

# THE COMPLEX SYMBOLISM OF THE TWIN TOWERS

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# Seagram's Building





# 6<sup>th</sup> Ave-XYZ Buildings

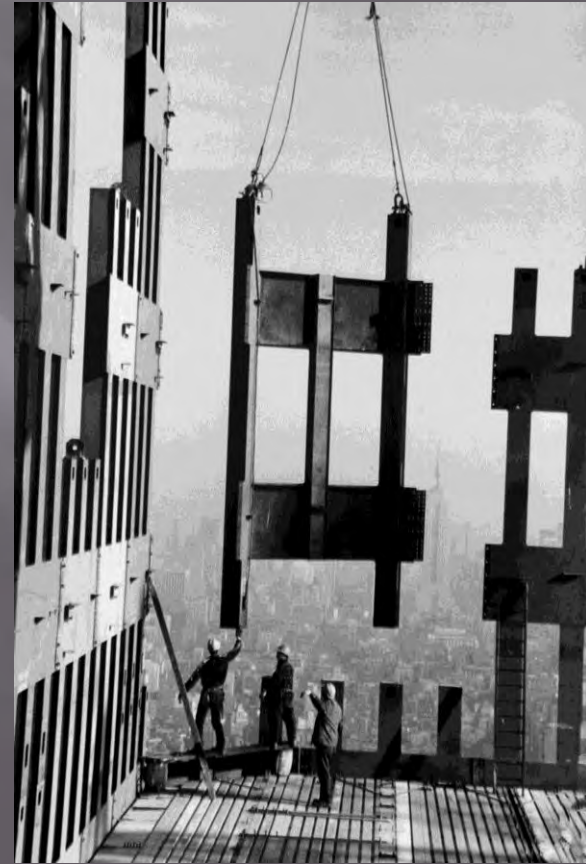
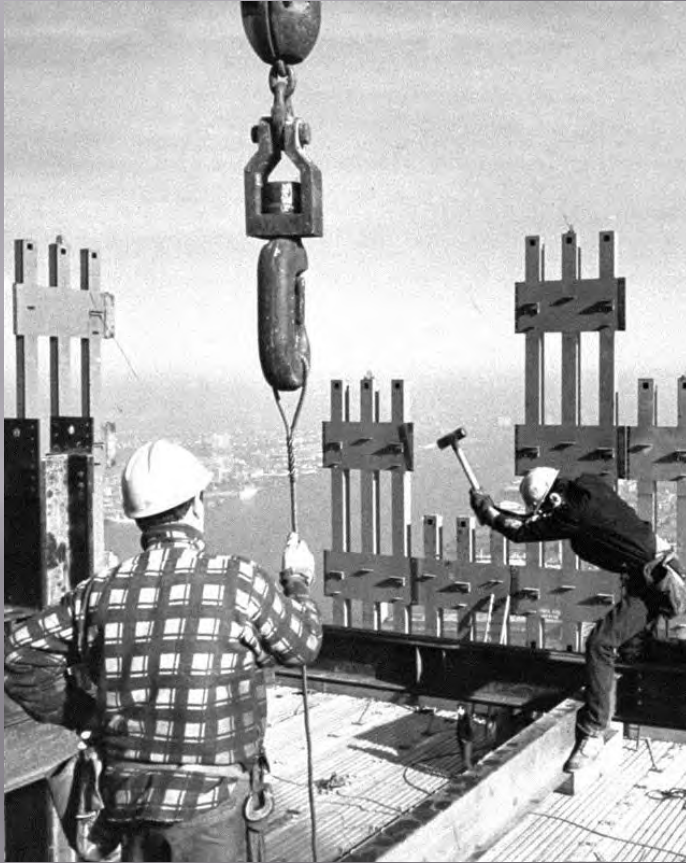


# David and Nelson Rockefeller





# The "moonshot" of structural engineering and skyscraper construction by journalist and author James Glanz







# Minoru Yamasaki

- ▣ “The World Trade Center is a living symbol of man's dedication to world peace... a representation of man's belief in humanity, his need for individual dignity, his beliefs in the cooperation of men, and, through cooperation, his ability to find greatness.”



# Criticism

- ▣ Lewis Mumford, author of *The City in History* and other works on urban planning, criticized the project and described it and other new skyscrapers as "just glass-and-metal filing cabinets".
- ▣ He also called it an "example of the purposeless gigantism and technological exhibitionism that are now eviscerating the living tissue of every great city".
- ▣ Other critics called them "a standing monument to architectural boredom" and "the largest aluminum siding job in history."



# Top of the World observation deck



# Philippe Petit, Man on a Wire





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"KING KONG"



# Bicentennial, 1976





# One World Trade Center







# Studying the Built Environment

*April 1956, the complete U.N.  
Headquarters*





# UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld in front of the General Assembly building (1950s)



