yet, the book is a mine of information for understanding how the architectural profession was carried on in Jefferson's time; it gives much insight into Jefferson's own inspired solutions to architectural problems; and it shows us with what sincerity he attempted to raise the level of architecture in America partially by his own talents, but even more as an example to others. Jefferson, the first man to recognize the importance of introducing the profession of architecture to America, was instrumental in bringing architects, as well as architectural taste, to this country. He hired professional men when they arrived from Europe for the building of national monuments. He assisted young men to become architects of the future. Jefferson stands then, in a sense, at the head of the profession as we know it in America today. The line of descent is clear as each generation from Latrobe, to Mills, to Town and Davis, and Upjohn, to Richardson, Sullivan and Wright, strove for perfection in its art and continued to maintain the high esthetic standard first introduced by Jefferson.

ARCOLOGICAL VISIONS FROM THE DESERT

ARCOLOGY: THE CITY IN THE IMAGE OF MAN, by Paolo Soleri. (The MIT Press, 1969, illus., $25.00)

Paolo Soleri has produced a deceptively beautiful book. It describes "arcoologies," great structures for containing millions of people and their activities, designed to keep urban sprawl from despoiling the earth (see also page 41).

The Soleri city is not three-dimensional, but multi-layered. Frank Lloyd Wright's "Living City," to which Soleri adherents have compared it, is single-layered (old fashioned?), but three-dimensional in its architecture and its physical contact with the earth. Mr. Soleri's arcoology is probably technically feasible. It is Wright's spread-out, land-conscious way of living that is "impractical," but a true departure from our super-mechanical cities and society.

Paolo Soleri is a mystic. Arcoologies are mystical-mechanical artificial worlds whose inhabitants peek out from a mile up at the vast stretch of vacant land separating them from the next towering arcoology. Arcoologies are designed as if the world did not exist, as if man were superfluous, as if he weren't a part of the earth, but (grandly) a part of the "universe," floating in a mental outer space with nothing but ideas and images to live in.

The beautiful images in Mr. Soleri's book have their own power, but they were not designed for human life.

—J.H.
ADDITIONAL BOOKS

NEW DIRECTIONS IN AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE, by Robert A. M. Stern. This is one of eight books by the same publisher identifying “new directions” in the architecture of major nations or regions. Each book has its own author, who is usually involved in the architectural transformations about which he writes. Robert Stern has served as an editor of Perspecta, has written for various journals, and is an architect with the New York City Housing and Development Administration.

In a brief initial classification, Stern divides modern architects into “first generation, second generation and third generation designers,” not classified by age, but by “philosophical stance.” He then develops two broad approaches to architecture which in his view dominate current thinking—the inclusive and the exclusive approach—and places the architects he discusses in one of these two camps: Paul Rudolph, Kevin Roche and Philip Johnson are second generation and “exclusive” designers; Robert Venturi, Romaldo Giurgola and Charles Moore are third generation and “inclusive” designers.

All this is as simplistic in the book as it appears to be here. Stern is restricted by his classifications, feeling that he must make every building and architect he discusses either inclusive or exclusive, either second generation or third generation, or what is worse, either good or bad: the inclusive designers are “good”; the exclusive designers are “bad.” He leaves us with a good idea of his gut reactions to a building (everyone is entitled to have them) and we might be able to appreciate the bare outlines of his theoretical position—the scaffolding of his classification system—as a thing that must have taken months to erect. But it is threatened with collapse by every architect stuffed within it. Stern’s position allows little discussion of the exceptions to his rules; we get no feeling for the one-of-a-kind complexities that separate one architect from another, as Venturi is separated from Moore, for instance, though Stern puts them in one big bag, as they appear to be, superficially. True, it is more convenient to create one big bag of everything, but architects are not that way right now; in his own terms, Stern has taken a very exclusive, second generation position. —R. J.

George Braziller, New York, 116 pp., ill., $5.95

PAINTING, PHOTOGRAPHY, FILM, by Laszlo Moholy-Nagy. This is a translation of volume eight in the original Bauhaus series. To the list of topics contained in the title, a fourth—book design—may be added, inasmuch as the publisher has adhered closely to the typography and make-up devised for the original edition. Few authors have contributed so many seminal ideas to modern art theory as this one.

The MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass., 110 pp., ill., $7.95

THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, A History of Commercial and Public Building in the Chicago Area, 1875-1925, by Carl W. Condit. A new printing of the 1964 publication, which was in turn a revised and greatly enlarged edition of the author’s The Rise of the Skyscraper (1952). There would seem to be a correlation between the disappearance of Chicago buildings (the Stock Exchange being the latest to be threatened) and the continuing popularity of this book.

The University of Chicago Press, 238 pp., ill., $8.95

THE ARCHITECTURE OF CHARLES BULFINCH, by Harold Kirker. A definitive, for the most part non-critical, chronological catalogue of the architect’s work. Each listing is accompanied by illustrations and a brief, but very informative essay. These are supplemented by biographical and bibliographical material and other appendices. Bulfinch’s astringent, Adamesque architecture is clean and cool to the eye, while warm to the spirit; the buildings in this book will appeal to many besides scholars of the early Republican period.

Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 398 pp., ill., $11.95

URBAN STRUCTURE, edited by David Lewis. Like the same editor’s Pedestrian in the City, this is a valuable contribution to the literature of urbanology. The twenty-three contributors are usually architects, and English, most of the articles have been written especially for the book, on two themes: population and technology.

John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York, 283 pp., ill., $11.50

THE DESTRUCTION OF LOWER MANHATTAN, by Danny Lyon. As the phoenix rises from the ashes, so also may a work of art arise out of decay, death and often senseless destruction. Such is the author’s photographic documentation of the wholesale demolition of Manhattan’s oldest and most historic area. Lyon’s photographs are especially effective, even hauntingly so, when interiors are depicted, where something of the lives of the former occupants seems to linger, long after the lights and the landings are gone, to the bitter end.

The Macmillan Co., New York, 75 photographs and random text, $12.95

ARCHITECTURE IN NORTHERN GHANA, A Study of Forms and Functions, by Labelle Prussin. A study of village pattern and household architecture of six tribes. A wide range of architectural styles and structural features within this selected group demonstrates the creative character of these Ashanti tribesmen and display for us, in photographs and architectural renderings, the shapes that life takes on. From the foreword by Walter Goldschmidt.

University of California Press, Berkeley and Los Angeles, 120 pp., ill., $8.95

ZONED AMERICAN, by Seymour I. Toll. A critical presentation of the historical development of zoning legislation in the U.S. Mr. Toll, who studied city planning at Yale while taking a degree in law, has since been active in Philadelphia planning groups. By virtue of his broad-based cultural approach to his subject, he demonstrates the profound effect of zoning legislation on the environment.


MEANING IN ARCHITECTURE, edited by Charles Jencks & George Baird. A series of essays related to semiotics—"the theory of signs as the fundamental science of human communication"—discussing the degree to which such issues relate to architecture. The authors of the essays are usually English, Charles Jencks is one of our better new architectural critics, and everyone has a fine time arguing his particular theory.

George Braziller, New York, 285 pp., ill., $15.00

ART IN A MACHINE AGE, A Critique of Contemporary Life through the Medium of Architecture, by Maxwell Fry. As his subtitle reveals, the noted English architect has taken as his subject not only the whole field of architecture, but civilization as well. He is up to the task. His insights and opinions, which have as their focus the author feels is the over-technologization of our society, the mistaking of a means for an end, while seldom those in vogue, are all the more well worth considering. Intertwined with this presentation is an inside picture of Fry’s professional past: a pioneer of the modern movement in Britain, in partnership with Gropius in 1934-36, and his association with Corbusier on Chandigarh.

Barnes and Noble Inc., New York, 188 pp., ill., $9.00

CAIT ELLWOOD, by Esther McCoy. In the words of the Introduction, Ellwood “set out to take the raw materials available in modern industry, and the new techniques, and to turn these . . . into the most elegant, the most refined idiom that he could develop.” The collection of buildings that follows, mainly residences, shows that with not a little help from the Japanese, Neutra, and Mies he succeeded.

Walker and Company, New York, 156 pp., ill., $15.00

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION RUNS AWAY, by Frank Lloyd Wright. The architect’s revised edition of The Disappearing City (1932), in which he announced his “Broadacre City.” Actually two books in one, this spiffy, slip-cased limited edition carries on the left-hand pages facsimile reproductions of Wright’s copy of the original title, with changes and addenda in his own hand; the facing pages show the revised, printed text. Hopefully, the latter will be published in a less expensive form.

Horizon Press, New York, 187 pp., $40.00
OBJECTS AND IMAGES: A LUMINOUS NEW SHOWCASE FOR OFFICE FURNITURE

Warren Platner designs an elegant new space for Steelcase in Chicago.
DESIGN OF INTERIORS
SHIMMERING, SUBTLE REFLECTIONS EXTEND THE REAL SPACE and add considerable glamor and effectiveness to the Steelcase products displayed in the new exhibit in Chicago's Merchandise Mart.

Warren Platner has created a real traffic-stopper in the big, busy showroom center by minimizing the usual "room setting" techniques and creating a deceptively simple, reflecting space which enhances both the furniture on exhibit and the visiting customers. Almost all surfaces in the basically loft-like space were coated white—vinyl floors, painted plaster walls and structural ceilings. A sparkling glass shell has been created within this room for the major display and exhibit area. Countless glass doors line the corridor facade and the walls; all doors are operable (and placed a few inches out from the walls) to assure easy cleaning and maximum sparkle, and to permit a changing series of graphics behind.

Horizontal glass panels are suspended below the ceiling, which is fitted with an adjustable track system of spot and floodlights; within the room, islands and cases of glass delineate display groupings. The end effect is an eye-catching glitter which de-materializes the confining spaces provides an endless series of subtle reflections of everything in the room. Color and accent are provided by the furniture displayed, by the sparingly used graphics, and by people walking through. All the graphics are changeable, and intended to be changed. In this initial installation, the translucent images on the side walls are all x-rays of Steelcase construction details, and the big black and white mural represents body motion and implications for posture and comfort. The hatched areas shown on the plan at left are floor-to-ceiling walls of the company's line of files and cabinets, handsomely arranged into Mondrian-like compositions. Thus, apart from a very few leather paneled walls toward the back, all wall surfaces are products or their reflections.

THE PRECISE LINE OF THE PRODUCTS IS ECHOED in the precision of
the over-all showroom design. All
the lights and electrical work are
neatly placed above the horizontal
glass panels and fixed to the ceil-
ing. Spaces above, as well as be-
low, the glass are airconditioned
to reduce the heat load. The glass
itself is considerably thinner (quar-
ter-inch) than normally used in
this country, reducing costs and
weight. The panels rest on simple
rotating clips suspended on a
standard metal strut system; the
corners of the glass were cut out
where needed for sprinklers.

All the display devices are de-
mountable and portable; there is
a storeroom to one side of the
main display area for those items
not in current use. The glass dis-
play islands may be walked on.

A smooth transition is made
between the "glassiness" of the ex-
hibition space (the back portion of
which is shown here) and the
more compact, efficient work and
conference rooms beyond, by
creating an open alcove with a
dropped plaster ceiling and backed
by a brightly-lighted wall of warm-
toned leather. Sympathetic colors
(browns, beiges, yellows, orange)
are used for upholstery and accent
colors in the office areas. Corri-
dors to either side are lined with
displays of files and cabinets to
further help the transition from
purely exhibit to functional areas.

Explaining why—except in the
real, working offices—there has
been no attempt to create "office
settings" in the showroom, Warren
Platner comments that "it was our
intent to create an exhibition space
where the products shown are
seen for what they are—objects of
quality and utility—not to be con-
fused with arbitrary decisions as to
what one designer might think an
office should look like. In other
words, we put the products in the
context of a showcase (and hence
'exhibition space' is a much better
description than 'showroom') which
conjures visions of model rooms
with their confusing image of what
to do with a product). We wanted
a very light space, a luminous one,
so you could see everything clear-
ly—and of course the reflecting
glass furthers that too."

The very simplicity of the
project (which, characteristically,
was achieved only by a long and
painstaking design process) gives it
an extraordinarily strong and fresh
sophistication that should make it
a high point in the Mart.
CONFERENCE AND OFFICE AREAS are all located behind the exhibit spaces, and are reached via corridors lined with files and cabinets (photo, left). Similar banks of cabinets form one wall in the regional manager's office (top photo), with folding triptych panels for client presentations in the center; the panels can be closed until needed, and the space is also fitted with a white roller shade silk-screened with a bright orange-colored tree for a graphic accent as shown. An adjoining space (above) has two sliding walls to open it up, and is fitted as a presentation room for multiple-projector films, conferences and sales meetings. The films can be shown effectively with the sliding doors entirely open so that it becomes part of the exhibition space, to be seen by all clients and visitors.
OPERATION BREAKTHROUGH

THE SYSTEMS, THE SITES AND THE DESIGNERS ARE CHOSEN. THE QUESTION NOW:
ON WHAT STANDARDS SHOULD THE PROGRAM BE JUDGED?

Operation Breakthrough has a clearly worded goal, and it is a good place to begin a discussion of its progress so far. As stated in its request for proposal the, Breakthrough goal is "...the establishment of self-sustaining mechanisms for rapid volume production of marketable housing at progressively lower costs for people of all income levels, with particular emphasis on those groups and individuals which have had difficulty in obtaining satisfactory housing in the past."

There are two phrases here that touch on areas of some confusion, and these should be cleared up, for Breakthrough officials have been a little hesitant in establishing the scope of their program, and therefore the standards on which they want it evaluated.

First, Breakthrough is not a scheme to significantly or quickly reduce the cost of housing construction. Second, what housing it provides will be for all income levels, not just low-income. Whether it's toasters, houses, or cars, there always has been an assumption that mass production quickly reduces costs. Breakthrough officials, in the beginning, implied that their program could reduce housing construction costs quickly, and they have used the term "low-cost housing" rather freely in their speeches. But when pressed, and in all of the written releases from HUD, it is never said that Breakthrough can significantly reduce the present cost of construction. They do say it can gradually reduce the present cost of construction, if industrialization becomes widespread and that it will, if successful, keep costs from rising as quickly as they have in the past. On the low-income issue, Romney believes there would be a public stigma attached to Breakthrough housing if it were designed and erected for that group alone. Each Breakthrough site will contain low, middle, and high-income housing.

HUD's two-part program to meet the above-stated goal is now well advanced, with the selection of twenty-two consortium proposals as "winners," ready for prototype testing and construction. The housing systems of these Type A winners, which are discussed and illustrated on the following pages, will be financed and constructed on eleven sites throughout the country, beginning in July of this year. (The first part of Breakthrough also calls for the selection of several Type B proposals for further development—Type B being housing schemes not yet ready for prototype construction—but this selection has not yet been made.) Breakthrough has also picked eleven "site planners"—all but two of which are architectural firms—to help coordinate the placement of the housing on the sites. Construction of these 22 proposals on the eleven sites will provide, all told, 2,000 new units.

The first part of Breakthrough has generated a lot of hope and activity, yet if Breakthrough stops at 2,000 units it will have been a failure regardless, or perhaps because, of the hope it has created. Thus the second part of Operation Breakthrough—HUD's attempt to "aggregate" a housing market for its demonstration systems—is crucial. HUD hopes to identify sites around the country which could be used for housing, classify these sites on a regional basis for better information breakdowns for potential developers, apply Federal incentives for variances if local codes or zoning seems to make a site or a system unusable, and give priority treatment to Federal funding of sewer, street and water contracts so that the site may be developed quickly. A site would be assembled and developed by a local "sponsor," which could be state urban development corporations, state or city housing authorities, private developers of any size that seek a profit, or private non-profit agencies. HUD has no plans to purchase and develop sites themselves, and they will not financially aid their 22 winners or anyone else in creating factories and beginning assembly line production. In other words, there is lots of logistical support, and a willingness to attempt change in any way that seems hopeful, but there is little money. HUD has $15 million it is using to reimburse proposal costs for the winners and is asking for an additional $35 million to help pay for the testing and erection of prototypes.

Operation Breakthrough could effectively change several existing and improvable parts of the housing industry. For example: Labor. It is potentially very useful in dealing with the labor short-
age in housing construction. The industry now is dependent on skilled labor—carpenters, plumbers, electricians. They are in short supply, and this has in some areas slowed the production of housing. Breakthrough—if it works—will transfer part of the labor base of the housing industry from skilled to unskilled workers. The labor unions show signs of going along with such a transition. In some jurisdictions, for example, a man nailing wall sections together on the line need not be called a carpenter and paid carpenter's wages; he may be called an "assembler"—a new classification—and be paid the rate for assemblers, which is less than a carpenter because he is employed year-round, not just when the weather is good. The housing industry would have had to do something about its labor shortage with or without Breakthrough, but Breakthrough provides a large, very necessary impetus.

**Materials.** Operation Breakthrough has stimulated needed basic research into new materials for housing, or at least more efficient ways of using old materials. We have a limited supply of lumber in this country (indeed, in the world); wood has been cheap because it has always been plentiful, but it is not cheap any more. Breakthrough has produced ways of using materials other than wood so that they can be successfully sold, and, through its testing program, its evaluations, and finally its stamp of approval, will provide some basis for acceptance by local building departments and local builders of structural systems and finishes they have never seen before.

**Codes and zoning.** Building codes should provide the public and a buyer with a safe house and an acceptable standard of value, but they are sometimes used today as devices to protect union jobs, methods, and traditional materials. Zoning laws are sometimes a last useful weapon against commercial exploitation, but sometimes they help create de facto segregation. Breakthrough could help strengthen the good parts of existing codes and zoning laws and eliminate the bad parts, if HUD officials apply the leverage they are capable of applying on Breakthrough sites. Restrictive local codes will be effectively attacked if Breakthrough housing which violates them is nonetheless erected and if the municipality then erects more housing because HUD has given them priority treatment on funding programs. On zoning, Breakthrough housing will be for all income levels, and each site will include all income levels. HUD has insisted there can be no racial restrictions to their housing, and all of the proposing consortiums have had to prove that they will hire without discrimination.

The main problem with Breakthrough is money: there is none. Lack of money is the reason for the housing crisis in the first place, and it is difficult to see how the crisis will be alleviated without it. We have a housing crisis because 1) most builders cannot afford to create new housing—apartments or detached residences—for low- and middle-income people; they cannot make a profit. And 2) we have a crisis because many people cannot find the kind of housing they expect to be available at a price they can pay. This, of course, is simply two different ways of stating the same problem.

Operation Breakthrough has no provisions for subsidizing or in some way lessening the cost of interest on loans for builders—whether the builder is a highly industrialized consortium or a neighborhood contractor—or subsidizing the cost of direct construction. Breakthrough has no provisions for reducing the amount of interest a prospective homeowner must pay for a mortgage loan, nor for subsidizing the amount of rent an apartment dweller must pay. HUD does have existing programs—221d3, 235, 236 and 78 others at last count—which have been available since at least the 1968 Act to aid builders, owners and renters—but the crucial programs are miserably funded and mired in red tape. An argument can be made—and it is true to a degree—that if exist-

ing builder, owner, and renter subsidy programs were funded so that everyone who wanted to use them could do so, and if a few new ones were created, the housing crisis would soon be ended, and people would be relatively happy with their choices of housing and costs, all within the existing system—without aggregating one market, without industrializing one building system.

Romney has been publicly vocal in his insistence that the housing industry needs money; he has deplored the government's lack of financial commitment and recognizes the desperation of the problem. But he has been ineffective in the Cabinet and in Congress, where it counts; the main fault lies outside HUD, in the commitment of our leaders and in our much-debated national priorities. If there were legitimate signs that the real power in the administration wanted to fund housing adequately, and had a commitment toward that end, there would be less criticism of Operation Breakthrough.

In one sense Breakthrough should be judged on a different set of terms. It should not be denounced for failing to provide direct funding subsidies when it never was set up to do that, when there are other programs within the mother agency which were created specifically for funding purposes, and which it would be redundant for Breakthrough to preempt or otherwise reorganize when there is no money anyway. But HUD has always made it appear that they are putting all of their eggs in the Breakthrough basket; that it is their chosen great hope for reversing the housing crisis and that Breakthrough—standing alone—can do it.

**Breakthrough turns out to be a rather sophisticated Federal program of friendly persuasion; it relies on its ability to convince, rather than equal ability to alter through direct use of power.** It pushes gently but firmly; it certainly does not revolutionize. Breakthrough has tried to convince the unions of the inevitability of its directions, not bowl them over, and it seems to be succeeding. It will probably provide new opportunities for local developers, even small ones. It certainly does not try to usurp local or state governmental agencies; it wants more of them, it wants community control. Some local builders are threatened (if all they do is build houses, not develop land) but the Levitts and National Homes have been threatening them long before Breakthrough.

Some of the winning consortia appear to believe (and perhaps this is why they are involved) that for the nation to get the amount of housing it needs, and for which Congress has called, HUD will eventually have to fund Breakthrough as N.A.S.A. funds the space program: by direct purchase of products—in this case housing—as they come off the assembly line. Their hope: “defense contract” kind of funding and profit. But it appears that money will flow through existing funding agencies in HUD, thereby spreading throughout the diversified and local building industry; these existing funding programs are by no means profitless, but it takes a large amount of experience and hustle to take advantage of them.

Operation Breakthrough is an experiment, in the end; it is a developing program feeling its way and this is why everyone is willing to (and feels he should) criticize it and offer free advice; it is still possible to alter the format into more effective channels and strengthen the good points and face the flaws. Operation Breakthrough can be seen as a well-conceived beginning, a success up to now, and a necessary second front for greater efficiency in housing production—to supplement a still-to-be-realized first front of funding for housing. But, again, Breakthrough is wholly inadequate without funding, and if money for the housing industry is not to come directly through Breakthrough, but through existing funding agencies in HUD, then HUD must acknowledge that Breakthrough cannot reverse the housing crisis by itself. Breakthrough must soon establish the standards on which it wants to be judged.

—Robert Jensen
Several of the Breakthrough proposals are traditional in design and approach—one guarantee of production and salability

Operation Breakthrough was conceived as a program which could do something about the housing crisis soon, and in that context the selection of firms such as Scholz Homes and Boise-Cascade as ‘winners’ makes sense. These groups are ready to go with high volume production right now; their manufacturing plants are already in operation. Another way such groups can be characterized, and their proposals can be seen as similar, is their decision to go with “conventional” elevations and exteriors. The exterior motifs on all of the eight proposals on this and the following page are proven and marketable—pitched roofs, clapboard siding, panelled doors, shingles, shuttered windows, and private balconies abound on the single-family houses and garden apartments. The high-rise apartments are the balconied, double loaded corridor types we have all come to recognize. These, of course, could be the most successful of the Operation Breakthrough proposals because they make no demands on the public to change their “taste” in housing.

Stirling Homex Corporation. Stirling Homex has an existing single-family and low-rise housing system already in production which was proposed for Breakthrough. It is a wood-framed modular system of boxes, three or four together forming a dwelling unit. They can be stacked for low-rise apartments, and the look is strictly conventional, geared for suburban development sales. In addition to this, they have created an entirely new high-rise building system of steel framing and concrete panels, which will also be a Breakthrough prototype. Stirling Homex seems to be relying on its in-house management and financing expertise, and is one of two winners that list no other organizations as consortium partners.

Other consortium members: None.

Republic Steel Corporation. Steel is the principal structural material in this system; it is formed into components to provide a variety of detached, single-family residences for low- and moderate-income occupancy. The system permits relatively high density single-family arrangements with privacy, and so is probably more appropriate for an in-city site than “detached residence” makes it sound. Kitchen-bathroom units are preassembled and set in place.


Scholz Homes, Incorporated. Scholz submitted, and won with, a straight extension of their existing factory-built homes; they can be either single family detached or two-story row housing. Visually they are “colonial”, or “ranch” or “dutch” or some other eclectic motif. Scholz has been most successful in the $30,000 and higher housing market for suburbanites, but it also makes a low-cost model, above. The primary structural material is wood, and each modular unit is a completed part, to be set in place by a crane. Their proposal uses plant capacity now existing, with more plants contemplated to meet higher volume for an aggregated market.


Boise-Cascade. This is already the largest company in the housing and construction field, with mobile homes, lumber companies, and real estate. They have an existing production capacity of 1,000 dwelling units per week, and made a complete “product line” proposal to Breakthrough to develop any of its shelter types on a site, and to mix them. Comprehensive financing plans are a part of their proposal, with both wood and steel as the basic construction material.

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Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa). Alcoa submitted some fourteen separate proposals to Breakthrough, from high-rise, core-city schemes to detached single family houses. The proposals for which they received HUD’s approval were their townhouses and multi-family, walk-up garden apartments. These are constructed from factory-built, three-dimensional modular service cores that serve two living units. A panel system encloses the main living spaces, and the drop-in cores contain kitchens, bathrooms, stairway, utilities, heating, and some closet space. Alcoa uses a variety of conventional materials, with the possibility of extruded aluminum exterior siding.


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Home Building Corporation. This is the “little guy” of the Breakthrough winners. The firm has been producing standard developer housing in the Missouri area for 30 years, but on a small scale compared to others in the field. They listed no other members besides themselves within their proposing consortium, leaving them devoid of additional sources of financing (such as combination with a large corporation or insurance firm might provide), and they have no architectural firm with them. Their construction system utilizes factory-built modular units, 12 feet wide for highway transportation; the structural system is wood, but alternate materials can be used as costs dictate. The factory production system is designed to provide flexibility in design, to permit the customer to choose features he finds preferable. They have developed a new home-land lease plan as part of their Breakthrough financing.

Other consortium members: None.

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Christiana Western Structures, Inc. The parent corporation of this firm has been involved in large-scale real estate development for a long time. Christiana Western already produces “low-cost” housing in volume, and they now have a plant capable of producing 6,000 housing units a year. The firm utilizes a system of shop-fabricated, wood frame panels for walls, partitions, carports, and garages. Both interior and exterior finish materials are shop-applied. A kind of polyester resin finish coat, reinforced with fibrous glass, has been developed as an interior and exterior wall surface in lieu of paint. This finish, applied to a full length plywood wall base, allows the fabrication of a complete wall panel of any length without a joint. The CW system works for single family detached dwellings as well as for multi-family, low-rise structures, and is used extensively in southern California.


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Forest City Enterprises, Inc. This consortium has developed a precast concrete system using both floors and panels; it has been used already in modified form in two projects, one of them the Saferstein Towers in Akron, Ohio, shown at left. The precast system is also suitable for single family detached housing and townhouses. Prefabricated wood framing, designed and manufactured by Forest City, is used for infill exterior walls, all interior partitions, and the roof. The concrete components can be manufactured at a central factory or may be cast on site; surfaces are ready to receive paint, vinyl wall covering or other suitable finish. The wooden front and rear walls provide a variety of facades through the use of wood or aluminum siding, cedar shakes, brick veneer or any other exterior treatment.

Consortium Members: Forest City Enterprises, Inc., Cleveland; Forest City Materials Co., Kent, Ohio; Thomas J. Dillon & Co., Inc., Akron, Ohio; Top Roc Precast Corp., Hudson, Ohio; Barbitta-James & Assoc., arch., Akron, Ohio.
The majority of Breakthrough proposals are "innovative," at least compared with what is being produced on the new-housing market.

The testing and erection of prototypes, which is the next step in Breakthrough, is intended as an evaluation of the systems, to see if they work as well as their proposers claim. If they don't HUD will find out, and supposedly prospective buyers will find out, so the most thorough analysis of the drawings and claims of the proposers has yet to take place. The Keene Corp. Consortium, with its Townland system, is the only group that has directed its effort totally toward the problems of the core-city, high-density site. If you want to guess which system will succeed first, bet on Levitt. Rouse-Wates and Module Communities Inc. have proven systems and are best geared to take quick advantage of new Federal funds through existing sources, when that funding starts: they are ready to sell aggressively, and are big enough. Ball Brothers and TRW Systems, who have most of their previous experience in defense work and aerospace, emphasize revolutionary new panels or ways of making boxes, which is only about one sixteenth of the problem. Of the 22 winners, all but four have architects within their consortiums.

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Descon/Concordia. This Canadian consortium submitted one of the two or three best sets of graphic information on their system that have come out of Breakthrough, as this page illustrates. The structural system is a series of factory produced reinforced concrete panels, which are capable of producing all types of housing with the exception of single family detached units. The panels may be prestressed, post-tensioned, or simply reinforced, depending on the availability of local resources. Casting may be done on the site, if necessary, and there is a technique for using “dry” mechanical joints between parts in adverse weather conditions. The Descon/Concordia system has its own interior partitioning panels too, with built-in raceways for electrical connections, and its own system of exterior wall units, prefinished, with heating and air conditioning systems incorporated in them. This makes the system totally coordinated and complete, but also more complex than most. Other concrete panel systems prefer to use on-site labor, standard materials, and accepted finishes for partitions and some outside walls, for flexibility and “salability.” Descon Management Corporation has had prior construction experience in a variety of residential developments, principally the 1,000-acre Nun’s Island project in Montreal.

Keene Corporation. Keene is a major manufacturer of building materials, and heads a consortium formed to market the Townland Housing System. This system has been developed specifically for Operation Breakthrough; it emphasizes life in the city more than most of the others do, and its proposal has been directed toward bettering the environment in high-density urban areas. The Townland system stresses the life style of its occupants, and provides for the creation of "synthetic land", elevated pedestrian "streets", and earth-filled back yards on the concrete platforms. In most cases, dwelling units would be created by a wide variety of materials and finishes already commercial available, along with lightweight prefabricated core units holding kitchens, bathrooms, etc. These dwelling units would be placed within the main precast structural frame and columns in a variety of ways, allowing for individual expression and even construction. Platforms could be wide apart to accommodate the building of three story housing units between platforms, as in the sketch above. The Townland system allows rapid construction, and by utilizing air rights over existing housing, could be put up on already occupied land with a minimum of dislocation of present tenants.

Levitt Technology. Levitt will produce housing that looks very much like the site-built units which have been so successful for the firm, except that it will be produced by assembly line techniques. Townhouses, low-rise and high-rise apartments are possible within the new module system. They have created an assembly line system for floor panels (above) and for wall panels (left) and these form three dimensional modular boxes which are arranged at the site into dwelling units. Levitt's factory homes are created from two basic modular types: “wet” modules which would include baths, kitchens, and heating and air-conditioning equipment; and “dry” modules, which are the living spaces divided by the interior partitioning, door, and closet system. The modules do not include fixed elements for the facade, rather they provide a structural frame that allows a variety of exterior parts and materials to be used interchangeably. These include slide-out elements such as projecting windows, balconies, closets, skylights and foyers; fold-out elements such as pitched roofs, balconies and porches, and add-on elements such as entrances, porches, decks, screen walls, balconies, parapets, and awnings.

Shelley System. Shelley has developed a precast concrete module with floors, walls, and roof fixed as they come out of the factory. These modules are used as "building blocks" to create an apartment structure. They are stacked in a staggered pattern, as shown here, which resembles a checkerboard of solids and voids in elevation, the voids being approximately as large as a full module. There is no frame into which these boxes are placed; the one below supports the one above it, and the alternate solid-and-void pattern means there is no duplication of floors and walls in the completed structure. The voids are closed in on each end and partitioned as required to provide the living spaces of each dwelling unit. The overlapping edges of the modules provide chases for utilities, and post-tensioning of the boxes provides rigidity in the completed frame, clamping the boxes together. A typical building can be erected with conventional equipment up to 22 stories. The modules are finished when set in place; interior partitions, doors, windows, mechanical and electrical equipment and floors may be installed either at a temporary plant set up at the building site or in a permanent plant built for manufacturing the concrete shell and all its parts.

Material Systems Corporation. From the pictures at left, this might seem like the most conservative architectural proposal of the twenty-two, but it is in some ways the most revolutionary. The basis of this consortium's proposal is a new material—a fiber-reinforced resin and filler—which was developed over the last ten years as a product of United States aerospace research, and which has never before been used in housing. The resin is applied in molds in an on-site factory to produce fabricated structural and decorative panels and other building elements which are then assembled into the final house. In the picture below, workers are applying the resin to the molds which were used to produce the house above, on an Indian reservation in southern California. The house is made mostly of resin: the roof was formed to look like Spanish tile, the walls to look like adobe brick, corner piers and structure to look like concrete, and the front door to look like antique Spanish wood. Demonstrated, then: the composite resin material permits an almost unlimited choice of final appearance in exterior parts, depending only upon available designs. The material is said to be permanently colored and maintenance free. Tests on the houses completed to date indicate excellent thermal insulation properties and satisfactory structural strengths. The system would ultimately rely on controlled manufacturing processes, and largely unskilled labor.

**Pemton, Incorporated.** This firm proposes a factory-produced volumetric module it calls Unimod, based on stressed-skin plywood. Panels are held together by polymer bond which causes the panel to act as a single structural unit in resisting loads. The system contains the framing material, sheathing, and interior finishing materials in a single unit, reducing the weight considerably. The flat plywood stressed-skin panel is efficient and easy to handle and suitable for roofs, floors and walls. The panels are placed together at the factory into 12 basic module types (plus variations), shipped to the site over the highway or by rail like mobile homes, and erected at the site by stacking them as shown in the series of drawings above. The units can be stacked three high before intermediate structural support becomes necessary, and may be cantilevered the full width of a unit. Rooms can be made of various sizes by combining and dividing modules, and using "room extenders"—half size modules available as an accessory. In production the system would include a choice of interior and exterior finishes, furniture packages, structural accessories such as decks, and modules to change a flat roof to a pitched roof. Pemton's Living System and their Unimod structures may be used for infill housing on scattered lots, as well as in planned subdivisions.

National Homes. National Homes is one of the largest home-builders in the country, but it has developed an entirely new stackable high-rise system for its Breakthrough proposals. Its fourteen-foot wide modules (right) form townhouses, garden apartments and high-rise buildings. The modules can be stacked to a height of six floors, although the high-rise buildings will need a separate structural frame for support, as shown below. The system is designed for flexibility in floor plans through the use of three basic modules: the living module, the utility core and the bedroom module. Each incorporates the architectural and structural elements necessary for its function in the dwelling unit. The modules are trucked to the building site where they are combined horizontally and vertically to form complete buildings. The major mechanical innovation of this proposal is the use of a vacuum sewage system developed and first used in Sweden more than ten years ago. Principal advantages are that it sharply reduces water supply needs for families and can substantially reduce initial plumbing costs, especially in large developments.

Module Communities Incorporated. Through Industrialized Building Systems Inc., this consortium has the American rights to the European developed Tracoba precast concrete building system, and that is the basis of their Breakthrough proposals. The photographs on this page show various panel shapes and application techniques on actual construction sites, and a typical slab-wall connection joint from the Tracoba system, below. The engineering has been adapted for American usage; it incorporates on-site or near-site factories producing panels and slabs for use in single family dwellings, townhouses, garden or high-rise apartments. Two factories are now being constructed in the United States, and there is an apartment building based on the Tracoba system which will soon be under construction in Yonkers, New York. The sponsors are committed to provide housing other than Breakthrough, and will work throughout the U.S. as investor-developers, or in joint venture with others, they will provide technical assistance to community groups on a franchised basis, or franchise to local contractor-developers.

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Rouse-Wates. The Wates precast concrete building system has been used extensively in England to produce residential structures of all kinds, as shown in these photographs. It is the basis for this consortium's Breakthrough proposal, along with the Rouse Corporation's extensive experience with residential development in this country. The Rouse-Wates system employs on-site, factory-produced concrete panels; story-high pre-cast concrete wall panels are joined with room-size precast concrete floor panels at the site, to create low or high-rise structures. Wall panels have exterior surfaces completely finished in a variety of architectural treatments and are installed fully glazed and insulated, ready for interior painting and decoration. An in-system elevator is part of the development package, with prefabricated entrance units, car units, shaft wiring, and machine room unit.

Legend:
1 Wall base fastened to prepared concrete foundation
2 Wall panels placed on base rail
3 Exterior wall panels are locked with spline and wedge
4 Corner spline is slid into vertical edge
5 Roof panels are placed on load bearing walls
6 Roof and wall panels are locked with continuous splice
7 Continuous facia blocks roof and wall panels
7A Continuous head splice is inserted between roof panel and wall panel
8 Corner block caps edge of facia and corner spline
9 Roof joints are packed with flexible strip and sealed


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Ball Brothers Research Corporation. The Ball system uses a foamed plastic core structural panel as the basis of its housing system. The composite panel is fabricated from a 4-foot by 8-foot sheet of hardboard, and a 4-foot by 8-foot sheet of asbestos board as the outside skin over a polyurethane foam core. The two skins are held in place prior to foaming with an aluminum extrusion which becomes a part of the edge of the panel and a component of the panel locking system. After the foam is poured between the panels the exterior surface is covered with an 1/8" coat of epoxy matrix and stone aggregate. Interior surfaces may be prefinished with either paint, wallpaper, or prefinished panels. A central core containing the heating unit, bathrooms, and kitchen is prefabricated and delivered to the site as a complete unit. Single family dwellings, low-rise apartments, and possibly high-rise apartments can be erected from the Ball Brothers system.

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**General Electric Company.** For several years, G-E has been developing a factory produced housing system for the Department of Defense, to be used at George Air Force Base, and they have relied heavily on the experience from this program for their Operation Breakthrough proposal. G-E proposes to manufacture major subassemblies for townhouse and apartment units, which would be supplied to local builder/developers who would erect the dwelling units, using the corporation as technical support. They will pick a builder/developer to create the first prototype housing for Breakthrough, rather than develop the site themselves. The system is primarily directed toward single-family detached housing and multi-family row housing, rather than high-rise. The building systems consists of rigid floor panels of honeycomb core with stressed plywood skins that serve as a pallet for the house subassembly and transportation to the site. Interior walls and ceilings are finished with plaster that has been precast in full wall and ceiling lengths at the factory, as in the photo above, (it shows a roof with cast-in-place plaster on it being lowered onto the walls). Walls and ceilings are thus joint free.


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**Hercules, Incorporated.** The Hercules wood-framed modules shown below are already in production, with the large variety of shapes delivered to the site by truck, and placed together. This system is proposed for Breakthrough sites requiring single-family attached, detached, and low-rise dwelling units. High-rise applications are to incorporate metal module frames and panels around which light-weight concrete will be poured. The metal module frames and panels will serve the dual purpose of providing formwork and reinforcing for the concrete. Steep and irregular terrain is accommodated by placing both building systems on stilts.

TRW Systems Group. TRW will manufacture mandrel-wrapped, fiber-shell modules for use in single-family residences, townhouses, low-rise apartments, and, eventually, in high-rise construction. The production system involves an off-site factory for manufacturing panels and small shapes plus a relocatable on-site factory which will produce room sized modules on a mandrel capable of assuming many different configurations. The wall of a typical TRW module is made of a honeycombed paper core, illustrated at right, which is “wrapped” with resin on the large mandrel assemblies, shown above. The mandrel can wrap a whole module at once, and the module can be any one of many shapes: triangular, oval, or rectangular with pitched round or flat roofs. Panels only are shipped to the site and wrapped in the mandrel, so that the dimensions of the modular unit are not restricted by the size of the largest box which can be shipped over the road. Many exterior and interior finishes are possible: stucco, wood paneling, vinyl, sheet rock, or any other substance which adheres to the adhesive used in wrapping.


BREAKTHROUGH SITES
AND “SITE PLANNERS”

HUD has completed the assignment of their “site planners,” all but two of which are architects, to the eleven sites, as listed below. It is essential that there be no discrimination in the rental or sale of housing on these sites, and HUD seems committed to this. There will be two or three different systems on each site and this could create a nearly impossible planning problem, unless systems visually or sociologically incompatible with each other are kept apart.

Wilmington, Del. This rolling, wooded, suburban site is located about five miles from downtown Wilmington. The site is 100 acres, which is part of the State-owned Ferris School for Boys. RTKL, Inc., Architects, Planners, Baltimore, Md.

Houston, Texas. The site consists of 15 acres in Harris County, about three miles outside the city limits in the Clear Lake area. Caudill Rowlett Scott, Architects, Planners, Engineers, Houston, Texas

Indianapolis, Ind. Site is on the periphery of the city near the Indianapolis Speedway. The tract of up to approximately 80 acres is a part of the former State Mental Health Farm, now owned by Marion County. Skidmore, Owings, Merrill, Architects, Engineers, Washington, D.C.

Jersey City, N.J. This 6½ acre inner-City site is one block from Journal Square, the heart of the downtown area. This site, in the St. John’s urban renewal area, has a view of downtown Manhattan, which is 20 minutes away by rapid transit. David A. Crane—Architects, Planners, Philadelphia

Kalamazoo, Mich. This site of approximately 30 acres is located on a plateau overlooking a lake in Spring Valley Park in Kalamazoo. Perkins and Will, Architects, Planners, Engineers, Chicago, Illinois

Seattle, Wash. The selected area is a combination consisting of about two acres in the Yesler-Atlantic Neighborhood Improvement Project in the downtown section of Seattle, and a plot of approximately 30 acres in King County. Building Systems Development, Architects, Planners, San Francisco

King County, Washington. Eckbo, Dean, Austin and Williams, Landscape Architects, Planners, San Francisco, California

Macon, Ga. This 50-acre site is presently an attractive pine-wooded estate with a six-acre lake located on Chambers Road, four miles from Central Macon, in a rapidly developing area of Macon. Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Architects, Engineers, Planners, Jacksonville, Florida

Memphis, Tenn. This site of approximately 10 acres is located in the Court Avenue urban renewal area in downtown Memphis, near the University of Tennessee Medical Center. Miller, Wilhry and Brooks, Landscape Architects, Engineers, Louisville, Kentucky

Sacramento, Calif. This site of up to 60 acres occupies the eastern portion of the old California State Fairgrounds located at 57th and Broadway about four miles southwest of downtown Sacramento. Wurster, Bernardi and Emmons, Inc., Architects, San Francisco, Calif.

St. Louis, Mo. This prototype site occupies two neighboring parcels of 7.6 acres and 7.9 acres in the Mill Creek urban renewal area in downtown St. Louis. Hellmuth, Obarra and Kassabaum, Inc., Architects, St. Louis, Mo.
Many excellent proposals didn’t get picked as winners, and several of them will probably continue to develop their systems.

Such corporate giants as Westinghouse and U.S. Steel failed to get selected for Breakthrough prototypes; Westinghouse particularly has been deeply involved in housing through its Urban Systems Development Corporation, and will continue to take full advantage of government funding programs for low and middle income housing. U.S. Steel has developed a steel module framing and erection system in conjunction with a Walt Disney hotel project in Florida, and could convert this into housing without much revision. It is impossible to tell how much new technology will come out of HUD’s Type B program; it has not been evaluated yet by HUD and few people have seen the proposals. It is beginning to look like the Type B’s are being neglected in favor of the more visible Type A program, and this would be too bad. There is a place for visionary, even unbuildable proposals for housing, because they tend to extend our conceptions of what is possible in city life, thereby extending, in time, what we really do.

**Sectra America.** This is the only consortium of the 37 semifinalists which is headed by a group of architects and although it was not selected as a winner, the system will continue to be developed without HUD backing. The Sectra System is a proven European industrialized technique, handsome, and one of the most efficient in higher-density core city sites. Further, the Sectra America proposals to HUD recognized that the most pervasive and fundamental problems in housing are in the realm of management, institutional commitment and human relations; they are not primarily technical or material. The firm of Ecodesign, headed by three Boston architects, were leaders of the consortium team of two large contracting firms. Sectra is a concrete system, with the usual precast floors and walls, involving a movable firming and curing frame which can be used on site.

**Omniform Incorporated.** This consortium based its technical proposal on the Sepp Finklas Structural System, which has been proven on more than 2,000 housing units already constructed in the United States, and it is a system with very flexible architectural applications—it has been used for housing and as the basis for an office building design (by Paul Rudolph) now under construction in Dallas. Sepp Finklas was the engineer working with Carl Koch for several years; Koch’s Techcrete system was also a Breakthrough proposal that came near to winning but didn’t, and Techcrete is very similar to the Finklas system. Further, the Development Corporation of America, another consortium which did not win, proposed a structural system of precast concrete slabs and walls relying on much of the same technical experience and previously built housing which lead to the Koch and Finklas proposals. It is curious that none of these three systems have been given further support by HUD, for they represent innovative thinking on the creation of factory-built housing, and are based upon work that has been under test for the last years.

**Mid-City Developers, Inc.** This consortium has been asked by HUD to contribute its “management expertise” to Operation Breakthrough, but it was not one of the 22 winners. Its structural system is based upon the framing system developed by Neil Mitchell Associates of Boston. The system has been under development for about six years, there are construction demonstration units completed in Austin, Texas and Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and it can be developed into very handsome architectural configurations, as in the illustration at left, proposed for a development in Israel. An early version of the Mitchell system has already been tested by National Bureau of Standards when code restrictions threatened to stop construction in Detroit. The Mitchell system is a post and beam concrete technique, with infill slabs for floors and walls, rather than the usual structural precast slabs. A large amount of field construction and casting is possible, if labor sources and locations make this more feasible than using a factory.
What the systems approach means to air conditioning Part 4

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Experienced architects and engineers know what constitutes good design and construction quality. Unfortunately, this knowledge is not transmitted sufficiently to owners in terms they understand. Owners, through their staffs, have yardsticks for evaluating the quality of completed HVAC systems. Architects and engineers know what alternates are possible within the range of quality levels they feel the owner wants. But more tangible, agreed-upon yardsticks—quantified where possible—should be developed. The owner needs to be better informed about the implications of the quality of: 1) architectural and engineering design services, 2) construction management services, and 3) physical construction. While these are difficult to define and explain, they are the key to over-all quality.

The term quality applied to building systems, sub-systems and materials can only be measured in relative terms. Whatever degree of quality the owner has in mind needs to be defined in fairly great detail if there is to be common understanding among designer, manufacturer and installer. Obviously the most meaningful indications of quality will emanate from the most knowledgeable owners. Furthermore, there can be a number of levels of quality, and different owners will decide what level they want based upon a balance of appropriateness, reliability, maintainability, first cost, operating cost, etc.

The most knowledgeable owner is the one who has adequate technical staff on the same level as the architects and engineers he retains. Also, the knowledgeable owner is the one who is able to indicate in physical terms what he wants and what his usage and space requirements are so that this information can be communicated to his consultants. If we rate the owner in quality terms, quality could be equated with knowledgeability.

The quality chain is comprised of the owner, the designer and the contractor

It is particularly important that the owner be able to define what services he wants from his architectural and engineering consultants, and for this to be possible they must advise him what their services are in terms of: staff organizations and levels of competence used, preliminary planning, reports, budget evaluations, comparative evaluations, quality and completeness of engineering drawings, detailing of how elements fit together physically, and scope of construction management services.

Perhaps the organizations best able to evaluate quality and scope of professional services are those which have architectural-engineering staff and do a certain amount of design and construction supervision, inspection and construction management. Unfortunately, these organizations are confined principally to the heavy-industrial field with only a few counterparts in the commercial and institutional areas. An example of an exception would be the building construction and maintenance staff of a large metropolitan hospital requiring large and complicated mechanical and electrical systems. Such staffs are often more particular in what they call for in professional services because of the critical aspects of maintainability, access to equipment, and the necessity of provisions for change. They also may ask for more services related to inspection because of the complexity and criticality of the installation. Beyond this, such owners realize that they need to prequalify the contractors doing the installation to assure they get what they call for.

The next link in the chain of quality involves architectural and engineering services and how they are defined. Much of the time, the scope and detail of architectural and engineering services are not spelled out as completely as they should be. Thus, the range of services, and hence quality, that might be provided for the same type job can vary widely.

Architects and engineers have had
1. PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION
   May be preceded by mock-up construction for acceptance testing.

2. CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
   Includes: a) acceptance tests, b) all phases of putting system into operation, c) evaluation of operation.

3. SPECIFIC SUPPLEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES OTHER THAN BY CONTRACTOR
   Owner designates specific services to be provided by A/E, specialist consultants, or owner's staff. Reason: 1) insures better quality, 2) supplements services either not available from or not satisfactorily done by contractor.

Effective control depends upon detailed specific guidelines, inspection, test, and measurement.
Management services can implement design, but not effectively supplement it.
The key to system quality is quality of design and construction management services plus construction by quality contractors.

Quality of an air-conditioning installation depends upon a number of factors that link up like a chain. Quality can be achieved only with detailed criteria for each element.

Quality is bound to be highly variable when: 1) criteria are too vague, 2) performance specifications are too open, 3) design input is weak, limited in scope, or overly restricted in responsibility.

“Quality” will vary with building types and with owners’ motivations. Owners and designers of critical facilities such as hospitals should seek higher quality than those of speculative office buildings. Experience in the latter area does not yield expertise in the former. Construction consultants and owners often ignore this.
to direct an inordinate amount of attention recently to liability problems related to deficiencies in construction and functioning, and third-party claims arising from various hazards. So thus it is today they “inspect” and “observe,” rather than supervise. “Supervision” is probably a term that never should have been used, for the reason that supervision implies monitoring contractor’s personnel as they are doing a job. The terminology was not good. When the economy was less competitive this did not matter much. But today, there is even less “inspection.”

On top of this, architects and engineers have not really defined what the qualifications should be of the construction superintendents in the various trades. While not all qualifications need be fully spelled out, and while consideration must be given to what quality of personnel is available, nonetheless sufficient qualification can be required—in effect indirectly prequalifying the contractor as far as personnel are concerned.

In any consulting firm, the technical base is derived from the experience that individuals have brought with them from previous firms. Consulting engineers find it increasingly difficult to acquire and keep current all the pertinent information on various phases of design, construction and operating and maintenance technology. Owners are not really able to evaluate the quality of technology used by a particular firm. The conceptual engineering that goes into design is not reflected without detailed study of the plans and specifications, although degree of detail and completeness is, and this is easier to evaluate. With standard approaches to design (for example, some types of school heating and ventilating) conceptual thinking is at a minimum. But the upgrading of standard design, changing to a different type of system, calls for quality of engineering conceptual ability.

While consulting engineers may develop standards for design, indicating that certain standards should be selected for certain applications and design be done in a certain way, frequently references are not identified adequately, and their relevance not periodically reviewed. The quality rating of a given engineering firm thus should include an evaluation of the currentness and adequacy of scope of its technical information. The main purpose of these standards is to minimize errors and to expedite the flow of work. Unfortunately consulting engineers seem reluctant to share this information, considering the standards to be in the realm of “trade secrets.” This contradicts the concept of a profession wherein there should be voluntary uniform acceptance of standards and procedures.

Sharing of information among professionals occurs mainly in areas of administrative problems rather than technical. There ought to be more interchange relating to quality levels, design features, types of installations and how satisfactory they are, field inspection problems, etc.

The quality of services the engineer can provide is governed to a large extent by the quality of his personnel. Consulting engineers in the building field complain that they have difficulty these days attracting competent people. Perhaps one of the reasons for this is that the consulting engineering profession has not spelled out in detail the qualifications for personnel at different staff levels. There is a lack of consensus among these consultants as to what education, experience, and other qualifications are required for different phases of work whether it be calculations, design and drafting, detailing, or evaluation of controls, job start-up, etc., tied in with building type, and type and size of system. Furthermore architects and owners do not ask consulting engineers how they plan to staff each job because they have not set up criteria themselves.

The range of quality and detail of work done by various engineering consultants varies widely, and this will always be true to some extent. But it would seem that quality of work cannot be upgraded without the consultants establishing qualifications for different levels of work. There is a lack of consistency today from consulting firm to consulting firm in the way personnel are elevated to different levels of responsibility. Admittedly this is difficult to achieve, particularly with today’s emphasis on production and time schedules, but unless standards are established, the marketplace will determine the quality it will buy. With personnel standards established, however, the more particular owners will use the more particular engineers, and the profession, over-all, should benefit.

A third link in the quality chain is the actual physical construction or putting together of the elements, whether it be in the shop or on the job—fitting together of pipe or setting a piece of equipment. Architects and engineers need not tell the contractors how this work should be done. With application of coatings, finishes or insulation, on the other hand, the engineer could insist on methods of application to insure proper quality. For example, with painting of exterior surfaces he might want to require steps such as priming and even the type of equipment to be used, and allowable weather or ambient conditions.

Setting the qualifications for design and construction services

In terms of architectural and engineering services, there are not, for the most part, licensing exams that serve as a qualification function in specialty areas. However, certification or screening may be possible through technical or professional society examinations, supplementing state licensing. Strangely enough, state registration boards do not usually allow as experience time spent in construction engineering and management with contractors. The point is that engineering is concerned not only with engineering related to design but with what happens during and after it.

The consulting engineer does perform certain construction management functions during system construction, however, whether this be inspection and reporting on a minimal basis of what has been seen, more detailed observation, or even conducting performance and acceptance tests of portions of the systems. The services may extend to involvement in balancing, testing and adjustment, or actually supplementing plans with detailed drawings to assist the contractor in installation. More and more, general contractors and others are offering broad-scope construction consulting services which emphasize cutting time of construction and control of budgeting cost factors combined with an “acceptable” level of quality. The construction consultant, generally speaking, is not bound by the same restrictions, such as ethics and qualifications as certified by state screening, as are architects and professional consulting engineers.

Architects and consulting engineers know what these services entail. They can be specifically defined by the architect and engineer, but not really by the owner. The professionals, if they chose, could put construction consulting on a different level, retaining the same type of subcontractor advice that the construction consultant does. They could provide cost-versus-quality evaluations and this consulting construction “management” or cost consulting cost engineering. This would mean that professional engineers are doing the work, not directly concerned with supervising physical construction, and reasonable and meaningful criteria could be established so that the service could be made understandable to the owner. For example PEPP (Professional Engineers in Private Practice) has set up a committee to determine what cost consulting services should entail.

Too often the owner reads into the vaguely worded contract the maximum service for his money. Even when the consulting engineer's liaison with his client is through fully qualified engineers in the client's organization, others in financial and managerial positions may be overly optimistic. When disappointment results, they blame the consulting engineer. The practice of hazily-worded contracts allows others to come into the picture to perform construction management services, undercutting the consulting engineering.

How control of the construction process is achieved

Decisions as to sequence of operations, equipment and tools used in the construction process will be made by the general contractor. Too often the contractor's attitude is that the architect and engineer should not have any part in suggesting changes. But the architect and engineer should give thought in their plans and specifications to the possibility of one op-
Donation interfering with another. The sequence should not be allowed if: 1) it does not provide sufficient time for submittal of shop drawings from the subcontractors and study for approval, 2) it does not provide enough time for certain tests that are to be witnessed by architect or engineer, 3) certain work is covered up before inspection can be done (example: insulation put on piping before the piping can be tested for tightness or insulated in place to ductwork that will be concealed by ceilings or chases). If performance tests are required on certain portions of the system these will have to be considered in the sequence of operations. Also in the picture are inspections by governmental and insurance representatives.

It is important to note that architects and engineers cannot properly evaluate the contractor's schedule unless they understand how the work will be done.

More frequently today, architects' and engineers' plans are, because of competitive reasons, less complete than heretofore. If a contractor is given schematic drawings and is asked to provide installation drawings, there may or may not be space and coordination problems. Perhaps not if the building is of fairly standard design with standard equipment and system arrangements, and if the contractor has the right personnel. But still, problems may arise with provisions for access and maintenance. Knowledgeable owners who spell out additional services they want from architects and consulting engineers beyond those ordinarily required also often retain specialty mechanical and electrical contractors for cost consultation.

The one who is closest to the mechanical and electrical trades is the consulting engineer. But if he is to provide consulting construction management and/or cost engineering services, he first of all has to define what his basic services encompass with regard to system engineering. The trouble is that today these are not made altogether clear to the owner. He will have to explain his services in clearer and more comprehensive terms to owners if he is to convince them that he can undertake consulting construction management engineering as well. The unchallengeable advantage to the owner of obtaining these services from the consulting engineer or architect-engineer is that these professionals who also are continually engaged in design have a continuing base for making judgments. The deficiency of any construction consultant who does not practice consulting engineering is that he does not understand design.

What criteria do owners use in evaluating the performance of architectural and engineering services? Implicit, of course, is that buildings and their systems satisfy their intended purposes. But owners are especially concerned with two other criteria: 1) how well design completion schedules are adhered to, and 2) how detailed and well presented evaluations and records are. In respect to drawings and specifications, the owner is influenced more by volume and draftsmanship than content. Further, owners evaluate consulting engineers on whether or not shop drawings are approved fast enough to allow contractors to proceed on schedule. Conflicts can arise, and jobs delayed interminably, if shop drawings are not presented in proper form to the consultant by the contractor. The consultant has to promise to the owner that his work is moving as fast as can reasonably be done. The time factor can readily be measured by the owner; not so the competence of the consultant's staff nor whether the proper amount of work is being done by the proper people. Thus consultants, in order to protect themselves, will want to urge prequalification of contractors wherever possible. Building trades unions have not established sufficient categories of specialty journeymen consistent with changes in equipment and system technology. Neither have they established adequate training programs or personnel screening procedures, either independently or in conjunction with contractors or manufacturers efforts in necessary areas.

**Definitions**

**Quality**—is a series of characteristics that can be defined in relative terms. It can be used to describe the value content of professional or management services involved in building construction, or the value of the physical construction itself. The latter would be measured in terms of durability, dynamic performance or various physical attributes which sometimes can be tested in terms of prescribed numerical standards.

**Construction**—job-site erection and/or assembly; also application of contractor shop or field-fabricated or factory-produced system or sub-system elements or finish materials.

**Construction engineering**—in the broadest sense includes: 1) Detailed interpretation and evaluation of plans and specifications produced by A/E services. Provision of such services to the extent sufficient to keep up with current system design technology. 2) Detailed knowledge of construction practices and related basic construction management. 3) Detailed knowledge of supplementary construction management practice including cost evaluation and budgeting. 4) Detailed knowledge of system operation and maintenance technology and costs.

**Basic construction management**—all services by trade or specialty subcontractors relating to: 1) supervision of supplying and installing all elements of the physical installation, 2) simple functional tests and functional start-up, etc.

**Supplementary construction management**—all services not required to be performed by trade or specialty subcontractors, such as: 1) inspection, measuring or recording of acceptance test data, 2) coordination and overall scheduling, functions, 3) operational start-up, balance test and adjustment of systems, etc.

Consultants' problems in making product and system evaluation

If quality levels are to be pinned down more precisely, the consulting engineers must define ranges of quality in the physical installation—a piece-by-piece quality-level evaluation. The terms, a "Cadillac" system or a "Ford" system are meaningless. An example of this type of characterization might be a fan-coil system in an apartment building relying on infiltration for ventilation versus a fan-coil system with ventilation air. The fact of the matter is that with the basic fan-coil system itself there are big differences in cost and quality—for example, in a seemingly simple matter of the way the condensate drains are handled.

Architects and engineers obviously will have more incentive to consider a wide range of quality levels if the client is paying a reasonable fee. But why make specifications and planning more complex to save the owner money when it results in a cut in fee that is marginal to start with?

There always has to be a certain amount of safety factor in what the engineer specifies because he does not always

**Specifying Quality A/E Services**

Definition of services and statement of A/E firm responsibilities may be of limited comprehensiveness in standard contract agreements developed by consultant organizations. Basis for this is legal advice regarding professional responsibility hazards and restrictions of liability insurers, which the consultants must accept in order to receive insurance coverage. Insurance consultants necessarily base their restrictions on worst risks. This necessarily reflects experience with consultants whose quality is less than average.

Quality and completeness of A/E services (once a firm has been selected) involves consideration of the following:

1. Defining project staffing criteria relating to level of engineering involved and personnel qualifications essential to each area of work.
2. Engineering reference data and design criteria to be used by consultant.
3. Depth of analysis, amount of detail, and format of agreed upon preliminary engineering reports and plans prior to final design decisions.
4. Exact manner of establishing budget construction estimates.
5. Exact amount of detail and coordination required for working drawings and specifications.
6. Selection and prequalification of possible general contractors and all subcontractors.
7. Detailed discussion and agreement on construction schedule and arrangements for optimum use of A/E firms' supplementary construction management services, based insofar as possible on this schedule and a careful evaluation of quality level of contractors being asked to bid.
8. Detailed discussion and agreement of post-construction A/E services relating to optimizing HVAC system operation and assistance to owner in establishing and optimizing operating and maintenance provisions.
While system quality stems from the quality of design services, it depends also upon quality of fabrication and erection.
 AUXILIARY SUB-SYSTEMS

These sub-systems are essential to over-all HVAC functioning. Typically, they require expertise in a specialty area of engineering and/or installation practices, and it is essential to utilize quality specialty subcontractors. Systems: water treatment systems; fuel-oil-burning systems, including fuel oil piping and storage; combustion control; custom, built-up refrigeration piping systems; etc.

CODES AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN HVAC SYSTEMS

Ventilation systems essential to health, as shown, require certified test of performance in some cities. On the other hand, condensate drainage requirements for fan-coil-unit systems would readily be determined if they were included under plumbing code requirements, but they are not. Many systems installed are not even minimal because this area of design has been neglected.

LIQUID (OR VAPOR) FLOW NETWORKS

Piping flow networks generally do not allow as much quality reduction in fabrication or field installation as their air-duct counterparts. Space requirements are considerably less and, particularly in congested areas, actual pipe locations may be considerably different from those shown on engineers’ plans. Design for balance-ability, system shut-off and accessibility are essential, and must be fully detailed by the consulting engineer.

Insulation of chilled-water piping mains and branches is expensive, so it is here that the largest quality reductions are made. Thermal losses, however, usually will not be high enough to adversely affect system capacity or cooling to terminal units. The worst effect is corrosion of pipe and fittings from the outside and dripping of condensation from horizontal runs of pipe through ceiling construction.

Installation quality also is affected by final decisions of the contractor on provisions for pipe anchoring and expansion and contraction, which often are not covered on specifiers’ drawings or contractors’ shop drawings. Mistakes can lead to gradual opening or failure of pipe joints or excessive stress on equipment.

EQUIPMENT AND FLOW NETWORK ENCLOSURES OR ISOLATION

The HVAC system design engineer has difficulty finding proper physical location for equipment and flow networks and in coordinating space requirements with the architect’s design. He also needs to consider safety factors related to fire protection, particularly with regard to the air network and heat generating equipment.

Equipment rooms and ceiling spaces used as air plenums form part of the HVAC flow network, and put control of air tightness and insulation into another trade, reducing the effectiveness of controlling over-all HVAC system results.

SUPPORT AND ISOLATION OF EQUIPMENT, FLOW NETWORK CONNECTIONS

Minimizing noise and vibration that might arise from mounting equipment on floor, roof or on walls requires coordination with architect and structural engineer. Custom analysis at reasonable cost often is not available.

The matter of adequate and satisfactory equipment mounting cannot be separated from the requirement that flow connections to and from pumps and fans be as close to ideal as possible.

Quality here means accessibility, maintainability and optimum equipment support and connection, yielding minimum maintenance cost and maximum equipment life and reliability.

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know what the competitive situation will be with regard to bidders. Inasmuch as materials and equipment are not always installed the way they have been specified, the engineer may be reluctant to use atypical or new materials or installation methods if he has no idea what quality contractor will be doing the work.

The previous article discussed quality of equipment and products in terms of criticality of various features as they relate to application. The concern here, however, is with the services provided—design, construction management, construction itself, and further with the hooking up of the equipment and products into a complete system within a building. If criteria are being set up to define quality, some reference is needed for measurement—certain standards, acceptance criteria, performance test criteria, etc.

A properly staffed and organized systems project group can start from fresh in setting standards and tests to be followed by subsequent users of the systems and components that are developed. Such systems groups could make it clear exactly what quality level they want, through their specifications and testing and modification of the initial systems; guidelines could be developed for others to follow.

Architects and consulting engineers find themselves being besieged to use new materials, equipment and system approaches to help reduce costs. They want to avail themselves and their clients of the new things, but before they use them in advance of longer term field experience they would like to have some evaluation by a responsible official organization such as a standard or code group. They themselves do not have the time, the money or the resources to conduct such quick evaluations.

The implications of speeding up product and system evaluation

What type of organizations provide materials evaluation guidance? Mainly they are governmental or quasi-governmental groups. Basically they perform a screening function by setting up test procedures and devising or recommending test equipment. They take on no legal responsibility. Tests are run on samples, mock-ups or "mini-modules", according to certain procedures, and these either pass or fail. Ordinarily neither certification nor warranty is provided. Further, these tests are usually minimums and do not give real indications of long-term reliability. In some areas accelerated tests may be used for exposure to weather, but these usually apply to building materials such as roofing, sealants, paint and the like. Hardy any of the organizations have tests and test procedures that apply to a total system.

Seemingly, a hallmark of systems project groups—implied by their performance specifications—is the search for new approaches, and hence new materials and equipment. The main thing new in HVAC to come out of these projects is modified approaches to handling ductwork—new materials, or omitting it altogether by building it into the structure. Some of these solutions do not have universal application, however, because of certain code restrictions covering how the structure and fireproofing of the structure relates to the air-conditioning system—in effect establishing a certain quality level regarding safety.

The HVAC design engineer needs to become more involved with safety aspects because many new systems are not only coordinated, but, rather, integrated with the structure.

Architects and engineers have been pushed to assimilate new approaches faster because of the new developments emanating from systems project groups. Reason is that reliance on their own judgment alone is not enough, since acceptance by the systems project group amounts to a prestigious, if conditional, "stamp of approval." Of course architects and engineers would expect the manufacturers to take on a maximum amount of product liability. The question then arises whether these manufacturers can take the financial responsibility and have the proper staff back-up and technical know-how in order to instill confidence in non-systems project group specifications adopting the approach. If this aspect is not thoroughly evaluated by the architect and engineer, quality can possibly degrade. The fact, alone, that a "system" passes a given test—wherein only prequalified consultants, manufacturers and contractors are used and all phases carefully monitored—is only partial evidence of quality because tests cannot relate to long-term application in the competitive marketplace.

Conscientious architects and engineers should check back on installations to see how systems and equipment have performed and lasted. Beyond this they should examine the work of others and discuss withstandability, reliability and adequacy with contractors, manufacturers and others. This way they can evaluate whether their standards for specifying materials and equipment for different quality levels are current. Also manufacturers can be asked about the effect on quality of departures from optimum installation procedures and conditions. At least manufacturers could indicate under what circumstances trouble definitely will occur. Keeping a record of good jobs and bad jobs is part of a quality manufacturer's field back-up service. They could also give some guidelines in departing from optimum or best quality.

An index of quality is how well the system performs dynamically. First, the system is designed to perform in a coordinated, integrated way. Then, once installed, the question is whether the system was put in as called for in plans and specifications and whether it performs as anticipated. But none of these matters unless the system performs so that the owner is satisfied—the real criterion of success.

The initial performance of a system should stay pretty much the same throughout its life, except for a slight loss in efficiency as it gets older. How the system stands up depends upon how well it is maintained, and this, in turn depends upon having provisions for access and easy maintainability.

Inasmuch as a tremendous amount of instrumentation would be necessary to enable thorough evaluations of dynamic performance of many HVAC systems, evaluations in a practical sense have to be somewhat loose. Basically the owner wants 1) satisfactory temperatures throughout the various spaces, 2) absence of drafts, 3) good ventilation (absence of odors) and filtration (absence of dirt), 4) a system simple and easy to maintain, 5) economy of operation.

Owners looking for long-life, and hence quality, installations in the commercial and institutional fields want their consulting engineers to inform them of options in various degrees of quality. Most often, cost-cutting originates with the contractor because he is concerned with bidding the job and doing it at the lowest possible cost. The more competitive the market, and the less prequalification of contractors, the more ways the contractor finds of cutting by reducing quality of workmanship and materials, or even by redesign.


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Quality control requires commonly-understood standards

Any approach to quality control, to be effective, should consist of an interrelated system of standards. These should cover tests and/or evaluation procedures that tie in with the owner's over-all planning, A/E design, building construction and the owner's operation and maintenance.

Existing mandatory codes and legal restrictions form only a minimum bottom limit for quality. Actual working standards are always developed by the A/E and owner to supplement these. Sharing of information is inadequate which hampers industry understanding.

Realistic and uniform quality standards for judging the efforts of the owner's staff, the A/E or the contractor do not exist as such. But it is possible to identify variances in today's performance that can be used to further communication and understanding.

Functioning organizations in design and construction find it difficult to change because they adapt to meet the market, and are locked into a particular quality level of performance. Owners must recognize that working to a wide spread of quality levels is a managerial impossibility.

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The first phase of construction, completed in fall, 1969, represents an investment of $3.7 million, provided by private, Federal, state, and local contributions, and substantial grants from the Kellogg Foundation.

The Center is located on 8 1/2 wooded acres adjoining the University of New Hampshire campus. The primary structures now in service include a residential tower accommodating some 82 guests, and the Learning Center, which houses seminar rooms, an auditorium, audio-visual facilities, and dining areas. Future construction will provide two more residential towers, additions to the Learning Center, and a magnificent pavilion for social activities.

Viewed from the University of New Hampshire campus, the 8-story residential tower is a dramatic architectural statement ...

... but, within the Center, the building blends into the trees, its reflective surfaces and dark-painted steel columns echoing the rhythms of nature.
Discussion nooks are provided on every residential floor in the tower.

(plot plan) Completed structures are shown in solid color. Others are planned for later phases of development.

The dining area in the Learning Center is "papered with the view."

A spacious gallery within the Learning Center can accommodate large groups of conferees, while niches and alcoves overlooking the dining area encourage more intimate conversations. There is direct flow between the gallery and seminar rooms of various sizes at left.
Visual delights abound throughout the Center. Above, a promenade at the entrance level of the residential tower; right, a stairway in the Learning Center.

The New England Center is completely steel-framed, with painted exterior columns setting off exterior surfaces of glazed brick and dark, reflective glass.

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Honolulu architect Thomas Wells has announced the reorganization and expansion of his firm under the name of Thomas Wells and Associates, Architects. David W. Curtis has joined the firm as a principal; also associated are Remo Pant and Norman Lacayo.

ADDENDA

In the February 1970 issue, page 132, the designers within the John Andrews office of Belconnen Town Center, Australia, were incorrectly listed. The design group should have read, “John Andrews, Peter Courtney, Roger duToit and Henry Shafter.” Also, the Andrews office is not setting up a branch of the firm in Australia, as was reported on page 146 of the same issue.

Architects for the City Hall for Santa Rosa, California (January 1970, pages 102-103) are correctly “DeBriër Bell and Heglund,” not “Jacques DeBriër and Richard Heglund” as published.

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