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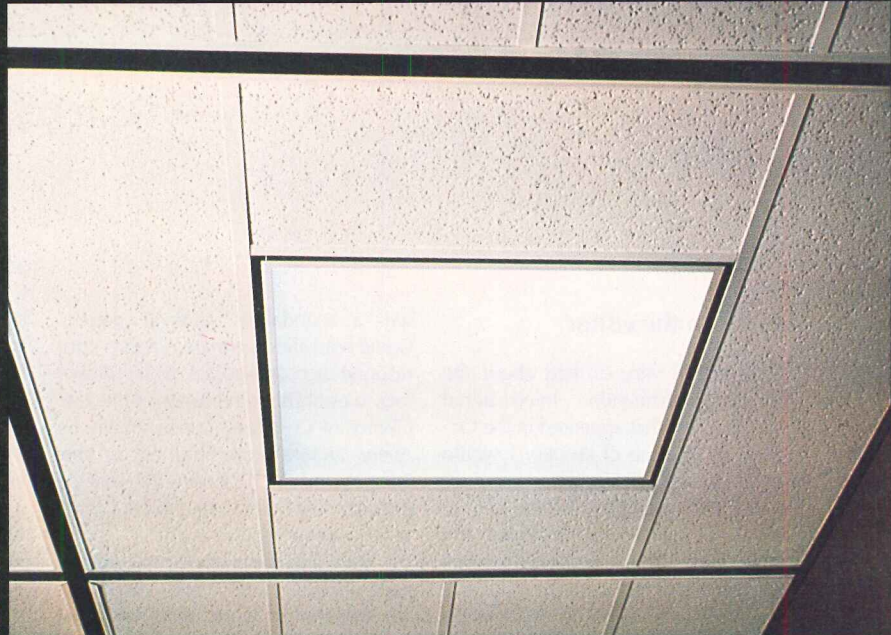
The new lighting starts with a pendant fixture designed to provide highly efficient task lighting that can save as much as 65% in electrical costs when compared to conventional-type recessed troffers. It accommodates two 40-W lamps which result in 70 or more

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Letters to the editor

We were all very excited about the Baltimore-Washington International Airport article that appeared in the October, 1976 issue of RECORD. I would like to sincerely thank you for your interest, the professional manner in which the article was presented and for the exposure for the BWI Terminal Expansion Program.

Dean S. Roxanis
Public Affairs Specialist
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Transportation

I wish to protest Edgar Tafel's November "review" of John Sergeant's fine book, *Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian Houses*. It seems to me that a serious journal reporting on a serious book ought to require a serious review. Instead we have a limp essay consisting of tired reminiscences, a defense of Taliesin, a gratuitous remark about the author's nationality, and the suggestion that since he "was not there," Sergeant is unqualified to discuss Wright's career in the 1930s.

The job of a reviewer is to report content, to tell what is in a book, to evaluate its thesis, its scholarship, its style, and to indicate its interest for a particular audience. Tafel does none of this. What he does do is remind everyone that he was on the job during the halcyon days. What reason, therefore, does Tafel give for Sergeant's alleged unfamiliarity with Usonian building problems? He was not there. With one swipe, research, analysis, and scholarship are dismissed. If one was not there, one cannot know.

It is a sorry fact that the self-appointed guardians of Wright's legacy continue to withhold recognition from deserving "outside" scholars and are still reluctant to share him with the rest of the world. Their attitude has detrimental consequences, and Tafel's "review" is a case in point. Strategically placed readers of this influential journal have probably drawn the conclusion that Sergeant's book is inconsequential. In fact, it is the most important study of Wright to appear in several years. (Could Tafel be clearing the field for his own forthcoming biography?)

Taliesin, which Tafel is quick to defend, is an equally irresponsible "guardian." The claim is made that Taliesin's "private files" are its own, that it is besieged by researchers. Thus Sergeant and others should not object to Taliesin's closing its doors to scholars. Of course, not everyone is excluded: not those who can afford a \$40 an hour research fee for the privilege of seeing what they are allowed to

see—a scandalous archival policy. Could not Taliesin donate Wright's correspondence and copies of his drawings to established repositories like the Library of Congress, the Burnham or Avery architectural libraries, or the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, or could it not admit reputable scholars as other private archives do?

I am appalled that RECORD, which gave Wright space many years ago when he had no forum, should now be in the position of publishing petty comments about those that take him seriously. Wright and Sergeant deserve better. Long after Wright's guardians are gone, Sergeant's book will remain as testimony to the architect's genius and to the author's skills.

Robert C. Twombly,
Associate Professor
Department of History
The City College of
The City University of New York

Mr. Tafel suggests that I was not aware of performance failures in some Usonians and that this may have been due to my "not being there" when they were built, or perhaps to my being "a Britisher."

In Chapter 1 there is a section entitled 'Least Successful Aspects of Usonian's (pages 29-30) which specifically discusses the wiring problems. Difficulties with mitre-cut corners and other areas not mentioned by Tafel, such as heating, are discussed on pages 112 and 118, and elsewhere. Mr. Tafel's incomprehension at the inclusion of Bruce Goff in the final chapter is more serious as it relates to the book's sub-title: The Case for Organic Architecture. He only comments on the houses and seems unaware of the chief argument of the book contained in its second half. This sets out Wright's social and political views, and relates them to events in the 1930s and the decentralized context for all his subsequent work. It, also enlarges Wright's definition of 'organic.' All this Mr. Tafel ignores.

So far as conveying an objective view of Wright goes, I think that it is unfortunately an advantage being physically far from Taliesin. To Mr. Tafel's suggestion that to write history you must be there, it must be said that this may be subjective, as the participant sees events through the lenses of his own preconceptions and prejudice. Someone who was not there, even from another generation, is more distanced from events but can interpret them alongside current concerns and relevancies. Both have their value.

John Sergeant
University College
London

In your January 1977 Letters column, Edwin C. Rubin wrote to you expressing concern over the absence of personal credits on the Trio Industries building published in your November issue. Responsibility for any omission lies entirely with us.

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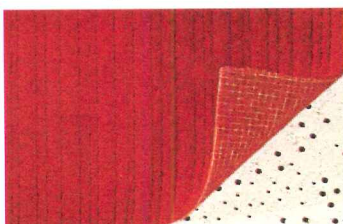


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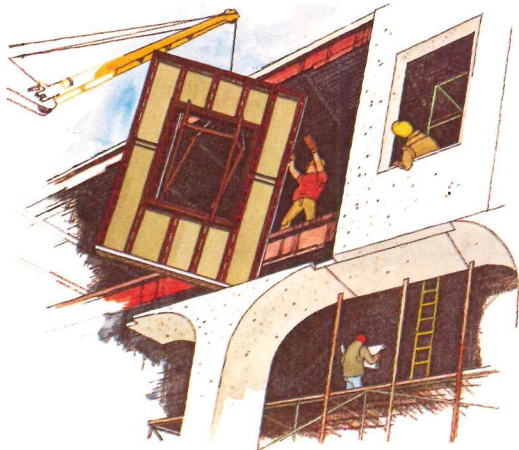
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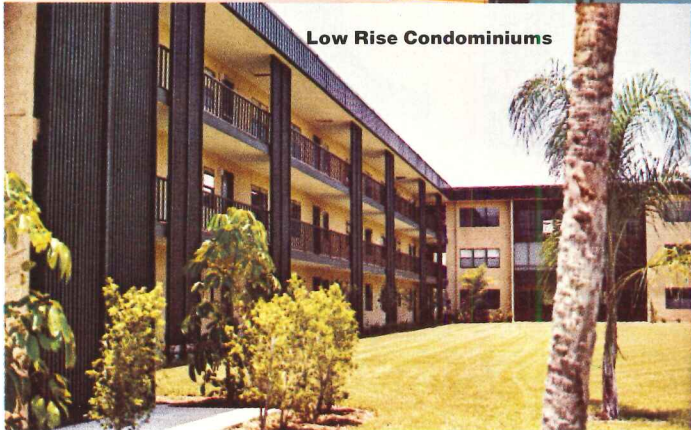
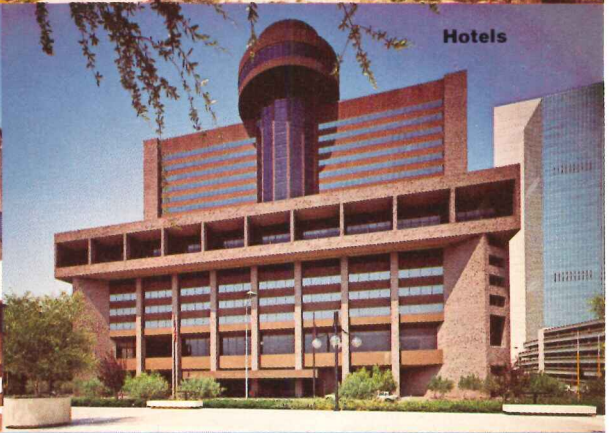
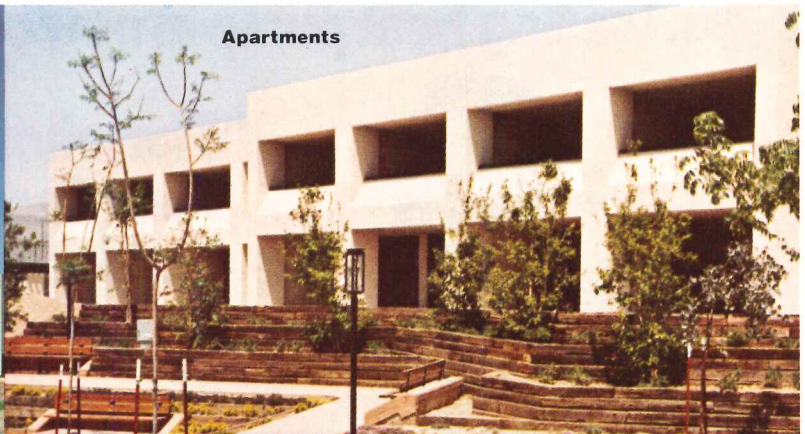
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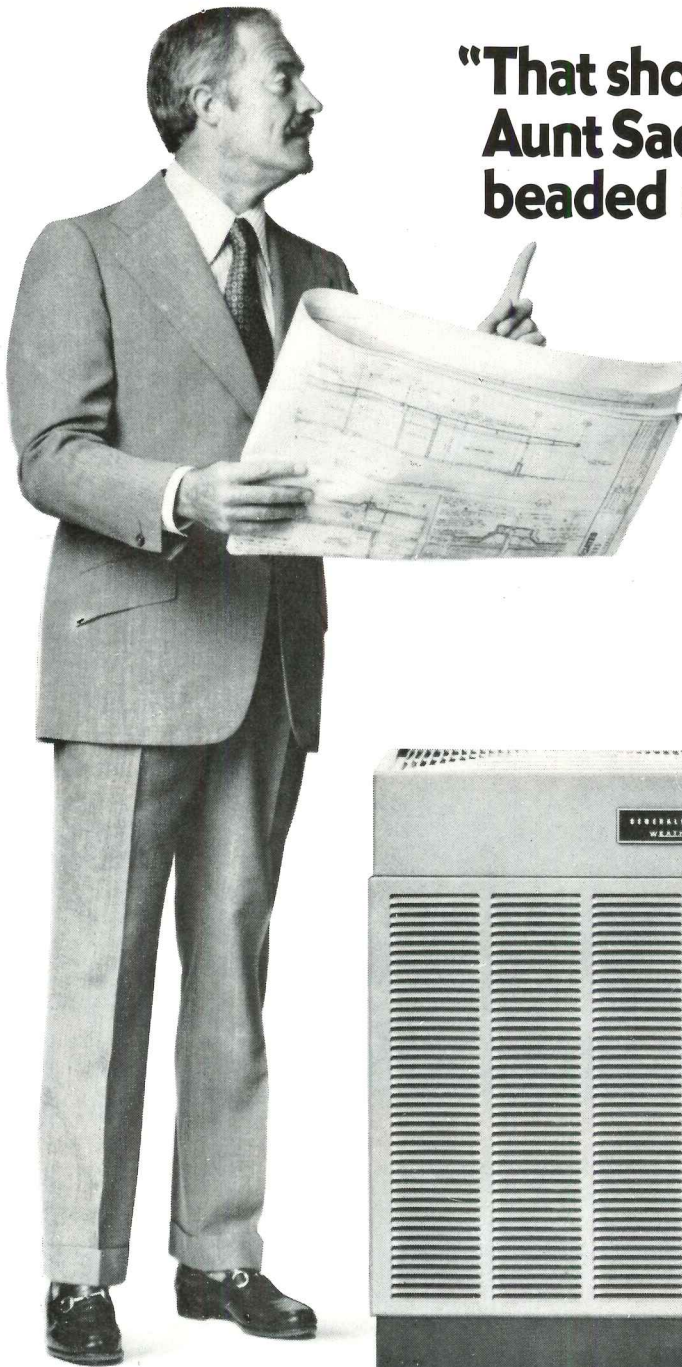
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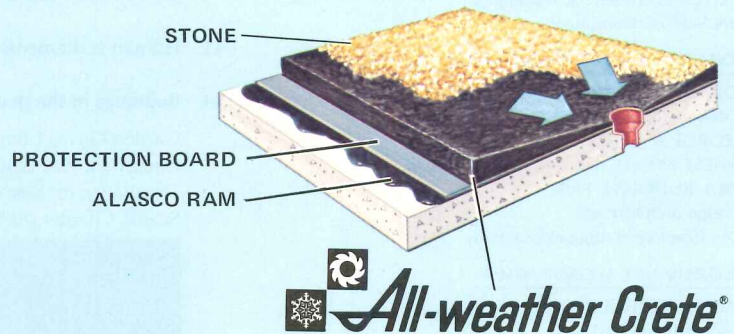
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Yale University Old Campus renovation

Architects Edward L. Barnes and Herbert S. Newman Associates have renovated four late 19th century dormitories in a manner that makes the most of their unique architectural character.

Impressive new Government Center features grand atrium space

A new public building in downtown Minneapolis has been designed by John Carl Warnecke & Associates, featuring a dramatic atrium 350 feet high with exposed structural diagonal braces.

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Stretching three-fifths of a mile out into Lake Michigan, old Navy Pier, as refitted by Chicago's Bureau of Architecture, is underway once again—a relentlessly nautical mix of commercial, cultural, and recreational pursuits.



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Some very sensible thinking on these issues was offered to the National Home Improvement Council last month by the 36-year-old mayor of Portland, Oregon, Neil Goldschmidt. From his place on the urban firing line (before his election he was a Legal Aid attorney) he offers advice that seems so sound it is reworded lengthily excerpted:

“We are left in our cities with a population that is predominately lower-income, broken families, and elderly—a social structure without the reinforcement of the community organization provided by families. . . . Without a population of families, we are left without citizen participation in the planning of neighborhood needs and volunteerism of all kinds; without housing maintained at housing code standards, without support for neighborhood maintenance prevention programs, with low voter turnout in school-levy elections, and with unmanageable school enrollments. In return, we get an increased demand for police, fire protection, adult and juvenile courts, public health clinics, legal services, garbage, code enforcement, mental health care, day care, food stamps, welfare, aid to dependent children, street cleaning, high-power street lights, park maintenance, school maintenance, towing of abandoned automobiles.”

Mayor Goldschmidt pointed out with great clarity the Catch: “The implications of disinvestment are overwhelming [because] these neighborhoods where the citizens are almost self-sufficient require the most in basic services. As a result, we have spent the past twenty years chasing the results of subsidized investment and decay which try to replace collapsed infrastructure of self-help, self-discipline, and community self-control with even more subsidies.”

Mayor Goldschmidt puts the respon-

sibility for this disinvestment in the city at the Federal government: “It is popular to talk about the ‘natural’ economics of this disinvestment from our cities and the flight of families to the suburbs—about the automobile and cheap land. Nothing about it was natural. It was planned and paid for—subsidized—by Federal housing programs [beginning with veterans’ programs after World War II], Federal highway projects, Federal sewer grants, Federal tax incentives [notably the income-tax deduction for mortgage interest], and Federal energy non-policies. And at every step the cities picked up the invisible tab.”

Mayor Goldschmidt suggested a new beginning based on what we know:

1. “Time is money.
2. “Private land assembly is often difficult and time-consuming.
3. “City governments know what they don’t want, but not what they do want.
4. “There is more to housing our people than Federal participation can handle. Local housing efforts have focused too much on the Federal presence, unwilling to admit that there will never be enough Federal money . . .
5. “Psychology is important. Local governments must attack their problems successfully, and market their success. A psychology of a positive market attitude will do more than new Federal programs . . .
6. “We have to use Federal, state, and local programs to leverage private funds into the market. 100 per cent subsidies will never do the job.
7. “Housing doesn’t exist in a vacuum. Whether cities exploit new opportunities to attract families back into the cities will depend on their success in targeting resources to improve the environmental features of neighborhoods, schools, parks, public transit facilities, trees, clean air, crime prevention—all the ingredients of neighborhood stabilization.
8. “We have to save what we have. This will encourage new construction next door or down the block. No one builds new apartments or homes next to abandoned structures.
9. “The key is targeting: To start with something that will succeed and achieve it. If we can show success, success will spread.”

Mayor Goldschmidt had some sound advice for meaningful action on the local level

“If the cities want housing—both new housing and housing rehabilitation—we will have to

take the initiative; and that may require us to do any or all of the following:

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3. “We can provide water-rate incentives for sprinklering units where fire codes now make it impossible to build with wood.

4. “We can offer land write-downs, tax increments, and tax incentives.

5. “Because time is money, we can and should shorten time for developers and rehabbers by simplifying our permit procedures.

6. “We can recognize that there is no one right kind of housing. If what we seek is home ownership, the traditional single-family home is not the only way to get it. Condominiums for middle-income citizens should be considered an alternate—and if they meet public objectives, we should be devising incentives, tax and otherwise, to make them profitable.

7. “We can ‘package’ opportunities by aggressively taking the initiative to match investors, lenders, developers and neighborhoods with the opportunities.

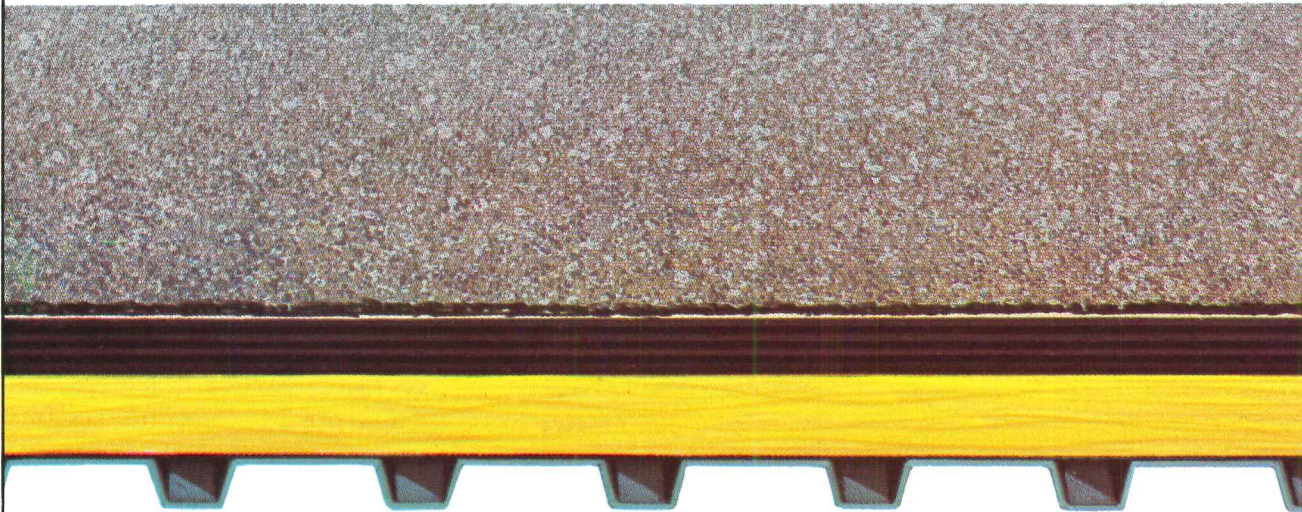
8. “We can write rehabilitation codes to replace or supplement our housing codes. Our codes were written years after most of our existing housing was built, and their excessive standards now frustrate our avowed conservation objectives. We can write codes that are both safe and supportive of our public purposes—with reduced costs and frustration.”

Summing up, Mayor Goldschmidt said: “If we want housing, these are the initiatives we can take to get the job started. While it once looked hopeless, we now have new hope. . . . And we have a new sense of localism and a feeling that we have a new opportunity to control the shaping of our cities.”

This kind of do-it-yourself and positive attitude seems not only refreshing—but very practical—at a time when so many problems are pressing upon the Federal government. It is the spirit that initiated all of the successful “hometown” rehabilitations we wrote about in the December RECORD. And it seems to me to be a cause which not just mayors—but architects everywhere—need to put their commitment and efforts behind.—Walter F. Wagner Jr.

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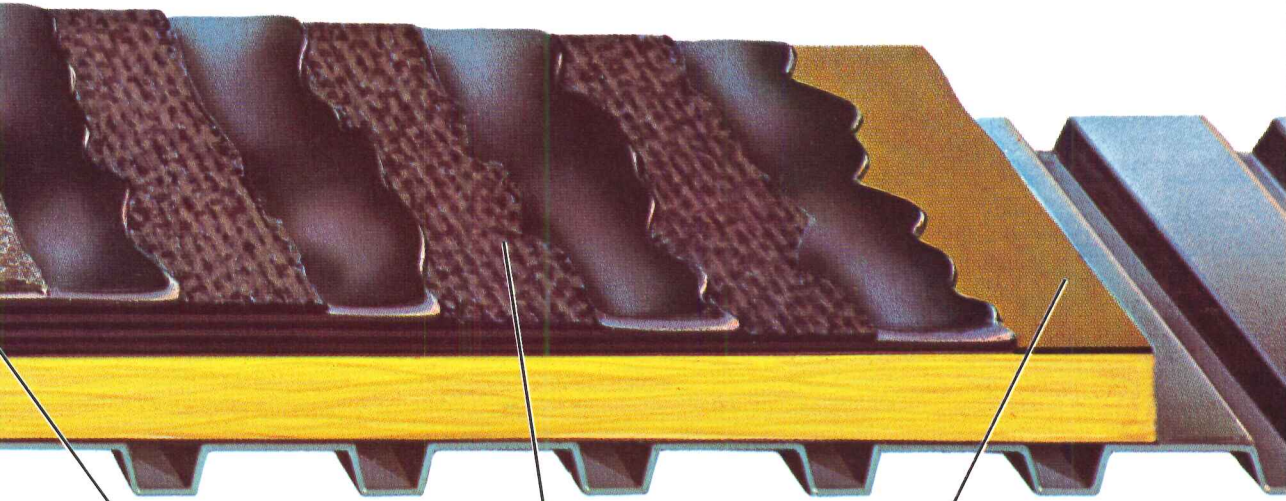
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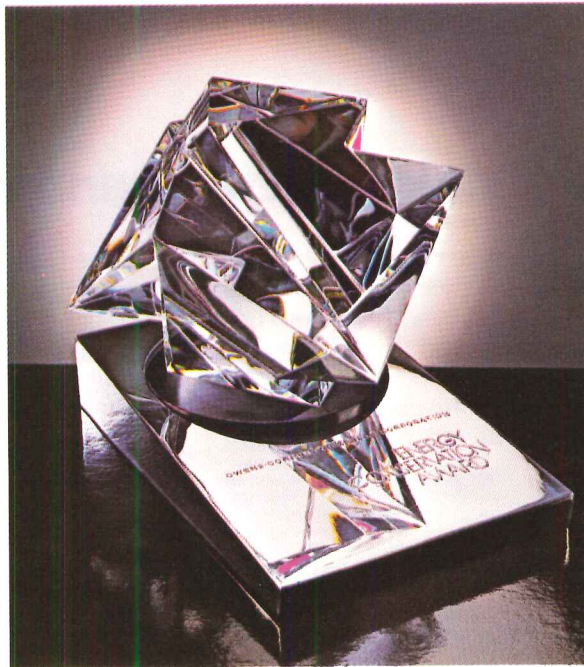
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Announcing the 1976 winners of the Owens-Corning Energy Conservation Awards

Winner, Institutional category

Allen and Miller, Architects, Santa Ana, California, for the Fremont Elementary School, Santa Ana, California

Winner, Special category

Stephen B. Jacobs & Associates, New York, N.Y., for the Printing House, a former loft building in New York City

Winner, Governmental category

Kansas Architects and Planners Associated, Lawrence, Kansas, for the Federal Office Building, Topeka, Kansas

Honorable Mention, Governmental category

Unthank Seder Poticha Architects, Eugene, Oregon, and Marquess Engineering Company, Springfield, Oregon, for the Lane County Public Service Building, Eugene, Oregon

Honorable Mention, Commercial category

Taylor and Collum, Architects, Atlanta, Georgia, for the Shenandoah Solar Community Center, Shenandoah, Georgia

Honorable Mention, Institutional category

Arthur Cotton Moore/Associates Architects, Washington, D.C., for the Science Classroom at Madeira School, Greenway, Va.

The 1976 Energy Conservation Awards Jury

This year's winners were selected by: John Street, chief architect, John Portman Associates, Atlanta, Ga.

William C. Louie, vice-president, Smith Hinchman and Grylls, Detroit, Mich.

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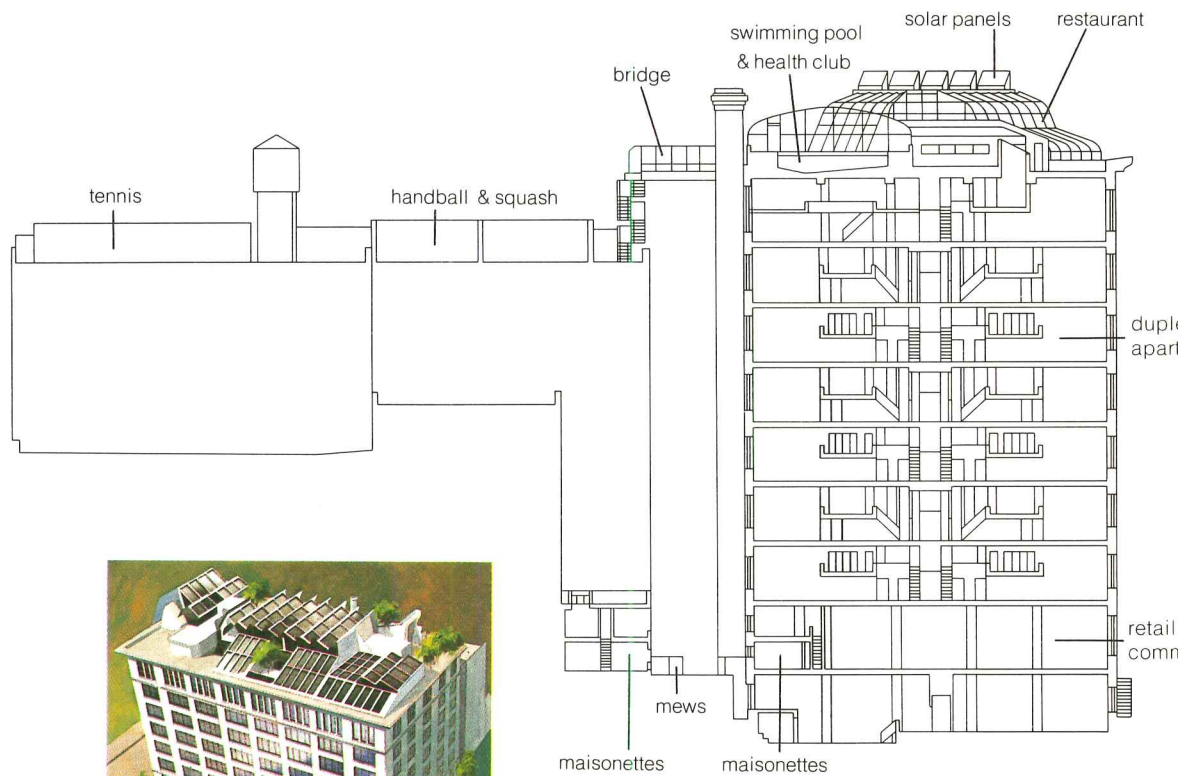
C. Herbert Wheeler, professor of Architectural Engineering, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa.

Samuel Hack, director of facilities and construction management, U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration, Washington, D.C.

For a look at three of the winning designs, turn the page.

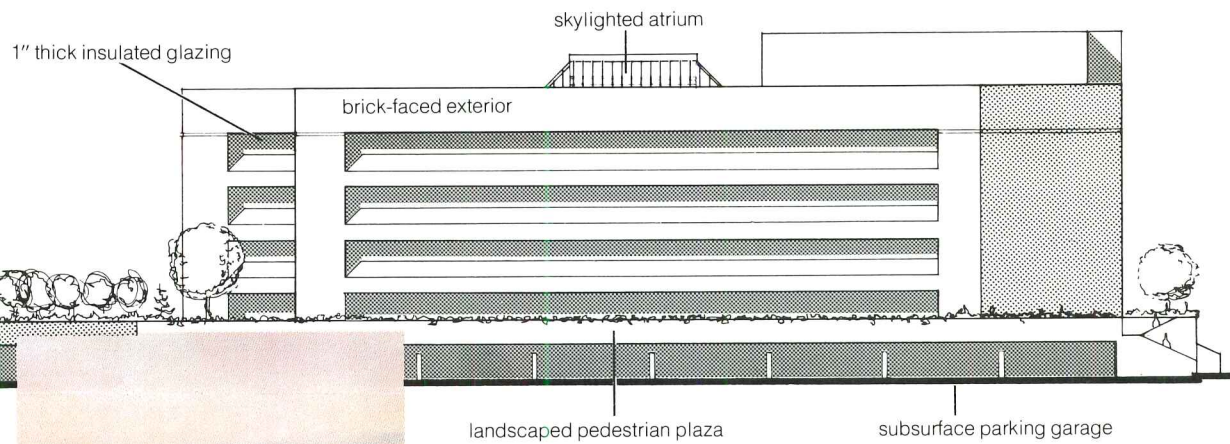
Three winning designs, and why they won

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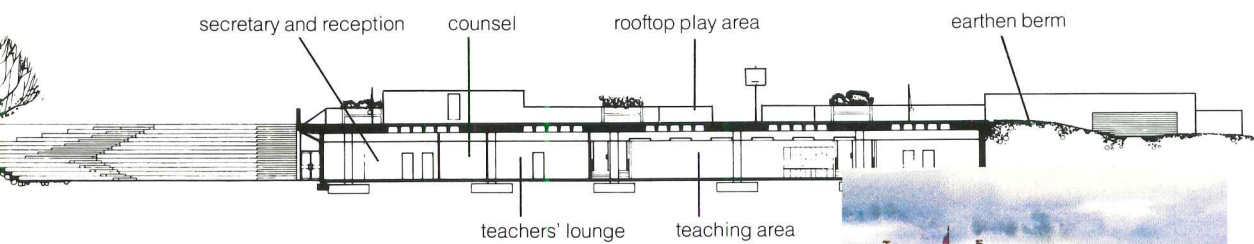


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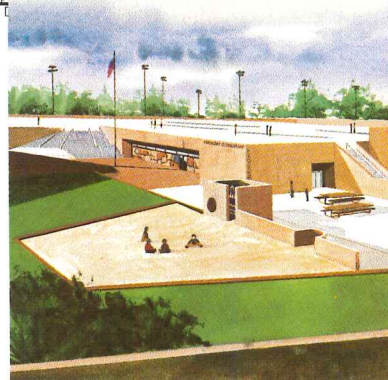
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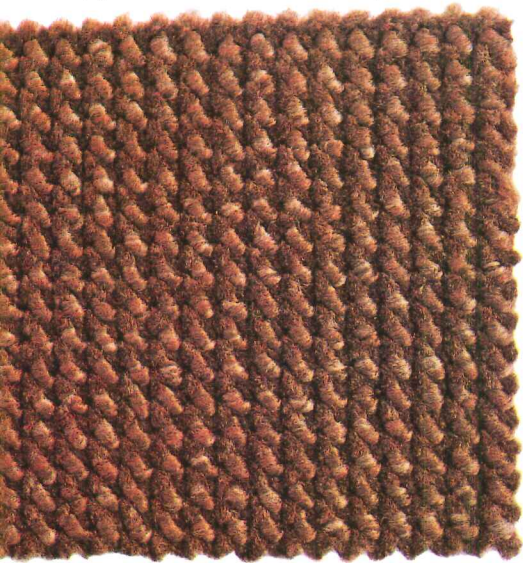


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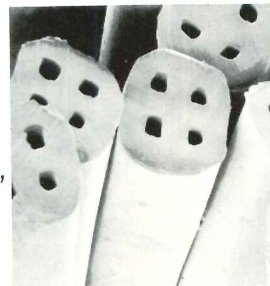


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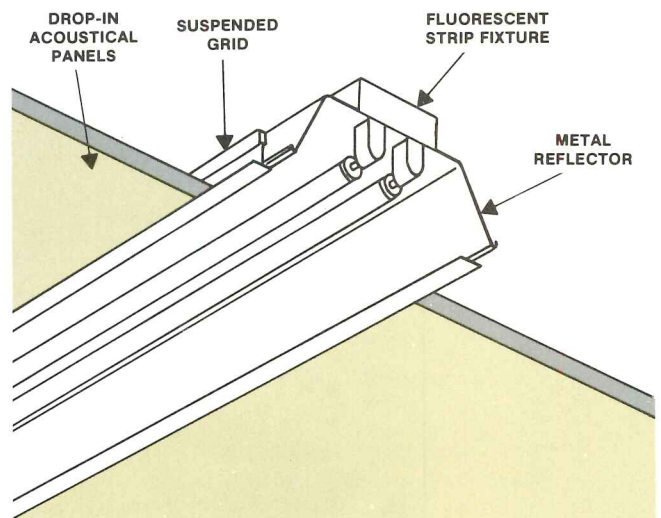


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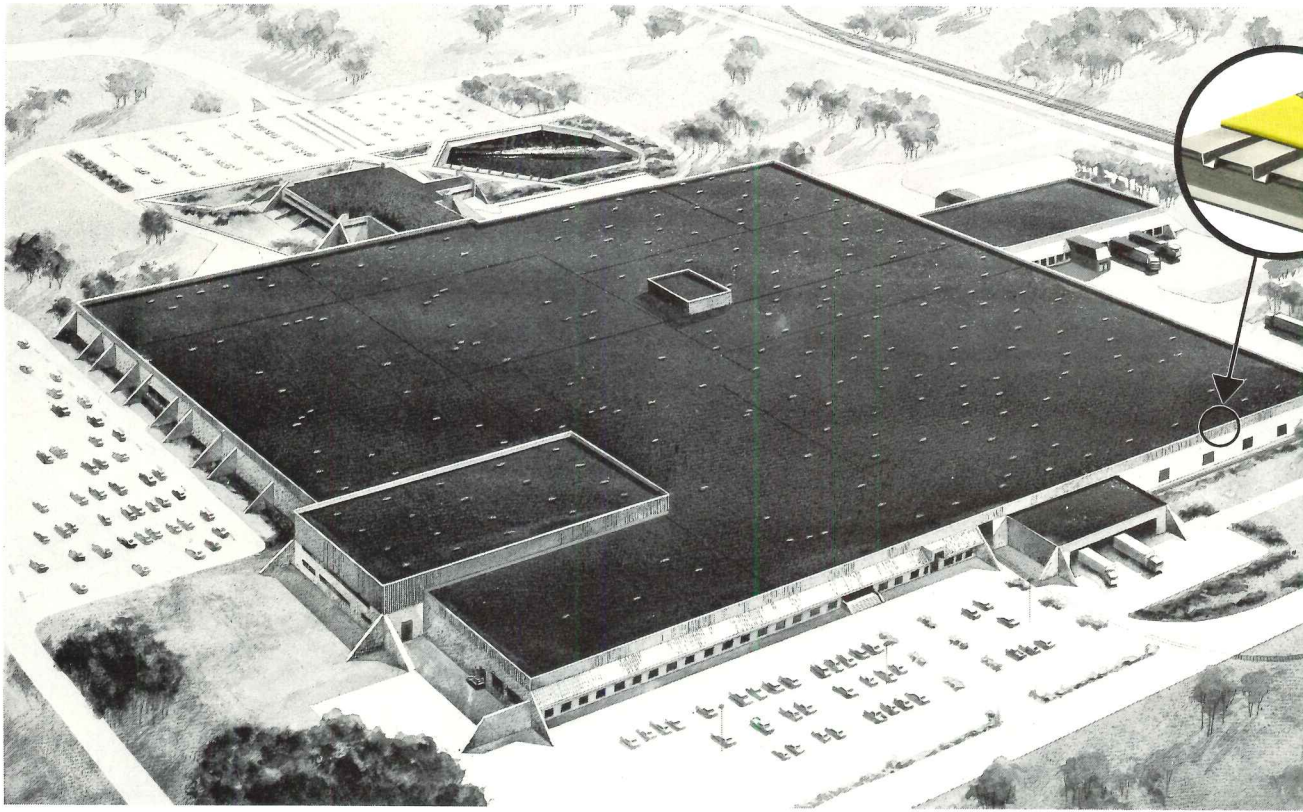
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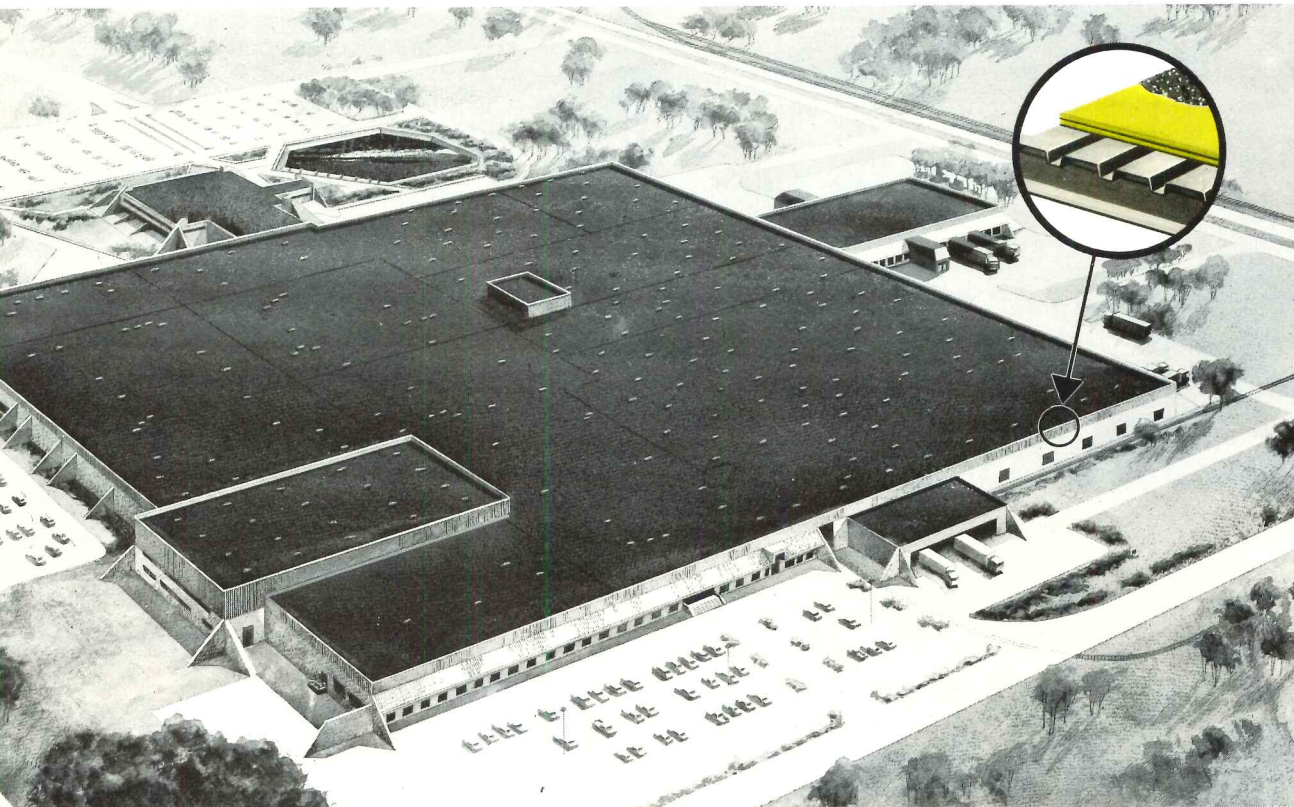
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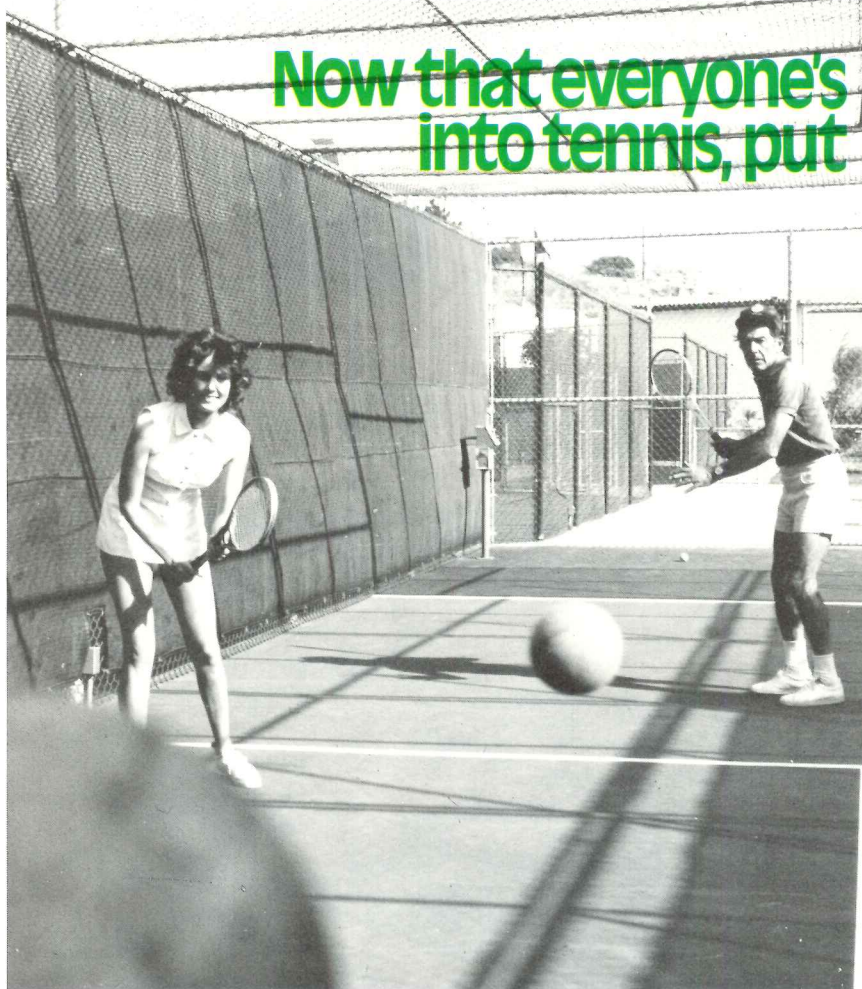
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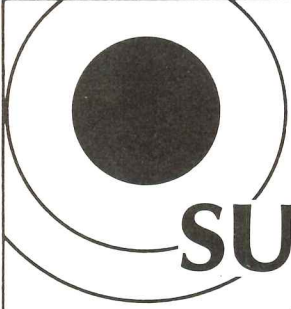
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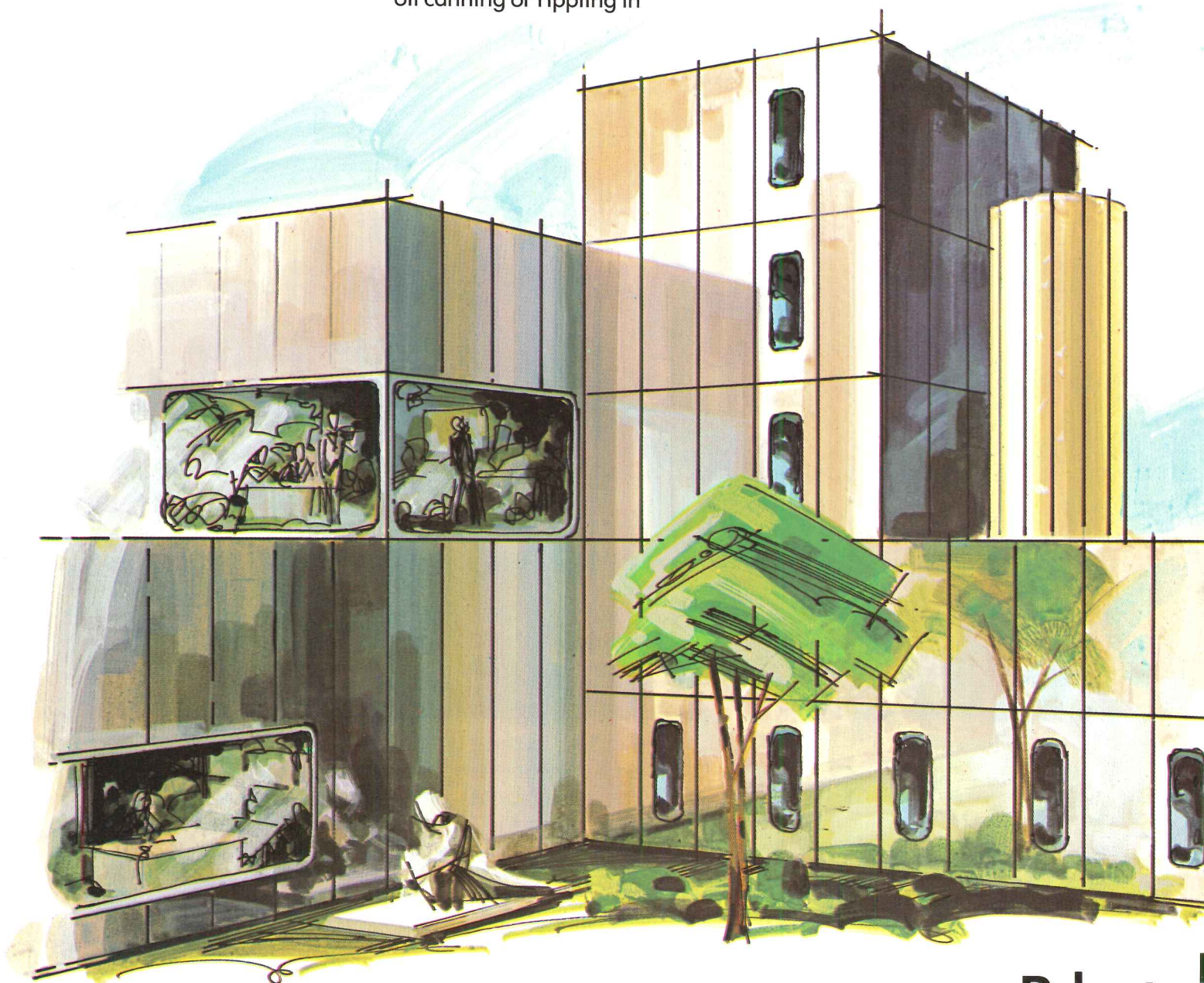
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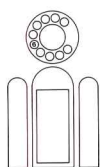
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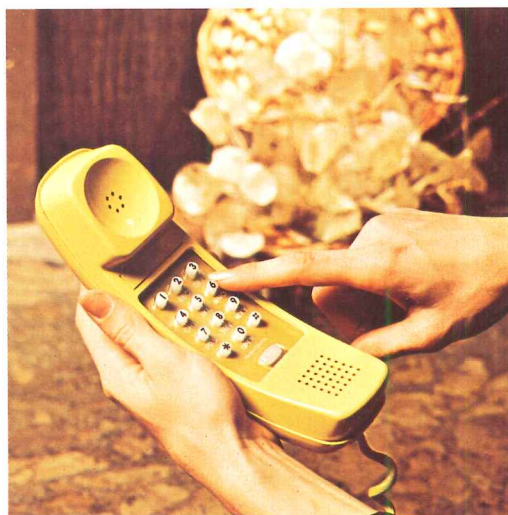


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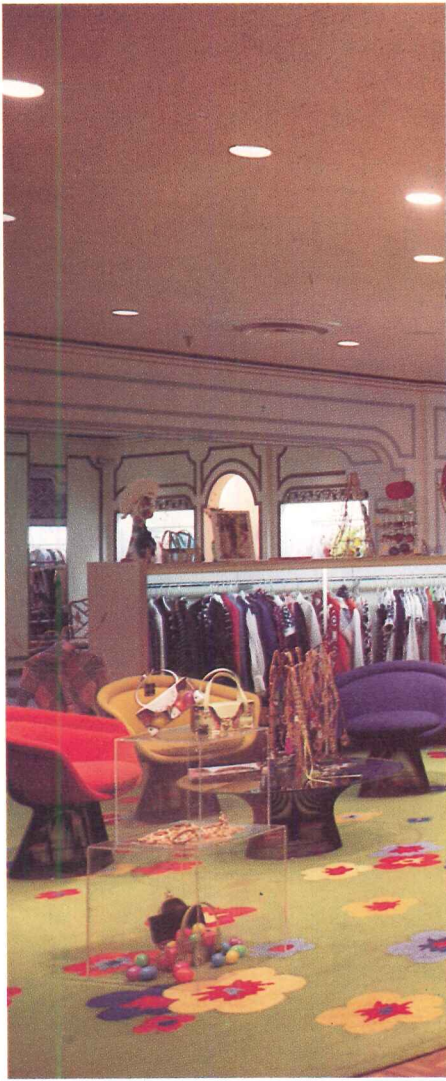
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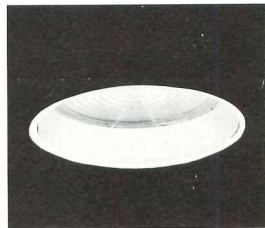
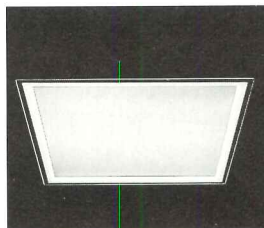
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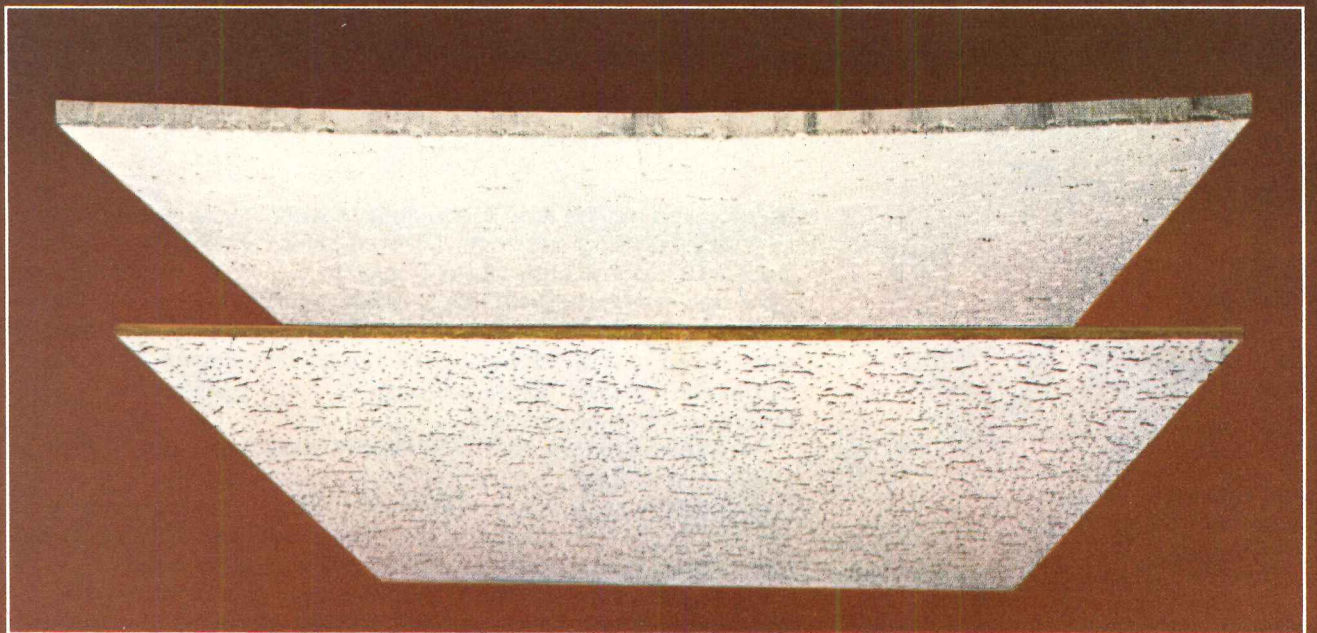
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Year-end figures showed total construction activity in 1976 up 16 per cent from 1975, for a record \$107.2 billion, according to the F.W. Dodge Division of McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company. "Since inflation in construction has subsided over the past year," observed Dodge economist George A. Christie, "the 1976 advance of 16 per cent in total construction contract value meant a solid 10 per cent improvement in 'real' volume." But, he added, "the recovery of construction still has a long way to go." Residential building in 1976 was up 40 per cent from 1975, and nonbuilding construction, largely because of energy projects, was up 12 per cent. Nonresidential building, however, though it showed considerable improvement as the year progressed, was off 5 per cent.

Recent changes in tax law threaten to dampen American enthusiasm for design work abroad by disallowing exemptions for overseas earnings. At the same time, IRS has begun to scrutinize employee benefits. Details on page 41.

DOT will study the services architecture and the other arts can offer in the design of transportation systems. The establishment of this task force was one of the last acts of outgoing Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman, Jr. Details on page 38.

AIA has named sculptors Louise Nevelson and Claes Oldenburg recipients of its 1977 Medal "for artistic achievement related to architecture." Other Medalists named by the Institute include Arthur Drexler, Director of the Department of Architecture and Design at the Museum of Modern Art, and the Federal government's Historic American Buildings Survey, for "significant achievement in recording architectural accomplishments." G. Holmes Perkins, FAIA, former dean of the Graduate School of Fine Arts at the University of Pennsylvania, and Barbara Ward, economist and moving force behind the United Nation's HABITAT, will receive medals in recognition of their "achievements in inspiring and influencing the architectural profession."

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has bought a National Historic Landmark for its headquarters. Architects David N. Yerkes & Associates will adapt the Mellon Apartments in Washington, D.C. Details on page 39.

The National Park Service has designated Philadelphia's PSFS Building a National Historic Landmark. According to the designation, the building, designed by George Howe and William Lescaze, "has not aged nor become old-fashioned. PSFS was a great structure from the time of its first conception because the bank was willing to permit the best and it hired a fine architect who had the opportunity, rare in any architect's career, to do his very best."

The American Academy in Rome has appointed Bill N. Lacy its new president. For the last five years, Mr. Lacy has been director of Architecture and Design for the National Endowment of the Arts, and earlier was Dean of Architecture and Fine Arts at the University of Tennessee and at Rice University.

A major exhibit, "Women in American Architecture," opened February 23 at the Brooklyn Museum. The collection of photographs, drawings and models, which spans more than 200 years of examples, will also be seen at MIT and at Colorado Springs. Details on page 38.

The National Solar Heating and Cooling Information Center has begun operations as a clearinghouse for data on design and equipment for solar-energy collection. The center was established by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Energy Research and Development Administration. Mail requests for information should be sent to Solar Heating, P.O. Box 1607, Rockville, Maryland 20850, and telephone calls may be made to 800/523-2929 (in Pennsylvania, 800/462-4983).

A series of seminars on the management of architectural and consulting engineering firms will be conducted this spring by the Professional Services Management Journal. The title of the day-long seminars include "Motivation and Compensation of Professional Employees," "Marketing to Public Agencies," and "Negotiating with Public Agencies." The series is scheduled for April 13-15 in New Orleans, April 25-27 in Denver and May 2-4 in Newark. Contact: Michael Hough, PSMJ Editor-Publisher, P.O. Box 11316, Newington, Connecticut 06111.

The 1977 Shinkenchi Residential Design Competition has as its theme "Comfort in the Metropolis." Architect Peter Cook is judge of the competition, which will award more than \$3,000 in prizes. For information: Shinkenchi-sha Co., Ltd., Attention: Editorial Section of *The Japan Architect*, 31-2, Yushima 2-chome, Bukyo-kue, Tokyo 113.

The Iranian government has announced an international design competition for the Pahlavi National Library, to be built in Shahestan Pahlavi, the future city center of Tehran. First prize will be \$50,000 and the commission. Second and third prizes are \$25,000 each, and ten additional prizes of \$10,000 each will also be awarded. Registrations are due by April 19. Documents are available for \$70 from Pahlavi National Library Project, Committee for the International Competition, Aryamehr Square, 9 Bisotun Avenue, Tehran.

DOT seeks to integrate architecture and transport

A task force has been established to look for ways of ensuring that better architecture, art and design are incorporated into Federally funded transportation systems.

Within six months, the task force is supposed to develop a plan to guarantee that all public funds allocated to transportation be spent with "due consideration for their design, artistic and cultural impact."

Former Transportation Secretary William T. Coleman, Jr., established the task force before he left office. Department officials expect the new Transportation chief, Brock Adams, to consider the task force's recommendations.

Mr. Coleman's instructions to the task force were to consider the creation of a National Advisory Board of

Design, Art and Architecture in Transportation (NABDAAT). He also wanted the panel to look into ways of financing the architectural enhancement of transportation systems, at the same time pointing out that Federal grants are available to communities for the esthetic environmental enhancement of transportation facilities.

"As a matter of policy," Mr. Coleman said, "we believe that a concern for good design is an integral part of responsible planning for safe, efficient and economical transportation systems." He added, "High-quality design will accomplish the broadest transportation objectives and may generate benefits which far outweigh any additional costs." Therefore, he said, emphasis must be placed on the choice of plans "which embody the finest American architectural, design, and artistic thought."—*William Hickman, World News, Washington.*

White paper calls New Town program "poorly designed"

The Federal New Town program launched by the Democrats in Congress in 1968 was "poorly designed and never given the support it needed" during the eight years of the Nixon and Ford Administrations, in the judgment of a white paper produced by New Communities Administrator James A. Dausch and handed on to incoming Housing Secretary Patricia Roberts Harris.

The 100-page white paper, supported by three appendices, concludes that the New Town program—backed by nearly \$300 million in bond guarantees and another \$144 million in grants and other commitments—was doomed to failure from the start.

The report took several months to prepare and cost \$270,000, including a \$244,826 report from management consultants Booz, Allen & Hamilton titled "An Assessment of Past Problems and Alternatives for Future Actions."

The major flaw, according to the report, was that the program overloaded the projects with monthly bond interest costs that soaked up, for many of the 13 developers, several times the annual cash flow they were able to generate by lot sales to homebuilders. The report recommends that in future states and localities assume the initiative and responsibility for any government-backed New Towns. The Federal role should be limited to that of catalyst and provider of grants, the report suggests.

While the housing depression dealt a severe blow to the New Town projects, Mr. Dausch concluded that "most of the projects . . . would have encountered serious financial difficulties [which] would have occurred in any event." The white paper points out that HUD required "unrealistically low cash equity investments" by developers; that "land speculation, based on a developer's existing landholdings, dictated site selection"; that HUD's staff "accepted unrealistic projections [of] the developers' potential rate" of lot sales; and that "few experi-

enced large-scale developers were willing to undertake" a Federal New Town project.

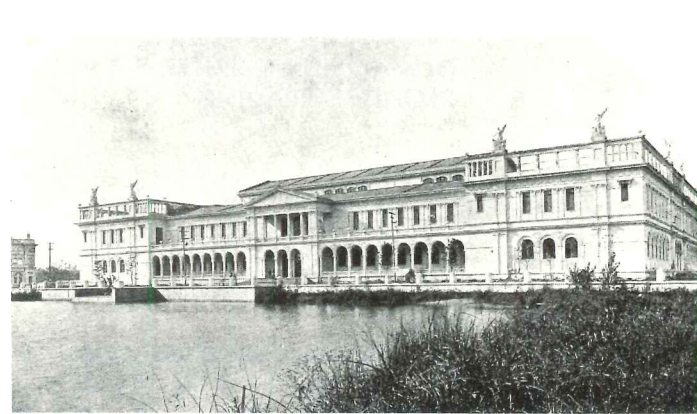
Citing the effects of the heavy debt burden on developers, the white paper gave some illustrations, such as Flower Mound, near Dallas, which paid for 27 per cent of its land when less than one per cent of its projected revenues had been received, and Park Forest South, near Chicago, where land purchases of \$18.9 million "exceeded projected costs by 89 per cent, while the \$4.5 million in sales revenues through 1974 was 58 per cent lower than projected."

According to the report, the HUD staff "accepted the untested hypothesis that a new community was a unique product that would receive an unusually high degree of buyer acceptance"—leading to the uncritical belief that Flower Mound, for example, would capture more of its market than was achieved by successful privately financed new towns like Columbia, Reston and Irvine.

The report says that "most Title VII developers were entrepreneurs in other business, including, e.g., shopping center development and oil and natural gas production, or were local civic and religious leaders. In a few cases, such as Riverton, Park Forest South and Shenandoah, the development entity was owned by an experienced large-scale developer—e.g., Robert Simon (Riverton), who had begun Reston, Nathan Manilow (Park Forest South), and Scott Hudgens (Shenandoah), a major large-scale Georgia builder.

"However, the operational staff of the development entities, like the HUD New Communities staff, was thin or altogether lacking in such experience. Only in St. Charles did the owner and key development staff have team experience in the complexities of large-scale or community-scale development."—*Donald Loomis, World News, Washington.*

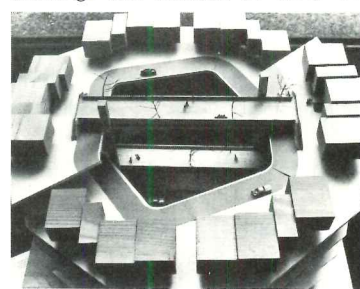
Major exhibition on women in architecture opens at Brook



An idea of the Architectural League of New York and its Archive of Women in Architecture, and two and a half years of research and design by architect Susana Torre has culminated in the exhibit "Women in American Architecture." The show, which opened February 23 at the Brooklyn Museum, was funded by the National Endowment of the Arts and the New York State Council for the Arts, as well as by contributions from a number of corporations and foundations.

In addition to examining the work of academically trained architects, the exhibit will encompass women's other contributions to the built environment as designers and theorists of domestic space, as creators of "spatial symbolism," and as architectural critics.

The exhibition includes about 100 boards, as well as architectural drawings and models. In time, ex-



HEW rejects Congressional rules for architectural barriers

A regulatory package to end "discrimination" against the handicapped and remove architectural barriers that hamper their access to schools, hospitals and other public institutions is bouncing back and forth between Congress and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for want of a signature giving it the force of law.

HEW formulated the regulations, called for by the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, but HEW Secretary David Mathews refused to sign them before leaving office with the rest of the Ford Administration. Indeed, he ignored a Federal court order to sign the regulations and narrowly escaped a contempt citation for that refusal.

Mr. Mathews maintained that more clarification was needed from Congress on such issues as discrimination against drug addicts and alcoholics, and asked Congress for its opinion on these questions.

A spokesman for Mr. Mathews'

amples begin with Lady Debby Moody's 1645 plan for an Anabaptist community at Gravesend, New York, and considerable space is given to the influence of women's magazines on utopian communities on residential architecture.

By far the largest part of the collection, however, focuses on the role of women as professional architects. This section covers a period extending back at least as far as the 1880s, with Louise Bethune opened an office in Buffalo. Among examples shown are Philadelphia Hayden's competition-winning design for the Woman's Building at the Columbian Exposition in 1893 (above), Julia Morgan's St. John's Episcopalian Church, built in Berkeley, California, in 1908, and Anne Truitt's continuing investigations of "metamorphological" ordering of architectural elements (at left). (Full coverage is also given to ARCHITECTURAL RECORD's 1948 series "A Thousand Women in Architecture," a study conducted by editor Elisabeth Keene Thompson.)

The exhibition will remain at the Brooklyn Museum until April 15, after which it will be seen at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Denver Gallery and the Colorado State Fine Arts Center.

successor, Joseph A. Califano, Jr., the new secretary has not had time to study the issue or to determine whether the regulations should be signed.

One of the major provisions of the package calls for the removal of barriers that hamper access by the handicapped to buildings operated by schools, health agencies or any other institutions that receive Federal funds. That regulation, opponents say, would cost affected institutions millions of dollars to renovate or remodel and other barriers.

Secretary Mathews sent the regulations to Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr. (D-N.J.), chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, asking him to clarify whether Congress intended the bill to be as far-reaching as the HEW regulations call for. The regulations will now bounce back to Secretary Califano after Congressional review.—*Michael Mealey, World News, Washington.*

National Trust will recycle National Landmark

National Trust for Historic Preservation, practicing what it preaches, acquired a National Historic Landmark for adaptive re-use as its national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The five-story Beaux Arts building—which was completed in 1917, designed by architect J.H. DeSitter for luxury apartments, with one apartment per floor (see RECORD, April 1977, page 36). Called the Mellon Apartments in a landmark listing—Andrew Mellon held the fifth-floor apartment from 1917 until 1937—it was known originally and is still familiar to many Washingtonians, as the McCormick building for its developer, Stanley McCormick. Other notable residents included Sir Joseph Duveen, Sumner Redstone, Thomas Fortune Ryan, Perle Fine and Robert W. Bliss, a founding member of the National Trust.

Since 1941, the building has been



can Institute of Architects was a tenant during the construction of its headquarters on New York Avenue.)

The Washington architectural firm David N. Yerkes & Associates has been commissioned to adapt the building. According to Nicholas A. Pappas, the partner-in-charge, early plans call for the rehabilitation of family rooms, including the removal of partitions that have been installed higgledy-piggledy over the years, and the repair and replacement of ornament. The firm hopes to use a combination of office landscape with task lighting and uplighting so as to avoid the necessity for partitioning the 14-ft-high rooms or hanging fluorescent fixtures. Kitchens and service areas, which have been extensively remodeled, may be converted to more conventional office space.

The Trust hopes that present tenants will all vacate the building by October 1, and that it will move in around October 1978. Estimated cost of purchase and adapting the space is \$3 million. The trust now seeks funds for what it intends to make a "model" adaptive re-use.

The present headquarters of the Trust are in Decatur House—an early 19th-century building near the White House—although about 65 per cent of its staff is now scattered in four other nearby locations. The Trust will maintain Decatur House, which contains collections of Federalist and Victorian furnishings, as a museum.

Wage-reduction plan for urban rehab catches on in 22 cities

An innovative housing program aimed at rehabilitating inner-city houses and apartments (see RECORD, January 1977, page 36) has now spread out to 22 cities, where workmen's construction unions have shown some willingness to take a cut in wages. Carla Hills approved the plan before she left office as Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. The success of the \$50-million program, involving the rehabbing of 100 housing units, hinges upon whether the building trades unions in 22 of the cities can agree on a less-than-Davis-Bacon wage scale—an essential ingredient in getting the rehabbing done at lower cost, as HUD requires.

The top building trades leaders, headed by AFL-CIO's Robert A. Foy, agreed to the program more than a year ago. They see it as a breakthrough that will produce new jobs for unemployed building trades workers, as well as badly needed inner-city housing. The program would be financed under the Section 8 subsidy program. Each city that submitted a successful application for this demonstration program would receive an additional allotment of Section 8 units as a bonus.

The 22 cities whose applications were approved by HUD, and the number of housing units approved for each, include:

- In Massachusetts—Boston, 1,150; Lowell, 200; Newburyport, 100; Lawrence, 100; Brockton, 140; Waltham, 150.
- In New York—Yonkers, 200; Westchester County, 250; New York City, 2,500.
- In New Jersey—Newark, 400; Hoboken, 200; Jersey City, 300.
- In Ohio—Cleveland, 354; Cincinnati, 500.
- In California—Oakland, 500; Los Angeles, 1,000; Eureka, 180.
- In Missouri—St. Louis, 400; Kansas City, 250.
- Elsewhere—Omaha, 200; Philadelphia, 450; Atlanta, 920.

Final approval of these applications is contingent upon the mayors' submitting employer-union wage agreements that generally must fall about 25 per cent below the so-called "prevailing wage" levels required up to now by the Davis-Bacon law on all federally financed construction in a given city.

Those cities that fail to come up with such a wage agreement will lose their approvals, and the money will be allocated to other cities—either to already approved cities that meet HUD's requirements, or to cities on a back-up list that includes such places as Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Rochester, Washington, D.C. and Dade County, Florida.—Donald Loomis, *World News, Washington*.

LA studies ways to increase seismic safety of old buildings

The Los Angeles City Council has softened its approach and voted to emphasize rehabilitation in dealing with an estimated 14,000 unreinforced masonry structures that are considered potential earthquake hazards.

In approving a new seismic safety program, the Council disregarded a proposed ordinance that would have required the owner of a structure determined unsafe (except single-family residences) to post a warning sign of earthquake hazard until the building was brought up to code, or demolished. The deadline for such posting or demolition would have been January 1, 1987.

Instead, the new Council plan calls for unreinforced buildings to be identified and cataloged, a special study made to develop an ordinance detailing how they can be improved to meet minimum safety standards, and preparation of an environmental impact report.

The city also will seek financial assistance from the Federal government, along the lines of rehabilitating buildings prior to a disaster rather than after the fact. And it will sponsor legislation to provide long-term, low-interest loans for repairs.

The 14,000 structures—mostly in the central downtown area—were built before 1933, when the Long Beach earthquake occurred. After the quake, new seismic codes were devel-

oped to increase structural safety.

Among the 14,000 structures are about 300 public-assembly buildings, including restaurants, theaters and churches, as well as commercial structures and residences. While no dollar figure is available for bringing the buildings up to code, the city's Department of Building and Safety estimates it would run about 80 per cent of what new ones would cost.

For years, organizations such as the Southern California Structural Engineers Association, the Southern California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Los Angeles Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute have called for legislation that would require rehabilitation or demolition of the pre-1933 buildings which do not meet modern lateral force requirements.

According to Councilman David Cunningham, chairman of the Council's Building and Safety Committee, which recommended the new approach, the committee fully recognizes the magnitude of the problem that could result from collapse of 14,000 structures. However, Cunningham said, it believes a balance should be maintained between concern for public safety and the economic survival of a segment of the public.—Barbara Lamb, *World News, Los Angeles*.

William L. Pereira Associates, Architects; Stephanie Maze photo, San Francisco Chronicle



Assault on Transamerica peak fails on lower slopes

On January 30, alpinists Edwin Drummond and Jeff Long made the first recorded attempt on the north face of San Francisco's Transamerica Pyramid. The ascent failed at the seventh floor, where the fire department turned the climbers back at the end of a six-hour effort. Although a window was removed to allow the mountaineers to enter the building and return by elevator, they rejected this rescue and made their descent conventionally.

Interviewed later by television newsmen, the climbers said they had been moved to the attempt by the technical difficulties presented by the

slope—as challenging as some of the better known faces at Yosemite—and by its unusual urban setting. The climb was intended as an exploratory effort toward a more ambitious assault by Drummond, Long and Mrs. Drummond: a two-day ascent of the tower during which the three would converse with office workers.

Though permission for the climb had not been granted, neither Transamerica nor the authorities plan to press charges; fire officials remarked that the climbers were clearly expert.

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Design industry asks easing taxes on foreign earnings

Design work, mainly in the Middle East, which held promise as a lifeline for some architects to take up the slack in their business slumps, may not be the panacea for the profession after the tax law changes last year. The reason: tax law changes last year are effectively undercutting the competitive chances of architects from Europe and Japan.

There is hope that Congress will ease the damage with a new law this year. If it does not, American firms will increasingly find that they cannot meet the price for design work set by less-emburdened overseas operators from other countries.

The tax law change in question will take back much of a tax exemption enjoyed by Americans employed abroad. The law increases the amount of repatriate income that is subject to U.S. taxes, and employers find that they must make up the difference in home pay—a substantial amount that must be counted as overhead.

To make matters worse, Congress has made the change retroactive and has socked many individuals with unexpected tax bills. At the same time, the Internal Revenue Service started getting cranky about some of its regulations, too. Specifically, IRS started going further into employee "benefit packages." It seems likely that IRS will consider the costs of home-leave allowances, educational allowances, shelter allowances, and health care as income subject to taxation. A number of court cases are pending.

Organizations of construction designers and contractors are working hard to convince Congress that the law should be changed and IRS should let them remind the lawmakers that construction benefits in many ways from American working on construction projects abroad. American designers can lead to American contractors, American materials and American employment, they argue.

This message may be getting through. Sens. Abraham A. Ribicoff (Conn.) and Robert P. Griffin (R-Ill.) have instructed their staffs to work with construction industry trade groups with an eye toward introducing legislation to return the law to its old language.—William Hickman, *World News, Washington*.

Georgia AIA loses challenge to state registration laws

The Georgia Supreme Court has rejected the contention of the state chapter of the American Institute of Architects that the design and supervision of the construction of a fire station by a registered engineer employed by Gwinnett County constituted unlawful practice of architecture.

Although the judges concurred that engineers "may not freely practice architecture," they also agreed that the Georgia code, which defines "engineer" and "architect" in broad terms,

needs to be more definitive. The judges felt, however, that such definition must come from the Legislature, where the AIA now will seek redress.

The question arose last summer when Gwinnett County began the construction of its 11,000-sq-ft fire station headquarters. The AIA filed for a permanent injunction against the county because it claimed the drawings for the \$189,000 structure did not have the stamped approval of a registered architect or engineer. After the drawings were stamped, the AIA questioned the registration laws. John A. Busby, Jr., of the architectural firm, Jova Daniels Busby, and president-elect of the Georgia chapter, AIA, says, "It's a test case. The broad interpretation of the registration law now in Georgia does permit architects and engineers to similar practices. . . ."

Gwinnett County Fire Chief Ray Mattison explains that in designing the county's fire stations, he and other fire department officials customarily draw a rough sketch of the proposed building, present it to a fire prevention inspector (also a draftsman) who polishes it, and hand it over to the county engineer, M.J. Seeley. Mr. Seeley, a registered engineer in Georgia, redraws the plans, writes specifications and supervises construction. County officials estimate that this practice has saved the taxpayers about \$50,000 on the fire station headquarters because persons already on the payroll helped design the building.

The Georgia AIA, according to a spokesman, "has run its course in the courts" and now plans to present a bill to the Georgia Legislature next year. It hopes to have the approval and support of engineers, architects and registration boards in the state.—Brenda Lloyd, *World News, Atlanta*.

NCIC lifts ban on labor issues to lobby against situs pickets

Construction's "single voice" group—the National Construction Industry Council—now has the authority of its members to take positions on labor legislation issues.

Heretofore, the Council banned deliberation on labor issues in the interest of preserving solidarity—both union and non-union contractor groups participate in NCIC affairs. The ban was lifted, however, because all members oppose common-situs picketing legislation that is being pushed in Congress by organized labor.

Immediately after repealing the ban, the Council voted unanimously to go on record as opposing situs legislation, and authorized its legislative committee to contact lawmakers to urge defeat of any situs-picketing bill.

Under the Council's new rules, a specific labor issue must have the concurrence of 90 per cent of the Council members present and voting before a position can be considered. Positions on non-labor legislative issues can be taken with 75 per cent concurrence.—William Hickman, *World News, Washington*.

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Nigeria's Court of Appeals will have six regional centers

The present government of Nigeria, a military regime led by Lt. Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, has promised to return the country to civilian rule by 1979 and has drafted a new constitution to this end. A major aspect of the constitution is the establishment of a Federal judicial system, of which the most important part is the introduction of machinery for judicial appeals.

At present, Nigerian law, which is modeled on English law, is administered by local civil and criminal courts from whose judgments there is no appeal. The government has named Dan Ihekwe, a former Attorney General, president of the new system of Federal Courts of Appeal, and has also appointed 12 appellate judges.

At the same time, architects P.I. Nwamu Associates, a firm practicing in both Nigeria and the United States, and Litchfield Grosfeld Associates of New York City have been commissioned to develop designs for a network of six regional appellate court centers.

Although the buildings will vary slightly in exterior appearance and ornament—the northern districts of the country are strongly influenced by Moslem culture—they will otherwise be virtually identical (see above), each containing about 33,000 sq ft of air-conditioned space.

The structural system will be poured-in-place concrete, with a barrel-vault roof for large open spans in the court rooms and public areas. Exterior walls, in contrast to the exposed concrete superstructure, will be white marble. Large expanses of glass wall will be set well back of the building line to provide shade and a reduction in air conditioning load. Buildings will face en-

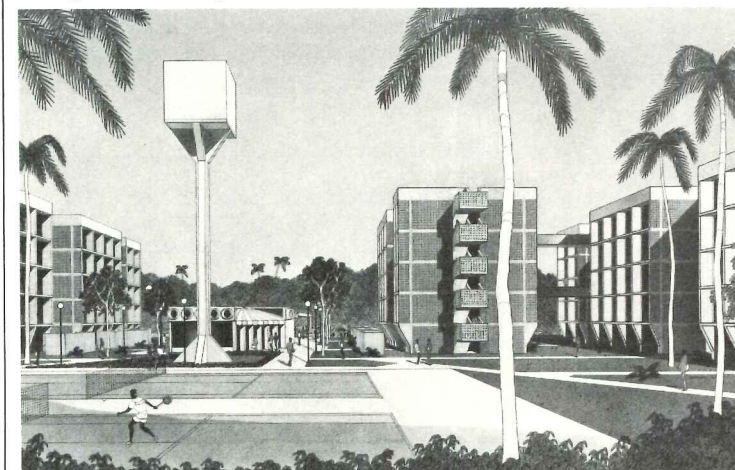
trance courtyards, with fountains and formal landscaping.

Because appellate courts are a new building type in Nigeria, the designers have emphasized interior flexibility, with such devices as demountable partitions, so that the plan can be adapted as the users better understand their space requirements.

In another area of legal administration, the government has moved to improve the conditions of legal training by providing housing at the Nigerian Law School in Lagos. Because there is no undergraduate law school in the country, Nigerian attorneys take their law degrees abroad—mostly in Great Britain—and return to Lagos for a year's study of Nigerian law before being admitted to the bar.

There is at present no student housing on campus, and N.B. Graham-Douglas, Chairman of the Council of Legal Education, has commissioned P.I. Nwamu and Litchfield Grosfeld to design a group of six hostels (see below). The buildings will contain 432 single rooms arranged in pairs to share a common bathroom.

The buildings will be oriented to catch the prevailing winds from the adjacent bay. Each room will be cross-ventilated, and will face the bay through louvered window walls shaded by brise-soleil. Four two-story lounges are located strategically at building ends, and the six hostels are connected by bridges to allow sheltered passage between units. The complex will also include a centralized Student Union building. The concrete structure will be enclosed by concrete block and brightly colored local ceramic tile.



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Today, the Rev. Robert Schuller of Garden Grove, California, conducts five services for his congregation seated in the 1960s City Church and parked in a drive-in sanctuary; one service is broadcast on television as "The Power." Because the church has 8,000 members in Garden Grove, while its build-

ing seats only 1,700, Mr. Schuller has commissioned Johnson/Burgee Architects to design a new cathedral. The faceted building—the star-shaped plan has eight sides, each set at a different angle, and the roof has three different slopes—will be supported by a steel-pipe space truss. The entire building envelope, including the roof,

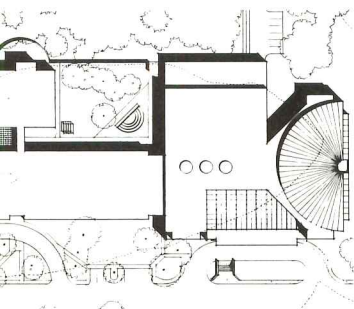
will be glass. The sanctuary, with 25,000-30,000 sq ft, will accommodate 4,000 worshippers on the ground floor and on concrete balconies. The plan provides a parking area at the back of the church for the drive-in congregation. Near the pulpit, a door will allow Mr. Schuller access to a balcony overlooking the parking area.



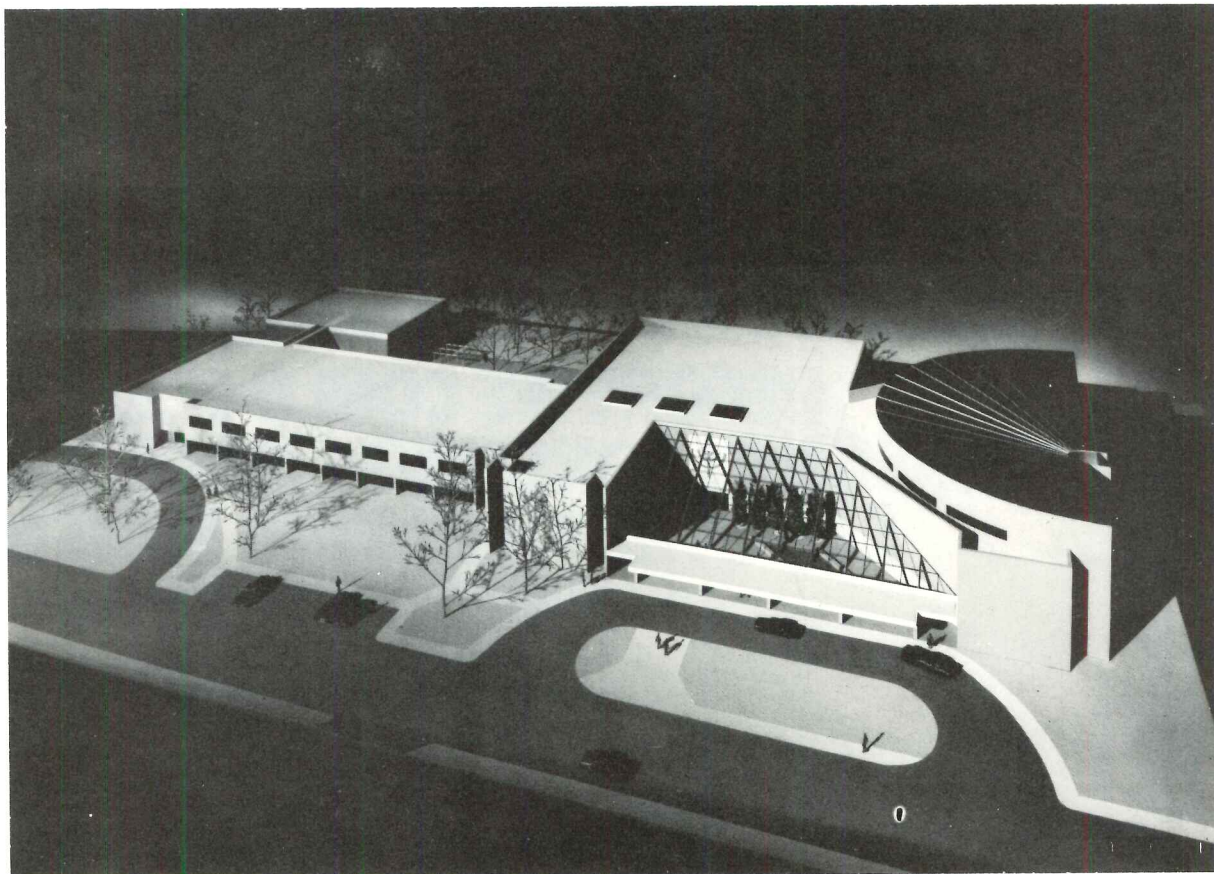
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Gassner/Nathan site a synagogue along a wooded ridge near Memphis



Members of Temple Israel in Memphis will enter their new synagogue via a glass-covered walkway and a skylit gallery. In addition to the 1,336-seat semi-circular sanctuary, the temple's facilities include a 250-seat multipurpose social hall, museum, library, offices and classrooms. Behind the main building, a patio shelters the synagogue's amphitheater. Architects Gassner/Nathan & Partners sited the structure along a wooded ridge on the 30-acre site to preserve as much as possible of the existing contours and an impressive stand of oaks, hickories, magnolias and magnolias. Architectural firm Goodman served as the consulting architect.



The gap between knowledge and documentation had to be closed.

And building designers and others had to be provided with a way to easily use the new proof.

Not easy tasks. But critical ones in an era when the energy performance of buildings is a matter of the highest priority.

For thousands of years people have *known* that buildings with masonry walls were more easily kept warm in winter and remained cooler in the summer. The reason was obvious: masonry walls both stored and slowed down the passage of heat, making interior climates more stable. A simple, observable fact. But no longer sufficient.

Designers and owners needed to know *how much better* masonry conserved energy than did competitive materials and systems. And they needed a simple way to calculate the differential.

Only then could masonry's superior thermal performance be reliably taken into account in meeting energy conservation goals and requirements. Only then could heating-cooling equipment be more accurately sized to save money on both initial and operating costs.

Disdaining "claims" without documentation, the masonry industry began a broad research project to quantify the relationship of the mass or weight of masonry walls to the transmission of energy. The masonry industry engaged a highly qualified firm of consulting engineers (Hankins & Anderson, Inc.) to conduct the study. Ten different walls ranging in weight or mass from four pounds (19.5kg/m^2) to 116 pounds (567.5kg/m^2) per square foot were specified for analysis in 10 widely varying climatic conditions. And in eight solar orientations.

Researchers used a special computer program built around the "response factor" method adopted by the National Bureau of Standards Load Program along with other computer programs. They analyzed U.S. Weather

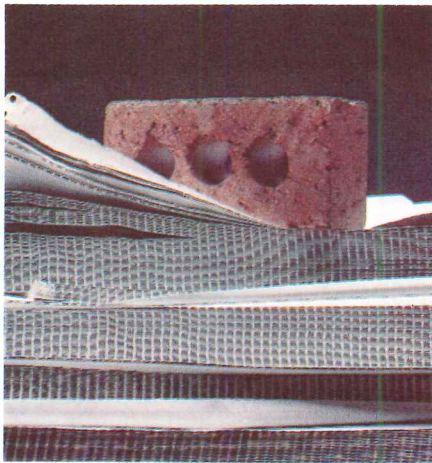
Bureau data and considered the effects of many variables, including the weight of walls, on thermal performance.

Results of the computer analysis showed:

- Traditional "U" value measurements of the thermal performance of walls are inadequate. They are based on the incorrect assumption that energy transmission occurs in a "steady state". Contrarily, the process is dynamic and varies greatly in relation to many factors, one being the weight of walls.
- Steady-state "U" value measurements therefore may often result in the oversizing of heating equipment for buildings with masonry walls (and the undersizing of such equipment for buildings with lightweight walls).
- The difference between steady-state and dynamic measurements can be accounted for by the use of a *correction factor*—the "M" factor—in making heat gain and loss calculations.

The consulting engineers' report and data consisted of 460,800 numbers on 1,200 pages of computer print-out. Important as this proof of the superior thermal performance of masonry walls was, it was not enough.

The task of developing a tool for the easy use of the findings remained. Masonry industry engineers began



studying and correlating the data to provide a simple *correction factor* for dynamic analysis.

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The graph shows that in all cases, masonry walls perform better than lighter weight walls with the same "U" value rating. The heavier the wall, the greater the differential.

Results of the masonry industry study and the "M" factor graph have been submitted to the Conference of American Building Officials (CABO). And CABO has agreed that the effect of mass should be considered in making heat gain/loss calculations.

The "M" factor study findings are contained in a new Masonry Industry Committee publication, *Mass, Masonry, Energy*. With the findings are graphs and charts, and an explanation of how to use them. An all-in-one booklet—everything you need to know in order to take advantage of the superior thermal performance of masonry walls.

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25th anniversary of its honor awards program, the Seattle Chapter, AIA, commends 11 buildings

Seattle Chapter, American Institute of Architects, named 11 buildings in its 1976 Honor Awards Program. For the first time the chapter extended the program to include groups of buildings forming single compounds such as non-buildings and plazas. Winners of the 1976 Honor Awards were: Business Space Design, architecture law offices for Reed

McClure Mocerri & Thomm, Seattle; (2) Olson/Walker Associates, architects—Maynard Building restoration, Seattle; (3) John Graham & Co., Fred Bassett & Co., architects—Federal Office Building, Seattle; and (4) The Richardson Associates, architects—Metro Transit passenger shelters, Seattle. Merit Awards went to: (5) John Graham & Co., and Linn A. Forrest,

AIA (of Juneau), architects—State Office Building, Juneau; (6) R. James Dersham, AIA, architect—Third & Battery Building, adaptive re-use, Seattle; (7) Kirk, Wallace, McKinley, AIA & Associates, architects—Alaska Airlines Headquarters, Seattle; and (8) The Mithun Associates, architects—Towerhouse recreation building for the Meadows, Redmond, Washington. In addition,

Citations went to Jean W. Fraley/Associates for Bloch's Restaurant in Seattle, to Wright Gildow Hartman & Teegarden for Pacific Northwest Bell communications building in Spokane, and to Hobbs/Fukui Associates for the Hobbs residence in Seattle. The chapter gave special commendation to the city's Department of Community Development for its "Bhy Kracke

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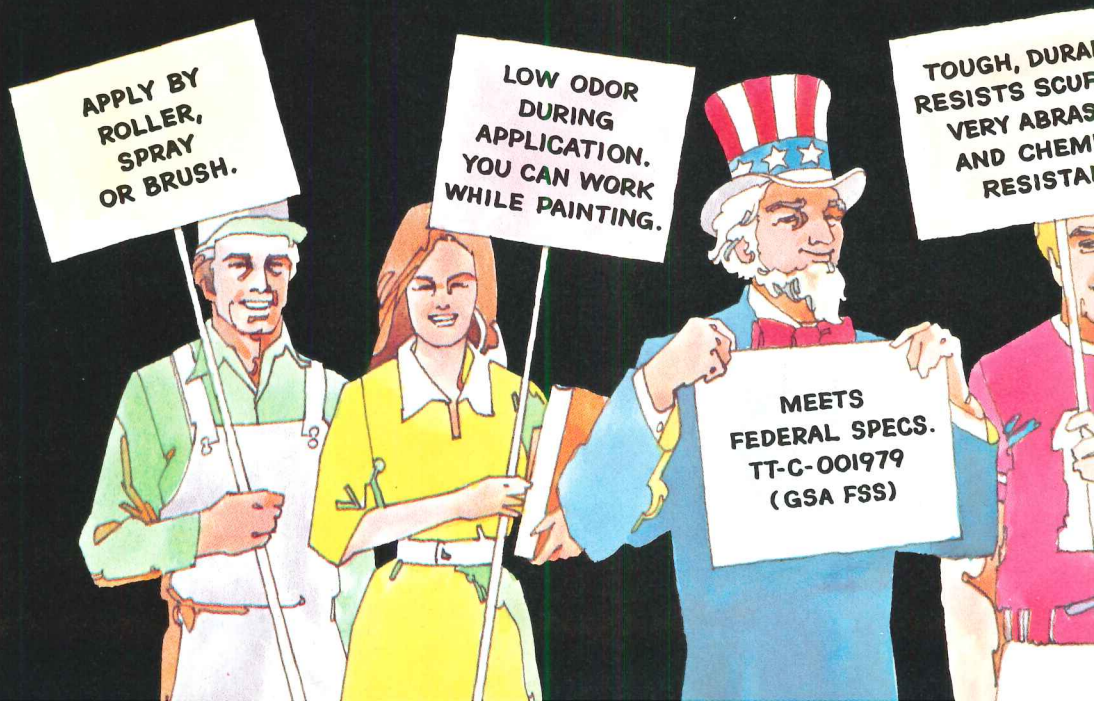
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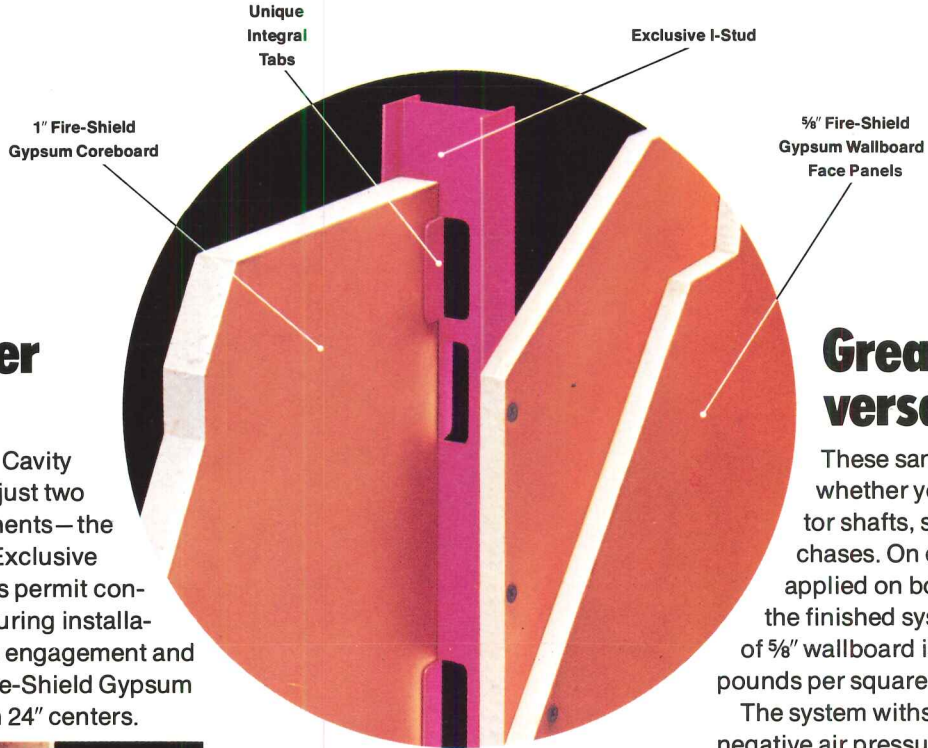
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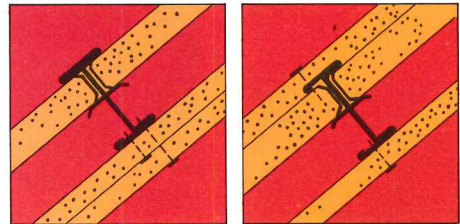
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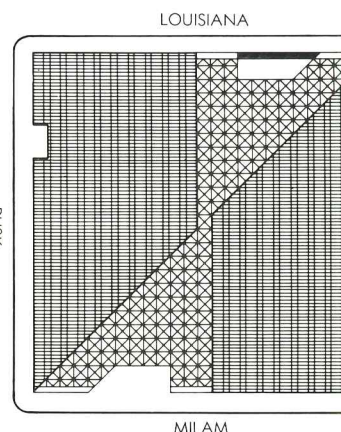
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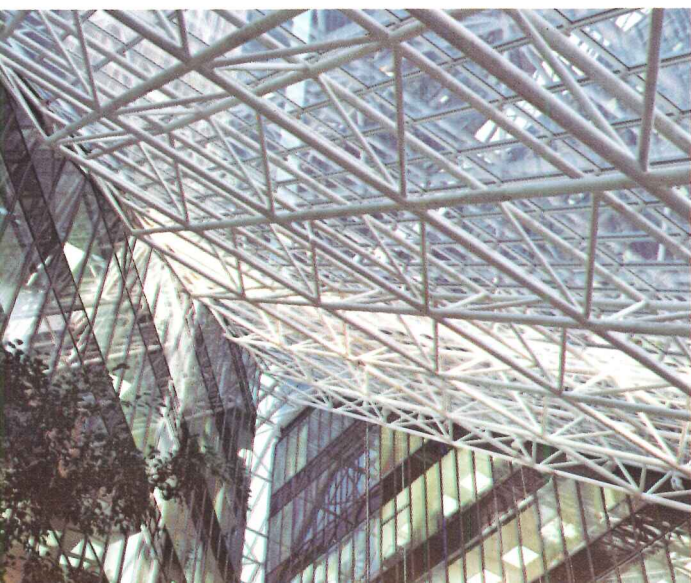
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In spite of the controversy, A201 basically reaffirms traditional practices

by Arthur T. Kornblut, Esq.

Over the past 89 of its 120-year history, The American Institute of Architects has been intimately involved in the publication of standard contract documents for architects and others in the construction process. The structural spine of this documents program is the most widely used standard contract in the construction industry—the AIA General Conditions of the Contract for Construction (commonly known as document A201). The importance of this single document is attested to by the hundreds of thousands of copies distributed annually by AIA. In late 1976, AIA issued the 13th edition of its General Conditions. The new version contains numerous revisions and changes developed during the six-year interval since publication of its predecessor. While there are relatively few major differences of substance between the 12th and 13th editions, a step-by-step review reveals that the new document contains numerous technical amendments that better organize and clarify the relationships, rights, responsibilities and duties of the parties involved in construction projects. This is the first of two articles on the major modifications made to the A201 document.

In the penultimate draft of the 13th edition of A201 appeared during the summer months of 1976, AIA and CSI chapters around the country and numerous construction industry organizations became forums for discussing the merits of the proposed changes to a document that has served the construction industry well for many years. Having participated in a number of these meetings, as well as having read a steady stream of reviews and analyses of the new version of A201, it is safe to say that the new A201 is improved, the more controversy seems to generate. As with the fundamental laws of physics, every action (resulting in a change, however minor) has its own reaction: numerous provisions found in the 13th edition have been singled out by various commentators as evidence of "major changes" in the architect's role. Ironically, most of these are exactly the same provisions, word for word, as can be found in earlier editions.

In other instances, minor clarifications intended to better delineate responsibilities and procedures considered by the drafters to be standard construction industry practice have been taken out of context and interpreted as further indicators of significant change. And, most notably, the relatively few major modifications made to A201 have been practically ignored.

Although space limitations preclude a paragraph-by-paragraph review of all changes appearing in the new edition of A201, the following will highlight some of the more important passages. (A detailed, side-by-side comparison of the 12th and 13th editions showing all changes is available from the Documents Department of AIA. All numerical references are to provisions in the 1976 edition of A201.)

On the definition of contract documents . . .

In Article 1, a technical change was made to Subp. 1.1.1 containing the definition of the contract documents. Previously, only those items that were contract documents by definition were enumerated. Now, certain items such as the bidding documents are specifically excluded from the definition of the contract documents. This approach should eliminate confusion about the status of all documents so listed. Documents not listed as either being included or excluded from the Contract Documents are covered by the catch-all phrase "or any other documents" appended to the list of *excluded* documents. Therefore, any item—such as the shop drawings—not designated a contract document is not, by definition, to be considered a Contract Document.

Para. 1.3, which relates to the architect's ownership of the documents, has been improved considerably. Language has been added to protect the architect's common law copyright in the documents he prepares when they must be submitted to regulatory authorities in the course of securing approvals for the project. The case law had been divided on this particular issue, and the inclusion of this new contract language will be helpful in preventing unauthorized use of the documents.

On the architect's role during construction . . .

In Article 2 relating to the architect's role during the construction phase, a minor semantic change was made in Subp. 2.2.3. Rather than being required to make "periodic" visits to the site as before, the architect now must make visits "at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction." The impetus for this change was nothing more than a recognition that the common dictionary definition of "periodic" could be interpreted to mean visits at regularly recur-

ring intervals. In accordance with normal practice, most architects visit the site whenever they feel it is necessary, in their professional judgment, to perform their required duties, rather than on some arbitrarily set schedule as would be imposed by a literal interpretation of "periodic." Thus, this change simply brings the written contract into conformance with customary practice and does not lessen in any way the architect's responsibility.

Subp. 2.2.4 has been singled out by some as an abrogation of the architect's responsibility because it states that he is not responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, and so forth. In line with the philosophy that the architect designs and the contractor builds, this provision, which has appeared in almost identical form in numerous prior editions, merely sets forth a contractual recognition by the owner and contractor that the architect is not responsible for the contractor's functions.

Subp. 2.2.12 relates to the architect's duty to render a decision when claims or disputes are submitted to him by either the owner or the contractor. This provision has been modified as a result of a couple of recent court decisions to make it clear that any decision by the architect must be in writing, and it must state that it is final but subject to appeal and that arbitration must be demanded within 30 days. Unless the architect conforms to these requirements, the owner or contractor may not be barred from demanding arbitration more than 30 days after the architect renders his decision.

On the owner's obligations . . .

Article 3 relating to the owner contains two major changes—one beneficial and one highly dubious. The questionable change appears in Subp. 3.2.1, a brand new provision that requires the owner to give the contractor "reasonable evidence" of his financial arrangements for the project. Failure by the owner to provide this evidence will excuse the contractor from entering into the contract. While it may seem reasonable for contractors to want financial assurances, there is considerable doubt about the willingness of owners to voluntarily proffer this information as a condition of the contract. This new provision has not

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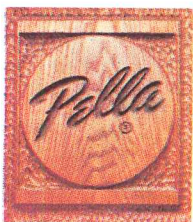
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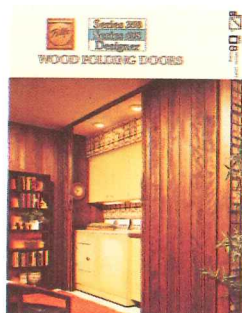
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drafted as a condition precedent, so there is some problem in enforcing it as part of a contract that will not have been executed by both parties at the time the contractor makes a demand and has the right to refuse to sign the contract. However, assuming that Subp. 3.3.1 is construed to be a valid condition precedent to the contract, and the owner voluntarily provides financial information, it would enable the contractor whose bid is accepted to avoid getting into the contract by claiming that the owner's financial evidence is unreasonable. The trouble is, this could occur not only when the evidence is in fact unreasonable, but when the low bidder leaves too much money on the table, or when more lucrative bids come up elsewhere, or for a myriad of reasons valid or otherwise. As a minimum, the contractor will have an argument on his hands. If a court or arbitrator orders the contractor to sign the contract, the project will be coming on a bad note.

Contractors' representatives argue that Subp. 3.3.1 is necessary and fair in light of the contractor's financial investment and economic exposure in the project prior to being awarded the contract. To that, an appropriate response can be found elsewhere in A201—in those provisions that intend the contractor to be paid, less retainages, on a monthly basis for work performed or procured each month. If a contractor has doubts about an owner's ability to meet his monthly payments, some type of an escrow account could be established. The owner, assuming he is willing to go along with this (if not, he certainly would not reveal his entire financial picture), can pay in advance into the account on the basis of the contractor's estimated cost for payment each month, with monthly disbursements based on actual work done. In this way, the contractor's financial exposure can be protected without requiring the contractor to reveal his financial arrangements or providing a way for the contractor to renege on the contract for reasons allegedly based on inadequate finances. In light of these essential problems, it is suggested that architects bring this new provision to the attention of the owner and request specific instructions from him or his attorney about retaining it in the proposed construction contract.

In Subp. 3.3.1, an important change was made to clarify the owner's right to stop the work based on non-performance by the contractor. This right of the owner is separate and distinct from the architect's right to reject work that does not conform to the contract requirements (found in Subp. 2.2.13). In 1970, A201 was changed to delete the provision that gave the architect the right to "stop" work. The document retained the "right to reject work" terminology so that the architect, within the scope of his contract, could properly protect the owner's interests during the construction process. The reason for this was the propensity of certain courts to interpret the architect's contractual right to stop work as creating a duty to detect safety hazards and stop work be-

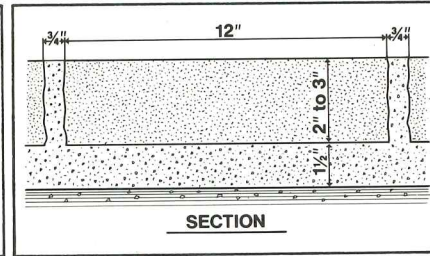
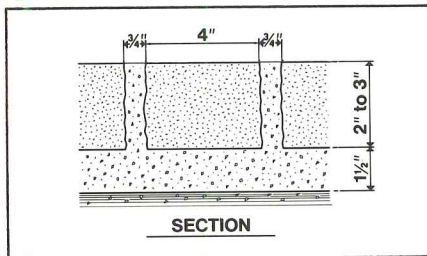
fore someone was injured—despite the explicit contract language making the contractor liable for safety at the site. In addition to the liability problem, there was an obvious practical problem. Neither the owner nor the contractor—the two parties to the contract—normally wanted the architect to stop the work unilaterally, because of the economic detriment it could cause them. The wisdom of this change already has been borne out in recent cases absolving architects from liability for construction workers' injuries because the design professional had no contractual right to stop the work.

The new language in Subp. 3.3.1 makes it clear that the owner himself must personally sign the order, or must give specific written power to an agent to do so, in order to take the drastic step of stopping the work. Again, this provision further clarifies an important change made six years ago so that the proper roles of the owner and architect will be clearly understood. In no way, however, is the architect's power diminished to reject work that does not conform to the drawings and specifications.

Next month, the second part of this two-part article will discuss changes in the remaining 11 articles of A201.

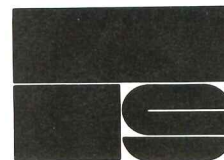
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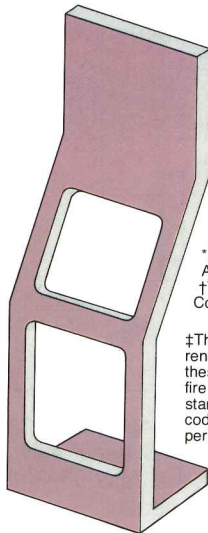
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Planning your personal financial strategy

Mark Pollard

In interviewing a number of architects around the country, the author learned—not unexpectedly—that their paramount personal financial concern is to become more financially independent. In addition, younger architects often cannot initially afford to take the risks associated with investing in common stocks. This article—the first of two on personal investment—is one investment counselor's opinion of how a hypothetical architect* could begin amassing the capital required to take the bigger step into sophisticated investment programs. The strategy: a combination of conservative investments that will allow capital growth at a greater rate—with a minimum of risks—than if the architect had all of his discretionary income in a savings account. Next month, we will examine the investment programs available to the senior architect who has accumulated capital and is saving on a regular basis.

Andy Cooper (our hypothetical subject) is a 35-year-old architect who is married and has two children. Like most architects, Andy's primary concern is to become more financially independent. In this regard, he is certain about two things: 1) he wants to add to his current net worth, and 2) he wants to maximize the return on the \$15,000 he recently inherited.

First, let's look at his current situation. In 1975 Andy and Linda earned \$31,000. The majority of their income, \$26,000, comes from Andy's position with an eight-person firm, where he has a small interest (3 per cent). Linda earns \$5,000 per year.

The Coopers don't know why, but despite their substantial income, they cannot seem "to get ahead." Fortunately, they are able to meet their current fixed obligations, including mortgage payments, automobile payments as well as a small life insurance policy of \$35,000. However, after the Cooper's pay their current expenses, what they think of as "savings" (the remaining discretionary income of \$100-150 a month) does not go into a savings account.

First, open a savings account or a retirement account

The first problem for Andy and Linda to solve is their inability to save money on a regular basis. The solution to their problem is to learn the discipline of an organized investment program. By organized, I mean the saving of a fixed sum on a monthly basis. Should Andy and Linda begin saving \$100 per month in a savings account at a 5¼ per cent interest rate compounded daily, they will have put aside \$231.50 in the first year alone, and will have \$2,881 at the end of 10 years. Table I shows the amounts they are able to save over a period of 10 and 20 years.

An extension of the savings principle is an

TABLE I

Monthly Savings	Savings Compounded Daily at 5¼ %	
	10 years	20 years
	\$ 50.00	\$ 7,940.00
100.00	15,881.00	42,926.00
125.00	19,852.00	53,657.00

TABLE II

	Interest Rate	1976	1988	1998
		Age 38	Age 50	Age 60
Savings certificate	6¼%	\$ 5,000	\$10,000	\$18,976
AA corporate bond (5-year maturity)	7.0%	5,000	11,261	22,152
AA corporate bond (10-year maturity)	8.2%	5,000	12,873	28,311
Totals:		\$15,000	\$37,629	\$69,439

Individual Retirement Account (IRA) for both Andy and Linda. Fortunately, Linda has an IRA account in her local savings and loan where she initially deposited \$500 at the end of 1976. Since a contribution of up to 15 per cent of your earned income (to a maximum of \$1,500) is allowed in an IRA, Linda could have contributed \$750 to her program. One of the major advantages of an IRA is that the taxes on any earnings or gains accumulated through the IRA are deferred until your retirement, when you will probably be in a lower tax bracket.

A division of capital investment can yield well without risks

The other conservative discipline required in successful asset management is to maximize your investment return within the guidelines of the risks you are willing to assume. In Mr. Cooper's case, the most important objective is to preserve his \$15,000 in capital and earn a

better rate of return than is currently available in his savings account. Andy agrees he doesn't want to get rich quick or take the risks associated with investments in commodities, options or real estate. Due to the limited amount of capital, I suggest that he defer buying common stocks until his investable capital is about \$25,000.

To meet the objectives of preservation of capital and maximization of yield, I recommend that Andy divide his commitments into thirds. Using this approach he can invest one-third of his capital (\$5,000) in savings certificates at his local savings and loan. The certificates are purchased in \$1,000 denominations and would best be bought with staggering maturities from six months to 2½ years. In this way Andy will always have \$1,000 available for re-investment and/or, if required, to meet a family emergency. At current rates Andy will earn an average of approximately 6¼ per cent or \$317.50 annual income. Table II shows the effect of compounding Andy's investment returns for 12 years and 22 years.

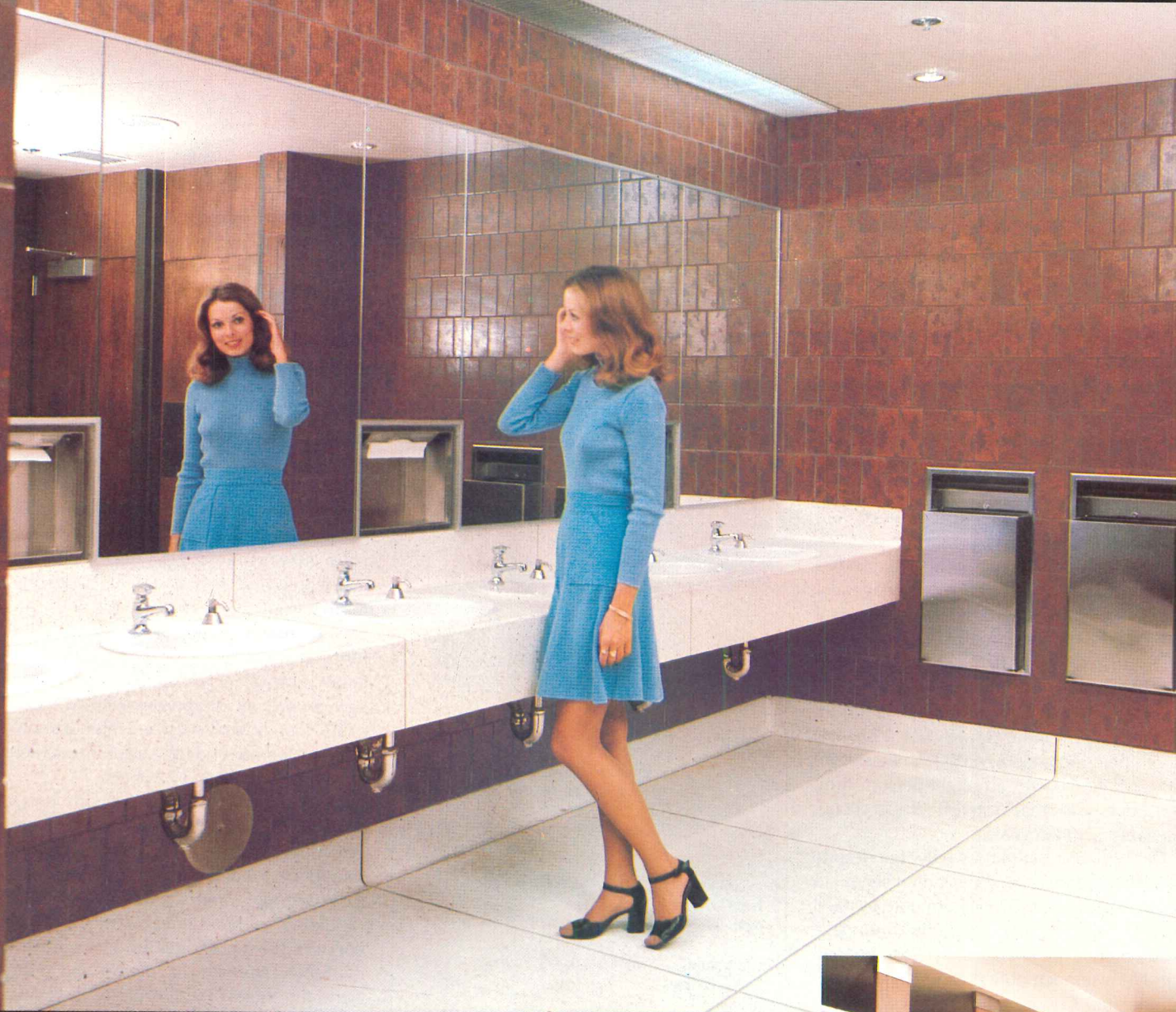
Another third of Mr. Cooper's investable assets or \$5,000 should be invested in a five-year quality corporate bond. This investment should be guided by the major rating services—Moody's and Standard & Poor's—and should not carry a rating below AA. These are bonds of the highest quality and will allow for the timely payment of interest and principal. Currently these intermediate term bonds pay approximately 7 per cent on an annual basis.

The last third of Andy and Linda's money should be placed in a 10-year corporate bond. This bond should also carry an AA rating or better, but it should not be issued by the same company as the five-year bond. A 10-year corporate bond issued by a major industrial company is currently yielding approximately 8.20 per cent or \$410.00 per year.

Two points should be made here: 1) diversity of conservation assets is important to a person in Andy's position, and 2) any program of this nature should be reviewed at least once every two years.

* Our profile is based in part on the 1974 Case and Company, Inc. report, "Survey of the Membership," commissioned by The American Institute of Architects. The report states that the typical AIA member is a white male about 46 years old and married, with an average of three dependents. The average salary received by AIA members in 1973, including profit sharing, was \$26,630. The author's research revealed that the wives of most of the interviewed architects work either part- or full-time.

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An automated project control system aims for improved profitability

Neil Harper

In the early fifties, just over 20 cents of every dollar of gross billing was retained as before-tax profit by architectural firms. This profit margin has steadily decreased over the past twenty years, and today profitable firms estimate the margin closer to 5 to 10 per cent. Rising labor costs have outpaced limited increases in professional fees, and the scope of services offered to clients in the last two decades has grown enormously—without corresponding adjustments in compensation. These two factors alone—increased costs and scope of services—have placed with the design professions the burden of developing improved compensation negotiation techniques and tight cost controls, if profitability is to be preserved.

In its April 1975 publication of *Compensation Management Guidelines for Architectural Services*, The American Institute of Architects provided a rational and equitable basis—accessible to both architects and clients—for defining cost-based compensation. This action in effect, emphasized the comprehensive nature of architectural services, while offering a business-like alternative to the fee-schedules then abandoned under Justice Department pressure in 1973. (A revised AIA manual developed with the American Consulting Engineers Council and being readied for this spring, will be titled *Compensation Guidelines for Architectural and Engineering Services*.)

Implicit in this compensation development format is a format for monitoring design costs, and over-all firm profitability. Further, the whole process can be automated.

The Computer-Based Financial Management

System (CFMS) operated by the Cambridge, Massachusetts, consulting firm of Harper and Shuman, Inc., is a national computer accounting system that has been recently programmed to accept the cost-based compensation budget data, and provide the architect with periodic "Project Progress Reports" to compare actual expenditures with the budgeted amounts. The report is based on input supplied by the architect—by mail or through a computer terminal—according to the formatted worksheets found in the compensation guidelines manual. Figure 1 represents a report for a prototypical City Hall project, summarized by department and phase.

Both hours and dollars are presented, for the current period and for the project-to-date. The report includes direct labor, overhead allocation, and direct and reimbursable costs. The estimated per cent of work completed, as reported by the project manager, is used to prorate the total budget to give the "Earned Budget" column. This Earned Budget can then be compared to the "Spent to Date" column to provide a ready assessment of each labor or

expense item (see boxed areas). An alternate comparison is also offered in the column, "Expended (\$) vs. Reported (hours)" per cent of work completed. When the expended amount exceeds the reported amount significantly, corrective action of some sort is required.

An optional feature of the Project Progress Report is the presentation of financial data at the bottom of the report. The top part of the report shows the costs of services provided; the bottom part adds information dealing with compensation: commission size (compensation), earned income, billing, and profit or loss.

A second report monitors firm-wide profit plan

Principals and project managers in most firms tend to think of their firm's activities and performance as a series of projects. It is also true, however, that firm-wide performance is often presented in terms of an income/expense statement which is based on a general ledger formulation of data; rather than based on a project-by-project formulation.

Figure 2 is such a presentation: a "Profit Planning Monitor" report showing a firm-wide profit plan in terms of income and expense items. In the example shown (see boxed areas), the Annual Plan has budgeted \$860,000 for income, \$688,000 for total expense, and \$172,000 for profit for the total year. Through March 31, this should have resulted in a \$34,400 profit, but only \$24,147 was actually generated, due primarily to overruns in the indirect expenses (by \$7011).

PROJECT CITY HALL NUMBER 1005.00									
PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 03/01/77-03/31/77									
DEPARTMENT	ACT	ACT NAME	SPENT THIS PERIOD		SPENT TO DATE		PERCENT COMPLETE	EARNED BUDGET	TOTAL BUDGET
			HOURS	DOLLARS	HOURS	DOLLARS			
ARCHITECTURAL DEPT	170	2230	470	6310	76	78	480	6510	8300
SCHEMATIC DESIGN	40	530	160	1980	20	19	160	1900	1000
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT	220	1940	700	6300	20	16	500	5000	32000
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS	20	1940	700	6300	20	16	500	5000	32000
TOTAL ARCH DEPT	430	4700	1330	14590	29	27	1140	13410	50300
INTERIORS DEPT	40	440	350	2750	69	65	200	2600	300
SCHEMATIC DESIGN	20	300	80	1200	8	5	100	800	2000
CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS	60	740	430	3950	20	17	300	3400	2000
TOTAL INTERIORS DEPT	490	5440	1760	18540	26	24	1440	16810	70300
LABOR	490	5440	1760	18540	26	24	1440	16810	7500
OVERHEAD ALLOCATION	7072		23175				20172		84360
TOTAL LABOR AND OVERHEAD	490	12512	1760	41715	26	24	1440	36982	154660
DIRECT COSTS	490	12512	1760	41715	26	24	1440	61982	7500
STRUCTURAL CONSULTANT	3000		9000		25	25	9000		36000
MECHANICAL CONSULTANT	3000		25000		25	25	25000		100000
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	490	15512	1760	66715	26	24	1440	61982	7500
REIMBURSABLES	100		1500		38	50	2000		4000
TRAVEL	200		686		11	10	600		8000
REPRODUCTIONS	300		8000		100	100	8000		8000
MODELS & PHOTOGRAPHS	300		10186		57	59	10600		18000
TOTAL REIMBURSABLES	490		1760		28	27	1440		72660
LABOR, O/H, DIRECT, REIMB	490	15812	1760	76901	28	27	1440	72582	7500

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

TOTAL COMP	BILLED	A/R	EARNED INCOME	SPENT	PROFIT (LOSS)	PCT PROFIT
CURRENT	16216.25		16216.25	15812.00	404.25	2.5
YEAR-TO-DATE	46000.00		46000.00	60000.00	13.0	
JOB-TO-DATE	89767.25	16423.00	89767.25	76901.00	12866.25	14.3

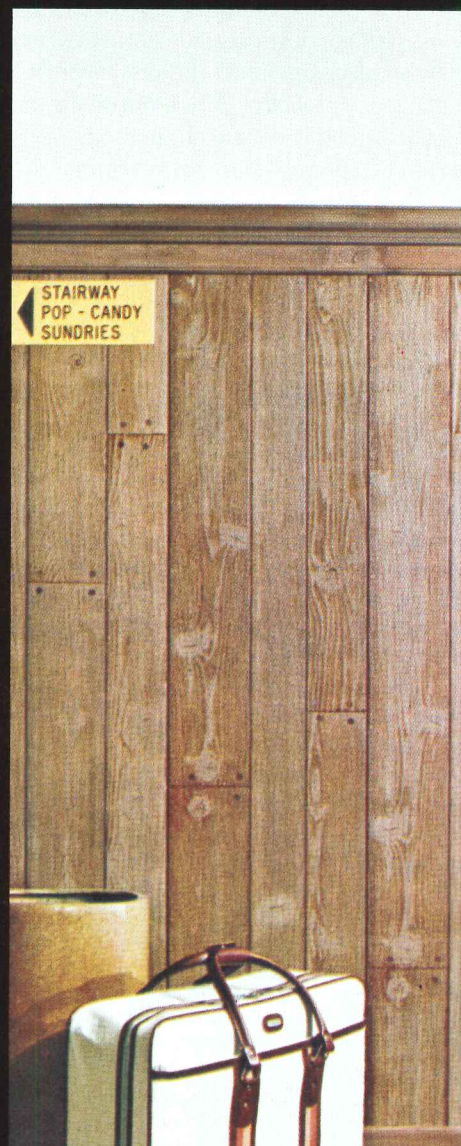
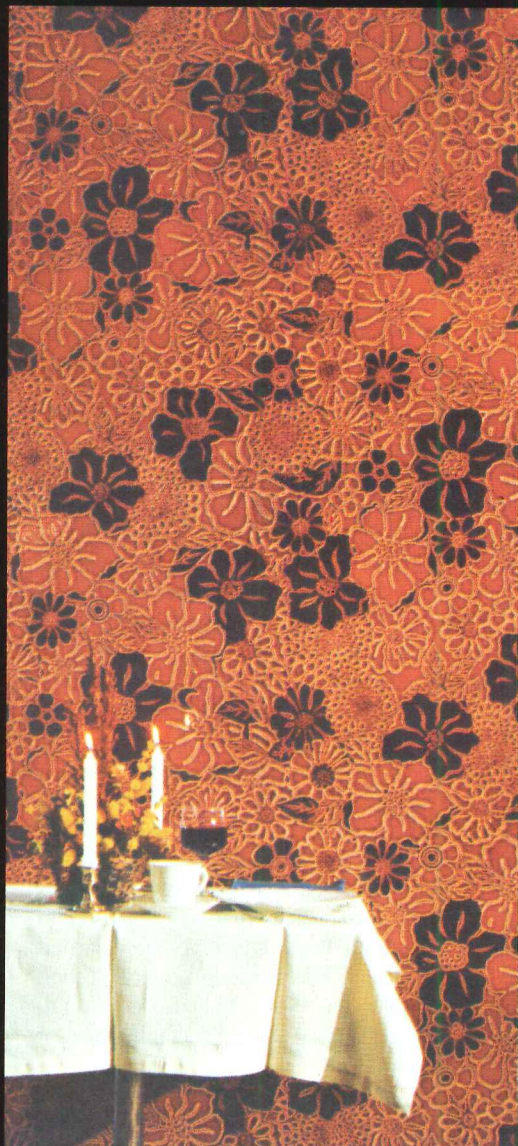
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ACT NUMBER	ACT NAME	ACTUAL	CURRENT PERIOD PLAN	PERIOD VARIANCE	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE PLAN	DATE VARIANCE	ANNUAL PLAN	PLAN
401.00	BILLED FEE INCOME	60000.00	66666.67	6666.67	21000.00	20000.00	10000.00	80000.00	80000.00
404.00	UNBILLED INCOME	6211.07	4166.67	2044.40	2052.73	12500.00	10447.27	50000.00	50000.00
	SUBTOTAL	66211.07	70833.34	4622.27	21202.73	212500.00	447.27	130000.00	130000.00
499.00	REIMBURSABLE INCOME	300.00	833.33	533.33	1400.00	2500.00	1100.00	1000.00	1000.00
517.00	REPRODUCTIONS	300.00	833.33	533.33	1400.00	2500.00	1100.00	1000.00	1000.00
	SUBTOTAL	600.00	1666.66	1066.66	2800.00	5000.00	2200.00	2000.00	2000.00
	TOTAL INCOME	66811.07	72500.00	5633.34	23452.73	215000.00	1547.27	132000.00	132000.00
R E I M B U R S A B L E E X P E N S E S									
ACT NUMBER	ACT NAME	ACTUAL	CURRENT PERIOD PLAN	PERIOD VARIANCE	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE PLAN	DATE VARIANCE	ANNUAL PLAN	PLAN
516.00	TRAVEL	200.00	166.67	66.67	500.00	500.00	0.00	2000.00	2000.00
517.00	REPRODUCTIONS	300.00	833.33	533.33	1000.00	1500.00	500.00	6000.00	6000.00
	SUBTOTAL	500.00	1000.00	500.00	1500.00	2000.00	500.00	8000.00	8000.00
	TOTAL REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE	500.00	1000.00	500.00	1500.00	2000.00	500.00	8000.00	8000.00
D I R E C T E X P E N S E S									
ACT NUMBER	ACT NAME	ACTUAL	CURRENT PERIOD PLAN	PERIOD VARIANCE	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE PLAN	DATE VARIANCE	ANNUAL PLAN	PLAN
602.00	DIRECT LABOR	19995.78	18333.33	1662.45	5844.84	55000.00	3344.84	220000.00	220000.00
604.00	TEMPORARY HELP	39.20	83.33	44.13	331.20	250.00	83.20	1000.00	1000.00
	SUBTOTAL	20035.98	18416.66	1618.32	6176.04	55250.00	3428.04	221000.00	221000.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSE	41322.28	40000.00	1322.28	118193.93	116000.00	2193.93	416000.00	416000.00
I N D I R E C T E X P E N S E S									
ACT NUMBER	ACT NAME	ACTUAL	CURRENT PERIOD PLAN	PERIOD VARIANCE	ACTUAL	YEAR TO DATE PLAN	DATE VARIANCE	ANNUAL PLAN	PLAN
702.00	INDIRECT LABOR	9818.53	10000.00	181.47	29334.90	30000.00	665.10	120000.00	120000.00
703.00	JOB COST VARIANCE	292.50	333.33	40.83	963.38	1000.00	36.62	4000.00	4000.00
	SUBTOTAL	10111.03	10333.33	222.30	30298.28	31000.00	701.72	124000.00	124000.00
711.00	EMPLOYER'S FICA TAX	5400.00	5400.00	0.00	18000.00	17000.00	1000.00	50000.00	50000.00
	TOTAL INDIRECT EXPENSE	20663.53	26000.00	5336.47	69611.02	62000.00	7011.02	264000.00	264000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	62285.92	66666.67	4380.75	189305.01	180600.00	8705.01	680000.00	680000.00
	PROFIT/LOSS (-)	4225.15	5000.00	774.85	24147.72	34400.00	10252.28	122000.00	122000.00

Figure 2

Figure 1

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MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE

McGraw-Hill/Sweet's construction outlook, 1977: first update

Looks like 1977 is looking bigger by the minute

The outlook for total construction contract value for 1977 is now even stronger than it was just a few months ago: a record \$123 billion—up 15 per cent, with gains in nonresidential, residential and nonbuilding construction. Public works spending, the time-honored means of creating jobs during recessions, will be escalated. With \$2 billion already granted under the Local Public Works Act of 1976, Mr. Carter would add another \$2 billion to the current year's authorization, and also extend the program through fiscal 1978. (Otherwise, it would expire September, 1977.) Housing is an area where the Carter Administration hopes to accomplish two goals at once: stimulating economic activity while improving urban living conditions. Specifics have not been announced as yet, but some form of inner-city housing aid is a good bet.

Taking our first cut at a 1977 construction forecast late last year (RECORD, November 1976, page 65), we came up with a rather optimistic outlook (+12 per cent over 1976)—but with more than the usual qualifications. There didn't seem to be much doubt about the direction that construction markets were heading, but the strength of the further expansion of construction's already-established recovery depended on three things: 1) a reversal of the mid-1976 "pause" in general economic activity; 2) a change in national priorities and programs; and 3) relatively dormant inflation.

Since October 1976, we've moved along nicely in all three areas. Last year's spasm in the economy's recovery worked itself out before year-end, giving 1977 a new start in the right direction. Leadership passed to Mr. Carter who proposes to encourage rather than restrain the recovery from here on. And inflation, after three horrendous years, finally receded to its pre-energy crisis rate. With all three major conditions of our earlier forecast for 1977 satisfied at the start of the year, there's little left to do now but raise our sights.

The economy: the push after the pause

Last year's "pause" made its point very effectively: you can't take recovery for granted. For an uncomfortably long time, a recovery is vulnerable to stalling out, as this one did. Such vulnerability continues to exist until the recovery reaches the point of being self-sustaining, and that point is reached when business capital spending finally takes over as the driving force of expansion.

Right now, with considerable excess capacity throughout most industries, we're still quite a bit short of the self-sustaining point, and the case for stimulative monetary and fiscal policy in 1977 is every bit as valid as it was in 1975 and 1976. In fact, with inflation at its lowest rate in a long while, this could be the ideal time to close the gap between actual and potential production. Closing that gap is, after all, what creates the incentive for increased capital spending, which is, in turn, the key to growth, productivity, and price stability.

The President's package: modestly activist

Only time will tell whether Mr. Carter's \$30-plus billion package of economic measures, which includes a variety of taxation and spending stimuli, will be too much, too little, or just enough prodding to guide the economy back toward full use of our resources. It cer-

National Construction Contract Value		1976	1977	Per Cent
(Billions of dollars)		Actual	Forecast	Change
Nonresidential Buildings	Office Buildings	\$ 4,122	\$ 4,550	+10
	Stores & Other Commercial	6,315	7,600	+20
	Manufacturing	4,058	4,450	+10
	Total Commercial & Manufacturing	\$ 14,495	\$ 16,600	+15
	Educational	\$ 4,980	\$ 5,450	+ 9
	Hospital & Health	4,590	5,050	+10
	Other Nonresidential Buildings	5,980	6,500	+ 9
Total Institutional & Other	\$ 15,550	\$ 17,000	+ 9	
Total Nonresidential	\$ 30,045	\$ 33,600	+12	
Residential Buildings	1- & 2-Family Homes	\$ 35,958	\$ 39,200	+ 9
	Apartments	6,550	11,800	+80
	Total Housekeeping	\$ 42,508	\$ 51,000	+20
	Total Nonhousekeeping	\$ 1,142	\$ 1,400	+23
Total Residential	\$ 43,650	\$ 52,400	+20	
Nonbuilding Construction	Highways & Bridges	\$ 7,884	\$ 9,300	+18
	Utilities	15,610	16,500	+ 6
	Sewer & Water	6,159	7,000	+14
	Other Nonbuilding Construction	3,810	4,200	+10
	Total Nonbuilding	\$ 33,463	\$ 37,000	+11
Total Construction	\$107,158	\$123,000	+15	
Price Index (1967 = 100)	194	223		

Floor Area of New Buildings		1976	1977	Per Cent
(Billions of square feet)		Actual	Forecast	Change
Nonresidential Buildings	Office Buildings	108	115	+ 6
	Stores & Other Commercial	343	390	+14
	Manufacturing	151	175	+16
	Total Commercial & Manufacturing	602	680	+13
	Educational	120	130	+ 8
	Hospital & Health	74	80	+ 8
	Other Nonresidential Buildings	173	180	+ 4
Total Institutional & Other	367	390	+ 6	
Total Nonresidential	969	1,070	+10	
Residential Buildings	1- & 2-Family Homes	1,505	1,530	+ 2
	Apartments	307	540	+76
	Total Housekeeping	1,812	2,070	+14
	Total Nonhousekeeping	34	40	+18
Total Residential	1,846	2,110	+14	
Total Buildings	2,815	3,180	+13	



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wasn't the most activist course the Carter Administration could have taken (particularly its heavier reliance on tax reduction than spending), and it may even be slated for beefing up by Congress before taking shape.

The intangibles that go along with this age of Administration—a realignment of national priorities that puts economic growth ahead of anti-inflationary restraint, and a cooperative relationship between the White House and Congress—could turn out to be even more important than specific programs. They strongly suggest that things will start happening in Washington—a place where not much has been happening lately. And history shows us when things happen in construction, too.

Residential building: the indirect boost

Contracting for commercial and industrial buildings is more likely to benefit *indirectly* from efforts by government to accelerate the economy's recovery. Nevertheless, the indirect benefits to such privately-financed business construction from an expanding economy (as opposed to one under restraint) can be considerable.

The gyrations of the nonresidential building index during 1976 show how sensitive this sector of construction can be to changes in the economic climate. This seasonally-adjusted index, which reached its cyclical low point in 1975, was making a good recovery through the first two quarters of last year. It fell back in the third quarter when the "recession" in business activity occurred, but recovered in the final quarter.

Maybe that close quarter-by-quarter parallelism between nonresidential building and general business activity is just a bit too good to be true, but it strongly suggests that the building in commercial and industrial buildings—which was interrupted in 1976, will be revived in 1977 as the economy expands and excess capacity is taken up. A 15 per cent gain in commercial and industrial building value—\$6.6 billion—still looks on target for 1977, with more to come in 1978.

Institutional building, handicapped by the daily shrinking educational building market, has shown little potential for growth in recent years. However, analysis of 2000 grants from the first \$2 billion special appropriation under the Public Works Act of 1976 indicates a temporary change in this situation. Instead of the public works money running heavily to the traditional road and sewer projects, a surprisingly large share (60 per cent) is being used for construction of nonresidential buildings. And of that share, nearly one-third involves school building or remodeling. In both 1977 and 1978 these public funds will temporarily pump new life into the sluggish institutional building market, and so we're increasing this year's estimate to \$17 billion.

Residential building: 2 million units soon?

In late October, the "standard" forecast of housing starts for 1977 has escalated from 1.7 million units to 1.8 million. One reason: the seasonally-adjusted rate of housing starts actually averaged 1.8 million during the final

quarter of 1976. Another reason: the Carter Administration is expected to take a continuingly active role in housing markets.

Depending on how much shelter demand is satisfied by mobile homes, the optimum annual rate of site-built residential construction for the rest of the decade lies in the range of 1.8 to 2.0 million units. Considering the low output of the past two years, this potential demand implies a good probability of a 2 million-unit housing year in the near future—most likely in 1978, following this year's advance to 1.8 million. However, the mix of the housing supply will change in 1977 to include approximately 600,000 apartment units—up sharply from less than 350,000 in 1976.

Nonbuilding construction: it goes up too

In 1976 it was energy, not anti-recessionary spending, that gave rise to the strong gain in nonbuilding construction. In 1977, however, it will be highways, sewers, and other public works—supported by increased Federal spending—that will keep things moving ahead.

Last year brought a record number (30 vs. 25

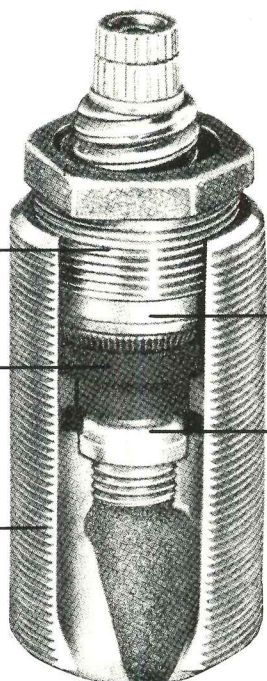
in 1975) of increasingly costly (averaging \$500 million each vs. \$325 million) electric generating projects. The result: contract value nearly doubled last year to \$15 billion, and that's even more than we had been expecting for 1977. This year's utility forecast has been duly expanded to \$16.5 billion.

As 1976 drew to a close, public works construction was just beginning to respond to last October's special appropriation of \$2 billion to increase employment in construction, and our earlier expectation of a strong rate of contracting for roads and sewers during the first half of 1977 still holds. However, the previously expected second half decline has to be postponed in view of the Carter Administration's intent to extend Congress' "quick fix" through all of 1977 and into 1978 as well. Roughly one-third of these special public works funds are being directed into highway and sewer construction, raising 1977 totals to \$9.3 billion and \$7 billion respectively.

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Regional Construction Contract Value (millions of dollars)	Northeast Conn., D.C., Del., Mass., Md., Maine, N.H., N.J., N.Y., Eastern Pa., R.I., Va., Vt.			Midwest Northern Ill., Ind., Iowa, Ky., Mich., Minn., N.D., Ohio, Western Pa., S.D., Wis., W. Va.		
	1976 Actual	1977 Forecast	Per Cent Change	1976 Actual	1977 Forecast	Per Cent Change
Nonresidential Buildings						
Commercial & Manufacturing	\$ 2,213	\$ 2,500	+13	\$ 3,848	\$ 4,500	+17
Other	3,564	3,700	+ 4	4,025	4,300	+ 7
Total	\$ 5,777	\$ 6,200	+ 7	\$ 7,873	\$ 8,800	+12
Residential Buildings						
1- & 2-Family Homes	\$ 4,911	\$ 5,400	+10	\$ 8,465	\$ 9,200	+ 9
Apartments	1,345	2,000	+49	1,678	3,200	+91
Nonhousekeeping	168	200	+19	291	350	+20
Total	\$ 6,424	\$ 7,600	+18	\$10,434	\$12,750	+22
Nonbuilding Construction						
Highways & Bridges	\$ 1,392	\$ 1,800	+29	\$ 2,206	\$ 2,600	+18
Other	5,091	5,600	+10	6,447	7,000	+ 9
Total	\$ 6,483	\$ 7,400	+14	\$ 8,653	\$ 9,600	+11
Total Construction	\$18,684	\$21,200	+13	\$26,960	\$31,150	+16
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	1976 Actual	1977 Forecast	Per Cent Change	1976 Actual	1977 Forecast	Per Cent Change
Nonresidential Buildings						
Commercial & Manufacturing	\$ 5,213	\$ 5,900	+13	\$ 3,221	\$ 3,700	+15
Other	4,903	5,500	+12	3,058	3,500	+14
Total	\$10,116	\$11,400	+13	\$ 6,279	\$ 7,200	+15
Residential Buildings						
1- & 2-Family Homes	\$12,706	\$14,100	+11	\$ 9,876	\$10,500	+ 6
Apartments	1,464	2,900	+98	2,063	3,700	+79
Nonhousekeeping	316	400	+27	367	450	+23
Total	\$14,486	\$17,400	+20	\$12,306	\$14,650	+19
Nonbuilding Construction						
Highways & Bridges	\$ 3,022	\$ 3,400	+13	\$ 1,264	\$ 1,500	+19
Other	7,628	8,100	+ 6	6,413	7,000	+ 9
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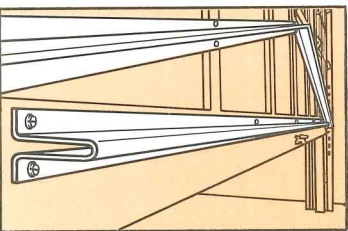
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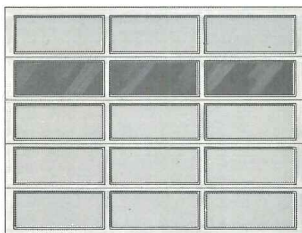
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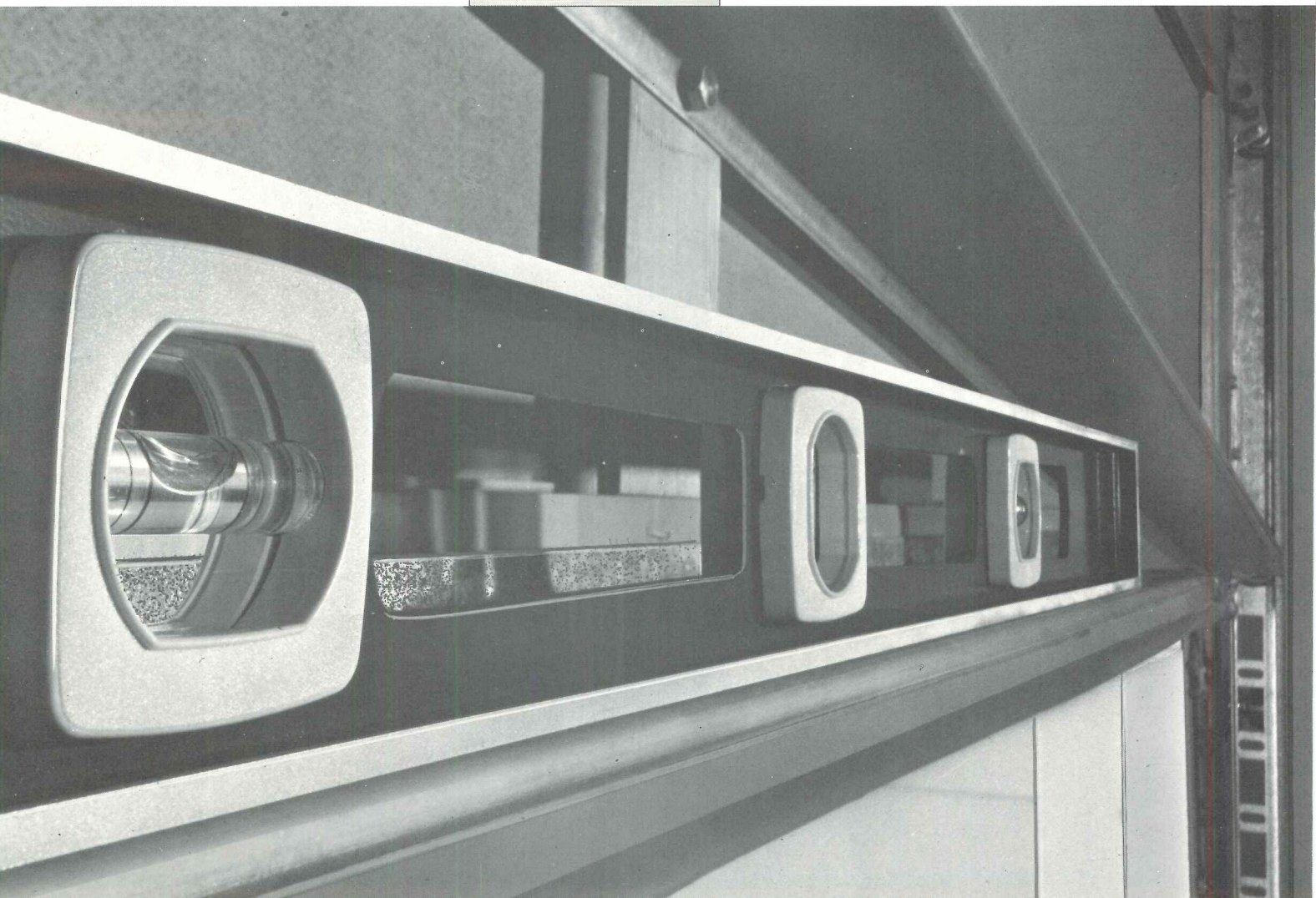
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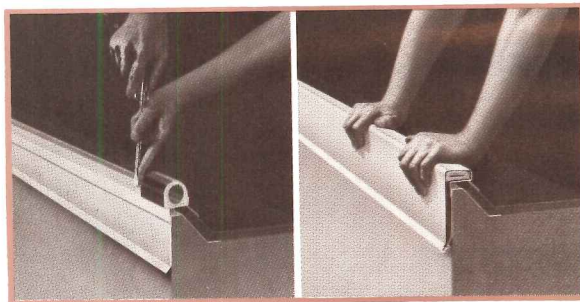
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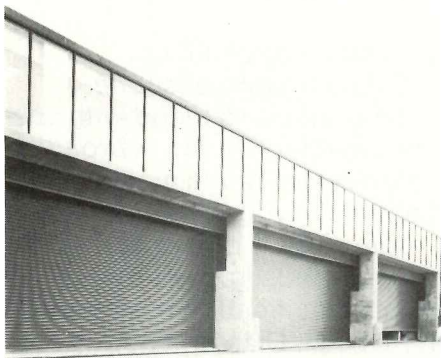
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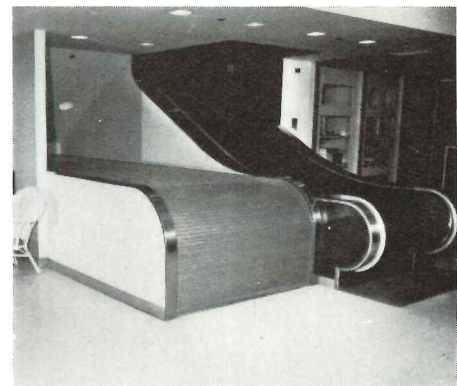
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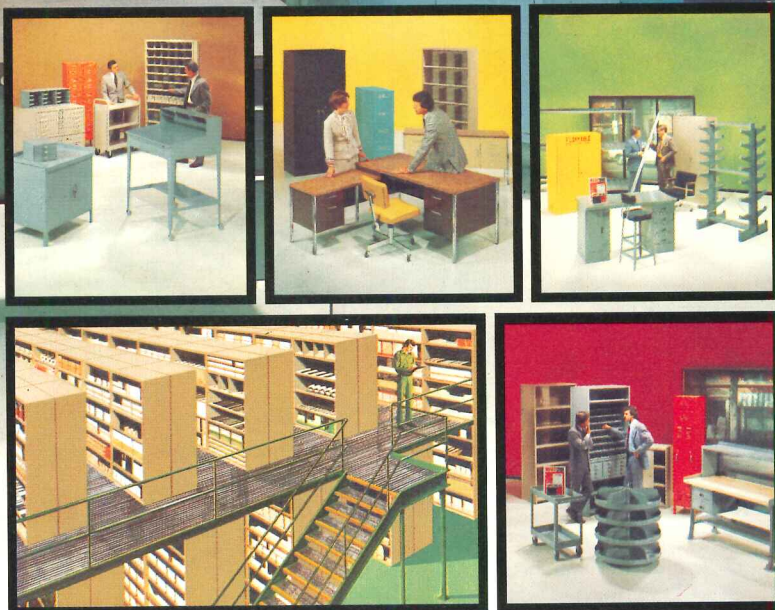
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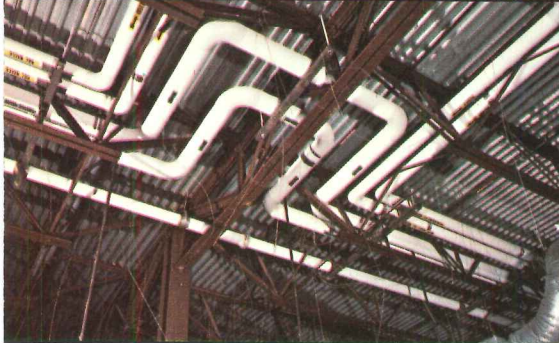
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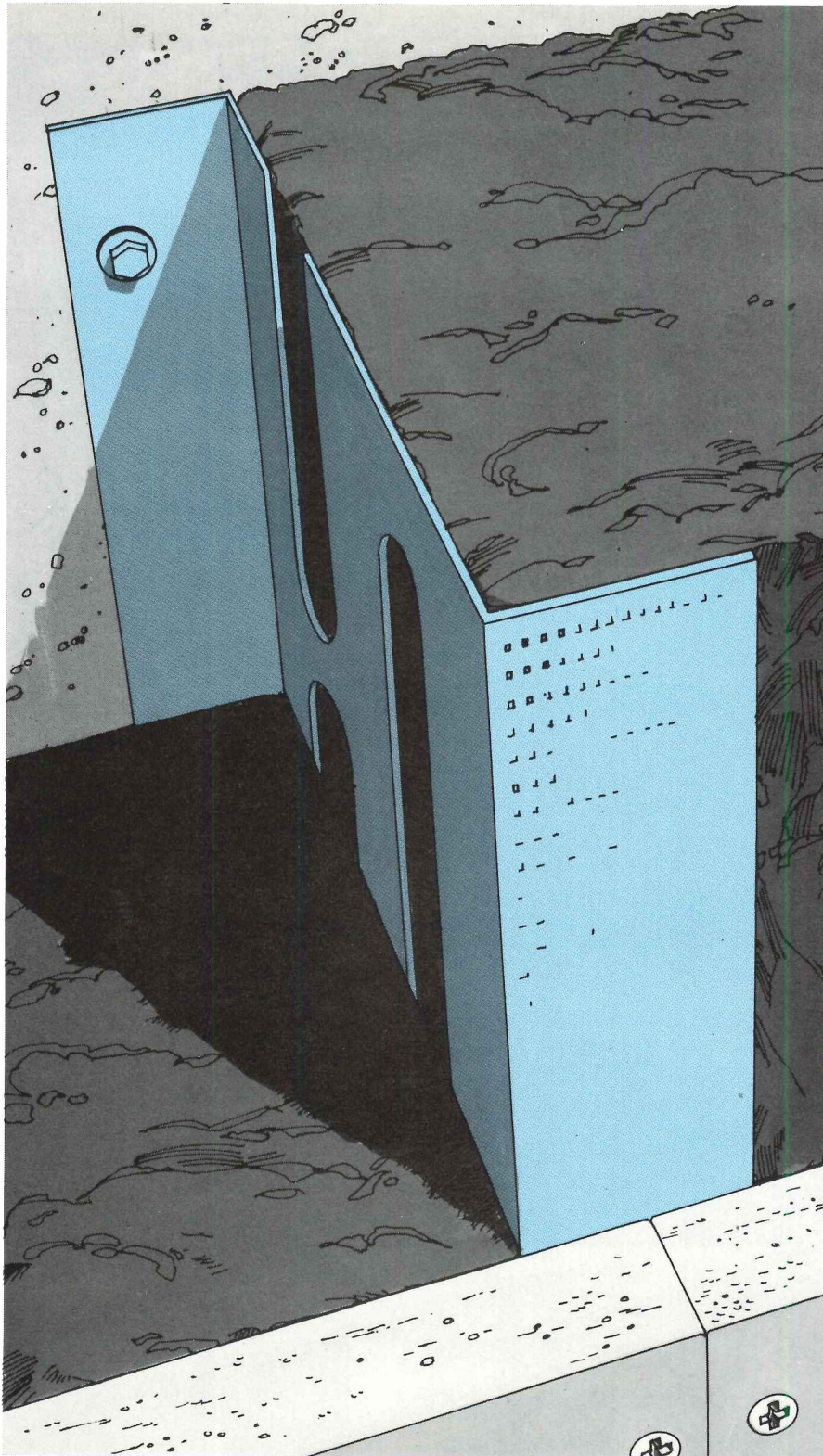


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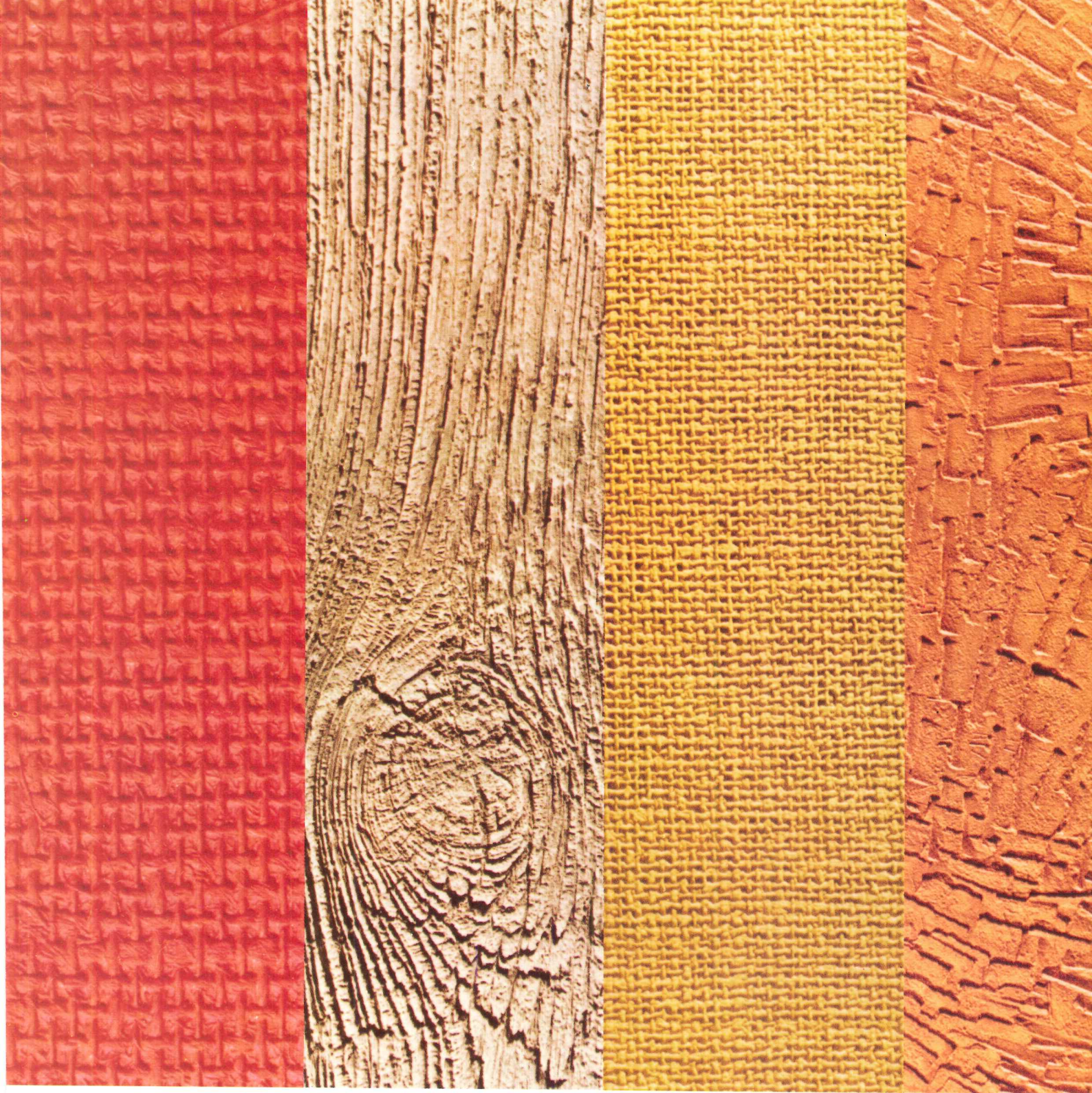
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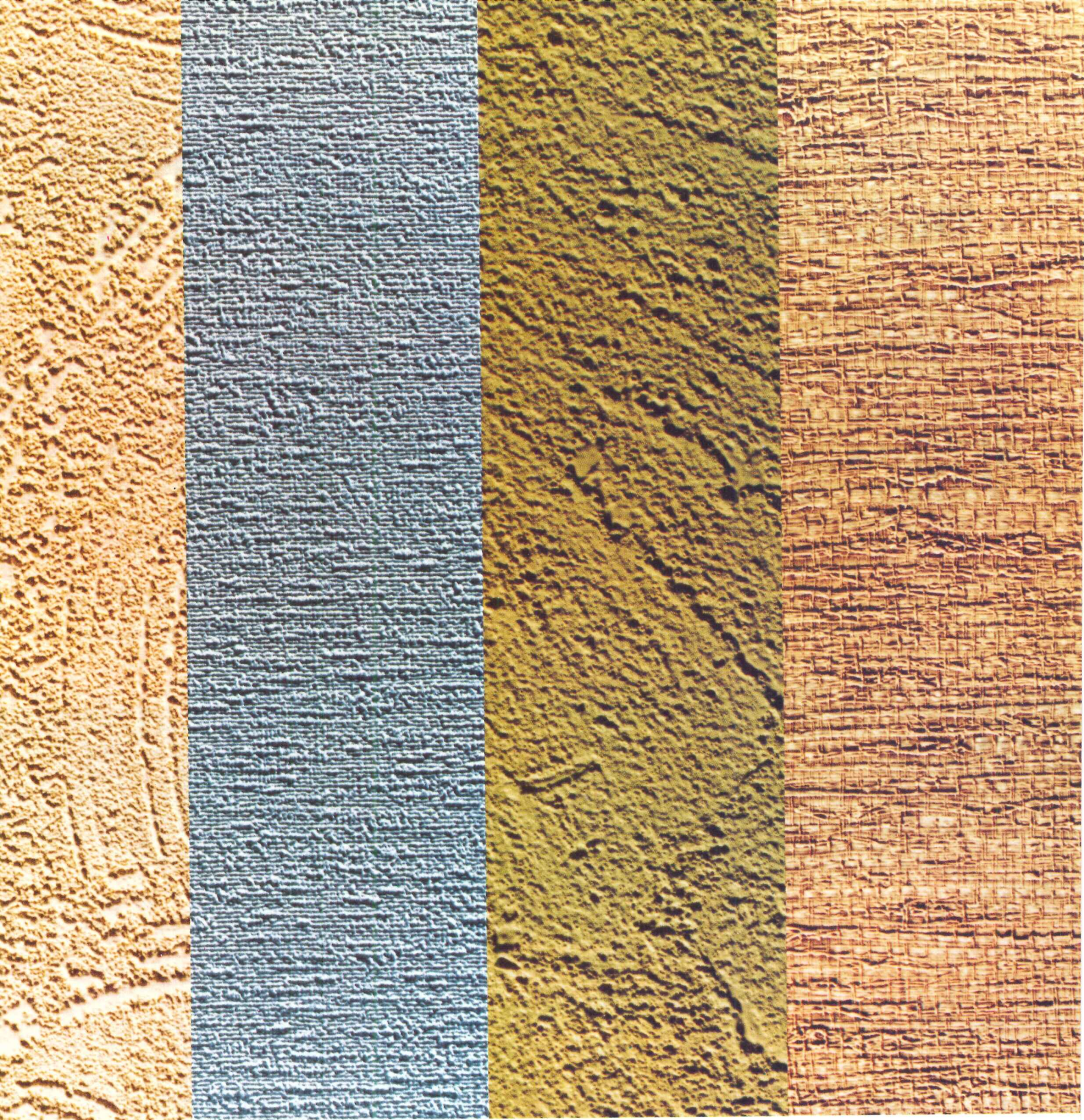
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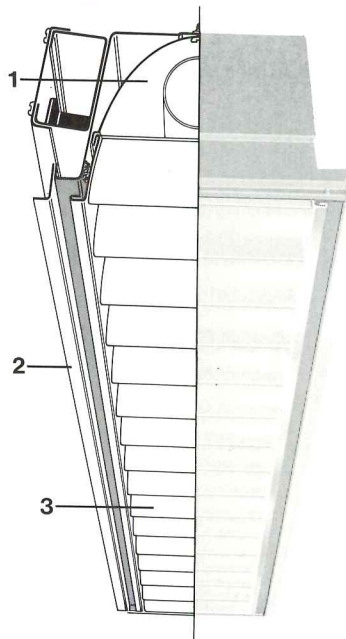


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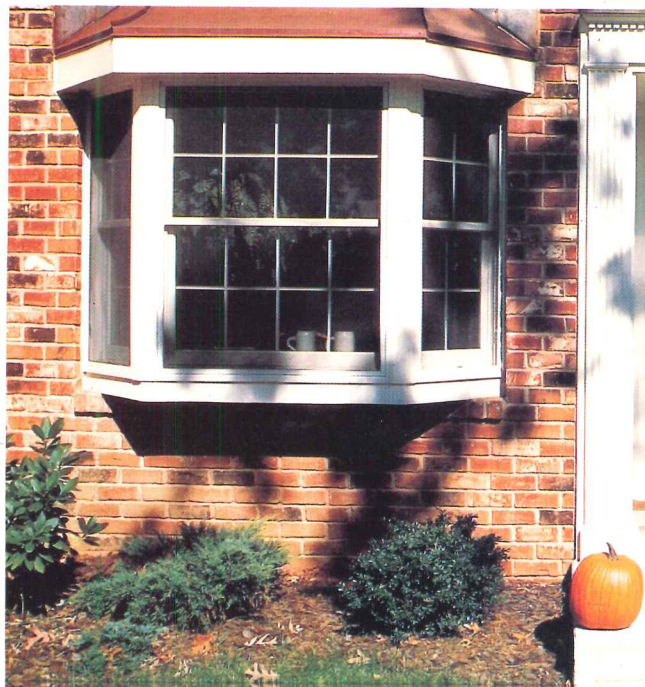
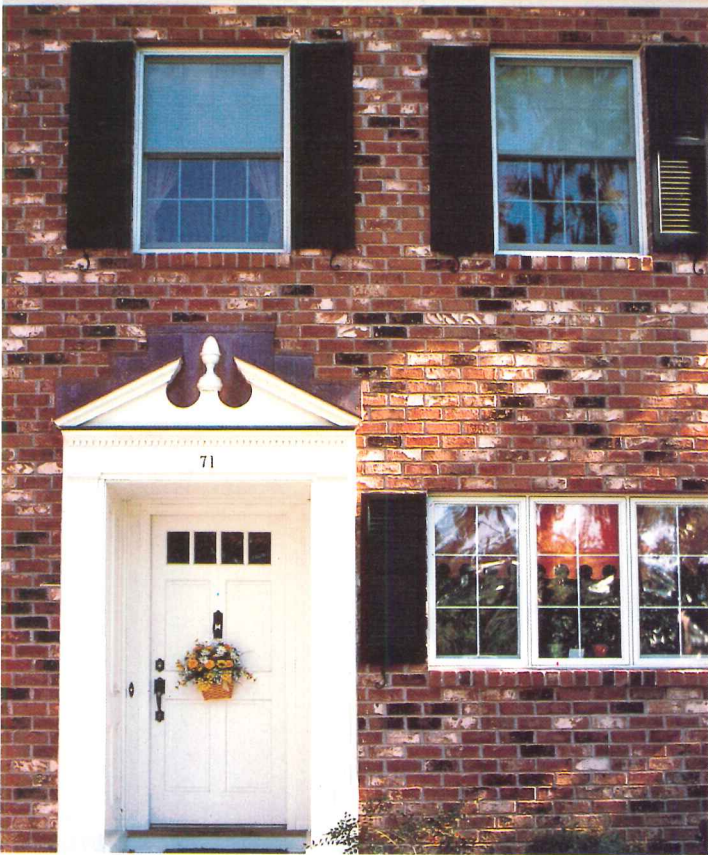
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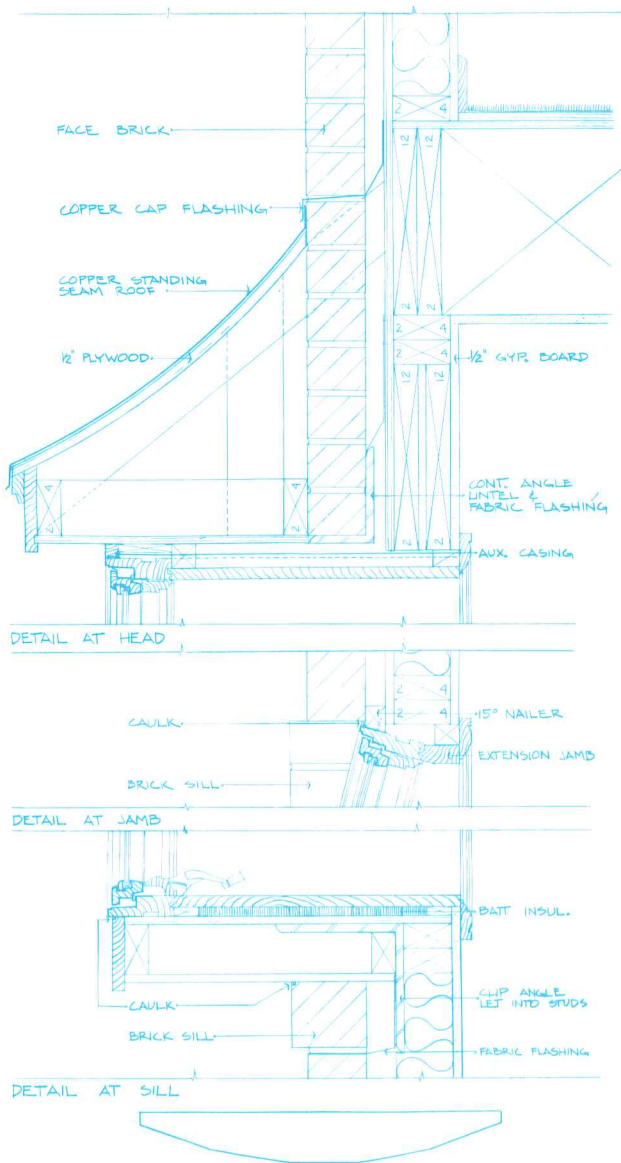
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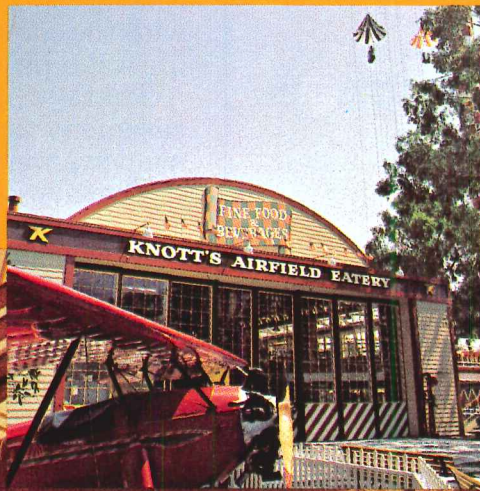


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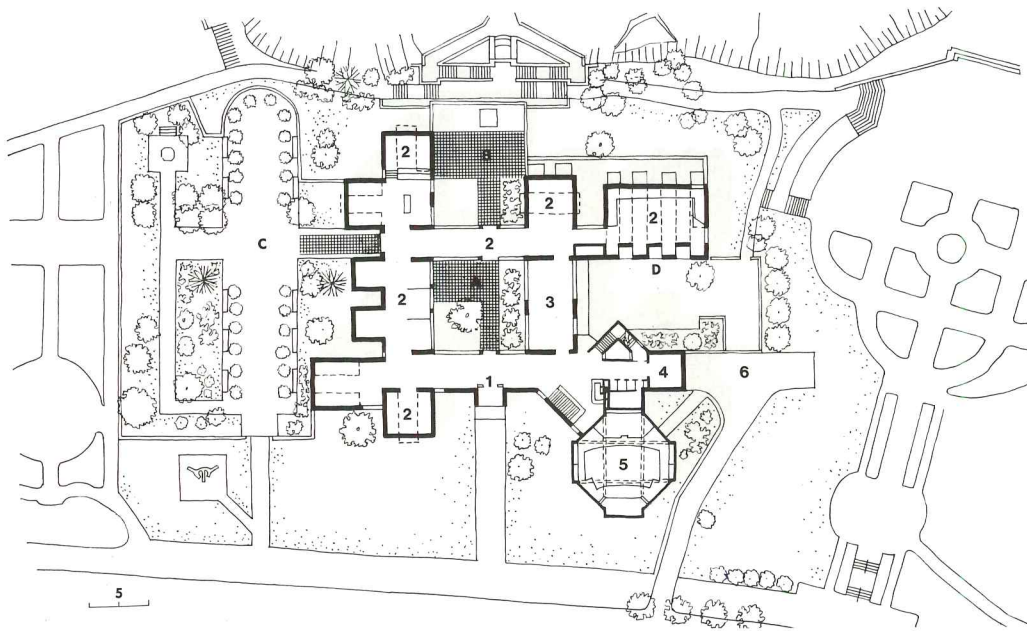


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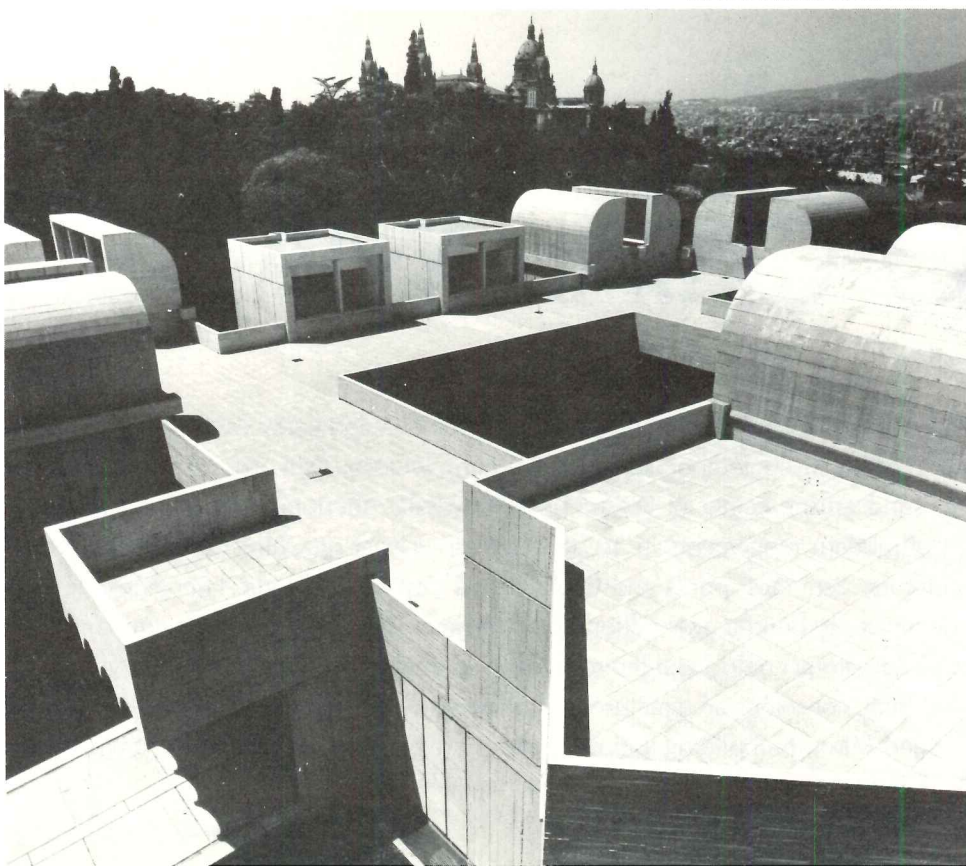
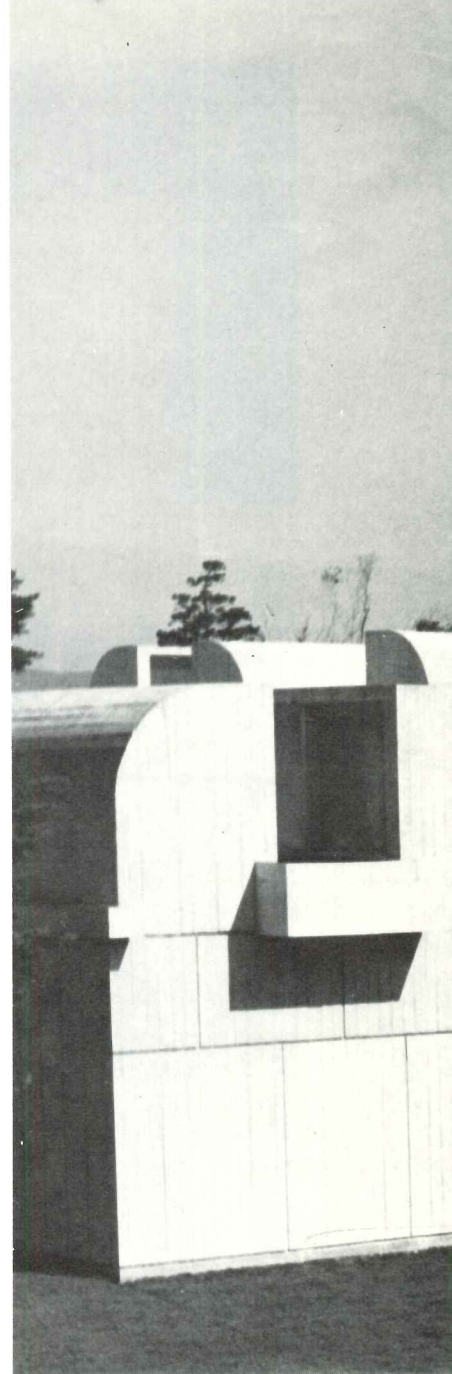
HOMAGE TO CATALONIA

Josep Lluís Sert and Joan Miró were both born in the Catalan city of Barcelona and knew each other when they were young. Barcelona has nurtured other contemporary artists including Picasso, Dalí and Tàpies; and indeed Catalonia is still the intellectual and artistic center of Spain. To acknowledge the long-time importance of his birthplace in the development of modern movements in art, the eighty-four-year-old Miró has donated a large collection of his paintings, sculpture, ceramics, prints and books to the city of Barcelona. Friends of the artist helped raise fifty per cent of the money to build a one million-dollar museum to display this collection and other contemporary art, and the city of Barcelona contributed the rest. And Sert donated his architectural services.

Because Sert's eminently rational, conscious architecture is in powerful juxtaposition to the joyfully irrational subconscious effusions of his friend Miró, the building and its contents are excitingly dissonant. Sert has dramatized this fundamental esthetic polarization, and the effect is wonderful.—Mildred F. Schmertz

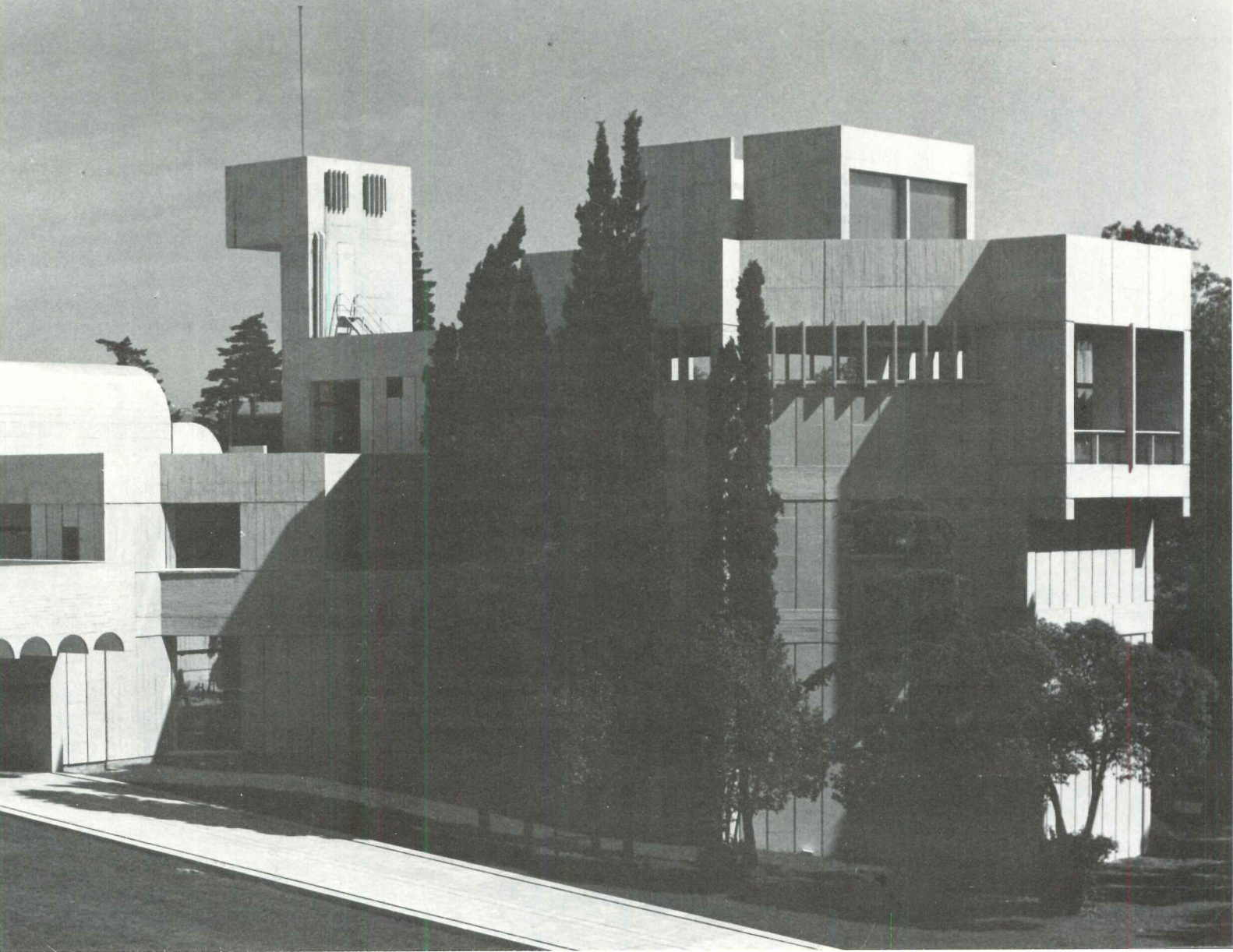


The use of the outdoor areas and roof terrace (below) for exhibitions more than doubles the available exhibit area. The landscape design makes good use of the existing features and planting of the old park in which the building is located (photos right). There are four courtyards, each of which has a different character and use: (a) central courtyard; (b) court with Miró sculpture (left) serving as a balcony to the city below and the mountains beyond; (c) the old walled garden with its cypress trees and cypress hedges; (d) the multi-use court space for happenings, directly linked to the Center for the Study of Contemporary Art and leading to the bar and auditorium. The first floor plan includes (1) entrance; (2) exhibit rooms; (3) room for temporary exhibits; (4) bookstore; (5) auditorium; (6) service.



Montjuich, a hill overlooking the old city of Barcelona to the north and the harbor to the south, is crowned by a castle built in 1694. Once wild, the hill is covered by a beautiful old park, much of which was designed by Gustave Gullon and Jean-Claude Forestier for the International Exhibition of 1929—the exhibition everyone remembers. Mies van der Rohe's Barcelona Pavilion, landscaped gardens include a number of important museums and palaces, an amusement park, restaurants and cafes. The hill is connected to the city below by winding drives and a funicular. The new Center for the Study of Contemporary Art/Joan Miró Foundation is prominently located below the castle, near the funicular and not too far from the Archaeological Museum, the Ethnological and Colonial Museum and the Palacio Nacional, visible in the photo at left, which houses the Museum of Contemporary Art of Catalonia.

This magnificent site was selected by Miró and Sert from several offered to the Miró Foundation.



on by the City of Barcelona. It is an ideal
 tion for the purposes of the Foundation
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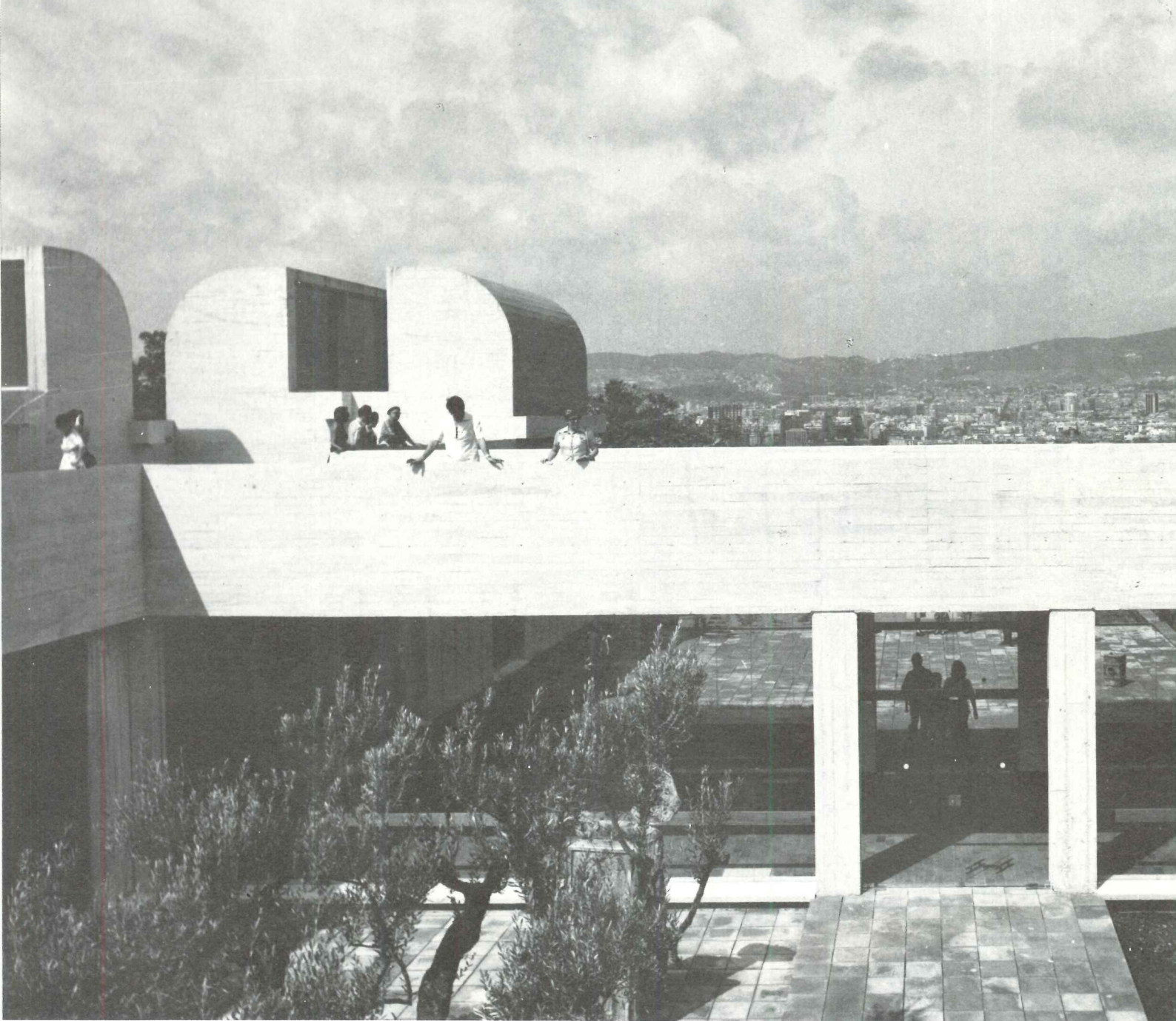
The program for the complex was the
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The Foundation Maeght in St. Paul de
 ce, designed by Sert and built in 1964,
 ed as a pattern for this programming. Sert
 its Aimé Maeght with having taught him
 h about the programmatic, display and
 age needs of museums for contemporary
 Sert points out that, like the Foundation
 ght, this new building is composed of
 fully proportioned spaces that have a vari-

ety of shapes, ceiling heights, sources of light,
 and degrees of openness.

The work and research spaces have been
 differentiated from the gallery space by inclu-
 sion in a three-story octagon. This shape
 strongly articulates the active as opposed to the
 contemplative side of the building. The octa-
 gon as a shape is very much a part of the ar-
 chitectural tradition of Catalonia—appearing
 often in the monasteries, churches, and for-
 tresses of the Romanesque and Gothic periods
 and in the various Islamic monuments left by
 the Moors. While Sert's use of the octagon par-
 takes directly of this grand tradition, the build-
 ing also draws from the Mediterranean vernac-
 ular. It is white, vaulted, lit by clerestories, and
 oriented toward tiled patios and gardens. For
 all its subtle eclecticism, however, the building
 is not nostalgic. It is as intellectual and disci-
 plined as Miró's work is deliberately not. The
 painter wisely chose as architect a fellow Cata-
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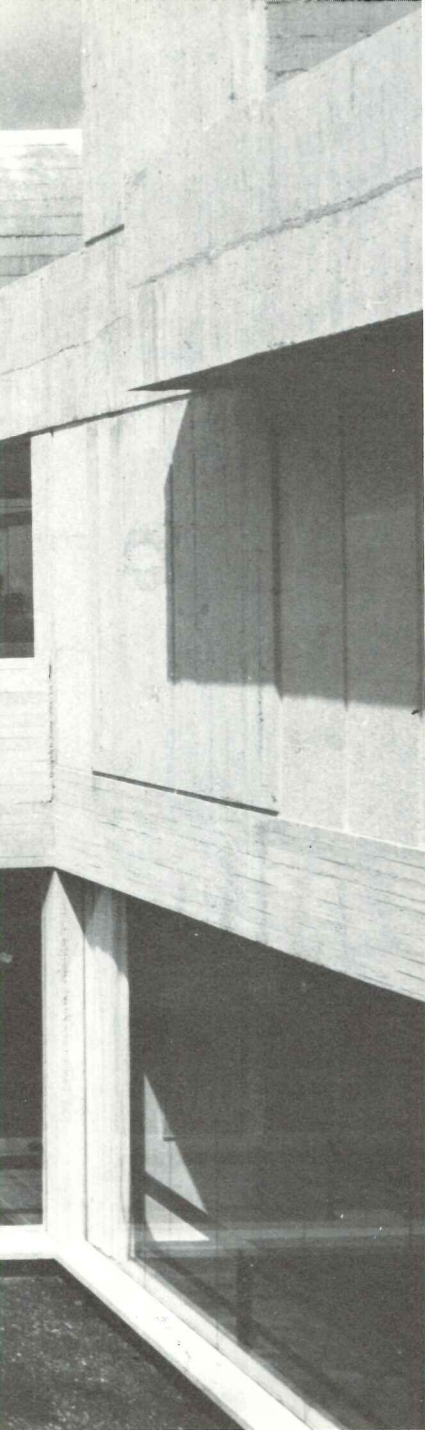




contrast enhances his own and whose knowledge of the culture of their birthplace is shared.

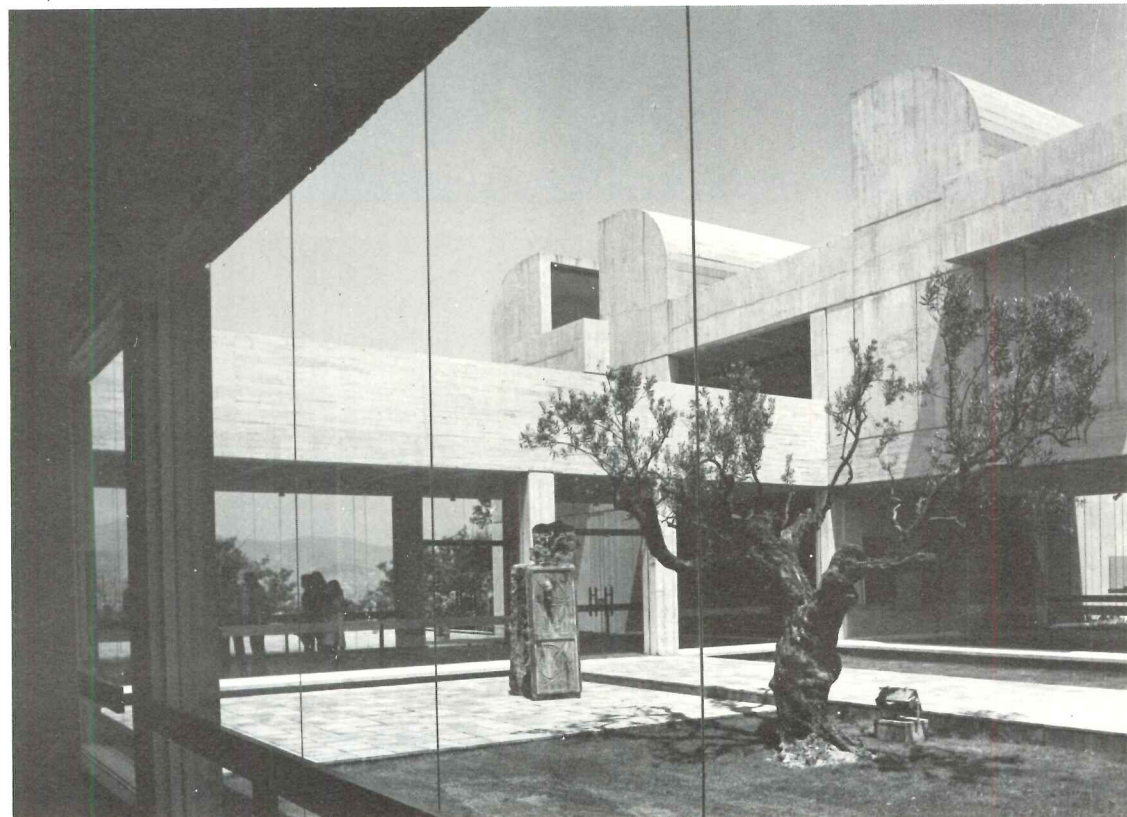
Sert sees the building as a series of volumes linked by a continuous, well-defined circulation pattern. The way people move through these spaces is the key factor governing the plan. Circulation is strongly oriented in one direction so that people need not go through the same spaces unless they choose. The courtyards, gardens and roof terraces are part of this circulation pattern and are used for the display of sculpture, ceramics, mosaics and for gatherings of people on special occasions. In everyday use they are quiet spaces with benches permitting restful enjoyment of the gardens and art.

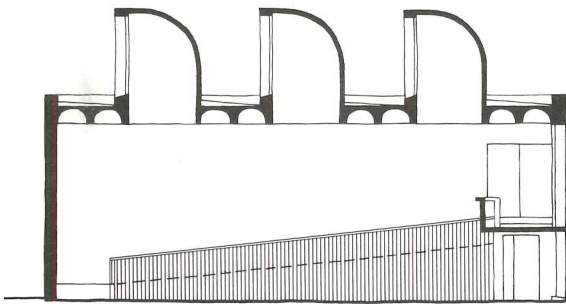
The plan has been devised so that some of the rooms are to be used principally for the display of the Miró collections. This display will be changing continuously because much of the work donated by the artist will be kept in storage or in traveling exhibits. The plan of



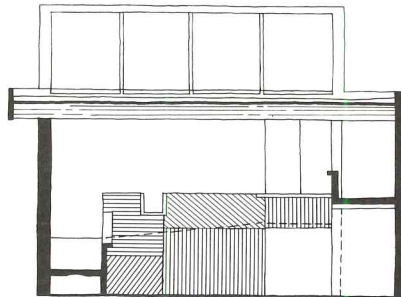
The roof terrace for sculpture display (above left) overlooks two courtyards including the central court and its ancient olive tree (bottom right and cover), the focal point of the plan, and a court (below) for which a Miró sculpture is the focal point. The city of Barcelona and its bordering mountains can be seen from these courts. The stairway (above) is part of the old gardens of Montjuich, the 700-foot-high hill overlooking the city. The principal entrance to the Miró Foundation building is across the road from this stair. The study center is to the right.

visitor two main circuits. The first begins at left of the entrance and interconnects the every rooms at the lower level with the gardens and courtyards. At the climax of this route is the two-story-high sculpture room, which contains ceramics, mosaics and tapestries. A ramp starting at the lower level of this room carries the visitor around the space and on to the second floor where he gains access to the study center. Here the rooms for the display of prints open to the roof. Adjacent to the print rooms are study rooms, administrative facilities and a connecting stair leading to the library on the top floor. At the end of his route, the visitor goes down this stair into the study-center foyer adjacent to its 200-seat auditorium and from there back to the main entrance. A portion of this circuit through the courtyards, galleries and roof top terraces can be closed off during the hours when only the study center is open. The other circuit takes the visitor to the right directly to the study center,

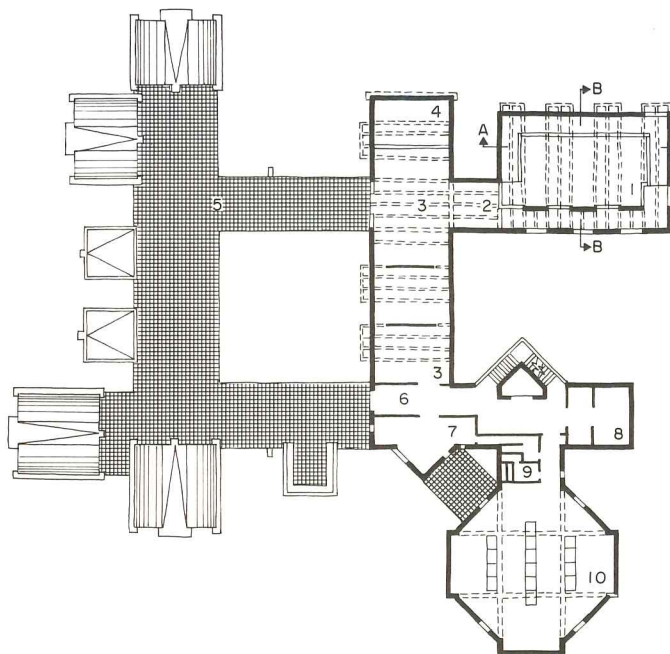




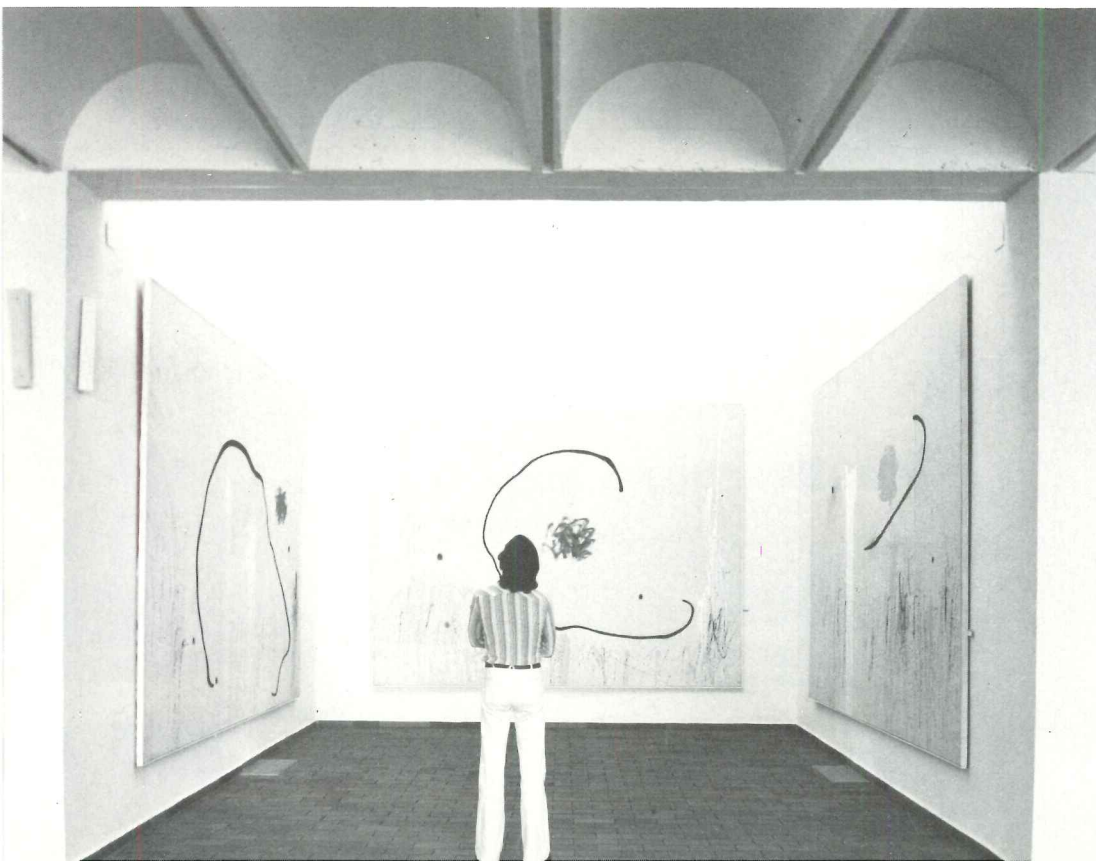
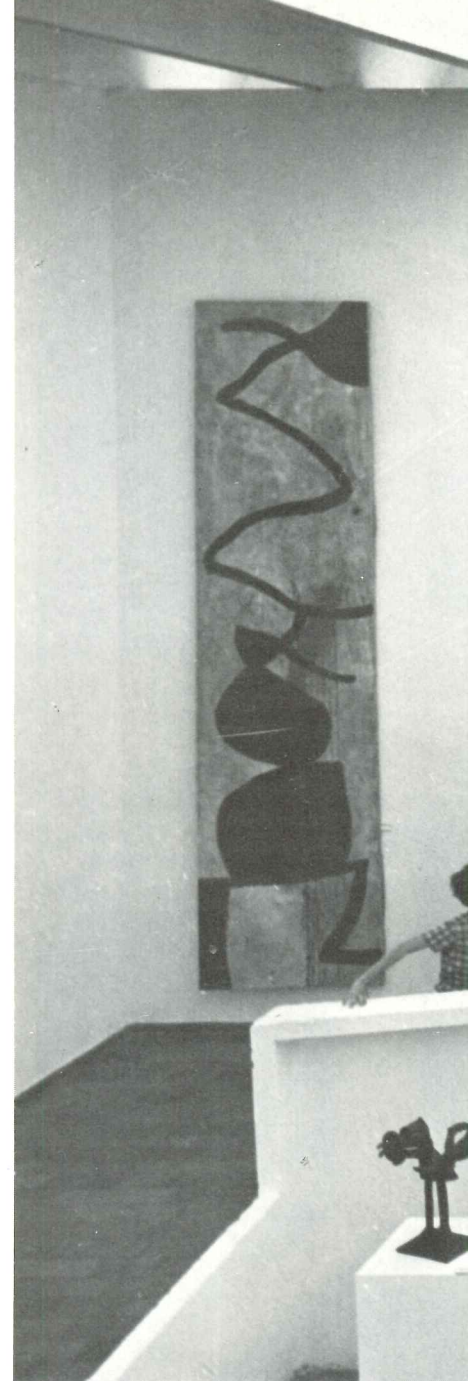
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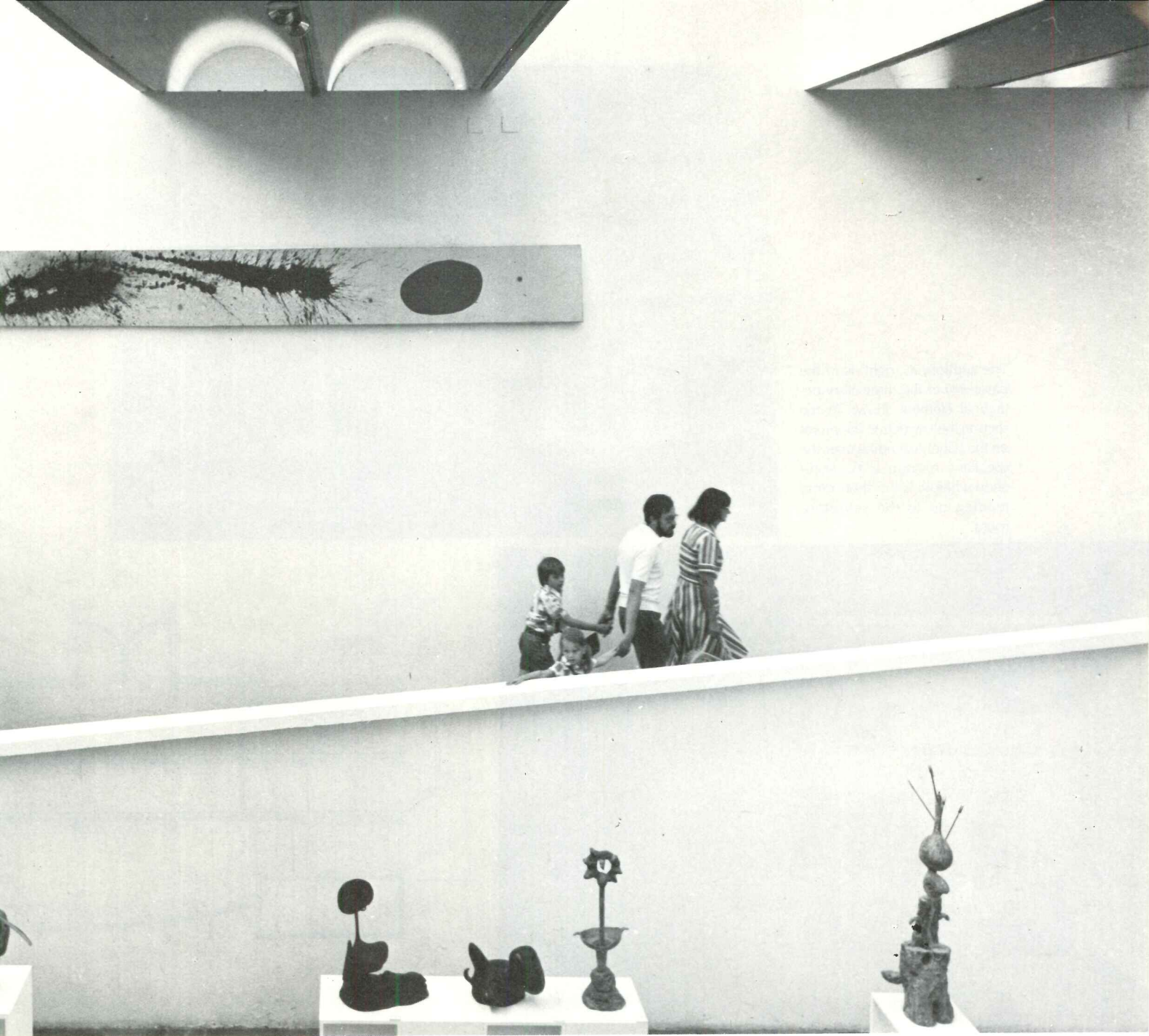
Included in the second floor plan at left are (1) sculpture room; (2) hallway; (3) print room; (4) balcony above first floor; (5) terrace with sculptures; (6) hallway at perimeter of exhibition space; (7) offices; (8) director's office; (9) restrooms; (10) print archive. The library and meeting room are on the third floor above the print archive and the auditorium is below on the first floor. The ramp (right) extends around all four sides of the sculpture room, allowing the work to be viewed from ever changing heights and angles. Miró has done several triptyches and the museum has two skylit alcoves to display them (below). These and other skylights (shown in the sections above) are similar to those used by Sert at the Foundation Maeght in Saint-Paul-de-Vence (RECORD, October 1974, pages 102-103).



which has its own courtyard and bar.

From both the exterior and interior, the building bears a marked resemblance to the Foundation Maeght at St. Paul de Vence, principally because of the prominent semicircular light scoops. Other Sert buildings with these scoops: Miró's studio in Mallorca designed in 1955 (RECORD, January 1957, pages 138-140) and the law library for Boston University (RECORD, May 1964, pages 161-170) are two of the most familiar. The scoops make maximum use of natural light, as Sert considers it to be of utmost importance for the display of paintings and sculpture. The light is diffused as it bounces off the curved surfaces. Where draperies are used where necessary to diffuse the bright Mediterranean light as it enters through the frameless glass walls, which reveal the patios and gardens. Lighting has been built into the scoops to replace the daylight in the evenings or to augment it when necessary.

The structure of the building is of re



ed concrete, used by Sert in the manner which is clearly his. If the scoops remind one of the Foundation Maeght, Miró's studio and the Boston law library, the handling of the two-story, octagonal element is in the spirit of the Holyoke Center at Harvard (RECORD, May 1972, pages 131-146), the rest of his work at Boston University, and the buildings at Guelph University (RECORD, May 1972, pages 89-93). The two-story gallery structure, the ceilings of small barrel vaults, and the ribs of these vaults carry tracks for the lighting fixtures. The scoops in the higher rooms are one-half barrel vaults. The nonglazed, non-bearing walls are brick faced on the exterior by precast panels with an exposed aggregate surface. In addition, the outside of the building has another basic texture provided by the board-marked cast-in-place concrete.

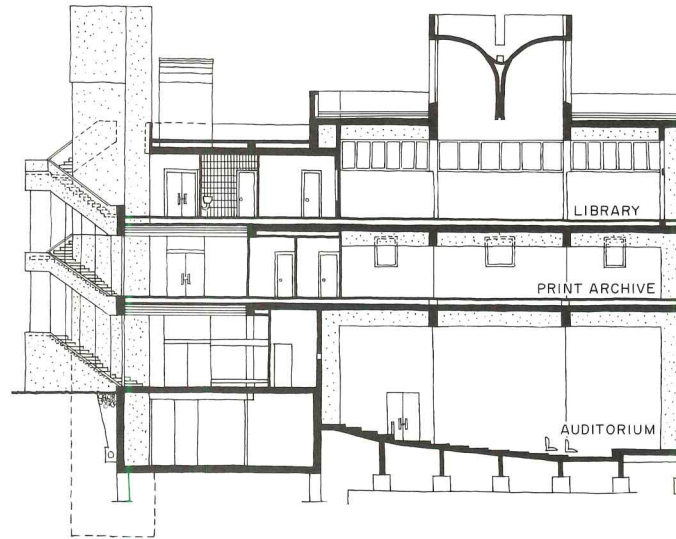
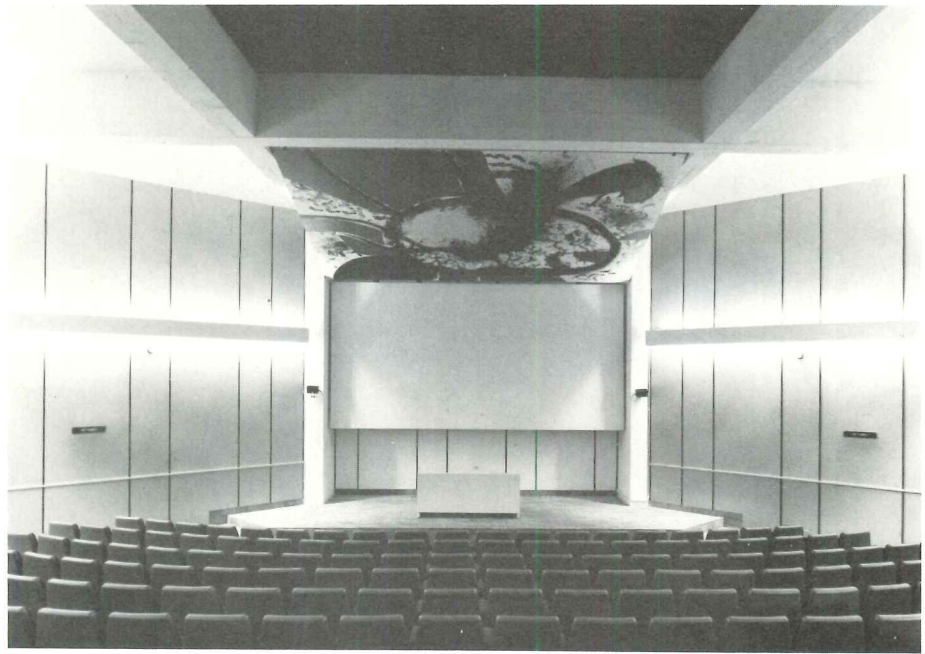
A large basement is linked directly with a large elevator and stair and serves as storage for pictures, sculpture, films and books. The

basement will permit considerable future expansion. Since the building is not devoted just to the work of Miró, Sert has given the building sufficient flexibility and potential for growth to display the art of our time and of the future in a variety of ways. It is planned that eventually half the space in the museum will be devoted to the work of young contemporary artists. As a symbolic harbinger of this, a gigantic sculpture by Chillida (not shown) has been placed in the front of the building, sharing this prominent space with a sculpture by Miró.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CONTEMPORARY ART/JOAN MIRÓ FOUNDATION, Barcelona, Spain. Owner: *The Joan Miró Foundation and the City of Barcelona*. Architects: *Sert, Jackson & Associates—Josep Lluís Sert, Joseph Zalewski, Jaume Freixa*. Associated architects: *Anglada, Gelabert & Ribas, Barcelona, Spain* (working drawings and site supervision). Structural engineer: *Jose Cobo*. Consultants: *Rafael Serva* (acoustics); *Luis Riera* (graphics). Contractor: *S. A. Piera, Barcelona, Spain*.



The auditorium (right) is in the basement of the three-story octagonal element shown in the section (below right). The mural on the panel extending over the speaker's rostrum is by Miró. Shown below is the short ramp leading up to the sculpture room.



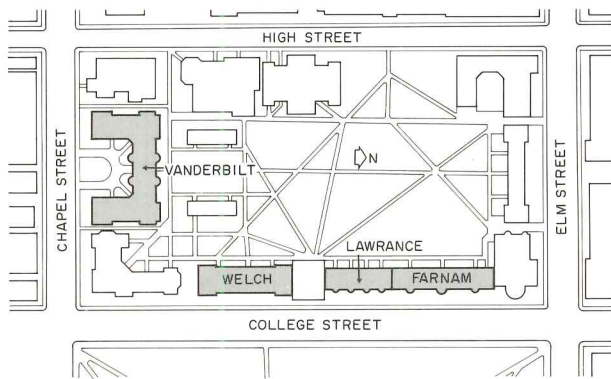
The view of the sculpture room at the lower level (right) looks up toward the ramps. The box-like spaces under the ramp frame small sculptures. These boxes project on the exterior and form niches for sculpture displayed out of doors.



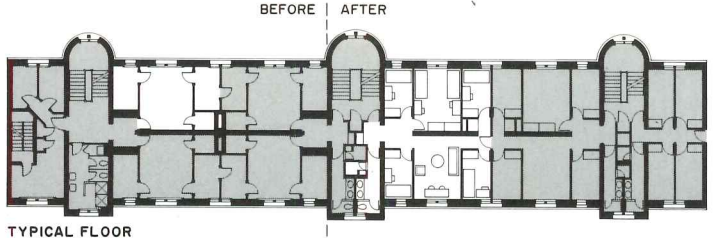


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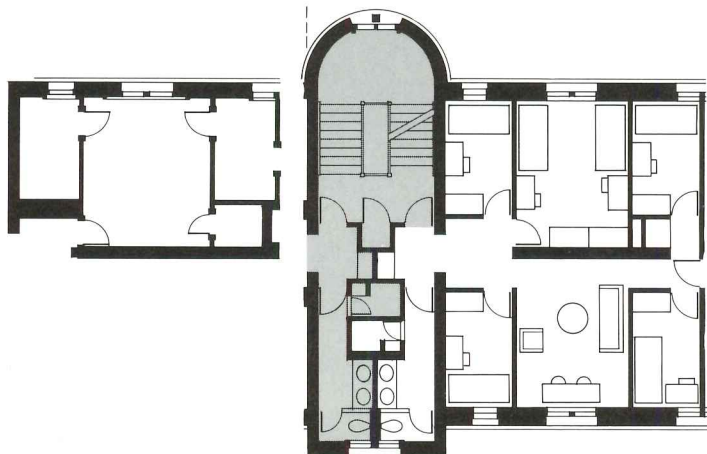
Yale University is preserving its great late-19th-century architecture by remodeling the Old Campus



Since the 1930s, Yale's Old Campus has been the home of the freshman class—an enviable group, fortunate in having overcome stiff competition to be admitted to one of the nation's leading universities. Generation after generation has moved into three splendid High-Victorian dormitories—Farnam (1869-70), Durfee (1871), and Lawrance (1885-86) all three designed by Russell Sturgis, Jr; and two fine examples of the English Collegiate style—Welch (1891) by Bruce Price and Vanderbilt Hall (1894) by Charles C. Haight.



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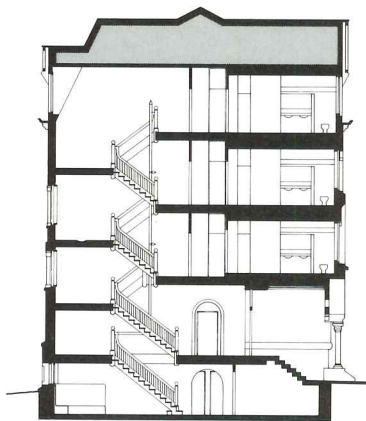


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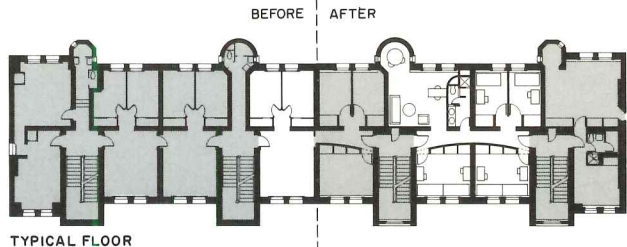
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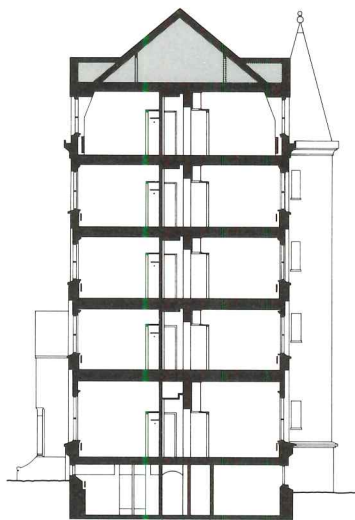
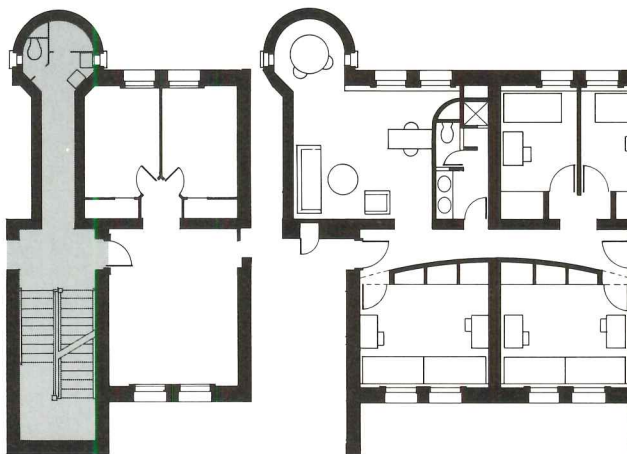
LAUNDRY



Farnam: The typical floors were gutted to bring the single bedrooms up to the code width of 7 feet. The basement slab and window sills were lowered. The east side of the basement, overlooking the New Haven Green has been developed as suites, and the opposite side as common facilities. The apses in two of the three basement stairwells are used as small living rooms for double suites. The third apse is used as a sitting area for the laundry.



TYPICAL FLOOR



Lawrance: The circular towers once enclosed bathrooms. By removing the bearing wall, these spaces were incorporated into living rooms and made into sitting alcoves and study niches. The curving wall in the corridor gives a special architectural character to Lawrance while maintaining existing arched brick entries. The basement floor was lowered to gain legal headroom, to make space for mechanical equipment, and to accommodate new suites.

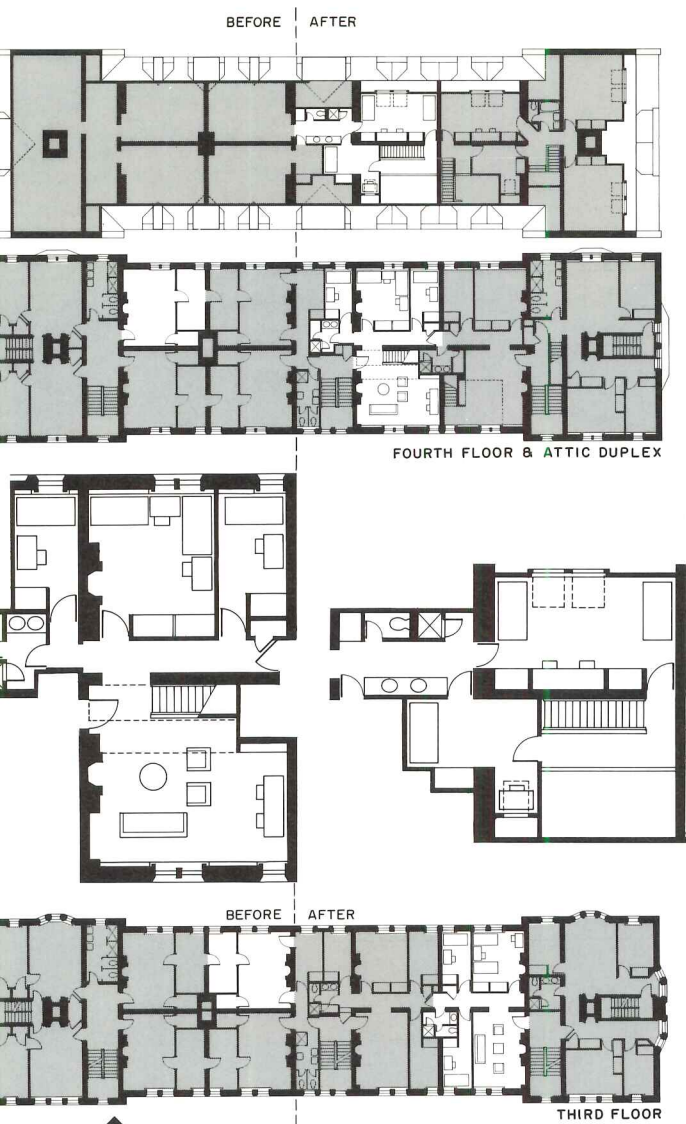
Unused or partially wasted attic and basement space has been transformed into student living and bedroom suites

Except for the switch from gas to electric light, the periodic upgrading of plumbing and heating facilities, and general maintenance, these dormitories have been little altered since Farnam was begun. In recent years they have become desperately crowded. Double-decker bunks were crowded into small bedrooms originally designed for one. Up to eight students shared a single toilet, sink and shower in small awkward bathrooms in public hallways. To avoid using double-deckers, many students put their beds in the living

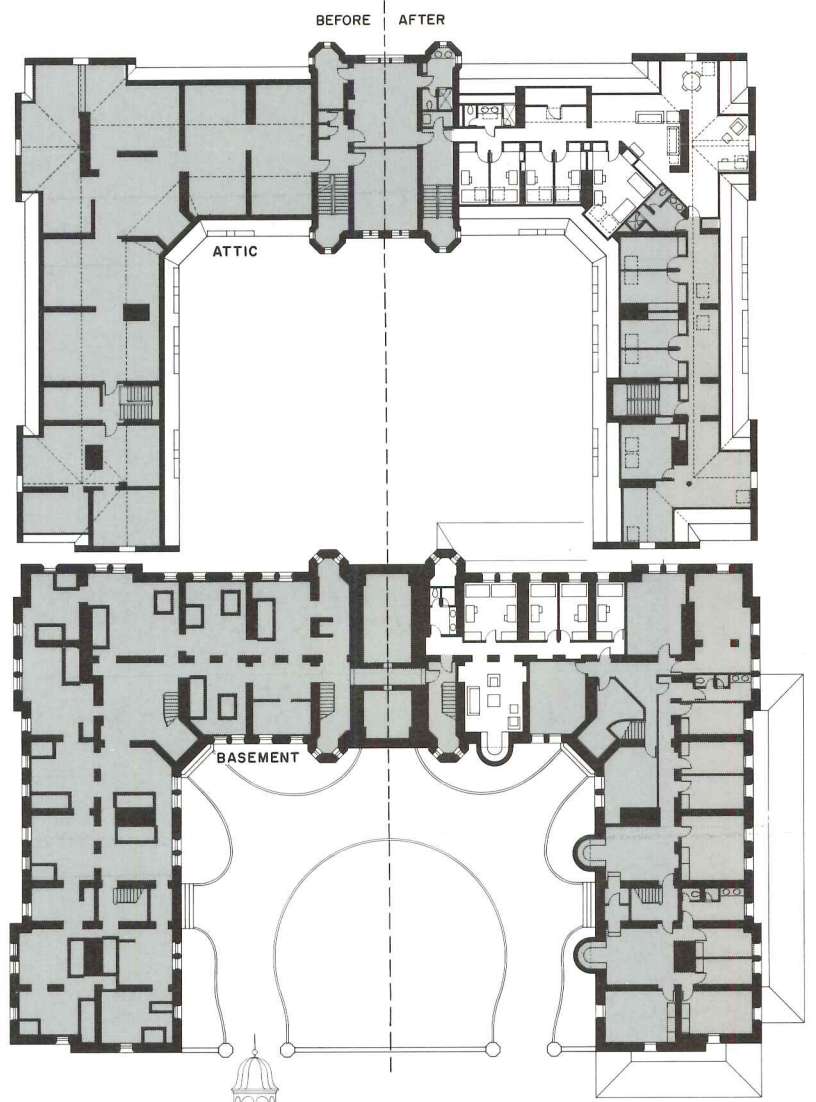
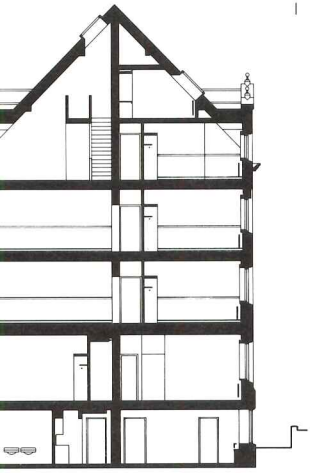
rooms of what had grown from two-person to four-person suites, thus destroying what had heretofore been the shared communal space. For the students and their proud parents on moving-in day, only the euphoria generated by making it to Yale can have mitigated the thundering shock delivered by the first look at the tenement-like freshman suites.

Something had to be done. Several years ago a proposal for two new student residential colleges on nearby Whitney Avenue and Grove streets seemed to be the answer. John

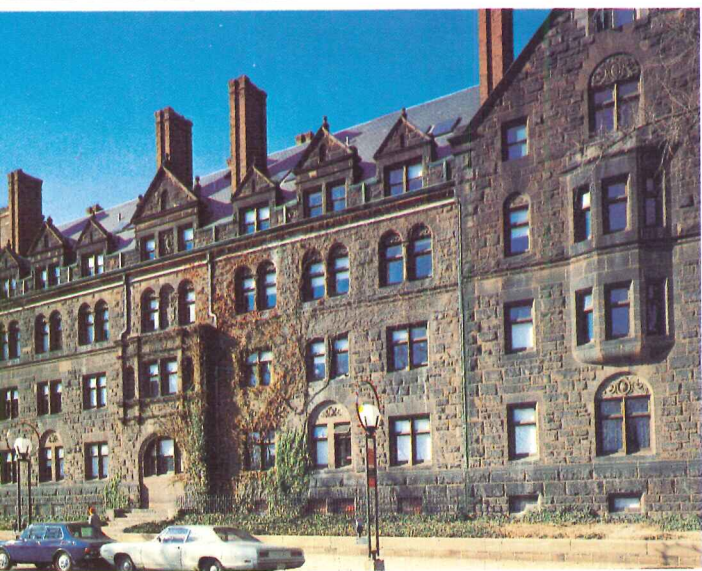
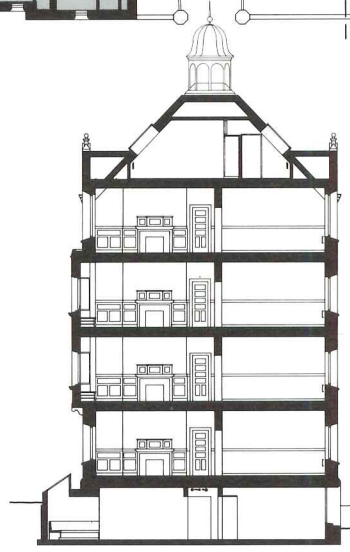
Hay Whitney of the class of '26 donated million dollars for the proposed buildings. Fortunately for the cause of extending the life of fine old buildings, the colleges fell through. The University and New Haven Board of Aldermen could not agree on a tax financing plan for the project and the Board refused to approve the construction. By the time this decision was overturned by the courts, building construction costs had become prohibitive. Furthermore, students at Yale and on other campuses v



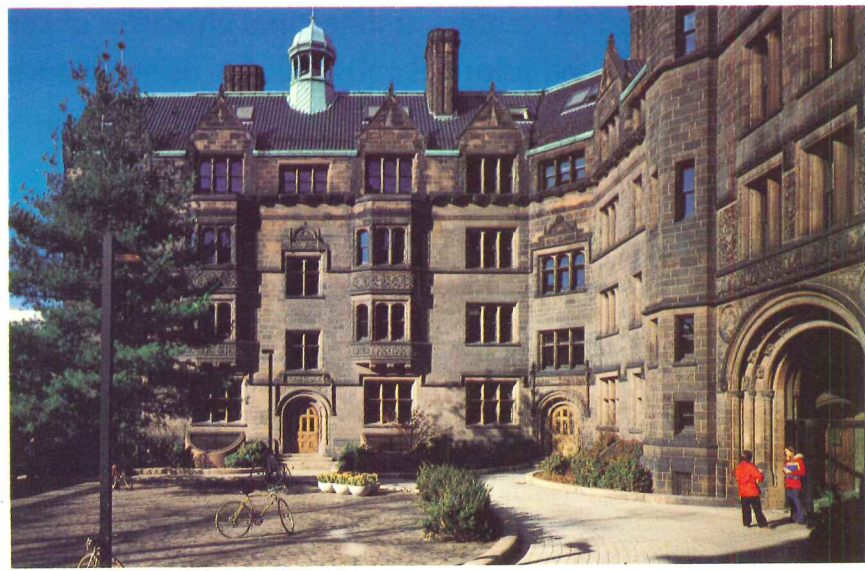
Welch: The attic and fourth floor were combined with interior stairs to create large six- and seven-person duplex suites with double-height living rooms. On typical floors, four- and five-person suites were created with interior bathrooms by combining two former suites consisting of a living room each and bunk bed double rooms. One living room was converted to a double room, one living room remained, and all former bunk bed doubles were converted to single rooms.



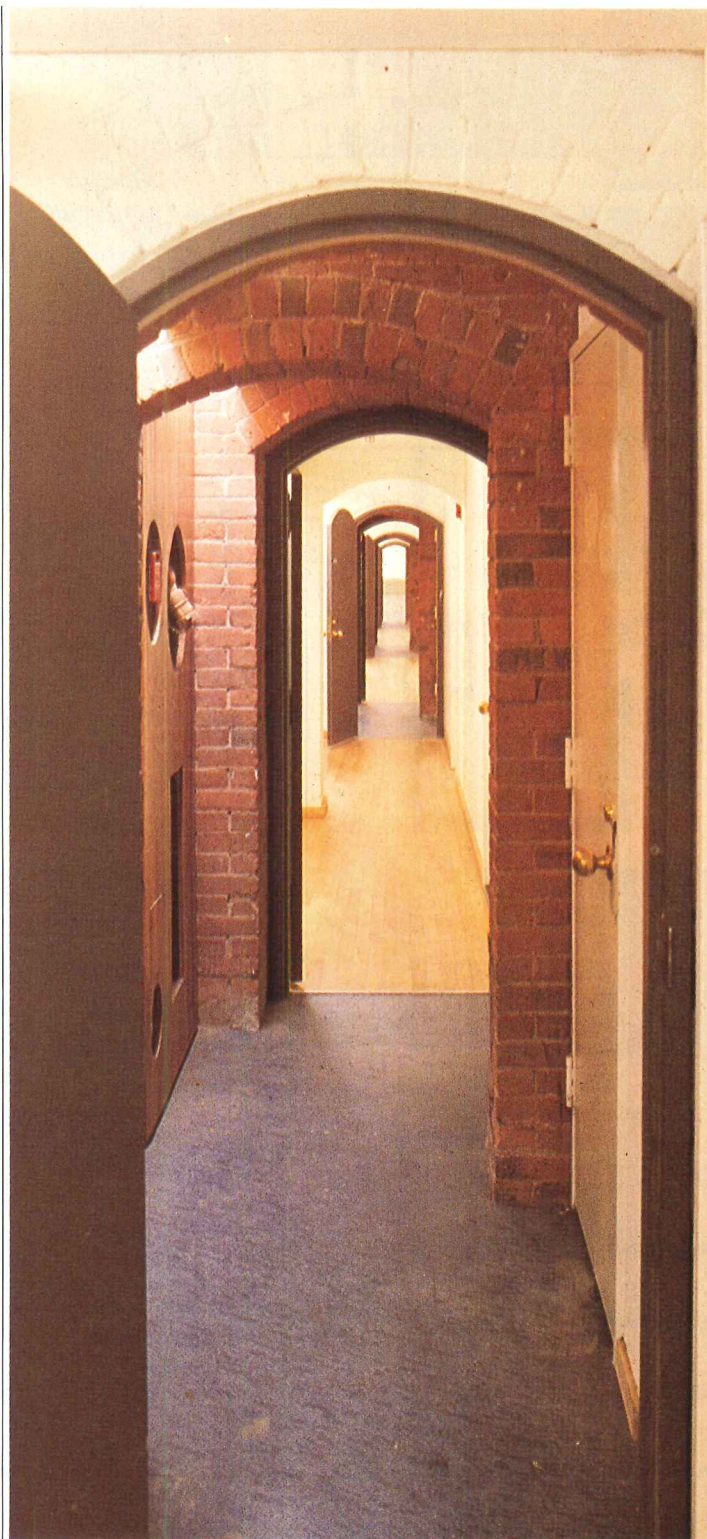
Vanderbilt: The attic has been transformed into bedroom and living space. The basement, formerly used for storage and the old gravity heating and ventilating system, has been converted into suites by the removal of the large masonry heat boxes of the old system to gain space. The window sills were lowered and shallow grassed areaways were made on the campus side. The living rooms on the courtyard side are lit by semi-circular top lit areaways.



Welch Hall from New Haven Green



Vanderbilt Hall Courtyard



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The late-19th century architectural character of corridors, entrance halls stairways and principal entrances has been enhanced by the restoration

beginning to realize how much they loved old buildings and preferred them as places to live. There was little enthusiasm among Yale students for the new residential colleges scheme. As a result of these considerations, Yale's president, Kingman Brewster Jr. will have spent \$7.3 million of Whitney's gift on Farnam, Lawrance, Welch, Vanderbilt, Durfee and McClellan including furniture, landscaping, management costs and all fees. The quarters of 1,000 students will be renovated at a cost of \$7,000 per bed. (Costs of new construction in

New Haven in 1975 were figured to be \$13,000 per bed.)

Brewster established a faculty-student committee headed by associate provost Jonathan Fanton to work with the two associated architectural firms: Edward L. Barnes, Architect, New York City and Herbert S. Newman Associates, New Haven. Every aspect of the renovation, from basic suite arrangements to the design of the storage units under each bed was carefully worked out among the Yale Office of Facilities Planning, the architects and

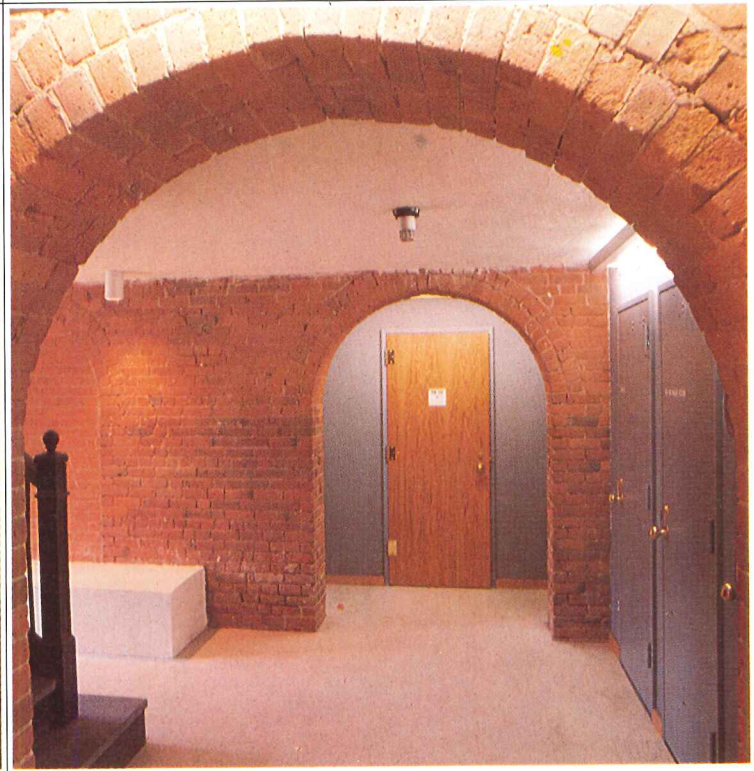
the committee.

The goal of the renovation was to provide 120 beds and to reduce overcrowding; to bring the buildings up to the current life safety code; to renovate completely the heating, electrical and plumbing systems; and to renovate all building finishes and the structure for long-term dormitory use.

The two architectural firms developed common design objectives for all the buildings to be renovated. First, they determined the architectural character of each building with



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preserved as much as possible by retaining original materials, details and external appearance of the buildings—which when taken whole represent a unique period in late nineteenth century American architecture. Second, they wished to provide a variety of room types and sizes. Third, they decided to provide two means of egress from each suite, accomplished without affecting the privacy of adjacent suites. Fourth, they concluded that the showers should be provided within the suites rather than at public corridors and

The Lawrance typical floor suite corridors (Figure 1), and the basement corridor (Figure 2) are punctuated by a series of beautiful brick arches left intact by the architects. The arches have also been retained in the Farnam basement (Figure 6), and throughout the structure. The Farnam entrances (Figure 3) have new glass doors to accentuate the silhouettes of the beautiful pierced-stone transoms as seen from within, and to make the severely handsome character of the brick and tile stairwells visible from without. In the stairwells of Welch (Figure 4), new oak walls conceal emergency devices and utility closets while carrying the building's name and floor identification as an ornamental detail. The steeply pitched roofs in the Vanderbilt attic (Figure 5) make good space.



The policy of making the renovations invisible on the exteriors has enriched the interior suites

stairhalls. This makes the bathrooms secure from intruders, permits bathroom sundries to be left in the bathrooms, and encourages student maintenance of their own bathrooms.

As planning progressed it was decided that a six-person suite arrangement of four singles, one double, a living room and a private bath shared by all six was the optimum arrangement. This organization of space had to vary in response to the actual conditions existing in each of the old buildings. Wherever possible the architects converted the existing

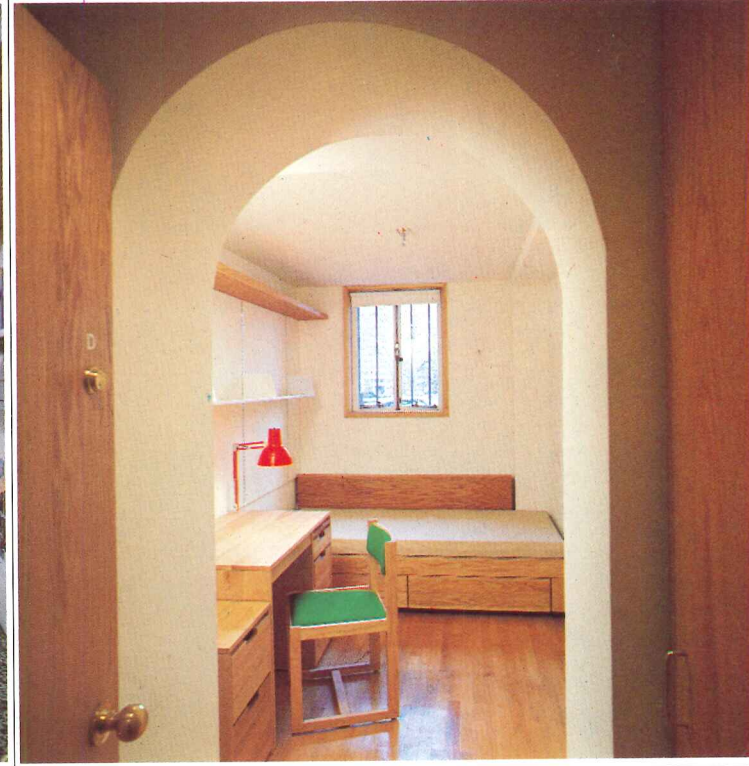
suites originally designed for two but now containing up to four persons into suites for six. This was done by converting alternate living rooms into double bedrooms, thus permitting the crowded small bedrooms to revert to single occupancy. Although on typical floors, the density increased slightly, a significant number of additional beds were gained by taking over the attics in Vanderbilt and Welch and the basements of Farnam, Lawrance, Welch and Vanderbilt as living quarters. The attics and basements were remodeled with great care to

minimize the effect on the exteriors.

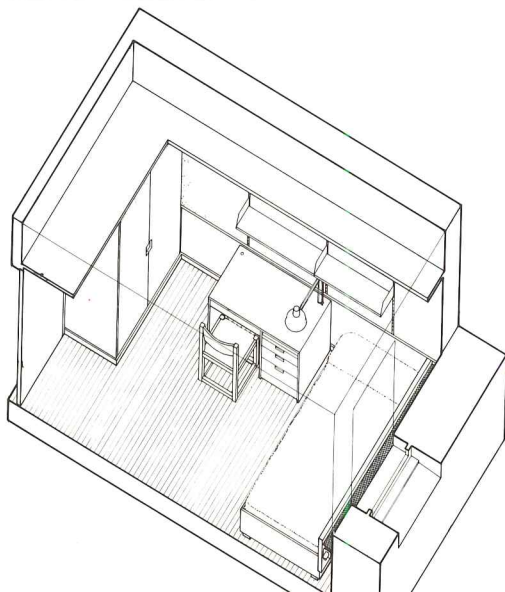
The renovation of the four halls shown here began in the spring of 1976 and the buildings were ready for occupancy last fall. Two additional halls including Durfee will be ready by the fall of 1977. The freshmen are delighted with their new quarters, which now surpass in spaciousness and esthetic quality most of the residential college living suites of upper classmen including the cramped bedrooms of Eero Saarinen's Morse and Ezra Stiles Colleges (1960-62). Traditionally, when a student



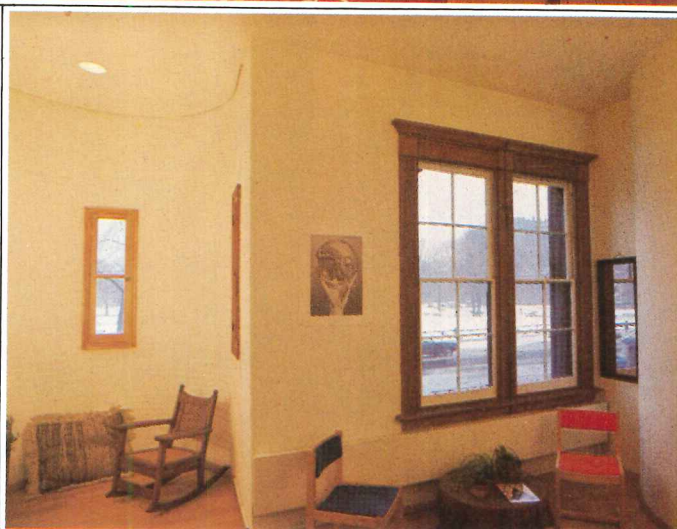
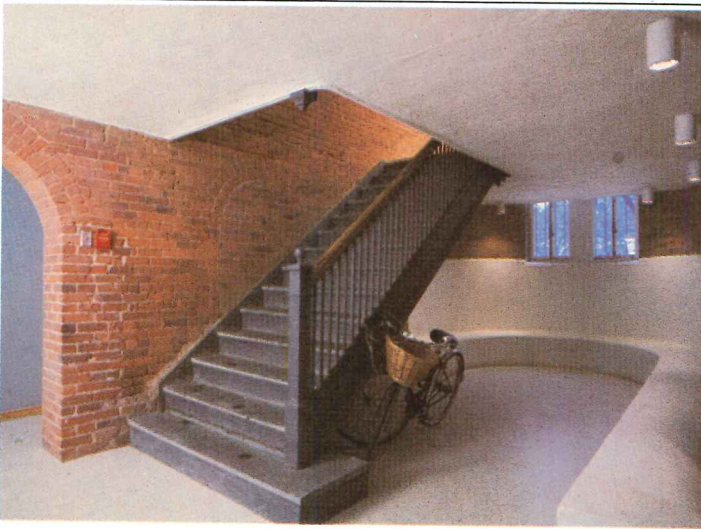
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The Welch duplex living room (Figure 1) is part of a suite for 6 to 7 persons. To achieve this space, the attic and the fourth floor were combined. The double bedroom in the Welch duplex (Figure 2) has windows of the type that were used in all the attics renovated. Constructed of aluminum-clad wood and tempered bronze glass they were designed for installation in a sloping roof surface with a minimum of disruption to the roof plane. The window has a reversing mechanism for exterior glass cleaning. The existing fenestration was kept intact in all buildings except for lowering basement sills or replacing sash, glazing and trim where necessary. Farnam is the only building with all new window trim (Figures 4 and 5). The existing trim in Lawrence (Figure 3) was left as is. Fully furnished mock-up rooms containing the elements shown in the isometric were carefully analyzed.



The generous old dormitories had a lot of leftover space now brought to life

leaves the Old Campus, he moves up to better quarters. If this is to continue, Yale will either have to upgrade many more student rooms, or put its seniors back on the Old Campus, which once, long ago, was their preserve.

—Mildred F. Schmetz

YALE UNIVERSITY OLD CAMPUS RENOVATION PHASE ONE: FARNAM, LAWRENCE, WELCH, VANDERBILT HALLS, New Haven, Connecticut. Owner: Yale University. Architects for Farnam and Vanderbilt: Edward L. Barnes, Architect—Edward Z.

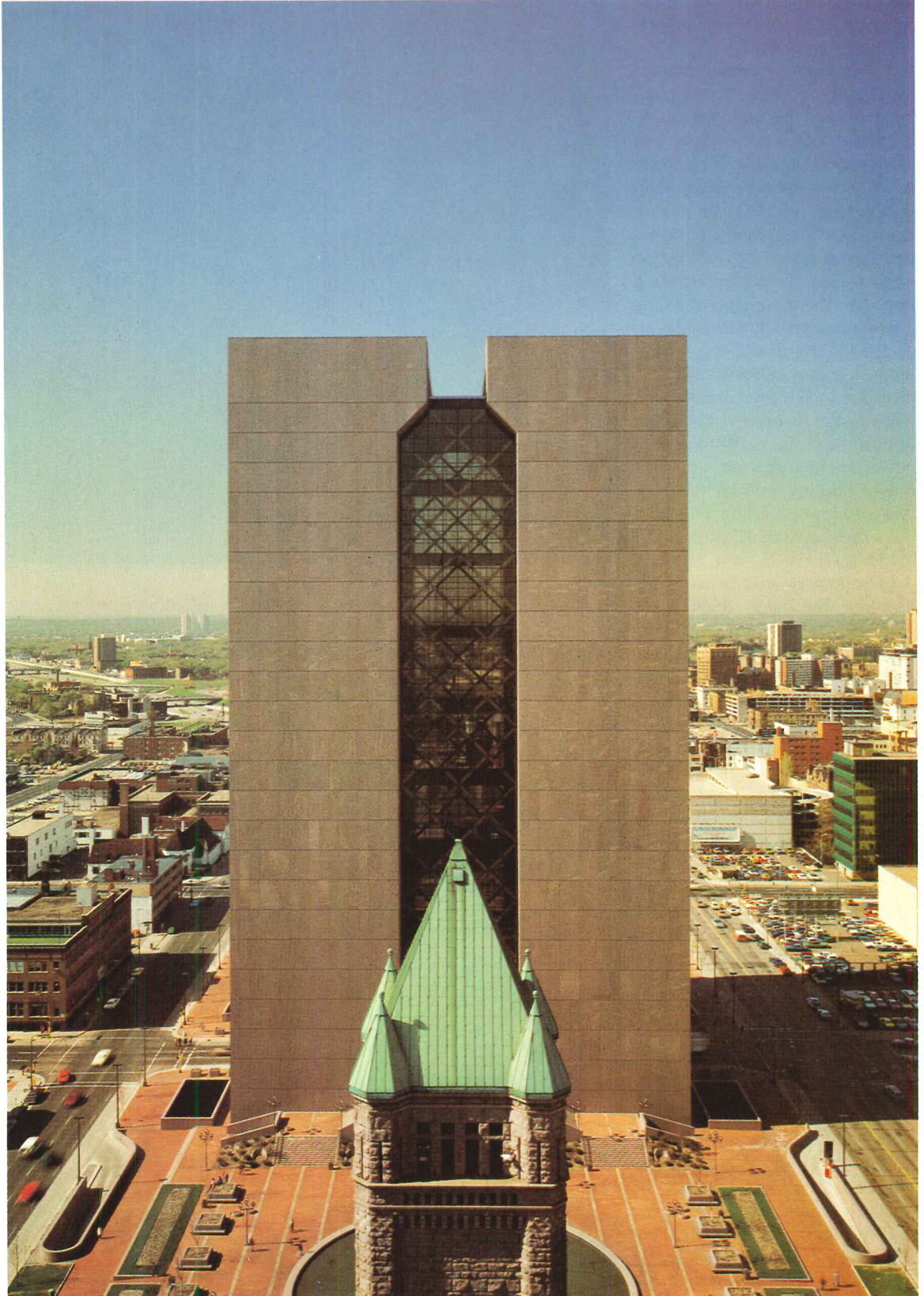
Jacobsen, associate; Thomas V. Czarnowski and Frederick Stelle, project architects; Mary Barnes, interior design. Architects for Lawrence and Welch: Herbert S. Newman Associates—Glenn Gregg, partner, Don Cosham and Joseph Schiffer, project architects; Monique M. Corbat-Brooks, Robert Gotshall, Susan Marko and Neil Troiano, assistants. Consultants: Spiegel & Zamecnik (structural/foundation engineers); Yale University Engineering Services (mechanical); Zion & Breen (landscape); George A. Fuller Co. (costs); Glendon R. Mayo (building code). General contractor: E. & F. Construction Co.

A typical basement living room in Vanderbilt (Figure 1) is lit by a top-lighted circular areaway, which meets the light and ventilation requirements with a minimum of disruption to the landscape and architectural character of the Vanderbilt courtyard (page 95). The circular seating area (Figure 2) is in a basement apse in Farnam. The second floor living room in Lawrence (Figure 3) extends into the turret, formerly occupied by an inadequate toilet facility. As already mentioned, the furnishing of the student bedrooms was done by the university according to mock-ups carefully studied by the architects, the students and the university management. The living rooms, however, have been exuberantly furnished by the suite occupants themselves, with the traditional reliance upon the New Haven flea markets.

Impressive new government center around a grand atrium space

An important new public building has been designed as the focal point of a developing civic center in Minneapolis. In a bold design approach, John Carl Warnecke & Associates provided a public space in the grand tradition of civic buildings that is also compatible with today's needs, a scheme that combines what the architects refer to as "informality within monumentality."

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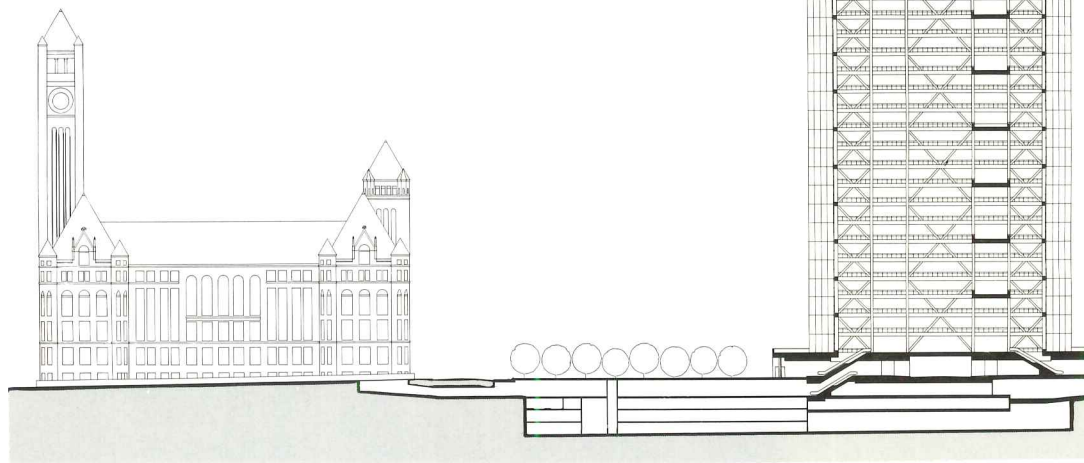
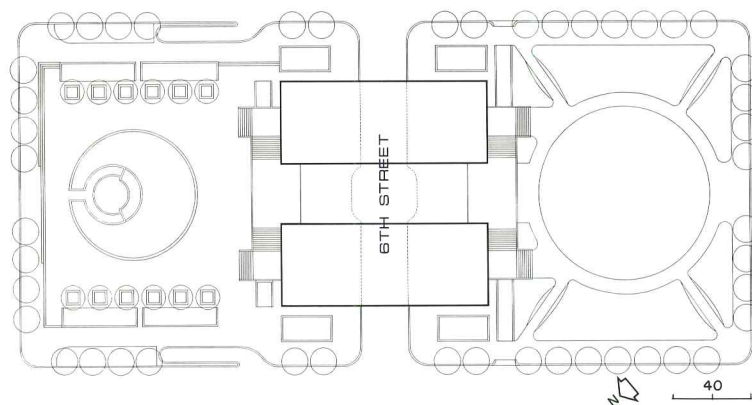


Completion of the Hennepin County Government Center in Minneapolis marks the beginning of a new civic center that will encompass an 18-block area when completed. The civic center's master plan (also designed by the Warnecke firm) was premised on the design of this building as the focal point of the area. While the plan establishes guidelines for future public and private development within the parameters (including the location, height and bulk of buildings, and the position of open spaces—all interconnected by pedestrian aerial walkways), it does so with all aspects relating to the Center.

The Center's design concept was based on an exemplary planning process by both the architects and a facilities analysis and design firm, SUA, Inc. SUA began an extensive, detailed space utilization study in 1965; its recommendations subsequently stimulated the passage of 23 bills by the state legislature that reorganized the county government. One major recommendation which affected the design was the separation of county administration offices from the district and municipal courts. To express these two distinct services, a 24-story twin-tower design evolved (the east tower housing judicial facilities, the west tower housing offices).

The outstanding feature of the building, however, is a 350-foot-high atrium created between the towers, bordered dramatically with exposed steel diagonal bracing. It is a great indoor space, enjoyed by the public and the employees—fully appreciated as a controlled, year-round environment, not affected by the changeability and severity of the Midwest's weather. The atrium is flooded with light through a combination of glass end walls and a large skylight. At the roof line, enormous exposed steel tetrahedrons frame this skylight and the corridors of the top floor.

By siting the structure so the inner court aligns with the towers of the old Municipal Building across the street (designed by Long and Kees in 1906) and by using glass curtain walls on this axis, views from the atrium are opened up and primarily focused on the old building, signifying the relationship and continued coordination of services between the two structures. Compatibility of the two buildings is further enhanced by the use of carnelian red granite on the new building's fa-



An interior court, formed by the enclosure of space between two towers, is the highlight of the Center. Bold, exposed geometric forms of structural cross bracing create this exhilarating public space. The public service level (above) houses facilities most often used by the public, thereby eliminating the need for most people to travel to the upper levels.



cade complementing the older building's granite exterior walls.

A unique structural system solved the inherent engineering problems of the atrium concept (RECORD mid-August 1974, page 82). Diagonal wind-bracing was positioned on the interior walls facing the atrium rather than on the perimeter of the building, and exposed the full height of the court. The total space frame acts like a cage, stiffening the building's frame, minimizing building drift and allowing 85 per cent usable floor space in the towers. It accepts lateral loads (transmitted from the composite floors through diaphragm action) and distributes the stresses downward throughout the 180-foot building length. The cage is supported below the public service level by 30-inch-thick concrete shear walls, constructed on bedrock. The building spans a street using a conventional support system (rolled structural steel shapes, designed compositely, with a concrete topping slab).

Because the center spans a street, spaces were created for two large landscaped parks. Recycled water from the north plaza fountain flows one story below the street level, and can be seen from a large cafeteria. This level also connects the two government buildings and houses jury, computer, mail and printing facilities.

A total cost of \$49.3 million for the building (not including \$1.9 million for landscaping and site work) was achieved. This is a surprisingly low \$34 per square foot, with a large part of the savings resulting from the structural ingenuity of the diagonal bracing, which required less steel and fewer complicated connections of members than in many more conventional systems.

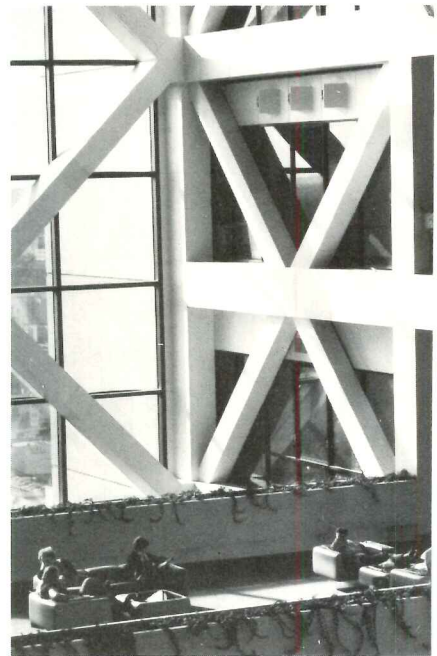
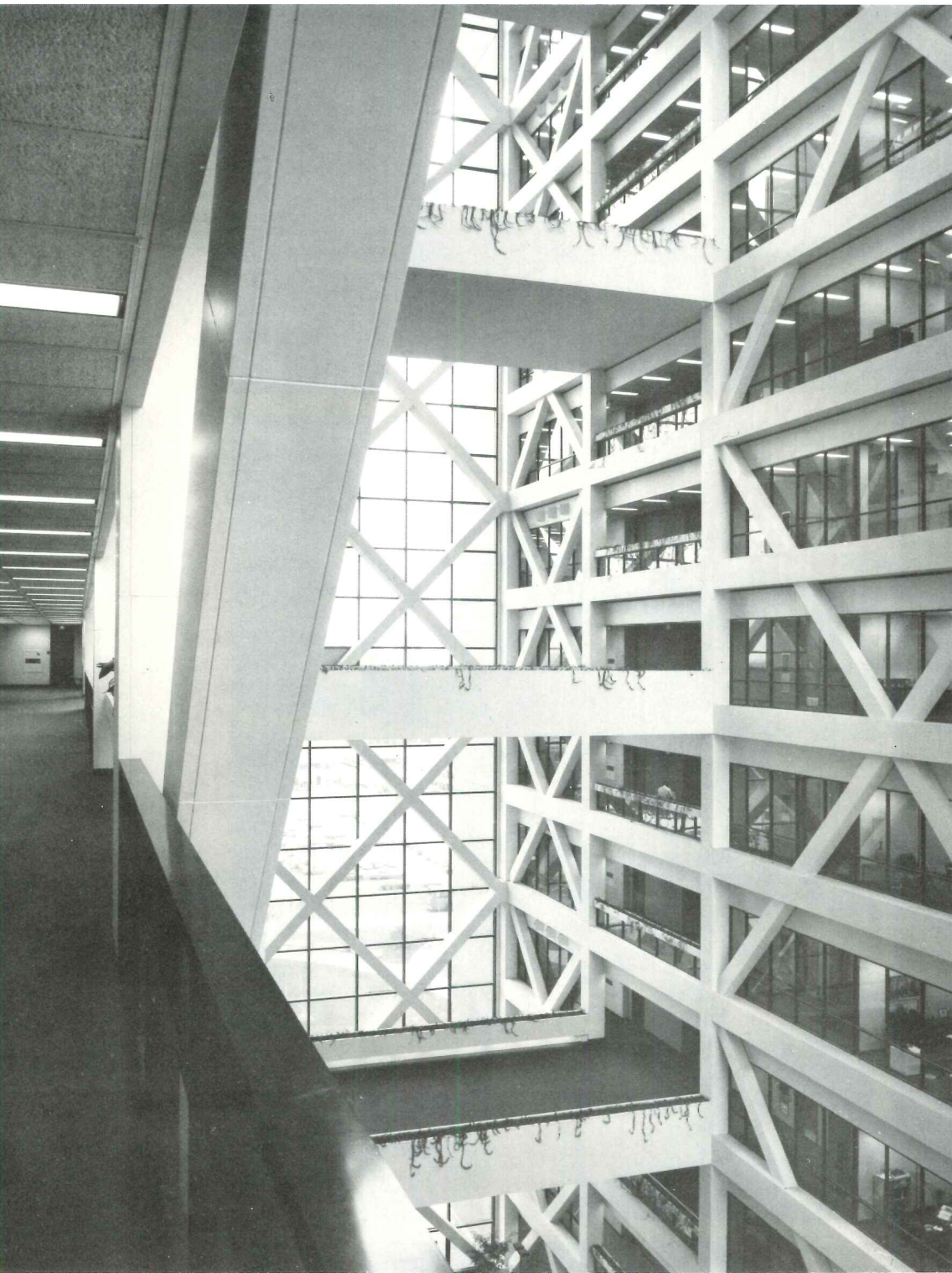
HENNEPIN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Architects: *John Carl Warnecke & Associates; Peterson, Clarke and Associates, Inc.* (associates). Engineers: *Ketchum, Konkel, Barrett, Nickel and Austin* (structural); *Jacus and Amble* (associate structural); *Donald Bentley and Associates* (mechanical/electrical/plumbing); *Michaud, Cooley, Hallberg, Erickson & Associates* (associate mechanical / electrical / plumbing). Consultant: *SUA Incorporated* (facilities analysis/planning/design). Interior design: *John Carl Warnecke & Associates*. Landscape architects: *John Carl Warnecke & Associates and Michael Painter & Associates*. Construction management: *Construction Management Services, Inc.* General contractor: *Knutson Construction Company.*



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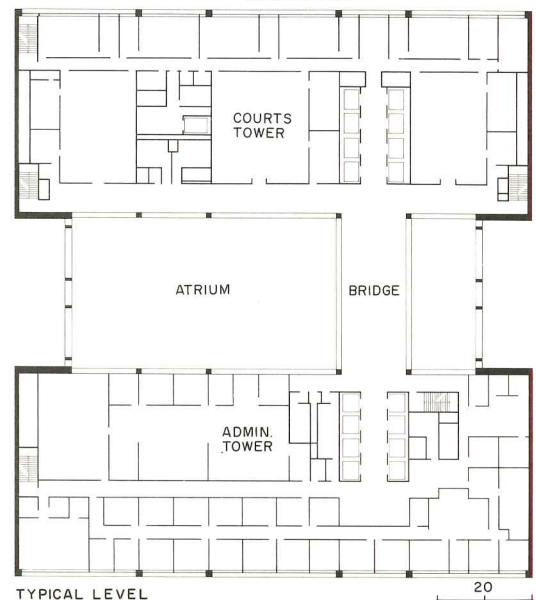
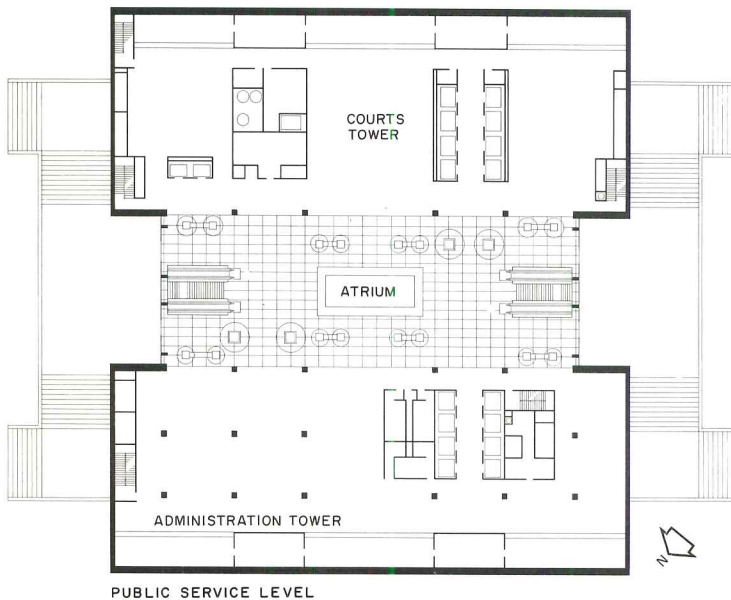
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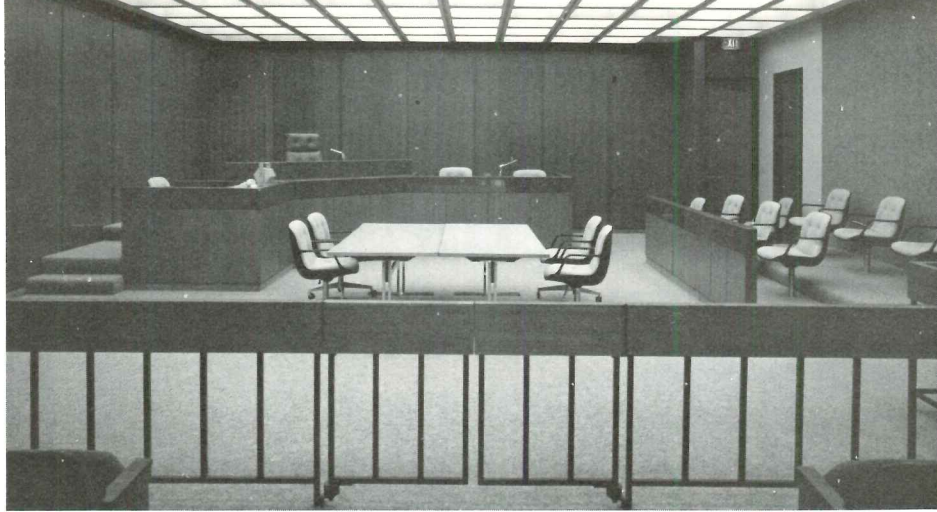


Despite a noticeable difference between the interior tower facades bordering the court (only one side is glazed for acoustical reasons) there is no air conditioning imbalance throughout the 4.3 million cubic foot court space, for a wall set back beyond a corridor in the opposite tower performs an offsetting effect. Seven elevated walkways (spaced every third floor above the public service level) span the court, connecting the two towers. Eventually a series of elevated bridges will connect this building with others in the civic center.

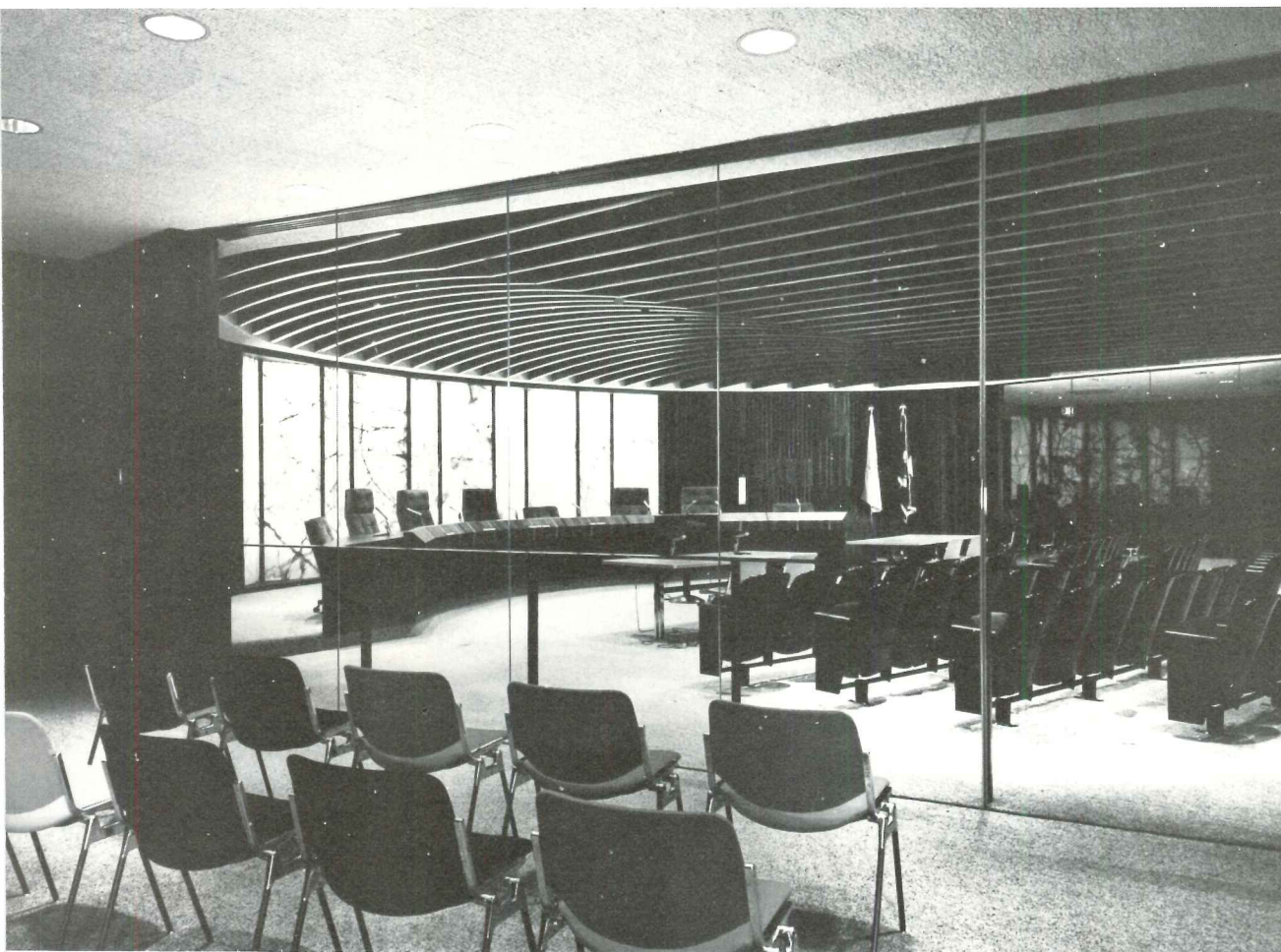


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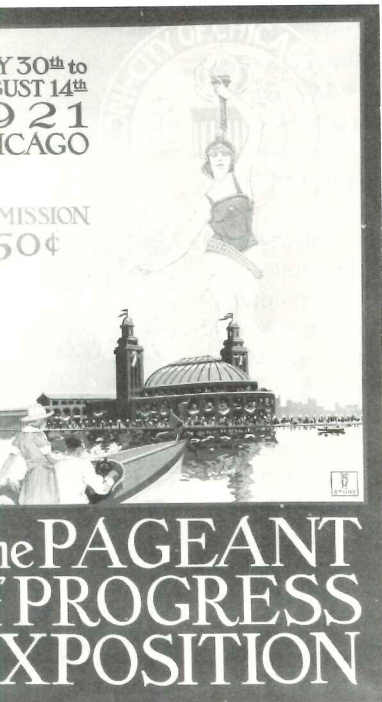


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The design of courtrooms (top and right plan, page 105) affords the most modern security measures while solving acoustical and lighting problems. Public access to courtrooms is only by a corridor on the atrium side, while judges' chambers are located along the perimeter with access to the courtrooms by a separate inner corridor. Prisoner holding cells and auxiliary court personnel offices are also near the inner corridor. A Commissioners' meeting room (above and right) provides an unusual design concept for public meetings. Seating is provided for only 90 persons inside a glass enclosed meeting room, with additional seating for 200 persons outside the enclosure, allowing limited direct public participation.

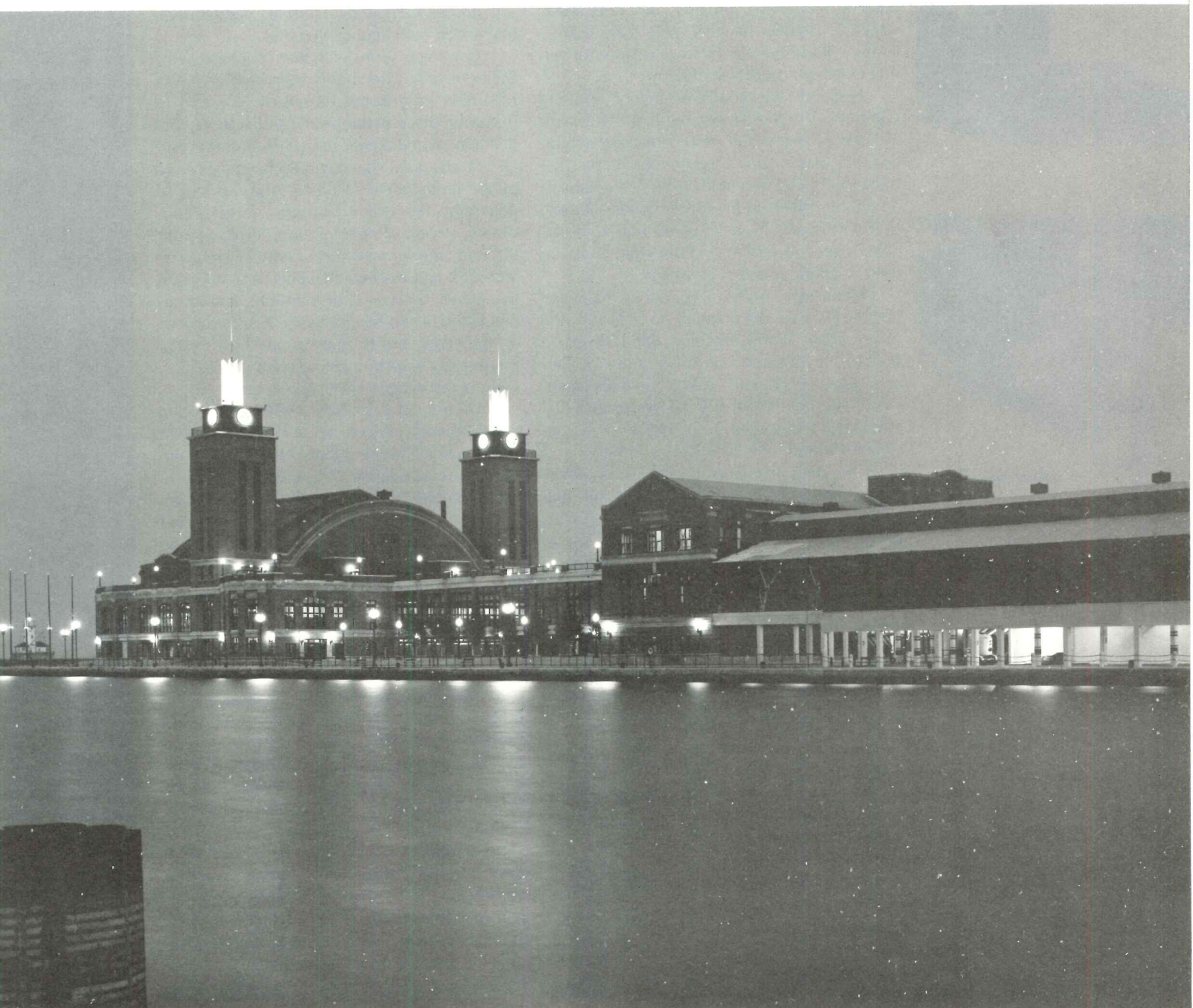


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ANCHORS AWEIGH ON CHICAGO'S LATEST AMENITY

Last summer, Richard J. Daley, the late legendary mayor of Chicago, decided to drop by his favorite building. He had long been seeing to it that as many new buildings as possible got built, but his favorite one was altogether different. This was Navy Pier, built in 1916 to the design of an architect named Charles S. Frost, and now, 60 years later, being rebuilt to the design of the mayor's Bureau of Architecture, whose chief is Jerome R. Butler, Jr., the mayor's City Architect. Why would an abandoned pier, 3,040 feet long and 292 feet wide, have excited Richard J. Daley so much? Maybe he knew that its fun-handling facilities, as much as its freight-handling facilities, had excited many people over the years, and maybe, too, he thought that, turned into shipshape condition, it would be the best place for them to take in the skyscraper-studded skyline that his 21-year rule helped to create.



Ah, but the ragtime was resonant. It is almost as though Scott Joplin had taken up architecture. But when Chicago, in 1916, let out with "Municipal Pier No. 2," stretching three-fifths of a mile eastward into Lake Michigan, people recognized it right away as the kind of place they could tap their feet to. And as the Twenties roared, the pier turned into the marathon mix of function and mood that it was meant for, achieving necessity, amenity, and levity all at once.

Excursion boats, cargo ships, and lake steamers moored alongside its parallel double-decked sheds, each 100 feet wide and jumping with stevedores, passengers, and freight. At its outermost reach was a recreation area with high arcades and extravagant esplanades. Crowds attended art shows, plays, trade fairs, picnics; and they danced inside a glittering, cavernous 3,500-seat concert hall and auditorium, canopied with soaring metal-ribbed arches. Hook, line, and sinker, Chicagoans fell for the place. Even dusk fell for it, as the lanterns atop the two 165-foot concert hall towers glowed, the roof-garden bands playing on.

It was called a modern *Sans Souci*, a place without a care, and as long as they were in a position to behave similarly, this relentlessly nautical, slightly naughty pier gave Chicagoans a round-the-clock mix of reasons for getting together—and inexpensively.

Not that Chicagoans, or anyone else, are without a care these days; but in 1974, Mayor Richard J. Daley, full of Bicentennial fervor, decided that a *Sans Souci* might be just the thing for Chicagoans, and, as he had a habit of doing, he called up his City Architect, Jerome (Jerry) R. Butler, Jr., head of his Bureau of Architecture, and said to find out what could be done to shore up the old swinger.

Under Jerry Butler, who, unlike many city architects, was encouraged to call up the mayor about almost anything, the 100-person Bureau has become one of the most design- and quality-conscious public facilities agencies in the country, a professional proficiency that Daley's successor, to be chosen in a special election in June, should encourage.

The pier, the Bureau staff soon determined, hadn't been in any shape for fun and games for years. Because as the Twenties whimpered away, people had been in less of a mood for them as well. Passenger traffic on the Lake dwindled, what with the Depression, and, besides, the auto replaced the steamer as the way to go. Although the pier continued as a recreational facility through the Thirties, the music stopped for good in 1941. Renamed Navy Pier, the place went to school as a training base, its spaces hastily subdivided for offices and classrooms.

It went to school a second time, in 1946, when the University of Illinois, hit by the GI Bill influx, leased the pier, and, until 1965, it jumped with undergraduates attending what became known fondly as "Harvard on the Rocks." By this time, despite a flicker of freight traffic and occasional trade shows, Navy Pier, especially at the eastern end, with its domed terminus, had become a haggard, almost hopeless mess of partitions, awkward additions, blocked-up windows, and disheveled terra

cotta detailing. Parts of the copper roof were seen to blow off, and, by the time the Bureau team, led by Jerry Butler, Joseph W. Casserly, and Daniel G. Jones, showed up to see what could be done to help, parts of the concrete slab, laid over some 21,000 Oregon timber pilings, had dropped into the water.

With city plans for a huge international trade fair/lakefront festival in the works, and with thousands of people expected in connection with these events and the Bicentennial summer, the Bureau came back to Mayor Daley, who had seen Navy Pier plans come and go, with a plausible two-phase program. The first phase, for which the City Council appropriated \$7.2 million (later supplemented by over a million more), took care of the restoration and adaptation of the worst-off buildings at the end of the pier; work was accomplished, from design to rededication, in just the twelve months leading up to the Bicentennial. The second phase, for which programming is being finalized and marketing studies done, will, when approved, transform the remaining 2,340 feet of the pier—the old freight and passenger sheds running west from the fixed-up recreation buildings—into a full-fledged pleasure dome, combining cultural, commercial, and added recreational elements.

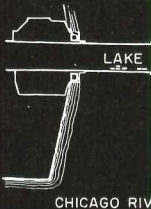
Coming to terms with the first phase, Jerry Butler recalls, "The major design problem was refraining from doing too much. We had to purge the place of the physical alterations that had accumulated over the years, and that had all but obscured the original character of the public recreational facilities. And we had to determine the extent of basic, largely concealed, structural deterioration, resulting from 60 hard freezes and those awful storms. The technical and esthetic challenge was to match the color, texture, craftsmanship, and ornamentation of another era, while keeping an eye on the costs, and to make room for a mix of present-day recreational and cultural activities, without resorting to slick shoe-in effects."

Of the \$8.2 million spent on the first phase of work, 20 per cent will never be seen by the pier's adoring public. All that went into basic structural repair. The steel-frame, brick-clad structure had to be exposed and examined. A lot of the the steel, it was found, had become dangerously weakened. The precarious condition of the floor had to be corrected by ripping up substantial portions of the concrete slab and replacing the piling caps. The expansive outdoor esplanade had to be raised two feet in some places, three feet in others. Deteriorated masonry and terra cotta had to be carefully removed, and new materials, even more carefully selected for their matching properties, put into place. The idea was to return the buildings to their essential shell, in preparation for adapting the retrieved spaces for new use, and return them, also, to their essential integrity.

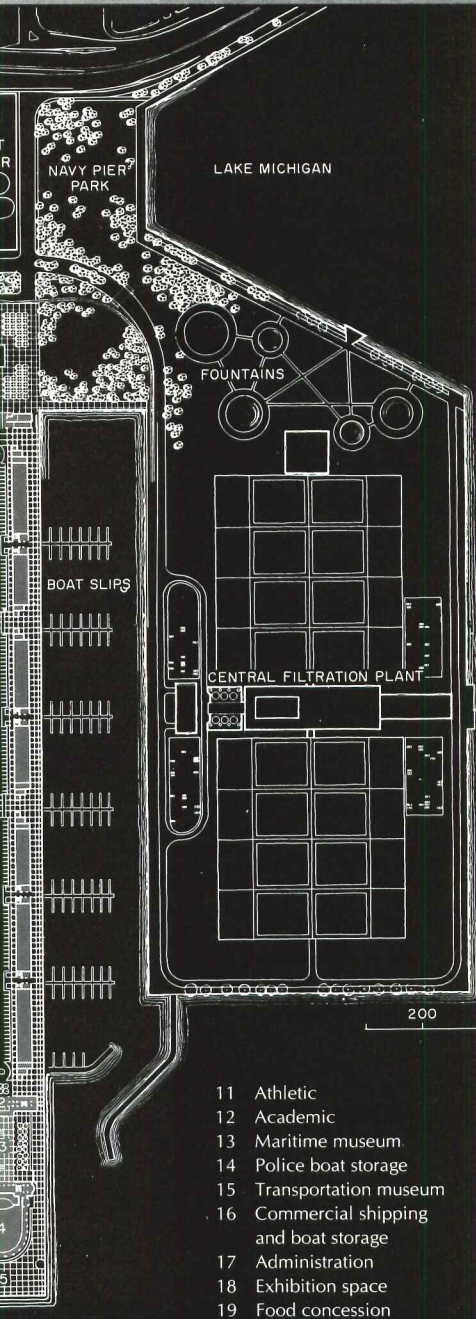
For example, the original cast iron window and door frames were fixed up as much as possible, and, otherwise, these were replaced with steel frames of a compatible color. Eighteen different brick panels were laid up to determine the best masonry match. To replace the color and texture of the original terra cotta



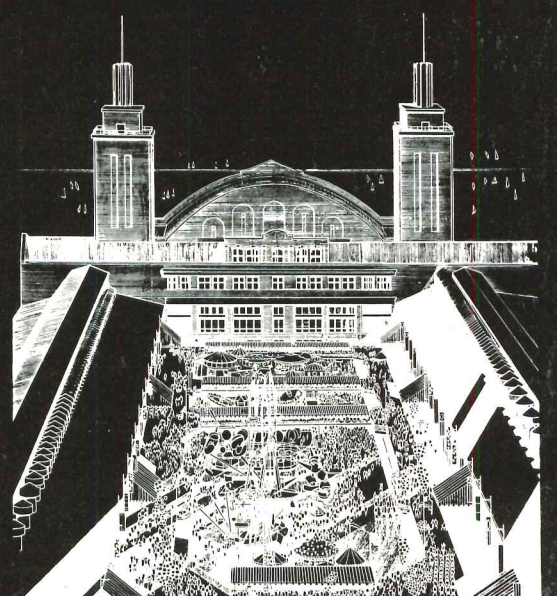
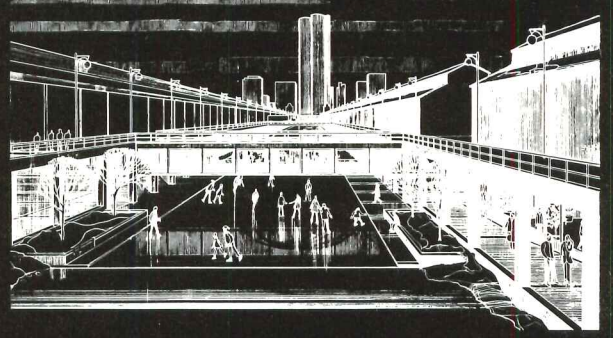
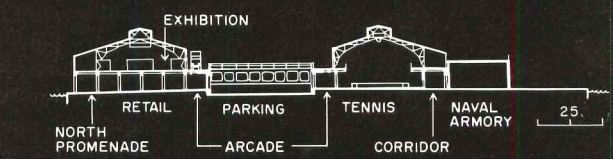
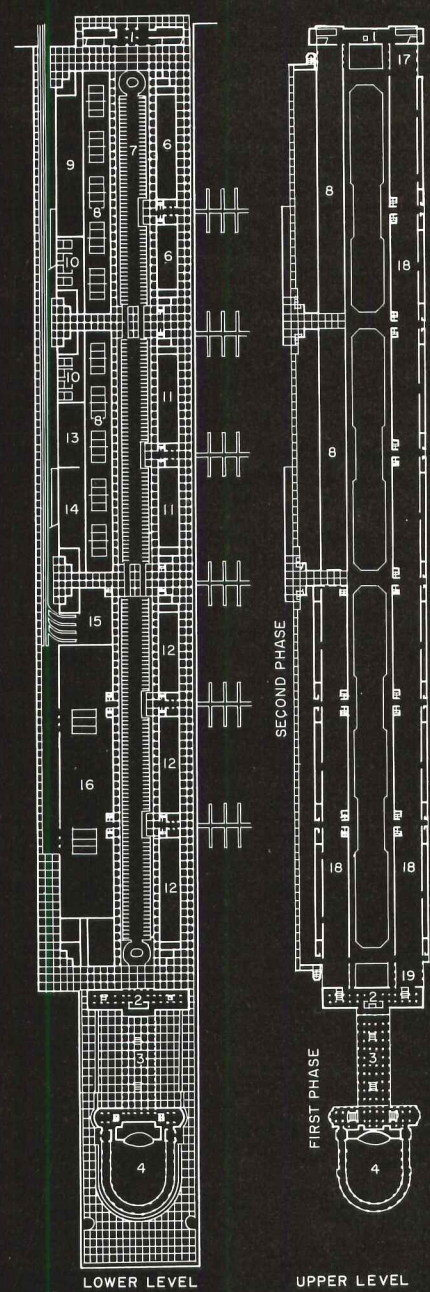
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- 4 Concert hall
- 5 Plaza
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- 11 Athletic
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- 17 Administration
- 18 Exhibition space
- 19 Food concession



molding, limestone, costing half as much as new terra cotta, was selected. A copper-coated stainless steel was chosen for the roof for the domed concert hall and auditorium.

Says Dan Jones, project manager, who practically lived on the site during construction, "You could almost feel the pier coming alive again. And as we cleaned it up, clearing out the clutter, the place seemed to embellish itself because of the things we were taking away, not because of what we were adding."

The original skylights, for example, sealed over by successive users, were unsealed and, in some places, expanded, so now a lot of natural light filters in. The Shelter Building, as it was called, was initially a kind of open bridge, connecting the Terminal Building just west of it, with the rounded, domed concert hall at the end of the pier. The second level of this "bridge" was enclosed with glass, creating a beautiful 20-foot-high year-round "shelter," while its ground level was opened to let the outdoor spaces and breezes flow underneath across the site.

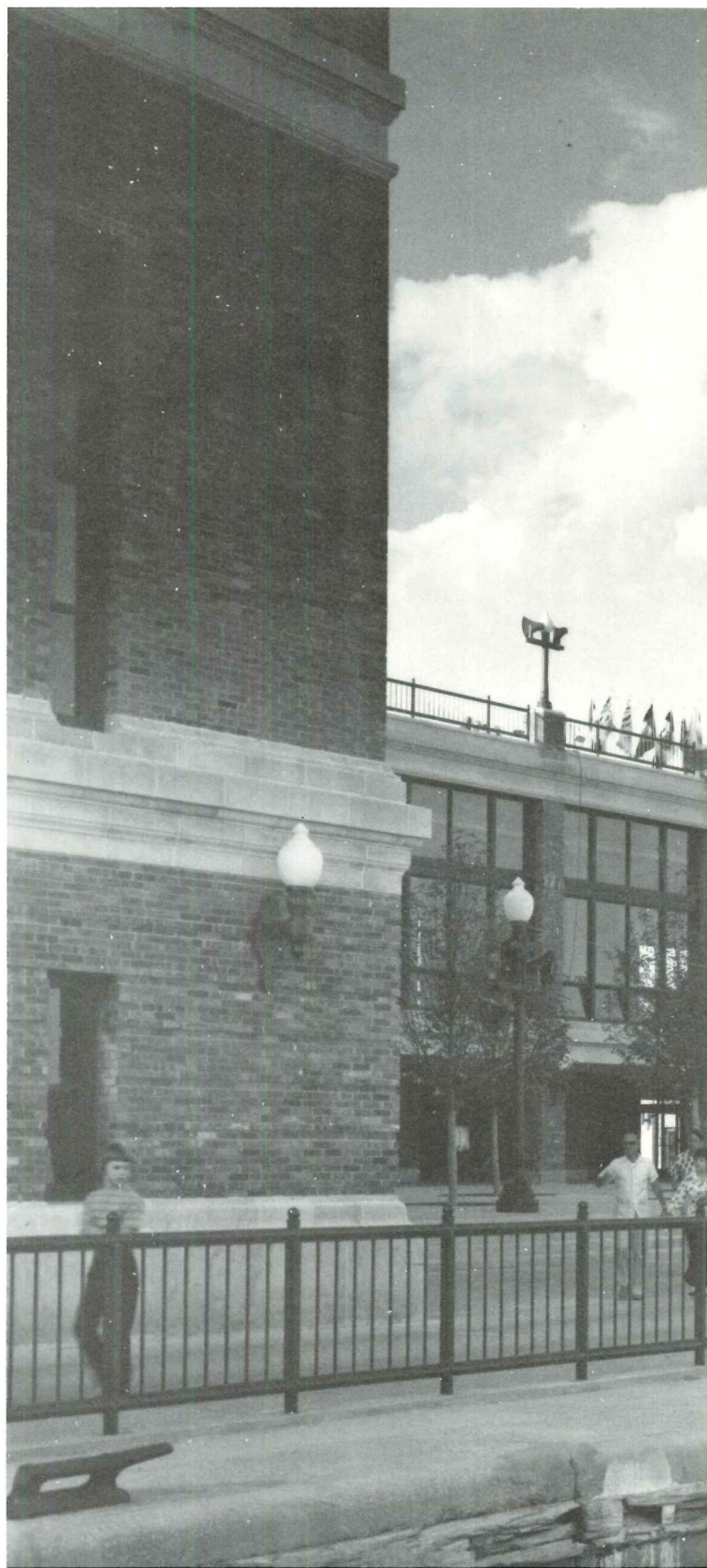
In the case of the old concert hall and auditorium, steps were taken to improve acoustics and mechanicals, but, other than that, it is its good old self. One of the best interior spaces is the second-level promenade, which was retrieved by removing the window frames along the inner wall overlooking the hall, and by installing new windows around the outer wall. These arch-framed openings are arrayed all around the big building and the promenade performs as a balcony for both the hall and for surveying the lakefront scenery.

That scenery is not unlike being on a ship, and it is hardly steerage class. While the interior floors are finished with terrazzo, the outdoor esplanades, representing five of the pier's 34 acres, have been paved with an exposed aggregate, laid down in a checkerboard-pattern, which is picked up, again, on the roof promenades where a subtle deletion was also made by removing the continuous masonry pediments and replacing them with simpler metal railings, thus enhancing the lakeside views and lightening of the top-heavy look of the structure. Pointing up the people- and play-oriented mood that Mayor Daley, week after week, was insisting on, trees, benches, and flags were supplied. There was even a carousel, the Mayor's idea.

The festive mood he envisioned out here on the Lake is in hibernation these harsh winter months, but many possibilities are being pursued by the Bureau of Architecture for the second phase of the project so that it can be used all year. According to these projections, the upper level of the north and south sheds, which have been used as exhibition halls, would be renovated, mostly for exhibitions, and partly for tennis courts, which would be two levels in height. The lower level of the north shed would house assorted restaurants, shops, and other athletic facilities. Just north of this, between the pier and the low-lying Central Filtration Plant by C. F. Murphy & Associates, a marina has been proposed. The marginal amount of overseas shipping that has survived would be encouraged to continue and even expand, helping to restore the atmos-



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From the Head House on the shore end of Navy Pier (near left) to the Terminal, Shelter Building, and Auditorium far out in the Lake (below), Navy Pier, rededicated last summer after years of deterioration, is a relentlessly nautical array of flexible interior spaces and dramatic outdoor esplanades. From the roof garden of the Shelter Building (far left), or from the newly paved and landscaped plazas, there are sweeping, well ventilated views of the skyline. The festive atmosphere (right), will be greatly amplified in the proposed second phase rehabilitation of the parallel sheds.



pheric as well as commercial benefits of having it around, and right in view. To the south of the pier, the existing Dime Pier (in the old days it cost that much to walk out onto it) would be converted for rod-and-reel fishing.

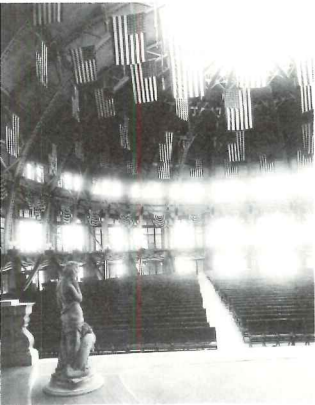
Studies have been made to show the feasibility of converting the big hall for professional theater and other sections of the north shed for educational use. Should an outfit like the Naval Reserve Armory or the Goodman School of Drama take space, as has been suggested, "Good Ship Lollipop" will never be the same again as all of the variations of the last 60 years are reincarnated in one spritely venue.

Construction plans are already underway for a solar space- and water-heating system, as the result of a grant from the Energy Research and Development Administration last October, and this will take care of over 30 per cent of the restored Terminal Building's needs. On top of the south shed, 8,500 square feet of solar panels will collect the heat, which will be passed into an exchanger, and then stored in a thermal tank full of circulating fluid. So even in the area of applied scientific research, the pier is proving that there is, after all, nothing old under the sun. The Bureau has also been going to considerable lengths from the standpoint of old technology to come up with a reproduction of the early street cars which used to careen through the complex from the lakefront out to the end.

It is this lakefront—the legacy of such "City Beautiful" advocates as Daniel Burnham and perhaps the most resplendent in the nation—which the reactivated Navy Pier is meant to enrich. Parks and abundant public facilities stretch eight miles to the south of the Loop area, and another eight to the north. The location of the pier, stretching out from the northern edge of the Loop, is crucial, because in its former, forlorn condition, it was an obvious dropped stitch in an otherwise continuous seam. As the second phase of the program unfolds, including the development of additional park land to the northwest of the pier, the lakefront will be truly complete. And a projected 1,225-car parking area to the southwest, slightly sunken and lavishly landscaped, will help alleviate the noxious presence of cars while, at the same time, making the pier more convenient for drivers. The 80-foot-wide space, running between the sheds, would also be converted for some parking (400 cars). Its east end, next to the Terminal Building, would be available for amusement facilities and fairs in the summer and for skating in the winter.

Looming across from its west-end Head House and entrance plaza is the curvilinear Lake Point Tower apartment house, by Schiporeit & Heinrich, which now inadvertently announces the pier, almost like a sign post, as one approaches the area from the city or whisks by on Lake Shore Drive. An interesting historical note is that the Tower's antecedent was Mies' unbuilt Glass Skyscraper Project, designed in Berlin in 1922—concurrent with the pier's first Golden Age. In an urbane composition, its brilliant descendant now bears witness to the pier's second Golden Age.

No so-called master plan ever called for such a relationship, which makes it all the



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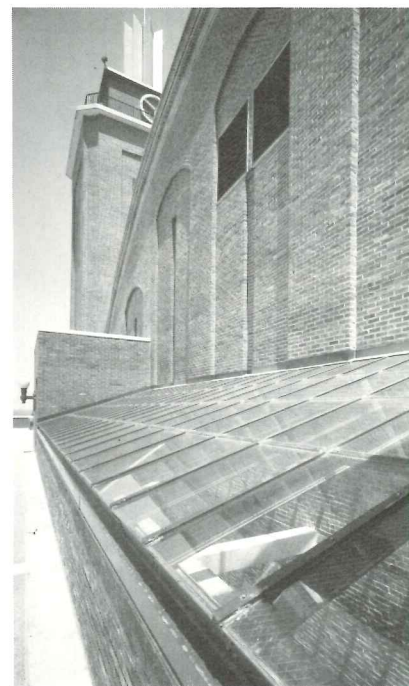
more worthy, because this kind of subtlety, linking the visual and symbolic increments of a city's experience, is not the kind of thing that master plans usually call for. So as the budgetary block-and-tackle for the pier's second phase is being hoisted into place, and while the ragtime of last summer's reunion with the dressed-up landmark is still ringing in everyone's ears, it can only be hoped that Chicago's new leadership will understand that the total retrieval of this one resource, with its potential for commercial and cultural vitality, is and will be helping to make the most of those resources that are already in place nearby. The only way to "make no little plans" (Burnham again) is to make connections between urban elements that were not particularly conceived to connect. Here was a lakefront park with a gap in it, a deteriorated pier creating the gap, a legacy of inlets on either side, and an isolated skyscraper craving company—all now brought into play. Now *that* is a master plan.

Navy Pier isn't completely out of mothballs yet. In fact, as part of the first-phase preparations for the Trade Fair exhibition spaces in the old freight sheds, a moth-balling substance was actually used to seal over the glass cracks and roof leaks—an exotic spray costing a nickel a square foot. But in addition to esthetic care and technical innovation, Jerry Butler's Bureau has worked a miracle of project management, a miracle, that is, in the context of most municipal construction procedures, which tend to grind exceedingly slow. Acting as general contractor, 22 separate contracts were awarded over a one-year period, which meant preparing 22 separate packages of contract documents. Skillful supervision and coordination of the work assured timely completion and, so it would seem, nothing was left out—right down to detailed, elaborate provisions for the handicapped and elderly.

When Richard J. Daley, almost obsessed by the place, dropped by last June to see how the work was coming, it was hard to pull him away from the 50 inner-city high school students whom he found, down on all fours, painting huge murals for the half-mile-long promenade along the north shed (these are on display at the Chicago Art Institute through March 31). The chords of camaraderie were proving irresistible then and, a month later, 100,000 people showed up to tap their feet again, moved by a counterpoint of fond memories from an earlier era. It was some event, including the visit of Norway's full-rigged *Christian Radich* (page 112), but with plenty of room and time for more activity, this building is full of eventuality. Anyone who is not for phase two probably hasn't been to Navy Pier. It's too late to slip the moorings on this landmark.—*William Marlin*

NAVY PIER RESTORATION, Chicago. Owner: *Public Building Commission of Chicago*. Architect: *Department of Public Works, City of Chicago, Bureau of Architecture—Jerome R. Butler, Jr., City Architect*. Engineer: *Bureau of Engineering (Louis Koncza, chief engineer)*. Consultants: *Environmental Systems Design, Inc. (mechanical); Robert H. Samuel & Associates (plumbing)*. General contractor: *Bureau of Construction—George Ing, Deputy Commissioner*.

The restoration of Navy Pier's spruced-up interiors embellished with banners and basked in natural light, has the ebullient spirit that it housed back in 1921, with an exhibition called "The Pageant of Progress" (see original page 107, and reproduced on page 107, and reproduced in the Auditorium promenade, below). It is a full, but poignant symbol connecting 60 years of Chicago's experience. Old materials have been carefully restored and matched with new ones, old skylights, sealed over, have been opened up again, the spaces below liberated for new public uses.



BRINGING IN THE BUSINESS

Images that attach themselves to individual pieces of commercial architecture are usually not particularly sweeping in their implications. There are almost never any spiritual overtones (as in religious buildings), there are few metaphors of hearth and home (as in houses), and for the whole there are few striking symbols of public trust and civic obligation (as we sometimes expect in government buildings). Instead, the bulk of the emphasis goes on one thing, selling the product. Thus the design problem for the architect—or at least the first part of the design problem—is equally simple: a good store is one which attracts the customer's attention and answers for them the question of "Where can I go—and-so?"

What makes "good" commercial architecture

Where does business, and so bringing in the business is the high road to success in commercial architecture. The architect who follows this path will not necessarily achieve the status of fine artist (nor will he necessarily be denied it either), and his works may not be soon canonized in the pages of architectural history books. Few stores ever have their names in the books anyway, after all, and so that is no great cause for concern. What is a cause of first concern is that the architecture of a store should work, it should attract attention, and it should draw in customers. All of the stores shown in this Building Types Study meet this criterion, and that is one of the reasons they have been included here. Another reason—and a slightly unfashionable one—is that all of the stores shown in the collection that follows are designed for suburban shopping centers. Until quite recently, if even then, architects have felt slightly uncomfortable dealing with popular phenomena like shopping centers and like the car, and so the suburban shopping center has not seemed to represent the nemesis of bad taste and the nadir of architectural endeavor.

Simultaneously, the general public—sated, perhaps, with a 30-year postwar middle-family romance—has just begun to show a rekindled interest in the center city as a place to shop, and this interest is beginning to be reinforced to by what *Business Week* magazine called a "basic shift in retail strategies," involving the renovation and sometimes the total replacement of "flagship" stores in major urban centers and the implementation there as well of traditional suburban shopping center design techniques. ARCHITECTURAL RECORD, too, in the December 1976, special issue, "The Home Towns Come Back," has described the beginnings of a new wave of interest in medium-size towns as alternatives both to suburbia and to the great cities.

All of these things are nonetheless still beginnings, and however much they will be welcomed by urbanistic architects and applauded by center city fans, they are movements that are still in their infancy. For the greatest concentration of shopping facilities today is still in suburban locations, and sites there—as just about everyone has already remarked—are particularly fraught with peril when it comes to attracting the attention of drivers-by and would-be shoppers.

Attention-getting clamor

Suburban commercial sites generally have a manic proliferation of signs, gewgaws, and paraphernalia that work hard to hype up the battle for attention to the proportions of a major war. And it is a war somewhere between Vietnamese and Pyrrhic in quality, with no clear winners and lots of losers.

How, then does the individual store (and that store's architect) make an impression in the midst of all this clamor? Surely, in this context, the stealthiest course is to eschew the "more" and "bigger" treadmill and to pursue instead the course of "different." All of the suburban stores shown in this collection try to be different from the standard suburban store, but they do it in two very different ways. The first one—Burdines Department Store in Tampa—sets out to be "nice." The second group of stores—designed by the New York City consortium known as SITE (for "Sculpture in the Environment")—set out, broadly speaking, to be strange. Both approaches, though opposite, seem to work admirably, and both are very interesting to look at.

Nicer and nicer

Burdines of Florida, is a chain of department stores owned by Federated Stores, Inc. In the past five years, the chain has commissioned the large Florida firm of Reynolds, Smith and Hills to design four new stores—in Clearwater, Tampa, Sarasota, and Plantation. The Tampa store, now completed and shown on the following pages, is a good example of the kind of refinement and stylistic upgrading that many suburban stores are now receiving, a phenomenon that comes directly from the client's need to have a building that seems special and that achieves its specialness by a general elevation in over-all quality. "We wanted to come up with something better, something unusual, something exciting," say the architects of the Tampa Burdines; "we wanted to respond to the needs of our client for something that would really stand out."

The solution was to clad the two-story building in elegantly reflective stainless steel panels—panels that, since they are slanted away from the perpendicular, reflect the movement of cars and people on the ground and, at night, themselves become a shimmering announcement of the store to passers-by. The interiors of the new store are finished off with as much finesse, so that the over-all effect is one of simple, restrained, and modest stylishness.

Stranger and stranger

Different from this are the designs by SITE for Best Products Company's showrooms. Best Products, the country's largest catalog showroom merchandiser, sells more than 10,000 nationally advertised hard line items in eight states. In 1972 the company hired SITE to provide a startling revision to its otherwise altogether standard showroom in Richmond (top photo, page 117). The public response was enormous, so SITE was again hired to do a large showroom in

Houston (bottom photo opposite), and they are now completing a third one in Sacramento and planning additional ones for Southern California. "We've always felt if we could get customers inside our door we could serve them well and have them come back," says Best president Andrew Lewis; "people either love the buildings or hate them, but either way they come in to enjoy them." James Wines, of SITE, adds, "They're all screaming, 'How do you get people interested in shopping?' Whatever implications SITE's structures have, they will be public events."

Another (and higher?) "good"

A final note. Perhaps the most striking thing of all about SITE's stores for Best Products Company is a quality that they share with just about every piece of architecture that has any merit at all. It can be convincingly argued that, for all the extravagant variety of its manifestations, all good architecture has one thing in common: that it is at once familiar and unfamiliar, that it is vividly like something we already know about and, with an equal vividness, unlike anything else in the world.

Good architecture apparently doesn't thrive by being just one of these two things; it seems it has to be both, both like and unlike. Take the whole phenomenon of eclecticism, honored by millenia of practice and rejected by an early twentieth-century architectural aberration. Eclecticism is really about "like" and "unlike."

The Villa Rotunda in Vicenza is like Roman architecture (and in the virtue of that, like Greek), but it is also unlike it, being something we now know as Palladian. Stratford Hall in Virginia—by far the most remarkable eighteenth-century house in America—is like the splendorous country houses of the rich in Great Britain, and in fact curious historians have unearthed a house in Ireland whose plan is meant to be like Stratford's "source." But anyone who has actually seen Stratford Hall recognizes instantly that it is peculiar to Virginia, to its site above the lower Potomac, and to the famous family who built it.

The architecture of Modernism, too, is by no means immune to the business of being like something (no matter what the Modernists actually said), and fine buildings by masters like Wright and Mies van der Rohe and Le Corbusier follow suit: like the prairie, like the Maya, like a machine, like a grain elevator, like a ship.

There is really no high mystery to the process of architecture being "like" and "unlike." It is as though we first need something that is comfortable and familiar (the "like") to win our confident attention and then something strikingly different (the "unlike") to stimulate a flood of further interest—and to edify, please, surprise, shock, or even to dismay.

All this brings us to the perhaps unsettling conclusion that SITE's Best Products Company stores are—in much more than the functional or mercenary sense—"good" architecture. They begin by being like



twentieth-century classic, the familiar shop on the strip, and they need from there to turn that classic popular image (literally, in one way, on its ear.

The effect is astonishing, and it is also multi-dimensional. In one sense it is cataclysmic, an image that "responds to the unconscious desires of an America that is rediscovering pessimism," one French critic has wailed, "an America deceived by big business." True, the image of a big chunk falling out of the corner of a building, or of the building jacked up on one side, or collapsing, or being altogether covered over by an asphalt parking lot in some final apocalyptic triumph of the automobile—all of this can be seen as pessimistic.

But it is also funny—and fun, and profitable, and very powerful. The juxtaposition of the modestly familiar with the stunningly unfamiliar is like a bomb that arrives in a shoebox.

Herein, though, lies a slight problem, and it is the ironic petard of the designers' own cleverness: where do you go from here? After you've opened the shoebox the second time (if you've survived the first) you're not particularly surprised to see the bomb there; it's no longer unfamiliar. Similarly, after you've done just about everything you can do to make the standard commercial warehouse building short of turning it upside down, what's left to do? Nothing gets stale faster than a performer who does only one routine. So it will be interesting to see what SITE's next number will be.—Gerald Allen



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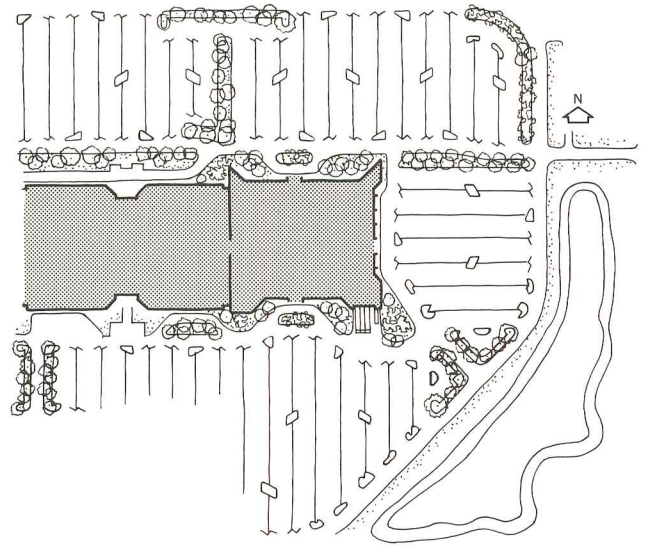


BURDINES DEPARTMENT STORE HOLDS UP A MIRROR TO PASSERS-BY

Henry O. Navratil photos



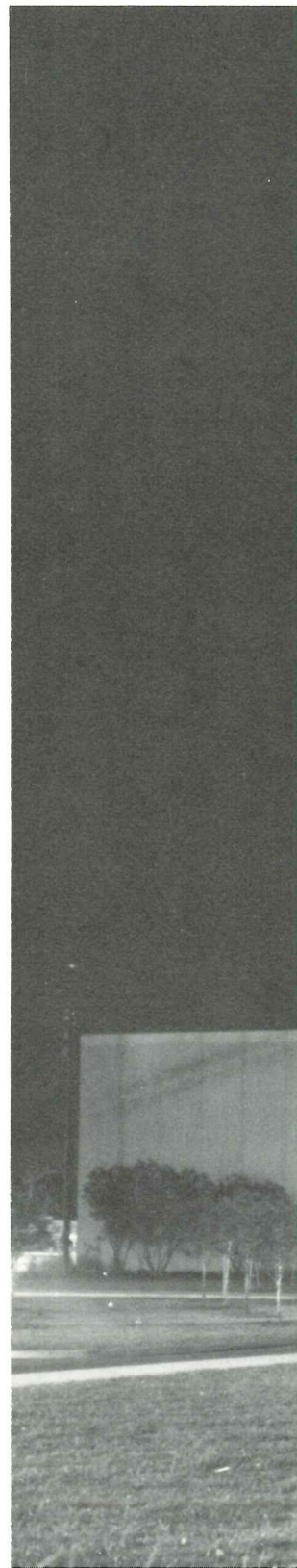
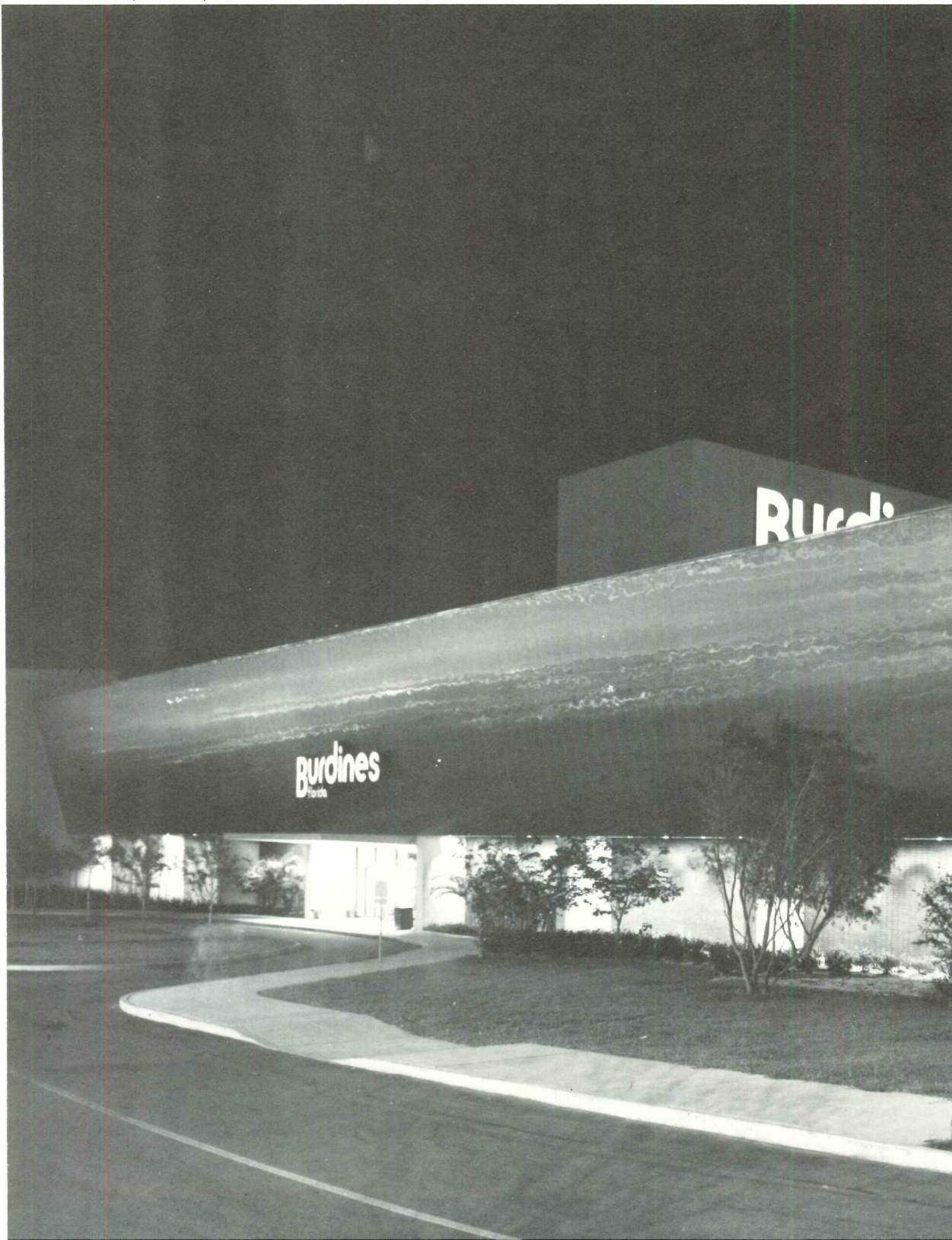
Aside from the large plinth-like structures at each of its corners, the facade of Burdines Department store is composed almost entirely of mirror-polished stainless steel panels that reflect the passing pedestrian and vehicular scene. The site for the department store is typical of suburban shopping centers, surrounded on three sides by vast expanses of parking lots. Landscaping is limited mainly to the periphery of the parking lots and to the area immediately around the store, so that there is very little to soften the visual impact of the undifferentiated asphalt surfaces. Accordingly, the unadorned facade with its large planar elements is appropriately at the scale of its immediate surroundings and makes a strong visual impact.

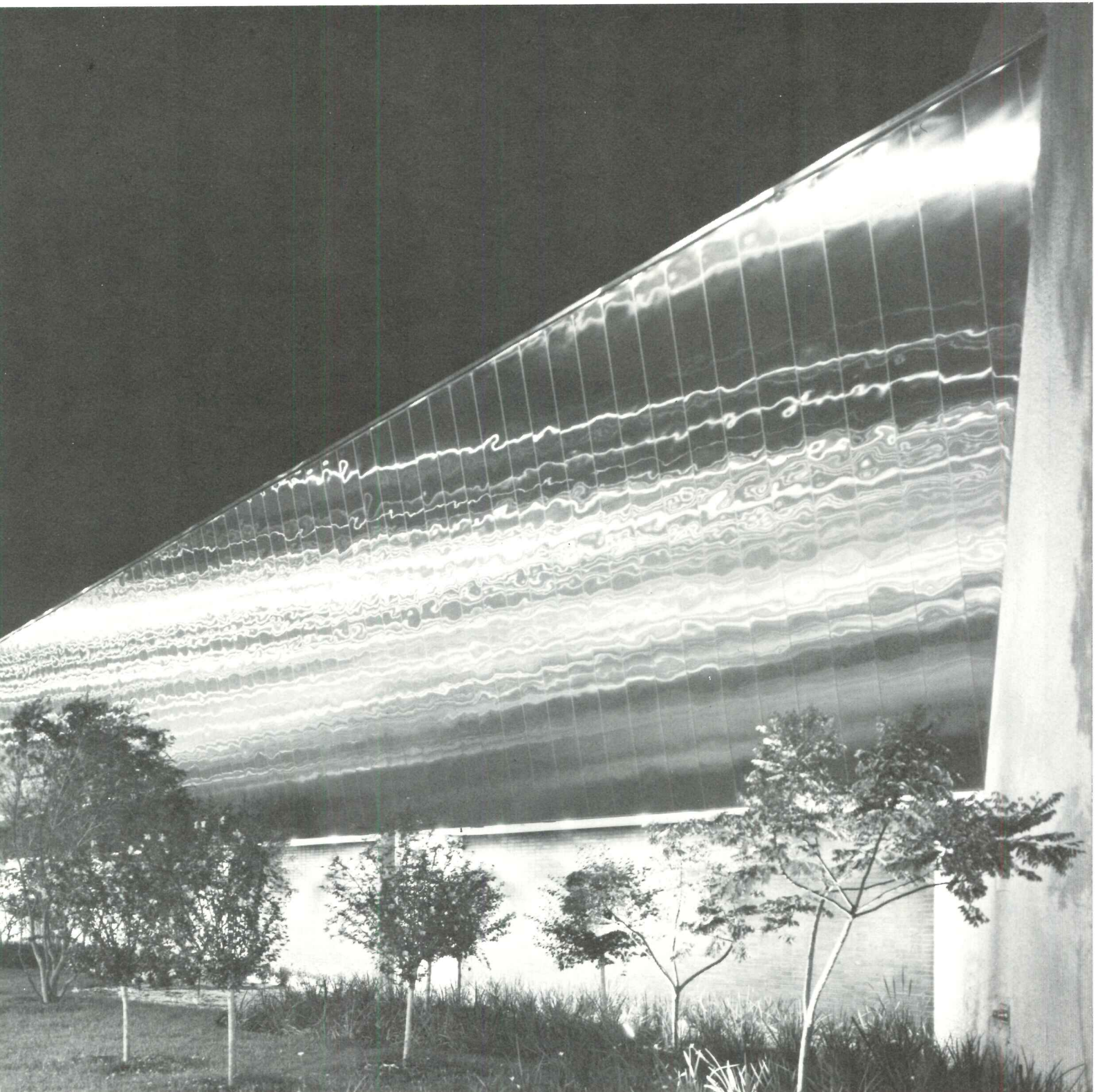
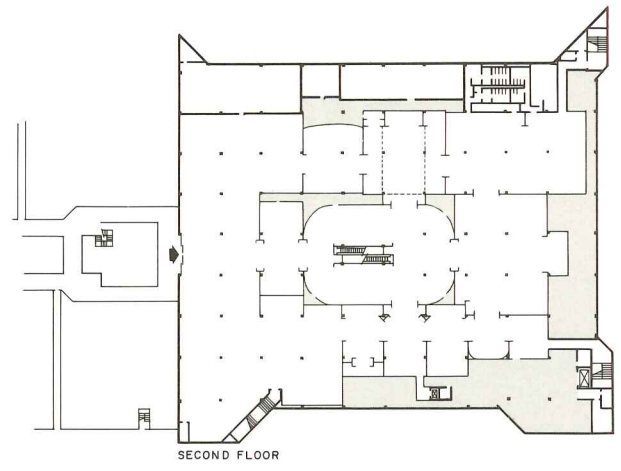
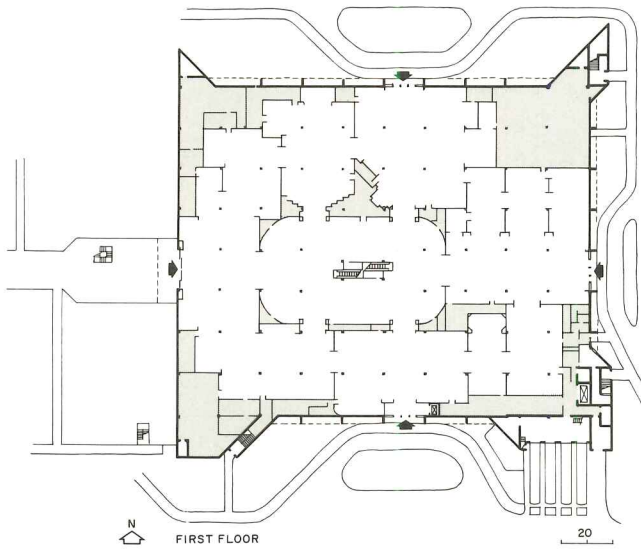


At nighttime, the facade of Burdines Department Store glows in the reflected light of passing cars; it is made of two-inch-thick, 30-inch-wide panels of stainless steel and urethane foam panels. "Most of us think of building materials as static things, although there are certain things always happening with light and shadows," say the architects. "This particular facade, in their opinion, has a capacity for changing its appearance and character—depending on the time of day and the kind of lighting, the weather, and the things that are happening around it."

Inside, the store has two levels of retail space (shown in the plans on the right) serviced by two stage supply areas (shaded on the plans) on each level.

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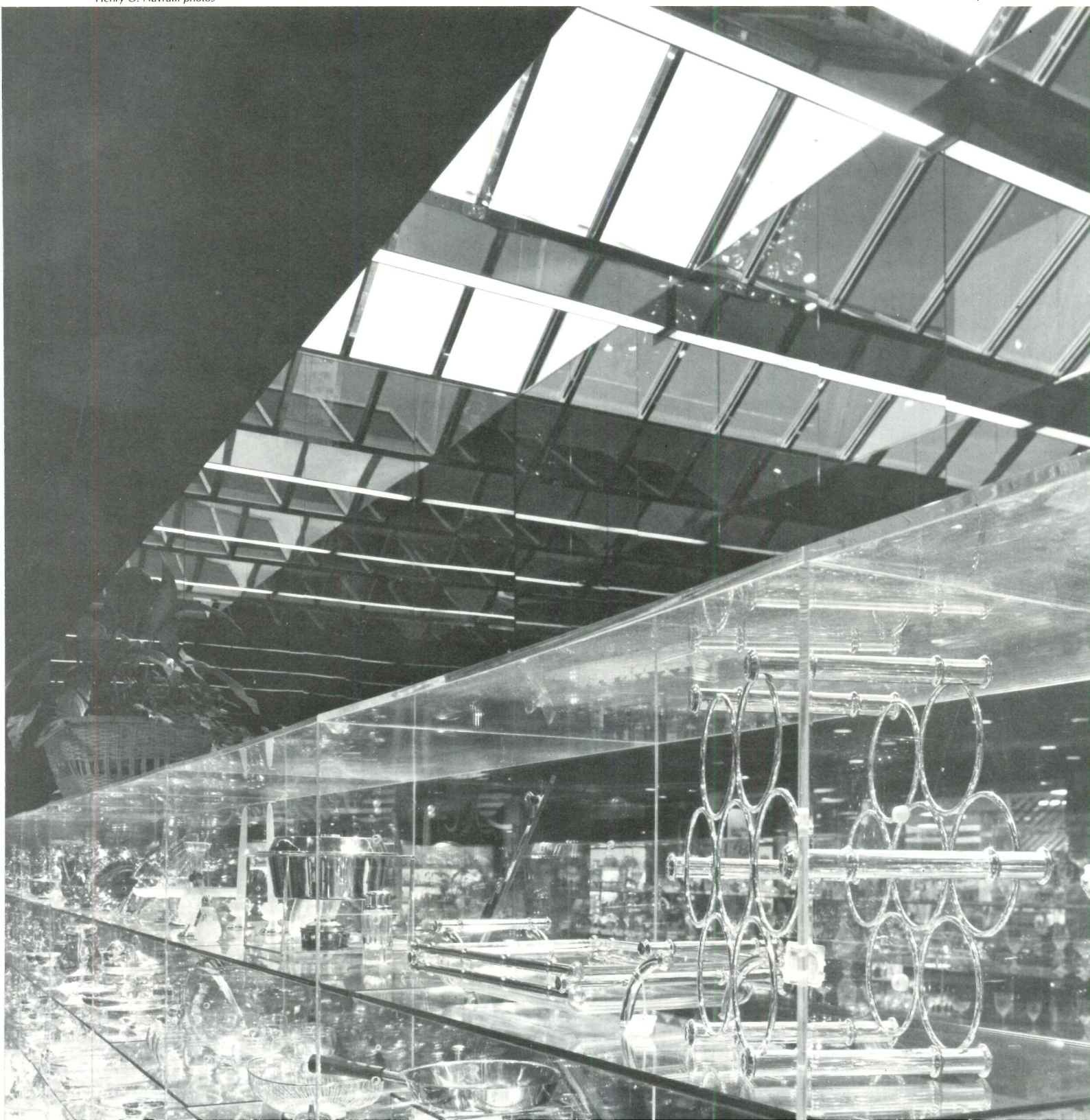




The upper sales floor of Burdines Department Store in Tampa is reached by a centrally located escalator in a space topped with skylights (see photograph opposite). Also skylit are adjacent display cases, shown in the photograph below.

BURDINES OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT STORE, Tampa, Florida. Architects: Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Tampa office. Engineers: Reynolds, Smith and Hills, Inc. (structural); Ross Associates, Inc. (mechanical/electrical). Consultants: Walker/Inc. (interiors/graphics). General Contractor: Frank J. Rooney. Sub-contractors: Fred McGilvray, Inc. (mechanical/plumbing); Flournoy Electric, Inc. (electrical); H. H. Robertson (stainless steel panels).

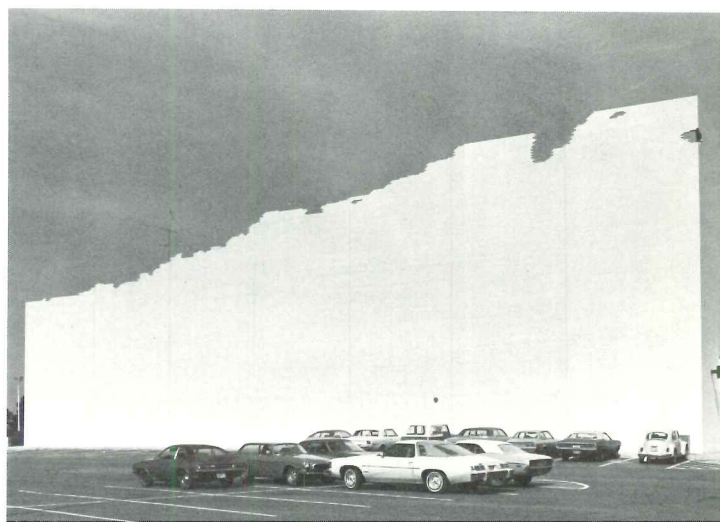
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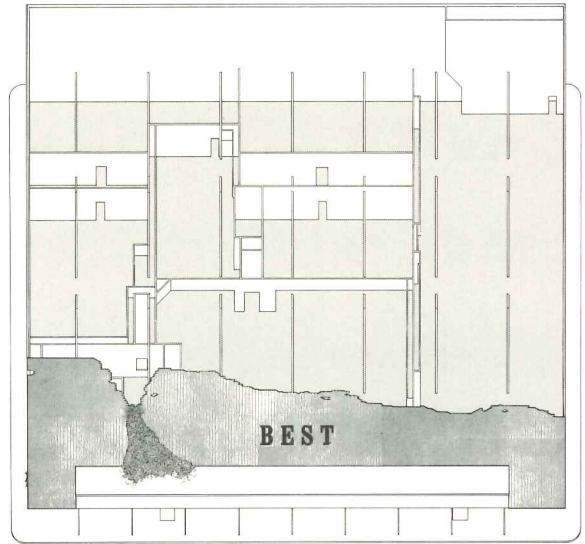
AN "INDETERMINATE FACADE" FOR BEST PRODUCTS COMPANY, HOUS

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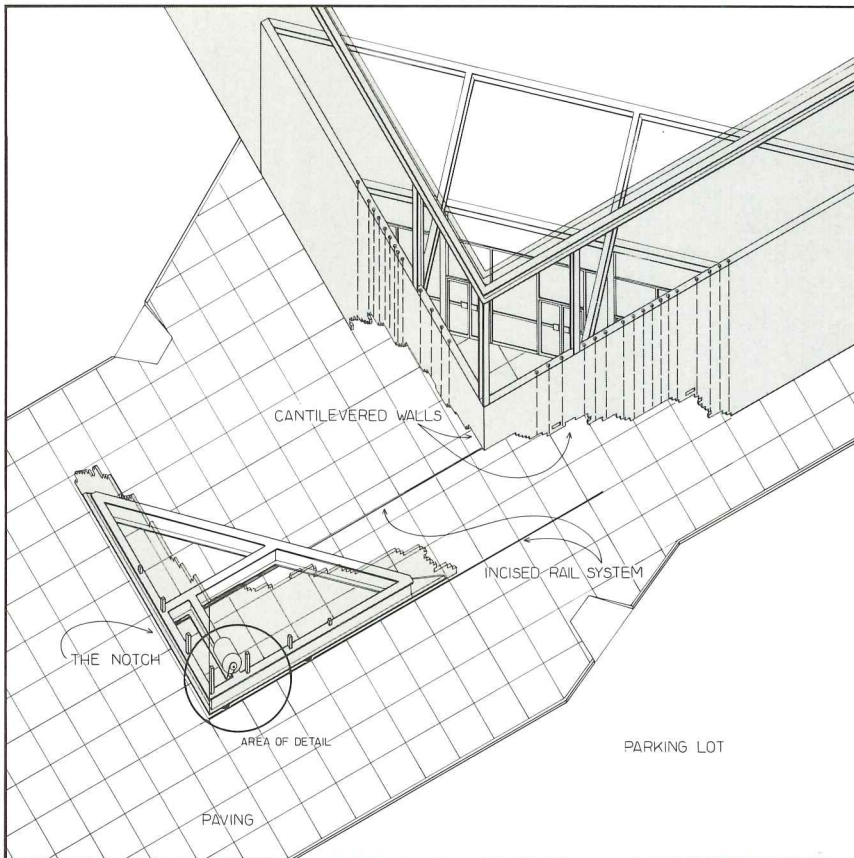


"The concept" of this store, according to the designers, "is an architectural inversion of the standard merchandising warehouse located in a suburban shopping center. The brick veneer of the facade and side walls was arbitrarily extended beyond the logical edge of the roofline, resulting in the disconcerting appearance of a building arrested somewhere between construction and demolition."

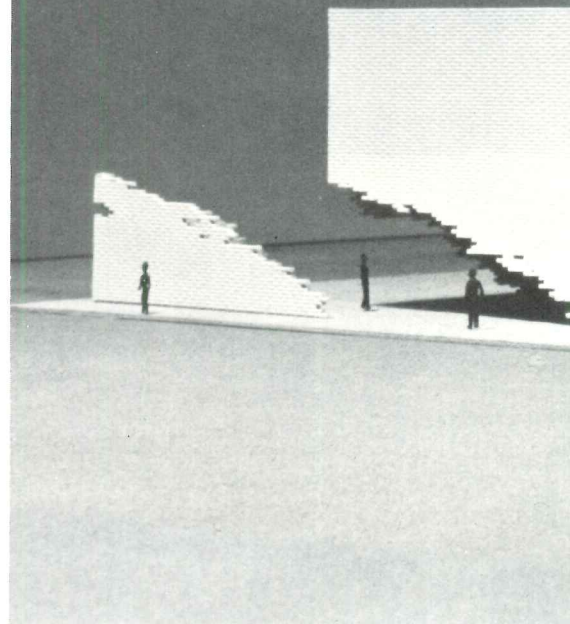
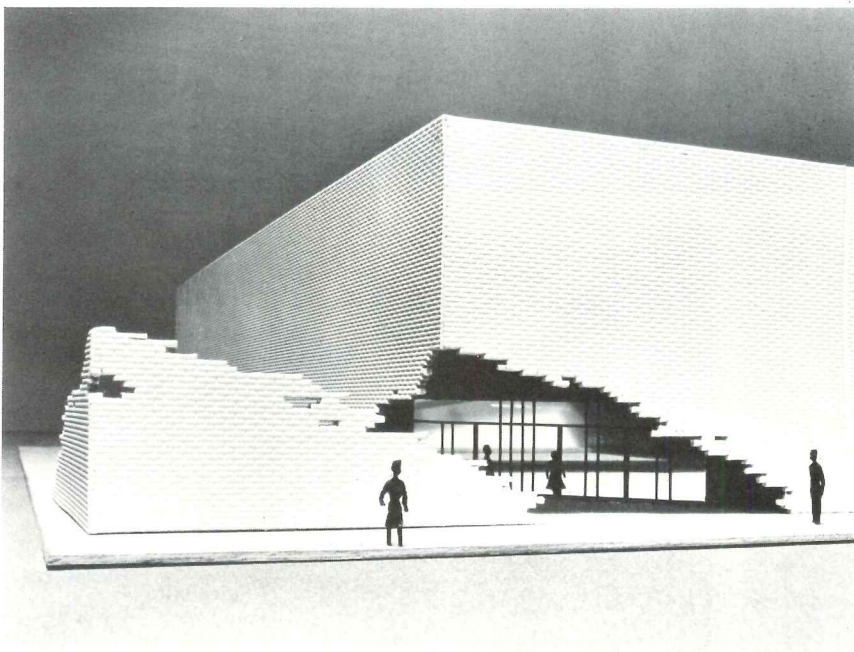
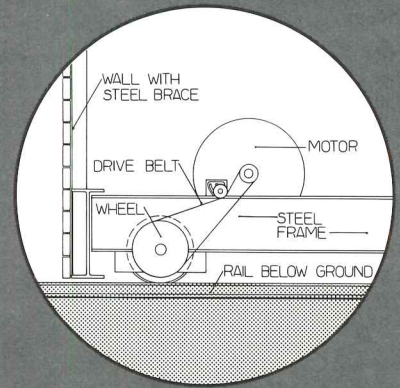
BEST PRODUCTS COMPANY, Houston, Texas. Architects: SITE, Inc.—principal-in-charge and designer: James Wines; associate director of project: Emilio Sousa; graphics: Michael McDonough; associate architects: Maples-Jones Architects. General contractor: Conceptual Building Systems.



SITE'S "NOTCH PROJECT" NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN SACRAMENTO

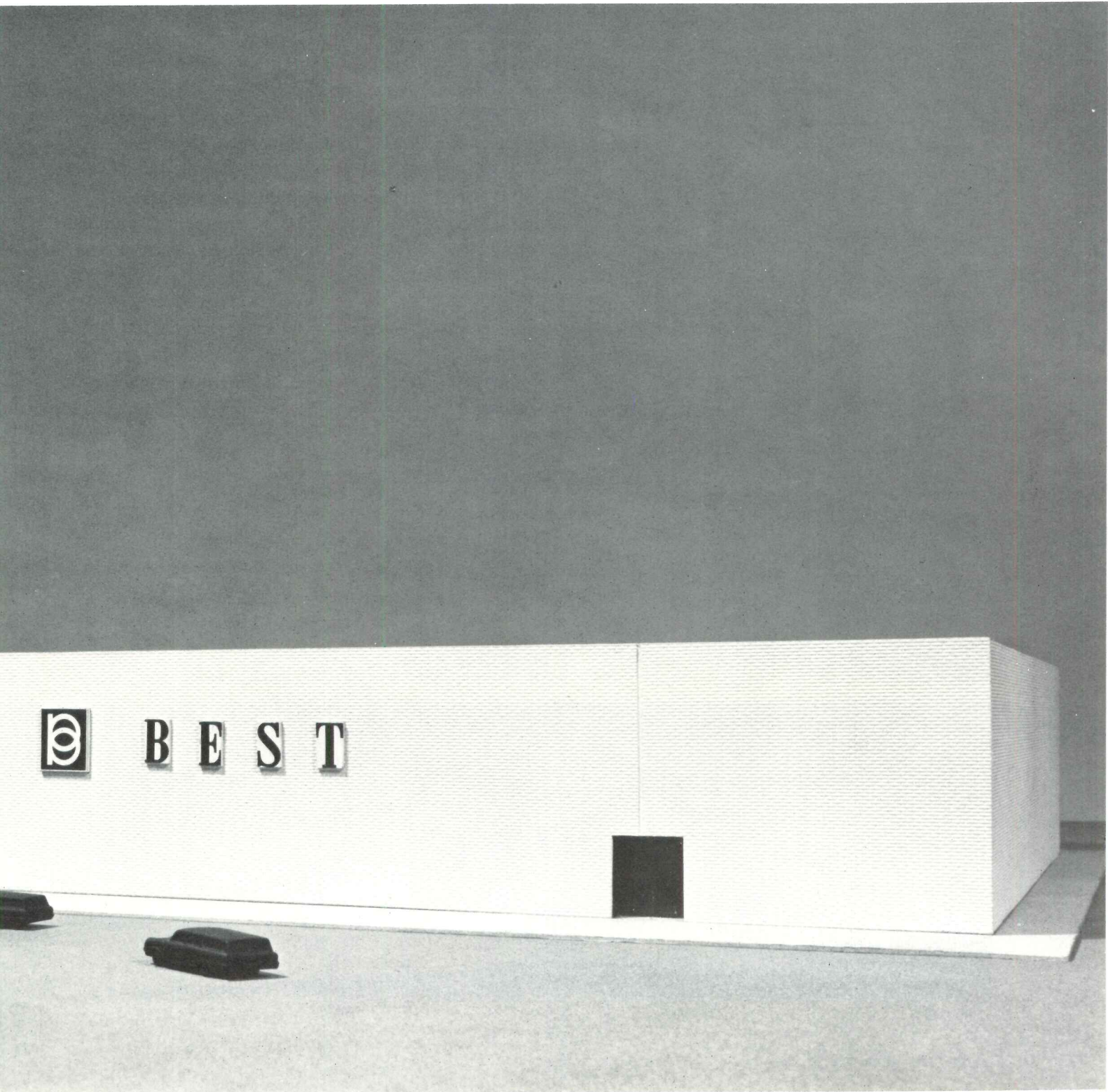
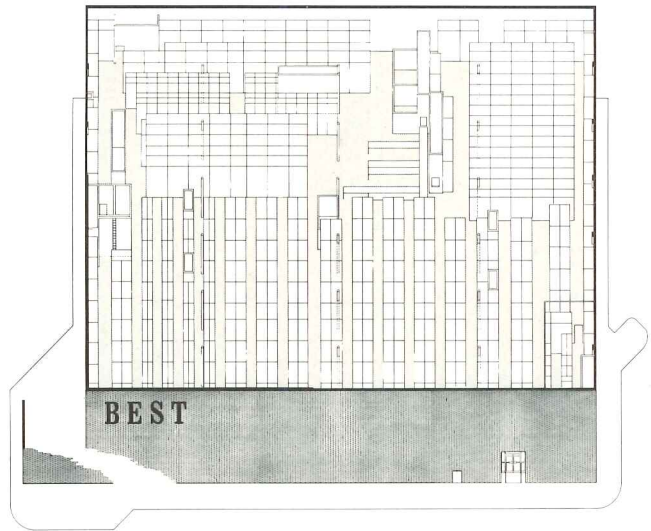


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For the Sacramento Best Products store, SITE has designed a building that "calls for reductions as additions. A large, raw-edged notch will be removed from one corner of the brick structure which serves as the main entrance, and also as a monument."

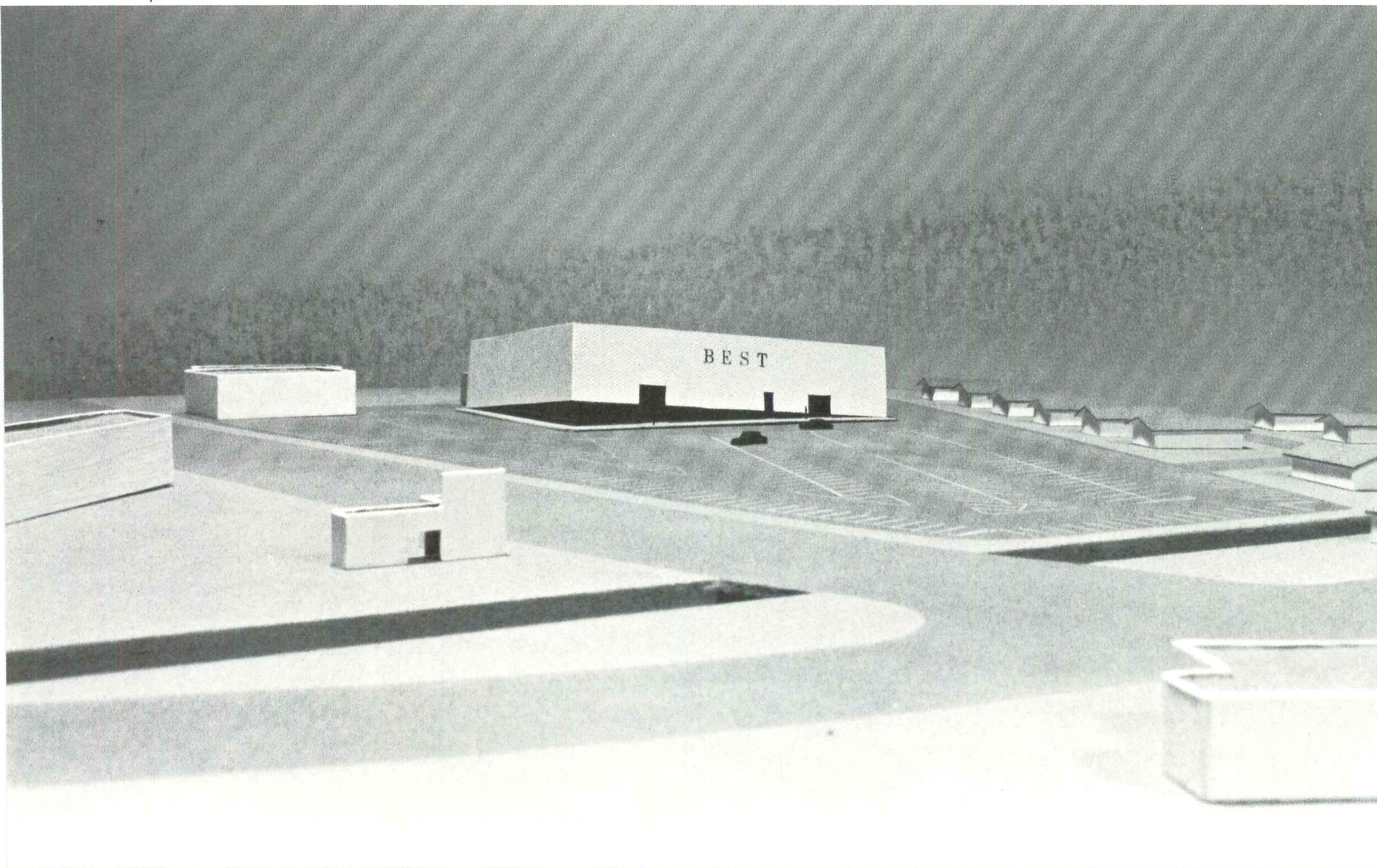
BEST PRODUCTS COMPANY, Sacramento, California. Architects: SITE, Inc.—principals-in-charge: James Wines and Emilio Sousa; graphics: Michael McDonough; associate architects: Simpson Stratta and Associates. Engineer: Thomas Kinney (structural). General contractor: Rudolph and Sletten, Inc.—principal-in-charge: Onslow Rudolph. Engineers and fabricators for movable notch: Allied Engineering and Production Corp.



TWO PROPOSALS FOR BEST PRODUCTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

SITE, Inc.'s "Tilt Project" for a store in Southern California is the Best Products Company prototype, set in the middle of its requisite expanse of asphalt parking lot and surrounded by a sea of conventional houses and commercial buildings. But one corner of the building's outer shell is dramatically jacked up—like (unnervingly) the product of an earthquake.

SITE photos



HOW BEST PRODUCTS PROFITS FROM SITE, INC.'S DESIGNS

"The concept," according to SITE, Inc., "is a multiple inversion of the combined ingredients of strip merchandising—parking lots, acres of automobiles, and shoebox warehouses—based on the theory that these eyesores, although condemned by purist designers, are not in themselves bad; it is simply negative attitudes toward them that prevent interesting solutions.

by Edwin Slipek
Best Products Company, Inc.

In the early 1970s, the president and executive vice president of Best Products Company, Inc., scouted the greater Houston area with the intention of expanding their catalog showroom operation there.

The area did not lack for handsome retail establishments. But there was little in the commercial architecture of the city to keep one's attention or expand one's interest.

"It was our first experience in Texas, and we were impressed that each company had a spiffier and showier building than the next," said Frances Lewis, executive vice president, "but after we had left Texas and returned to Virginia, our company's headquarters, we could not remember which company had built which structure. This was particularly true of our competition."

It was then that they decided that Houston might be the perfect location to make an immediate impact, establish identity, and have some fun by engaging SITE, Inc., of New York City to design the facade of the new building.

SITE's first Best work

SITE had its first crack at a Best Products Company building in 1972, when it had been hired to redesign the facade of a showroom in suburban Richmond.

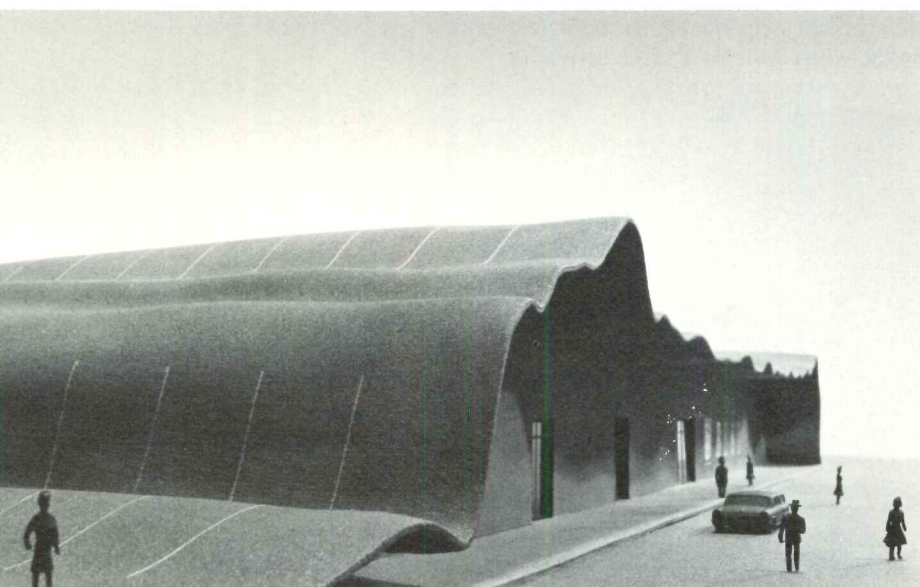
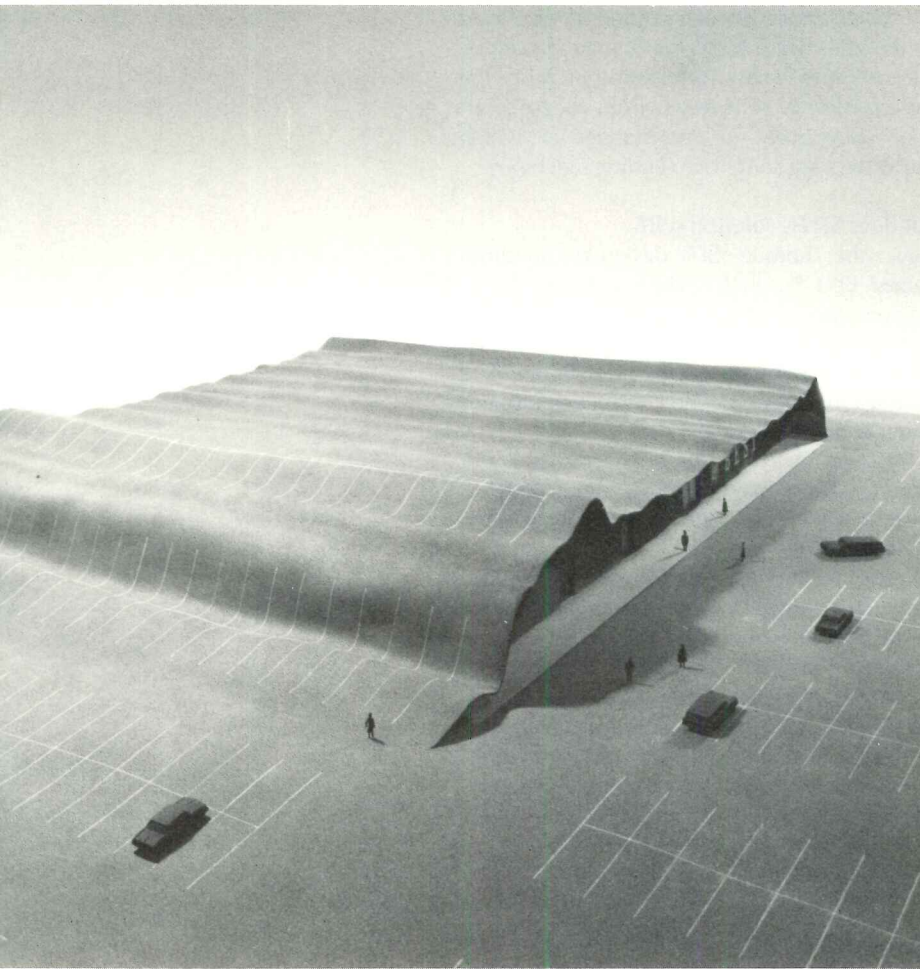
The unassuming red brick showroom had been open for a number of years and had been quietly swallowed up by the suburban commercial strip around it.

"After the building had been built, we thought 'Good grief, this is the perfect ugly public space. Let's get SITE to do something with it,'" said Mrs. Lewis.

SITE's first proposal for transforming the dreary structure called for a "floating" brick roof which would have been constructed over transparent glass mullions. But in order to carry out the construction, business operations would have had to be shut down, and so the design was rejected.

The solution that was accepted and built, without losing a single day of business due to construction, included a "peeling" wall (page 117). The facade gives the appearance of brick facing rolling off the supporting masonry wall.

Three years after completion of the "peeling" facade—in November, 1975—Best Products opened its Houston showroom in the Al-



meda-Genoa shopping center (pages 124-125). SITE's solution here was to give the outer walls a crumbling effect. The building immediately gained notoriety as well as acclaim.

Vending machine merchandising

Although the SITE-designed facades are unique, the interiors of these showrooms are no different from those of some 40 other more conventional Best Products Company showrooms located in eight states. Most Best Products buildings contain some 64,000 square feet of floor space with roughly 70 per cent devoted to warehousing and 30 per cent to retailing. The warehouse occupies the entire second floor and a portion of the ground level.

The design of the sales floor varies little from showroom to showroom. The layout has been devised over the years to provide Best Products with what it considers the most accessible, efficient, and economical way to move customers into the building and serve them.

Best Products distributes over 2.5 million catalogs annually. These include more than 10,000 nationally advertised items—hard goods, primarily, like cameras, jewelry, housewares, appliances, stereos and other electronic equipment, toys, and sporting goods. Catalog distribution is concentrated in households and businesses in communities where Best Products showrooms are located. Thus convenient and immediate pick-up by the consumer is what makes the efficiency of the showrooms more important than they would be for a conventional mail-order retailer.

One sample of each product is displayed on the sales floor. After examining the sample, if a customer wishes to make a purchase, the merchandise is sent down from the second-floor warehouse—in the manner in which candy bars are sold from vending machines.

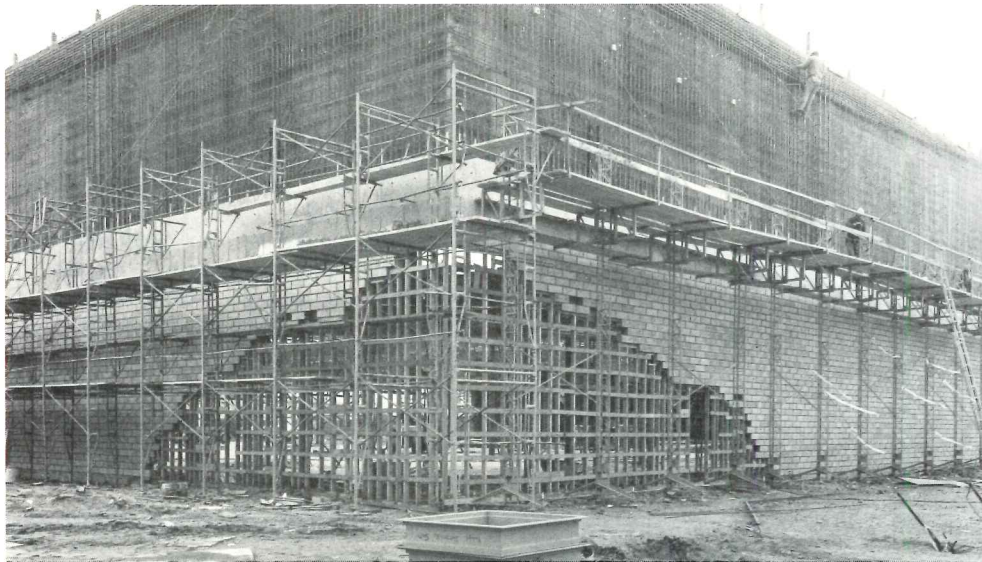
But does SITE's solution sell?

Have the unique SITE-designed buildings helped Best Products' sales? Yes, they have. Andrew M. Lewis, Best Products president, says: "Business increased significantly with the completion of the Richmond SITE design. And in Houston, sales exceeded our budgeted sales estimate by 40 per cent."

Lewis adds that he hopes the SITE-designed Sacramento building, scheduled to open in April of this year, will generate even greater results.

But, according to Lewis, equally important in the company's decision to incorporate novel design in some of its buildings is the hope that the structures are making a broader statement and a contribution to urban design. "We hope our buildings will stimulate citizens to discuss the very nature of art and architecture, function and form in buildings. Concern for the environment—visual and otherwise—is an increasingly important topic.

"We do not think it necessary that business always portray itself as interested only in profits, with no sense of humor," he adds; "business must be willing to experiment sometimes, and to take risks. We hope that these buildings will help humanize those relationships between business and the consumer."



Joe Donovan

Best Products' Sacramento store, now under construction, will be finished this spring.

What size solar heating system is economical for a house?

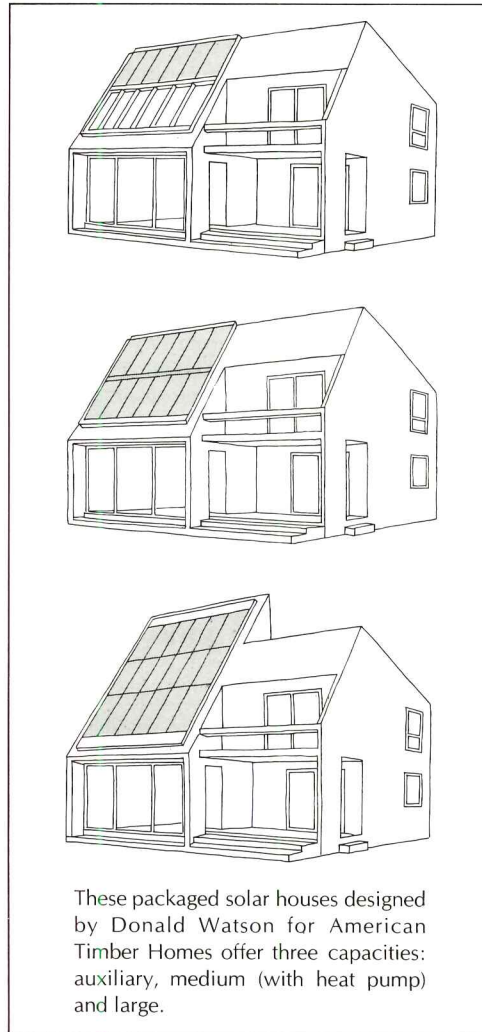
Donald Watson, AIA and Fred N. Broberg, P.E.

practicality of solar heating for houses depends, first of all, upon climatic factors and anticipated cost of conventional fuels. The most favorable locations are cold, clear climates where the heating requirements are high and where there is ample winter sunshine—the higher the latitude, so if local fuel rates are high.

Some degree of solar heating is economical for northern climates. The most critical variable in determining how much solar heating the owner of a house can afford is the rate of escalation of conventional fuel costs: the higher the rate, the more practical are smaller-capacity solar-heating systems.

Climate, too, is an important variable. Hartford, Pittsburgh and Denver are both near 40° latitude, they receive quite different amounts of sunshine because of differences in cloud cover, sky clearness, and altitude. And Williston, North Dakota is much farther north than Denver or Pittsburgh, and has a much greater space-heating requirement, its abundant winter sunshine makes it as viable a location for solar heating as Denver. Hartford is included as a representative New England location, with moderately high heating requirements, but only moderate winter sunshine availability.

In this article, the economics of six approaches to solar house heating are compared for these representative northern climates. For these economic evaluations, it was assumed that the additional costs of the solar systems are amortized over the life of a 20-year mortgage at 8½ per cent interest, and that savings



in conventional energy are averaged for the 20-year period and divided into monthly-saving increments. Average monthly paybacks in the first table, and in the graphs that follow, are determined by subtracting monthly amortization costs from the monthly energy savings.

Systems range from domestic hot water, to window heat recovery, to space heating

Alternative A: Solar Domestic Water Heating. A small solar collector area (two or three collectors) can supply a major proportion of the year-round requirement for domestic water heating. Solar domestic hot water equipment, now available from many manufacturers throughout the United States, imposes few if any restrictions on the building design.

Alternative B: Window Heat Recovery. An approach to solar heating that is often neglected is the utilization of heat gain from solar-oriented windows, skylights, greenhouses and sun rooms. Window heat, of itself, has the effect of overheating the sunny side of a building while the colder side still calls for heat. Window heat can be recovered, however, and more evenly distributed by an air circulation system that removes heated air from windows, sun rooms and/or upper portions of the house and passes it through rock storage—in effect cooling the house when it is overheated during winter days and storing the heat for some nighttime carryover. Installation costs of windows are part of the normal house construction and rock storage can be built within typical foundations. Sun rooms or greenhouses

MONTHLY PAYBACKS FOR SIX ALTERNATIVES	HARTFORD				PITTSBURGH				WILLISTON				DENVER							
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ALTERNATIVE E large capacity solar 20% CA/FA	51	-24	15	57	127	44	-30	0	32	86	42	-20	24	71	151	74	-17	32	84	172
ALTERNATIVE F large capacity solar 40% CA/FA	70	-41	6	58	145	60	-49	-13	27	93	57	-37	18	76	176	95	-34	24	87	194

Monthly dollar paybacks are tabulated for six different solar-heating alternatives for a 1200-sq-ft. house in four different climates. The values were derived by subtracting the monthly amortization (over 20 years) of additional cost of solar equipment from the monthly savings in conventional energy, averaged

for the same period. Energy assumed for conventional domestic hot water was electric at 4¢/kWh; and, for space heating, oil at 42¢/gallon. Systems range from domestic hot water, only, to large-scale solar space heating. CA/FA is the ratio of solar collector area to the "heated" floor area.

can gain solar heat without overheating the residence itself.

Alternative C: Auxiliary Solar Heating. Auxiliary solar heating, like window heat recovery, involves only a small investment for partial solar heating. As first suggested to the authors by Everett Barber, Jr., auxiliary solar heating is a system that uses the same components as a solar domestic water installation (Alternative A, above) adding only a few more solar panels to increase collection area, and a heating coil to pipe excess heat into the conventional space heating system. Other than increasing the size of domestic hot water storage slightly, no other heat storage or controls are involved, and thus installed cost and construction requirements are small. The control sequence used—whether to supply domestic hot water first with the excess to space heating, or the reverse—depends upon engineering decisions related to climate and comparative fuel cost. In this article, the former control sequence was assumed.

Alternative D: Auxiliary Solar Heating and Window Heat Recovery. This option combines previous Alternatives B and C. If a window heat recovery system did not have the rock-type heat storage component, then it would be redundant to combine it with the auxiliary space heating system since both would provide space heating on sunny days only. However with heat storage, the daytime heat recovered from the house can be carried over into nighttime hours.

Alternative E: Solar Space Heating with Relatively Small Collector Area. In this option, the collector area is held to less than 20 per cent of the heated floor area and thus imposes little constraint on architectural design while providing sufficient heat to a storage unit for partial carry-over. The solar panels also supply domestic hot water.

Alternative F: Large Capacity Solar Space Heating. This is the same as Alternative E, but with more collectors (approximately 40 per cent of the heated floor area). Of the solar alternatives compared, this option requires the largest construction cost but also contributes the largest percentage of solar heating.

In evaluating solar alternatives such as those just described, the architect and engineer must first of all assess their performance and their esthetic impact. But whether a particular approach is viable or not is determined by the projected energy-cost saving. Life-cycle costing is important to the economics of solar house-heating approaches; and, yet, it involves judgmental decisions about fuel cost increases that directly affect the relative economic merit of the various alternatives being evaluated.

High quality solar equipment was assumed in projecting system installation costs

The same building plan, a one-family 1200-sq-ft house, is used for the tables and graphs, with construction costs and present fuel costs assumed to be equal in all four locations. Housing is a good candidate for solar heating because of its steady demand for relatively low-temperature heating, including a year-round demand for domestic hot water, and generally detached or low-density construction which

The potential dollar savings (and optimum size of system) depend upon the cost of fuel and the amount of sun available

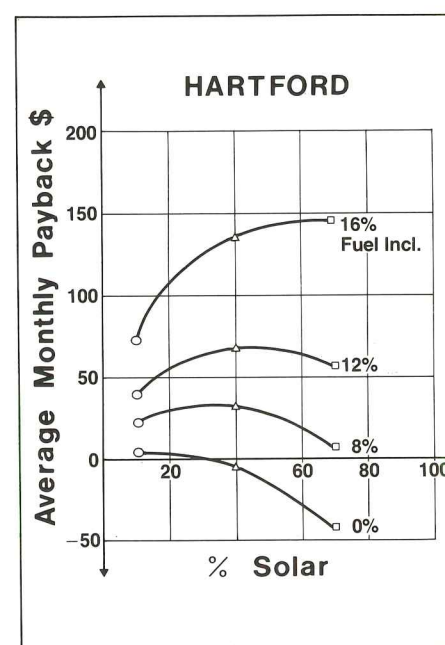
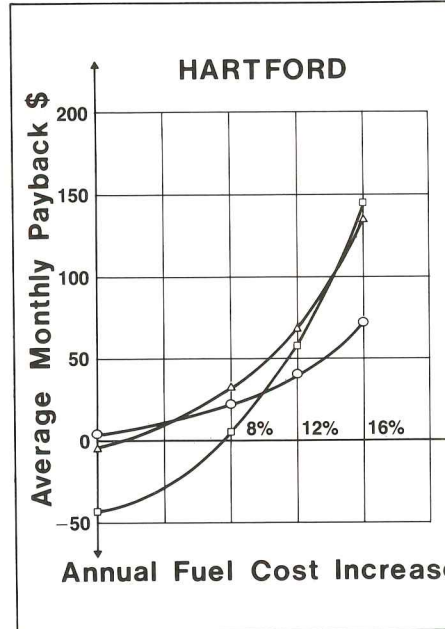
Two series of graphs show how the savings from house solar heating in four different northern climates are affected by the relative costs of conventional energy sources (top), and by the extensiveness of the solar-heating systems (bottom).

Curves at the top show how increases in assumed cost of conventional fuel affect the economics of different-sized solar-energy systems. At the greater increases, the larger systems generally become more and more economical.

From the bottom series of graphs one can determine the optimum percentage of solar-system contribution (the curve peaks) for different assumed fuel-cost increases—0, 8, 12 and 16 per cent.

Climate is a very significant factor. Hartford, for example, has a moderately-high heating requirement, but only moderate sunshine. Pittsburgh is not as cold as Hartford, but has more cloudy days. Denver is colder than Pittsburgh, but its weather and altitude give it good sunshine. Williston, N.D. is near the Canadian border, but it gets a lot of clear days.

- Alternative A: domestic hot water
- △ Alternative D: auxiliary solar space heating with window heat recover and domestic hot water
- Alternative F: large capacity solar heating (40 per cent CA/FA)



offers a large surface area exposed to the sun.

While cost and performance breakthroughs in solar technology can be anticipated, these are not considered in the estimates. The performance and costs of the solar equipment, and the installation costs used in the comparisons represent state-of-the-art estimates. The installation costs used are relatively high, compared to costs claimed by other sources, but the solar-system performance assumed in the calculations also represents high-quality solar equipment. Lower installation costs and lower system efficiencies appear to be directly related at this time.

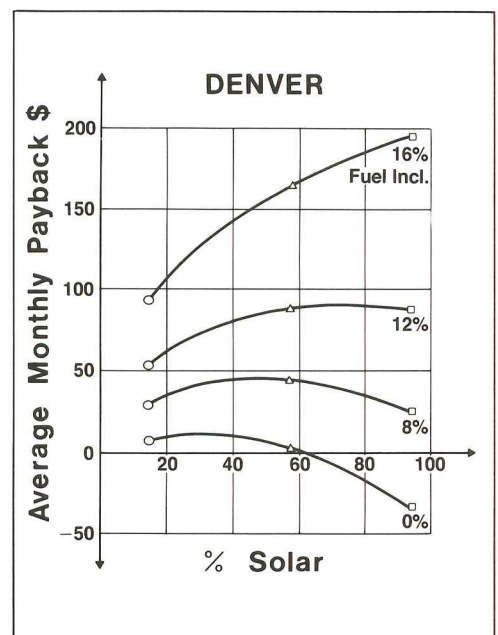
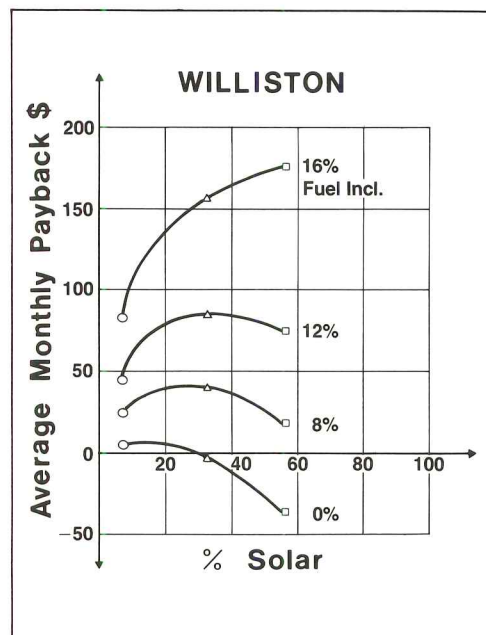
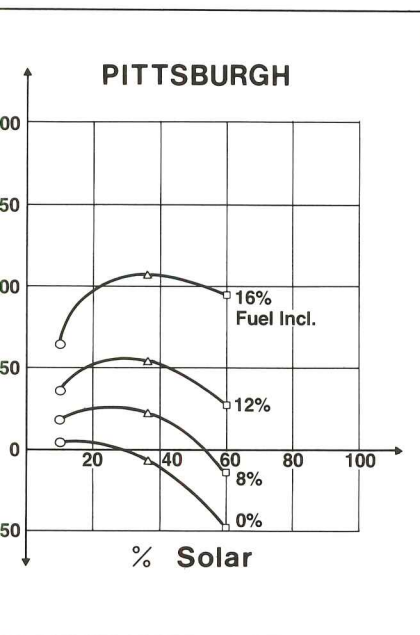
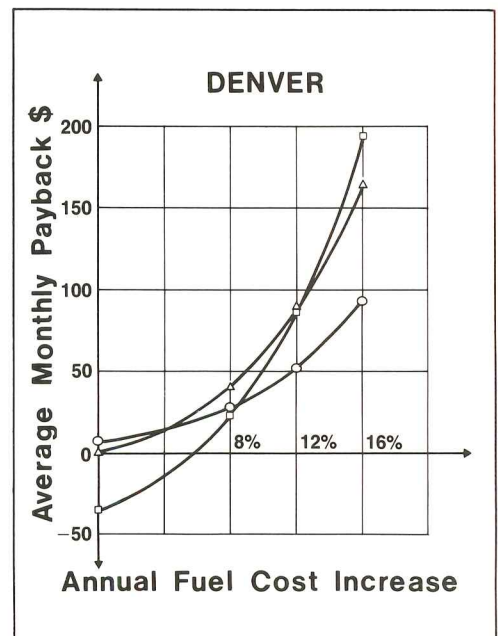
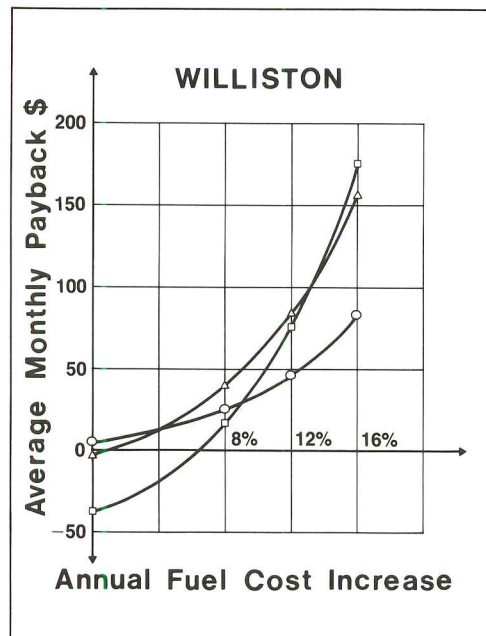
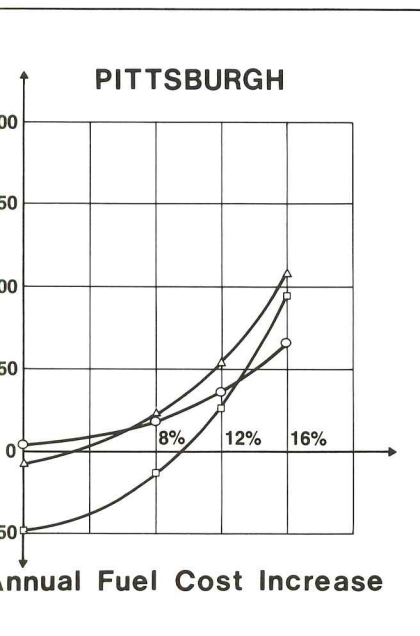
The heating load of the house in the example is greatly reduced by following high-insulation standards, with the result that the total energy contribution of the solar heating systems is smaller (see graph at bottom of page 133). The solar heating payback would look better than the results reported if a higher heat loss due to poorer insulation characteristics were assumed.

The cost effectiveness of improved insula-

tion standards is so apparent, however, that the architect or engineer would obviously use the saving techniques first, and then compare the heating alternatives. The intent of the comparisons is to show what the relative economic merit might be of different solar approaches after everything had been done by practical construction and design methods to reduce fuel requirement.

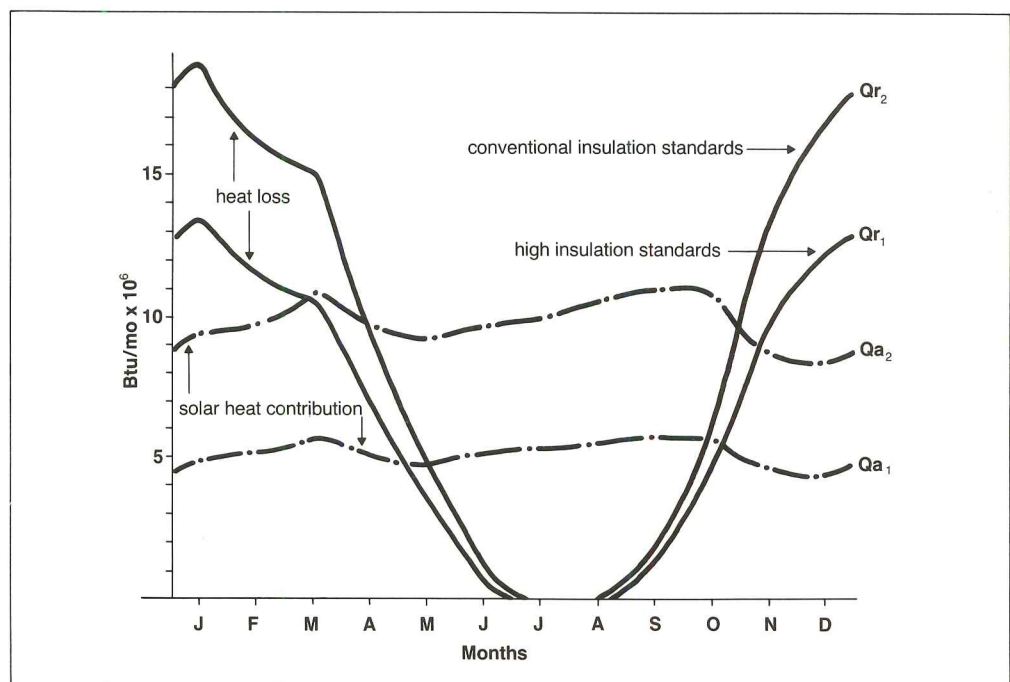
The table at the top of page 134 summarizes the heating-load calculations of the sample house design in the four locations. The design heat losses shown are in the range 10 per cent less than average, reflecting high insulation standards and reduced infiltration loss that good planning and construction achieves.

The table on page 131 shows the average monthly fuel cost savings, less finance charges for each of the six alternatives for assumed annual fuel cost increases of 0, 8, 12, and 16 per cent. The negative numbers in the 0 per cent fuel escalation rate column show that if fuel do not increase in cost, the solar investment



...cases does not pay back within the 20-year mortgage period. But, a projection of 8 percent fuel escalation is the consensus of private and government forecasts.

...er-cost systems may save more money if the climate is favorable and fuel expensive. Particular interest in the payback results is that the order of merit of the six alternatives does not follow the relative order of initial cost. It varies considerably according to climate and assumed fuel cost escalation. For example, the large-capacity solar-heating approach, *Alternative F*, is among the most economical of the six choices at the present time, even though it may rank highest in "environmental merit" by greatly reducing reliance on nonrenewable and polluting fuels. But if fuel escalation increases above 12 percent per year, the economic merit of *Alternatives D and E* is highest in nearly every case, except for Pittsburgh where local cloudiness makes a large investment in solar heating still unattractive. And if escalation were to rise to



Heat loss for a 1200-sq-ft Denver house built following conventional insulation standards is plotted in solid curve Q_{r2} , and following high-insulation standards, in solid curve Q_{r1} . The comparative solar-heat contribution of a solar collector with an area equal to 20 per cent of the floor area is plotted in the dash-dot curve Q_{a1} , and equal to 40 per cent of the floor area, in curve Q_{a2} . Although solar energy contributes more heat proportionately to the house with conventional insulation, the investment, over-all, is not as cost-effective.

LOCATION	LAT	ELEV	t _o	DD	DHL (MBH)	YEARLY ENERGY 10 ⁶ X Btu		
						DHW	HTG	TOT
HARTFORD, CT.	42	15	5	6235	35	13	83	96
PITTSBURGH, PA.	40	749	11	5053	33	13	67	81
WILLISTON, N.D.	48	1877	-17	9243	47	14	123	138
DENVER, CO.	40	5283	3	5524	36	13	74	87

	DHW		SPACE HEATING			INSTALLATION		
	CA	tank size	AUX	WA	CA	STO	Cost\$	\$ mo.
ALTERNATIVE A domestic hot water	56 S.F.	60 gal.					\$900	\$8
ALTERNATIVE B window heat recovery				300		X	1200	10
ALTERNATIVE C auxiliary solar space heat	93	80	X				2000	17
ALTERNATIVE D combined alternates B and C	93	80	X	300		X	3200	28
ALTERNATIVE E large capacity solar 20% CA/FA	56	60		150	223	X	5800	50
ALTERNATIVE F large capacity solar 40% CA/FA	56	60		150	427	X	8500	74

16 per cent, the largest-capacity system would yield the largest monthly payback. And though *Alternatives A, B and C* rank low when fuel escalation is above 8 per cent, the table on page 131 shows that when combined (*Alternative D*), and the escalation is between 8 and 12 per cent, this *Alternative* is the most economical option in all four of the climates. The top series of graphs on pages 132 and 133 shows the approximate crossover points of economic merit of various alternatives as a function of changing fuel escalation rates. The bottom series of graphs have the same data plotted in another format to show the optimum percentage of solar capacity for given installation and fuel costs.

The example is limited to a single, though typical, case—that of a house financed under conventional mortgage terms. The economics, however, look poorer than if compared with standard house construction, in which case the paybacks would appear more favorable. Installation and financing costs also depend on individual circumstances. Many individuals are able to undertake a solar installation on different financial terms than used in the example through low-interest building loans. Tax incentives are being considered on the state and Federal level that may further change current economics in favor of solar heating. System cost breakthroughs or performance improvements may result in more cost effective solar installations. Finally, the calculation methods used are monthly averages and result in only

general results. Nonetheless, the *relative order* or economic merit of the various alternatives shown in the example would not change.

The study takes a moderate, if not overly conservative, view of solar installation and fuel costs in order to represent the typical case for solar heating with the options that it presents now. The results, in fact, suggest that—in the almost certain event that fuel costs will increase—some sort of solar heating is justified in any northern climate. If only solar domestic water heating and auxiliary space heating systems were to find the place in the residential market, the increase in production of solar equipment would make possible substantial economics of scale which would lead in turn to lower costs for the larger capacity systems. Even now, a middle-range solution might be adopted—an incremental approach to solar heating in which a building is constructed with only a small solar installation at first, such as *Alternates A through D*, with provisions made in the design for adding more capacity in the future, as the economic variables change in favor of increased solar heating. Other factors that could help lower installation costs include “one-contract” supply, installation and servicing; solar building and equipment packaging; and various subsidized economic incentives. In any case, the need is obvious for close coordination between architect, engineer, manufacturer and builder to ensure that a solar installation is appropriate for a building in terms of climate, heat requirement and financing.

Solar heating adds a cost that can be recovered from savings in fuel

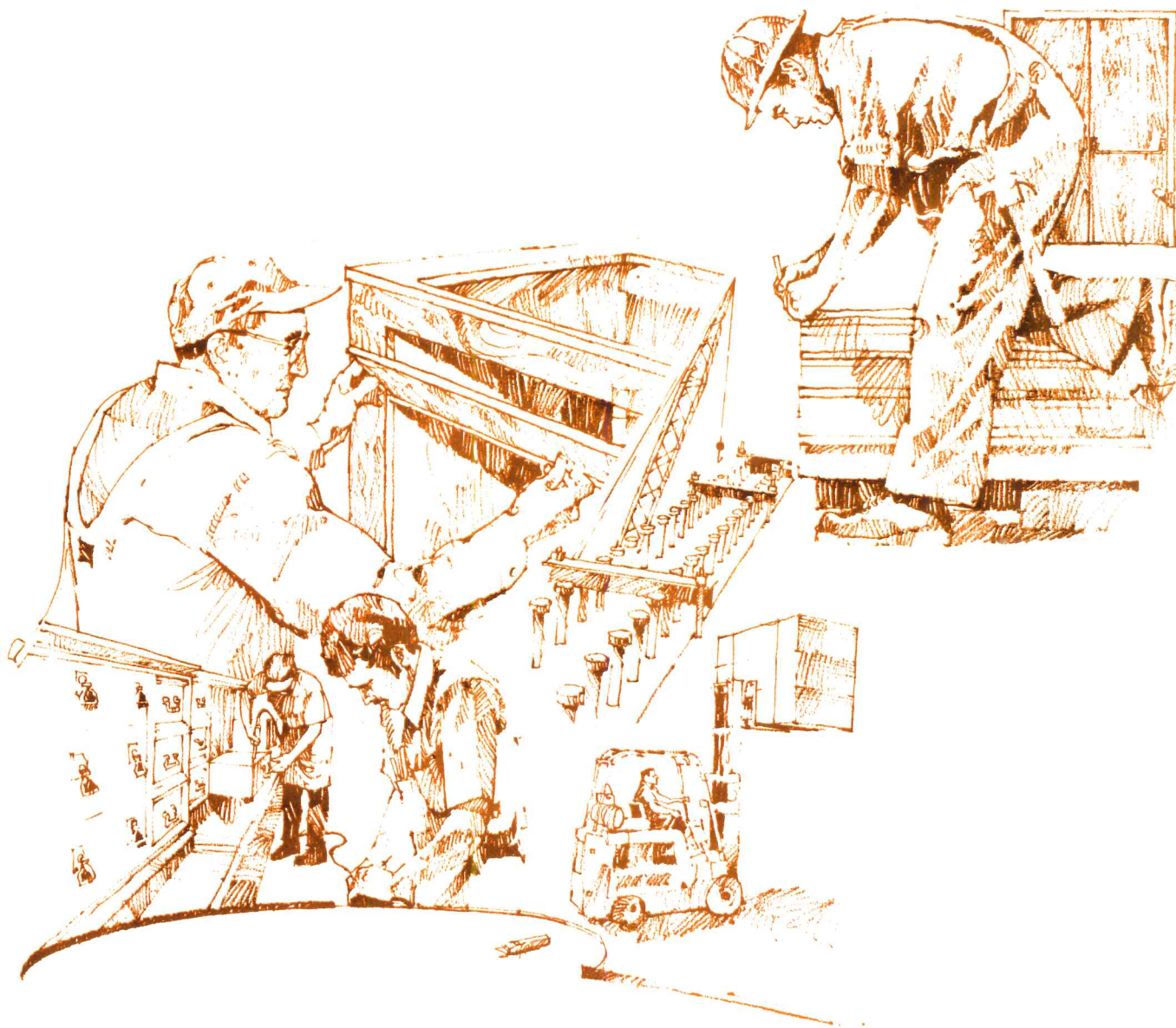
The top table lists the geographic and weather characteristics of four northern cities, and itemizes the heat-load characteristics of a 1200-sq-ft, well-insulated house located in each city. DHL is the heat loss of the house at outdoor design temperature. Yearly heating loads are given for domestic hot water, for space heating, and for the two combined.

The bottom table lists the areas of solar collectors (CA), sizes of domestic hot water tanks, the larger dhw tank used for auxiliary space heating, and window areas (WA) for the assumed example. Storage (STO) is required for space-heating alternatives (except alternative C) and for window heat recovery.

The costs listed are the dollars required to pay for the additional cost of the alternative systems over that of conventional domestic hot water and space heating systems. The monthly cost is the additional monthly mortgage payment for 20 years at a finance charge of 8½ per cent.

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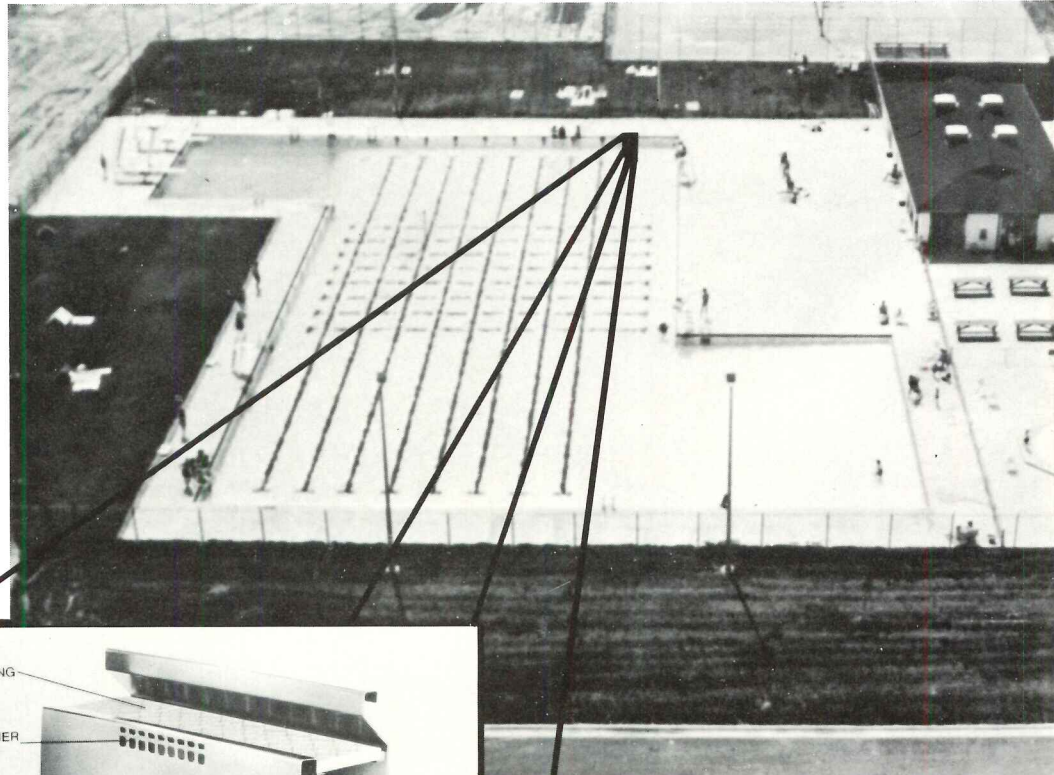
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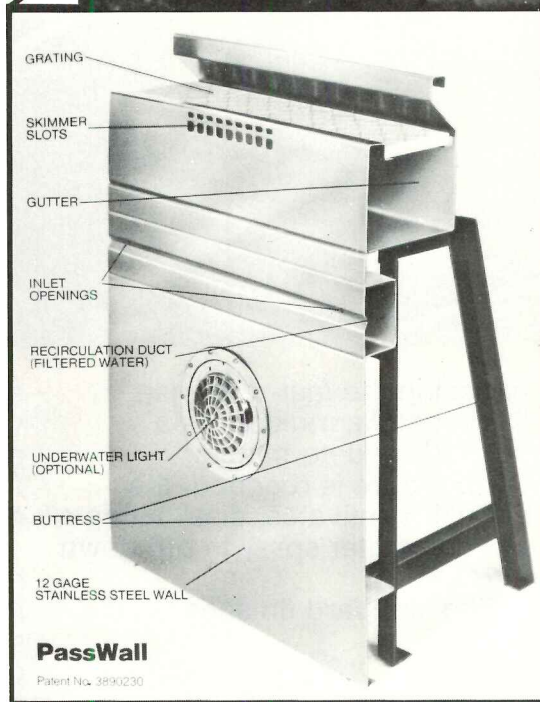
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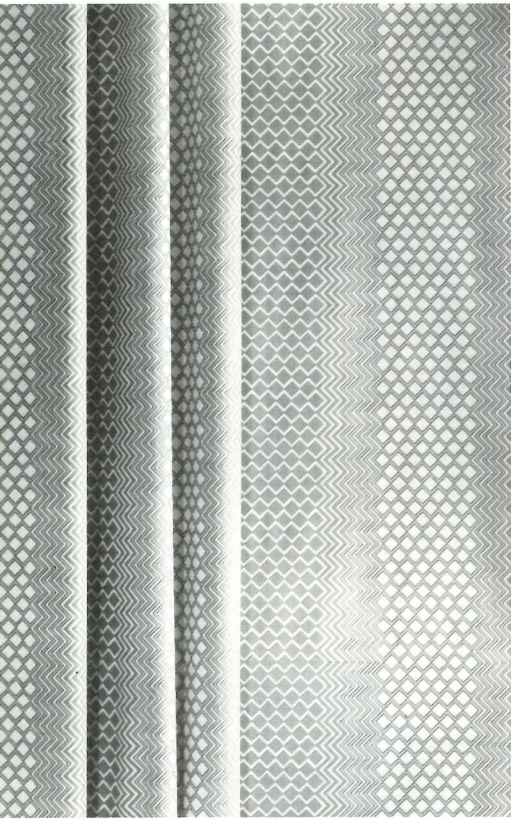


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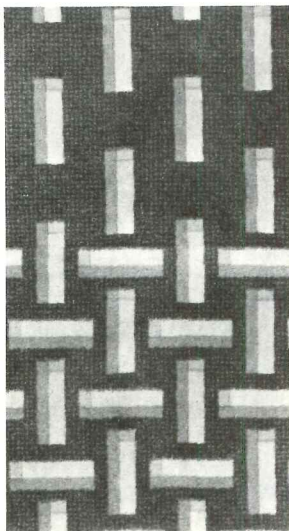
one, then the other of the positive patterns. "Mala" (not shown), a 52-in.-wide polyester and cotton semi-sheer, is offered in pale monotonies. Upholstery and wallcovering fabrics are also available in this line. ■ Souveran Fabrics Corp., New York City.

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Gray is the keynote color of this 1977 fabric collection

Leathers, fabrics and carpeting in gray predominate in this group. Shown is "Saville Row," a hard finished upholstery fabric in wool and cotton. The affinity between the company's other new wool upholstery fabrics and carpets is often the loosely

twisted heather-spun natural yarns used in both. Leather in the collection is very thick, heavyweight and—in the case of "Rhino"—shrunk 25 per cent to exaggerate the wrinkles and natural folds of the skin. Colors range from ivory to russet to

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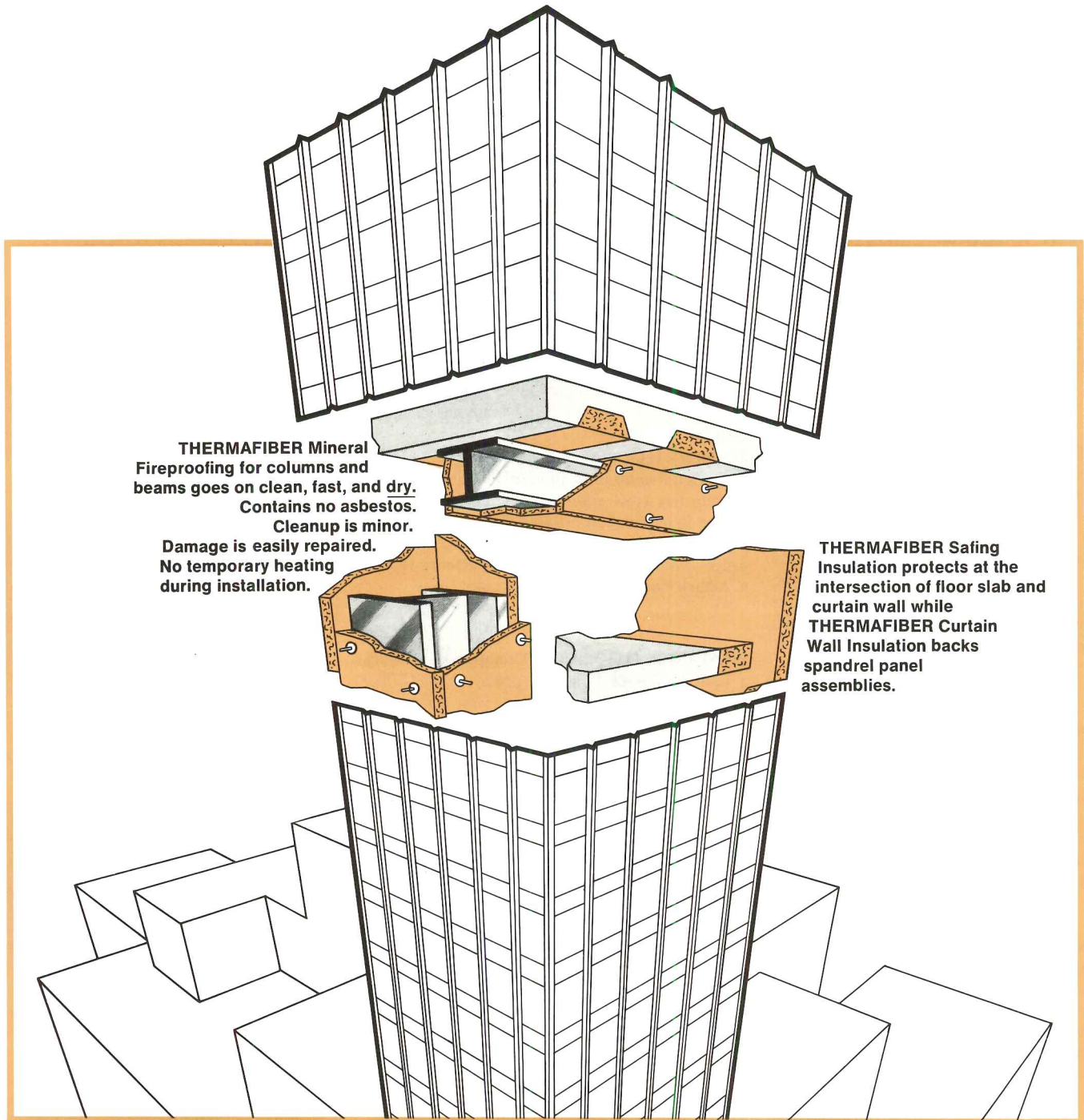
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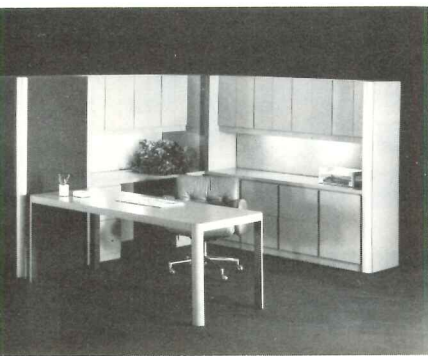
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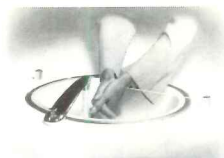


MINI-PRINTER/BLUEPRINTER / The "EconoJet" copier is said to combine a small per-copy cost with high quality printing and developing. Copier measures 9- by 60- by 12¾-in., and can be used either on a desk-top or wall-mounted. The unit has a maximum speed of 9 ft per minute, and a printing length in excess of 42-in. by any length. "EconoJet" copiers meet all OSHA standards. ■ Teledyne Rotech, Stirling, N.J.

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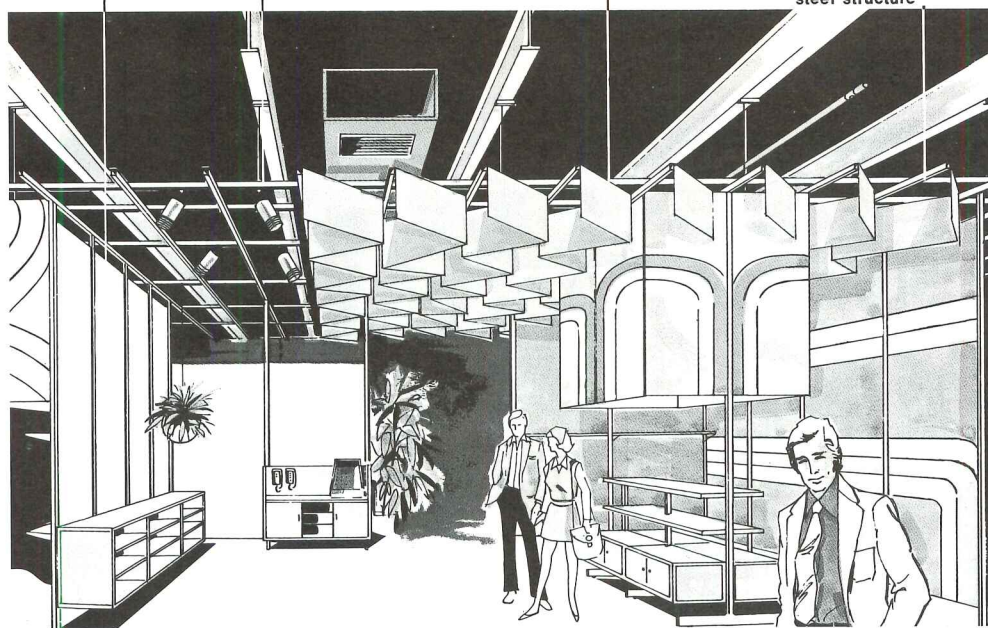
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TOOL / A new addition to this manufacturer's contract seating collection, the "Lisa" stool has a beech wood frame with cylindrical legs in a buffed finish. The slung seat is of natural saddle leather. Bar stool is 37½-in. high, 15-in. deep, and 17½-in. wide. ■ Intrex Inc., New City.

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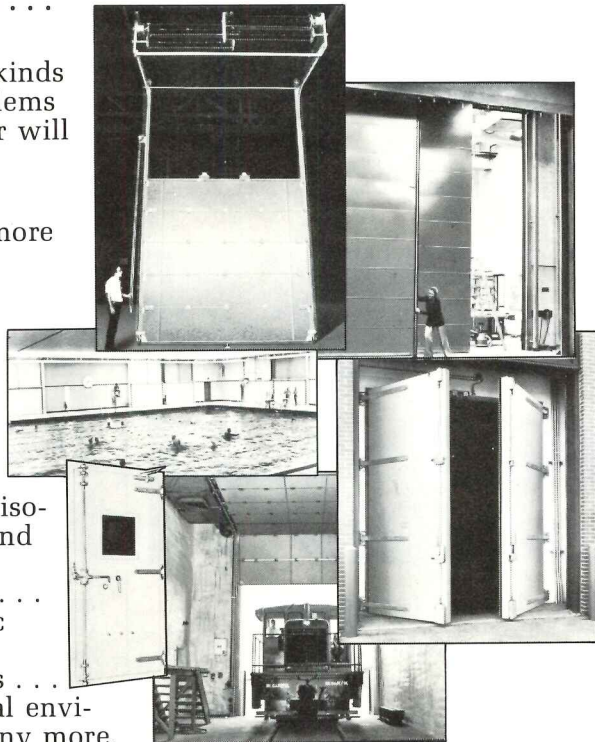
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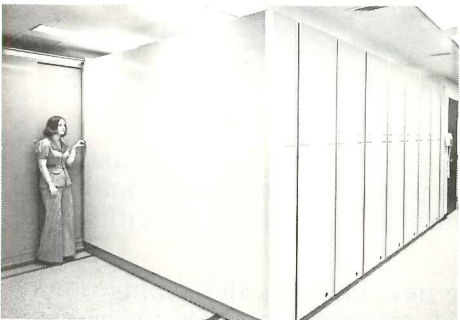
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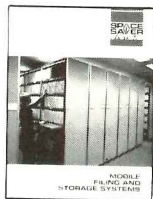


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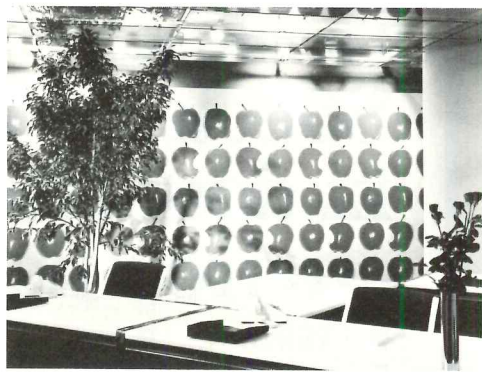
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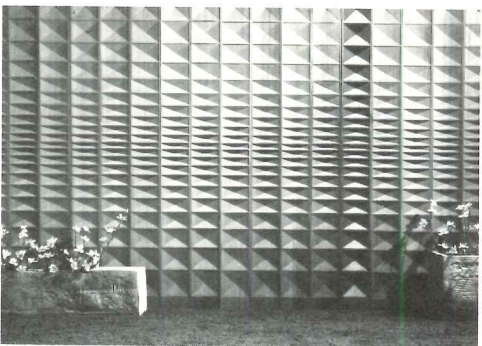
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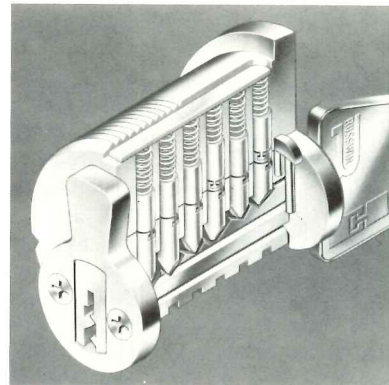
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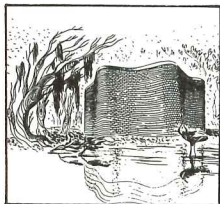
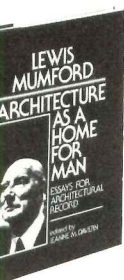
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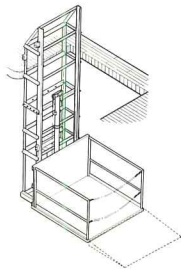
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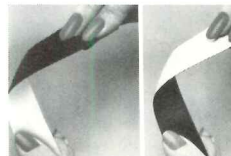
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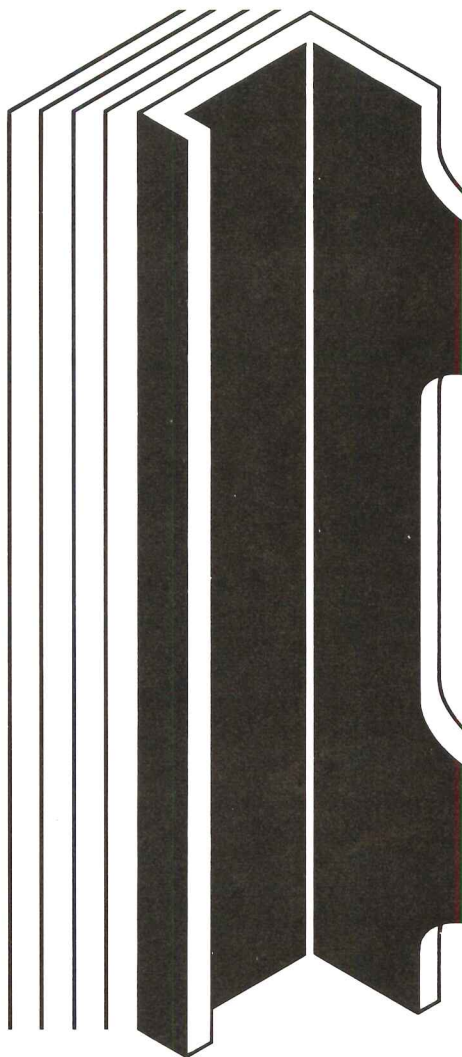


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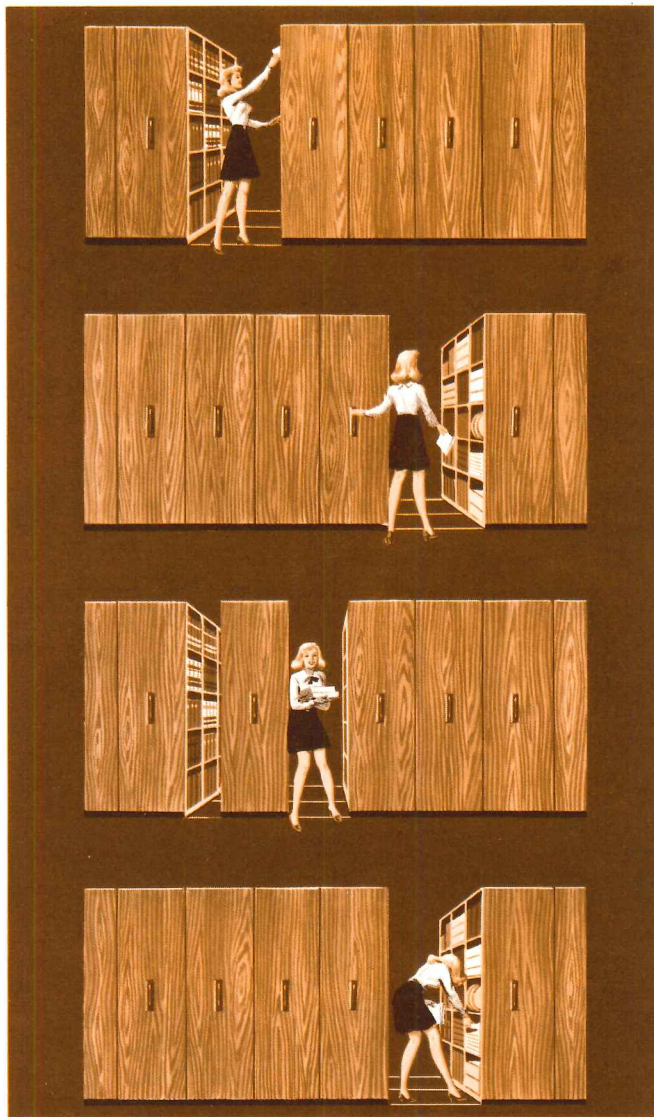
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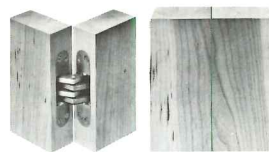
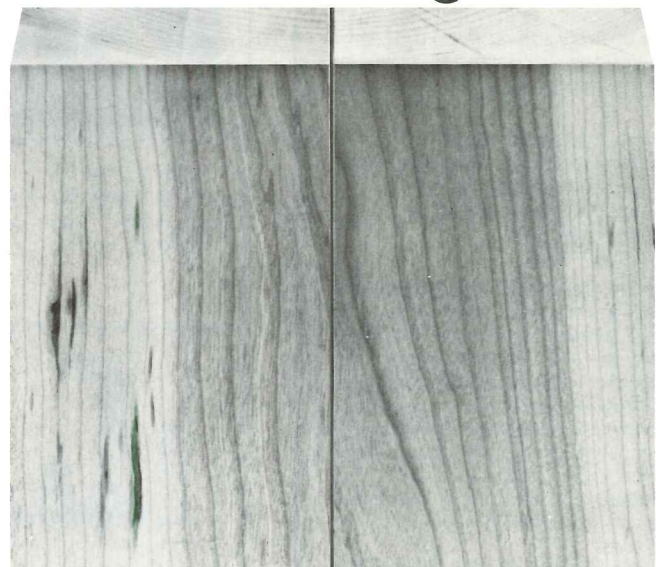
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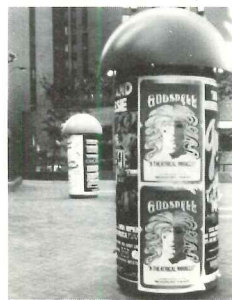
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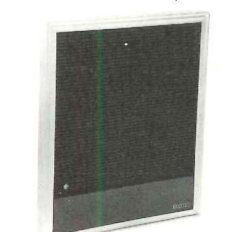
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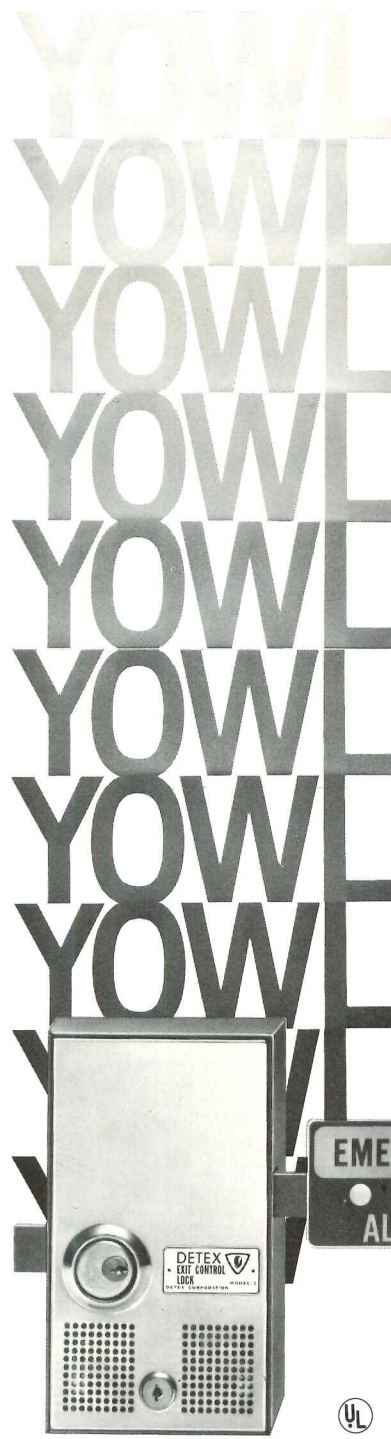
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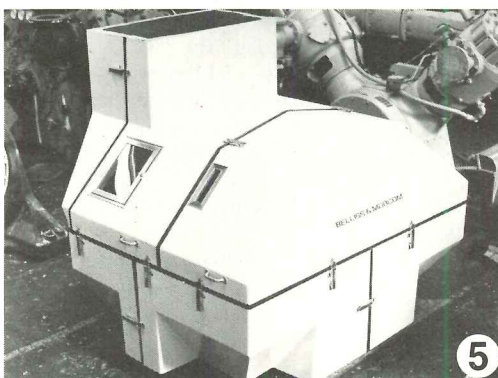
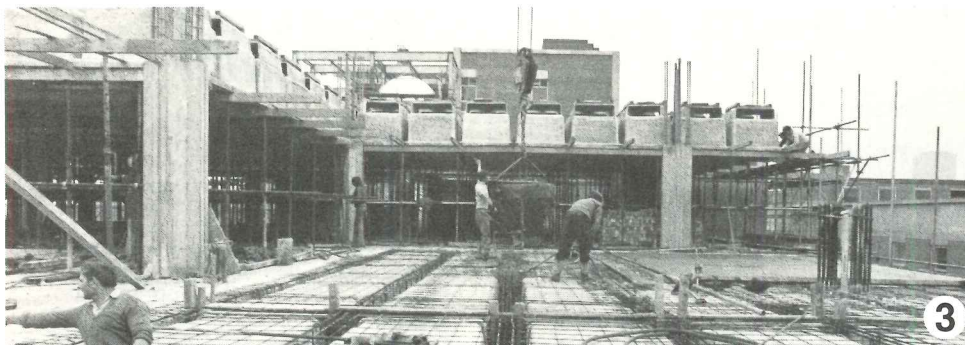


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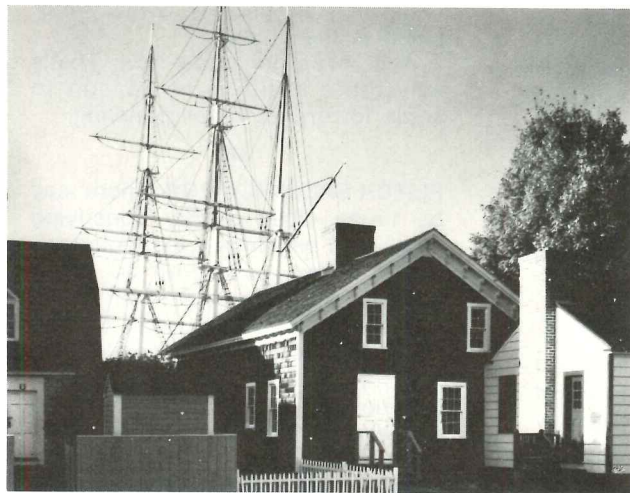
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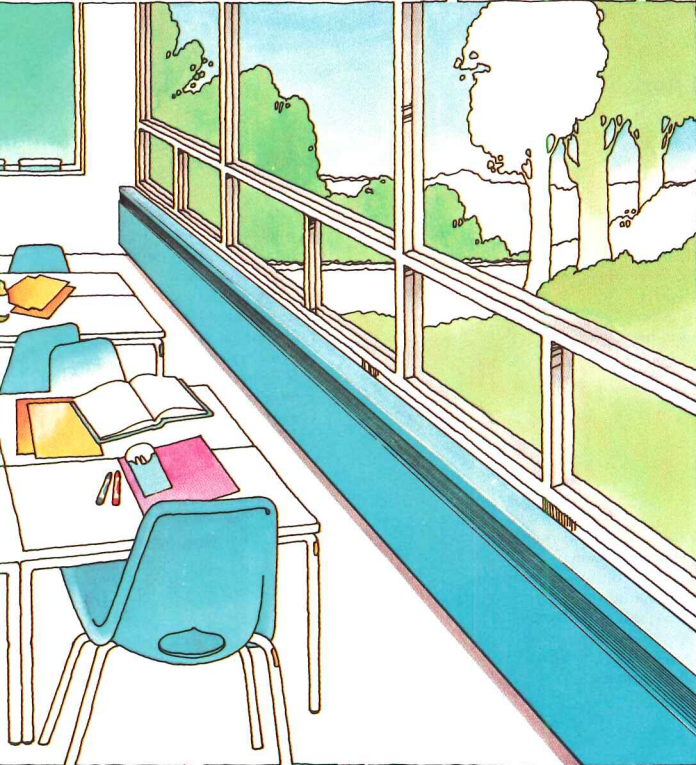
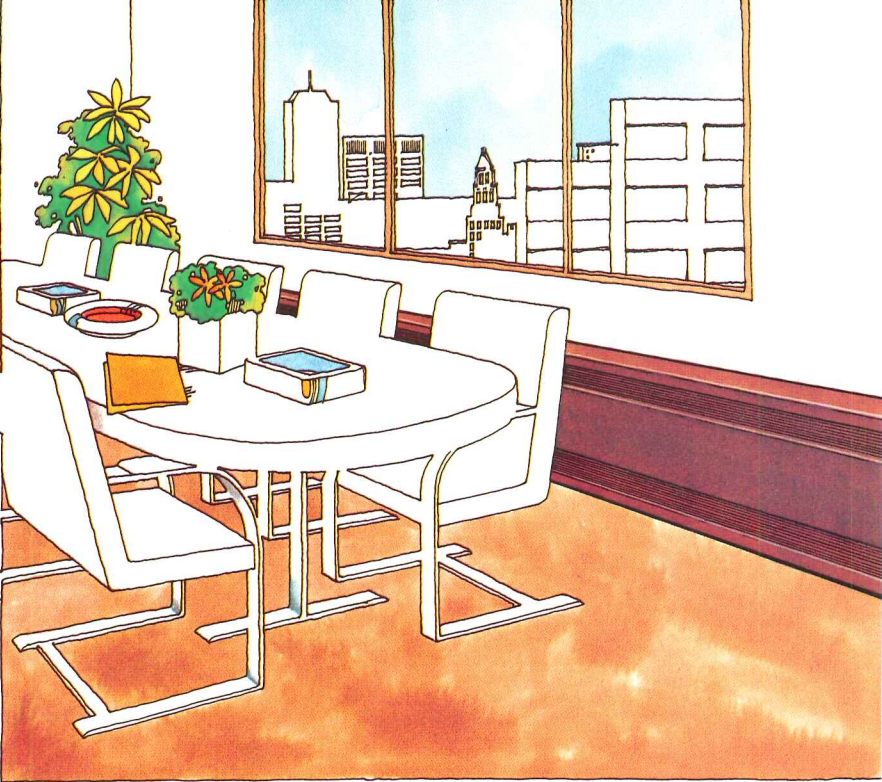
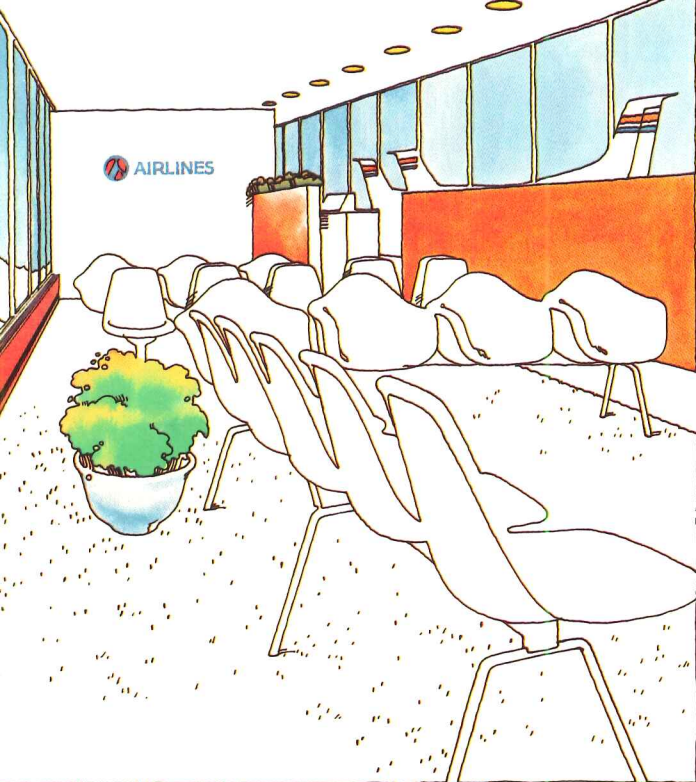
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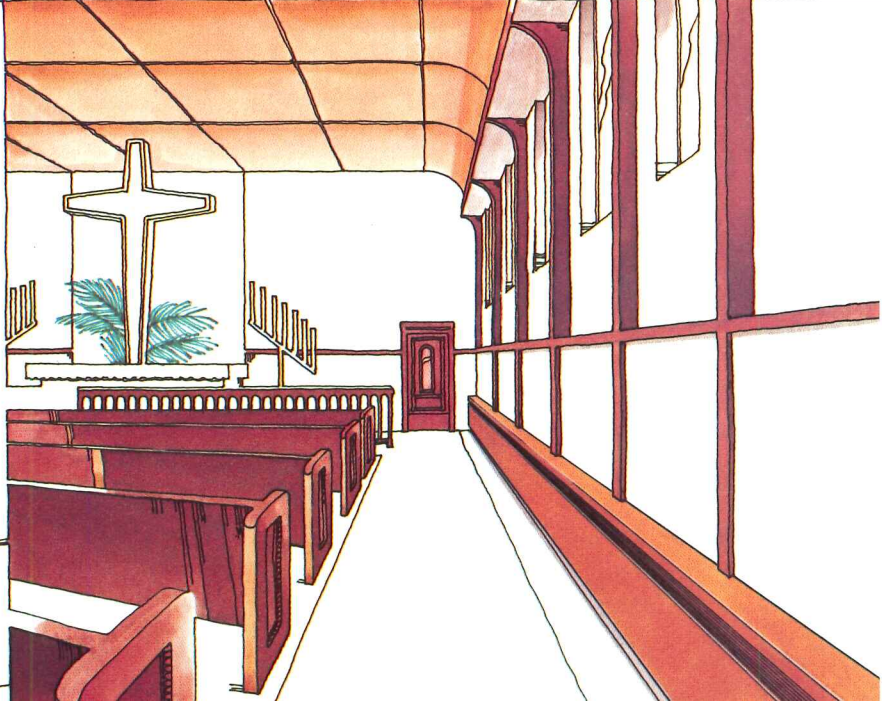
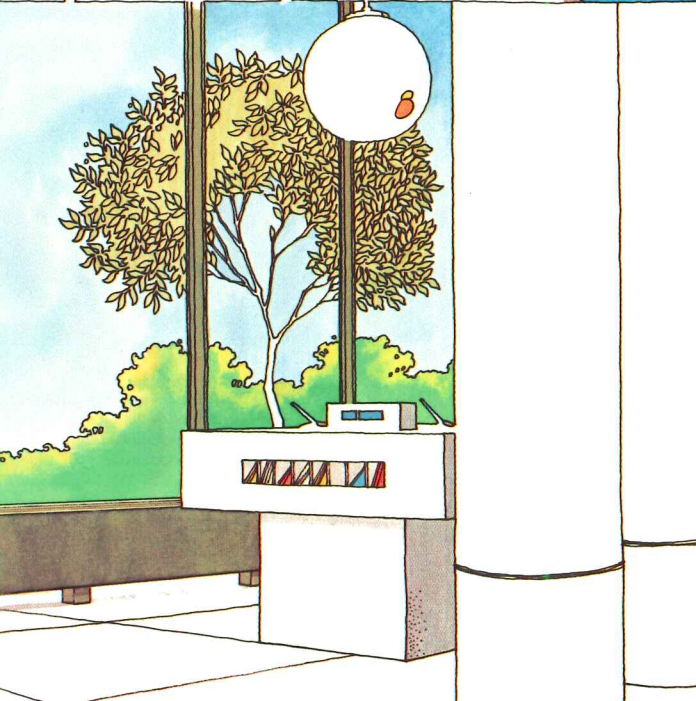
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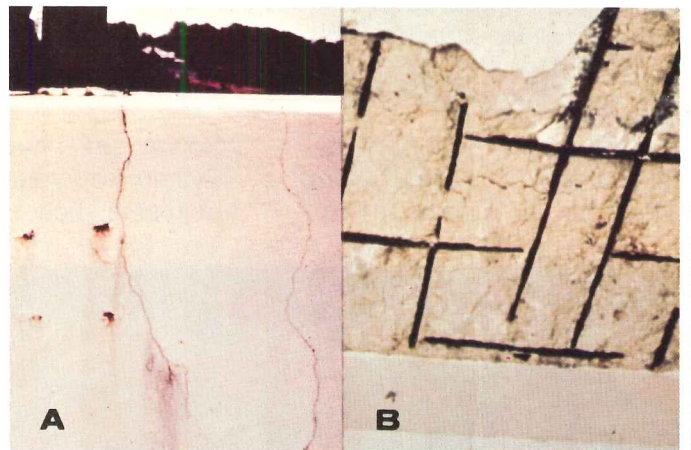
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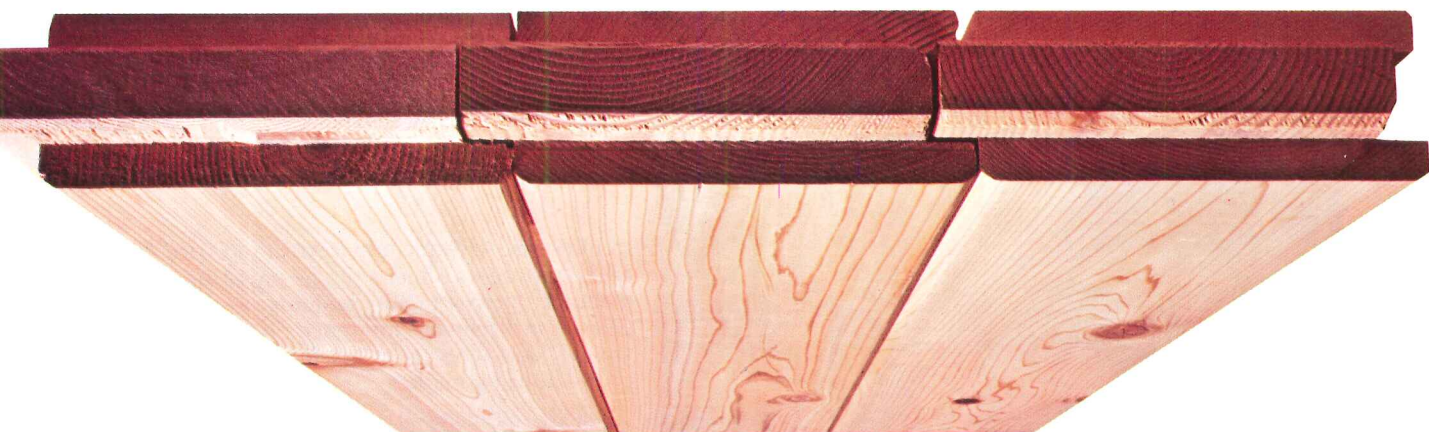


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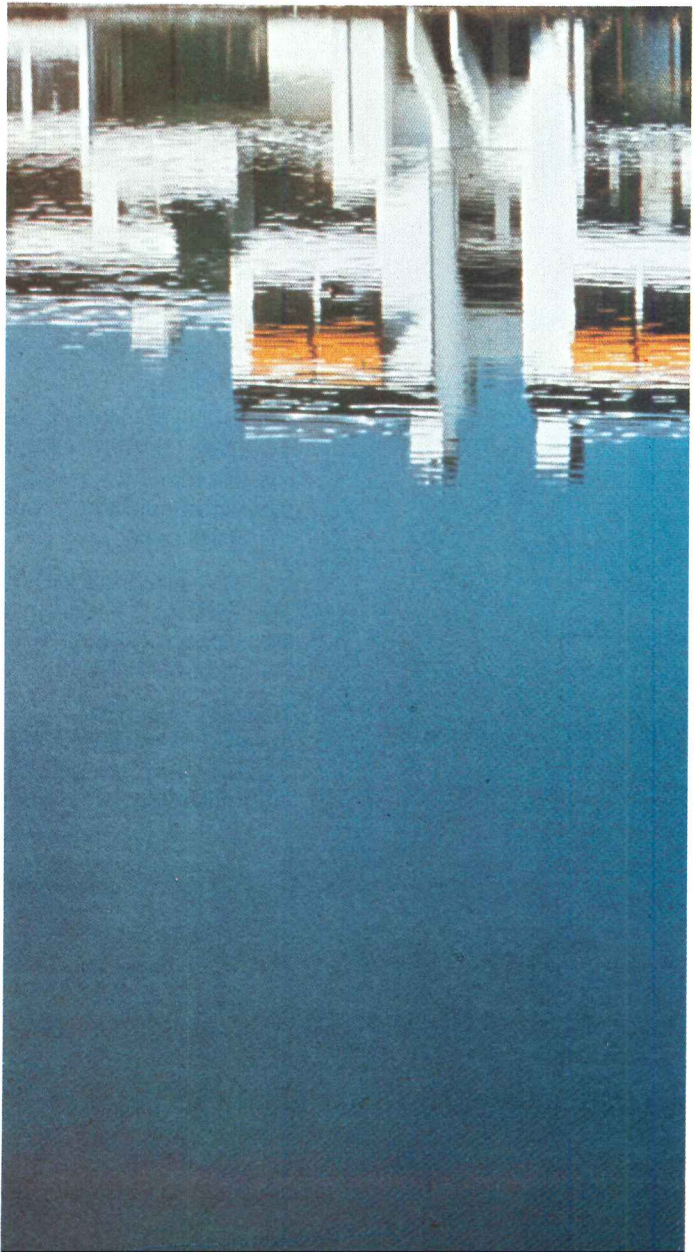
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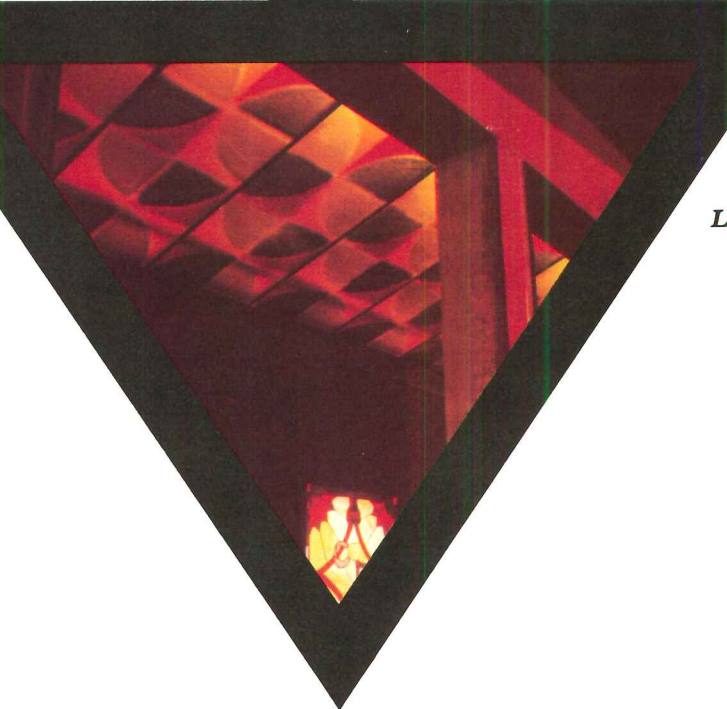
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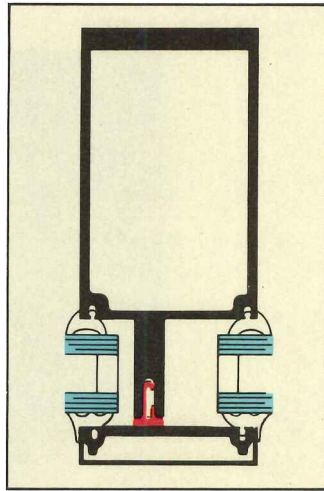
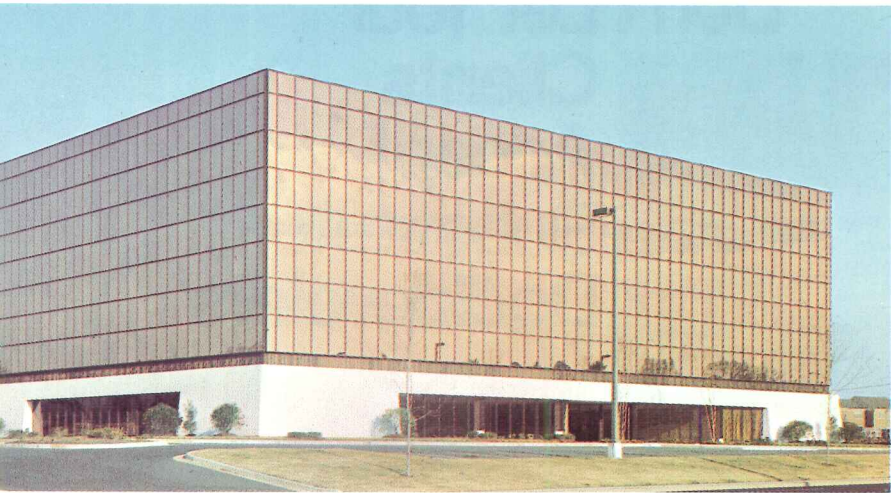
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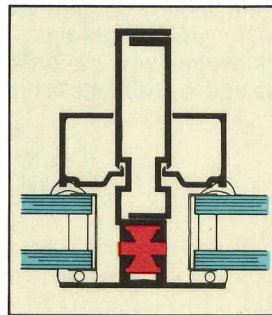
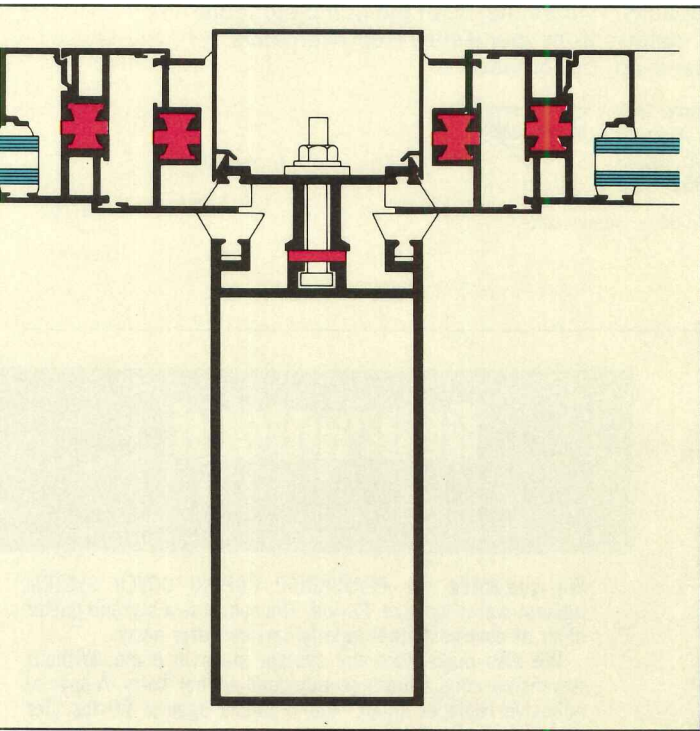
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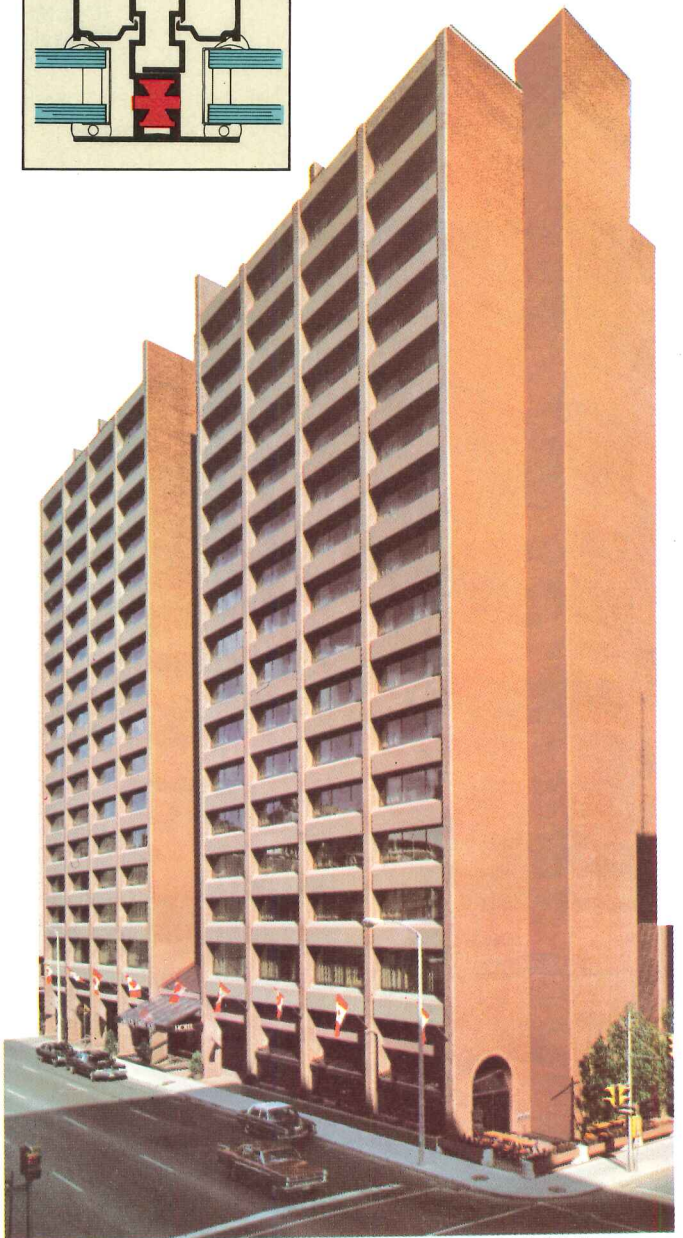


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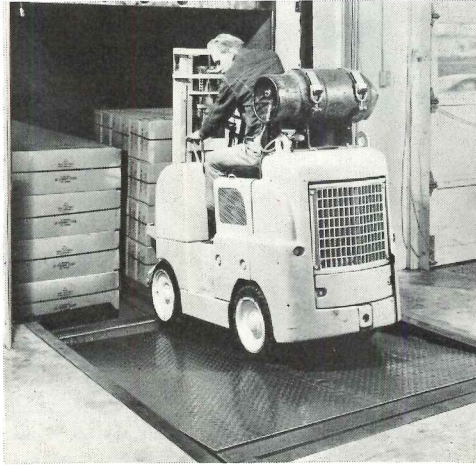
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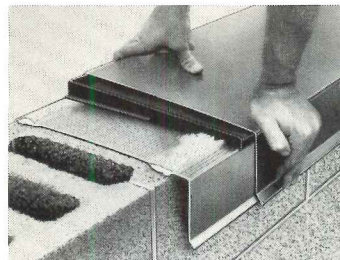
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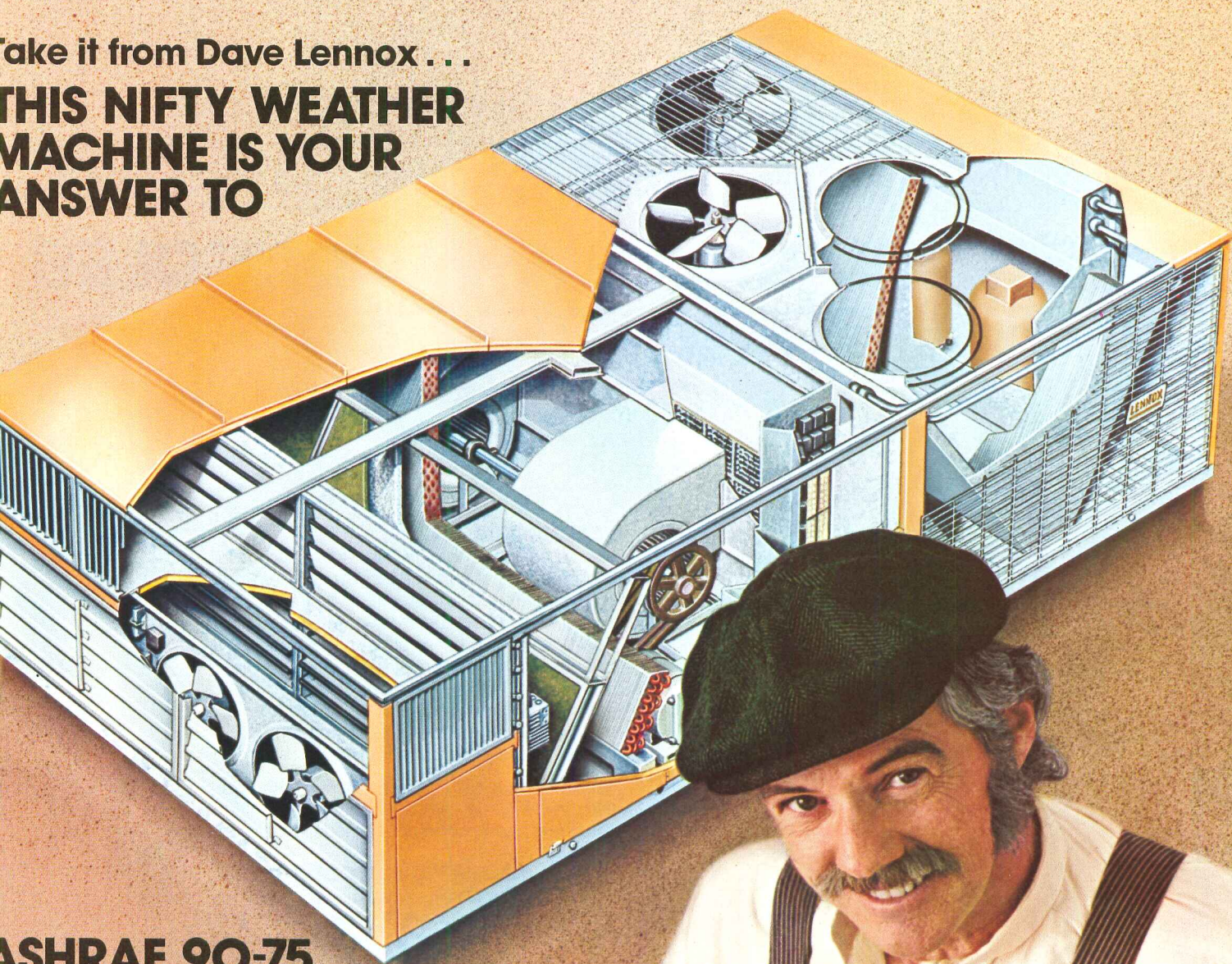
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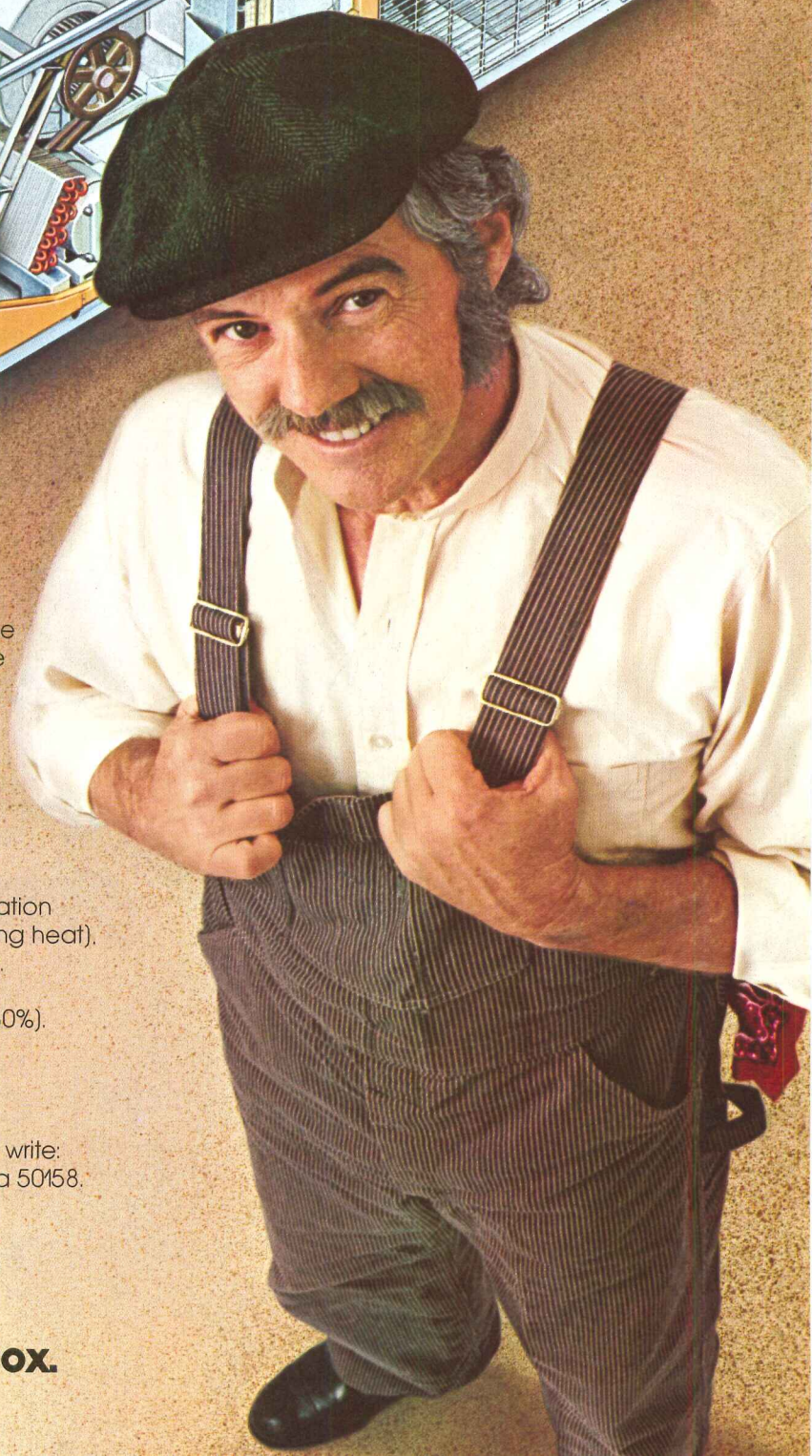
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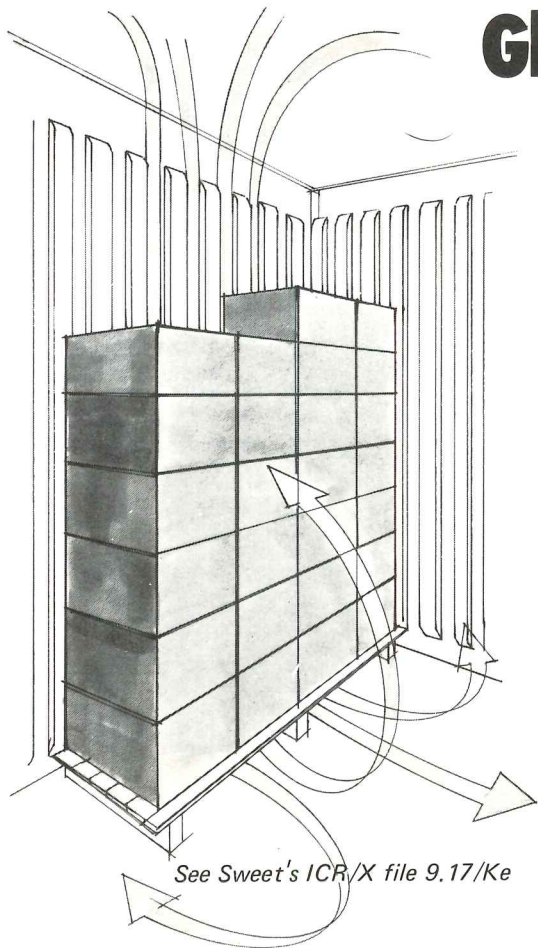
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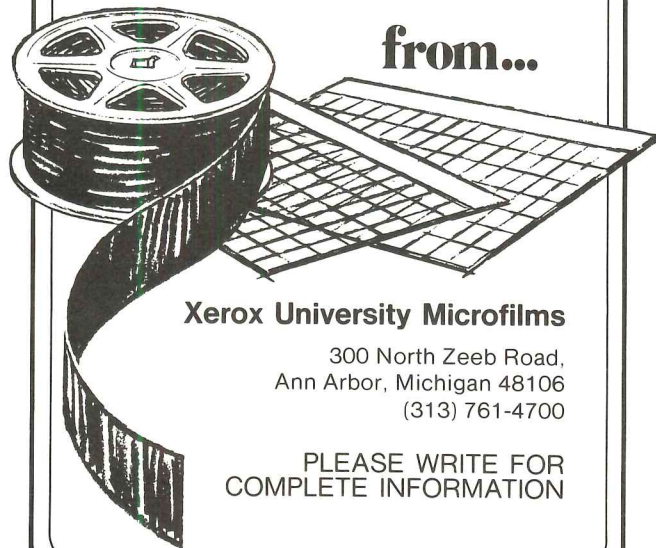
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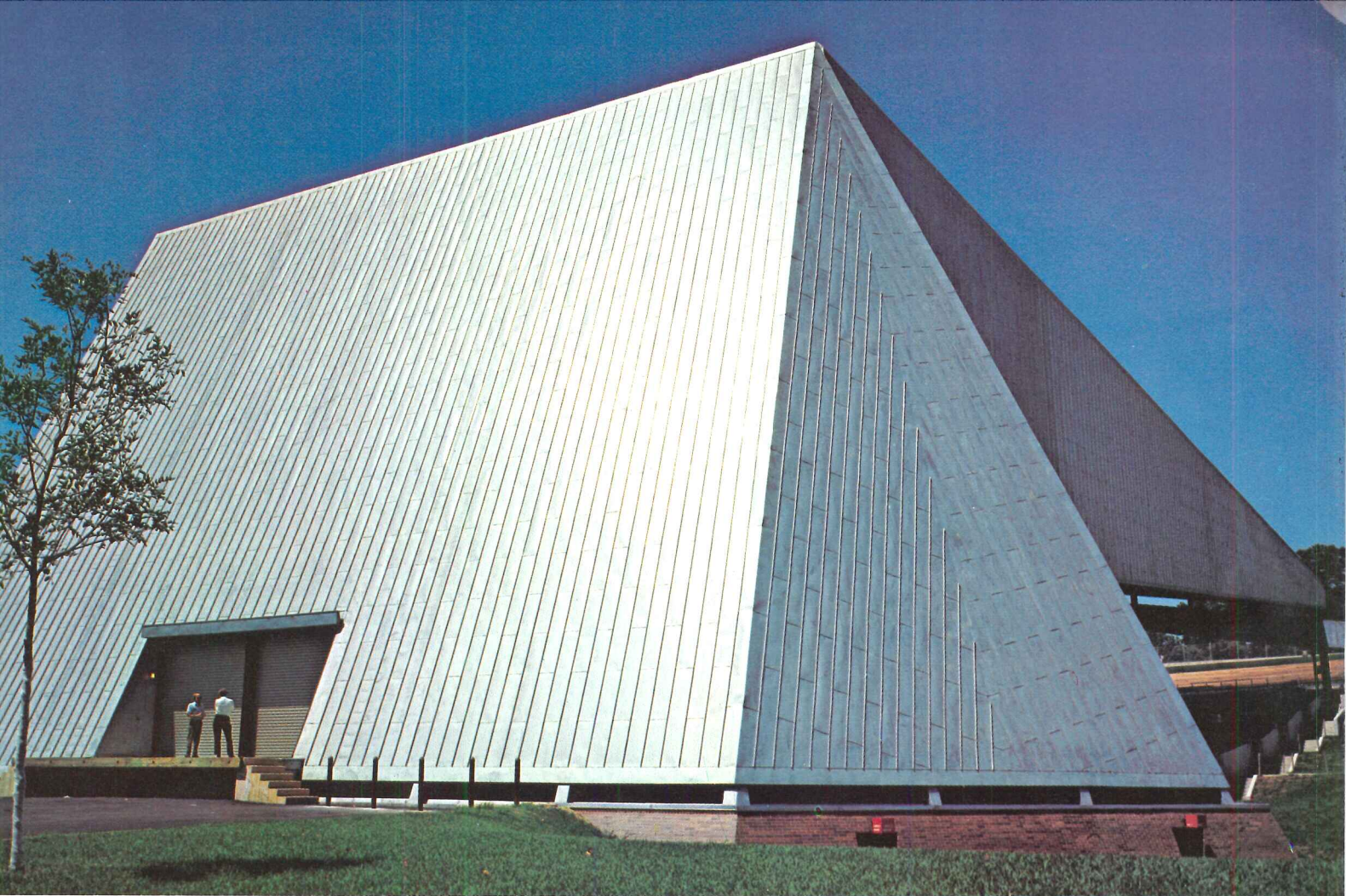
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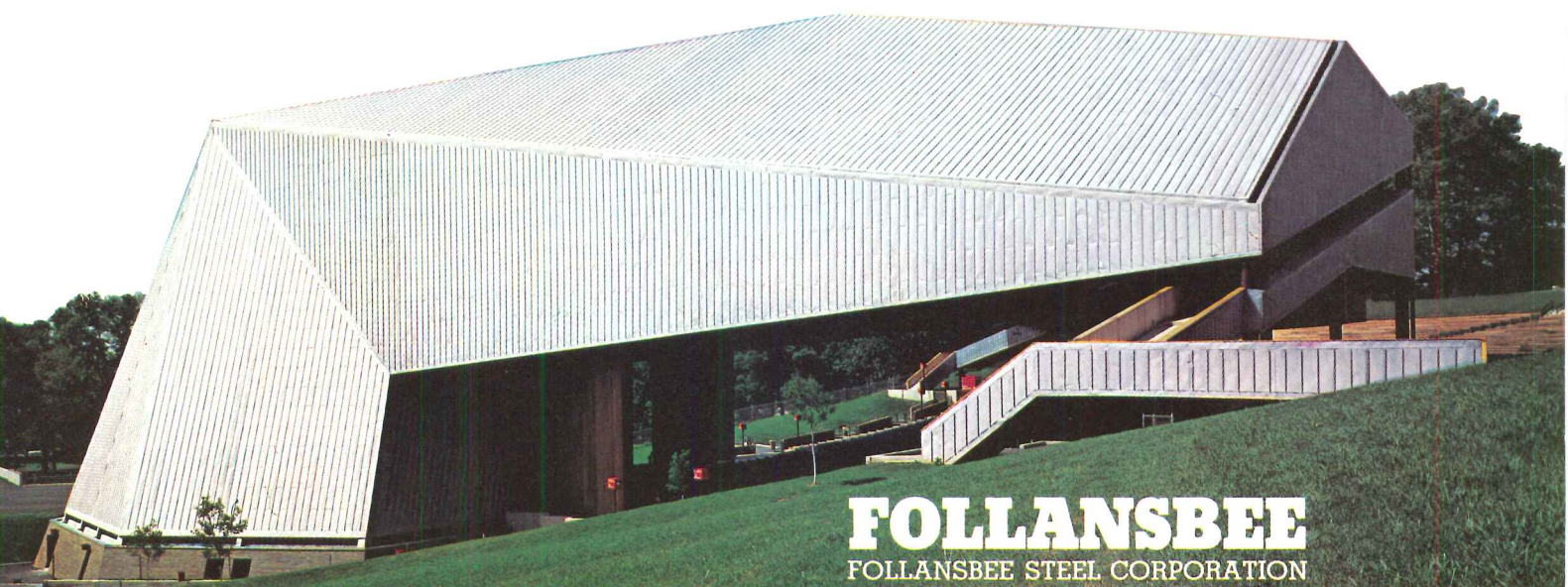
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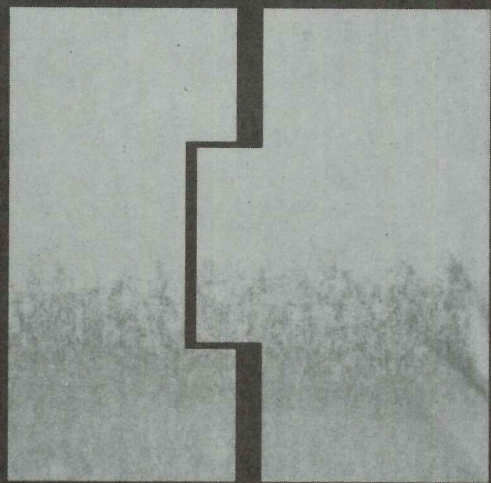
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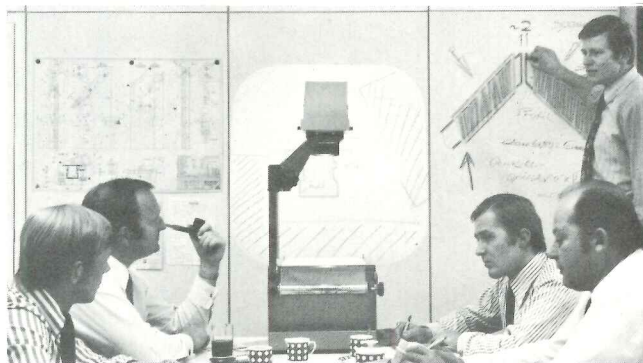




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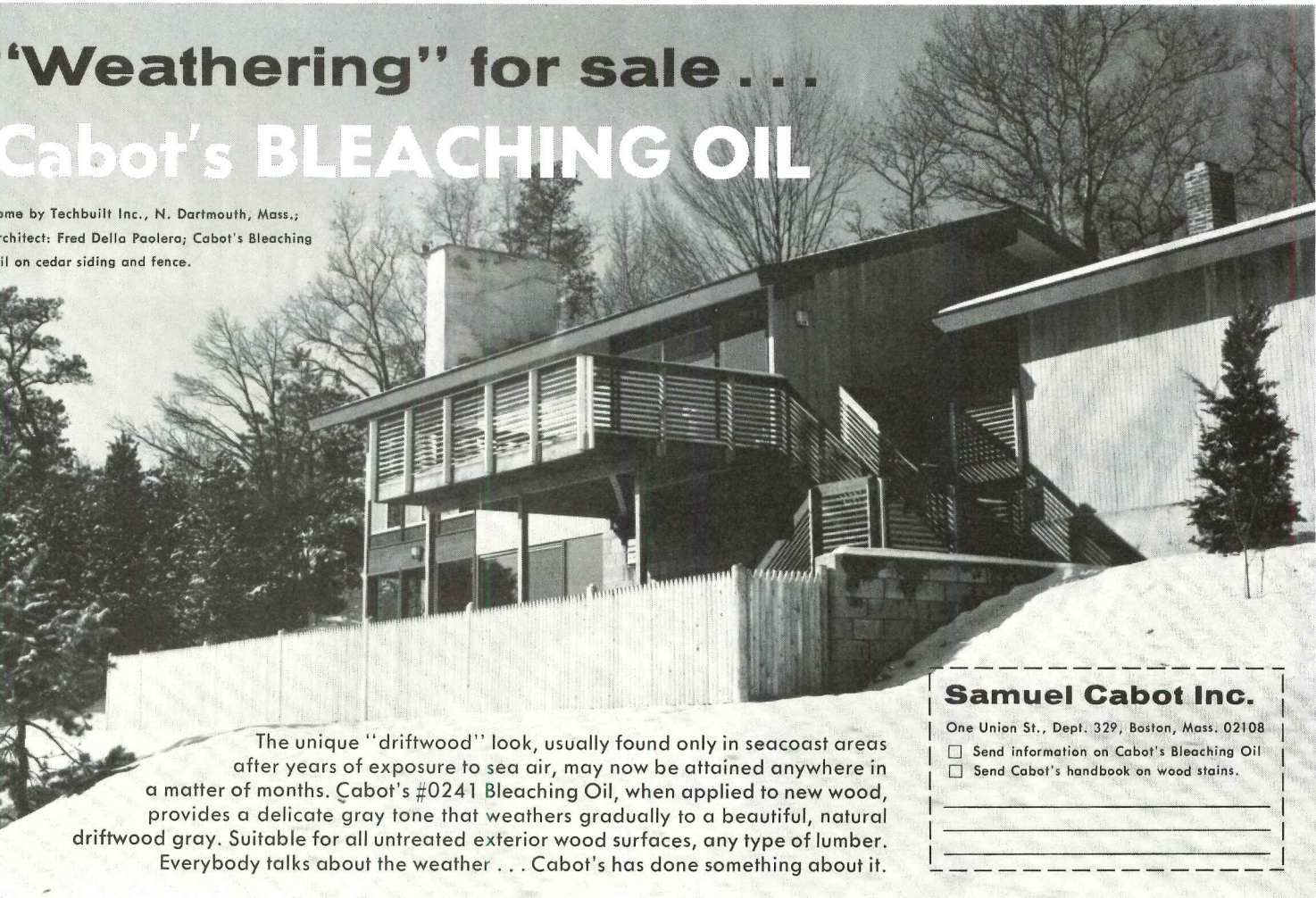
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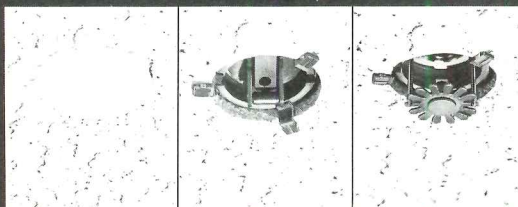
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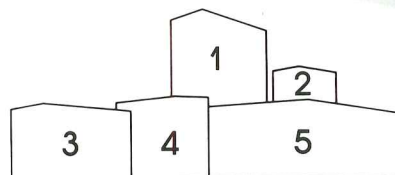
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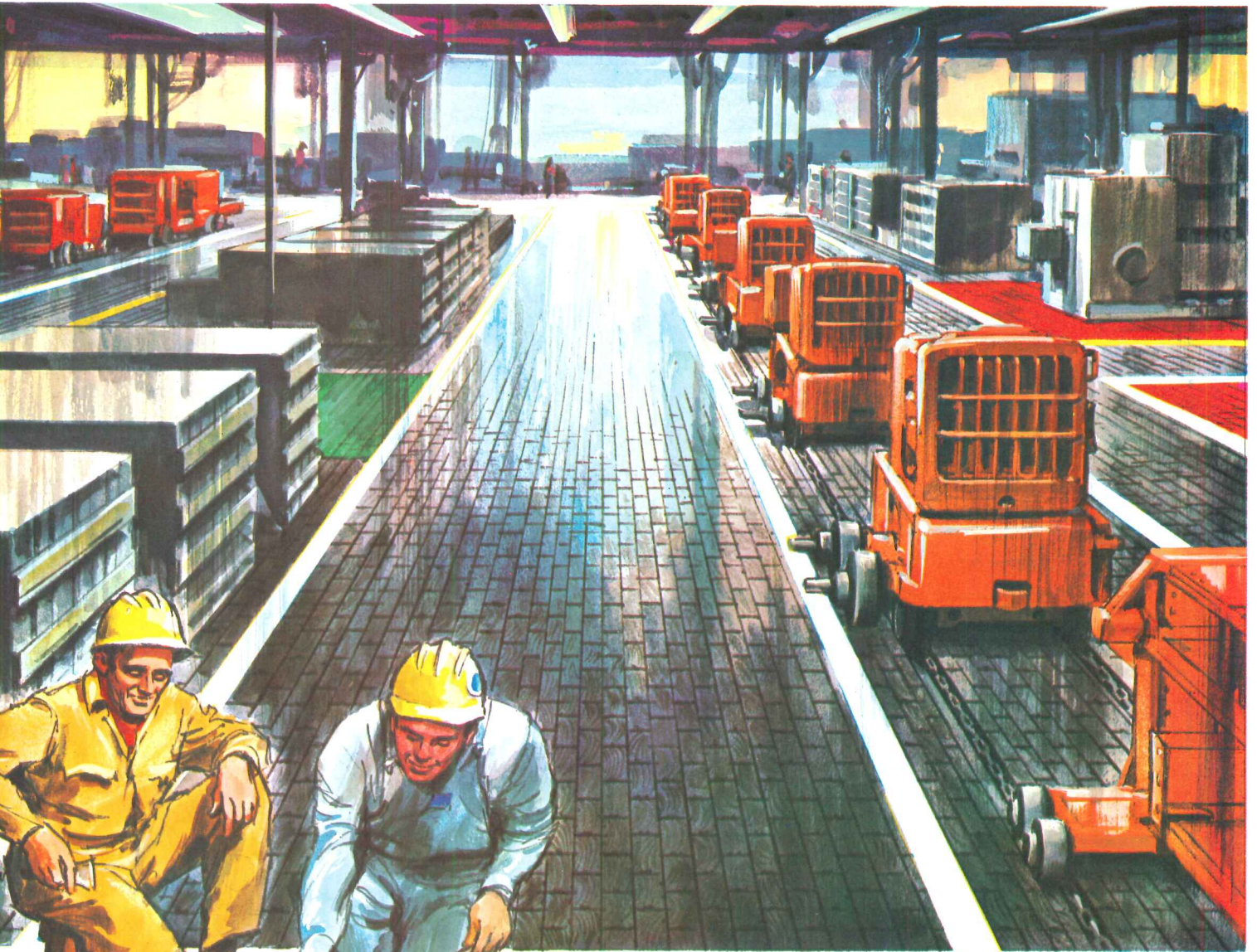


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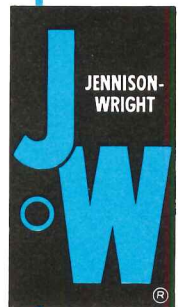
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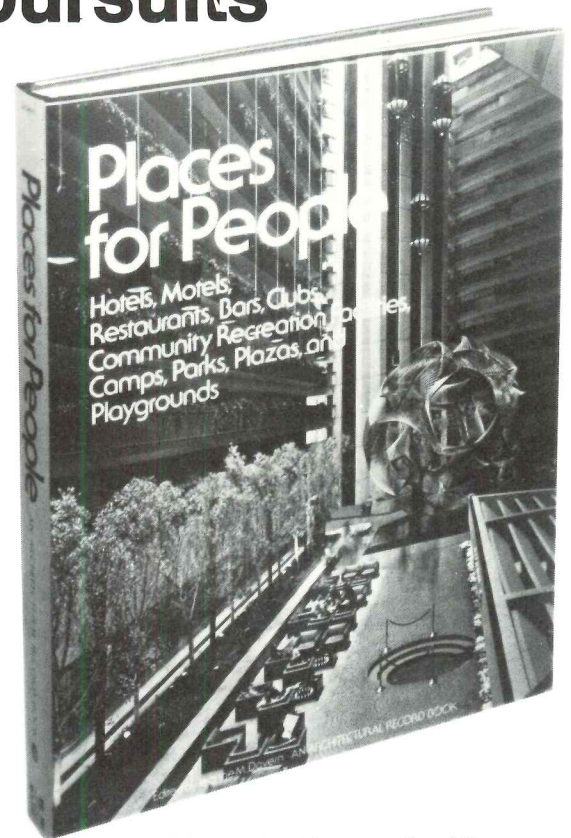
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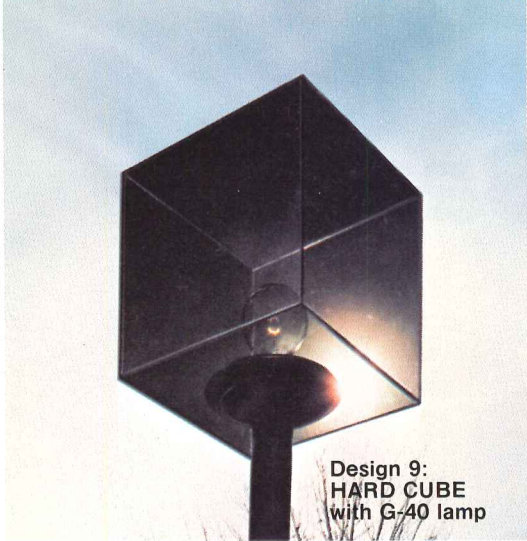
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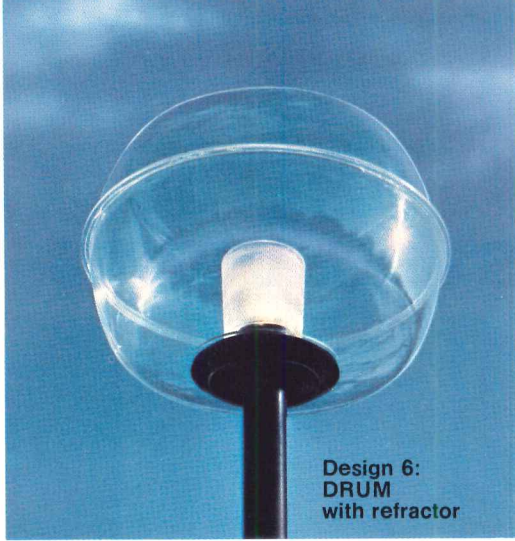
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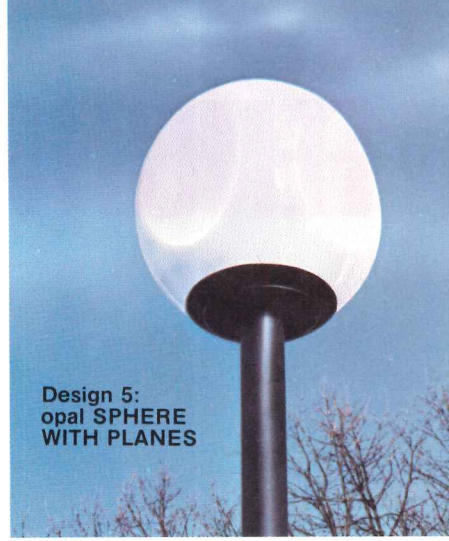
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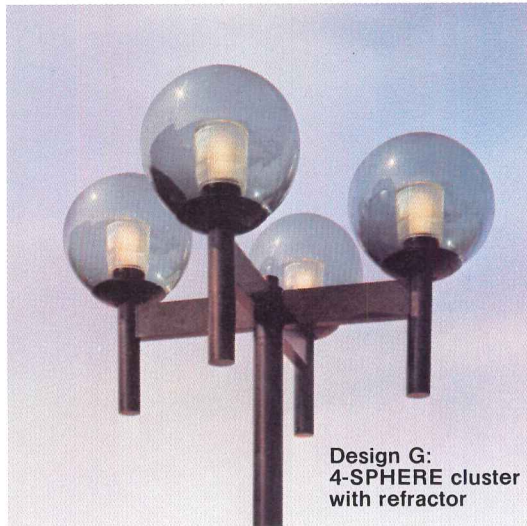
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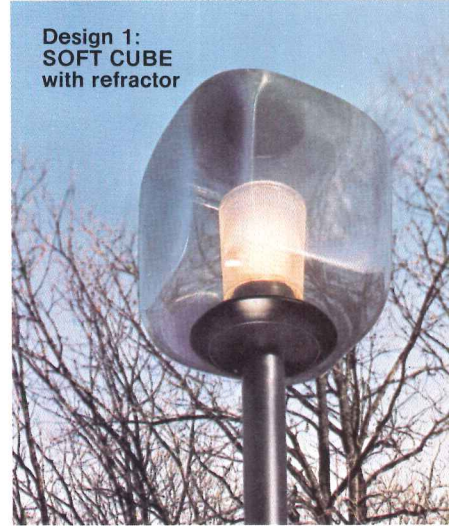
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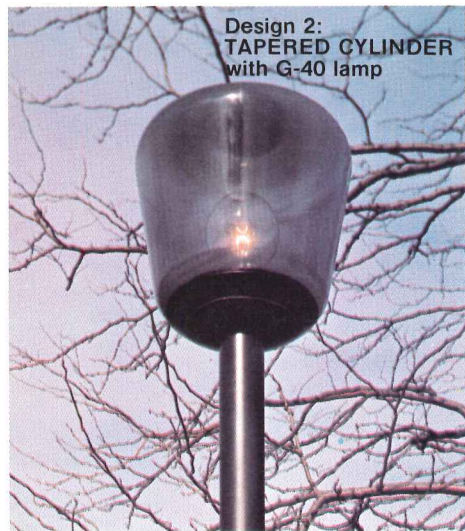
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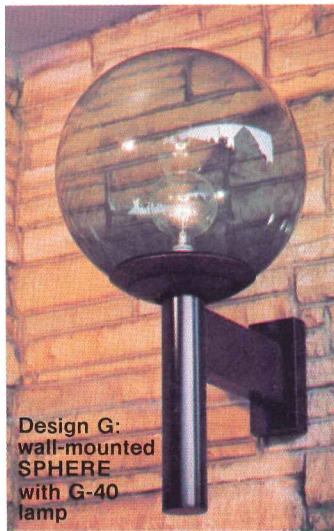
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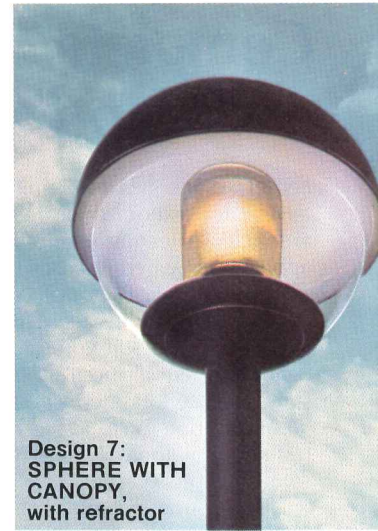
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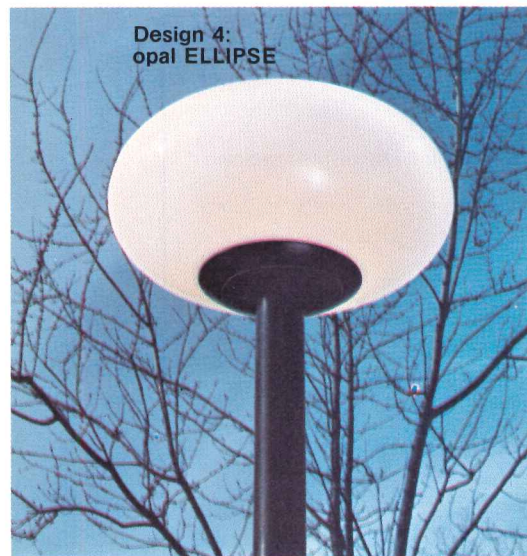
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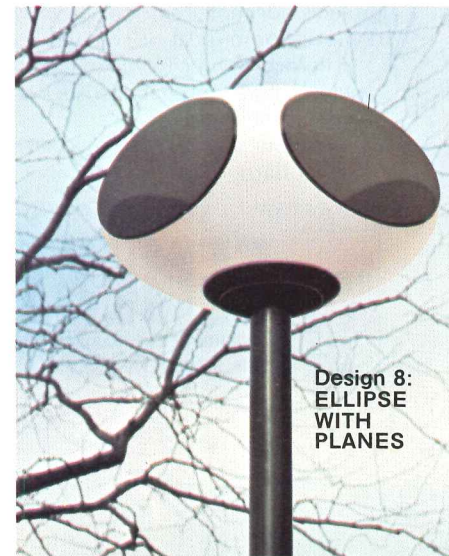
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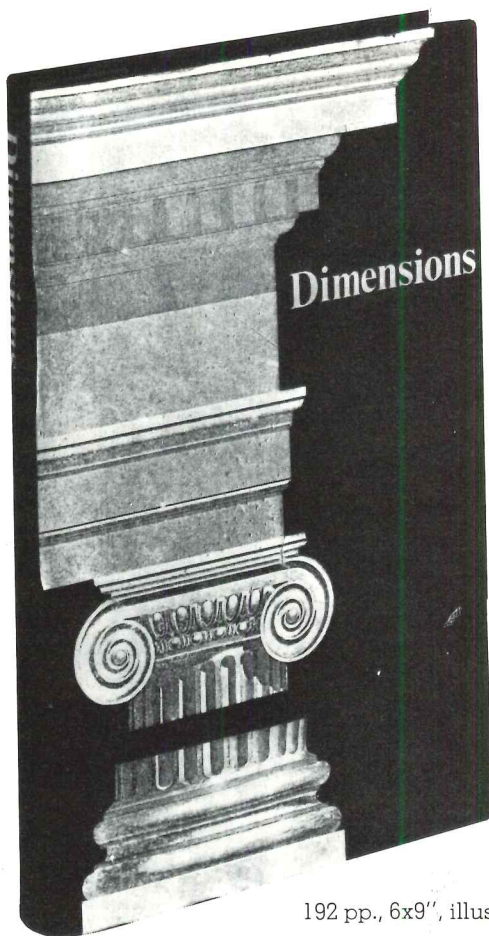


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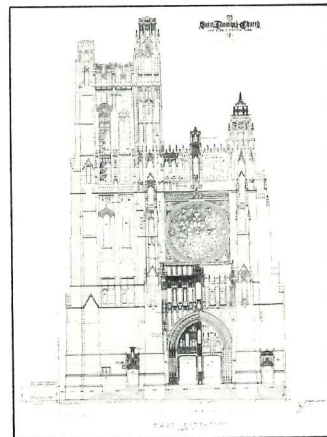
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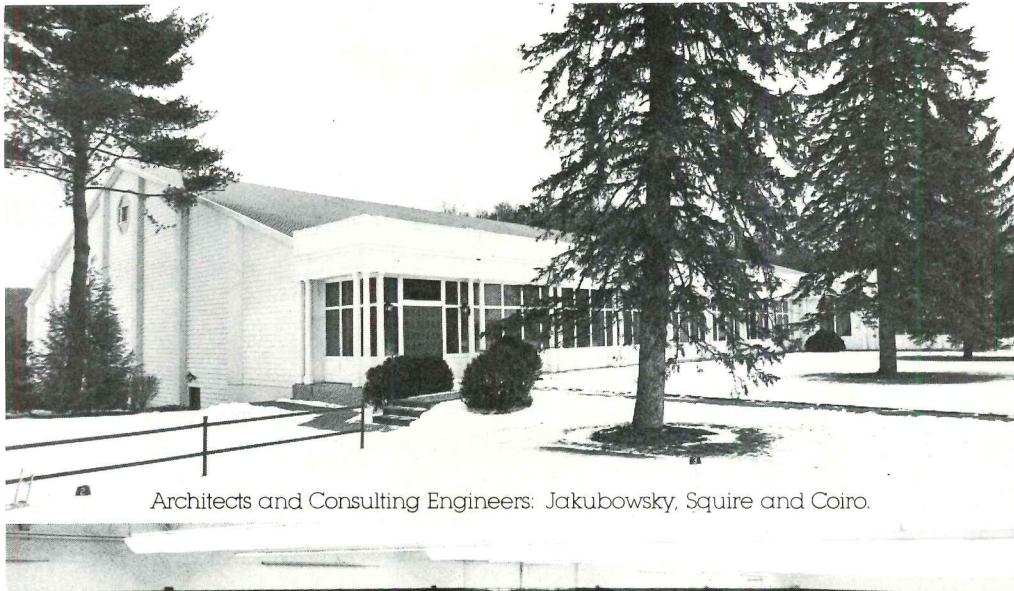
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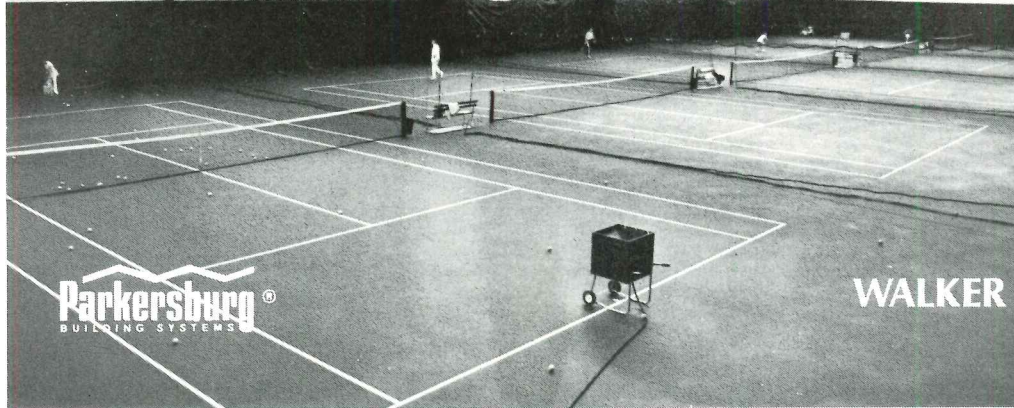
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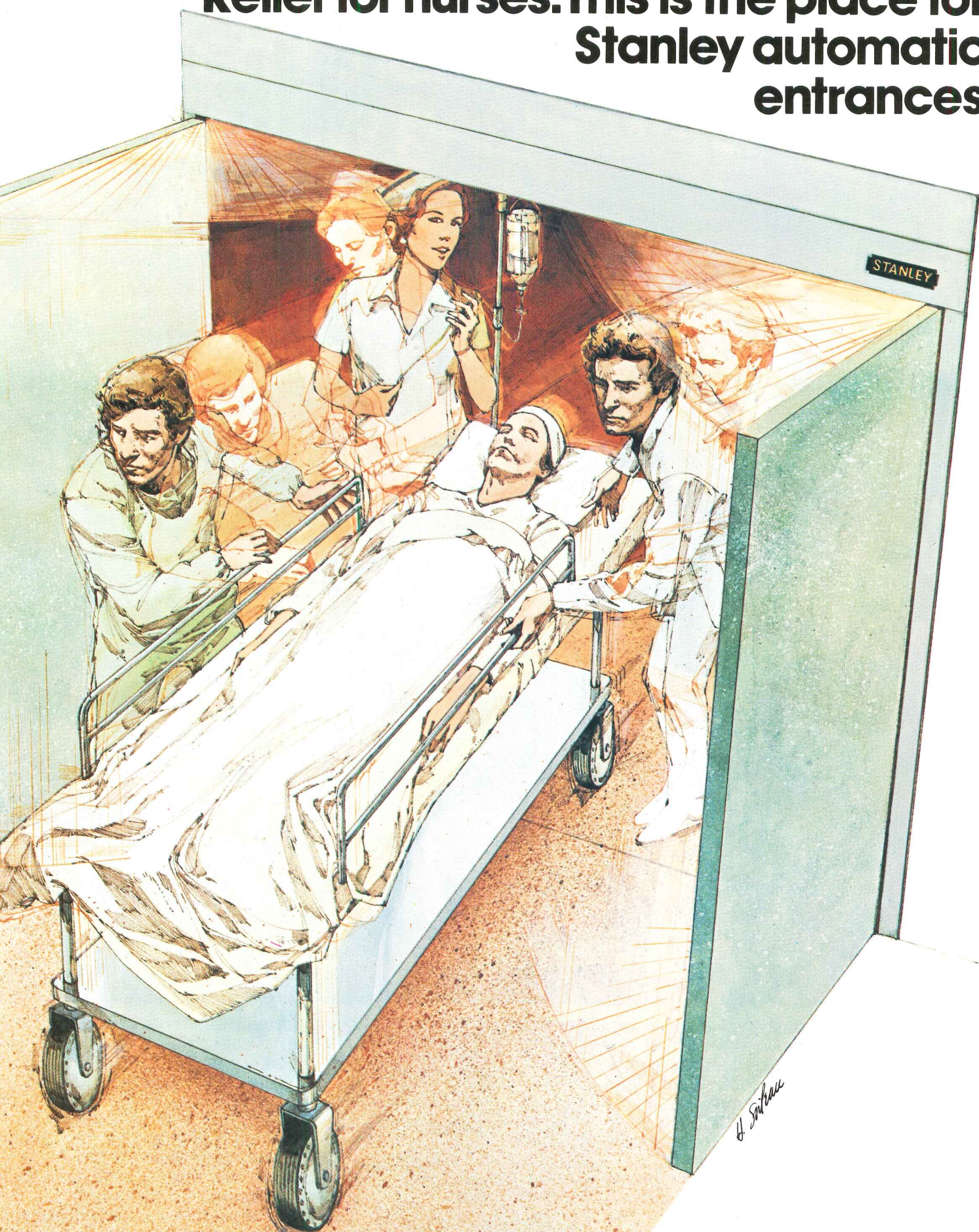
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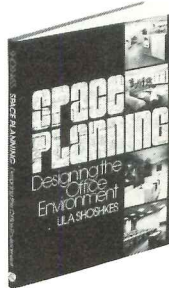
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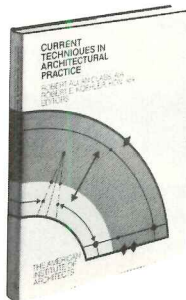
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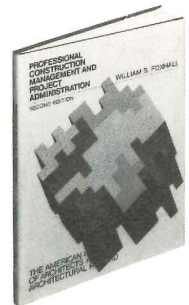


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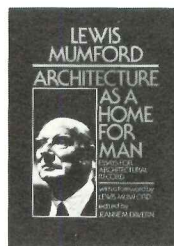
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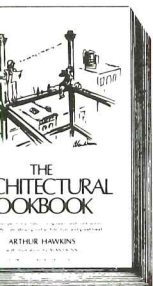


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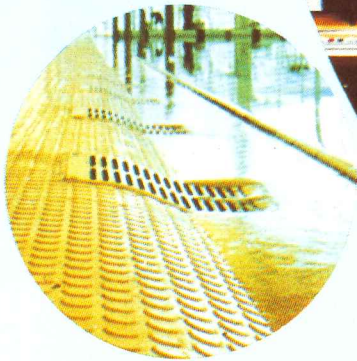
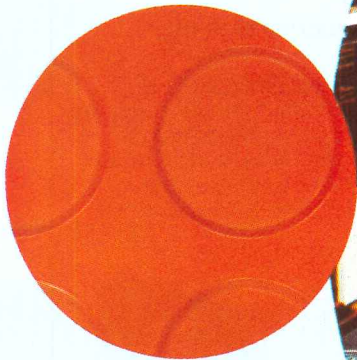
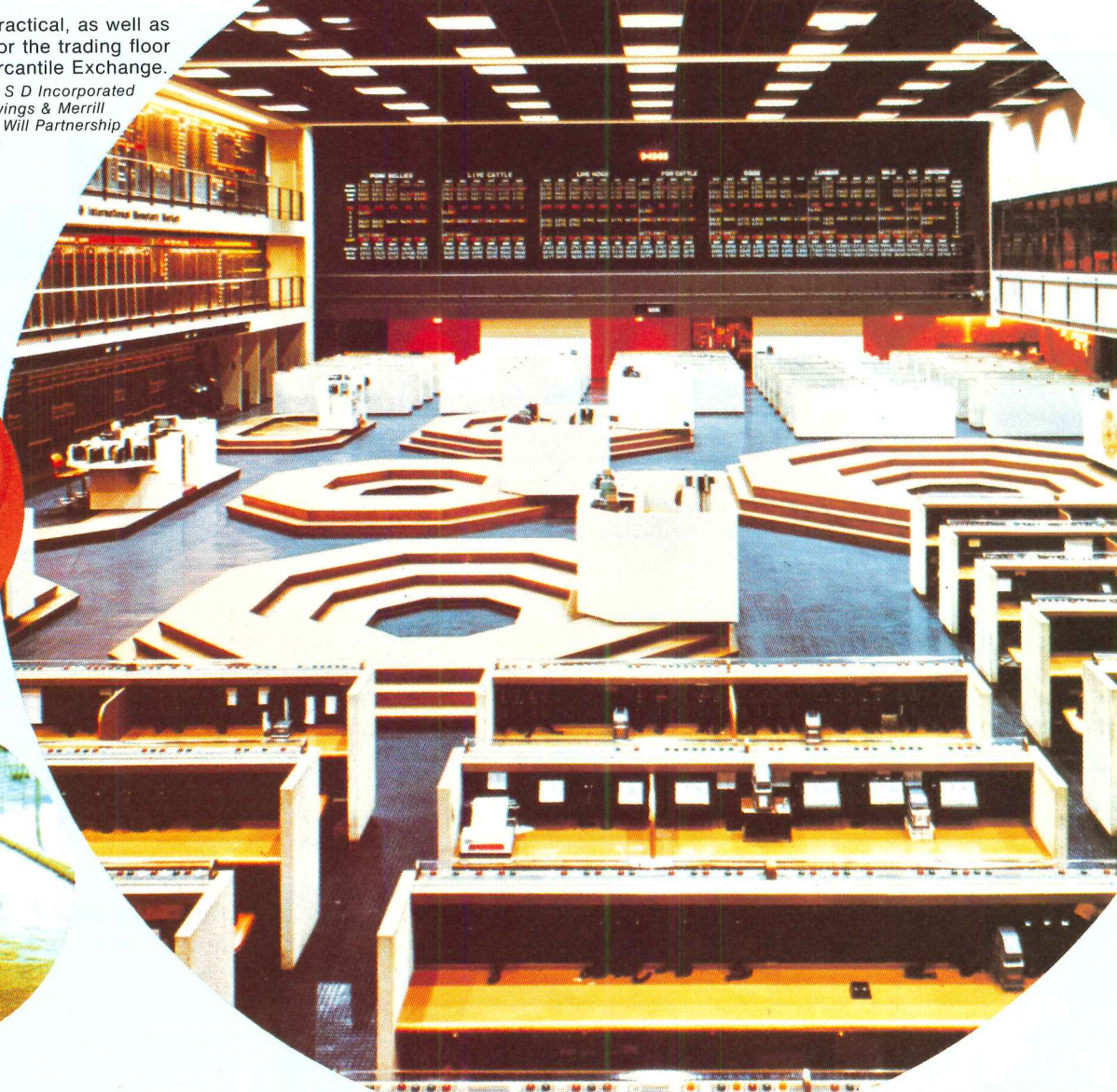
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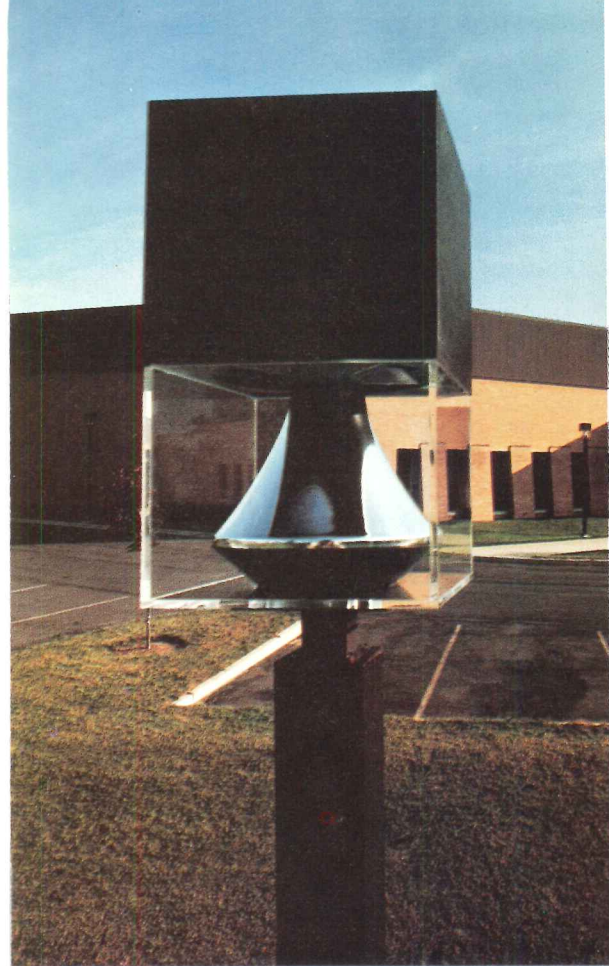
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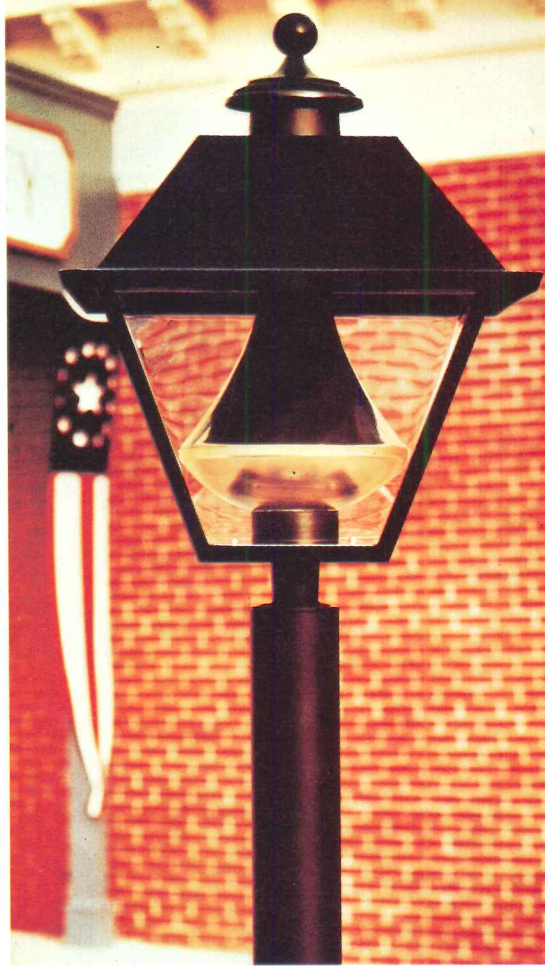
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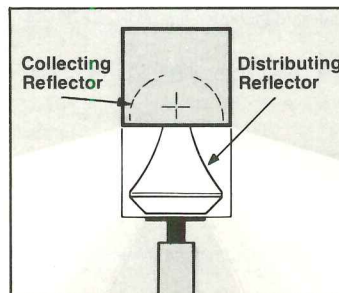
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