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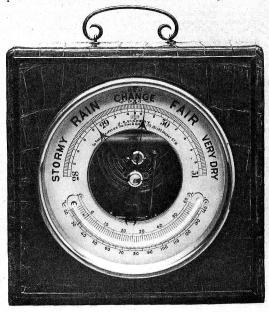
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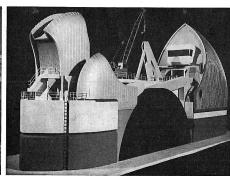
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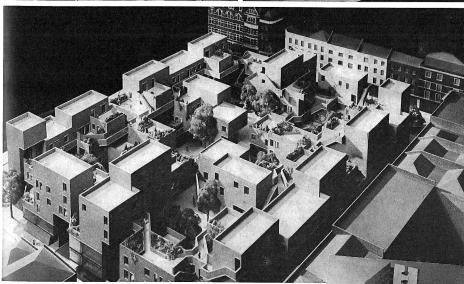
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Last Friday Leslie Yeo retired as modelmaker to the GLC's department of architecture after 30 years. To mark the occasion a small exhibition of models made by his section has been mounted in the lobby to the north block at County Hall.

Some of the more spectacular models produced by the section, such as the sevenfoot long Edmonton refuse incinerator, which requires a crane to move it, were not available for inclusion but the examples on display include models of schemes built, unbuilt and soon-to-be built. One of the most interesting in the "unbuilt" category is a model of Parliament Square with the proposed new government office building at Broad Sanctuary and Lasdun's proposed RICS of the modelmaker.

building close by. The government block, conspicuous by its closely spaced mullions, projecting bays and fortress-like ramparts, compares so badly with Lasdun's elegant and complex overhangs that it's a wonder the scheme survived even half a glance at the

Modelmaking techniques have changed over the years to accommodate new materials and ideas. Sponge trees have been superseded by trees made of strands of wire soldered together, plastics have replaced wood in many cases. But even now when a range of metal sections and model fittings can be obtained "off the shelf", a large measure of ingenuity and skill is still required

Top left: Parliament Square with the unbuilt government block in the centre and Lasdun's proposed RICS building to the right. Top right: A pontoon for the Thames barrier, Middle: Housing for Covent Garden. Above: A 24-storey scissor-type maisonette block.