

Chicago, and other cities show things now being realized that are the result of utopias predicted twenty years ago. Today these utopias are realities.

From *Charette*, May 1956, David L. Lawrence, Mayor of Pittsburgh: Perhaps the city is technologically obsolete. Perhaps the world of tomorrow will belong not even to the suburbanite, but to his kinsman, one step removed, the exurbanite. But in our design, we don't think so. We think that civilization cannot be a string of country villas, or a sprawl across the landscape of incomplete satellites revolving around nothing. We think there must be a center where the highest skills may congregate and exchange ideas and services, where the rare and the beautiful may be exalted, where the art of administration may be practiced to meet the increasing complexities of both industry and government, where the human need for mingling with one's fellows can be met. That has been the philosophy of our design for Pittsburgh.