

THE NEW "PAVILLONNAIRE"

HOMES IN AFFLUENT SOCIETIES, ARE ASSEMBLIES OF PREMISES. IN MAJORITY OF CASES PREMISES ARE COMPRESSED INTO A MASSIVE BODY, FORMING A "HOUSE".

IN CERTAIN CIVILISATIONS, IN ASIA AND AFRICA, THE PREMISES WERE INSTALLED ON A SITE, EACH PREMISE BEING AN INDEPENDENT "PAVILLON". THE SITE FOR THAT KIND OF USE HAS TO BE RELATIVELY LARGE, AT LEAST THE DOUBLE OF THE SUM OF AREAS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL PAVILLON.

THE TECHNIQUE OF THE "VILLE SPATIALE" MAKES EASY TO DISPOSE THE PAVILLONS ON MORE LEVELS. THUS THE PAVILLONS KEEP THEIR INDIVIDUALITY, IN THE SAME TIME GROUND IMPACT OF THE WHOLE CAN BE REDUCED TO A FRACTION OF THE AREA NORMALLY NECESSARY FOR "PAVILLONNAIRE" ARCHITECTURE.

PAVILLONNAIRE ARCHITECTURE, BY ITS CONCEPT, IS OPEN TO "MOBILE ARCHITECTURE". INDEED, TRANSFORMATIONS OF ONE PAVILLON HAS LITTLE IMPACT TO THE OTHERS. THE "VILLE SPATIALE", AS IT WAS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, IS ESSENTIALLY PAVILLONNAIRE.

SEEN FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF TOWN PLANNING, OR OF URBAN DESIGN, MANY-LEVEL PAVILLONNAIRE ARCHITECTURE DOES NOT POSE MORE PROBLEMS THAN MAINSTREAM LOW-RISE URBAN ARCHITECTURE. IT FACILITATES ECOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES, AS ITS TISSUE ADMITS TO BE INTERWOWEN WITH TREES AND GARDENS. (I CALLED IT, AS A NICK-NAME, THE "PASADENA-MODEL".

PAVILLONS, ACCORDING THIS CONCEPTION, COULD BE REDUCED TO WHAT I CALLED IN THE 80-IES AND 90-IES, THE "MEUBLE + PLUS" CONCEPT. IT MEANS THAT PIECES OF FURNITURE, TABLES, BEDS, SITTING CORNERS ETC CAN BE HANDLED AS "MINI-PAVILLONS" CONTAINING A PIECE OF FURNITURE PLUS THE SPACE NECESSARY FOR USING IT. THESE "MINI-PAVILLONS" CAN BE PUSHED AROUND LIKE NORMAL FURNITURE.

THE "NEW PAVILLONNAIRE" MIGHT BE THE "MOLECULE" OF THE FUTURE CITY. IT CAN FORM MEDIUM-SIZE AGGLOMERATIONS OF THE KIND I CALLED, IN THE 70-IES, "URBAN VILLAGES".

A GROUP OF URBAN VILLAGES CORRESPONDS TO A LARGE CITY (IN OUR PRESENT TERMINOLOGY), AND SUCH LARGE CITIES, LINKED THROUGH HYPERFAST RAIL NETWORK CAN FORM A "CONTINENT CITY". FOR EXAMPLE, EUROPE, ALREADY TODAY, STARTS TO FUNCTION AS A "CONTINENT CITY" OF ABOUT 100 EXISTING CITIES.