

office, Finance and Trade and Commerce (whose interest is of course not in the East Block itself, but in our supply of Ambassadorial furniture). The possibility of the failure of the devices provided accounts for the plank (2) on the roof, a means of getting rid of unwanted visitors which habitually engenders a healthful feeling of elemental satisfaction in all except the victim.

Another difficulty has been taken care of in the design submitted. "Open" diplomacy is still a current catch phrase in the lobbies of the world and while importance still attaches to it, it is vital to have the Canadian Department of External Affairs pay at least lip service to the idea. Consequently, an Area for open diplomacy has been allowed. This, in point of fact, is a narrow 2-story building, constructed mainly of plate glass, along one side of which is attached a semi-circular enclosure (A) amply provided with seats for those who wish to see Diplomacy At Work. Offices in this area (C) would of course be allocated only to morally unrepachable officers and staff. A strict application of the rule "Dictate only at a distance" would be essential since only handsome and preferably not bald A/USSEA's and others would be required to be exposed to the public view. A notable feature of the "Area" is the giant size television set (B) which would provide interest during "quiet hours". Unfortunately this would not be available during the World Series when the signals received by the aerial system (B') would unquestionably be required in the SSEA's office. During that period, however, the Information Division commentator, normally situated in a gondola under the roof at (D) and normally called upon to convey to the public the drama being unfolded behind the plate glass, could take over with readings from "The Book" or "Canada and the United Nations".

In designing the East Block proper, the assumption has been made that the usual Civil Service formula will apply. $n/2 \times 1/x \times 60\% =$ number of rooms. In this, n is the number of officers, 2 is the number of officers to a room, $1/x$ is the attitude of The Committee and 60% is the most we can hope for. Since the formula makes no allowance for registry or for stenographic pools the net effect will be to have ab initio the comfortably chummy atmosphere so long a feature of the East Block. Granted a continuance of the usual annual number of deaths from suffocation, however, and the Daly Building divisions might possibly be re-united with

the Department within, say, 15 or 20 years at the latest.

A very real effort has been made to meet a number of other needs. First, the dungeons having been handed over to D.L. II for use in the initial and summary punishment of those hapless persons who violate the security regulations, there is unfortunately no longer room below ground for the canteen. It has therefore been elevated to the roof where especially during the winter the invigorating atmosphere will return habitués to their desks refreshed by their little outings.

Also elevated to the roof, nay, even higher, have been a few suites of offices. The tower (9) which by a happy stroke of imagination will be constructed entirely of ivory (on a base of pre-stressed concrete), will allow for uninterrupted meditation, even contemplation, on the part of certain officers whose deliberations are now all but drowned out in the hurly-burly of the present building and the N.P.O. It is envisaged that the USSEA will have his office there, Personnel, Protocol and Pol. Coord. may well find in the tower their proper place. All will find value in (10) a wind indicator installed to show the direction of over-currents from The Hill.

Thought has also been given to the welfare of staff and visitors. Room in the foreground at (8) has been allowed for at least 2 parking spaces to be allocated to External Affairs personnel. It has been some time since External Affairs personnel have been able to park so close to their building. At (5) parking space has been reserved for diplomats. To reciprocate the kind treatment our personnel so often receive overseas, these spaces will be marked only by the two large signs (5A) both of which read "No Parking".

One final word seems required. In view of the increasing importance of communications, and the constant need for improvements and guarding against breakdowns, a pigeon loft (4) has been provided to serve as the nerve centre of the New Division.

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