

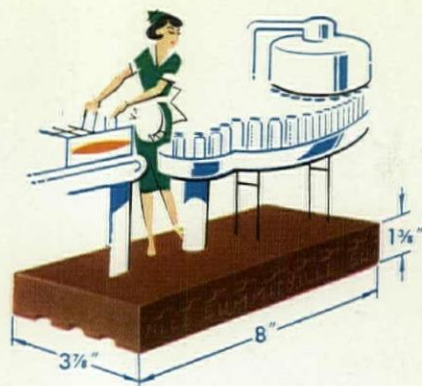
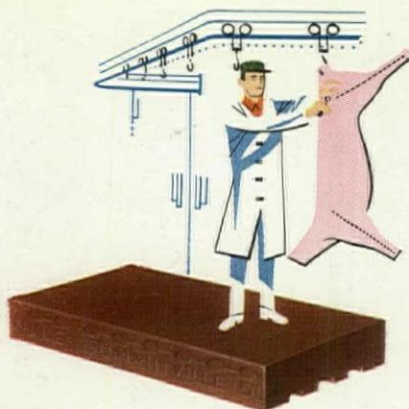
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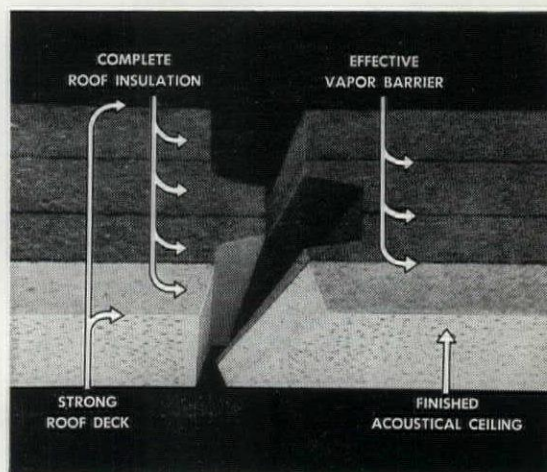
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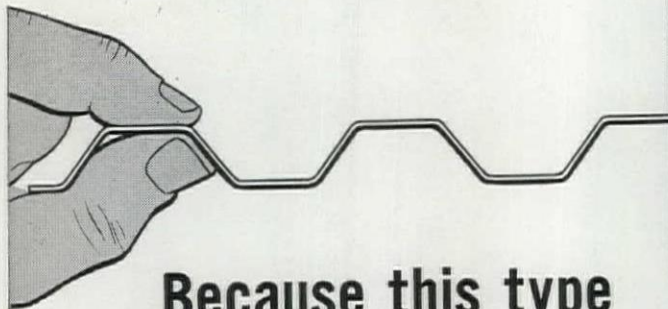
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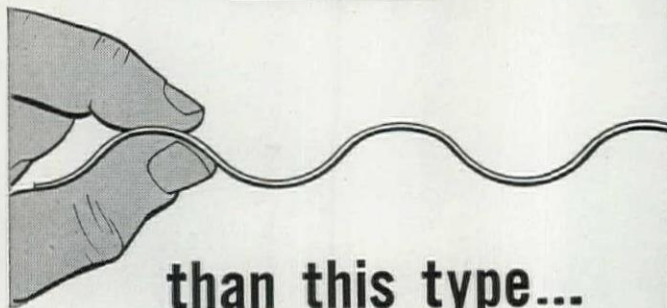
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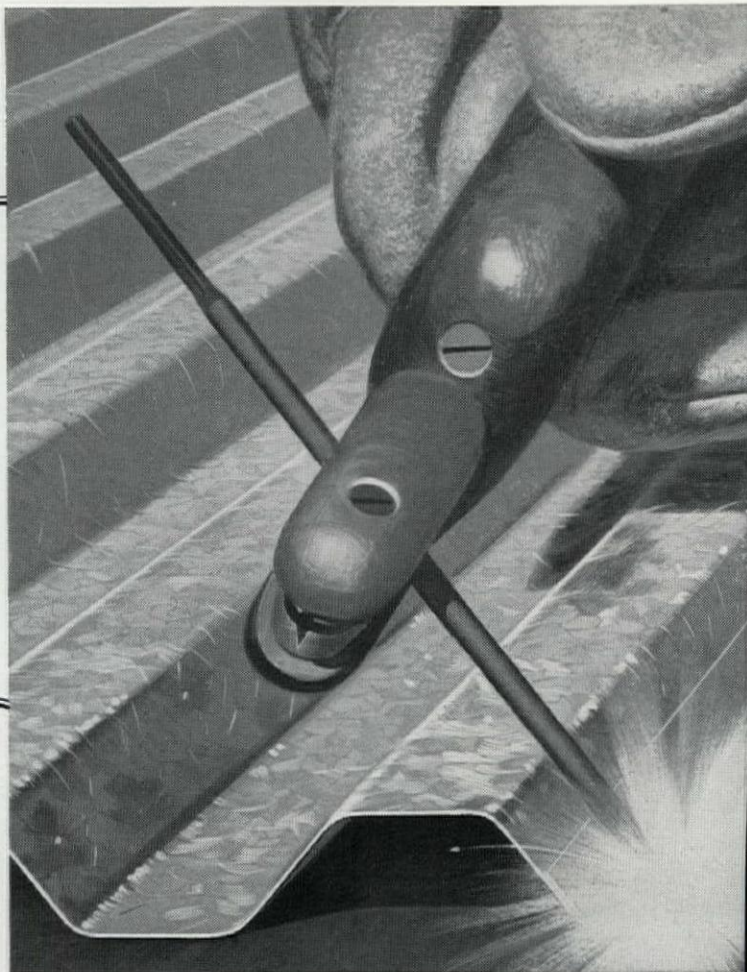
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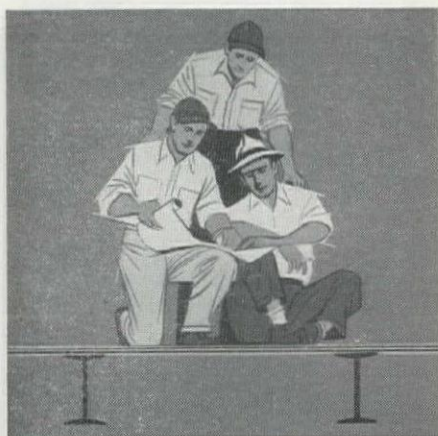


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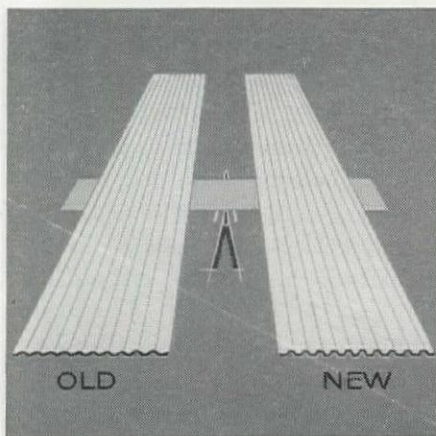
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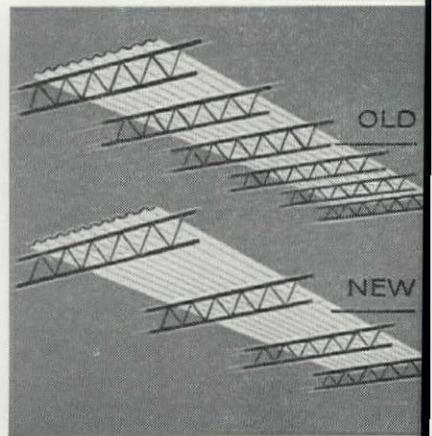
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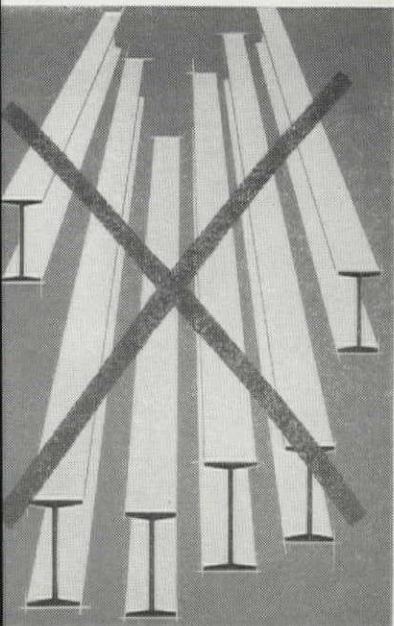
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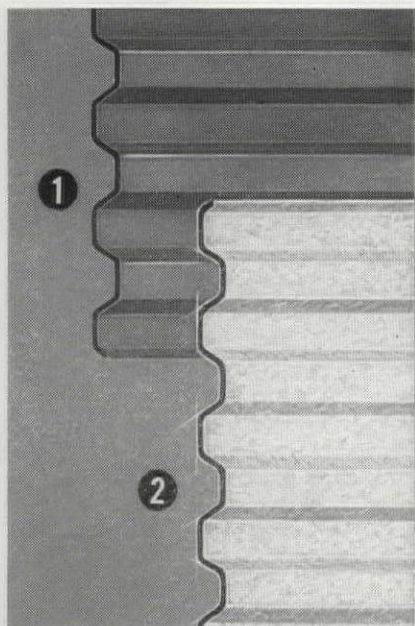
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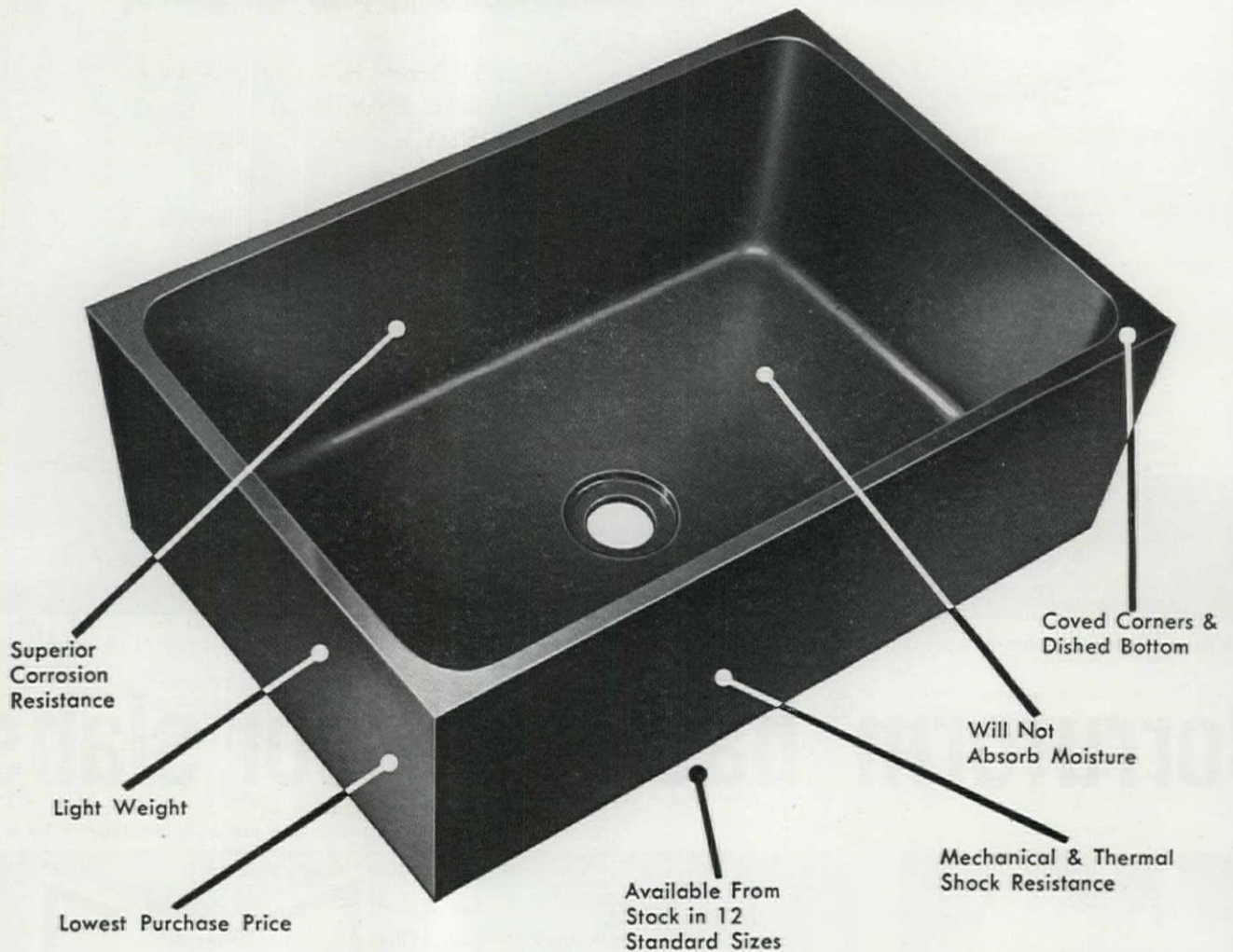


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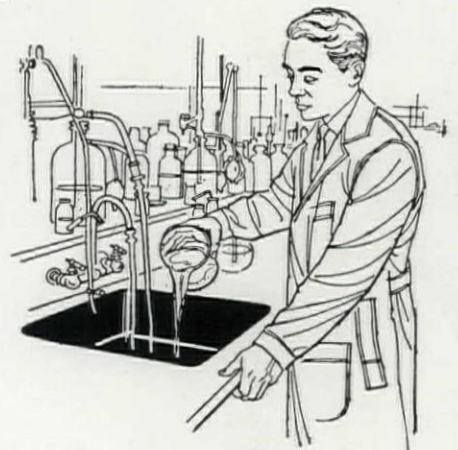
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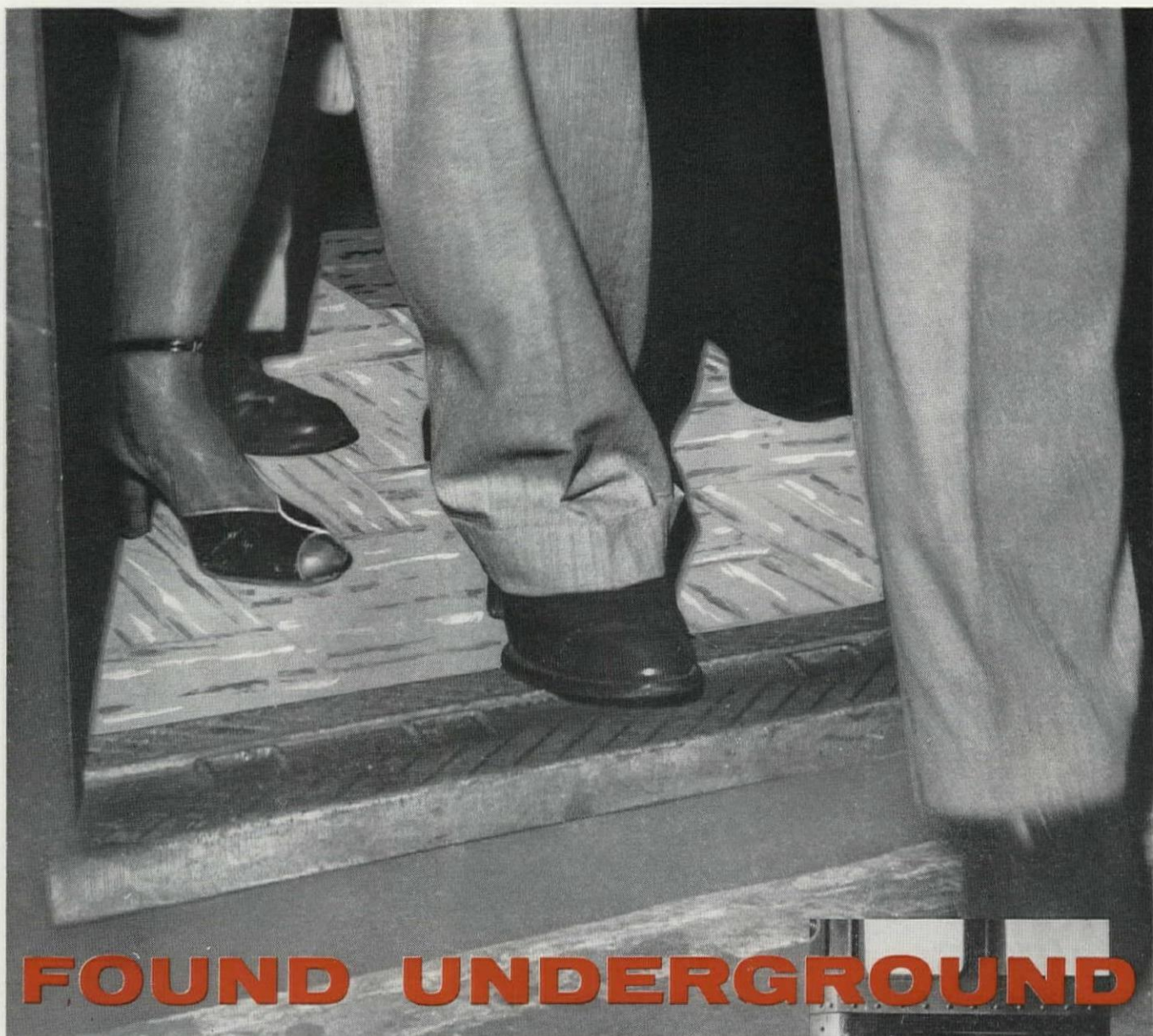
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It's the Law by Bernard Tomson

P/A Office Practice article emphasizing the importance of protecting a practice by a properly drawn Will that is kept up-to-date.

Although the following article concerning Wills is of general application, it should be of particular interest to architects. The chief asset of an architect is often his business. In the absence of a Will, this asset must usually be immediately liquidated upon death. If the business can be continued or its value otherwise conserved by proper testamentary provision, this fact should be of extreme significance to the practicing architect.

Despite the importance of Wills, intestacy (the state of dying without making a Will) is more often the rule than the exception. Judge John J. Bennett, Surrogate of Nassau County, New York, has been rendering an important public service by leading a campaign to alert the public (and women particularly) to the importance of securing a proper Will in order to protect the security of the decedent's family. The Surrogate is the judicial officer under whose supervision estates are administered and, consequently, he is continually faced with unhappy and sometimes tragic situations which arise out of the failure of a property owner to protect his family by securing a properly drawn Will. For example, in Judge Bennett's county in the year 1957, there were more than 850 estates which were administered in his court where no Will was left. He notes that in New York State this was true of more than half the estates; and estimates for the United States have placed the figure as high as eighty percent. He urges each wife to know the answers to the following questions:

How will I be provided for in the event of my husband's death?

How will my children be provided for in the event of my husband's death?

What will happen to my husband's business in the event of his death?

He states that the refusal of wife or husband to consider these problems (because of the unpleasant and unhappy nature of the subject) is shortsighted and foolhardy.

The primary purposes of a Will are (1) to set forth the intentions of the maker of the Will concerning how he wishes his property to be distributed at the time of his death, (2) to conserve his assets and to insure against

their dissipation, and (3) to maintain at a minimum the amount of taxes and other expenses which will be charged against his estate. These objectives cannot be realized in the absence of a Will and will often be defeated by an inadequate Will.

The widow whose husband dies without a Will is surprised to learn that her children receive a larger proportion of her husband's estate than she does. For example, under the law of New York, the assets of a property owner, who dies without a Will, leaving a wife and children, passes one-third to the wife and two-thirds to the children: the latter two-thirds *not* subject to the control of the wife even if the children are under the age of twenty-one. If it is necessary to utilize any portion of that inheritance for the maintenance or education of the children, the widow is required to seek the permission of the court for that purpose. Further, the relatively small share of her husband's estate which passes to her may be inadequate for the widow's continued and proper support. In such a situation the absence of a Will providing that the entire estate is bequeathed to the widow would result in real hardship.

Perhaps even more shocking to the widow is to discover that her "in-laws" may share in her husband's estate where he dies without a Will. Using New York law again, as an example, a widow without children whose husband left an estate of any size would only receive a little more than one-half of that estate if there was surviving her husband, a parent, brother, sister, nephew, or niece.

In many estates, the chief asset is the husband's business. In the absence of a Will, the law generally requires that his business be immediately liquidated. The financial loss resulting from forced liquidation is, of course, obvious. A Will can provide for the orderly disposition of the business by granting broad powers to the executors. More important, however, the business asset can be conserved by providing that the business be continued. A successful business which supported the family during the husband's lifetime can continue to do so after his death, if proper provision is made. Where that business must be liquidated or otherwise disposed of and the income from it thereby terminated because of the absence of a Will, such result is, at best, wasteful, and at worst, tragic.

Many husbands may feel that they do

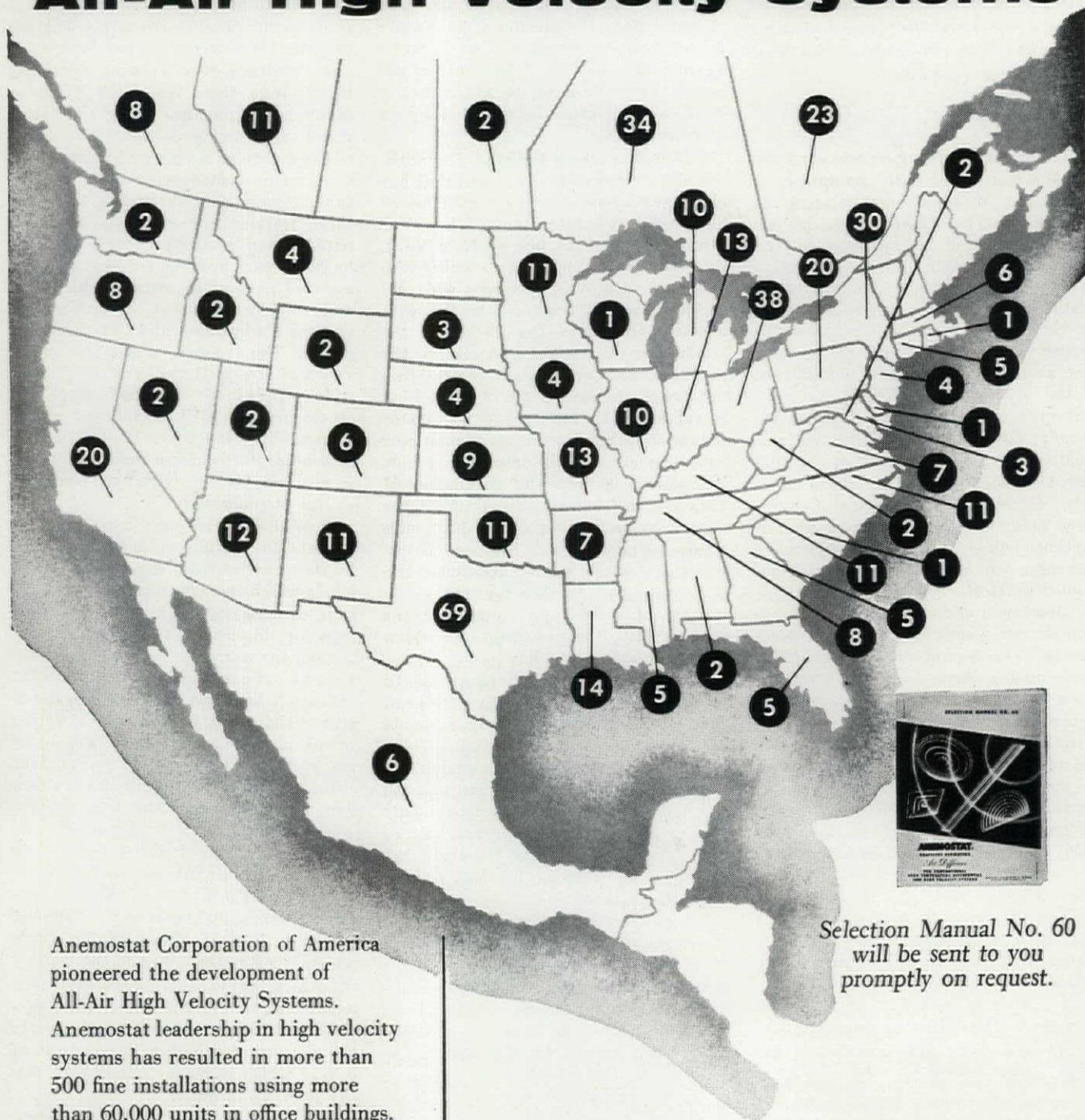
not wish to burden their wives with the problems involved in running a business or that their wives do not have sufficient business experience or capability to continue their husband's business. Many husbands also worry that their wives will quickly dissipate the assets of the estate as a result of unsound advice, undue influence, or other misfortune. Again, only through a Will, can these worries and concerns be eliminated. In a properly drawn Will, the husband can provide for the appointment of persons in whom he has trust and confidence to act as trustees to operate his business and to manage his estate. The trustees, under the supervision of the court, will pay over to the widow the income earned from the estate and she will be relieved of the responsibility involved. The widow will also be protected from unsound investments, predatory relatives, and unskillful management.

A Will can also save taxes and expenses. In the absence of a Will, the estate must bear the expense of surety bonds which the administrator must obtain, expenses of guardianship proceedings for children, and expenses of petitioning the court for permission to take various actions in connection with the estate. A Will can eliminate the necessity of the surety bond and by granting broad powers to the executors avoid many other expenses of administration.

Even more significant is the tax burden which can be limited by a Will which is prepared with this problem in mind. Under the Federal Inheritance Tax Law, certain exemptions from taxation are provided. One of these exemptions is commonly known as the "marital deduction." The amount of the estate which is left to the wife and the manner in which it is left determines the amount of this exemption. A good proportion of this exemption can be lost in the absence of a Will or as a result of a Will which is not prepared with this tax problem in mind.

This article has touched upon only a few of the more obvious problems arising under our inheritance laws. There are many other complex questions which must be considered, in preparing a Will which will do the job intended. Laws and circumstances continually change and, consequently, Wills must periodically be reviewed. The primary fact, however, is that in the absence of any Will, the husband and father has failed to justify the faith which is ordinarily reposed in him by his family.

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Mechanical Engineering Critique

by William J. McGuinness

P/A Office Practice column on mechanical and electrical design and equipment, devoted this month to new theories in setting standards for levels of illumination.

During the present decade, intensities of illumination recommended by the Illuminating Engineering Society have increased. While realizing that many detailed jobs required higher levels of lighting, IES has sought more valid methods of arriving at these levels. In 1950, the Society authorized a 10-year research project at the Vision Research Laboratories of University of Michigan, under direction of Dr. H. Richard Blackwell of the Departments of Psychology and Ophthalmology. After eight years of research (which will continue) certain conclusions have now been drawn which will form the basis for a new edition of the Society's lighting handbook, to appear early in 1959. Based upon Dr. Blackwell's current report of 87 pages, 3 tables and 29 illustrations, lighting standards will be changed, according to C. L. Crouch, Technical Director of the Society.

Of far greater interest than the number of footcandles proposed for various tasks is the rational method of selecting each intensity. The perceptive abilities of the eye have been studied in great detail. The eye has been interpreted as a cycling and tracking device, the limitations of which have now been accurately measured. One of its operating characteristics (newly discovered) is called "assimilations per second" (aps). The research group discovered that two closely timed flashes of light could be distinguished as two impulses instead of one, only when they were at least 1/10 sec apart. It became apparent that the eye cycles at a rate of about 10 times per second and, with enough light, can assimilate this number of impressions. With less light, only a few assimilations can be made, and with very poor light several seconds may elapse before an assimilation can be made. IES wants enough light to permit at least 5 aps.

In addition to aps, many other studies

were made. These included the motion and speed of the eye in following moving objects; the difficulty of seeing in backgrounds of contrasting light intensities; and in seeing objects with varying color contrasts. Of importance, also, is a measure of objects that can be seen while the eye is looking in a direction slightly away from them.

Advancing from these basic measurements, it was necessary to apply the knowledge gained to a simulation of useful tasks in many fields of visual activity. By means of many devices—including such things as a wheel, 8 ft in diameter, carrying 4-in. discs—eyes were tested for focus, speed, and perception. Allowance was made for the difference between the average viewer and the greater seeing ability of the trained laboratory observer.

Experiments comparing actual jobs with laboratory simulations of them began at threshold conditions (minimum lighting) and were continued to the intensity that facilitated maximum seeing ability. Comparisons were made for 56 useful tasks. For each task, records were kept of the aps that were achieved for various levels of illumination. For a sample of shorthand writing with a No. 3 pencil the results are as follows:

aps achieved	ft-c required
1	6.3
3	30.4
5	76.5
7	133.0
10	304.0

Since IES has set 5 aps as the minimum performance by which lighting shall be set, 76.5 ft-c would be required. This exceeds the present standard of 50 ft-c.

It is interesting to compare old and new lighting levels. Recent, but pre-Blackwell-Report recommendations are as follows:

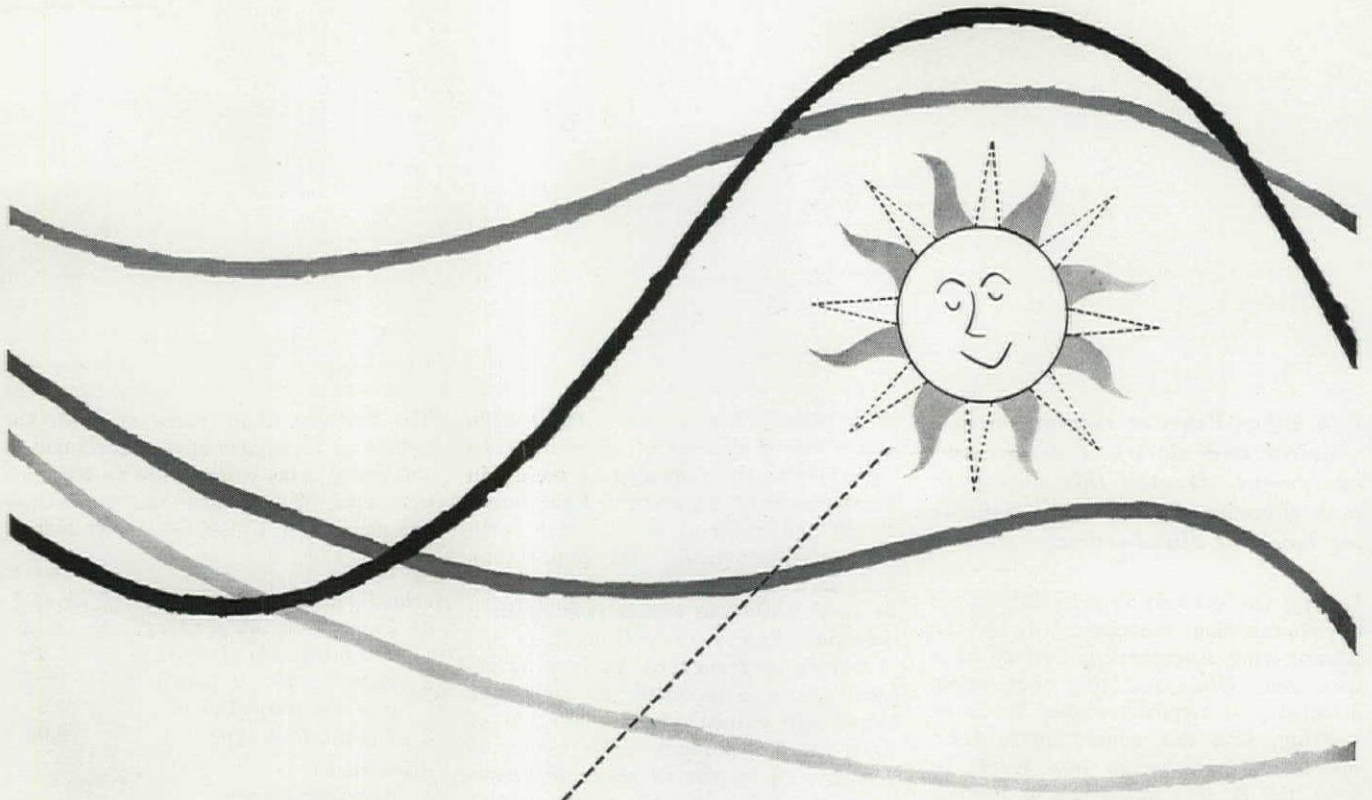
use	ft-c
School classrooms	30
Offices (typing, etc)	50
Clothing manufacture	30-200
Woodworking	20-50

The research team came up with the following recommendations for some of the many tasks which were studied and evaluated. These are the intensities prescribed for 5 aps.

task	ft-c
<i>school tasks</i>	
1 Sample of ink writing, one 6th-grade student	1.38
2 Samples No. 2 pencil writing, poor student	63.0
3 6-point text type	2.98
<i>office tasks</i>	
1 Shorthand copy, No. 3 pencil	76.5
2 Typed original, good ribbon	0.97
3 Typed original, poor ribbon	3140.0
4 Typed carbon, fifth copy	133.0
<i>clothing manufacture</i>	
1 White chalk on blue-serge cloth	10.4
2 Orange chalk on light-brown tweed	266.0
3 Brown-thread stitching on brown-silk tweed	10,000.0
<i>lumber industry</i>	
1 Skip defect, viewed from 16 ft	71.0
2 Tight sound knot, viewed from 16 ft	12.9
3 Chip grain, viewed from 16 ft	6470.0

The startling thing about the new findings is their great variation. To the planner who is not a specialist in lighting it would appear that tasks should be grouped to use a given lighting intensity, or that greater light levels should be available in each use-area in order to minimize moving about. Very low levels will be noticed for some jobs. In spite of this, it is unlikely that present minimum standards will be lowered. A low limit of 30 ft-c may be considered.

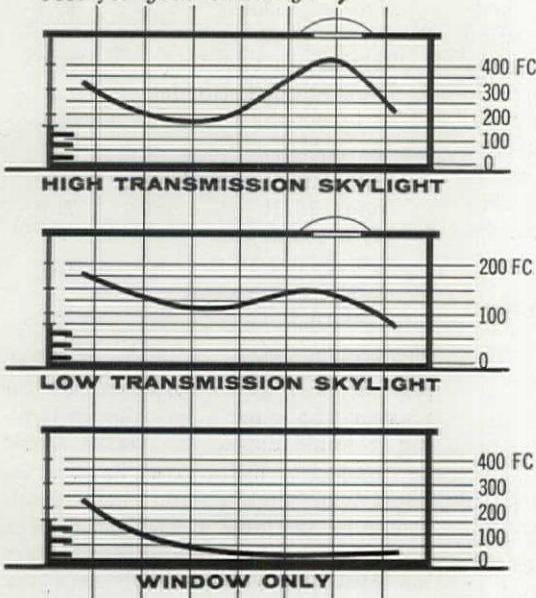
These broad results with specific and widely differing light levels will undoubtedly be edited for practical use, before their appearance in the handbook, yet all of us must be alert to a new kind of awareness in lighting design.



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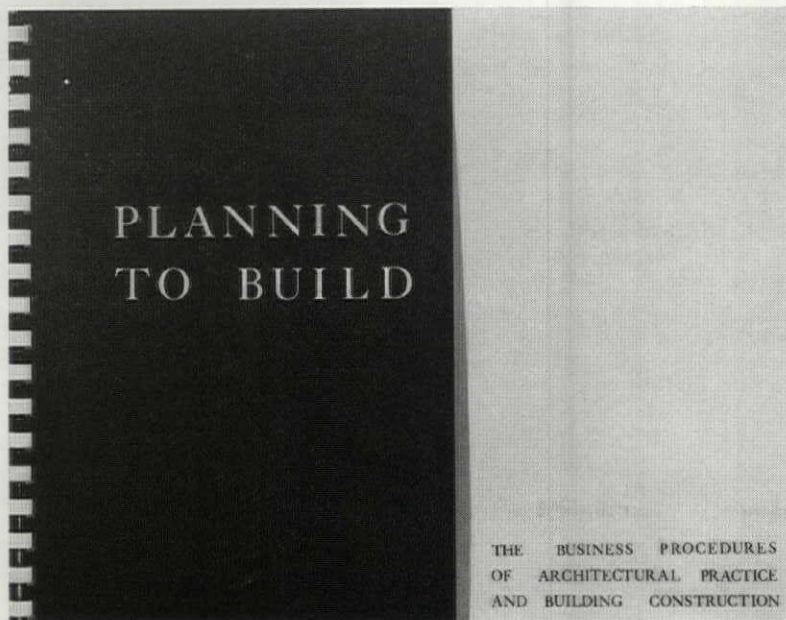
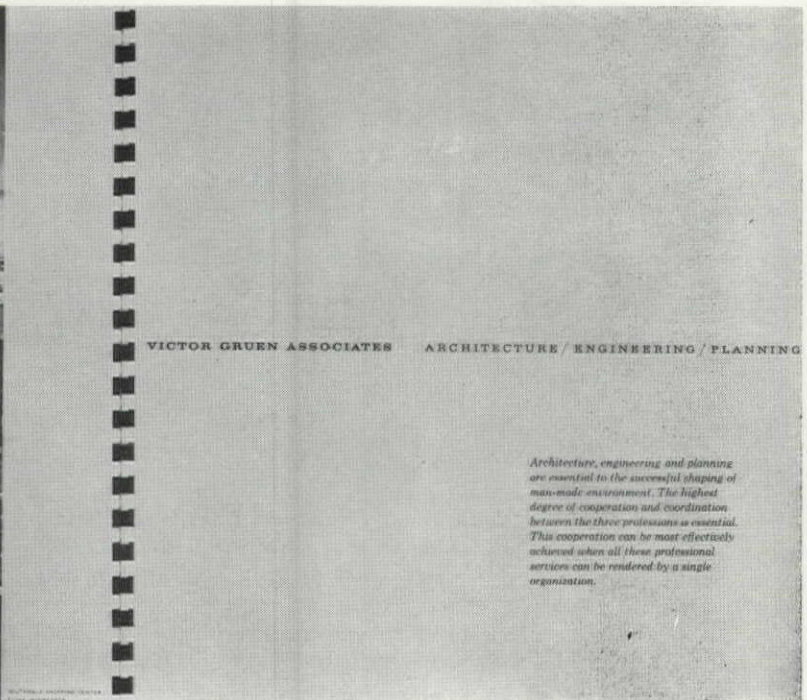
P/A Office Practice article—first in a series—illustrating effective and dignified use of office brochures.

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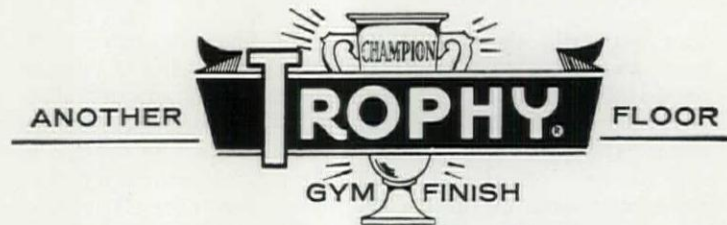
type primarily shows photographs of work and keeps text brief; the other emphasizes attitudes and methods of operation rather than past accomplishments. (Sometimes, of course, the first type is best for the successful firm, the second most useful for the beginning office.) Illustrated on this page are the best examples of these two general categories that the Editors

have recently seen. Below is the frontispiece spread from a new brochure of the office of Victor Gruen Associates, beautifully illustrated, and with text short, simple, and direct. At bottom is the cover of a more-text type brochure from the office of Nolen & Swinburne, Philadelphia architects.

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Nolen and Swinburne interpret the physical elements of space requirements in terms of:

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Programming deals with space and space relations.

What is Space?

As popularly conceived, space is a series of required rooms connected to each other or strung out along a corridor. Rooms have floors, walls, ceilings, windows and doors; are this wide and long and so high. If we need a certain room to do a certain thing, why we just add it to the plans at the point where it is needed. Programming then is a simple process of listing these rooms and the architect will then assemble them under a roof, provide heating, plumbing and lighting and make them all work together.

In a very limited sense this is true, but let's look at it this way:

There is Exterior Space and Interior Space.

A building should first relate to its surrounding exterior spaces, and the program must insist on proper exposures to sun, wind, view, streets and traffic patterns. A building must recognize the contours of its own site and the configurations of adjoining landscape or cityscape. This will take more time and study for the architect, but the economic and architectural value of the project will be improved only to the extent that it improves its own environment.

Interior space is the reason for building. The architect considers interior space as a total whole of related individual elements. 'Rooms' are not entities in themselves. Taken together these segments of space properly designed and related, interwoven and moving into, penetrating and becoming parts of other segments of space, create a whole that is greater than the sum of its parts.

For those architects with vision and imagination, this fluid manipulation and modelling of space opens up challenging and exciting areas of solution. It is this philosophy of spacial design that creates significant architecture and at the same time meets all the practical requirements of a building program.

Planning to Build—the brochure from the office of Nolen & Swinburne—is, in effect, a series of statements on architectural office procedure. Well written for the layman's comprehension, on a high level of professional and ethical understanding, the booklet is an office-practice manual for the client. Opposite are two pages on the subject of Programming. "Architecture," begins the booklet, "is not a thing apart . . . beautiful for itself alone. It is this and more. . . ."

"Architecture is not a theory alone . . . of rhythmic living structure; nor of exquisite meaningful form; nor of superbly modulated space; nor of piercing intellectual synthesis; nor of totally integrated design; it is all these and more. . . ."

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"Architecture is not the creation of a building alone; a building with all its beauty, discipline and reality. It is that building and its relation to those who will use it.

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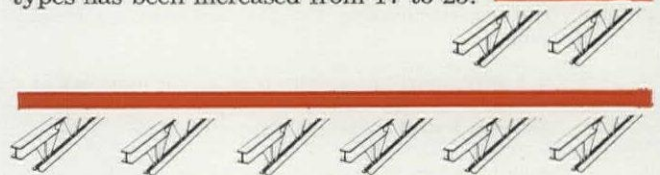
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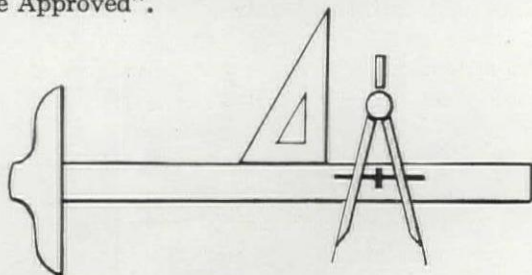
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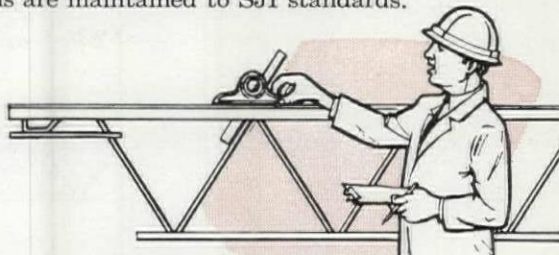
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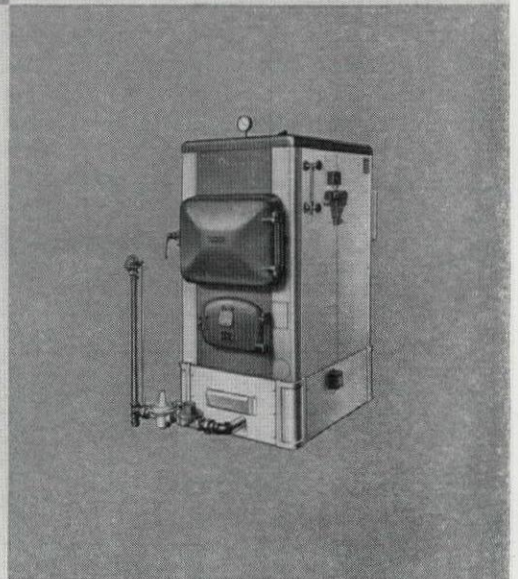
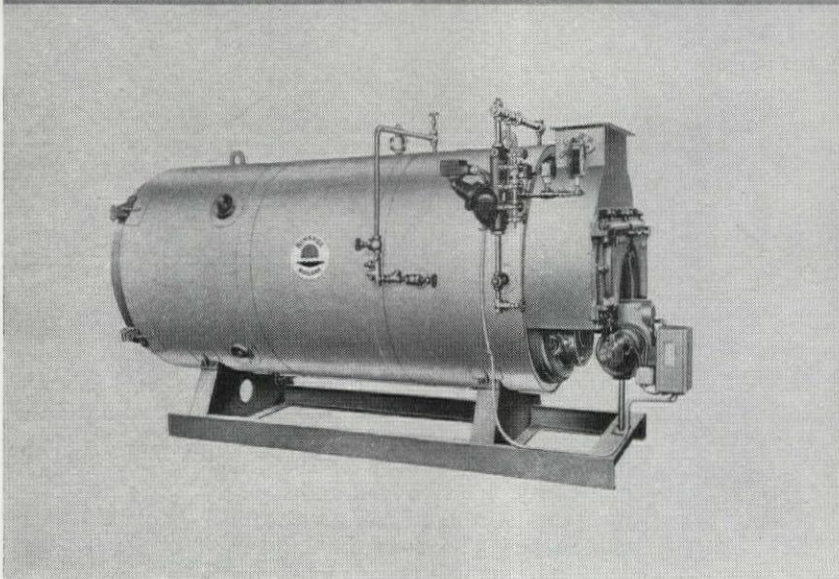
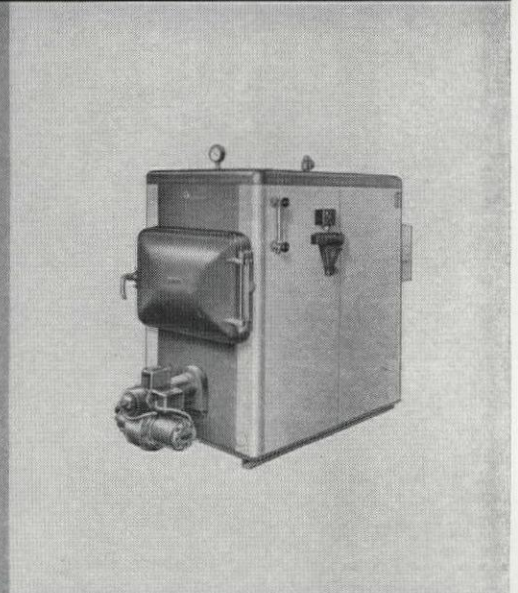
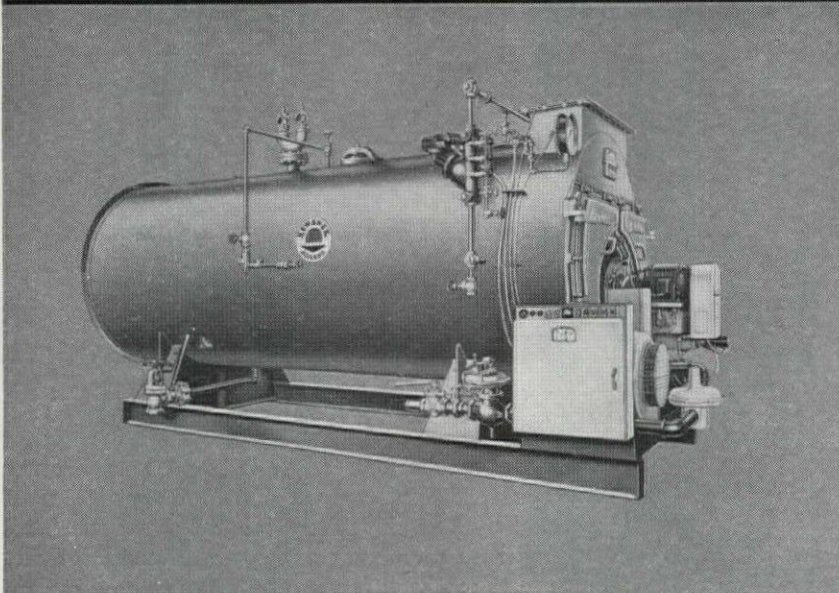
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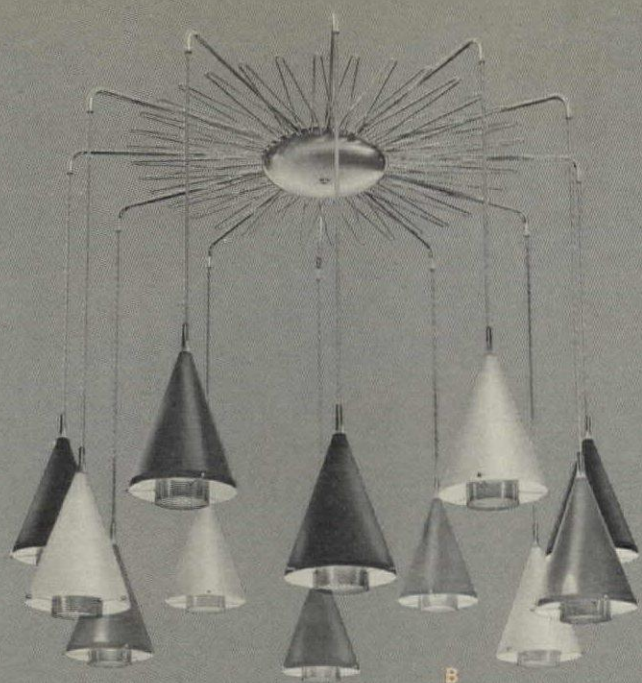


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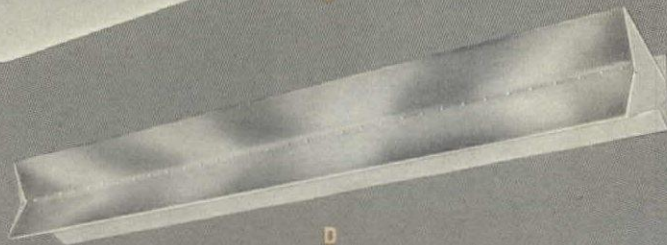
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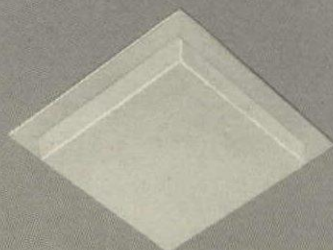
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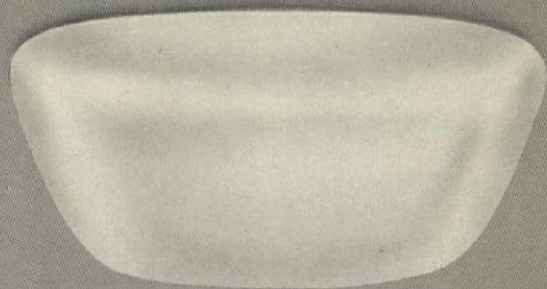
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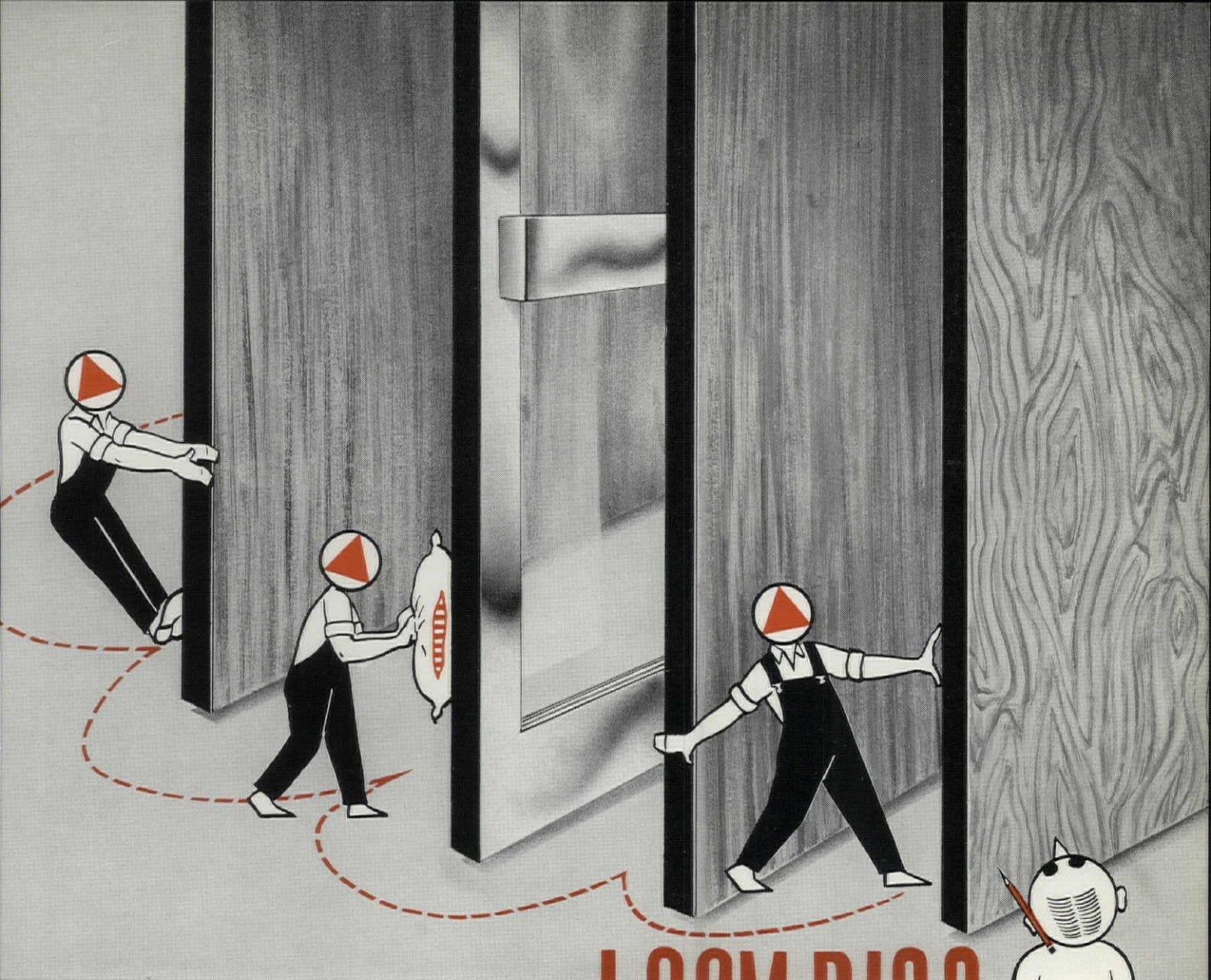
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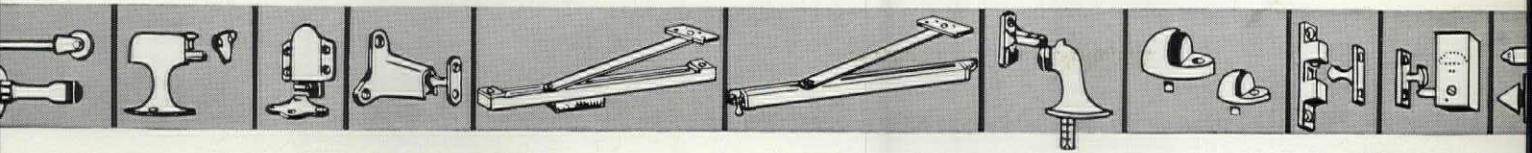
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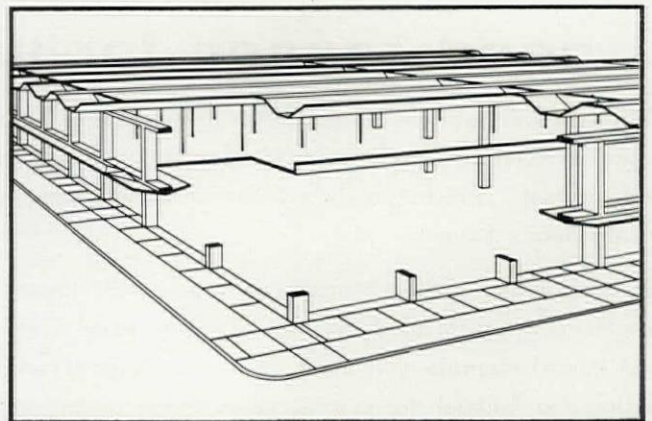
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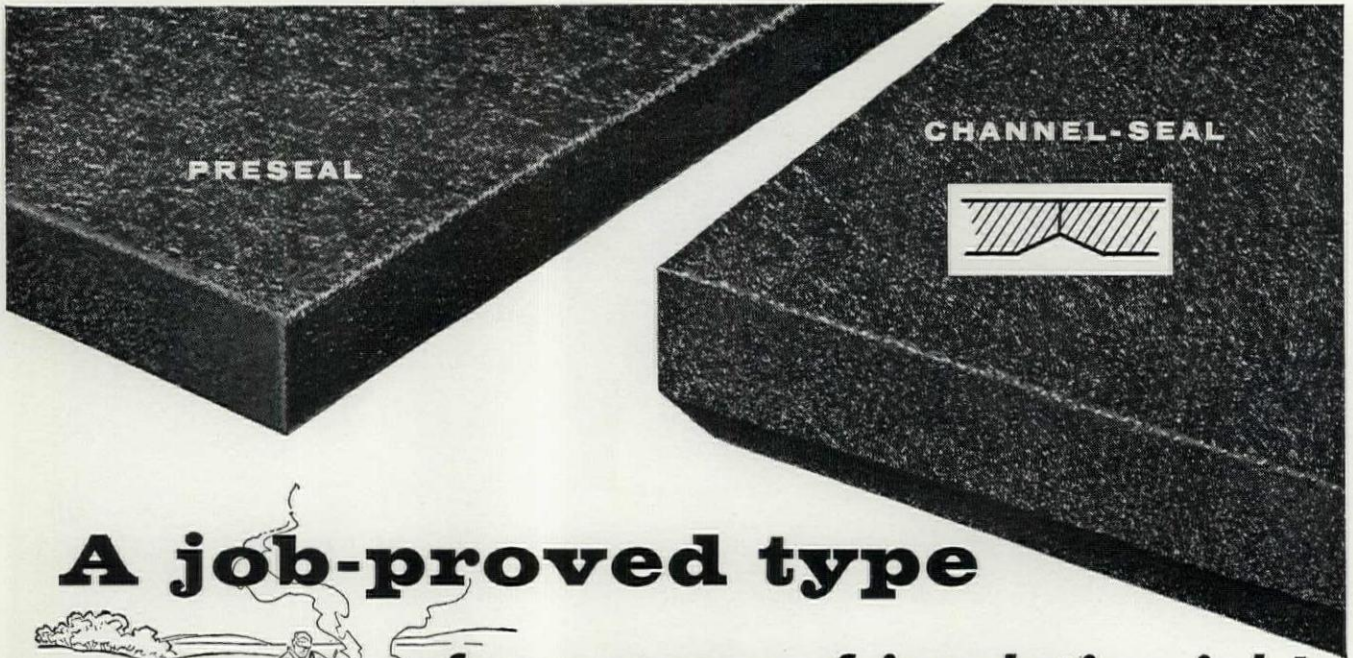
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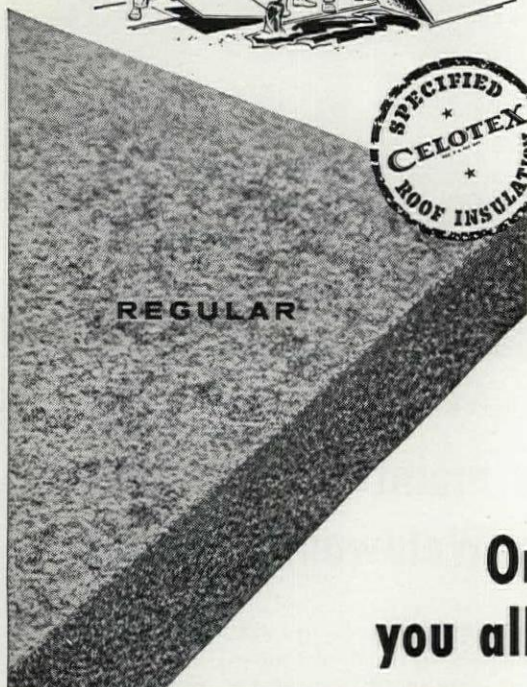
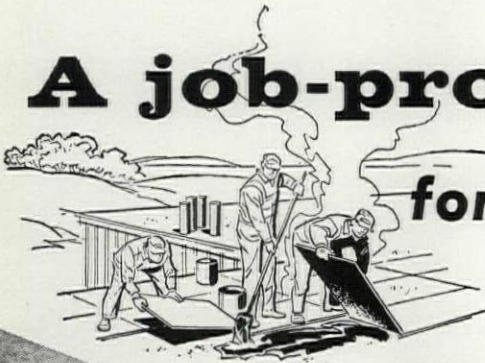
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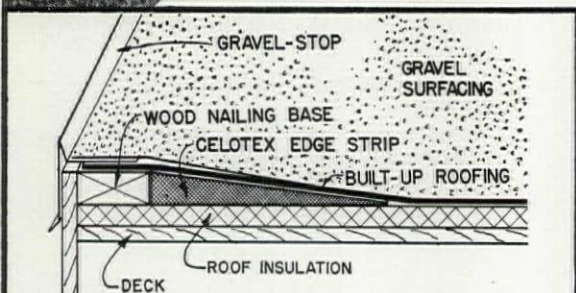
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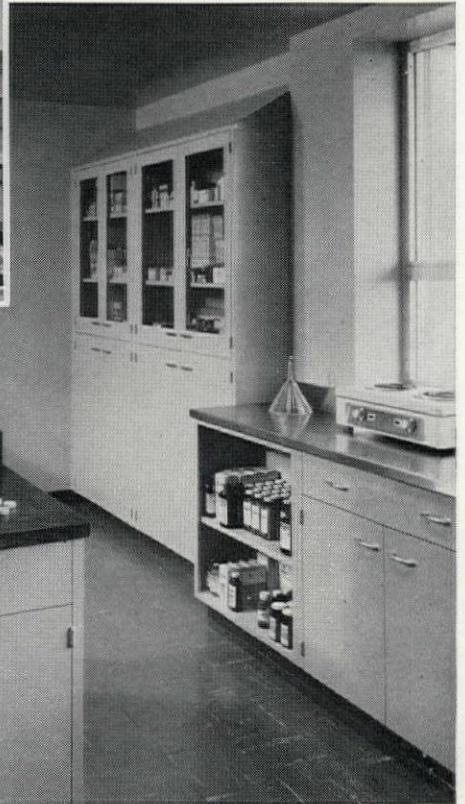
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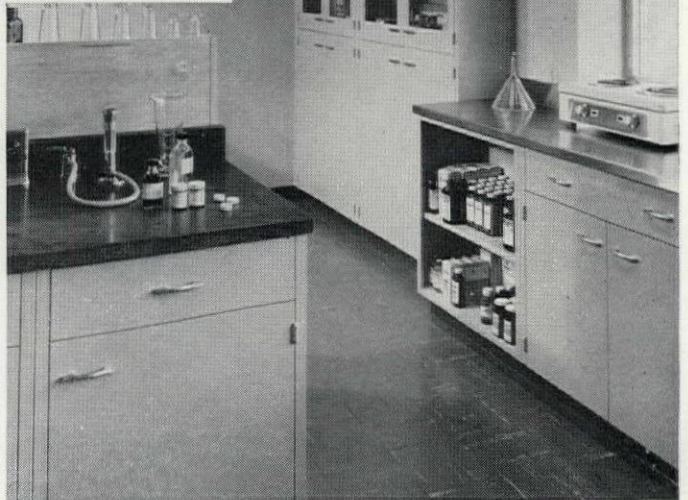


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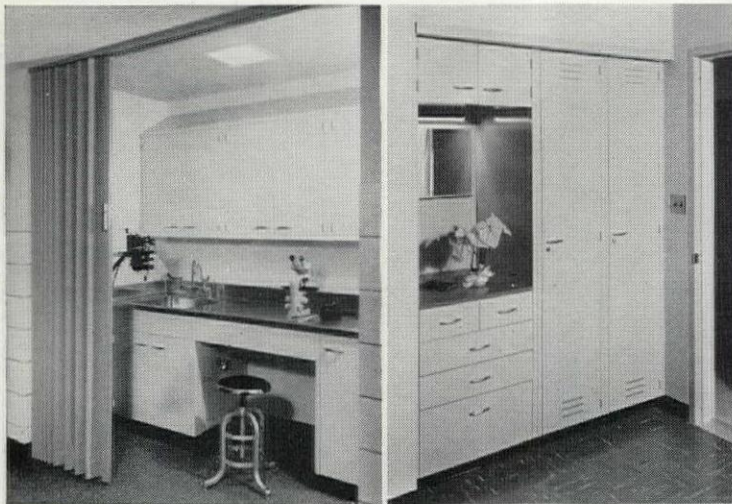
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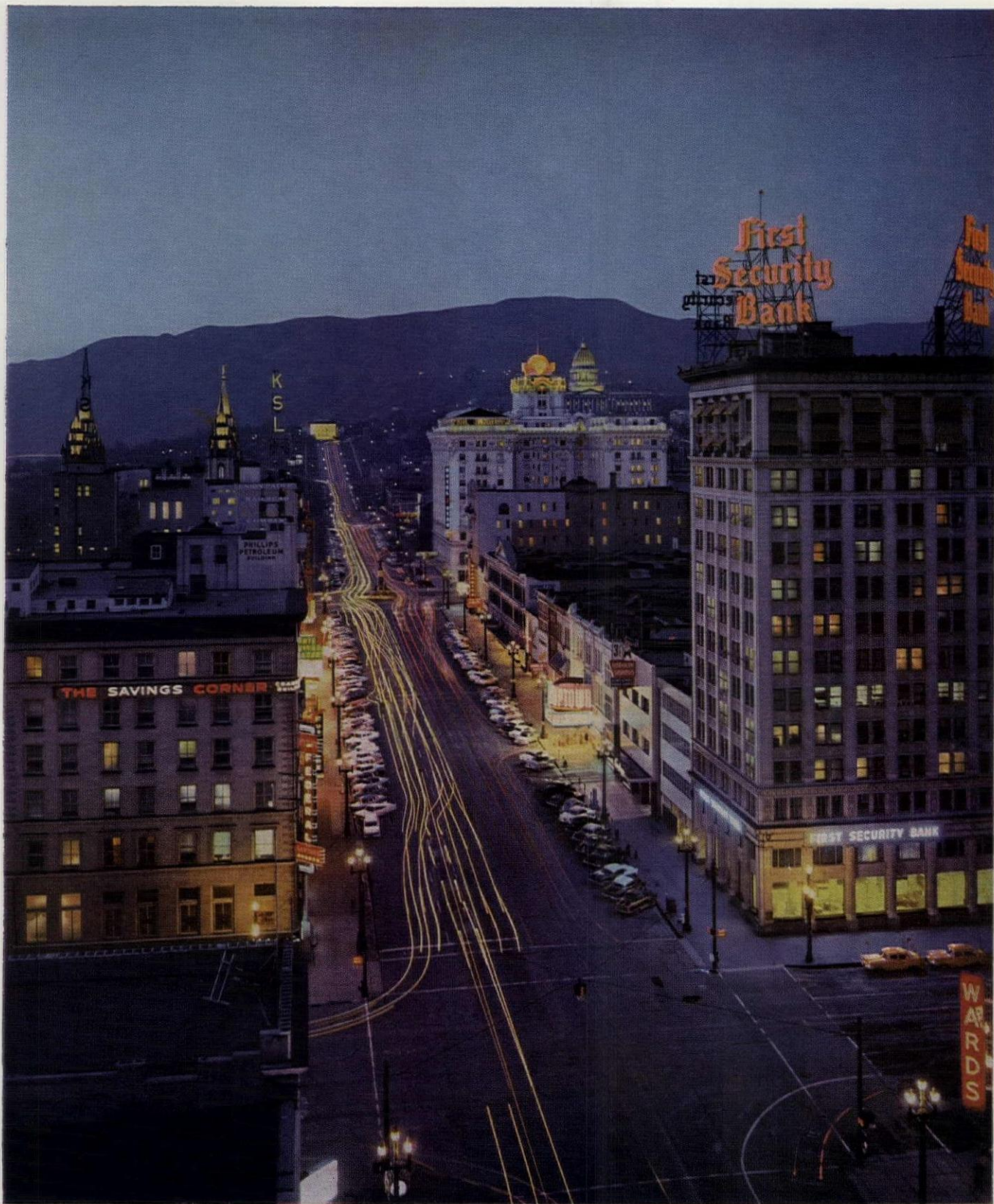
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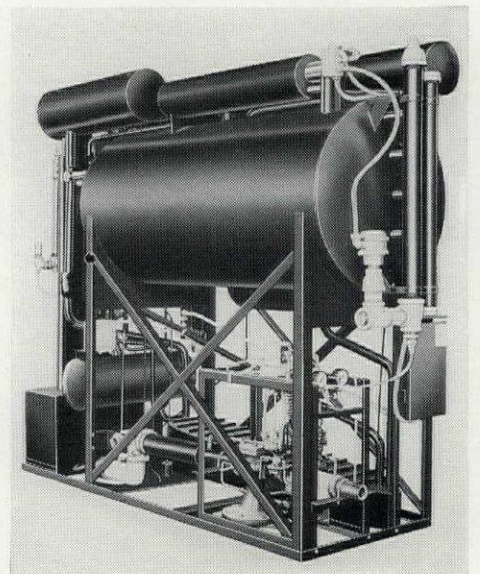
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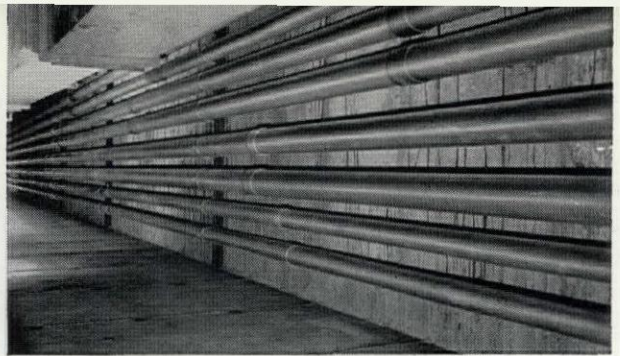
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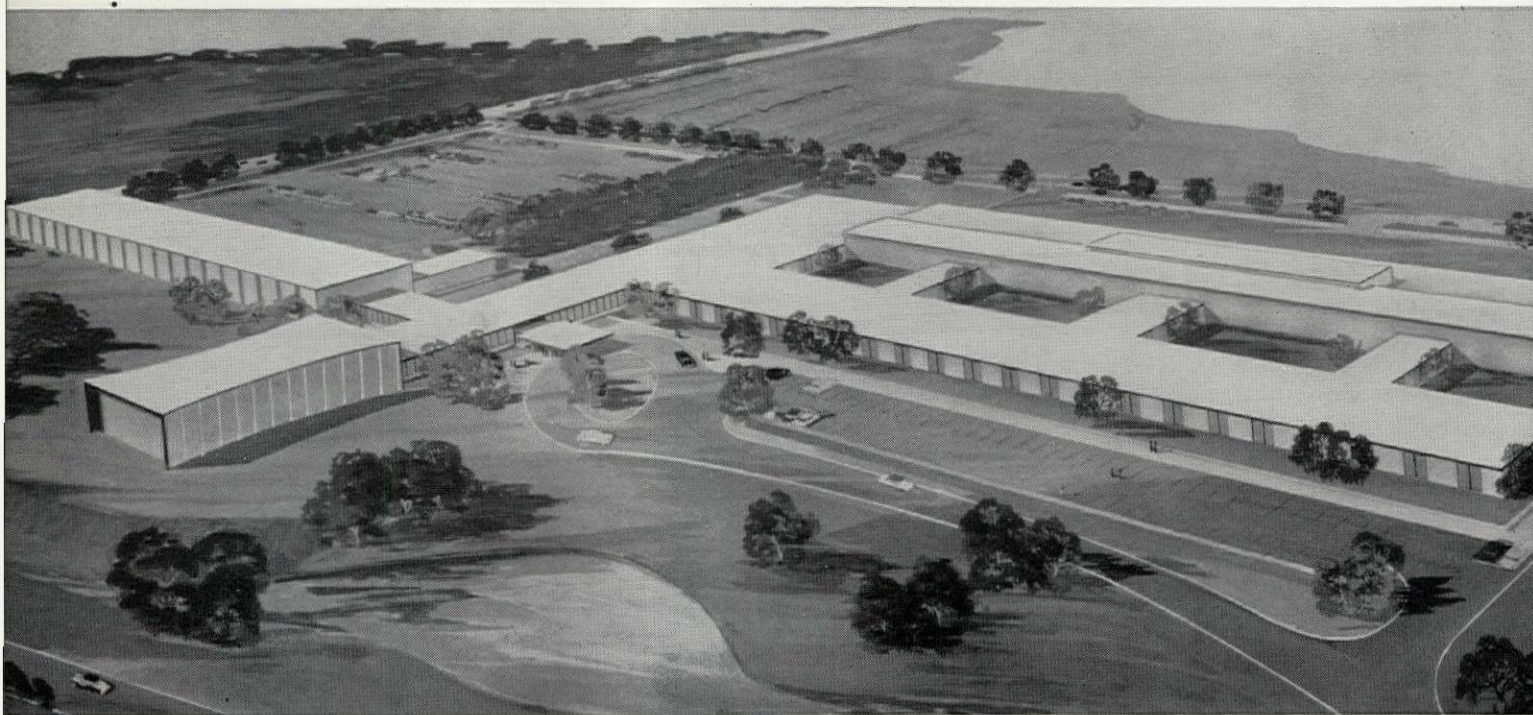


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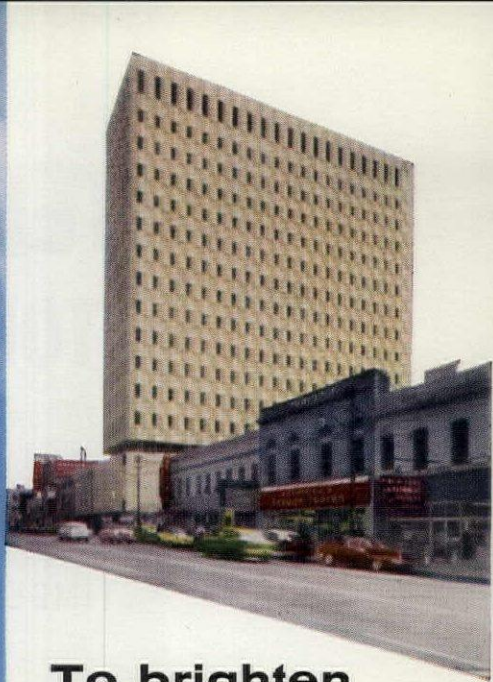
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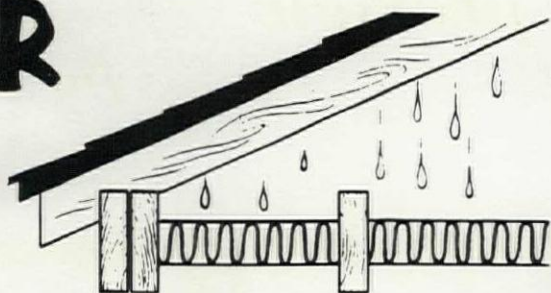
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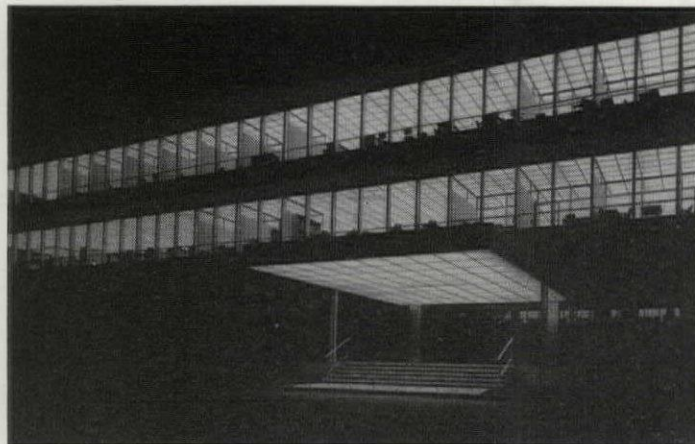


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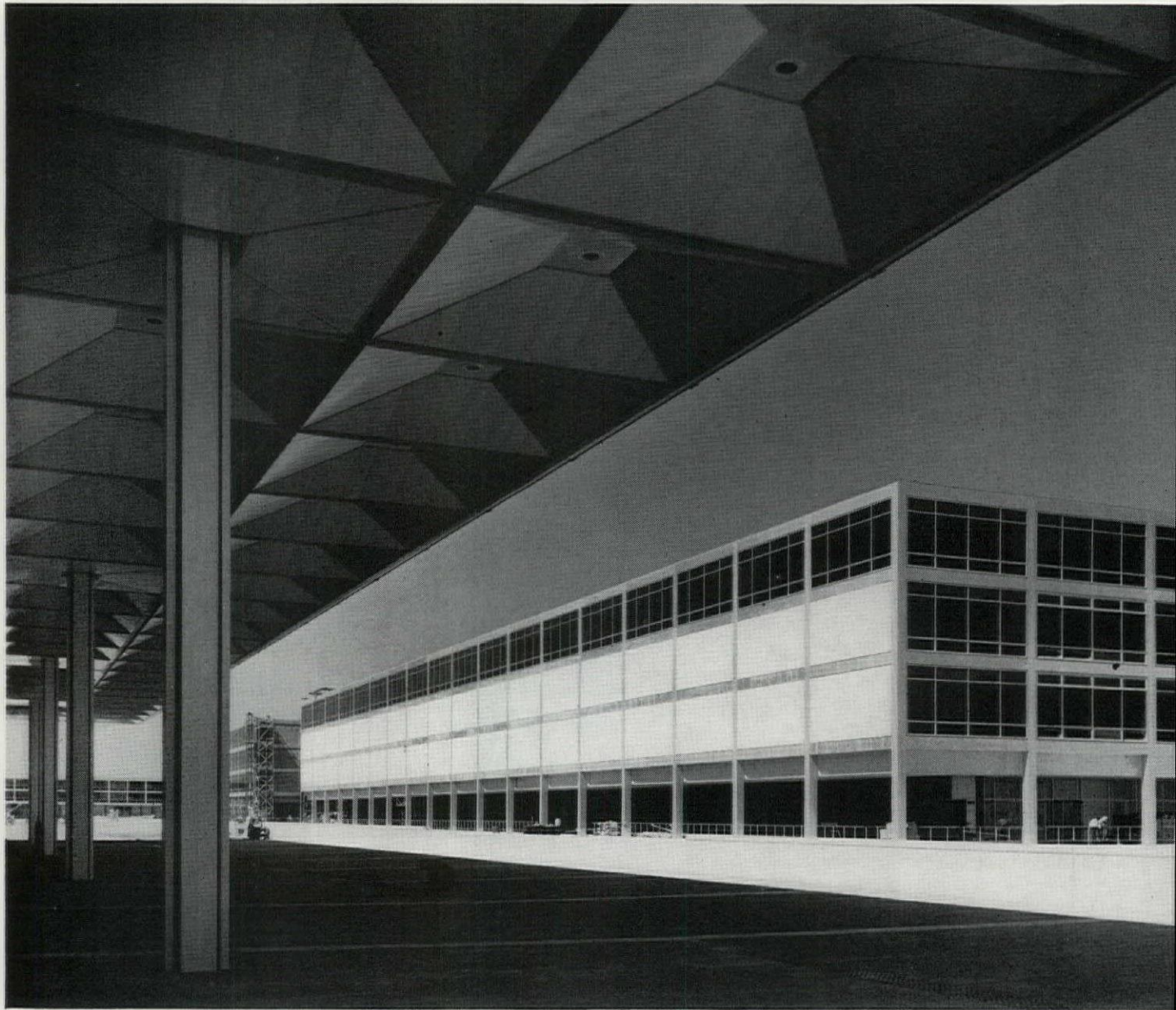
REYNOLDS METALS OCCUPIES NEW HOME

To be formally opened this month in Richmond, Virginia, this sparkling new headquarters for Reynolds Metals Company was designed by Architects Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Gordon Bunshaft, Partner-in-Charge. The building is classically placed at the end of a 65'x253' reflecting pool, bordered by willow oaks; Charles F. Gillette, Landscape Consultant. Aluminum, naturally, is extensively employed,

though, as Bunshaft comments, "only where appropriate." Among exterior uses are column casements; door frames; entrance canopy; mullions; spandrels; and sun louvers. Inside the building aluminum was used for office partitions; acoustical and light-diffusing ceiling panels; moving stairways; file cabinets; office furniture; yarn in draperies and carpeting; and hardware.



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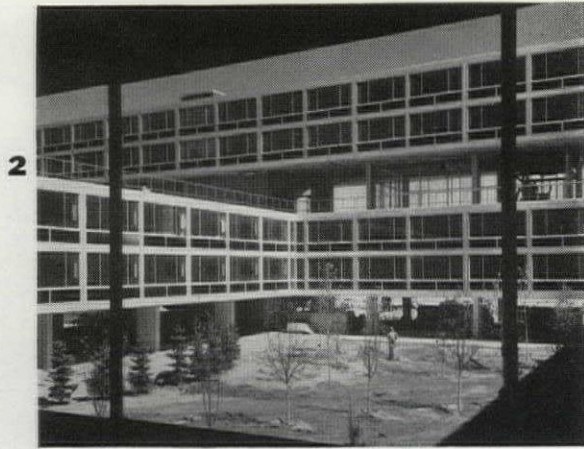
Burton H. Holmes

AIR FORCE CADETS ARRIVE AT NEW SITE

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO., SEPT. 1 — Last weekend, 1160 Air Force cadets arrived from the interim Academy site at Lowry AF Base, near Denver, to occupy their new facilities eight miles north of here. Although the school becomes operational tomorrow, it will not attain full capacity—2520 cadets and a faculty of 360—until July 1, 1962. Approximately \$95 millions of the presently authorized \$114 millions for "pure construction" have been paid out—or about 85 percent of the building authorized by Congress has been completed. According to the Air Force Academy Construction Agency, more than the minimum essentials necessary to begin operations are now complete.

As the cadet approaches the north entrance to the site via U.S. Highway 85-87, he first becomes aware of the academic area established on a mesa approximately three

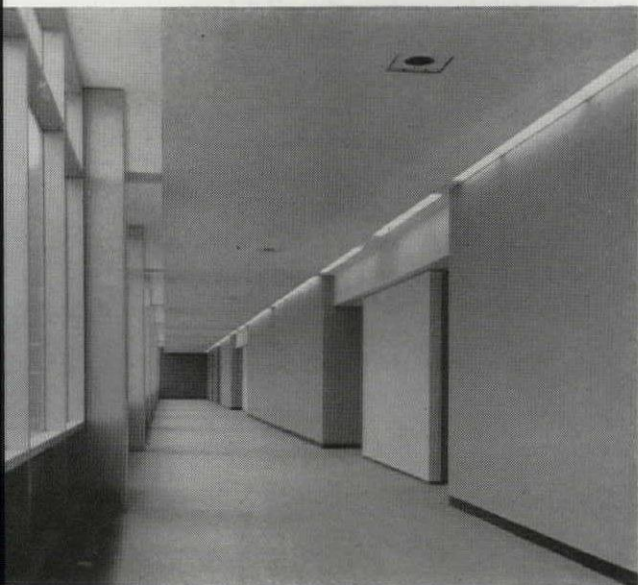
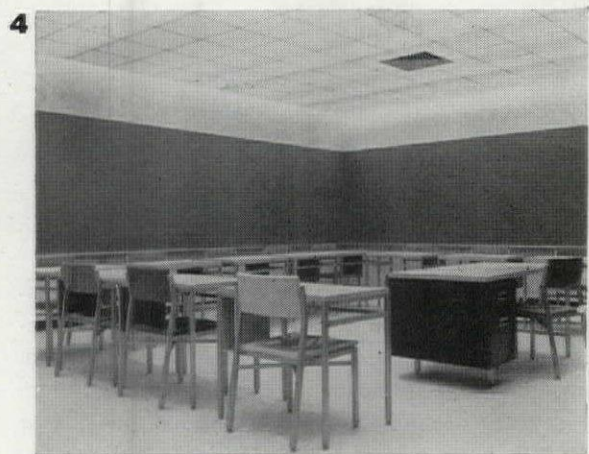
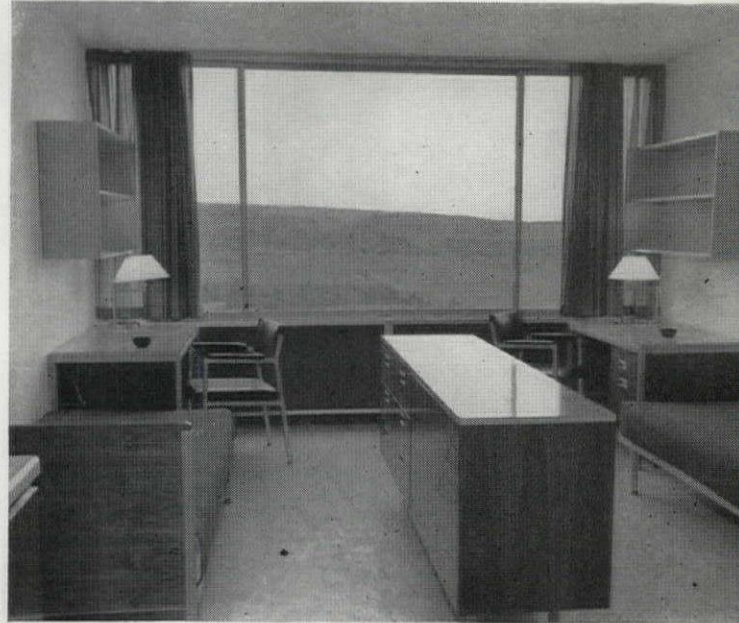
miles to the West. After leaving the highway and entering the peripheral road encircling the site, his view of the Academy buildings is blocked for a time by intervening, rolling land covered with Ponderosa pine. When about one mile away, he again sees the principal buildings of the academic area, in greater detail. Continuing, the cadet soon arrives at the heart of the academic area, surrounded by structures that will be his principal shelter and work areas for the next four years as he is "motivated and dedicated" for a service career. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, architects-engineers for the entire project, have located impressively long, modularly disciplined, steel-framed structures curtained with glass, aluminum, white marble, granite, and mosaics to define the principal plaza. (Site plan, JUNE 1955 P/A.)



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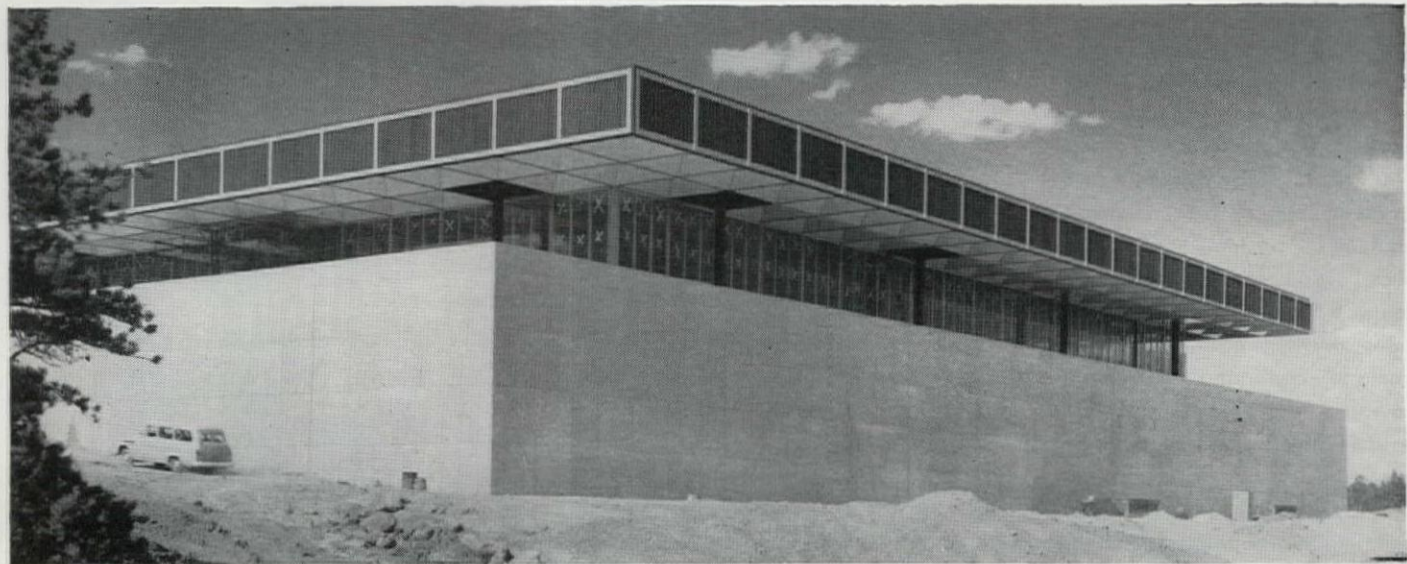
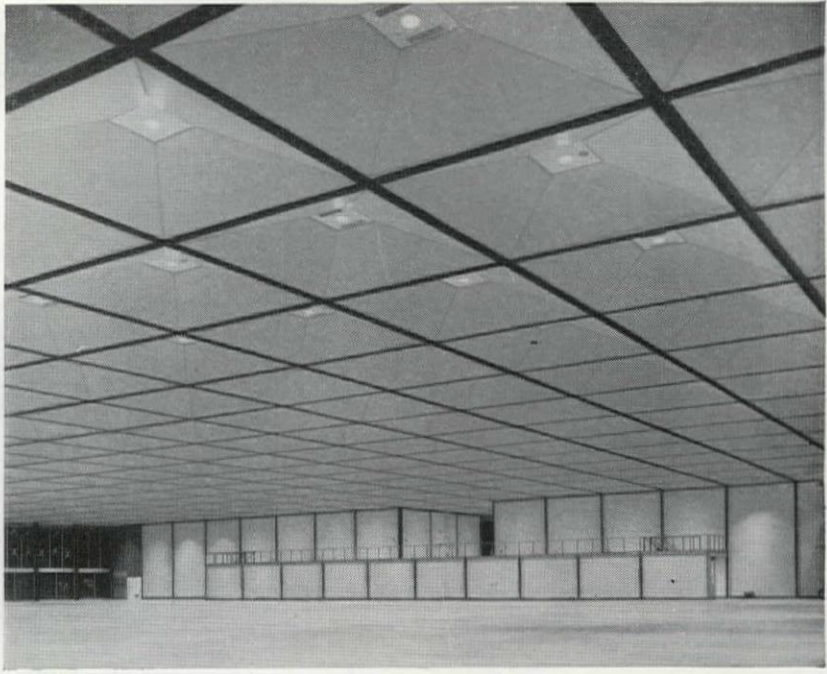
The academic complex, **1**, cadet quarters, **2**, and dining hall, **9**, are all in the final stages of construction. Extending for one-quarter of a mile across the northern segment of the academic area, the cadet quarters contain—in addition to 1320 two-man rooms—day rooms, facilities for private social activities, a small theater, dark room, store, and barber shop. All rooms have striking views—overlooking the foothills of the Rockies, or the plains to the East, or what are to be handsomely landscaped courtyards **2**. The quarters are provided with furniture designed by Walter Dorwin Teague Associates **3**.

In general, laboratories are on the lower levels of the academic complex **1**. Classrooms, on upper levels and planned in clusters of four or five (easily enlarged for special requirements), are especially suitable for small-group instruction **4**. The library and commandant's offices, in the northernmost part of the academic complex, have a unique, continuous, five-story concrete circular stairway providing one of the frequent elements of variety within the discipline of the modular-design concept **5**. A typical classroom corridor, which can be ventilated at the spandrel, is shown **6**; some are as long as 700 ft. An open corridor, encircling the building at the main plaza level, is one of the building's most dramatic uses of space. A lecture hall, seating 1000, and two smaller halls are also within the structure. The entire building is air conditioned.



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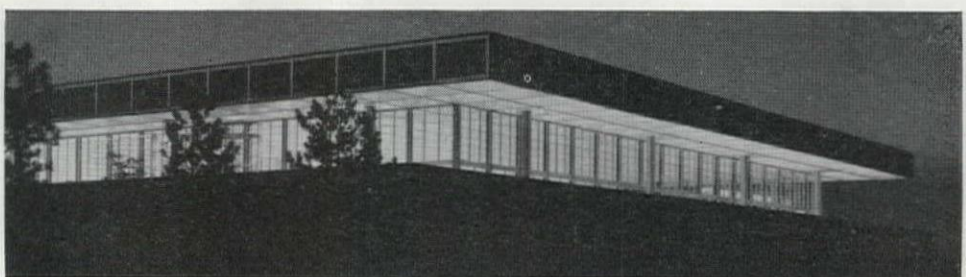
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The huge square dining hall, having an uninterrupted, column-free space of 266 ft in one direction, 8, can conveniently accommodate the entire student body at one seating. Its openness is made possible by a double-truss roof system cantilevered 28 ft beyond the base of the hall on all four sides 7, 9, 10. Two kitchens with up-to-the-minute equipment and adjacent refrigerated-storage areas are on the lower level.

Other elements of the academic area (not shown) are the administration building fronting on the Court of Honor (73 percent complete); the cadet social center and theater seating 3000, to be finished next summer; the physical education complex having three separate gymnasiums (each capable of staging three standard basketball games simultaneously), two swimming pools, handball and squash courts,

rifle ranges, etc. (45 percent complete); an aero-science building; and planetarium and museum (79 percent complete). The tri-faith chapel also facing the Court of Honor (SEPTEMBER 1957 P/A) and the hospital to be located on the next mesa to the south, although part of the original appropriation, have not yet been started. An air garden with fountains and reflecting pools designed by Landscape Architect Dan Kiley, will be planted just north of the dining hall. Playing fields (north) and parade grounds (east) surround the academic area.

Senior-officer area, Douglas and Pine Valley Housing, community center, elementary and junior-senior high schools, service and supply area (finished), and future air strip are in the southern half of the reservation and in various stages of completion.



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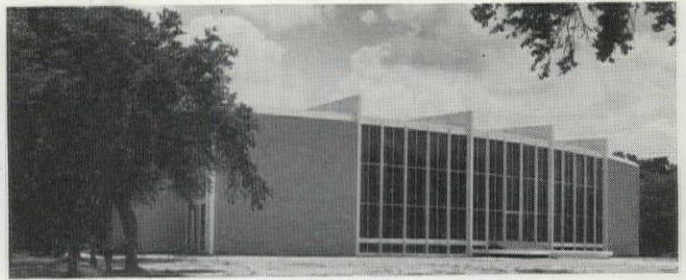
- Newest addition to Museum of Fine Arts of Houston, Texas—Cullinan Hall (right)—will open October 11. Designed by Mies van der Rohe, structure has 10,000 sq ft of exhibit space, and on the lower level houses four studios, research library, and storage rooms. Structural materials include buff-colored brick, gray-tinted plate glass, white plaster walls, with travertine marble and green Venetian terrazzo utilized in flooring. Future additions to the Museum include a two-story glass-enclosed gallery wing to create a sculpture court.

- Fullbright Predoctoral Fellowships offer an opportunity to students interested in carrying on comparative studies in housing and planning. Recipients to spend the academic year 1959-60 in the Netherlands at International Federation for Housing and Town Planning headquarters, The Hague, five miles from Technological University in Delft. Application forms from: Institute of International Education, 1 E. 67 St., New York 21, N. Y. or from Fullbright officer on a campus. Deadline for filing applications is Nov. 1, 1958.

- Fourth annual "Design in Hardwoods" competition held in connection with Hardwoods Exhibit at Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry, has been announced by J. P. Hamer, president, Hardwoods Exhibit Board of Directors. Awards and Honorable Mention Scrolls, to be presented at convention of Fine Hardwoods Association in Chicago in February, will be awarded in four classifications: production furniture, custom furniture, architectural installations, and "miscellaneous." Entries must be of completed projects or, in the case of production items, must be currently in distribution. Deadline for entries is Dec. 1. Entry blanks: Fine Hardwoods Association, 666 Lake Shore Dr., Chicago 11, Ill.

- Camera, Swiss photographic magazine, and International Asbestos-Cement Review, quarterly published by Editions Girsberger, Zurich, are inviting architects, photographers, and general public to submit high-quality photographs of new buildings in the construction of which asbestos-cement was used. For prospectus giving the conditions of competition, and a brief survey of architectural applications of asbestos-cement, write: Camera, C. J. Bucher Publishers Ltd., Lucerne, Switzerland.

- In this one-story library, covering some 29,700 sq ft next to the new City Hall in Palo Alto, Architect Edward D. Stone has achieved a functional and esthetic combination of steel, glass, and tile, to give maximum flexibility both indoors and out. Structural-steel framing served the dual purpose of lifting the structure to permit glass walls along its entire perimeter and to carry the weight of the heavy shake roof, which matches the City Hall. The pattern of pierced terra-cotta blocks surrounding the building as a patio screen, and repeated in the light-diffuser panels, serves as a light and wind barrier and also has an acoustical utility. Structural engineers were Pregnoff & Matheu, San



Francisco. Steelwork and structural steel were furnished by Golden Gate Iron Works, San Francisco, and Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation.

- Manhattan's skyline will receive the touch of acknowledged masters through the panel of eminent architects collaborating in design of Grand Central City, the "world's largest commercial office structure" to adjoin Grand Central Terminal in New York. Planning the 50-story, 3,000,000



sq ft skyscraper, to cost \$100 millions, are Pietro Belluschi, Walter Gropius, and Richard Roth, partner in the architectural firm of Emery Roth & Sons. Erecting the project is a group headed by Erwin S. Wolfson, board chairman of Diesel Construction Company, and including Herbert Scheffel, Stuart Scheffel, and Alfred G. Burger.

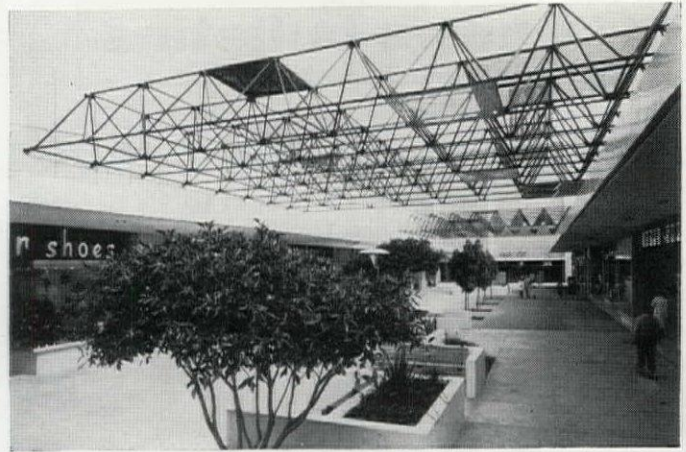
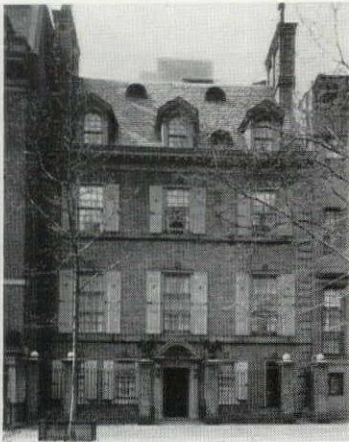
- Walter L. Gordon, practicing architect in Portland and formerly director of Portland Art Museum, has been named Dean of University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts. . . . Albert Christ-Janer has been named Professor of Art and Dean of the Art School, Pratt Institute. He is director of School of the Arts and Professor of Art at Pennsylvania State University, and was director of the arts center development at New York University. . . . Dr. Stephen P. Timoshenko, professor emeritus at Stanford University and authority on applied mechanics, will receive an Elliott Cresson Medal from the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, Oct. 15. . . . William H. Scheick has been appointed Vice-President of Research and Development for Timber Engineering Company, research-engineering affiliate of National



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Lumber Manufacturers Association. Before joining TECO, Scheick was executive director of Building Research Institute and Building Research Advisory Board.

- New New York headquarters of Welton Becket & Associates will be at 116 East 55th Street, in one of the last great town houses to be built in New York. It was designed in 1926 by William Lawrence Bottomley for the late William Ziegler, Jr., prominent New York businessman and philanthropist. Moving date is October 1. While building alterations are under way, the firm will continue to occupy offices at 11 West 42nd Street.



- The \$12-million Eastland Shopping Center at West Covina, California, was designed by Albert C. Martin & Associates, architects-engineers. Its unique overhead "space frame" decorative structure in the Center's Mall area, provided by Unistrut Products Company, is intended to create a sense of intimate scale in the area by defining height, as well as to carry out triangular theme of the center, and to throw shadow patterns of reflected color through transparent color panels. Constructed by May Company on a five-acre tract, the center has two levels, with 65 stores and shops, and May Company's own store of four levels.

- Charles Luckman, partner in firm of Pereira & Luckman, Los Angeles and New York, will present the keynote speech at the Fourth Annual Convention of the Prestressed Concrete Institute, to be held in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Sept. 21-25.

Washington report

by Frederick Gutheim

Whether the 85th Congress, which has just concluded its work, is one of the worst or one of the best depends not only on your political point of view but even more on your angle of interest. In terms of building, the Congress has done well. While it has stopped short of any national public works program, and has still to take any action to alleviate the shortage of school buildings, it has advanced such continuing Federal activities as housing, the Hill-Burton hospital program, and defense public works. But even more to the point, Congress has shown increasingly its ability to think independently and responsibly as never before.

- Building is leading the way out of the slump, indeed; but it is caught in the dilemma of increasing productivity and inflation. The rise in building costs, fear of which was used by Administration economists as an argument against expanded Federal building programs, now appears to have been an inevitable development. Locally, building costs are

up since last year about 2.5 points on the Boeckh housing-cost index. National materials-cost increases, highlighted by steel, will be reflected in the next round of construction contracts let. The future economic picture is anything but one of rapid recovery. Pockets of unemployment will remain, both in specific industries and in particular geographic areas. This situation is expected to have profound political effects on the coming elections. If it continues, as I expect, it will also shape a number of actions by Congress next year.

- New Federal building in Washington authorized by Congress will include one \$14-million unit in the Southwest Washington redevelopment area, and another just west of the Department of Health, Education & Welfare building. Both are general-purpose buildings, for undesignated agencies, and will house employes formerly located in temporary buildings along the Mall. Another important building development was authorization of \$1.2 millions in planning funds to start the controversial Lafayette Square building. In debates on these measures, Sen. Warren G. Magnusen observed that the action really marked the end of the lease-purchase program of Federal construction. And, in effect, he added, it was good riddance because lease-purchase building was more expensive than direct construction. Let us hope that this argument is followed up by Congressional action on needed buildings rather than lead-

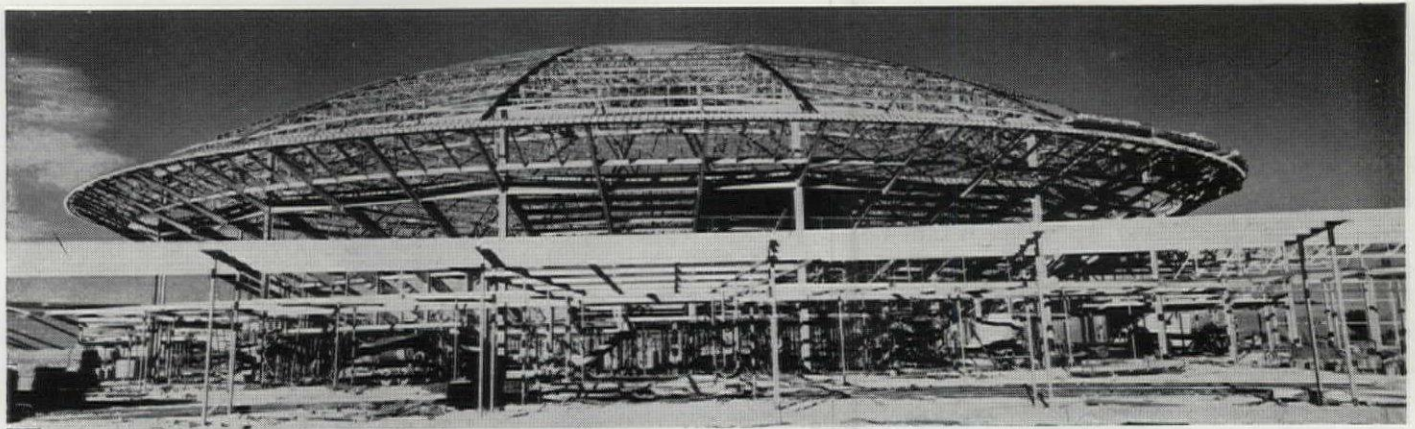
- American Hospital Association's Washington Service Bureau reports that \$186.2 millions have been appropriated for medical facilities, with some \$150 millions assigned to basic hospital construction.

- Structural clay products house to be built as part of Living For Young Homemakers "Basic Materials Research and Design Program," will be designed collaboratively by Prof. Roger Montgomery and Dean Joseph Passonneau, of Washington University School of Architecture, St. Louis.

- According to Architects-Engineers Adrian Wilson & Associates, \$4½ millions Las Vegas Convention Center, completion date set for February 15, 1959, is now running ahead of construction schedule. Air-conditioned throughout, the building will contain the most modern installations of electronics equipment for broadcasting, including closed-circuit television, separate viewing screens, and intercommunicating

devices. Advanced lighting systems and engineering permit complete flexibility of use—for conventions, sporting events, and any variety of exhibits. The mushroom-shaped main building has an over-all length of 1000 feet, including the exhibit wing, and total footage will be 275,285 sq ft. Surface of the dome will be of anodized aluminum; special lighting effects will dramatize it at night. Dr. Vern O. Knudsen and J. S. Hamel were acoustical and illumination consultants, respectively.

- Ninth National Noise Abatement Symposium to be held at Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Oct. 9-10, will treat with problems of noise in industry. Sponsors are Acoustical Materials Association, Acoustical Society of America, American Industrial Hygiene Association, American Society of Planning Officials, American Society of Safety Engineers, Armour Research Foundation, National Noise Abatement Council, and Noise Control Magazine.



ing circuitously back to a situation where balking at capital outlay results in no construction.

- Building surprise of the month was authorization of the new headquarters building of the recently created Space Agency. The architects are as yet undesignated. The building will be located on the grounds of the Beltsville, Md., agricultural center, 15 miles northeast of Washington, and will house about 650 employees.

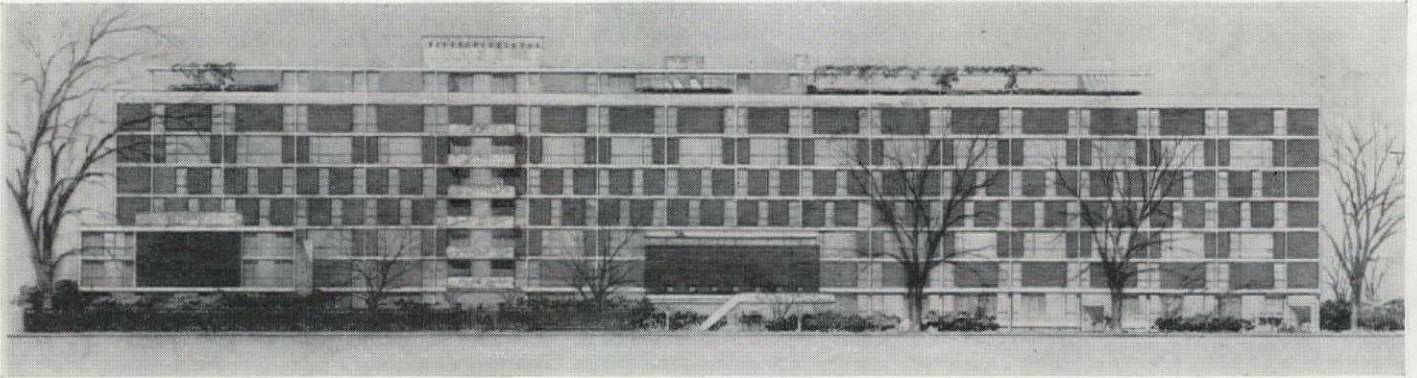
Other locally significant actions by Congress resulted in the green light for a new, permanent, 258-bed hospital building at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, included in the \$1.6-billion military-construction bill.

- At this writing, it is permissible to hope that favorable final action will be taken on the location of the much-studied Cultural Center for Washington. A 10-acre Federally owned site overlooking the Potomac between Georgetown and the Lincoln Memorial has been approved by the Senate, and has attracted the support of most local interests, including the AIA. The Center's proponents are confident that once a suitable site has been provided, construction and operating funds (estimated at about \$25 millions) can be raised privately. The American National Theatre & Academy has also pledged itself to raise the funds needed to purchase a small additional piece of ground needed to round out the

site. What this project now needs is a convincing set of hearings, probably to be scheduled next spring by the House Public Buildings subcommittee—and an inspired program and architectural design. Both should emphasize the national character of the undertaking.

- After the expert Gaither Committee has advised the President that a \$22-billion 10-year civil defense program should be undertaken, the Administration's response now appears to be limited to the proposed \$29-million pilot program for fallout shelters. This would yield about 40 prototype shelters and an accelerated research effort to improve fallout shelter design standards, and incorporate them into the planning of new construction. More important, perhaps, is the trend of the entire program toward a wholly Federal character, and away from the stultifying and vague sharing of this Federal responsibility with state and local agencies. An Office of Defense and Civilian Mobilization has been organized in the Executive Office of the President, headed by Leo A. Hoegh.

- Washington-bound trippers, especially the millions of school tourists, might like to know there is an excellent official guidebook, available from the Superintendent of Documents, at the modest price of 30 cents. Prepared by the Department of Health, Education & Welfare as Departmental Bulletin 15, it is entitled, Know Your Capital City.



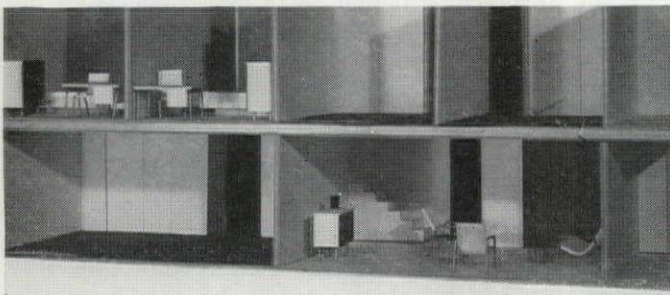
HARVARD BUILDS EIGHTH HOUSE

First new building to go ahead under The Program for Harvard College—Harvard's planned growth program for which \$82,500,000 is currently being raised—is an additional all-inclusive residence hall: what is known at Harvard as a House. Designed by Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott, Quincy House (or Eighth House, as it has become known) will add certain planning innovations that have both improved and made less expensive the original House concept.

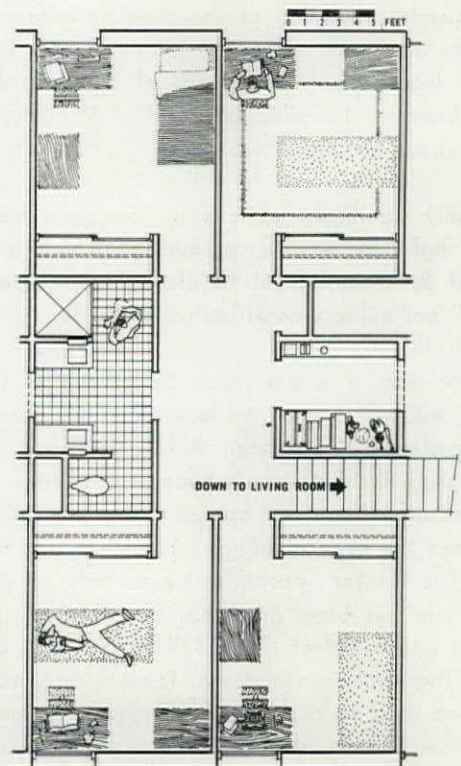
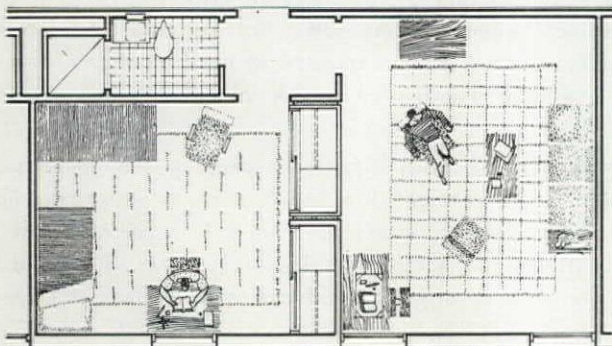
The basis of the program remained the college-within-a-college ideal, with the House containing dining space, tutorial rooms, and living space for tutors and a House Master. The planning change that has been made is to depart from the traditional dormitory "entry" system and adapt a version of the skip-stop corridor idea in the central

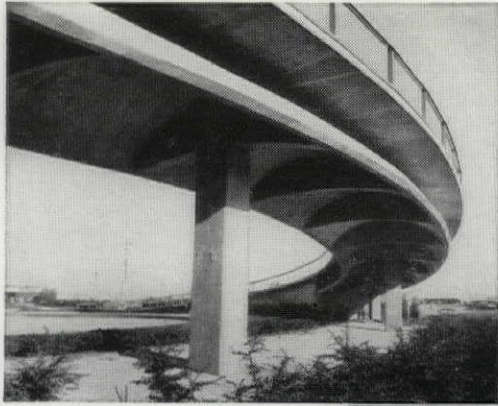
portion of the building. The top six of the House's seven stories are divided into two groups of three-floor "sandwiches." The middle of the three floors contains living rooms (typically for four students) on either side of a corridor. Above and below this floor are bedroom-study floors, reached from the living rooms by internal stairs, and on the bedroom floors there are no corridors. Faculty offices and apartments for resident tutors are on the lowest floor.

Shown (above) is the west elevation; the House will be a concrete frame, cast-slab structure; red-brick screen walls providing integration with earlier "Georgian" Houses. Below are a cutaway model showing interlocking of living areas with bedroom-studies above; and plans of the typical four-man suite's upper level, and a self-contained two-man suite which occurs toward ends of the building.



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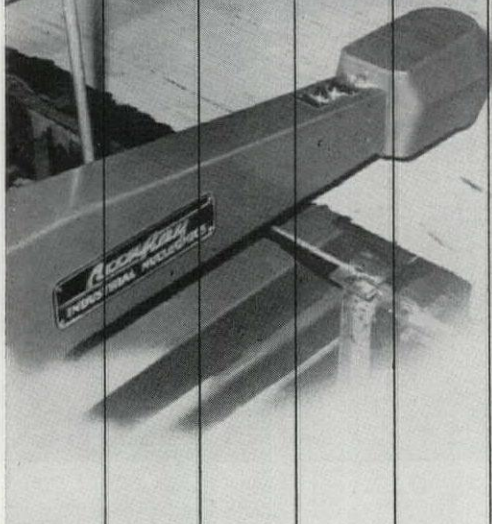
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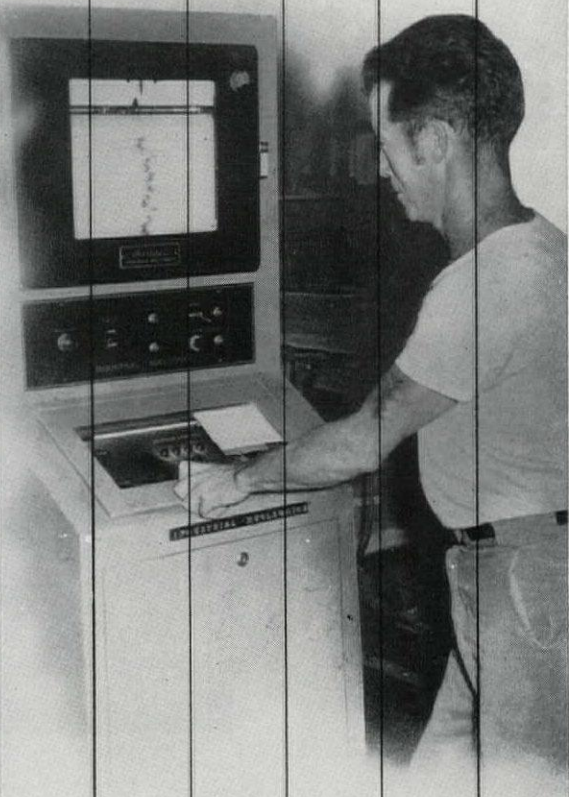
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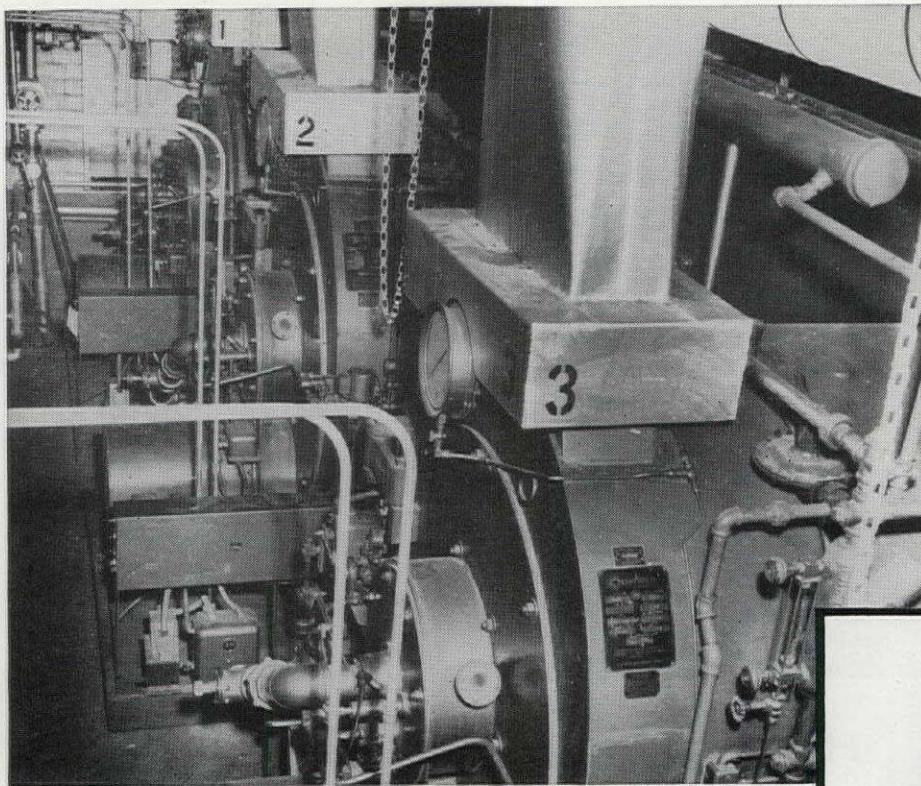
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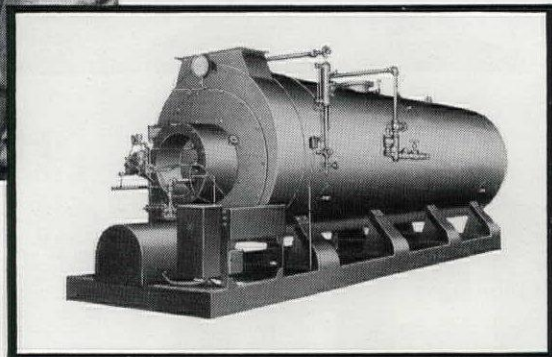


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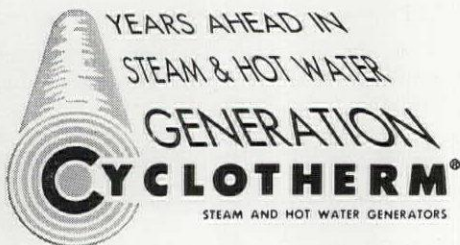
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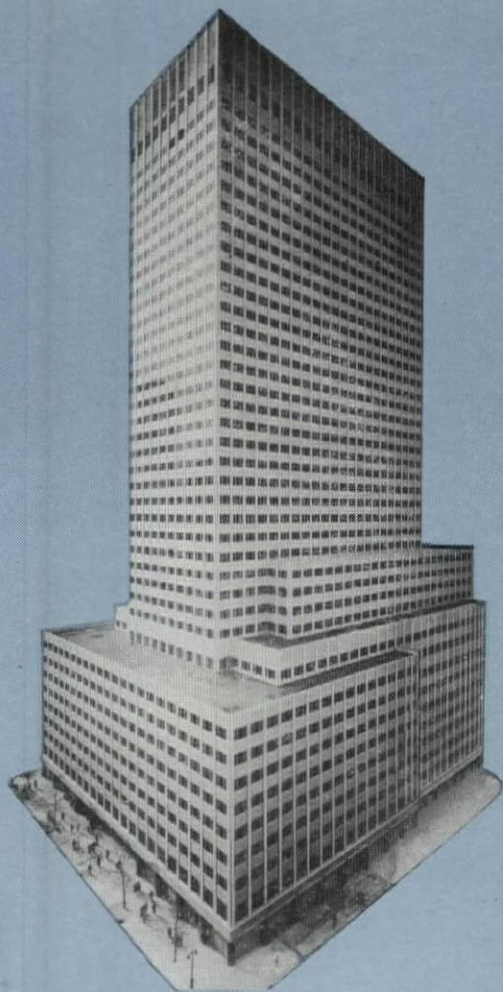
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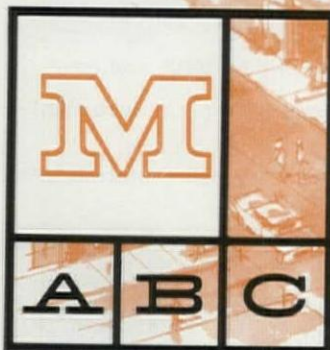


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Stock-market pundits who advise the buying of corporate securities "as a hedge against inflation" are likened by a well known monetary authority to Tibetan monks who turn repetitive prayer-wheels. Speaking recently before the New York Society of Security Analysts, Franz Pick of Pick's World Currency Report contends that stock-and-bond protection is illusory because corporation reports are measured with "a rod of steadily shrinking size," to wit the dollar. Granting this expert's thesis, it would seem that the nearest to an inflation hedge is real estate with its basic tangible value, its present and potential improvements, and its inherently limited supply. Recognition of this fact may have prompted the current heavy investment in land and buildings, particularly by financial institutions. The architect's position in the nation's economy is further strengthened and his arguments for new construction are reinforced.

Land in general is giving a good account of itself. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago the bright spot in the economy continues to be the agricultural sector. In the first half of 1958, the farmers enjoyed a "realized net income" 22% above that of last year—the best showing since 1953 and reflecting a \$13.3 billions annual rate. Largely as a result of this cash influx, plus a bumper wheat crop, the demand for better and more commodious farm buildings is opening up a vast field hitherto seldom invaded by architects. The reason: wood is being replaced by steel. Trussless steel is finding favor for agricultural structures to which it has proved as well adapted as in the realm of industry. A leading manufacturer of such products reports a six-month rise of 30% in his sales for the '58 half year, as compared with the corresponding '57 period. A similar increase is expected for 1958 as a whole.

- "Not slower than Majesty moves" with pace unperturbed by frenzied Washington efforts to hasten it, the economic cycle, that ponderous entity, has begun a leisurely upswing precisely according to schedule (see recent issues of P/A). Business statistics already reveal an encouraging reversal in trend. Plus signs predominate in Dun & Bradstreet's latest available reports as we go to press. Steel-ingot production rose 6.6% above the preceding week, having gained 4% in the week before that; corresponding increases for bituminous-coal output were 3.5% and 74.8%; the like figures for freight-car loadings were 4.4% and 18.5%. Small minuses were registered by bank clearings and wholesale food prices.

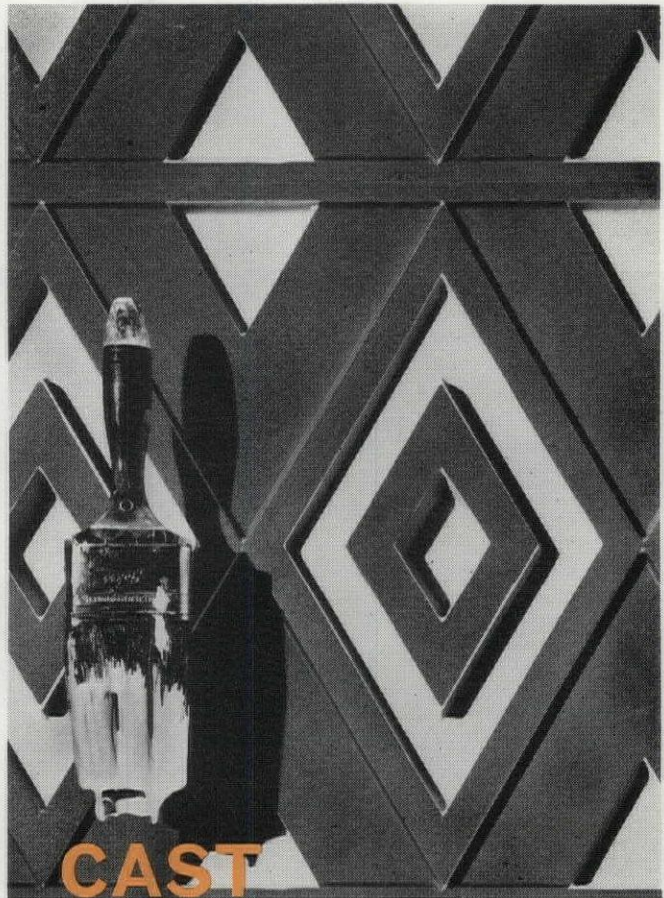
- A novel approach to the economic outlook for this fall is furnished by Chase Manhattan Bank in its study of the recently established Common European Market. EEC (European Economic Community) now has six treaty signers

—Western Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Italy, and the Netherlands. Negotiations are under way with United Kingdom and other Western European countries. This undertaking is hailed by Chase as potentially "one of the most significant economic events of all time," posing "a series of challenges and opportunities to U. S. business." The bank underscores the necessity of American manufacturers expanding their research facilities so as to overcome the handicap of tariff restrictions on incoming goods plus the lack of such restrictions between EEC participants. This aspect of the survey points to an increased demand for architecturally correct office buildings in America to house additional research facilities, rather than for purely industrial units less interesting to the architect.

- Pellets of optimism for the profession: Fanny May (FNMA) has \$150 millions fresh money available, to support the mortgage market and spur a three-quarter-billion housing program, much of which is materializing without her aid; nonfarm dwelling starts are back to 1955 levels, running 5000 units monthly ahead of '57; Mutual Savings Bank deposits nationwide increased one-and-a-third billions dollars during the first six months of this year as compared with \$876 millions in the like period of '57—a quarter billion a month going currently into mortgages, the fastest pace of increase on record; First National City Bank of New York believes an upturn is in the making, coincident with second-quarter recovery of gross national product to an adjusted annual rate, some \$2.2 billions above first-quarter figures; commercial and industrial failures are below one number for this time last year or the year before.

- Despite heavy Federal financing, the municipal-bond market continues to be a massive source of funds for public architectural undertakings, with schools as the largest category. Three Los Angeles School District issues, due in 1983 and totaling \$40 millions, were floated by banking syndicates last month on a 3½% income basis. The Bond Buyer yield-level, however, reflects a slight weakening of the market following the international flare-up. Dealers are favorably impressed by the large number of relatively small orders for bonds, indicative of broad distribution.

- The second half of '57, as foreviewed by the First National Bank of Chicago at its semi-annual panel of business leaders, will in all likelihood enjoy an improving economic climate. The recession's rate of decline, says Bank Board Chairman Edward E. Brown, is now lessening and may end decisively by 1959. He sees no sign as yet of the "spiraling" that is still dreaded in some knowledgeable quarters. James R. Price, Chairman, National Homes Corporation, expects a decline of less than 2% in the rate at which new construction is put into place during the last six months of this year. Public building, on the other hand, "will be strong in trend" with an anticipated 10% upturn. Inland Steel's Pres. Joseph L. Block reports that inventories have been drastically reduced and that during the fourth 1958 quarter there should be a substantially accelerated pace in that industry.

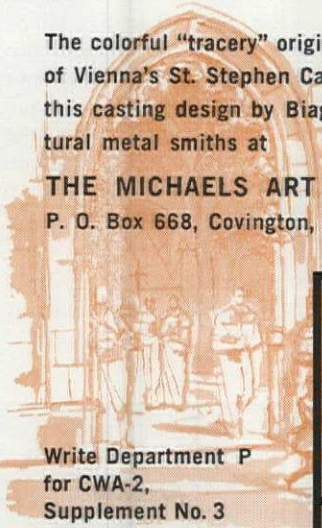


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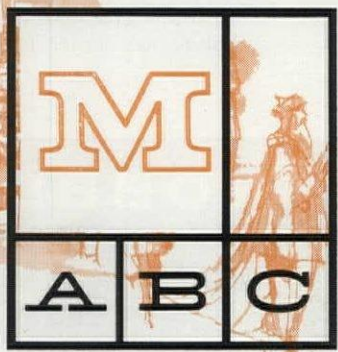
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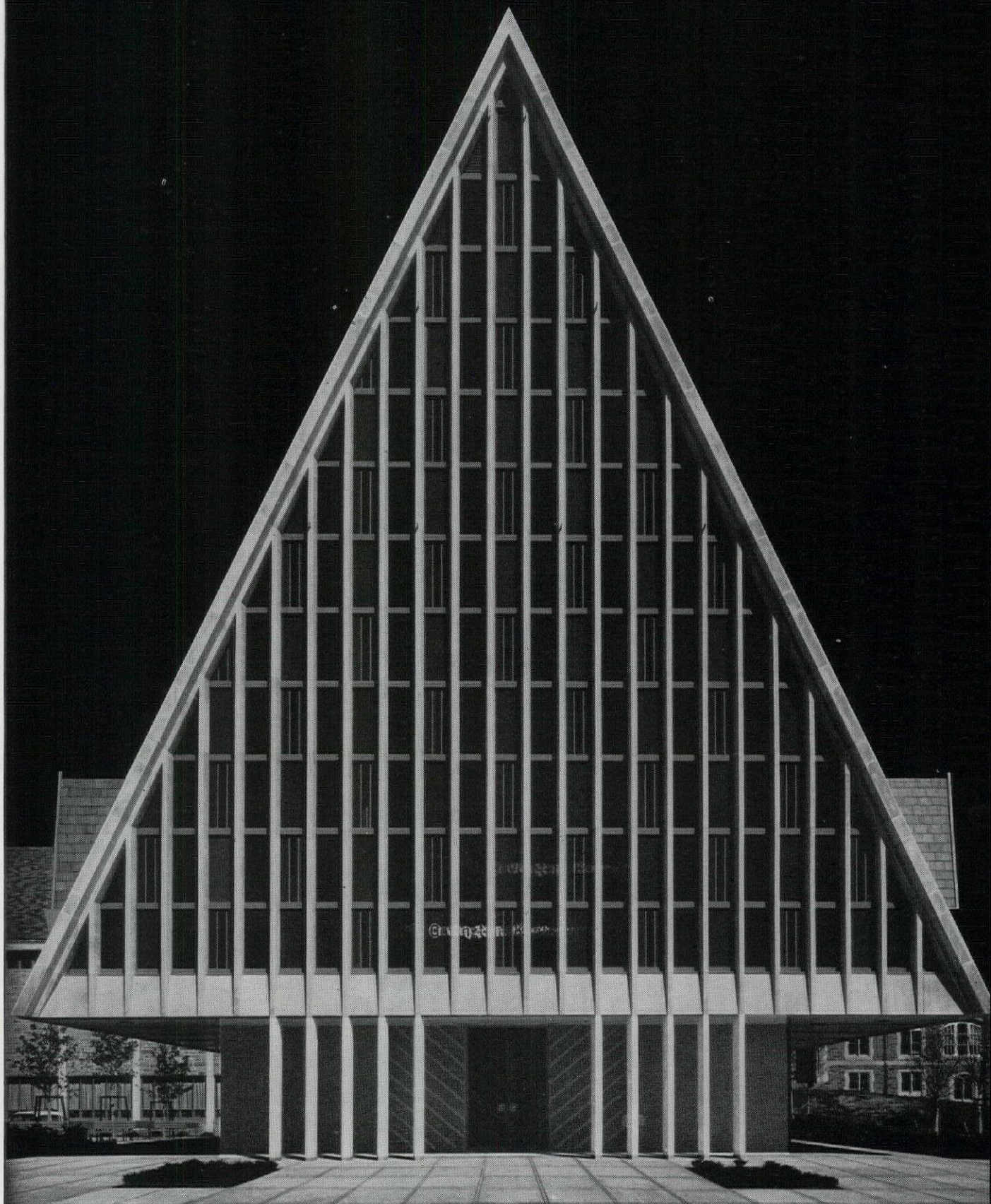
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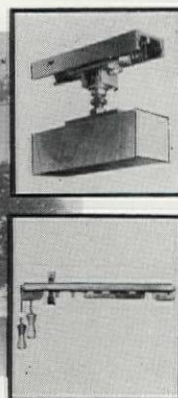
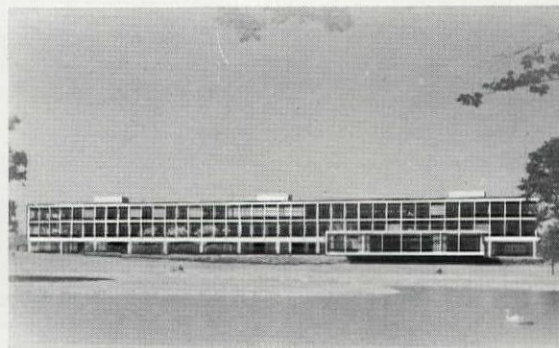
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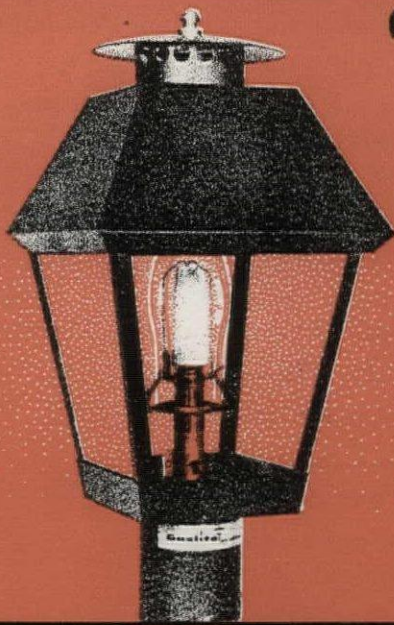
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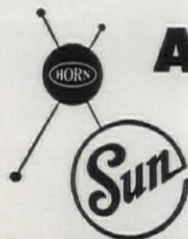
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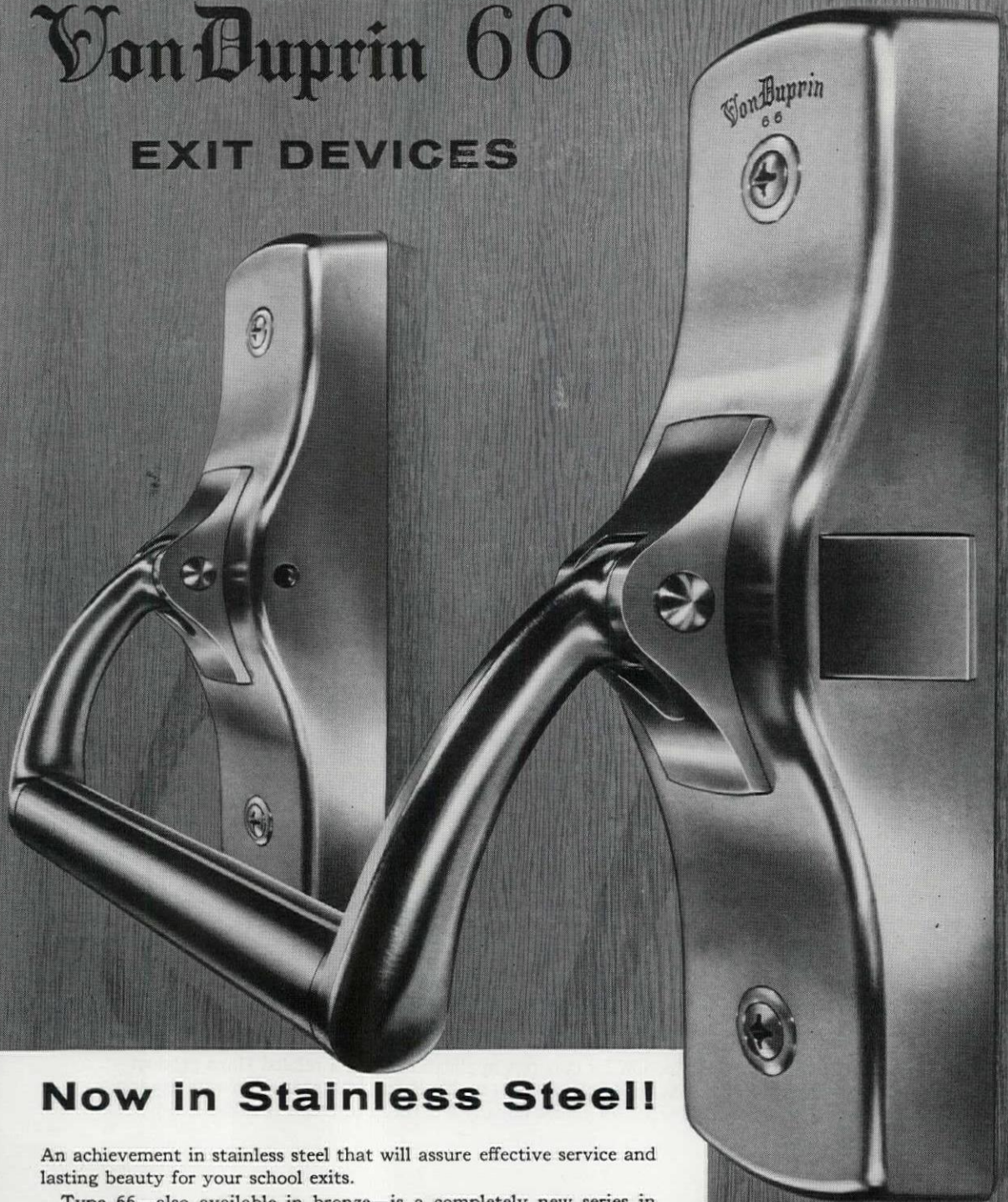
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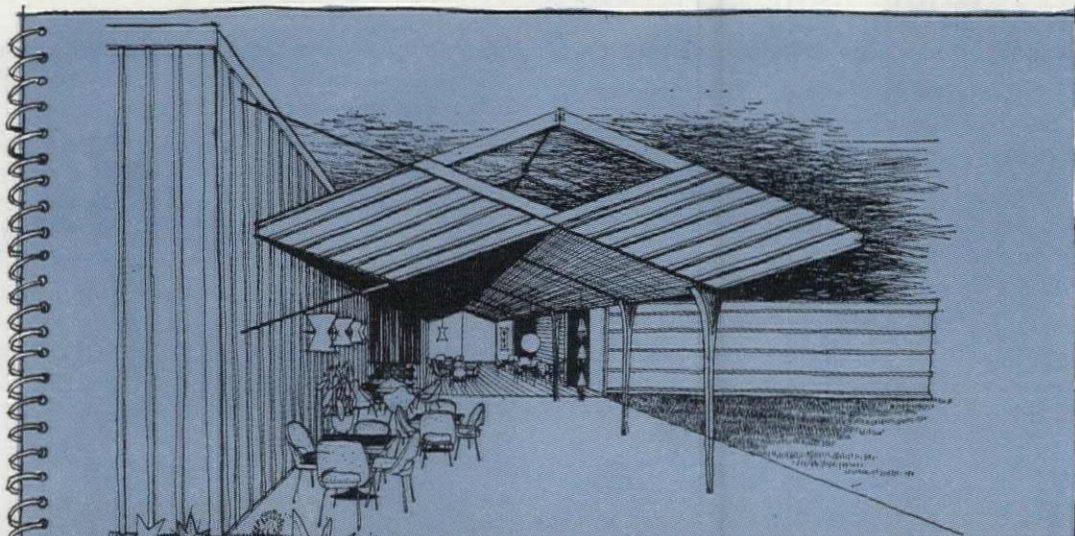
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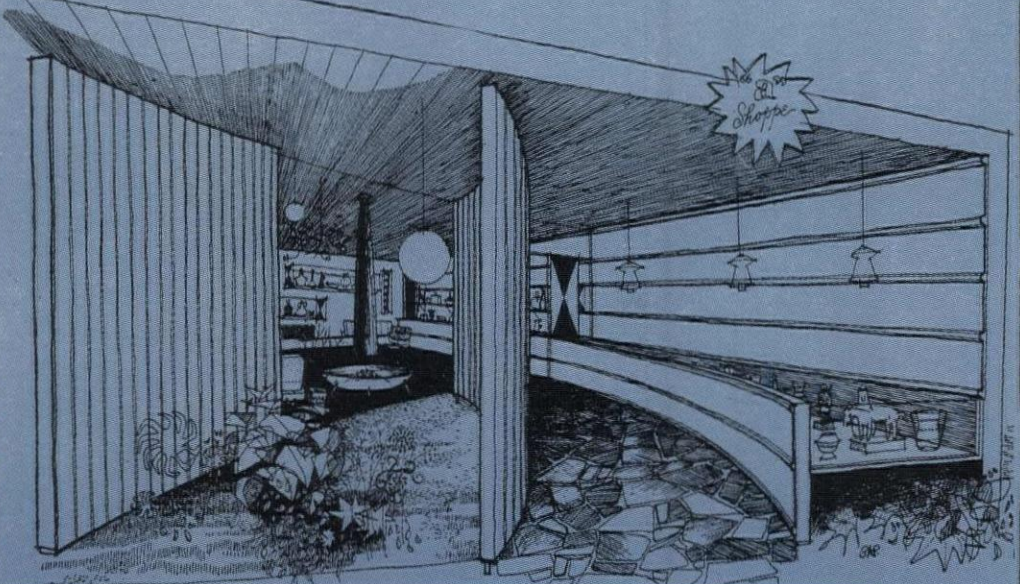
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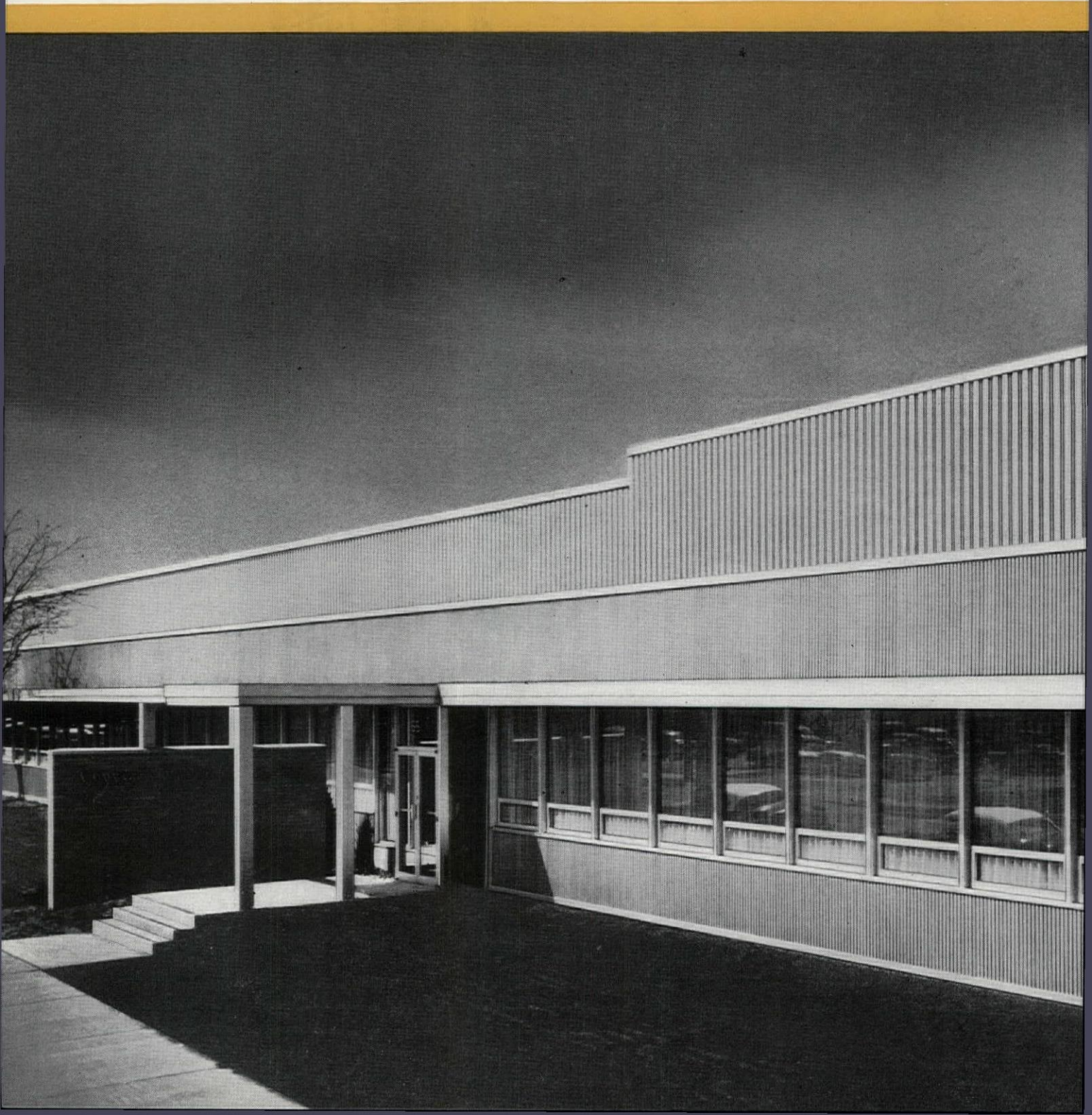
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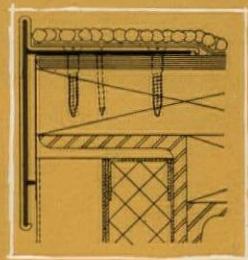
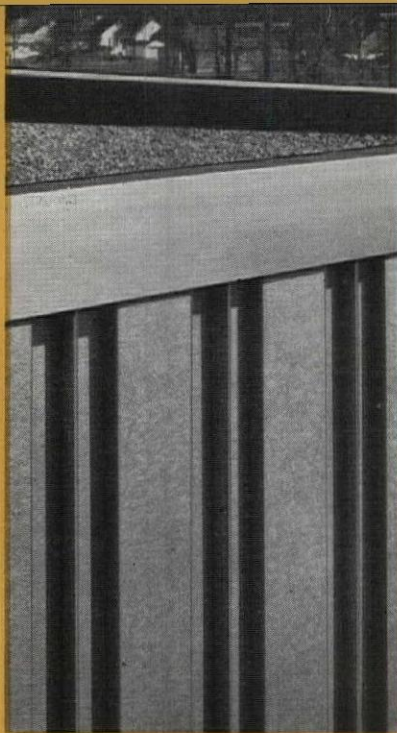
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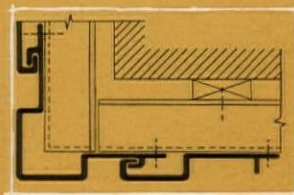


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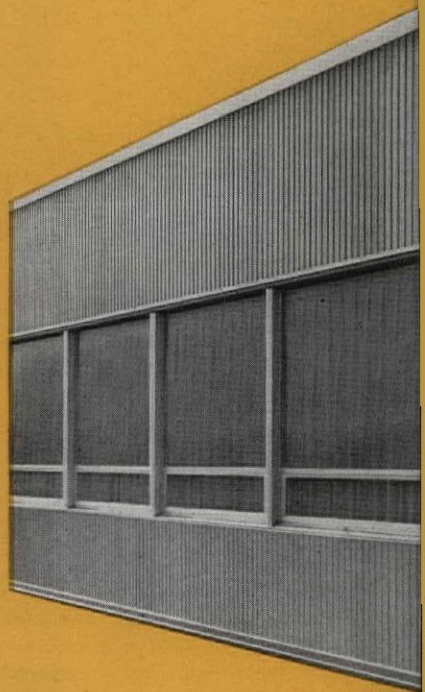
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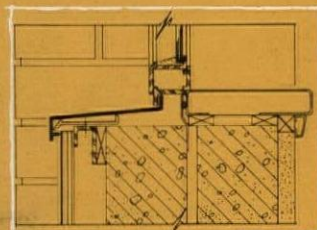


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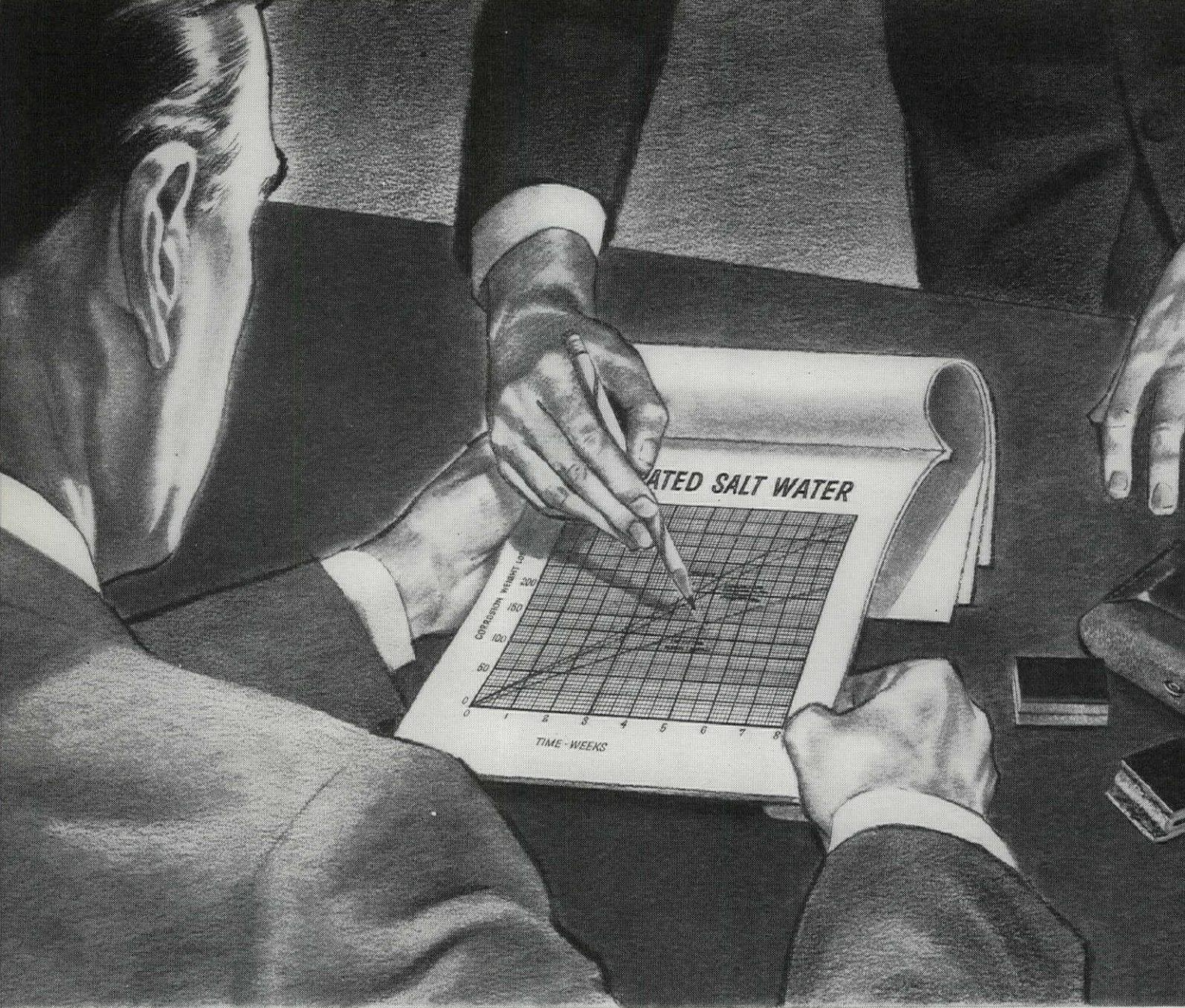


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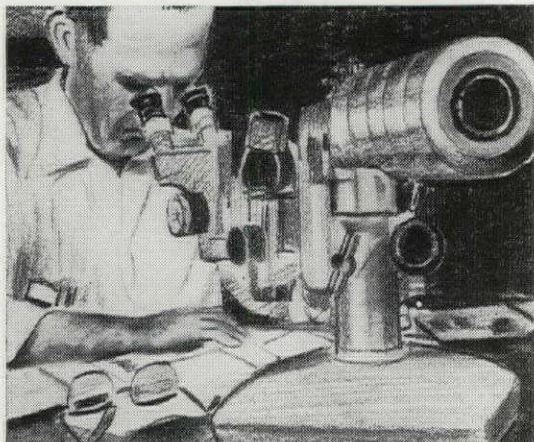
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Dear Editor: You may be interested in notes for a little report I was asked to make for my friends, the AIA Chapter of Pasadena, on a recent trip to Europe, Africa, and South America.

To see the far-flung presentations and pavilions in Brussels—with the much-needed help of the chief architect—leaves one fascinatingly ignorant about the distribution of design talent over the planet. One sees only which governments have recognized architects and design as a contemporary international means of public relations. Surely Turkey does not have more "Gift" per square mile, but the Turkish Pavilion belongs to the best. From experience last year as a consultant to the Turkish Government, up to the Soviet border, I'd say the country at large is probably far from equal to Italy in regard to architectural imagination. Yet political conflict seems to have somewhat impaired both the Italian and the Venezuelan exhibits. France looks more garish and "colossally industrialized" than refined and cultured. Long, leathery, but now so prosperous Portugal has learned—perhaps from its own rather despised colonials in Brazil—how to make a fine and fresh world impression. Spain suddenly appears as a leading country in the use of reinforced concrete for its pavilion, all of hexagonal slender mushrooms. Perhaps the truest-to-fact representations are those of Austria, Germany, and Holland. Japan's building, by the old-time Le Corbusier pupil, Maekawa—I saw him coming back to Tokyo 30 years ago—is grand. The site planning was quite a job on the lively grades and among the trees of the Fairgrounds. The Japanese and the Germans did well in this respect also, but the latter, unjustly, found no applause from their own government.

The Voice of America let me broadcast praise for our U.S.A. Exhibition. The Belgian colleagues, kind like those in East Africa, made

me a member of their Society, and the Colonial Ministry invited me to a cocktail party in front of their Congo Town Planning Exhibit. But what is more than all cocktails, is, they graciously furnished a plane and motor cars to see those towns and neighborhoods actually down in the tropics. These communities were pretty much as advertised—really well studied. The effort in these towns I could compare to what I had seen in Kenya or in the endless black-peopled suburban clusters along the east-west metropolitan railway line that carries 1000 commuter trains a day into the new Johannesburg railroad station, designed by Architect Joubert.

Belgian Leopoldville is, as a town, better ordered and more impressively planned than Accra, Ghana, with 300,000 population each. But Accra is just sprouting the new harbor city, Tema, a few miles east at the Goldcoast. Dakar, Senegal, is in progress somewhere between these two equally large cities and has a much grander Parliament building than the one that Kenya has in Nairobi, which I saw in full operation with opposition speakers of darkest pigmentation. I met black Ministers of Housing and Commerce in Ghana, Nigeria, and loyal opposition leaders, alike.

But no town compares with the new venture of Brazilia and no enthusiasm with that of President Jusselino Kubitschek, of Brazil. My "Portuguese" proved understandable enough to him, because I shared his enthusiasm. His palace, the work of Niemeyer, 1000 miles from Rio, is finished.

RICHARD J. NEUTRA
Los Angeles, Calif.

ruling not final

Dear Editor: In his excellent column, IT'S THE LAW (JUNE 1958 P/A), Bernard Tomson makes the, to us, surprising statement: "... a recent decision of a Colorado court [declares] the registration and licensing law of that state unconstitutional."

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1. The decision in question was rendered by a County Court. The State Supreme Court has not rendered (nor been asked for) an opinion.

2. The case in question was a criminal action; the sole issue was whether the statute could be enforced against the particular defendant and only insofar as described in the complaint.

3. The language of the Court concerning constitutionality of the specific applicable provision of the law was "Invalidity of that part of the statute defining the practice of architecture doubtless renders void the entire statute." We feel that

this statement does not of itself void the law (though it may pose the question). That other legal authority agrees with the Board is evidenced by the fact that lawyers and courts alike have since participated in actions concerning this law.

CASPER F. HEGNER, Secretary
Colorado State Board of
Examiners of Architects

I have read with interest Casper F. Hegner's letter concerning the JUNE 1958, IT'S THE LAW column.


Hegner inferred from this column that I had indicated that the Colorado registration and licensing law was a nullity, and that there could be no further administration of it. This inference was apparently drawn from the statement that a Colorado Court had declared the registration and licensing law of Colorado unconstitutional. This statement is accurate, but the inference drawn from it is unwarranted. Until the Court of highest and last resort has

spoken in respect to any legal issue, that issue is not finally resolved. In order to determine the case before it, the Colorado County Court ruled that the licensing and registration law was unconstitutional. This does not preclude the possibility that other Courts or Appellate Courts might reach a different conclusion.

The refusal of the Colorado State Board of Examiners and others to accept the Colorado County Court decision as a binding precedent (and properly so), does not negate the fact that the Court did declare the statute unconstitutional. In any event, it is clear that the statute in question has been subject to attack, and serious questions have been raised concerning it. In this connection, the chief point of the column (which bears repetition) was that the adoption of a uniform registration and licensing law would be an effective means of reducing the area of possible future challenge.

BERNARD TOMSON

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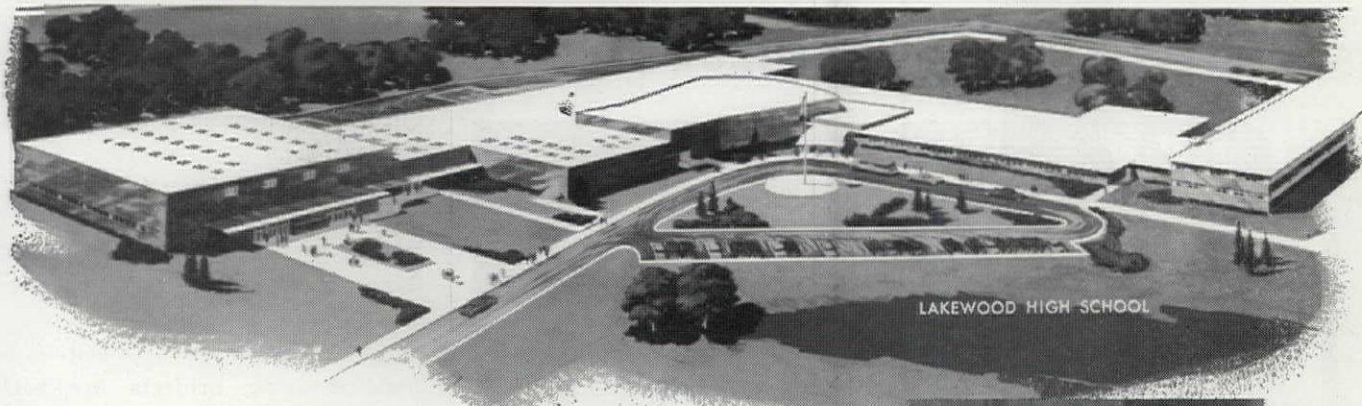
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construction and of operation of public and middle income housing. We also propose to keep the entire planning and construction field posted about our studies to bring about a greater return per construction dollar. We are about ready to publish our first Interim Report, which will explain in detail our plans to attain this goal.

As to whether we would engage

in an experimentation with six identical multistory structures in one of our projects about to be built, in order to test the six varieties of heating and insulation suggested by Neergaard, I cannot answer with positive assurance at this time. The decision will depend to a large extent upon the findings and recommendation of my research experts. It may be that some of the recommended methods will be tried in some of our vest-pocket projects, consisting of one or two buildings.

Insofar as our past experience is concerned, we have had a wide variety in the types of installations varying from individual apartment hot-air system to controlled two-pipe low-pressure steam for the large projects in densely populated urban centers. The large projects usually have a central heating plant with underground mains extending to every structure. There have been large projects, however, with several heating plants in each.

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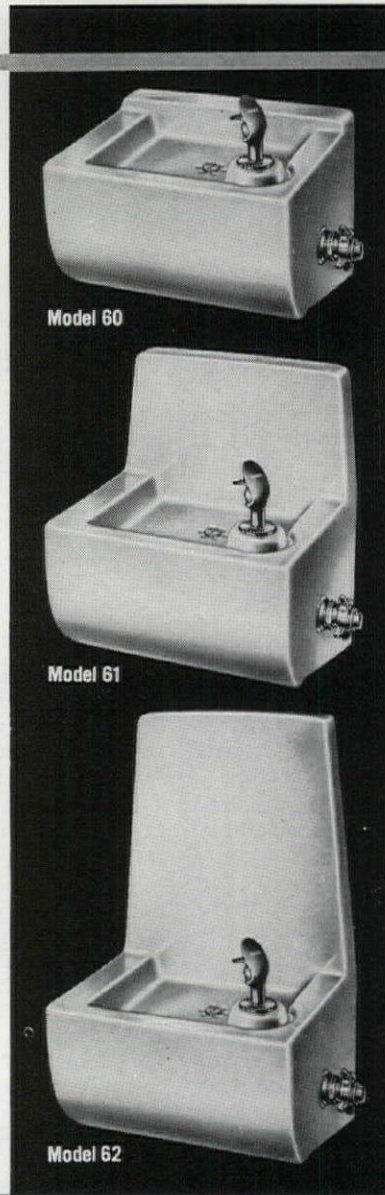


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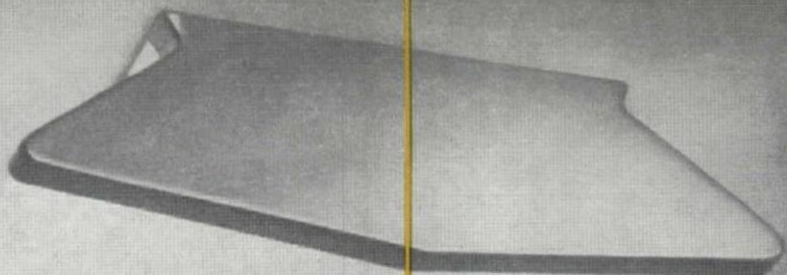
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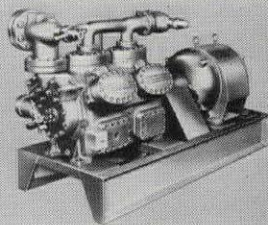
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13.1	118	18.4	63,200	81,000	100,800	5F60		20	9A14	DXH1008K	31.4
15.5	118	21.4	73,500	94,300	117,900		5F60	25	9A16	DXH1009K	37.2
21.1	116	28.0	95,500	122,700	154,000	5H40		30	9A25	DXH1209K	50.6
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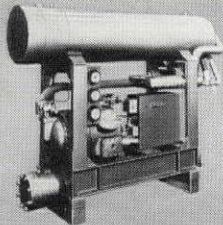
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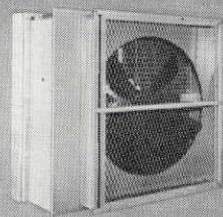
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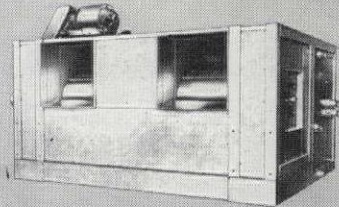
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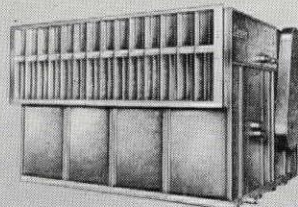
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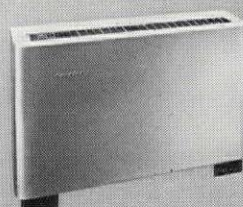
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42.0	116	55.0	193,000	246,000	308,000	5H80		60	9A50	DXH1611L	101.0
52.8	116	69.5	244,000	314,000	393,000	5H40-60		75	9A63	DXH1613L	126.7
71.8	119	96.7	332,000	428,000	538,000		5H120	100	9A75	DXH2012L	172.0
98.1	117	127.0	461,000	590,000	744,000		5H80-80	125	9A112	DXH2411L	235.0

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Your interest in bringing this matter to the attention of your readers is an important contribution in sparking greater efficiency and economy in construction and maintenance of housing projects.

JOSEPH P. McMURRAY, Commissioner
Division of Housing
State of New York

Dear Editor: Charles Neergaard has adequately proved that hospitals can be less expensive to operate, and often less expensive to build, if they are well insulated. There is ample evidence that this statement applies to every type of air-conditioned building, to all electrically heated buildings and to all heated buildings located in temperate and cold climates.

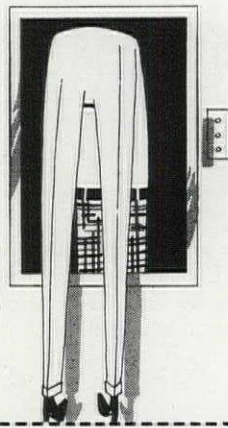
Neergaard's most significant statement is: "I have run into two obstacles: the skepticism of architects and engineers and, when insulation was adopted, the almost inevitable tendency to over-design the heating plant."

These frustrations are readily explained: when clients find bids running higher than budgets they tend to cut out such items as insulation and insulating glass. And they are often allowed to do this, unless the architect or engineer is informed on the true economics of insulation. Furthermore, if insulation should be added to the building as an afterthought, no one is willing to pay the engineer for the redesign of his system which should be required for maximum economy of operation. Hence the apparent "over-design" of the heating plant.

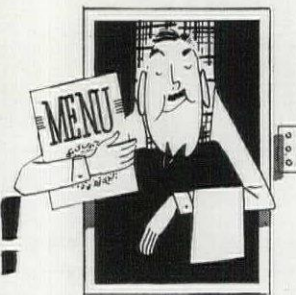
The main problem is "what benefit would the proposed investigation produce?" Neergaard believes the facts are already known. I am convinced he is right. Calculation methods are surprisingly reliable. If architects do not accept the facts already known, what evidence is there that the results from the six test buildings would be any more effective in getting the profession to use insulation for high comfort and minimum operating cost? If architects would pick up the challenge, I am sure manufacturers would support the program; but the manufacturers must be convinced that the test results would be believed and used.

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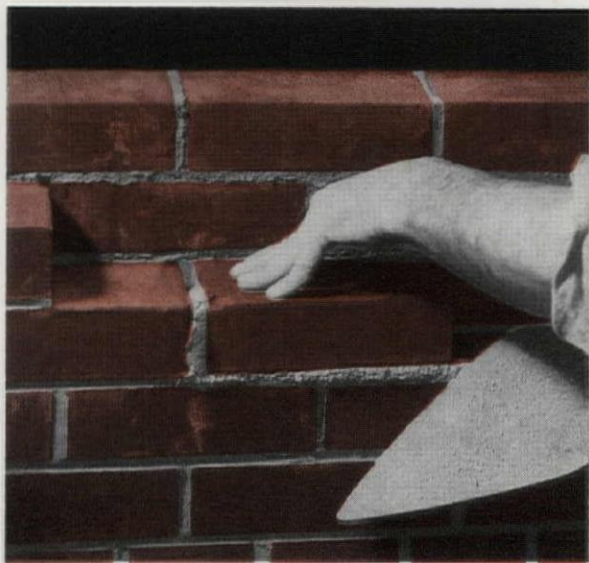
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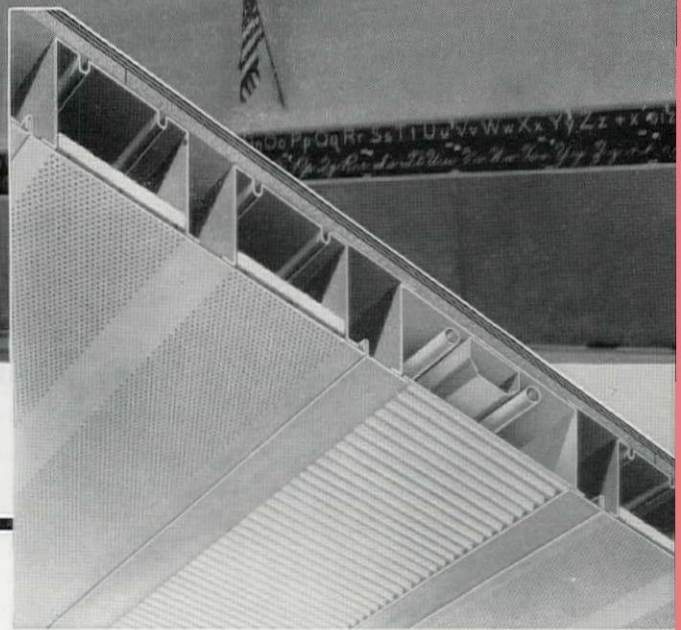
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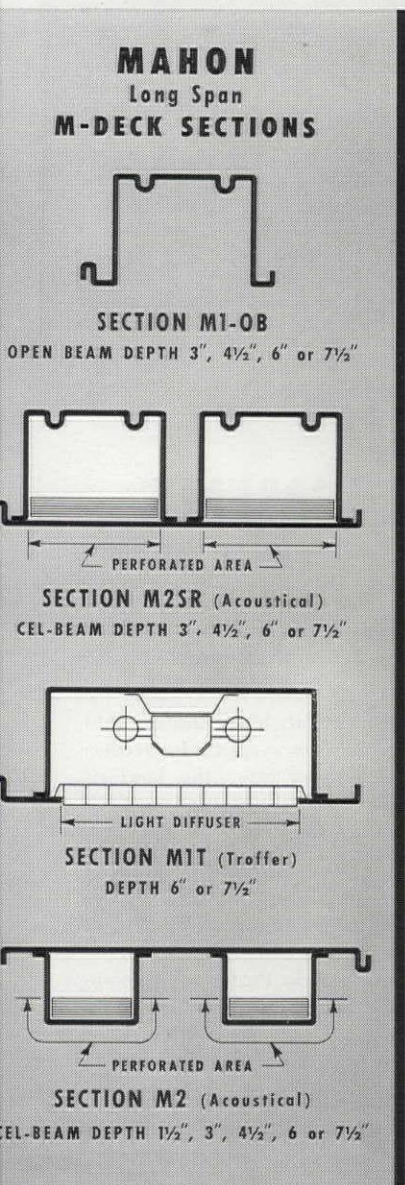
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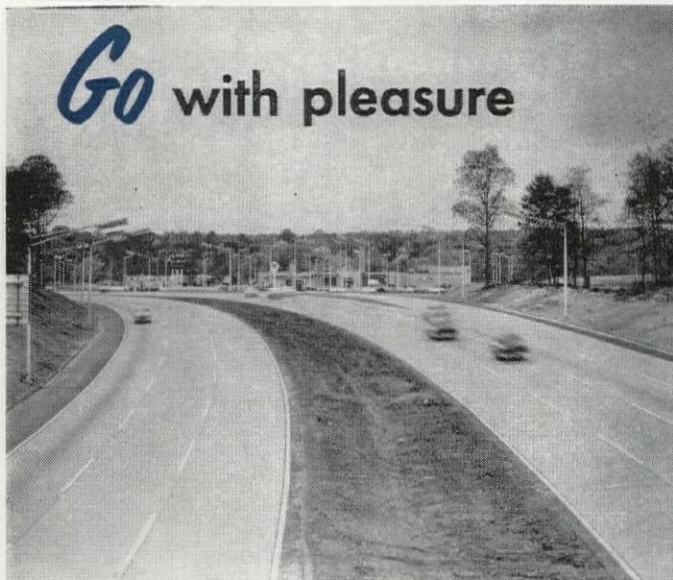
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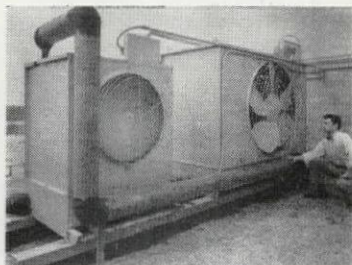
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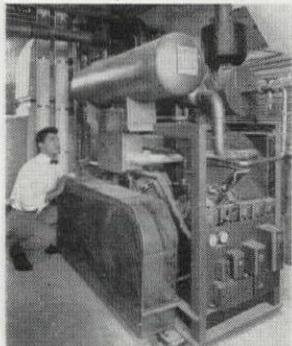
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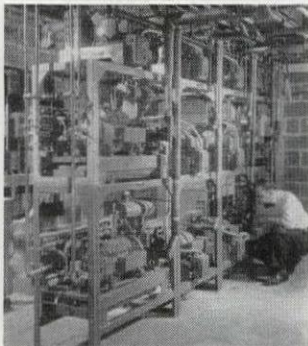
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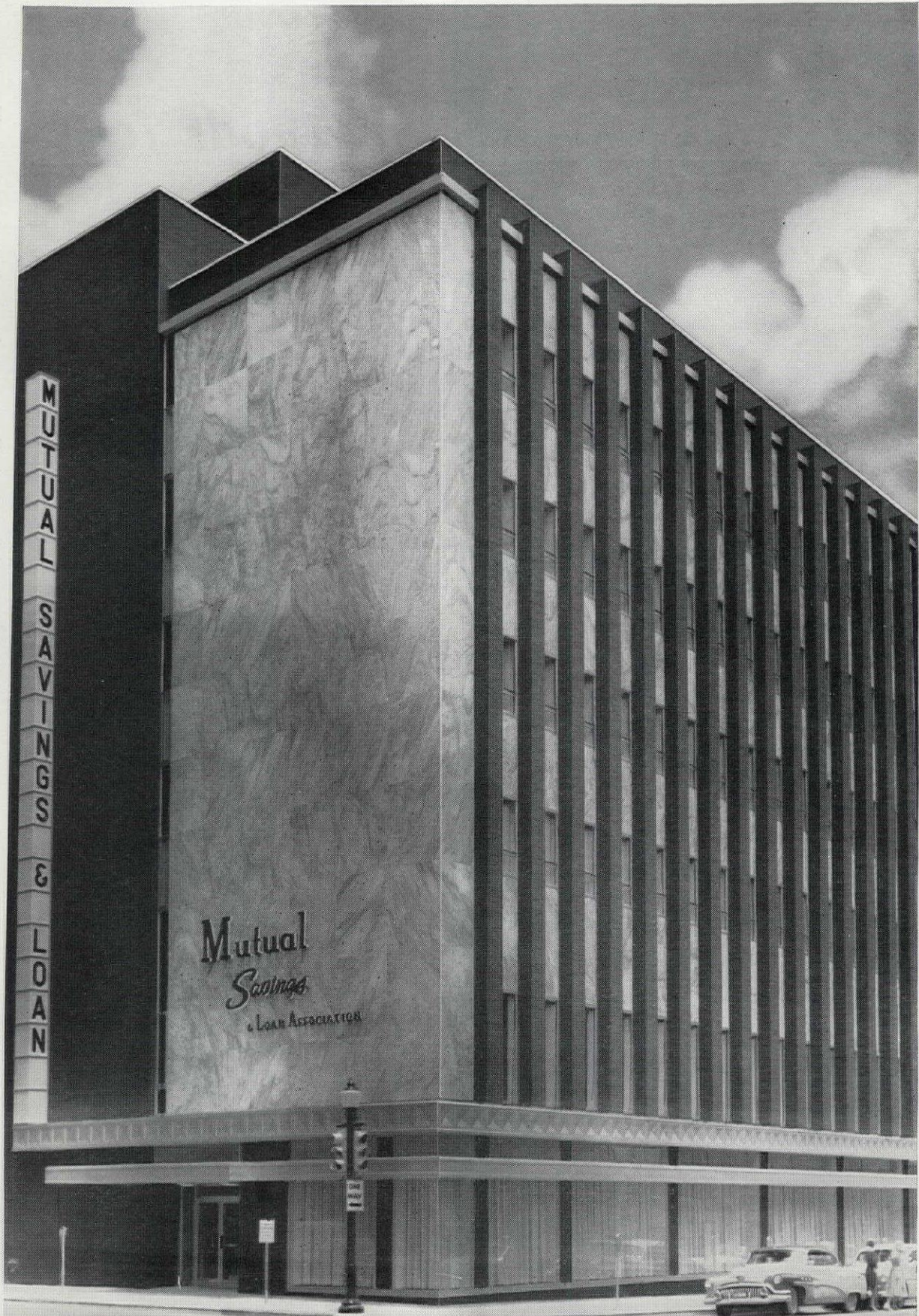
materials and methods for lighting in architecture

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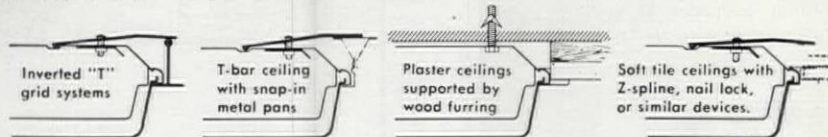
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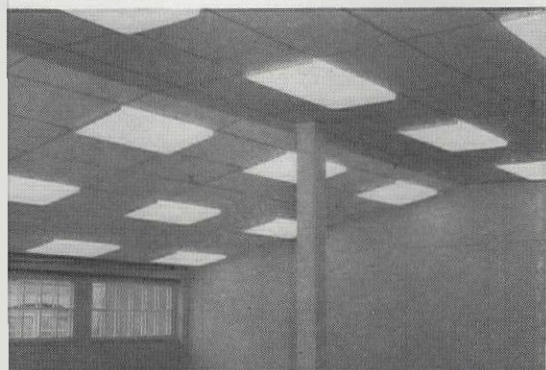
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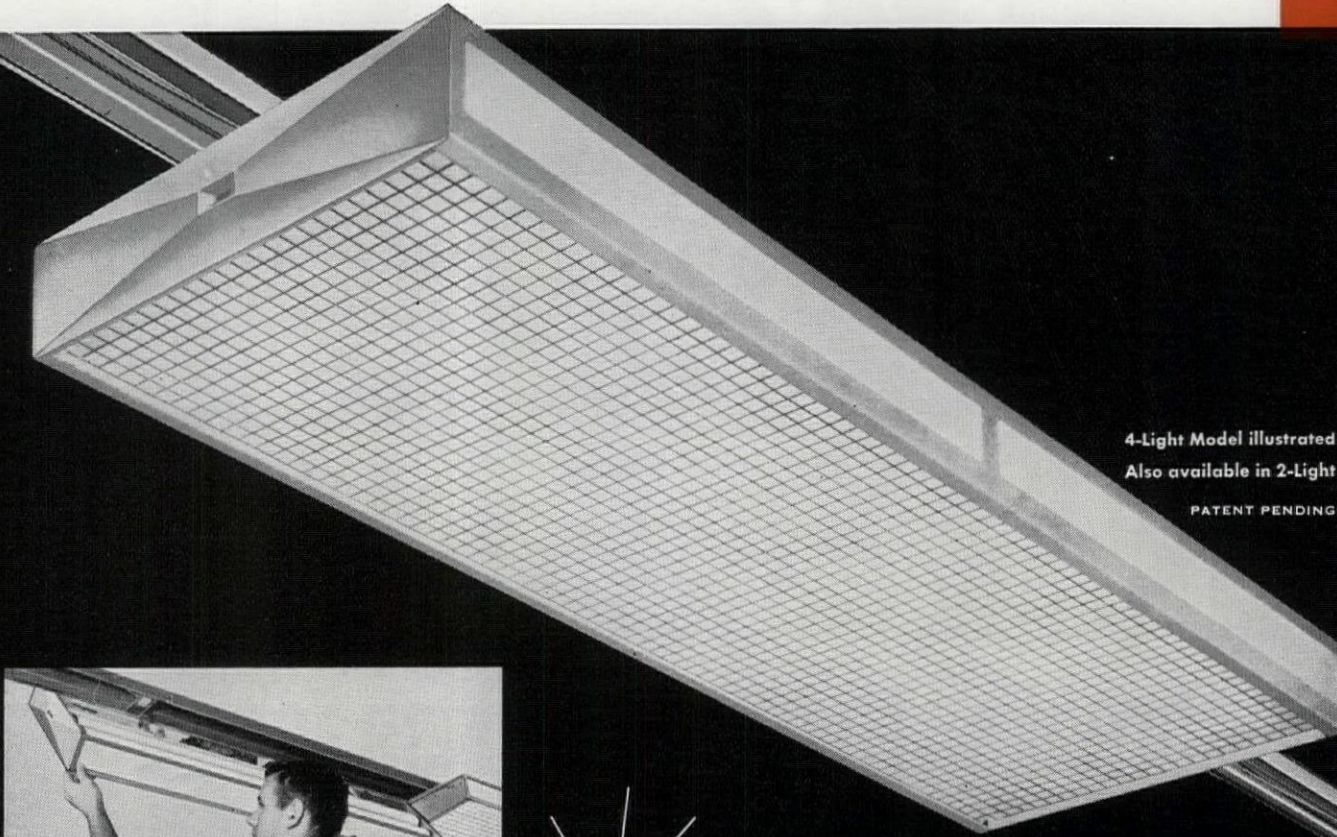
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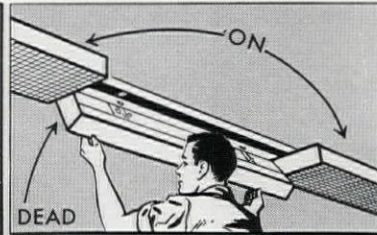
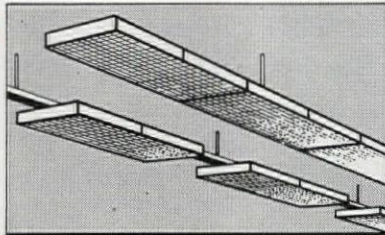


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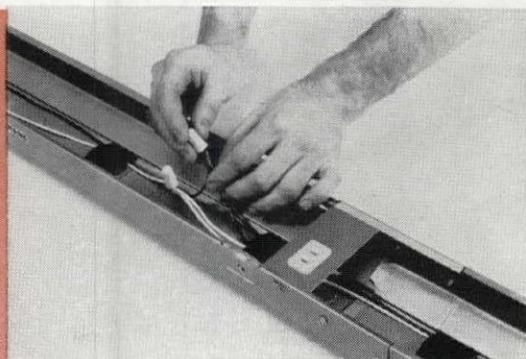
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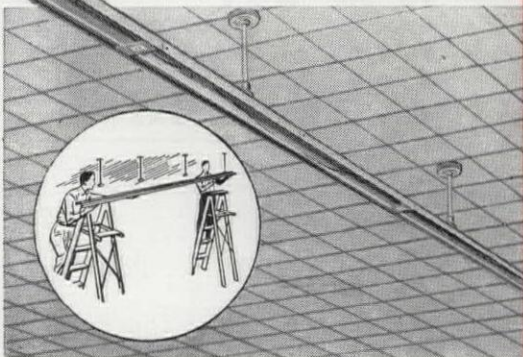
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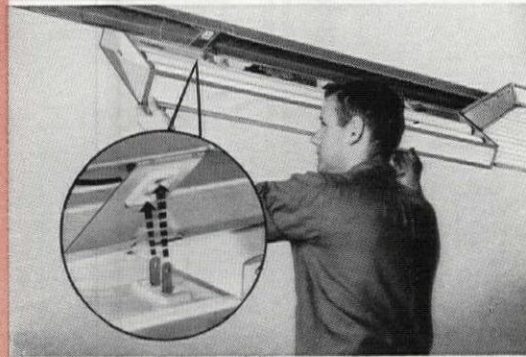
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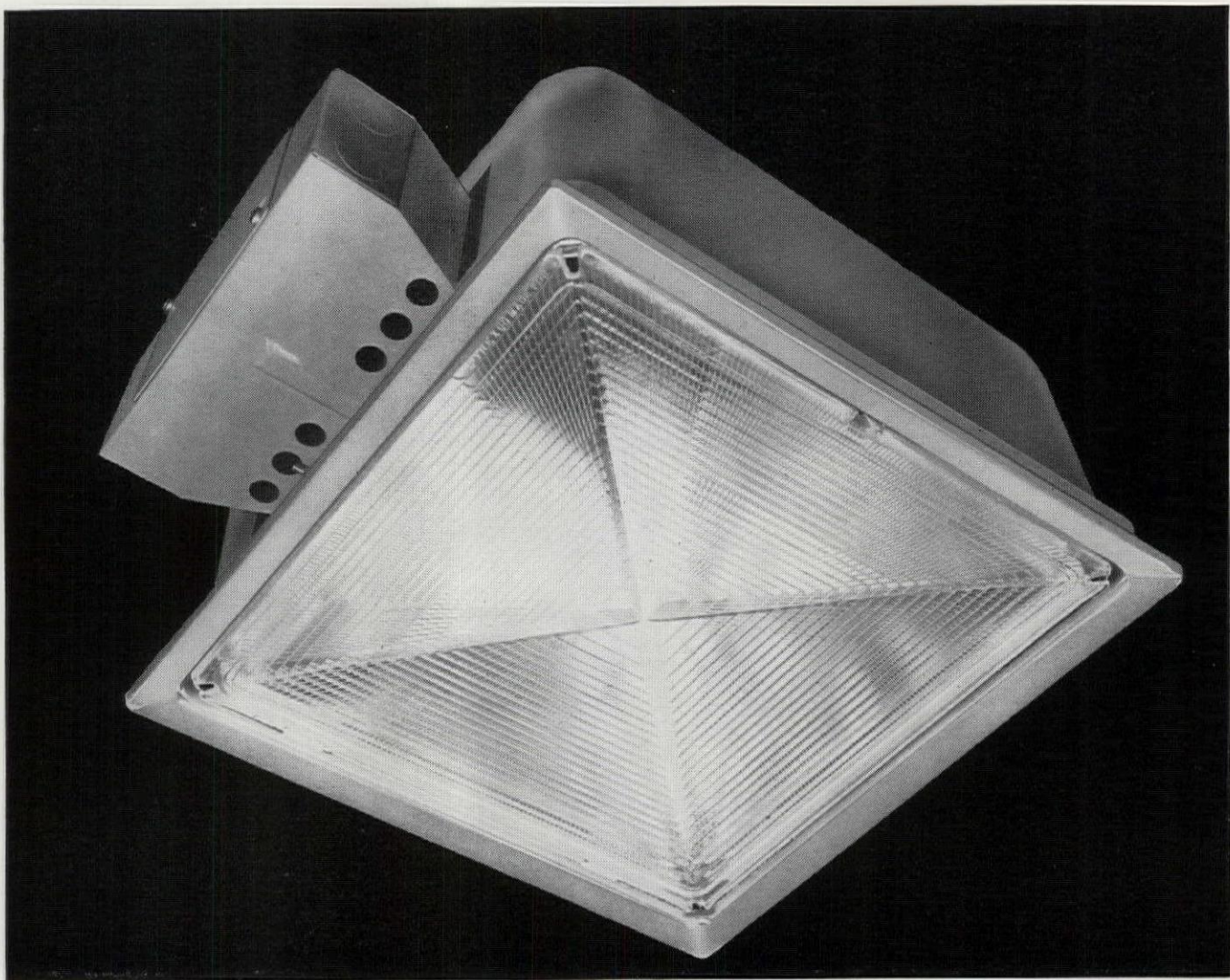
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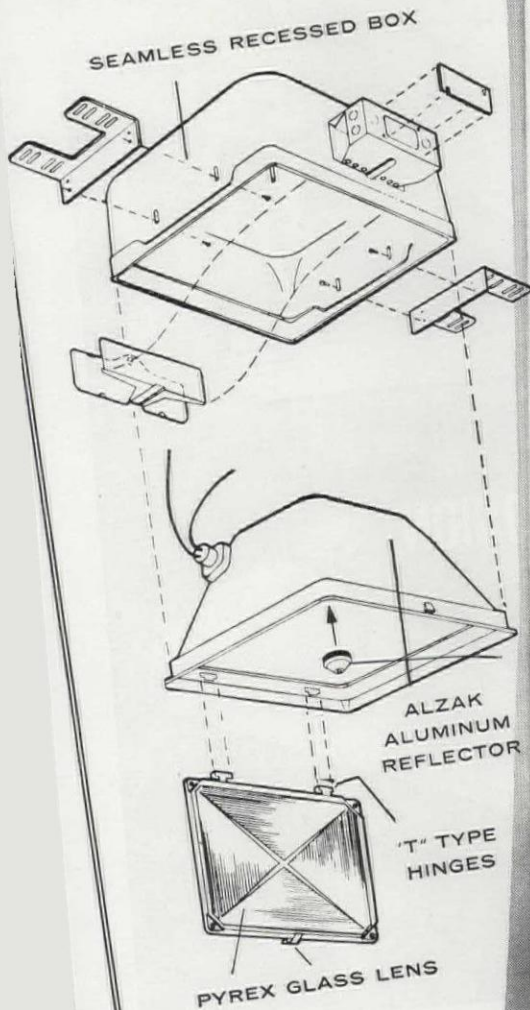
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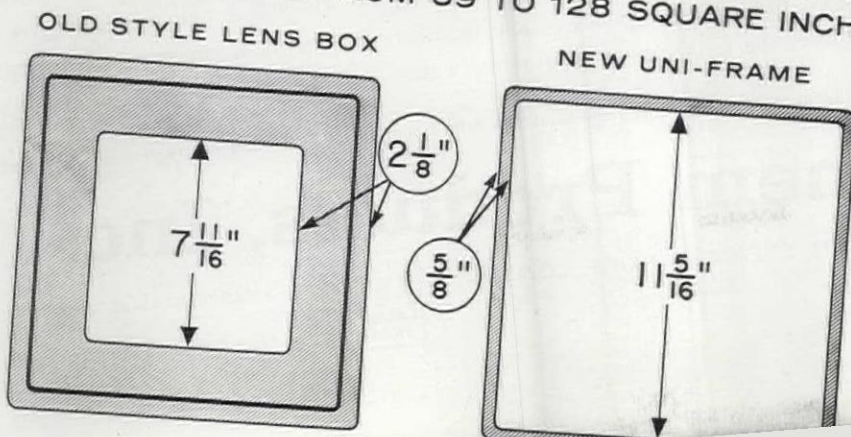
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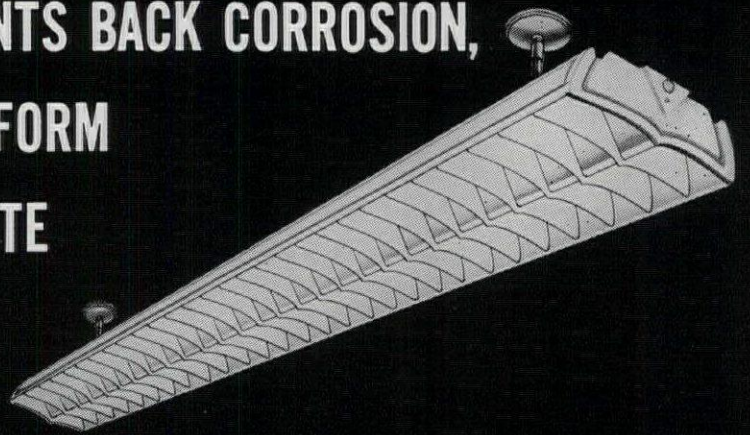
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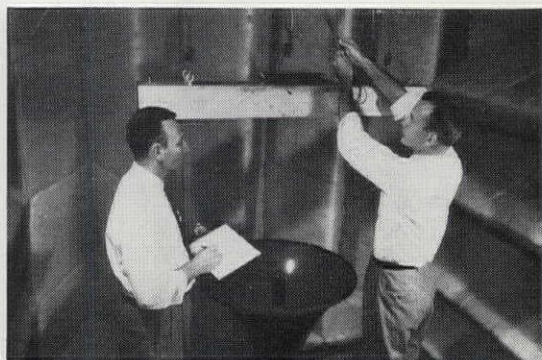
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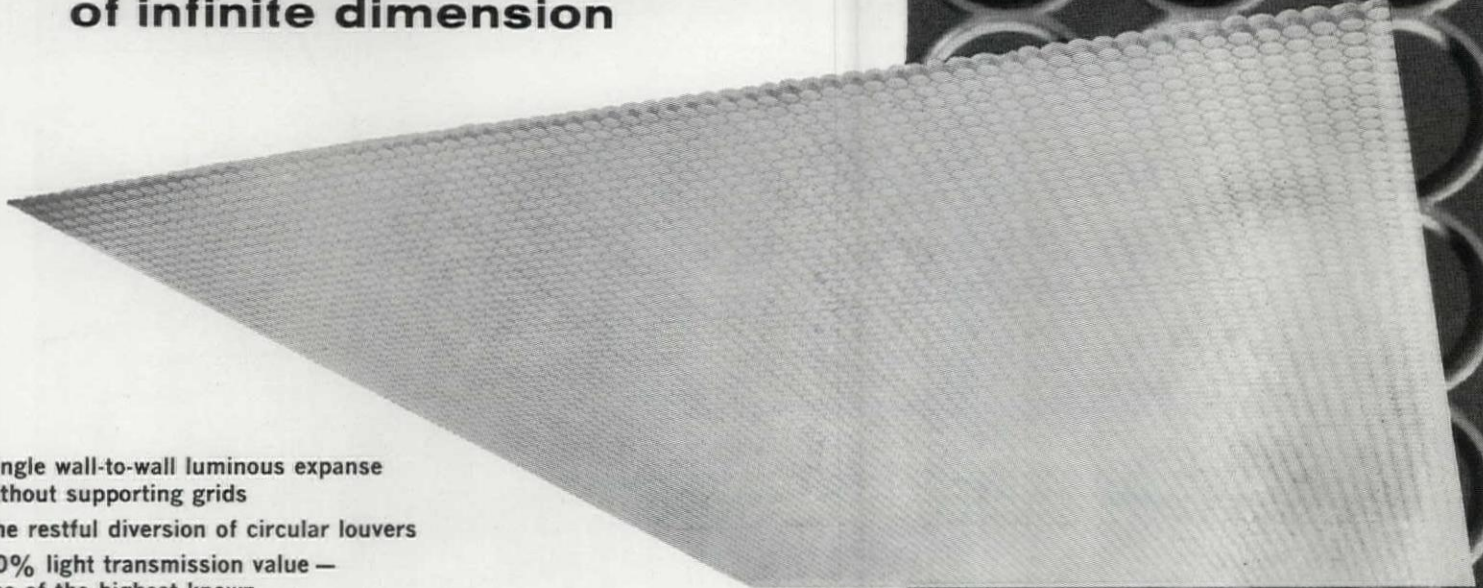
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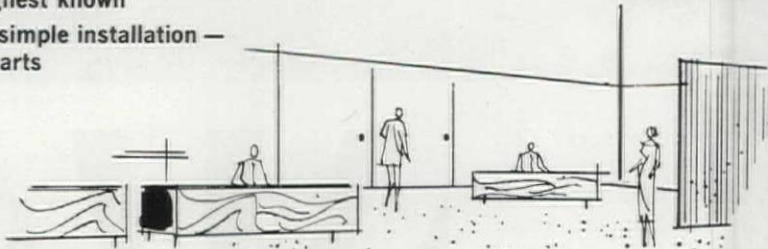
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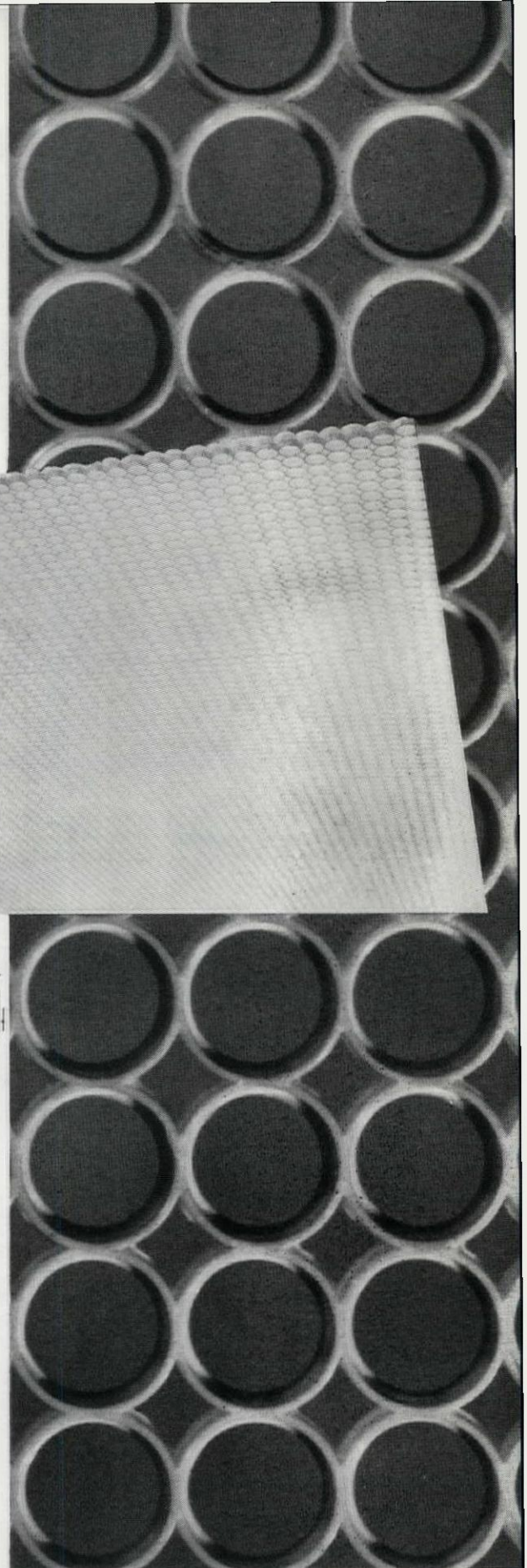


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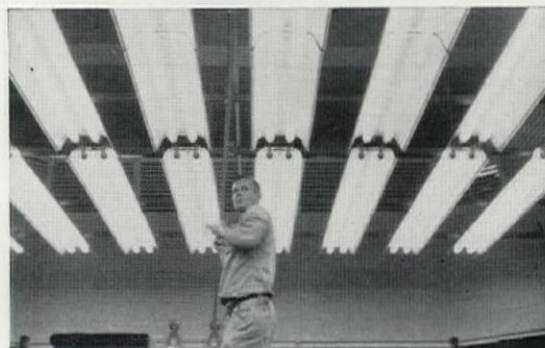
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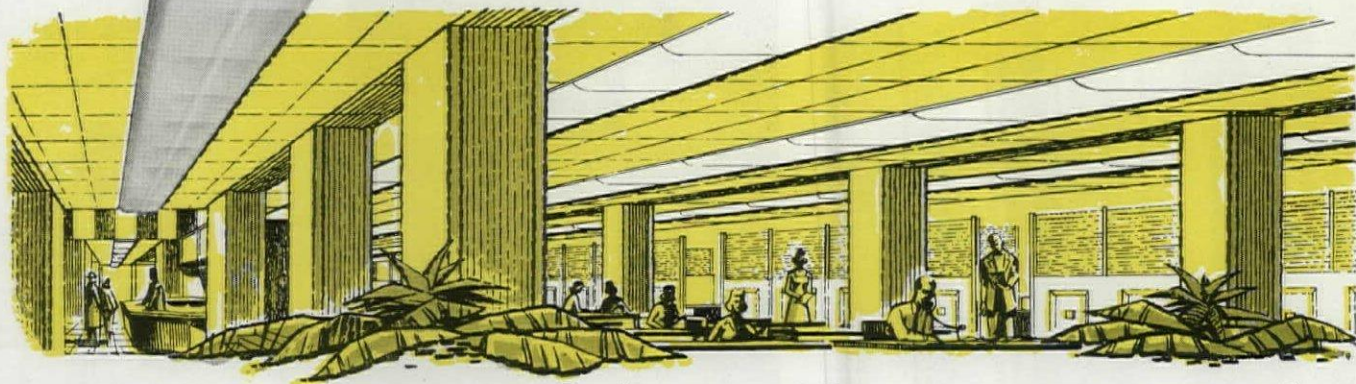
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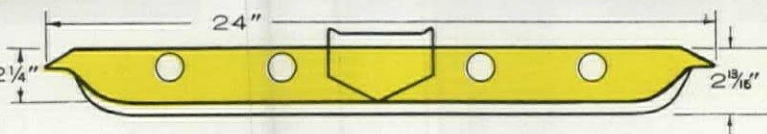
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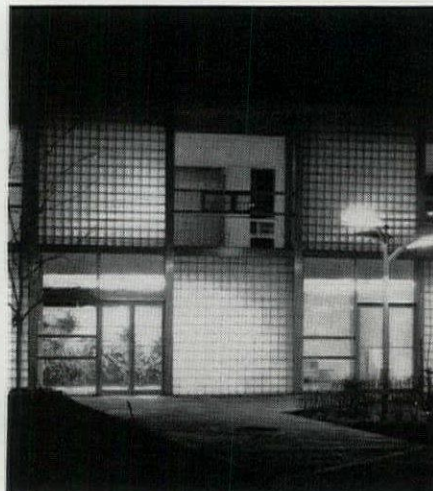
The structure that links together the three basic units of Pittsburgh's John J. Kane Hospital is called the Core Building. This facility is an orderly system of corridors that serves as a main traffic artery for staff and patients. In a way, the Core Building functions as a "Public Square" within this Hospital City of hope and rehabilitation for the aged.

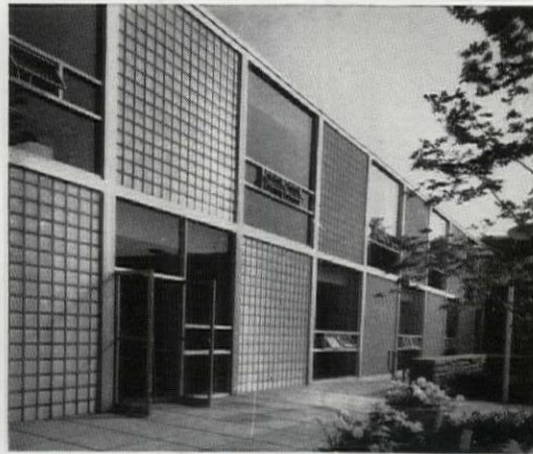
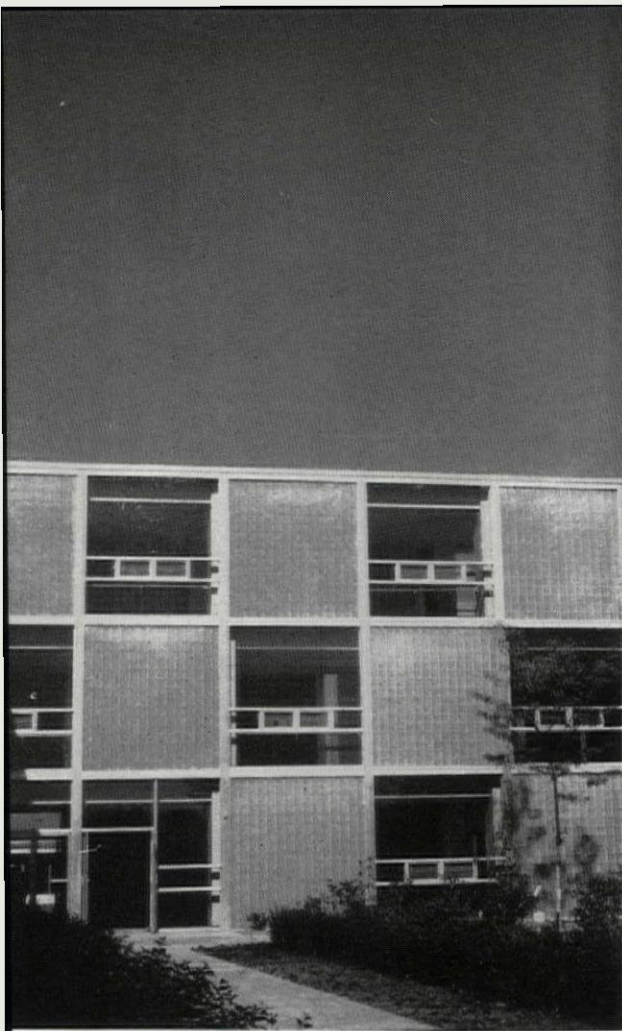
With the exceptions of two passage-way connections, both sides of the Core Building are uninterrupted curtain walls of alternating panels of functional Glass Blocks and plate glass.

Psychological security dictated part of the thinking behind this design. The Glass Block panels, set at regular inter-

vals, help create the feeling of solid protective balusters in a huge railing. This aspect of the design works toward overcoming the "falling off" sensation that many people, and particularly the aged, experience when walking near the outside edge of a multi-storied building. The need for this security impression is heightened here because handrailings, close to the curtain wall support feeble, halting patients as they move from one area to the other, or pull themselves in wheel chairs.

Therapeutic value provided additional support for the curtain wall design. Because monotony is so much a part of the lives of so many of the patients, the Kane Hospital planners



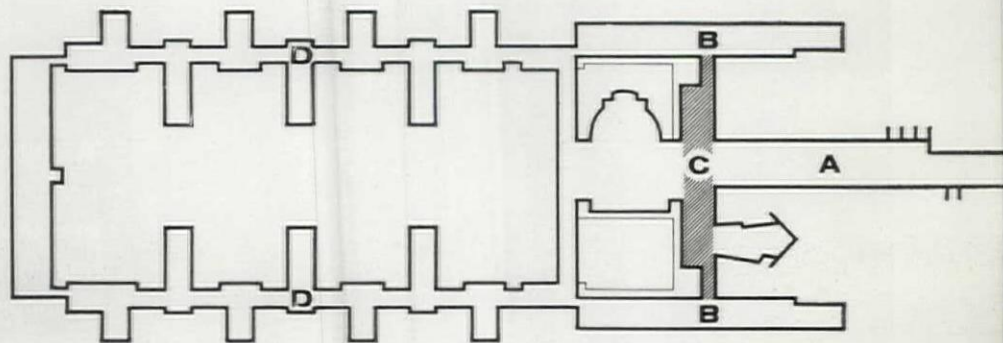


determined that the interplay of voids and solids, and the varied effects of incoming light in the corridor areas, would considerably increase the interest level of the environment.

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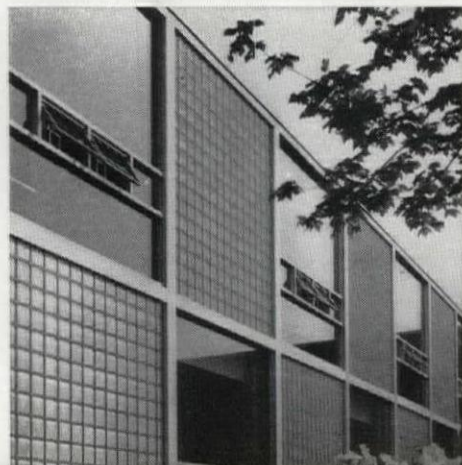
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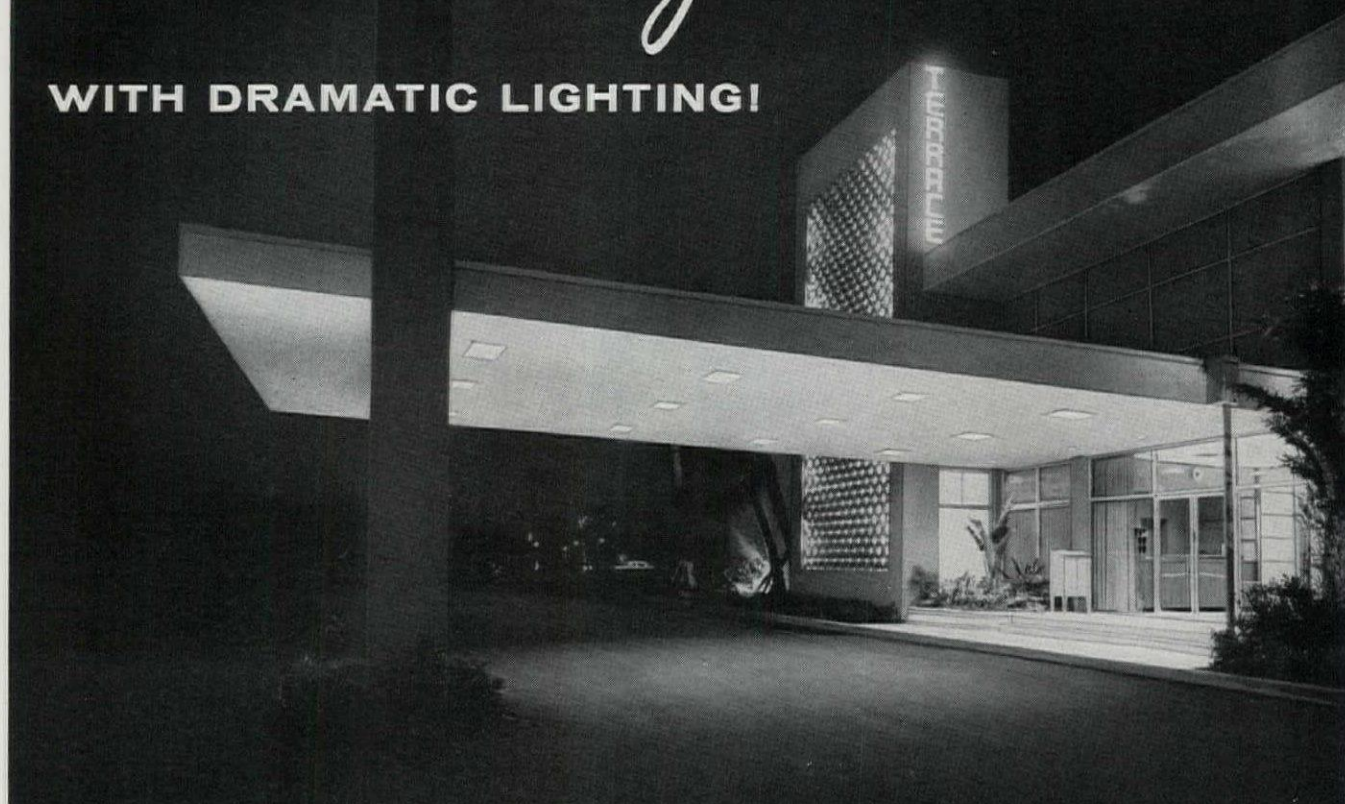
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lighting is architecture

by Henry Wright, Guest Editor*

Lighting has always been an integral part of architecture. In our own time, while daylighting techniques have greatly advanced, emphasis has shifted from window illumination to electric lighting. The most significant recent effect of the electric lamp on architecture has been the tremendous freedom it has given to planning. In the space of a generation, improvements in lighting, along with air conditioning, have greatly reduced—if not entirely eliminated—the distinction between “inside” and “outside” space.

This major shift is nowhere more dramatically evident than in the large architectural-drafting room, where it is now common to arrange blocks of drawing tables in rows of five or more in both directions. In such rooms, windows become framed pictures of the outdoor world rather than significant sources of light. The electric lighting may, and often does, leave something to be desired—the “task,” after all, is an exacting one. But here, as elsewhere, the efficiency and convenience of furniture—and “people”—arrangement it permits have proved irresistible. Similarly, large business organizations need no longer evaluate office space in terms of so many windows—one per employe—and office planning has been freed of the necessity of arranging bands of minimal cubicles around second-class interior space.

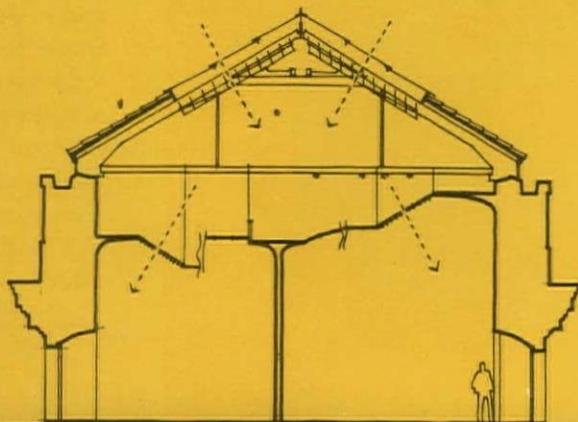
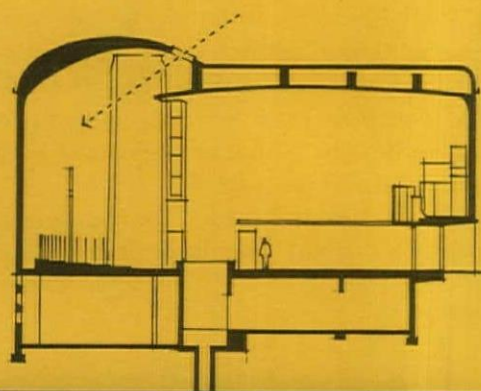
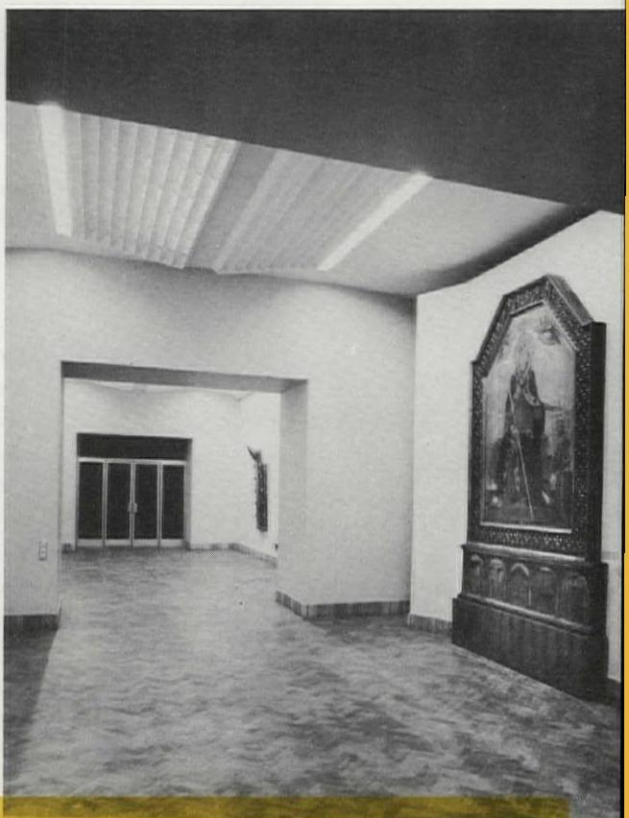
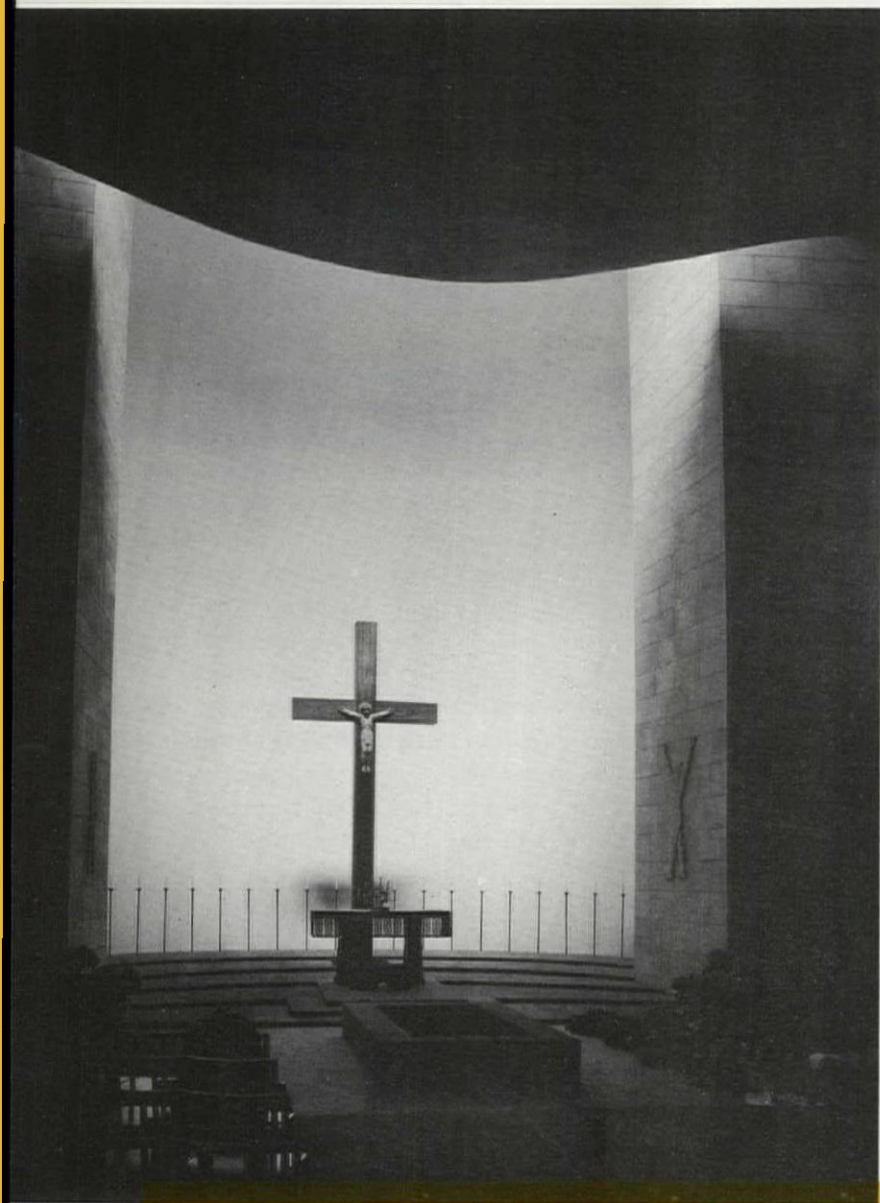
Electric lighting has played a major part in “opening up” such plans—giving more people more interesting views of the outside through larger and larger windows. As the window has ceased to be a necessity from an illumination standpoint, it has paradoxically become more important lightingwise: as an important part of the “brightness pattern,” larger and larger windows necessitate better and better electric lighting.

This is only one of the ways in which modern lighting techniques have revolutionized interior and even exterior design. Another, and highly significant change, is that the designer has been given complete control of the “mood” of interior space—a choice of atmospheres ranging from the antiseptic quality of uniform high-level illumination to the utmost in “glamour.” At the same time, lighting equipment—always an attention-commanding adjunct of design—has become more integrally related to structure as a potent pattern-producing design element within buildings, which at night may completely transform their exterior aspect as well.

Finally, the control of lighting which modern equipment affords makes it possible (if not mandatory) to use light to

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Daylight, in skilled hands, can be controlled almost as precisely as electric light. The altar (below) in a Swiss church is "spotlighted" from a narrow skylight in the roof just behind the proscenium (see section). Notice that the light is strongest on the lower part of the wall, focussing attention on the cross. In the museum (right) the light from a roof-top skylight is filtered and controlled by louvers in a suspended ceiling, keeping it off the floor and on the walls. For credits for all pictures in this section, see page 278.



emphasize or understate textures, to bring out the sheen of polished materials and surfaces, to highlight interesting shapes, and even to alter the apparent proportions of entire rooms. In a word, more than ever, lighting is architecture. Far from being an accessory element to be added to buildings at a certain stage in their construction, it is a central design determinant which must be planned as part of the structural envelope and should influence decisively the choice of finishing materials.

Does this mean that the architect must become fully familiar with available luminaires, wattages, lamp spacing, and the like? In view of the increasing complexity of his other involvements, this is manifestly impossible. Although his responsibility for the lighting effect, the appearance of the light sources, and their relationship with finishing materials is the central one, he must rely on the lighting designer, illuminating engineer, and electrical engineer for projects of any magnitude.

Here, as in so many other areas of today's building, the solution lies in the right procedure. Like other consultants, lighting specialists yearn to be called in at the formative stages of a design, when they can make their greatest contribution. But even this, when it happens, does not relieve the architect of the responsibility for determining the desirable "lighting mood" for the various spaces and functions under consideration. He should also have an idea of the intensity of illumination appropriate to various parts of the building, taking into account indoor-outdoor relationships, fenestration, orientation, and so on. *And he must give these considerations priority over the appearance of the lighting equipment, as such.*

The contributors to this issue, while differing on details and even in their philosophical approach to lighting problems, are unanimous in urging the choice of an appropriate lighting "mood" as the jumping-off point for the solution of all lighting problems. Lighting Consultant Richard Kelly has suggested three broad terms for types of illumination which elucidate this point. The first general type he calls "ambient luminescence." Ambient luminescence, in the pure sense, is achieved only under conditions like those on the beach, on an overcast day, where completely diffused light is coming from all directions, but its effect is akin to the kind of flat, over-all illumination provided by indirect lighting and large, luminous ceilings, as in 1. This kind of lighting is usually regarded as functionally necessary for general office spaces and other areas, such as schoolrooms, where close visual work may be carried on at almost any point. As Architect Kenneth Welch points out, in his discussion in this issue, this type of illumination calls for the use of strong color contrasts to relieve visual monotony, and may well be enhanced with direct lighting of greater intensity to concentrate interest. Attention-commanding light, when dominant, Kelly calls "focal glow," 2, citing its ability to make small objects visually important, as in shops and display work. His third broad category is "play of brilliants," 3—the lighting art so well understood in the days of the candelabra, where a multiplicity of small but intense light sources impart sparkling accents to every reflective object and surface within range. What Kelly means by these terms is further illustrated in the presentation of his own apartment in this issue; the same general theme is developed and copiously illustrated in an article by C. M. Cutler of General Electric Company. A somewhat different approach—by way of light "forms"—is presented by Lighting Consultant Abe H. Feder, and a variety of related design points are made by pictures on the pages immediately following.

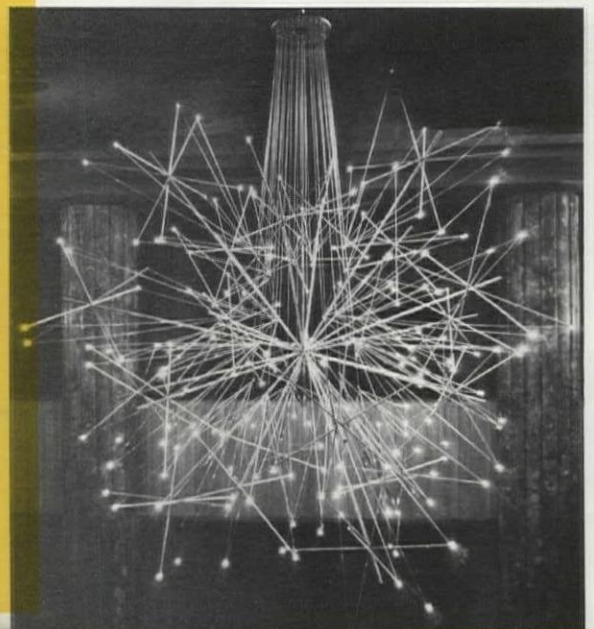


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Beamed light, from concentrated sources and concentrating housings (employing reflectors and/or lenses), is useful for focussing attention, for vigorous modeling of shaped solids, and for creating brightness patterns of strongly illuminated and less brightly lit areas—"focal glow" **1**. Where more varied activities are to be carried on the less-concentrated and more evenly distributed "beams" from recessed ceiling fixtures may be used for general lighting, while still giving emphasis to display material **2**. Combinations of diffuse and direct "beamed" light—the kind of lighting we get outdoors on sunny days with a good many white clouds—can provide excellent seeing conditions along with a modest sort of dramatic emphasis and modeling of solids **3**. Notice the extent to which the over-all appearance of the first and second rooms is influenced by the kind of lighting employed; and how easy it is to identify the kind of lighting present in the third example, even though the light sources are not visible in the photograph.



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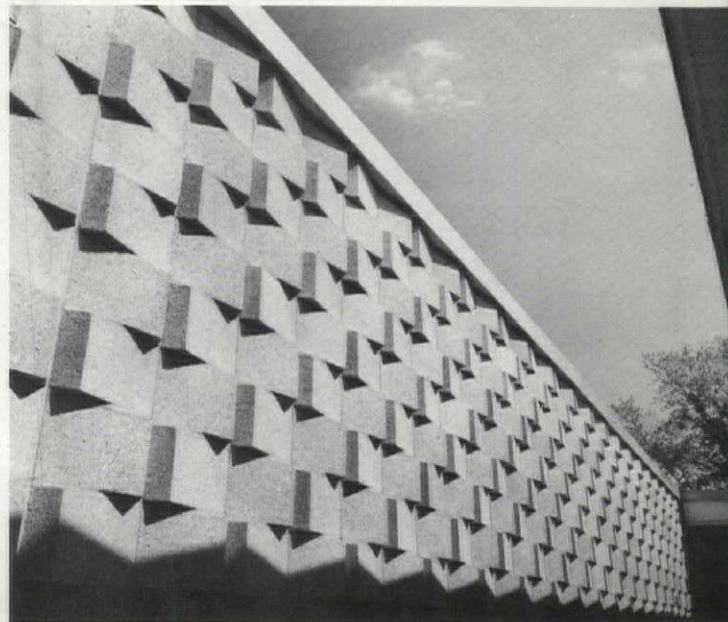


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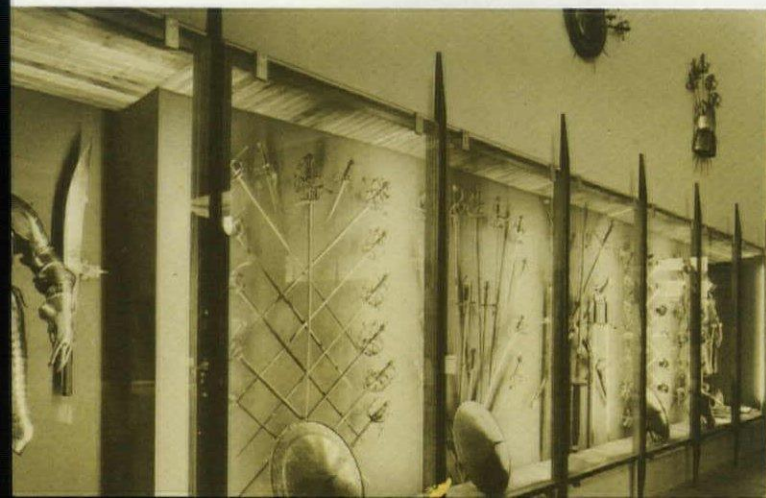


The huge glass roofs of the Victorian era—especially when high and narrow—were capable of providing a quality of over-all illumination hard to equal by any means today. This gallery, **4**, would be almost ideal for the display of automobiles, as the directional band of overhead brightness would reflect as somewhat softened, linear highlights in the shiny parts of the car bodies much as a Detroit air-brush artist would render them. Hard, “beamed” light—like sunlight, **5**—emphasizes textural patterns. Not only should it be used for this purpose, the converse is equally true: use such patterned surfaces where beamed light is available and appropriate; forego them where it is not. Concentrated, concealed light sources, **6**, are capable of creating a luminous pattern even in a brightly illuminated room, and are thus an excellent means of overcoming the monotony of “flat” lighting. In this respect, the “palette” of the lighting designer is almost unlimited—no room is so brightly lighted that specific areas within it cannot be made many times brighter, and the adaptability of the eye is such that the result will be much the same when light is piled on light as when it is contrasted with a dimly lighted space or area.

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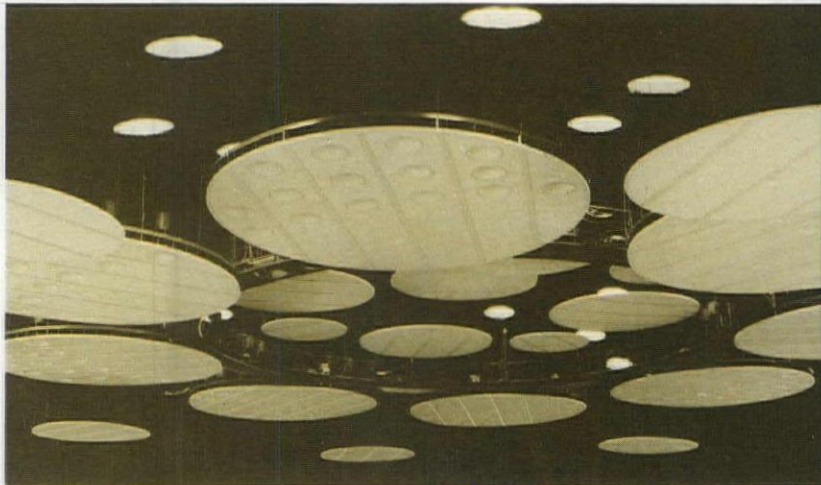
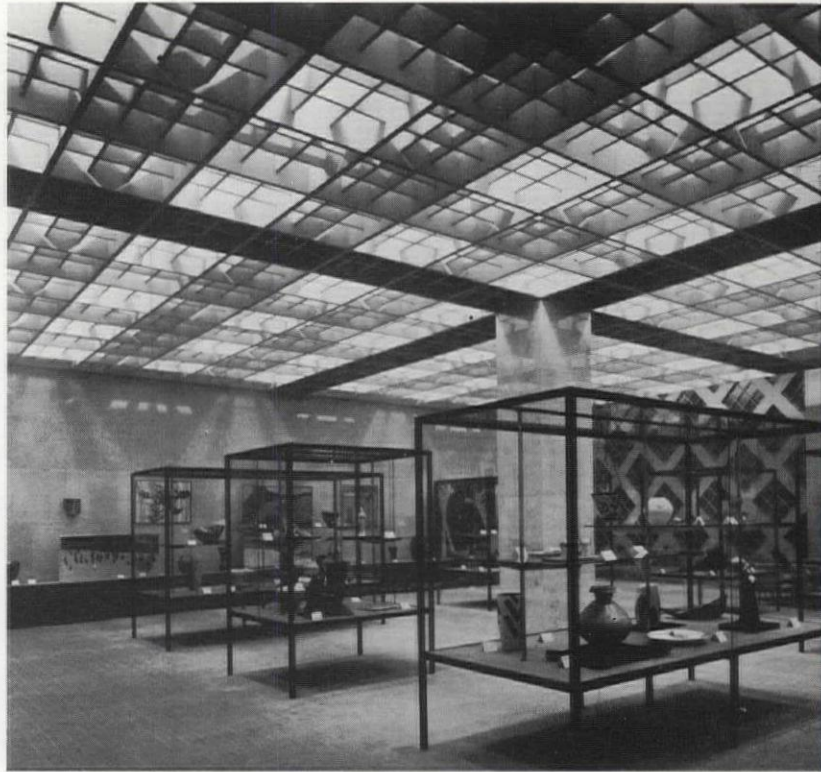
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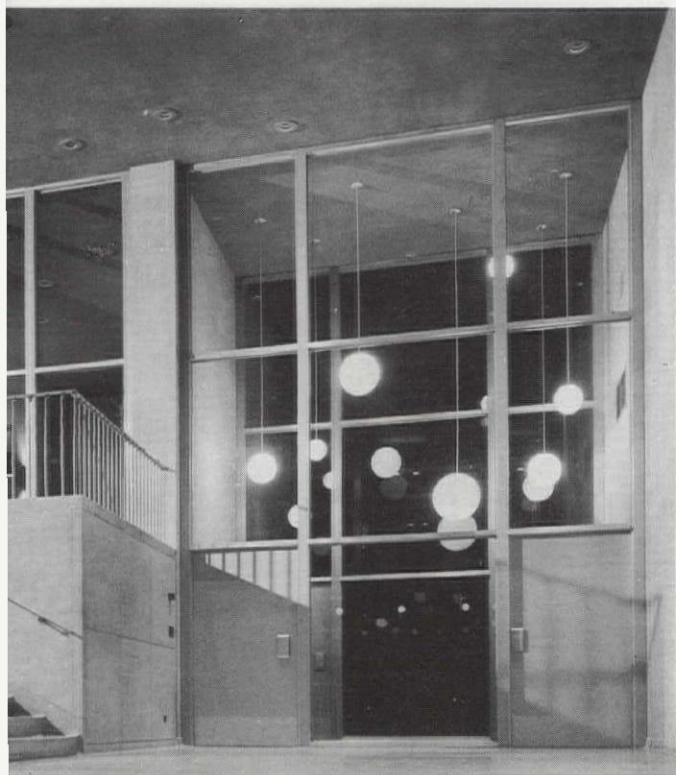
Outdoors, at night, light becomes the primary design material, as all else at the designer's command—color, texture, even form—either disappears or loses most of its daytime impact **1**. Seagram House, **2**, demonstrates an awareness of this, as unique as it was inspired, and a skilled touch which included “matching” the incandescent lighting of the lobby floor with the fluorescent lighting above by the use of tinted darkening glass on upper floors. Recessed ceiling fixtures, **3** and **4**, become not only a part of the structure inside the building, but also an integral part of the curtain-wall design as well—in cloudy winter weather by day as well as by night. An irregular pattern, **3**, creates less of a “parallax” effect behind a grid wall than one whose regularity, **4**, leaves you a little confused as to which is behind and which in front—the ceilings or the wall.

The pattern-producing potential of indoor lighting is still far from being understood or fully exploited. There is no technical reason why, for example, luminous ceilings must be uniformly lighted or even uniform in color; the designer is free, if he wishes, to create plaid patterns, **5**, and introduce silhouetted members at will. Similarly, skylights need not be spaced with mechanical regularity unless we happen to want them that way. These, **6**, are full-size skylights scattered at random over a huge dome, with combination acoustical and electric-lighting panels floating between. Nor need lights be hung at uniform height, **7**. If we want a bit of playfulness, even a carnival spirit, lights are an inexpensive (since they are needed anyway) way to get it.

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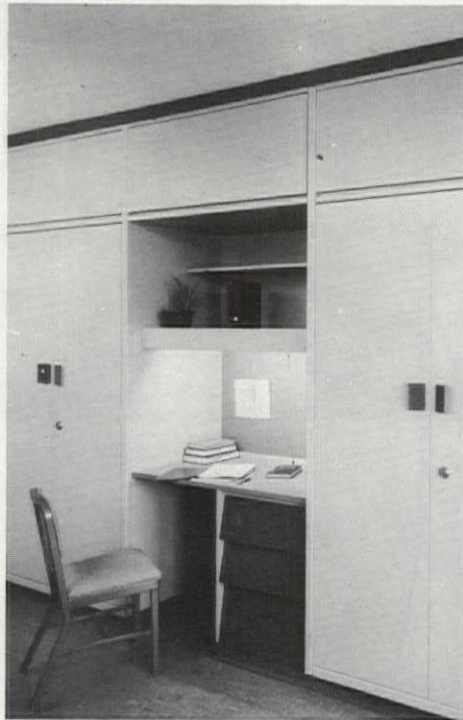
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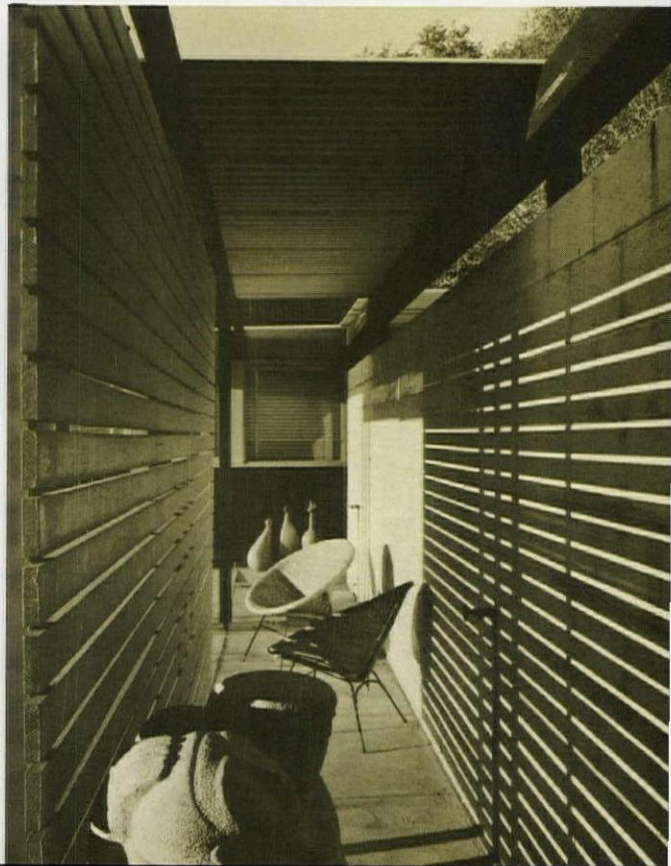
The room at **1** demonstrates vividly that lighting patterns in inside rooms are independent of intensity. Although it is lighted to only about 10 footcandles it presents a full and decorative brightness range. Everyday utility offers decoration as well, since wherever light is concentrated, **2** and **3**, so is visual interest.

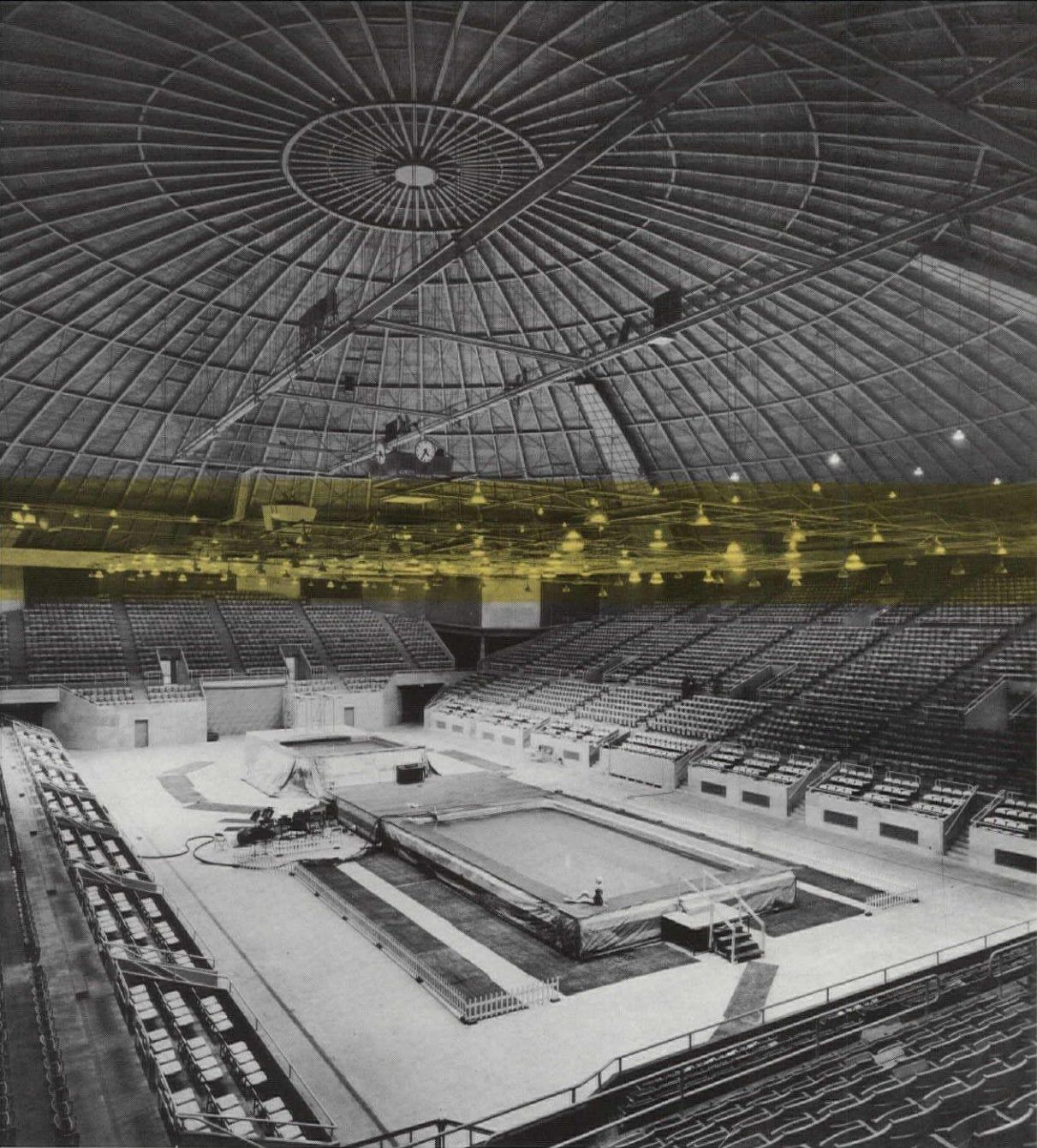
Lighting problems of sufficient magnitude, **4** and **5**, sometimes call for solutions involving special structures. In the first case, a suspended grid midway between floor and ceiling simplifies the problem of lighting an auditorium floor (and concentrates interest where it belongs); in the second, auxiliary structures within a huge geodesic dome are utilized to support "long-throw" luminaires of special design.



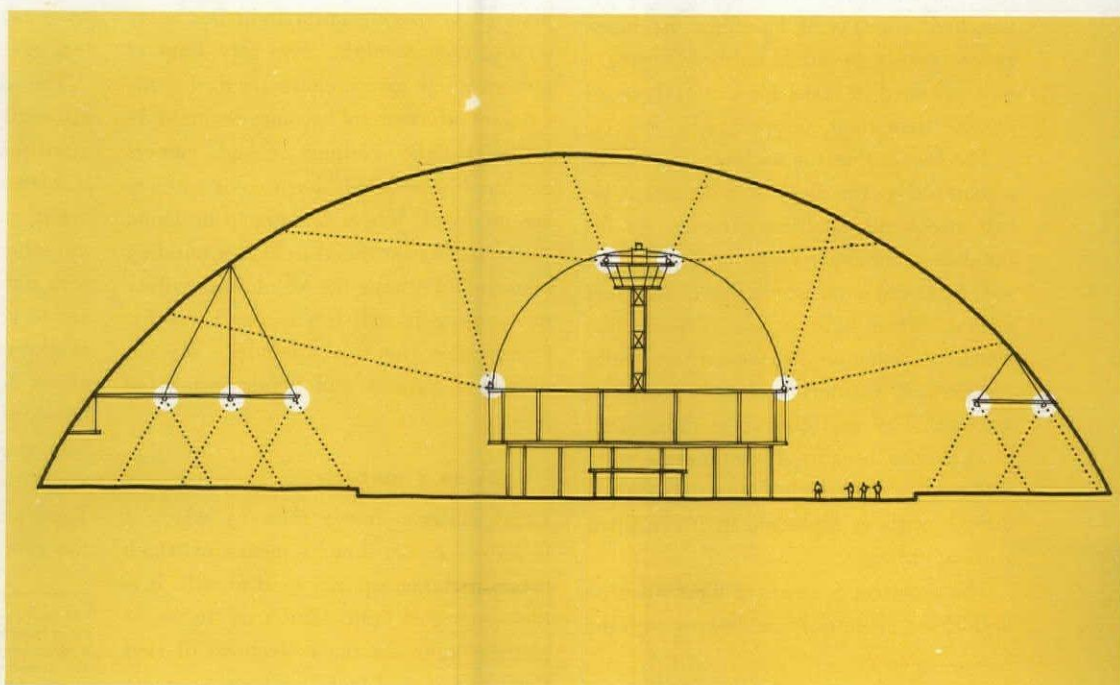
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light as an architectural material

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the inner space

A building is constructed in order to cut off a segment of space and bring it inside. The real function of the building is to surround this inner space and be the material for its form. How the inner space is to be lived in and by whom, gives the building its definition. Concrete and stolid, it remains less real than the space it surrounds.

As the culture in which he finds himself becomes increasingly attuned to the subtleties of human living, the architect's attention is likewise increasingly concerned with building from the inside out. His focus is the inner space, but he cannot literally get his hands on it. He is forced to seek more and more flexible materials for his building, so that it can express as closely as possible the variable meanings of the living that exists inside. In a sense, the building is a skin which must be pliant enough to permit the inside organism to breathe. Unfortunately, neither bricks nor steel, nor glass, nor aluminum, nor what you will can be endowed by even the most gifted imagination with the qualities of skin. If the architect had a means of handling the inner space directly, he would not have to strain quite so hard to make his materials more flexible than their natures.

The fact is that the architect does have a material at his disposal with which he can attack his problem directly. As intangible as the inner space itself, light and only light can enter where bricks and steel cannot. Since light is not obvious, like wood, its potential has never been fully realized. It is, nevertheless, a building material. The most difficult medium of all to work with, because it is intangible, light is the only material which can shape space directly without replacing it. It can fill it without filling.

The architect is aware of light when he builds, but essentially he designs with the

daytime-look in mind. Light is everywhere outside and he uses it indirectly by permitting it to enter the inner space in deliberate patterns. Windows are set high to achieve a downward sweep of light; rooms are oriented within a building to benefit from a northern light or the morning sun. Windows themselves can be stained glass or prismatic to color or direct the daylight coming through. Glass walls, translucent roofs, and the like are used to suffuse the inside with light, instead of merely allowing it to seep through relatively small openings in the walls. No matter how cleverly the architect makes use of daylight, however, he never touches it. That is to say, he never picks it up and puts it exactly where he wants it. By its very nature, he uses daylight indirectly; saying, here I shall let it in and here I shall not.

Primarily, buildings are daytime ideas; from the first, designs are set against daylight. The nighttime-look most often comes off second best, showing a willingness on the part of the architect to settle for the loss of his deliberate definition of the inner space. The room that was planned to sparkle in daylight lies heavy on the eyes at night. The very lines of a room which give it character during the day are allowed to become distorted in artificial light—ceilings recede, corners are harshly revealed, sharp color patterns are muddied. Where is there to be found the sense that artificial light is a building material? Perhaps the key to our failure in handling it well lies in our being fixture-minded, not result-minded. We are providing fixtures and lamps instead of results.

light as a material

Every material has a form by which it is known to us, and by means of which it can be taken up and used at will. It is the same for light. The true forms of electric light are the collections of rays that are radiated from luminous sources;

these are light beams, in the broadest sense of the term.¹ To say that there are light beams is stating the obvious: to say that beams are the forms of light is not, at least not while fixtures and lamps are being mistaken consistently for the forms of light.

Today, we work with a great variety of light forms. As we learn to produce more types of artificial luminous bodies (filaments, gaseous, etc.) and find more ways to modify them (reflectors, lenses, etc.), we increase the variety of beams.

Beams vary in dimension and quality. Some beams can cut a swath through the dark as long as 350 feet and more; spherical beams are dissipated within a short distance of the source. Some beams will hit the floor, the ground, the wall, in a pool of light several hundred feet in width; others are mere pricks of light at that point. The shapes of beams are just as variable, and each shape is as marked as that of any other material. A beam can cover its target in a circle, an oval, an ellipse. Sometimes, it is true, a beam is shapeless, too tired by the time it reaches its object to hold itself together in any recognizable pattern. But this very shapelessness is also usable.

The dimensions of beams are easily discernible, but their qualities require a more subtle detection. The prime quality is intensity. A beam can overwhelm, striking its target with ferocious power, or, at the other extreme, gently spray its target with light. In between lie an infinite number of gradations. Married to intensity is brightness, not the same as intensity at all. A light form can be bright without having the strength to project that brightness any distance. Color is the quality to which the emotions respond most overtly. Together, the qualities of a light form are the sum of how light "feels" to us. We

¹ It has been suggested that what is meant here might be termed the "geometry of light flux"—which can be a shaft of parallel light rays, or, at the other extreme, the complete spherical emanation from a point source, or any complex combination of the two. Editor.

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speak of an object being "gaily lit" or "harshly revealed." We discern a "soft radiance" or a "rosy glow." We ask to be bathed in "warm light" and become despondent in "cold light." We respond one way to light when it is directed on something other than ourselves, and differently when it is we who are in it. In a sense, the dimensions are the body of a beam, the qualities its emotions; and we, let us hope, are the mind directing it.

the use of light forms

The problem of choosing just the right type of light should be solved with the same care that the architect uses when he chooses between types of wood. As with any other material, the choice depends on the kind of living anticipated in the inner space. Will people be living intensely here, or will they be seeking quiet relaxation? Will they be learning (and probably with an increasing number of visual aids), or will they be reading just for entertainment? Will they be legislating or turning out machinery? What people will be doing, determines to a large extent their light needs.

Quite often there seems to be a total lack of understanding of the simplest light needs of the people living in the inner space. Why, even in newly refurbished churches and synagogues, is it frequently painful to try to read the very prayer books with which one is expected to participate in the services? In lighting practice, one also finds a confusion between one kind of living and another. For example, we still find theatrical lighting moving into homes. Theatrical lighting is designed to be looked at within a kind of picture frame by the audience; it is quite another thing to ask the audience to live inside that picture-frame lighting.

In choosing the type of light forms to be used in a given area, one other prime consideration is involved: How should people feel while they are living there? To see well is not enough; the architect is always concerned that the people for whom he is providing should feel right about where they are and what they are doing. It is true that a romantic glow is hardly appropriate for the sharp efficiency expected of factory workers, but it is equally questionable whether the stark light provided by unbroken lines of bright luminaires is any more conducive to happier people and better working habits.

Machines do not respond to the qualities of light, but men do. Thus, when light forms are used quantitatively only, foot-candles become the prime concern and human beings incidental.

Knowing the kind of living to be expected in the inner space tells us something about the kind of light forms to be used, the kind of beams we are looking for. The next problem is to take these beams and relate them to the inner space as such. This is the most obvious step in building with light forms. Do we want to pull in the ceiling and walls to create a sense of intimacy? Do we want to divide the inner space, giving some of it over to reading, some to talking, some to eating? Do we want to create a focal point in the room, dramatizing, let us say, the speaker's dais, so that there is no doubt where the center of interest should be? Or do we want to fill a room with daylight, keeping its character the same at all hours? Once more, light is the only material that can mold the inner space directly, and should be exploited relentlessly.

Many, many considerations go into the choice of light forms. Carefully as room layouts are plotted, so too are beam layouts. The kind of beam that will do a particular job is chosen; the layout is made to determine how many of these forms will be needed in a given area. Again, it is a question of quality before quantity, and light forms before lamps.

It may seem impractical to determine beam patterns before the type of lamps to be used. Yet it is the only practical way of using light as a material. The choice of lamps must depend on the kind of light forms we need; otherwise, it is a case of the tail wagging the dog. We are all of us overimpressed by what is available, although we are the ones who do the buying. If we need certain light forms which available lamps cannot provide, as customers we are in a fine position to do a little screaming for what we want. The lamp companies are not indifferent to our needs. Many a new type of lamp has come into being to meet the needs of a particular lighting design. It is the architect who is building; let him be the one to define the kind of sources he needs.

light sources

Unlike any other material, light is controlled through another medium, its

source. A knowledge of light is not to be used wrongly. To abuse a lamp by trying to force out of it a light form it was not meant to project, by believing certain housings can change its essential nature, is to use a material wrongly. As Frank Lloyd Wright stated in his *Testament*: "Each material may become a happy determinant of style; to use any one material wrongly is to abuse the integrity of the whole design." No housing can change the essential nature of a lamp; no housing can produce a light form which the lamp is not inherently able to produce. Therefore it is of the utmost importance to determine lamps before housing. Lamps are the primary sources of light; luminaires are not sources but modifiers.

Today, we are dependent on three main types of light sources and therefore three main types of light forms. The oldest source in common use is the incandescent bulb; the fluorescent lamp has been widely used for about two decades now; and the mercury-vapor lamp, designed some time ago, is now coming into common usage. Yesterday, the story of light sources was different; and tomorrow, light sources as we know them may disappear entirely. If we think of light forms first, this should not bother us.

The incandescent bulb radiates light from a single source, a filament. It is comparatively simple, therefore, to gather up this light and throw it out in any direction, either spreading it thinly over a wide area or pulling it together into a single hot, narrow beam. Built-in reflectors and lenses can change the dimensions and even qualities of a beam. The first intensify it, making it travel farther in a given direction; the latter make it narrow or wide, diffuse or harsh, at the point of target. In terms of color, no other light form can match that projected from the incandescent source. The color curve of the incandescent light form rises gradually from the far-violet band in the spectrum to its height in the far red. Incandescent is kind to the warmer colors. If we paint a room a subtle pink, we can feel secure that under such light at night, it will still be pink. People look "right" within the incandescent light form, and feel normal.

The fluorescent lamp was hailed as the solution to all light problems, for it had two characteristics the incandescent could not begin to match: it gave triple the light output at a given wattage, and it more

than tripled the life span of a lamp. But the light form it projected was something else again, and it is no surprise that the incandescent bulb did not become obsolete.

The fluorescent tube contains a drop of mercury which, when heated to a certain point, emits ultra-violet radiation. The tube is coated with phosphor particles which absorb this radiation and convert it to visible light. These particles are the light sources basically affecting the light form projected from the fluorescent lamp. First, the form is shapeless, since light is emitted from an infinite number of points, flying away from the lamp in all directions. When we stand under a fluorescent lamp, we are literally being "sprayed" with light, and so too is everything else around us. Such an amorphous light form cannot be directed, or aimed with any real success. The fluorescent source is therefore ideal for providing general lighting; indeed, there can never be anything specific about it. Within the six sides of a room, we can be sure the light is not being lost, that it is hitting at all sides in every direction and bouncing back somewhere into the inner space. Outdoors, it is another matter.

By its nature, the fluorescent source has little "reach" power. It cannot hold its light rays together long enough to travel any great distance to a given point. Outdoors, for example, without walls and ceiling to act as salvagers, some of the light rays "hover momentarily" around the lamp, and the rest tear off into space.

In dimension then, the fluorescent light form is amorphous; in quality it is bright, but not intense, spraying light gently. As for color, here we have a basic problem. To put it simply, some phosphors radiate light in one color band others in many. Those phosphors primarily of the red group do not radiate enough light under the carefully regulated conditions of the fluorescent lamp to warrant their widespread use. In mixing phosphors to produce the various kinds of "white" light now being used, phosphors of different color groups are used to produce a lamp which radiates throughout as much of the spectrum as possible. The problem has been to find a phosphor which will pro-

vide the necessary red component, but which is efficient enough not to reduce sizably the lumen output of the lamp. A fairly good balance between efficiency and color can be obtained today in the warm-white deluxe fluorescent lamps, but the problem of color distortion is far from solved.

The highly loaded lamp, a newer type of fluorescent tube, permits more wattage and phosphor particles to be used within a given length. This intensifies the light form considerably, and gives some reasonable basis for trying to control it. Because of the shape of the tube, too, more light is directed downward to begin with. In situations where an intense overall illumination is called for, the highly loaded lamp has proved ideal.

The third light source in common, if not household, use is the mercury-vapor lamp. Here mercury is vaporized by a high pressure until it emits light within the visible spectrum. The mercury charge is contained within a small quartz tube which is then placed within an outer casing, either linear, like the fluorescent tube, or pear-shaped, like the standard incandescent bulb. It is the pear-shaped mercury-vapor lamp which is being most exploited, because its light form is more controllable.

With almost the same lumen output per watt of the fluorescent source, the mercury-vapor source pours out its bright light from a single point, and as with the incandescent lamp, self-contained reflector casings are used to great advantage. The mercury-vapor light form has three times the efficiency of a comparable incandescent lamp. The lamp itself has the life span of a fluorescent. It would seem to combine the advantages of the incandescent and fluorescent sources. But it has marked disadvantages. At the moment, it cannot provide the light form needed to pin-point a tiny object, for example, as the incandescent source can. The smallest mercury-vapor lamp available is that containing a 100-watt charge, projecting a light form three times the output of a 100-watt incandescent bulb. So the very size of available mercury-vapor lamps is a limiting factor in their use.

Color is also a limiting factor. Emitting

light waves in the green and yellow color bands only, the mercury-vapor lamp muddies almost everything that falls within its light form. Orange and red appear brownish or black. The effect, however, is good when red is added. This is done by coating the bulb (or its self-contained reflector, if it has one) with a phosphor which emits red light or by using incandescent bulbs along with mercury-vapor lamps. By adding red, mercury-vapor light contains a fairly complete set of color components (green, yellow, red).

What fluorescent light sources lost to us was the prerogative of picking up light forms and placing them where we want them. This can be done to an amazing degree with incandescent, because of its very nature. Fluorescent, the undisciplined of the light sources, defies this kind of control. But for the sake of efficiency alone, if nothing else, the fluorescent source was adopted almost universally for almost every purpose, and attempts were made to force on it the duties of the incandescent source. Now, however, the mercury-vapor lamp, particularly those with reflector casings, gives us an easily controlled light form almost as efficient as the fluorescent and certainly more intense.

We have been examining light sources on an elementary level, not to find out about their physics or even their economics, but rather to discover what type of light forms each can project into the inner space. The incandescent source remains the most clearly defined and hence the easiest to control; its dimensions can vary exceedingly; its light output (for a given wattage) is the least of the three forms discussed; its color quality is excellent. The fluorescent light form is amorphous in shape and size; of the three forms, it is the most efficient, but the least intense; its color factor can be good, but color distortion is still present. The mercury-vapor light form is once more easy to control; it is both efficient and intense; its color factor is the poorest of the three but potentially should equal at least that of the fluorescent form; at the moment, its dimensions are limited. Without these distinctions in mind, we cannot build with



By floodlighting, we reclaim the outdoors for night use.

light forms. All we can do is install luminaires with an on-and-off switch.

housings

Light forms, light sources, light-source modifiers—this is the order in building with light. There is no doubt that there are many light controls other than housings. Ceiling contours; wall, floor, and ceiling finishes and colors; dimmer equipment—all these help to change the light forms in some way. But none does it as obviously and easily as the housings, the luminaires. Glass or plastic set in front of a beam can diffuse it, widen it, sharpen it. The configuration of the housing itself can shape to some extent the light form in space and at the point of target. A tinted housing can change the color quality of the light form. But the housing remains essentially a modifier, and unless it is used in the right context, it can nullify the meaning of the light form. It must belong so completely to a specific light source, that switching a lamp to

another type would destroy the form of the second.

No housing can change the nature of a light source. The most expensive reflector housing will not change the amorphous fluorescent source into a beam with shape. The best it can do is to act as a mirror for some of the light rays going directly upwards, sending them back down. But the infinite number of light rays involved will still spill out in an infinite number of directions, once released from the housing. In the same way, the curve of the reflector housing which directs the light form of a given incandescent floodlight most successfully is not the one to be used for the same size mercury-vapor floodlight; in the first instance, the light source, the filament, is set parallel to the front of the lamp, and in the second, the light source is a gaseous arc set perpendicular to the front. The light rays of the first hit the reflector at a different angle from the light rays of the second, and the angles at which these rays are to be

thrown out into space differ as well. In fact, this is, in essence, the problem of the reflector curve, and the reason why each type and size of lamp requires its own curve.

The housing which modifies a light form in many directions is suspect, since, as a rule, each modification is a light absorber. Start with a very powerful lamp and put it in a housing; this is the first loss of light. Add a tint for color correction, add a reflector to direct the light and put a lens in front to intensify the beam; increase the volume of the housing for heat dissipation and decrease the aperture for still better direction. Add to the housing indefinitely and at the same time subtract from the illumination indefinitely. The resulting illumination is still very powerful—inside the housing where it is bottled up. Outside, despite all the niceties of a refined light form, the very powerful lamp might just as well be a quiet night light on a bedside table. When too many modifications of a light

form are called in order to use it exactly as one wants, the time has come to look for the light source which by nature can produce a form closer to what we want. If the light source doesn't exist, it may be worthwhile to start needling the lamp companies.

The "don'ts" of housing are simple: don't try to change the nature of a light source with a housing; don't put one type of light source in a housing designed for another; don't bottle up the light inside an ingeniously designed housing, forgetting that lamps are supposed to provide illumination; use only necessary modifications, and these to the least possible degree. The "do's" are not so simple. The housing *can* extract from a light source the full potential of a light form. The right tint of bluish or yellowish red added to the housing which holds a mercury-vapor lamp can make the resulting light form pleasant to be with. But the shade used outdoors is different from the one used indoors; the shade used when incandescent light forms are filling the same space is different again. The subtleties of sound housing design are as varied as the different situations in which light forms are used. Even within the same situation, the housings for two of the same type of lamps may be dissimilar. For example, a light form may have to fill a space 300 feet in length from light source to target. The light form placed next to it, however, may only have to be 250 feet in length. Both are projected from the same type of lamp, but the shorter light form might prove too "hot" at the point of target unless it is diffused more than its sister. Some etching, just the right amount, on the inside of the housing would solve the problem. But that particular degree of etching belongs to that particular lamp used in that particular situation. The more we particularize our housing designs in terms of the lamps used in a given situation, the more we use light forms as a building material.

light levels

What drives most of us toward thinking of luminaires and lamps before light, is the problem of light levels. This leads us

toward giving more emphasis to statistics (the lumen output per watt and the foot-candle measurement) than quality. Put a meter near a window during the day, and the needle flies to the 200 footcandle point and above. The same needle in normal electric light registers a reluctant 10, 20, 35; it may even register 50 footcandles, if the building is one of the newest. So while we push toward daylight levels, we are still far below where we think we should be.

Ours is a culture of the written word and precision instruments, and such a culture requires comparatively high levels for seeing and doing, particularly in our commercial, industrial, and public buildings, and in some areas of our homes. The question is whether we have to reach much further than 50 to 75 footcandles. No matter how many lamps we may install, we are still producing light in patches. Daylight is all around us, from the ground up to the sky, and as far off as one can see. Once we turn on the lamps, however, we are constantly having to adjust from feeble light to a blaze of light to darkness, and back and forth in no pattern. A level of 50 footcandles seems twice as bright during the night as during the day. The contrast between a dimly lit outdoors and a blazing interior is painful. The contrast between corridors and rooms, and even one room and the next, can be no less painful. Short of hanging another sun over the world at night, these sharp contrasts will always exist and will become sharper as we raise our footcandle levels. The emphasis should be on *comfortable* levels, not daylight levels.

What is comfortable will vary with the type of living in a given area. Daylight forces on us a certain outgoingness; however we may enjoy it, we also prize the intimacy of a dimly lit room, a shadowy corner, a feeble circle of light which doesn't reveal everything to the point of nakedness. One footcandle may produce the exact comfort we want for chatting with intimate friends, listening to music, just sitting and thinking.

It is time for us to stop and consider what the ideal levels of illumination should be for *electric* light. These must

be based on the qualities of the light our present means produce, and our reactions to this kind of light. Electric light imposes on us as daylight does not, since we are always aware of it.

number and economics of luminaires

The statistical approach to lighting can be disastrous economically. The wiring and fixture budget of any building project today is a shock. The purchase and installation costs are only the beginning, since they are over when the building is up. The real story is the maintenance—and this is never over.

The economics of lighting does not begin by deciding on the footcandle level for a given inner space, and installing the right number of luminaires to provide for this illumination. It begins with considering light forms first. In providing the required level of illumination by the measurement method, we may be using uneconomic lamps and luminaires. We look for the lamp which provides a greater lumen-output per watt than another, since it is more economical to maintain in terms of the electric bill. But if the illumination is not intense enough to reach the working plane, and desk and floor lamps have to be added, once the architect has departed, that particular lamp is costing a lot of money.

This is really part of the question of providing higher and higher footcandle levels, and another reason why a point must be reached where good standards stay put. More lamps, more fixtures, more wiring, more maintenance—all increase the lighting budget proportionately. And there is a further factor—heat. Every additional luminaire radiates additional heat which the air-conditioning plant has to remove. The excessive number of luminaires will show up on two budgets—the one for air conditioning as well as the one for lighting. Statistics play their part in a lighting design, but only a part. The search for the right statistical balance cannot be undertaken without a sound knowledge of light forms.

When we use light forms unwisely, we abuse our purses. A light source too dim

or too bright for its purpose is wasted; a housing that is designed contrary to the nature of its light source is also so much waste. We do not use diamond dust to fill in the crevices of a stone fence; we know our materials here. Unwittingly, however, we often use luminaires that are gold-plated in more than one sense, because of our confusion about light as a material.

lighting organically

Lighting organically means lighting up the inner space in relation to the needs of the people who use it. Remembering that a light form has more than width and length at the point of target—length from light source to target and breadth, as well—we can use light forms as bricks, placing one on top of the other. We literally can pick up a form and place it anywhere in the inner space and be sure it will stay put. Darkness has a way of covering up everything—the most ambitious man-made structures, the tiniest ant hill. We are struggling constantly to push it aside. One beacon of light is like the fabled needle; two beacons are just two needles. But if we place light forms side by side in space, the darkness cannot seep through.

The clearest example of the use of light forms as a building material is the floodlighting of an unconfined outdoor area. No project is more challenging, for here light is called on not only to shape the inner space, but to create the outer dimensions of that inner space. It must serve as the building itself.

When outdoors during the day, we feel we are somewhere, because we can see where we are going. At night, we are nowhere, and our urge is toward light, to get inside, to be somewhere again. The trick of using light outdoors is to create an inside, a place. This means creating a sense of walls and ceiling, as well as an inner space. The walls are not difficult to determine; they are set along the perimeter of the given area. The ceiling is not as easy to set in place, but we do know that the sense of place would be gone if the ceiling were not higher than any ceiling indoors, even out of sight. The sense of security of an inner space

would be lost if we felt the darkness were about to fall on our heads. By targetting light forms from a given height to the ground, by lining up these forms out to the perimeter of the area and no further, we create both a structure and an inner space. Again, the kind of light forms used depends on the beam shape, dimensions and intensity needed to fill the inner space, and the qualities required to define the kind of living to be done in it. Are people motoring, promenading, playing, selling, buying? One outdoor inner-space is different from the next.

When we floodlight not just to target an object or the ground, but also to fill a volume of space with light, we recreate the quality of daylight so familiar to us that we never discuss it: its all-aroundness. An even blanket of light starts from the ground and reaches upward evenly, over a vast area, to almost as high as we would wish. This can mean reclaiming the outdoors for night use. We can build not merely places for recreation and sales, but also we can return to the city streets and parks a daytime security.

Staying outdoors for the moment, we can move on to the use of light as an adjunct to architecture, where it is handled more as a decorative than a building material. Yet even when it is being used essentially to dramatize, the lighting must grow out of the architecture, underscoring its intent. A modern office building, a shaft 40 to 50 stories high, is pointed at the sky. For all the practicalities of building high to provide a lot of floor space, there is also the sense of man refusing to stay in bounds and insisting on getting off the ground. Yet, at night, his rebellion is a nothing, since even the enormous shaft he pushed upward is obliterated. Floodlight it, push the darkness away from it, and let everyone see it. This is using light within the architectural intent, even while it is a subsidiary material.

Sometimes, the darkness is used deliberately as part of the lighting design by carefully separating light forms. For example, to dramatize a store, we may wish to create a maypole effect by rolling out colored bands of light from one pole.

The effect is gay, a natural “come-on” to customers. If the intent of the architect was to build his store in a manner that would turn passers-by into customers, he has used light to preserve his intent.

Moving inside, where once more we are concerned with light as the only material which can penetrate the inner space, we come to the architect's use of light as one of his basic materials. This is most clearly evident when he keeps his luminaires invisible, and when he is forced to concentrate on the use of light as such. When it is important not to introduce forms extraneous to the meaning of the inner space, luminaires are to be avoided. In a chapel, where all embellishments are in themselves religious symbols—and at best a luminaire would be ornamented to be a symbol of a symbol—invisible light sources might be called for. The light would be used to dramatize the true symbols, to emphasize the meaning of the altar, to provide illumination for reading the services. In other instances, on the contrary, it might be desirable not merely to show the luminaires, but to show them off. A crystal chandelier can be the very center of the entire decor of a dining room.

Light can be used in many ways; at all times, it is used to fill out the inner space with illumination. Sometimes it is used to strengthen the architectural lines of a room, as in the case of a luminous plane shaped to match the contours of what it is defining below. Sometimes light is used as an architectural form in itself. A luminous “fin” might be constructed to jut out below a high ceiling to bring a room down to the human scale, without necessarily destroying the grandeur of the room.

Light can set up the kind of living to be done in the inner space, sometimes obviously, sometimes too subtly to be noticed. The most obvious is theatrical lighting, in which shafts of light are poured within a picture frame or onto an arena stage, calling everyone's attention to the area blatantly, announcing that something larger than life is about to happen, a drama. This kind of lighting, the deliberate exposure of light forms to the view, is too oversized for normal-sized living. There are

occasions, however, for an unsubtle use of light to create certain moods deliberately. In a night club, a good deal of the inner space is left unfilled, making use of the darkness to separate each table into an island; each island is given its own pool of light. The qualities of the light forms are soft and colored to the subdued tints in which almost anyone can look and feel glamorous. Everyone is aware that the mood is being "planted" on them by means of the lighting; but everyone is seeking such a make-believe world. What makes people comfortable about it is that they can see with their own eyes that it is make-believe.

Light, however, can define the living intended within the inner space with as much subtlety as the nightclub design lacks. We can take an exhibition hall where wares are hopefully displayed to the public. What is needed here is to make the wares look good and the people feel expansive. The general lighting has to be pleasant enough to make people look well to one another and to themselves, to put them in a good mood, but also sharp enough to keep them alert. The wares, on the other hand, have to look precisely what they are and still be made a center of attraction. In other words, different

light forms are called for within the same design. A little color distortion will go a long way in making people look (and feel) better, while the same distortion is disastrous for exhibits. In this instance, the light forms might have to originate from inconspicuous luminaires which remain a rather monotonous background so that the people do not become charmed with the ceiling instead of the exhibits. We may look at such a hall filled with sparkling displays and rosy people and think the lighting adds nothing; it was not meant to. It was never meant to detract from either the wares or the public, but only to define an inner space used primarily for exhibiting and buying.

Some discussion of luminaires and their use architecturally is also in order. If luminaires are visible, they should be part of the architectural design from the beginning, not appendages. When they are afterthoughts, the deliberately planned lines of a ceiling are broken up by the "right" number of luminaires to provide the "right" number of footcandles. They look like the afterthoughts they are, and no amount of ornamentation can hide the clutter. In the design stage, ceilings can be planned with vaulted recesses to hold certain types of luminaires, or with allow-

ances made for recessed fluorescent coves set along the perimeter, or as an entire luminous plane, and so on indefinitely. All ornamentation, even where luminaires are concerned, should be organic, growing out of the architectural design. The less a luminaire announces itself as a lighting fixture and the more it appears as an integral part of the deliberate design of an area, indoors and out, the nearer it gets to being organic ornamentation.

Often a luminaire can serve as a "conversation piece," in itself the center of the eye's attraction on entering a room. We have to have light. Why not make a "thing" of it? But again, the conversation piece, however lovely in itself, serves no purpose unless it is part and parcel of the entire decor.

We could go on at length, discussing how light can not only shape the inner space to suit it to different kinds of living, but also how it can make a given space flexible enough to contain different kinds of living. Luminaires as ornamentation and as architectural forms also deserve more attention. However, after a lengthier discussion, the conclusion would be the same: everything depends on how well the architect relates light forms to the inner space.

conclusion

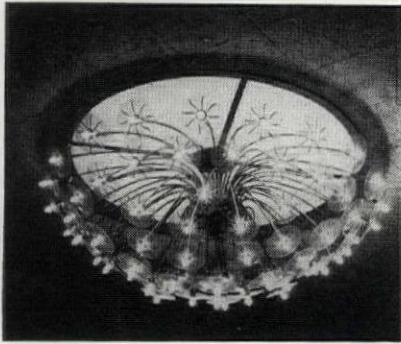
Light is the one material which can shape space directly. Unlike daylight, electric light can be picked up and placed exactly where we want it. The forms of light, by which it can be handled, are its beams. A knowledge of light sources is essential to a knowledge of light forms. Luminaires are only the modifiers of light sources. No housing can change the nature of a light source. To approach a lighting design statistically, deciding first how much illumination is required and how many luminaires can do the job, can prove disastrous both architecturally and economically.

When we relate light forms to the inner space and the living anticipated in it, we are building with light and lighting organically. The lighting design should be part of the initial architectural plans, and not an afterthought. The most fruitful way, in every sense, of using light is to use it as a material in itself.

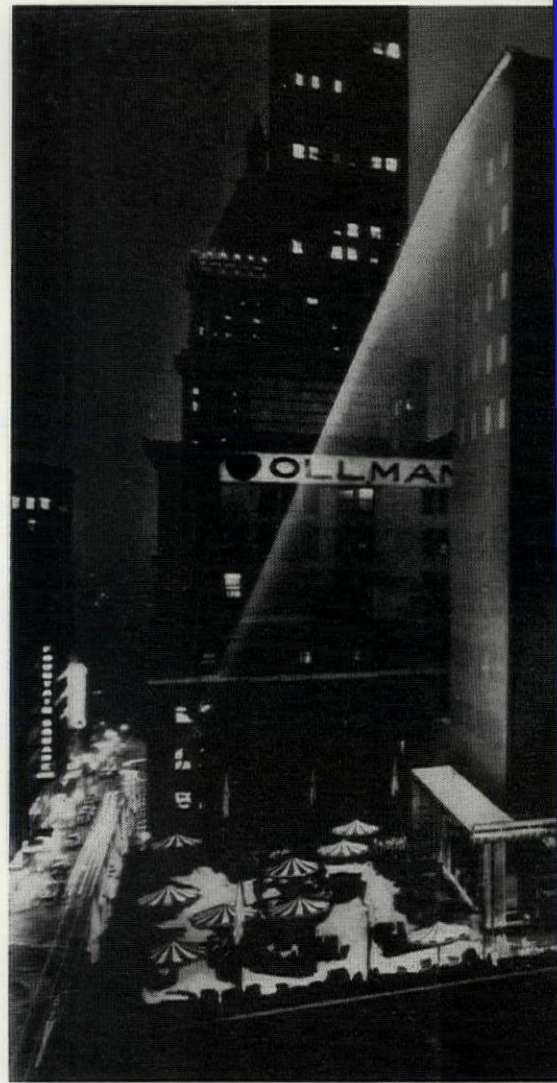


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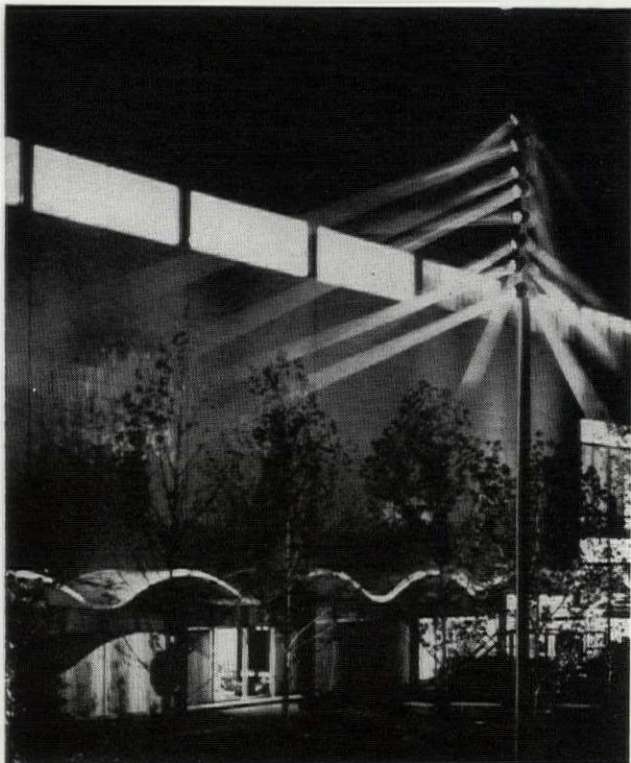
1 When one fills a volume of space by floodlighting, the quality of daylight—its all-aroundness—is created. 2 In some instances, it may be desirable to show off the luminaire: a crystal chandelier can be the center of the entire decor of a dining room. 3 Floodlighting a building—pushing the darkness away from it—is using light with an architectural intent, even while it is a subsidiary element. 4 All ornamentation, even where luminaires are concerned, should be organic, growing out of the architectural design. 5 A maypole effect can help to dramatize a store: the effect is gay, a natural come-on to customers.



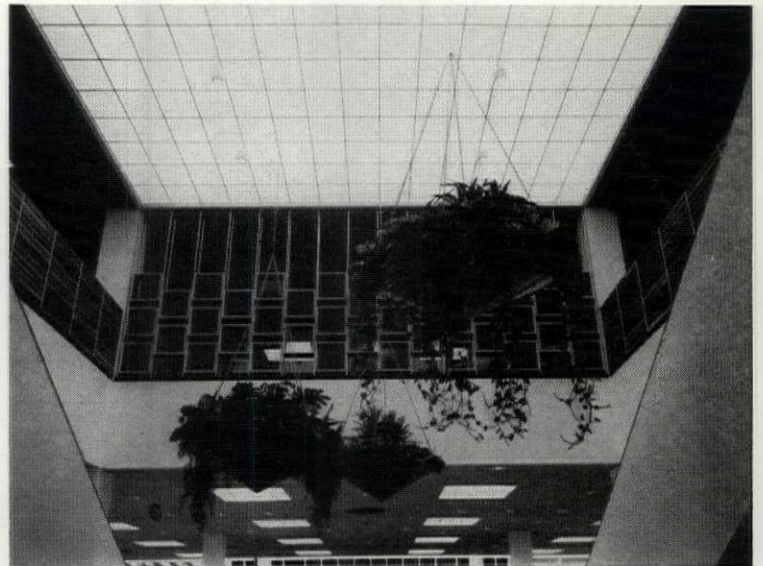
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LIGHTING IS ARCHITECTURE **enrichment of materials**

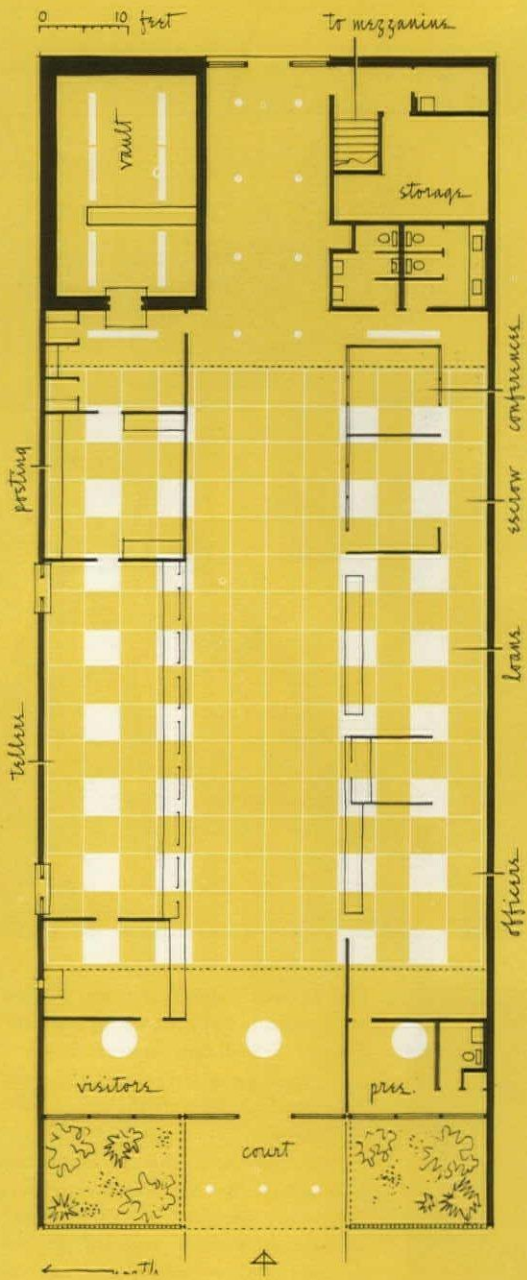
Architecture, interior planning, and graphic design for the South Bay Bank of Manhattan Beach, California, is the work of Craig Ellwood Associates with Jerrold E. Lomax as Associate, Norman N. Rosen as Consulting Architect. Albyn & Charles Mackintosh were Consulting Structural Engineers; Jack Miller, Mechanical Engineer; Jocelyn Domela & Warren Walz, Landscape Architects; Gattmann & Mitchell, General Contractor.

While it was one of the chief design aims of the architects to express lightness—that is weightlessness of structure—note the lightness in the sense of il-

lumination, which they have simultaneously achieved. Structural means toward lightness were the steel and aluminum members which, with concrete block, also gave the bank the desired quality of permanence and solidity. Chief means of artificial illumination were the 8-tube fluorescent fixtures, recessed into the ceiling on a 4-ft module. These squares, rendering 45° shielding through miniature-celled plastic louvers, alternate with square of perforated hardboard for acoustic purposes. For design contrast three circular, 8-tube fluorescent fixtures are recessed in the acoustic-plaster ceil-

ing in front of the steel truss. These fixtures are not lighted during most of the day, since this area is amply daylighted through the glazed west façade. Two aluminum grills filter the daylight before it reaches the glass wall.

The interior space is entirely clear of structural members. Columns and fascia are exposed and painted blue. Girders are inverted and tapered and span 50 ft. At the open face of the structure a rigid frame was required for seismic forces. This frame was placed on module and constructed of I columns and a parallel chord-type steel truss.



Photos: Marvin Rand



The east entrance (above) is directly accessible from the parking area. Entry from the west is between two garden courts (left) enclosed by aluminum grilles, glazed wall, and concrete block side walls. For further sun protection these garden courts have been roofed with blue, heat-absorbing wireglass. The grilles were constructed of satin alumilited bars, 3" o.c. horizontally, 6" o.c. vertically.

enrichment of materials



Teller space (above) receives 60 ft-c of illumination at counters of standard height. Translucent wireglass partitions, with gates for each of the eight teller stations, separate the public from work areas.

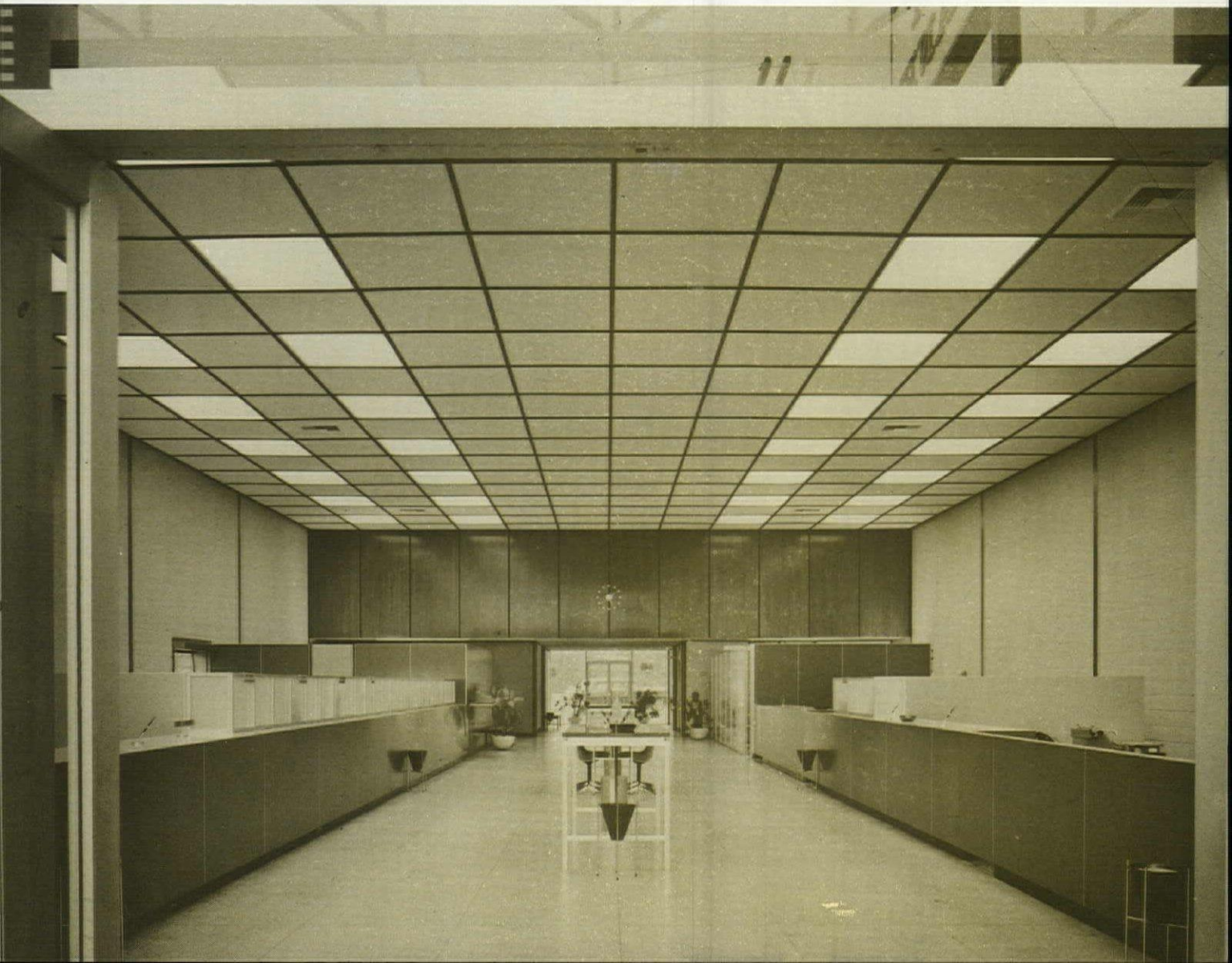
In the directors room, on the mezzanine above the east entrance (left), 75 ft-c are provided by two 4'-square fluorescent fixtures recessed in the acoustic plaster ceiling, and two incandescent, lowered fixtures.

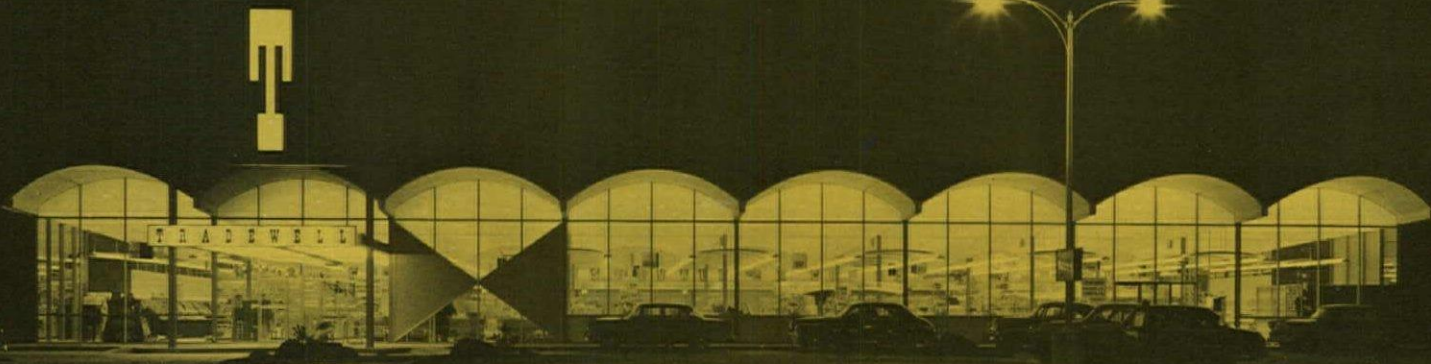
The dining room (acrosspage top), also on the mezzanine, has kitchen facilities for the employes, and receives natural light supplemented by 8-ft-long recessed troffers.

The interior space is air conditioned by a 3-zone double-duct system which automatically heats, cools, ventilates, dehumidifies, and filters.

Materials used for interior fixtures and partitions are: plastic laminates, walnut plywood, gypsum board, and translucent wireglass framed in aluminum sections. The floor is terrazzo with white marble in gray cement. For sound absorption, perforated hardboard was used in the posting room; sheet cork, acoustic plaster, carpeting in other areas. Neutral grays and whites form the background for bright accents of orange, citron, and blue.

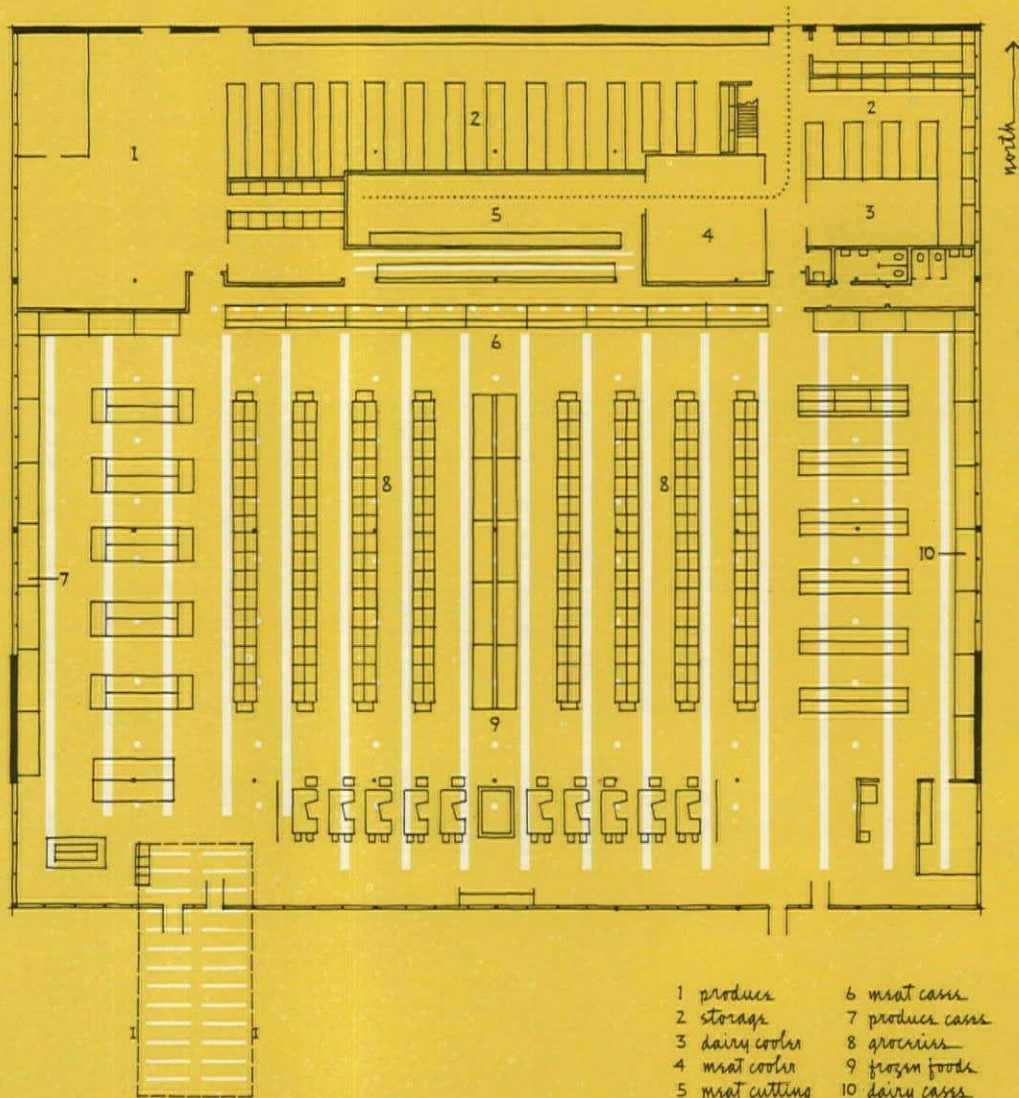






LIGHTING IS ARCHITECTURE

development of function



This supermarket in Burien, Washington, was designed as a prototype for possibly 30 additional units to be built in the Tradewell chain. Hence, an important design goal, in addition to providing an efficient plan solution, was to develop a readily identifiable symbol that would immediately register "Tradewell" in the public mind. This is apparent in every aspect of the building—in the plan scheme, in the structural system, in sign co-ordination, in the lighting. The night view (*acrosspage*) demonstrates how effective the combination of distinctive

structural form and high-level lighting is in creating an arresting beacon. Architects were Welton Becket & Associates; Associated Architects, Rushmore & Woodman. Interiors and sign design were handled by the Becket office. Structural Engineer: Richard R. Bradshaw; Mechanical Engineers: Levine & McCann; General Contractor: Jentoft & Forbes.

The economical structure employs common materials in an uncommon way. The steel frame, left exposed, is painted brilliant orange; thin-shell concrete forms the 8-bay, barrel-vaulted roof, with 12-ft over-

hangs providing covered walkways. Filler walls are glass, concrete block, or stone masonry. A focal point (*bottom*) is a "bow tie" bracing panel of blue porcelain enamel on aluminum.

The functional lighting system has an intensity of 60 footcandles. Fixture brackets occur on beam extensions where the roof vaults join. These brackets, spaced 10 ft o.c., support bowed-steel arms, from which fluorescent fixtures with plastic edging are suspended on cantilevered, pressed-steel channels that also serve as wiring raceways.



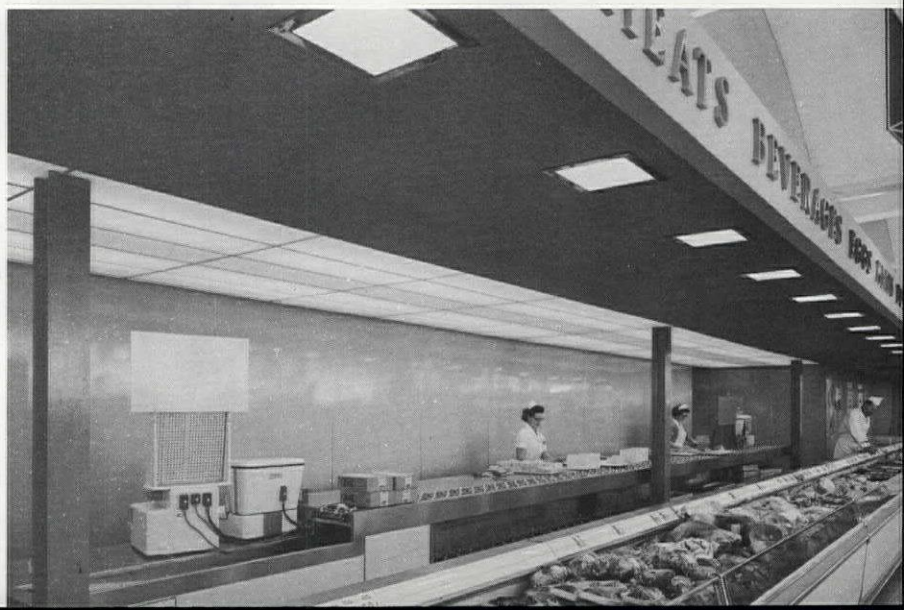
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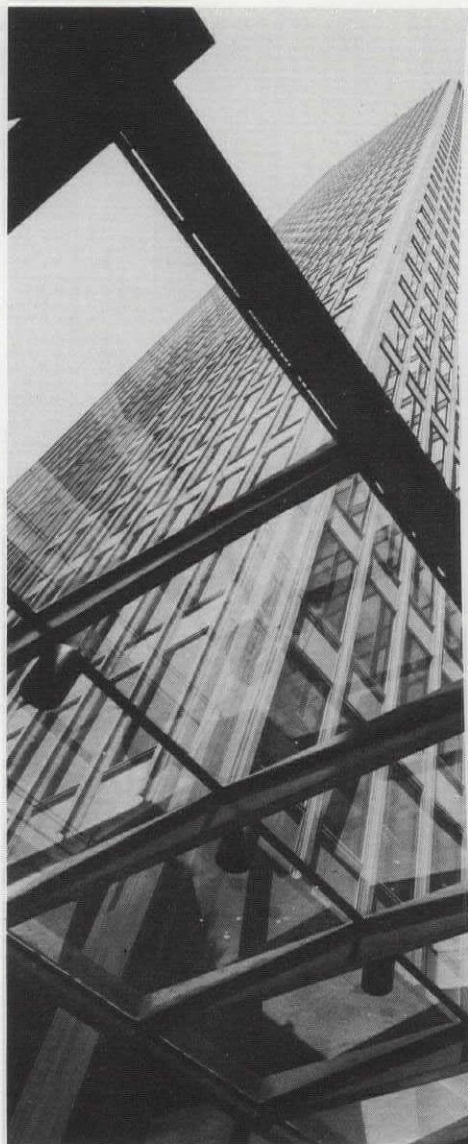




Terrazzo surfaces the market's concrete-slab floor; fixed sash are aluminum. A radiant, floor-slab heating system is supplemented by unit heaters behind the rear sales wall.

In addition to the fluorescent lighting system, incandescent lights are used in clusters over certain areas for spot merchandising. Over the meat-sales counter (right) recessed squares of incandescent lighting are used to enhance the food display; however, fluorescent tubing covered by plastic diffuser gratings light the meat processing area in back.





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LIGHTING IS ARCHITECTURE **definition of structure**

In making its Awards for the best commercial buildings built in the years 1956-57 on Fifth, Madison, and Park Avenues, in New York, the Committee of Architectural Awards of Fifth Avenue Association selected 375 Park Avenue (otherwise known as the Seagram Building or the House of Seagram) as the best to appear on Park Avenue in this period. Among

the words of praise, they included the following: "At night, the building glows with great distinction by means of skillful interior lighting designed to achieve this effect." Richard Kelly was the Lighting Consultant who developed the scheme with the Architects (Mies van der Rohe and Philip Johnson; Kahn & Jacobs, Associated). Around the perimeter of all 38

floors there is a band of luminous ceiling 20 ft in depth. In the daytime, this band, which provides toward 100 ft candles of illumination, effectively minimizes the glare brightness contrast between ceiling and sky. At night, fully lighted by a secondary wiring system at one-fifth of the daytime intensity, it not only provides the glow to which the Awards Jury referred



but boldly silhouettes the 27'-9" bays of the structural steel frame and the mullions that occur at 4'-7½" centers. Because of the warm-gray, polished-plate glazing, which extends for most of the height of each floor, the night glow of the great shaft is warm in hue. Interior spaces enclosed within the luminous-ceiling band are illuminated by low-brightness reflecting troffers that produce approximately an 80-ft-candle level. With reflection from light floors, distracting contrast between troffers and ceiling is minimized. Special wall-wash lighting in the Seagram Company's own offices (J. Gordon Carr,

Architect for interior architecture and planning) adds many sympathetic luminous walls that make an ideal environment for each type of conference space.

After the creation of a tower of light as the Seagram symbol in the New York night cityscape came the basic architectural problem of centering the focus on the building entrance. Mies van der Rohe and Philip Johnson had conceived the continuation of Plaza space into elevator corridor space with only large planes of plate glass to weatherproof the lobby.

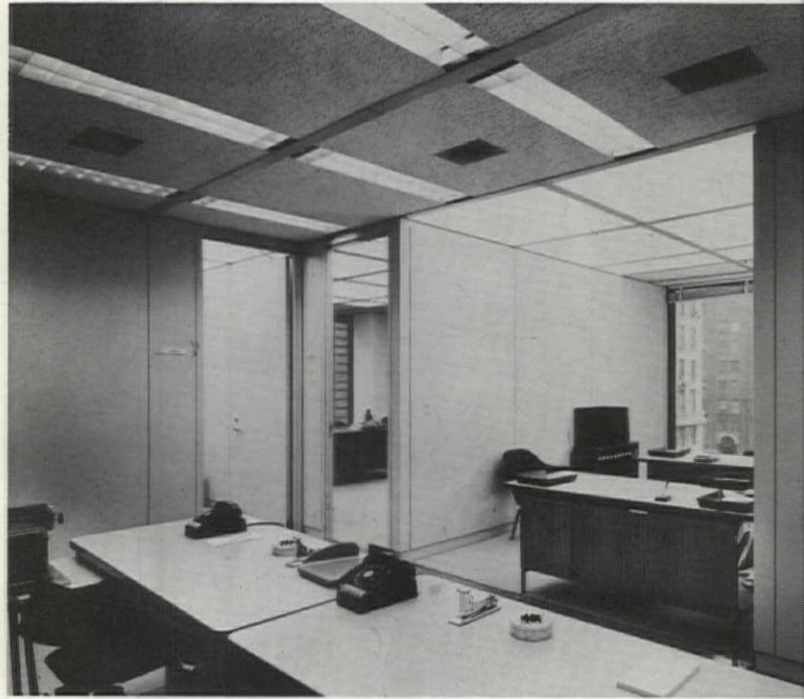
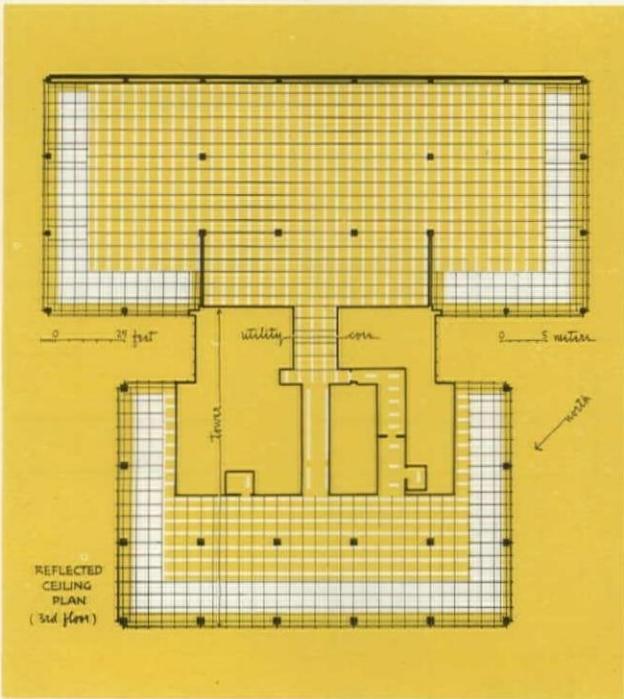
Uniform intensity of brightness over the lobby walls (*above*) with fixtures mini-

mized was the design goal to achieve simple monumentality effortlessly and elegantly. It required courage to spend enough wattage to achieve the minimum intensity that could be expressive. It is probably the highest wattage per foot yet used in a lobby. An astronomical and a numerical clock together adjust the balance of brightness relative to midday sun, twilight, and night blackness as well as the density of usage. Bands of very strong light on the floor derive from "dark lights" (look black in unretouched photo) of 500 w each. Troffers for the wall washing also appear dark in the photo.



In the street-level lobby (acrosspage), clock controls vary the light intensity, depending on time of day.

In the Seagram offices (two upper photos), a conference room (left) has a luminous ceiling. In more typical office space (below), as well as in offices for the Olivetti Corporation of America (bottom), the basic lighting scheme is evident—20-ft perimeter band of luminous ceiling; low-brightness reflecting troffers above interior spaces.



definition of structure



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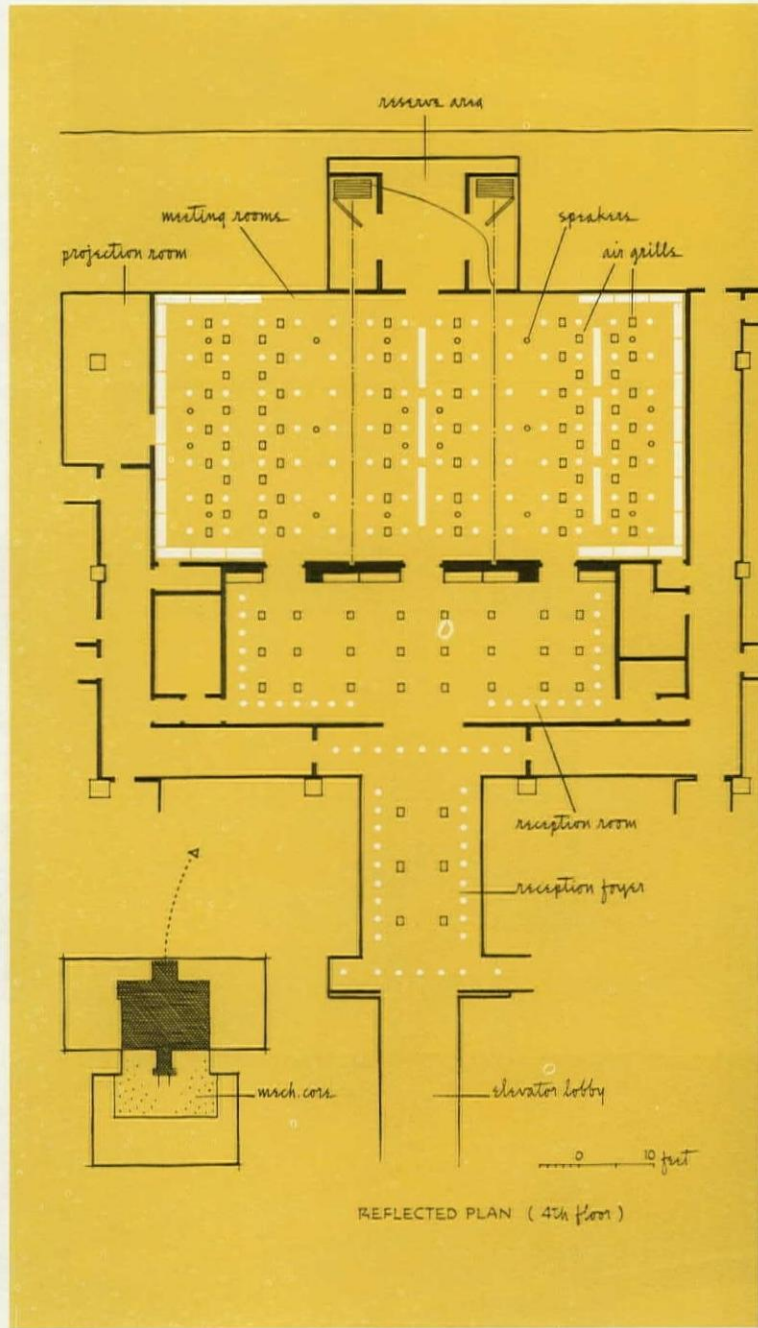
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The Seagram Company's fourth-floor, multipurpose meeting space can be divided into any combination of three parts by sliding wall panels of oak. Perimeter walls are washed with light spread to nearly uniform intensity by a specular concentrating Alzac reflector and 800 m.a. deluxe warm-fluorescent tubes. This background lighting, diffuse and indirect, creates "space" in a windowless room.

Table surfaces and floor receive direct

light from 3-in. regressed 8-in. concentrating lenses, closely spaced for a brightness cutoff of about 40° from vertical. Banks of sealed-beam, adjustable spotlights for demonstration material or entertainment are built into troughs behind hinged ceiling panels, like disappearing footlights, that are retractable by motor and dimmed by motors controlled by low-voltage positioners.

Reading from top to bottom (across-

page): **1** room lighted by wall washing only, as might be used for a reception; **2** lighted by downlights only, as might be used for note-taking with clear contrast for slide or movie projection; **3** seen through half-opened partition with both wall washing and downlighting; **4** with projection spotlights all on, as might be used for sales meeting with promotional material on display; and **5** showing mechanism of lowered banks of spotlights.



Gottcho-Schleisner





Photos (except as noted): Alexandre Georges

LIGHTING IS ARCHITECTURE **assertion of purpose**

The Fifth Avenue (New York) Association's Committee on Architectural Awards recently named 666 Fifth Avenue, 38-story speculative office structure built for and by the Tishman Realty & Construction Co., as "the best new commercial building on Fifth Avenue," constructed during the period January 1, 1956, to December 31, 1957. The Committee praised it for being "simple in form and rich in its patterned, textured, aluminum panels. Between windows and panels, a vertical emphasis is achieved by porcelain-enameled mullions. Exterior lighting makes the design equally effective at night. . . ."

Night floodlighting of the building, for which Carson & Lundin were the Architects, was by no means an afterthought;

one of the prime requirements of the design was that it assert itself, call attention, and otherwise advertise its existence. The night-lighting scheme, designed by Abe Feder, of Lighting by Feder, consists of 72 mercury-vapor, reflector-type lamps, with a total of 9.7 millions candlepower, mounted on the 10th- and 15th-floor setbacks of the building. The system used here, giving the building form much the same appearance that it has in the daytime, is the direct antithesis of the scheme worked out for the Seagram Building, which glows warmly from within at night. Others involved in work on the steel-framed building were Victor Mayper, Structural Engineer; Cosentini Associates, Mechanical Engineers; and Eitingon

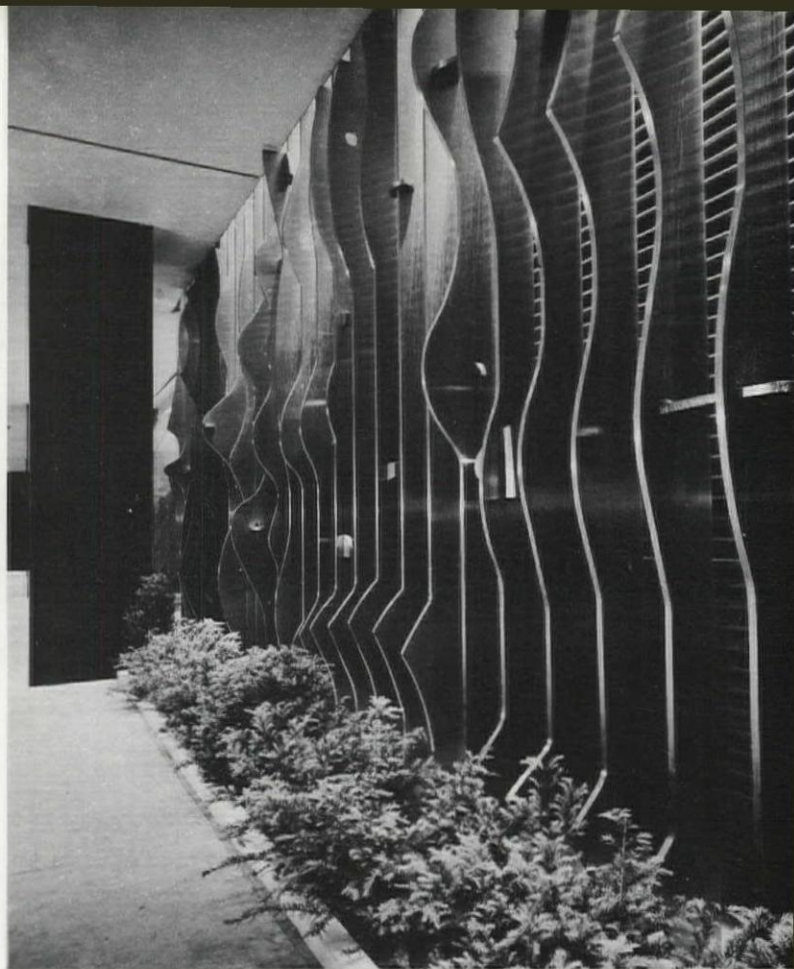
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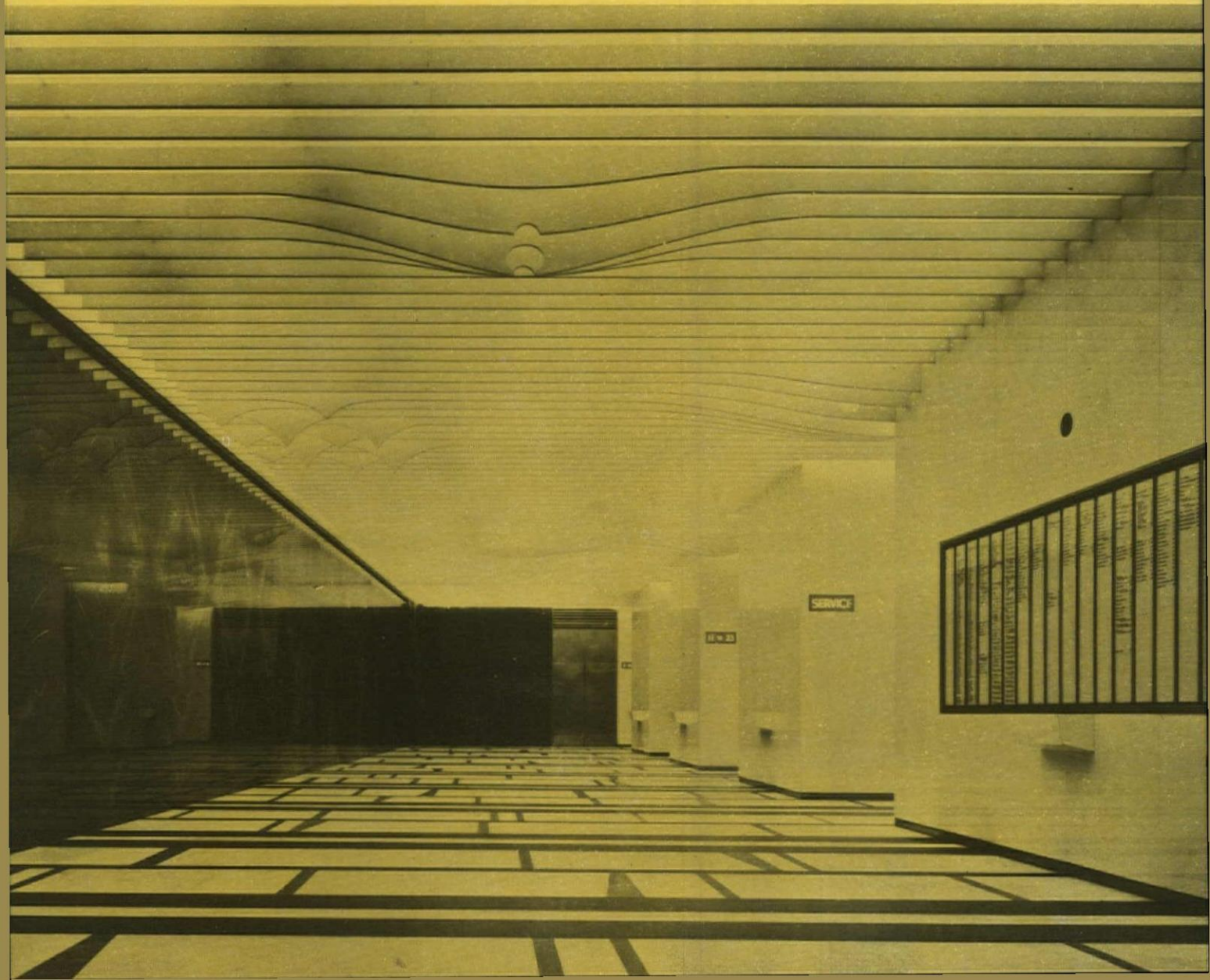
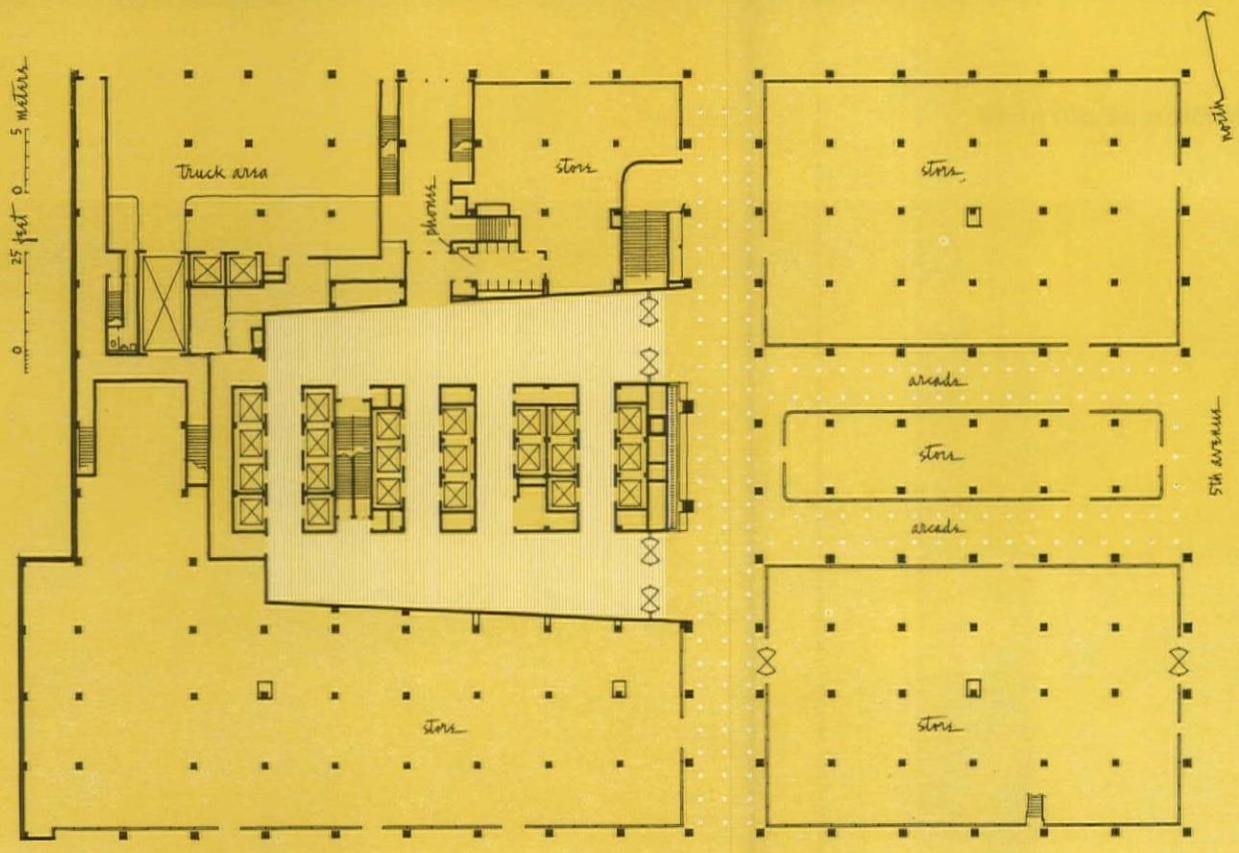
Among the exceptional features of the design are open, through-building shopping arcades at street level; 70-car basement garage; steel, movable-wall units that allow ready rearrangement of office space; and year-round, multizoned air-conditioning system that includes a 3000-ton steam-turbine-driven refrigeration plant located at the roof serving the 2nd to 38th floors; 400-ton, electric-driven refrigeration plant located in the subcellar supplying chilled water to all stores; high-pressure induction system with individual automatic controls for all exterior spaces from 2nd to 38th floors; and moderate-velocity air system supplying air to interior spaces.

assertion of purpose

Open, shop-lined arcades (below) are a striking feature of the street-level design. The arcades are lighted from flush-mounted incandescent downlights, and the flooring is the same crab-orchard stone that is used for the sidewalks bordering the exterior of the building. Major focal point of the arcade area is a 40-ft-long waterfall (right) that cascades down over a sculptured glass background and is broken up by free-form, vertical, stainless steel fins. Sculptor Isamu Noguchi assisted in the design of this arresting area.

The paired elevator lobbies (acrosspage bottom), opening off the arcade area, employ cold-cathode fluorescent light sources above translucent light panels, that echo the fountain treatment with horizontally applied enameled-steel, sculptural fins. Noguchi worked with the architects on this portion of the design also. Side walls of the lobbies are surfaced with red marble, while floors are of red, black, and white marble; elevator doors are stainless steel.

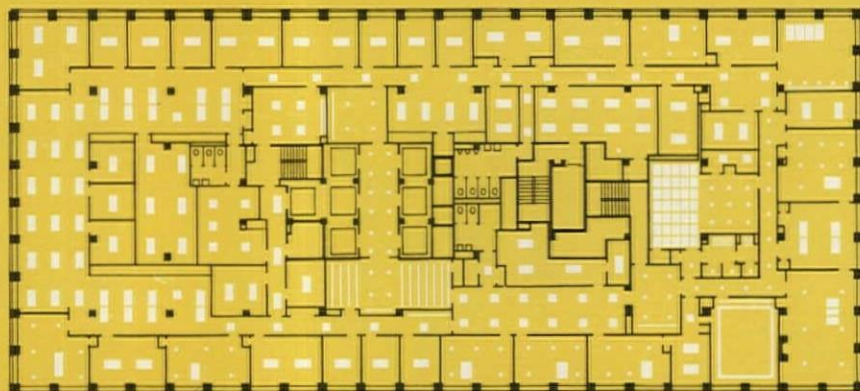




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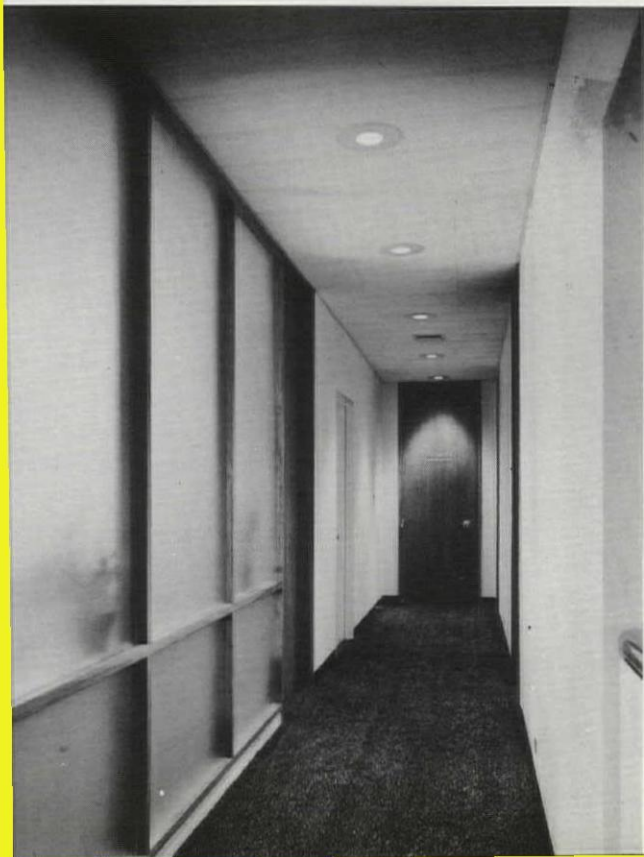
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TYPICAL TOWER PLAN



In all, the building contains 1,000,000 sq ft of office space; each of the 24 upper tower floors contains about 18,000 sq ft. On these two pages, we show the plan and a few photographs of the offices of the building owners, the Tishman Realty & Construction Co., which are located on the next to the top floor. Carson & Lundin, architects for the building, designed the spaces illustrated.





LIGHTING IS ARCHITECTURE **use of space**

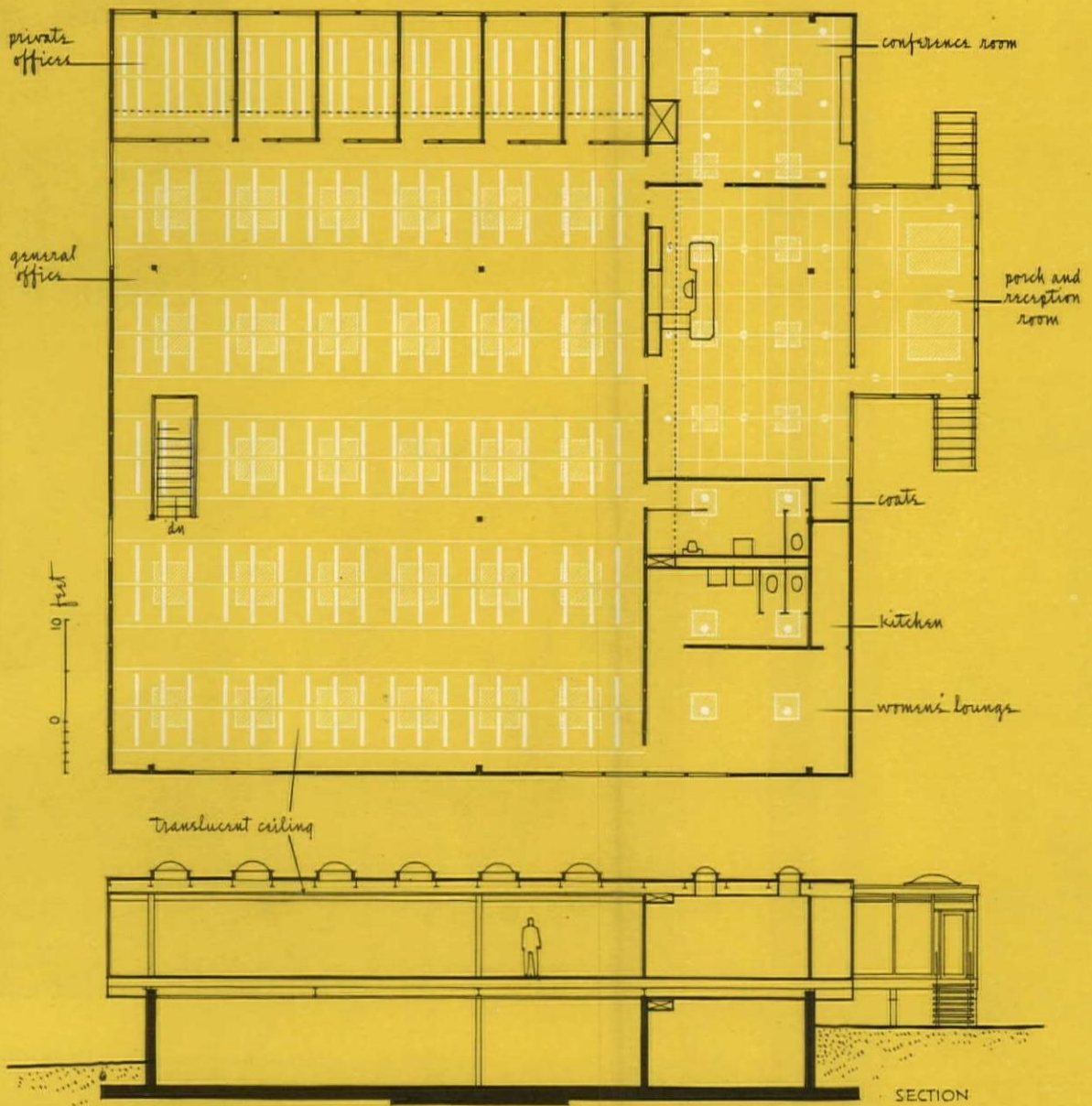
When Wasco Products, Inc., decided to build its new headquarters building in Cambridge, Massachusetts, one could fairly assume that there would be generous, even experimental, use of the company's own products. And one would have assumed correctly—flashings; plastic wall and ceiling panels of several types (smooth; opaque; translucent; corrugated; laminated); and, of course, the familiar Wascolite domes, of various sizes and properties. In fact, the structure, in

addition to serving as the company's home office building, is used as a continuing experimental product laboratory, wherein new materials are tested in use.

In recognition of this fact, the architects, The Architects Collaborative, worked from the start toward modular flexibility, with most spaces developed on multiples of 4'-0", the basic module for most of Wasco's products. In addition to window areas on exterior walls, daylighting throughout the building derives from

a multiplicity of plastic skylights, which feed light down through suspended, plastic, ceiling paneling to the spaces beneath. Supplementing daylighting, there are electric lamps mounted above the ceiling panels—fluorescent over the general-office space; incandescent above the lobby/reception area. The lamps are carefully arranged in relation to the roof domes so that the general effect is sustained, whatever the time of day.

In the general work space (*above*) the

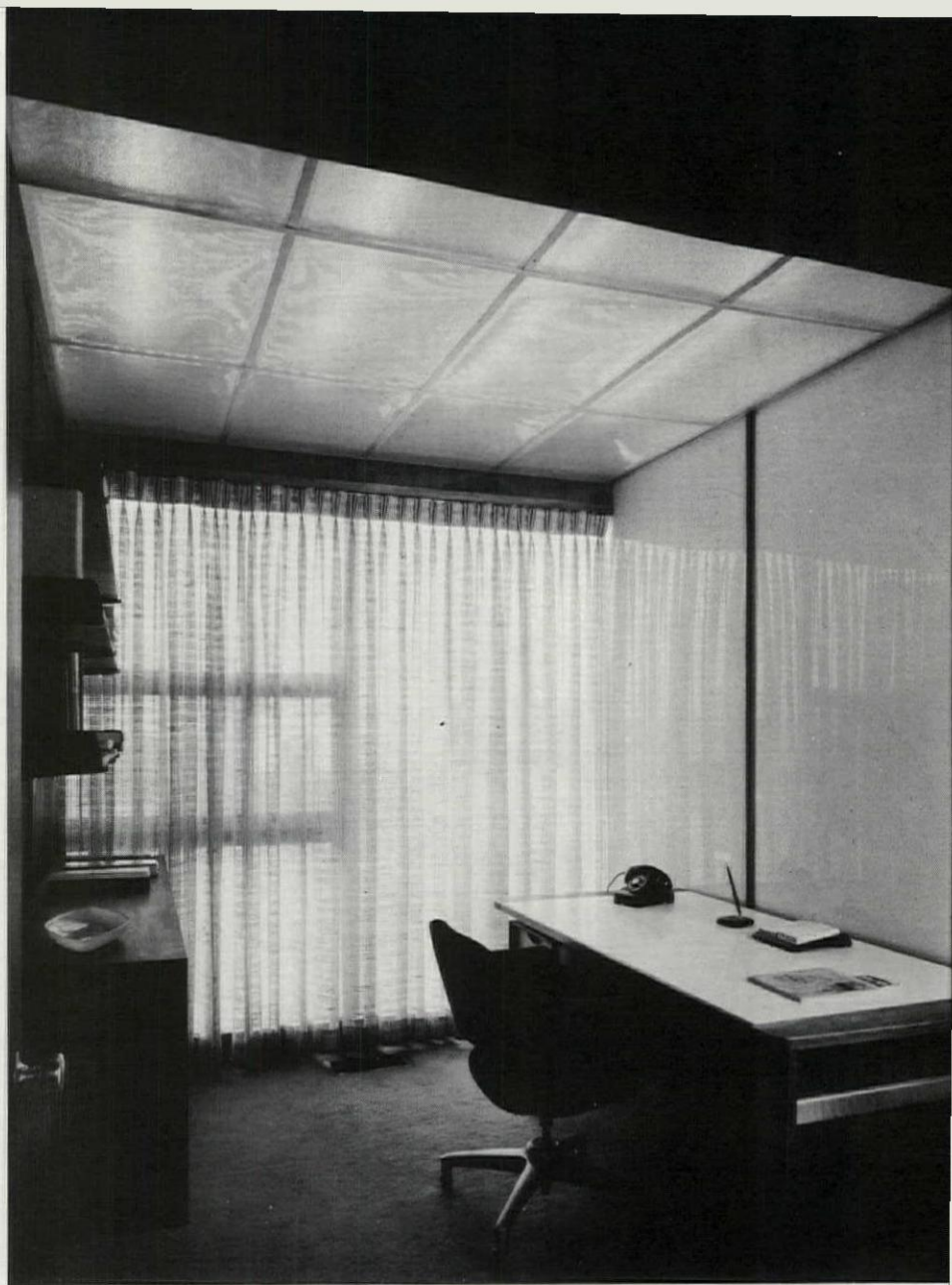


translucent ceiling is of corrugated plastic. In the roof view (*right*), several types of domes are apparent—the Ventdome (top left); the Pyrodome (with top sprung open); and Reflectadome (foreground). In the background are Skydomes.

Associated with TAC in the development of the building were Goldberg, LeMessurier & Associates, Structural Engineers; and Bernard F. Greene, Mechanical-Electrical Engineers. Wasco Products, Inc., was its own General Contractor.



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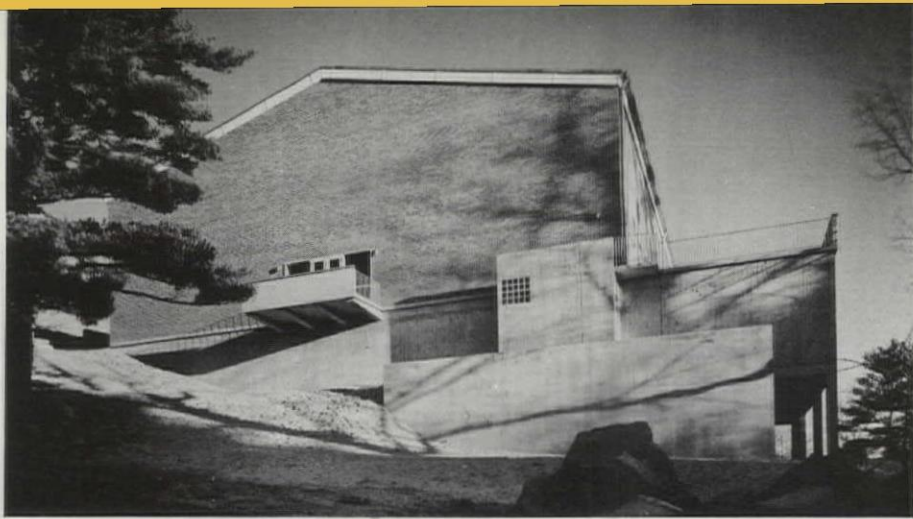
From whatever angle the building is viewed—in a private office, in the conference room, from the roof, or in the reception lobby—the sensible concern with imaginative use of plastic products is evident. Note the varying types and textures of paneling, on both walls and ceilings, and the high-level illumination that the combined daylighting and electric-lighting system produces.





LIGHTING IS ARCHITECTURE **definition of varied spaces**





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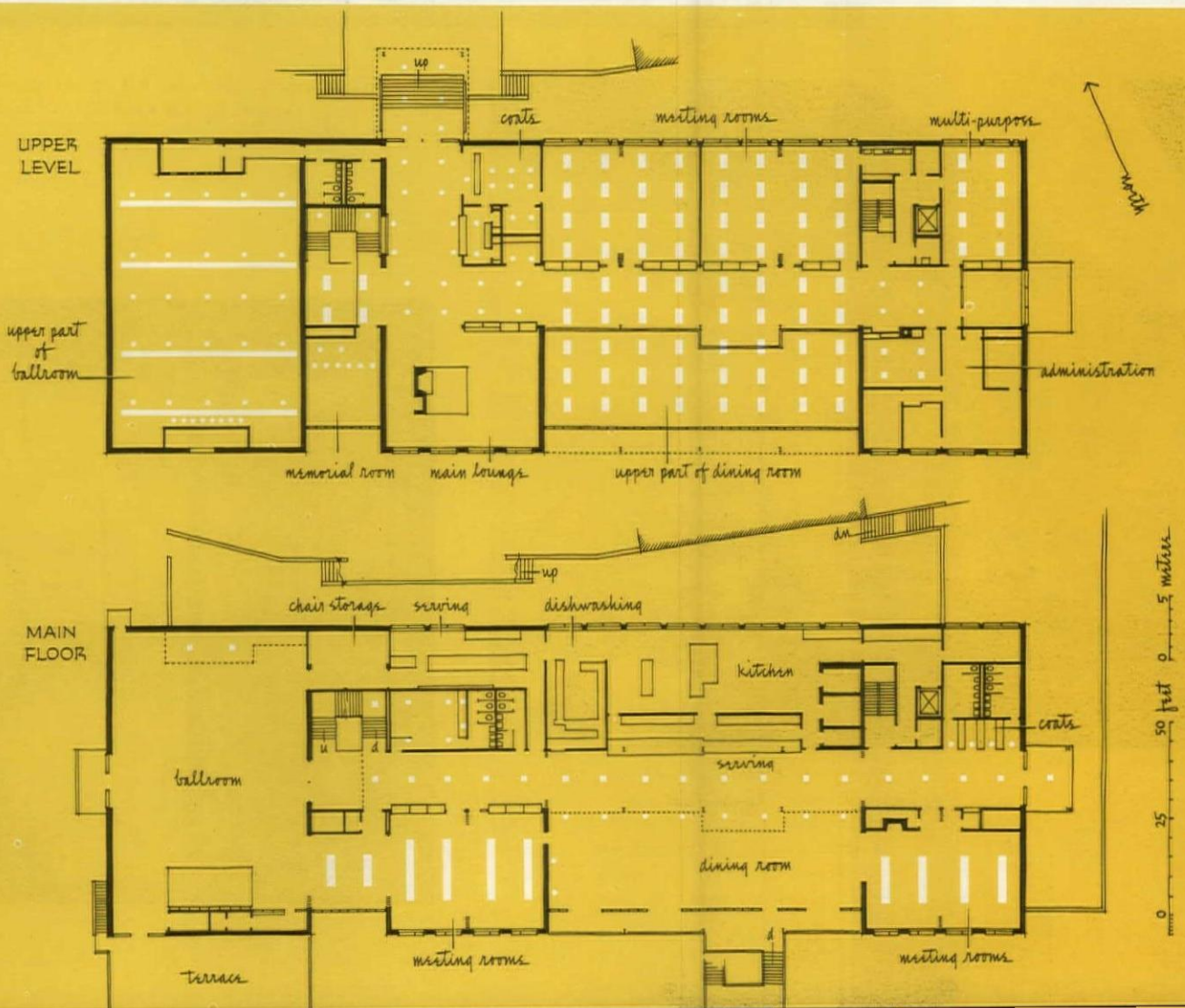
This Memorial Union Building for University of New Hampshire, Durham, was winner of an architectural-design competition. Ronald Courley was the Architect; Porter Butts, Director of the University of Wisconsin Union, Planning Consultant; Dan Kiley, Site Consultant; Paul Weidlinger, Structural Engineer; Thompson Engineering Co., Electrical Engineers; The Jennison Co., Mechanical Engineers; Bolt, Beranek & Newman, Acoustical Consultants; John A. Volpe Construction Co., General Contractor. Prof. Lawrence B. Anderson, of MIT, was Professional Adviser for the design competition.

Requirements were for the many, varied uses typical of a student union—flexible spaces for meetings of different sizes; large central dining room; snack bar; lounges; ballroom; bowling alleys; offices. The site, at the crest of a ridge, slopes abruptly to the south, overlooking a ravine. This condition was exploited by making the main dining room two stories in height, bordered on the north, at upper (main entrance) level, by a balcony lounge.

The design approach, whether in structural or lighting terms, was to make maximum spatial and volumetric exploitation

within the rather severe gable-roofed, brick building. The light steel-frame of the upper levels (above the concrete frame up to this level) is clearly revealed. Electric-lighting fixtures are made as inconspicuous as possible, with the square lights of the upper floor used to bring out the great roof plane; suspended ceiling elements are accented by spotlighting; lounge areas are lighted by lamps alone.

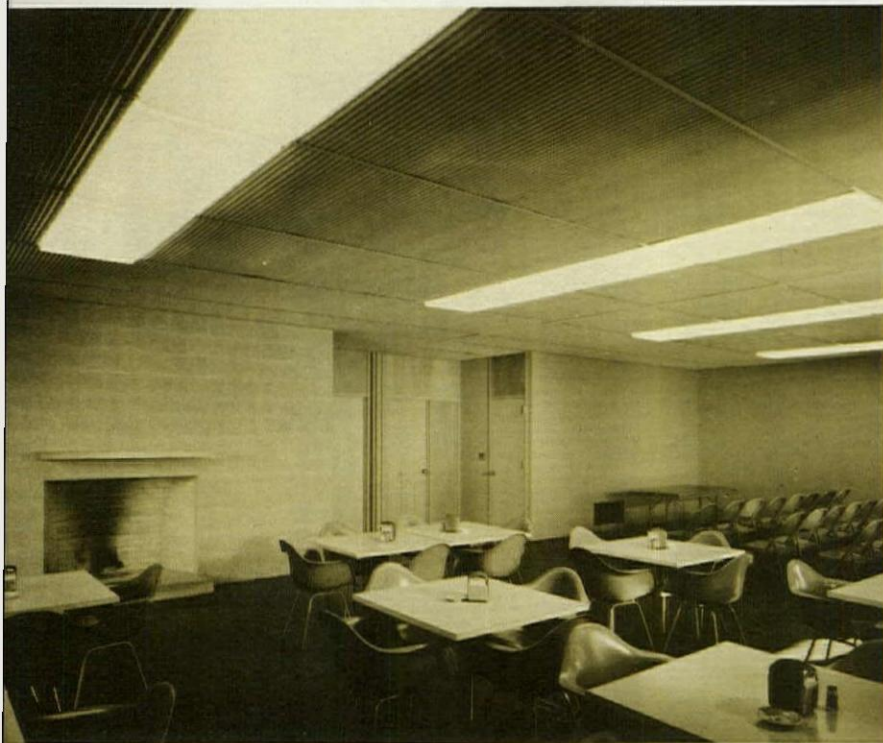
Heating, by hot water and steam from a central plant, is handled through convectors, fin tubes, unit vents and unit heaters.



definition of varied spaces



North-facing meeting rooms at left of the upper-level balcony lounge (above) borrow south light through partition glazing.



Lightweight block is used for partitions in such rooms as the card room on the main floor (above) or offices on the lower floor (right). Ceilings, in the main, are corrugated, perforated aluminum supporting an absorptive, acoustical blanket.





"The total effort in light, both natural and artificial, was to emphasize the space forms and uses," comments Gourley, "thereby making use of this means to strengthen the architectural concept." The main stair and balcony lounge areas are lighted through clerestories. All interior materials are clearly articulated, with brick cavity walls used throughout and brick carried through to relate interior and exterior surfaces.

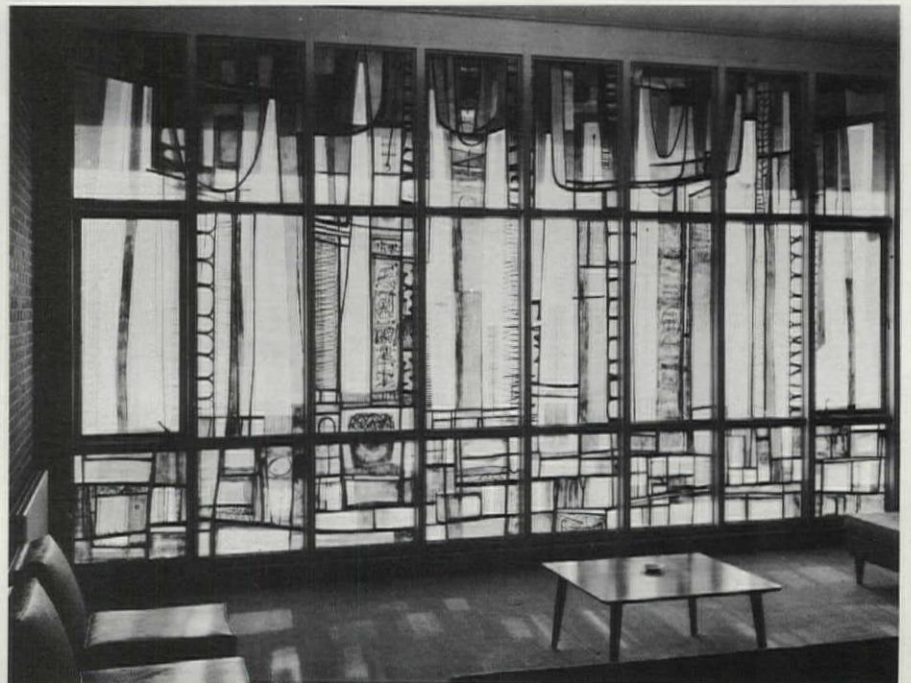
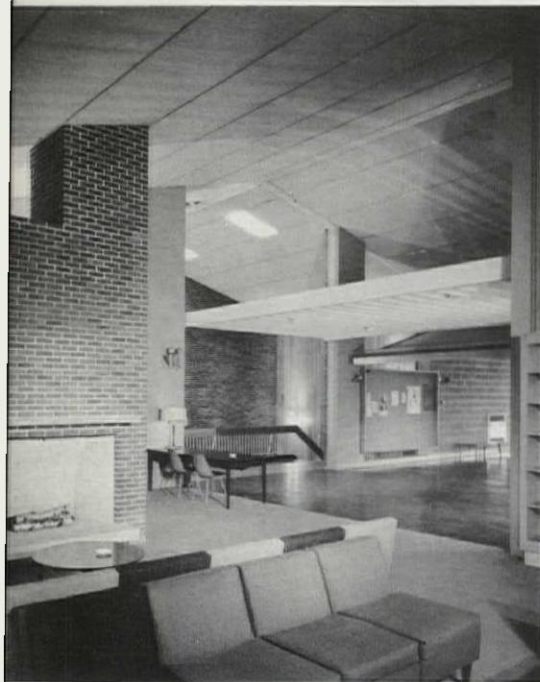


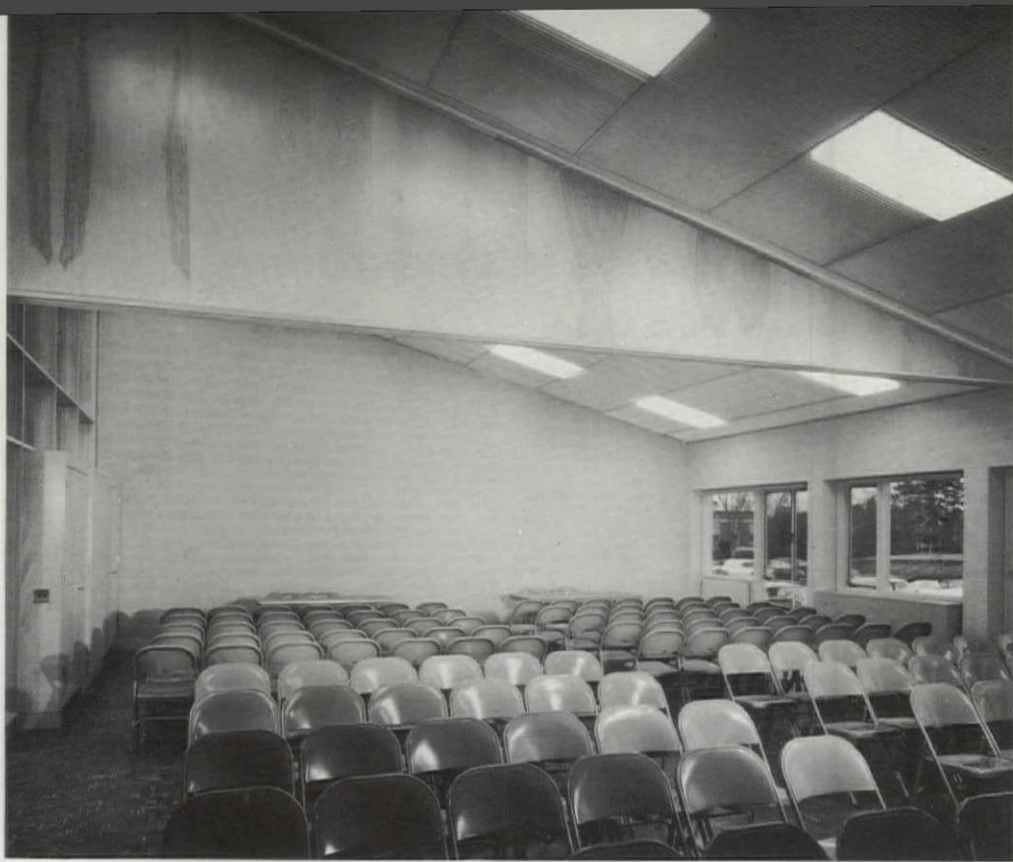
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Finish flooring is used as the surface of the suspended ceiling in the upper-level lobby (above), outside the main lounge (left), and Memorial Room (below).

The 24-panel Memorial Window, the work of John W. Hatch, is actually laminated safety glass. The artist painted directly on glass, and the laminated panels were then made by sandwiching three layers of tough-plastic sheeting between the painted glass and a sheet of unpainted glass, the five layers then being bonded under heat and pressure.





The upper-level meeting rooms (above) gain cross-lighting through glass panels at top of corridor partition.

The ballroom (below) has a minimum of natural light, since it is frequently darkened in the daytime. Numerous different effects are possible at night—soft, multi-colored ceiling lighting for dances; direct lighting for banquets and assemblies; spot lighting for stage use.



brightness relationships in classrooms

by Kenneth C. Welch*

There has been a great deal of comment from architects designing such work spaces as schools and offices, that uniform "flat" lighting recommended for the best visual performance, under certain conditions, creates a monotonous, uninteresting environment. No doubt this has been the case in many installations, but it need not be. The best in lighting environment can be produced and it can be made bright, cheerful, and most interesting.

When determining lighting requirements—or a better expression would be interior brightness patterns, both daylight and artificial—it behooves the architect to think primarily in terms of brightness. This is what the eye and the brain see—not the footcandles. The latter is only one part of a formula which states: footcandles multiplied by the reflection factor—or transmission factor—of a material or surface equals brightness, which is measured in foot-Lamberts.

It is important to remember that our field of vision extends in a lateral 180-degree arc, and with the flexibility required for the changing uses of modern interiors, we must consider the brightness ratios in almost all directions—a circle 360 degrees down to the floor and upwards 45 degrees from any point in a given room that is occupied for any length of time. In today's educational process, students may face any direction in any

interior work space. The directional fixed seats of the 1920's are gone, except in the auditorium.

Architecture is a play of color and forms, and increasingly the forms in nature have become a vital part of our interior environment, because much of our architecture today is glass. Clear glass, except as it mirrors certain daytime brightnesses, has no form in itself except for the pattern of its supports which frame the exterior view. Perhaps this is a good thing, because certainly nature's forms—clouds and planting, even when man rearranges the planting—are never monotonous and they have a beauty that is noncontroversial. We must know and understand the brightnesses of nature and how they can be best transmitted to and enjoyed in our interiors. Further, we must know the best methods to integrate daylight and electric light.

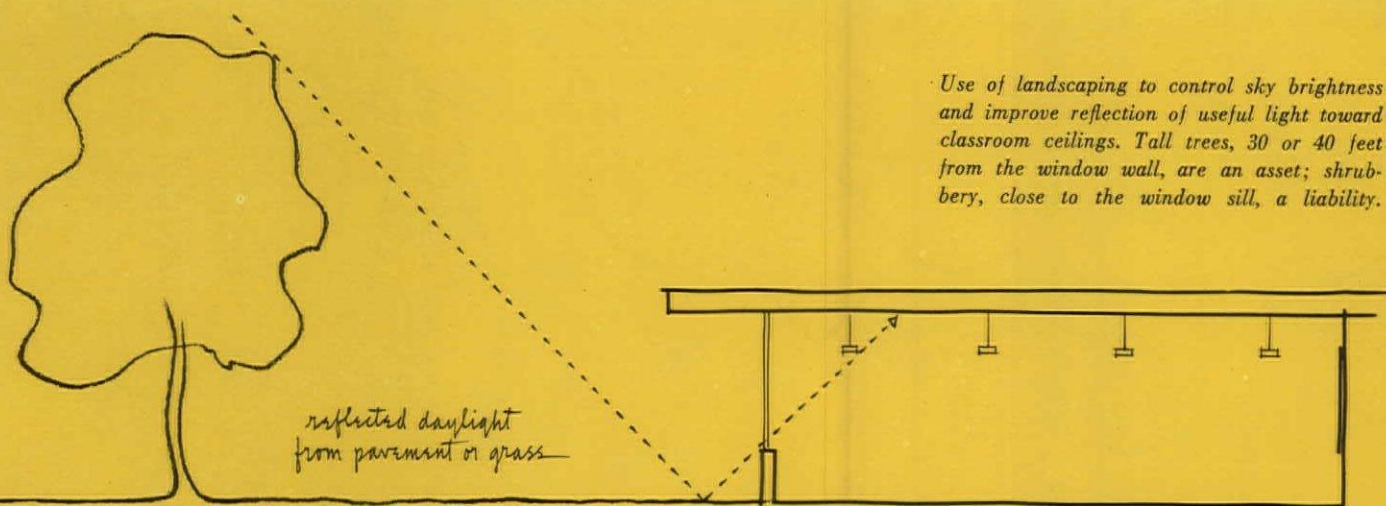
The IES School Lighting Committee, commenting on the revision of its section in the forthcoming third edition of the *IES Lighting Handbook*, makes a statement to this effect: "The goal in school lighting is to produce a visual environment in which seeing may be accomplished efficiently and without hindrance or distraction from any part of the luminous elements of that environment. Adequate levels of illumination with properly balanced brightness help the educational process by making seeing quicker, surer, and easier. Good lighting aids impaired vision; reduces visual fatigue; and helps create a cheerful and pleasant atmosphere."

The considerable amount of research that has been done on this subject tells us, without question, that we should eliminate excessive brightness ratios in the field of vision in our work spaces. The IES School Committee is currently considering recommending 70 footcandles and more for difficult tasks, and up to 150 footcandles on chalkboards. With the availability of new light sources that have doubled the efficiency of the 1957 lamp, these levels have fortunately become economically feasible. In lighting language this means that we can create a brightness of 50 to 60 foot-Lamberts on a piece of white paper at desk height, and, on the proper kind of desk top, a brightness of 30 to 35 foot-Lamberts. We now know that, ideally, it is better to have the immediate surround of the visual task about half the brightness of the task. That is why many contemporary desk tops have light-toned mat (or dull) finishes.

Sky brightness varies tremendously. On a bright day it can be over 6000 foot-Lamberts near the sun; at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., an average sky can get down to 1500; under certain cloud conditions, and depending on the latitude, brightness to the north can vary from 400 to 500 foot-Lamberts. This situation indicates that sky brightnesses of even 1000 foot-Lamberts, which can be 17 to 20 times the brightness of our task, should not be visible anywhere within the normal field of vision. Further, the reflection factor or other characteristics of the task often cannot be controlled or regulated, and cer-

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Use of landscaping to control sky brightness and improve reflection of useful light toward classroom ceilings. Tall trees, 30 or 40 feet from the window wall, are an asset; shrubbery, close to the window sill, a liability.



tainly we do not want them to be. Under some circumstances, however, a brightness ratio of 50 could easily result. With sky brightness commonly twice 1000 foot-Lamberts, brightness ratios of 100 or more—an unbearable condition and approaching what we call disability glare—could be created if we did not plan otherwise.

With 70 to 100 footcandles and corresponding task brightnesses from 30 to 90 foot-Lamberts, sky brightness of 500 to 600 foot-Lamberts in December are not too objectionable. This level can reach 1400 foot-Lamberts during school hours at 34 degrees north latitude. To the South, the brightness can be over four times this amount in December. Of course, with atomic power in the offing, 200 to 300 footcandles may be entirely feasible and desirable. A 500-footcandle level is marvelous to work in, if diffuse illumination is provided and if there are no disturbing reflections from specular and partial-specular tasks. Accordingly, when these higher levels are economically possible, we will not have to worry about sky brightnesses of 1000 foot-Lamberts.

The eye, one of the most wonderful and amazing parts of our anatomy, has the power of adaptation to a considerable range of brightness environment through the adjustment of pupil size. Most of us can read news print in 5 or 500 footcandles. But when we concentrate our eye and brain on a task of 25 foot-Lamberts, and any appreciable area of 100 foot-Lamberts comes within our total field of vision, our poor eyes and brain do not

quite know how to cope with the situation.

Many devices have been created to control nature's excessive brightnesses—overhangs, draperies, shades, louvers (which include the difficult-to-maintain venetian blind), directional glass block, and tinted, light-absorbing glass. Some of these devices can add considerably to the cost of a building and, if the budget is limited, their use can often mean sacrificing other desirable features and comforts. Louvers in modern architecture are often not only functionally desirable, but also add a directional rhythm that can be very attractive.

Using funds from the IES Research Fund, the Engineering Research Institute of University of Michigan published a comprehensive report by Prof. H. S. Bull entitled *Controlling and Redirecting Daylight with Louvers*.¹ Six IES members, including the writer, acted as an advisory committee. This study was conducted by means of a complex model. Various sky and sun conditions could be simulated and both horizontal and vertical louvers were adjustable. Studies could be made with a viewing strip or without and with varying exterior conditions. The results show conclusively that louvers not only produce acceptable brightness ratios by screening sky glare, but also materially help create a more uniform interior daylight illumination. It showed, for example, that by increasing the exterior ground reflectance from the standard 1 percent to

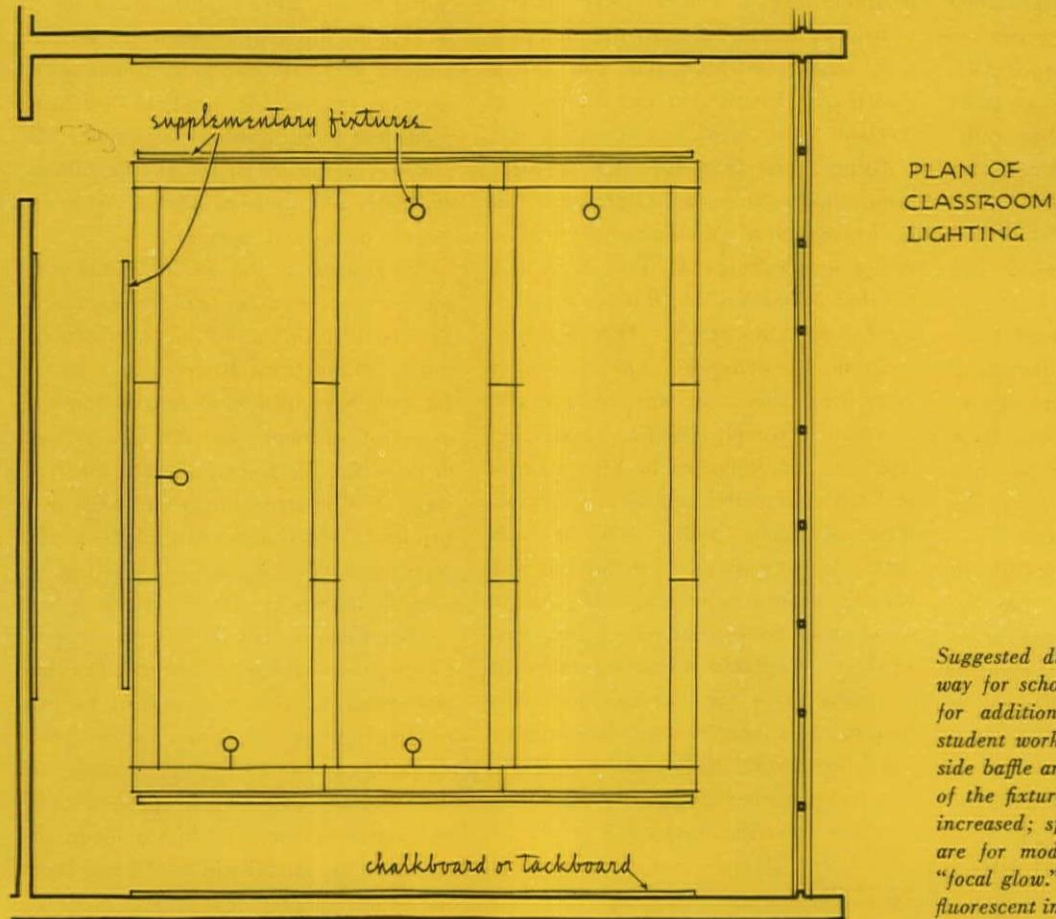
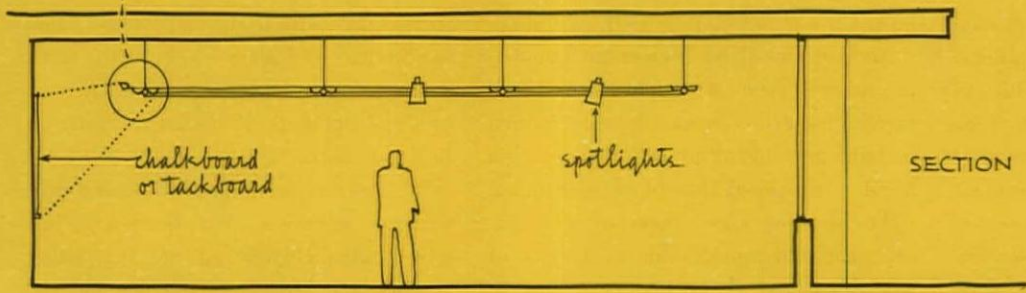
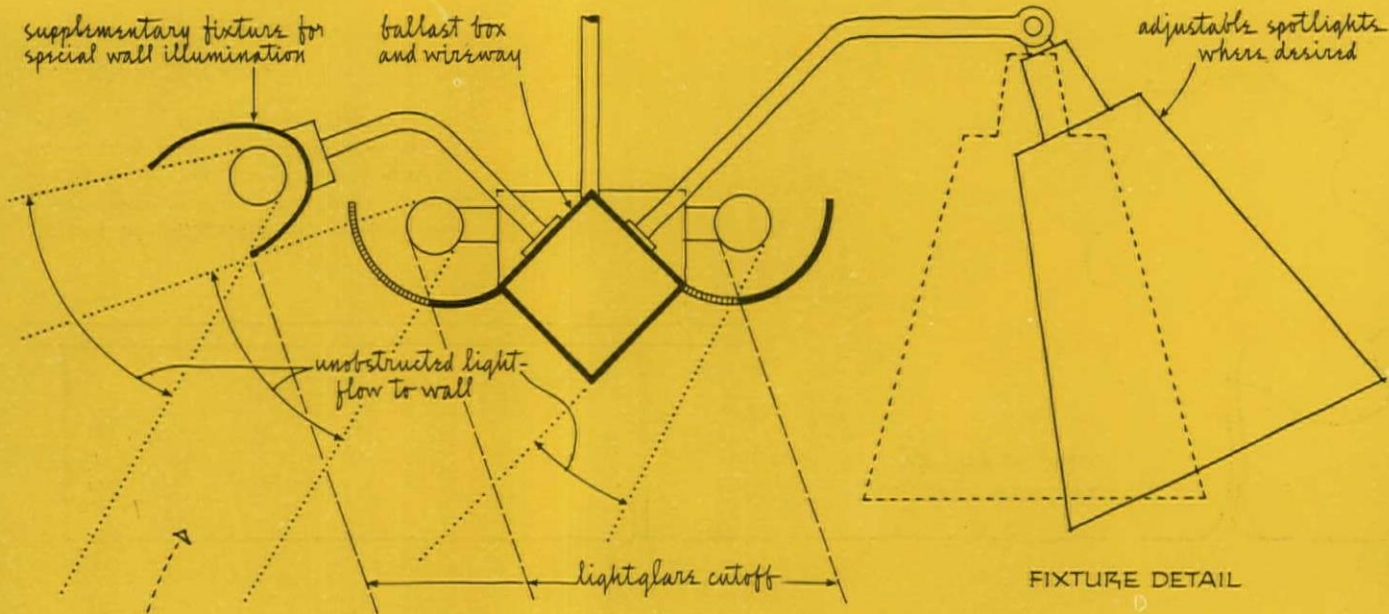
50 percent—with horizontal louvers tilted to eliminate sky glare—light at the work floor was increased 10 percent and average ceiling brightness 17 percent. Professor Bull concluded in part:

"A. Louvers to be used in rooms with northern exposure. The results of this investigation clearly indicate that either horizontal or vertical louvers may be used to advantage in northern exposures. Horizontal louvers, tilted slightly, give a better footcandle distribution than do vertical louvers. Vertical louvers, with little or no twist or tilt, result in a noticeably higher coefficient of utilization than can be obtained with horizontal louvers. Brightness control is accomplished slightly better by the use of vertical louvers.

"B. Louvers to be used in rooms with southern, western, or eastern exposure. For rooms having other than northern exposure, the vertical louvers did a better job of light control on all counts from the aspect of all room occupants who happen to be facing the front wall. The inherent lack of symmetry about an axis perpendicular to the window plane would seem, however, to rule out the use of vertical louvers for these exposures.

"What can be done to improve the performance of horizontal louvers? One improvement, suggested by a more or less random choice of louver adjustment, would be to use two or more angles of tilt simultaneously in different sections of the louver system. The louver blade adjacent to the window sill and, if necessary for proper cutoff, the one next above it,

¹ January 1953 Illuminating Engineering.



Suggested direct-indirect luminaire and wireway for schoolrooms makes flexible provisions for additional lighting of chalkboards and student work. By eliminating a portion of the side baffle and adding strip lamps on the sides of the fixture, brightness can be considerably increased; spotlights, attachable at any point, are for modeling solid objects and creating "focal glow." Combination of incandescent and fluorescent improves color quality.

should be set at a 20- to 30-degree tilt. All blades above these should be set at 0-degree tilt. This would improve the coefficient of utilization without permitting a direct view of the sky. It is probably that there would be many days during which no readjustment of the tilt angles would be necessary to maintain continuous cutoff of the sun's rays with the suggested setting."

are windows necessary?

The matter of daylighting vs. electric light is a subject that probably will never be resolved. It would be a dull architectural world if it could be. We know that daylight in most geographical areas varies tremendously, and for varying lengths of time during the day we have to depend almost entirely upon electric light. Further, it is obvious that this electric light must be co-ordinated and harmonized with daylight, such as it is, at a given time.

Studies made five years ago² indicated that it is uneconomical to provide too much daylight, where an efficient electric-light system is required a good deal of the time. It was also shown that an electrically lighted classroom, with fenestration for view only, can be as much as six percent cheaper to build, and no more expensive to operate and maintain than classrooms having large glass areas for daylighting. The savings, due to the lesser loss of heat and fewer window panels to clean and maintain, balance the cost of operating the electric lights for the longer period of time.

Now that many of the restraining laws regarding classroom design have been sensibly repealed, we are able to save costs with lowered ceilings and accordingly new opportunities have been created. The IES School Lighting Committee is currently making a special study of low-ceiling classrooms which have a height of less than 10'-6" at the fenestration. However, for many reasons, we must assume that we often will utilize fenestration for lighting as well as for view.

Last September, the IES Daylighting Committee formally requested of the IES Research Institute "that the Technical Advisory Committee on Daylighting be asked to formulate an appropriate research program." This will have to do with the need for more data relating to

the effect of large luminous sources (i.e., large glass areas, etc.) on visual performance and visual comfort. A great deal of useful information should result from this study. Further, this committee in revising the section on Daylighting prediction methods in the *IES Lighting Handbook* is adding a section concerning inter-reflection of interiors—not only from ceilings, walls, and floors, but also from the outside ground which reflects a considerable amount of daylight to the ceiling when clear glass fenestration is used.

use of landscaping

We are all aware of the importance of co-ordinating other art forms, such as sculpture and painting, in architecture. As a general rule, though, we have been overlooking what the landscape architect can contribute in helping to resolve the problem of daylight brightness control and adding to the level of illumination within accepted brightness ratios. Too often the approach has been limited to what he could provide esthetically to enhance our architecture from both an exterior and interior point of view. Proper landscaping can do much to simplify the now generally accepted concept—but certainly too often violated and neglected—that requires us to minimize excessive brightness ratios in the field of vision in work spaces. The landscape architect can locate various species of trees so that they will not only enhance the architecture but also create a proper sky screening. Careful landscaping permits the use of clear glass which materially increases the indoor-outdoor concept. If the designer seeks the best environment for a growing child, the writer feels that one should create a residential rather than institutional effect—and, to that end, clear glass is beneficial.

In order to increase the use of daylight on the interior, areas of comparatively high reflection can be created adjacent to the building. Some of these devices are lighter-colored grass areas, hard-surface walks, and play areas—all of which permit a maximum amount of ground reflection to reach the ceiling. It is possible by using cement or light aggregate in a bituminous binder to get reflectances of 25 to 35 percent. At 38 degrees latitude in December, sunlight can produce 2000 footcandles on a horizontal area at 10 a.m. In June, at noon, it can reach over 8000 footcandles. This means that such an area

can produce from 500 to nearly 3000 foot-Lamberts of brightness, 50 percent of which can be reflected to the ceiling adjacent to the window to create a partial luminous ceiling of 250 to as high as 1500 foot-Lamberts. When this is possible, the reflection factor, of course, should be reduced since this condition would produce too bright an area in the field of vision.

use of color

Proper use of color, with considerable change of pace in hue and saturation and even changes in small quantities of value, can do wonders in relieving the so-called flatness and monotony. Of course, ceilings should be white with as high a reflectance as possible. With today's paints it is possible to reach 90 percent. It is recommended that side walls in large areas be kept between 50 and 70 percent reflectance.

The addition of adjustable movable spot lights in combination with cool-white fluorescent to make a minor color change permits the proper lighting of three dimensional objects—as found in many art and educational aids today—and can do a great deal to highlight certain spots and relieve uniformity. Some directional lighting or so-called direct light is a *must* for modeling in an art class, or for sewing and similar tasks.

Ideally, classrooms should be treated like a combination work-space, art gallery, and auditorium. There can be a dimmer system for the spots and an arrangement (through proper circuiting) to change the level of diffuse illumination. These are specially desirable when certain visual aids are being used or when creating mood lighting to help dramatize certain modern educational processes, exactly as we dramatize by light in the theater. Certainly the children's own art work should be treated and lighted as well as art work is lighted in a well planned art gallery.

With all the wonderful tools that the lighting industry has given us—and fortunately they are still continuing with their research to give us better tools in the future—we should be able to flip a few switches and at will produce various luminous patterns to suit a given purpose. This can vary considerably in a modern school. If a teacher respects her job she is always intelligent enough to use this new kind of tool to the best possible effect.

²"Low Cost of Electric Light," October 1953 Architectural Forum.

design results through variations in lighting

by C. M. Cutler*

At the heart of every creative idea in electric lighting is an electric lamp. This highly precise, mass-produced instrument provides the flow of energy which the designer may direct and control toward the consummation of his idea. Lamps exist in a multiplicity of types, sizes, and colors. Many are capable of a great range of control, and they may be dimmed or brightened for mobile or sustained values. Let us consider how we may relate their use to other elements of interior design.

The way an enclosed space "looks" generates the impression we have of it. If there is light in it, of course, our impression will be as complete as the illumination permits. How it appears, therefore, depends a great deal on how the lighting of it affects us. Designers and architects are keenly sensitive to the part lighting plays. Does the space speak to us because the lighting creates the mood intended? Does it unify the space and contents giving us a particular view of everything

within its dimensions? Does it provide for the visual tasks so fully that it creates a completely livable environment? These questions give us some idea of the contributions that well designed light and lighting ought to make. The appropriateness of an interior to the use intended depends very largely on how successfully light is applied and integrated in the design.

How does the competent lighting designer approach the problem of a specific interior?

One of the most formidable tasks at the outset of the design process is to set up a mutuality of objectives with the architect and interior designer. He must then express these in terms and illustrations that register fully with those involved in executing other elements of the design effect. Thereafter, as a matter of course, the steps in collaboration of the planning follow easily.

However, to set up such mutuality of objectives, the designer must have an intuitive grasp, as well as technical competence of what can be done. He must decide

what effect will produce the result that is most relevant to the problem. Obviously, the alternative possibilities are tremendous! In a short article only a mere reference of how various lighting treatments affect the visual impression of a space can be attempted. Illustrations must be counted on to amplify what we can only infer.

The illustrations here show a sequence of views, the same space and the same camera position, with only the lighting pattern varied. The location is the Restaurant Area of the Lighting Institute at Nela Park, Cleveland. This space, with its great flexibility of light control provided in the many forms of illumination techniques, offers a way to appraise design alternatives. All of these techniques may be studied separately, without the distraction of unlighted elements in the space intruding forms extraneous to the design under construction. While there is a good deal of color in the Restaurant Area, for the comparison purposes of this article values of black and white will suffice. The introduction of another vari-

* Large Lamp Department, General Electric Company, Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio

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able of great range (color) lies beyond the scope of this discussion. (Actual demonstration with color confirms the evidence indicated by the illustration sequence of this article.)

The designer in lighting art commands a wonderfully facile medium. His resources are very large and varied. No one has utilized more than a fraction of them so far. The artist is challenged by the potentials of his medium quite as fully as the musician or the writer. Lighting, of course, is a relative newcomer to the arts. To date the chief claims upon the artist in this field have been to give a lift to the treatment of interiors; to moderate the raucous effects of crude attention-getting uses on city streets. So far the designer has not been taxed creatively to accomplish these objectives. But the opportunities ahead are sure to become more exciting as client awareness, and designers' skills develop the growing opportunities.

Different treatments of the individual elements are now compared and analyzed to show the range of techniques. And with

these comments are included some design considerations that guide the choice of light sources. These are not discussed in detail. Rather they suggest the great variety of choice from the many sizes and light outputs available to the designer. Detailed electrical characteristics, dimensions, and other essential information for the designer are available from the various manufacturers.

In the Restaurant Area there are several lighting patterns available for the ceiling and for the walls **1**. The whole ceiling may be devoted to the overhead lighting element or only a small portion of it, or some percentage of area between these limits. Note how the form and impression of the space changes with different brightness patterns **2**, **3**, and **4**. While the range of tones possible through black-and-white photography is far more limited than the brightness values of the lighting elements, still they suggest clearly what takes place in sense reception as human response is led through the changes of a truly flexible lighting facility.

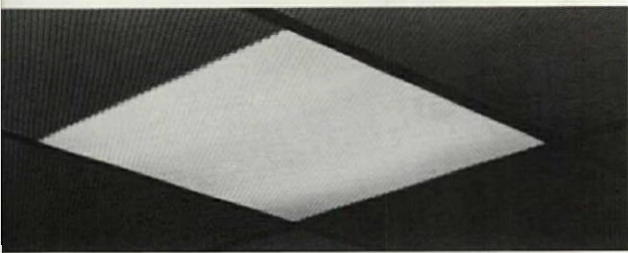
Here we see small squares arranged in

an irregular or random pattern **2**. The freedom of such a pattern and those that follow, compared to a conventional application suggests where the imagination may go. The scale is small in comparison to the whole area. The squares provide diffuse light. Distribution of light in the area below is generally uniform because the distances between elements are usually less than the height above the table tops. In elements or individual luminaires of similar characteristics, the brightness depends on many things—such as the amount of light to be provided, type of shielding, finish, as well as reflectance and transmittance. The units stand out in sharp pattern because of the contrast with their surroundings. (*Note reverse pattern in 3.*)

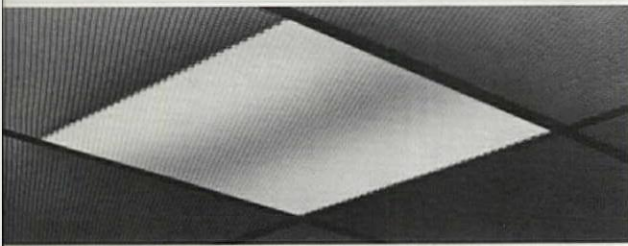
The effect is different if the whole ceiling panel is brought up in brightness **4**. It defines the space... still the random pattern of squares suggests the many possibilities in pattern, scale, and brightness that may be designed to achieve a given objective. Lighting may be used to unify the ceiling treatment.

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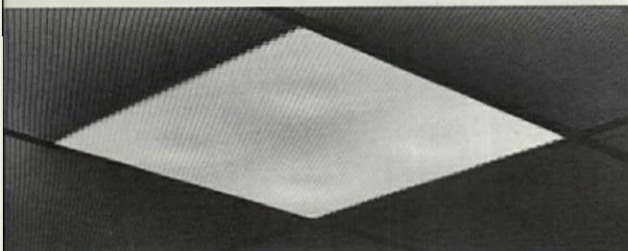




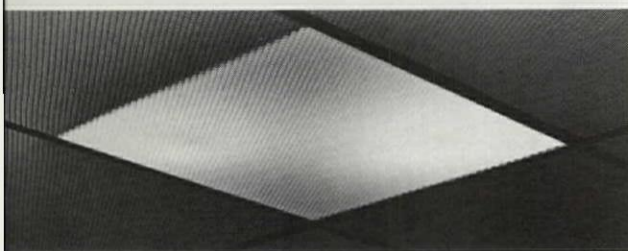
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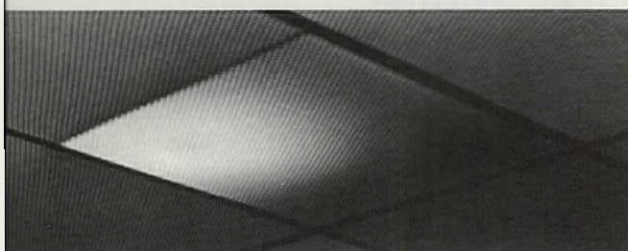
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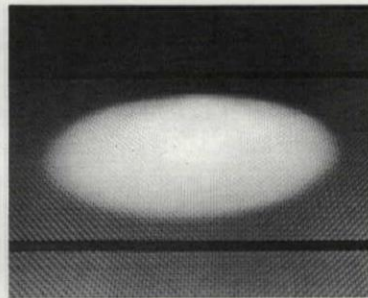
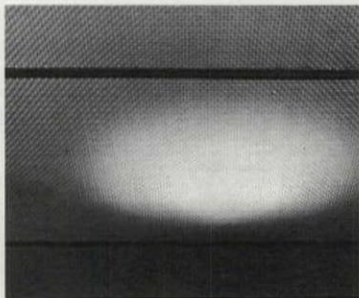
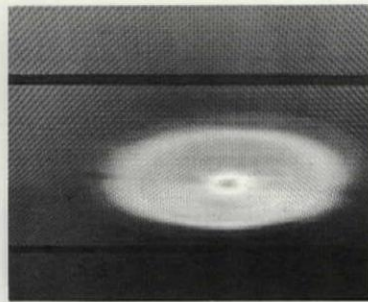
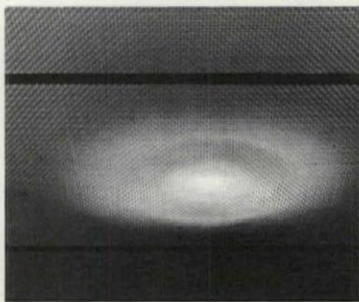


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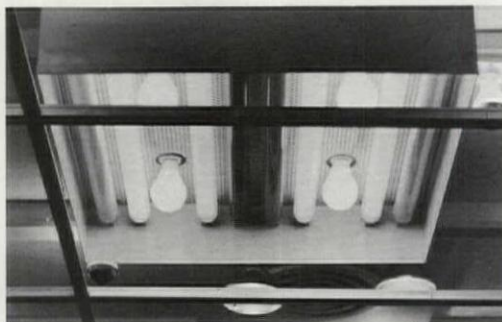


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The small squares may be uniform in brightness or the brightness pattern may be varied for textural or tonal effect. Several close-ups help visualize some of the possibilities 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Another approach is the use of a pattern of circular spots of brightness in ceiling treatment 7. In creating the impression conveyed by the space they are a dominant influence. The light is directed downward in cones which create sharp shadows and brighter highlights in comparison with a diffuse effect 4 (page 165).

Highlights on silver and glassware and sharp shadows from flowers stand out 8. These effects are virtually eliminated in the effects of diffuse illumination 9.

The principle of reducing contrast and bringing the whole ceiling into the design



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is accomplished in a new version by lighting the panel areas surrounding the bright over-all pattern of spots **10**. Now note the effect on the table setting which modifies the extremes **8** and **9**. The shadows are present with the modeling and detail they emphasize in the centerpiece, as well as soft, defining highlights **11**.

There are many ways to get variety in the circular pattern. The choice of equipment with different beam patterns produces important and subtle differences of distribution. Compare the effects of various source combinations **12**, **13**, **14**, and **15**.

It was pointed out that lighting may be used to unify a ceiling treatment. It may also be employed as means of distinguishing and separating adjoining

space **16**.

The ceiling panels beyond the columns are five or six times as bright as that in the foreground. This technique can be used to direct traffic as well as to mark the area by higher level lighting.

Note difference in apparent value between the dark squares in the two areas. The greater amount of reflected light raises the value of the squares in the background. Some further possibilities of relating the two areas are indicated **17**.

Thus far we have considered only the possibilities for ceiling pattern as an element in the design of the space. As all designers know, the handling of wall areas or vertical surfaces, have great influence on the ultimate effect. The range of brightness values, patterns, textures, and colors

that may be introduced is limited only by the imagination. Practical considerations can usually be accommodated. See what happens **18** when we begin to develop vertical surfaces with wall lighting. Separating the drapes in the background is accomplished by light from a row of fluorescent lamps concealed above. With this treatment the ceiling panels get stronger attention. Light grading up from the floor in the translucent panel (*left background*) brings that area into the space effectively.

There are many combinations for integrated handling of the various elements. The ceiling pattern, the translucent wall, and the featured modeling of the weathered wood decoration are unified by imaginative lighting **19**.

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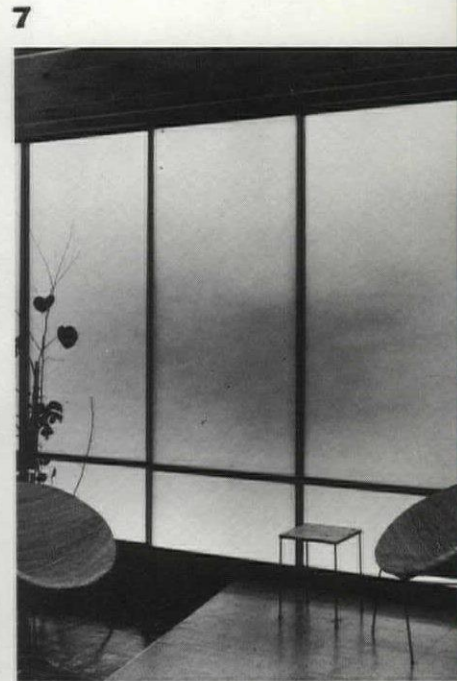
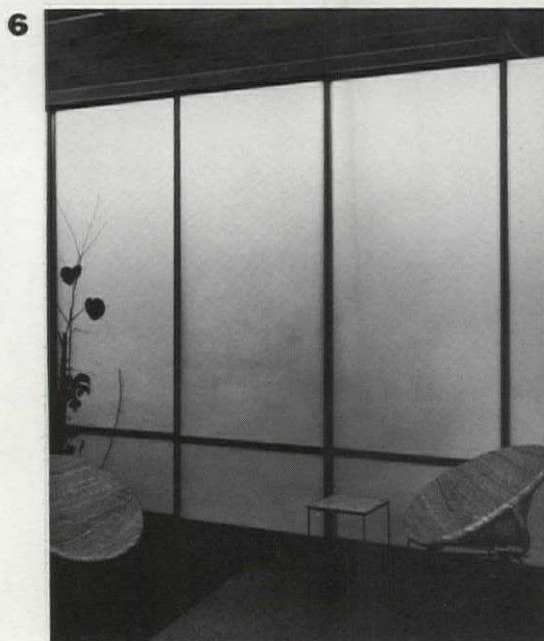


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The variations which the wall area may develop indicate how significantly the whole ensemble may be altered by alternative treatments **1**, **2**, and **3**. A dark silhouette in **1** is created with uniform back lighting from the luminous panel. Front lighting from several spots above creates form in the branches as well as introducing a pattern on the wall **2**. Adding back lighting produces a more subtle effect which is very spectacular when color is introduced **3**.

Methods of lighting translucent material are many and varied. Fluorescent lamps arranged according to a basic rule of space and depth ratios can provide uniform brightness as shown **4**. The higher brightness may be at the bottom or top **5** and **6**, or these effects may be combined **7**. For some purposes a random pattern may be desirable by merely placing filament lamps in such a manner as to generate areas of dark and light **8**.



Often it may be necessary to curtain off a space as in **1**, depending on light from the ceiling to illuminate the draperies. Specific lighting brings out texture and color. It also raises the brightness of the draperies, adding another quality to

the new dimensions indicated **2**. In addition, the plane of the ceiling is separated from the high ceiling (*left*).

Accents introduced on the weathered wood give it still another way of displaying its attractions.



a case study: apartment lighting

by Richard Kelly*

Architecture has been defined as one of the fine arts and, as such, has changed its forms through the ages. A major change has been made in this century: we have all striven with fervor and haste to express living functions by stripping away the lifeless and meaningless remains of old architectural languages. This preoccupation with function has almost made architecture an applied art instead of a fine art.

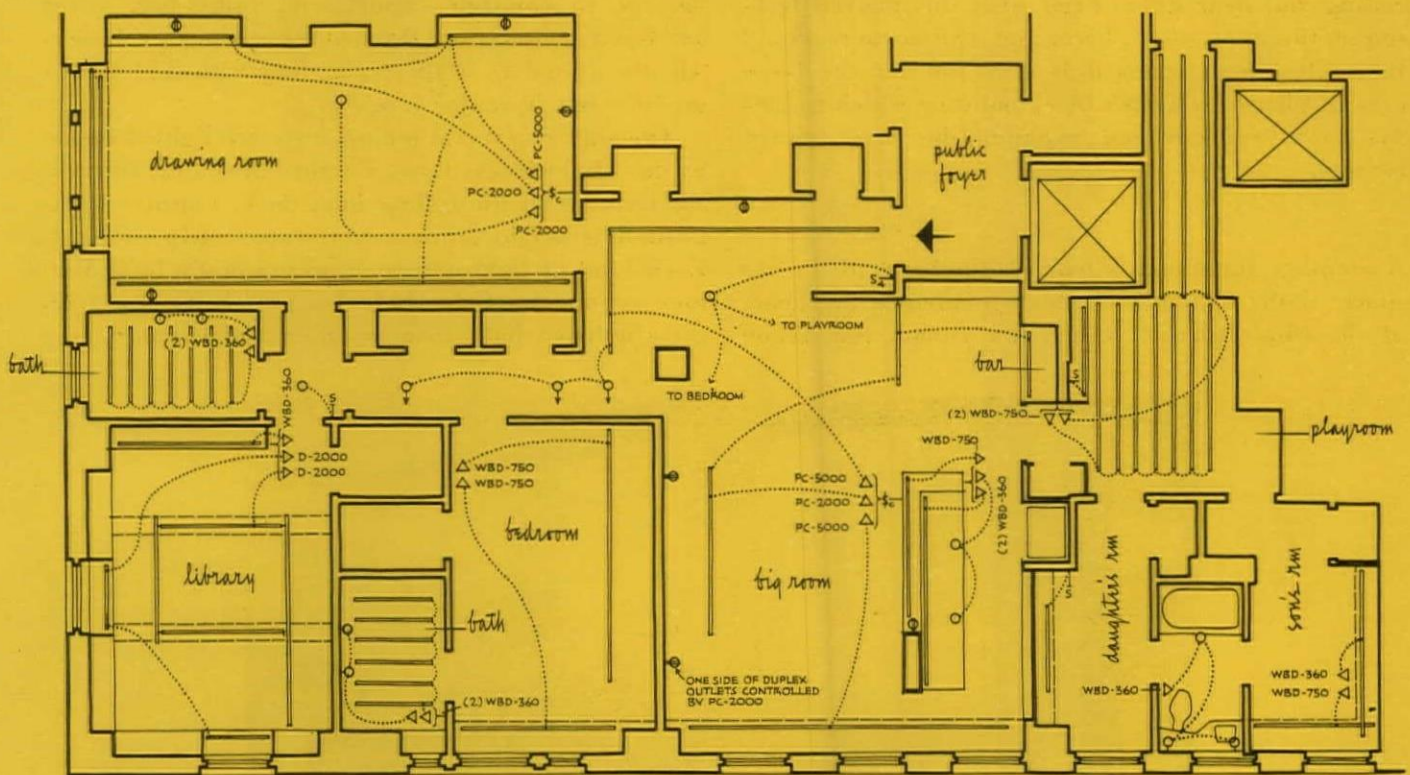
At first thought, this statement may seem little related to a small apartment in which little real architectural work or freedom exists. However, it does explain the basic attitude with which this apartment was planned. As the apartment of an architectural design consultant on light control, it is used to receive many, many architects and their clients. It is used to stimulate the imagination and to show to what extent feeling can be controlled by visual environment. Therefore, this apartment must receive people as pleasantly as possible. A succession of changing space experiences had dominated the planning: presentation of space is of first importance. The central space was enlarged by connecting

the foyer to a big room that also includes the kitchen work area. By making the foyer column free standing, a former bedroom corridor is used to further extend this central space. The separation of children's rooms and playroom from entertainment space eliminates clutter, and reclaims the outdated service hall (made bright and happy by a luminous ceiling).

The former living room is now used as a separate after-dinner drawing room without functional encroachments. The keynote of this room is a collection of pages from the Nuremberg Chronicle which covers two of the walls. A new, hidden door in one of these walls provides the next link connecting to the library.

For strength of concept, lighting techniques are similar from one space to the next, but atmosphere is made to vary extremely. Everywhere there is much ambient luminescence, or indirect lighting, for the purpose of space *presentation*, in the sense the école des beaux arts used the word. The extreme of indirect lighting takes a great deal of wattage, so that a special electric service was necessary from the street. About 800 amps are now available for the use of this apartment alone.

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Legend... AUTO TRANSFORMER DIMMERS

PC-5000	POSITIONER CONTROL - 5000 WATTS CAPACITY
PC-2000	POSITIONER CONTROL - 2000 WATTS CAPACITY
D-2000	MANUAL CONTROL - 2000 WATTS CAPACITY
WBD-360	WALL BOX DIMMER - MANUAL CONTROL - 360 WATTS CAPACITY
WBD-750	WALL BOX DIMMER - MANUAL CONTROL - 750 WATTS CAPACITY



Entrance space is an extension of the big room (*behind camera in photo above*). Door is at far right; painting by Ellsworth Kelly (no relation); floor is of 40-year-old, individually backed, teak planks, newly laid in 5' module squares. Column was freed in rebuilding.

White wall is directly washed with strong light, like a cyclorama which always opens an internal space. Greatest footcandle-intensity is achieved at the center of the wall area. Light is less intense toward ceiling and near floor. Even with this proved technique, the door edges, base, and wall corners would limit illusion of space if it were not for the large area of Ellsworth Kelly's black painting which widens the space concept and expands the area toward infinity.

A complete functional kitchen is the heart of the big space of the apartment, which in turn is the heart of the whole plan. A large, low island, the major

piece of furniture (*below*), is anchored by a pylon, which carries a mural painting by Peter Shiel and encases water-supply pipes to the floors above.

One generous counter includes (left to right) four drawers of utensils, large sink and utensil cabinet, electric dishwasher, two ovens, two broilers, six-burner gas stove, and cabinet for towel bars, trays, folding table, etc.

Wall (left) is a complex of seven double kitchen cabinets, 12-cu-ft refrigerator, 4-cu-ft deep-freeze, passage to children's apartment, buffet-bar, silver and linen drawers, and three other accessory cabinets. All are united by walnut paneling with 15" minor module and 5' major module.

The sink recess and pot on stove are lighted inside by downlight from above. Because of optical control, the fixtures on the ceiling look dark. Counter background is bright from a continuous strip of light. Each kind of light is turned on gradually by a dimmer volume knob instead of a switch. Cabinets receive indirect light from counter and room.



The big room is oriented between the apartment entrance space and the south exterior wall of three ordinary-size windows. The wall is covered with a pale-gold glass-fiber net curtain, washed in light, day and night. This orientation is emphasized by the three walls of dark walnut panels. The teak floor is considerably lighter, to lower visually the average level of attention. Focal glow in pools of lamplight organizes the visual composition of attention. Hanging lamps move up and down and along a track, leaving the glowing space under them open for use and beauty. Built-in linear lamplight is used in an island case.

By day (*below, top*) the hard light from three small, rectangular windows is diffused by soft, glass-fiber, net curtains. This also softens the edges of the windows and relieves the contrast between outdoor light and dark, unlighted wall. In addition, the electric light projected to the curtain adds more light between and below windows. This eliminates contrasting daytime glare and also fills in when daylight fails. Thus, even far from the window wall the room is comfortable, cheerful, and glare-free by day.

By night (*bottom*) room arrangement is also oriented to the exterior wall, because of the electric light which is focused down over the continuous



curtain. This curtain has more horizontal fibers than vertical, for the purpose of intercepting and reflecting nearly all of the obliquely projected light. Being a pale yellow-gold light, the effect is of soft sunshine

miraculously opening up the room space. The surface brightness is slightly less toward each end, as well as less at top and bottom, to reduce hard line of contrast to adjacent materials.



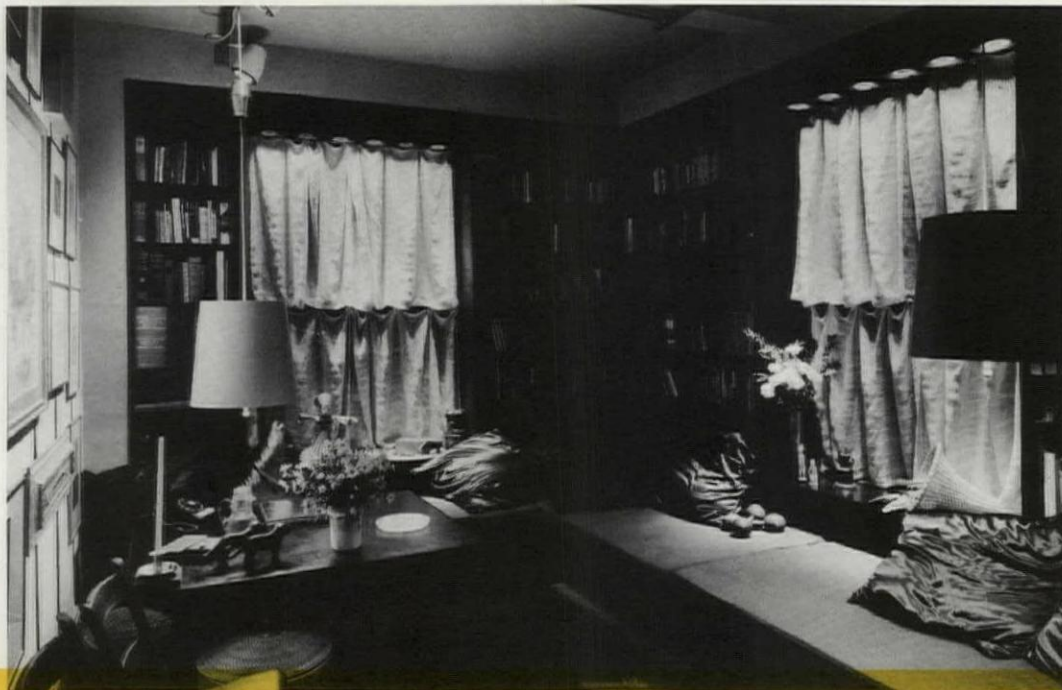
The library is a small retreat. The wall opposite the windows, which receives the most daylight, is used for hanging many favorite pictures. It is covered in rough, pale, natural pandanus to permit picture re-hanging and to reflect light for general room lighting as well as for the bookshelves. This picture wall is dappled with projected electric light at night to illuminate the pictures and to soften general room light. The intensity can also be dimmed to fire-light glow (*below*).

The bookshelf cabinetnetwork was designed to include the windows. This, together with continuous hikiee lounge-seating around three walls, makes an architectural unity in this small room. The continuous hikiee is covered in a glowing, textured fabric

of vivid, varying, red yarns, with oversize down cushions of tete-de-negre satin, which darkly reflect the light projected from over the windows. The large table on wheels moves to people for architectural plan discussion—or for canapés before dinner.

At night, the extra horizontal fibers catch more of the vertically projected light, and reflect it to the room. The bottoms of the curtains are brighter than the tops, which adds to room intimacy. The hikiees which catch light are major highlights. When major bright accents are above eye-level, the light seems above people, making them inferior: this creates a restrictive, formalizing atmosphere. When major bright accents are below eye-level the reverse is true: the light is below people like a campfire, they





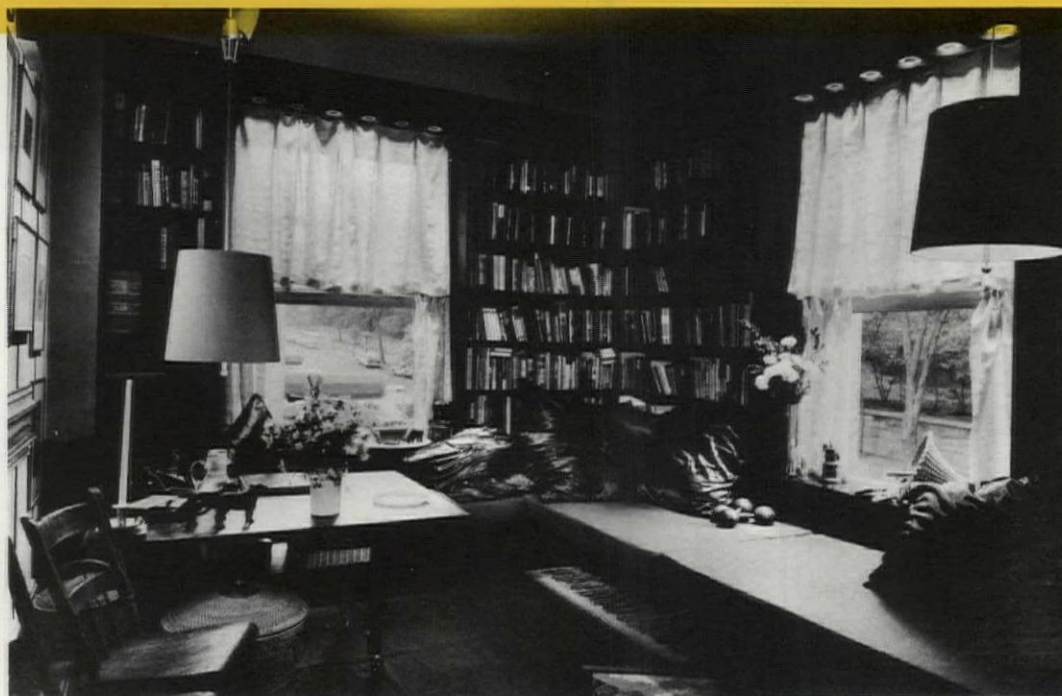
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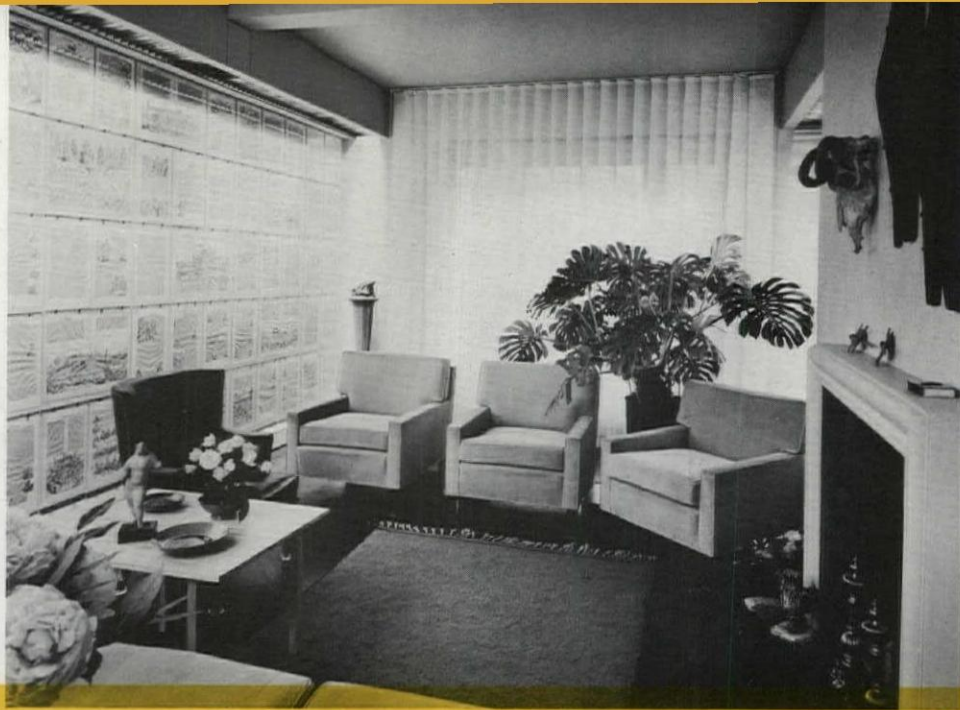
Two hanging lampshades (eight bulbs in each) provide soft lamplight. These travel on a brass trolley track and reel up and down. A low valance-shield lumiline strip is lamplight source for hikiee next to the entrance.

The windows are hung with two tiers of fine, nubby linen with more horizontal flax fibers than vertical. With this detail one can see out clearly, but at high angles the sky glare is shielded; more horizontal fibers also refract more daylight flux into the room. By day, the lower tier of curtains is opened to an unobstructed picture of park and parkside (*below*). By projecting narrow-beam electric light through black honeycomb, the bright daylight ex-

terior is thus framed with a very light, yet relatively less bright, transitional material. The horizontal hikiee around the room also catches most of the daylight. This so spectacularly softens the contrast between inside and outside light that the view sensibly becomes a comfortably bright-colored picture.

This lighting technique is unorthodox. It is only to be used in close collaboration with architecture and decoration. Under controlled conditions it is magnificent for many kinds of conference rooms in both commercial and professional offices. Generally speaking, it is also adaptable to the Classic, Renaissance, and "beaux arts" interiors, in which many other contemporary lighting techniques are difficult to use sympathetically.





The drawing room is used for conversation after dinner. Its two walls flanking the chimney breast and the one long wall facing them, are hung with glass-covered pages of the Nuremberg Chronicle, printed in 1493, with many woodcuts depicting all notable cities of the time. The room is thus paneled in glass, which adds the stimulation of an infinite play of brilliants in reflections. The chimney breast, end wall, and window flanks are covered in natural pandanus; woodwork and ceiling are painted pale mustard; seating is upholstered in matching pale mustard to complete a monochromatic color scheme. Floor is black, furred oak to heighten effect of lighted walls.

By day (*above*) the window wall is covered with 6"-strips of silky, natural-abaca fiber, mounted on through-view blind hardware with traverse cords for occasional unobstructed view. The transparent curtain diffuses and relieves the edge-contrast glare of the brilliant western exposure to Central Park. In addition, the walls are strongly worked with light by

day to make outdoor brightness compatible to the room brightness.

One of the most noticeable changes in contemporary building is the use of large, glass, window walls. The old balance of daylight brightness in interiors is violently changed to uncomfortable contrasts too great for the human eye muscles to take. The supplementary architectural change in electric lighting has lagged. It is now evident that sudden splashes of strong daylight must be modulated by electrically lighted areas adjacent to them. Indoor-outdoor spatial planning is incomplete without planned continuity of brightness ratios, with or without electric light.

By night (*below*) a heavy, loosely woven curtain is drawn across the windows, 18" behind the sheer-abaca panel strips. Like small stars, 342 tiny light bulbs are placed in vertical rows through the depth of the fabric. Though the maximum design voltage is 14, these stars become visible by gradually bringing the voltage up from zero with an autotransformer





dimmer. At other times, the heavy fabric is strongly and obliquely lighted from continuous spotlights through a black honeycomb above the window soffit. These effects are usually seen through the sheer abaca, which gives an illusion of depth and suggests greater space. So, also, a large plant in front of both curtains adds another plane in space depth.

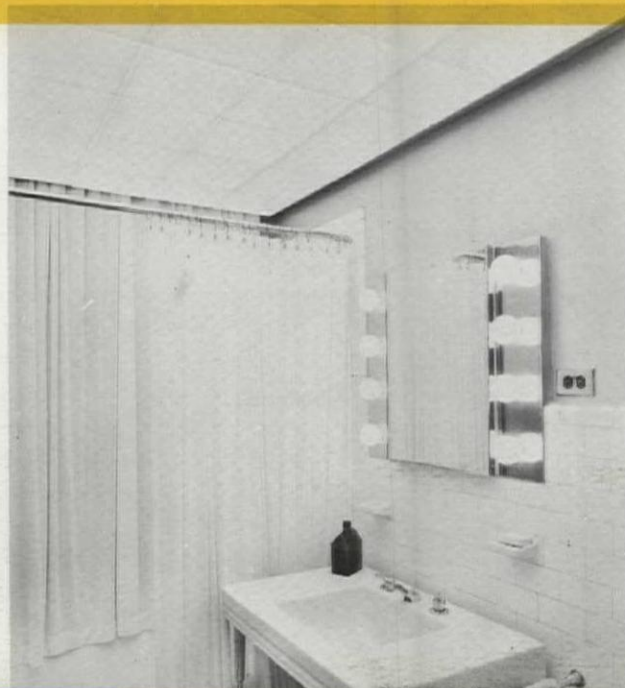
At night, all the lighting is kept at a lower intensity than by day. The daytime ratio of brightness is required because of the large window which reveals sunlight extremes of brightness. The night ratio is geared to our awareness of the darkness outside and related to the number of people; the ambience brightness sometimes being reduced to softest glow, for two.

At night, people receive no direct light. The center of the room and chairs are less light than the surround. The walls are interesting and lighted. Not only is this condition flattering to people physically, but it is more comfortable and reassuring to sit in less bright areas and to look at brighter areas. Al-

most all conference environments, social or business, should be planned with this condition made possible.

In the otherwise conventional bathroom (*below*), the powerful effect of extreme light diffusion can be noticeably felt. Gleaming white-tile walls reflect all the shadowless, soft light from the luminous ceiling. The ceiling is made of one-ft-sq vacuum-formed vinyl diffusers. The source is deluxe warm rapid-start tubes with individual ballasts made for autotransformer dimming. When dimmed, such infinite directional diffusion creates a feeling of luxurious softness. For grooming at the mirror, highlight must be added by a manicured version of the stage make-up mirror lighting.

Such extremes of softly diffused light are good for environments planned for complete relaxation. This technique should be used in varying degrees, usually with some harder directional highlight or focal light added or mixed. Luminous ceilings must be used carefully, with a full consciousness of all the combination effects on people.



IS LIGHTING ARCHITECTURE?

When the material for this issue was assembled in more or less final form, it was distributed to the various contributors. Instead of preparing written comments, the authors met in New York before the issue went to press, for a general discussion and criticism of one another's articles.

The first section to be analyzed was the Introduction, "Lighting is Architecture," and particularly the question of what specialists were needed to aid the architect in the solution of his lighting problems. The panel went on to a consideration of the shortcomings of architects' attitudes and training with respect to lighting.

CUTLER (to Wright): You refer to the lighting consultant and the electrical engineer. Shouldn't you add one more—the illuminating engineer?

WRIGHT: I am not clear as to the distinction between him and the lighting consultant. Let's define the three functions.

KELLY: I think that the most creative part of lighting is often the integration of all phases which serve the many purposes of a building—the mapping out of objectives. This requires considerable time to resolve in detail and actually precedes illuminating engineering. Although there is a distinct separation in the two phases, the same man may frequently handle both. As problems become more complex, however, the two are separated. This is so in my own office. I have some people working entirely on the lighting design of a project; and usually before any illumination engineering is done needs are mapped out carefully. We decide what foot-Lamberts

certain surfaces will have; we also decide what footcandles we wish to have, where they are to go, how they fit into the structure. We go a long way before we begin any illumination engineering. Then *how we achieve these results* is the illumination engineering; i.e., the selection of certain equipment, the weighting of one mechanism over another, and lots of calculations. WRIGHT: You're suggesting that the architect needs three kinds of help.

WELCH: But he still should know a lot more about light and how things should be done than he now does.

FEDER: I think the basic problem is that the architect has been trained inadequately insofar as the whole light story goes—in terms of his total project. Because of the way he has been taught, he thinks in terms of renderings; his thinking has not progressed to a consideration of the relationship of light to his forms. So, the architect hopes that the electrical

engineer will come up with the answer to his lighting problems. He doesn't realize that the illuminating-engineer phase—footcandles, foot-Lamberts, and so forth—is only background information for lighting design.

WRIGHT: What I have argued is that the architect should remain in the dominant role, but I'm afraid what happens in real life is that the architect fails to appreciate his responsibilities and hands over a large part of his *design* to the lighting consultant.

KELLY: I am inclined to think of the lighting consultant (to the degree that he contributes to creative design) as being a specialized architect, not divorced from the architect in charge, but rather his collaborator.

FEDER: The architect is still back in the 1920's. The men responsible for much of the architecture in this country are still laboring under the delusion that the electrical engineer will give them the mechanics and that they will find their answers in the catalogs. But things have gone way beyond this. Forms have changed: the standards shown in the catalogs are usually at least 10 years behind, and there is a great void.

CUTLER: But don't most architects become familiar with materials? They can talk the language of the masonry contractor for example—they must know that.

WRIGHT: You're convincing me that I should state what I have said even more strongly. I think that it is fatal for the architect to relinquish responsibility for the over-all results of the design. He has to think in terms of moods—he has to distinguish between a space that should have one kind of effect and a space that should have another.

FEDER: We have to resolve things in terms of people. You can never light form by itself—unless you're dealing with a stage or a motion-picture screen, where you see one view and then go on to something else. You've got to go inside the thing to really have a feeling for light. And this the average architect doesn't realize.

KELLY: Many are afraid of it. Many sense that a monster has developed, and it is a part of architecture. That's why the lighting consultant is so important to the architect. Whether the architect ought to absorb an understanding of that work is debatable. Maybe he should, but, if he did, all our architectural schools would have to

Questions raised by this Special Subject Issue are discussed by Kelly, Feder, Welch, Holmes, Cutler, Wright.



have very different curricula.

CUTLER (to Kelly): I wanted to ask whether you are going to explain in your discussion the terms, "ambient luminescence," "focal glow," "play of brilliants"? Personally, I think it would be helpful to the architect and others to get the exact meaning of these terms.

KELLY: There are one or two points that I want to make about these terms. In the introduction they were referred to as "three kinds of light" and that seems rather loose to me. I prefer to say "kinds of light *play*," because that is more accurate.

FEDER: Something else should be clarified, too, on that level. Phrases may capture the imagination, just as poetic phrases capture the imagination on other emotional levels. Actually the big point here is that light, too, causes an emotional reaction. For example, the "play of brilliants" or the "focal glow." When you think of them imaginatively, they take on a kind of excitement. If these terms became part of the language, it would be a tremendous thing for the architect—it would enable him to think in terms of the human imagination.

KELLY: I am glad you mentioned that, because I think it must be clarified that the primary reason for establishing these categories is that they are significant in the immediate visual appreciation of the scene; and secondarily, they're significant in terms of human reaction. Naturally, one combines all three for almost all uses, but you can analyze most reactions in terms of three kinds of light play.

use of terms

The concentration on light forms in Abe Feder's article, "Light As An Architectural Material," and particularly his use of the word "beams" to describe the essential inherent quality of each source type, and some of his other key terms, generated a good deal of discussion.

CUTLER: Your thesis seems to be that light is a material which is flexible—something you can't touch or feel, but which gives a greater flexibility to every other material with which the architect works. In describing it, you talk of various light forms. I am not sure whether you mean the design, or the appearance of a luminaire plus the other brightness patterns that are in the space. To me, the final result in the space is a series of brightness patterns. Now,

do you mean by "light form" the same thing that I think of as "brightness pattern"?

FEDER: I think of a light form in terms of what it does to the final appearance: the foot-Lamberts, the final brightness, of the thing, itself. To me it's a composition of many things.

CUTLER: Well, then, isn't that term "brightness pattern" a pretty good one?

FEDER: I believe it's too diffuse. I think that if you said "brightness pattern" to someone, he would not associate it properly.

WRIGHT: I am sympathetic with the concept that Abe is driving at. I think there's some language problem here that is insoluble, but to use this room we are in as an example: I believe he is suggesting that we consider a step along the way which is terribly important to the end result. Namely, that out of such and such a source comes a chunk of light. Here, the resulting shapes happen to be lapped by virtue of the numerous recessed troffers. One might completely ignore how this result happened to come about, yet the thing one manipulates in the beginning is the combination of a series of cylindrical chunks of light striking room surfaces.

WELCH: The sources have a certain nature because of their spacing and the distribution of light from each one. The final result down here is more or less monotonous, uniform illumination—at least on the table.

FEDER (to Cutler): On the other hand, I look at you and I see you highlighted from both sides. I see reflections, on your forehead, which are actually giving off a kind of glazed reflection. That's a big consideration when you are talking about brightness pattern—people.

CUTLER: People *are* part of the brightness pattern.

FEDER: Yes, but there has been a failure to treat them in terms of their importance in a space.

WRIGHT: I think Abe is closer to *getting the designer to think in design terms*. If you substitute in this room a series of downlights, you would get a series of cones coming down. These you can think about, work with.

KELLY: Now, to go on from there, what is the emotional effect of this so far as the human being is concerned?

CUTLER: Different patterns will have a different effect on many people; the same

pattern may have a different effect on a number of people.

FEDER: Has the architect gone into this aspect of lighting as deeply as we have? Does he have a basis upon which he can act at this creative level? Does brightness pattern, in itself, give him the total story?

CUTLER: In your discussion, you state that the architect thinks of what happens to his renderings from the daylight standpoint, and he produces his renderings that way. Now, if he were in a position to analyze where the light was coming from in a given space and produce his renderings in that fashion, then he could convey to the lighting designer what he wanted as a final result in the space. Right?

FEDER: Yes, but when he starts to put that down on paper, he has to master the mechanics of the given material in order to know what it does. I feel that from the architect's point of view, what is required isn't so much mastering a language as an awareness of the sources of light and forms.

KELLY: I see what you're getting at. The brightness-pattern concept is something that should come before the study of distribution pattern and beam shapes.

WRIGHT: I have a chance to stand up for Abe's "beams." In my own dining room there is a 13-ft-high ceiling. I knew at the outset what light I wanted on the dining table—I wanted light that would make things sparkle, I wanted focal glow on the table, and so on. In this instance, I could think of a type of light source capable of producing this kind of beam or light form, and I could lay it on the table to get the desired result. That's the "brightness pattern." But the beams were a very decisive element to me, as a designer working out a problem.

WELCH: That cone coming from the 13-ft. height: you don't see a cone of light unless there is something in the air—smoke, dirt, or moisture.

CUTLER: Of course Abe, with his experience in the theater, sees them where no one else would.

FEDER: I wish that were true. Half of the time in the theater you wish you could get rid of them.

CUTLER: In your procedure, Henry, it seemed that you wanted to put emphasis on the center of the table and shield the eyes to a large extent from the source.

WRIGHT: This conception of light forms is to my mind a valuable one for the de-

signer who thinks essentially in terms of geometry and shapes. When you say you can wash a wall with light, one has to think of a spread-out spray. Beginning with the nature of the source that makes the light, and how it can readily and practically be modified, is a good way to think about lighting.

CUTLER: Then if you wish to think of light forms in that way, I'd pin it down—from an engineering standpoint—to the distribution of light in some geometrical form, such as a cone.

FEDER: I agree! It's another way of saying that we use this apparatus to get this particular form, this kind of pattern.

classroom lighting

Kenneth Welch then explained his classroom-lighting proposal. (Refer to Welch's article for description and sketches.)

KELLY: I have only one immediate comment. The kind of classroom that this is, should be defined more carefully. There are lots of classrooms. This one is obviously for a children's classroom where there are a great many children all working at one time. They need light of the same intensity everywhere.

WELCH: Not entirely. I can make this a sewing classroom by putting in more spots. This is flexible. I don't want to make it simply a classroom—I want to make it a workspace, an art gallery, maybe.

KELLY: This is primarily an elementary-school classroom. That's one limitation, because a college classroom wouldn't be like that.

WELCH: It could be.

KELLY: That's suitable for an elementary school, but it makes for an uneven light most of the time. The cost wouldn't be justified.

WELCH: I conclude my discussion by saying that I have found the average elementary-school teacher to be a dedicated person who loves children and is intelligent enough to use a system like this. She can get many effects, and create different moods by setting a few switches.

KELLY: I'm getting very skeptical, though, about the wisdom of too much flexibility. People use it badly.

WRIGHT: The switching should be five times as good as it is, if you are ever going to have flexibility. You have a bank of 14 switches; even the lighting consultant, when he comes back, can't remember

which switch is supposed to do what.

CUTLER: You know that's true of a lot of stores you've done, Ken.

WRIGHT: Abe tends to take a point of view, somewhat softened, which might be said to be against higher levels of illumination. Ken, as I do, emphasizes the need for illumination to compete with outdoor brightnesses, particularly in rooms such as classrooms. The architect is creating tremendous glass areas and in so doing he is creating new and difficult problems which, technically, electric lighting is capable of solving. The architect should be made aware of the fact that he's posing problems that call for a lot of light indoors, or else use darkening glass.

KELLY: Relative to what you have said about glass: the biggest change in architecture in the last two or three decades probably is the increased use of glass. It has changed all sorts of concepts and it has changed lighting. I have arrived at the point where I can make a statement that may be rather shocking: the more daylight allowed into a building, the more additional so-called artificial light needed. You cannot bring in more daylight—use more glass—without requiring more amperage in electric current for additional light control—just to control daylight glare, sky glare, or reflected daylight, or sun glare.

WELCH: Glare is not, under normal conditions, a quantity of light. Glare is excessive brightness ratio.

WRIGHT (to Kelly): I don't know where you stood in the process of developing the Seagram House solution but I've lived with Seagram-type darkening glass in my office for more than a year and my conviction is that it could be twice as dark, and one would be twice that much better off.

KELLY: You have to be careful in using it. It is wonderful in Seagram House. There are places where it might not work so well, if one is moving in and out all the time.

WELCH: I'll never forget the time I opened a window in the Commodore Hotel to take a picture of Macy's roof. It was like letting the rosy-fingered dawn in there, after that blue glass.

WRIGHT: Its use is logical in office buildings, where one moves into a sealed world. It seems important to me to underscore the fact that for the architect this is all part and parcel of the same problem. You

do it by jacking up the light or toning down the glass (to reduce light from outside).

KELLY: With the use of more glass, architecture now involves a continuity of spaces. People are moving about more than they used to. We are dealing with daylight values, inside and outside, and the problems of intensity become a great deal more serious when that happens. We are forced to high-key intensities for comfort. As soon as we require higher foot-candles everywhere we demand controlled temperature and air conditioning becomes essential.

WRIGHT: While Abe has taken a slap at the lamp companies for not dreaming up new things, what about the air-conditioning people developing a more efficient means of getting rid of this heat? It's been done in some places. This air-conditioning bugaboo is not quite so great as it's made out to be. We don't have to pump lamp heat out through a refrigeration machine.

KELLY: I think there could be more ingenuity. Air conditioning can be planned to take out the heat generated by the lighting at its source, so much more efficiently. It's getting to be so costly that that would be a very important thing to do.

variations in lighting

Discussion then shifted to C. M. Cutler's article, "Design Results Through Variations In Lighting."

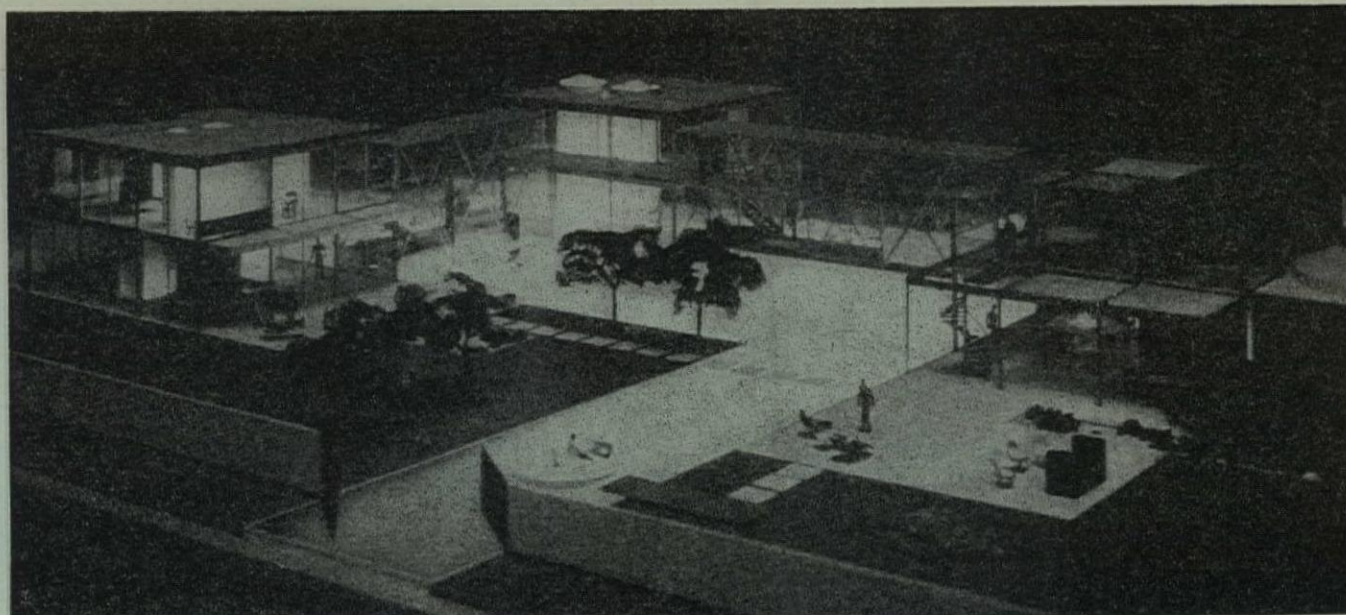
KELLY: I believe the effects on the table setting are of great importance to architects. The more they know about that the better it is for me.

WRIGHT: And yet you know that this merely scratches the surface. You know immediately that there are thousands of additional things.

KELLY: I have a little reaction against the visual, the artistic impact, of some of these pictures the way they are. You get good quality from certain kinds of lighting involved here, but the pictures make the ceiling look unpleasant—which isn't so.

WELCH: You wouldn't do it that way anyway. It would be too darned expensive.

CUTLER: Of course we are trying to do a lot of things. If you set out to accomplish just the effect shown, you wouldn't have quite the same situation. I tried to get this into the text; that this isn't the only way to do it.



p/a design awards seminar II

There follow two more of the Seminar discussions, edited from tape recordings, of 1958 P/A Design Awards Program Award-winning projects. These case-study critiques were held in January this year, with the co-operation of the Department of Architecture of University of Pennsylvania.

Project: Exhibition House

Client: Theme House, Inc.

Location: New York area

Architects: Antonin Raymond & Ladislav L. Rado

Presentation:

Ladislav L. Rado

I must admit that I approached this project with some misgiving. I am quite impatient with the trend in recent years that everything has to be exciting and unusual, and here I found myself faced with the task of designing an exhibition house. How can one design an exhibition house without being an exhibitionist? Shortly I realized that the function of an exhibition house is just another facet of architecture that has to be fitted together with all the other factors into a balanced organism. And after I found my peace of mind as far as that was concerned, philosophically, I still was worried somewhat about the esthetic problem of creating and maintaining order and harmony within the function of

an exhibition house. And there I found that what I had learned in Japan was very helpful to me. There one can observe a very strong sense of order and discipline—including structural order and otherwise—but within their homes, and other buildings, in their streets and landscapes, human beings can compose flexible secondary elements almost at will, and life goes on quite freely within that order. I thought that this could apply to an exhibition house: if one could establish a certain order, by using the same module and by some unity of composition, then within that anything might go, and be right.

Now this being an exhibition house, it isn't literally a residence. We decided that it wouldn't be a model residence because a certain amount of license and poetry would have to apply—just as, in a novel, the author is trying to create real characters, but somewhere there is a footnote: "Any similarity between these characters and real characters is strictly coincidental." To approach a residential scale I decided to use three elements that would be near the size of a house.

There must be freedom of movement for people in an exhibition house, so the three elements are joined by two bridges, to allow people to move about in bad weather. The landscaping and terraces will create other architecturally defined areas around and within the buildings. On the first floor, one unit is for more formal living and entertaining away from the children; another unit has the family living room, sun room, playroom, hobby room and so on; in the other element we have the dining area, kitchen, and adjoining the kitchen a small auditorium with a turntable, so that people can watch kitchen demonstrations or be turned around toward other displays. On the second floor above the formal living space is the master bedroom and dressing suite; above the family room are two children's rooms; and above the dining-kitchen unit is a solarium with space for recreation, a small dressing room, and stairs leading down to the swimming pool and dining areas.

Discussion: Grant Manson

I think Raymond & Rado's design is very handsome, very beguiling, and a very beautiful object. It shows, to my way of thinking, wonderfully calculated harmony of shapes, and spaces, and patterns, repeated again and again. I've been deep lately in the early work of Frank Lloyd Wright and I keep thinking of this as a sort of Coonley House (with all the roofs pulled off and all the casements yanked off) in the extraordinary luxury with which the thing is approached: the opulence, the elegance of a 100 percent zoned plan. It

is a very peculiar, very unusual, and very specialized building. Notice that it is given a P/A Design Award in the category of commercial architecture. That leaves us to think of it in one particular way, and yet from what we have heard Mr. Rado say, it is a building in residential scale. It is a building designed to exhibit materials, methods of construction, and equipment suitable for *domestic* architecture. And I think that the three pavilions hooked up by those connecting links seem to suggest that the people who are in the building are looking at *domestic* life. So I have to look at it, I think, primarily as a house, secondarily as commercial architecture.

Now quite aside from whether you consider it as residential or commercial I think it is extremely inviting; you want to go in it, to explore it. It is very interestingly defined, and you want to experience all the definitions. It is, of course, nicely adapted to the accommodation of crowds, which is one of the functions that Rado had to fulfill. There is good freedom of movement in the building, which he tells us he derived, more or less, from the Japanese attitude toward freedom of life within a building. Furthermore, the architecture has another quality that to me is very appealing, and that is a commendable modesty. While it's extremely elegant in detail, and you see that nothing is left to chance, nevertheless the building as a whole takes a back seat and the structure doesn't demand the prime attention of the observer. Furthermore, it seems to me that the building is in beautiful scale, with its landscaped setting, its pools, and its gardens.

It is above all, I suppose, trying to avoid this question of whether it's residential or commercial. It is above all else a very handsome and beautifully designed showcase; it makes one think of a showcase in a magnificent store, like Cartier's. But I think it attempts to do something more than be a showcase. I think it does two other things. It does suggest, as I said, residential architecture; and I think it attempts to demonstrate the universality of the metal frame and the glass skin for architecture in general. Now I have a few objections to these things. I ask myself: is the metal box, with a glass membrane, a proper solution for domestic architecture? I've always cavilled at that myself. I think it fails altogether to provide proper privacy, seclusion, shelter, in the spiritual sense of those words, and I've always suspected, as a matter of fact, that Dr. Edith Farnsworth was probably

quite right when she said that she couldn't live in the house that Mies van der Rohe provided for her. I feel that the exposed metal module is too impersonal, probably too monotonous, for residential architecture. Although the building does provide for wonderful, free circulation inside, I think it rather precludes a richness of spatial experience. While it may be permissible to provide the living rooms with glass walls, I wonder whether it really is a sensible thing to design bedrooms with glass walls. I think that it gives the occupants too much light—one of the problems in a bedroom is, very often, to reduce the amount of light when you are sleeping—and it disregards the very practical problem of the bed that hasn't yet been made, and the problem of the clothes that you haven't yet had a chance to put away.

However, if we come back to the argument that we should view it as a showcase, the Raymond & Rado design is an admirable building, extraordinarily handsome, and I like it very much.

Rado: Again I say that this really is an exhibition house. That's the way we thought of it, the way we designed it, and we felt that it's just as important for the people to look outside as for people to look in; that's why we designed it in such an open way. I agree with you that one cannot live all the time in a space that is entirely open to the outdoors because one has to have a feeling of shelter, of intimacy. But that can be achieved in a house that has much glass for exterior walls. I would like to invite you to visit my house, that I designed and built recently. It has a lot of glass, it has a pretty regular structure, and yet I feel that all kinds of moods are possible there. We have glass walls in our bedroom, but screens that close it off when we want it to be shut off. One thing that came as an extra bonus and surprise in the bedroom of my house was that, in addition to getting the patterns of the sun and shadows of trees during the day, we get shadows of moonlight at night—very poetic, very pleasant, very exciting. We don't have the feeling that we are unsheltered or unprotected.

Alfred Clauss: I think the Jury should say whether they looked at it as a house. An exhibition house used to show furniture and products is different from an exhibit sample house in a project of houses for sale.

Creighton: The Jury, as Professor Manson pointed out, classified it as a commercial project, and that is certainly the way Mr. Rado has demonstrated it and explained it.

Holmes Perkins: There is in my mind some question about the setting in which you will show home furnishings. Whether you are showing furnishings for a playroom, or a hobby room, or a living room, or other spaces, I am not sure it's being fair to the public to show them in a setting which is quite different from the setting in which they will ultimately be. As Grant Manson pointed out, the problem of furnishing a bedroom in this house is entirely different from the problem the normal customer would face in trying to furnish a bedroom in even the most modern house. I therefore rather wonder whether this does produce the best environment for showmanship.

Rado: We thought that to attract people to see things that they may be interested in the house need not be literally realistic—that we could give it more flavor, and showmanship. But I really do not think that it will be an environment very different, or foreign. It may not be usual for the average environment now, but we are pointing to the future.

Frank Hunt: I'd like to speak of circulation again. This exhibition house, from a circulation standard, presents an entirely different atmosphere from what we are used to. Normally you walk in the front door of an exhibition house and they have everything roped off, with white canvas covering the floor, and you're pushed and shoved through and you come out the other end and that's it. It seems to me that control here is in the whole site, and with the area that's available—which isn't in the usual exhibition home—if they can control the number of people that come in then you can have complete freedom to wander wherever you choose within that space.

Manson: I don't see how you can possibly avoid believing that anybody walking through this building would automatically be thinking in terms of "how I live" or "how I would like to live." They wouldn't be saying to themselves every five minutes "well, after all, this is nothing but a commercial venture." You are suggesting to them, everywhere they look, and at every step they take, a life in a house along certain lines and that's why I found it so very difficult to come to any conclusions about it because I couldn't decide which side of the fence it is on.

Rado: Well, it is on both. And as a house, I say again, that I don't think it is so far apart from something we might do today, or from the way people want to live, especially if they learn more about it; I don't see any great discrepancy.

p/a design awards seminar III

**Project: Olympic Arena for 1960
Olympic Winter Games**

**Client: Organizing Committee, 1960
Olympic Winter Games**

Location: Squaw Valley, California

**Architects: Corlett & Spackman and
Kitchen & Hunt**

Presentation:

William Corlett

When we were successful in obtaining the commission for this project we organized a team, which has functioned remarkably well: two architectural offices, two structural engineering offices, and mechanical, electrical, civil, sanitary engineers. On obtaining this commission we were informed that the project was a "turn-key job" and that our first act was indeed to write the program. When we asked the client how many athletes were coming they had no idea. How many of these would be women; they had no idea. They had only a rough idea of what events would be staged. So that our first order of business was to develop a program, based on what little was available in terms of the staging of the Winter Olympic Games in various European countries. Most of them had been held in highly developed resort areas, containing all the necessary athletic facilities and where there were existing hotels.

For the first time all the athletes from some 45 countries would have to be housed in an Olympic Village and all events would be held in one very compact area. We are here today to discuss the Olympic Arena, which is the hub building of what is virtually a small city.

Presentation: Frank Hunt

The program for the Arena itself developed as we gathered information from the various Federations all over the world: authorities in ski jumping, ice skating, and so on. We were to design a permanent ice arena, partly enclosed, and partly or completely covered, suitable for the Olympic Games and suitable for use after the Games as a year-round skating facility, as a convention center, and for the holding of other miscellaneous revenue-producing events.

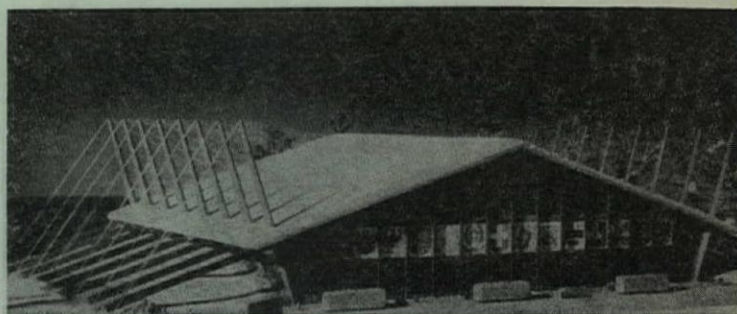
As Bill Corlett has mentioned, we have certain meteorological conditions in the Valley which have greatly influenced the design, not the least of which is the heavy snows. We can get three feet of snow in a couple of hours there; we can have rain at any time of the year, summer or winter; we can get a wind and sun combination at the time the Games will be scheduled which would make it impossible to hold an ice surface suitable for these events. The temperature to expect at the time of the Games will be 50 to 60

degrees maximum and 5 to 15 degrees minimum. In addition, Squaw Valley is a glacial valley filled with silt, sand, and gravel deposits, which have presented somewhat of a construction problem. We have had to preload the areas in which the rinks are located in order not to get uneven settlement. We used cast-in-place concrete piles to support the Arena and to eliminate differential settlement between the frames.

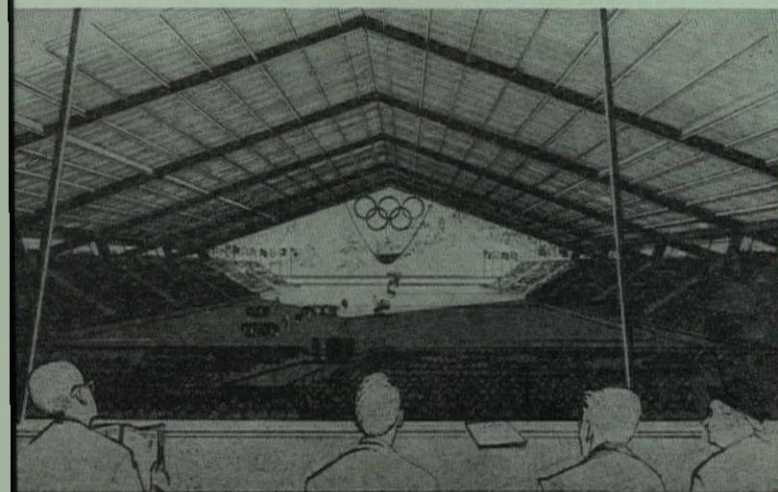
Of course we were very much interested in getting a building of a character suitable for Squaw Valley, and we felt that we should capture some of the festivity connected with these Games. Another feature that became very obvious as we studied the program was that a clear span was highly desirable. The disposal of the snow was of considerable importance; we could build a flat roof and support it, or we could build a pitched roof and slide it off—where it would not be a hazard to the public. One of the requirements our client placed on the building was that it be oriented toward the ski jump. We felt that the pitched roof answered these problems. It was appropriate to the Valley. It provided a good seating layout, as we held the ridge perpendicular to the longer axis of the rink, which gives us the better seats parallel to the long side of the rink. We had a large opening toward the ski jump, looking across the speed skating rink.

One of the major program require-

"... the open end is the far more dynamic thing."



"... we don't know what the scale will be in your building."



ments was that we provide at least 30,000 sq ft of space for the athletes and officials to congregate for the opening and closing ceremonies, which are of the utmost importance for pageantry. As the plan evolved, two movable sections of bleachers can be swung around on portable tracks, so that the whole end of the Arena is thrown open for these ceremonies, with almost unlimited space for the public who weren't able to obtain seats in the Arena.

Structural engineering was done by the office of H. J. Brunnier. The design was developed initially on the basis of taking care of 100 lb per sq ft of snow, but obviously that was a tremendous problem. We feel that in our final design we saved upwards of half a million dollars. We reduced the snow load to 50 lb a sq ft (which will take care of the worst storm we could get on a 50-year basis) with a system of snow melting, accomplished by heating the entire roof surface. The structural design has a safety factor which will permit a temporary loading of up to 80 lb a sq ft without any structural damage. The principal structural feature of the Arena now is the 300 ft clear-span roof. The roof structure consists of a cellular-steel deck, spanning about 12 ft, rolled-steel purlins spanning 32 ft, and the main supporting frames, consisting of tapered columns built up from steel plates, tapered steel box girders and inclined-cable tension members. Each half of the main supporting frame acts independently, somewhat on the order of a guy derrick, with the roof girder functioning as the boom and the column as the mast, and the inclined cables as the guys. Cable anchorages are provided by dead men of concrete, with the roof girders extended to resist the horizontal thrust. We heat the roof by a reverse-cycle heat pump system from the refrigeration unit; we have a continuous duct that extends along the eave line and each one of the cells in the steel deck gets its share of the heat. The heat rises up to the ridge, through the cells, and the melting snow gives us control of the snow load on the roof. Mechanical, electrical, and refrigeration engineering was by the office of Vandament & Darmsted.

Discussion: Dean G. Holmes Perkins

In this Arena, a great simplicity results from a very close examination of the problems of the structure. This is the kind of thing that results from a really close collaboration from the very start among people who are

working in these various technologies. You get the high point of the roof in the place where you need the greatest number of seats. You also have the opportunity thereby to see the people coming off the ski jump at the end.

Perkins: The question on the roof that I might have is whether a system like this, which seems to me to be to some extent a two-dimensional system, really provides the greatest economy. All of the wires I see seem to be going in straight planes. The roof seems to be a series of flat panels. But in general I get a very fine impression of this simple form.

Vernon DeMars: I would like to say something about scale. I think the entrance elevation—with what appear to be posters—is an excellent example of one use of scale. These posters—the coats of arms of the various nations, it must be a very colorful thing—would appear to be something like 20x30 ft. This of course is on the scale of St. Peter's. You see a thing which you are normally ready to accept as something 5 x 7, and then it isn't. At this size, I think this gives one a marvellous sense of the bigness of the whole thing. It finally makes this fit into this valley, which is a big thing. It's the direction to go in—to have certain things much bigger than you expect them to be—rather than to have little dinky things.

Hunt: On this point that Dean Holmes Perkins raised of the structure being in a sense a series of two-dimensional structural systems, I think that possibly some deeper structural system for that roof deck, which might have spanned a longer dimension would have been good. We do, however, have a problem in conveying the heat from the eaves to the ridge and if you developed something that spanned in the other direction, between those frames, then possibly you would lose the duct system to the roof.

Grant Manson: I am worried about the visual aspect of the connection of the cables to the roof. If that deep snow were there what would signify the fact that they are picking up some of the load? There is nothing visible there that shows how satisfactorily the load is being picked up by those cables. They just seem to penetrate the roof deck. I find that a little disturbing.

Corlett: That's an interesting comment. I think we tried very hard *not* to have that connection strongly articulated—to get through the roof as simply as possible.

Alfred Clauss: I think this is an ex-

citing structure, but the columns at the entrance front give the impression that they carry the roof. . . . Could not the roof have been more free? You don't see the roof as a whole; you don't actually see the real beauty of the structure.

Hunt: I think you'll see the roof through the glass wall. We were a little concerned about our original design and in our final design we do not carry down the main columns from the roof to the ground. They'll rest on concrete piers, which are part of a retaining wall for the earth bank.

Clauss: I think the effect is good, but the posters going across in a straight line give the effect that you need them as a spandrel. With the posters grouped loosely all over the façade you might get a more plastic feeling.

Hunt: Actually, that "spandrel" develops at the top of the grandstand; behind it are rooms for the press, television, and radio.

DeMars: What does one do with forms that hold themselves up, when you have to close them in? I think there's a danger of a kind of structural exhibitionism, when we are so excited about the fact that we held something up differently that we must advertise it. Obviously, this roof can hold itself up, except for the cables, but I wonder if, necessarily, we must have a large red flag at each point where the cable enters the roof, and must leave a space between the top of the columns and the roof on the front. I think we'll just have to sense, as we get a little more used to seeing buildings of this sort, that it needs only the cables to hold the roof up, and that the columns are there to take the windload.

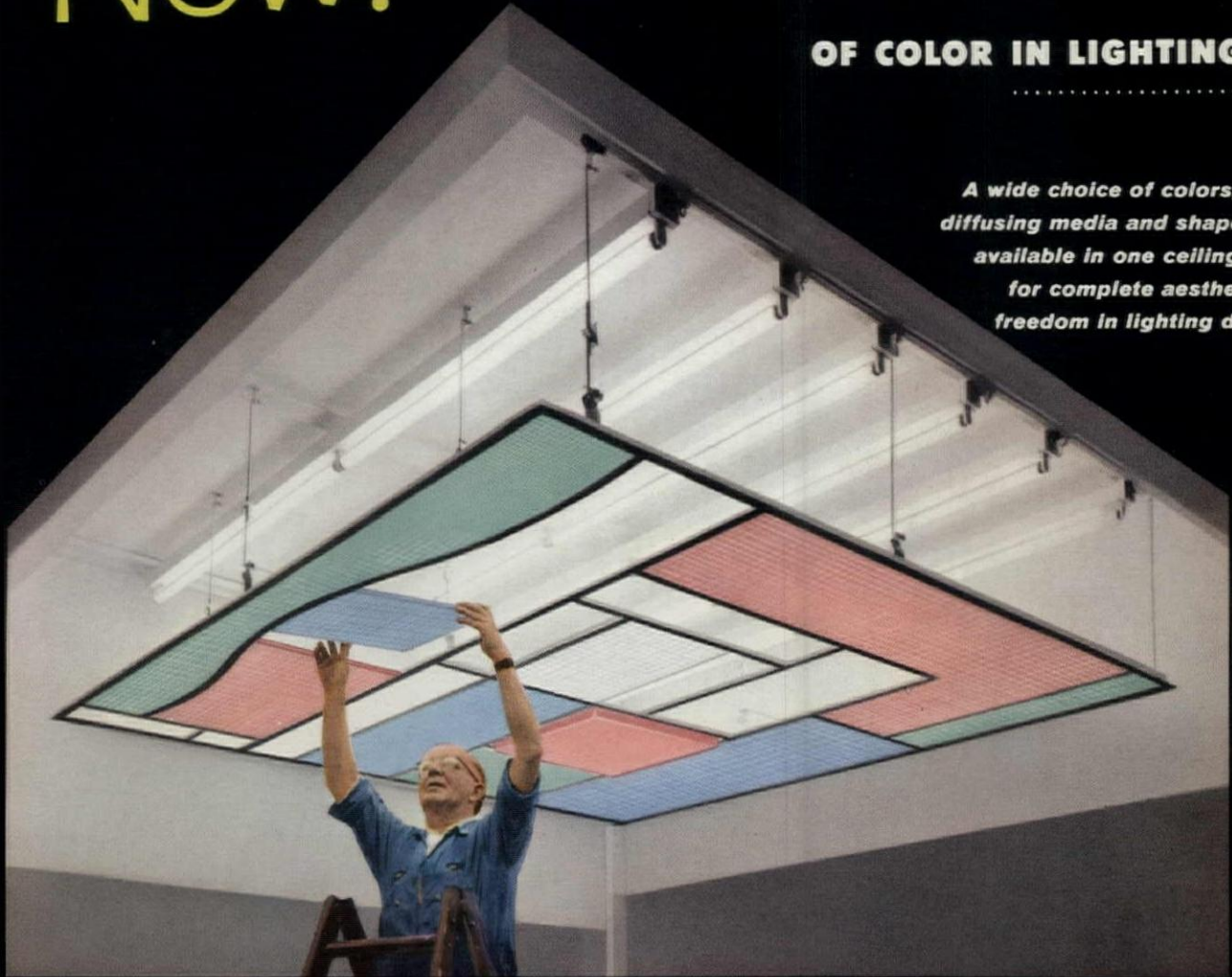
C. J. Wisniewski: I think I agree with Clauss on his criticism; if you look at the closed end and the open end in fast succession it is very obvious that the open end is the far more dynamic thing. In this building the architects did have an excellent opportunity to do away with the enclosure, which we very seldom find. At MIT, for example, the dome by Saarinen was a very exciting structure until they enclosed it and put in mullions. On the other hand, I think that even though this is not a three-dimensional structure, it is still a very exciting one. We comprehend the complete syntax of every structural element. We know and understand the columns. We comprehend the girder members. In fact we see the whole structural thing working in this building. I think that is the very nice thing about it.

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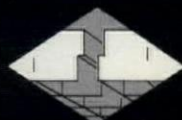
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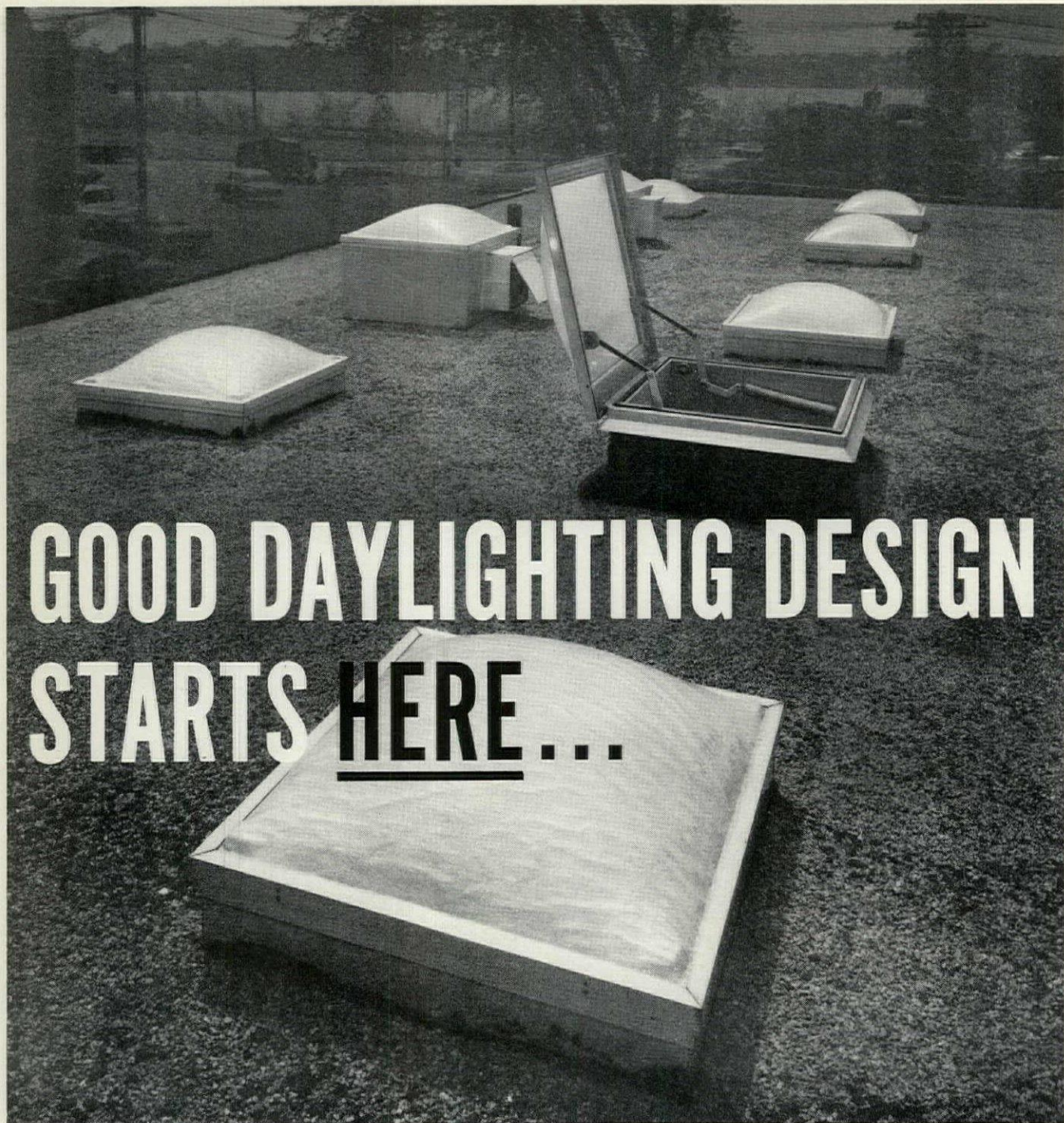
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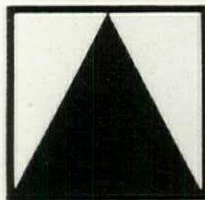
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Failure of White-Coat Plaster

by Harold J. Rosen

Some years ago, National Bureau of Standards made an exhaustive investigation to determine the reasons for the appearance of blisters and bulges in white-coat plasters. The findings were reported in *BMS Report No. 121, Investigation of Failures of White-Coat Plaster* and in *BMS Report No. 127, Effect of Aging on the Soundness of Regularly Hydrated Dolomitic-Lime Putties*. As a result of these investigations, *ASTM Specification C 206* was developed for special finishing lime and a tentative amendment to *Federal Specification SS-L-351* for hydrated lime was prepared to overcome the deficiencies in the earlier standard specifications. In spite of these reports and specification changes, contractors and materials manufacturers still try to substitute normal dolomitic hydrated finishing limes which can be furnished under *ASTM Specification C 6* and *Federal Specification SS-L-351 Type F* which may cause blisters and bulges in white-coat plasters.

These reports were made public in 1951 and 1952 and it might be well to review them for the benefit of those who may never have seen them and also to refresh the memory of others who may have reviewed them but have forgotten their significance.

The chief cause of plaster failures has been of a type that appears as a bulge or blister ranging up to several feet in extent. Usually, the white coat is found to have separated from the base coat; but the latter is also occasionally loosened. Even before the bulge is visible it may be evidenced by a hollow sound when the plaster is struck. As the action progresses, bulging and cracking occur, and ultimately the plaster fails and falls. This type of failure usually occurs after 5 to 10 years or more, and is more common in humid climates. So far as is known, it occurs only where a dolomitic lime has been used in the white coat. As ordinarily manufactured, "hydrated" dolomitic lime may contain up to 30 percent or more of unhydrated magnesium oxide. Much of this remains unhydrated after soaking and even after plastering and hardening. It has been shown that this oxide is slowly hydrated by the moisture in the air, resulting in marked expansion,

If this continues beyond the capacity of the plaster to accommodate itself to the stress, the plaster will buckle.

The usual white coat of plaster is prepared from a lime putty mixed with calcined gypsum (also known as gypsum gaging plaster or plaster of Paris). This is generally mixed in volumetric proportions of three parts lime putty to one part gaging plaster. The function of lime in a finish plaster is to provide the spread and plasticity to permit fast, easy application with full flexibility. Lime does not "set" but hardens slowly. It likewise shrinks on drying. Therefore, gypsum gaging must be blended into the lime in proper proportion to provide initial set and strength, and to avoid shrinkage cracks. Lime putty is prepared on the job either by slaking quicklime with an excess of water or by soaking a dry commercial finishing hydrated lime with water. The tendency is very strongly in favor of the hydrated lime over the quicklime because of its greater convenience, the quicklime having to be seasoned for at least three days before using.

Lime, chemically speaking is calcium oxide (CaO), but the commercial article may differ widely from this composition. Lime is obtained from limestone (CaCO₃) by burning and during this process carbon dioxide (CO₂) is liberated. Natural limestone may vary in composition from pure calcium carbonate (CaCO₃) to a mixture of calcium and magnesium carbonates in equal proportions, known as dolomite. The chemical composition of lime therefore depends on the limestone from which it is made. Lime may therefore contain from 0 to 42 percent of magnesium oxide (MgO) depending on whether the lime was prepared from pure calcium carbonate or pure dolomite. In the lime-burning process of reducing limestone to lime, if dolomitic limestone is used, the magnesium carbonate is decomposed into MgO and CO₂ long before the calcium carbonate is decomposed into its constituents. In this process the magnesium oxide becomes overburned and its reactivity toward water or hydration is greatly reduced.

The National Bureau of Standards, at the time of its investigation of white-coat plaster failures, analyzed 88 samples of

plaster that had failed; and in each instance it was found that a dolomitic lime had been used in the preparation of the white coat.

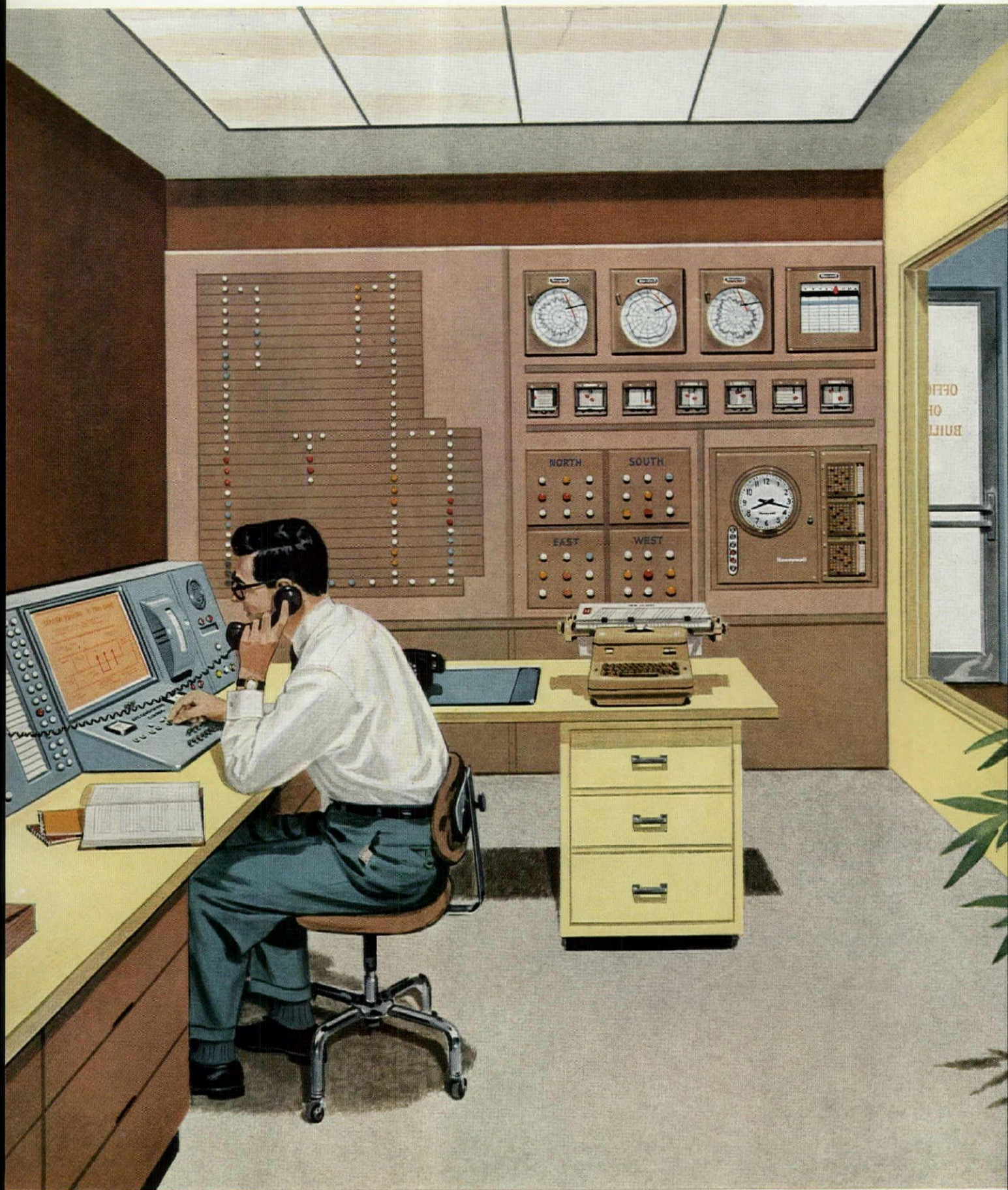
Regularly hydrated dolomitic limes contain about 32 percent of total magnesium oxide, of which only about 5 percent is hydrated and the remaining 27 percent is still present as unhydrated magnesium oxide. This highly incomplete hydration is due to the fact that the magnesia has been badly overburned in the process of making quicklime and thus is inactive toward hydration in the usual hydrators. The National Bureau of Standards found in investigating hydrated limes at that time that only 55 to 65 percent of the water required for complete hydration of regularly hydrated dolomitic lime was present because of the slowness of hydration of the magnesium oxide. Furthermore it developed that even after soaking of dolomitic hydrated limes for a 24 hour period only about 20 percent of the hydration of the magnesia is completed.

It therefore follows that the hydration of the magnesium oxide takes place on the walls and ceilings over a period of time, generally from 5 to 15 years with the creation of blisters or bulges as the magnesia expands due to hydration. These failures occur more extensively and rapidly during the warm weather of summer and during periods of high relative humidity.

To overcome this difficulty, specifications were formulated that exclude partially hydrated limes containing an undesirably high percentage of unhydrated oxides. *ASTM Designation C206 Type S, Special Finishing Hydrated Lime* provides one of these specifications. *Federal Specification SS-L-351 Type F* may be used provided that it is modified as follows: "The total free (unhydrated) calcium oxide (CaO) and magnesium oxide (MgO) in the hydrated product shall not exceed 8 percent by weight (calculated on the 'as received' basis)."

Certain manufacturers of regularly hydrated dolomitic limes have been producing more completely hydrated lime. In most instances this is being accomplished by using autoclaves to hydrate the lime at elevated temperatures and pressures.

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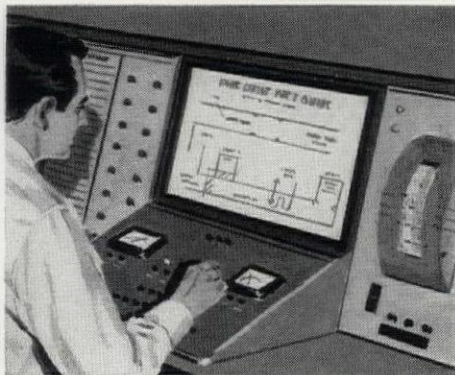


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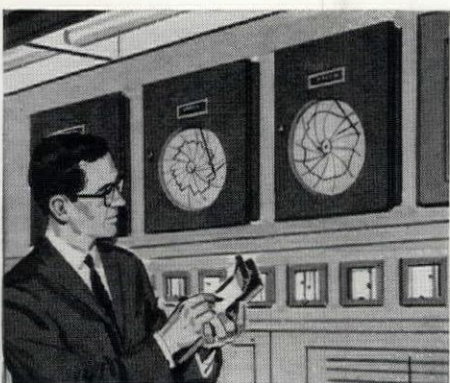
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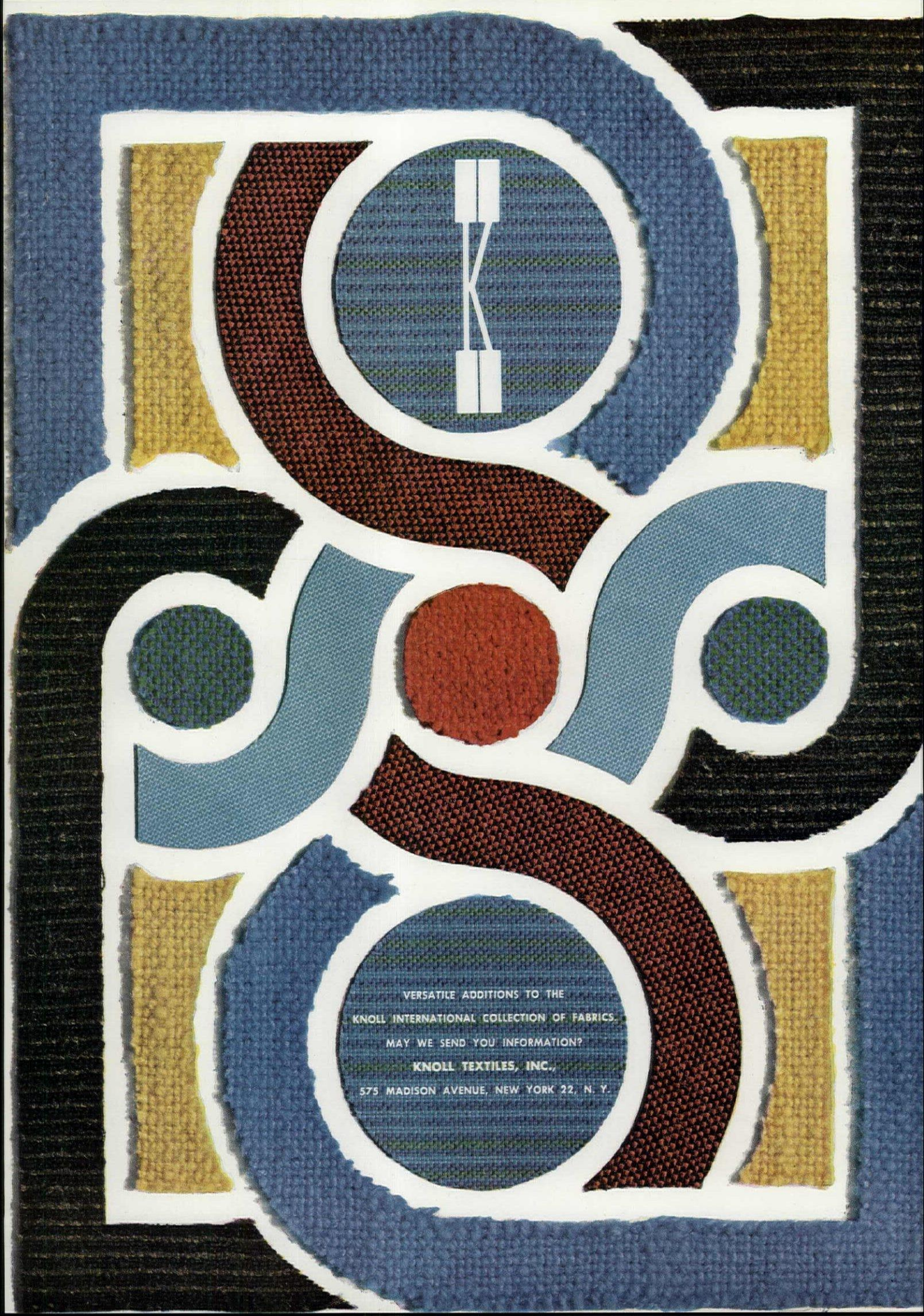
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office lighting

Four entirely different types of lighting, each to meet a different need, are represented in the four offices we show this month.

A special lighting problem was created in the Hillyard Chemical Company's offices when it was decided to convert the first five floors of the original building into a windowless structure: to eliminate heat loss and restrictions on partition location. All light, therefore, is artificial. Luminous ceilings were installed throughout. These are constructed of continuous corrugated-plastic panels and equipped with projected acoustical baffles. The wall-to-wall plastic luminous ceilings are designed to maintain 50-footcandle intensity at the working level.

Mood lighting contributes to the client-appeal in Henry End's interior-design offices. It is effectively achieved with a wall of light before the windows. Through the teak-framed polyplastic panels, natural light is supplemented by fluorescent tubes. Supplements to the illumination and to the decor are three portable lamps.

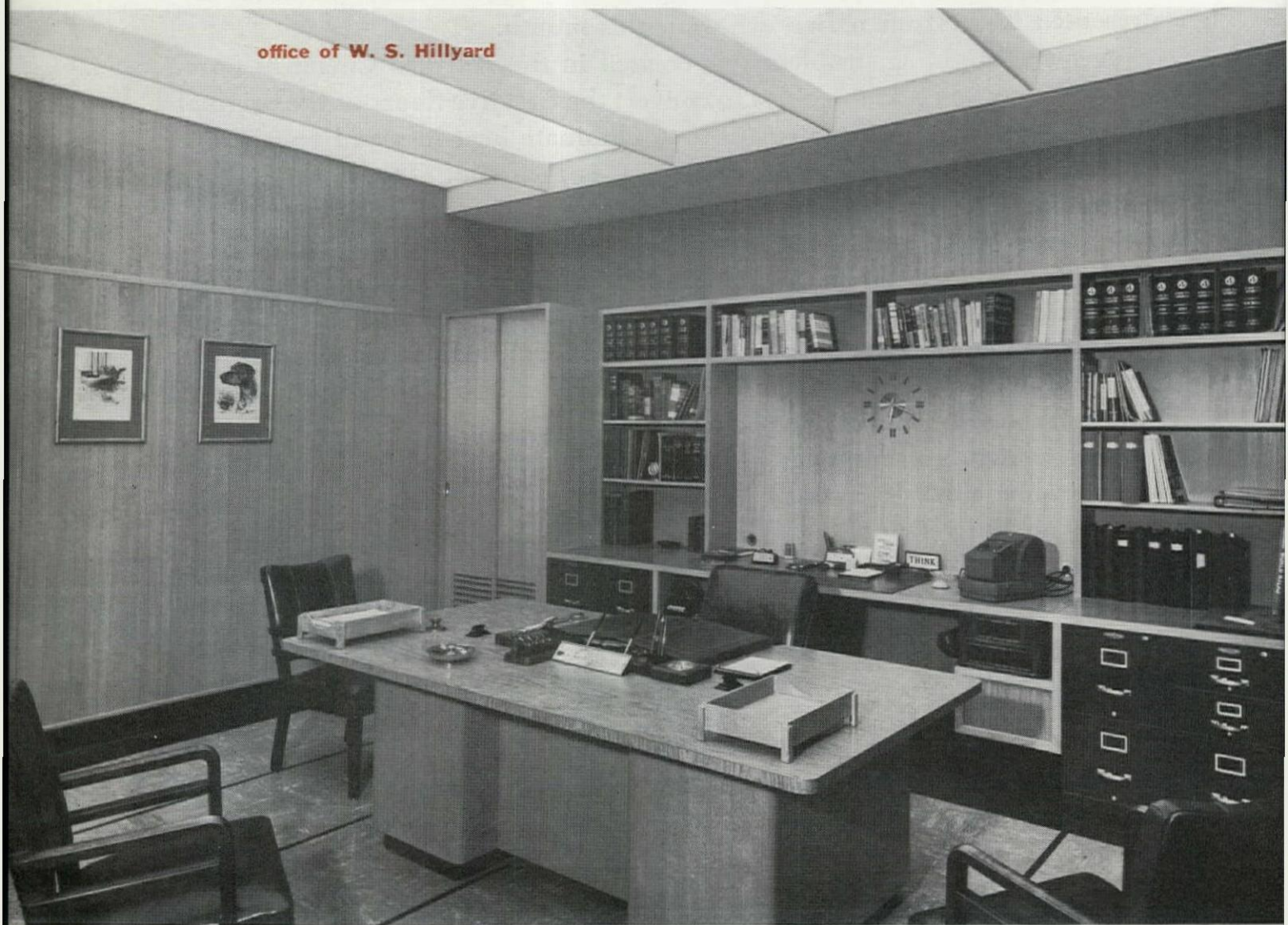
Key to the versatility of Leon Gordon Miller's own executive office/conference room is the flexible lighting plan. Except for a corner table lamp, all light is from two sources: the ceiling fixture and the corkboard cove light. They were conceived and designed to supply many levels and color temperatures of light, from 25 to 60 footcandles. Placement of these two fixtures controls the light level at the conference table and the corkboard, the two main work surfaces. As each fixture houses a combination of incandescent and fluorescent light, the desired degree of warmth or coolness is available as well as an increase or decrease of brightness for conferences or work-sessions. Of special importance in the work of a design office is precise color determination, therefore light here is so switched that colors may be examined under the same incandescent-fluorescent combination for which they are being selected.

In the offices of Cluett Peabody & Co., Inc., the lighting plan is appropriately varied for each area. Low-level lighting in the reception area gives softly suitable illumination. A luminous ceiling provides efficient working light in the filing end of the general offices, at an even 60-footcandle level, eliminating glare, and supplying uniform illumination that permits complete flexibility in furniture placement. In the conference room, a series of six 3-ft-diameter domes deliver from 20 to 85 footcandles (through a rheostatic control), extending the range of levels from comfort lighting for informal conferences to laboratory-type illumination for examination of new products, advertising material, etc. At one end of the room, a flexible series of surface spotlights serve for displays and presentations, while a rheostat-controlled, recessed cove light illuminates the pin-up wall.

office lighting

client | Hillyard Chemical Company
location | St. Joseph, Missouri
architects-engineers | Turnbull-Novak, Inc.
chief architect | Harlan E. Rathbun

office of W. S. Hillyard



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Design Theory: Building is windowless, hence fully artificial illumination and cheerful colors for interior lighting and atmosphere were required. Luminous ceilings conceal sprinkler system, ductwork; electric-wire bases throughout provide flexibility for wiring-change requirements.

office of W. S. Hillyard

Cabinetwork: Philippine mahogany/Frank Canterbury Cabinet Shop, 11606 Truman St., Independence, Mo.

Doors: Philippine mahogany/Roddiss Plywood Corp., Marshfield, Wis.

Equipment: central air conditioning, heating, and ventilaton/York Div. of Borg-Warner Corp., Roosevelt & Thomas Sts., York, Pa.

Furniture, Fabrics: mahogany finished to match woodwork/leather upholstery.

Lighting: plastic luminous ceiling with acoustical baffles/The Wakefield Co., 731 S. Water, Vermilion, Ohio.

Walls: Philippine mahogany/frosty finish/General Woodworking Co., St.

Joseph, Mo.

Flooring: rubber tile/Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inc., 1144 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio.

secretarial area

Doors: natural frosty finish birch/Roddiss Plywood Corp.

Furniture: steel/gray finish.

Walls: plaster/painted "eye-ease" green.

Flooring: asphalt tile/Azrock Products Div., Uvalde Rock Asphalt Co., Frost National Bldg., San Antonio, Tex.

second-floor corridor

Equipment: air-diffusing outlets/Ane-mostat Corp. of America, 10 E. 39 St., New York, N.Y.; temperature controls/Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., 2954 Fourth Ave., S., Minneapolis 8, Minn.

Walls: "Fabrikona"/burlap over plaster/The Chandler Mfg. Co., Inc., 100 Old Colony Ave., East Taunton, Mass.

Flooring: plastic magnesia/green with black and white marble chips/Mar-Flex Corporation, Rockford, Ill.



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secretarial area

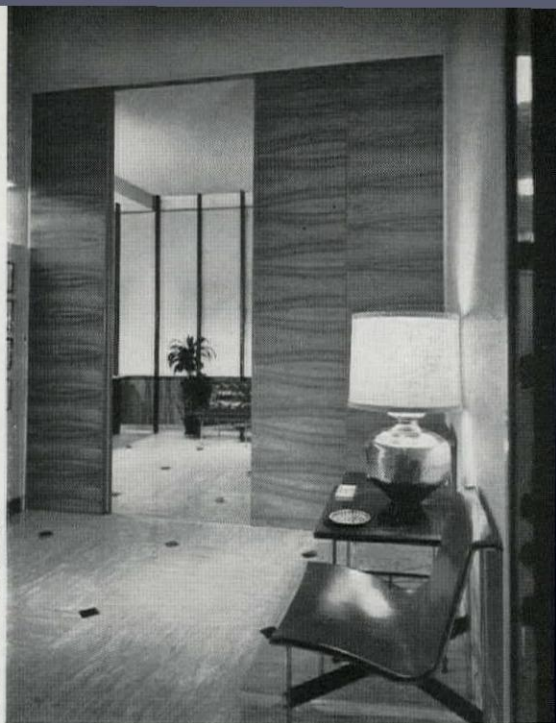


second-floor corridor

office lighting

client | own office
location | Miami, Florida
designer | Henry End

Photos: Alexandre Georges



data

Design Theory: An interior designer's own office must be a show place and, at the same time, present a serene and orderly background that will not conflict with client presentations. Here natural materials (wood, travertine, mosaic) together with black and white leathers, vinyl, and plastic achieve rich and interesting contrasts, yet quietly.

doors

Sliding Doors: French-walnut/alternating hollow cone with white vinyl/custom-made/Pavlow-Barnett Office Furniture, Inc., 837 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla.

furniture

Desk: brass-finished aluminum, travertine top/custom-made.

Reception-Area Chairs: chromium, natural-tan hide/Laverne, Inc., 160 E. 57 St., New York 22, N. Y.

Private-Office Sectional Chairs: black calf/Laverne, Inc.

Pull-Up Chair: ebony with white leather/S. J. Campbell Co., 1750 W. Wrightwood, Chicago, Ill.

Reception-Area Table: Directional, 41 E. 57 St., New York 22, N. Y.

Corner Table: white-and-gold mosaic top/Stewart Studio, 12 E. 62 St., New York 21, N. Y.

lighting

Illuminated Wall: ebony-finished teak verticals with translucent white polyplastic/daylight from windows behind panels/night-light from fluorescent "Daybrite" tubes/custom/Pavlow-Barnett Office Furniture, Inc.

Desk Lamp: Nessen Studio, Inc., 5 University Pl., New York 3, N. Y.

Table Lamp: Mutual-Sunset Lamp Mfg. Co., Inc., 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y.

walls, flooring, ceiling

Walls: covered in Imperial Silk white vinyl "Vicrtex"/L. E. Carpenter & Co., Inc., 350 Fifth Ave., New York 1, N. Y.

Flooring: vinyl tile, 36" squares, 3'-sq brass inserts/Gardenia white "Renaissance"/Amico, Div. of American Bilrite Rubber Co., Trenton 2, N. J.

Ceiling: acoustical plaster, sprayed white.

accessories

Wastebasket: Raymor, 225 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Painting: Edmond Kohn.

data

Design Theory: For the executive office/conference room in his own industrial design offices, the designer required a versatile background to serve for client conferences, staff conferences, and as private office. The flexible results are achieved unobtrusively with neutral wall and floor colors; accents of alizarin, purple, and blue for liveliness; books and original art pieces for warmth and interest.

doors

All: white "Modernfold"/New Castle Products, Inc., 1 Ave., Newcastle, Ind.

furniture

Conference Table: inlaid tropical mahogany center, tapered mahogany

edge/designed by Leon Gordon Miller/custom-made.

Sofa: upholstered in "Bahia"/L. Anton Maix, Inc., 162 E. 59 St., New York 22, N. Y.

Conference Chairs: oiled walnut/designed by Leon Gordon Miller/Taylor Chair Co., Willis & Taylor Rds., Bedford, Ohio.

lighting

Ceiling Fixtures: oiled-walnut frame/aluminum - honeycomb louver/Hexcel Products, Inc., 2741 Ninth, Berkeley, Calif.; "Hi-Hat" floods/General Lighting Co., 248 McKibben St., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.; fluorescent tubes/General Electric Co., Nela Park, Cleveland, Ohio/unit designed by Leon Gordon Miller/custom-made.

Cove-Lighting Strip: oiled-walnut housing/bottom strip white "Satinal" glass/Blue Ridge Glass Corp., Kingsport, Tenn.; DeLuxe Warm White and Cold White fluorescent strips/General Electric Co./unit designed by Leon Gordon Miller/custom-made.

Table Lamp: off-white and gray ceramic/Design-Technics, 4 E. 52 St., New York, N. Y.

walls, ceiling, flooring

Walls: painted platinum gray/Pratt & Lambert, Inc., 92 Tonawanda St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Ceiling: white "Travertone"/Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa.

Carpet: gray-textured "Ridgemore"/James Lees & Son Co., Bridgeport, Pa.

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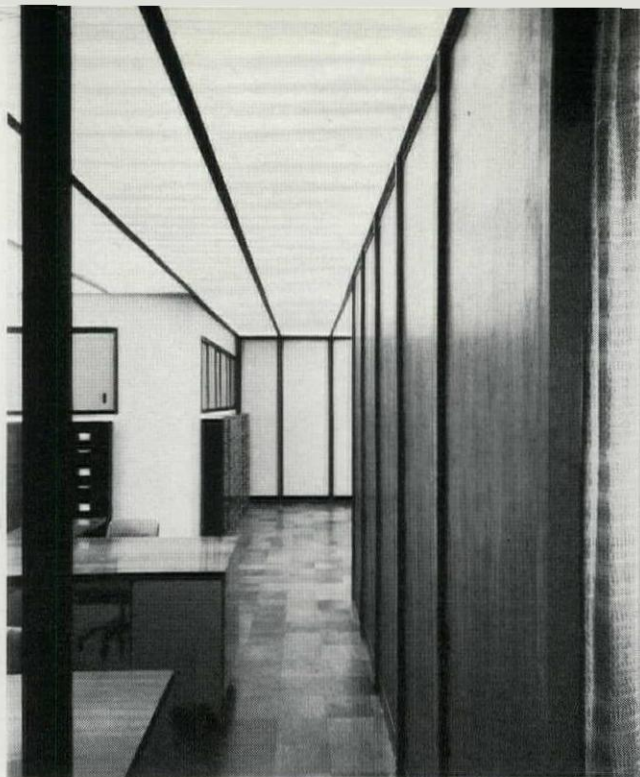


client	own office
location	Cleveland, Ohio
designer	Leon Gordon Miller

p/a interior design data

office lighting

client | Cluett Peabody & Co., Inc.
location | New York, New York
designers | Designs For Business, Inc., G. Luss, Design Director
project designer | Maria Fenyo
project director | Dora Schaefer



filing area

Photos: Ben Schmitt



reception room

data

Design Theory: Reception area is provided with warm, inviting atmosphere, with no mention of client's products (the famous Arrow shirts) on the assumption that visitors know whom they are visiting. Emphasis is on comfort, charm, relaxation, welcome. Modular design, with utmost flexibility for changing needs, is key to filing end of general offices. Conference room provides maximum facilities for meetings that range from small and informal to total and policy-making.

reception room

furniture, fabrics

Desk: cane and walnut/ designed by G. Luss/Ezra Blank Associates, Inc., 117 Lombardy St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Fabric: red, orange, black, yellow-striped wool/Isabel Scott Fabrics Corp., 515 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

lighting

Recessed Ceiling Lights: mat white

enamel/Lightolier, Inc., 346 Claremont Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

Hanging Lamp: polished-brass and white milk glass/Finland House, 41 E. 50 St., New York 22, N. Y.

walls, ceiling, flooring

Walls: plaster, painted white sand.

Ceiling: canvas, painted white and gold.

Flooring: terrazzo, white and - gray chips with brass divider strips/A. Tozzini Tile Works, Inc., 103 Park Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

filing-end, general offices

cabinetwork

All: walnut frames/blue Masonite sliding doors/walnut posts and panels with mat-black glazing strips and white milk glass/ designed by G. Luss/Ezra Blank Associates, Inc.

furniture, fabrics

Desks: off-white pedestals, walnut tops/Globe-Wernicke Co., 5029 Carthage Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Files: black/Globe-Wernicke Co.

Upholstery: black "Kalistron"/United States Plywood Corp., Flexible Materials Div., Box 85, Shelby Station, 2921 S. Floyd St., Louisville 17, Ky.

lighting

Luminous Ceiling: vinyl plastic on aluminum T-bars/ designed by G. Luss/Lightolier, Inc.

walls, flooring

Walls: white "Kalistron" covering/United States Plywood Corp.

Floors: natural cork/Kentile, Inc., 58 Second Ave., Brooklyn 15, N. Y.

conference room

cabinetwork, doors

All: walnut/boiled-linseed-oil finish/ designed by G. Luss/Ezra Blank Associates, Inc.

furniture, fabrics

Chairs: Jens Risom Design, Inc., 49 E. 53 St., New York, N. Y.; upholstery, red-orange wool/Isabel Scott Fabrics Corp.

Lounge Chairs: black leather/Lehigh

Furniture Corp., 16 E. 53 St., New York, N. Y.

Sofa: gray wool upholstery/Lehigh Furniture Corp.

Walnut Conference Table: 14-ft-diameter/ designed by G. Luss/Ezra Blank Associates, Inc.

lighting

Surface Spots: satin aluminum/Century Lighting, Inc., 521 W. 43 St., New York, N. Y.

Plexiglas Domes: 3-ft-diameter/Lightolier, Inc.

walls, ceiling, flooring

Walls: far wall, white burlap over Homosote for pin-ups/others, white burlap on plaster.

Ceiling: white sand-finished plaster.

Carpet: black wool/V'Soske, Inc., Lord & Adams, 4 E. 53 St., New York, N. Y.

accessories

Plants: Kottmiller, Inc., 371 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y.

Ashtrays: Berrier-Gnazzo, 212 E. 49 St., New York, N. Y.



conference room

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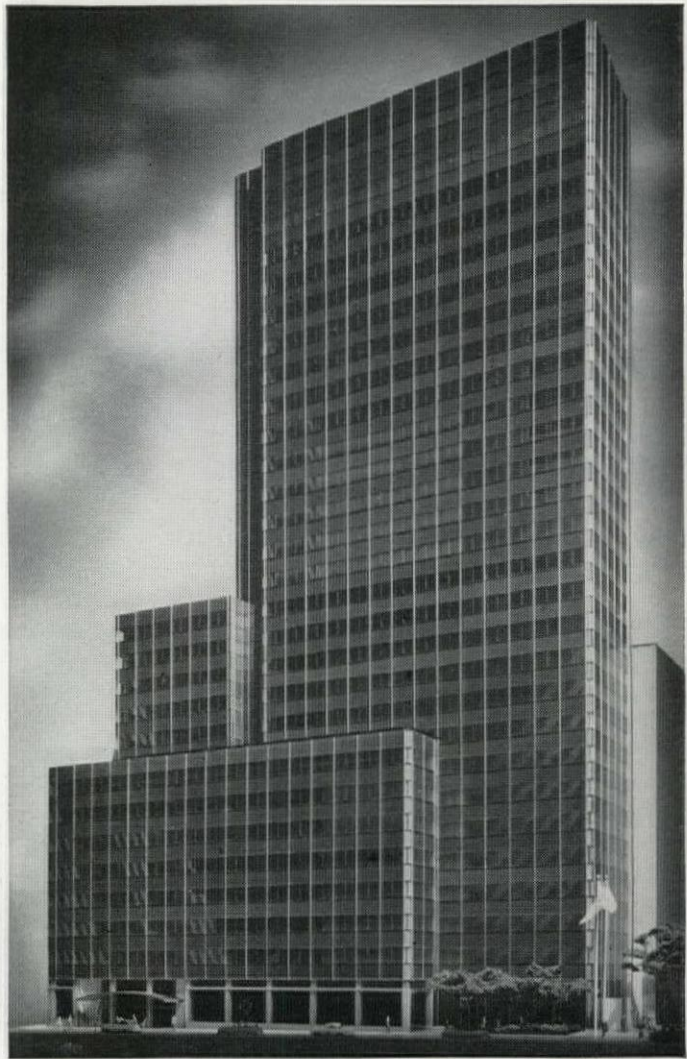
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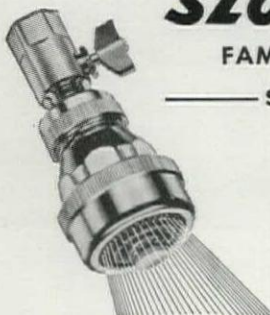
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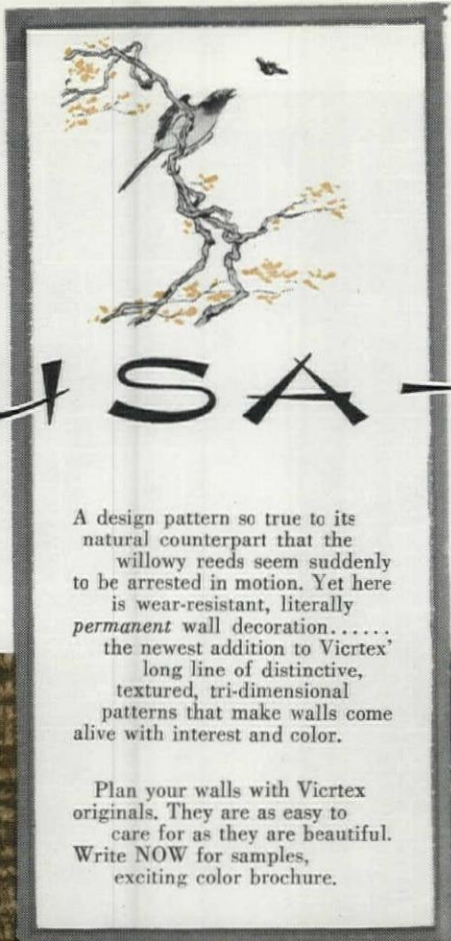
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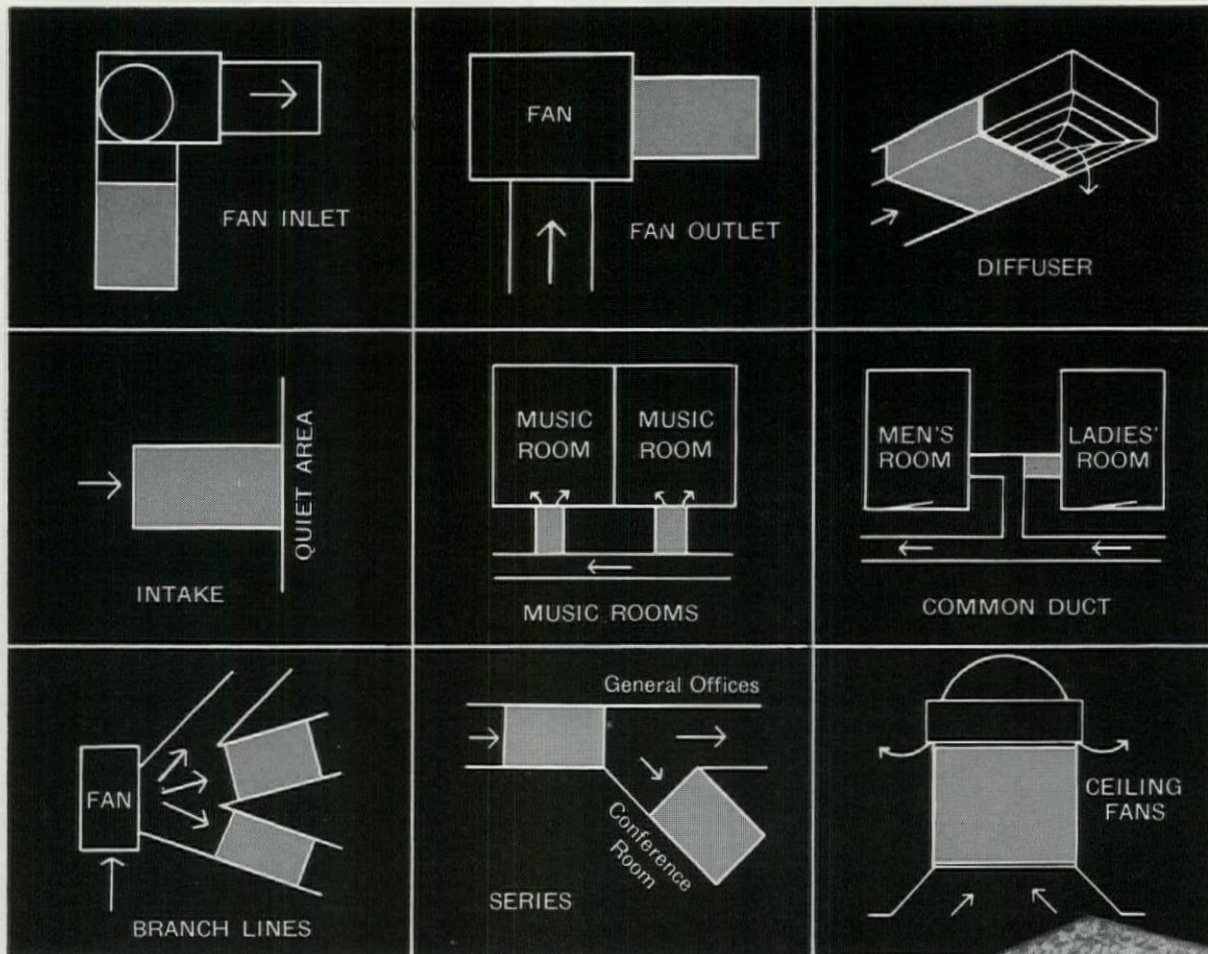
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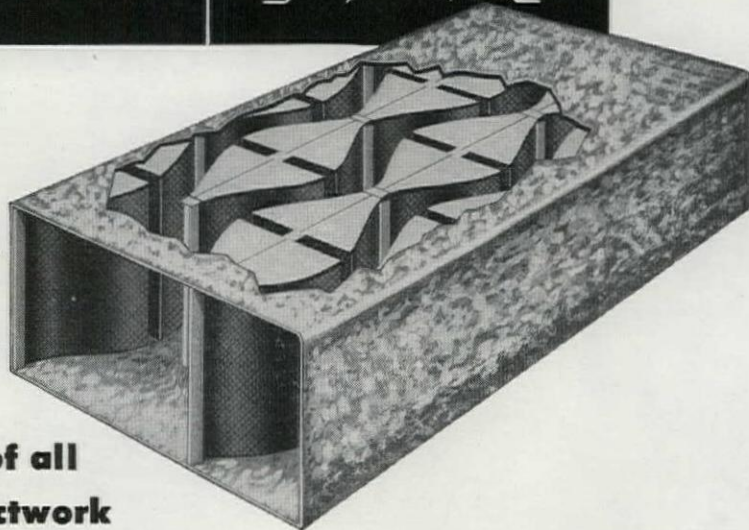
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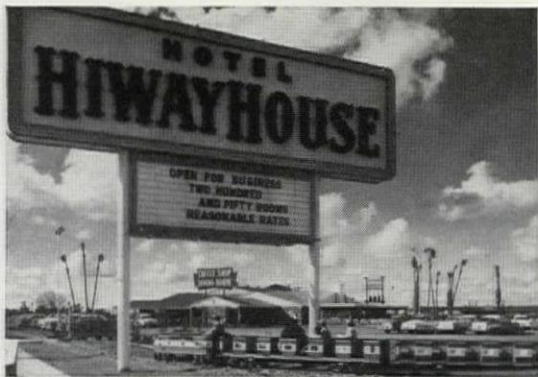
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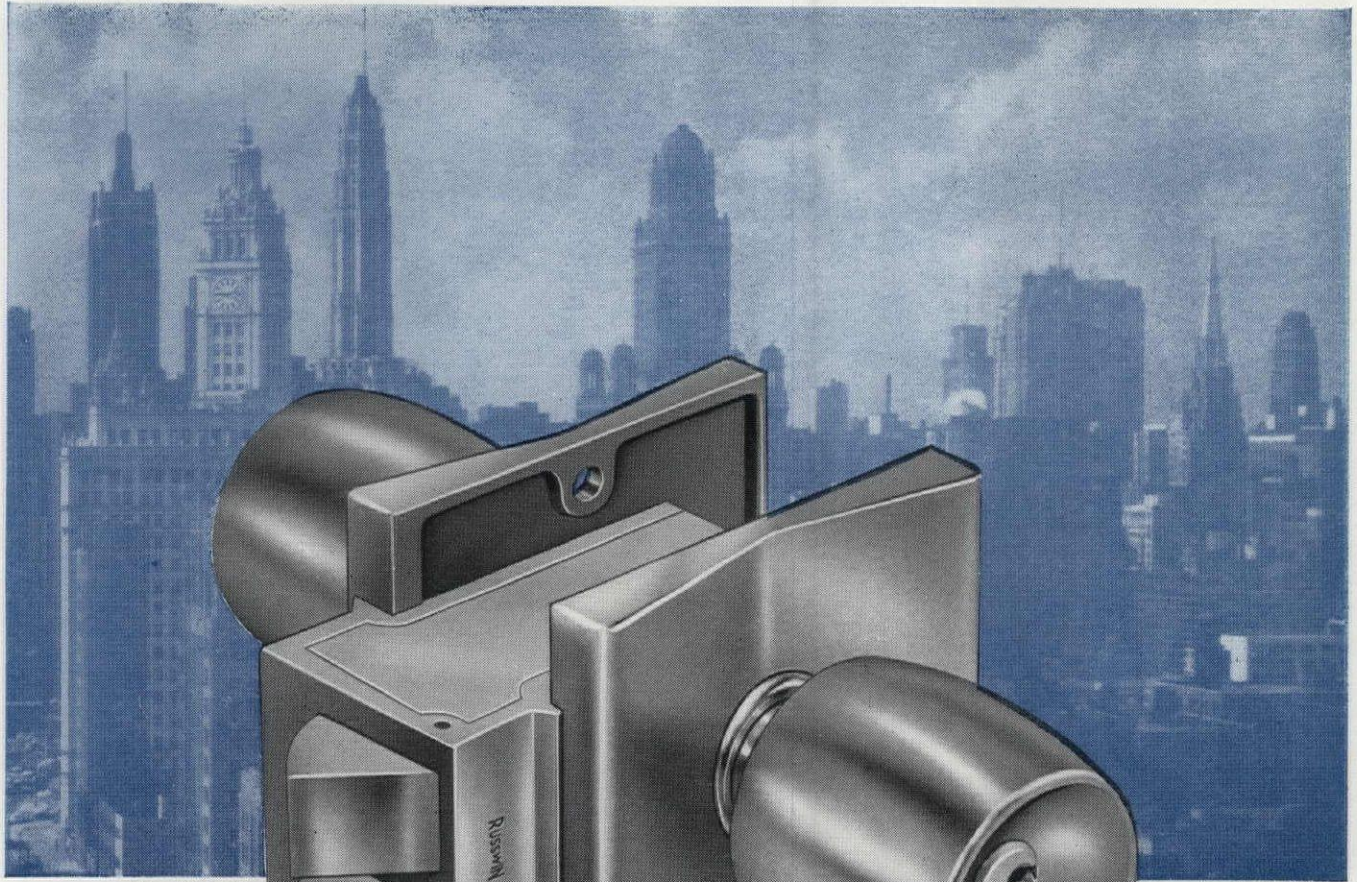
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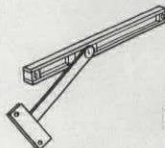
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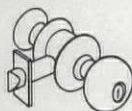
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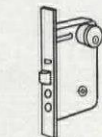
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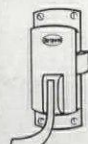
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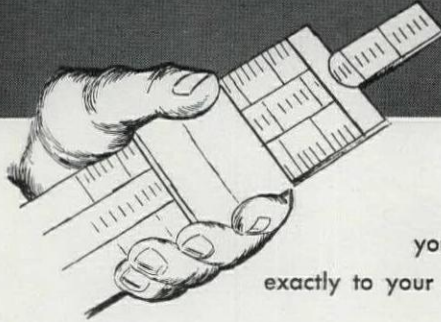


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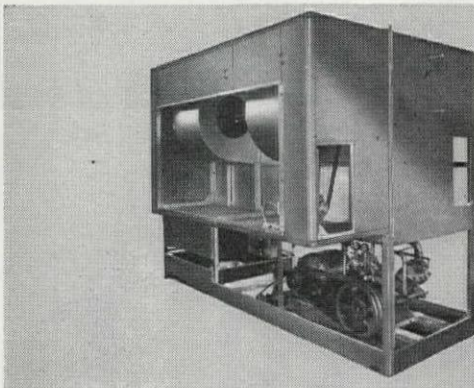
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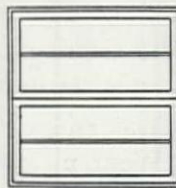
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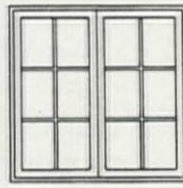
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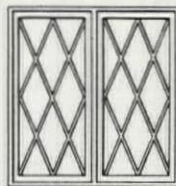
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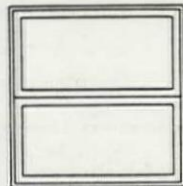
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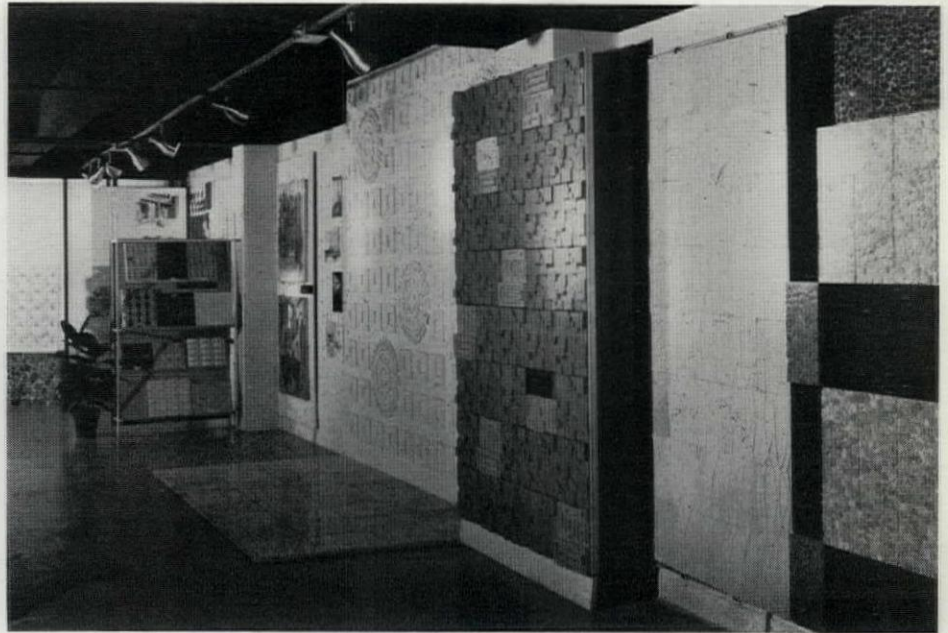
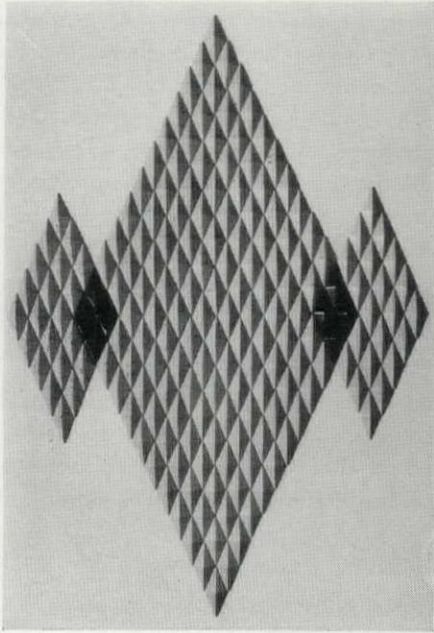
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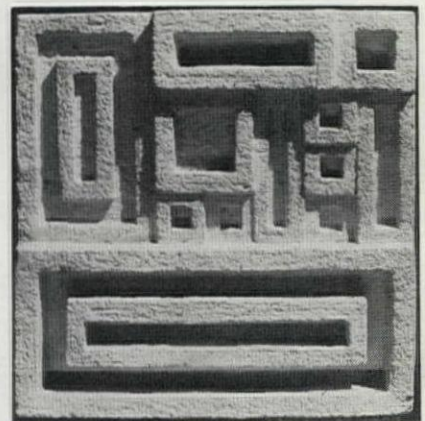
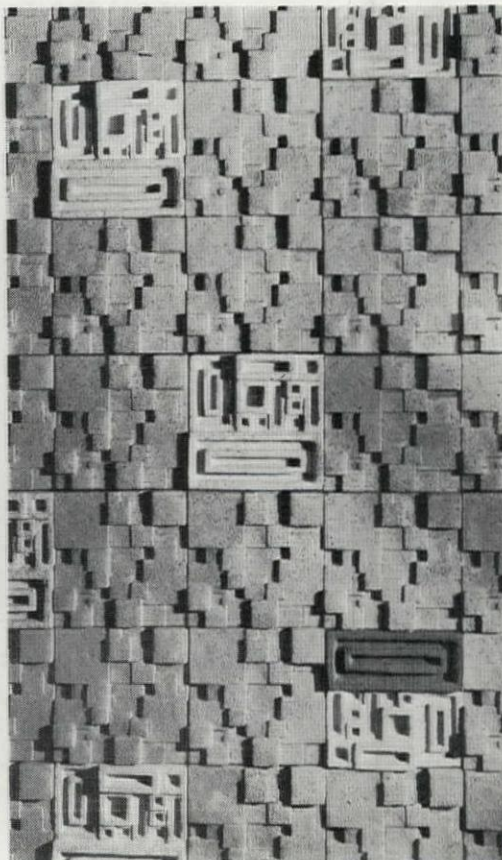
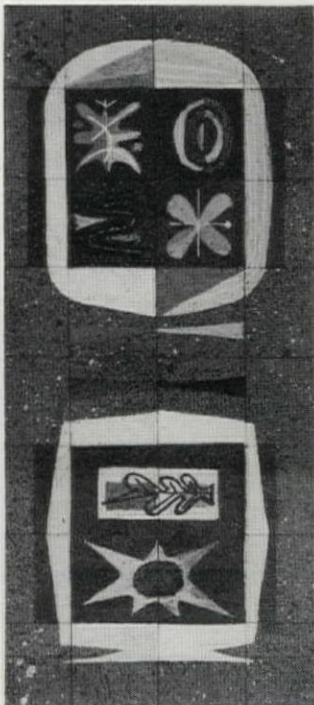
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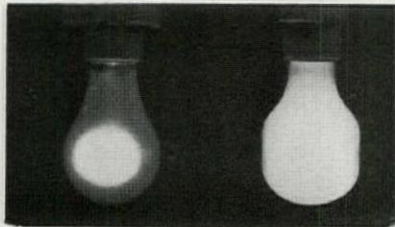
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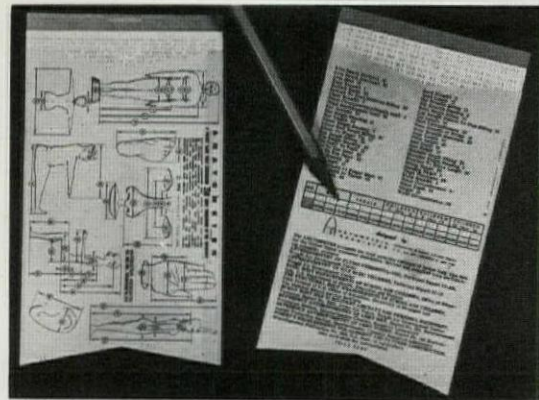
New cylindrical-shaped incandescent light bulb has special, electrostatic, silica coating on interior surface to give effective light diffusion, and to eliminate "hot spot" of conventional light bulbs. Greater interior surface gives more light for exacting tasks.

Westinghouse Electric Corp., Bloomfield, N. J.

Slide-Rule Tallies Human Dimensions

Slide rule of human dimensions has been developed to aid product designers. Data, compiled from numerous sources, includes 750 body measurements—such as arm span, nose length—for males and females of high, average and low stature.

Anatometric Associates, P.O. Box 204, Rochester 10, N. Y. \$2.00



Package Heat-Pump Installed Horizontally

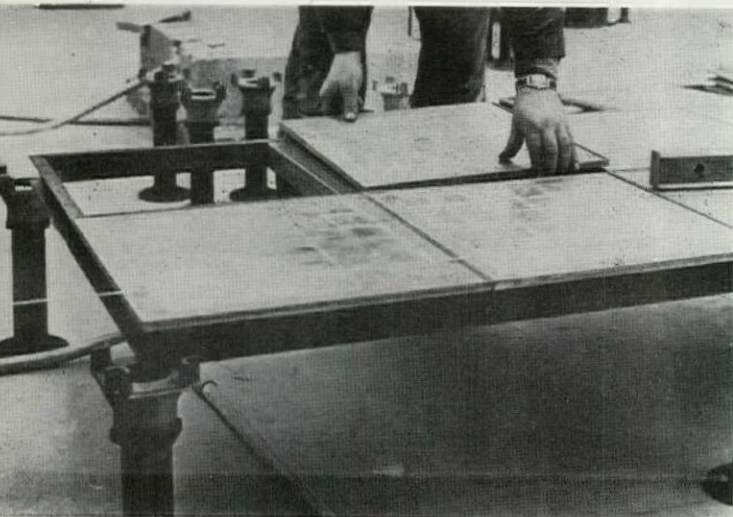
Horizontal heat pump allows installation flexibility. Indoor and outdoor sections can be close-coupled into one unit or installed separately. Complete package can be set on flat roof or at foundation line; indoor section will fit above closet or in crawl space, while outdoor element can be placed under window sill. Models available in 3- to 5-ton cooling capacity, 12,500 to 21,500 Btu heating capacity.

Lennox Industries Inc., Marshalltown, Iowa.

Movable Flooring Eases Mechanical Layout

Raised "Floating Floor" can support 275 psf, does not require permanent substructure, and can be laid on existing floor. Assembled by placing $36\frac{1}{2}'' \times 36\frac{1}{2}''$ cast-aluminum plates in steel frame on adjustable pedestals, sections are easily removed with hand suction-cup lifter, to be relaid where desired.

Floating Floors, Inc., New York, N. Y.



Patterns Added to Acoustical-Ceiling Tile

The application of surface depth to individual tiles adds a sculptural dimension to "Sculptured Travacoustic" acoustical-ceiling tiles. Three new designs ("French Curve," "Aztec," "Prism") offer decorative pattern in shadowed curves, lines, or angles. Made from incombustible mineral wool, the material provides high sound-absorption and light reflectance. National Gypsum Co., Acoustical Products, 325 Delaware Ave., Buffalo 2, N. Y.

Drafting Medium Offers New Advantages

A transparent, tear-proof drafting material, made from duPont Mylar base, should exceed most other tracing media in strength and longevity. Folding, handling, erasing will not harm surface. Tensile strength is 20,000 psi with a flex life of 20,000 cycles. Diazo and photo-type sensitized surfaces are also available for obtaining print copies. Eugene Dietzgen Co., 2425 N. Sheffield Ave., Chicago 14, Ill.

Aluminum Wall Panels Offer Insulation

Ribbed-aluminum building sheet is combined with industrial cork and "Firtex" acoustical board for an effective wall treatment. The aluminum sheet is called "Diamond-Rib." It is embossed in a diamond or quilted pattern, each rib configuration having a flat top with sloping sides. Sheets are available in 50.3" widths, providing 48" coverage after lapping, and in lengths from 6' to 16'.

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Sales, Inc., 919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Dimmer Control Developed for Individual Lamps

Autotransformer for use in homes allows gradual light dimming for individual lamps. Two models—in shape of small drum, pointer on top, or clock, pointer on side—are said to provide finger-tip dimmer control. Control is by converting watts, with movable-brush contact riding on bared part of winding. Handling up to 360-w of lamp load, unit can be easily wired into circuit.

The Superior Electric Co., Bristol, Conn.

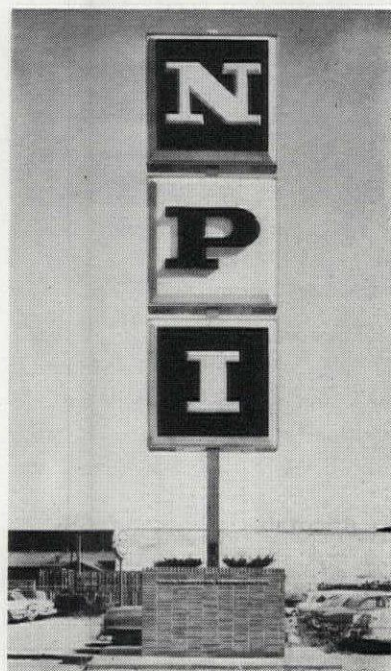
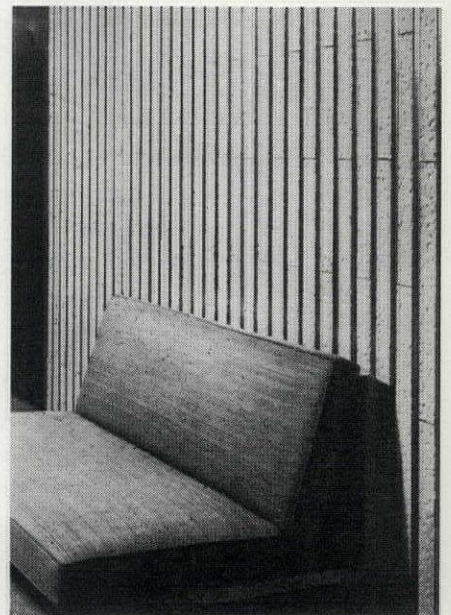
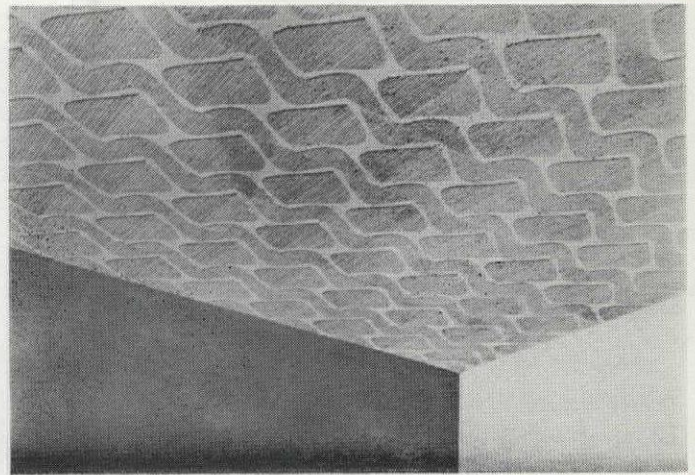
Plexiglas Sheets Improve Identification

Recently marketed 8'x10' colored Plexiglas acrylic-plastic sheets allow striking building identification when used on internally lighted signs. One typical installation utilizes three 8'-sq colored sheets containing nine high-output fluorescent lamps, each.

Rohm & Haas Co., Philadelphia 5, Pa.

Framing Anchor Speeds Construction

New framing anchor is especially useful for secondary structural framing. Fabricated from 18-gage zinc-coated sheet steel. Du-Al-Clip—available in both lefts and rights—will be used with nominal 2" lumber. Clips are said to form strong connection and rigid joint. A "pre-fit" projection allows tacking in place before nailing, to speed installation. Timber Engineering Co., 1319 18 St., N.W. Washington 6, D. C.



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Rexalum Siding Has Insulating Properties

Contour-face aluminum clapboard, laminated with thick glass-fiber insulation blanket, has coated-aluminum reflective-insulation sheet. Siding is said not to warp or rust, and will keep homes warmer in winter, cooler in summer. Noise and shock will be absorbed. Material available in seven colors, in panels 8" by 12'6" or 6'3".

Consolidated General Products, Inc., 24 & Nicholson Sts., Houston 8, Tex.

Receptacle Improved for Dual Electric Grounding

Newly designed receptacle for dual electric grounding in Baseduct wiring systems is rated at 15 amps, 125-v. Fabricated from molded plastic, receptacle has brass clip circling code-green grounding conductor and protruding through back. Grounding-type coupling gives continuous system ground.

National Electric Products Corp., Gateway Center, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

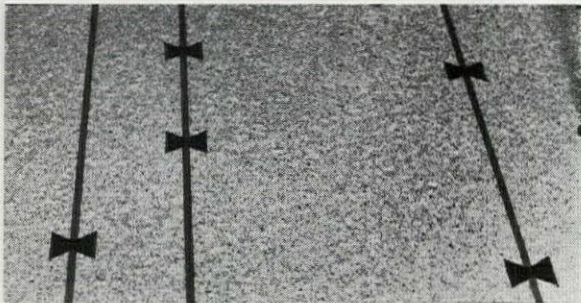
3-D Effect Created for Vinyl Tiles

A three-dimensional surface effect achieved by combining colored vinyl chips in homogeneous tile—characterizes "Cloisone" new vinyl-tile flooring. Available in 11 colors, mostly pastel hues, in residential gage only.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 1144 E. Market St., Akron, Ohio.

Vinyl Flooring Features Decorative Inlays

Vinyl-plastic "Decorator Corlon Inlays" and "Strips" add interest to "Terrazzo Vinyl Corlon" floor. Other inset shapes are the octagon, square, triangle, circle, Chinese square,



four-point star, and diamond. Strips are made in 1" and 1/2" widths. Gage is .070", colors are Metallic Gold, Metallic Silver, Black, White, Chocolate Brown, Red. Armstrong Cork Co., Lancaster, Pa.

Hi-Thred Screw Resists Stripping

Developed for use with thin-gage metal sheets, this self-tapping screw is threaded full to the head. Resistance to stripping out is improved—fastenings will hold without slipping or spinning, because thread ends in head.

Parker-Kalon Div., Clifton, N. J.

Hospital Furniture is Adaptable

Furniture series is designed for hospitals and convalescent rooms. Six basic units, 20" high, can be combined to give any desired cabinet arrangement. Surfacing—interior and exterior—is high-pressure laminate which will not chip, crack,

or require refinishing. Smooth-sliding drawers and square, hollow-metal legs are other features.

National Store Fixture Co., Inc., Odenton, Md.

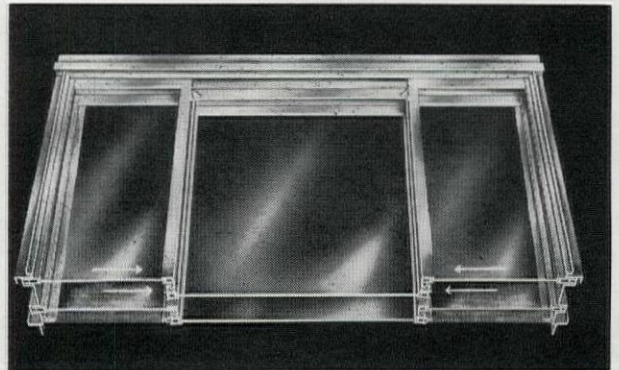
Rotating Blinds Provide Light and Air

Flexible louver-type blinds can rotate 180 degrees, partially or fully, to allow any desired amount of light and air. Various fabrics available, including new opaque material which provides up to 63 percent reflectivity. Vinyl-impregnated material lessens maintenance load because louvers do not absorb dust. Traversing and nontraversing models may be specified.

Vertical Blinds Corp. of America, 1936 Pontius Ave., Los Angeles 25, Calif.

Double-Sash Windows Provide Insulation

Fleetlite Picture Slide window has center picture-window flanked by sliding units in same frame. Air between double sash reduces need for insulating glass; controlled ventilation



is obtained by sliding side units toward center. Sash is removable.

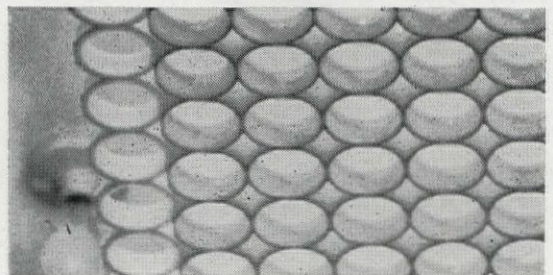
Fleet of America, Inc., 2015 Walden Ave., Buffalo 24, N. Y.

Mat-Faced Form Board is Versatile

Mat-faced form board is suitable for several uses in industrial construction. Glass-fiber board, available in 1" to 2" thicknesses, can act as permanent form for poured-in-place lightweight roof deck, interior ceiling, acoustical ceiling, or roof insulation. Material is incombustible and absorbs noise. Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Toledo 1, Ohio.

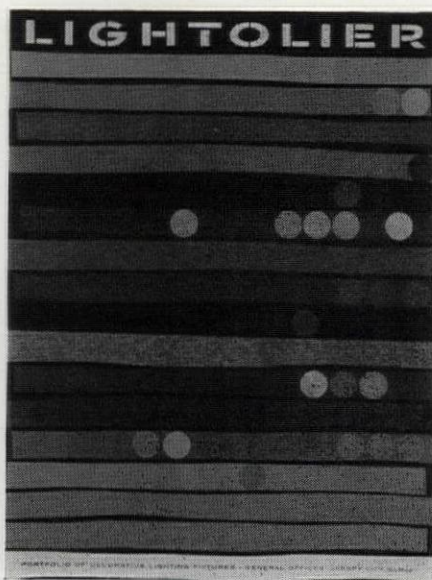
Ceiling for Light Transmission

New translucent ceiling does not reveal supporting grid, seams, over-lapping double edges, or visible means of support. Polystyrene circular louvers give nonmodular appear-



ance; said to have highest transmission value of any luminous diffuser now available. White or in colors.

Integrated Ceilings, Inc., 9011 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles 48, Calif.



Lighting fixtures offer both a decorative value and a modification of the light source to achieve the desired effect for particular areas. In an introduction to this catalog, Lightolier Portfolio of Decorative Lighting Fixtures, Lighting Consultant Richard Kelly defines three kinds of lightplay—focal glow, ambient luminescence, play of brilliants—used to create good lighting. Almost 100 designs of lighting luminaires for all types of applications are presented in this booklet—with photo and short description included for each fixture.

Lightolier (AIA 31-F-23, 40-p.)

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Editor's note: Items starred are particularly noteworthy, due to immediate and widespread interest in their contents, to the conciseness and clarity with which information is presented, to announcement of a new, important product, or to some other factor which makes them especially valuable.

AIR AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Herman Nelson Unit Ventilators

Unit ventilators feature draft/stop system to control down-drafts at windows. Particularly adaptable to schoolroom use, ventilators comprise following elements: pressure-equalizing unit, floating heating element, demountable wall intake, automatic back-draft damper, air discharge grills. Style, operation, engineering data, capacity tables included. American Air Filter Co., Inc. (28-p.)

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Square and Rectangular Air Diffusers

Newly designed diffusers—TMD series—are available in two types: one-piece units for surface and exposed-duct mountings and two-piece units with mounting frame and removable core. All models are depicted with photos, installation data, detail drawings. Combination supply-and-return diffusers—both square and rectangular—are described with throw characteristics; performance tables included.

Titus Manufacturing Corp. (20-p.)

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Dust-Stop Air Filtration Banks

For commercial and industrial central air-cleaning systems, these replacement filters, used where air velocities do not exceed 300 fpm, will perform well. Units are composed of frame, adapter, v-bank uprights, resistance indicators, removable filter. Design and installation details featured, plus performance data and test results.

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. (AIA 30-D-2, 8-p.)

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Vornado Complete Home Air Conditioning

Stressing advantages of home air conditioning—allowing sleep, relaxation, better health, etc.—folder explains system giving adequate air movement, properly controlled humid-

ity, nonfluctuating temperature level. Components include cooling unit (twin-refrigerant), duct system, room outlets, central filtering system, condenser. Cutaway photo with complete description explains working system. Low cost is a prime interest factor. Various types of installations suggested. Specifications.

The O. A. Sutton Corp., Inc. (8-p.)

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CONSTRUCTION

★ Modern, Versatile Building Material

Translucent glass-fiber panels with chemically glazed surface offer design advantages. Complete specifications given for low heat- and light-transmission panels, high light-transmission panels, and flat panels for industrial-window glazing. Technical data on flammability, load strength, chemical resistance, insulation value, etc. listed.

Alsynite Co. of America. (AIA 26-A-9, 4-p.)

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Lupton Aluminum Curtain Walls

General design data is presented for curtain-wall systems for use in schools, hospitals, office buildings. Two types—H, limited to 5' spacing of vertical mullions; G, with heavy, deep, frame spaced on 8' mullions—depicted by detail drawings for both insulated and noninsulated types. Mullion, corner, and anchor drawings included for type H, as well as details for specific buildings where this system has been installed. Write direct: Michael Flynn Mfg. Co., 700 E. Godfrey Ave., Philadelphia 24, Pa. (14-p.)

Espro Structural-Steel Tubing

Steel plates formed into two channel sections, fused together by arc welding, form-steel tubing used for load-bearing beams and columns. Mechanical properties—including girth, size, wall thickness, weight, etc.—for square and rectangular tubes listed by tables. Sizes given, as well as tolerances.

Equipment Steel Products, Div. of Union Asbestos & Rubber Co. (4-p.)

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**Introductory Manual.
Ceco Electro-Channel Steel Joists**

Photos and diagrams illustrate how underfloor electrification can be achieved by use of electro-channel joists. Joist is standard open-web, having a steel raceway instead of usual top chord. Raceway acts as both underfloor electrical distribution duct and as structural member. Detailed joist construction, typical installations, advantages listed. Ceco Steel Products Corp. (AIA 13 G, 25-p.) **249**

★ **Translucent and Opaque Building Panels**

Building panels for use in spandrels, curtain, window, or interior walls are discussed in this bulletin. Core of translucent or opaque panels is an aluminum grid. Fastened to core by means of synthetic resin is glass-fiber reinforced sheet. Test results support claims of good light transmission, resistance to fire and acids, shatterproof qualities. Suggested installation drawings, plus individual details for many panel systems are included. Kalwall Corp. (4-p.) **250**

Colorcron

Coloring and hardening agent is distributed evenly over surface of freshly floated concrete and troweled to desired finish to form alkali-fast colored concrete. Nonabsorbent, and wear-resistant surface is especially suitable for floors, showrooms, patios, terraces. Available in 10 colors and can be scored to desired pattern. The Master Builders Co. (AIA 3-K, 3-B-1, 23-D, 4-p.) **251**

Rugasol for Exposing Concrete Aggregate

Chemical coating used during construction obtains exposed-aggregate surface, allowing a rough bonding surface or giving color and texture. Rugasol is applied on formwork or on freshly placed plastic concrete, to retard set of surface mortar. Description, application, coverage, penetration given. Sika Chemical Corp. (AIA 4i, 4-p.) **252**

Moynahan Curtain Walls

Curtain-wall guide features AW series—aluminum-grid system designed to accommodate expansion and contraction—illustrated by isometric detail and drawings. Companion AW-F series can be used with variable, flush mullion to create shadows. Specifications. Moynahan Bronze Co. (8-p.) **253**

Specification for Vermiculite Insulating Concrete

Data sheets for vermiculite-concrete roof insulation and roof decks contain drawings, technical data, U values for 1:6 and 1:8 mixes over vented galvanized-steel roof decks, structural- or precast-concrete decks; vermiculite decks over fiber insulation and acoustical form board; glass-fiber form board; paper-back wire lath. Write direct: Vermiculite Institute, 208 S. LaSalle St., Chicago 4, Ill. (8-p.)

The George Nelson Sketchbook

Booklet features black-and-white sketches by George Nelson, utilizing expanded metals in a variety of designs. Expanded metals, available in aluminum or steel, have advantage of being lightweight, yet strong. Freedom of design allows numerous uses such as sliding screens to cover

sun deck, patio screens, sliding shutters, walls, ceilings—all illustrated.

United States Gypsum Co. (10-p.) **254**

DOORS AND WINDOWS

**Hollow Metal Doors & Frames
for Commercial Buildings**

More than 28 styles of flush and recessed-panel doors and companion steel frames offer a style for any purpose. Frames can be "knock-down" form or assembled, welded units. Rail-and-stile construction uses enclosed tubular framework of 16-gage steel, interlocking panels of 18-gage steel. Design features depicted, detailed; installation details given. Amweld Building Products (AIA 16-A, 8-p.) **358**

★ **Door Hardware: Advanced Collection**

Advanced collection includes complete line of hardware for all types of doors—stock and custom. Section 1 is devoted to handles for wood, metal, metal-framed, and custom-tempered glass doors; Section 2 concerns handles for same types; Section 3 describes lever handles, rosettes, escutcheons. Wide choice of finishes available. Photos, drawings, dimensions for each model. House & Co. (AIA 27, 21-p.) **359**

Model "B" Slide-A-Fold Hardware for Folding Doors

Har-Vey line of hardware is easy to assemble and install. Components include extruded-aluminum track, nylon guide, built-in door-stop, adjustment slots, reversible jamb hinge, rigid guide hanger. Arrangements suggested. American Screen Products Co. (4-p.) **360**

Aluminum Church Windows

Aluminum windows have integral provision for double glazing, particularly useful in church applications for preserving stained-glass. Catalog depicts typical Twin-Beam designs: standard Gothic head, heavy-duty Gothic head, circular head, rose. Half-size cross-sections of structural parts are featured. Projected-type ventilators are suggested, though other types are available. Industrial Engineering Works (8-p.) **361**

**Drapery Hardware, Venetian Blinds,
Vertical Blinds**

"Sunaire" series of venetian blinds detailed and described with mounting methods shown, as well as similar data for vertical traverse blinds. Drapery hardware shown for all types of installations, including cut-to-measure traverse rods, swinging door rods, oval rodding, auditorium track parts. Installation tips included. Kirsch Co. (16-p.) **362**

Pam Plastic Skylights

Guide to skylights for industrial, institutional, commercial installations features construction qualities: lightweight, one-piece, high-efficiency daylighting (clear or translucent plastic), resistance to breakage, extruded aluminum frames, standard sizes. Dubl-Dome series presented—drawings show preformed Plexiglas dome and flat center-stress member which acts as permanent stabilizer. Specifications. The Pam Co. (12-p.) **363**

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, LIGHTING

Nilex

Nonglare, rough-service incandescent lamp will give up to 11,040 hrs service on 120-v line. Shock-absorbing filament construction allows rugged use; unit has been exposed to bump and shock tests. Recommended for work benches, machine shops, printing shops, engineering departments. Nu-Lite Corp. (2-p.) **473**

Photoswitch Light Control

Automatic on-off control for controlling illumination of streets and highways, other outdoor-lighting applications. Control reacts to daylight intensity and is not affected by seasonal changes. Photos of components illustrate descriptive data on features, such as one amplifier tube, compactness of unit, plastic covering, automatic reset, etc. Specifications and mounting arrangements included. Photoswitch Div., Electronic Corp. of America (4-p.) **474**

Howard Miller Clocks

Line of contemporary wall clocks designed by George Nelson is illustrated in this brochure. Dimensional, material, and price information supplements photos. Series of portable clocks also discussed. Howard Miller Clock Co. (8-p.) **475**

Specification Grade Wiring Devices

Index chart acts as reference for specifying wiring devices. Included are descriptions and catalog data for frequently used units, such as tap-action switches, ac, dc, combination switches, grounding and polarized receptacles. Cutaway photos give dimensions data for each type. The Arrow-Hart & Hegeman Electric Co. **476**

Precast-Grid Toplite Panels

New line of roof panels consists of glass units spaced 10' on centers, supported by reinforced structural grid formed of new high-strength cementitious material. Units are durable, strong, have high insulating value. Panels offer use of daylight in homes, offices, shopping centers, as primary or supplementary light source. Diagrams, construction drawings, illumination data; installation steps given. Owens-Illinois Glass Co. (16-p.) **477**

FINISHERS AND PROTECTORS

Rubatex Closed-Cellular Neoprene Closure Strips

These closed-cellular Neoprene strips form a good seal against air, water, and dust when used with corrugated-metal, asbestos, glass, or plastic roofing and siding. Installed under aprons of ridge roll, with flashing sections at roof junctions, side or end walls. Types for all kinds of corrugation listed with width, depth of corrugation, pitch, valley thickness, length. Suggested building applications. Rubatex Div., Great American Industries, Inc. (6-p.) **558**

Plextone Specification Data for Architects

File includes specification sheets for nonlacquer, resinous, odorless multicolored wall enamel, which can be sprayed from one gun. Laboratory test results, technical data bulletin, undercoat chart, suggested uses are given. Standard color sheets—perforated for attachment to specifications—form a large part of the publication. Plextone Corp. of America (40-p.) **559**

Reflecto-Barrier

New flexible plastic film for application over steel, wood, concrete roof decks is self-extinguishing, reflective, moisture-proof, impervious to liquids, easily applied. Application directions given. Technical data, installation methods shown. Reflecto-Barrier Sales Co., Inc. (8-p.) **560**

INSULATION

★ Foamglas, The Cellular-Glass Insulation for Curtain-Wall Construction

Thermal-glass insulation is said to possess both rigidity and compressive strength in a lightweight, rigid-block form. Inorganic material is rot and vermin proof and a constant insulating value. Booklet lists properties and shows applications of finished installation where porcelain and other curtain-wall materials have been laminated to Foam-glas—panel details shown. Pittsburgh Corning Corp. (AIA 37-B, 12-p.) **667**

Cafco Spray

Blend of mineral and asbestos fibers, mineral binders is

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sprayed on to give effective acoustical and thermal insulation. Spray is permanent, inorganic, lightweight, incombustible, rust and rot proof, sound absorbent. Characteristics; light reflection, U-factor, sound absorption figures given. Material should be sprayed over special adhesive.

Columbia Acoustics and Fireproofing Co. (AIA 39-B-1, 37-C-2, 4-p.) **668**

SANITATION, PLUMBING, WATER SUPPLY

Cutler Toilet Compartments, Dressing Enclosures, Hospital Cubicles

Construction details for ceiling-hung, floor-supported, and overhead-braced toilet compartments are featured in this bulletin. Fabricated from heavy-gage furniture steel, with galvanized, bonderized, and primer coats applied under vinyl-alkyd enamel finish, units are durable and attractive. Available colors, description and specifications for all units given.

Cutler Metal Products Co. (AIA 35-H-6, 12-p.) **760**

Residential Water Filter

Two models provide 15 and 20 sq ft of filter area, adequate for residential-sized swimming pools. Filtering element is perforated metal, covered with woven-plastic sleeves coated with diatomaceous fluid. Cutaway photo shows filter flow and principle of operation with top-mounted, integrated pump and motor of either 1/3 or 1/2 hp.

Bowser Inc. (4-p.) **761**

★ Plumbing Layouts that Save Materials, Time, and Money

Featuring two-bathroom layout used in 1957 NAHB Research Institute "Home of the Year," booklet shows how end outlet bathtub and wall-hung closet combinations can be utilized with built-in lavatory. Dozen layout suggestions are detailed—for single, one-and-a-half, double baths in conventional and slab construction. Units are fabricated from enameled cast-iron, porcelain on steel, vitreous china.

Ingersoll-Humphreys Div., Borg-Warner Corp. (8-p.) **762**

SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT

Library Shelving

Description of open-type and closed-back library shelving, counter-height shelving, small book cases comprise this brochure. Dimensions, colors, construction features included, as well as colored photos of actual installations.

Deluxe Metal Furniture Co. (4-p.) **841**

Stratapanel

Combining modular drawers and slide-panels of high-impact styrene, Stratapanel system provides low-cost storage. Storage becomes integral part of structure, while inner frame and center-slide case is eliminated. Basic components pictured, combination arrangements suggested. Design specifications include drawings.

The Moulded Structures Div., Robert A. Schless & Co., Inc. (AIA 28-A-5, 8-p.) **842**

Store Equipment for Store Planning

For more effective display of goods and materials in showrooms, Serva-Sel line of store equipment offers numerous units of various types—knock-down telescoping and regular garment racks, bolt-goods rack and stanchion, metal counters, exhibit stanchions, trolley merchandisers, open selling fixtures, seating accessories. Dimensions and construction features illustrated.

Frederic Weinberg Co. (AIA 35-H-5, 38-p.) **843**

Special-Hazard Fire Protection

Four principal means of fire-fighting and protection are described—water spray, foam, carbon dioxide, dry chemical. Photos illustrate text, as well as cutaway drawings. Equipment is presented, devices shown. Selector chart featured.

Grinnell Co. (42-p.) **844**

Stacor Lifetime-Quality Equipment

Catalog concerns equipment for drafting room, artist's drawing board, schools. Files for drawings, blueprints, included; sectional cabinets shown; tables for drafting, tracing included. Available in steel, wood. Dimensions, capacities.

Stacor Equipment Co. (26-p.) **845**

SURFACING MATERIAL

★ Technical Notes, Harris BondWood Flooring and Harris Adhesive Mark 10

Concentrating on the features and properties of BondWood flooring and Adhesive Mark 10 in numerous installations, booklet gives technical data on application of flooring material. Dryness of building interior, subfloor, and testing of concrete dryness discussed, as well as installation over concrete subfloors, resilient tile, and wood subfloors.

Harris Manufacturing Co. (AIA 19-E-9, 18-p.) **985**

Ceramic Veneer

Booklet on modern architectural terra cotta includes discussion of color, finish, texture, form, economy, pattern, decorative value of this ceramic veneer. Color photos show installations. Prefab curtain wall uses adhesive and anchor types of panels. Standard specifications, including erection, suggested.

Architectural Terra Cotta Institute (8-p.) **986**

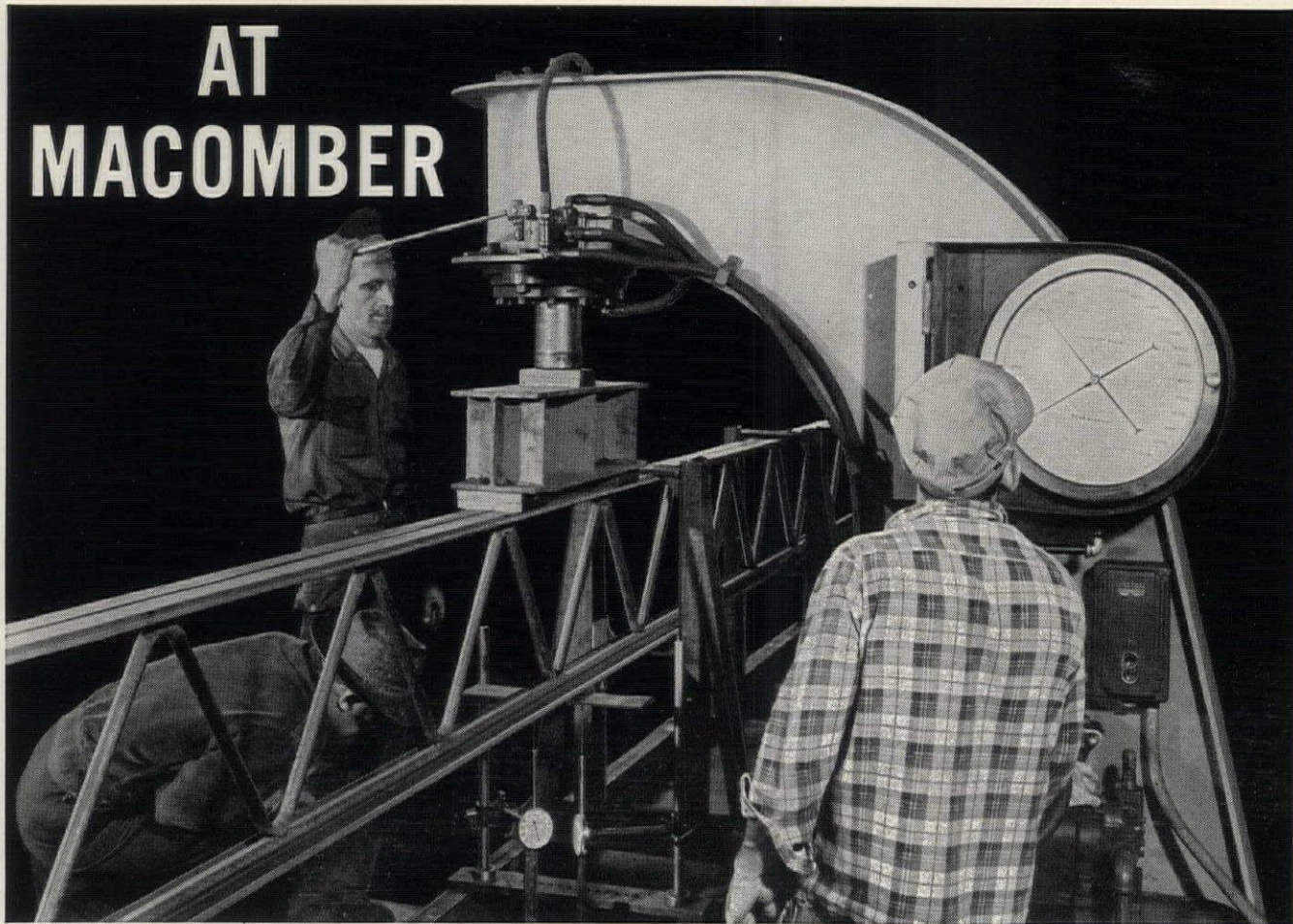
INTERIOR FURNISHINGS

Furniture Accessories for Interior Planning

Featuring accessories such as exhibit stanchions, trolley servers, benches, stools, vases, planters, decorative sculpture, this publication includes all types of accessory equipment used in decorating offices, homes, commercial showrooms. Construction description, finishes, dimensions given for each item, illustrated with photos and some drawings.

Frederic Weinberg Co. (64-p.) **75**

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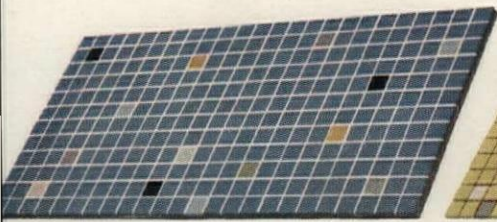
Wall Motif is Suntile Design No. 12 COLOR GRAPHS IN GRANITE, mounted with the graph pattern in vertical position for increased room height effect. Floor is No. 11 FOREST TRAILS on 157 Ivy Field. Scene photographed for normal interior-light color values.

new designs in *Suntile* ceramics

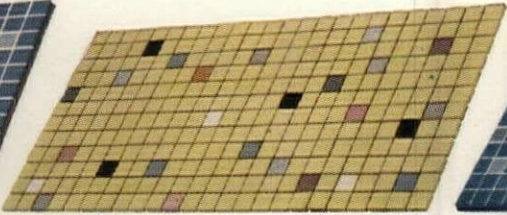
by noted modern artist Max Spivak

Here are new patterns to give your creative talents wider scope in ceramics.

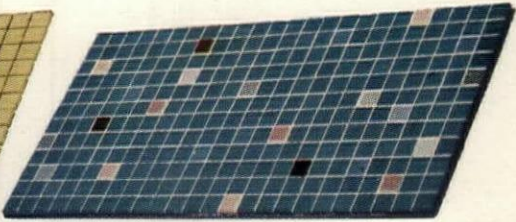
You can originate fresh wall and floor treatments, form subtle decorative harmonies, and use the motifs as insets, stripes, murals, borders, and geometric or random designs.



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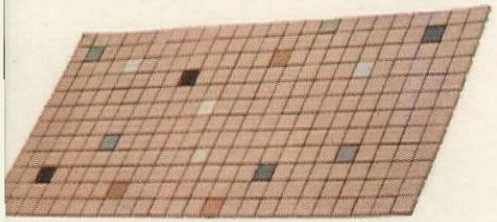
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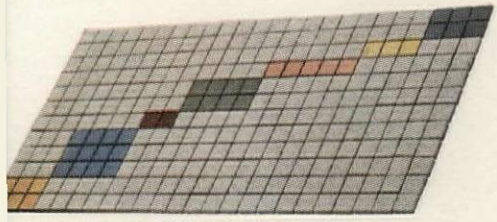
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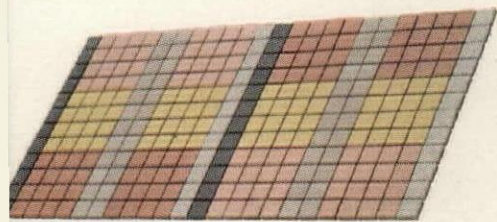
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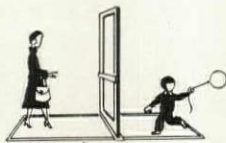
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Frank Lloyd Wright to 1910. *Grant C. Manson. Reinhold Publishing Corp., 430 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., 1958. 228 pp., illus. \$10*

Unlike the more recent illustrative or autobiographical publications, *Frank Lloyd Wright to 1910* by

Grant C. Manson, is a critical, scholarly study intended to document and evaluate Wright's work and to delve into the thorny problems connected with the development of his highly personal style. In the fulfillment of this task the author has met with admirable success.

The present volume is the first of a series of three projected by the author to span Wright's entire career. Although the most ambitious

inquiry into this fascinating subject that has yet appeared, this book is not intended to supplant the existing publications, but rather to supplement them by introducing new and valuable material—both factual and interpretive—and arranging this into a total perspective view of the master.

The text of this first volume, liberally supported with illustrations and plans, divides naturally into two major periods: the formative years before 1900 during which Wright was to assimilate certain external environmental influences and gradually formulate his own more personal expression and, secondly, the first decade of the new century when complete maturity was realized in the Prairie Houses and such designs as Unity Church and the Larkin Building.

The first portion of the book proves to be the most illuminating, for here the author has assembled a large body of material which heretofore has received insufficient documentation and interpretation. While the Froebel kindergarten games and Japanophilia are acknowledged as the major influences upon the young architect, the importance of Louis Sullivan to Wright's development is minimized. In fact, the author suggests that, "it is open to question whether any influence that may have been exerted in the relationship did not flow more in Sullivan's direction than in Wright's." Turning next to the controversial question of whether Japanese influence on Wright came about primarily through the medium of color prints (as Wright maintains) or from architecture, Manson leaves it as a moot point while stressing Wright's affinity of architectural concept with the Japanese. Although this is safe ground, it would seem to the reviewer that a stronger case for a direct architectural influence was perhaps in order.

There follows a discussion of the "bootlegged" houses (designed incognito before 1893) which is probably the most interesting and enlightening portion of this first section of

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the book, both because of the author's penetrating analysis and because of the obscurity which has so long clothed most of these early designs. This early period is then terminated after tracing Wright's development through the Helen Husser house (1899) which was to set the stage for the mature Prairie Houses of the next decade.

The latter half of the book, entitled "The First Golden Age" and encompassing the years between 1900 and 1910, treats the more widely publicized Prairie designs which range through such outstanding examples as the Ward Willits house (1902) and the Robie house (1908). Ecclesiastical, commercial, and industrial architecture of this period is approached in the same readable and informative manner.

The author utilizes the departure of Frank Lloyd Wright for Europe during the autumn of 1909 as the logical termination for his discussion of the first phase in the architect's career.

Throughout the book, Grant Manson remains very close to his immediate subject—the architectural designs of Frank Lloyd Wright. Little insight is gained into the mind or underlying philosophy of the architect, either through interpretation or by analyzing his writings. One seems no closer to fathoming his genius, other than to accept it as spontaneous.

Likewise one might have wished for a more thoroughgoing discussion of the external forces rampant in the art of that day—from eclecticism to the avant-garde movements—in relationship to Wright's position among them. For this we must rely in large measure on the appropriate and pithy foreword by Henry-Russell Hitchcock.

The bibliography, which includes periodicals, and the several appendices constitute a valuable addition to the text. It is regrettable, how-

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ever, that the book does not function more effectively as a reference volume. The index does not differentiate between textual and pictorial references (italics for illustrations would be helpful), and building dates are not included either in the index or with the captions for the

plates. The plates, also, are often of irregular quality. It is to be hoped that the forthcoming volumes will take these matters into account.

In summation, *Frank Lloyd Wright to 1910* stands as a valuable and welcome addition to our knowledge of this great American architect. The readable text and numerous illustrations make the volume of primary interest to layman and

professional alike so long as they share an interest in this most important aspect of our architectural heritage.

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scholarly account

The English Cathedral Through the Centuries. G. H. Cook. *Phoenix House Ltd., London, England, 1957. Distributed by The MacMillan Co., 60 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 384 pp., illus. \$9*

No doubt this work will be accepted by architects and students of church history alike as the most comprehensive and authoritative single-volume work now available on the subject of the greater English churches. Following the author's *The English Medieval Parish Church*, now regarded as a standard book, this volume of some 140,000 words, 96 pages of photographs, and over 60 plans, presents a broad view of the planning and purpose, the construction and architectural treatment, and the subsequent development of the English cathedral. Considering the varied facets concerned with establishment of the cathedrals throughout a period of almost 14 centuries and scope of the field involved, what the author has so capably accomplished in an ordinary sized book is really remarkable. This is much more than a general outline or casual survey; it is a complete and scholarly account of the story of the English cathedral. But it is a most interesting and readable account, to boot, which adds immeasurably to the book's appeal.

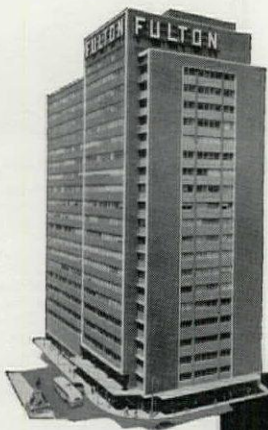
For many, a great cathedral church is probably first, perhaps only, an architectural monument of national and antiquarian importance, the chief interest—all religious purposes aside—being in the style of building and the skilled workmanship of construction. However, as the author points out and treats so clearly, a knowledge of the diocesan system, of the establishment and history of the several bishoprics and

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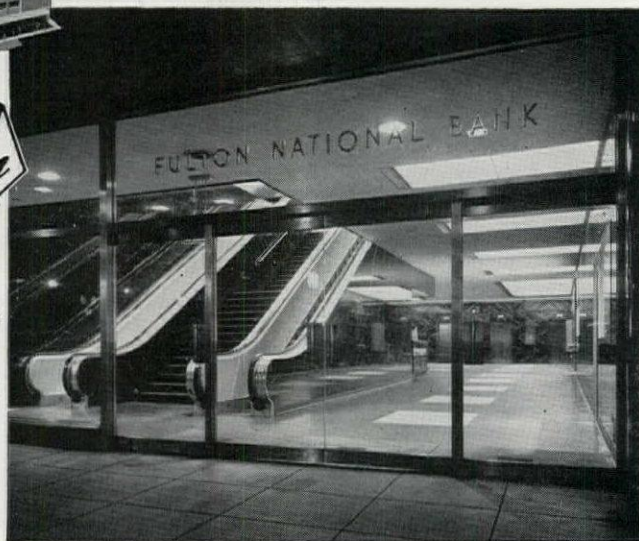
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how they are constituted and function, is quite essential for an understanding of the cathedral as an institution. The early chapters of the book show how the diocesan system was developed and provide the reader with the background necessary to appreciate fully the subsequent chapters which take up the ecclesi-

astical changes that occurred throughout the ages and the architectural accomplishments that resulted.

The author shows that the interior of the English cathedral, as one sees it today, is vastly different from that of the Middle Ages. He traces, in the sections devoted to cathedral planning and building, the influences that transformed the early Norman solidity into the great Gothic struc-

tures of today. From his concise but well presented descriptions of the interior arrangements of the early cathedrals, their furniture and decoration, the reader will be able to visualize what an English cathedral was like before the ardor of the Reformers and the Puritans and the ruthlessness of the Restoration enthusiasts left their mark in the wholesale destruction of shrines, altars, screens, glass, and many other elements. But from what remains of the ornaments, fittings, and furniture, a quite complete picture can be obtained, as is so well presented here.

From the architect's standpoint, by far the most rewarding are the chapters devoted to the building and rebuilding of the ancient cathedrals and their architecture. In chronological sequence, the author deals first with the Norman style and its emergence into the Transitional, then follows on with Early English Gothic, then Decorated Gothic, and finally the Perpendicular Gothic. So over a period of slightly more than four centuries the course of English cathedral architecture, as one sees it in the great churches of today, can be readily traced and studied.

Although this book is largely concerned with the historical phases, it is interesting to note that the development of great English churches still goes on. All cathedrals recently built or now building are fully recorded in this book, such as the vast Liverpool Cathedral, designed by Giles Gilbert Scott, which, when completed (since King Edward VII laid the foundation in 1904, more than half of it has been finished) will be the greatest achievement in religious architecture in England since the rebuilding of St. Paul's by Wren. Another is Coventry to replace the old one destroyed by incendiary bombs from German planes in 1940. Still on paper, though the plans of Basil Spence have been approved and the site for the foundation has been cleared, the new Coventry Cathedral will break sharply with medieval traditions as regards both plan and design. As

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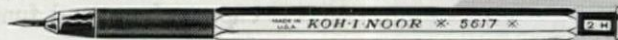
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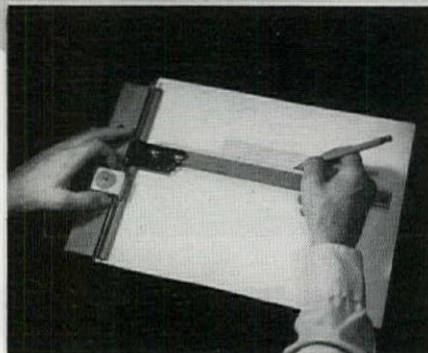
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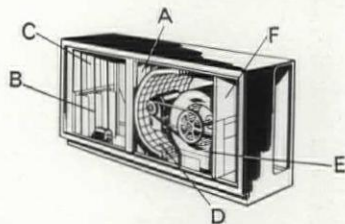
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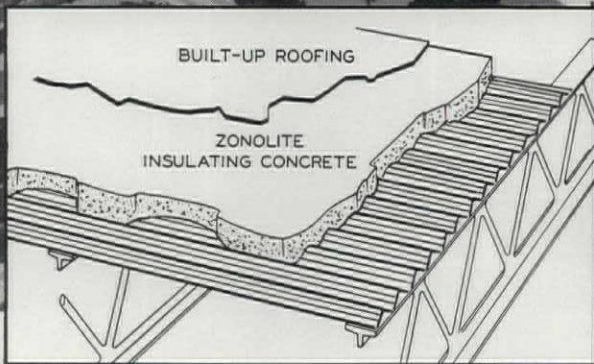
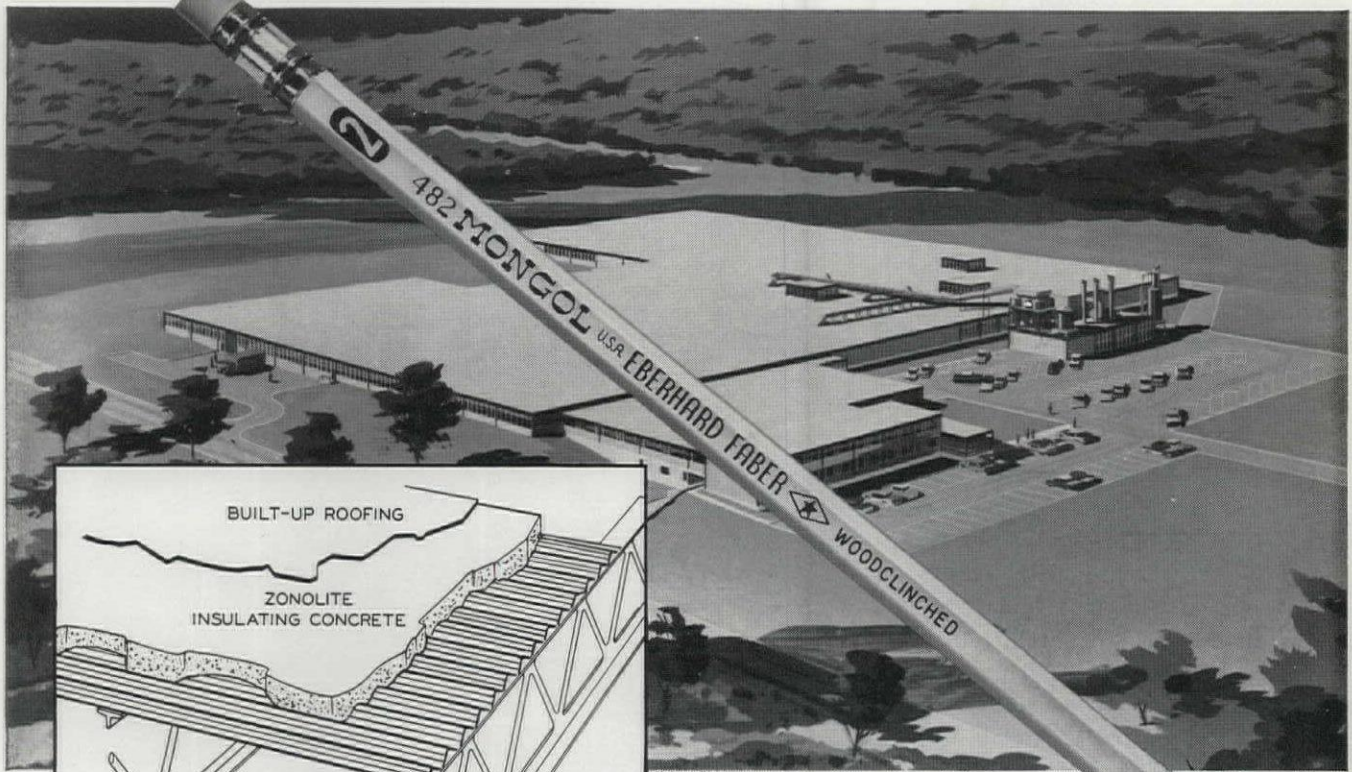
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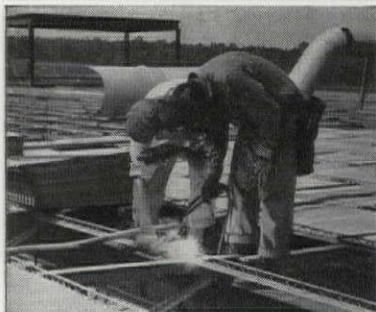
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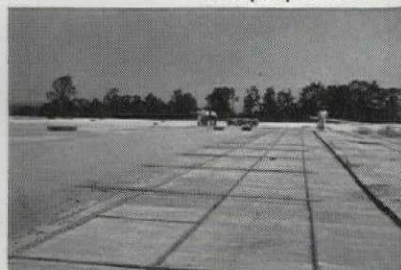
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FRANK A. WRENSCH
New York, N. Y.

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Bramante. *Otto H. Förster. Verlag Anton Schroll & Co., Wien-München, West Germany, 1956. Distributed by Wittenborn & Co., 1018 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. 302 pp., illus., German text. \$20*

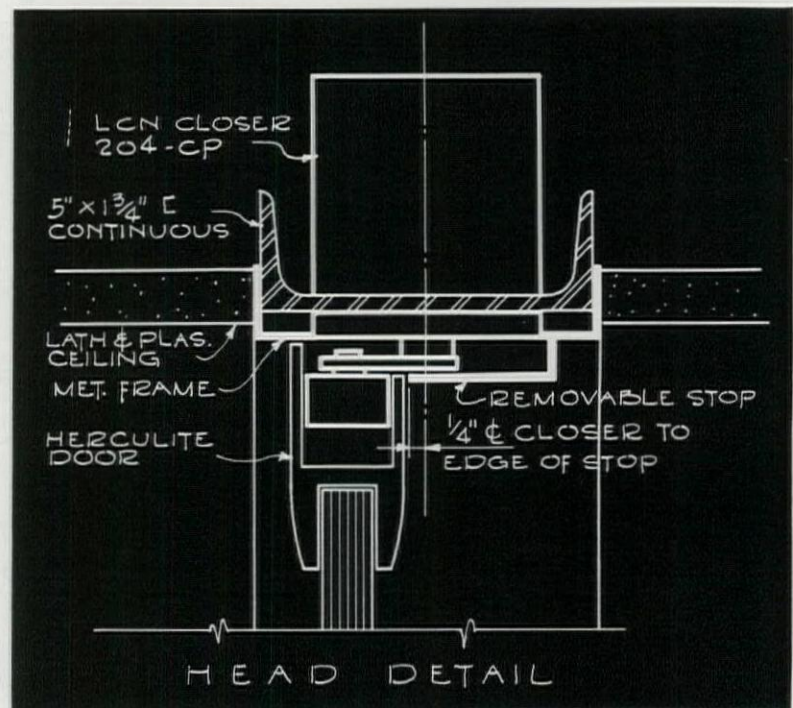
Prof. Otto H. Förster's work on Bramante represents without any doubt one of the most important books in the field of architectural history to be published during this generation. It is revolutionary, insofar as it destroys fundamental beliefs in which the last and preceding generations have been educated since about 1580. Fully aware that, generally, practicing architects are only moderately interested in the history of architecture, this reviewer thinks this new publication deserves being reviewed here. It will shatter basic ideas about St. Peter's as the most typical great architecture of the Renaissance and especially as the most splendid specimen of the revival of architectural forms of antiquity. Although the text is written in German, the study of the exhaustive illustrative material, photos, and drawings, carefully selected and in part newly discovered, will be sufficient to explain the gist of the book for the American reader. The sequence of the successive stages of the project by Bramante, Giuliano da Sangallo, Fra Giocondo, Raphael, and Antonio da Sangallo, until the time when Michelangelo took over (1547), 33 years after Bramante's death, prove the author's thesis. The figure of Bramante as an architect becomes still greater now than in the well known earlier concepts of

him as the "classical" architect, the father of all subsequent classicist developments.

This is not the place to follow step by step the development of Förster's research. Although Förster's study deals with the totality of Bramante's life and work, it may suffice to bring out here only the essence of this study as far as it concerns *St. Peter's*. Bramante's project for *St.*

Peter's was *not* conceived as a central-domed building; he planned it as a Latin cross with a long nave, exactly as Raphael did some years later when he had to take over. The myth of Bramante as the reviver of classical architecture and as the originator of the Greek cross as the scheme of High Renaissance architecture was based especially on

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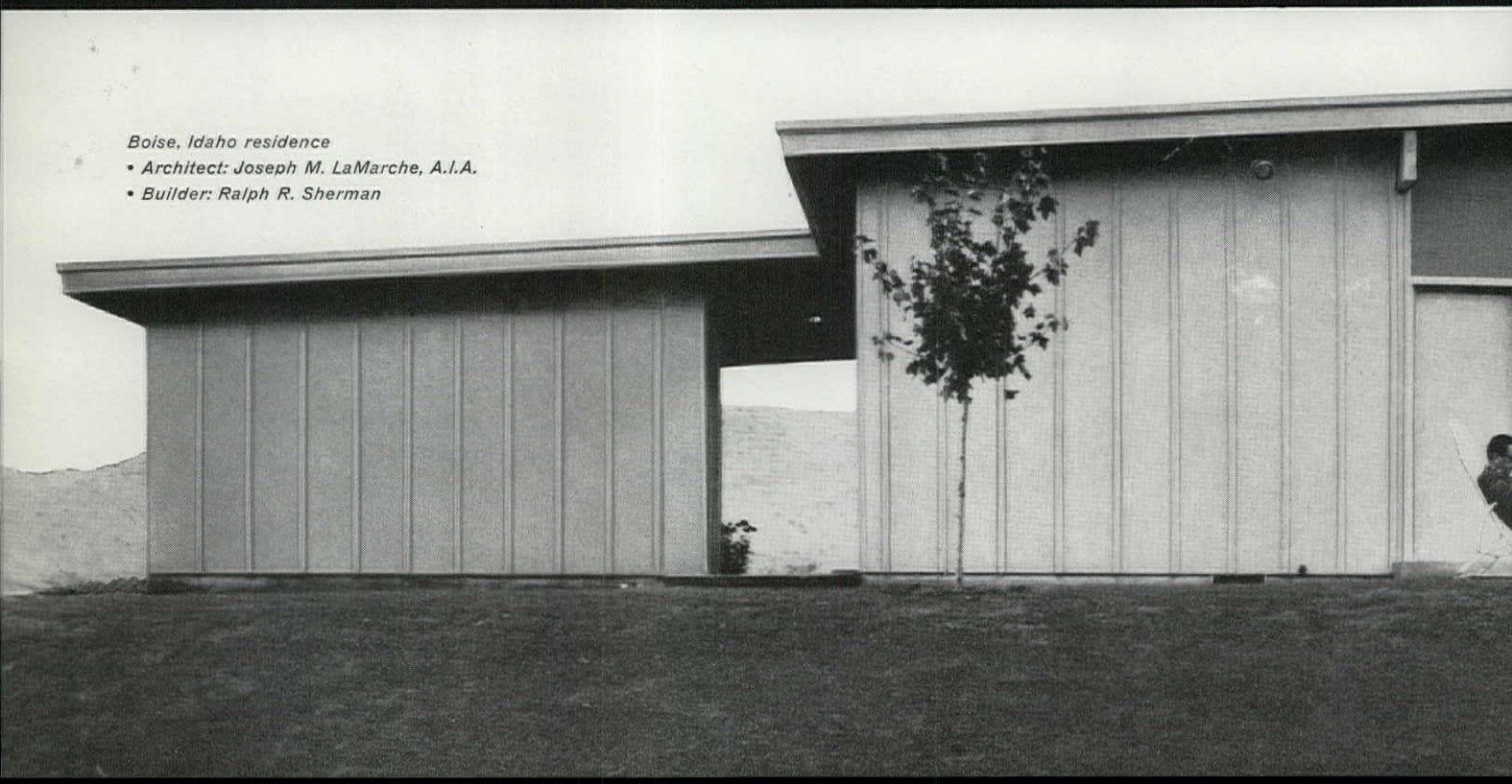
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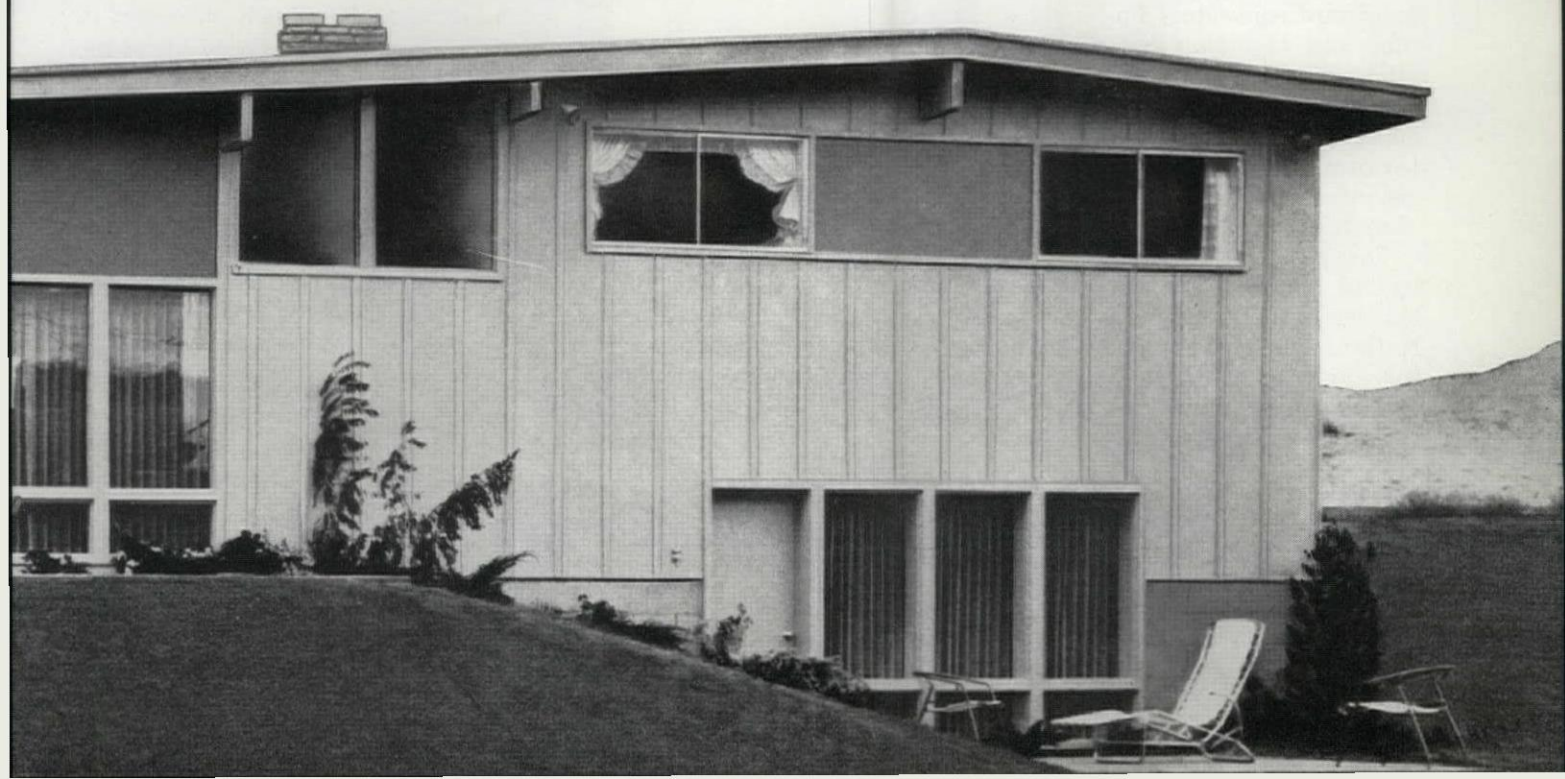
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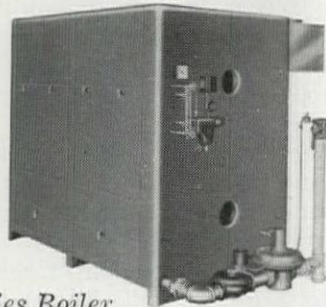
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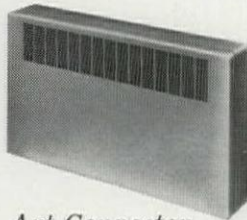
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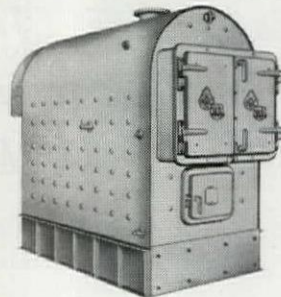
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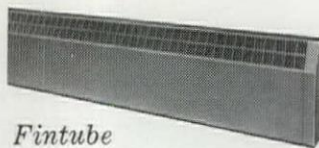
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Serlio's book (1537), and on his woodcut of the alleged, but actually altered, plan of Bramante, and on Vasari's writings. It was the monumental work of Heinrich von Geymüller (1880) on which all modern research has been based.

Bramante's decisive feat was not the realization of a second Pantheon in the architectural language of his time. It was rather the discovery of the static possibilities of the four colossal pillars which were to later on carry Michelangelo's cupola over the crossing. But even Michelangelo developed his centralized plan believing (erroneously) that he had followed Bramante's plan. The individual phases of Bramante's projects, the fluctuations of his ideas, his continuous struggles with Pope Julius II and with Giuliano da Sangallo, cannot be referred to here, nor can the fate of the earlier Rossellino apsis, the problem of the lateral smaller cupolas, the internal semi-circular rows of smaller columns, etc. At any rate, Bramante allowed himself a central-domed architecture only as part of a more comprehensive architectural organization or, as the author formulates, as "a blossom growing from a bush" ("*eine Blüte, die an einem Strauch wachsen muss*"). And he finally succeeded in winning the Pope over to his ideas.

Whether one should go so far as to say (as does the jacket synopsis) that Bramante's concept was connected more closely with the creations of the medieval builders of Northern cathedrals than with the ideals of the later High Renaissance and Classicist architects who always referred to him, seems doubtful to this reviewer. However, this slightly exaggerated statement seems understandable after the author has so successfully proved that Bramante's allegedly basic idea was actually a myth.

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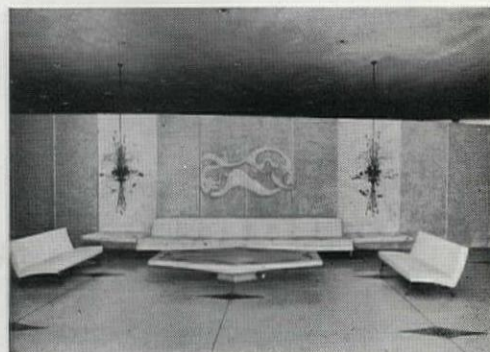
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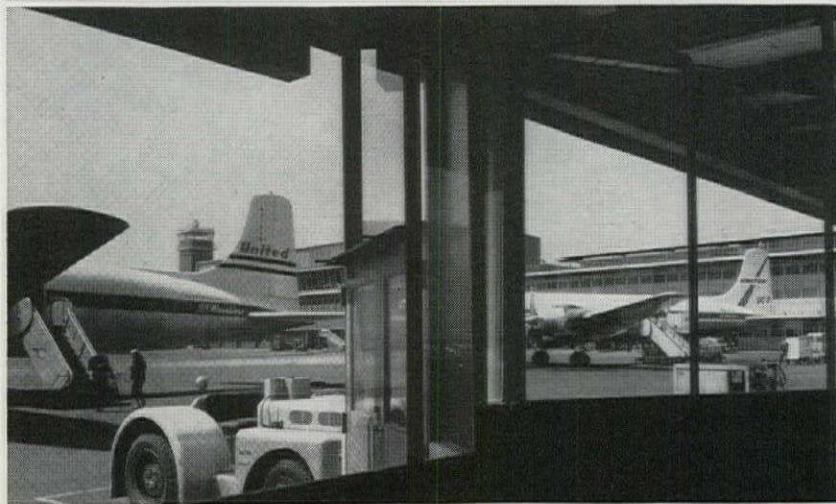


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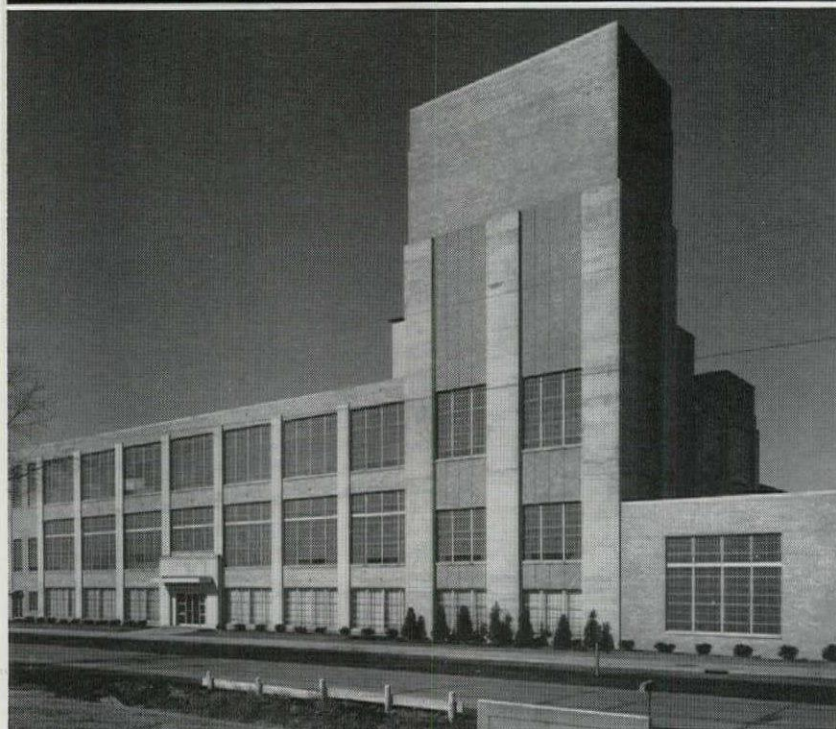
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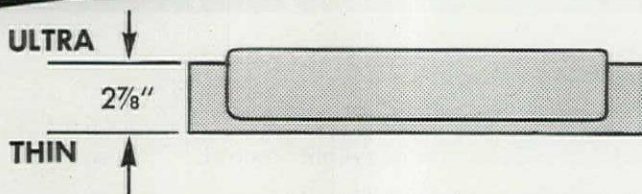
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The title of this book is misleading. In scope, Giedion goes far beyond the field of architecture and touches on esthetics in general and such arts as painting and sculpture in particular. One may also question the "You" in the title. Giedion stands in a highly personalized relationship to his subject matter and his concern is not so much with how *you* actually feel but with how *he* (Giedion) thinks *you* ought to feel.

The book itself is almost as misleading as its title. It is not really a book. Giedion has joined together a series of articles, other writings, statements, and interviews, some previously unpublished, into this larger work. Some of the items were written in the 1930's; others, within the last year or two. To supply continuity, linkages entitled "Marginalia" have been added. Superimposed on this is a loose organization consisting of six topics which range from "On Monumentality" to "On the Demand for Imagination." The result is a book which is uneven both as to style and as to the ideas presented. It is a peculiar mixture of the new and challenging and the dated. Some of Giedion's ideas, such as his views on the need for a new monumentality in architecture, are no longer controversial. They have become accepted. Others, and this includes some of his early views, have not worn well. To further involve matters, Giedion has incorporated a number of statements, letters, and writings by others—such as Fernand Leger.

Despite its handicaps, the book is well worth reading. Giedion's dragons at which he so busily tilts may appear far less formidable to others, but the important thing is that he

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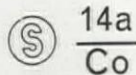
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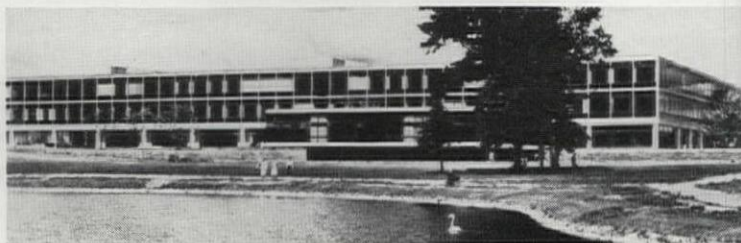
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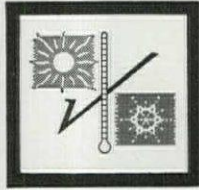
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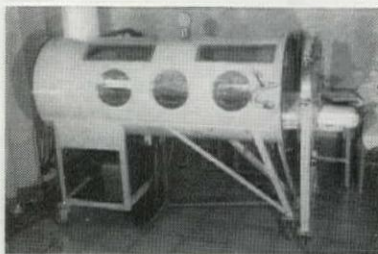
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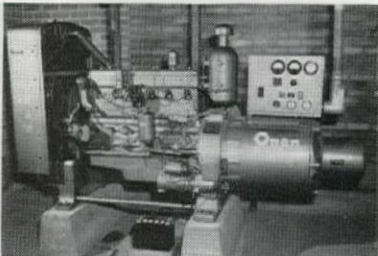
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does ride at them. One need not agree with everything he says or advocates. One may feel that he often slights the very practical problems presented to architects by such items as the "ruling taste," or that he forgets that architects are not free agents but do have clients to consider. Giedion however does one thing—he makes his reader think—and this is the necessary first step to finding a solution.

The book has one thread, which runs through all of Giedion's thinking. He invariably opposes the compartmentalization and specialization which characterize much of today's attitude toward architecture. In 1947, CIAM (at Giedion's suggestion) sent a letter to UNESCO, "On the Education of the Architect," which contains a summation of the author's views. The letter states in part: "The attempt is being made to turn the architect into a specialist in an ever-increasing number of continuously expanding disciplines: into a dilettante mathematician, engineer, statistician, art historian, sociologist, etc. . . ." To counter this trend, it is pointed out that, ". . . the most vital task of this period is to learn again how to *co-ordinate human activities* for the creation of a coherent whole . . ."

The idea of the "coherent whole" is carried by Giedion beyond the confines of architecture and the role of the architect, to embrace man and his environment into one, into the concept of the community and of community life. It is here that Giedion touches upon one of the very real and pressing problems of the world today, namely the interrelationship of man and the city. This problem, if it is not solved, may well spell the end of culture as we know it. Today's city gives its inhabitants no sense of belonging. It is impersonal and it dehumanizes its citizens, who have no contact with their neighbors. The city is becoming a

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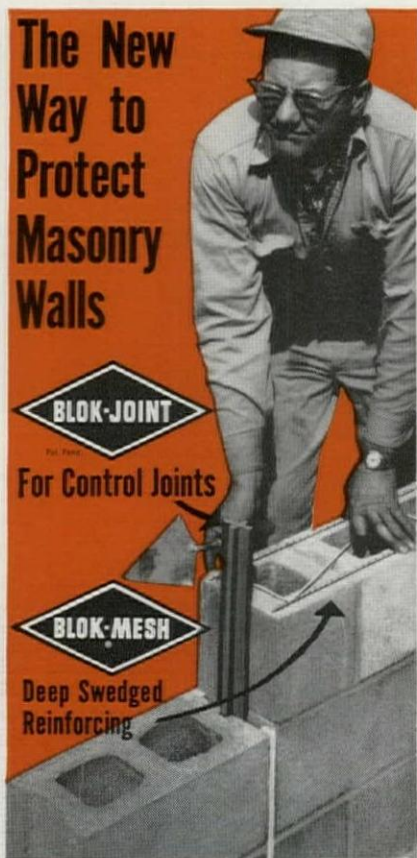
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hive but it has no unity. The city ought to be the highest expression of our culture, a "coherent whole." In his insistence on the unity and interdependence of art, architecture, and esthetics, Giedion sounds a note that must not be forgotten. If nothing else, one should leave this book with a memory of the following words: "if we look at the city as a place in which private life and community life find a meeting place, then the mark of a true city is the balance between *you* and *me*. It is this *you-and-me* relationship that we must build again . . . to enable this to occur, special receptacles are required. . . . What is needed to bring these into being is imagination on the side of the planners, and a sensitive understanding on the part of the clients . . ."

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American Civil Engineering Practice. Volume III. Robert W. Abbett. John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York, N. Y., 1957. Illus. \$15 each, Volume I and II; \$25, Volume III

Architects and engineers, especially those engaged in structural design, will welcome the appearance of Volume III of *American Engineering Practice*. Volume I and II were reviewed in JUNE, 1957 P/A. The three volumes, comprising 34 sections, serve the profession in the application of scientific thought and rational development to the solution of engineering problems. For one who visualizes a broad practice and who takes pride in facing varied challenges, the three volumes represent the complete manual of practice. Sixty or more distinguished contributors assure a breadth of approach to the subjects treated.

Volume I included the subjects of community planning, highways, airports, railroads, soil mechanics, site

planning, and tunnels. Volume II dealt with hydraulics, and harbor and sanitary engineering.

Beginning with the theory of structures by Dohrenwend and Trathen, Volume III presents the theory and application of design to structure of wood, steel, masonry, and reinforced concrete. Each of the sections is written by a specialist. All phases of design and practice have been brought up to date. The section on prestressed concrete will be of special interest to many. It includes methods of pretensioning and post-tensioning, properties of special steels, a comparison of American and European practice, behavior, the design of statically indeterminate members, stress analysis for bending, end block requirements, examples of design and construction and continuity in buildings, prestressed domes, tanks, and concrete pipe.

Equally complete treatment will be found in other sections. In the subject of "Buildings" by Harold D. Hauf in collaboration with others, much emphasis is placed upon modern light-weight construction like steel decks, metal spandrels, and thin shells. This is done without neglecting the more traditional methods of framing. Wind bracing is given generous attention; this is a subject on which information has been hard to find.

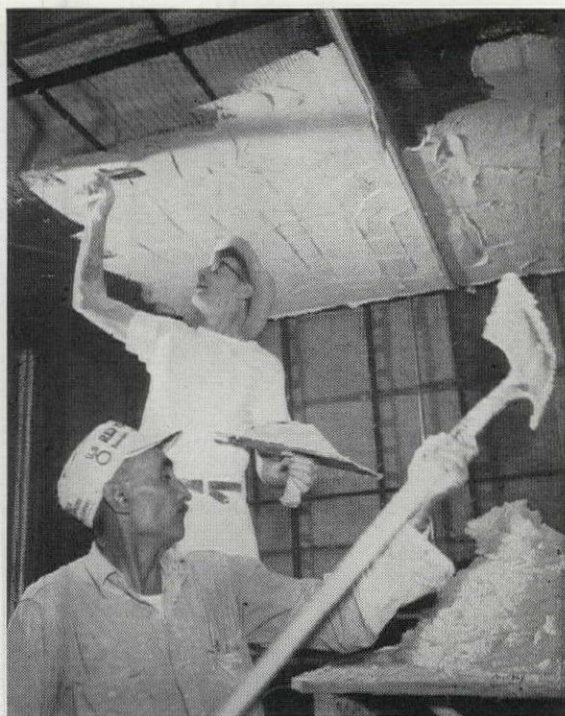
The increased use of wood, even as exposed construction, has prompted the inclusion of the latest methods of building including the use of glue-laminated members, structural plywood, the design of ring-connectors, and the use of preservative treatments. This section on timber structures is by Howard J. Hansen.

Reinforced concrete is covered by Hardy Cross and Paul J. Brennan. It includes the best thinking on the subject of design analysis of continuous frames.

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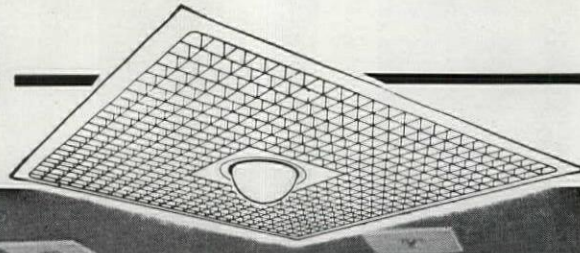
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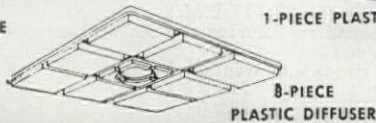
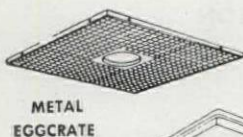
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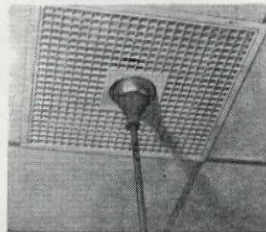
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therefore, become the "work unit" around which the factory is designed. Other plants and other operations might include two or more individuals in a single work unit, probably with more area involved. The important idea is that, if we can standardize on a work unit and express it in terms of square feet, the design of any factory or industrial plant becomes much more simple.

The module concept is one of the 10 presentations under the major heading of "Sites and Layout." Under "Construction" appear 16 problems and their handling, not the least interesting being the suggestions for planning a radioactivity laboratory. Originating in the Brookhaven National Laboratory, this discussion points out that not all laboratories are dangerous in the same way, and that their design is affected by their purpose, whether for research, development, or schooling. Even the construction of a lead "sandwich" door for X-ray shielding is described in detail.

Less foreign to most of us will be the treatment for noise, since most of us have designed at one time or another to keep noise out of a building—or to keep it in. However, there is much here that is new, and the choice of sound absorbers comes in for detailed treatment. We can learn a great deal about the relative functions of the cone, box-kite, and compartmented areas in absorbing noise close to its source.

Among the 23 subjects examined under the major heading of "House-keeping and Safety" is the problem of providing adequate medical facilities. Small industries may limit their on-the-job assistance to a simple first aid station and an emergency telephone number; larger ones will provide a miniature hospital with examination room, sterilizer, beds, and a doctor or nurse, or both, continuously available. The designing architect or engineer can find much helpful data in this section, a particularly

valuable service since few clients are aware of the difference between simple first aid and a really useful medical facility.

Other major categories in this book cover "Materials Handling" (ever run into a zipper conveyor?); "Maintenance"; "Paints and Protective Coatings"; "Mechanical Power and Piping Systems"; "Electric Power"; "Lighting" (a good discussion on emergency arrangements); "Utilities"; "Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning"; "Instrumentation and Quality Control"; "Shopwork"; and, finally, an index.

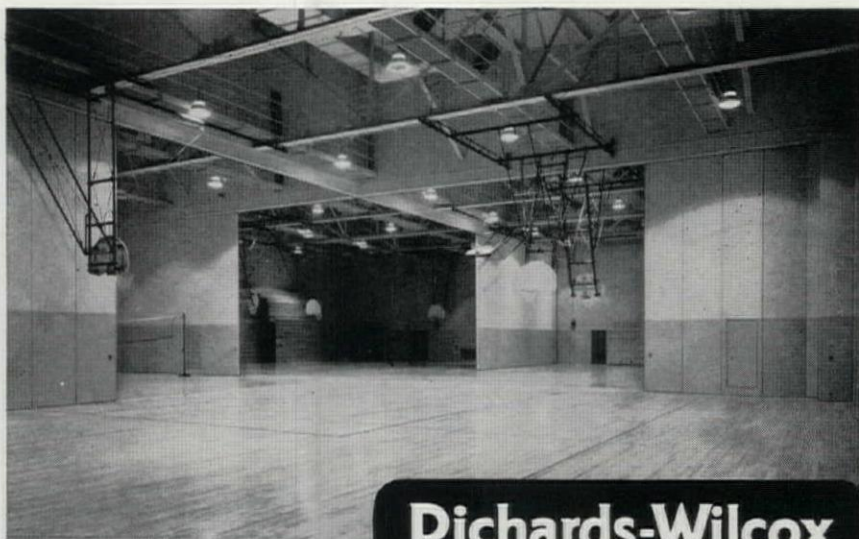
Under each of these major headings will be met problem subjects of direct interest to the architect and engineer. For example, maintenance is strongly affected by the plant design. How far must maintenance personnel travel to a broom-and-bucket closet? How much space shall we allow to a machine for its later maintenance, and on what side? There are 25 facets of maintenance treated in this section, all important.

Color dynamics, long of interest to architects and industrial designers, are evaluated in the major section on paints and protective coatings. So are plastics, and the interior finishes of tanks.

In-plant feeding is one of the utilities problems, and Western Electric reports on their "supermarket" system at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. By using this scheme instead of the straight-line technique, a time saving of nearly 4 minutes per cafeteria customer is realized between picking up the tray and paying the cashier. Floor layout plans are provided to show how it is done, from the designer's side of the railing.

At first glance, the "Shopwork" section seems to have small interest to architects, but this wrong impression is quickly corrected when we examine the 24 detailed discussions. What do we know about adhesives, for instance? Do we ever write up

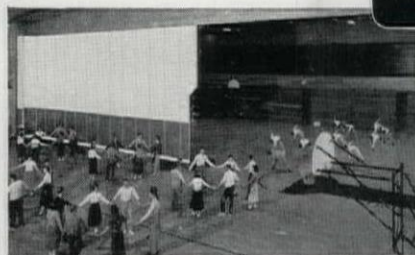
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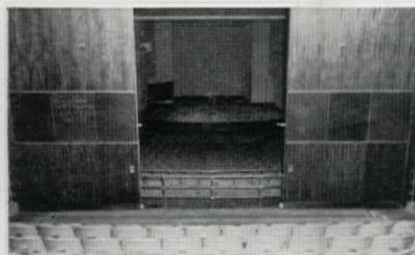
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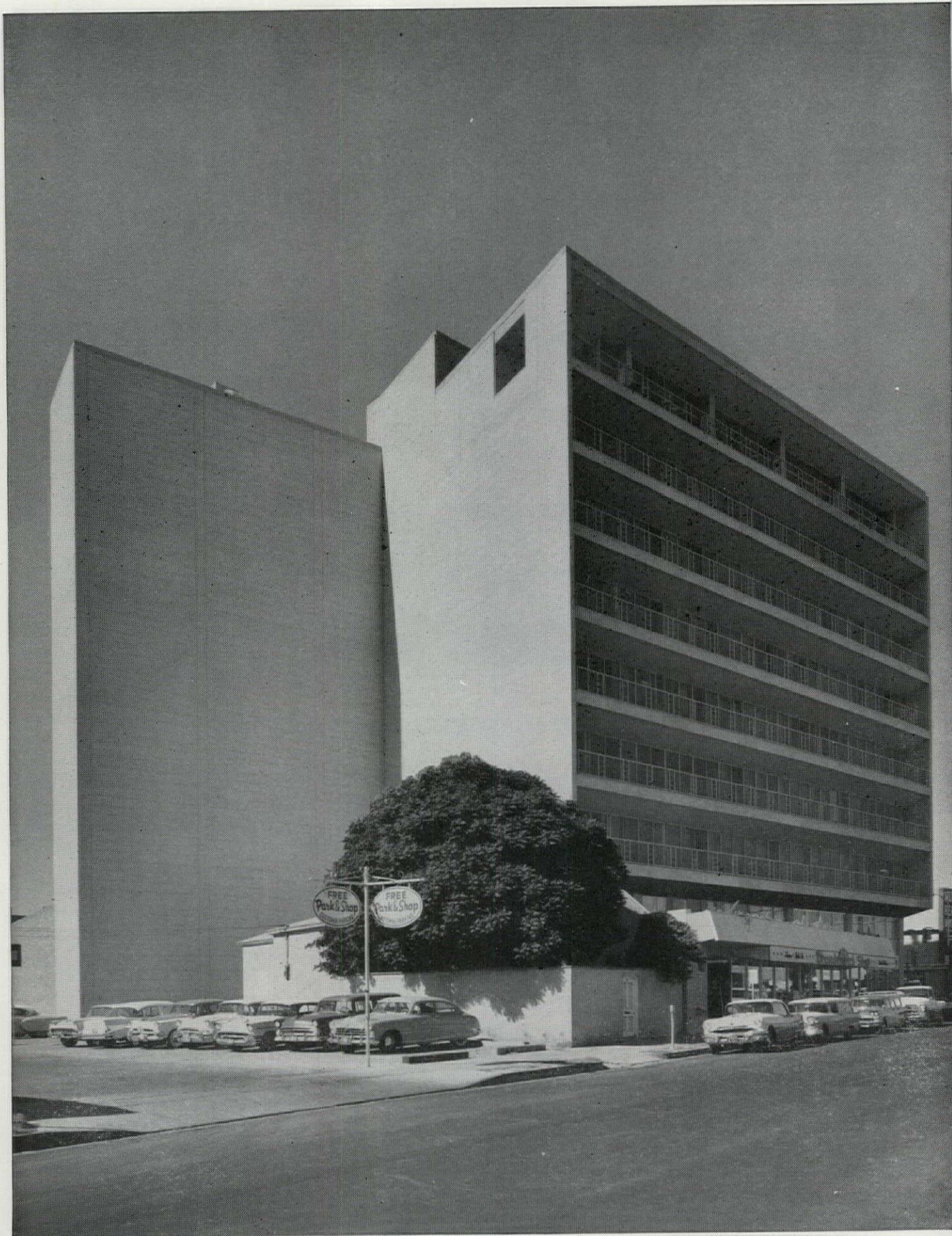
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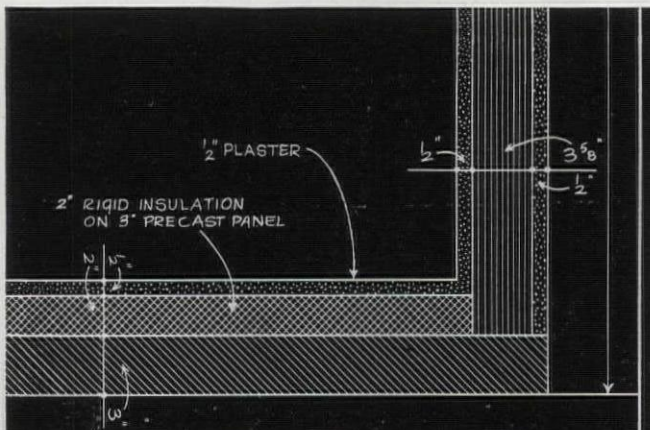
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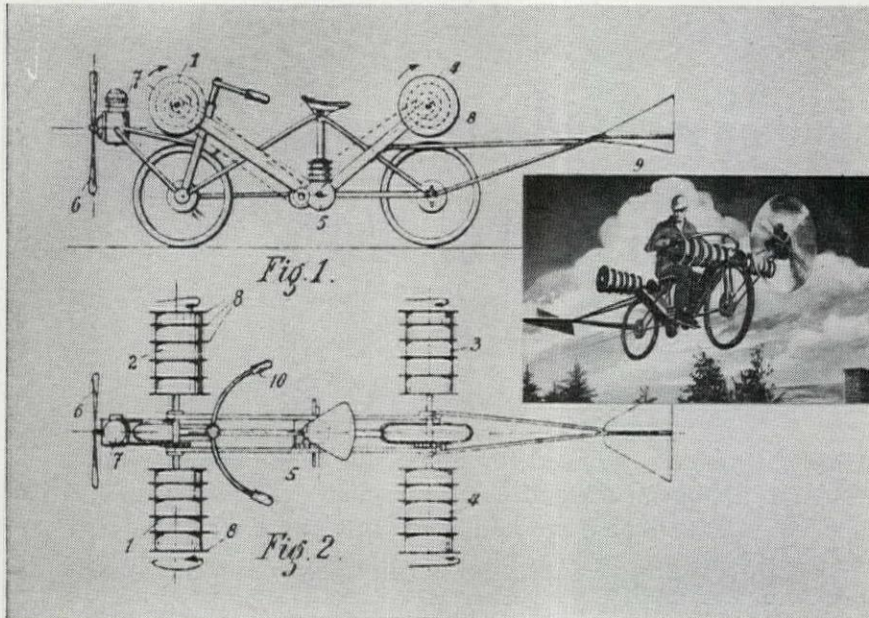
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Whether or not this design will be the answer to traffic congestion, it certainly is an ingenious solution. Aloft or aground, all engineering solutions must originate on the drafting board. And only professionals know how the best in drafting tools smooths the way from dream to practical project.

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specifications calling for the use of adhesives in applying glass-fiber insulation to walls and ceilings? This is worth some thought. Another possibility: how sound are we in our specifications for silver brazing? Do we recognize the six steps for a good job?

The fact is, this book is filled with meat. There is nothing theoretical here; it is the record of somebody's success in solving the same problems that come to us from time to time.

It is recommended for the reference shelf of every architect and engineer who is practicing his profession.

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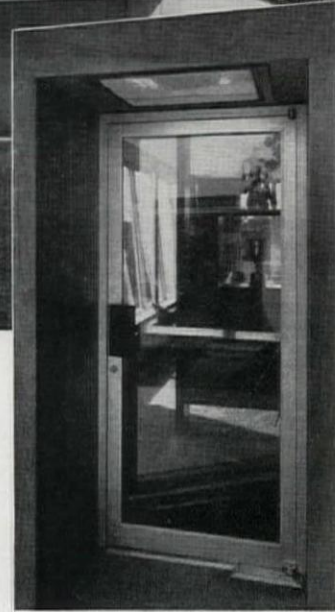
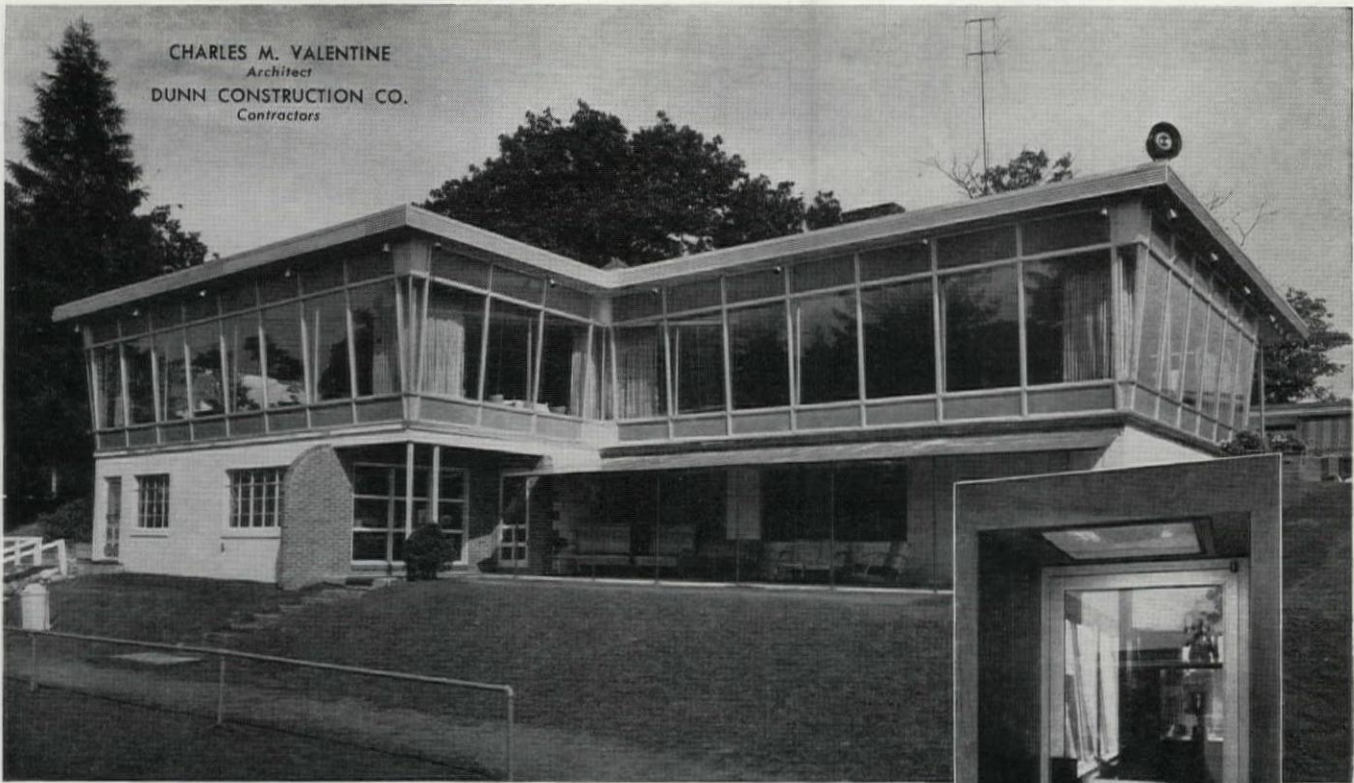
Creative Planning of Parks and Play Areas for Learning, Living, and Leisure. Edited by Raymond C. Schneider, R. Dudley Boyce, and Ted T. Peterson. *The School Planning Laboratory, School of Education, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., 1957. 68 pp., illus. \$2.50 (paperbound)*

Community and school co-operation in the use of recreation facilities is the theme of this report from The School Planning Laboratory's 1957 summer institute. A series of articles written by park planners and directors, landscape architects, educators, and businessmen, are grouped under three parts dealing successfully with co-operative planning, creative designing, and balancing quality and economy in selection of materials.

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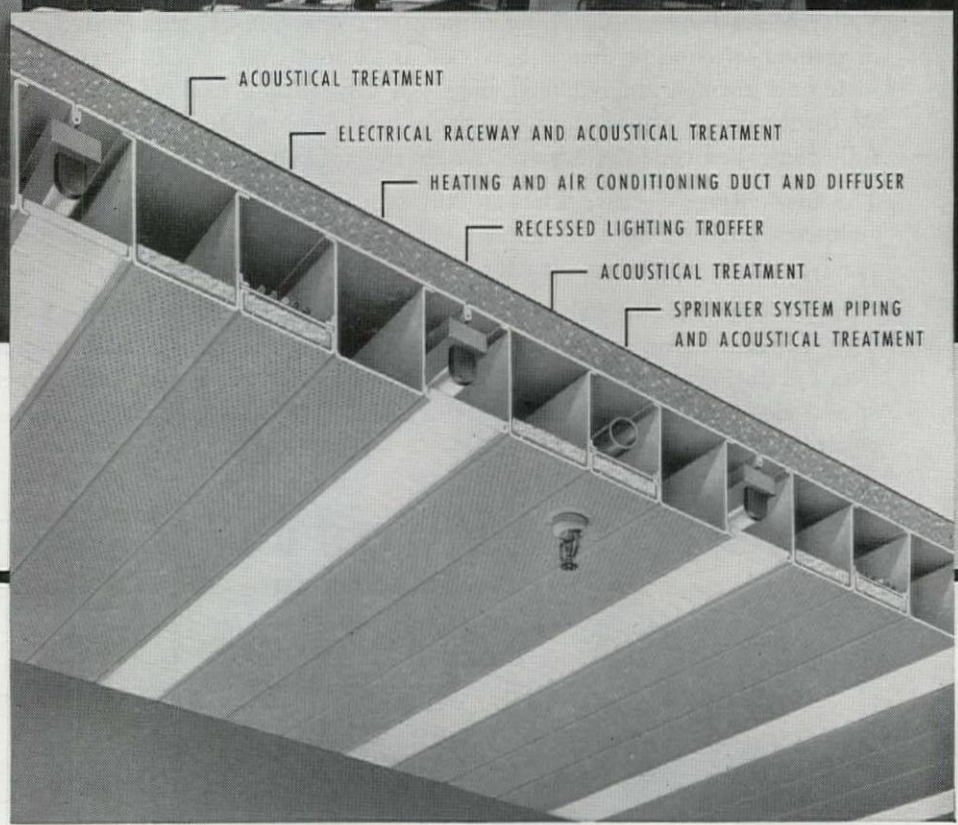
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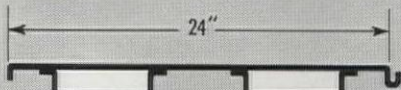
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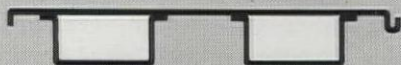
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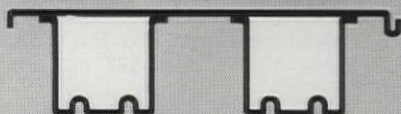
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Learning, Living and Leisure," part II, discusses the role of imaginative design in creating imaginative play experience for children. Interesting free-form play equipment is illustrated in photographs of Mitchell Park, Palo Alto; "Terrace Park Playground," Berkeley; and "Dennis the Menace Playground," Monterey, California. There are also articles on designing for accident prevention and minimum maintenance. The miscellaneous reports in part III include: selection of resilient floor coverings, use of ceramic tile, economies in year-round air conditioning, site choice, and schoolhouse planning.

Though the report seems to be concerned only with California, its two main ideas—co-operative planning and creative design—are applicable elsewhere in the United States. It would be helpful reading for anyone concerned with planning or designing community and school recreational facilities.

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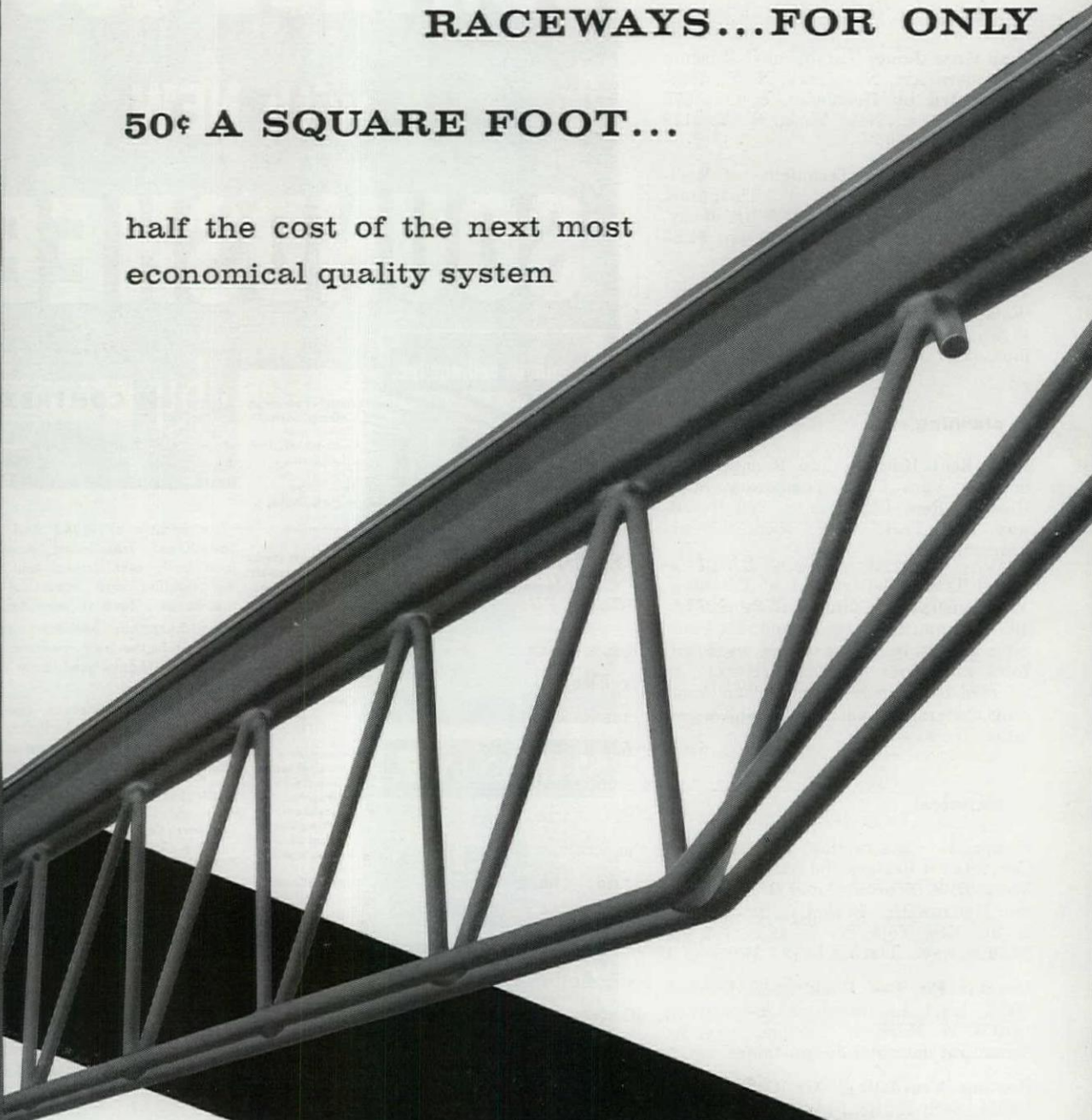
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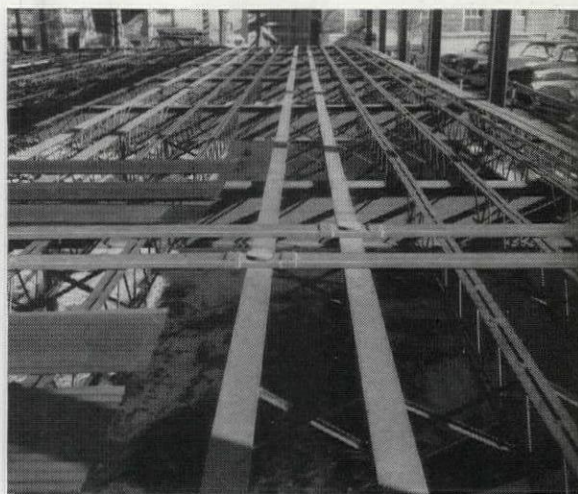
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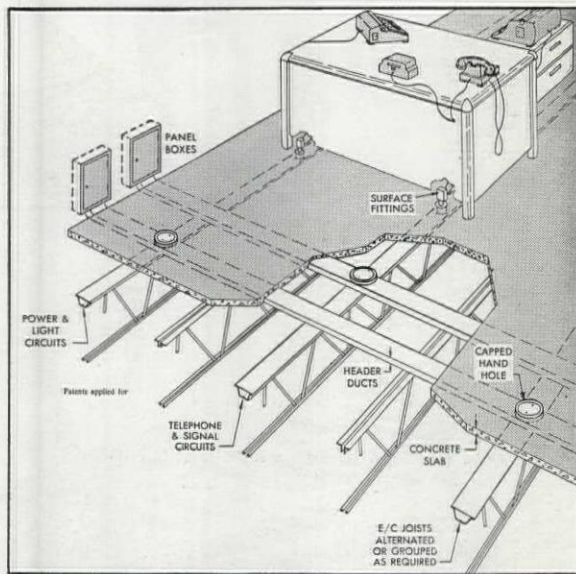
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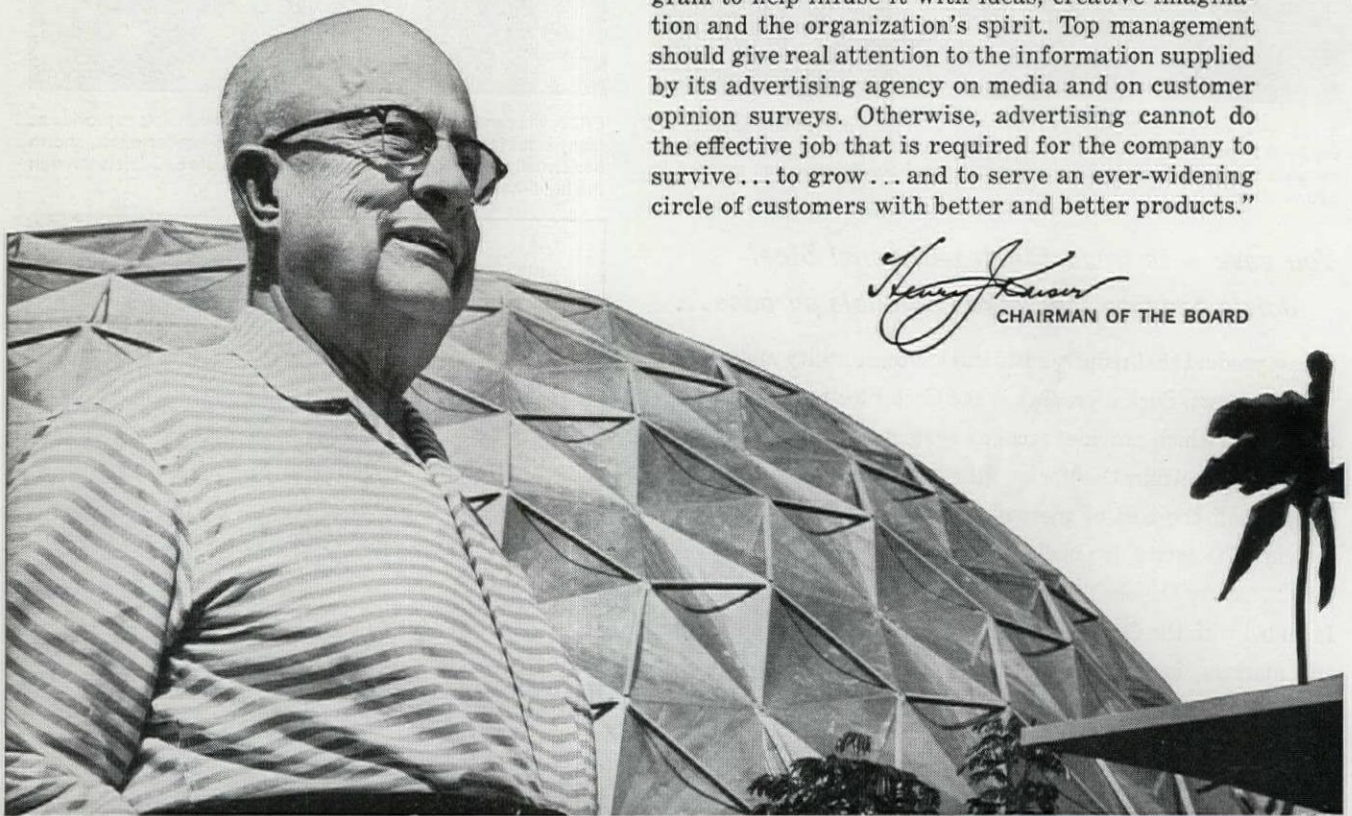
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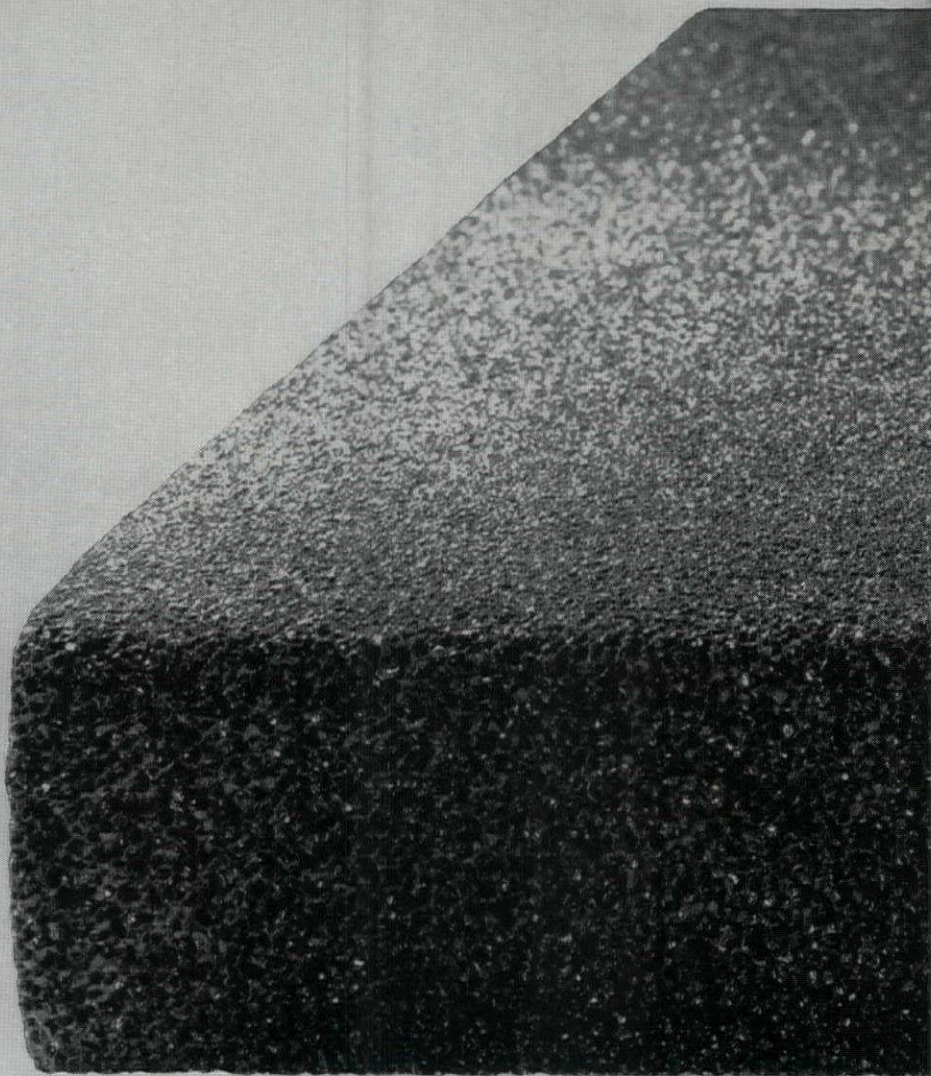
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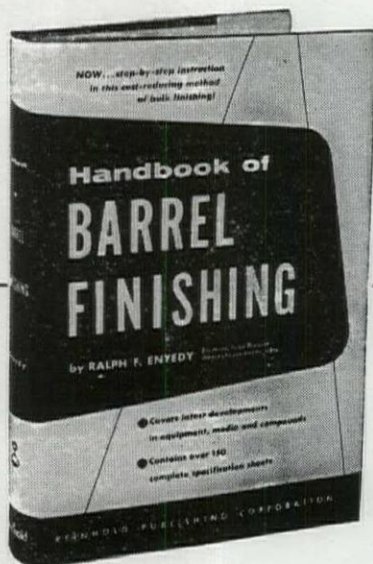
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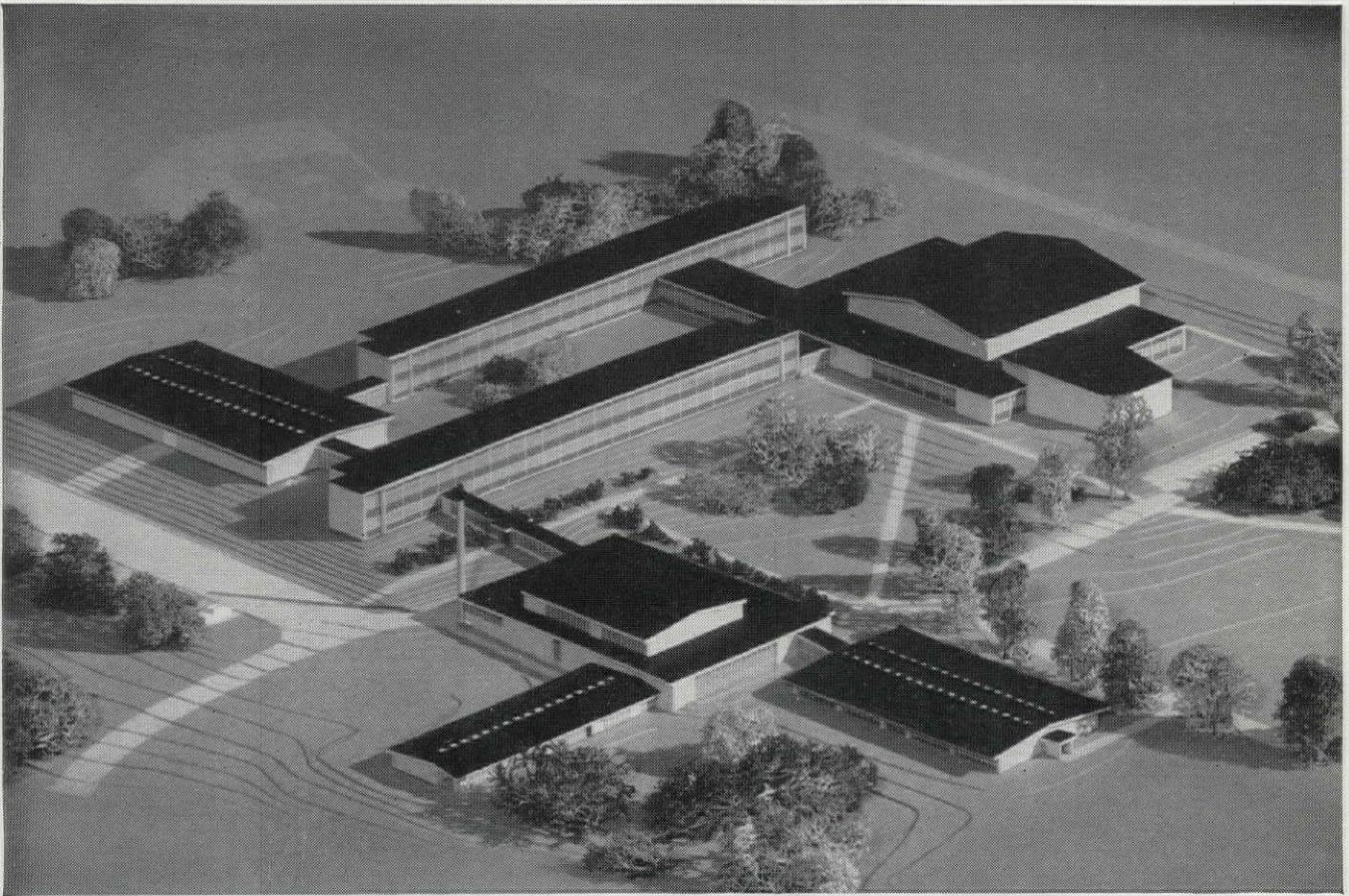
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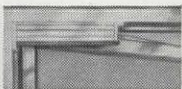
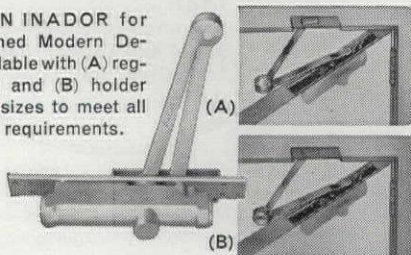
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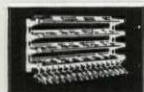
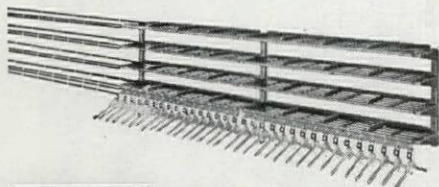
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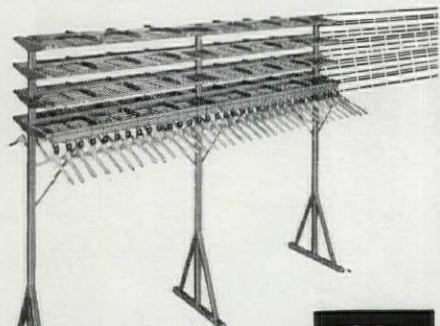
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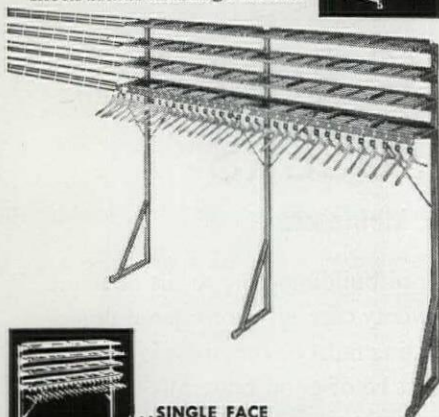
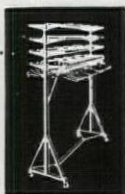


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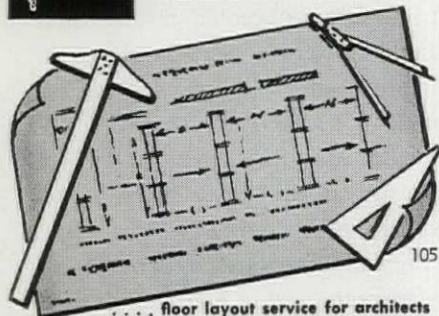
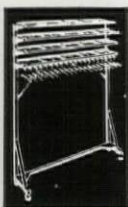
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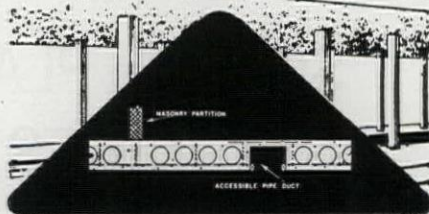
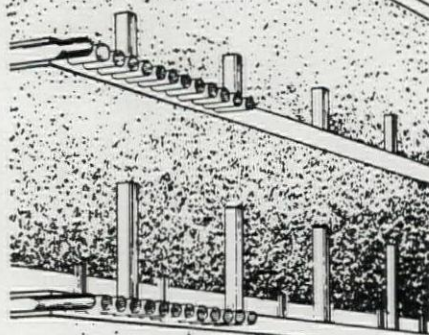
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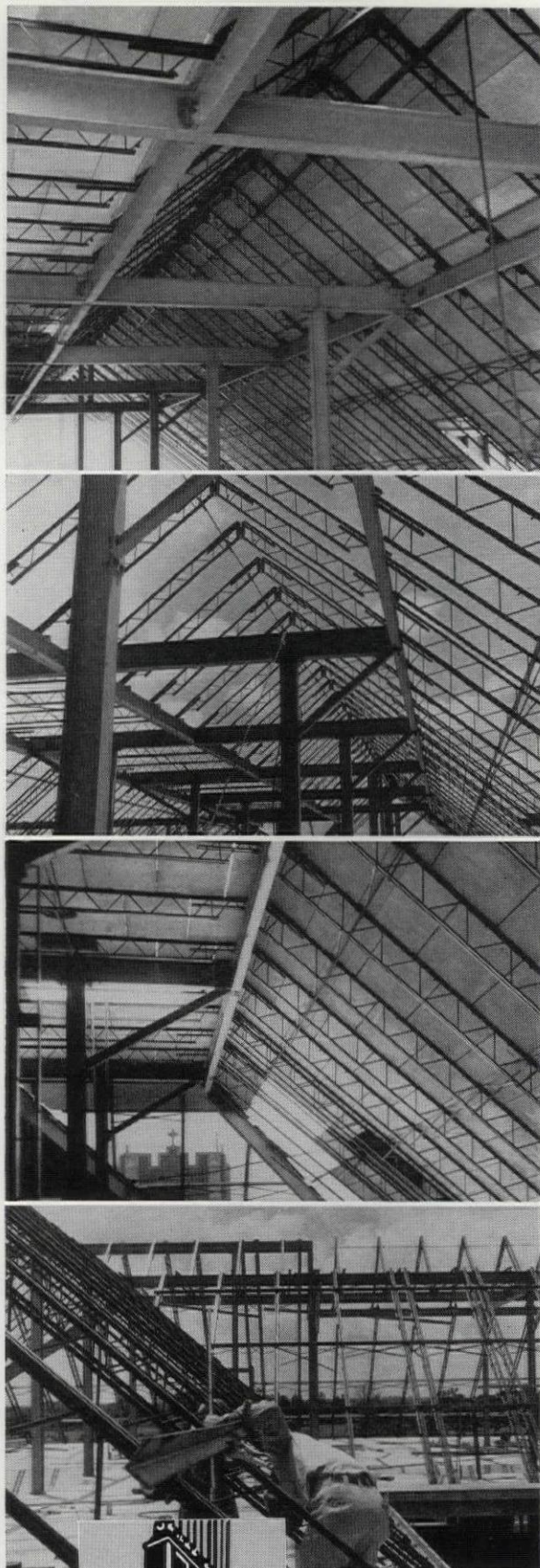
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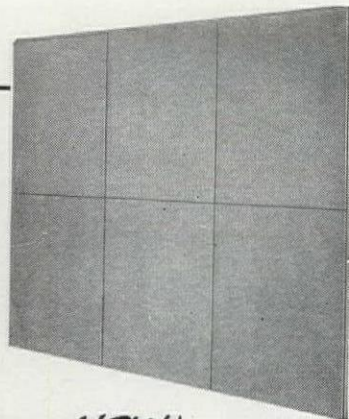


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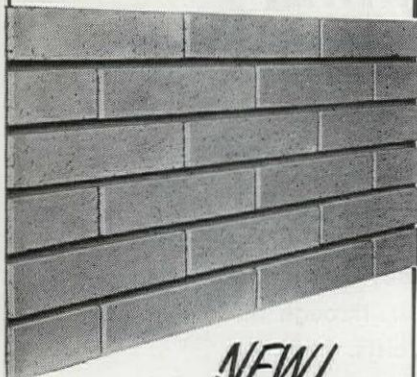
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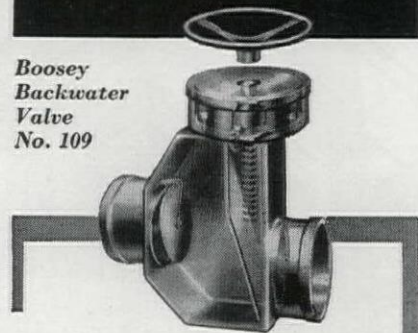
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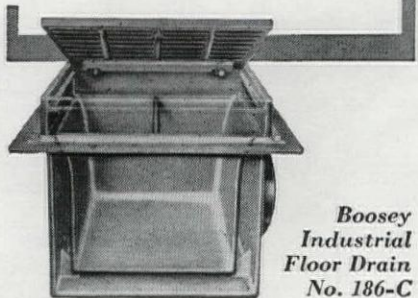
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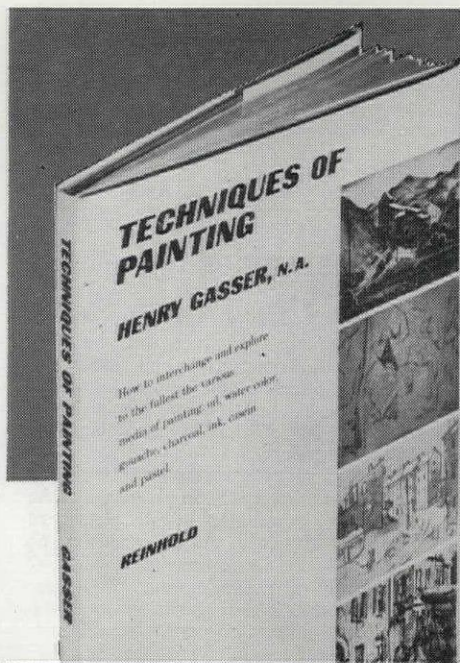
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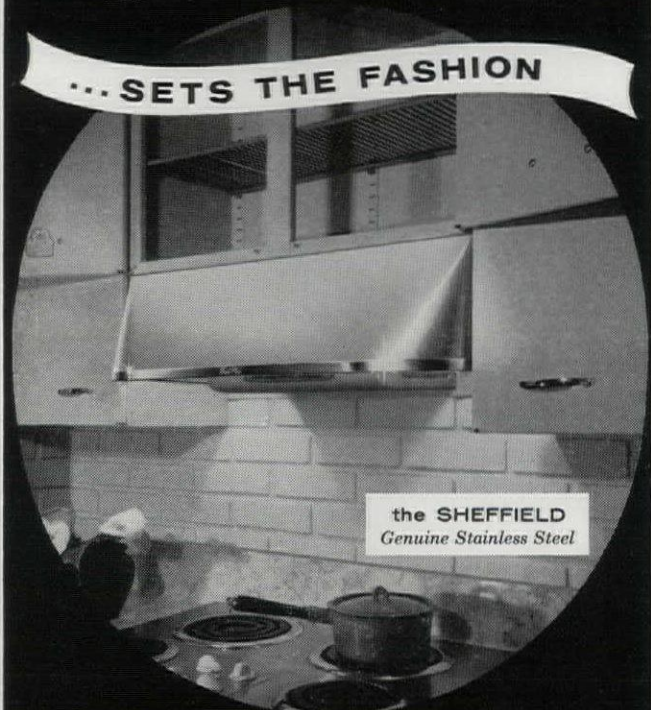
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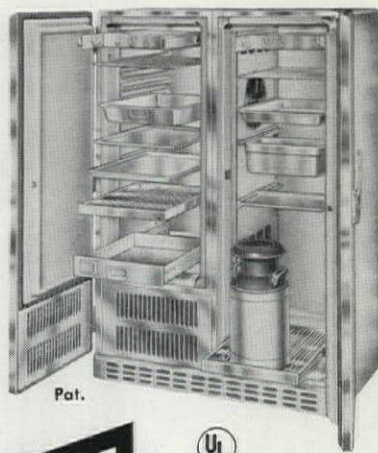
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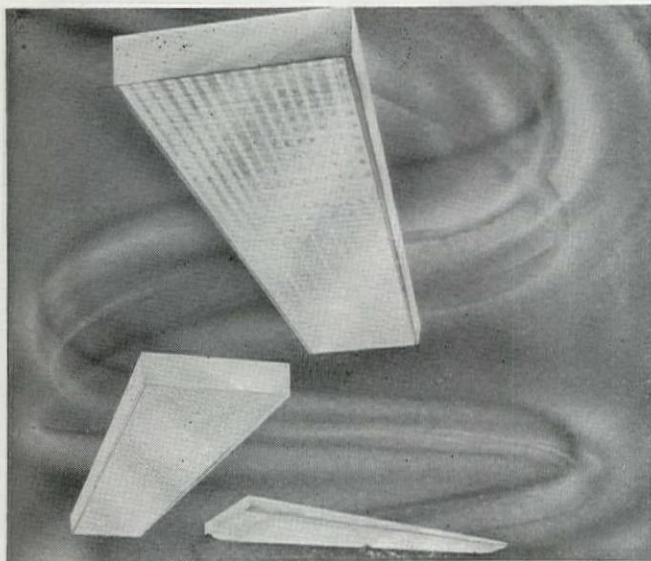
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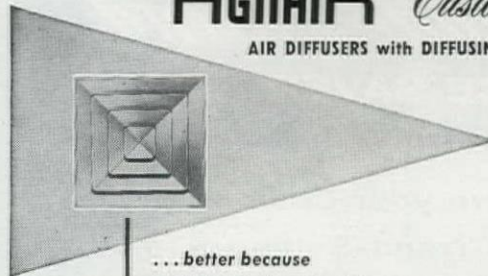
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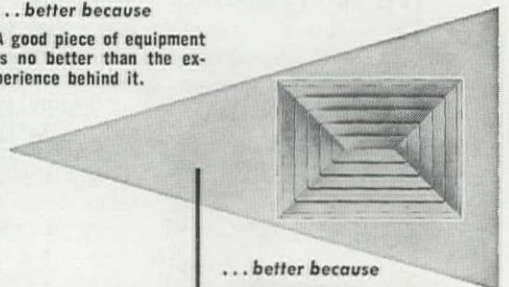
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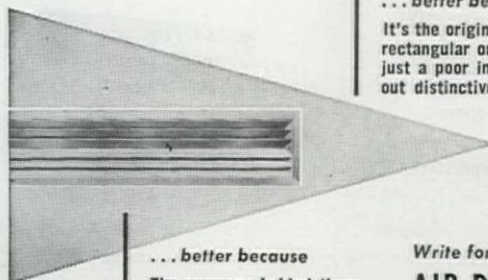
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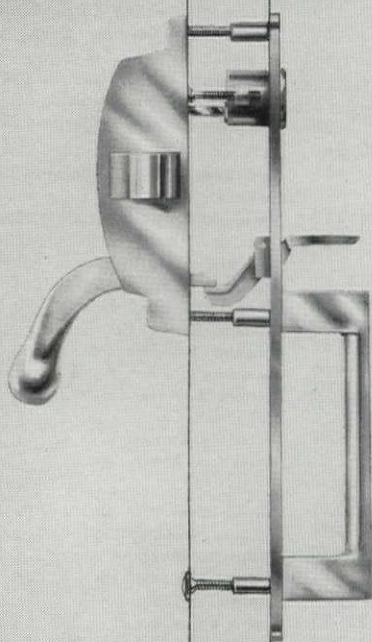
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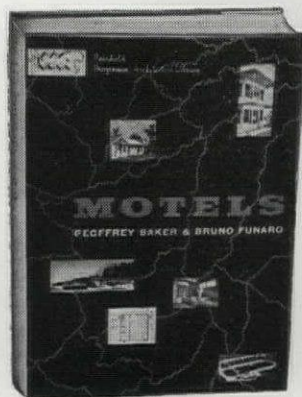
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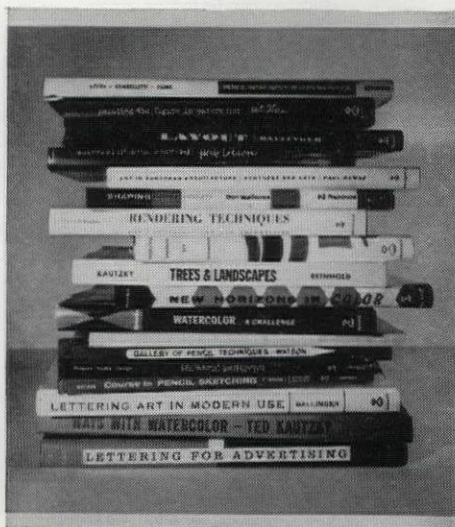
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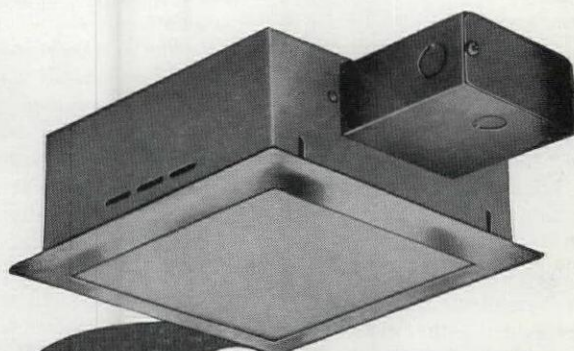
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nonreading

For a number of generations we have been familiar with the glib comment that "architects don't read." It has been stated and it has been denied; it has become the basis for advertising methods, teaching procedures, programming of meetings, and styles of journalism. Like all generalizations, it is untrue generally; and like all clichés, it has some basis in fact. There is a certain number of nonreaders in the profession of architecture who deserve to be studied and understood.

Nonreading is an obvious phenomenon in other segments of the population: the picture magazine and television are dominant factors in contemporary life which have worried most social students and titillated many entrepreneurs. (There is a successful business enterprise potential to every characteristic of a sizable enough group—and nonreaders, in the total population, are a very large group.)

The thing that makes nonreading architects somewhat peculiar is that architecture is a respected and a learned profession. Among professionals practicing on a plane this high, nonreading is not common. If the reading of creative literature (to enjoy an artistic accomplishment) is not a characteristic of the profession; or if reading of "nonfiction" (for intellectual pleasure or fulfillment) is not a trait of the group; then at least the reading of technical literature (for professional refreshment and advancement) is normally necessary.

Let me repeat that generally it is untrue that "architects don't read." We have every evidence that critical articles, as well as technical literature in P/A, are well read. What intrigues me is how some individual architects—and a number of the most respected among them—can remain nonreaders. This phenomenon has never, to my knowledge, been studied. It may be true (but I am not at all sure that it is the only reason) that architecture is a visual art, and fundamentally an architect "talks with his pencil." Thus, the argument goes, his training, thinking, professional growth and creative accomplishments can all be based on graphics, to the virtual exclusion of communication by the printed word.

I had not realized until recently the existence of absolute nonreading habits among educated and intelligent people. A more observant colleague brought it home to me when he commented, speaking of a prominent architect-educator, "You know, he never reads anything."

I smiled and said yes; I knew. But he insisted: "No; I mean *literally*: he never reads *anything*."

This intrigued me, and I studied the man and his habits. It's true; he reads no magazines, no books, no newspapers. And yet he is an extremely well informed man. He has developed substitutes for reading, and some very effective ones.

There are, for example, people who *tell* him things. His associates in the school and in his office, his secretary, and his wife are all readers; he becomes informed through them. Then, also, he is a capable and intelligent conversationalist. His social life is active, and it consists very little of the cocktail-party time-filling talk. Informed and sometimes deeply speculative discussions take place at his house and often at other people's houses when he is present.

If a man can thus keep his creative powers lubricated through talk and avoid reading, I suppose that's a perfectly good way to develop. In too many cases, however, the substitutes are skimpy, and the excuses for not reading are likely to be phony.

The magazine-nonreader-who-pretends-that-he-reads-the-magazines, for instance, is not uncommon. A "reader" in Connecticut told me recently that he enjoyed *Pencil Points* every month and particularly like the water-color illustrations it publishes; actually, though, he admitted, he prefers the *Record*, because it has its feet on the ground and publishes traditional design. Closer to the present, Carl Feiss, whose *OUT OF SCHOOL* column has not appeared in P/A for three years, told me last week of meeting an old friend who remarked "I read you every month in P/A."

And there is the magazine-nonreader-who-doesn't-let-that-stop-his-comments-on-the-magazines. One prominent architect had often said publicly that a certain magazine published abroad was, in his opinion, the only really good professional journal, because its approach was critical. I cornered him at a meeting one evening and said, "Joe, I know that you love the *Review*. Just what, in its last few issues, particularly appealed to you as good criticism: that critical-historical piece in May? The discussion of monumentality in June? The technical survey of modular curtain-wall components that month—or what?"

Joe had the grace to blush, as he admitted that he never *read* a word in that

journal he so admired. He "looked at" it. An article by Pevsner he would judge, he admitted, by the type in which it was set ("They use mighty handsome typography, but I know it must be difficult to read."), by the color of the paper on which it was printed, or by the illustrations chosen to adorn it.

These are, of course, self-deluders. They are related to, but not as frank as, the man who popped up in a meeting in New Jersey recently and said, "I'm so busy that of course I don't have any time to read." This is the greatest hallucination of them all. There is always time to read if one wants to read. The best-read people I know (and many of them are architects) are those who have the busiest work days. It would have been interesting to compare the daily activity of the "I'm so busy" protestant with the complicated life of Richard Neutra, for instance. Neutra reads, with catholic interests in many fields, to a fantastic extent. He also draws, and paints, and teaches, and lectures, and writes, and creates architecture, and runs a busy office. It isn't a problem of time; it's a question of desire.

There's nothing wrong, I'm sure, with lack of desire to read. The *faults* are in (a) delusion and guilt, expressed in false excuses, and (b) lack of substitutes for reading, to provide the expanding knowledge and professional development that is necessary. It might be worthwhile for all of us to ask ourselves very seriously, at regular intervals:

What have I read (not skimmed, *read*) recently that might help me grow, personally or professionally?

What have I read recently that was truly interesting and enjoyable as an esthetic experience (not only superficially "entertaining")?

If I can't think of anything; why? Am I a nonreader?

If I am becoming a nonreader, is it because of laziness; do I make up excuses about being "too busy"? Or have I really found—or could I develop if I wanted to—valid substitutes for reading?

It occurred to me, about halfway through this piece, that of course the nonreaders won't read it. Hail to the rest of you!

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