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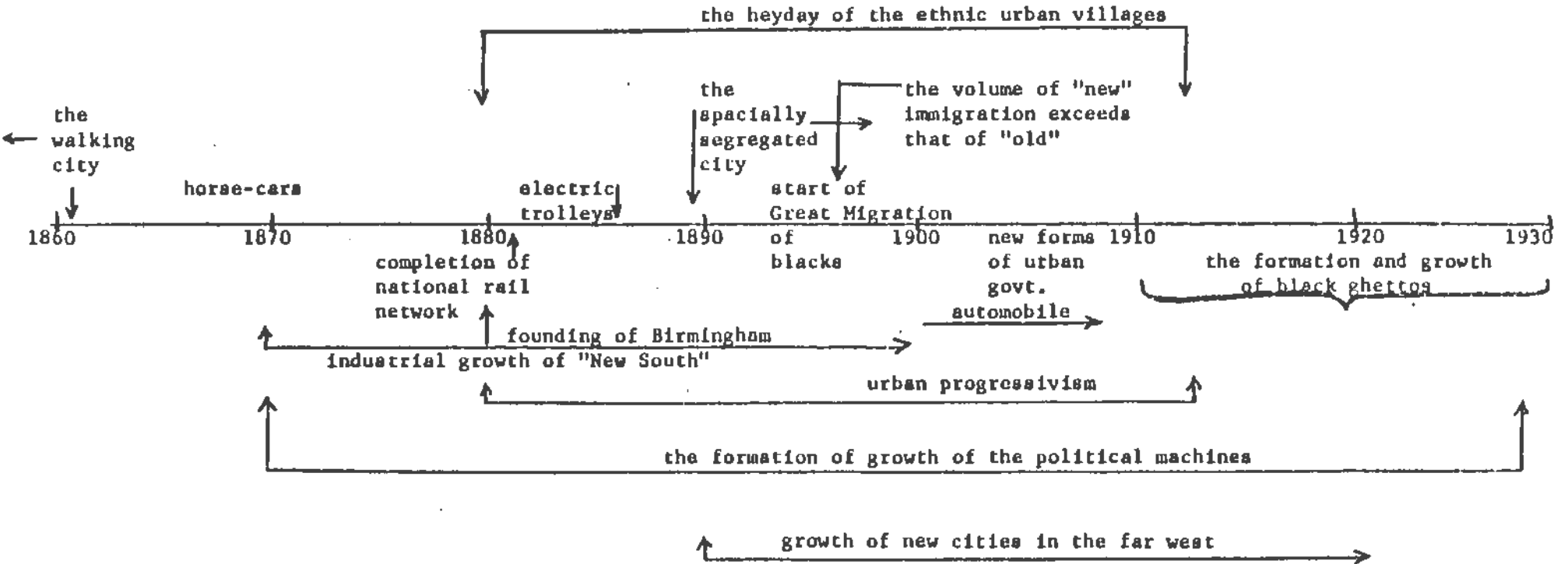
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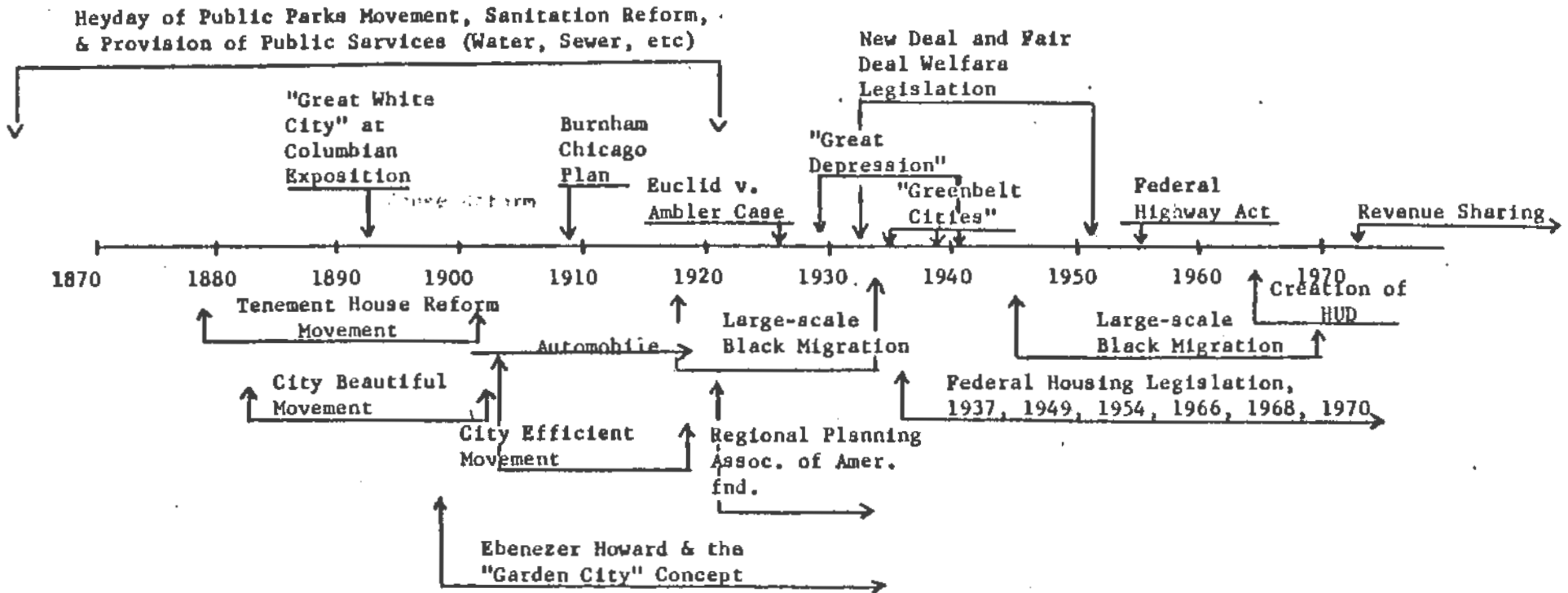
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Architectural History

Lewis Mumford, The Brown Decades: A Study of the Arts in America, 1865-1895
 Vincent Scully, American Architecture and Urbanism

Building

James Marston Fitch, American Building: The Historical Forces that Shaped It (2d ed.)
 Carl W. Condit, American Building

Landscape

John B. Jackson, American Space: The Centennial Years, 1865-1876
 William H. Whyte, The Last Landscape

Urbanscape

Kevin Lynch, Image of the City
 Christopher Tunnard & Boris Pushkarev, Man-Made America: Chaos or Control?

or,

John A. Kouwenhoven, The Columbia Historical Portrait of New York
 Harold M. Mayer & Richard C. Wade, Chicago: Growth of a Metropolis

Inter-city Transportation

Jean Gottman, Megalopolis
 George N. Hilton & John F. Due, The Electric Interurban Railways in America

Intraurban Transportation

George Rogers Taylor, "The Beginnings of Mass Transportation in Urban America, Parts I and II," The Smithsonian Journal of History, I (Summer, Autumn, 1966), 35-50, 31-54
 George M. Smerk, Urban Mass Transportation: A Dozen Years of Federal Policy

Metropolitan Growth

Eric E. Lampard, "History of Cities in Economically Advanced Areas," Economic Development and Cultural Change, III (Jan., 1958), 81-136
 Allan Pred, The Spatial Dynamics of U.S. Urban-Industrial Growth, 1800-1914

Urban Biography

Robert M. Fogelson, Fragmented Metropolis, Los Angeles 1850-1930
 Bayard Still, Milwaukee (rev. ed.)

Urban Finances

- Roger E. Alcaly & David Mermelstein (eds.), The Fiscal Crisis of American Cities
Dick Netzer, Economics of the Property Tax, chs, IV, V
George F. Break, Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in the United States, ch. V

Housing

- Roy Lubove, The Progressives and the Slums
Thomas Lee Philpott, The Slum and the Ghetto: Neighborhood Deterioration and Middle-Class Reform, Chicago, 1880-1930

Landscape Architects and the City

- Laura Wood Roper, FLO: A Biography of Frederick Law Olmsted
Norman T. Newton, Design on the Land: The Development of Landscape Architecture, chs. XXI-XXIV, XXVIII-XXIX, XXXI-XXXIV

Garden Cities

- Ebenzer Howard, Garden Cities of Tomorrow (1898, U.S. edition 1965)
Clarence S. Stein, Toward New Towns for America

City Planning

- Mel Scott, American City Planning since 1890, chs. 1-5
Roy Lubove, Community Planning in the 1920's

Urban Renewal

- Jane Jacobs, The Deathand Life of Great American Cities
Charles Abrams, The City is the Frontier, Part II

Urban Planners

- Thomas S. Hines, Burnham of Chicago: Architect and Planner
Robert A. Caro, The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York

Urban Government

- Ernest S. Griffith, A History of American City Government, 1870-1900
Kenneth Fox, Better City Government

Urban "Liberal" Politics

- Frederic C. Howe, The City The Hope of Democracy
John D. Buenker, Urban Liberalism and Progressive Reform

Urban Political Machines

- Seymour Mandelbaum, Boss Tweed's New York
Zane L. Miller, Boss Cox's Cincinnati

Urban Political Machines (contd)

Theodore J. Lowi, At the Pleasure of the Mayor: Patronage & Power in New York City, 1898-1958

Milton Rakove, Don't Make No Waves, Don't Back No Losers: An Insider's Analysis of the Daley Machine

Urban Reformers

Allen F. Davis, Spearheads for Reform: The Social Settlements and the Progressive Movement, 1890-1914

Melvin G. Holli, Reform in Detroit: Hazen S. Pingree and Urban Politics

Urban-Federal Government Relations

Mark I. Gelfand, A Nation of Cities: The Federal Government and Urban America, 1933-1965

Urban America and the Federal System (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations Report M-47, October, 1969)

Urban Elites

E. Digby Baltzell, Philadelphia Gentlemen: The Making of a National Upper Class

Robert Dahl, Who Governs? Democracy and Power in an American Community

Urban Workingclasses

John Cumbler, Working-Class Community in Industrial America

Herbert G. Gutman, Work, Culture & Society in Industrializing America, Parts I & III

Workingclass Quarters

Robert A. Woods & Albert J. Kennedy, The Zone of Emergence

Herbert J. Gans, The Levittowners

Company Towns

Stanley Buder, Pullman: An Experiment in Industrial Order and Community Planning

Bennett M. Berger, Working-Class Suburb: A Study of Auto Workers in Suburbia

Religion in the City

Henry F. May, Protestant Churches and Industrial America

Will Herberg, Protestant-Catholic-Jew

Education in the City

David B. Tyack, The One Best System: A History of American Urban Education
Pgs. 71-291

Lawrence A. Cremin, The Transformation of the School

Urban Crime

- David R. Johnson, Policing the Urban Underworld: The Impact of Crime on the Development of the American Police, 1800-1887
Roger Lane, "Urbanization and Criminal Violence in the Nineteenth Century," Jour. of Social History, II (Dec., 1968)
Humbert Nelli, "Italians and Crime in Chicago, 1890-1920," American Jour. of Sociology (1969)

Urban Violence

- Elliott Rudwick, Race Riot in East St. Louis
Kenneth T. Jackson, The Ku Klux Klan in the City, 1915-1930

Police in the City

- James F. Richardson, Urban Police in the United States
Roger Lane, Policing the City: Boston, 1822-1885

Immigrants in the Cities

- Moses Rischin, The Promised City: New York Jews, 1870-1914
Humbert Nelli, The Italians in Chicago, 1880-1930

Blacks in the Cities

- Howard N. Rabinowitz, Race Relations in the Urban South, 1865-1890
St. Clair Drake & Horace Cayton, Black Metropolis

or

- Florette Henri, Black Migration: Movement North 1900-1920
Karl and Alma Taeuber; Negroes in Cities: Residential Segregation and Neighborhood Change

Black Ghettos

- Gilbert Osofsky, Harlem: The Making of a Ghetto
Kenneth L. Kusmer, A Ghetto Takes Shape: Black Cleveland, 1870-1930

Urban Slums

- Gerald D. Suttles, The Social Order of the Slum
Harvey W. Zorbaugh, The Gold Coast and the Slum

Social Mobility in the Cities

- Howard Chudacoff, Mobile Americans: Residential and Social Mobility in Omaha, 1880-1920
Thomas Kessner, The Golden Door: Italian and Jewish Immigrant Mobility in New York City, 1880-1915