

SUMMARY OF VIEWS OF MOSES

Ramparts, March 1975

McCarthy

power destroys good cities, makes them monolithic, not for all people at a human scale

Centralized Power makes cities bad

Goodman

Problem is that power is appreciated in mechanical, non-questioning society: people have to be educated to understand danger of power

Uneducated society allows centralized power; ergo bad cities

today: is a good city one in which large projects are stopped e.g. Park Plaza?

Also: Moses was "bad" man e.g. slaying of his brother

Dictators are bad people

Nichols

Moses had wrong theory of a good city: "Midtown with highrises and windows of cars are dehumanized, crime-ridden & dull" The opposition's theory i.e. Jane Jacobs, Greenwich Village, was not a ground one, but a human one.

Centralized power forces bad theory of cities form

today: has this turned out to be a good theory?

Scharr

Moses did not create society, especially automobile: he was a good servant. He revealed ourselves to ourselves

Society is corrupt, not Dictator

class function of artist: homeostasis

Tambo

Problem was Moses didn't understand architectural quality i.e. Wright & Gropius because they were subversive, anti-plutocratic

Dictator doesn't have good theory of architecture

Berman

Moses did understand architectural values e.g. look at Gehry's romance with fly-overs etc.

Dictator doesn't have good theory of architecture

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