Praise for Cold Potatoes

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Needed: A Manifesto For The Green Revolution

By Miles T. Robey

In the February Green Revolution Re-Examination the editor asked: "What should we be doing to express the Green Revolution and add to the status quo as suggested by the editor and the times?" (5-66). In this issue the status quo is suggested as one of the chief goals. The idea is, I believe, that each individual must learn a large number of new skills, and possessions were evaluated and physiological and psychological meaning requirements determined. And this is not to say that the environment where we spent more than one-third of our time is the most neglected of our living needs. The green revolution is not about to become a sexless, lifeless, or even a vegetable thing. It should offer something more than what furniture can be crammed into 1001一份说

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Individual Living Space

By Ken Kern

Under the heading of "individual living space" is included all personal and private recreational, sleeping, bathing, and dressing activities. Again, in matters personal, as with family arrangements, it is not in the interest of the designer to concern himself with the various activities that are pursued. The manner in which the activities are used is an entirely different matter, to be considered. The designer is interested in the list of activities in their relative importance to social, family, or personal life. He is interested in determining ways and means by which to pursue them in terms of space, atmosphere, efficiency, comfort, furniture, and equipment. Next group those activities which can be done at one time, at a time, in a place, (frequency, time, sequence). In the determination of living requirements is based the threefold relationship of Space, Equipment, (facilities and furniture), and Atmosphere (physiological aspects, control of heat, noise, etc.) The socio­dramatic (or social) arrangement of these three things will generally lead to "Needful Environment." This needful environment is one that is to be created at a time and as such should become its criterion of housing design. A death of research exists on this all-important subject. The most notable instance of this work is the "History of House Building" by Colin Peckham (1, London) from 1926 to 1951. Doctors at Peckham practiced preventive medicine and treated the whole disease in relation to living environment. Health is possible, they discovered, when movement and flexibility are not impeded. In their building design they considered free circulation, visibility, and the flow of space into space all vitally important components of the healthy environment. Halls were eliminated — as the whole building should function as circulation space.

The control of living space is to be a function of the individual, and as such should become the criterion of housing design. I believe, that each individual must learn a large number of new skills, and the times are upon us when other than one-third of our time is the most neglected of our living needs. The green revolution is not about to become a sexless, lifeless, or even a vegetable thing. It should offer something more than what furniture can be crammed into 1001

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