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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY FORM

For Buildings and Structures

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TOWN NO.:

SITE NO.:

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ACTUAL

POTENTIAL

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME: Common: Trade Union Plaza Historic: Same
2. TOWN/CITY: New Haven VILLAGE: ----- COUNTY: New Haven
3. STREET & NUMBER (and/or location): Between 450-512 George Street
4. OWNER(S): City of New Haven X PUBLIC PRIVATE
5. USE: Present: Multi-Family Historic: Same
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: X yes no
Interior accessible: yes, explain X no

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Contemporary DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1968
8. MATERIAL(S) (indicate use or location when appropriate):
 clapboard asbestos siding brick
 wood shingle asphalt siding fieldstone
 board & batten stucco cobblestone
 aluminum siding X concrete: type: special cut stone: type:
 other: block
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:
 wood frame: post and beam balloon
X load bearing masonry structural iron or steel
 other:
10. ROOF: type:
 gable X flat mansard monitor sawtooth
 gambrel shed hip round other
 material:
 wood shingle roll asphalt tin slate
 asphalt shingle built up tile other:
11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 3 APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 9 buildings on a full block
12. CONDITION: Structural: X excellent good fair deteriorated
 Exterior: X excellent good fair deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY: Location: X on original site moved, when:
 Alterations: X no yes, explain:
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES:
 barn shed garage X other landscape features or buildings:
 carriage house shop garden Well-landscaped
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:
 open land woodland X residential scattered buildings visible from site
X commercial industrial rural high building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:

This complex of 9 buildings occupies the block bordered by George Street, North Frontage Road, Howe and Dwight Streets.

17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior):

This complex of 9 rectangular buildings is built of concrete block with a shingle-like textured surface. The facades have small casement windows and are broken by scattered concrete porches 1 bay wide. Open car ports exist below grade. The complex contains 77 units: 45 are 1st storey flats and 42 are duplexes.

SIGNIFICANCE

Victor Christ-Janer and

Architect: Davis, Cochran and MillerBuilder: Ocone Construction Company

18. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

This co-operative housing project for lower-income families is the first in the nation to be developed by a central labor council, and New Haven's first labor-sponsored housing project. The Greater New Haven Central Labor Council formed a non-profit subsidiary corporation to carry out the development. The complex is to be praised for the many lovely trees which effectively screen it from busy Howe Street. Mr. Christ-Janer developed the shingle-like concrete block which creates surface texture. This is the site of the State Normal School, a teachers' college operating from 1900 to ca. 1950, and the extravagant C.S. Maltby/S.Z. Poli estate.

PHOTOGRAPH

photographer: Thomas Hahndate: Fall, 1979 view: North elevationnegative on file: CHC; CTHP

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19. SOURCES:

Maps and Atlases

New Haven City Directories

Brown p. 28

Hill vol. I, p. 145



20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS:

21. THREATS TO BUILDING OR SITE:

☐ none known ☒ highways ☐ vandalism ☐ developers ☐ other: _____
☐ renewal ☐ private ☐ deterioration ☐ zoning ☐ explanation: _____