NSW P.W.D. is building for the Dept of Tech Education 8 new tech colleges at total cost of £2.5 m. Amongst these are: At Gore Hill, for N. Syd Tech, a curved 3 storey “Quadrant Block” of classrooms, offices & library, steel frame const, conc flrs, curtain wall; area 28.300 sq ft, cost £208,200. At Bankstown, for Canterbury-Bankstown Tech, a 3 storey trades & general purpose block, r.c. cols & flrs, al curtain wall with adj. al louvres on the west facade, al sheet roof on steel trusses; area 43,000 sq ft, cost £192,000. For both these blds; Bldrs, Monier Bldrs Pty Ltd. At Ultimo for School of Graphic Arts, Syd Tech, 3 storey practical class-rooms & admin bldg, r.c. frame, roof & flat plate const, brick walls & vert louveres; area 50,000 sq ft, cost £555,500, Bldrs, W B & F D Rudd. At Penrith, for Penrith Tech, 2 storey trades workshop & classrooms, steel frame, conc flrs, curtain wall, metal rib roof on steel trusses; cost £228,350, Bldrs, Stepleton Constructions Ltd. At Wollongong, for N Wollon-gong Tech, 3 storey trades workshop bldg, fire-proofed steel frame, conc flrs, cols faced with mosaic tile, cost £396,000, Bldrs; Hughes Bros of Port Kemble. All these blds were designed by the NSW Govt Arch’ts.

These three blds are examples of the work of Mr. J. Birrell who recently resigned as chief arch’t to the Bris City Ccl, to take up the position of Staff Architect to Univ of Q’land. (1) is the Stafford Sub-Station, steel frame, terrazzo infill panels, metal rib roof & wall sheeting, built by day labour for £7,000; (2) a public convenience at Mt. Coottha National Park, & (3) a field bldg & health inspector’s office at Mt Gravatt, which is an attempt to illustrate to prospective home blds in outlying areas some of the potential of contemporary design. These blds are indicative of a highly personal approach which at its worst suffers from rather whimsical over-design, but at its general best tends to dispove that old arch’t legend that it is impossible to produce imaginative work under the auspices of a public authority.

Vic State Govt will build two new State public offices, total cost £5 m, a 21 storey block at cnr of Queen & Latrobe Sts, Melb, & behind the Treasury in Spring St, a 10 storey block connected to a curved 5 storey block facing Macarthur St. Many people, amongst them Dame Mabel Brooks, arch’ts Mr H Tribe, Mr T Freeman & Mr J Fisher; exec director of the CDA Mr N L Lynham, & secretary of the T & CPA Mr R A Gardiner, expressed doubts about how the 10 storey block would look looming over the Treasury, one of Melb’s arch’t gems from the 1860’s. The Lord Mayor Cr Bernard Evans suggested that “so long as the classical atmosphere of that whole area is maintained”, the Govt’s decision would be justifiable. But to many arch’ts the thought of a State P W Dept’s essay, in the 1960’s, into the classical manner will be a terrifying prospect.
Another victim to T.V., the Rex Theatre, Rundle St, Adelaide, will be demolished & a new £2 m store for Cox Bros erected. (Arch'ts: Jackman, Gooden & Scott).

In Adelaide, between King William St & Exchange Place, an alleyway known as Napoleon's Lane has been redeveloped as a shopping precinct by the co-operative Bldg Society of SA, with the names of 900 prominent SA or former SA citizens inscribed in the coloured paving tiles, & may become known as the "CBS Court of Names". Under the paving is buried, for posterity, the 1940 balance sheet, a short history of the company & the St John Ambulance Brigade annual report, enclosed in a nitrogen filled lead box. Arch't for the court was Mr P W E Culley, chairman of directors of the CBS.

This, the 4 storey Headquarters Bldg for the Master Bldrs Assoc of SA [inc] contains, inter alia, the "Building Centre", & compared with Dalgety House by the same firm of architects, is a much neater & more crisply detailed job. Construction is r.c., flat plate slab, metal trough roof, anodised alum windows & trim, brick cone & glazed terracotta blocks, (not all on the same elev'n) & ducts have been installed for future air-conditioning. Cost £150,000. Erection was supervised by a Construction Director, Mr. A. W. Baulderstone, who controlled numerous independent contractors. Arch'ts & Str engrs, Woods, Bagot, Laybourne-Smith & Irwin.

Within the Syd city block bounded by George, Pitt, Hunter & Bond Sts, on the cnr of Pitt & Hunter, the Syd C Ccl has approved the erection of a new 130 ft high bldg (Arch'ts: Stafford, Moor & Farrington) for the Guardian Assurance Co Ltd, the Alliance Assurance Co Ltd, & the Provincial Insurance Co Ltd. Demolition work is proceeding. Tenders have been called & a bldg recommended for the new bldg. An application has also been received from the United Insurance Co Ltd to build a 171 ft high office (Arch'ts: Josseland & Gilling) on the cnr of Hunter & George Sts, Lend-Lease Corporation Ltd, which claims to own about 60% of the block, had tried previously to buy it all in order to develop it as an "Australia Square" with a 40 to 45 storey bldg in the centre of the block (C-S, Dec 1, '61), but was unable to purchase all the necessary land, as the other property owners wished to build their own bldg on it. Now Syd C Ccl is considering whether they may try to have the entire block suspended from the Cumberland County Planning Scheme, so that bldg applications already approved could be revoked, & would be forced to co-operate in the "Australia Square" plan if they rebuild. Whether property owners with bldg applications already approved could claim compensation was a good point made by Alderman R E Murphy, & the question raised as to whether or not Lend-Lease Corp. Ltd was receiving favourable treatment. The prospect of unifying the block as an arch't whole, rather than allowing piecemeal development, might seem worth achieving, & it is assumed that the Govt would here only the good of all in mind if they forced such an issue.

Melb C Ccl plans to establish a garden city square on the east side of Swanston St between the Town Hall & St Paul's Cathedral. The site would be re-zoned & re-building prevented so that over a period of years the land could be gradually acquired by the Ccl. Est cost of £3½ m for acquiring the properties made some councillors cool on the whole idea, but the Ccl is to be congratulated on its attempt at some really long-range planning. It does seem however that other projects such as the roofing of the railway yards should deserve priority & accomplish much the same purpose.
These two photos show exterior from the N-W & interior looking from altar to narthex, of the recently dedicated chapel at Wesley College, South Perth, the winning design in a competition conducted among architects who are old boys of the school. The choir is above the entrance doors & a seating gallery surrounds 3 sides of the square seating area of the nave. The 60 ft diam bldg seats 400. & appears to have maintained in construction, the promise of the model & site plans. [See C.S May, 1959]. Arch't for the bldg was Ross Chisholm of Cameron Chisholm & Nicol, Architect, Bldg & L. Lilleyman Pty Ltd; Cost, £21,500, including all furniture.

This bldg, for Coca-Cola Bottlers (Syd) Pty Ltd, at Kingsgrove, was designed, engineered & constructed by J. Anderson (Aust.) Pty Ltd, & shows many of the attributes of current arch't design — there is even a sculptured bronze water fountain & garden pool, & a glass mosaic mural which symbolizes the Coca-Cola motif & illustrates the company's worldwide facilities. A little bit of art never harms any company's sales does it? Approx cost of the bldg: £240,000.

Adelaide City Ccl have given a four month option to the Lewis Group of companies from Britain, to prepare a formal proposal for redeveloping the 4½ acre Central Market site. Consulting arch'ts for the Lewis Group are Chessman, Doley, Brabham & Neighbour; with Rider Hunt & Prins, quantity surveyors, as consulting bldg economists.

Arch'ts awarded prizes in the Perth 1962 Empire Games Village competition were: First (£1,000), Silver, Fairbrother & Associates; Second (£500), Cameron Chisholm & Nicol; and four £250 prizes to Peter C. Maidment (P.W.D.), Hobbs, Winning & Leighton; Howard Bonner & Associates; & J. W. Johnson & Associate.

Robin Boyd, for years a lone literate voice crying in the arch't wilderness, must be gratified to know that his work has sufficient popular appeal to warrant the publishing of his book “Australia's Home” (first published 1952), as a paper back, by Melb University Press.

An "acoustically sealed" 24 lane bowling alley will be built on the ground floor of the new Chevron bldg for Surfers Paradise, Q'ld. Chairman of Chevron Q'land Ltd, Mr. S. Korman, estimated cost at £500,000 for the project.

The chairman of Syd retailer Loues Ltd (Mr. Stephen Lowes) in an address to share holders, confirmed a point that architects have been preaching for years: that properly designed stores make more sales & profits. For this reason Lowes will modernize its stores over the next 12 to 18 months.

Planned by the Housing Division in Christchurch, NZ will have its first shopping centre with perimeter car parking for 500 vehicles, pedestrian mall & garden courts. Three departmental stores, a food market & 30 smaller shops will serve more than 2000 homes being developed by the Housing Division of the Ministry of Works.

Although SA claims to be the first State to provide Univ Education for bldrs, fact is that Univ of Melb formally established its 4 yr course in 1958, setting a precedent which SA Inst. of Technology followed with a 3 yr course in 1959, when both courses began practical operation.
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