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(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Building No. 220)
(Fitzsimons General Hospital, Youth Center)
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For information on the history of Fitzsimons General Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172. For information on other structures at the Hospital, see HABS No. CO-172-A through CO-172-CI.

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- Significance:** Building 220 originally served as a bowling alley and gymnasium. Its construction represents the expansion of activity at Fitzsimons resulting from mobilization for World War II. The building's composition reflects that of many of the World War II era buildings in its unadorned facade and brick and stucco walls. The building maintains integrity of scale, plan, materials, and setting.
- Description:** This stuccoed brick, south-facing building is composed of one, one-and-a-half story, and one, one-story rectangular, gable-roofed block. The blocks' different sizes give the structure a P-shaped plan. The standing-seam metal roof has slightly overhanging eaves and decorative beams on the northern portion. Building 220 occupies 11,960 square feet and sits on a concrete foundation. A full-width, shed-roofed, enclosed entrance bay is present on the west side. Fenestration consists of evenly spaced, six-over-six light windows, and metal and glass doors.
- History:** Building 220, historically Building 451, was constructed in 1940. The architect and builder are unknown. This building originally served as a gymnasium and housed washrooms, showers, and lockers, as well as bowling alleys constructed with money from the post's Entertainment and Recreation Fund.
- The building's west facade was altered in 1952. Originally it featured a center, shed-roofed, enclosed porch with

center, paneled glazed doors. The porch has been expanded to cover the full width of the facade, and the entrance was moved to the west side. All existing exterior doors are replacements.

Sources: Cultural Resources Study: Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, Final Submittal, 15 August 1991, prepared by Front Range Research Associates, Inc., Denver

"Real Property Record-Buildings and Structures"
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Project

Information: This building will be demolished to clear the site for two Military Construction, Army (MCA) projects. The first MCA project is the Central Energy Plant, which is needed to support the second MCA project, the New Hospital project.

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