

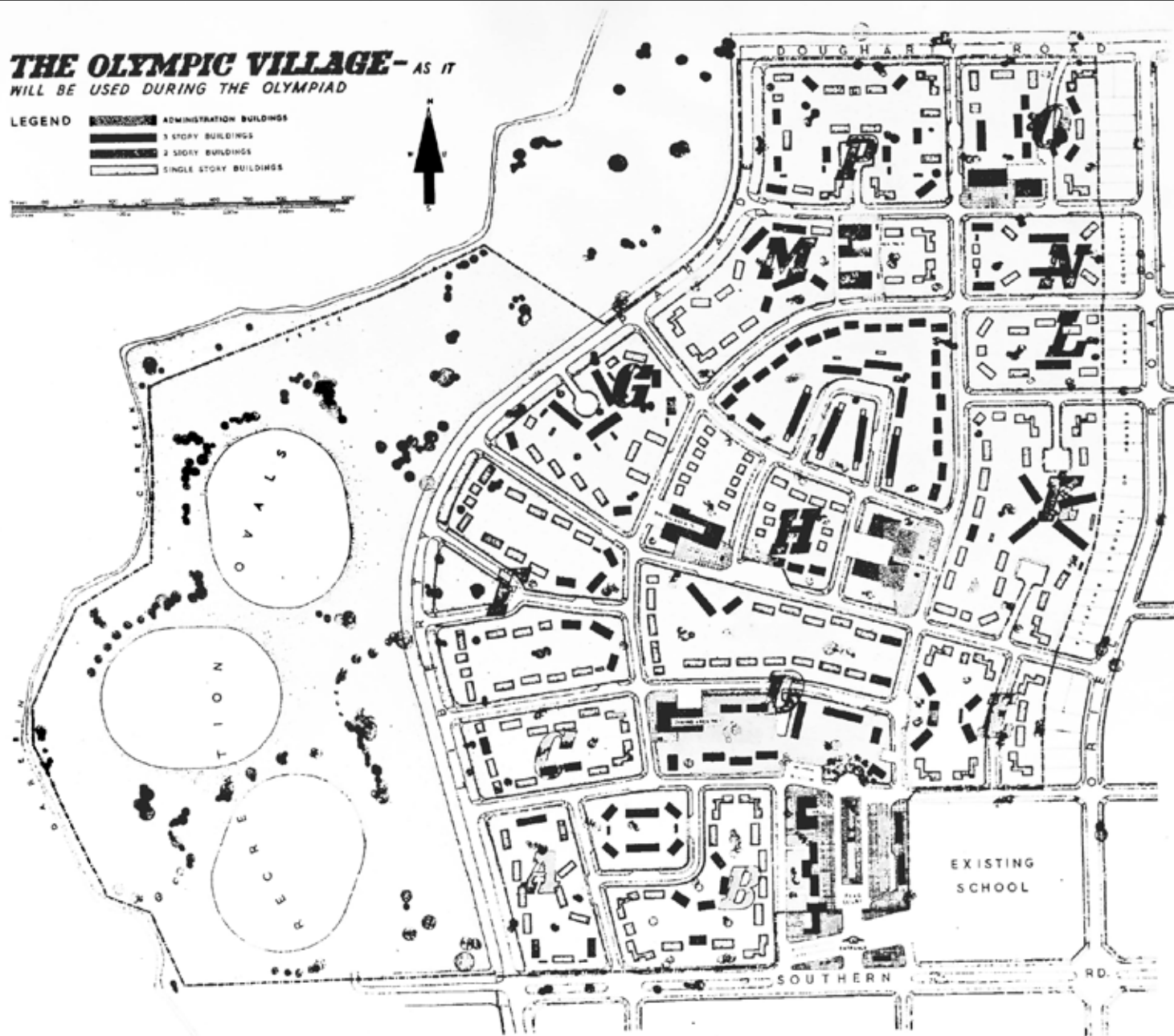


Colour in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics

**THE OLYMPIC VILLAGE- AS IT
WILL BE USED DURING THE OLYMPIAD**

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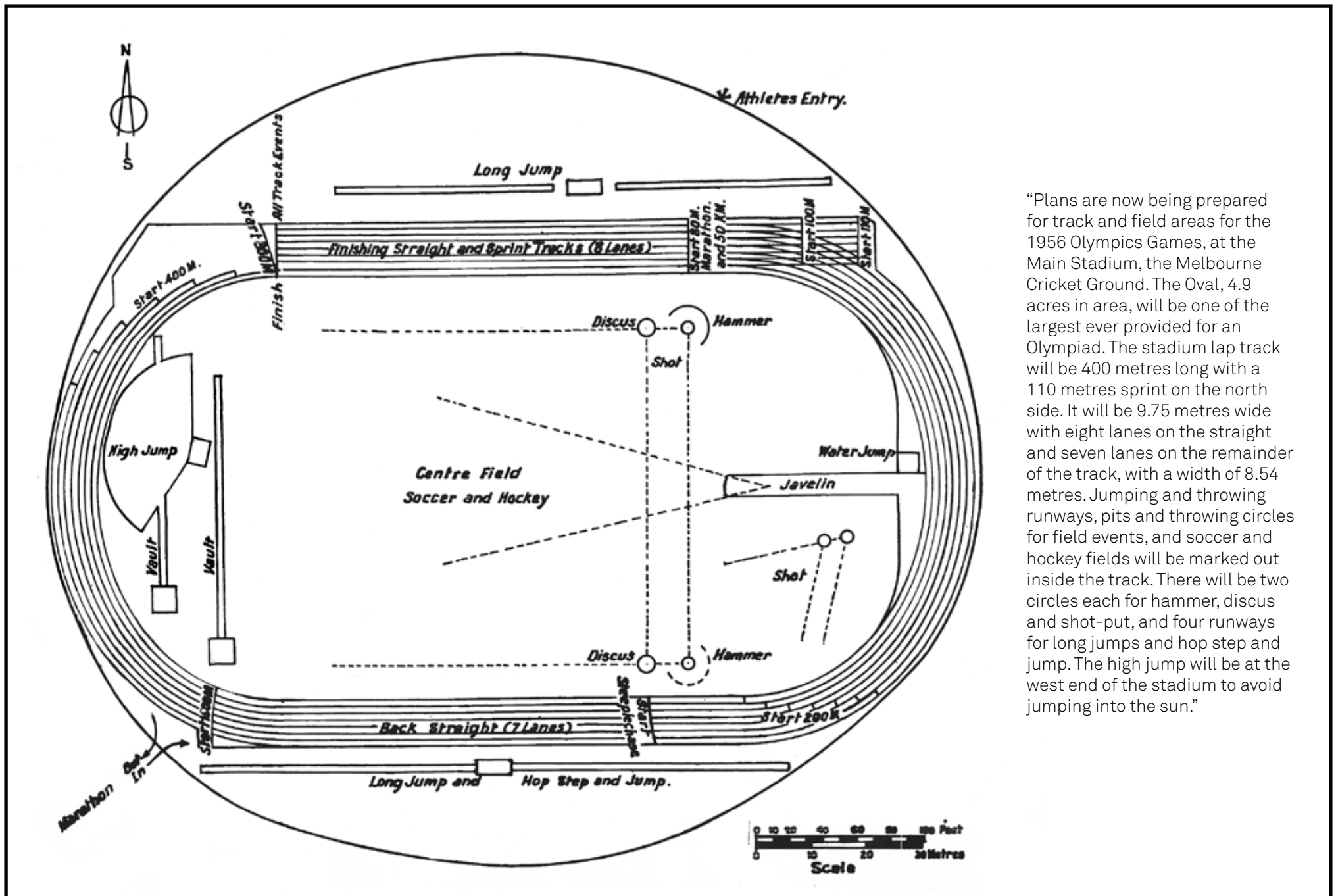
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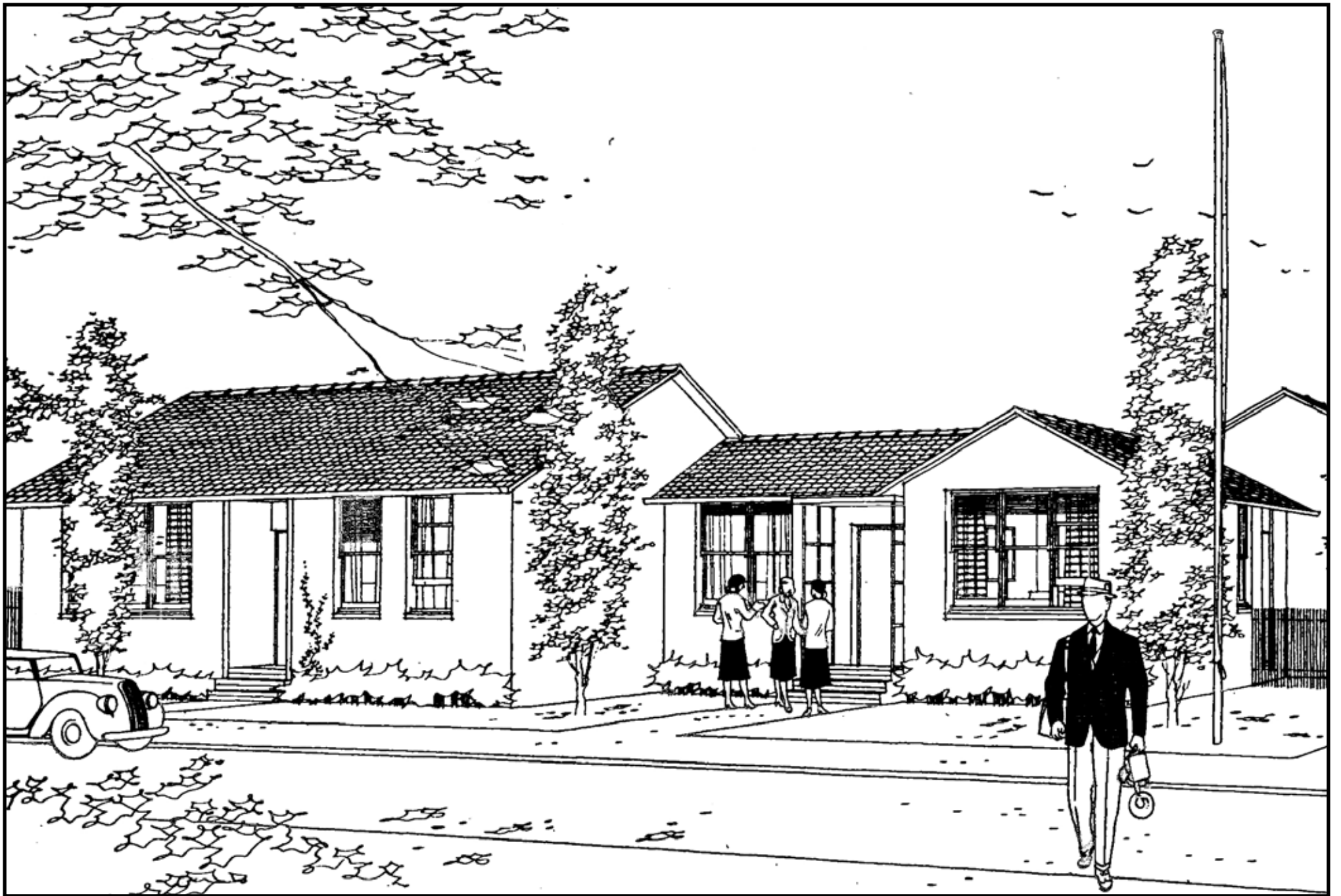
“Melbourne, Australia, venue for the 1956 Olympic Games, is building an international village of 788 brick and concrete houses to accommodate up to 6,000 athletes and officials during the Games. The £A2,000,000 Olympic Village will be world class. It is being built by the Victorian State Housing Commission on a 117 acre site 7 ½ miles from the main Olympic Stadium and will be used for permanent housing after the Games. Facilities to be provided for the Games include three sports grounds, banks, post offices, medical and dental centres, barber shop and mending and shoe repair centre. Dining rooms and kitchens for the different national groups will be in separate temporary buildings. Rooms will have electric light and power. Each house will have a modern bathroom with shower, bath and basin, with hot and cold water. Final plan for the Olympic Village. The whole settlement will be landscaped and it is planned to have lawns, shrubs and trees established by 1956. A formal entrance to the Village, where flags of competing nations will be displayed, is shown in the south east corner.”



Flats for athletes in Photographs and Presentations. VPRS 15162/P1, Unit 1.

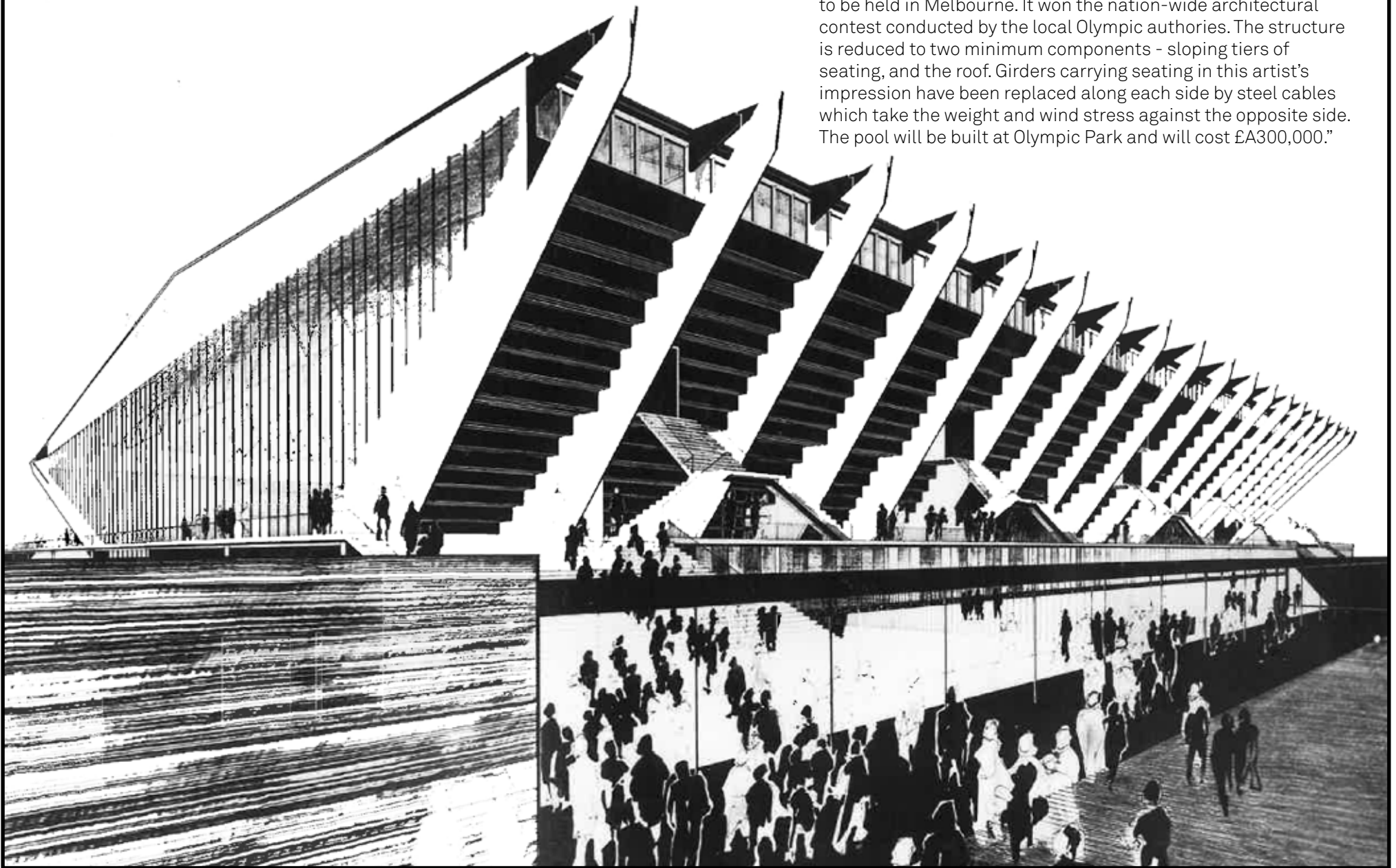


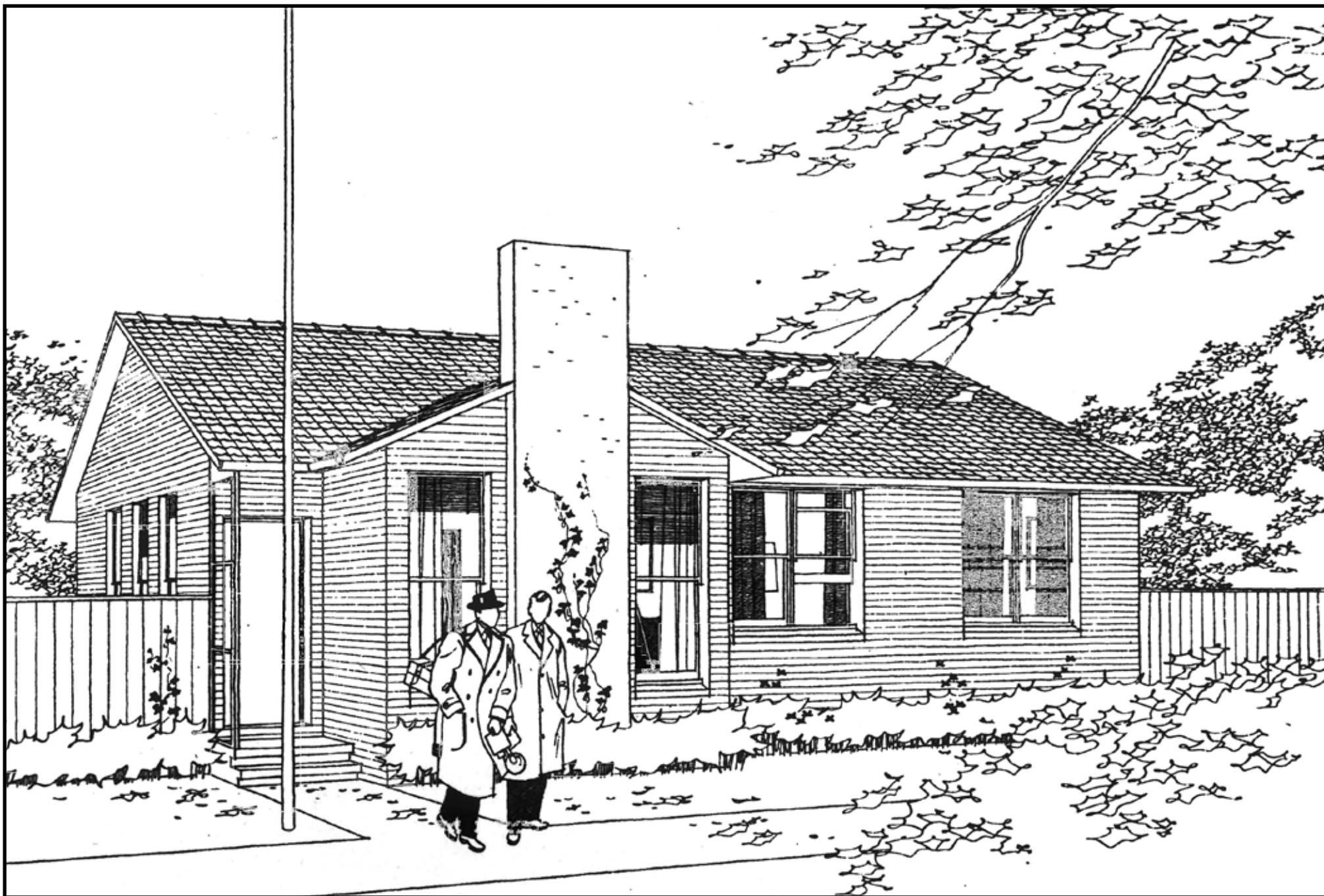
“Plans are now being prepared for track and field areas for the 1956 Olympics Games, at the Main Stadium, the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The Oval, 4.9 acres in area, will be one of the largest ever provided for an Olympiad. The stadium lap track will be 400 metres long with a 110 metres sprint on the north side. It will be 9.75 metres wide with eight lanes on the straight and seven lanes on the remainder of the track, with a width of 8.54 metres. Jumping and throwing runways, pits and throwing circles for field events, and soccer and hockey fields will be marked out inside the track. There will be two circles each for hammer, discus and shot-put, and four runways for long jumps and hop step and jump. The high jump will be at the west end of the stadium to avoid jumping into the sun.”



Village "corner" unit in Photographs and Presentations. VPRS 15162/P1, Unit 1.

“This is the design for the pool for the 1956 Olympic Games, to be held in Melbourne. It won the nation-wide architectural contest conducted by the local Olympic authorities. The structure is reduced to two minimum components - sloping tiers of seating, and the roof. Girders carrying seating in this artist's impression have been replaced along each side by steel cables which take the weight and wind stress against the opposite side. The pool will be built at Olympic Park and will cost £A300,000.”





Single five-room brick cottage to house 10 athletes in Photographs and Presentations. VPRS 15162/P1, Unit 1.