

# Architects Design UN Home Without Atom Bomb Defenses

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**AF Science Editor**  
NEW YORK — The new home of the United Nations is going to be built without defenses against atom bombs.

Completion is planned by the latter part of 1950.

The main building, like a deck of cards standing on end, will be 39 stories, 500 feet high, and especially vulnerable in one way.

Every room is to be on the outside, and more than most structures, this skyscraper is designed as a vast pile of windows. They are the danger point. Atom bombs would shatter the glass and turn it into jagged, flying shrapnel.

A bomb within a mile probably would smash every window, from top to bottom, and on both sides. At two miles most of the windows might go. And some would be broken at greater distances, in numbers large enough to menace life.

Atom-bomb proofing was not considered in the plans. Wallace K. Harrison, chief architect of this world capital, said:

"I think the United Nations might be regarded as a sanctuary from bombs."

A handicap is the fact that surrounding Manhattan Island, far from being a sanctuary, is one of the world's best targets for the thing that an atom bomb does best, namely, disruption of business, finance, leadership and production. The new capital is rising five miles north of the financial district, which is one luscious bomb target. Five miles is enough protection. But this great structure is a part of mid-town, which also is a prize target. The buildings are at the edge of mid-town, not far enough for protection.

The United Nations might have chosen a style of architecture reported by both the Manhattan District and the United States strategic bombing survey, a building that would have been safe at half a mile or a little less. This would have been windowless, but no details have been given out.

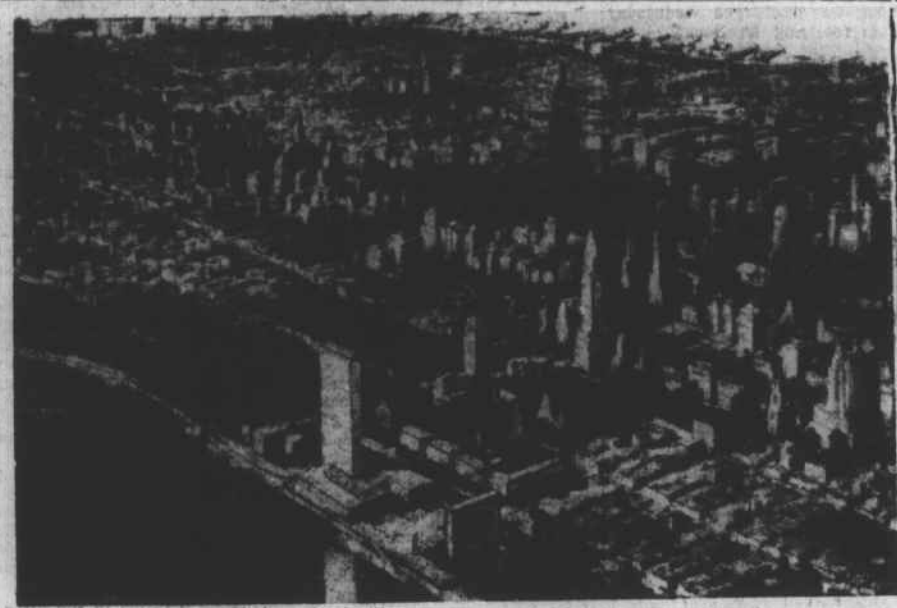
The moral effect of the peace capitol pioneering a bomb-proof building has not been discussed. But a point of view not dissimilar is sponsored by the United States Atomic Energy Commission. This is advice to keep in mind that the strongest defense is the best educated population.

The commissioners have recommended buildings where the emphasis is on improved service and utility, because those improvements automatically carry some additional protection against atom bombs.

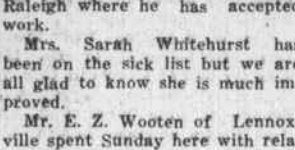
The new building of the United Nations is in one way an example of what the commission means. The side walls are to be of a metal mesh, holding glass. This was done for durability and architectural beauty. But it also furnishes an outer wall with an unusual protection against atom bombs. This mesh may stop the concussion from ripping the surface into shreds that fly about killing and maiming.

There are two other buildings, both low enough to receive some protection from the surrounding city provided an atom bomb is exploded close to the ground: One is the meeting hall, 55 feet high, and the other the General Assembly, with a sloping roof running from 60 to 80 feet.

All the buildings are steel frame, which means that they will not topple. The UN building is pictured above, the white rectangular structure in the left foreground.



**News from RUSSELL'S CREEK**  
Sept. 28—Rev. Will Stillely of Bridgeton will fill his regular appointment at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday morning and Sunday night October 2nd. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.  
Mr. Brabble of Norfolk Virginia returned home Saturday after spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Russell.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jackson and daughter Gertrude of Raleigh spent the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Russell and family.  
Mrs. Adams of Adams Creek has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Ellis Worthington.  
Mrs. M. M. Pigott of Straits visited Mrs. Sarah Whitehurst last Wednesday.  
Mr. Lon Russell has gone to



**News from RALEIGH**  
Raleigh where he has accepted work.  
Mrs. Sarah Whitehurst has been on the sick list but we are all glad to know she is much improved.  
Mr. E. Z. Wooten of Lennoxville spent Sunday here with relatives.  
Mrs. Woodrow Fodrie and family spent the weekend in Morehead City.  
Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy of Georgia have been visiting relatives here.  
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Merrill and Mr. Douglas Merrill motored to Rocky Mount last Sunday to bring Mrs. Douglas Merrill and children home, where they've been visiting her parents.  
Miss Gertrude Jackson of Raleigh spent the weekend with Miss Betty Garner.



**News from DAVIS**  
Sept. 28—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Davis, spent the weekend with Mrs. Blanche Davis in Morehead City.  
Mr. and Mrs. William Lupton and son William of Oriental visited relatives and friends over the weekend.  
Mr. Archie Piner spent the weekend with his family, returned to Lewes, Del., where he is employed.  
Mrs. Hugh Styron and sons visited her parents in Greenville over the weekend.  
Mrs. Quiston Willis is visiting her parents in Springfield, Mass. for a month.  
Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Davidson are in South Carolina and Georgia holding a series of revival meetings.  
**A Daughter**  
Mr. and Mrs. Louie N. Murphy are the proud parents of a baby girl born Sept. 23rd. Mrs. Murphy is the former Selma Lupton of Oriental.  
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KUALA LUMPUR — (AP) — The Federation of Malaya's police force is now at full strength — 14,522 men—for the first time since the liberation in August, 1945.

At the time of the liberation the police force strength was 7,863 which was considered 289 below the approved pre-war establishment. With the declaration of an emergency in Malaya as a result of the outbreak of a Communist campaign last year it was decided to bring the total to its present peak.

### FOOTBALL ON THE AIR

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**News from OTWAY**  
Sept. 28—Rev. J. W. Lollis will hold a revival this week at the Christian church, we hope every one will attend.  
Miss Helen Gillikin, of Portsmouth, Va. spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Adren Gillikin.  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lawrence of Bettie spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Connie Gillikin. Mrs. Leon Styron and children of Davis visited her parents last week, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lawrence.

mother, Mrs. Braxton Piner.  
Mrs. Loyde Davis and daughter Melba Ruth spent the weekend with her mother Mrs. Samuel Weeks at Crab Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harris of Beaufort visited Mrs. Louise and Myrtle Davis last weekend. Mrs. Harris is the former Hazel Noe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Murphy of Washington, D. C. spent a few days this past week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Murphy.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wooten of Ayden visited friends and relatives here this past weekend. Rev. Wooten preached at the eleven o'clock service.

Mr. Cleon Davis, U. S. Coast Guard stationed at Portsmouth Va. spent the weekend home with his parents.

Mr. Marlin Murphy U. S. Coast Guard spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Manly Murphy.

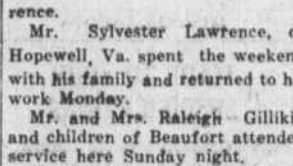
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Sept. 28—Rev. T. R. Jenkins of Beaufort, will fill his appointment here Sunday. Every one is invited to attend.  
Mr. Otis Warren who is working in South Carolina spent the weekend here with his family.  
Mrs. R. P. Gooding spent Sunday afternoon at Merrimon with friends.  
Mrs. Clyde Smith of Beaufort, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. P. Arthur and family.  
Mrs. Polly Fulcher spent the weekend in Morehead City with

her sister Mrs. Lucy Willis.  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beachem and daughter all of Bettie, spent a while here Sunday with Mr. Beachem's parents Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Beachem.

**Locomotive Bell Goes To Church**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — (AP) — After 30 years on a locomotive, a brass bell from engine 1509 of the Atlantic Coast Line now calls the faithful to services at the Lakeview Presbyterian church. Engine 1509 formerly ran between Tampa, Fla., and Richmond, Va., but it has been retired. The church is in the process of being built and until it is finished, services are being held in the basement.

It was estimated in 1889 that there were only 541 bison in the United States of an original 50,000,000.

**Planes To Go To Karachi**  
KARACHI — (AP) — Pakistan has signed a civil aviation agreement with Norway. Norway intends to operate an air service from Oslo to the Far East passing through Karachi. A similar agreement is likely with India.

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