



LETČNJA "SOBA 25" KOT POSKUS ZELO
ODPRTE ŠOLE ZA ARHITEKTURO

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Se je to dogajanje spremljalo trajno razgrajanje, ekscesi s posledicami, upiranje ter nasilje med pedagoškim kadroščem in inventarjem, je vendar mestalo nekaj, kar po meni skoraj toliko kot nov zadelek, vse kakor stelo zanimiv in spodbuden. Vemo nam reč, da je treba univerza približati vihamenu dogajjanju v moderni družbi, da pa je mogoče potrebitno preureditev univerze v glavnem šeleti kot notranji proces s vitemi inimi zadeki v aktivnih seminarjih.

Zato ob polazkušču obratujem z vsem dosedanjim in ob preostavljenem mreženju z nežnim novim ni moglo biti brez mudnih stranskih pojavov, korišt dogajanja v sobi 25 pa je le tudi v tem, da se vse to, slušajoč ali neslušajoč, ujemajo in prekriva s splošno svetovno in obenem načelo situacijo v sferi arhitekture.

Ker se pripravljamo na bodočnost, moramo gojiti posel za prihajajoče, ta pa je bolj v kvantnih spoznavnih energijah, kot v celih dokončnih im populni silki, tako rekoč v eni sami knjigi. Dosedanje tehnične projektiranje in planiranje, ki so vendar povzdigni že v starilini "estetski fazi", so lepe, a še bolj primere, da mladega človeka vodijo v vlogo bodočega sirokreta, vprejetnega v nadstreških in planskih problemih lebdečega nad samimi merljivimi etvarmi kot so okorni trendi, demografski faktorji, gospodarske promet. Vedno bolj odlitni raziski nad študijami takih zunanjih gibanj in resnično, največkrat v vsekem osmru načelno resnično premoštstvo, ki bi rabila nujne pomoči, pa je ne moremo vključiti v svoje istakateljsko delo, opomarjati na pripravljenost, da prisluhnemo dvomu s mnogimi strani. Dolj kot notranje razpravljanje o ciljih in vrednotah dobre ali manj dobre konstruiranega plana, je zanimaliv opravek s tem, kaj naj bo, posebej po prisnih obutuljivih deontologijah. Za razlike od previdnostnega raziskovalnega delovanja, ki je največkrat rezgovor na vedno sredinih političnih odločitev na podlagi površne znanosti o človeku in družbi uvednosti, ki ji tako radi matikamo sti "keto neodvisne resnice, gre torej bolj za v človeku in stvarih fundirano kreacijo, ki naj nadomesti že zelo majavo mesto, da

ta resnica lahko pride le iz "inanstvenega" urbanizma in planiranja.

Vrata Studijskih mrež je zobe 25 opazarjevala na razlike kot nekaj novega in obenem kot na vrsto novih vprašanj. Zakaj se tudi geometrični stresovanjski blok vasi kaščlosti in na zivakrščen kanon več nami Šrni gradnji? Ali se ni čas, da take pojave zdajno gledati kot novo urbanistično realnost, elementarna in tako jasno življenskih ciljev, da lahko uposu na njeno bodočo kultiviranje. Klijev temu, da noben komunalni sistem ni več učinkovit in splehni in ved representativne javnega mnenja pri skupnih stvorchih, smo dolžni tej samostnosti, da hujši samoupravi, smo na nevidno sveto občlanov navezanemu dogajjanju posamezni kot institucija, kakršna je je, am pak le kot skoje.

Tudi pot naše industrije od osvoboditve do sedanjih let odločilno potrebuje pravljane, da je eno glavnih vprašanj na tem področju razvojnega inovativnega stila v planiranju. "Ekspaktnost" opozarjava, ki je obenem tudi površnost zaradi grobih ekstrapolacij samo otipljivega, pušča vse mar hištvena vprašanja, npr. koga plan fa voritoria, kje zacetki, pri ciljih zavetnečenih nameščencu ali pri vitalnejšem, v revnejšem novem obdobju, kaj pomeni odmak od same gospodarske - tehničnega k državnem in Slovenski problematiki, kaj je v bistvu naš avtomobilizem, kako bomo tudi dejani sko zbrali ljudi ob naselitvenih orbitah itd.

Alli ne naprej iskati življenske pot v sistemih, modelih in simulacijah planinskih iger in s tehnologijo syredevanja, kot da je načelna v njen utrip poenostavljivo mo primerljiv vodstvu industrijskega koncerna, Siroki biološki raziskavni, poltu v kosmos, vojaški strategi ali najavljeni lingvistični teoriji, same stvari, ki jih je res mogoče matematično ediljno podprtih in kjer je logika silno sezorna, pa vedno cestja nekje nerodno na robu niti kaj planskega delovanja v življenu.

Prav to dogajanje pa je jedro velikega premika, ki ga je mogoče bolje spoznati le s sondami v živo a nemzano, s akcijo in pionirskega odkrivjanjem in s pogumom se mogoče še okorno a zato boljšo samostojnost, s specializacijo, ki odpira nove okne in je toljim od specialitetov in spletov s tipanjem v vedno novih smereh. Z moralnega stališča se v tem smislu vidimo kot iskalci univerzalnega v svojem lokalnem prostoru, v njegovi osnovni naravnosti tako glede pokrajine in cestalne, naše splošne skromne bivalne kulture,

naših mest in vsega drugega. Tak pogled pa nas sili k direktnim metodam vrednotenja, to je k osnovnim lastnem izhodišč, kjer se vidi življenski pojavji v tem prostoru po meniju prav rosnost brez zaletavega občudovanja, pa tudi brez poniglavstva za metavanja. In iz te resničnosti se je močno razvijati in razviti res s pomočjo vsega znanja, ki nam je dosegljivo, pa tudi tu kot gospodarji, ki vede kaj hočejo.

Dela letosnjega sobe 25, razmišljajočega zadnjega semestra na, kot rečeno, včasih začetniški način odkrivanja nakazano pot in morda je ravno v oglašotni in nedovršenosti del tisto nepogrešljivo znamenje vsakrdeje novosti in bistvene inovacije. Izbor predstavljenih nalog kaže kako so tako zastavljeni cilji teoretične zahode vni in težko, obenem pa življenu in razumevanju bližu, kot dokaz usmeritev v planinsko demokracijo ne pomeni zmanjšanje strokovnosti, prej narobe:

- ali naj vključimo monorail, ki pa ljudje bljansko velikost postaja že komerci sklen med faktorje bodočega razvoja?
- ali je mogoče kompleksne granzonice po eksploataciji preoblikovati v rekreacijska področja?
- bodoča težišča ljubljanske in mariborske univerze
- kakaj so v resnici stanovanja draga?
- kaj s podstrešji v centru mesta?
- ljubljanska cestna mreža kot ogrodje življenga malega, glavnega mesta

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Edvard Ravnikar: skan iz AB No5, 1972

povezani z njimi? Ali lahko te izkušnje beremo v pomenu 'medenega cvetličnjaka', torej sveta, ki je postal naš, tako da je zavladal nad nami, ali v pomenu selektivne aktualizacije tedanjih idej, ali pa samo kot spomin in nič drugega. Odgovora na to gotovo ne bom dal, saj ga ima vsakdo že sam.

Preden obnovim in reflektiram svojo izkušnjo tedanjih časov je prav, da orisem svoje razmerje do Sobe 25 in AB. Seveda s Sobo 25 kot študent sociologije nisem imel nikakršnih izkušenj, razen razmeroma rednega obiskovanja *odprte katedre* na katerih so poleg ljudi z arhitekturo kar pogosto predavalni tudi drugi ugledni intelektualci predvsem iz družboslovnih krogov. Stiki z AB-jem so bili seveda tesnejši, v ta krog sem bil povabljen kot študent sociologije, ki se je ukvarjal z urbanizmom in razmerjem med družbo in grajenim prostorom. Kako je do

tega prišlo, ne vem natančno, znašel sem se tam in na petkove sestanke AB zahajal kar do konca sedemdesetih let. Pri tem je treba povedati, kot se spomniam, AB v skladu z radikalno demokratično tradicijo sploh ni imel klasičnega uredništva, pač pa so bila v kolofonu zapisana samo imena, ki jih je zahteval zakon in nič več. Moje sodelovanje s AB se je počasi iztekelo konec sedemdesetih let z znamenito številko *Arhitektura + Beseda*, ki je nakazala preobrat v usmeritvi revije, čeprav je bilo sodelovanja pozneje še kar nekaj. Redno in občasno sodelovanje z AB se je okrepilo tudi s tem, da sem od druge polovice sedemdesetih let kot asistent profesorja Mlinarja sodeloval pri predmetu *Sociologija in politologija*, ki naj bi sicer študente učil »pravilnega« pogleda na socializem, z Mlinarjem pa sva ga, prepričana, da arhitekti premalo vedo o 'družbeni pogojnosti' arhitekture in urbanizma, preoblikovala v

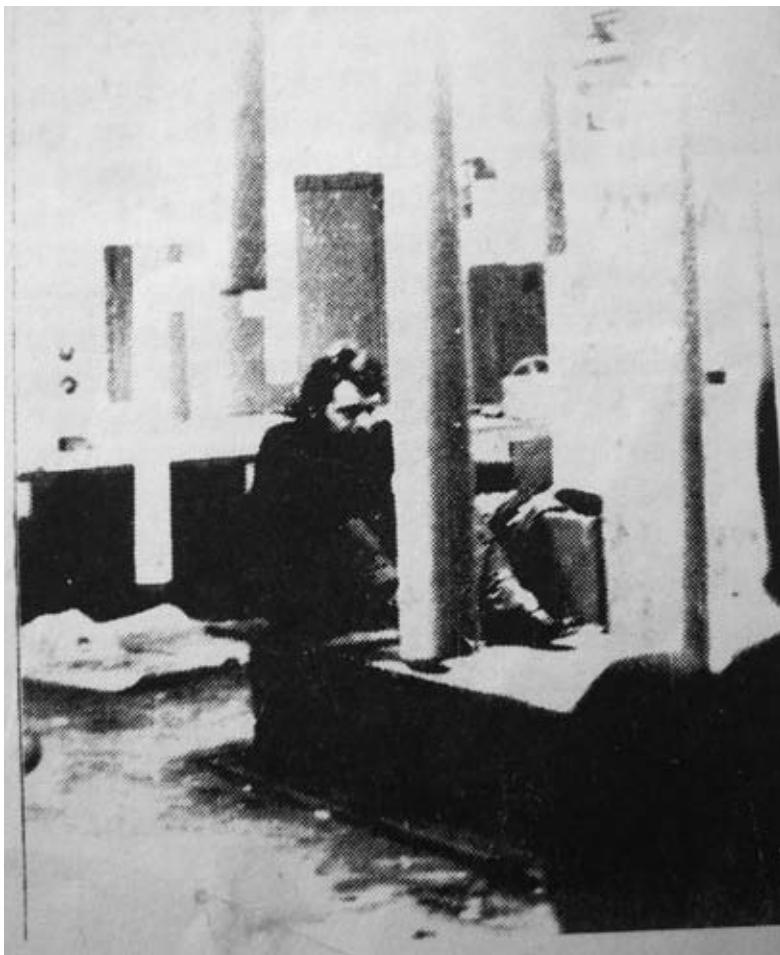
Arhitektura kot oblika družbenega angažmaja

Dr. Pavel Gantar

»Jaz se zavedam, vi pa mi morate verjeti na besedo, da svet počasi postaja naš, mi postajamo družba in oblast. Zato moramo nemudoma prenehati zapravljati moči v nesmiselnih borbi proti obstoječemu sistemu. Zdaj je to naš sistem.«

Marko Švabič: Kritika medenega cvetličnjaka.
Tribuna 1-2, 18-29 leta XXII, 14. maja 1973.

Ne morem se odločiti, ali pred skoraj štiridesetimi leti zapisane besede v brilljanternem eseju Marka Švabiča, ob izteku študentskega gibanja, pravzaprav pomenijo le sprotro duhovno refleksijo tedanje realnosti, ali se pač, kot že rečeno štirideset let pozneje vračajo vsem nam kot urešnica



Razstava Soba 25, 1971

Architecture as a Form of Social Engagement.

Dr. Pavel Gantar

„I am aware, and you have to trust me on this, that the world is slowly becoming ours, we are becoming the society and the authority. Therefore, we must immediately stop wasting our efforts in a futile fight against the existing system. It is our system now.“

Švabič, Marko. "Criticism of Honey Flower Garden." Tribuna 14 May 1973: 1-2, pp.18-29.

I can't decide whether the words, written in the brilliant essay by Marko Švabič almost 40 years ago at the decline of the student movement, actually represent the ongoing spiritual reflection of reality at the time, or, they return to us 40 years later as a fulfilled

utopia of a world which became 'ours' and the government which makes us powerless. We experienced various utopias and dystopias since the memorable years of student rebellion. Social structures, levers of power, ideologies, professions, meanings, families and states were shuffled. Glimpses of the past rise from the layers of memory and seek affiliation with the current experience of the conditions, some houses are still standing and some streets are still there, but they seem to have changed and are different from the ones in which we lived and walked on.

Room 25 and AB, late 60s and early 70s, are imprinted in the memory of former protagonists, students of architecture and observers of those events as a unique and unrepeatable life experience. So how does this experience work today, what does it mean; how it shaped an important part, if not a whole

generation of architecture students and those, in one way or another, connected with them? Can we interpret it in the meaning of the 'Honey Flower Garden', i.e. the world which became ours by ruling over us, or in the meaning of a selective actualization of those ideas, or even just as a memory and nothing else? I certainly won't provide an answer, but I think you already have it.

Before I renew and reflect upon my own experience from those days, I find it appropriate to outline my relationship to Room 25 and AB. Of course, as a student of sociology, I had no experience with Room 25; except for a fairly regular attendance at open chair, at which, alongside people from the Faculty of Architecture, many distinguished intellectuals, mainly from the social science circles, held their lectures. Contacts with AB were of course closer. I was invited into this circle as a student of sociology, who was involved

with urban study and the relationship between society and built space. I don't know exactly how this happened; I found myself there and attended those Friday meetings at AB until the late 70s. It has to be said, that as far as I can remember, AB didn't have the classic editorial board but only listed those names in the header which were required by law and nothing more, in accordance with the radical democratic tradition. My collaboration with AB slowly ceased by the end of the 70s with the famous number called Architecture + The Word, which indicated a shift in the direction of the magazine, although there was some more collaboration later on. Regular and occasional cooperation with AB in the second half of the 70s was strengthened by the fact that I was an assistant to Professor Mlinar in the course called Sociology and Political Science, which was supposed to teach students the 'correct'



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Zato ob poizkusu obračuna z vsem dosedanjim in ob prostovoljnem srečanju z nečim novim ni moglo biti brez mučnih stranskih pojavov, korist dogajanja v Sobi 25 pa je le tudi v tem, da se vse to, slučajno ali neslučajno, ujema in prekriva s splošno svetovno in obenem našo situacijo v sferi arhitektуре.

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predavanja iz urbane sociologije in sociologije urbanizma. Ob vespološnem čiščenju 'ideoloških usedlin' iz izobraževalnih programov ob koncu osemdesetih let je tudi ta predmet izginil iz arhitekturnega kurikuluma na tedanji FAGG, ponovno in pod novim imenom je vzniknil v sredini prejšnjega desetletja, ko je fakulteta harmonizirala svoje programe v skladu z evropskimi zahtevami.

Arhitektura in družbeni angažma – Soba 25
Najkrajše bi lahko fenomen Sobe 25 opisali
in nekoliko poznejši prehod dela akterjev iz
Sobe 25 na AB opisali kot prizadevanje za
družbeno angažirano arhitekturo. S tega vi-
dika bi lahko zapisal, da vse to ni nič novega.
Ni Soba 25 izumila angažiranosti arhitekture,
ta je pravzaprav na različne načine zapisana
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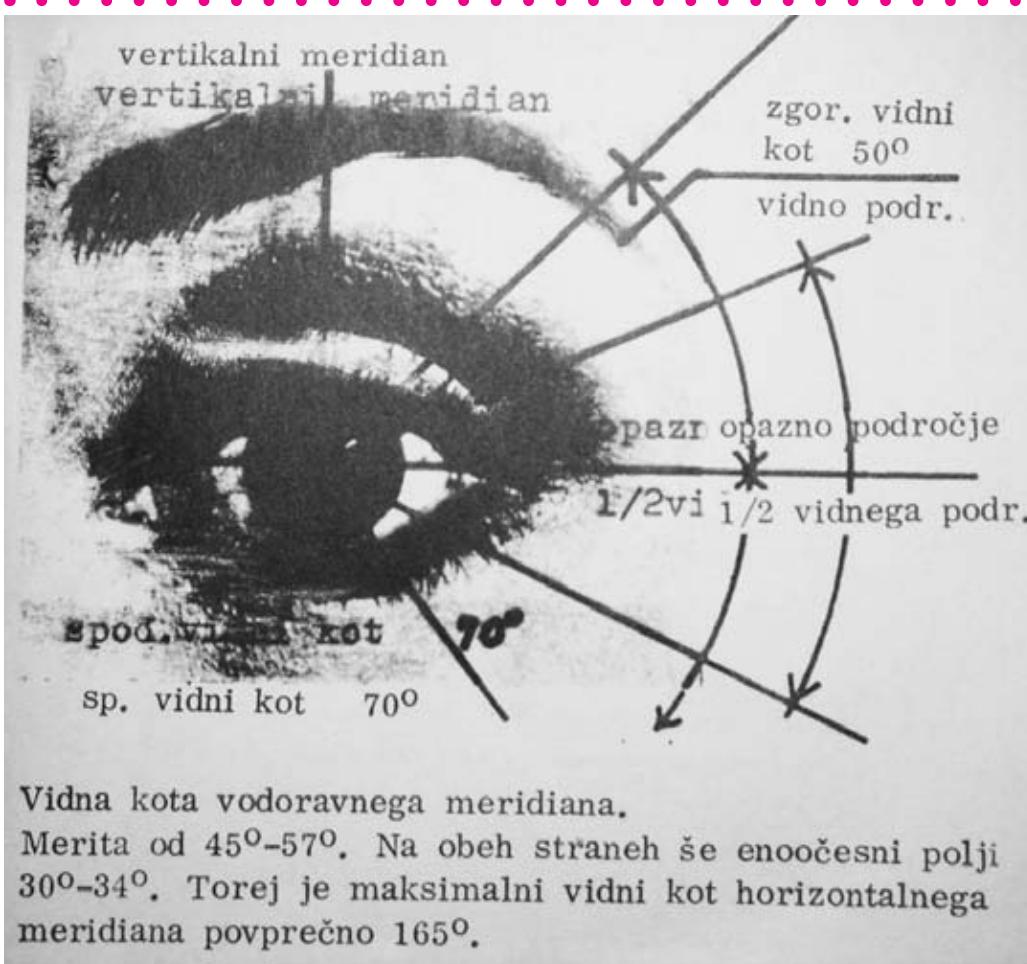
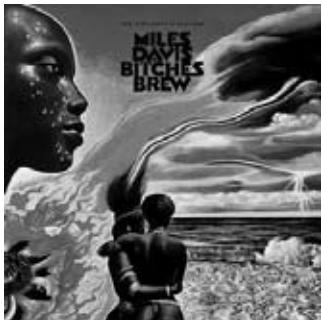


Grafični tečaj 1971: Bogdan Reichenberg

za nastajajoči delavski razred, gradnja industrijskih objektov, zadržnih in kulturnih domov, zasnova in gradnja novih mest vse to nikoli ni bilo dojeto in razumljeno samo kot organizacijsko tehnični in gradbeni podvig ampak kot prispevek k temeljitvi družbeni preobrazbi s pomočjo arhitekture. Družba, če se hoče v temelju spremeniti, mora te spremembe vpisati tudi v prostor, ki ljudem oblikuje vsakodnevno življenjsko okolje. Čeprav se številni 'socialni programi' seveda niso uresničili ali pa so celo spodleteli, lahko na splošno rečemo, da nam je obdobje socialistične družbene rekonstrukcije zapustilo razmeroma kvalitetno arhitekturo in urbanizem, ki presega omejitve časa in katerever je bila zgrajena.

Kaj je torej tisto 'novo' kar je protagonisti Sobe 25 in nekoliko pozneje tudi AB razlikovalo od sicerjšnjih oblik družbene angažiranosti arhitekture? Gotovo družbene

in politične okoliščine, ki so jih po eni strani zaznamovali vzponi in padci 'tržnega socializma' in študentsko gibanje 1968–1972. Protagonisti Sobe 25, čeprav med seboj precej različni kar zadeva motive angažiranja, so prevzeli temeljno značilnost, ki je spodbudila študentski upor, ki je sprva začel s 'sindikalističnimi zahtevami', se pozneje predvsem z zasedbo Filozofske fakultete radikaliziral v ostro družbeno in politično krizo sistema, ki je temeljila na razkoraku ali celo prepadu med normativnim in dejanskim v družbi. Normativni in idealizirani koncept socialistične družbe, ki je bil zasnovan na načelu enakosti, se je soočil z realnimi razmerami, ki so jih povzročale krize socializma, naraščajoče družbene neenakosti, nastajanje 'rdeče buržoazije' in sploh razkorak med 'teorijo in praksjo socializma'. Če se je družbeni aktivizem povojnih arhitektov osredinil na izgradnjo boli pravilne družbe s



Bogomir Motoh

view on socialism. However, Professor Milnar and I believed that architects know too little about 'social conditionality' of architecture and urban planning, so we transformed it into lectures on Urban Sociology and Sociology of Urban Planning. During the widespread cleansing of 'ideological sediments' in the late 80s, this lecture also disappeared from the architectural curriculum. It reappeared under a new name in the middle of the last decade, when the faculty harmonized its programme in accordance with the European demands.

Architecture and Social Engagement – Room 25

The shortest way to describe the phenomenon of Room 25, and the subsequent transition of participants from Room 25 to AB, would be to call it an effort for socially en-

gaged architecture. From this point of view I could say that all of this is nothing new. Room 25 didn't invent the engaged architecture, it is actually enshrined in the foundations of modern architecture in various ways from Alberti onwards. It appears in various forms, according to the historic circumstances, but always with a specific ethical imperative; good architecture should serve to better life and is its expression. Especially the turning point, which came about in the 19th century by separating architecture as art of building and engineering architecture and their reintegration in High modernism in the first part of the 20th century. Architecture has become heavily subjected to the imperative of usefulness and some kind of implicit or explicit 'social programme' by which they, with the help of reorganization of space for new needs dictated by the industrial capitalism, aspired to social progress and harmony. This

'transformational' role of architecture and related urban planning came to the fore after the social upheavals, for example, after the emerging Soviet Union and in our country when the revolution after WWII was carried out. Programs for the reconstruction of the country, housing for the emerging working class, construction of industrial buildings, cooperatives and houses of culture, design and construction of new towns – all of this was never understood solely as some sort of organizing technical and building achievement, but as a contribution to a profound social transformation through architecture. If society wants to change fundamentally, must inscribe these changes into areas, which shape people's living environment. Although many 'social programs' remained unrealized or even failed, we can say that in general, the period of socialistic social reconstruction left a legacy of relatively high-

THIS YEAR'S "ROOM 25" AS AN ATTEMPT FOR A VERY OPEN SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

This year's students can be labelled in our university life as critical action oriented group which earned a title of experimental 'anti-university' completely opened university full of lively real events.

Although there was constant noisy disruption in the halls excesses with consequences, resistance and violent behaviour against the staff and inventory, something was created which I consider as a very interesting and encouraging new beginning. We know that our university has to be recreated according to intense changes in modern society but this can be achieved only as internal vital processes in the studios.

Therefore, in the attempt to settle accounts with all previous practices and to begin with self incentive introducing innovations the painful side effects are to be expected.

The benefit of events in Room 25 is the fact that all this is happening simultaneously with general international situation which also includes ourselves in the field of architecture.

When preparing for future, we have to be sensitive to everything new what is coming, and this is more in atoms of cognitive energy and not in final and complete pictures, a unique book.

quality architecture and urban study, which transcends the limitations of time in which it was constructed.

So, what is the 'new', which distinguished the protagonists of Room 25 (and AB later on) from the usual forms of socially engaged architecture? Social and political circumstances for sure, marked, on one side, by the ups and downs of 'market socialism' and the student movement of 1968–72 on the other. Although quite different in terms of motives, the protagonists of Room 25 assumed the basic characteristic which motivated the student rebellion. This began at first with 'syndical demands' and was later radicalized, especially with the occupation of the Faculty of Arts, into a fierce social and political crisis of the system, which was based on the gap or even a precipice between the normative and the actual in the society. The normative and idealized concept of the socialist society,



tehnike projektiranja in planiranja, ki so vendar povečini že v sterilni "estetski" fazi, so lepe, a žal bolj primerne, da mladega človeka vodijo v vlogo bodočega birokrata, vpreženega v načrtne in planske probleme ter lebdečega nad samo merljivimi stvarmi kot so okorni trendi, demografski faktorji, gospodarstvo in promet. Vedno bolj očitni razmak med študijami takih zunanjih gibanj in resnično, največkrat v vsakem oziru nelagodno resnično problematiko, ki bi rabila nujne pomoči, pa je ne moremo vključiti v svoje iskataljsko delo, opozarja na pripravljenost, da prisluhnemo dvolom z mnogih strani. Bolj kot notranje razpravljanje o ciljih in vrednotah dobro ali manj dobro konstruiranega plana, je zanimiv opravek s tem, kaj naj bo, posebno pri nas občutljiva deontologija. Za razliko od psevdonanstvenega raziskovalnega delovanja, ki je največkrat zagovor ne vedno srečnih političnih odločitev na podlagi površne znanosti o človeku in družbi vedežnosti, ki ji tako radi natikamo etiketo neodvisne resnice, gre torej bolj za v človeku in stvareh fundirano kreacijo, ki naj nadomesti že zelo majavo zmoto, da ta resnica lahko pride le iz "znanstvenega" urbanizma in planiranja.

Vrstva študijskih nalog iz Sobe 25 opozarja prav na to razliko kot nekaj novega in obenem kot na vrsto novih vprašanj. Zakaj se togi geometrični stanovanjski blok umika samolastnosti in na nikakršen-

pomočjo arhitektуре (in urbanizma) se je aktivizem in s tem pogled na vlogo arhitektуре generacije Sobe 25 osredotočil na kritiko 'spodletegega projekta', bolj kot ne na nehoten in nezaveden način ter z opozarjanjem na izstopajoče 'družbene ekscese' kot pa v obliki nekega zavestnega arhitekturno-političnega programa. Akterji so očitno tudi na začudenje politične oblasti vzeli 'samoupravljanje zares' in ga soočili njegovo realno družbeno 'tehnomanagersko' karikaturo. Mogoče je bilo celotno študentsko gibanje najbolj subverzivno prav v tem, da so ideal socializma in enakosti vzeli zares in ga niso jemali samo kot neke vrste ideološke legitimizacije početja oblasti.

Druga najbolj izstopajoča značilnost Sobe 25 je predstavljal sam način študija, potem ko je profesor Ravnikar po pripovedovanju akterjev odpustil svoje asistente in študente

kanon vezani črni gradnji? Ali še ni čas, da take pojave začnemo gledati kot novo urbanistično re-alnost, elementarno in tako pol-no življenjskih sil, da lahko upamo na njeno bodoče kultiviranje. Kljub temu, da noben komunalni sistem ni več učinkovit in sploh ni več reprezentant javnega mnenja pri skupnih stvareh, smo dolžni tej samoslatni, če hočeš samoupravni, samo na nevidno zvezco občanov navezanemu dogajanju pomaga ti ne kot institucija, kakršna že je, ampak le kot akcija.

Tudi pot naše industrije od osvojitev do zadnjih let odločilno potrjuje prepričanje, da je ena glavnih vprašanj na tem področju razvojnih gibanj sprememba stila v planiranju. "Ekzaktnost" opazovanja, ki je obenem tudi površnost zaradi grobih ekstrapolacij samo otipljivega, pušča vnemar bistvena vprašanja, npr. koga plan favorizira, kje začeti, pri bolj zahtevnem nameščencu ali pri vitalnejšem, a revnejšem novem občanu, kaj pomeni odmik od samo gospodarsko - tehničnega družbeni in človeški problematiki, kaj je v bistvu naš avtomobilizem, kako bomo tudi dejansko zbrali ljudi ob naselitvenih orbitah itd. Ali še naprej iskati življenjsko pot v sistemih, modelih in simulacijah planskih iger in s tehniko spraševanja, kot da je naša dežela in njen utrip poenostavljen primerljiv vodstvu industrijskega koncerna, široki biološki raziskavi, poletu v kozmos, vojaški strateški ali majavni.

v svojem seminarju prepustil samim sebi in sam prevzel nase bolj ali manj sporadično usmerjanje in nadzor. Zgodovina odnosov med karizmatičnim profesorjem in študentom v Sobi 25 je polna anekdot, odpustitev asistentov (o čemer sem bil obveščen že tedaj) se mi je najprej zdela kot 'profesorska nečimernost', mogoče je tudi dejansko bila ampak z današnje perspektive se mi kaže kot izjerno domiselna, nemara celo revolucionarna pedagoška poteza s katero je profesor študente, ki so sicer že v prvih dveh letnikih dobili bazično izobrazbo iz stroke, odrezal ocenjevanjega in kodificiranega strokovnega znanja na ravni 'običajne stroke' in jih potisnil v iskanje vsebin, arhitekturnih pristopov in seveda rešitev za probleme, ki so se jih lotevali. Na nek način jim je profesor preprečil da bi se prehitro kodificirali kot arhitekti in se utirili v običajno 'arhitekturo po naročilu'. Sodeč po pričevanjih¹ nekaterih tedanjih ak-

terjev Sobe 25 je takšen pedagoški pristop po načelu 'do it'² do določene mere omaja porajajočo se samopodobno študentov k (bodočim) arhitektov in jih napotil na druga študijska področja.

Tako smo prišli do tretje pomembnejše razsežnosti Sobe 25, ki joč tudi pomembno razlikuje od načina družbene angažiranosti povojne arhitekture. Če je slednja razumela reševanje arhitekturnih in urbanističnih problemov v luči družbenih sprememb na poti k boljši družbi, je aktivizem Sobe 25 začel iskati rešitve za arhitekturne urbanistične probleme tudi izven domene same stroke. Temu dejству, poleg siceršnjega splošnega angažiranja, lahko pripisemo oziranje z drugimi predvsem družboslovnimi znanji in strokami, kot so filozofija, sociologija, etnologija in ekonomija. Po eni strani je šlo za poskus utemeljevanja arhitekture ne samo



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Časni ni ved problem nekaj prouzročiti, teda ne nastane s prodajo izdelka. Poleti tega je, kadar strinjate z uporabo nekogar predstavljenega izdelka, ki neomogoča vsega vedno nadaljnji napredek. Prenosovanje polniložilne flotave in sistemata meddeljevskih edenovih daleč natančnej se tehničnimi snanosti mi. Industrijske polniložilne objektivne izmed

Projektiranje se izabrojalo svi najveći uspešni radovi vlasnika. Budući nastupi pri polaganju uveljavljajućih i projektnih dokumentacija, uključujući arhitektoničke, preveravajuće pojedine arhitektoničke i tehničke detalje u jasnosti i nizinskim sistemima načrtovanja. Nakon što je arhitektu predstavljen, se određuje da li se neki od njegovih predloženih rešenja mogu realizovati, a zatim se izabire i pri polaganju rezervacione liste pojedine načrte desnačujuće ne utroškovane predložene. Na predloženoj organizaciji, učestvujući su i predstavnici vlasti. Pošto je bila napredovaljala u specijalizovanog specijalista, kada je učer obvezao svoju struku, a u znak vapovitosti i profesionalizma, ki bi bila u strelu, sklonio je načrtovanje.

Sporazume, da ideje same ni nis vredne, da je nihče ne izpelje, je vedno do odločitve, da jo avtorji z lastnimi angažiranjem skrbajo realizirati.

V konkretnem primeru gre za skupino študentov in SOŠC Pč., ki smo nadeli s iniciativno na organiziranju izraženo neizkoristljivih potrebsti v Ljubljani in stanovanje. Ideja same ni nikoli bila pretvartna revolucionarnega in je morebitno v tem jadi ne uspešno realizirana.

Kljub otitnosti o splošni družbeni varnosti skozi, je bila potrebnna največja intenzivnost doberjanja in prepridobevanja za afirmacijo medasa, kar

je bilo izven institucionaliziranih in ekstremističnih političnih strank. Na enodnevni mestih so ljudje, ki so preusmerjeni v politiko in premalo informirani o modernih tehnologijah in dinamičnih razvojih v svetu, s

stvarnjene problematike (o čemu je arhitekt objektivno nezbjedno informiran). Polug taga je cilj strukturice "prekic in delavnosti" v temenem posameznosti mrežnici postavljena na formalnih temeljih. Ocenil intereset, ki pogajajoči uporabnikom sklicuje vsebu vrata, niso previnile valjajočim in sredstvom, ki jih imajo na voljo.

stabilizaciju. Prepoznatljivi kriteriji su vasprije
često delujuće tehnologije rešavanja problema.
Vrako odstupanje od regulativnih norma je najčešće
ispredavanje bi po svim stranama posebnoj
napor, po drugi pa tveganje, saj bi se smelo ves-
obraziti u "preprezabavu smer" (te aksjet, da in-
ciative privata i vrst studentova).

Namesto, da bi zmanjševali skrbila človeka, ga posluje v svobodni aktivnosti. Nenazivani zakoni so danes tisti, ki jih je treba prilagoditi na prednjo realitet.

Sposarsi smo, da so vitalne družbe s povezanki-

Tedan smrtna je potrebnog omrednjenja, neki britanski

...je posredno utemeljeno. Vse kriterije in obveznosti tiste, ki utrešajo. Nekatero oklepje pravijo, da nek nekoliko neraspolni kriterijev utrešujejo svobodo dejavnosti, sa bomo moralni svoboditi. Davčoboditi se bomo moralni zato ker

en spomeničke varstve, nekakšni estetski kriteriji pri vključevanju mesta v staro ali prizadajanje starega novemu in ustaljeni ostvaritev v arhitekturah projektnih, celovim urbanističnim planiranjem. Ne smeti, da se na teloviranje takih obvezitev ne vtežujejo ekonomski, funkcionalni ali sociokognitivni potrebi.

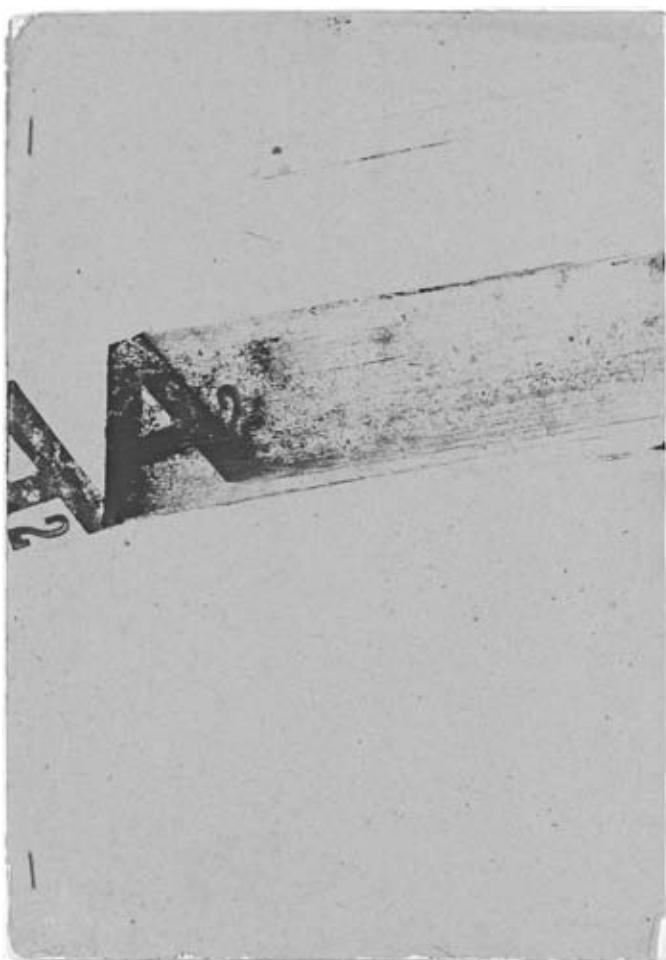
Akcije se izvab neizkoristljivih podatkov v Ljubljani za stanovanje je bila že objavljena preko medijev predvidoma včerajšnja, zato jo je vse

jetno neputredno dove realigati.

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iz nje same ampak tudi iz njene družbeno-filozofske ali kakršnekoli že osnove. Po drugi strani pa se je začel razvijati analitski pristop k problemom, ki so se jih lotevali, kot na primer, če se ukvarjaš s črnimi gradnjami, ni dovolj, da proučиш samo njihove fizične gradbene in oblikovalske značilnosti, ampak tudi socioekonomske vzroke za njihov nastanek ipd. Treba se je odreči samozadostnosti arhitekture in iskati odgovore tudi zunaj nje. *Svobodna katedra*, na katero so vabilo ugledne družboslovce in ki je imela javni značaj, je neposreden nasledek takšnega razmišljanja, drugi nasledek pa je bil tudi da so se nekateri lotili vzporednega študija filozofije, ki naj bi jim nekako pomagala pri samoutemeljiti njihovega poklica.

Narava družbene angažiranosti Sohe 25



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based on the concept of equality, was faced with real circumstances caused by the crisis of socialism, increasing social inequality, the emergence of the 'red bourgeoisie' and the gap between the 'theory and practice of socialism'. If the social activism of the post-war architects focused on building a more just society with the help of architecture (and urbanism), the activism and the view of the Room 25 generation on the role of architecture focused on the critique of the 'failed project'. This was done rather unintentionally and not consciously, pointing at the conspicuous examples of 'social excesses', and not really in the form of a conscious architectural-political program. They took 'self-management seriously', to the amazement of the political authorities, and confronted it with the social 'techno-managerial' caricature it had become. The way they took the ideal of socialism and equality seriously, and

didn't view it as some sort of ideological legitimization of the government, was perhaps the most subversive element of the whole student movement.

The second most prominent characteristic of Room 25 was the way the study was conducted. Professor Ravnikar dismissed his assistants and left the students on their own, as far as his seminar was concerned, after that he only sporadically guided and controlled the study process. The history of relations between the charismatic Professor and the students in Room 25 is rich with anecdotes, the dismissal of assistants (of which I was informed at the time) seemed to me, then, a sign of 'professorial vanity', maybe it actually was; but from today's perspective it appears highly inventive, perhaps even a revolutionary pedagogical method. Students, who received their basic education in the first two years of their studies, were

The techniques of designing and planning until now are mostly in the phase of sterile aesthetics, there is beauty in them but are more suitable to convert young person into future bureaucrat who is harnessed into design and planning problems by quantitative understanding of awkward clumsy trends of demographic, economic factors and transport.

There is increasing difference between the studies of such external and mostly unpleasant reality which would most urgently need our attention but we cannot include it in our research.

We have to carefully listen to everything doubtful around us.

It is not so important to debate about our internal goals and values and beautifully designed plans, we should concentrate on what should be the sensitive deontology applicable to our own environment.

Unlike the pseudo-scientific research mostly for defending the political decisions on the basis of very trivial social science about man and society which we love to label as objective truth, the idea is to release the creativity hidden in man and his environment, to replace the confusion that such truth can be only the result of scientific planning and urbanism

Many projects from Room 25 touch on this difference as something new and relate to many new questions.

cut off from the well established and codified expertise on the level of the 'usual profession' and pushed into seeking new contents, architectural approaches and solutions to tackle problems. In a way, the Professor prevented them from codifying themselves as architects too soon and becoming the usual 'architects for hire'. Based on the testimonies¹ of some of those involved in Room 25, such pedagogical approach, on the principle 'do it'², somewhat undermined the self-esteem of students as (future) architects and directed them to other fields of study.

So we come to the third important dimension of Room 25 which again differs significantly from the social engagement of post-war architecture. If the latter understood the solving of architectural and urbanistic problems in the light of social changes on the way to a better society, the activism of Room 25 searched for solutions for these

Why is the rigid geometric block of flats being replaced by informal-illegal self built houses? It is time to start looking at this phenomena as new urbanistic reality, very basic and full of life energy, where we can hope to its future civility. Considering the fact that no communal infrastructure system is efficient neither based on democratic public decision making, it is our duty to assist the spontaneous local communities and their self initiatives, the self management, but not as institution of any kind but just through action

Also our industrialization after liberation until recent years confirms that the very basic question in development regulation activities is the change of planning style.

'Exactness' of observation which is negligent in rough extrapolations reduced to tangibles, neglects the essential questions such as

- who is privileged by local plan
- with whom to start, the more demanding employees or more vital and energetic but poorer urban newcomer,

- what does it mean to move away from barely economic - technical to social and human problems,

- what is essentially our car transport problem

- how can we improve settlement density around the orbits.

Do we continue to search solu-

problems outside the confines of the profession as well. They, beside the usual general engagement, drew on knowledge from various, mainly social scientific, professions and fields of expertise; like philosophy, sociology, ethnology and economy. On one hand, it was an attempt to substantiate architecture by using not only its own framework, but also social, philosophical and so on. On the other hand, an analytical approach to problems they tackled began developing. For instance, if you are dealing with illegal buildings, it is not sufficient to only study their physical construction and design features, but also the socio-economic reasons behind them. It is necessary to abjure the self-sufficiency of architecture and search for the answers outside it as well. The Open Chair, which hosted many distinguished sociologists and was open to the public, was the natural consequence of such frame of mind. The other



lingvistični teoriji, same stvari, ki jih je res mogoče matematično odlično podpreti in kjer je logika silno nazorna, pa vedno ostaja nekje nerodno na robu nič kaj planskega delovanja v življenju. Prav to dogajanje pa je jedro velikega premika, ki ga je mogoče bolje spoznati le s sondami v živo a neznano, z akcijo in pionirskim odkrivanjem in s pogumom za mogoče še okorno a zato boljšo samostojnost, s specializacijo, ki odpira nova okna in je boljša od specialistovstva in sploh s tipanjem v vedno novih smereh. Z moralnega stališča se v tem smislu vidimo kot iskalci univerzalnega v svojem lokalnem prostoru, v njegovi osnovni naravnosti tako glede pokrajine in ostali ne, naše splošne skromne bivalne kulturne, naših mest in vsega drugega. Tak pogled pa nas sili k direktnim metodam vrednotenja, to je k osnovam lastnih izhodišč, kjer si vsi življenjski pojavi v tem prostoru pomenijo pravo resničnost brez zletavega občudovanja, pa tudi brez poniglavega zametavanja. In iz te resničnosti se je mogoče razvijati in razviti res s pomočjo vsega znanja, ki nam je dosegljivo, pa tudi tu kot gospodarji, ki vedo kaj hočejo.

Dela letosnje Sobe 25, razmišljajočega zadnjega semestra na, kot rečeno, včasih začetniški način odkrivajo nakanano pot in morda je ravno v oglastosti in nedovršenosti del tisto nepogrešljivo znamenje vsakršne novosti in bistvene inovacije.

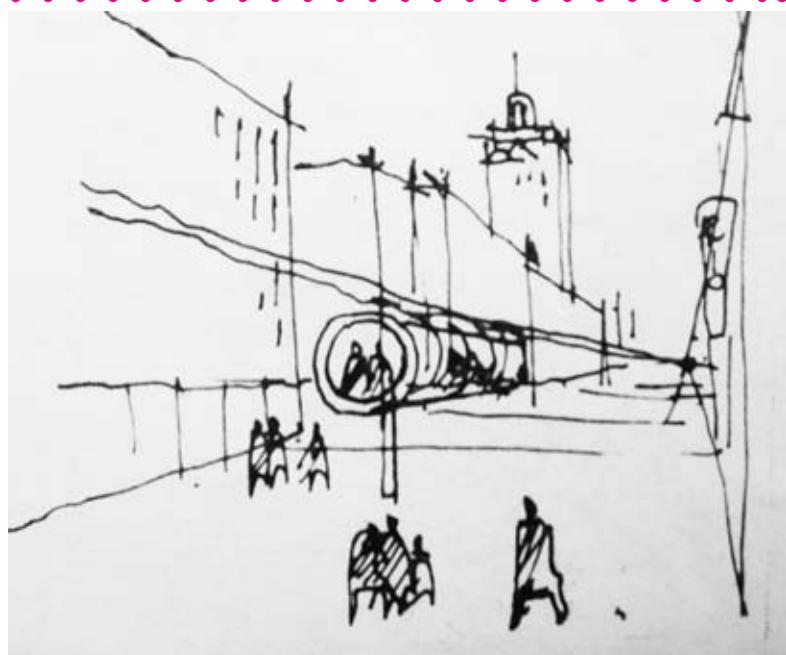
Že sam izbor problemov, katerimi so se ukvarjali študentje v Sobi 25, pove dovolj o naravi in oblikah družbene angažiranosti: črne gradnje, preurejevanje podstrešij v stanovanja, skvoterstvo, mestni javni promet, prostorski razvoj univerze (še posebej v Mariboru), da ne govorimo od 'do it' akcijah, kot je znamenito barvanje Fabianijske graje pred Frančiškansko cerkvijo, akcija s »sintetičnim drevesom« v protest zoper podrtja drevesa na Vegovi. Protagonisti Sobe 25 so se tako rekoč brez izjeme lotevali 'ekscesnih problemov' socializma, ki jih pravzaprav ne bi smelo biti: stanovanjske stiske (podstrešja, črne gradnje), ki jo glede na uradne deklaracije ne bi smelo biti, zanemarjanja javnih površin, poskusov, da bi z izgradnjou 'kampus univerz' študente izločili iz mesta in jih kulturno ter politično osamili, med prvimi so načenjali 'ekološke proble-

Izbor predstavljenih nalog kaže kako so tako zastavljeni cilji teoretično zahtevni in težko, obenem pa življenju in razumevanju blizu, kot dokaz usmeritev v plansko demokracijo ne pomeni zmanjšanje strokovnosti, prej narobe.

- ali naj vključimo monorail, ki za ljubljansko velikost postaja že komercialen med faktorje bodočega razvoja?
- ali je mogoče kompleks gramoznic po eksplotaciji preoblikovati v rekreatijska področja?
- bodoča težišča ljubljanske in mariborske univerze
- zakaj so v resnici stanovanja draga?
- kaj s podstrešji v centru mesta?
- ljubljanska cestna mreža kot ogrodje življenja malega, glavnega mesta itd.

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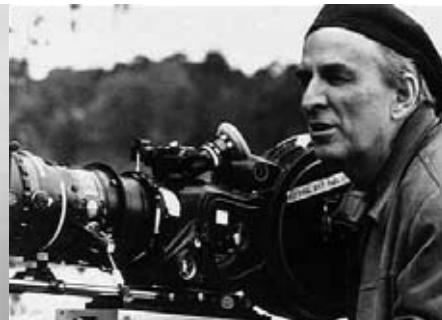
Tomo Čakardič, Božo Podlogar: Monorail v Ljubljani, 1972

podstrešje ... 'Do it' aktivizem je še posebej cenil in negoval spontanost, na primer pri črnih gradnjah, kjer primarno vprašanje ni bilo kako jih preprečiti, ampak kako 'vpreč' spontanost črnograditeljev, barakarskih naselij in skvoterjev, kako družbeno afirmirati njihove potenciale za reševanje stanovanjskih in drugih vprašanj. Arhitekt ne nastopa s pozicijo absolutne vednosti, ampak to kar zna in razume deli z drugimi. Svoje strokovno delovanje so razumeli kot javno delovanje in ne v sklopu 'narociškega razmerja', ki obvladuje današnjo arhitekturno dejavnost. Z današnjega zornega kota, ki ga v urejanju prostora v širšem smislu obvladujejo različne ideologije participativnosti in NGO aktivizem se zdi takšna pozicija do določene mere naivna. Ampak prav ta naivnost je resnična vrednost aktivizma Sobe 25, ker omejitev, ki jih postavlja družbena realnost, ni sprejela kot samoumevnega dejstva ampak kot

priložnost za spremembe.

Odperte dileme ostajajo odprte.

Poznejši razvoj oblik družbenega angažmaja ki ga je spočela Soba 25 je bil v veliki meri pogojen z publicistično dejavnostjo Arhitektovega biltena, kamor se je v glavnem po končanem študiju preselilo kar nekaj akterjev iz Sobe 25. Spremenile so se okoliščine. Študentsko gibanje se je po znamenitem Titovem govoru v Splitu v letih 1972–74 izteklo, oziroma je bilo zatrto, avtonomne oblike študentske organiziranosti so spravili pod 'socialistično mladino', nekatere pa ukinili. Pravkar diplomirani inženirji arhitekture so stopali vsak na svojo pot, soočali so se z zahtevami, ki so jih akterji gradnje postavljali prednje ... Na prva vrata je vstopil postmodernizem, ki je bil v arhitekturnih krogih različno dojet, sprejet in skoraj obenem tudi



Dare Poženel: Študija o stanovanjskem vprašanju, 1973

one was the fact that some students took parallel studies on philosophy, as they believed it would help them to self-substantiate their profession.

The Nature of Room 25's Social Engagement
The selection of problems with which the students of Room 25 occupied themselves speaks of the nature and forms of their social engagement: illegal buildings, rearrangement of attics into apartments, squatting, urban public transport, spatial development of the university (especially in Maribor), not to mention the infamous painting of Fabiani fence in front of the Franciscan church, the 'synthetic tree' campaign (against the trees on Vegova being chopped down) ... The protagonists of Room 25 tackled the 'excessive problems' of socialism, which should not exist in the first place: the plights of housing

(attics, illegal buildings), which, according to the official declarations, shouldn't exist, neglect of public spaces, attempts to build 'campus universities' and thus exclude students from the city and culturally and politically isolate them. They were also among the first to raise questions about the 'ecological problems', as seen on the especially lyrical flyer during the happening on Vegova Street: »... without prejudice or hesitation we can express our suppressed creativity. Let this be an experiment of spontaneity and a test of its limits and possibilities. Let us learn about the unusual and so far unknown forms and ways of interpersonal communication. Perhaps we will be able to understand the embryos of new sensibility and more appropriate forms of revolt against the existing common sense, conformism, norms of taste...«³. The forms of social engagement of the future architects are becoming identifiable and, compared

tions for the future life through systems, modelling, simulations and decision making theories where mathematical logic is prevailing, as if our country and its character of development could be simply compared to management of industrial concern, extensive biological research, excursion to the universe, military strategically or shaky linguistic theory.

Despite all there are always awkward marginal life developments outside of every plan. These marginal developments are actually the core of bigger transformations which can become recognizable only by tackling the living unknown by action and pioneering discoveries and the courage to accept the freedom and independence, which can be non defined but stronger in self confidence and specialization opening new windows and is reaching out for new directions.

From the moral point of view we see ourselves as searching for universal and global in our locality defined by its characteristic landscape, history and also our overall modest living culture, our cities and everything else.

Such a view is forcing us to concentrate on direct evaluation methods, towards the origins of our own background, where all life occurs in our home space and our people and present the truthful reality without pretentious admiration but also no hypocritical or malicious discarding and downgrading

From such reality it is possible

to the previous ones, unique: not only the analytical approach to problems, which we mentioned when we talked about attics and illegal buildings, but also the conviction that the work doesn't stop with the finished plan or solution, you have to go on the field and do some work, paint the fence, plant a tree, rearrange the attic. 'Do it' activism valued and nurtured spontaneity, i.e. illegal buildings, where the primary question wasn't how to prevent them, but how to 'harness' their spontaneity, and of shantytowns and squatters, and how to socially affirm their potentials for solving housing and other issues. The architect doesn't speak from the position of absolute knowledge; he shares what he knows and understands with others. They understood their professional activity as public operation and not some sort of 'subscription relationship', which has become common nowadays. This position

to channel development, with all the available knowledge but also as masters in charge who know what they want.

This year's projects in Room 25, through thinking last semester, although sometimes still naive and clumsy are revealing the indicative path. And maybe just in the squareness and unfinishedness there is the indispensable sign of every novelty and innovation.

The list of the projects presented shows how difficult and theoretically demanding they are but also how realistic and to the point as a proof that the very orientation into planning democracy does not mean less professionalism, more on the contrary

The projects were dealing with questions like:

1. Should we consider monorail as a factor for future development in Ljubljana which is economical for this size of city.
2. Is it possible to reuse the gravel pits for recreation areas.
3. Central locations of universities in Ljubljana and Maribor.
4. Why are the new built flats expensive.
5. How to use the attics in city center for social housing.
6. Ljubljana road network as development backbone for small size national capital.
7. others.

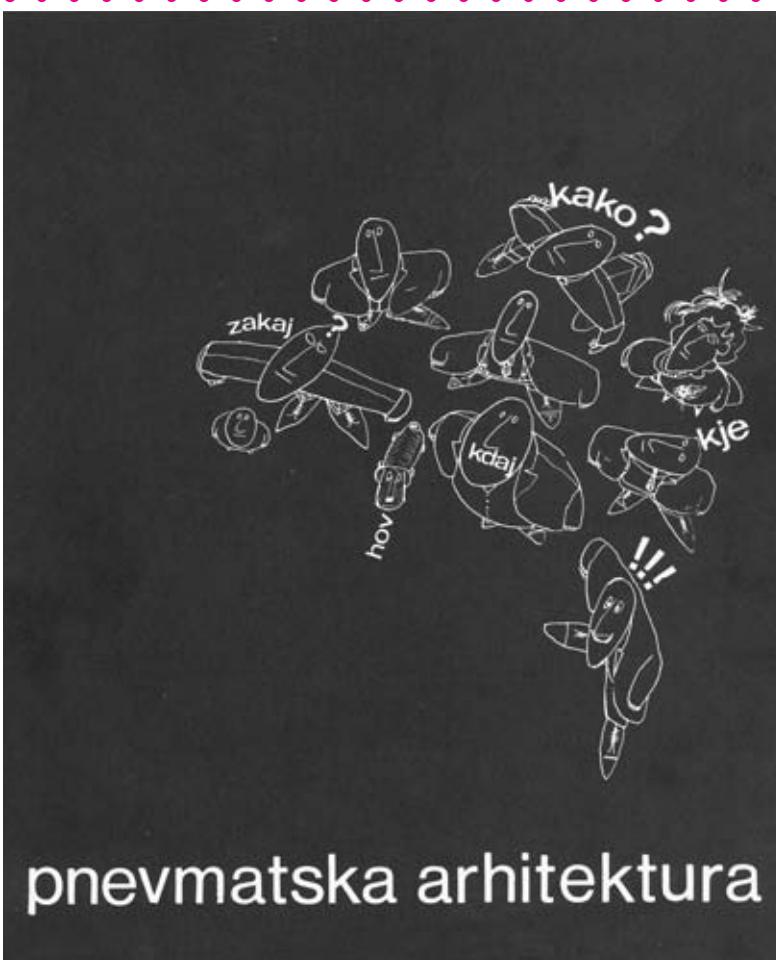
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might seem somewhat naive from today's perspective, which is governed by various ideologies of participation and NGO activism. But this naivety represents the true value of the Room 25 activism, where the limitations posed by social reality, weren't accepted as obvious facts, but were seen as opportunities for change.

Open Dilemmas Remain Open.

The subsequent development of various forms of social engagement, initially conceived by Room 25, was largely conditioned by the publishing activities of Architect's Bulletin, where many of those active in Room 25 moved on to after graduating. Circumstances had changed. The student movement slowly faded away in the years 1972–74, or more correctly, was suppressed after the famous Tito speech in Split. Autonomous forms of



Borut Burger, Božo Podlogar, Tomaž Souvan: Pnevmatiska arhitektura, 1972

student organization were put under the so-called 'socialist youth', and some were disbanded. Freshly graduated engineers of architecture went their separate ways and faced the demands presented to them by the construction business.... Postmodernism became prominent, though its reception was lukewarm; it was both accepted and rejected (in its most profane forms). It also started the discussion on autonomy of 'architecture as architecture', on the language of architecture and suggested a change of paradigm, which was most notably marked by the infamous AB volume on 'architecture and the word'. Before all that, the themes debated in the AB circle were themes already started by the Room 25.

One of the issues discussed, I remember it fairly well, was whether architecture is a type of profession with highly codified knowledge, standards and rules, which can

only be mastered by those who actually finished the study of architecture. If it's obvious that you can't call someone from the street to perform surgery, does the same apply to architecture? Can anyone, who masters the basic techniques, be an architect, just like almost anyone among us can become, for example, a spontaneous sociologist? The dilemma was significant: does architecture have its own specific knowledge, unlike any other, which gives this profession its uniqueness and specificity. If I remember correctly, the dilemma was never resolved on the argumentative level, yet it caused differentiation among the participants of the discussion and was actually resolved in the aforementioned volume of AB on architecture and the word.

Another significant question was related to the relationship between the theory and practice of architecture and was never ex-

plicitly exposed, except by the unique individual Janko Zlodre. Based on the Tafuri's reception of critical theory, the theory of architecture can only exist as the critique of architecture, which actually means that the architect silences his professionalism and delves into research and writing. The gap between the theory and practice of architecture was destined for failure, as it meant that architecture would waive its own self-reflection. Reflection on the architecture, as practised by AB, gradually shifted into architectural language research, its internal development logic (or logics) into a thematization of what makes the architecture such a specific form of activity.

So began the years of professional engagement, the strenuous 'march through the institutions' of the bureaucratic state of construction permits, consents, investment restrictions and searching for the freedom

of architectural expression through the windows, which remained open. Everyone went their own separate way; some remained close, some farther apart ... The field of social engagement changed in the 80s and later on, Šabič's 'boys with a gun' remain unchained.

1. The testimonies of the four participants in Room 25 in the form of unstandardized interviews are collected in the Maruša Špitler's thesis Architecture and Social Engagement. Sociological Analysis of the Architectural Concepts in the Period 1965-1980. (Mentor Dr. Pavel Gantar) Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Sciences, 2009.

2. A reference to the famous mobilizing principle of student spontaneism and activism, established by Jerry Rubin in his book 'Do It', is not coincidental. As we will see, it can help us to at least partially explain many architecture students' actions.

3. Published in: Group of Authors: The Student Movement 1968-1972. Krt, Ljubljana, 1982., pp.328-329.

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mobilnost

Prestavljanje na druga mesta omogočajo pnevmatske konstrukcije v optimalni meri.

Montaža in demontaža pnevmatske hale je hitra in enostavna. Zložena hala pa zavzema glede na svojo sicerinjo velikost minimalen prostor in jo lahko skupaj z agregatom prepeljemo na enem ali dveh tovornjakih.

Tako lahko uporabimo pnevmatsko holo povsod tam, kjer je potrebna čimvečja mobilnost, ki jo klasične konstrukcije ne nudijo v zadostni meri.

Taki primeri so najrazličnejša potujoča gledališča, razstavne in kino dvorane itd. Velike zahteve po čimborj enostavnem transportu, hitri in preprosti montaži ter demontaži predstavljajo pokriti prostori za potrebe armade. Najmodernejša premična vojaška bolnišnica Združenih držav je pnevmatska.

svobodno oblikovanje

Pnevmatiska arhitektura enostavno krojimo v najrazličnejše okrogle in zavite oblike, ki so matematično kompleksirane in zato s klesičnimi postopki gradnje težko in drogo izvedljive.

Izbor svobodnih oblik je v klasičnih konstrukcijskih načinih zelo omejen in njihovo načrtovanje je največkrat obsojeno na manierizem. V arhitekturi omogočajo pnevmatske konstrukcije nov svet oblik za majhen denar, večje oblikovalne možnosti, ki ne bodo več stereotipno omejene na izraz tradicionalnih materialov in konstrukcij.