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Contini to Speak at Ball State

The second of two public lectures sponsored by the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University will feature Mr. Edgardo Contini, a partner and chief engineer for Victor Gruen Associates, Los Angeles, in an illustrated talk on city planning and urban renewal.

Architects, city planners and others interested in urban renewal have been invited by Charles M. Sappenfield, dean of the College of Architecture and Planning, to hear Mr. Contini at 8 p.m., Tuesday, June 21. He will speak in the Forum Room, Student Center, on the Muncie campus.

Winner of a number of awards, Mr. Contini is as well known for his work in planning as he is in engineering. He has carried much of the work load on such projects undertaken by Victor Gruen Associates as the Midtown Plaza in Rochester, N.Y., a \$30 million project which linked together some existing retail space with a complex of offices, hotel and parking facilities on a $71/_2$ acre enclosed and air-conditioned shopping mall.

Mr. Contini has also been associated with such other Gruen urban renewal and all-new city projects as the Northland shopping center in Detroit, the mall in Fresno, Calif., the Southdale Center in Minneapolis, and the redesigned marina area for Redondo Beach, Calif.

One of the most exciting undertakings with which he is currently associated is the all-new city of Valencia, Calif., north of Los Angeles. Valencia is being designed and constructed on a 4,000 acre tract, originally part of the Newhall Ranch.

To retain the "neighborhood" concept, Valencia is being planned with clusters of neighborhoods. The industrial center will be located apart from the city center, medical center, and residential neighborhoods, each with its own schools, churches, village centers, and recreational facilities.

A graduate of the University of Rome and the New School for Social Research in New York, Contini has won a number of awards from architectural, engineering and planning groups as well as the Olympic committees.

Among his original designs are the "arch-rib" thin shell reinforced concrete roof designed in 1942, the "uniflow" multideck parking structure designed in 1946, a prototype of the "Airport of Tomorrow," and the precast, prestressed "Tier Park" parking structure recently developed.

The first public lecturer brought to Muncie by the College of Architecture and Planning was John Lantzius, Vancouver, B.C. A landscape architect, Mr. Lanzius is doing part of the landscaping for EXPO '67, the world's fair to be held in Montreal in 1967. He also has done landscape work on the new Simon Fraser University in British Columbia as well as national parks at Lake Louise and Banff in Canada and residential, commercial, institutional and housing projects in San Francisco, Toronto and Vancouver.

Probably Mr. Lantzius' most publicized work has been his landscaping affiliation with Habitat 67, a high-density urban housing complex in Montreal being built as part of EXPO '67, the Canadian World's Fair. The 12-story complex contains 375 modular concrete "boxes" comprising 158 one to four bedroom houses, each with its own garden centrally and automatically irrigated and ferti-

lized. Each house has at least one private garden formed on the roof of the unit below, the largest of which are 17 by 36 feet.



A tiny specialty candle shop in Vienna has won architecture's largest prize, the \$25,000 R. S. Reynolds Memorial Award, for its 32-year-old Austrian designer.

Hans Hollein, a Viennese architect who has studied and lectured extensively in the United States, was chosen for the honor by a jury of The American Institute of Architects, which administers the Award. Formal presentation of this 1966 tenth annual international award for "distinguished achievement in architecture with significant use of aluminum" will be made June 28 at the AIA convention in Denver, Colorado.

Since its completion in November of last year, the candle shop on one of the city's most exclusive shopping streets has become a popular conversation piece in Vienna. With clean, simple lines formed by an exterior of polished, anodized aluminum sheet in natural finish, it stands out forcefully as a beachhead of modern design in a stronghold of ornate 19th Century architectural splendor. Surrounded on both sides and above by buildings of typical late 19th Century design, it was constructed in the limited recesses left by razing of an old store.

The candle shop occupies only 12 feet of street frontage, and its interior floor measures 160 square feet. It provides a display showroom and a room for sales of its single product.

AIA jurors cited the building for its original and thorough detailing. "Aluminum has been used in a fresh invigorating way, and was one of the main contributing factors for the success of the project," the jury report stated.

The Vienna architect said: "Aluminum is used as the primary material because it is a true material of our century . . . the elegance and nobility of the material was in keeping with the desired character and was used as the main theme of design. Its silver hue provides the 'image' of the



R. S. Reynolds Award Announced

shop, in advertising and packaging. Silver shopping bags and wrapping paper tie the total concept together."

To give the visual impression of a much larger interior space, the architect utilized the continuity of a single building material; the reflective surface of polished aluminum, and extensive mirrors.

Color accent is provided with orange shantung hung in display niches and with terracotta red wall-to-wall carpeting. All other features of the interior, including specially designed display stands, are in natural finish aluminum. Almost every fixture in the candle shop, down to the hinges and the packaging for the products, was designed by the architect.

The building was designed to meet the requirements of the owner, Marius Retti Wachswarenwerk of Innsbruck, for a shop to project dramatically the "image" of the company and draw attention to introduction of new products, as well as to make retail sales.

Hans Hollein is one of a new generation of architects working to change design concepts in his country. He was graduated from the Vienna Academy of Fine Arts in 1956 with a diploma in architecture. He worked for two years in Stockholm, Sweden, with the firm of Ahlgren-Olson-Silow, and then studied architecture and city planning at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, in 1958-59 under a Commonwealth Fund (New York) scholarship. The following year was spent at the University of California, Berkeley, where he received a master's degree in architecture.

From 1960 to 1963 Mr. Hollein worked in Vienna. in the firm of F. Kiener, Architect. In 1963 he had an exhibit in Vienna which attracted the attention of Dean Joseph Passonneau of the Washington University School of Architecture, St. Louis, who invited him to teach there. This he did in 1963-64, and then returned to Vienna to establish his own office. He currently is designing a bank in Vienna and several residences in other parts of Austria, including one which makes use of part of a castle near Salzburg.

Mr. Hollein also is one of the four editors of Bau, a leading architectural magazine in Austria. Currently the Museum of Modern Art in New York is displaying one of his designs. This year he lectured at Washington University for six weeks beginning in April.

"I try to be an architect of the 20th Century by designing with materials of our time for the needs of our time," he says. He expresses considerable concern for what he considers architecture's lag in making use of technological advancements. He is a member of the Austrian Chamber of Architects and the Austrian Architects Association.

The Viennese architect was selected for the Award by a jury consisting of chairman Edward A. Killingsworth, FAIA, Long Beach, Calif.; James Gowan, London, England, one of the recipients of the 1965 Reynolds Award; Romaldo Giurgola, AIA, Philadelphia, one of the winners of the AIA's design competition for a new headquarters building in Washington; Harwell Hamilton Harris, FAIA, of Raleigh, N. C.; and Lewis Davis, AIA, New York.

The R. S. Reynolds Memorial Award was established in 1957 by Reynolds Metals Company in honor of its founder. In addition to the \$25,000 honorarium it confers an original sculpture in aluminum. The 1966 sculpture was created by Reuben Nahian.

In its first ten years the Reynolds Award has been conferred twice on American architects. No other country has been honored with more than one recipient.



Essayons Competition

A trophy for a drawing competition at the Purdue University Indianapolis Regional Campus was won by Richard A. Jenkins, 524 N. Riley St., Indianapolis, a first year student in the architectural engineering technology program.

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Essayons, the architectural club a the Purdue campus, sponsored th competition, the first held here. plaque with the name of the annuwinner will be hung in the studen lounge.

Prof. William Davis, instructor i the first-year construction cours said the 20 students in the compet tion were given a practical problem in designing a house to a series of specified conditions.

Honorable mention in the contest went to Lewis A. Graf, 6041 Luwist Lane, Cincinnati, and to Don A. Gan dolf, 365 W. Elbert, Indianapolis.

Approximately 85 students are en rolled in architectural engineerin technology at the Indianapolis Regional Campus.



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Architecture in the News

Two seminar speakers for the 1966 ISA-KSA-East Central Region Convention have been announced, Herb Swinburne, former chairman of the AIA Committee on Research for Architecture, and Ambrose Richardson, former professor of architecture at the University of Illinois and presently AIA Regional Director from Illinois. Both speakers will participate in the discussions on "The Future of Architecture".

The two-state and Regional convention combined will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, October 6 through 10. Other portions of the program already arranged include a bus outing to the Churchill Downs Racetrack, and a dinner and dancing cruise down the Ohio aboard the Belle of Louisville.

The leadership of the nation's First Lady in restoring and preserving beauty in American cities and the countryside was officially commended last month by The American Institute of Architects.

Mrs. Johnson was presented a citation by the national society of some 23,000 architects during a ceremony at the White House. The ceremony was attended by Morris Ketchum Jr. FAIA, of New York City, president of the Institute; Charles M. Nes Jr. FAIA, of Baltimore, AIA first vice president and president designate; David N. Yerkes FAIA, 8001 MacArthur Boulevard, Washington, D.C., director of the AIA's Middle Atlantic Region; and William H. Scheick FAIA, executive director of the Institute.

Mesdames Ketchum, Nes and Yerkes also attended.

The citation, voted unanimously by the national board of directors, was given "in recognition of her determination to restore beauty where it has been forgotten; to preserve beauty where it exists and to protect our natural resources;

"Her sensitivity, vision and leadership have touched the hearts and conscience of the American people, who have rallied behind her in this great cause.

"The American Institute of Architects, educated to similar goals, gratefully recognizes her outstanding contribution." A second gift for the newly created architectural scholarship fund for Ball State University's College of Architecture and Planning was received recently from the U.S. Steel Corp.

The new architectural scholarship fund, administered by the Ball State University Foundation, is for students in need of financial help in order to attend Ball State's new college which opens next September, 1966.

The U.S. Steel Corp. gift was made by S. A. Mc-Farland, Indianapolis, manager of district sales, to Charles M. Sappenfield, dean of the College of Architecture and Planning. The first gift which created the scholarship fund was also made by a steel company, Indiana Bridge Co., Inc. of Muncie.

McFarland concurred with Gerald E. Rhodes, president of Indiana Bridge, that the steel industry has "a genuine interest in the development of the new architectural school" because, according to Rhodes, "architecture and the structural steel fabrication field are so closely allied."

McFarland said that U.S. Steel Corp. "is most happy that this new curriculum is being offered to the residents of Indiana. We are certain that it will develop into a strong part of the technical and aesthetic training afforded students in the architectural field."

The U.S. Steel Corp. manager said that his company's gift is "tangible evidence of our interest in assisting in this education program and its availability to aspiring young architects in need of financial scholarship aid."

Effective with the June issue, the AIA JOURNAL is announcing a new monthly service, The Architects Information Service, which will make available to the profession published articles, reports and studies from professionanl, technical and scientific groups at work on architecturally related problems.

This new service will feature a consolidated listing of what is available each month, plus a simple order card that requires only the circling of key numbers to order the items listed.

James A. Velleco, a senior architectural student at the University of Notre Dame, is the midwest winner in the Architectural Scholarship Awards Program sponsored by the Portland Cement As-







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sociation. He received the award for his design of a shopping center, and will use the scholarship to study at the Fontainbleau School of Fine Arts in France this summer.

Velleco, whose home is Cranston, Rhode Island, is the first Indiana student to win an award in the annual national competition. The presentation of the scholarship and the award of a plaque commemorating the exceptional honor were made at a April 25th luncheon at Notre Dame.

Participating in the ceremony were Mr. A. M. Davis, midwest regional manager of Portland Cement Association, Jack Y. Barnes, Indianapolis district engineer for PCA, the Reverend John E. Walsh, C.S.C. Notre Dame vice-president for academic affairs, Mr. Frank Montana, head of the department of architecture at Notre Dame, Jerry Havilon, South Bend field engineer for PCA, Otto Seeler, instructor in the architectural department at Notre Dame, Norman R. Gay, dean of the College of Engineering at Notre Dame, and Robert J. Schultz, president of the Northern Indiana Chapter, AIA.

On the occasion of it's 5th anniversary, the Indianapolis Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute celebrated by paying tribute to its charter members. Especially honored were five members who had contributed significantly to the formation of the chapter. These members; John Fleck, John Price, Harry Reynolds, Fran Schroeder and Don Stackhouse were presented with Certificates of Appreciation.

Speaking for the group, John Price recounted the history of the chapter, starting with a small but enthusiastic group, proceeding to the presentation of a charter by J. Stewart Stein FCSI of Chicago, to 77 members and on through the five years of phenomenonial growth the chapter has enjoyed. Indianapolis now ranks 8th nationally in membership which totals almost 200.

Max D. Boots, President of the Indianapolis Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute, announced that 14 delegates from Indianapolis attended this year's National Convention which was held at the Boston Statler on May 23rd, 24th and 25th. Those attending were Messrs. Max Boots, Fran Schroeder, Joe McGuire, Steve Sidner, Jesse Jones, John Fleck, Henry Stearns, Dick Kanaby, Doan Wilhite, Carl Hoppersberger, Warren Hoy, Al Pugh, Milton Cuppy and Ken Ritchart.

Mr. Fleck served as a member of the Technical Program sub-committee on the national CSI Convention Committee.





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Mr. Oswald A. Tislow, AIA, of Indianapolis, wellknown architect and founder of the firm of Tislow-Hunter and Associates, died May 31st in Indianapolis at the age of 75.

A Corporate Member of The American Institute of Architects since 1941, and a Member Emeritus for the past five years, Mr. Tislow had retired from active practice last year, although he still served as a consultant to the firm. A graduate of Purdue University, Mr. Tislow and Mr. Ben Bacon joined together in 1921 to form Tislow and Bacon, Architects, which in 1932 became O. A. Tislow and Associates and assumed its present organization in 1961 when Mr. Harry Hunter, AIA, became a partner in the firm.

Just prior to World War II, Mr. Tislow served several years as a member of the Indiana State Board of Registration for Architects, and he was extremely active in Indiana Masonry. A 33rd degree Mason since 1945, he was a past master of the Indiana Grand Masonic Lodge and treasurer of the lodge from 1952 until he retired in March of this year.

Among his best-known architectural works are included the Acme Evans plant, recent additions to Crispus Attucks and Southport High Schools, Brownsburg High School, Avon High School and Cascade High School, the 333 North Meridian Building, numerous churches including Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Union Chapel Methodist Church and Greenwood Christian Church, and several Masonic lodge buildings.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Richard G. James and three grandchildren, all of Indianapolis.



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