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## PUBLISHER'S NOTE

This month the editors wind up their current series on urban renewal with a final chapter on the architecture of city redevelopment (page 125). End of a particular series, yes; but end of the subject, no. FORUM's coverage of urban renewal is long standing and continuing.

This coverage actually began way back in 1943 with the publication of the article "Planning With You," which was reprinted in booklet form for distribution to thousands of people outside the magazine's industry audience. FORUM might even claim partial credit for invention of the phrase "urban renewal," for it seems to have first appeared in the writings of FORUM's contributor-consultant, Miles Colean.

Since 1949, when FORUM launched a series of city case studies about Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Norfolk, etc., city redevelopment has been reported almost monthly—even though for a long time it was not recognized by the industry as an integral part of American architecture and a growing part of the business of architects, contractors, developers, and investors. Not until 1961 was this early missionary work fully rewarded—when the American Institute of Architects chose urban renewal as the subject of its annual convention and when other publications adopted the subject as part of their editorial fare.

With recognition of urban renewal by the public and the industry established, and with the current state of the art recorded in the series of articles concluding this month, FORUM's consistent coverage of the subject moves forward. The next major urban renewal article will be a report on the redevelopment of the nation's

capital. In this FORUM has a particular interest: its Editor, Douglas Haskell, has been appointed by the White House to serve with nine architects, designers, planners, and artists on the Advisory Council on the Redevelopment of Pennsylvania Avenue, the capital's—and perhaps the nation's—major thoroughfare.

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Being more than a strictly architectural magazine (only 15,700 of its 62,500 subscribers are architects), FORUM covers regularly and almost exclusively other subjects which, like urban renewal, its editors consider important to all who participate in the creation, production, and ownership of buildings. Among these subjects are:

► The business of building—see, for example, this month's article on two building booms by Economist Ernest Fisher (page 105).

► The rebuilding of individual structures—like this month's article on a trio of small office buildings (page 129).

► Office interiors—as witness the above and the new department on office furniture (page 57). (If there is any subject which should personally interest all subscribers—architects, engineers, contractors, and client-owners alike—it is the office, for, while they may not all build offices, they all occupy them.)

► Building abroad—a regular two-page department, expanded this month to make room for a report on the rather amazing architecture of the Iron Curtain countries (page 108), and for a report on the new Assembly Building at Chandigarh, India, by the man widely acknowledged to be the world's architectural leader, Le Corbusier (page 97).—J.C.H., Jr.

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