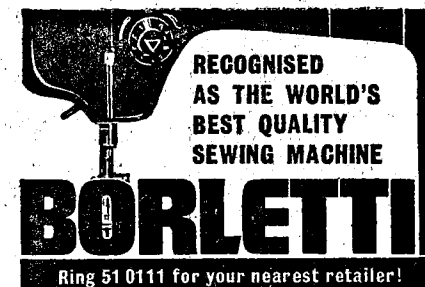
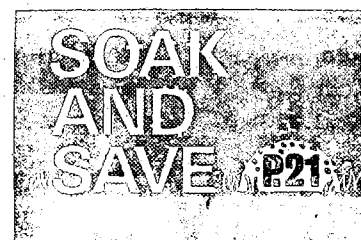


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Master plan for future of Adelaide

By Civic Reporter MAXWELL WHITING

A Sydney-based firm of consultants has been chosen to prepare a master plan that will take the city of Adelaide into the next century.

The consultants, chosen from a big field of applicants, are expected to start work within weeks and some of their recommendations may be implemented within 18 months.

The selection of the firm Urban Systems Corporation Pty. Ltd., which was responsible for the City of Sydney Strategic Plan, was announced by the Lord Mayor (Mr. Hayes) yesterday.

Mr. Hayes said the preparation and implementation of the new master plan would be the most important thing to happen to the city since Col. Light laid it out in 1837.

Thirty primary consultants and 70 secondary consultants had sought the appointment.

Urban Systems, whose principal is Mr. G. E. Clarke, will have the task, subject to a satisfactory contract being arranged.

Mr. Hayes said the contract could be signed within the next week,

after a few final details had been worked out.

It was hoped the consultants could begin their work "within weeks" in Adelaide.

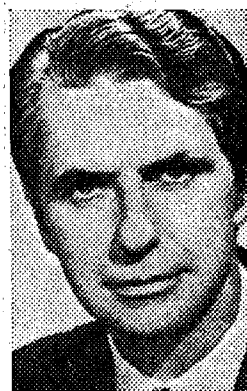
Early matters to be looked at included a Rundle street pedestrian mall, a North Adelaide village and shopping centre proposal, and the development of Victoria square and Hindmarsh square.

The City of Adelaide Development Committee was asking the Director - General of Transport (Dr. D. Scafton) to advise as soon as possible on the traffic alterations associated with a mall in the Rundle street area.

The committee also would ask the consultants for advice on this as soon as a contract had been signed.

Mr. Hayes said the consultants would make regular reports to the council.

Some studies would be completed and imple-



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mented during the planning period as the council accepted the studies.

The initial city study was expected to take about 18 months.

The plan would be exhibited for public scrutiny before adoption.

A foremost aim would be the development of ideas to repopulate the city.

It was hoped that legislation implementing the master plan and associated regulations would be passed within three years.

Mr. Clarke, who will be project director for the work in Adelaide, said in SYDNEY last night that four work teams would be employed.

They would study—

- The economics of land use in the City of Adelaide.
- Transportation, traffic and parking.
- City management and development control.
- Environmental design and landscaping design.

"Our job, as I see it, is to lead the people of Adelaide in the education of city planning," Mr. Clarke said.

"Our job will be to find out what the problems are, what the opportunities are, and how to seize the opportunities and turn them into realities.

"What we want to do is re-interpret the ideas of Col. Light."

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