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WHAT IS THE future  
STATE OF UTOPIAS?

DO THEY REFLECT THE  
current/past  
STATE OF THE WORLD?

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# HOW ABOUT TOMORROW:

No sooner does any American settle himself down contentedly with the idea that life in America has been pretty darned good lately than he is tormented by a question: "What will it be doing for us later than lately?"

The future he and his children will know, the America of 1975, has already been charted and predictions are being made. To get a picture of tomorrow's good life, *LIFE* consulted city planners, economists, businessmen preparing for the next decade's consumer goods and architects

whose success will depend on figuring how the four million Americans born every year will live. Their optimistic prophecies are shown on these following pages—along with some sobering misgivings (p. 172).

Housing will still be crucial in 1975. But most architects agree that with proper planning and imaginative building, the next 15 years should bring the beginning of the end not only for the grimy apartments and grim tenements of America's congested cities but also for the one-family



**MASS HOUSING IN THE CITY**

An architect's conception of city housing in 1975 shows a landscaped 20-acre park, with 30-story apartment buildings, playing areas and swimming pools.



Cutaway view shows one-family duplex built around a large private balcony. It gives each member of family his own bedroom-living room unit to insure increased space and privacy needed when most Americans will have much more spare time for projects and hobbies. Here father paints (left) as son (alone

# A PRACTICAL PROPHECY

home on the small suburban parcel of land. Replacing them all as basic mass housing of the future, according to New York Architect William Ballard, of Ballard, Todd & Snibbe, who designed the drawing of it below, will be something called "The Tower in the Park." Six of these modern towers, each 30 stories high with duplex apartments for 720 families (about 3,000 people), will be built in a 20-acre park. Starting at the very edge of any city's business section, a series of these units would extend

across what are today city residential areas and on through the suburbs.

Ballard estimates a town of 12,000 people could be housed in towers on just 80 acres (an average suburb of 12,000 population uses 1,800 acres) and include more play areas than any housing development. By freeing the suburban householder from the chores of do-it-yourself home upkeep, the towers will give a family more time to enjoy the assortment of worldly goods and selected services ready for them (turn the page).



his) does science homework in room with small private laboratory. Sisters (behind balcony) play duet. Kitchen (background left) has thermoelectric cabinet-freezer and oven combined—for keeping and quick-cooking prepared food. On balcony, mother cooks outdoor meal on thermoelectric hostess

cart. Architect estimates that the apartment would sell for same price as an average suburban home. In the distance tenement buildings are being demolished by a crane and beyond that are skyscrapers of city downtown business section, near enough so apartment dwellers can get to work easily and quickly.

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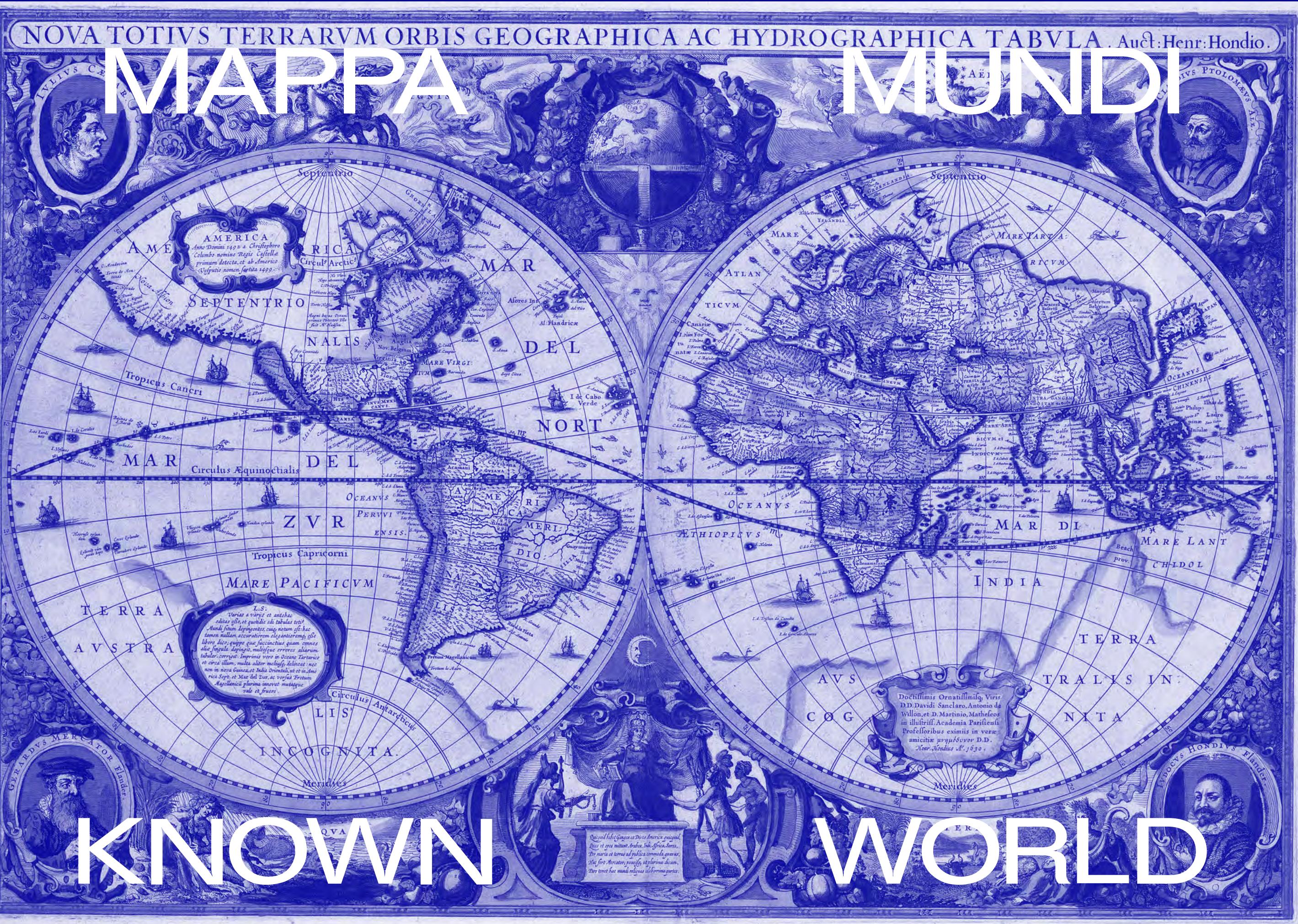
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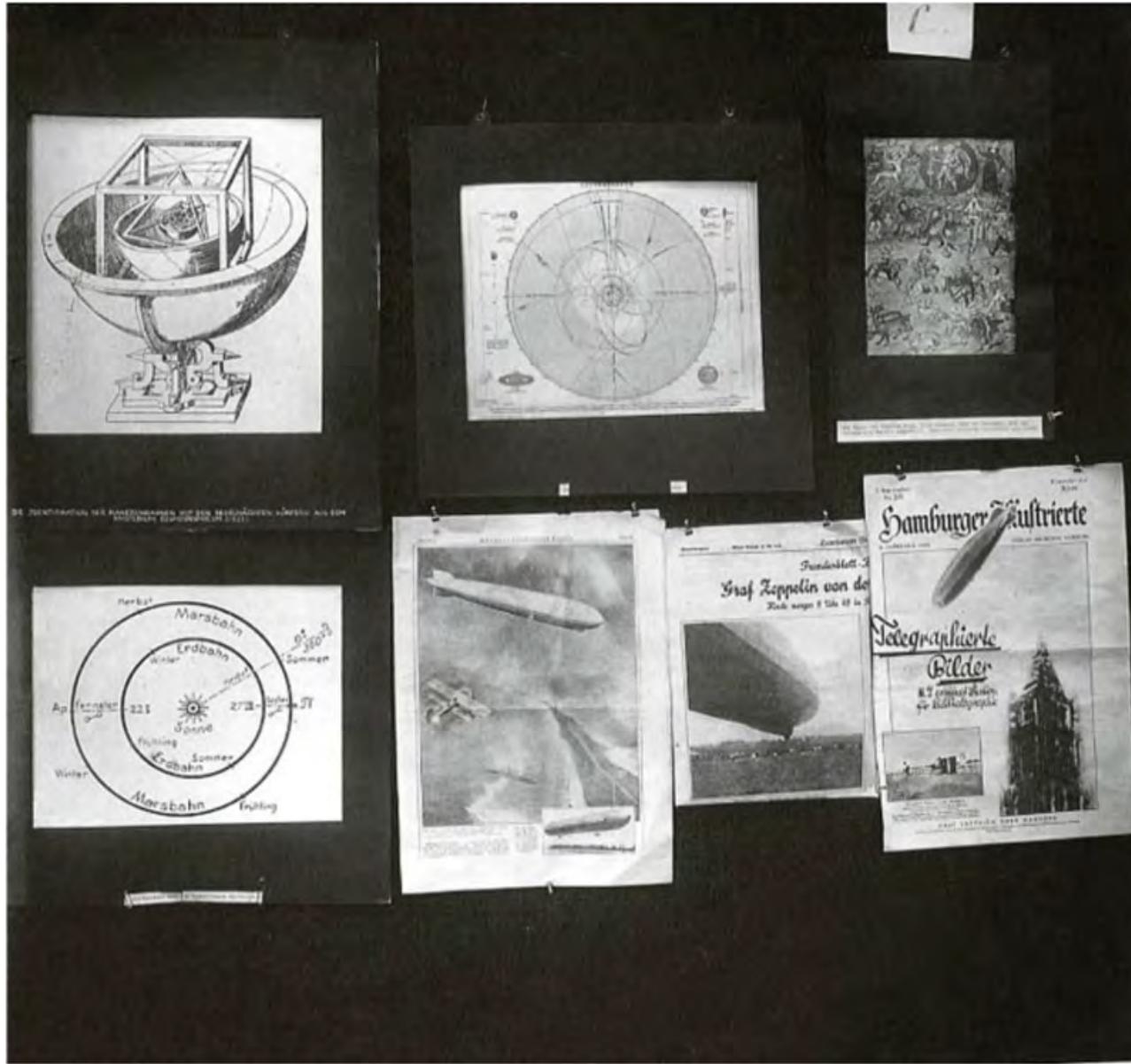
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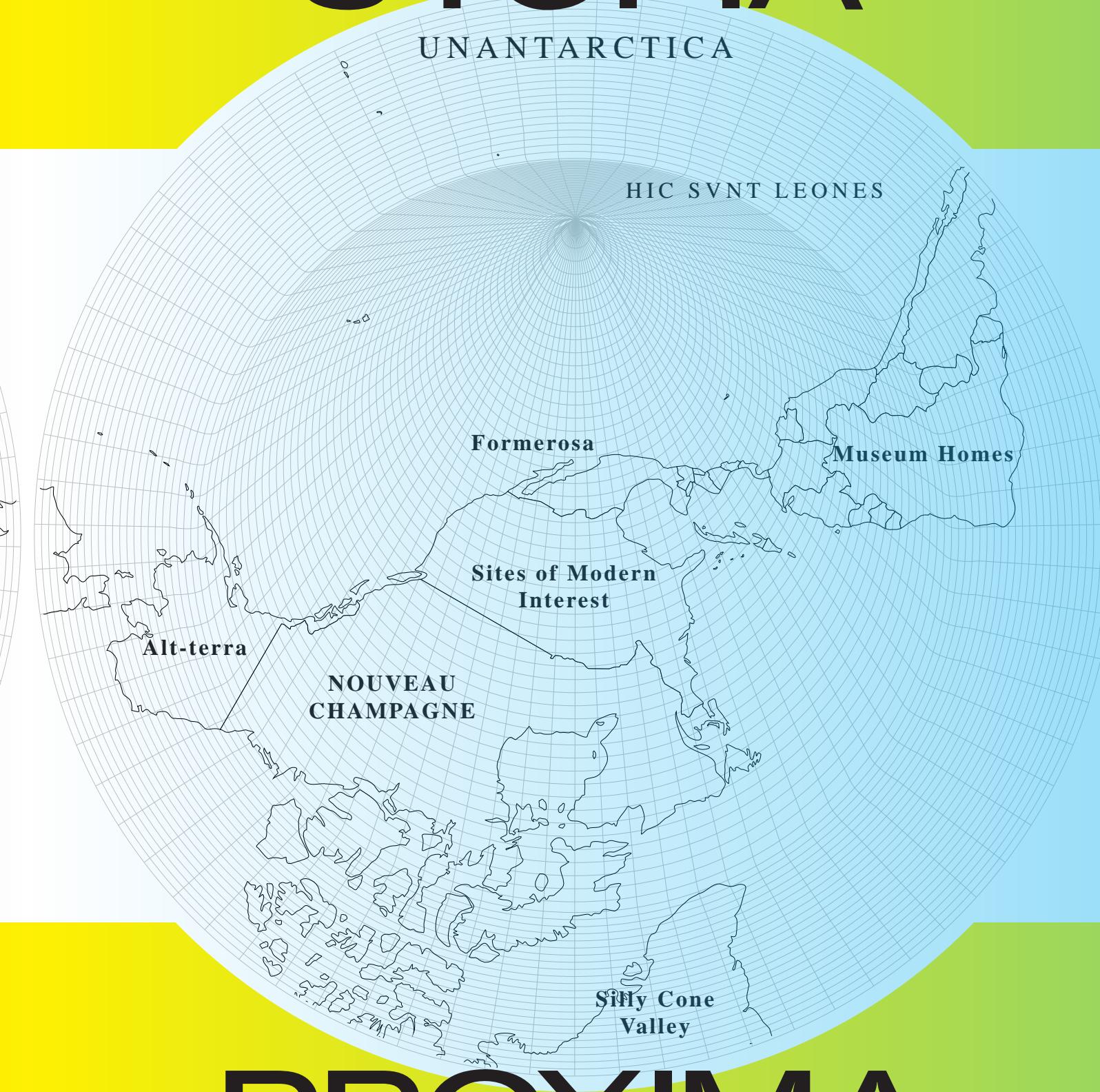
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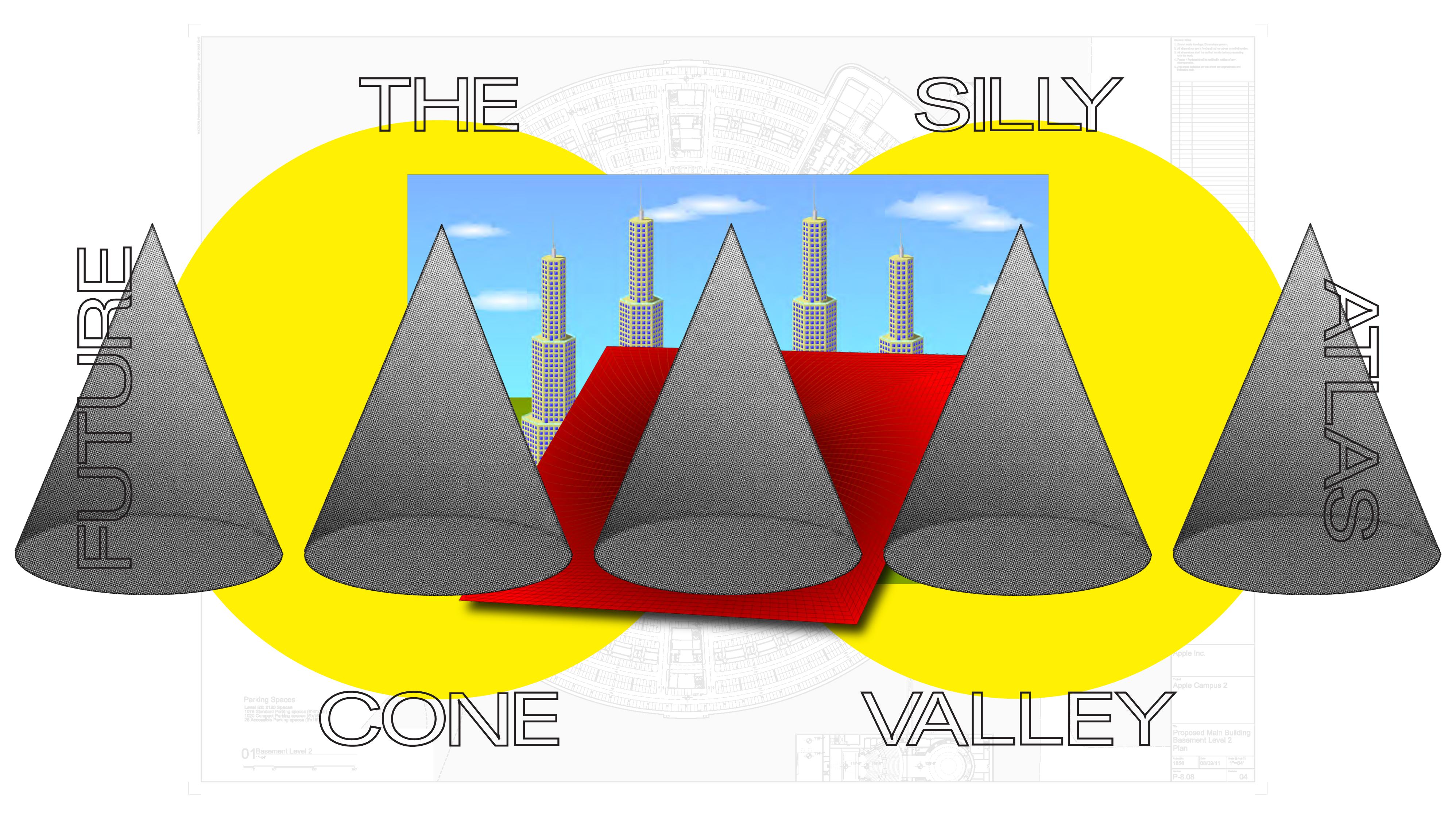
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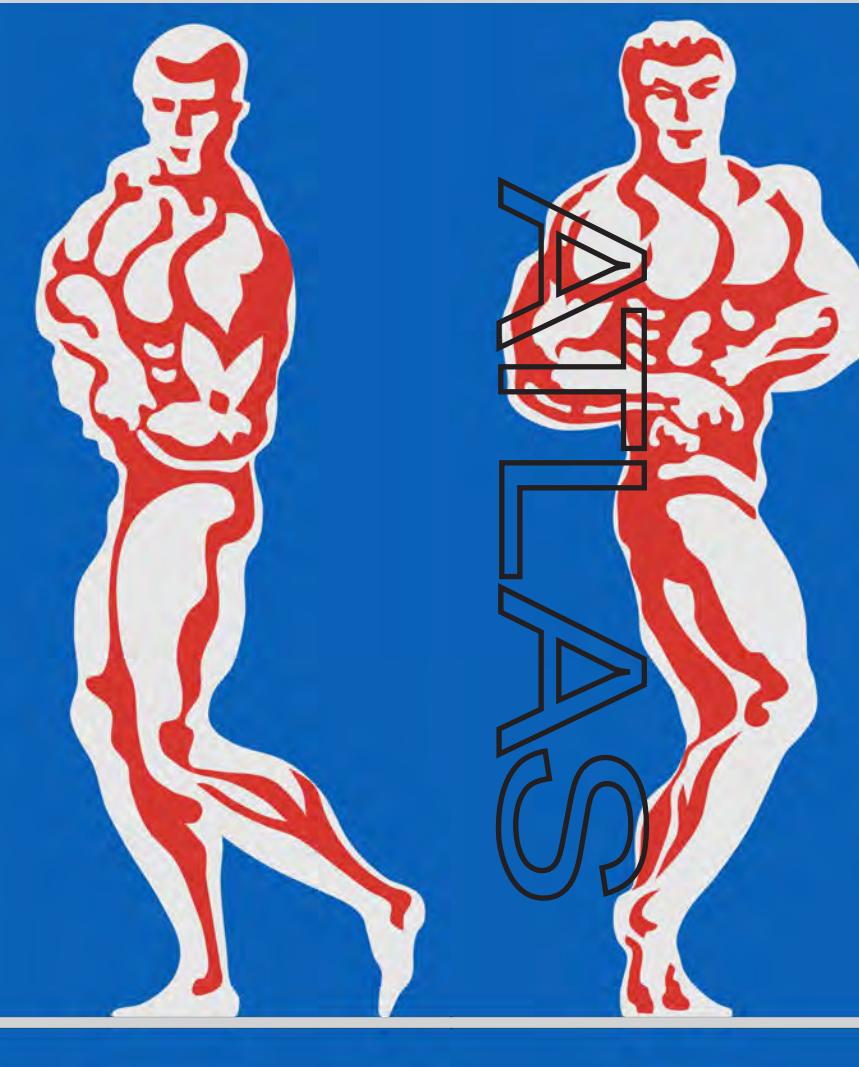
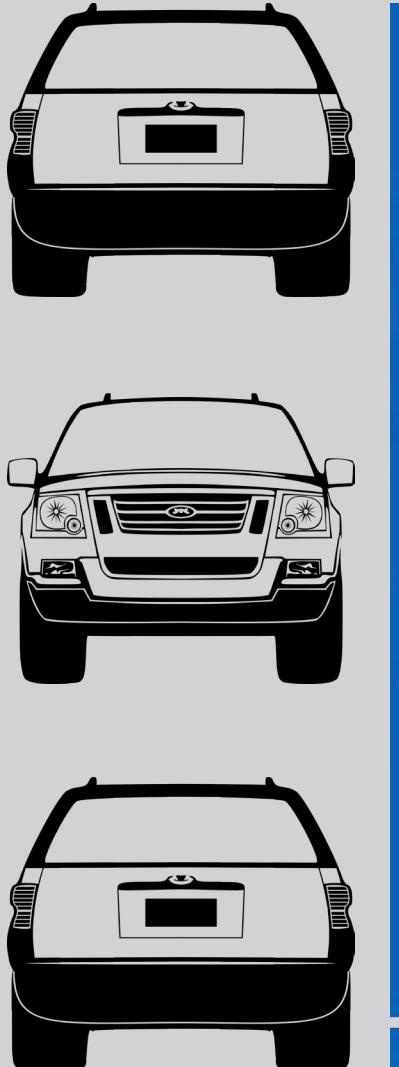
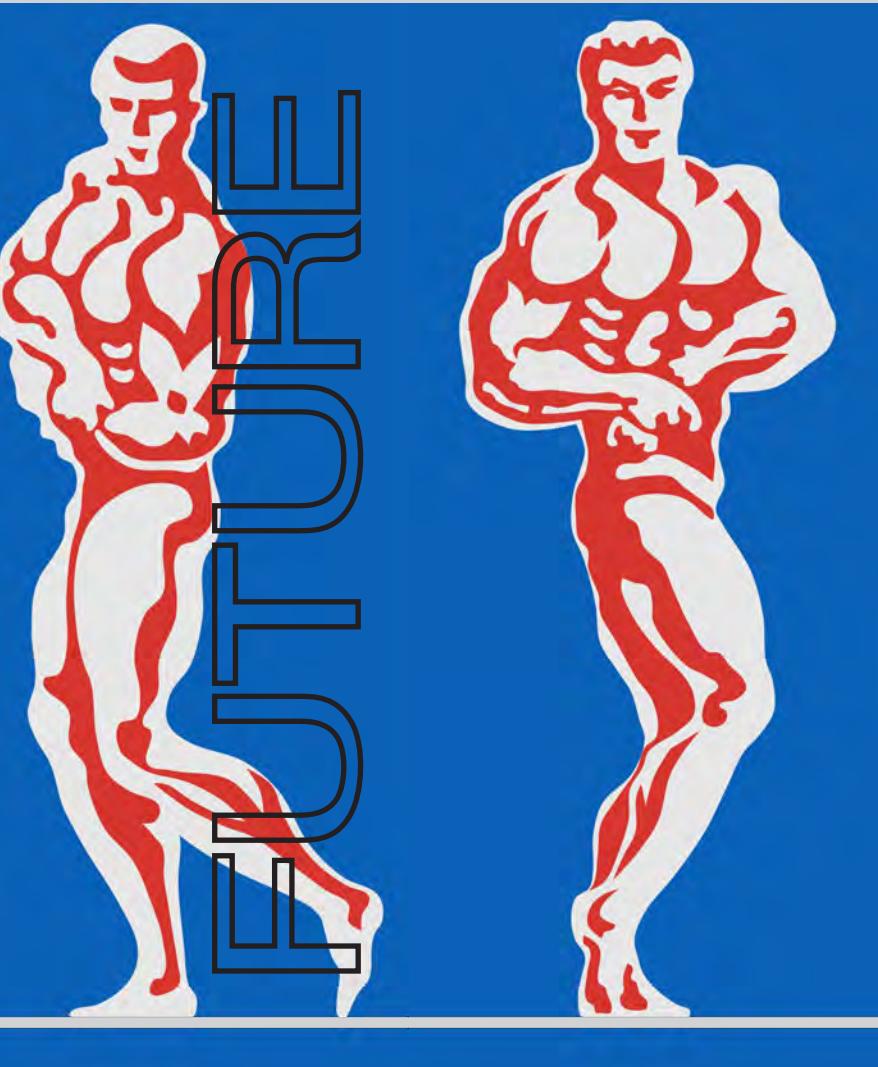


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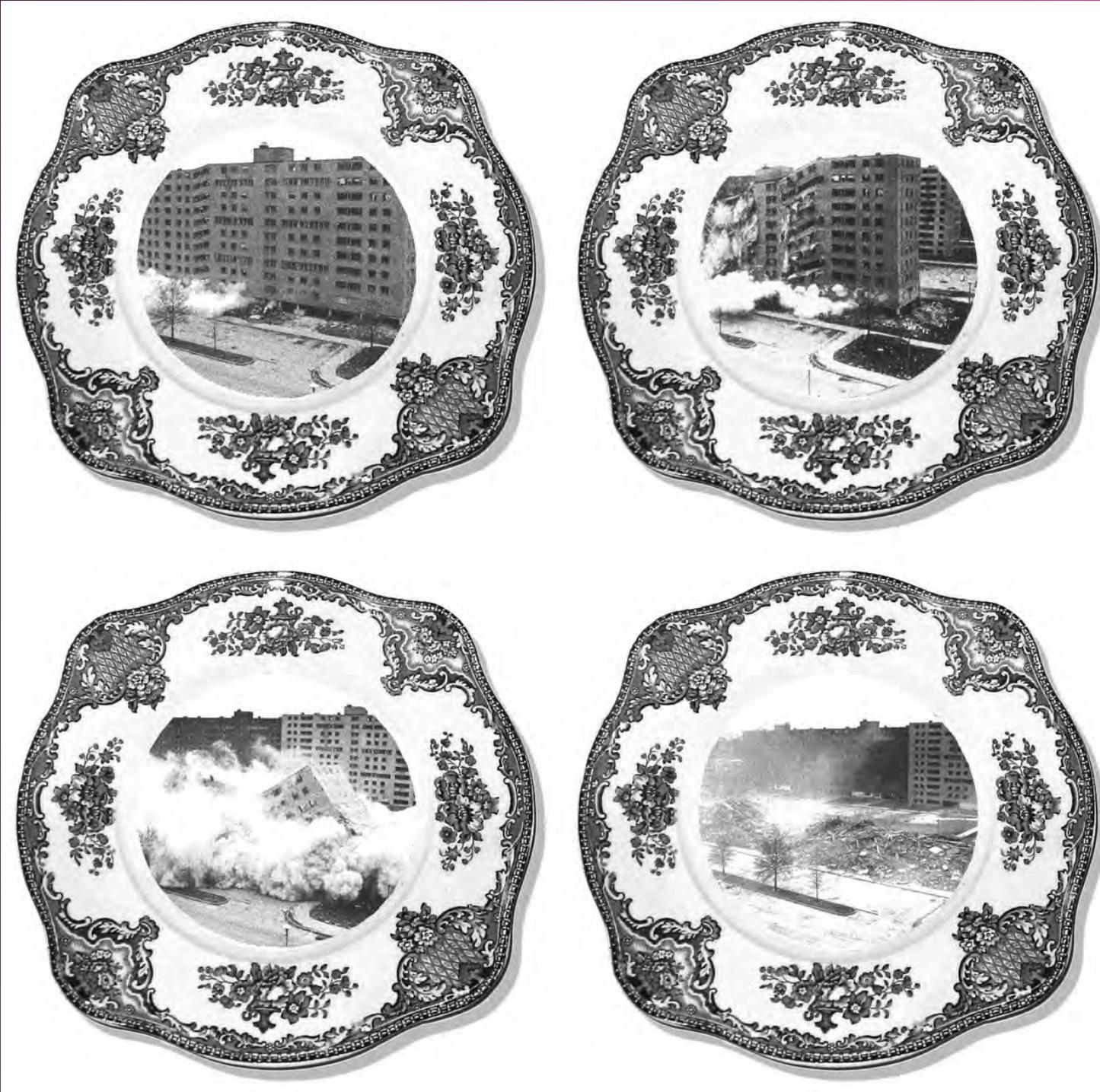


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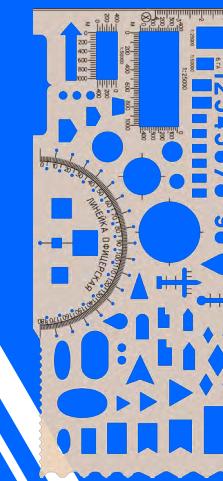
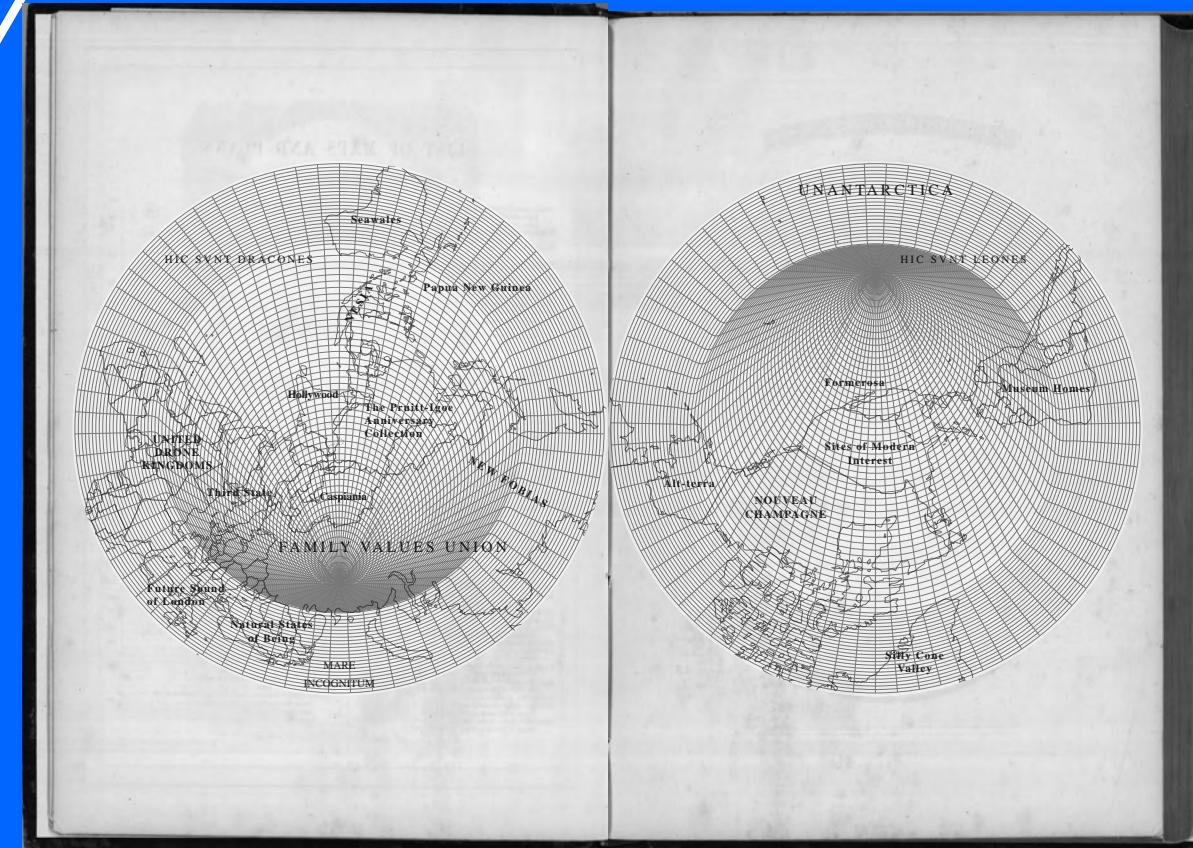
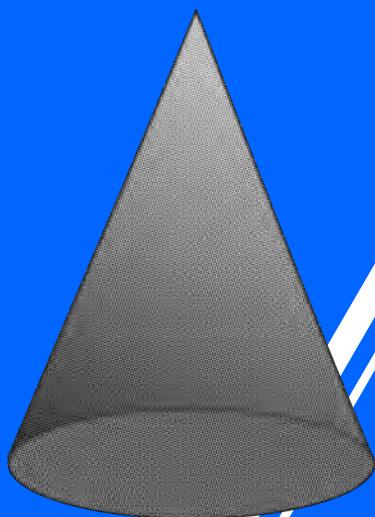
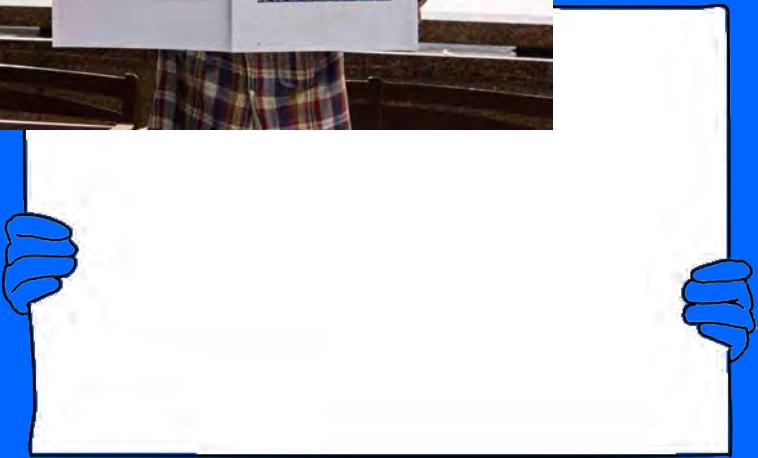
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