

Cities of the future -

## **Reality vs. Visions**

Today, about half of the people in the world live in cities. According to some estimates, in 30 years it will be three quarters. How will the cities of the future look like?

Worldwide, people think about it deeply and develop, in part, ludicrous ideas.

Orville Simpson is considered to be one of the great utopians of city development. In 1936, at the age of 13, he developed the idea of the Victory City. However, for fear of ridicule he did not publish it until 1960. According to Simpson's agenda, Victory City is a complete autarkic entity. Every building complex is 102 floors high and seven of these are joined together to form the city. About 330,000 people could live there. In order to support the city with fresh products, forests and green spaces, fish farms and conservatories will surround it. This would result in less waste, and truck deliveries from producers the customers would be omitted. Cafeterias would replace private kitchens. As a consequence, there would be more space and living quality in the flats. Cashless payments and transportation within a complex elevator system would be the standard in Victoria City. Simpson promises that one can arrive at every spot in the city within