HOUSING THE MASSES

THE PROBLEM:

Mietskaserne (=Rental Barracks), e.g. Meyer's Hof, Berlin, 1875-30. Mass Housing as constituent part of modern architecture? Some housing examples: Muthesius at Hellerau // Törten Siedlung, Gropius-Bauhaus-Meyer // Pessac Housing, Le Corbusier // Mathenesse Housing, Oud, Rotterdam // Narkomfin Block, by Ginsburg, Moscow // Karl Marx Hof, by Karl Ehn, Vienna // Williamsburg Houses, by Lescaze, New York // Hufeisensiedlung, by Taut, Berlin // and many more...

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cf. Oud Mathenesse Housing, J.J.P. Oud, Rotterdam, 1923 Hook of Holland, J.J.P. Oud, 1924-7

* Kiefhoek Housing, Oud, Rotterdam, 1925-29 (298 units) (p.251)

FRANKFURT, GERMANY

"Das Neue Frankfurt" = The New Frankfurt

Housing Research: Housing Typologies: Housing Debates

City Center vs. Periphery Satellites

Low Rise vs. High Rise

Detached vs. Row Housing vs. Apartments

Perimeter Blocks vs. Zeilenbau (=Linear Building)

"Siedulingen" = Housing Developments, as satelites around city

Bruchfeldstraße, E. May, 1926-7 (643 apts., zig-zag, perimeter block)

Roemerstadt, Ernst May, 1927-8 (1220 apts., curves) (p.248)

Praunheim, E. May, 1926-8 (1441 apts., with trolley tracks, Phase 3)

Am Lindenbaum, W. Gropius, 1930 (1532 apts., Zeilenbau)

Siedlung Goldstein, May, 1930 (Co-sponsor German Garden City Assoc.)

* Frankfurt Kitchen, Grete Schute-Lihotsky (p.248)

Das neue Frankfurt magazine

Construction site efficiency, pre-fabricated concrete panels cf. CIAM II Meeting: "Existence Minimum Apartments", 1929

WEISSENHOF HOUSING, STUTTGART, GERMANY (p.198, 258-9, 352)

* Weissenhof Housing Development Exhibition, Stuttgart, Germany, 1927

Werkbund funded and promoted

Exhibit Plan & Apartment Block, Mies van der Rohe

Houses by: Gropius, Behrens, Taut, Le Corbusier, Stam, Poelzig, Scharoun, Oud...

"Arab Village," vs. "Victory of the New Building Style" propaganda war about the Weissenhof Housing Development Exhibit, Stuttgart, Germany, 1927 (p.352) Conservative critique & Competing traditional "Heimat" (pitched roof) housing developments















