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THE SAN FRANCISCO WATERFRONT

This description is to be read as a supplement to the course description entitled "Morphology of large buildings and towns." Students are expected to enroll in both Arch. 202 (Sec.1) and Arch 241 (Sec.2). Prerequisite: Arch. 100 and Fall quarter of 201 with these instructors, or consent of instructor.

The class will concern itself with the plan and simulated development for a portion of the San Francisco Waterfront, including the area north of the Bay bridge, between the bridge and the ferry building, and to the south of the bridge, the area between the bridge and pier 36.

As you may know, this area is currently under study by the San Francisco Planning Department, and the North East Waterfront Advisory Committee, with a plan being prepared by Rockrise and associates (ROMA). However, certain members of the Committee feel that the plan now being prepared is too much oriented towards large scale commercial development for the tourist industry. They have therefore encouraged us to prepare an alternate plan, in which we shall present a more intimate and neighborhood oriented future for the area, in which housing, shops, industry, public buildings, and public open space will mix in a much richer way, to produce an environment worthy of this potentially beautiful place.

First class meeting: Monday, January 8, 9th floor, 2 PM.
Classes will meet M,T,W,Th 2-6, on the ninth floor of Wurster.

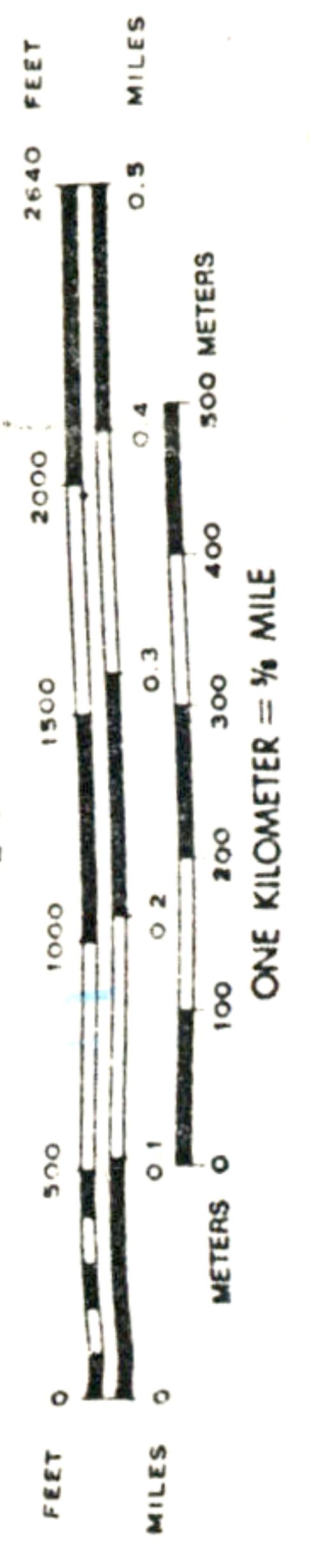
The following outline describes the work schedule for the winter quarter:

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| 1. Theoretical sketches of a large building | Weeks 1,2 |
| 2. Patterns for a particular large building type | 3,4,5 |
| 3. Construction system for large buildings (concrete & masonry) | 3,4,5 |
| 4. Sketch of a large building | 6,7,8 |
| 5. Sketch of a sequence of outdoor spaces | 8,9 |
| 6. Woodworking class | 6,7,8 |
| 7. Preparation of empty site model (for next quarter) | 6,7,8 |
| 8. Model of open space and building, in wood | 9,10 |
| 9. Ongoing weekly discussion of theory of city-growth process
(report from small working group, working under instructors,
and as Arch 207). | |

This work should be considered as preparation for the spring quarter.

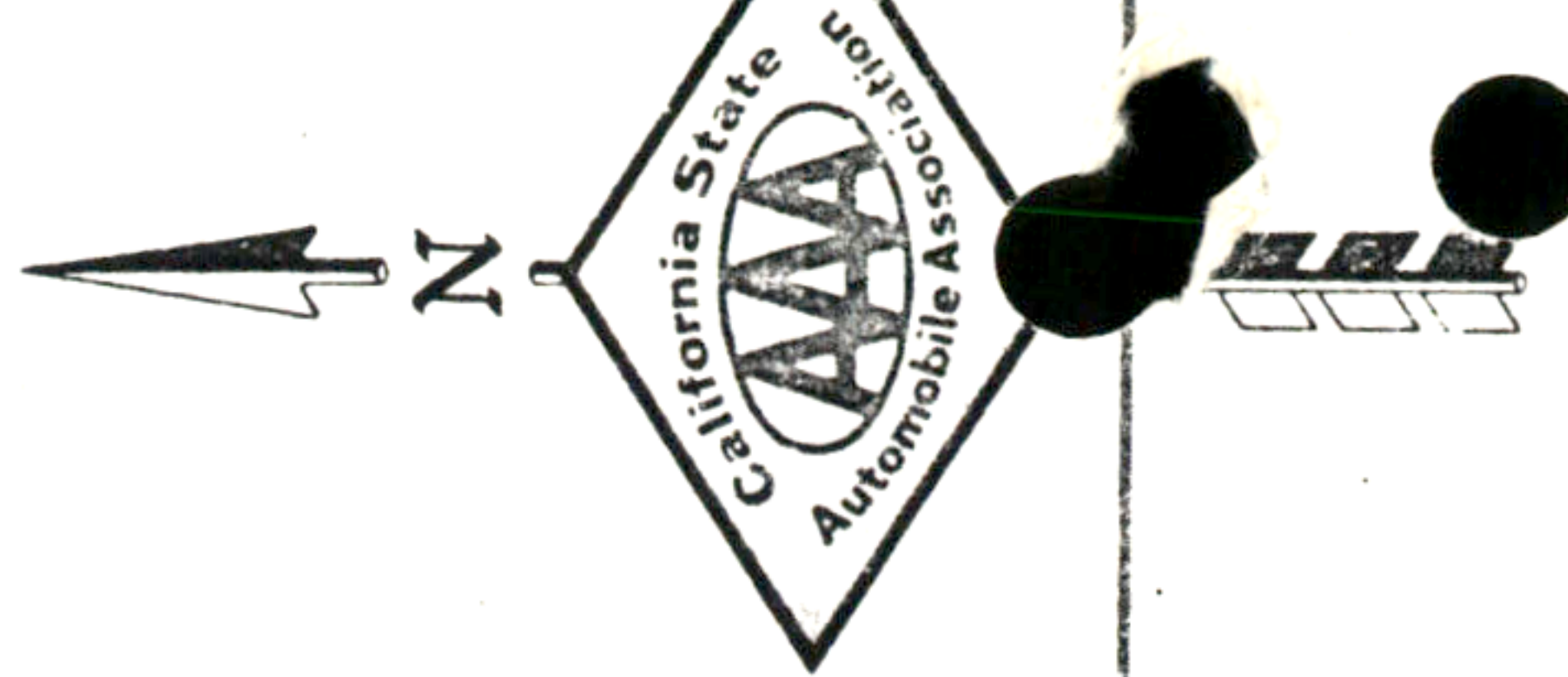
During the spring quarter, the students will prepare the final model and simulation of the waterfront area, and each student will design one individual building in detail. The work schedule for the spring quarter will be distributed later.

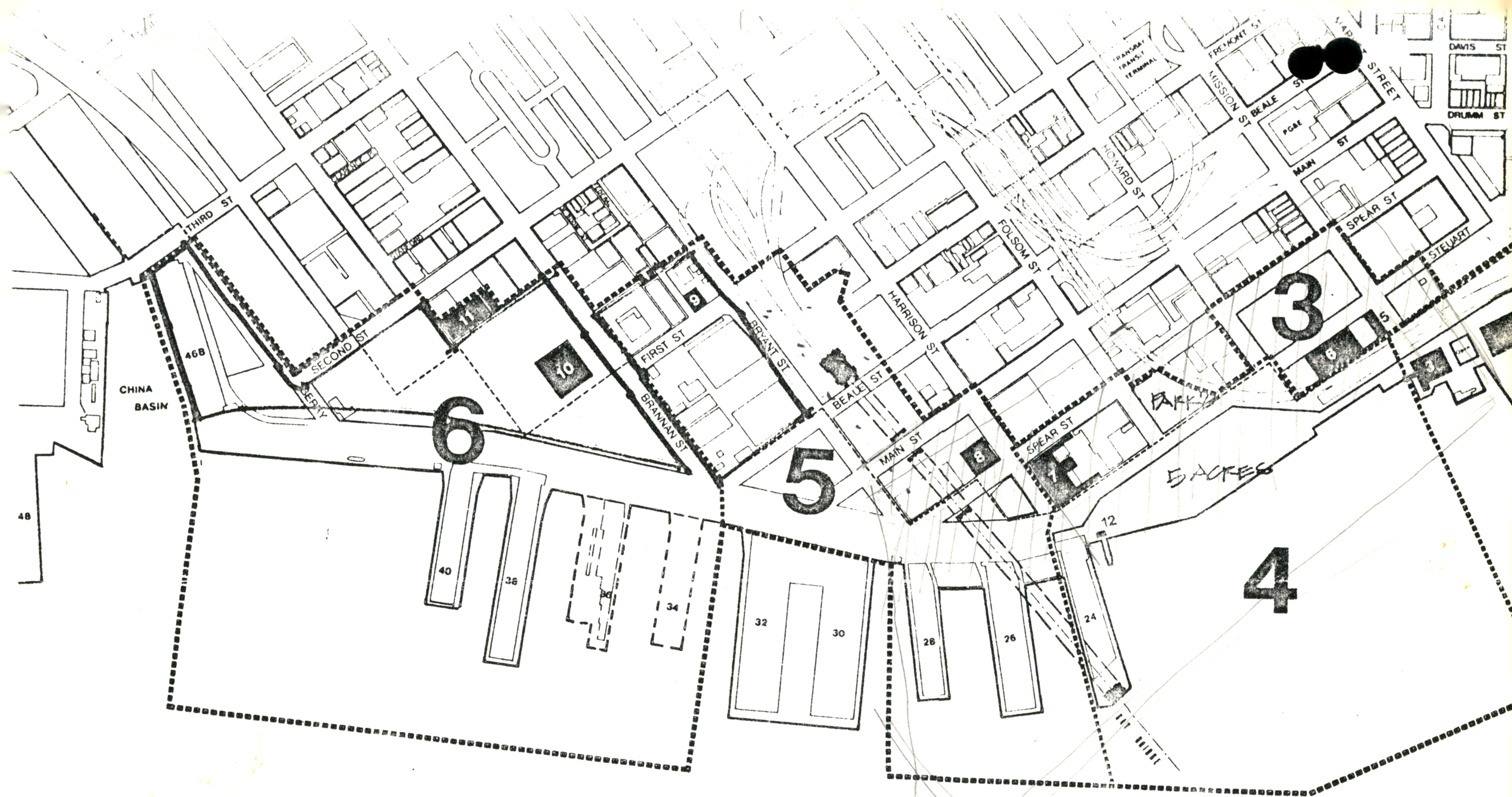
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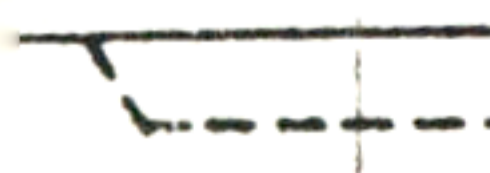



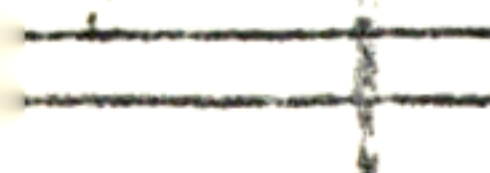
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REFERENCE MAP

-  SURVEY AREA BOUNDARY
-  PLANNING SUB-AREAS
-  PORT JURISDICTION
-  LONG RANGE GIVENS
-  PIERS IN SOUND CONDITION OR REHAB FEASIBLE
-  PIER REHAB QUESTIONABLE
-  PIERS IN UNSOUND CONDITION OR REMOVED

- 1 Ferry Building
- 2 Pier 1½
- 3 Agriculture Building
- 4 Golden Gate Ferry Terminal
- 5 Audiffred Building
- 6 East Street Row
- 7 Hills Bros Building
- 8 Hathaways' Warehouse
- 9 Cape Horn Warehouse
- 10 Oriental Warehouse
- 11 Japan Street Warehouses
- 12 Fire Boat House

at the port came recently when she declared her strong support for the new Northeastern Waterfront plan, unveiled on May 23 at a joint meeting of the Planning, Port and Redevelopment Commissions, whose staffs, along with the Northeastern Waterfront Advisory Committee (a

Director Ed David in tow, ostensibly trying to promote the city's attractiveness as a maritime center? She appeared at the May 23 meeting on the waterfront plan and announced, "The time has come to bite the bullet and move forward. Anybody who wants to stall cer-

going to get congested, the costs will go up, and they'll find someplace else to go."

Moreover, Soules said, if the Chinese undertake a heavy export trade to the United States, they will quickly start to move their cargoes in container ships. "It's cheaper, quicker

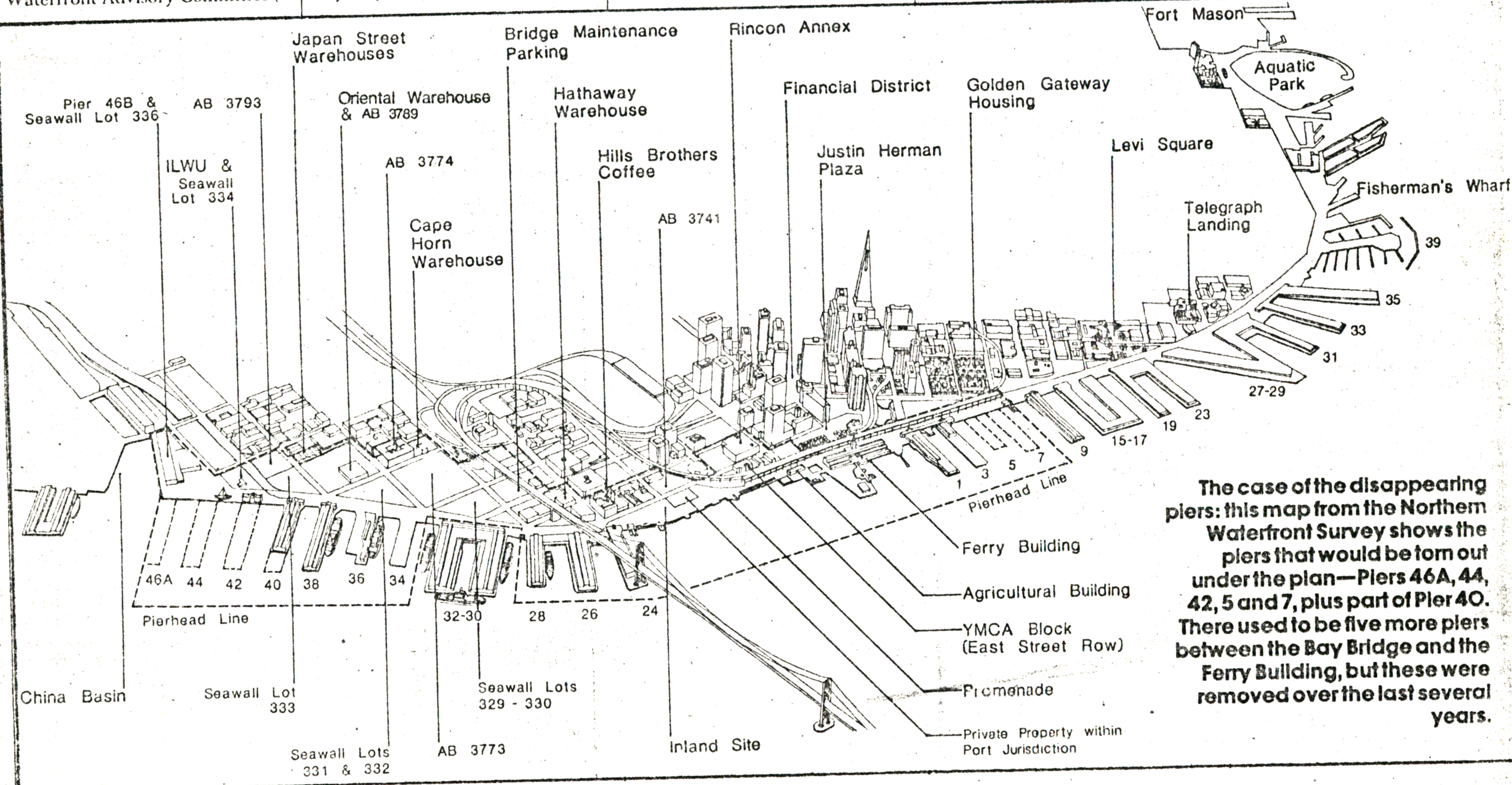
for the railroad companies to ship to Oakland or Seattle than to send it across the Bay on barges to be loaded on ships to China."

In sum, Soules said, "We'll get something out of it. But to think that San Francisco is going to be the main port for China trade is ab-

objections to the plan.

They attacked the plan for failing to: 1) incorporate the needs of the adjacent Chinatown and South of Market neighborhoods into the planning, 2) pinpoint a target population to be served by the development proposals, 3) consider the

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The case of the disappearing piers: this map from the Northern Waterfront Survey shows the piers that would be torn out under the plan—Piers 46A, 44, 42, 5 and 7, plus part of Pier 40. There used to be five more piers between the Bay Bridge and the Ferry Building, but these were removed over the last several years.