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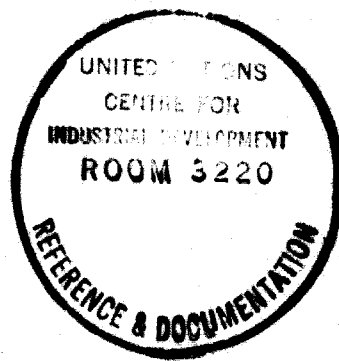
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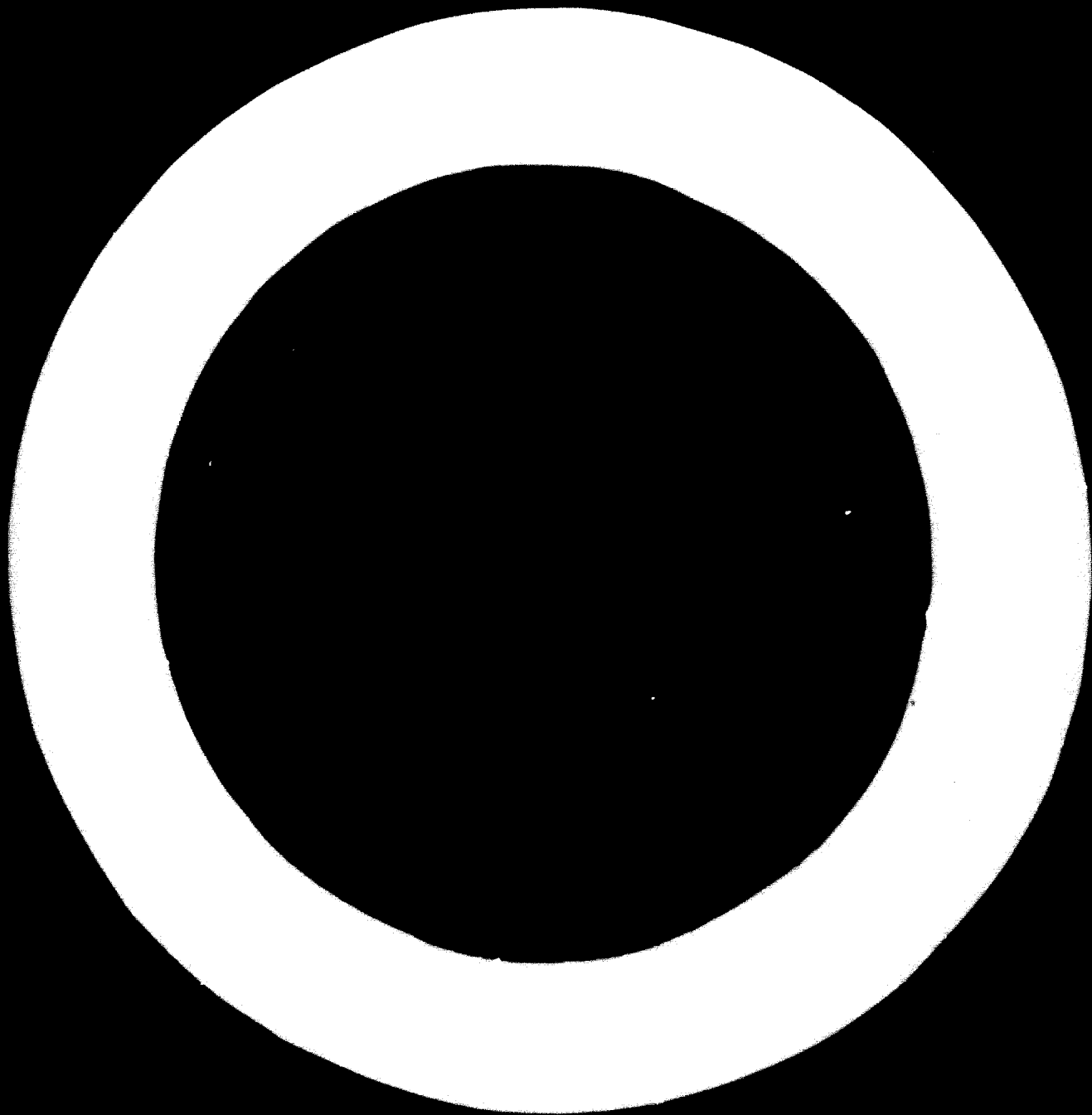
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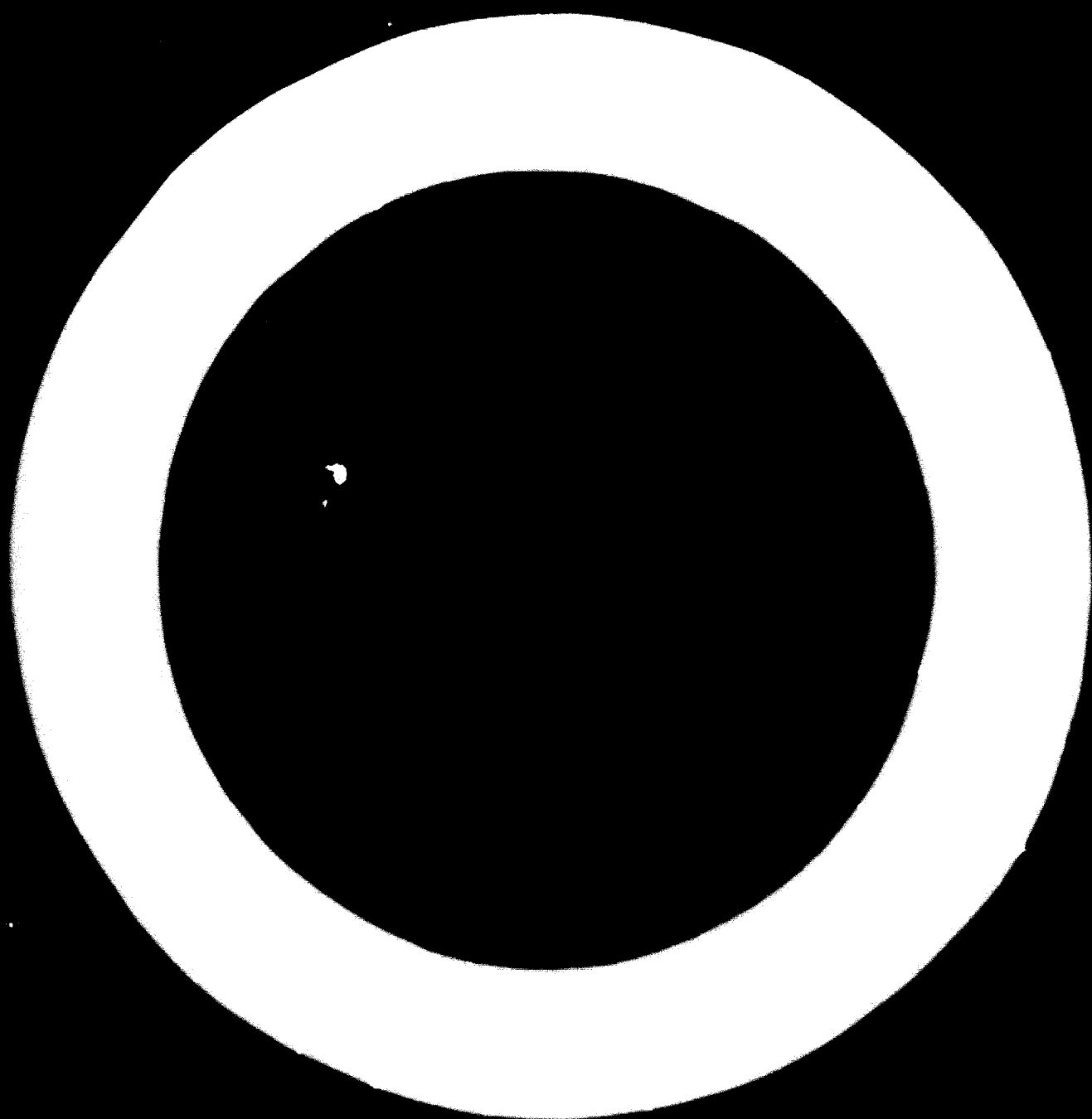
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INTRODUCTION

As part of its effort on behalf of the promotion of industrial development in the developing countries, the United Nations has convened a number of seminars and meetings of specialists on specific industries and industrial problems, for the purpose of disseminating information and exchanging experience between the developed and the developing countries. As the cement industry is one of the first to be established in the early stages of development, a seminar was arranged on the subject with these aims in view. The seminar aroused great interest among the developing countries, as is shown by the encouraging response received from the thirty Governments invited and the large number of participants.

The seminar was organized by the United Nations Bureau of Technical Assistance Operations and the Centre for Industrial Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in co-operation with the Government of Denmark's Board of Technical Co-operation with Developing Countries. It was held in the Krogerup High School in Humlebaek, from 2 to 16 May 1964.

The seminar took a comprehensive view of the whole industry, including investigations prior to, as well as the planning of, the establishment of cement works, together with the economic, technological, management, labour relations and marketing aspects of the industry. Thirty-four lectures were given by twenty-five lecturers, of whom six were non-Danish, one from the Federal Republic of Germany, two from Sweden, one from Iceland, one from India, and one from the headquarters of ECE in Geneva. Almost all the lecturers had wide experience of the establishment and development of the cement industry in developing countries. Thirty-two participants from twenty-two developing countries in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East, engaged in the cement industry in a managerial or technical capacity, and government officials concerned with the industry, attended the seminar. Widely differing and far-ranging accounts of experiences in the development and operation of the industry were presented and discussed, and the meeting proved most useful and stimulating to all the participants. During the two weeks of the seminar, visits were made to a cement plant, a concrete products factory and a manufacturer of prefabricated building parts. At the request of the participants, a visit was also paid to a cement machinery workshop.

The report consists of eight chapters, each containing abstracts of the lectures delivered on the particular aspect of the industry covered by the chapter, together with the relevant charts and tables, and a summary of the subsequent discussions. The report also includes the general conclusions and recommendations of the seminar.

The optimum size of plant must depend on local conditions in each country; however, it was generally agreed that under normal conditions the minimum economic plant may be estimated as having a capacity of about 100,000 tons a year. In cases where smaller plants than the suggested minimum are found to be feasible, it was held that a modern automatic shaft mill might be the most suitable.

The location of a plant should be determined by a number of factors, of which the most important are proximity to limestone and clay, cement markets, transport facilities, fuel and power resources and water supply.

The relative advantages and disadvantages of the wet and dry processes were discussed but it was not possible to generalize upon which process is preferable. It was agreed that each case would have to be decided on its own merits, depending principally on fuel economy, suitability of raw material and water supply.

It was maintained that in starting-up new plants maximum efficiency is reached when a local organization is formed to co-ordinate the various factors relating to the establishment of the plant. It was also held that executing the project on a turn-key basis is not always advisable. On the other hand, note was made of the pitfalls involved in carrying sub-contracting of machinery in particular to extremes.

In developing countries, the industry often has to provide for utilities, such as power, housing, etc., which adds to the total capital requirement, the largest factor being the power facilities. The opinion of the meeting was that steam and gas turbines are generally economical, although for small plants that are not likely to expand, small diesel engines are more economical.

Great emphasis was laid on the proper training of personnel and it was agreed that where local training facilities are found to be inadequate arrangements should be made for training abroad, preferably in association with machinery suppliers.

It was felt that adequate plant maintenance, particularly preventive maintenance, could not be over-emphasized in developing countries where capital is the production factor in shortest supply. Where foreign exchange for spare parts is difficult to obtain, some developing countries have resorted to the production of spare parts in order to avoid loss of production owing to the absence of an adequate supply.

1. BACKGROUND AND DEVELOPMENT OF PORTLAND CEMENT

1. The History of Portland Cement (Dr. A.H.H. Andreassen)

The lecture opens with an account of the technique used in antiquity and in the Middle Ages in the application of mortars, and the theories held in those times about the manufacture and setting of mortar and its final properties.

Portland cement was not invented overnight but was developed gradually during the latter half of the eighteenth and the earlier half of the nineteenth century by such men as Smooton, Vicat, Aspdin, Parker and Johnson, and its growth should be viewed in the light of the search for scientific knowledge which marks this epoch, when false doctrines regarding the forces of nature, as old as mankind itself, were of necessity abandoned.

Once Portland cement had been developed, later activity concentrated on three points: the most rational possible method of production; the most rational possible application - preferably using entirely new designs; and the broad scientific study of both these fields that is characteristic of the present day.

2. Salient Characteristics of Portland Cement (C.A. Bang Petersen)

The lecture opens with a discussion of the position of the Portland cement (PC) industry in the development of the less developed countries. The industry is of great importance to the general, or infrastructural, development of a country and, unlike the majority of industries, it does not demand an industrial climate in order to be able to exist.

The following points are brought out as being characteristic of the PC industry:

- (1) Raw materials are available in most countries.
- (2) Plants are usually placed close to limestone deposits.
- (3) Large investments, low capital turnover (Chart I.2-1).
- (4) Heavy transport costs are important in the consideration of economic of scale as against transport costs.
- (5) The technology of manufacturing PC is relatively simple.
- (6) The manufacturing process is undergoing gradual development over the years and revolutionary innovations are rare.
- (7) The location of PC plants imposes heavy demands on the consultant engineers, when compared with most other industries, because of variations from one location to another in the physical and chemical properties of the limestone.

(8) The PC industry has always been open to new entrants and private projects and secret know-how have never played a significant part in it.

(9) Portland cement is a highly standardized product, which means that marketing possibilities depend mainly upon selling price.

The importance ascribed to the PC industry from the point of view of the developing countries is due not so much to the industry itself as to the extensive applications of the product and to the many cement-using industries which will follow as the natural consequence of the establishment of a PC plant.

Portland cement is a very cheap commodity with numerous uses. The user requires no special technical training.

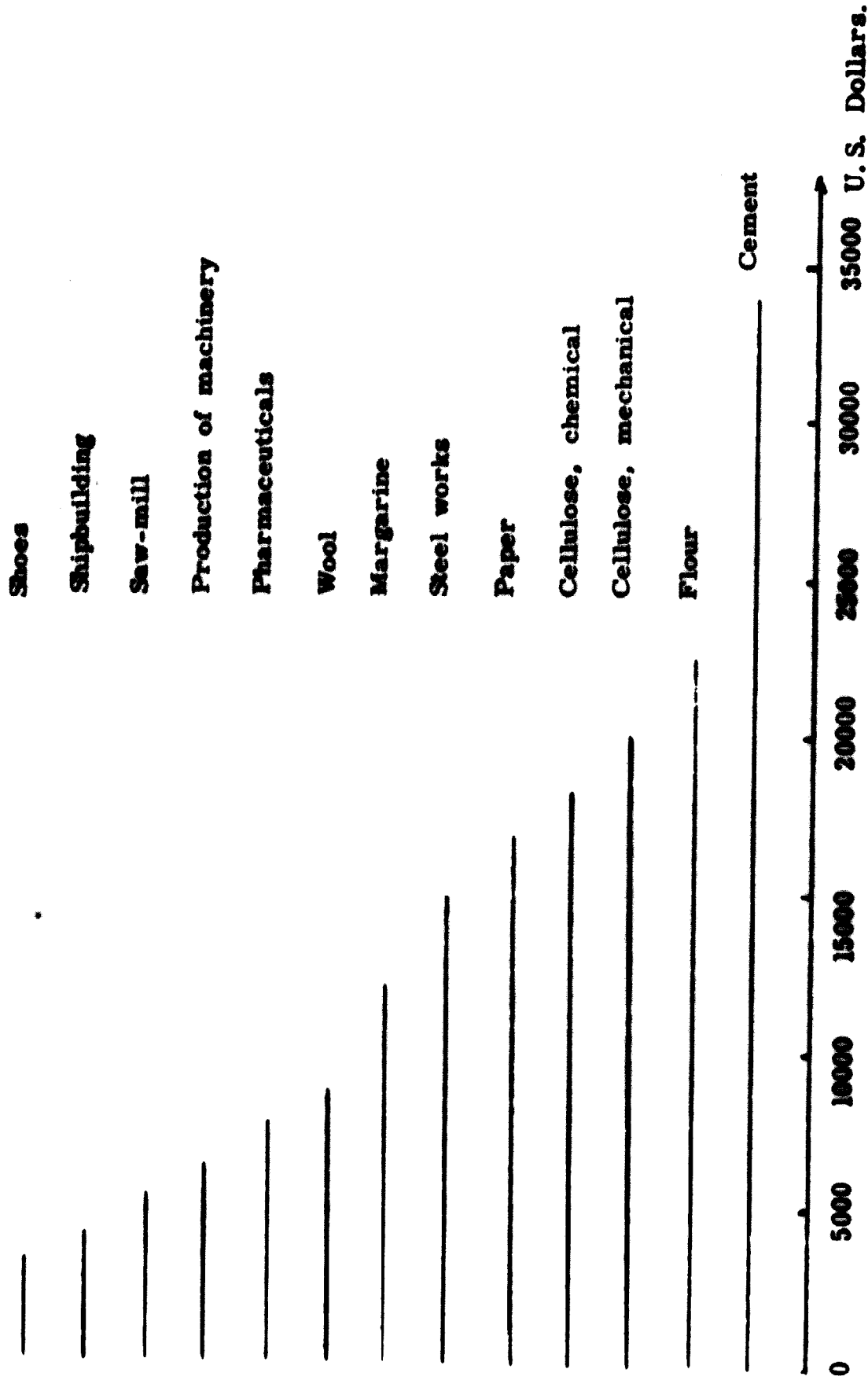
The principal clients of the PC industry are: government agencies, public works administrations, contractors and builders, concrete product manufacturers, asbestos cement plants, and producers of ready-mix concrete.

The establishment of a PC industry may give rise to industries for the production of: asbestos cement (numerous products), building blocks (several types), light-weight building blocks, concrete roofing tiles, floor tiles, building elements, and concrete pipes.

In conclusion, some hints are given on estimating market possibilities on the basis of construction activity envisaged in the region or country.

Chart I.2-1

Investment per employed person in buildings
and machinery for various industries in
Sweden in 1951.



(f) Special treatment of the concrete after setting, such as steaming or coating to slow down evaporation and thus reduce shrinkage.

The result of these improvements, or possibilities for improvement, has been that permissible stresses have increased from 40 kg. per square centimetre at the beginning of this century to 100 kg/cm² for reinforced concrete and to as high as 250 kg/cm² in some pre-stressed concrete structures.

II. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS

1. Production, Consumption and Cost Structure (M.T. Ehlers)^{1/}

World production of cement has been steadily increasing, rising since 1947 at the rate of 9.2 per cent per annum. (Chart II.1-1). The fastest rates of growth are shared by the Asian countries, the centrally planned economies, and the countries of the Middle East; the slowest growth is registered by North America. These differentials in rates of growth have resulted in changes in the patterns of cement production and in the share of the various regions in total production. Although North America and Western Europe together still account for the greater part of total world output, their share has decreased from 72.1 per cent in 1947 to 51.0 per cent in 1960. (Chart II.1-2).

The substantial increase in world cement production is reflected in the level of per capita consumption. Chart II.1-3 shows the level of per capita consumption and the historical trend for the major regions of the world. Chart II.1-4 indicates the relationship between total cement consumption and gross national product for the OECD countries.

As regards the cost structure of the cement industry, Table II.1-1 indicates an order of magnitude for the major components of the total production cost.

Table II.1-1

Composition of unit cost for cement production
in selected countries

(Percentage of total)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Germany (Fed. Republic)</u>	<u>USSR</u>	<u>United States of America</u>
Depreciation	21.6	9.6	22.5
Wages	8.2	22.3	13.9
Fuel	21.5	37.1	14.3
Power	12.5		12.6
Others	<u>36.7</u>	<u>31.0</u>	<u>36.7</u>
	100.0	100.0	100.0

An important characteristic of production cost is the decrease in average cost with an increase in scale of operations, this being attributable primarily to returns to scale for fixed investment, labour and overhead costs.

^{1/} Summary based on the lecture delivered by M.T. Ehlers and data obtained from Studies in Economics of Industry, No. 1, United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 63.II.B.3.

Chart II.1.1-1

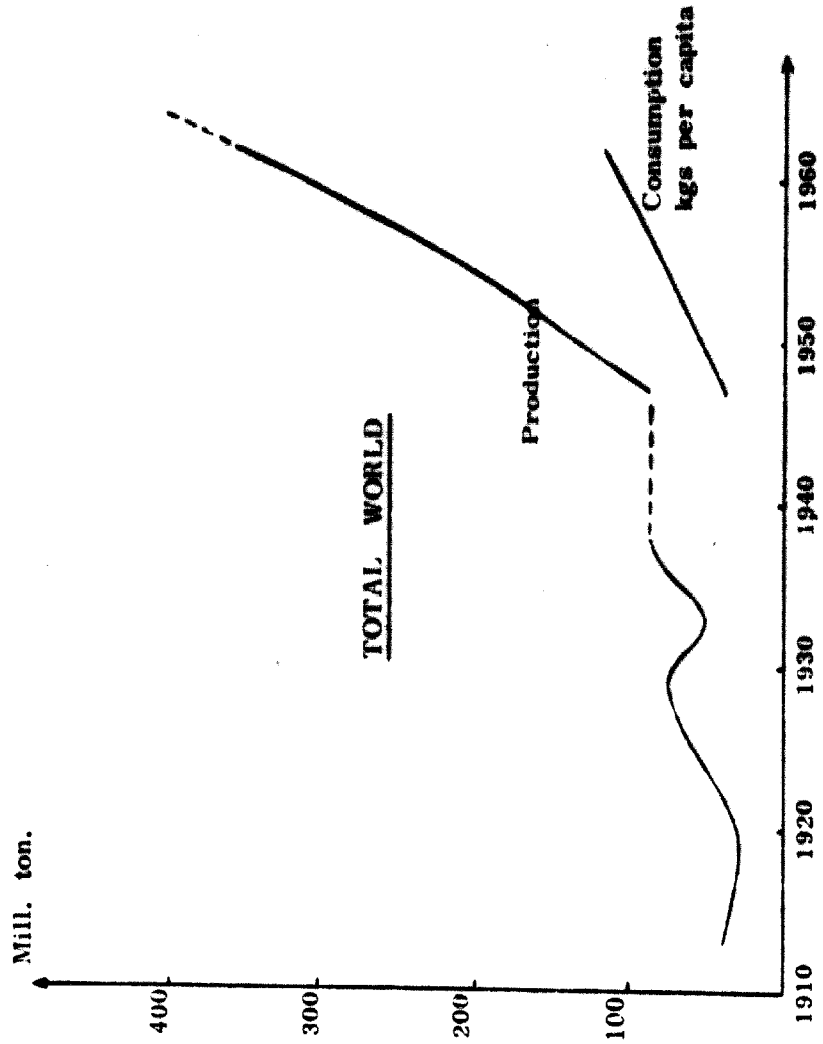


Chart II.1.1-2

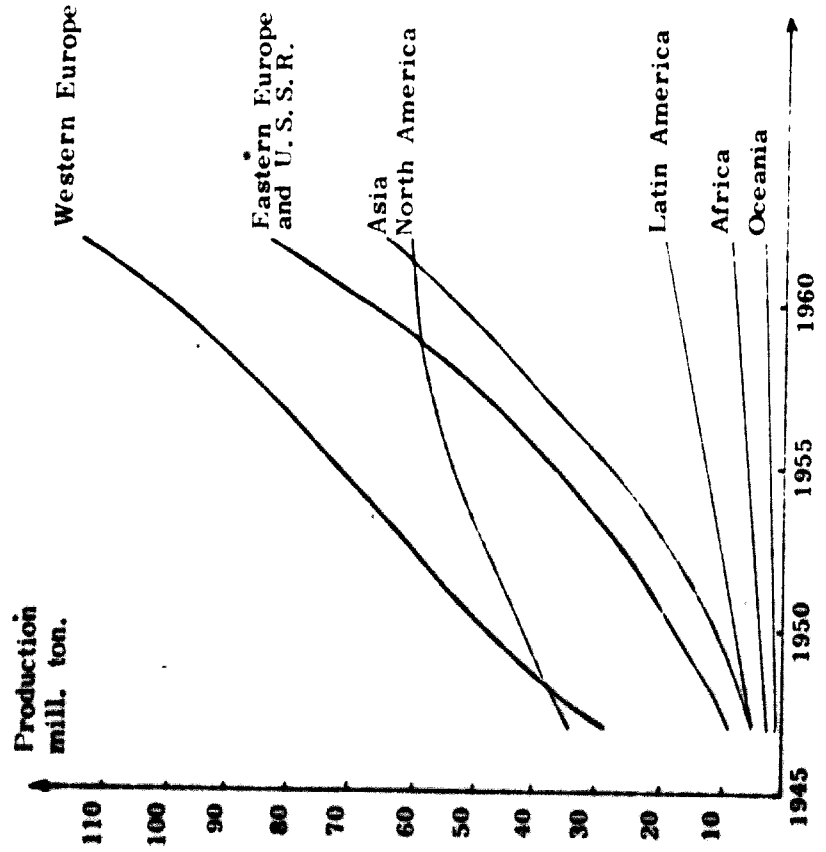


Chart II.1-3

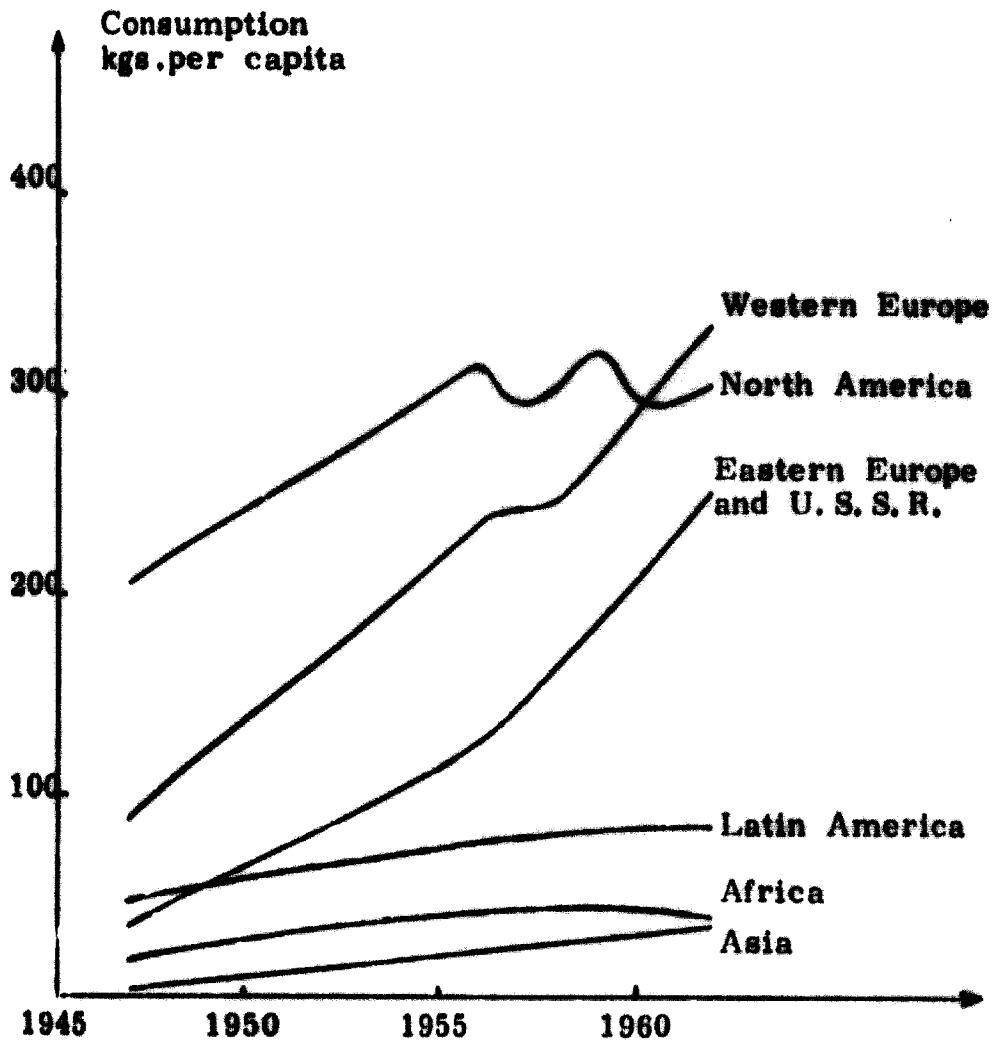


Chart II.1-4

CEMENT CONSUMPTION AND GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT IN EUROPEAN O.E.C.D. COUNTRIES (1)
1950 - 1961

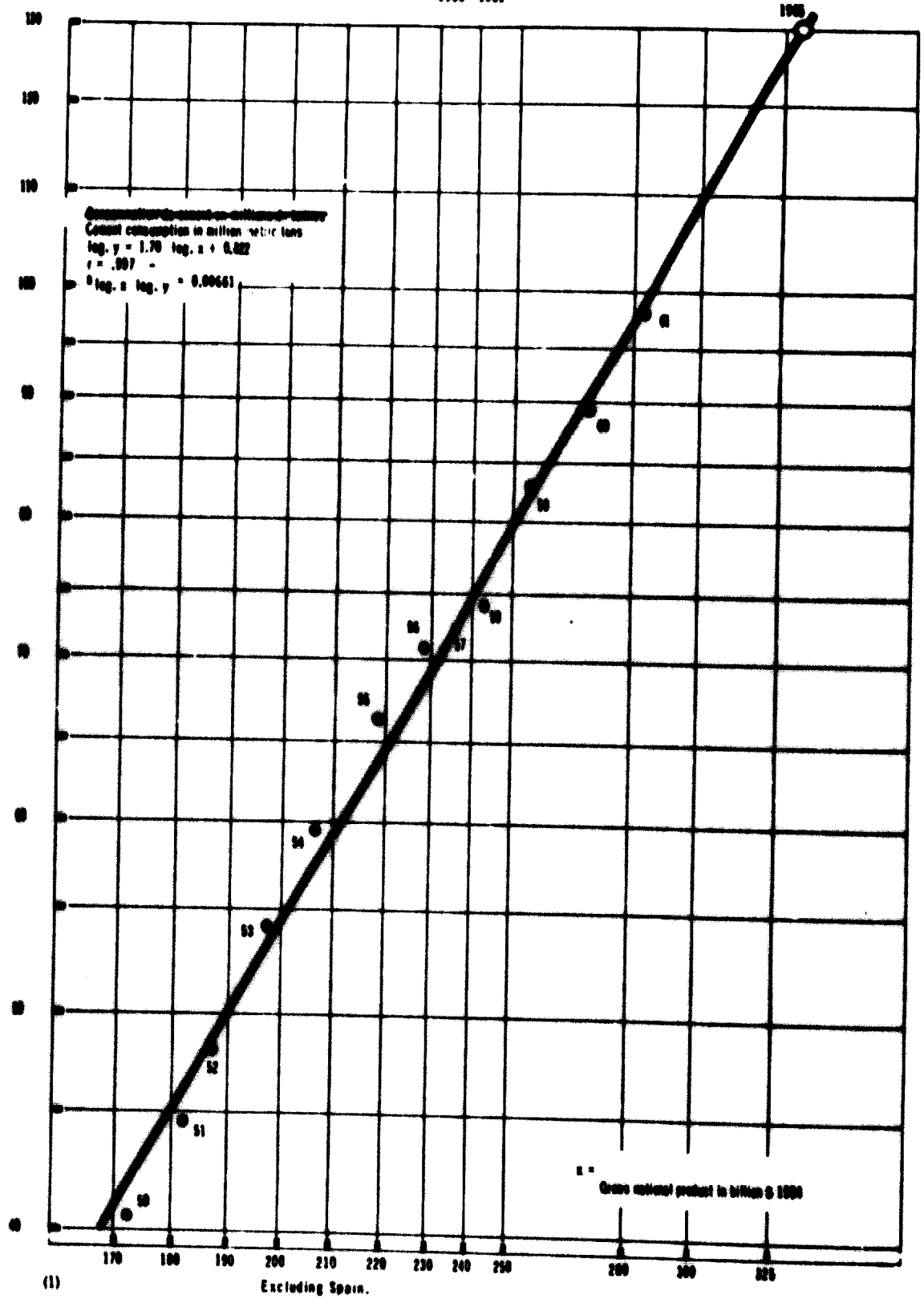


Chart II.1-5

Fixed investment related to capacity in Germany (Federal Republic), USSR, United States of America and developing countries

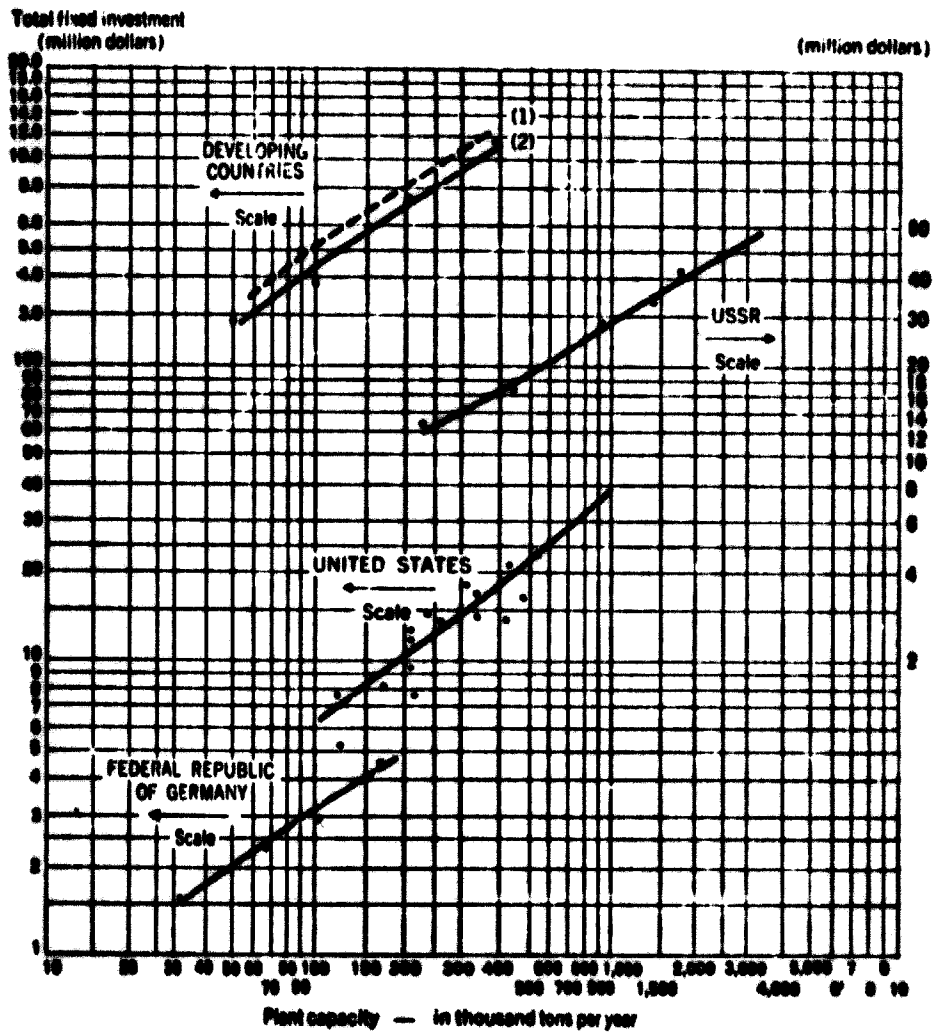
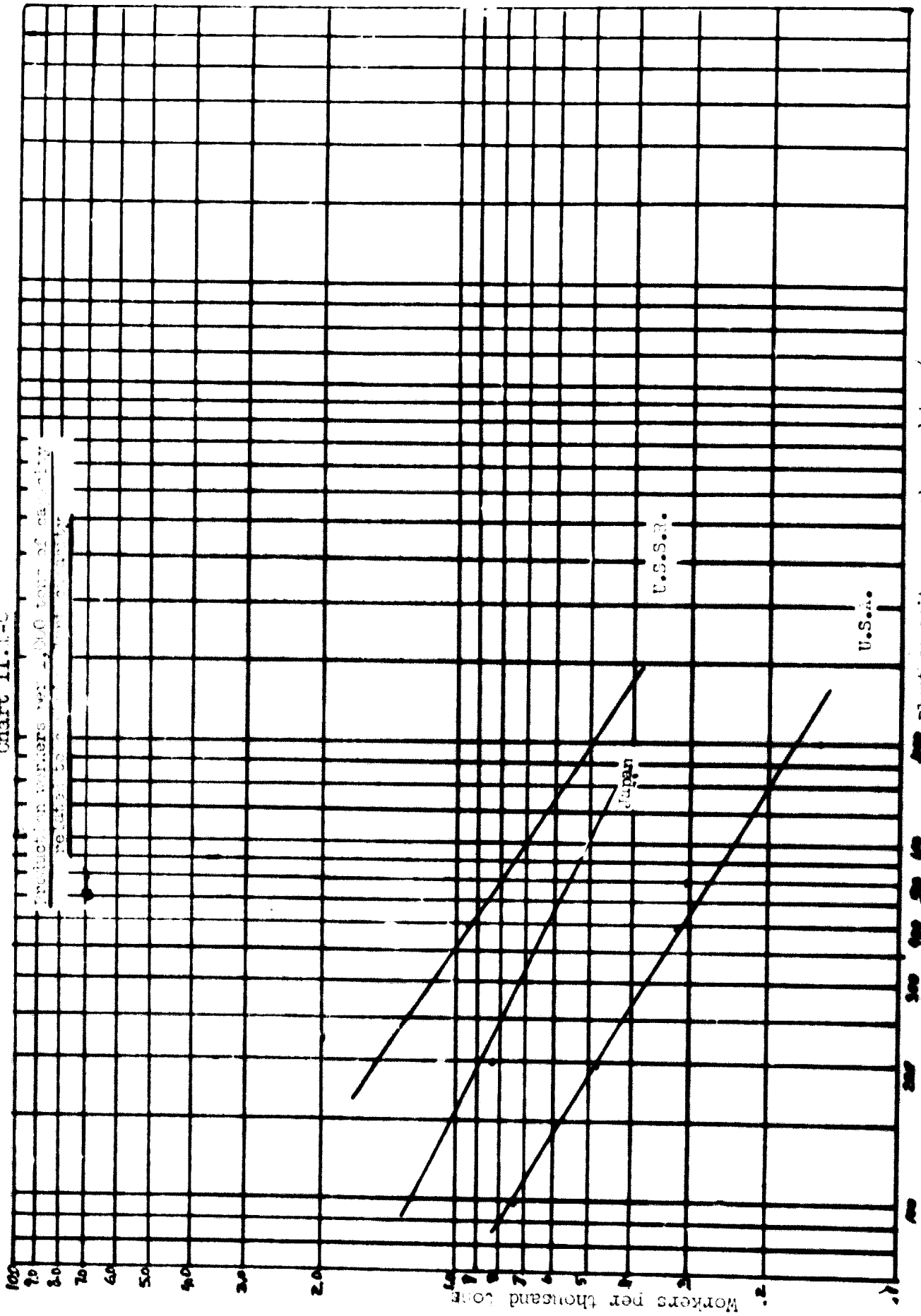


Chart II.1.1-6



The influence of scale on unit input requirements is shown in the last of data available for the world, Europe and the United States. The three sets of data indicate the existence of a positive relationship between the size and total of investment, that is, a positive relationship between the increase in size and the percentage increase in unit input requirements. The elasticity varies from 0.6 in the German data, 0.7 in the Japanese data, and 0.77 in the United States data.

Similarly, Chart II.1-6 shows that average unit input requirements decrease with the increase in the size of the plant.

With respect to fuel, power, limestone, and other inputs, there are no significant variations in unit input requirements with size in the cement operations.

2. Trade in Portland Cement (A. Mauritzen)^{1/}

World trade in cement has increased from about 4.5 million tons in 1947 to about 12.0 million in 1962. However, since 1955 it has tended to stabilize at a level of 11 to 12 million tons. (Chart II.2-1). Western Europe has been the most active region in international trade. It has been predominant in the export market and has maintained its relatively high share of total world imports. The trend, however, has been toward a decrease in its share (Charts II.2-2 and II.2-3). Despite the increase in local production of cement in the developed regions of the world, these have remained the most active in the import market, except for Latin America, which has consistently reduced its share of total world imports, from 37.7 per cent in 1947 to a low of 4.7 per cent in 1960. Africa remains a major importer of cement although its share in the total shows a slightly declining trend. On the other hand, Asia, the Middle East and the centrally planned economies show an increasing trend for their share of total world imports. On the export side, the share of the developing countries of the world has increased from about 4 per cent in 1947 to about 27 per cent in 1960. The centrally planned countries have also recorded a high increase in their share of the export market. The share of the North American countries in world trade has been relatively low.

Net trade (export minus import), depicted by net export and net import regions, shows that Western Europe and the centrally planned economies have been net exporting regions since 1952. However, the volume of net exports of the former has shown a declining trend. Africa, the Middle East and Latin America have been net importing regions, with the latter gradually achieving a position of self-sufficiency. Since 1951, Africa has recorded a slow downward trend in the volume of net import. Asia has been, on the average, a net importer since the war, although the region has been approaching self-sufficiency since 1955. In the years immediately after the war, the North American countries were net exporters, after which followed a period of self-sufficiency, and the situation has been one of net import since 1953.

World trade comprises only a small share of total world production (3.5 per cent in 1960), and has shown a moderate downward trend.

^{1/} Summary based on the lecture delivered by Dr. A. Mauritzen and data obtained from Studies in Economics of Industry, No. 1, United Nations Publication, Sales No.: 63.II.B.3.

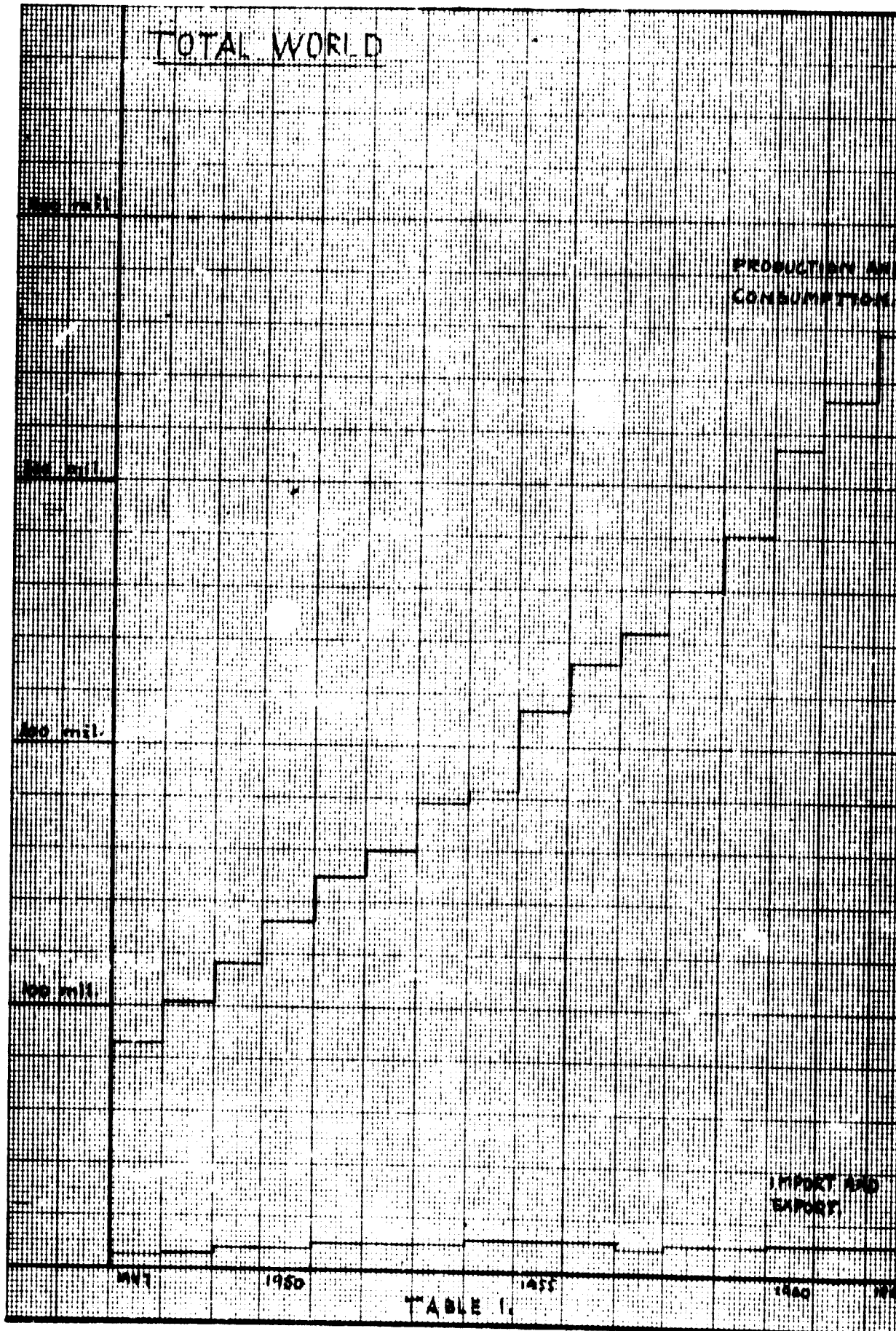


TABLE I.

Chart II.2-2

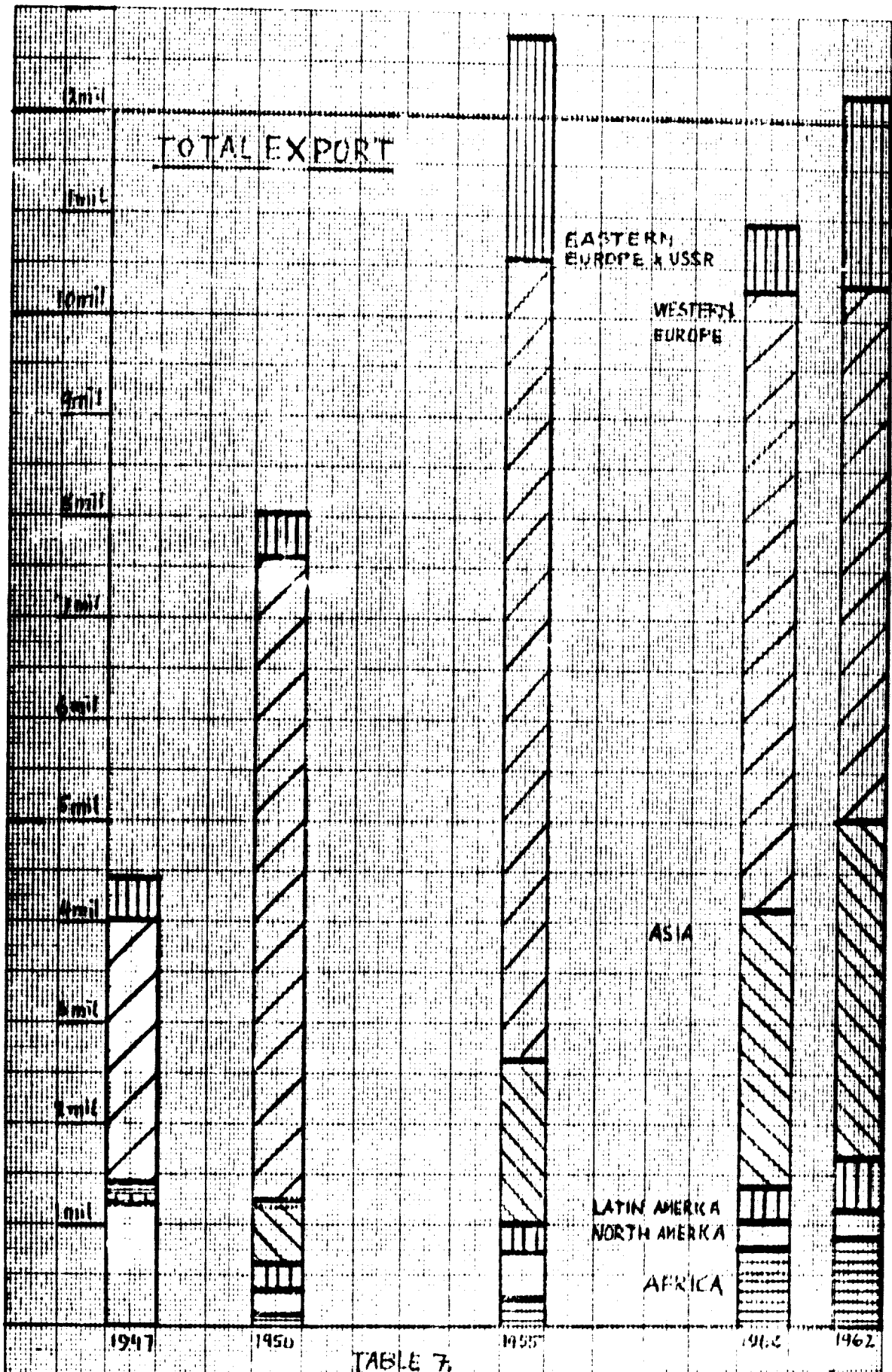


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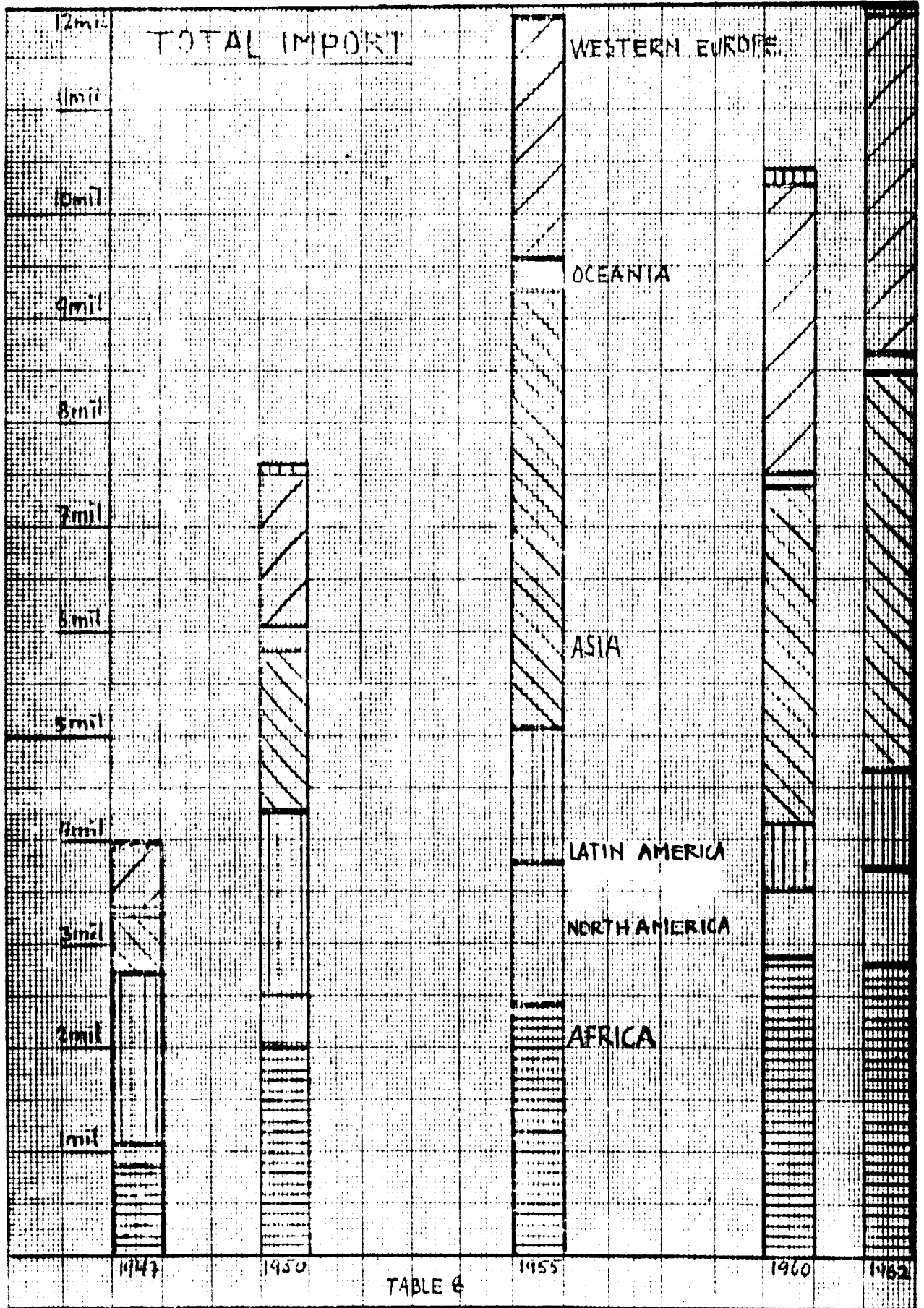


TABLE 6

3. Financial Assumptions for Cement Plants (S.A. Karve - 1951)

The purpose of this paper is to examine the financial aspects of a cement factory with a yearly capacity of 100,000 tons, as built in a typical country.

The installation cost of such a plant is estimated to amount to Rs. 1000 crores for the plant proper, assuming that government is subsidised.

The plant is based on serving an area of nearly 1,000 sq. miles with a population of about 2,000,000. Selling the cement at 21.10 per ton of 50 kg., the annual output capacity of the plant is estimated to range from \$50,000 to \$1,00,000 per year, depending on the run-factor and on sales, and this money is available for payment of depreciation, loans and profit.

Of the total cost, it is assumed that 50 per cent, or Rs. 500 million must be raised locally, whereas Rs. 500 million can be arranged as loans from foreign sources.

These loans can be repaid with interest over a period of about seven years, upon which the national capital will earn a very fair return on its investment.

4. Financial Assumptions for a Hypothetical Plant in India (K.V. Talcherkar)

When a detailed project report is being prepared on the establishment of a Portland cement works, the company promoters must be given a picture of the profitability of the scheme, and for this purpose a reasonably accurate forecast must be made of production costs. In India, such a forecast is made on the following lines.

The estimate of actual production forecast against installed capacity is based on 330 days of daily rated production from the kiln for one year of operation. For the first year or so, it is customary to take only 80 to 85 per cent of production, in order to allow for stoppages to correct any defects that may emerge. Thereafter, actual production is estimated to be 95 per cent of installed capacity.

To make an estimate of production costs, it is necessary to be fully acquainted with the costing process normally used in operating a PC works. Varying adjustments may have to be made for such items as the type of quarry operation adopted, the nature of the limestone to be crushed and ground, the mode of transport, the quantity of correcting material used and its delivered price, the cost of kiln fuel, and, if power is purchased, its tariff and estimates of the amount consumed in producing one ton of cement. (Diversities in these cost-elements are illustrated from experience in the operation of a number of cement factories in India.)

The rest of the items in the cost structure are more or less the same from factory to factory in India and can be assessed without difficulty.

Depreciation will naturally depend on the estimated total capital cost of the works. It is normally assessed at an average rate of 6-3/4 per cent.

Chart II.4-1 is a hypothetical cost estimate, in the form of a series of items, for a cement factory with an installed capacity of 100,000 tons a year (using the wet process). It is a close approximation to the average cost of production in a cement works in India today.

The major items are as follows:

Raw materials, which includes mining labour costs and the cost of transporting the raw materials to the factory. Royalties paid to the Government for the use of the raw material - a form of tax - are given a separate heading.

Kiln fuel, which includes the cost of handling and pulverizing the coal, as well as losses in rail transit and through spontaneous combustion during storage - a common occurrence in India, where the coal normally available to the cement industry is low in calorific value (4,500 to 5,000) and high in ash (up to 30 per cent).

Repairs and stores, which includes the cost of fire bricks, grinding media, lining plates, spares for replacement and maintenance, including spare parts manufactured in the workshop (cost of labour and material), and stores used in the servicing and amenity departments.

Labour and establishment, which includes salaries, wages, and cost of living allowances to all employees, including supervisors, in the process departments, amenities, civil engineering department, laboratory, office, stores, motor transport department, hospital, creche, sanitation department, club etc.

Overheads, which covers expenses both at the works and the head office and includes such items as postage, telegrams, telephone, insurance, travelling expenses, workmen's compensation, retirement gratuities, and annual bonus to employees.

Selling expenses, which includes the cost of establishing sales organizations, advertising, after-sales services, stockists' commission, etc.

In India, a factory's sale price is usually fixed by the Government, on the basis of an enquiry by the Tariff Commission. For new factories, a special higher price is allowed. It is easy, therefore, to calculate gross profit on a specific turnover of cement production. After allowing for a managing agency's commission and making provision for taxes, the net profit can be calculated to determine the profitability of the scheme. A five year tax rebate is granted to new factories. In the case of existing works, however, the problem is quite different. In deciding the ex-works prices for various groups of factories, the Government at present allows a return of 12.6 per cent on capital employed (including loans). Out of this the industry has to pay:

- (a) interest on loans;
- (b) bonus to employees (now regarded almost as a part of wages and expected to be paid regardless of the size of the profit);
- (c) managing agency's remuneration;

(b) certain fixed statutory development reserves;

(c) company taxes.

This leaves a net return of less than 6 per cent on the capital employed, available for paying dividends on equity shares and for setting aside as a reserve.

In India today, the building of new factories is financed as follows:

(a) by equity capital, subscribed by the public and by the promoters of the company and their friends, and normally underwritten by the Life Insurance Corporation of India and local banks;

(b) through bank loans, which may be of two kinds - foreign exchange from loans by foreign governments or from international lending sources, counter-guaranteed by the Indian Finance Corporation and/or the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India, or domestic currency from scheduled banks in India; and

(c) through the mortgaging of stocks and shares.

The ratio of bank loans to equity capital has been steadily rising and now stands at almost 1:1. The mortgaging of stocks and shares normally provides about 60 to 70 per cent of the working capital.

5. Summary of Discussion

During the group and panel discussions, a number of questions were tackled, including inter alia capital requirements, minimum plant size, methods of projecting demand, implications of special demand, and clinker grinding plants.

With respect to capital requirements, it was noted that accurate estimates are difficult because of variations induced by such factors as the scale of output, and differences in local conditions and requirements, such as the presence or absence of a power plant, housing for personnel, railway extensions, civil engineering difficulties, etc. The meeting felt that capital requirements could usually be broken down into fixed capital and circulating capital.

Fixed capital may be defined as including the cement plant proper, or the complete cement plant, in which case it covers besides the plant proper, the laboratory, workshops, storage and internal transport facilities. In respect of the complete plant, as defined above it was agreed that estimates of fixed investment allowing a reasonable margin or error, could run from \$35 to \$50 per ton, depending mainly on the scale of operation, in the 100,000 to 400,000 ton range of annual capacity. In this connexion, the meeting was of the opinion that while the cost of cement-producing equipment and machinery can be estimated fairly accurately, greater variations are to be expected in the cost of civil engineering. The latter varies from place to place and may add greatly to investment, especially in areas subject to earthquakes or with unfavourable climatic conditions. Other factors that were mentioned as affecting investment included differences in domestic freight rates, import duties and the need for additional storage facilities because of seasonal demand. Additional investment might also be required if a factory had to supply its own power. On the other hand, lower investment figures than those given above might be possible in special cases where the terrain and location are favourable and the level of mechanization of the plant is very low.

It was also emphasized that additional capital may be needed for what is usually referred to as social overheads, such as housing and sanitation, electricity and personnel, railway and road extensions, etc. Such costs may add as much as 50 per cent to the above estimates for fixed investment.

Circulating capital requirements were felt to be between 10 and 20 per cent of the fixed investment. However, the figure could vary from country to country, depending on the storage needs for cement and clinker owing to seasonal demand for cement, as well as storage requirements for fuel, spare parts and other material. The local credit custom is another important factor.

As regards projection of demand, one useful method was felt to be historical statistical extrapolation. However, in the case of developing countries, where future structural changes are expected, this method may indicate only the lower boundary of demand. It should be supplemented therefore by projections based on various correlations between cement consumption and gross national product and income, as well as projections based on population growth and growth of per capita cement consumption. In cases where countries did not possess sufficient data for projection purposes, it was suggested that data from other countries with similar conditions might be used as the next best alternative. It was noted that, in certain countries, the problem is not so much on the side of demand, which is usually plentiful, as on that of supply, which may be limited by a shortage of foreign exchange.

An important point was raised with respect to cement factories built to answer a special demand, such as the building of a dam, hydro-electric power plant, canal, etc. It was felt that ultimately each case would have to be decided on its own merits. However, should the project extend over a long period, it might be possible to establish an economically feasible plant that would pay its own way. It was also noted that such large projects usually generate development in the area in which they are undertaken, and that after the completion of the project enough demand for cement may be created to sustain the economic operation of the plant. In cases where the importation of cement is more economical, the economic feasibility of importing clinker for grinding at the site should be explored as a possible alternative.

In respect of the minimum scale of plants in developing countries, a distinction was made between countries where a cement industry has already been established and developed and those with no existing facilities for cement production. As far as the latter group of countries was concerned, it was agreed that an annual capacity of 100,000 tons could be regarded as the minimum size, while 200,000 tons was suggested as a minimum for countries where the cement industry is already well-established and relatively advanced. It was also noted that in very special circumstances, where the cost of imported cement is high and the internal freight rate is also high, it might be found feasible to establish plants of less than the minimum size, particularly in isolated areas where the demand is limited. The meeting warned against hasty decisions in such cases and urged thorough investigation of all the alternative sources of a low-cost cement supply.

With respect to the economic feasibility of clinker-grinding at centres of demand, it was agreed that such operations might be advisable if certain conditions obtained; first, if transport costs were lower for clinker than for cement, which is not usually the case, second, if the cost of power was lower at the centre of consumption, and third, if the clinker was mixed with another component such as slag or pezzolan, supplies of which were accessible to the grinding site. Attention was drawn to the fact that in a wet climate, the transportation of clinkers can add serious complications to the proper grinding of wet clinkers.

III. MINOR REQUIREMENTS AND PLANT LOCATION

1. Raw Materials (H. Carlson)

An investigation is necessary in order to ascertain the feasibility of the project and to provide information on which to base the choice of the best type of process and the proper design of the plant.

1. Requirements for the source of the raw materials

- (a) Proper chemical composition. Modules (LSF , M_S , M_A).
- (b) Adequate amounts.
- (c) Low price as quarried (overburden).
- (d) Convenient location.
- (e) Favourable physical properties.

2. Types of raw materials

(a) Limestone (calcium carbonate).

Undesirable impurities (dolomite, phosphates, high silicates content).

Harmless impurities (small silicates content).

"Cement rock".

Hard limestone. Coral deposits. Chalk. Sea shells. Marl.

(b) Clay. Plasticity. Moisture when dug and as slurry.

Shale. Coal shale. Volcanic ash.

(c) Other materials.

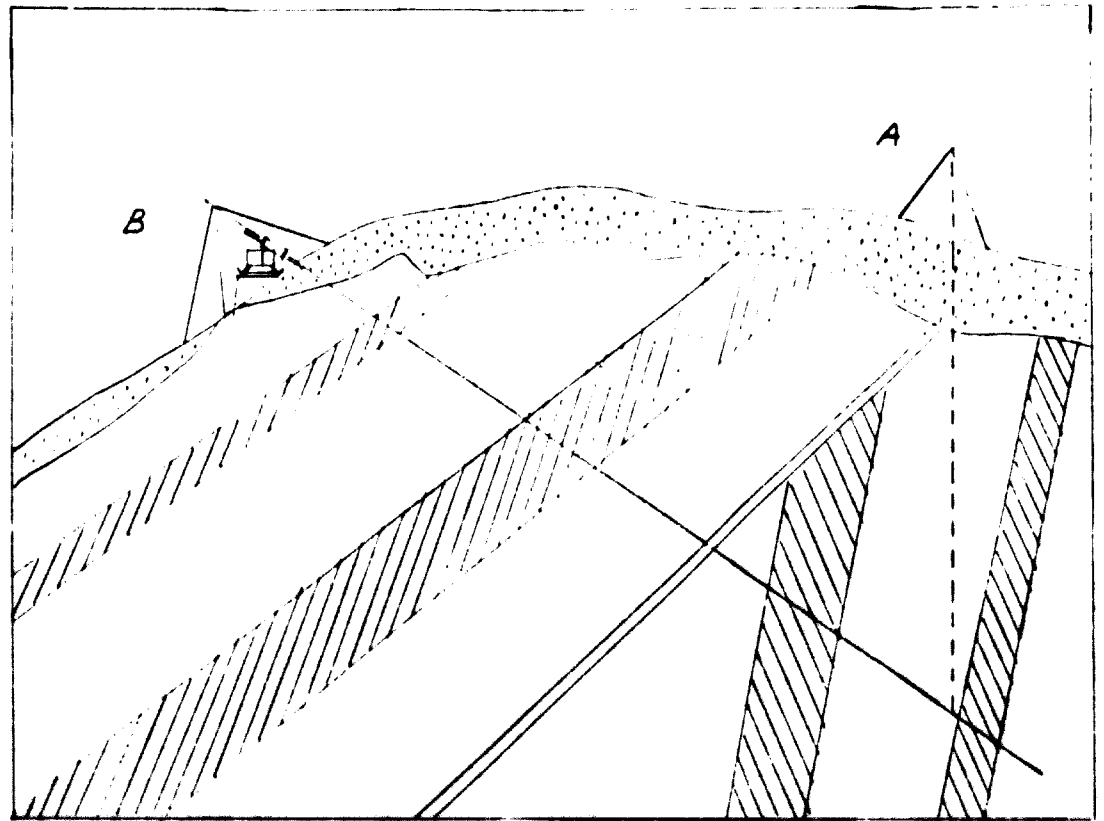
Iron ore. Quartz sand. Gypsum. Water.

3. Preliminary prospecting for raw materials

(a) Study of existing sources of information such as geological reports and maps, and records of previous manufacturing of cement, lime or other calcareous building materials.

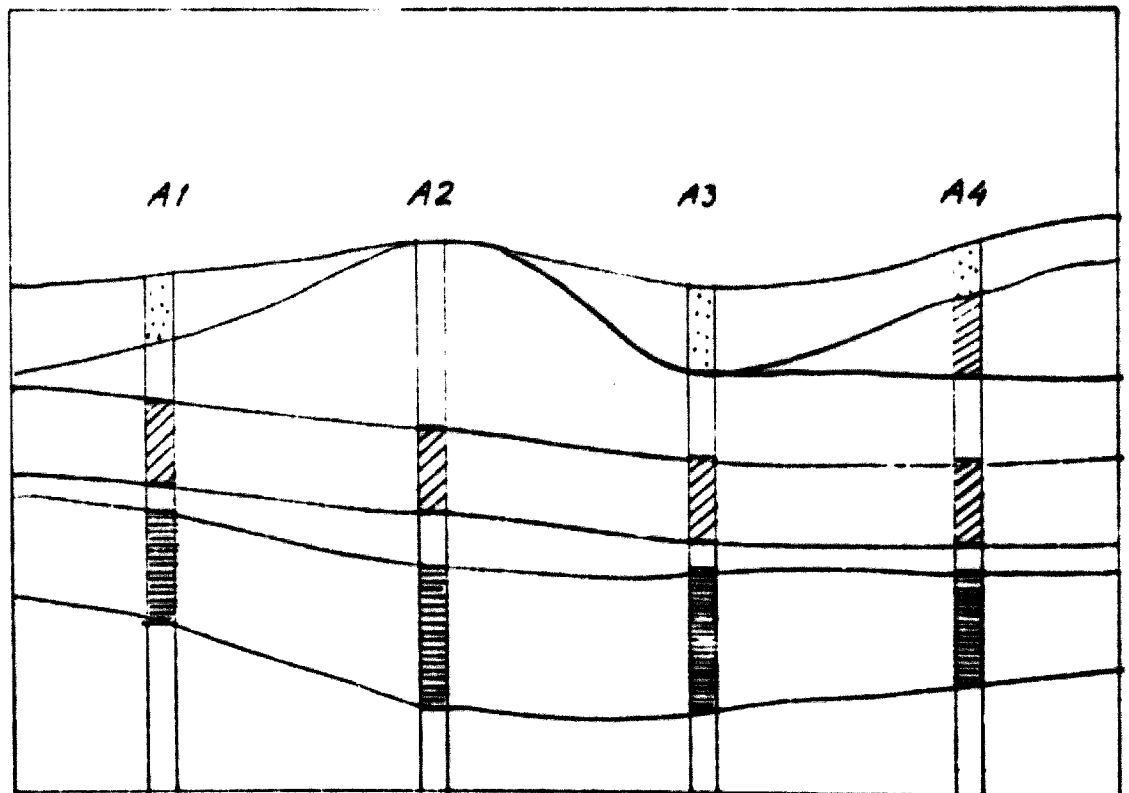
(b) The first visit to a deposit. Sampling of rock from outcrop for chemical analyses. Rough estimate, without premature conclusions, of the possible amount of materials.

Chart III.1-1
 Drilling in Formation with Inclined beds



Overburden Limestone Shale

Chart III.1-2
 Raw materials. Cut-diagram of Deposit



4. Systematic investigation

- (a) Establishment of the purpose, objectives and scope of the investigation.
- (b) Provision of the necessary technical assistance, and of the necessary equipment to carry out the prospecting, local people included.
- (c) Importance of maps on which to record information obtained during the study of the deposit. Aerial maps often a question of availability.
- (d) Sampling methods. Surface sampling, pit digging, wet drilling and core drilling (Chart III.1-1.).
- (e) The diamond core drill. Sampling of cores and sludge. The practical and practical know-how necessary for operating the drill and obtaining a good core recovery.
- (f) The proper use of the diamond drill. Vertical or inclined holes. Use of forms for accurate logging of all information related to the core drilling. Splitting of core samples. Filing of cores.
- (g) Examination of the samples. Preparation of average samples for chemical analyses. Combination of results from core and sludge analyses. Titration (calcium carbonate) and complete analyses.
- (h) Preparation of vertical-cut diagrams showing results of the examinations. Calculation of amounts of material in the deposit (Chart III.1-2.). Filing of the information for later use in the planning of quarry operations.

5. Further examination

- (a) Taking of larger samples for further examination, with a view to selecting the production scheme and determining the dimensions of the production units. Shipping of samples to machinery manufacturer (wet samples in air-tight containers). Size of samples (usually 50 kg. for limestone and 25 kg. for other materials).

- (b) Wet versus dry process. Sizing of mills, kilns etc..

6. Cost of the investigation (Table III.1-1)

- (a) Costs of core drilling, pit digging, technical assistance.
- (b) Total costs in relation to the value of the investigation.

TABLE III.1-1

COST OF THE MATERIAL INVESTIGATION

Costs will vary considerably, depending on the nature and location of the deposit. The following figures should therefore be taken as an example only.

<u>Cost of investigation of a deposit, including drilling of 10 boreholes each 50 metres deep</u>	<u>US dollars</u>
1 month's visit of consultant engineer, including journey and expenses	3,000
6 months' visit of drilling engineer, including journey and expenses	10,000
Labour for sampling, drilling etc. 3 men for 6 months	6,000
Maps	1,000
Core drill equipment (purchased)	10,000
Core boxes and storage facilities	1,000
Diamond bits and spare parts	2,000
Water, lubricants, fuel	2,000
Analyses	3,000
Transport, shipment of samples etc.	2,000
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Total	40,000
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Total expenses per metre	US \$ 40.
Total expenses per foot	US \$ 12.
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Power Supply (G. Lundqvist)

Variations in the demand of a cement factory for electric power are small, which is advantageous both when the factory produces its own power and when power is purchased. Unfortunately, the waste heat cannot so far be economically utilized for power production, nor is the heat demand suitable for the installation of back-pressure steam turbines, which are the most economical power source available.

Generally speaking, electric power is produced at much lower cost in large central power stations than in a small industrial power plant. Thus, when a grid of sufficient extent is available, it is usually more economical to buy power. Several reasons may, however, justify a factory in building its own power station, to supply its own needs and perhaps those of other neighbouring industries as well. One such reason may be the high cost of transmitting power from the central power station.

It is always necessary to investigate and compare the costs of power supplied in various ways. Only then is it possible to decide how the supply is to be arranged. Equations are given for the calculation of power costs, and examples are quoted of industrial power tariffs. (See Charts III.2-1, III.2-2, and III.2-3).

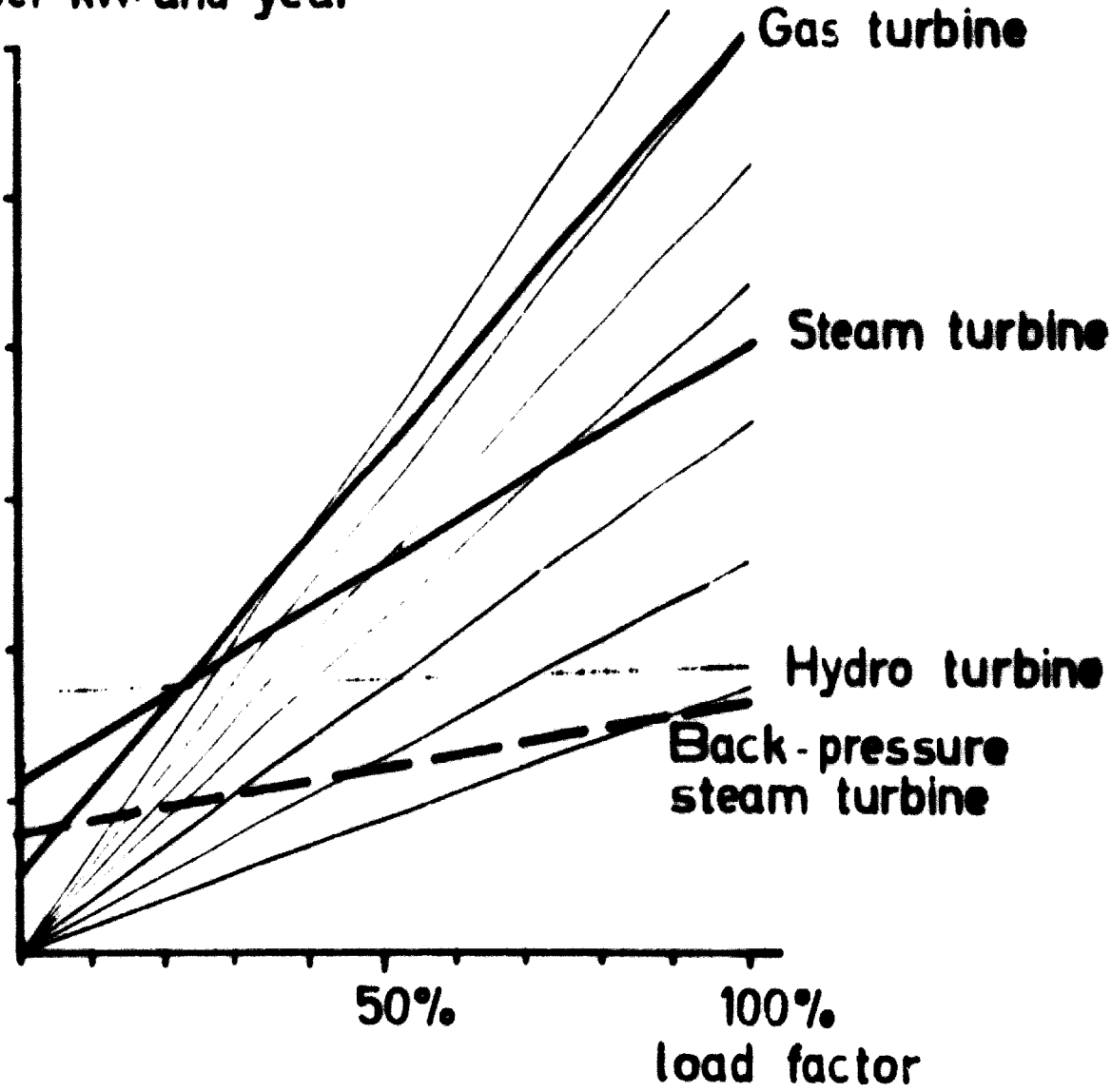
The most important features of an industrial power station are reliability and simplicity. It is always a great advantage to select standard equipment, as regards size, steam conditions, alternator voltage, etc.. This means not only a less expensive plant of well proven design, but better facilities for obtaining spare parts, and easier service. It is recommended, therefore, that when tenders for power plant equipment are invited, the equipment should not be specified in too great detail but the data and design decided upon in close co-operation with consultants and manufacturers.

Chart III.3-1

Example of the relation between power production costs for various power sources

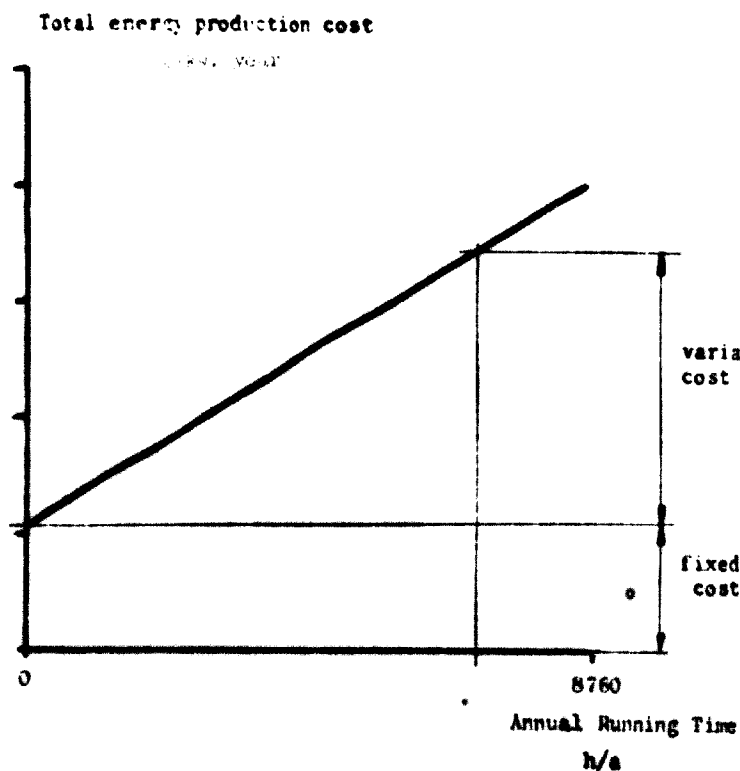
(Note: Fuel costs and unit size influence the total cost considerably.)

cost per kw. and year



100% = 8760 h/a at full load.

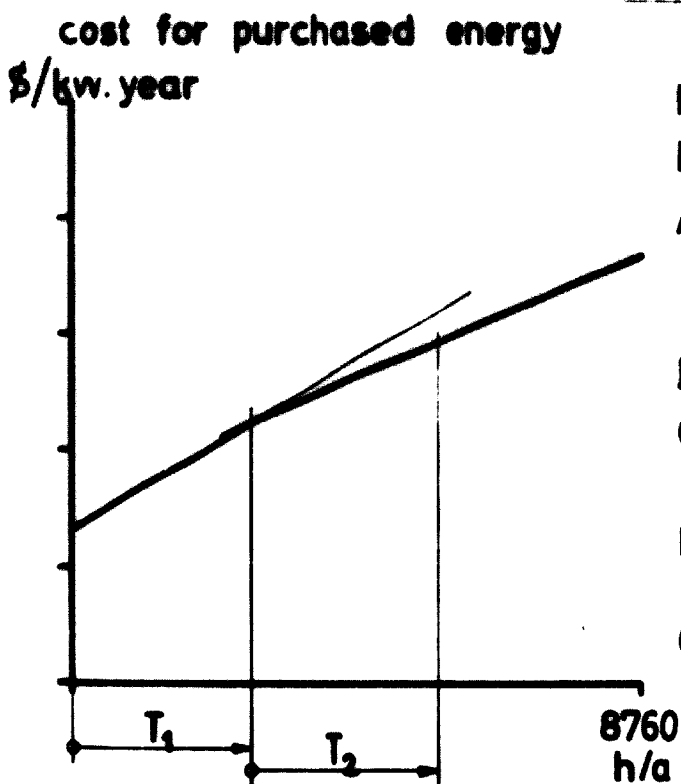
Chart III
Power production costs



$$Y = A + D_f + T(d_p + w \cdot b)$$

Y = total cost, e.g. \$/kw. year
 A = annuity
 D_f = fixed operation cost
 T = yearly running time, hours
 d_p = variable operation cost, \$/kwh.
 w = specific heat consumption, kcal/kwh.
 b = fuel cost, \$/kcal.

Chart III...
Tariffs for purchased power



$$K = A + B \cdot N + C \cdot T_1 + D \cdot T_2$$

K = total cost, e.g. \$ year

A = fixed cost (\$/year) within a certain load range (e.g. 1000-5000 kw, 5000-10000 kw etc.)

B = fixed cost (\$/kvv, year), N = load (kw)

C = price per kwh up to T_1 h/a (example $T_1 = 3000$ h/a)

D = price per kvh. in the range $T_1 - 8760$ h/a

$0 < T_2 < (8760 - T_1)$

3. Other Limits (R. Jon. S. Vestdal)

The Portland cement industry can only flourish where the necessary raw materials are available. These raw materials are lime and clay, or similar minerals, or waste (for instance ash and slag), from which a raw mixture can be obtained of the following composition: 65 per cent lime (CaO), 23 per cent silica (SiO_2), 1.5 per cent iron oxide (Fe_2O_3) and 9 per cent aluminium oxide (Al_2O_3), all in respect of calcined materials. The raw mixture may vary considerably in composition but only within certain limits. The raw material usually contains other components, which are generally useless, though harmless, in PC production. It may, however, contain harmful compounds such as phosphor. An exact chemical analysis is therefore, essential. If some compound in the raw material is superfluous, processing may be advisable.

For an accurate chemical study of the composition of the raw material, the taking of samples must be carried out as carefully as possible.

The amount of raw material needed to produce 100,000 tons of cement may be estimated at 180,000 tons. To cover an annual production of this figure, for 50 years, a raw material supply of 9,000,000 tons is necessary.

Mineralogical and geological information which may be in the possession of public or private bodies may be of very great help in the preliminary investigations.

Water is also needed for the production of PC.

Electric power requirements vary to some extent from one factory to another, but in an average cement factory, producing 100,000 tons annually, about 2,000 kw. will be needed. Generally, 180 kwh. per ton of cement is calculated for electric power used for all normal purposes. Peak hour consumption can be reduced, if convenient in respect to cost, by enlarging some of the machinery.

Fuel of one kind or another is required for the production of PC, the quantity depending on the process used, wet or dry, and also on the construction of the kiln. All types of fuel can be used, the most usual being fuel oil, coal or natural gas. Normally, for the production of 100,000 tons cement, 14,000 tons of fuel oil are needed when the wet process is used, and 27 per cent less when the dry process is used. The quantity of coal and natural gas needed is correspondingly higher and proportional to the calorific value.

Natural gypsum stone is used in the last stage of cement production, 5,000 tons for 100,000 tons of cement.

The decision as to the location of the factory needs careful study, taking into account the sources of the raw materials, the cost of transporting the cement to the various market areas, sites for heavy machinery and constructions, suitability of the ground, availability of manpower, and other factors. A medium-size factory needs an area of 60,000 m² for a plant site.

The running of the factory calls for a staff with the necessary knowledge of, and experience with, heavy machinery, electrical equipment, analysis of raw materials, the raw mixture and the finished product, and the uses of Portland cement. A medium-sized factory needs at least 150 workers, skilled workmen and operational staff.

4. Location (K.V. Talcherkar)

In deciding upon a suitable location for a Portland cement factory, the following factors must be taken into consideration:

The consumption of Portland cement within the economic radius (usually 150 km.), at present and as forecast for the future.

The proximity of other cement works, and their present production, known reserves of raw material within mining leases already acquired, and prospects for future expansion.

(In India, at present, these two considerations have little bearing on deciding a location, since the producer gets a fixed ex-works price and the consumer pays a controlled ex-destination price fixed by the State Trading Corporation, an Indian government organization.)

The proximity of raw material deposits. (An illustration is given of a cement factory in India which, after some years of operation, had to move its housing colony in order to get at the limestone.)

The proximity of a railhead. In deciding on this factor, a compromise has to be made between the cost of long road haulage of raw materials and the high cost of building a railway siding.

The proximity of coal fields or other fuel sources. (An account is given of the Indian Government's policy of promoting the use of fuel oil by subsidizing it in areas which are difficult to serve by rail.)

The proximity of water sources.

The proximity of electric supply.

There may be other special considerations, such as the proximity of a steel works, which may provide slag for use in the manufacture of Portland blast furnace cement, or of a fertilizer plant, which produces as a waste product calcium carbonate sludge that can also be used in the production of Portland cement. In both these cases, it may be convenient to locate a cement works nearby, in order to utilize these materials in the manufacture of cement.

There are other purely technical considerations which may have a bearing on the exact physical location of the factory site. These include the lie of the land, the nature of the soil and its load-bearing value, the presence of subsoil water, the prevailing wind direction which may influence the location of the housing colony, etc..

The final selection of the location must be a compromise between all these factors. However, some will weigh more than others in making the decision.

After the location has been chosen, the next most important step is to decide the factory's initial capacity. On this, the following factors will have a bearing:

The availability of finance.

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6. Summary of Discussion

The discussion ranged over questions of impurities in raw materials, raw material reserves, fuel and power requirements, additives, and alternative types of power plants.

In connexion with raw materials, the various effects of impurities such as magnesium, manganese, gypsum and alkalis, were discussed. In respect of magnesium, it was noted that the presence of 4 or 5 per cent MgO would add to the raw materials' turnability, but if there was more than 5 per cent, the cement produced would have the unfavourable characteristic of expansion when used in concrete. It was pointed out that in a number of countries, the standard specification permits up to 5 per cent MgO in the clinker. The presence of a high MgO content further results in lower strength cement, but that can be compensated for by maintaining a higher lime saturation factor in the raw mix, or by finer grinding. It was emphasized that when the presence of MgO in the clinker exceeds 5 per cent, the degree of cement expansion should be determined in the laboratory by the autoclave test.

With respect to manganese, which is found mostly in blast furnace slag, it was observed that a content of 1 to 1.5 per cent MnO₂ would facilitate burning, even with a high lime saturation factor, and that generally speaking an impurity of up to 2 per cent would not be harmful. Attention was also drawn to the fact that it is necessary to adjust the usual analytical procedure when manganese is present.

With regard to gypsum, it was pointed out that this is not commonly found in raw materials. However, when present in limestone or clay it may amount to 1 to 2 per cent of the raw feed as SO₃, and have to be disposed of in burning. The problem of reducing gypsum content was discussed extensively, and it was noted that the design of the kiln and the burning process must be adjusted to allow for the reduction of SO₃ to SO₂.

In connexion with alkalis, it was agreed that the problem does not arise with old kilns. It has arisen in modern kilns however, because of the introduction of chain systems and pre-heaters that have the additional function of collecting dust. The problem is not so serious in the wet process, because the alkalis are concentrated in the finest dust, and as such are collected easily in the last section of the electric filter. However, in the dry process, where the alkalis are evenly distributed in the dust, the problem becomes more serious, as the

and the possibility of alkali-rich dust can be a major factor in the selection. It was pointed out that solutions would have to be worked out individually, and caution was made of the possibility of some dusts making the dusts as one rather complicated problem.

In respect of reserves of raw materials, it was generally agreed that thirty years' reserves are required. Attention was drawn to the possibility of planning for future expansion in the context of a cement plant, and this was an important factor in the calculation of the reserves required. It was noted, for example, that in planning the capacity of a plant is envisaged in the near future, thirty-five years' reserves may be regarded as feasible. Further, it was maintained that the number of years of raw material reserves may also be regarded as equal to the number of years required to amortize a plant fully; in special circumstances, this may be less than the number of years mentioned above.

It was pointed out by some participants that the power figure of 110 to 120 kwh. per ton of cement was rather high, and that in a number of developing countries lower figures, ranging from 70 to 100 kwh. per ton, are obtained. Such figures, it was further maintained, are due mainly to the type of raw material and the low level of mechanization.

A number of participants held that the figures suggested for fuel consumption (1,000 kcal/kg. for the wet process and 725 for the dry) were rather low, and that in developing countries the average ranged between 1300 to 1400 kcal/kg. for the wet process and 900 to 1000 kcal/kg. for the dry process. These high actual figures, it was pointed out, are due to the fact that a higher water content than the theoretical norm is used in the slurry, in order to simplify processing.

The use of additives, such as soda ash and water glass, as a means of reducing the water content of slurry and thus lowering fuel consumption was also discussed. It was maintained that the use of additives was economically feasible if the gain on fuel was twice as high as the cost of the additives used. It was agreed that tests in the plant were necessary.

With respect to power, a number of participants argued that in small cement plants, in developing countries, two or three small diesel engines should be installed because of lower installation costs. They further advised against the use of second-hand converted jet engine power plants in developing countries, mainly because they have not yet been sufficiently tried out. Others maintained that these power plants offer several advantages to the developing countries, including lower initial cost, ease of erection and smaller housing requirements. In this connexion, it was pointed out that since small cement plants usually expand rapidly, it may be found economically advisable to plan for the installation of larger steam or gas turbine plants at the start, even though they may have to operate for a few years at a lower run factor.

Types of Production Processes

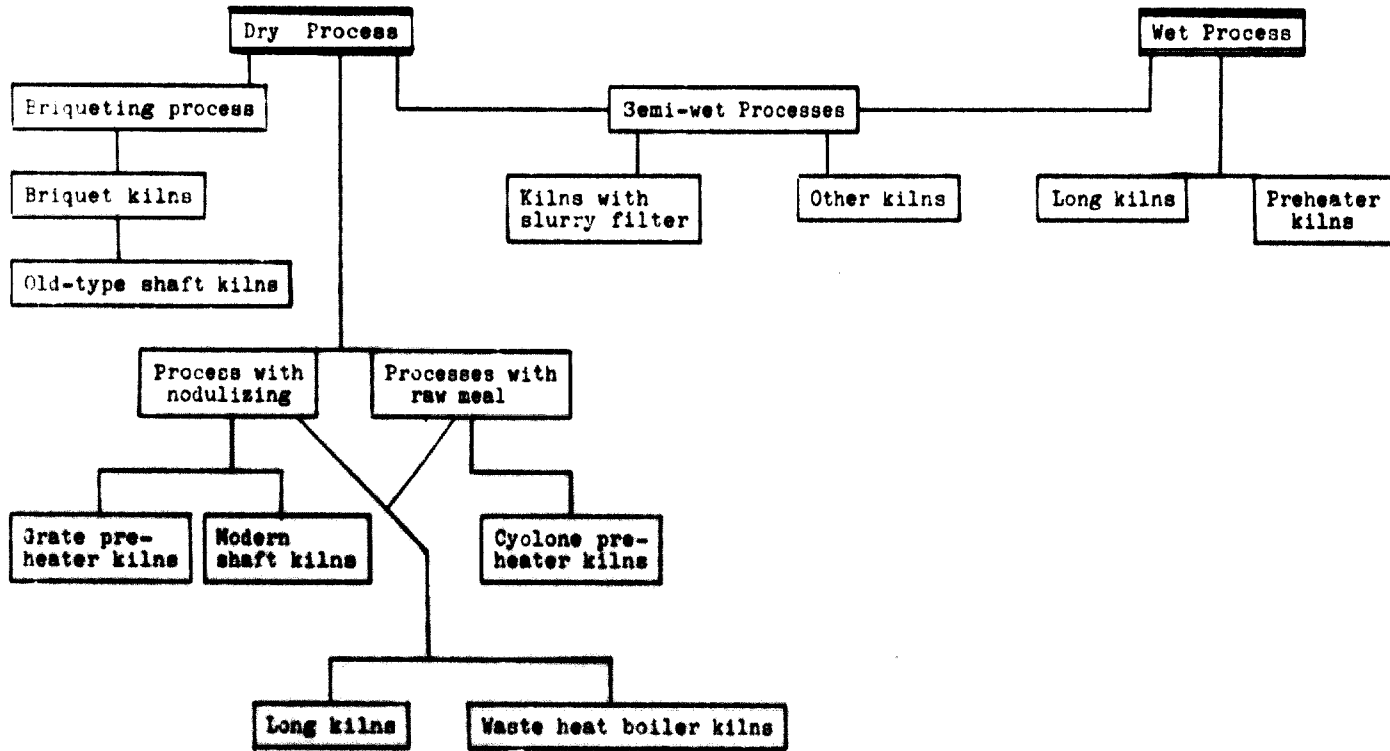


Chart IV. 1-2
Minimum Figures Obtainable in Practice

	<u>Wet Process</u> kcal/kg. cl.	<u>Nodule Process</u> kcal/kg. cl.	<u>Dry Meal Process</u> kcal/kg. cl.
Heat of reaction	400	400	400
Loss of heat in exit gases	80	40	130
Loss of heat in evaporation and heating of steam	440	130	5
Radiation losses	100	60	60
Cooler losses	60	95	130
Totals	<u>1080</u> =====	<u>725</u> =====	<u>725</u> =====

Assumptions:

Percentage of water in raw meal	-	0	7-8% max.
" " " " slurry	32	(12%)	-
Exit gas temperature	130°C	100°C	300°C
Oil firing.			
Dust loss = 0			
Difference in calories corresponds to heat consumption for dehydration of raw materials with water content of	-	21%	28%

IV. PRODUCTION PROCESSES AND EQUIPMENT

2. Types of Production Processes (H.F. Hagerup)

The lecture opens with a review of the various processes which may be adopted for the manufacture of Portland cement. There are three principal processes, known as the dry process, the semi-wet process and the wet process, respectively. A brief account is given of these processes and the types of machinery used. (Charts IV.1-1, IV.1-2)

A description follows of various factors influencing the choice of process, the most essential being the chemical and physical properties of the raw materials. The raw materials may be roughly classified according to suitability as follows:

Dry Process

Suitable:

(a) Natural cement raw materials, especially those with a minimum water content of 7.8 per cent.

(b) Hard and soft limestone and schist, etc., especially if they can be quarried separately and are of a homogeneous composition.

(c) Marls of a fairly homogeneous composition, the water content of which is not too high.

(d) Blast furnace slag, etc.

Less suitable:

(e) Washable materials with a high content of silica in the form of stones etc.

(f) Very sticky raw materials with a relatively high water content (clays).

Unsuitable:

(g) Raw materials that have to be cleaned by the flotation process.

Wet Process

Suitable:

(h) All the materials listed under (a) to (f) but without the limitations indicated, especially if the amount of water necessary in the kiln slurry does not appreciably exceed 35 per cent.

Table IV.1-1

INVESTIGATION OF RAW MATERIALS

questionnaire to be filled in for each quarry.

District: _____ Country: _____ Distance of quarry, as the crow flies, from factory: _____
 Amount of rain per year: _____ mm. especially rainy seasons: _____
 Summer temp.: _____ Winter temp.: _____ especially dry seasons: _____
 Water tables: _____ m. below quarry floor
 Altitude: _____
 Water supply: _____ Capacity: _____
 Capacity of ropeway: _____ ts, hr. for _____ hrs day: length of ropeway: _____ km
 " " railway: _____ ts day " " track: _____ km
 " " lorries: _____ ts vehicle _____ ts day: " " road: _____ km

Raw materials to be included in raw mix: (to be underlined)

I	II	III
Limestone	Mica schist	Bauxite
Travertine	kaolin	Fly ash
Dune sands	Quartzite	Earth
Coral limestone	Clay	Pyrites ash
Chalk	Shale	Laterite
Shell debris	Marl	Sand
Archaeal limestone	Sandstone	Slag

Quarried in the quarry in question:

is quarrying by: Digging, blasting, ripping?

Digger, capacity: _____ cu.m

Are materials stratified or solid?

Layer thickness: _____ cm dip: _____ %

Are layers firm or loosely coherent?

Are there joints between layers? Thickness of joint: _____ cm

Do joints contain other materials? If so, which?

Thickness of overburden: _____ m Consistency: _____

Is surface underneath overburden smooth? Are there pockets? _____ % of deposit

Is overburden used in raw mix? Is it transported separately?

Is any part of quarry quarried separately? Is this part transported separately?

Type of crusher used: _____ Type of feeding device used: _____

Difficulties encountered in crushing: _____ or in feeding: _____

What type of crusher ought to be used?

Can minus 25 mm fraction be extracted by feeder/feed table from silo?

What difficulties have been experienced so far in connexion with extraction? (preferably see Miller personally on this question)

What max. water content gives no trouble in crushing? _____ % water

" " " " " " " " extraction? _____ % water

Are dryers available, and what difficulties have been experienced, and how far are materials dried?

What is the fineness to which materials are crushed in existing mill installation, and what is the power consumption (kwh t.)?

A 50-kg. sample of the main component and 25 kg. of each of the other components should be sent to supplier.

A map of the quarry, indicating situation in relation to factory and height contours would be desirable - and possibly a sketch showing cross section of quarry face and layer sequence, etc.

(i) Washable chalk and clay, or with natural water content, especially if the amount of water in the slurry does not appreciably exceed 50 per cent.

is, but suitable, but possible:

(j) Raw materials calling for cleaning by the flotation process.

It will appear from the foregoing that the great majority of raw materials lend themselves to the production of cement by the wet process, still with some somewhat different in the case of the dry process, where the water content, stickiness and the homogeneity of the materials, in particular, play an important role. The importance of carrying out thorough investigations before making a final decision in respect of process is stressed. (See Table IV.1-1 for suggested questionnaire.)

Other factors that are decisive for the selection of either the dry or the wet process are the access to water and the grindability of the raw materials in the wet and the dry state, grindability being of special importance to the wet process if the raw materials are washable, because only then can appreciable savings in grinding be obtained.

The greatest advantage of the dry process over the wet process is the lower fuel consumption normally obtainable. Between the best wet-process plants and the best dry-process plants there is a difference of about 350 calories in favour of the dry process, although under adverse conditions, with very wet and washable raw materials, this gain may be lost, partly through the additional heat required for drying such materials and partly in the grinding. Attention is drawn to the part played by the choice of process in relation to the quality of the cement and the run factor of the plant and it is noted that if a dry-process plant is to produce equally good results in these two respects as a wet-process plant, great importance must be attached to the employment of well-qualified personnel and the setting-up of an efficient organization.

As far as installation costs are concerned, it is difficult to say anything in favour of either process; if a dust precipitator is required for deducting the exit gases in a dry-process plant, and if the raw materials are relatively homogeneous, the difference in price will hardly be great.

Lastly, a review is given of the distribution of the three processes in various countries. In Europe, where regulations for the prevention of dust nuisance require the installation of dust precipitators in connexion with wet-process kilns, and where, generally speaking, skilled technical staff is readily available, the dry process has, in recent years, found wide application, except in Northern and North-Western Europe where the occurrence of washable chalk and clay makes the wet process better suited. (Table IV.1-2)

In the developing countries, where there is often a shortage of skilled technical personnel, and in countries such as the United States of America where fuel prices are of minor consequence, the wet process still predominates.

Table IV.1-

Percentage Distribution of World Capacity, Dry Process and Wet Process, 1 January, 1960
(centrally planned economies not included)

	<u>Wet Process</u> %	<u>Dry Process</u> %	<u>Shaft Ki</u> %
Africa	62	25	6
Asia	60	38	2
Australia	78	16	6
Central and South America	70	29	1
North America	60	39	1
Europe	45	43	12
Averages for world as a whole	56	39	5

Number of Kilns put in Operation within
the OECD countries

	<u>Wet Process</u>	<u>Dry Process</u>	<u>Shaft Ki</u>
1955	14	14	3
1956	7	20	17
1957	13	17	6
1958	9	16	2
1959	11	16	7
1960	10	17	2
1961	14	33	6
1962	18	30	5
Totals for 1955-1962:	96	163	39
Number of Kilns put in operation in USA in 1950-1963:	134	94	-

Production Equipment (J. Bollwinkel)

This lecture deals with the various types of production equipment and is extensively illustrated by drawings and charts. Alternative types of equipment for particular uses are discussed and special attention is paid to the rotary kiln plant versus the modern automatic shaft kiln, with the comparative investment costs and input requirements being given and discussed at length. (See Table IV.1-1.) The major topics covered in the lecture are as follows:

1. Preparation of Raw Material

- (a) Crushers.
- (b) Wash mills.
- (c) Dryers.
- (d) Raw mills.
- (e) Homogenizing silos.

2. Burning Process

- (a) Wet-process rotary kiln.
- (b) Dry-process rotary kiln.
- (c) Cooler for rotary kilns.
- (d) Kiln firing.
- (e) The shaft kiln.
- (f) Evolution of rotary and shaft kilns.

3. Further processing of the clinker

- (a) Cement mills.
- (b) Conveyors.
- (c) Loading and packing of cement.

4. Layout, enlargement and costs of cement works

- (a) Comparison of rotary and shaft kiln plants.

5. Quarry Equipment (O.V. Borgkvist)

The lecture touches upon problems relating to the quarrying of limestone and clay only, these being the two most important raw materials.

Quarrying is defined as consisting of a number of operations, including the stripping of the overburden, the loosening of the rock itself, loading, hauling, and primary crushing.

Costs of Installation in Mill. IM. (at Germany 1964)

Machine installations incl. refractories	1,27,000 DM.	7
Electrical equipment	1,17,500	7
Buildings, stores and silos	454,000	16
Installation	385,000	13
Shaft kiln plant, 300 t. wet process	246,000	8
Rotary kiln plant, 300 t. wet process	481,500	16
Rotary kiln plant, 600 t. wet process	15,000	-
Rotary kiln plant, 300 t. dry process	53,000	18
Rotary kiln plant, 600 t. dry process	39,500	1
Grinding mill	88,000	3
Preheater	115,000	4
Blower	21,500	1
Grinding ball	7,000	1
Pipes and fittings	16,000	1
	1,915,000 DM.	100

Heat and Energy Requirements for Shaft and Rotary Kilns

Heat Consumption

Shaft kiln	700 - 900 kcal/kg. cl.
Rotary kiln, dry process	750 - 900
Rotary kiln, wet process	1200 - 1500

Specific energy requirement

Shaft kiln	15 - 20 kwh/t. clink
Rotary kiln, dry process	12 - 25
Rotary kiln, wet process	14 - 22

Costs of Installation in Mill. IM. (1964)

	Shaft kiln plant		Rotary kiln plant	
	300 t.	600 t.	300 t.	600 t.
Machine installations incl. refractories	4.7	7.7	5.3	8.5
Electrical equipment	1.1	1.6	1.0	1.6
Buildings, stores and silos	3.6	5.9	3.6	6.0
Installation	1.5	3.5	1.5	3.5
	10.9	17.7	11.4	18.6

Specific Energy Requirement - kwh/t. cement (shaft)

Crushing installations	
Raw mill	5 kwh/t.
Homogenization	20
Kiln	5
Cement mill	20
Treatment, etc.	30
	10
	20 kwh/t.

The lecture deals with the influence upon the selection of equipment of the type of deposit, the character of the terrain, the nature of the site, the topography of the quarry area, the available quarry size, and climatic conditions in the case of the quarry.

1. Limestone

(a) Ripping of Overburden

After some general remarks, the lecture discussed the use of scrapers, scrapelines, bulldozers, bullscrappers, bulldozers and stackers.

(b) Loosening of Rock

After some general remarks, the lecture discussed the use of drilling in combination with blasting from the point of view of the equipment employed. The use of handhold drills, light and heavy wagon drills, and heavy drilling rigs is discussed, as is the use of mobile and stationary compressors. A review is given of equipment for direct digging in the quarry front, such as shovels and bucketwheel excavators, and of equipment for ripping.

(c) Loading

After some general remarks on the problem of loading, the use of diesel-driven and electrically-driven shovels, front end loaders and tractors is discussed and some views put forward as to their capacity.

(d) Hauling

The use of ordinary highway trucks and dumpers is discussed, and the use of trains, ropeways, rubber conveyors and pumps.

(e) Primary Crushing

The effect of secondary blasting is discussed and stress is laid on the use of crushers with big gaps. An example is given of the distribution of working costs and their variation with the size of primary crusher.

(f) Dressing

Low-grade stone can sometimes be made exploitable by the use of certain methods. Mention is made of sorting, picking, screening and flotation.

2. Clay

Most of the equipment used in clay pits is basically the same as that used in quarries. The lecture touches upon some more specialized equipment, such as front-end loaders, bucket-chain excavators, and grab cranes (slating wheel mills).

4. Electrical Drives (V. 1954)

The lecture begins with a short review of the development of driving methods for cement-making machinery, and goes on to discuss the following topics in detail:

1. Electric Motors

(a) D.C. motors versus A.C. motors.

(b) Types of A.C. Motors:

Synchronous induction motors - slip-ring and squirrel-cage,
Synchronous motors,
Synchronous induction motors,
Variable-speed A.C. motors.

(c) Special requirements for winding insulation and for bearings.

(d) Various types of motor enclosures.

(e) Efficiency and power factor in relation to load on motor.

2. Electrical Protection of Motors

(a) Knife switches and fuses.

(b) Automatic circuit-breakers.

3. Starters for A.C. Motors

(a) Oil-cooled starters.

(b) Liquid starters.

(c) Starters and rotor regulators.

4. Interlock between Short-circuiting Device, Starter and Circuit-breaker

(a) Sequence interlock between circuit-breakers.

5. Types of Motors to be Recommended for Different Cement-making Machines

(a) Crushers.

(b) Mill.

(c) Compressors, Shaking conveyors (with heavy fly-wheels).

(d) Rotary Mills.

(e) Fans.

(f) Transport machinery.

(g) Feed apparatus.

6. Distribution of Power in the Mill

- (a) Working electrical load, including motor loads, and normal spare capacity line, motor and generator.
- (b) Selection of size and type of cables:
 - (i) Mill meters.
 - (ii) Miller meters.
- (c) Control of power in each center:
 - (i) Mill plants - low tension, low voltage.
 - (ii) Plants - high tension, mill, mill, mill, mill, mill.
- (d) Types of high tension and low tension cables:
 - (i) Control cables.
- (e) Secondary low tension distribution boards.
- (f) Dimension of cables.
- (g) Protection of cables.
- (h) Exact plans showing location of cables.

7. Total Demand on Power Supply

- (a) Losses in Motors and Distribution System.
- (b) Power factor adjustment:
 - (i) Condensers of synchronous mill motors.

8. Additional Electrical Equipment

- (a) Electrostatic Dust Collectors.

9. Control Panels and Cable Connections for Source Interlock, Remote Control and Instruments Calibration

10. Lighting Installation

- (a) 380 V. low tension motors or separate lighting transformers.
- (b) Hand lamps with extra low tension (50 V.) for work inside machines.

11. Maintenance of Electrical Outfit

- (a) Testing outfit.
- (b) Personnel:

to be installed in the plant, and the electrical installation should be done in accordance with the electrical code.

Below:

() Materials:

Electric cables and wires, ground wire, insulators, and recommended materials.

Brushes.

Slip rings, ball bearings, carbon brushes, brush holders for motors.

Contacts and no-volt coils for circuit-breakers.

Resistance elements and contact pieces for starters and regulators.

Spare motors and circuit-breakers.

Cables and splicing outfit.

() Regular cleaning of motors with blower.

(e) Greasing and oiling according to maker's instructions.

(f) Replacement of worn carbon brushes and repair of commutators and slip-rings.

In conclusion, the lecture emphasizes the importance of the electrical outfit to the efficiency of the cement plant as a whole. The efficiency of the plant depends largely upon uninterrupted production, hence the advisability of installing recognized high-class material designed to work under difficult conditions; initial costs should not be the first consideration when decisions are made. All possible precautions should be taken to protect workers against accidents. The safety of the lighting installations is important, as are telephone installation and protection against lightning.

5. Summary of Discussion

After discussing the comparative merits of the wet and dry processes, the participants concluded that in developing countries, unless adverse raw materials and high fuel costs are against it, the wet process is to be preferred in the initial stages of cement-industry development, on the grounds that the operation of wet-process plants is simpler and it is easier to obtain better quality cement. In this connexion, reference was made to the possibility of shifting at a later stage from the wet process to the dry process as the developing countries gained more experience. There was some discussion of the problems associated with such shift, and some participants expressed doubts, maintaining that most developing

The participants also discussed the wet-dry process, in which the water content of the slurry is reduced to between 15 and 20 per cent by means of rotary and pressure filters. In order to maximize an plant's production, the wet-dry process is used in exceptional cases, it is possible to reduce the water content of the slurry to 10 per cent, however, but because of the additional cost of the drying filters, the process may only be used and carried out when the water content of the slurry is very high (above 40 per cent) and fuel costs are also high. In such cases, however, the rather higher skills required for this process, from the point of view of the developing countries.

In connexion with the use of shaft kilns, it was noted that in the region of the cement production comes from shaft kilns, the remaining 10 per cent being produced in about 170 rotary kilns. The majority of the shaft kilns are of the same design with a unit capacity of 100 to 180 tons per day. Fuel consumption is about the same or slightly better than in rotary dry process for capacities of about 150 tons per day. However, for larger capacities, of about 300 tons per day, fuel consumption would increase slightly. Good quality coal e.g. anthracite, is used in most cases but lower quality coal such as lignite has been used without any serious effect on the quality of the cement. Work is being done on the use of liquid or gas fuel in shaft kilns but it is still in an experimental stage. Thus, in areas where these fuels are cheap and abundant, the shaft kiln would be at a disadvantage.

Skill requirements for the operators of shaft kilns would be about the same as for the rotary dry process, i.e., somewhat higher than for the rotary wet process. Shaft kilns are easy to start up after shut-downs and capacity, output and acceptable quality are usually obtained within a few hours. Control of the quality of the clinker produced may, however, be somewhat more difficult than in the rotary processes, since in the latter it is possible to adjust the burning process to possible minor deviations in the raw meal mix, which is not possible in shaft kilns.

It was generally agreed that the shaft kiln is only to be recommended for small plants, i.e., in the range of 100 to 300 tons per day. Above 100,000 tons per year, the rotary process is definitely preferable. Moreover, since cement consumption has a tendency to increase rapidly once production has started in an area, this capacity is often reached sooner than expected. However, a shaft kiln plant can also be complemented later on with rotary kilns.

As regards the choice of preheater system for the dry process, it was pointed out that each case requires individual study. Sometimes a final solution can only be reached after a long period of actual operation. As always, equipment that has been insufficiently tried out should be avoided. Data on the performance of new systems can be found in current professional journals such as Zement-Kalk und Glas.

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The question of the economic feasibility (as distinct from the legal
necessity) of installing dust-collecting equipment was discussed. It was
stated that it may not be such as 10 per cent of investment
and large, it is not economic in wet-process plants where dust-loss is about
5 per cent of production. In the dry process, however, it may be justified,
especially when the percentage of dust-loss is high, depending on the type of raw
material. There was some discussion of the problems that arise in marketing this
product as a potash fertilizer, owing to variations in purity and the relative
inconvenience of its use to the farmer.

Reference was also made to the production of special cements and it was noted
that the chief additional requirements are additional sites and grinding equipment.
In some cases additional raw material may also be needed the amount varying from
one type of special cement to another. Thus for white cement, pure limestone and
kaolin are needed, whereas in the case of rapid-hardening cement, the raw material
used is the same but the grinding is finer.

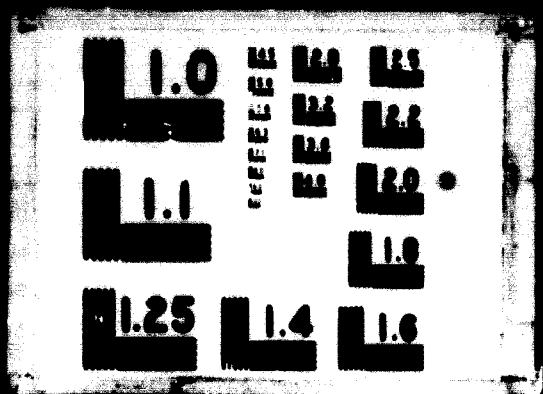


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ESTABLISHMENT OF NEEDS

1. Supplier Requirements (to be secured)

The introduction to the lecture assumes that satisfactory results have been obtained from a previous technical and financial survey that a company has been formed and that the site and capacity of the plant are known. The lecture goes on to consider means of securing the equipment and services desired.

1. Proposal and Quotations

For the proposed plant the following equipment and services are required (Table V.1-1):

- A. Machinery for cement production.
- B. Equipment for power supply.
- C. Auxiliary machinery.
- D. Civil engineering work.
- E. Erection and start-up service.

The question of the availability of suppliers of equipment and services is discussed

Special mention is made of the information (and samples) needed by the suppliers of the main machinery for cement production to enable them to design machinery according to the requirements (Table V.1-2). A comparison is made between the quotations required by a company with a highly developed technical organization (quotations from several classes of supplier, own calculations and execution of civil engineering work, etc.) and the quotations required by a newly-formed company without any technical organization at all (turn-key job). Mention is made of the normal extent of quotations for equipment and service from a main supplier to a company in a developing country, and the possibility of collaboration with firms of consulting engineers.

2. Main points of contract

The extent of the order. Possible limitations on the acquisition of technically desirable auxiliary equipment, owing to the limited funds available. The inadvisability of installing machinery and control equipment more complicated than the skill of the workmen available at the site allows.

3. Times of delivery

The delivery time of machinery for cement production should correspond to the time of completion of the civil engineering work. Orders for auxiliary equipment

should be placed in time to fit into the program and cover the cost of buildings and machinery and the starting-up of the plant.

4. Terms of payment

Reference is made to various terms of payment, in particular:

- A. Cash against shipping documents, paid out of company's available funds.
- B. Credit obtained locally (commercial banks, development banks, etc.).
- C. Credit obtained from international organizations (World Bank, I.F.C.).
- D. Credit granted by suppliers (possibly guaranteed by government of suppliers' country) (table V.1-3).

Table V.1-1

CEMENT PLANT INSTALLATION

- A. Machinery for Production (crushing section to Packing Plant)
 - (a) Main Machinery, (crushers, grinding mills, kiln, other special equipment).
 - (b) Stationary handling equipment, (cranes, pumps, conveyors).
 - (c) Electrical equipment for (a) and (b) (motors, switchgear, control panels, distribution boards).
- B. Power Supply
 - (a) Power Plant (hydraulic, thermal, Diesel) and/or
 - (b) Transformer station with main distribution installation, cables, etc.
- C. Auxiliary Equipment
 - (a) Quarry equipment (for drilling, loading, stripping, etc.).
 - (b) Rolling equipment for transportation (heavy trucks, medium and light trucks, mobile cranes, passenger cars, etc.).
 - (c) Equipment for workshop.
 - (d) Equipment for laboratory.
 - (e) Water supply.
 - (f) Fuel storage.
 - (g) Sundries office equipment, telephones, etc.).

(a) _____

(1) _____

d. Various

Freight, duties, administration, interest, etc.

Table V.1-2

**INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR DESIGN OF MAIN MACHINERY
FOR PRODUCTION OF CEMENT**

A. General Layout

Topographical map of plant site, giving railway, roads, etc.
Temperature, altitude, wind direction, water precipitation, etc.

B. Crushing Section, Raw Mill Section

Samples of all the raw materials to be utilized.
Information about natural humidity in raw materials.

C. Raw Meal or Slurry Storage

Information about the qualities of cement to be produced.

D. Kiln Section and Fuel Preparation

Desired Capacity of Plant
Samples of fuel or technical characteristics of same.

E. Cement Mill Section

Qualities of cement to be produced, (types, finenesses), and desired output of each.

TABLE V.1.3

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Characteristics of payment methods

Characteristics of payment methods (local and international)

ANY SPECIAL INFORMATION

Table V.1.3

TERMS OF PAYMENT

A. Cash payment to supplier, paid out of company's available funds.

Example: 30 per cent at time of ordering,
30 per cent 6 months after order,
30 per cent successively against shipping documents (for
instance 10 to 15 months after order),
10 per cent after fulfilment of production guarantees.

B. Cash payment to supplier financed locally.

Local financing from commercial banks, development banks, etc.

C. Cash payment to supplier, with credit from international organizations.

Examples: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
(World Bank),

International Finance Corporation,

Inter-American Development Bank.

D. Credit granted by supplier.

Such forms of credit are generally supported by government agencies of the
supplier's country.

The Cement Industry (1961)

Before starting, or before even calling in tenders for all the various machinery, plant and materials, which go to make up a cement factory ready to start, it is necessary to determine the extent and content of the order or orders. Therefore, the various parts that constitute a cement factory must be considered.

The lecture first reviews the main sections of a cement factory, divided up into the following major items:

- (1) Production machinery:
 - (a) Main machinery,
 - (b) Auxiliary machinery,
 - (c) Reduction gears,
 - (d) Motors with secondary distribution equipment,
 - (e) Sundries.
- (2) Quarry equipment.
- (3) Rolling equipment.
- (4) Equipment for the machine shop.
- (5) Laboratory equipment.
- (6) Main power distribution and power supply.
- (7) Transport of equipment to plant site.
- (8) Water supply.
- (9) Fuel supply.
- (10) Civil engineering work, including: internal and external roads, levelling, sewerage and drainage.
- (11) Opening of quarry.
- (12) Erection work.
- (13) Starting-up and running-in.

All these items may be included in a single order, which constitutes the "turn-key job", or they may be divided up into as many orders as items, or even more.

The lecture then considers the feasibility of the various ways of ordering from the economical, financial, and practical aspects.

The lecture reviews ways in which some of these items may be ordered and supplied by local sub-suppliers to the main supplier, or directly by local suppliers and contractors.

In conclusion, a short review is given of the main sections of the contract which constitute the order in the contract between the manufacturer and the supplier.

2. Relationship to Supplier (K.V. Talchikar)

Clearly, the complex work involved in the basic investigations which are so important in establishing a Portland cement factory, must be entrusted:

- (a) to a special team of experts within the organization;
- (b) to a reputable firm of consulting engineers; or
- (c) to (a) in the initial stages, and later, when the project has advanced to a more concrete stage, to (b).

In a developing country, it is doubtful whether a cement-machinery manufacturer from outside would be in a position to carry out the work alone, even at a disproportionately high cost.

The team of experts should consist of the following:

A senior geologist, with staff and equipment, experienced in conducting detailed limestone exploration. (If such services are available from internal agencies, this member of the team may be dropped.)

A cement technologist, with wide experience in the cement industry - preferably a chemical engineer or a plant manager. Normally, he would be the leader of the team.

A financial expert, conversant with company law and the procurement of finance, capable of assessing the profitability of the scheme and allied financial matters.

An administrative manager, capable of dealing with State and Central governments in processing the project, securing industrial licences and mining leases, acquiring land, etc.

Such a team of experts can, with suitable assistance from the plant machinery suppliers, bring a project to successful completion. However, after the basic investigations have been completed, if they are not competent to carry it out, the task of ordering the plant and its installation can be entrusted to a local firm of consulting engineers.

According to experience in India, a firm of consulting engineers that will undertake the whole job, including the basic investigations, is difficult to find, but the combination suggested in (c) may be possible. (Experience is quoted of a large cement manufacturing concern in India with the necessary competent staff.)

When the preliminary investigations have been completed and plant specifications drawn, the next step is to invite tenders. Developing countries should get competitive tenders from international suppliers of repute. In many

The general principle is that the plant is to be built by the local contractor, the machinery being supplied by the foreign supplier.

The practical aspects of contracts will probably be dealt with in a review by speakers who will be able to draw on their own experience and expertise. The topics are: fueling, staff and labour, local officials, and other allied matters. It is important to note the difference between the company setting up the plant and the machinery supplier who has to be drawn up carefully, defining the scope and responsibilities of each party.

As a matter of interest to some of the representatives of developing countries at the meeting, a brief account is given of the way in which India has tackled the problem of progressively manufacturing cement-making machinery. Statistics are given of present manufacturing capacity, its limitations, and future prospects.

Lastly, the respective advantages and disadvantages of "package deals" and "turn-key jobs" in setting up a Portland cement factory in a developing country are discussed, and the conclusion is drawn that in view of the complex problems and peculiar local conditions prevailing in these countries at the present time, it is unwise to conclude "package deals" with foreign cement-machinery manufacturing concerns. Instead, the work should be shared between the promoters of the company, the local consultants, and the machinery suppliers.

4. Guarantee and Starting-up (U.H. Bauditz)

The lecture opens with the assumption that a previous lecture has dealt with the setting-up of a sales contract between the supplier and the buyer of a cement plant, and with the relationship between supplier and buyer in general.

He goes on to discuss that part of the contract which deals with the quality of the machinery, and the guaranteed output of the principal machinery, such as the crushing plant, the mills, the kiln and the packing plant, and the fulfilment of these guarantees, as well as the measures to be taken in case the guarantees cannot be fulfilled.

In this connexion, mention is made of the technical personnel required for this purpose, and of the conditions for placing such personnel at the disposal of the buyer, as well as the obligations and rights of the said personnel.

Reference is also made to methods of selecting local personnel from the point of view of quantity and quality, and to the way in which co-operation can be established between the local personnel and the supplier's staff during the starting-up period.

As regards the starting-up proper, the lecture reviews the taking of the measures on which the date of starting-up is based, and the preparations which must be made in order to ensure as smooth and frictionless a start as possible, so that the plant can be put into normal operation as quickly as possible.

It goes on to discuss the importance of training the buyer's technical staff from the long-term point of view, in conformity with the agreement between the two parties. The supplier may also undertake to place highly qualified technical

...and the responsibility of the lecturer is to provide sufficiently detailed information...

It then deals on the question of the contact of the supplier and the customer, in connection with technical details. If necessary, the sending out of technical specialists...

It notes that a continuation of the technical work between supplier and customer, after the starting-up period, on problems of a special nature (special production problems, development of it, preparation of special types of cement, special consumer problems, etc.) may be very helpful, and even good economy, until the new cement plant has set up its own technical organization, and very often afterwards also. (Co-operation without contract).

Lastly, the lecture takes up the whole question of supplying power to the plant.

5. Civil Engineering Work (K. Sten Larsen)

The lecture opens with an introduction specifying the types of work which may be regarded as included in "civil engineering work". The list comprises factory buildings proper, such as pits, basins, silos, foundations for machinery, stock buildings, floor buildings, superstructures and bridges for transport of materials; also ground levelling, road construction, sewage and water supply; and lastly, offices, laboratory, canteen and, possibly, living quarters.

Attention is called to the fact that since the expenditure on civil engineering work constitutes a rather large proportion of the cost of putting-up a cement factory, the estimate of this expenditure should be included in the financial assumptions.

Next, an account is given of the details necessary for preparing an estimate of the civil engineering work, such as the nature of the ground at the proposed site, with special reference to the depth at which sufficient carrying capacity is found, and the carrying capacity at that depth; the necessity, if any, of pile-driving; the level of the water table; climatic conditions; prevailing wind velocity; and the possibility of earthquakes.

Investigations must also be made into the type of building methods which will be feasible on the site in question and the possibilities of obtaining materials, contractors and labour locally.

Mention is made of various building methods, such as brickwork, reinforced concrete (including special types), prestressed concrete, precast units, steel structures made by local firms or purchased from outside and assembled at the site, lightweight sheeting for cladding, etc.

It is on the basis of these particulars, together with the information obtained from the supplier of the machinery regarding the relative placing of the productive machinery in respect of level and spacing, the loads involved, their space

... and the shape of piers, hangers, stores, roofing over, if any, and the location of the roads, sewers, etc., and buildings which are not factory buildings, so that the technical staff can prepare their proposals.

Examples are given of the way in which it is possible, without actually having any detailed project to hand, to compare prices of various building methods and thus make an approximate estimate.

A brief account is then given of the buildings normally required at a cement factory, and of the special features of such buildings mentioned.

Lastly, mention is made of the details which must be given to the building contractor to enable him to submit a quotation or an estimated price, viz. drawings, specifications and conditions. Various types of quotation are discussed

- (1) A firm price based on exactly specified conditions and detailed drawings;
- (2) Unit prices based on preliminary drawings and preliminary lists of quantities, adjustments being made according to the final quantities of materials and the work done;
- (3) Payment as per account rendered, with percentage fees previously agreed upon.

6. The Site (N. Thorsen)

The purpose of this lecture is to discuss the organization and procedure on the site of a cement plant during the construction period.

The manner in which the construction work is contracted varies from one plant to another, depending on the owner's choice. In certain cases, owners prefer to entrust the complete construction and erection work to a single main contractor. If this method is used, the owner need maintain only a small organization at the site and he obtains the benefit of undivided responsibility, since the co-ordination of all the work on the site, as well as the cost and completion on time, becomes the sole responsibility of the main contractor.

The opposite method is to engage several smaller contractors under separate contracts covering the various sections of the plant. In this case, co-ordination becomes the responsibility of the owner and it is necessary for him to keep a larger organization on site.

Good results can be obtained from either method, as long as the various functions on the construction site are organized accordingly.

Prior to the start of construction work on the site, it is necessary to plan carefully all the work to be performed during the entire construction period. Such planning includes the establishment of the following information:

- (1) Construction and erection programme;
- (2) Ordering programme for all materials and machinery;

- (2) Programme for layout drawings required for the work.
- (3) Evaluation of staff and labour requirements for the period.
- (4) Layout drawings for the site, including identification of the facilities required for the construction work.

The above information is consolidated in standard forms, of many different but very adequate types. As an example, Chart V.6-2 depicts a typical construction programme with estimated payments curve, which serves the owner and the contractor for budget purposes. This form can later be used for monthly progress reports, and in this case a curve showing the value of work done is also set up. This latter curve must follow the curve for estimated payments if the job is on schedule, and these two curves therefore provide an easy instrument for the quick assessment of progress on the job at the end of each month.

It is perhaps easiest to follow the various functions on site by studying the contractor's site organization chart; a typical example is depicted in Chart V.6-1. This example covers a site on which the work is carried out by a main contractor.

In order to secure efficient operation, it is important to work out a Standard Operating Procedure (S.O.P.), giving a brief description of the organization on the site and outlining the responsibilities and functions of the various department heads. The S.O.P. should also contain instructions regarding staff and labour (time-keeping, contracts, accounts, welfare), ordering, stores, construction equipment, insurance, etc.

At the end of each month, progress reports are worked out and presented on the forms shown in Chart V.6-2.

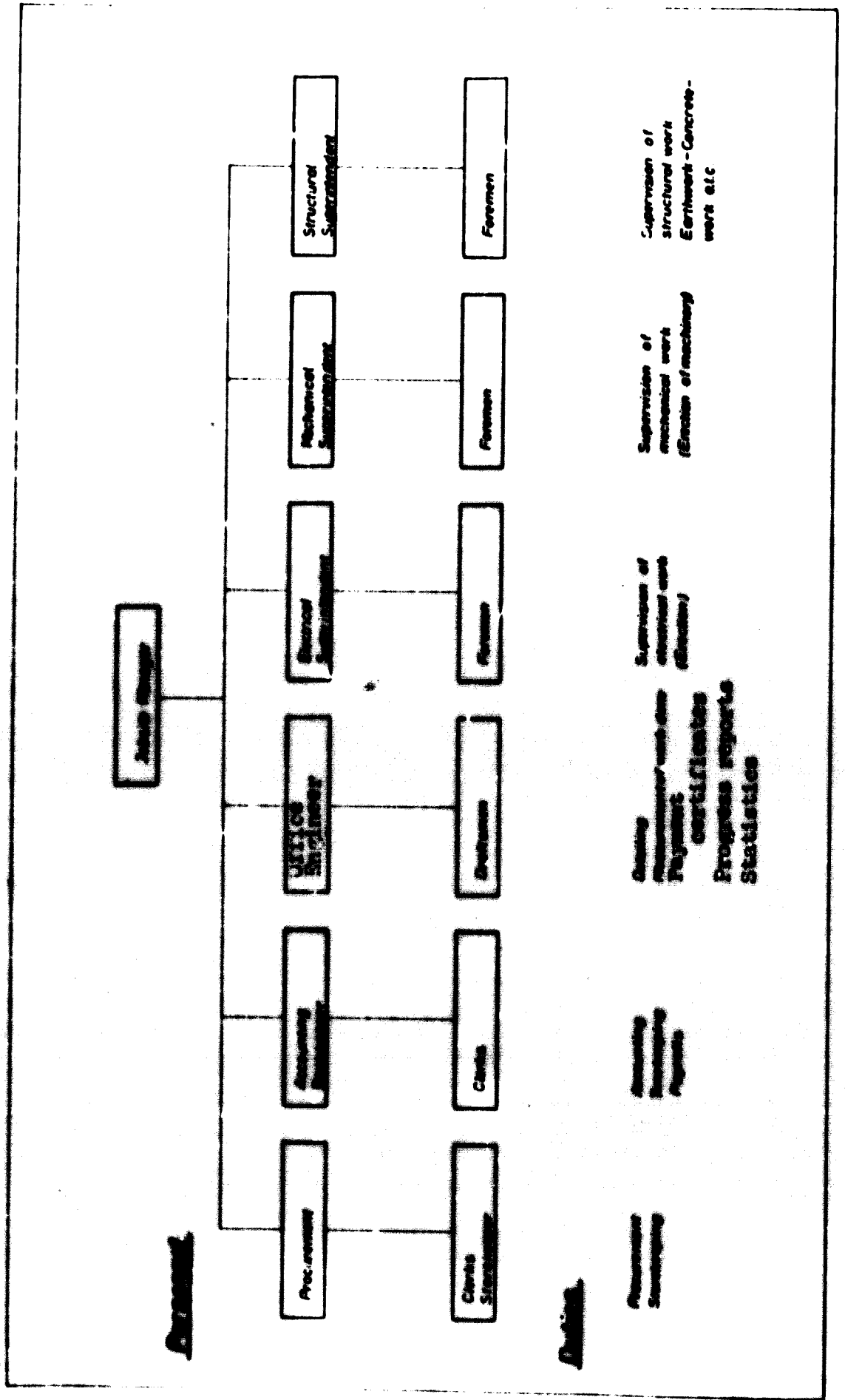
* In addition, interim weekly reports and forecasts are made. Regularly - at least once every week - staff meetings are held, in order to review the work done in the past week and discuss the forecast for the week ahead. If sections of the work are behind schedule the measures to be taken in order to get back on schedule are reviewed.

The ordering schedule is reviewed periodically and check-lists indicating the status of individual orders are established weekly or monthly, as need be, with a view to following the flow of materials from the moment an order is placed until it has arrived at the stores on site. This phase is a very important one, since a slip in the ordering may hold back entire sections of the work.

The contractor may employ one or several sub-contractors and it is also important to hold regular site meetings with them, separately or jointly, in order to co-ordinate their work.

Through his representatives on the site, the owner follows the day-to-day work of the contractor, and joint problems are discussed at meetings held daily or weekly as need be.

Chart V.6-1
Main Contractor's Site Organization Chart



The contractor should be given all the information he needs through direct communication with the owner. The contractor should be given the right to check that the work is done in accordance with the agreed schedule on arrival at the site. The contractor should be given the owner's standard conditions issued to the contractor for the construction work.

Through the contractor's inspectors, the owner makes regular checks of the contractor's work; these are mainly checks of quality, for instance the quality of concrete, etc.

Payment to contractors is usually made monthly, in accordance with the value of the work done. Measurement of work done may be carried out jointly by representatives of the owner and the contractor.

During the planning, the contractor makes an analysis of labour requirements during the construction period, and if sufficient skilled labour is not available locally, it is necessary to make arrangements well ahead of time for the transfer to the site of labour from other areas. In this connexion, it may be necessary to build temporary accommodation for part of the labour force, including canteen facilities, etc.

In most countries, labour codes lay down general conditions of employment as well as minimum wages. Since the wages paid during the construction period may reflect on wages to be paid later on, during the operation of the completed plant, it may be in the owner's best interest to take advice regarding wage levels, employment benefits, etc.

It is also important for the contractor to consider carefully his relationship with local labour unions, in order to secure a good labour relationship during the work period.

During the construction and erection of most cement plants, it is advisable to bring several specialists to the site. These specialists may often be foreign, and it is necessary to apply for working permits, etc., well ahead of time and also to work out corresponding conditions of employment.

It can be in the owner's interest to have a temporary construction camp built under a separate contract at an early stage, prior to the start of construction of the cement plant proper, since this facilitates the start on site for the owner's staff and for the contractor.

Local materials are used for the civil engineering work to the greatest possible extent. This applies for example to concrete aggregates. In this connexion, it may be necessary to conduct tests on the aggregates prior to construction, in order to make sure that they are of suitable quality for concrete work.

A cement plant consists of several structures spread over a relatively large area, and subsoil conditions may vary. To safeguard against difficulties during the construction period in connexion with foundation work, it is advisable for soil investigations to be carried out at an early stage, prior to construction, at the location of all major structures.

Local Organization at Site (H. Witter)

The lecture opens with a definition of the tasks of the foreman at the site. These tasks include the carrying-through of construction, including connexion-up to power source, water supply, etc., with the possibility port.

Stress is laid on the importance of working programs, to lay out the available resources of equipment and labour and the coordination of building and erection work.

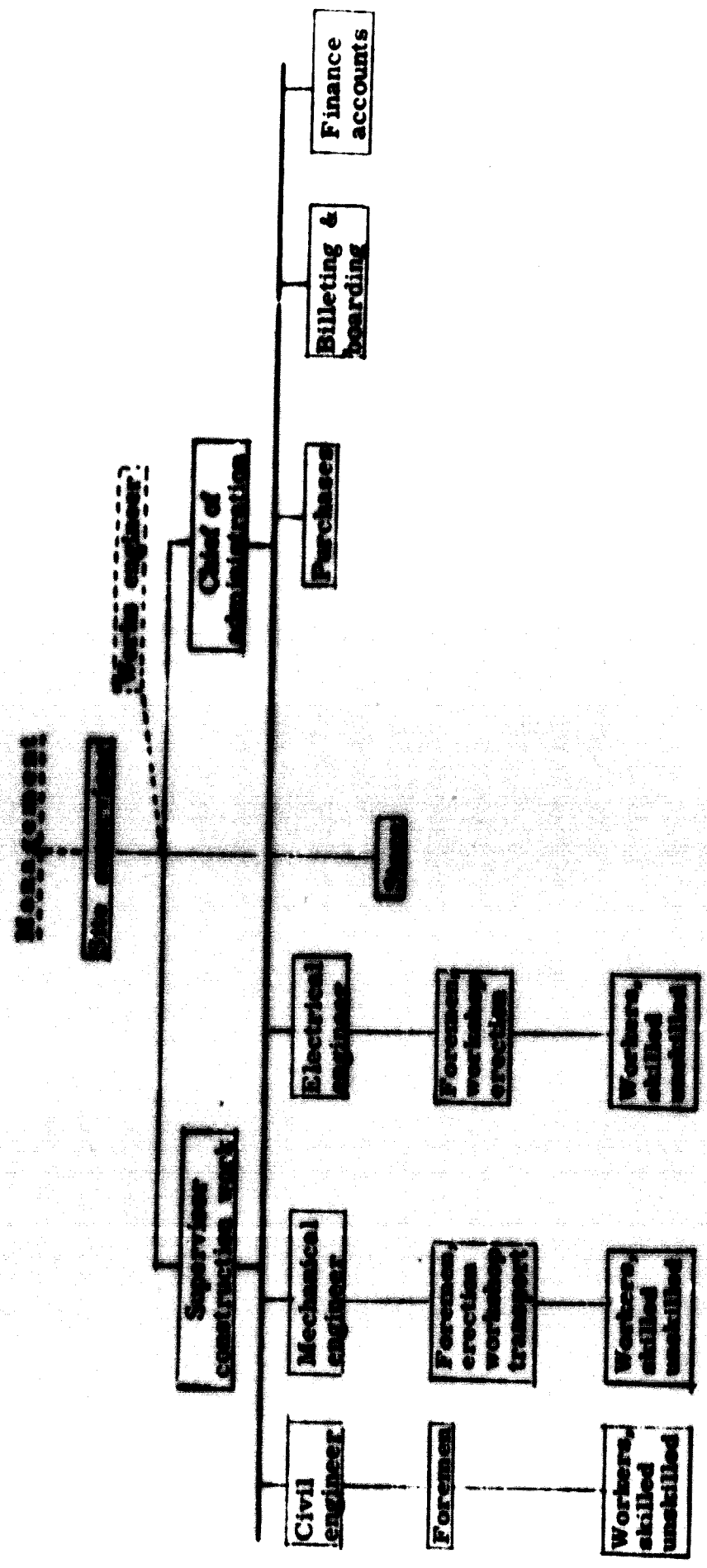
Reference is then made to the provision of labour and living quarters for the same. Mention is made of possible problems in connexion with excessive (foreign) labour, and leisure time at sites in isolated localities.

Stress is also laid on the importance of establishing good relations with the local population, organizations, authorities, etc., and on talent-recouting during the erection to find the people who are best suited to stay on at the factory after the starting-up.

The lecture then touches upon such matters as the establishment of courses for future foremen, the translation of instructions, the laying-down of wage systems, working hours and regulations to ensure peace and order at the site, the payment of wages, salaries, invoices for supplies, etc., the control of supplies, and the transport of machines and equipment from the port of discharge to the factory site.

The lecture then turns to the structure of the Organization. A brief reference is made to the necessity of delegating work and, concurrently, responsibility and authority (Chart V.7-1). Stress is laid on the necessity of a simple and unambiguous organization, in which each employee knows who his superiors and his equals are, and on the necessity of staking out exactly each foreman's field of activity.

Chart V.7-1
Local Organization at Site



Opening-up of Quarry (O. Parshvini)

Before the quarry is opened up for quarrying, the quarry owner should be sure that there is a sufficient amount of stone available in the quarry. He should also check the ground containing the stone to be quarried for the presence of the necessary quarry buildings and for the presence of water-pipes and waste drains, together with further roads, railways, ropeways or belts. The quarry owner should also be sure that private dwellings are kept at a safe distance by creating a safety or protection zone around the deposit.

The expression "opening-up of quarry" is discussed, and defined as being composed of two stages, one preparatory and one productive. The first stage includes a good deal of detailed surveying, clearing and stripping, building of roads and haulage ways, and, at the end, the successively increasing production of stone. This stage should be started in good time, so that the productive phase of the quarrying can be ready when the factory starts its operations. The productive stage must be carefully designed as any short-comings may affect the output of the factory seriously. The factory owner should be aware that quarrying is one of the most important phases in the production of cement, and should not, as is often the case, be left out in the cold.

The layout of the quarry operations is affected by the type of deposit, the character of the stone, the topography of the quarry area, the hauling distance, the factory size, and the climate, and also by the type of organization of the labour force and the number of working shifts. These factors are often closely interwoven and several equally good solutions are possible.

In order to show how some of these factors can influence the layout, nine different quarry layouts are discussed.

9. Summary of Discussion

It was the opinion of the meeting that it is generally not advisable to rely on a single contractor for the purchase and installation of equipment and the execution of the project. It was further suggested that the owners should form a local organization preferably with the assistance of a consultant, who should be carefully selected to co-ordinate the activities of the various contractors entrusted with different aspects of the project. Attention was drawn to the danger of carrying sub-contracting to extremes, when it might become difficult to place responsibility.

The question of penalties for non-fulfilment of contract was raised, and it was noted that in most cases penalties are considered symbolic, since they may not exceed 10 per cent of the value of the contract. It was also noted that the establishment of a cement plant involves certain industrial risks and it was maintained by one participant that such risks should be shared by the supplier and the buyer.

Mention was also made of personnel training and it was agreed that it would be advisable for suppliers to arrange first for the training of personnel in an advanced country, in addition to training them in their own plants. One participant noted that in his own country, the reverse procedure was followed:

... first, followed by additional training in ... The results had been found to be most satisfactory.

It was noted that the share of civil engineering in total investment usually amounts to about 25 per cent. The question was raised of the deterioration of concrete chimneys as a result of high temperatures and it was pointed out that this situation can always be rectified by using a brick lining to prevent the difference between the inside and outside temperatures of the concrete sides of the chimney from exceeding 100° . The question of the distortion by means of bracing girders was also raised and it was noted that as long as the columns supporting a gantry are kept independent of the retaining walls, little or no damage will result.

VI. OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF REBELLA PLANTS

Factory Management (A. Sch/nackerinn)

Factory management is a comprehensive term, calling for technical, financial and insight as well as knowledge and understanding of human problems.

The Factory management is responsible for the optimal utilization of the resources in the form of manpower, machinery and materials, that are available for the attainment of the production target.

The factory management exercises its functions with the aid of groups of selected men, drawing up a plan of organization which clearly shows the desired distribution of labour.

Prior to the working out of the plan of organization, a production diagram (see Chart VI.1-1) will have to be studied, so that the factory can be divided into spheres of activity which form natural separate entities. In so doing, the following factors will have to be taken into account:

- (1) The technical limits;
- (2) The topography of the site;
- (3) The fixing of the working hours (day work or shift work);
- (4) The size of the labour force;
- (5) The character of the work.

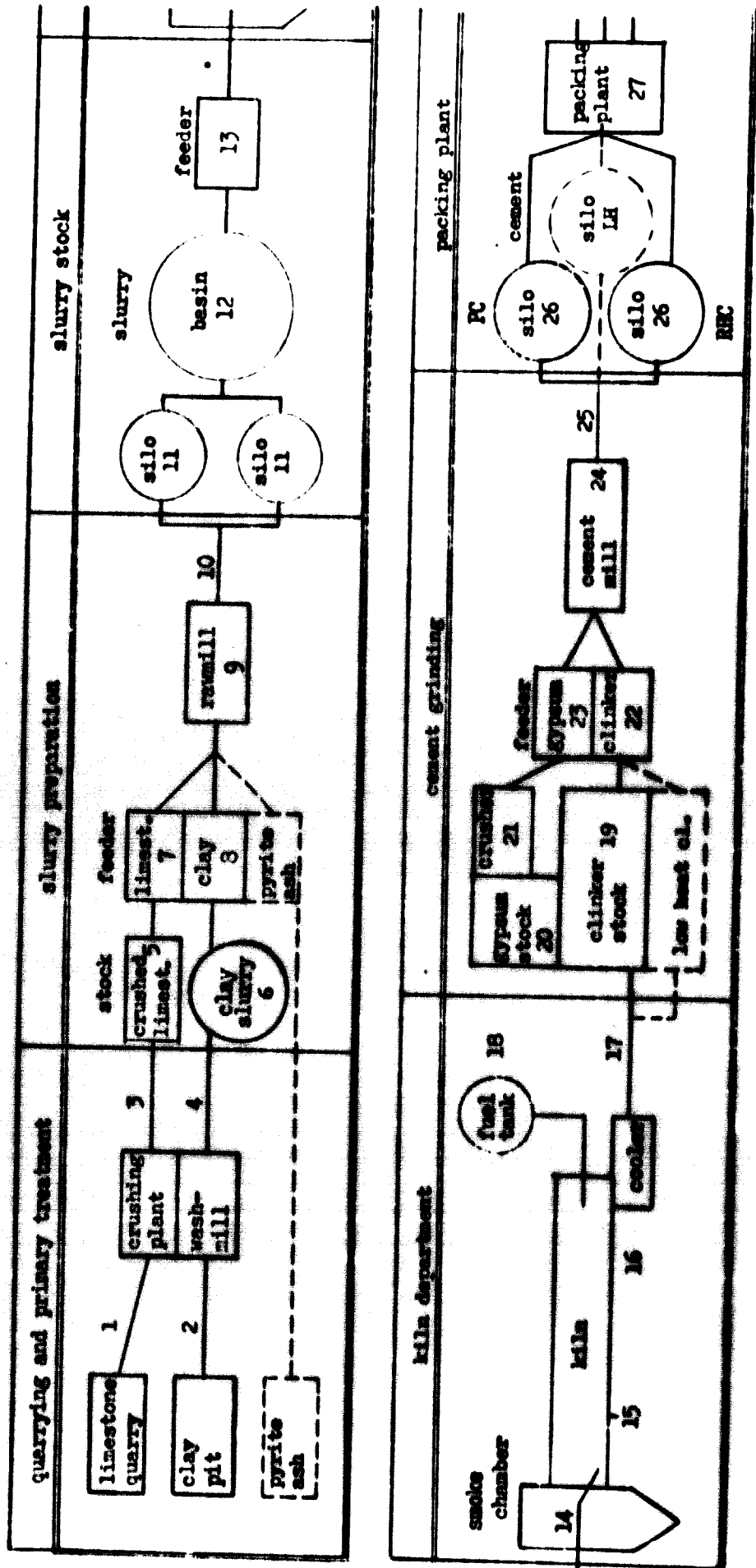
Each sphere of activity is headed by a foreman. The foremen's work is co-ordinated by engineers. The channels of command appear from the attached diagrammatical plan of the organization (see Chart VI.1-2).

Table VI.1-1 is a job description, which defines for each staff member:

- (1) His place in the organization, vertically and horizontally.
- (2) The limits of his sphere of activity, technically and topographically.
- (3) His responsibility, comprising:
 - (a) operational responsibility;
 - (b) responsibility for the operation and maintenance of machinery;
 - (c) responsibility for orderliness and cleanliness;
 - (d) reporting of operational data, etc.;

Chart VI.1-1-1

Production Diagram



electrical workshop

mechanical workshop

store materials and parts

water laboratory

yard gang

- (c) selection of materials and construction materials;
- (d) re-arranging of materials and layout;
- (e) labour legislation;
- (f) health and safety regulations;
- (g) instruction and training of workers.

When the technical apparatus - the skeleton - has been established, the next step is to fill out the skeleton with men. In doing so, that which can be established and predicted logically gives place to the uncertain and includes the human factor, where reactions will depend on the temperament, ambition and ability of the individual.

In this field, intuition and flexibility are called for, as well as a knowledge of human nature, and the faculty of knowing "when" and "why", if the organization is to work smoothly.

Certain fundamental principles may, however, be pointed out:

- (1) The channels of command of the organization plan should always be followed.
- (2) Full responsibility and, consequently, the brunt of failure must be delegated.
- (3) The development of personality should be promoted by the delegation of authority.
- (4) Downward contact should always be maintained - without dictatorially displaying superior knowledge, but acting inspiringly.
- (5) Exhaustive information should be given.

This human aspect of the functions of the organization throughout all its links indicates that, in selecting foremen and leaders, account must be taken not only of technical skill but also human qualifications.

Technical skill can be acquired through tuition and training courses, and must be demanded of engineers and certain foremen before the start of the factory.

Technical maturity and experience have to be acquired during the routine operation of the factory, and must be consciously promoted in order to adapt the foremen and also to train and instruct the labour force.

Each foreman and engineer should receive tuition in the fundamental principles of carrying out a leader's functions (see Table VI.1-2). This instruction in the tasks of supervision should include:

- (1) The organization of the concern.
- (2) The handling of personnel.

- (3) Technical knowledge of the work.
- (4) Ability to lead.
- (5) Ability to motivate.
- (6) Ability to organize.

Only those who are well qualified in these respects and who have sufficient experience to take responsibility for the work should be appointed to positions which are responsible to a constructive enterprise.

Each leader must be encouraged to improve his technical knowledge and mechanical and the quarry field, in order to be able to lead his subordinates in the organization.

It is, however, the duty of the top management to provide for the conditions of growth, direct development, and delegate responsibility and authority in accordance with the technical and human capability of the staff.

Table VI.3-1

Job Description

1. Place in the Organization, indicating:

(a) The person who is his direct superior, from whom he is to receive instructions and orders, and to whom he is to report, i.e., the vertical ranking.

(b) The persons who are his equals, whom he is to inform or by whom he is to be informed, about questions of mutual importance in respect of the operation and repairs, i.e., the horizontal ranking.

(c) The category of workers (skilled, specialist and unskilled) who are at his disposal, and whom he is to instruct and supervise.

2. Sphere of Activity, indicating:

(a) The departments of which he is in charge. The boundary of the adjacent field of activity must be clearly defined. By way of example, it may be noted that the sphere of activity of the quarry foreman ceases where the crushed limestone is delivered to the store, and where the washed clay is delivered to the clay slurry silo.

The shift foreman's sphere begins with the limestone store and clay slurry silo, and ends with the delivery of cement into the cement silos.

3. Delegation of Responsibility, comprising:

(a) Responsibility for the appropriate operation of the departments within the sphere of activity, according to the regulations in force.

- (d) Responsibility for the control of the quality of the work done by the workers and the maintenance of the standards of quality.
- (e) Responsibility for the control of the quality of the work done by the workers and the maintenance of the standards of quality.
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Table VI.1-2

Curriculum of Instruction in the Supervision of Work

1. The organization of the concern, including: a grasp of the structure and function of the plan of the organization, with a description of the various jobs and the distribution of competence.
2. The handling of personnel, including: working psychology, work instruction, and the giving of orders.
3. The practical supervision of work, with special reference to: the planning the work of the department, and co-operation with other departments.
4. Operational economy, including: understanding of accountancy, development of ability to assess the economy, costs and wastage of the department.
5. Labour legislation, including: information about the organization of the labour market, labour agreements, conflicts, etc.
6. Safety and welfare, including: factory legislation and internal safety precautions.

Administrative Organization of a Concern

The first class of a concern is concerned with the production of goods and services, and the second class is concerned with the administration of the concern. The first class is the production class and the second class is the administration class. The production class should be organized so that the maximum production is obtained at the lowest possible cost.

The functions of a productive enterprise consist of production and administration. Of these the last-mentioned is dealt with in the following headings:

- Financial Accounting;
- Cost Accounting and Calculation;
- Purchases;
- Wages;
- Salaries;
- Dispatch;
- Personnel;
- Internal Control.

A detailed outline of the administrative organization is given in Chart VI.2-1. The advantage of placing the accounts department directly under the top management is commented upon in detail.

In general, the purpose of financial accounting is to record all financial transactions with the external connections of the concern, while the cost accounting section attends to the recording of all internal transactions. The accounts department has the further task of supplying the management with information to enable it to ensure that the concern as a whole and each department have developed in accordance with the plans and budgets established.

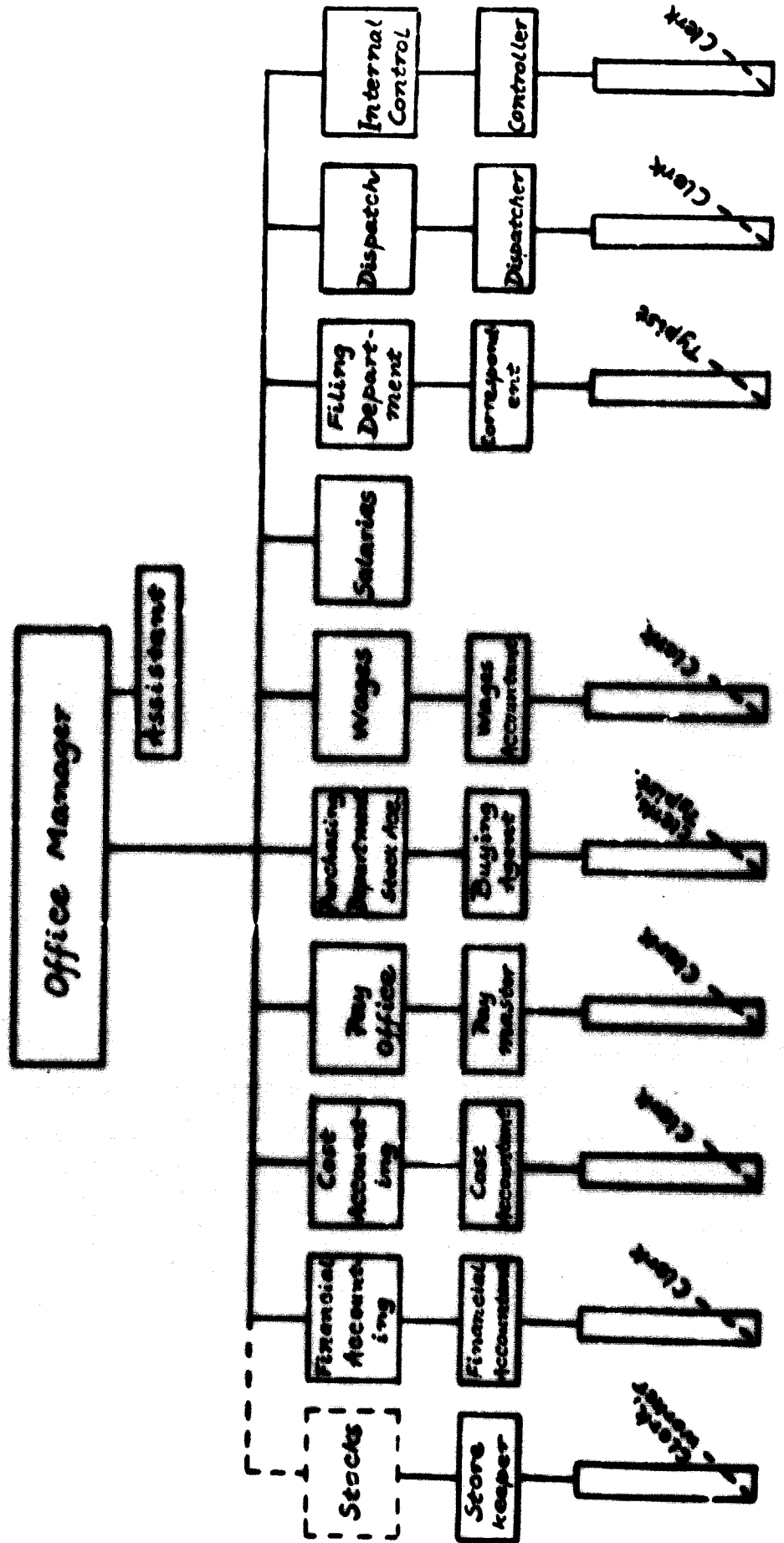
An accounting system is proposed for a hypothetical P.C. works, using the dualistic system, in which financial transactions are entered by ordinary bookkeeping, while control of the production is presented in tabular form. The financial accounting department of a concern must help to prepare balance sheets and profit and loss accounts, and, in order to do so it must receive information from the cost accounting section, on alterations of stocks, etc.

Forms are given in Tables VI.2-1 and VI.2-2 for reports from the financial accounting section, and reports from the cost accounting section.

The lecture then presents and expounds an accounting plan comprising ten classes based on the decimal system (Table VI.2-3). It follows with comments on principles regarding account classes, groups, and account numbers. The system of six-digit account numbers is illustrated in Chart VI.2-4.

Chart VI.2-1

Detailed Outline of the Administrative Organization



Since the principal was not available for the entire period, the interest should be computed on the basis of the actual number of days the principal was available. The interest should be computed on the basis of the actual number of days the principal was available.

Table 10.2-3

Report from the Financial Accounting System

Period	Year	Description	Sub-Item

Text	Account Number		ACCOUNTS		
			Pre-calculation	FINAL CALCULATION	
				GROUP	MAIN GROUP
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
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26					
		Total			

Final Calculation: Final Production

ANALYSIS		UNIT	DEPARTMENT	CONFLUENT
Analysis	Final Production	Final Calculation:		Final Calculation
		Amount	Unit price	
Production Expense	Fuel			
	Subsidiary materials			
	Power			
	Wages			
Repair expense	Materials			
	Wages			
Repair to machinery	Materials			
	Wages			
TOTAL Variable Costs				

Analysis	Unit price	Quantity		Amount	
		Total	Per ton	Total	Per ton
Fuel					
Subsidiary materials					
Power					

Analysis	Unit Price	Quantity		Amount	
		Total	Per ton	Total	Per ton
Fuel					
Subsidiary materials					
Power					

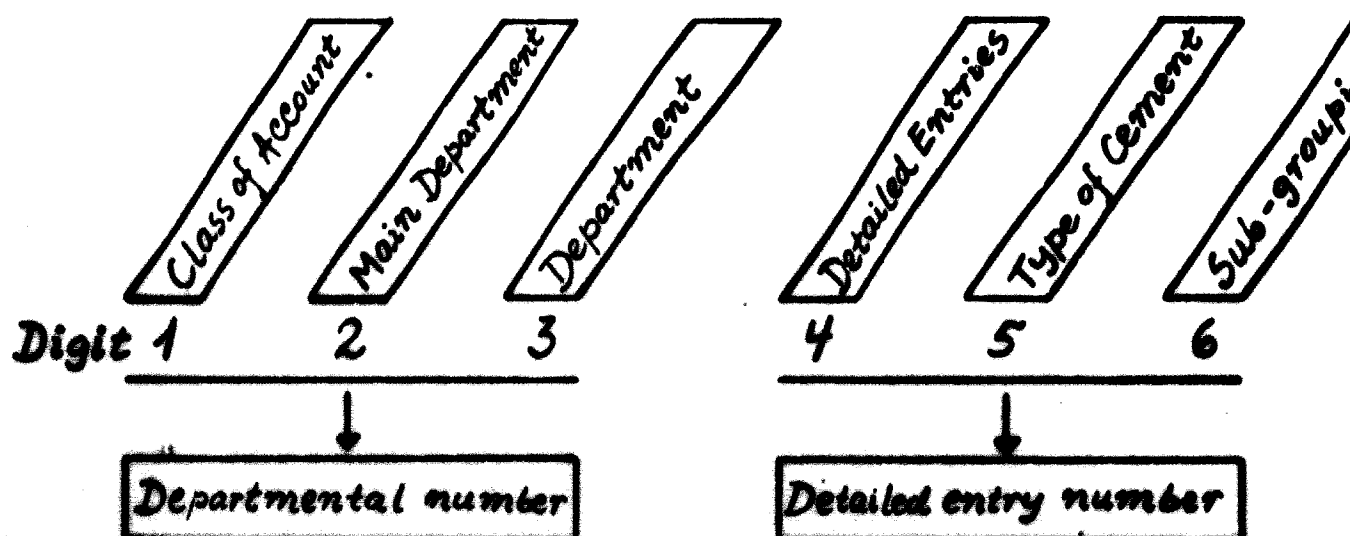
Table VI.2-5

Chart of Accounts
worked out on the decimal System

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS			COST ACCOUNTS - COST SHEETS.									FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS		
Liabilities	Assets	Expenses	Expenses taken over	Stock Control	Auxiliary Departments	Main Departments	Internal Statements	Income	Closing of Accounts					
Class 0	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6	Class 7	Class 8	Class 9					
00	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90					
01	11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81	91					
02	12	22	32	42	52	62	72	82	92					
03	13	23	33	43	53	63	73	83	93					
04	14	24	34	44	54	64	74	84	94					
05	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95					
06	16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86	96					
07	17	27	37	47	57	67	77	87	97					
08	18	28	38	48	58	68	78	88	98					
09	19	29	39	49	59	69	79	89	99					

Chart VI. 2-2

System of 6-Digit Account Numbers



1st digit - account class:

* number of affiliated accounts corresponding to the treatment

2nd digit - main department:

The second digit represents the main department.

3rd digit - department:

Acts as a sub-department under the main department.

4th digit - the detailed entry:

By detailed entry is understood the type of cost to which the expenses are referred.

0 = Operation.

2 = Repair of buildings and rails.

4 = Repair of machinery, electrical plant and furniture.

6 = Kiln linings.

5th digit - type of cement:

The fifth digit may be used to indicate the type of cement.

6th digit - sub-grouping:

Sub-grouping means the numbering of accounts taking place within the individual departments.

4. The Works Manager's Task (H. Sch/nemann)

The cement works with one rotary kiln outlined in Chart VI.3-1 forms the basis of the lecture's considerations in connexion with the tasks of the works manager.

It is the object of the factory to produce and sell ordinary Portland cement, rapid-hardening cement and a special cement - low-heat cement.

The two first-mentioned types of cement are manufactured on the basis of the same slurry, which makes it possible to use the same machinery and storage facilities up to and including the cement mill installation. After that, silos have to be provided for each type of cement and, depending on the magnitude of the production, separate packing facilities.

The manufacture of low-heat cement calls for separate storage space and an additional feeding device for spent pyrites, storage space for special clinker, and a separate cement silo. The installations for the production, storage and burning of slurry may be common, in view of the fact that the manufacture of special cement in the factory under review will require complete reorganization of the productive plant.

The average magnitude of the kiln output has to be fixed with a view to the rated capacity of the kiln, relining and repair work, and estimated marketing possibilities for the different types of cement.

The longer the period of operation at optimum output from each individual productive unit, the rotary kiln in particular, the greater the possibility of good quality and economy.

In order to be able to cope with daily fluctuations and seasonal variations in the sales, buffer stocks will have to be established. Day-to-day variations may be compensated for in the cement silos, while seasonal variations are made up for in the clinker stocks.

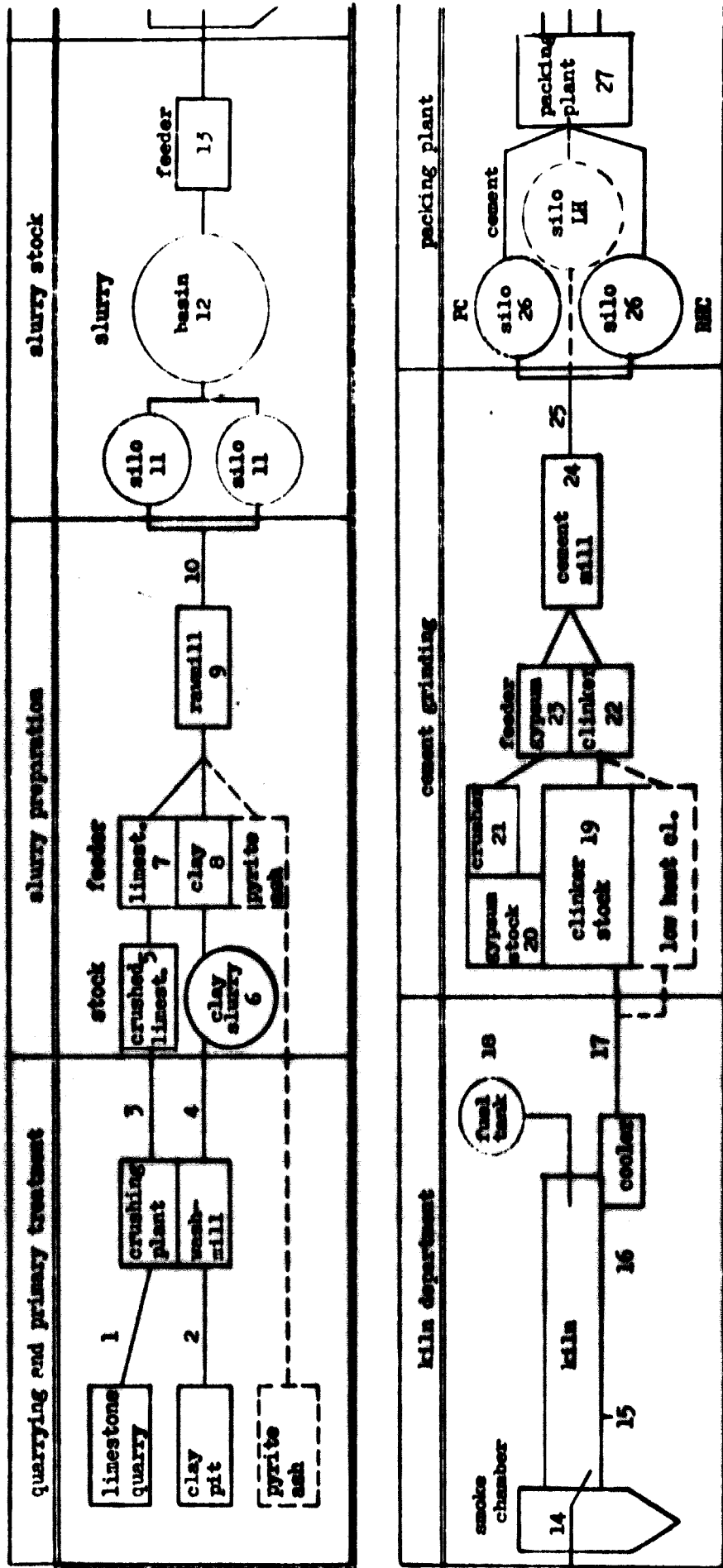
Economy and quality are the works manager's fields of activity and responsibility, calling for planning, calculation, and the control of processes and products in each individual department.

The foundation of factory management is systematic mapping-out of the factors that determine the result, technically, economically and in respect of quality, in each individual department and in the factory as a whole. A favourable development in one department may not necessarily bring about a favourable development in the subsequent department.

This systematic mapping-out should cover the items listed in Table VI.3-1 for each department, with the necessary basic data being entered on forms specially prepared for the purpose. These statistical data are collected and processed in special offices, which pass on the resulting information to the works manager. This information may be divided into characteristic groups, as indicated in Table VI.3-2.

Chart VI.3-1

Production Diagram



- yard gang
- works laboratory
- stores materials spare parts
- mechanical workshop
- electrical workshop

Table VI.3-1

Review of the Technical Records which should form part of the Works Manager's Reporting System
Production and Quality Determining Factors

- Man hours (production and repairs).
- Production rates (lubricant, grinding media, diesel oil, etc.).
- Repair materials (spare parts, etc.).
- Operating hours of machines.
- Power consumption (kwh.).
- Coal and oil consumption (clinker burning).
- Quantities consumed of limestone, clay, slurry, clinker, gypsum, cements, bags, water, etc..
- Quantities produced of limestone, clay slurry, clinker, cements, etc..
- Quantities sold (cements).
- Stock accounts of limestone, clay, slurry, clinker, gypsum, cements, bags, coal, oil, grinding media, etc..
- Process-governing and controlling factors (such as temperatures, amperage, oxygen content, water content, etc.).
- Quality-governing and controlling factors (such as chemical analyses, fineness determinations, cement strengths, etc.).

Table VI.3-2

Groups within Internal Technical Reporting System

Technical basic data are collected from the works departments, where they are entered on special forms which are passed on to special clerical departments where the basic information is processed statistically. After this, the works manager is able to:

- (1) Intervene immediately, where the question is one of process control (mill operation, clinker burning, etc.).
- (2) Provide for short-term regulation (adjustment) and co-ordination from day to day (adaptation of raw material quantities to storage capacities and kiln output; the fitting-in of minor repair work; adjustment of raw mixture composition; adaptation of cement grinding to silo capacity and sales, etc.).

(3) Prepare long-term planning (overhaul of large units of machinery; major repair jobs, such as relining of the kiln, alteration to or renewal of internal kiln fittings, or the like; change-over of operation from one type of cement to another with a view to sales, clinker stocks, etc.).

(4) Make a technical evaluation of the appropriate utilization of personnel and machinery on a short or a long view, maintenance being also included in the evaluation.

(5) Make a financial evaluation of the result obtained.

Table VI.3-5

The Expediency of Technical Data and Records should be Tested by Answering the Following Questions:

(1) Will the information make possible an evaluation calling for immediate action, in the case of deviation from the normal, or intervention on a long view if an undesirable tendency is in course of development - whether technically, economically or in respect of quality?

(2) Is the advantage gained by a more efficient process control or management in reasonable proportion to the expenditure incurred by the production of the information?

(3) Will the information be received early enough for adjustments to be made in time?

(4) If not, will the information help to prevent the repetition of errors already made?

Chart VI.3-3 is a diagrammatical outline of an internal control system. Such a system may be more or less comprehensive, according to the needs and judgement.

Nowadays, the recording and processing of the data collected may be done by electronic computers, in combination with more or less complete automation. Electronic data-processing should, however, only be introduced after thorough consideration, since the necessary apparatus and installations are very expensive both to buy and to operate. Moreover, detailed knowledge is required of all the factors that influence the control of processes and quality, as well as reliable and accurate measuring and recording of the basic data material. If these prerequisites are not present, the complicated automation and data-processing equipment will give confusing information, instead of contributing towards better economy, higher output and a more uniform quality.

The works laboratory system, the function of which is to control production, is normally headed by a chief chemist, who has at his disposal three laboratories, namely, the analytical laboratory, the shift laboratory, and the cement-testing laboratory. Chart VI.3-3 shows diagrammatically how the routine checking and control performed by the laboratory system may be organized. The chart also indicates the samples and investigations which may be required, as well as where and how often such samples should be taken, how often the investigations should be made, and, finally, how the work should be distributed among the various laboratories.

The amount of operating control needed is that which will make it possible to obtain the desired quality, in the proper quantities, at the proper times, and at the lowest possible cost.

The expediency of the operating control's data and recordings in this sense may be tested by answering the questions asked in Table VI.3-3.

When used with prudence, operating control is of vital importance in the expedient direction of processes and qualities, and thus becomes the basic means whereby the works manager is able to run the factory in a satisfactory manner - technically, financially and in regard to quality.

• Stock Accounts (F. W. Miller)

Stock accounting is a field which deserves a central position in the total financial planning of the firm; only if the management holds this work in respect will it be possible to induce the staff concerned to make a wholehearted effort.

The object of the stock of goods is to act as a buffer between purchase and consumption or between production and sale, and, from this point of view it can be divided into a working stock and an emergency stock (see Chart VI.4-1).

The size of the working stock depends on the most advantageous quantities that can be bought at a particular time, and these can be estimated by comparing the following two groups of costs:

- (a) the costs incurred by carrying a stock;
- (b) the costs incurred by making purchases.

The relationship between the costs of carrying a stock and the costs of ordering can be illustrated graphically, as shown in Chart VI.4-2.

The size of the emergency stock can be determined by taking the following factors into account:

- (a) the accuracy with which the rate of consumption has been calculated;
- (b) the probability of changes in the rate of consumption;
- (c) the probability of changes in the time of delivery;
- (d) the cost of having run out of the article;
- (e) the cost of carrying an emergency stock.

Efficient control of the stock is based on an organization comprising at least:

- (a) a planning function;
- (b) a purchasing function;
- (c) a goods-reception function;
- (d) a warehousing and issuing function;
- (e) an accounting and checking function; (See Chart VI.4-3)

In Chart VI.4-4 the materials which occur normally in a PC works are classified, and attention is drawn to factors of special interest for the control of stocks of the individual groups of articles.

In stocks of "own products", the finished products call for the greatest effort, because the possibility of shortages occurs there in particular. Chart VI.4-5 shows a draft form for the daily reporting of the issue department.

Chart VI.4-1

MATERIALS ARRIVE AS AN ORDER QUANTITY AND ARE USED UP.

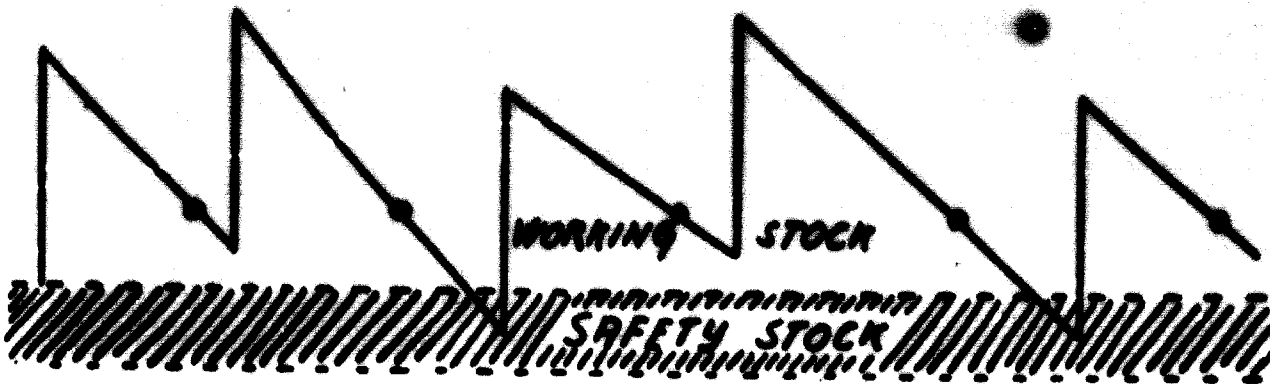
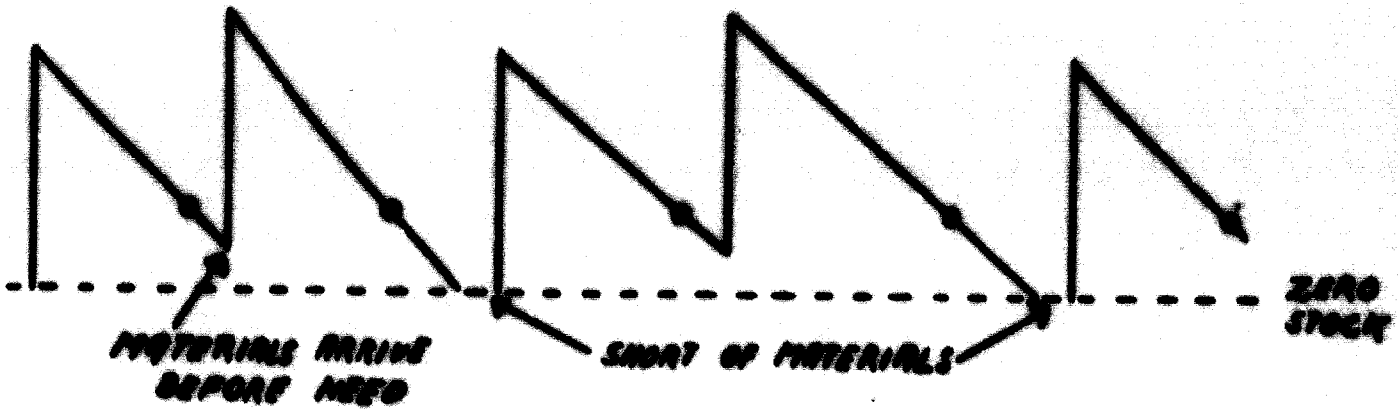
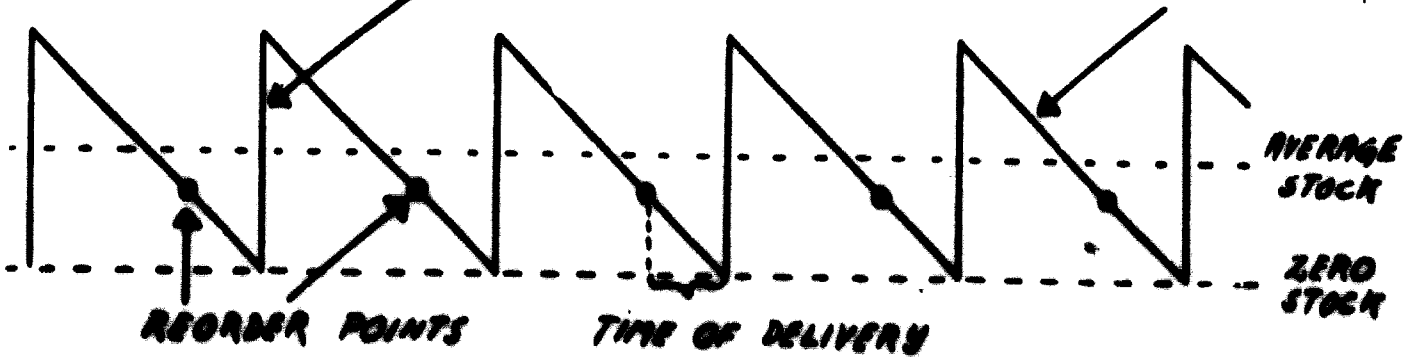


Chart VI.4-2

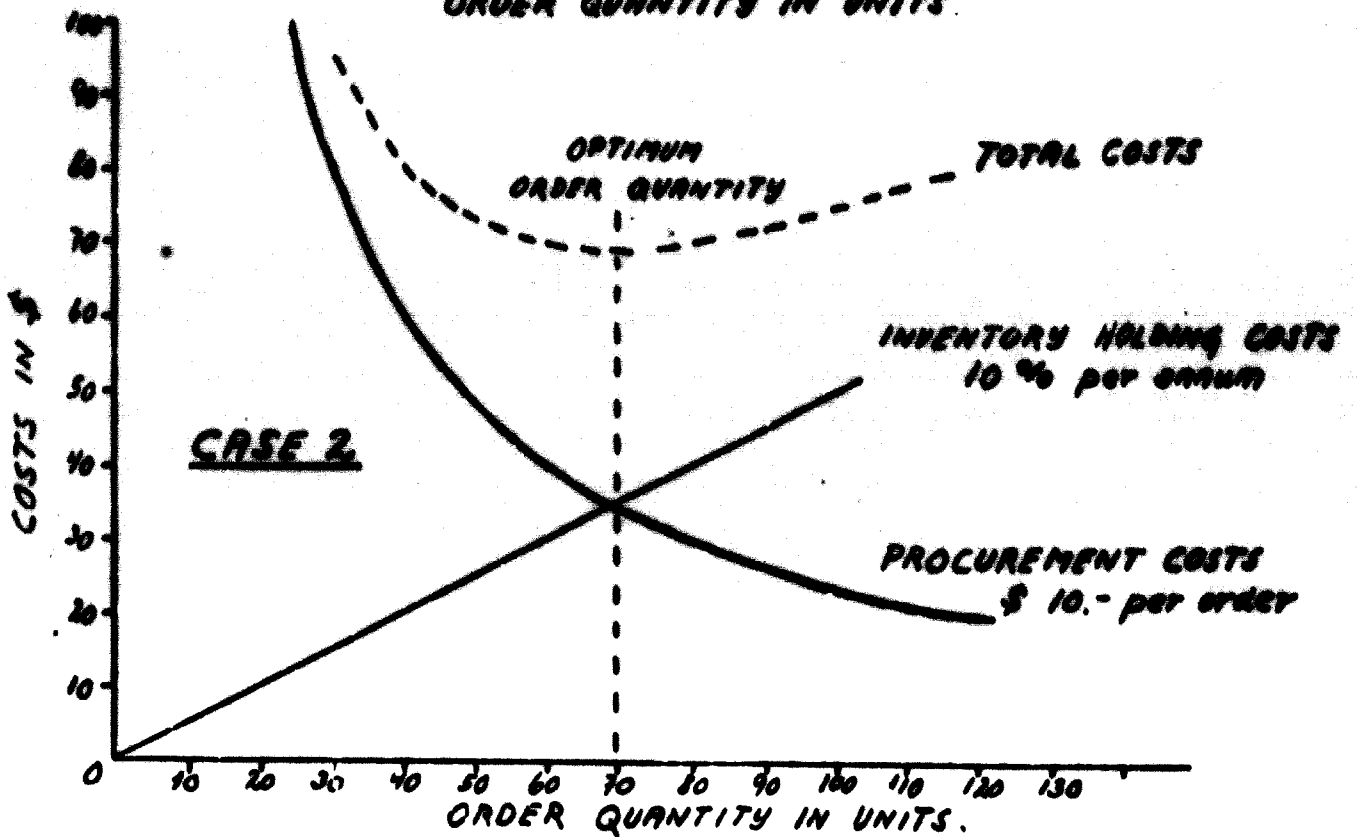
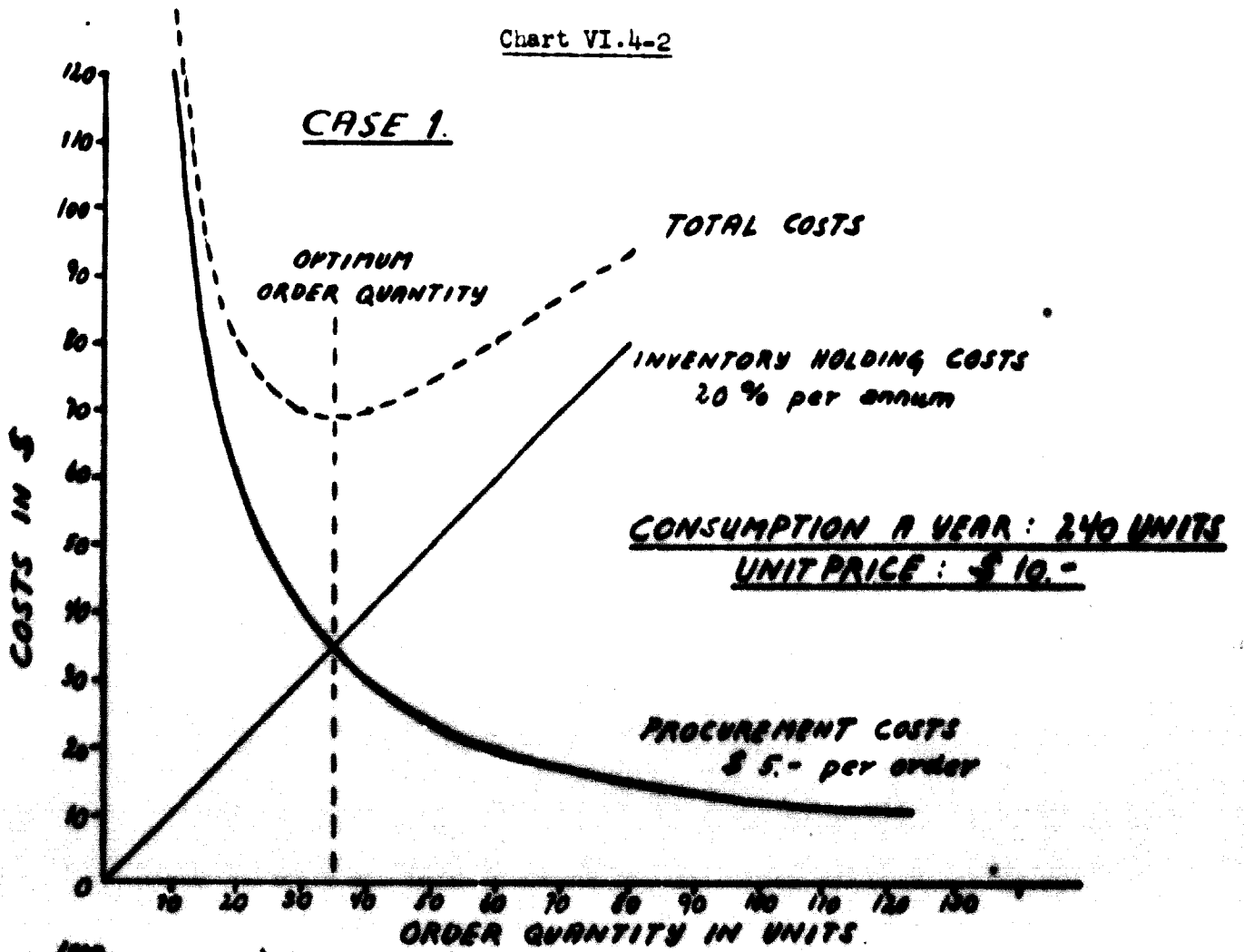
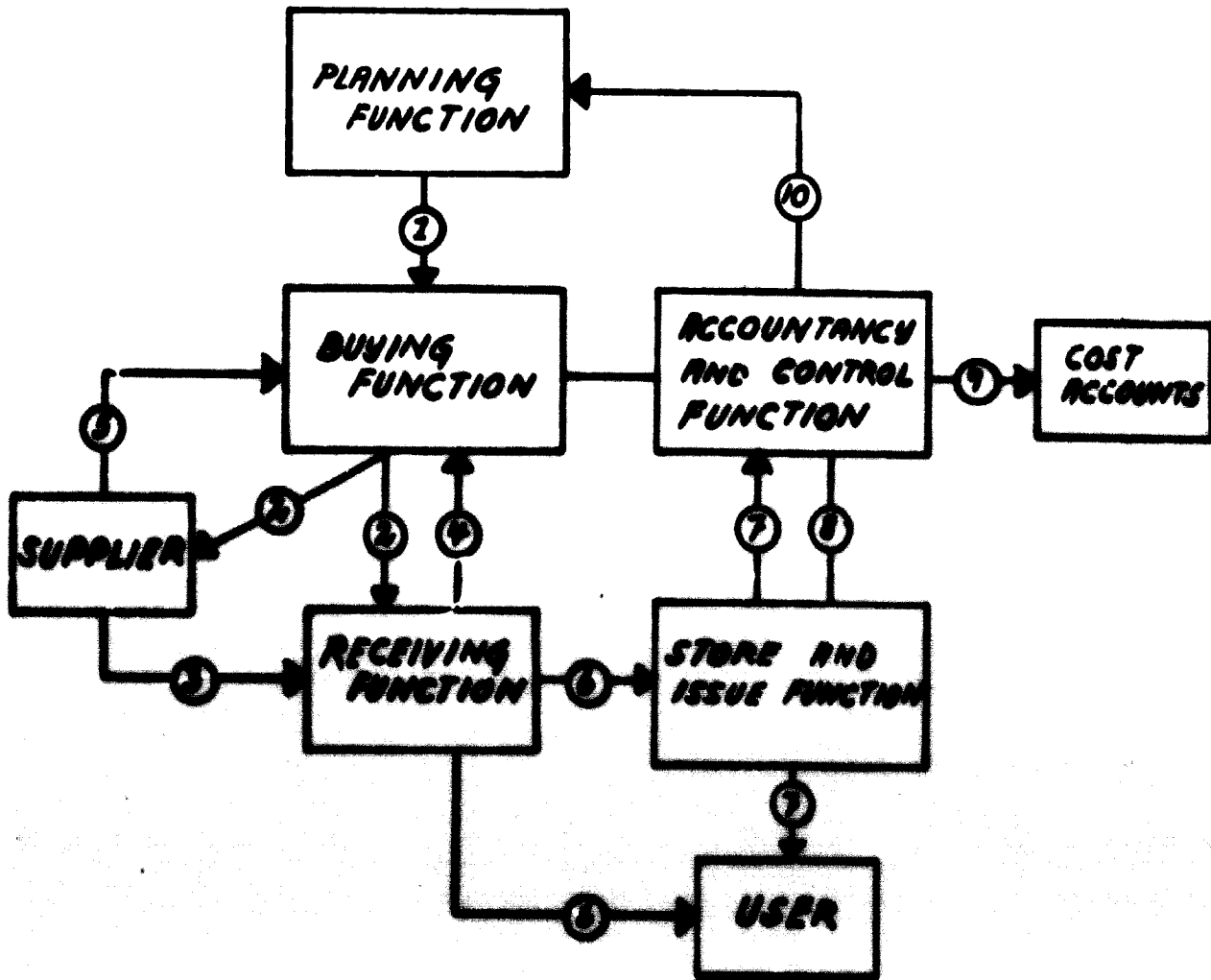


Chart VI.4-3



- 1) *Reports on estimated requirements.*
- 2) *Order (copy to the Receiving Function).*
- 3) *Delivery of materials.*
- 4) *Reports on materials received.*
- 5) *Supplier's invoice.*
- 6) *Issue directly to user or transfer to the Store Function.*
- 7) *Issue against requisition, which is sent for bookkeeping.*
- 8) *Continuous comparison of book records with actual stocks.*
- 9) *Priced issues are sent to cost accounts.*
- 10) *Reports on variances between actual and planned results.*

Classification of Materials and Goods in a PC Industry

OWN PRODUCTS

1. Natural raw Materials.
 - 1.0. Limestone from own quarry
 - 1.1. Clay from own pit
2. Intermediate products.
 - 2.0. Slurry
 - 2.1. Clinker
3. Finished products
 - 3.0. Bulk cement in silos
 - 3.1. Packed cement

PURCHASED MATERIALS & GOODS

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4. Fuel.
 - 4.0. Coal
 - 4.1. Fuel oil
 5. Purchased raw materials.
 - 5.0. Gypsum
 - 5.1. Other process materials
 6. Packing.
 - 6.0. Paper bags
 - 6.1. Other packing
 7. Spare parts and ordinary consumption goods.
 - 7.0. Special spares for quarry equipment
 - 7.1. " spares for cement making machinery
 - 7.2. " spares for electrical equipment
 - 7.3. " spares for rolling stock
 - 7.4. Common spare parts
 - 7.5. Fire-bricks (Refractories) and grinding bodies
 - 7.6. Iron, steel, pipes, fittings etc.
 - 7.7. Diesel oil, gasoline and lubricant
 - 7.8. Tools and various consumption goods
 - 7.9. Construction materials

CONTROL OF STOCKS OF CEMENT

	CEMENT TYPE I		CEMENT TYPE II	
	BULK	PACKED	BULK	PACKED
Opening stock	2,750	25		
Cement ground	290			
Packed as per counters	- 250	250		
1. TOTAL	2,790	275		
EXPORT by { boat railway car		10		
INLAND by { boat railway car	25 50	25 210		
OWN USE	5			
2. TOTAL ISSUE	80	245		
Closing stock (1-2)	2,710	30		
Measured stock		26		
Difference		4		
Booted waste		1		
Uncontrolled waste		3		

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They are all recognized as being of great economic importance, since they represent about 20 per cent of the total consumption of cement. They are most often bought under long-term contracts concluded between the suppliers and the buyer's plant.

The stock of packing materials is a function which may normally be placed under the sales department.

The spare parts stock gives rise to the greatest number of problems, for in a factory with an annual output of about 200,000 tons of cement, the category covers about 6,000 different items with a total value of about half a million dollars, or about \$1.50 per ton of cement produced. They are articles with a very low rate of turnover, being generally in stock for about two years before being consumed. Furthermore, they must be stored under safe conditions so as to be serviceable at any time. Finally, for specially made spare parts, the time of delivery is relatively long.

There are great advantages in being able to identify all spare parts and articles for consumption by means of a descriptive code number. Table VI.4-1 shows how a code numbering system may be devised, based partly on the application of the article and partly on its nature.

In order to illustrate the attention which should be paid to the initial and repeat ordering of spare parts, the lecture quotes an example from practice, whereby the supervisors of the repair shop, the mechanical workshop, the stock and the purchasing department, of a certain concern, meet once a week to review the past week's consumption and discuss, in a spirit of co-operation, the repeat orders which ought to be placed and their size.

The savings that can be obtained by efficient stock control are of a dual nature. In the first place, capital which may be tied up in unnecessary stocks is released for use on more productive purposes. Secondly, the annual costs of carrying stocks are reduced.

Table VI.4-1

Coding of an article according to its use

Example:	Travelling wheel, model no. Q.b. 286 etc. for stirring device for slurry basin
Code number:	1 - 35 - 271
Analysed as follows:	
Class	1 - xx - xxx Special spares for cement making machinery
Department	1 - 3x - xxx Slurry Department
Main Machinery	1 - 35 - xxx Slurry basin
Machine	1 - 35 - 2xx Stirring device
Item number	1 - 35 - 271 Travelling wheel, model Q.b.286 etc.

Coding of an article according to its nature

Example:	Round steel bar, SM-0.30% carbon, 0.750 ins dia.
Code number	6 - 24 - 315
Analysed as follows:	
Class:	6 - xx - xxx Iron, steel, pipes, fittings etc.
Sub-Class	6 - 2x - xxx Iron and carbon steel
Group	6 - 24 - xxx Round bar
Series	6 - 24 - 3xx SM-0.30 carbon
Dimension	6 - 24 - 315 0.750 ins dia.

b. Quality Specifications (Per Hansen)

Cement, like all other technical products, must be made and sold in accordance with specifications. In these it should be clearly stated what properties are required of the cement. The specifications should protect the consumer as well as the manufacturer.

The various requirements in the specification can be divided into two groups:

Requirements which must be fulfilled by all cements, regardless of their intended use, such as:

- (a) Soundness,
- (b) Setting time,
- (c) Strength.

Special requirements, such as:

- (d) Chemical composition,
- (e) Fineness,
- (f) Heat of hydration,
- (g) Sulphate resistance.

a. Soundness

From the point of view of the durability of a concrete construction, it is essential that the cement should not cause excessive expansion after the concrete has hardened. If it causes such expansion, it is unsound and must be rejected.

Several methods are available for controlling the soundness. All of them are accelerated methods, i.e. the specimens are treated at an elevated temperature in order to bring about the harmful reactions in a few hours. Normally, the expansion does not develop until after months or perhaps years. The most common methods are the boiling test, the le Chatelier test, and the autoclave test.

b. Setting time

As soon as the cement mortar or concrete is mixed, the cement starts to react with the water. A gradual change of consistency takes place. When a certain degree of stiffness is reached, the concrete cannot be placed any more. The so-called "setting-time" gives an indication of the length of time the concrete remains in a state in which it can be placed.

In order to determine the setting-time, the methods mainly used are the Vicat method and the Gillmore method. Both use apparatuses based on the same principle - the penetration of neat cement paste by a needle. The set is said to have begun when the needle cannot penetrate the paste completely, and to have

ended when the paste has become so hard that the needle leaves only a very faint mark on its surface.

c. Strength

To determine the strength, a large number of different methods are used. In principle, they can be classified in the following way:

Mortar tests in which specimens are made of a cement:sand mortar and tested for tensile strength, flexural strength, and compressive strength.

Concrete Tests in which specimens are made of concrete and tested for compressive strength.

As the various methods generally give very different results, it is difficult to compare cement from different countries. In recent years, an attempt has been made to produce an international method. On the basis of proposals from two European associations, Cembureau and Rilem, the International Organization for Standardization has proposed a method which seems to have become widely accepted. According to this, prisms 4x4x16 cm. are tested for flexion and compression.

d. Chemical composition

Generally, magnesia and sulphate contents are limited. This limitation serves as a sort of soundness test. No other limitations as to chemical composition should be necessary in the specifications.

e. Fineness

Limits are given in some countries, but the requirement is rather unnecessary.

f. Heat of hydration

A limitation is necessary only when the cement is used in very large structures. Tests are complicated.

g. Sulphate resistance

When the cement is used in structures exposed to ground or water containing large amounts of sulphates, special precautions must be taken.

6. The Control Laboratory - H. Priddy

The purpose of the control laboratory is to insure the quality in the product (cement). For example, high strength and fast setting-time and low expansion, and the operation of the plant, with high production and low cost of production. For example, a high running-factor for mills, low fuel and power consumption, and a long life for machinery, grinding media and brick lining in mills.

The functions of controlling the process and the finished product are usually united in a single laboratory (see Chart VI.6-1). The various tasks of the laboratory include: sampling, under which the lecture discussed sampling points (see Chart VI.6-2), sampling methods, spot samples, average samples and automatic samplers; the examination of samples (see Chart VI.6-3), instructions to the production units e.g. quarry, mill, kilns, etc., and service to customers.

A typical staff for such a laboratory would consist of about ten persons: one chief chemist, one assistant chemist, two analysts, one operator for physical tests, and four shift operators.

A typical laboratory floor plan is shown in Chart VI.6-4. The chemical section would contain gas burners, electric furnaces, analytical balances, instruments for optical analyses, etc.. X-ray analysers are used in some newer plants. There would also be exhaust fans for acid vapours. The physical section would contain sieving machines, Vicat apparatus for checking cement setting-time, moulds for test specimens of cement mortar and concrete, strength-testing machines, Blaine apparatus, autoclave, sand and aggregates for the preparation of test specimens, a thermostatic room with constant moisture, and water tanks for the storage of test specimens. The equipment needed for a laboratory depends to some extent on the type of process used by the factory and the specifications of the cement produced.

All the data from the laboratory's examinations are recorded systematically on forms or in books.

The information from the laboratory is utilized to disclose and correct the source of irregularities, as for example expansion caused by too high a lime saturation of the raw mix, and to prevent irregularities by keeping important factors at the desired values. The properties of the cement and the efficiency of the plant may also be improved by adjustments designed on the basis of the statistical information obtained from the data recorded by the laboratory.

Control Laboratory report Diagram

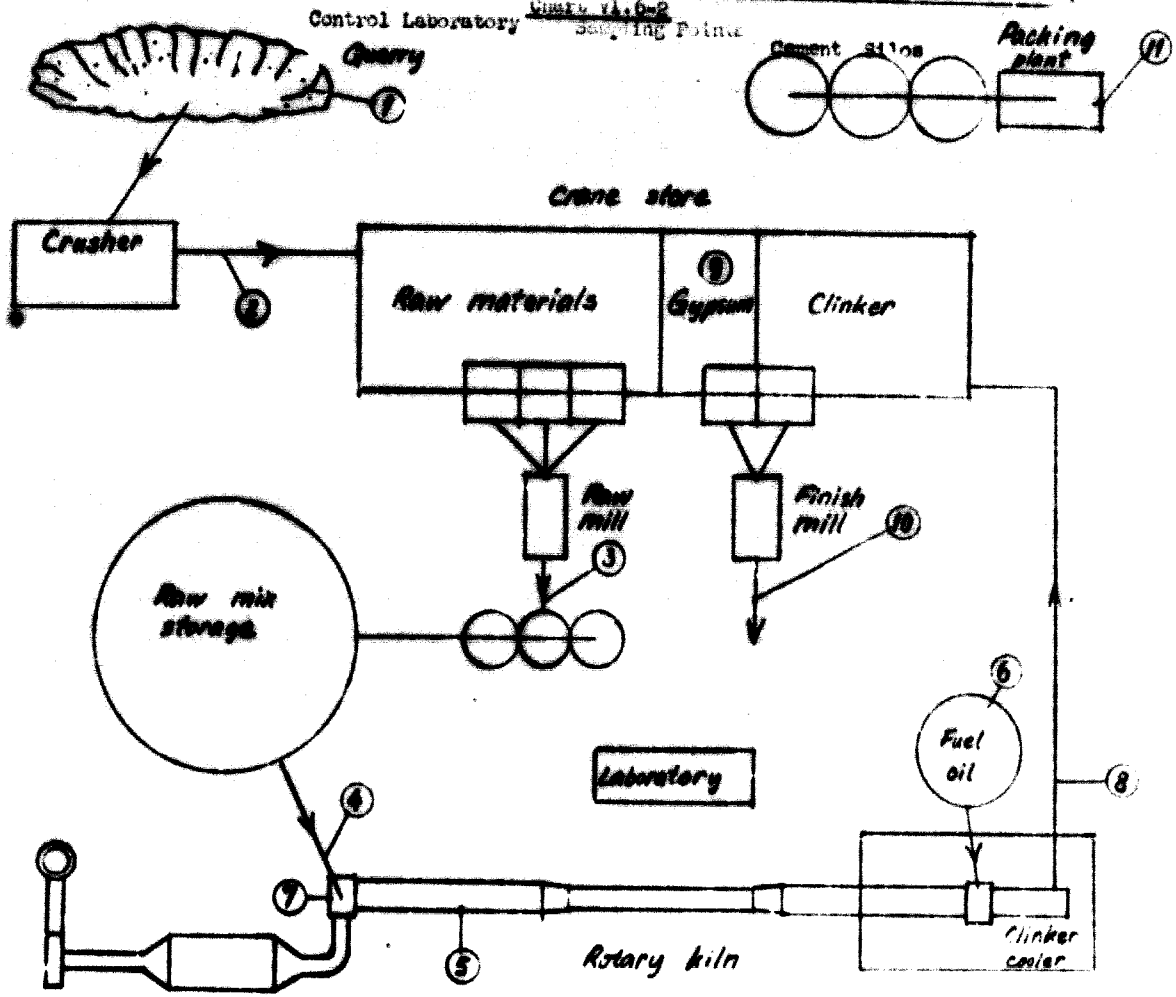
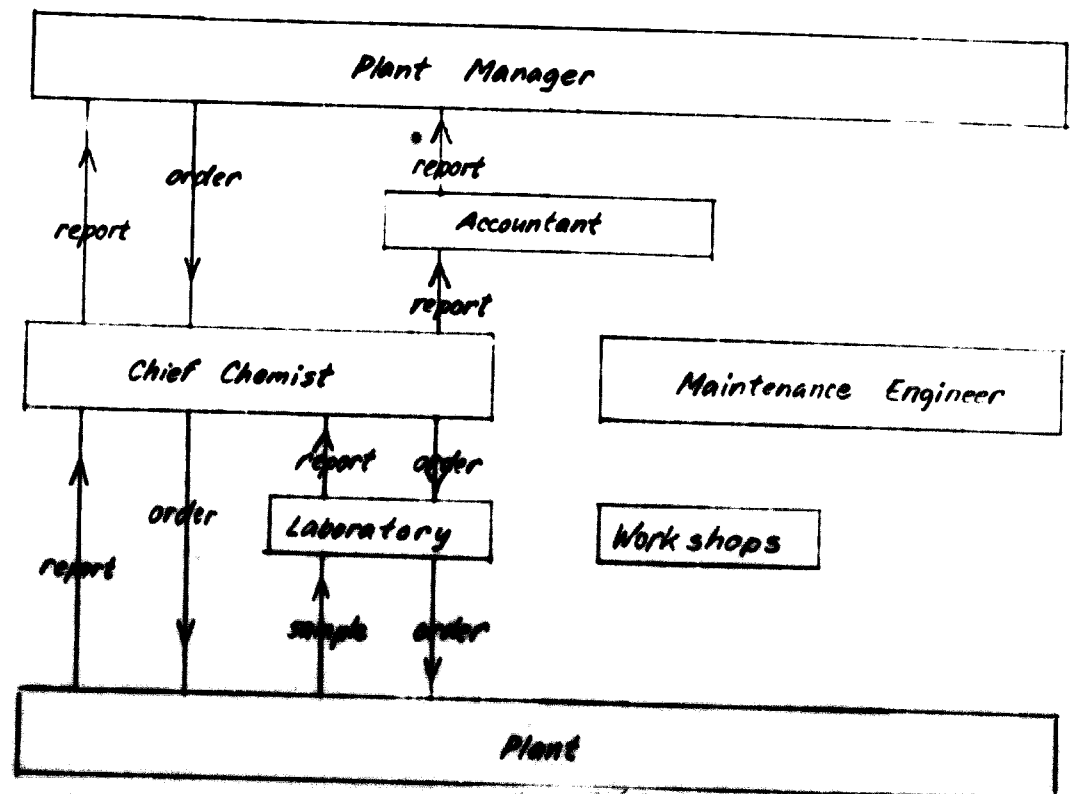
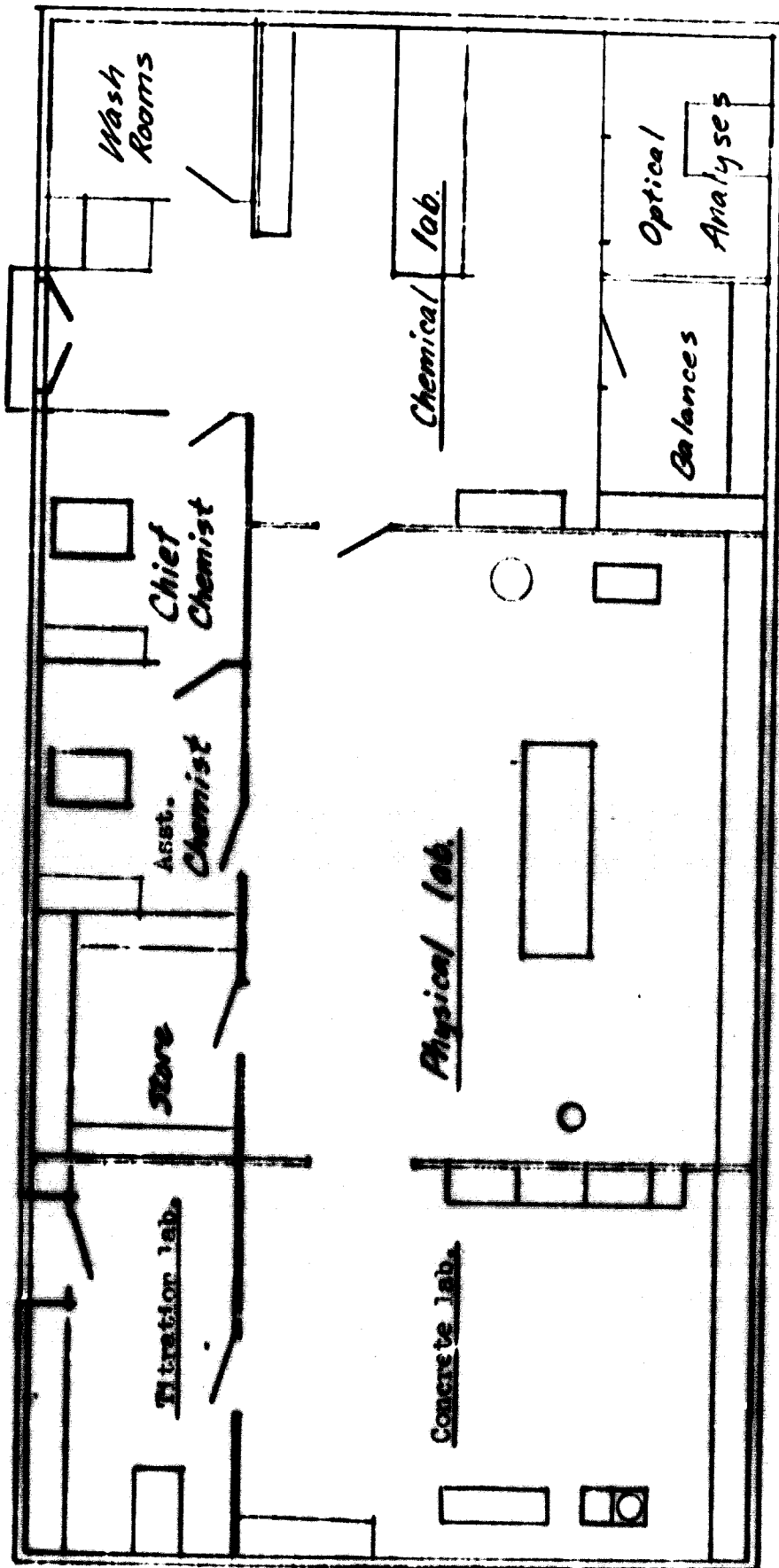


Chart VI.6-3

Control Laboratory Control Scheme

Pos.	From	Material	Sampling Frequency	Titration	Moisture	Viscosity	Fineness	Complete Analysis	Calorific Heat Value	Orsat Analysis	Temp.	Strength			Complete Analysis	
												Blaine Surface	Sieve Residue	Flour		Expansion
1	Quarry	Limestone	Occasional	X				X								
2	Crusher	Limestone	Daily	X		X										
3	Raw Mill	Raw Mix	Hourly	X	X	X		daily								
4	Mill feeder	Feed	Hourly	X	X											
5	M.I.M	Modules	4 Hours		X	X					X					
6	Feed store	Oil/coal	Occasional		X coal	X oil	X coal		X							
7	Stack Ex.	Sample Oil	Daily							X						
Pos.	From	Material	Sampling Frequency	Litre weight	Free Lime	SO ₃	Setting Time	Blaine Surface	Sieve Residue	Flour	Strength	Expansion	le Crat. Autoclave	Complete Analysis		
8	Cooler	Clinker	Hourly	X	shift	daily								daily		
9	Store	Gypsum	Occasional			X										
10	Finish Mill	Content	Hourly		daily	daily	X	X		X	daily	daily	daily	daily		
11	Packing	Content	Daily		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
X		Content														

Control Laboratory



1. MANAGEMENT

A number of questions relating to management and labour were discussed as well as laboratory tests in quality control.

In respect of management, the qualifications required of a plant manager gave rise to some discussion. It was pointed out that while he must be knowledgeable regarding the technical as well as the financial implications of cement production, one of his most important qualifications is an innate ability to understand human relations and their management. With respect to the qualifications required in a developed, as compared with a developing, country, it was maintained that the basic elements would be the same, although, in a developing country, because of different conditions, the manager might have to carry greater power and responsibility, chiefly because of more limited opportunities to delegate power.

The problem of achieving horizontal co-ordination at different levels was also discussed and generally agreed to be one of the most difficult to solve. It was noted that solutions to this problem have been sought in a number of ways, including daily as well as periodic conferences of foremen, and similar gatherings for reviewing financial and production aspects, as well as the general condition of the plant, in relation to each department and to the cement plant as a whole. The "training within industry" (TWI) method was mentioned as one method of tackling this problem. Another approach that has been adopted in advanced countries is school training for foremen in organization and human problems for a period of two weeks in the first year, followed by one week in the following year. This method had proved very useful in solving managerial problems.

As regards labour relations, stress was laid on the differences between the developed and the developing countries, chiefly in respect of the relative scarcity of labour in the former, although emphasis was also placed on the scarcity of skilled labour in the latter and the abundance of unskilled labour. The question of job evaluation and its relation to the fixing of wage rates was also discussed, as being of particular interest to developing countries starting their first cement plant. In this connexion, it was pointed out that in a number of developing countries wage rates have been fixed by the governments. In connexion with job evaluation, reference was made to rate-fixing according to certain prescribed criteria such as skills and training, degree of responsibility, etc.. There was some discussion of the various problems and complications involved in this approach as regards labour organizations and state control.

The question of the arrangement of vacations in cases where the plant is designed to operate continuously was also discussed. It was noted that it has been solved in some plants by training extra men from the plant to hold continuous operation jobs and replace permanent crews during their vacations. In such cases, the stand-by crew would be paid at higher rates, equal to those of the crew they replaced while working as substitutes.

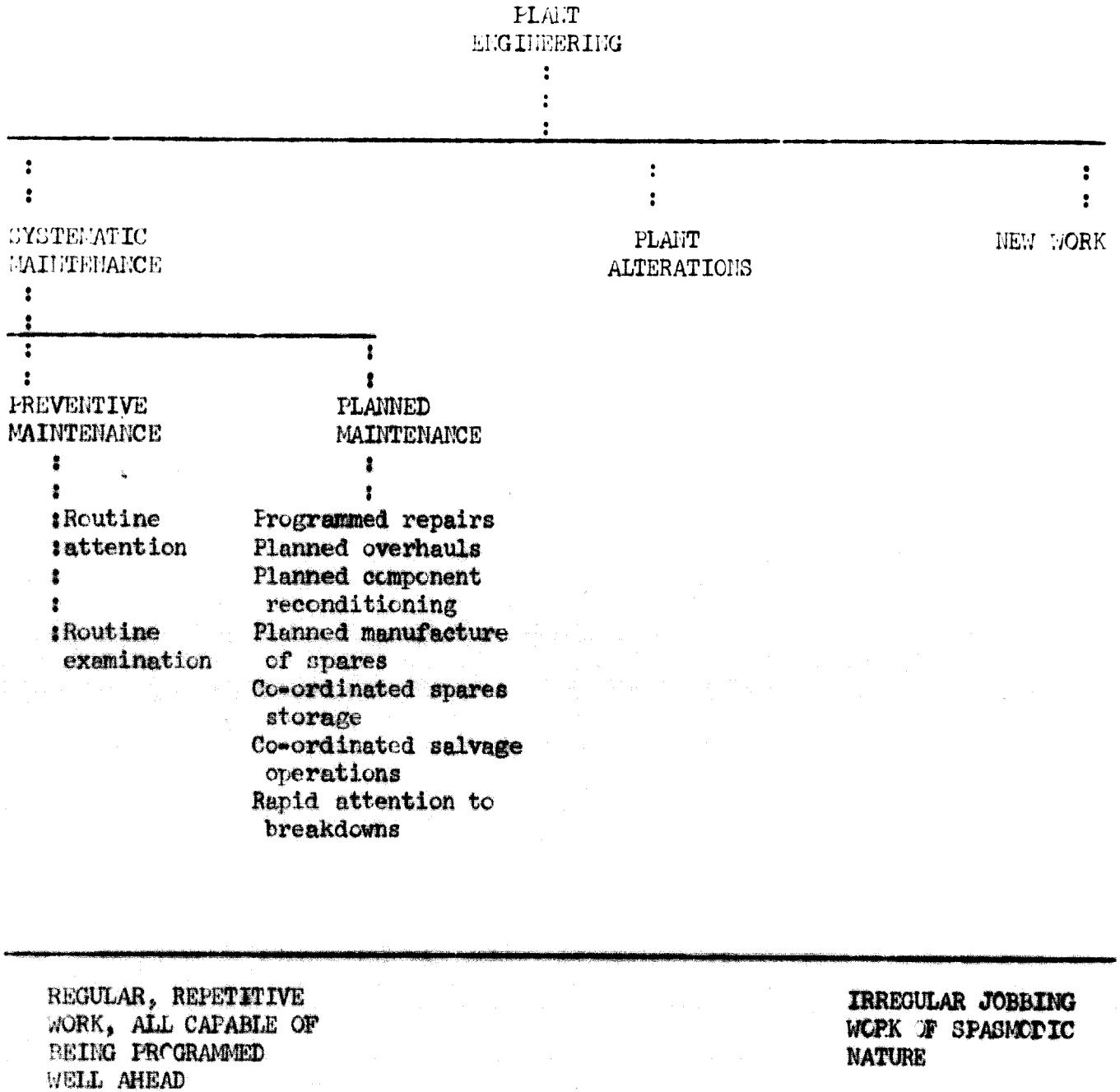
Questions relating to plant safety were discussed, and mention was made of health hazards resulting from dust, particularly in developing countries with dry climates. It was noted that periodical medical check-ups are being introduced, and that health problems may force the relocation of some workers. One preventive measure used in some plants was the introduction of masks.

The meeting discussed the problem of surplus labour in the developing countries at length, and it was noted that, generally speaking, the developing countries have developed a surplus of labour in the form of unskilled labour, which has to be retained as part of the national economy, and alleviating to some extent the unemployment problem of the labour market. It was noted that in one such country, cement plants have used their surplus labour to branch out into auxiliary labour-intensive activities, such as the production of cement blocks and concrete products.

The chemical composition and requirements of cement and methods for testing cement and concrete were also discussed. Tests of fineness, ignition loss, and insolubility were considered to be superfluous, in so far as the quality of cement in use is concerned. Two methods of testing were mentioned in connexion with the heat of hydration, the adiabatic method proper, and the heat of solution method. The former was agreed to be time-consuming and extensive, and it was suggested that the heat of solution method should be used instead, as being simpler and cheaper, although less accurate.

Chart VII.1-1

The Functions of a Plant Maintenance Department



VII. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

1. Maintenance (K.V. Talcherkar)

The importance of plant maintenance cannot be over-emphasized. This is especially true of developing countries which may have experienced great initial difficulties in securing finance, foreign exchange, a suitable site and an imported plant, in order to start production. Failure to keep up full production because of the absence of good maintenance is particularly disappointing in such circumstances.

Good maintenance is not obtained automatically merely by having adequate staff, spares and stores. It has to be planned and executed in a well-organized manner.

The types of job handled by maintenance engineers can be classified under two main headings: plant alteration, or new work, and plant maintenance.

The lecture goes on to discuss the scope of each. For plant maintenance, three popular systems are in vogue: "lifting" maintenance, breakdown or haphazard maintenance, and systematic or "examining" maintenance, which can be further subdivided into preventive maintenance and planned maintenance.

The functions of a plant maintenance department are illustrated in Chart VII.1-1. The lecture examines these functions in detail, with illustrations drawn from the actual experience of cement factories in India. The importance of routine examination is also explained in detail. The full process consists of the drawing-up of detailed specifications, the routine examination itself, the systematic recording of the findings of the examination, and action on those findings as required. The lecture describes the type of personnel needed to carry out each stage of the process.

Table VII.1-1 shows a typical specification sheet, Table VII.1-2 shows a typical weekly programme of routine examination, and Table VII.1-3 is a typical examiner's report.

Maintaining collated reports on the different machinery units right from the start will eventually produce a very valuable record which can be extremely useful at a later stage when a systematic programme of machinery replacement is being planned. Similarly, persistent breakdowns and defects will show up clearly on the record. The particular unit involved can then be subjected to a further careful examination, leading perhaps to a change of design.

The introduction of such "examining" maintenance may lead to a sudden rise in maintenance costs at first, but in the long run it will prove substantially cheaper and more productive than the haphazard methods often used.

1/ The summary of the discussion of the contents of Chapter VII is incorporated in that of Chapter VIII.

TABLE VII.1-1

Specific Item No. 1

Code: "1"
 Name: Mechanical Examiner
 Plant Item: Crushed Limestone Conveyor

Spec.	Frequency	Details	Availability
M02/1A	Monthly	Record motor load in amps., Examine belt for cracks, tears or missing pieces at edges. Any other obvious defect seen without stopping conveyor. Do any repairs that take 15 mins. or less and need no material.	A
M02/1B	6 months Est 2-1/4 hrs.	As for M02/1A. Record any idlers not rotating. Feel idler bearings for overheating. Stop conveyor at convenient place and examine belt fastener for security.	B
M02/1C	Annual Est 14 hrs.	As for M02/1B, then stop conveyor. Lift top half of gearbox and examine condition of gears and bearings. Estimate residual life of V belts. Examine all idler lubricators to see they are not blocked. Measure belt tension (slack on idle side must not droop more than 18" between idlers). If too much slack, cut portion of belt and rejoin.	C

Note: "Availability" means the conditions under which the examiner can carry out the inspection.

Availability "A" - Job which can be done at any time without stopping the machine. .

" " "B" - Job which can be done at any time without stopping the machine, but requiring the permission of the departmental head and perhaps a short stoppage not affecting production.

" " "C" Job which will require prior planning and stoppage of the machinery unit. Normally it will be synchronized by the plant engineer with other similar jobs.

Table VII.1-2

Examiner's Weekly Programme

Name		Week ending:		
Spec. No.	Item	Availability	Time	Place
H 82/1B	Crushed L. Conveyor	B		
H 79/3A	Primary Crusher	A		
M 15/20	Limestone tub No. 10	C	Tuesday	
"	" 11	C	afternoon	
"	" 12	C	"	
"	" 13	C	"	
"	" 14	C	"	
M/133/3B	O.H. Crane Workshop	A		
M/7/1A	No. 1 Kiln drive	A		
M 7/1A	No. 2 Kiln drive	A		
M 63/3C	Used bag stitching machine	C	Friday morning	



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Table VII.1-3

<u>Equipment Report</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>		
<u>Spec. No.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Report</u>	<u>Office use only</u>		
			<u>Repair card</u>	<u>Spares orders</u>	<u>Plant history</u>
1.M /LB	Crushed Limestone Conveyor	2 idlers seized, 4th and 5th from feed end.	Later	8347	Yes
2.M7/3.	Primary Crusher	Primary drive guard loose.	17390	No	No
3.M5/2C	No. 10 Tub.	O.K.	-	-	-
4.M5/2C	No. 11 Tub.	Sole bar bent.	No	No	Note for annual overhaul
5.M5/2C	No. 12 Tub.	O.K.	-	-	-
6.M5/2C	No. 13 Tub.	Axle box badly worn.	No	8338	No
7.M5/2C	No. 14 Tub.	O.K.	-	-	-
8.M133/5B	O.H. Crane Workshop	Long traverse wheel flanges wearing, whole crabbing.	Report to E.C.	No	Yes
9.M7/1A	No.1 Kiln Drive	O.K.	-	-	-
10.M7/1A	No.2 Kiln Drive	Gear box oil level very low.	17399	-	..
11.M63/3C	Used bag stitching Machine.	Tensioners out of use. Repaired.	No	No	Yes

2. Modernization of Old Plants (K.V. Talcherkar)

A stage is reached in the life of any industrial concern at which it is either to technological changes that have taken place since its establishment or simply to wear and tear, the plant ceases to be economic and modernization becomes necessary in order to improve productivity and face competition from other modern and efficient factories.

If the move to modernize is prompted by technological advances, the stage may occur even before the economic life of the plant has run out. In the case of the cement industry, however, the end product, Portland cement, has remained unchanged for decades, and the need for modernization usually arises out of the deterioration of the old machinery to a point at which it becomes uneconomic to spend any more money on repairs. Modern cement-making plants are far more efficient than their old counterparts and the replacement of the latter invariably results in increased productivity, reduced costs, and larger profit margins.

The useful life of a cement plant is often assessed at thirty years, if kept in good repair. By and large, however, it is safe to assume that a plant installed twenty to twenty-five years ago is in need of modernization, and a progressive concern will plan for this as part of its long-term programme.

A modernization programme usually presents the following main problems: the question of financing the programme, loss of production during its execution, and technical problems connected with the co-ordination of old and new units.

Raising funds for plant modernization is not easy; the cost of such a project may be from four to eight times larger than the original cost of the units to be replaced. Such large capital expenditure cannot normally be covered by the statutory depreciation funds set aside for the purpose on the basis of the original block value. Most Indian industries have had to face this problem during the post-war period of inflation. For some time past, the Government of India has accepted the principle of allowing a separate rehabilitation fund to be set aside from profits before tax.

In spite of this marginal assistance, the cement industry has had to use large amounts from its reserves and/or profits. In one case such utilization of reserves became the issue of a dispute with a cement works labour union which contended that the additional profit should have been dispensed to them as an extra bonus. The case was fought right up to the Supreme Court before the company's contention was upheld, and then only after volumes of evidence had been submitted by experts regarding the increased replacement costs of machinery, equipment and buildings.

In order to distribute the capital expenditure over a larger production, major modernization and rehabilitation projects are usually undertaken side by side with the extension of old plants. One of the most common reasons for reluctance on the part of cement factory owners or company directors to engage in modernization schemes is the fear of inevitable losses of production during their execution which will add to the already high capital expenditure involved. Engineering ingenuity and skilful planning can reduce these losses to a minimum but the best way of eliminating them is to carry out plant extension schemes side by side with modernization.

The improvement in efficiency is due to the adoption of a more compact layout for the plant and the use of more efficient equipment. The old plant, which was of the wet-process type, was completely retained until the new ready-made plant, wet-process type, had been installed. This is a very efficient and modern production plant. It has a high efficiency and a low cost of production, and is suitable for the production of cement. It is being used for the production of cement by more efficient air-processed wet-process type.

There has been a recent trend in Western Europe and the United States towards modernizing the old wet-process long kilns by converting them to short dry-process kilns. Such conversions are particularly suitable for suspension-type pre-heaters, since the entire vertical structure, including the cyclonic pre-heaters, can be erected before the kiln is cut off. Spectacular increases in production, in many cases 50 to 70 per cent, have been obtained from such converted kilns, with the added advantage of greatly improved efficiency as regards fuel.

Improved plant layouts which will contribute to higher productivity and lower labour costs should be introduced whenever space permits.

The technical and operational problems that are encountered during the execution of such modernization schemes are, of course, colossal. They tax the ingenuity of the engineers and operational staff to the outmost, for the management always expects the work to be carried out with the least possible interruption of production. The time taken to complete such jobs is usually longer than to erect a new plant or to extend a new plant when plans have already been made for such extension in the initial stages.

In India, some of the cement works commissioned over forty years ago have been modernized and extended to five times their original capacity. Table VII.2.1 reproduces figures from the actual records of three Indian cement works, to illustrate what well-planned programmes of modernization and expansion (possible carried out in stages) can achieve in terms of all-round improvement of productivity. The large reduction in manpower was due essentially to the replacement of the old manual quarry operations by complete mechanization. The retrenchment was made as painless as possible for the workers by offering them attractive benefits under a voluntary retirement scheme.

Table VII. -1

Increases in productivity of iron and steel plants in the USSR

<u>Works:</u>	A	B	C
<u>Original annual capacity in tons</u>	300,000	200,000	200,000
<u>Modernized and extended capacity in tons</u>	580,000	500,000	480,000
<u>Manpower</u>			
before	2,300	1,400	1,300
after	1,600	1,500	986
<u>Man hours/ton</u>			
before	21.80	17.60	24.50
after	9.44	8.36	10.80
<u>Power consumption/ton</u>			
before	133 units/ton	110	121
after	106 " "	93	98

VIII. MARKETING PORTLAND CEMENT

1. Marketing and Distribution (C.A. Bang Petersen)

Since marketing and distribution are more suited to discussion without an introductory lecture than most of the other subjects dealt with by the seminar, the lecturer confines himself to suggesting topics for group and panel discussion.

Portland cement works can sell directly to consumers, or through distributors keeping stocks of cement, or through a combination of the two methods. Direct sale would be ex-works only, with consumers coming with their own lorries to pick up the cement. Credit systems or arrangements might also be discussed.

In connexion with the holding of stocks of cement by distributors, the meeting might discuss technical requirements for stock sheds, bearing in mind tropical conditions. Another point of interest might be the quality of the bags (jute, paper, plastic), the ply of paper used and the price of bags. The export of cement is a related point.

An interesting question for discussion is the sale of cement in bulk versus cement in bags. In Denmark, cement in bulk is distributed in specially built silo lorries, which belong to the cement works. Within a certain distance from the distribution centre, PC is delivered at a price which includes transport and pumping to the consumer's silo. In Copenhagen, this distance is 5 km., in other towns about 10 km. Outside this inner zone, there are several other zones, the distance between the limits progressing from 5 to 10 km. The price rises at a rate of 1-1 1/2 kr. per ton per 10 km. increased distance. In Scandinavia, the maximum distance in practice is about 100-150 km. Above that, two persons are needed on the lorry, or overtime will have to be worked, so costs increase. Consequently, in cases of great distances there is an extra charge. There is also an extra charge on lots of less than 5 tons, of about 10 kr. per ton. This is to encourage the customers to provide the necessary silo capacity for receiving greater quantities of cement with each shipment. For purposes of comparison, the cost of PC in bulk within the inner zone can be taken to be about 4 to 5 per cent less than in bags. The cost of transporting PC in bags is very cheap in Denmark because the cement is usually hauled as a return cargo. A price of 17-20 kr. per ton per 250-300 km. can be mentioned as an example.

Another point is whether the silo lorries should belong to the cement company, to the consumer, or to an independent transport firm. The saving on bags may pay for the rather expensive silo lorries, or part of it may be used to reduce the selling price. Very often, the technical and practical advantages of receiving cement in bulk are so important that consumers are prepared to accept the same price for cement in bulk as for bagged cement. It has been calculated that the cost of concrete production at a construction site is about 10 kr. less using bulk cement than using packed cement.

The cement may be brought to the distribution centre either by rail or by ship. In Denmark, the cost of shipping bulk cement may amount to approximately 15 kr. per ton, including depreciation on the ship.

Bulk cement is mainly supplied to major consumers or to movable silos for construction sites. Another interesting point is whether the construction site silos should be owned by the cement works or whether they should belong to the contractors.

Bulk cement can be sent by rail or by ship to distributing centres, where the bulk cement is either packed in bags or distributed in silo lorries. The Danish cement works have two vessels of about 1,000 tons loading capacity, sailing between Aalborg and Copenhagen, and two other Danish towns. The cement is unloaded either by compressed-air transporting systems or by screw conveyors. In the most recent installation, the cement is lifted about 20 metres by a screw conveyor to the top of the silos. It is especially important in view of the short sailing distances in Denmark, that unloading should be carried out as fast as possible in order to obtain the best possible utilization of the ship.

When compared to clinker mills, a distribution centre for cement has the advantage of not needing technical supervision. In the developing countries, bulk may not yet play an important role in the distribution of Portland cement, but it might be considered as a future development.

Statistical information on cement sales and on the requirements of the various groups of consumers are of importance in projecting future sales of cement. The amount of information that the sales statistics should give might usefully be discussed.

Major consumers of cement include asbestos cement works, concrete products plants, ready-mix concrete stations, and, very often, large construction projects, such as dams, etc. Some of these consumers may require special cement, with regard either to physical or chemical properties or with regard to both. It will often be convenient and practical to arrange for special methods of shipment to such consumers, for instance by pipelines if they are close to the works, and by special railway waggons or containers if they are far away.

The advantages and disadvantages to the cement works of the sale of a considerable percentage of the output to such clients should be discussed.

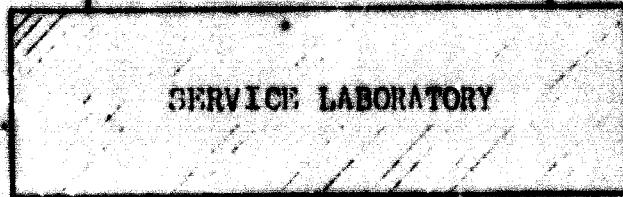
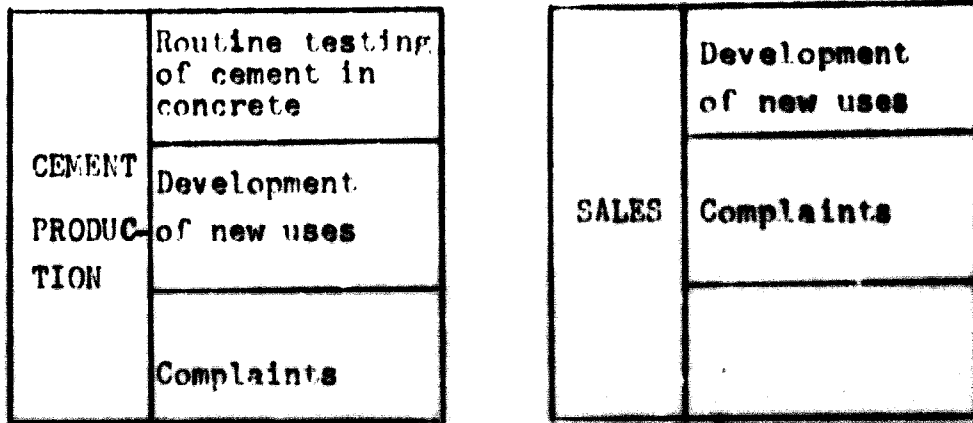
2. The Service Laboratory (K.E.C. Nielsen)

The purpose of a service laboratory is primarily to serve cement users by carrying out routine testing in connexion with the production of concrete, and secondarily to serve cement producers by testing of cement in concrete. (Chart VIII.2-1)

Routine testing for cement users comprises the testing of aggregates (grading, impurities and specific properties of aggregates, as, for instance, specific weight, porosity and durability), the working out of mix proportions and the testing of concrete test specimens sent in from the building sites (testing of strength, permeability and other properties). As such testing is rather costly and does not give very much information about the cement market, it should be restricted as much as possible. On the other hand, such laboratory service is highly appreciated by the users, because it needs special equipment and specially trained people, which most building enterprises do not possess. Therefore, laboratory service has

Chart VIII.2-1

FUNCTIONS OF SERVICE LABORATORY



USERS		
ROUTINE TESTING	Aggregates	Concrete specimens
	Mix proportions	
INVESTI- GATIONS	Trouble-shooting	New applications
	Committee work	Users organizations
TRAINING COURSES	Testing of concrete	Demonstrations of concrete technology

Chart VIII.2-2

EQUIPMENT OF SERVICE LABORATORY

TESTING OF WATER

Impurities

TESTING OF AGGREGATES

Impurities	Grading	Porosity	Durability
Spec. weight	Mineralogy	Strength	

TESTING OF FRESH CONCRETE

Consistency	Density	Air content	Bleeding
Analysis of composition			

TESTING OF HARDENED CONCRETE

Strength	Density	Permeability	Durability
Modules of elasticity		Non-destructive testing	

of a practical value, especially in countries where concrete industry is starting up, and where there is no official or private testing institute. This applies whether the cement users are offered the service free of charge or whether they have to pay a reasonable fee. Since such testing for cement users may bring up the question of the responsibility of the industry for the advice given more clearly than in the case with other kinds of technical service, it is recommended that it should be clearly stated that the cement industry assumes no responsibility for the results or consequences of such testing. Testing which serves as an official approval of concrete should preferably be done by official testing laboratories.

The laboratories of cement factories are normally only equipped and staffed for testing and investigations relating to the production and control of cement. This means that a technical service laboratory, which is specially equipped and staffed to test concrete, should be able to serve the PC industry internally by means of special testing and investigation of the properties of cement in concrete, in connexion, for example, with complaints or with the development of new types of cement.

Depending on its qualitative and quantitative standards, the service laboratory could undertake real research projects put forward by the PC industry or by the cement consumers. It is recommended, however, that a special organization should be established if it is found necessary to undertake more extensive and fundamental research into concrete, because such research needs other equipment and staffing and has other relations with the users of PC than the technical service laboratory.

A technical service laboratory, well equipped and well staffed, will, however, in the absence of a real concrete research laboratory, be able to undertake simpler research projects (trouble-shooting) of great immediate value to cement users (problems on sites, problems in the precast concrete industry and problems connected with committee work).

Since an essential part of education in concrete technology consists of training in the testing of concrete materials and fresh and hardened concrete, and includes demonstrations of the different steps in concrete production, a service laboratory can be of great value in this connexion. Such activities must be taken into consideration when planning the service laboratory, however, because of special requirements with regard to space and equipment.

It is not possible to give any general rules for the size of a service laboratory. It depends very much on the extent of the service to be given and the possibilities for collaboration with the cement factory laboratory and official or private testing laboratories. The minimum equipment will be that needed for the routine testing of aggregates and fresh and hardened concrete, and the minimum staff will be about three people, one of whom must be highly qualified in concrete technology and testing in general. The cost of the minimum equipment will be about \$15,000. (Chart VIII.2-2)

Technical Service (K. A. Fiedler)

Technical service for the users of Portland cement includes, in addition to the kind on the field use of cement and the technology of concrete, but is not limited to problems connected with the batching, mixing, placing, curing, and the concrete mass, but it often includes formwork, constructional problems, calculation of reinforced concrete and architectural design.

Service can be restricted to the real user (the man who buys the cement or the man on the job), but in most cases it includes any person and organization engaged in the building industry (builders, architects, consulting engineers, contractors, craftsmen, workers, authorities, teachers and committees working on codes of practice, standards, recommendations, etc.).

The purpose of a PC industry's technical service for users is simply to promote the use of cement. This can be done through service to users when necessary to ensure that the concrete product or concrete structure will have the proper qualities at a competitive price, or when new kinds of uses are to be introduced.

Technical service to users is a valuable source of information about the cement market. This information must be fed back to the industry's sales and production departments as part of their market information. This important function of a technical service department should be taken into consideration in planning such a department, and the internal information system, comprising production, sales and technical service, should be so arranged that this feed-back works properly.

Technical service should be based on a high level of knowledge about the use of cement (concrete technology). New knowledge must be collected continuously through literature (periodicals, books, research reports, brochures, pamphlets, etc.) and through participation in congresses, symposia, courses and committee work. Adjacent fields of interest and competitive materials must also be watched. New information must be filed and stored (library) in such a way that it can be found easily (information retrieval).

Technical service can be given on request (inquiry service over the phone or by letter, visits to building sites and concrete factories, and laboratory service comprising the testing of aggregates, the working out of mix proportions and the testing of concrete specimens from building sites) or unsolicited in the form of publications (articles in own or foreign publications, brochures, etc.), training courses (own arrangements or support to courses arranged by others), lectures (own arrangements or given to societies and associations) and the arrangement of visits to outstanding concrete works. Participation in official committee work is another means of distributing knowledge, and at the same time it may provide an opportunity to exercise a certain influence on new official standards, recommendations, etc., and to collect valuable information for the PC industry.

The policy of a technical service department must be such as to give users of cement confidence in the information they obtain. Hence, the information must be objective and completely free from any kind of sales talk. It is very important that inquiries from and assistance to individual users should be treated in strict confidence. The technical service department should not be connected with advertising for cement and other materials for concrete, except by serving the advertising department internally within the industry. In the same way, the technical service department should not deal with complaints regarding cement, except by serving the sales department and production department internally.

The staff of a technical service department should be of a high moral and technical standard. It is important that the consumer at least should be highly satisfied by the building industry and the authorities. At the same time, the staff should comprise men who are familiar with and able to deal with the many practical problems that may arise on building sites and in factories.

The costs of technical service vary very much from country to country, and it is not possible to give a general figure which will be valid in a country where a new IC industry is starting up. The costs in most Western European countries and in the United States are in the order of 0.5 to 1 per cent of the sales value of the cement produced.

4. Summary of Discussion

During the discussions on the subjects covered by Chapters VII and VIII many questions were raised, including bulk versus bagged cement, weight and material of bags, transport and storage problems, vertical integration of the cement industry and price policy.

The main advantages of bulk cement were agreed to be savings on bags, lower labour requirements, and simplicity of use. However, the silo trucks needed to transport it are rather expensive and can seldom take advantage of return freight as is sometimes the case with regular trucks transporting bagged cement. As far as the developing countries are concerned, it was emphasized that the most important factor might be savings on bags since that also implied savings in foreign exchange. The cost of bags may sometimes amount to 12 per cent of the total cost of cement in these countries. As regards the transportation of bulk cement, it was noted that it is generally preferable for the producers to own the transport fleet and silos at the start as a means of promotion. Only then can they exercise the necessary control over the quality of the cement at the early stages. When bulk distribution is on a large scale, it is impractical for the producer to own all the silos required. Another important advantage of bulk transport is the flexibility it adds to the mixing of concrete, making the size of the batch independent of the unit weight of bags. It was noted that ordinary means of transport, such as closed railroad cars, have been tried for the transportation of bulk cement, but the use of specially designed equipment was strongly recommended.

It was mentioned that, in Denmark, transportation of bulk cement is generally more economical up to a distance of 100 km. with the load carried amounting to 20 tons. For a 5-ton load the distance would, however, be reduced to only 25 km. Pneumatic transportation can only be used over very short distances, since the power consumption for compressed air is high.

It is generally safer to store cement in silos than in bags. A storage period of up to six months in silos and three months in bags has no effect on the quality.

As far as the size of storage silos at distribution centres is concerned, it was recommended that silos should be designed to cover at least one and preferably two days' consumption.

With regard to storage facilities to meet variations in demand, it was stressed that investment in the provision of excess production capacity is generally more feasible than investment in storage.

On the question of bag materials it was noted that plastic, such as polyethylene, could be used advantageously as coatings or linings but not for the bag proper. Difficulties had been caused by the trapping of air during the filling of plastic bags.

The vertical integration of a cement industry with a consuming industry may be desirable as a means of promoting the use of cement, but it may also have adverse effects on sales to competing consumers of cement.

Price discounts are generally practised when the consumer is actually doing a service to the producer, such as taking certain risks, doing promotional work, etc., which would otherwise have to be done by the producer.

It was agreed that a centralized technical service would be advantageous in countries with several producers. There was some discussion of the objectivity of technical service in connexion with the question of whether such technical service should be provided by the government, the producers or a combination of the two. The participants mentioned a number of examples, drawing on their experience. In this connexion, stress was laid on the importance of exchanging experiences of technical service at the international level.

Comparisons were made of the cost per ton of cement of technical service in various countries, and it was found that the cost was generally in the range of 1 per cent of the sale value of the cement. Attention was drawn to the difficulty involved in international comparison owing to variations in the activities included in technical service in each case.

Mention was made of advantages and problems connected with the production and sale of sand cement and masonry cement. Qualities comparable to those of ordinary cement are obtainable in sand cement and it may be applied in several cases where early strength is of minor importance. It was emphasized that users of sand cement should be informed of its special characteristics. In this connexion, it was noted that the cement content of concrete is often unnecessarily high. The properties and production of masonry cement were also discussed, in connexion with sand cement.

Attention was drawn to the prospect of using cement in soil stabilization and it was noted that in the developing countries especially, where there is a great expansion potential for roads, this use may be an important outlet for cement.

With respect to maintenance, there was some discussion of the question of producing spare parts locally on the basis of drawings made available by the suppliers of the equipment. It was pointed out that suppliers were generally reluctant to provide drawings because of the high cost involved in the development and design of the machinery. Licence arrangements were mentioned as a possibility.

ANNEX I

ANNEX I. PROGRAMME OF THE SEMINAR

4 May

Arrival and Registration

4 May, Morning

9.00 0.1

Introduction by the Director

10.00 0.2

Opening Ceremony

Statements by: Prof. P. Nyboe Andersen

Mr. Lars Stén, United Nations Co-director

Mr. C.A. Bang Petersen, Director

1. The Product: Portland Cement (PC)

11.15 1.1

The History of Portland Cement (Prof., Dr. A.H.M. Andreasen)

2. The PC Industry

14.00 2.1

Statistical Information on PC (Mr. T. Ehlers)

15.00 2.2

Trade in PC, Transport Problems (Mr. A. Mouritzen)

16.10 2.3

The PC Industry (Mr. C.A. Bang Petersen)

17.00 2.4

Building Activity and the
PC Industry (Mr. I.A. Iliushenko)

19.00

Informal Opening Dinner

5 May, Tuesday

3. Fundamentals of a PC Industry

9.00 3.1

Technical Conditions (Dr. Jón E. Vestdal)

10.00 3.3

Financial Assumptions (Mr. S.A. Kock-Petersen)

11.00

2-3 Discussions in Groups

14.00

2-3 Discussions in Groups (continued)

15.40

Reports on group discussions
(Plenary Meeting)

16.00

Panel

6 May, Wednesday

4. Basic Investigation

- 9.00 4.1 Raw materials (Mr. S. S. S. S.)
10.00 4.2 Power Supply (Mr. S. S. S. S.)
11.00 4.4 Types of Production Processes (Mr. S. S. S. S.)
12.30 Lunch
14.00 4.3 Location (Mr. K.V. Talcherkar)
14.30 4.5 Modernization of Old Plants (Mr. K.V. Talcherkar)
15.00 4.6 Financial Considerations (Mr. K.V. Talcherkar)
15.30 Tea/Coffee
15.45 4. Group Discussions
18.00 Dinner
20.00 Mr. C. Christiansen, Danish Foreign Office:
Denmark's Help to the Developing Countries

7 May, Thursday

5. Studies Prior to Ordering

- 9.00 5.2 Placing of Order (Mr. E. Cugnard)
10.00 5.3 Guarantee and Starting-up (Mr. U.H. Bauditz)
11.00 5.1 Relationship to suppliers (Mr. K.V. Talcherkar)
11.30 5. Discussions in Groups
12.30 Lunch
14.00 5. Discussions in Groups (continued)
15.20 Tea/Coffee
15.40 4-5. Reports on Group Discussions
(Plenary Meeting)
16.00 Panel Meeting
18.00 Dinner

8 May, Friday

7. The Project
- 8.00 7.1 Initial of Paper (Mr. C. Effen)
- 12.00 7.1 Local Organization of Site (Mr. H. Winther)
- 13.40 Excursion: Departure for prefabricated building elements factory, Larsen and Nielsen Constructor A/S at Glostrup
- Individual Dinner in Copenhagen
- 13.30 Bus Departure from Copenhagen (free of charge)

9 May, Saturday

7. The Details of the Project
- 8.00 7.1 Production Equipment (Mr. A. Bellwinkel)
- 9.00 7.1 Production Equipment (continued)
- 10.00 Questions ad 7.1
- approx. 10.40 Bus to Copenhagen
- Afternoon and evening No programme

10 May, Sunday

- 10.00 Sightseeing Tour
- Guided visit to Frederiksborg Castle at Hillerød
- Lunch at Marienlyst (included)
- Guided visit to Kronborg Castle at Helsingør (Elsinore)
- approx. 16.00 Bus returning to Krogerup
- approx. 16.05 Bus departure for Copenhagen

11 May, Monday

The Details of the Project

8.30 7.2 Quarry Equipment (C.V. Borup) 1950
9.30 7.3 Electrical Equipment (V. Hornum) 1950
10.30 7.4 Civil Engineering Work (K. Sten Linsen) 1950
11.30 8.1 The Site (Mr. H. Thorsen) 1950
12.30 Lunch
14.00 6-7-8.1 Discussions in Groups
15.00 Tea
15.20 Reports on Group Discussions
(Plenary Meeting)
15.40 Panel
19.30 Film programme
(a) 19.30 Film on the construction period at Karlstrup
(b) 20.00 Horse on Holiday (Sightseeing in Denmark)
(c) 20.40 Film on transport of equipment for PC works

12 May, Tuesday

Excursion

8.00 Bus departure
9.00 Visit to Quarry
9.30 8.2 Lecture at Karlstrup: Opening-up of Quarry
10.30 Visit to PC Works
12.00 Lunch at PC Works
13.00 Departure for:
13.30 Visit to Betonvarefabrikken "Sjælland A/S"
(concrete production plant)
15.00 Departure for Copenhagen
15.45 Visit to Cement Machinery Workshop
(Valby Maskinfabrik og jernstoberi)
Visit to Messrs. F.L. Smidth and Co. A/S

12 May, Tuesday (continued)

10.30 Dinner at Restaurant, Botanical Gardens

11.30 Bus to Krogerup

13 May, Wednesday 9. Operation of a FC plant

8.30 9.1 Factory Management (Mr. A. Schønnemann)

9.30 9.2 The Works' Manager's Tasks (Mr. A. Schønnemann)

10. Production Control

10.30 10.1 Quality Specifications (Mr. P. Håkanson)

11.30 10.2 Control Laboratory (Brief Survey) (read by C.A. Bang Petersen)

14.00 9-10 - Discussions in groups

15.20 9-10 - Reports on group discussions
(Plenary Meeting)

15.00 9-10 - Panel

14 May, Thursday 14. Maintenance and Expansion

8.30 14.1-2 Maintenance and Expansion (Mr. K.V. Talcherkar)

12. Management of FC Works

9.30 12.1 Management of the Concern (Mr. B. Nielsen)

10.30 12.2 Stock Accounts (Mr. F. Møller)

11. Marketing

11.30 11.1-2 Marketing and Distribution,
Major Consumers - Brief Survey by C.A. Bang Petersen

14.00 11-12 + 14 - Discussions in Groups

15.40 11-12 - Reports on Group
+ 14 - Discussions - Plenary Meeting

16.00 Panel

<u>15 May, Friday</u>	<u>13. Technical Service for Users of</u>
8.00-9.30	13.1-13.2 - Technical Service The Service Laboratory (Mr. K. L. T. ...)
10.15	Address by the Commissioner for Industrial Development, Mr. I. Abdul Rahman, followed by a Press Conference
14.00	Discussions in Groups
15.40	Reports on Group Discussions (Plenary Meeting)
16.00	Panel
16.30	<u>1 - 14</u> - Panel
17.00	Summing-up and Closing Session
19.00	Closing Dinner
<u>16 May, Saturday</u>	<u>D e p a r t u r e</u>

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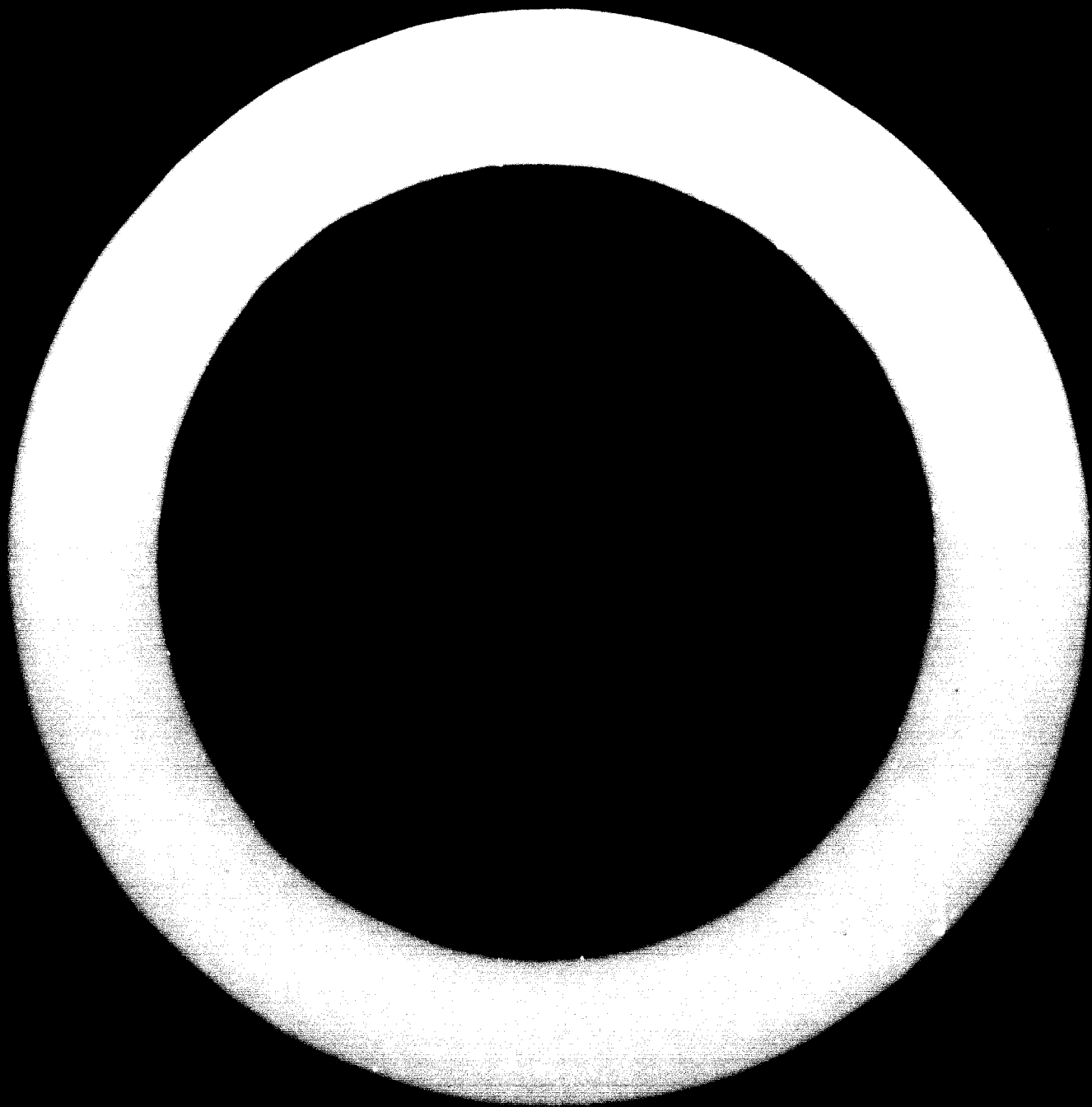
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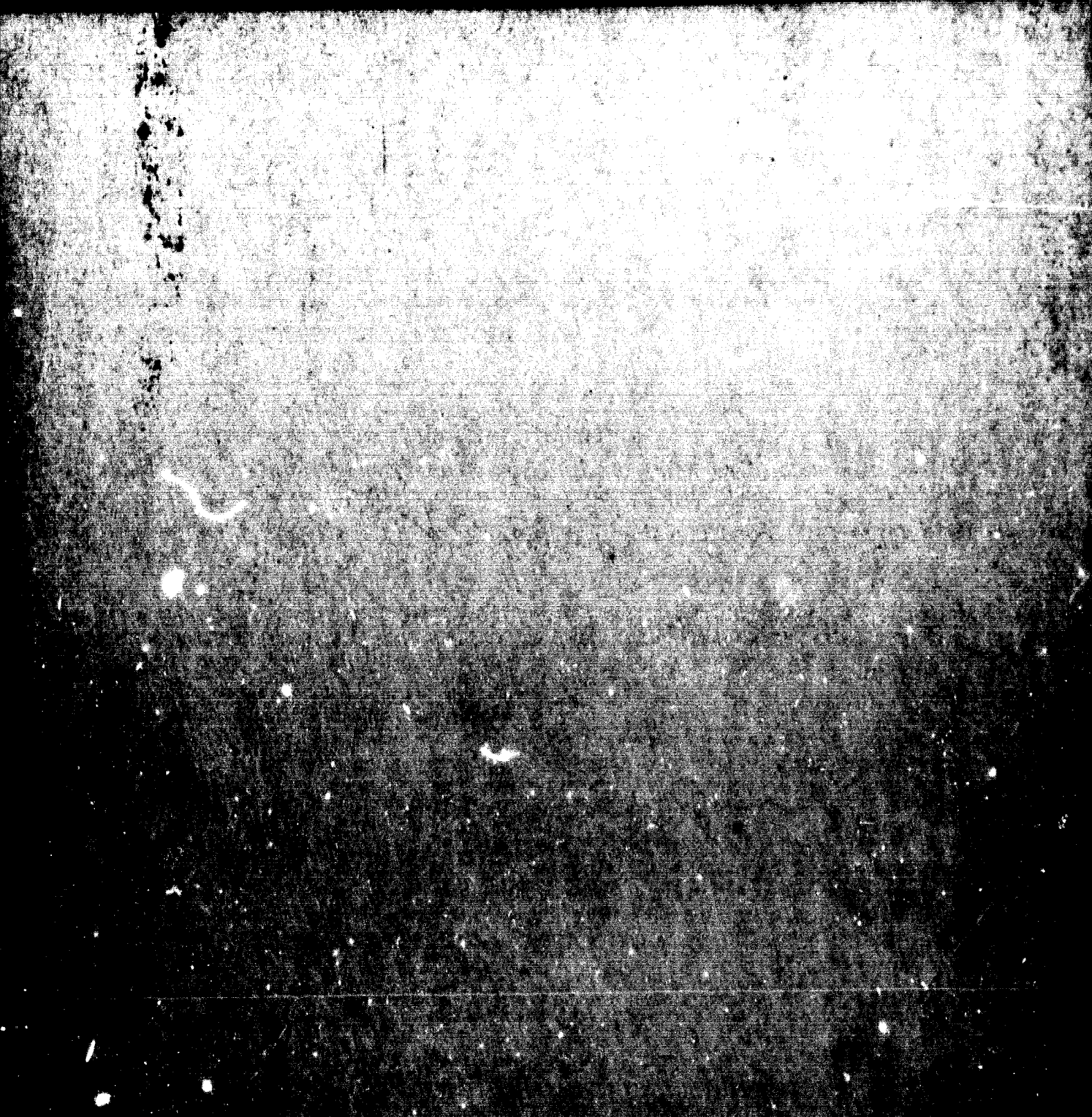
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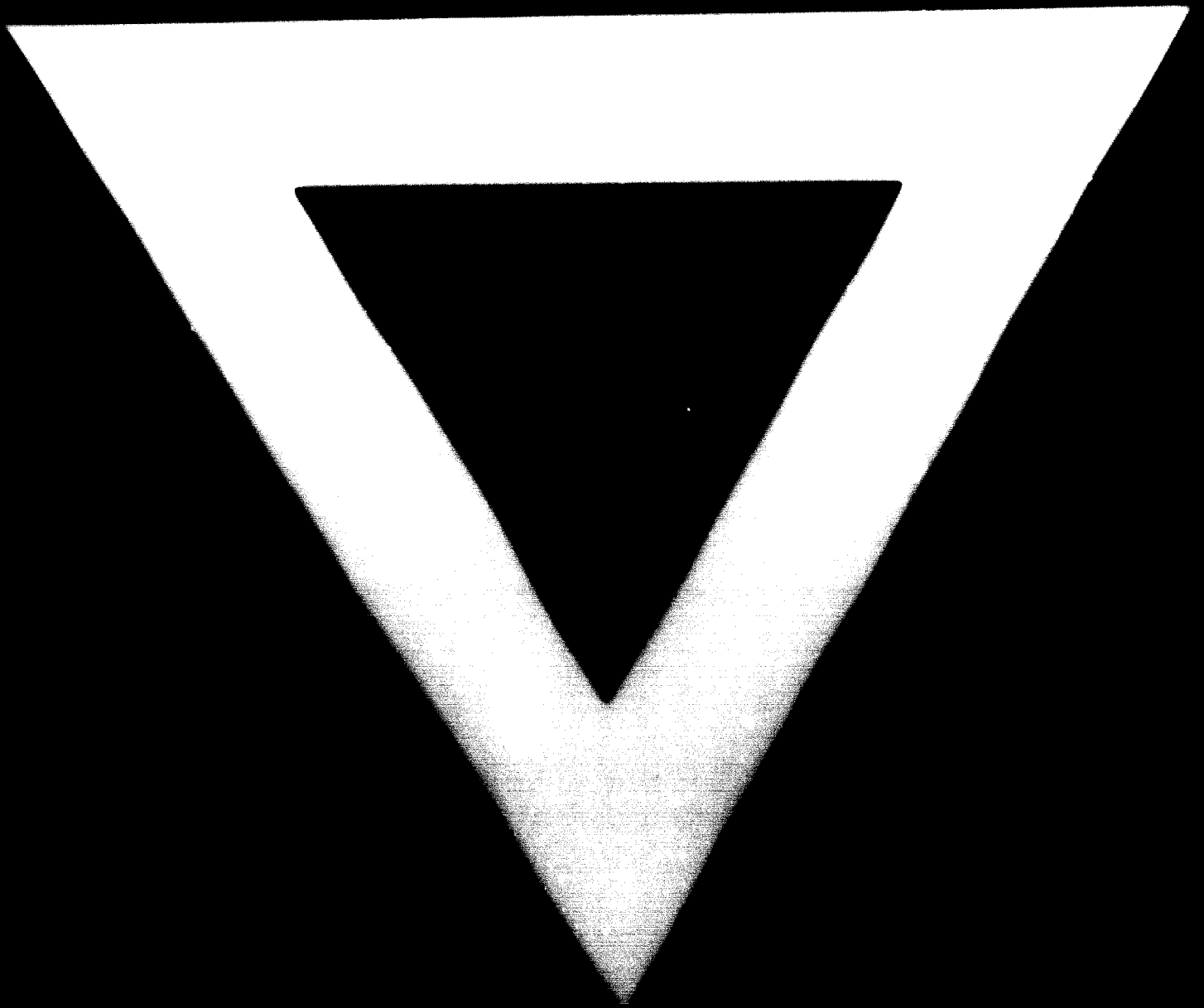
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