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MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Warning of future bottlenecks in the \$5,800,000,000 military construction program adopted last month by Congress, Glenn Stanton, President of the A.I.A., proposed to the Department of Defense a plan: to use smaller architectural offices, and to use firms in non-defense areas. He also pointed out the advantages of recognizing "architectural pools" and called for positive action on the part of the government toward breaking up construction into packages suited to the capabilities of smaller offices. It was further recommended that the work under the construction program be spread by permitting design to start on authorized projects without waiting for appropriations. This suggestion is a feature of the new bill.

Design contracts are already being negotiated by the field offices of the defense services.

The military construction program includes hospitals, schools, offices, laboratories, and related buildings in all parts of the United States, Alaska and overseas bases. It is intended to replace worn-out, temporary camps and facilities and to put the defense establishment into permanent structures. Our Chapter President, Mr. Francis Keally, has sent pertinent letters to the individuals and offices concerned with the distribution of architectural assignments in or near New York. Their names and addresses are given below for the benefit of Chapter members interested in securing design work under this program:

Rear Admiral A. D. Alexis, CEC, USN Director, Atlantic Division Bureau of Yards and Docks 90 Church St., New York 7, N. Y.

Col. Charles T. Tench Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Office of the District Engineer New York District, New York 13, N.Y.

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CITY JOBS

If you are interested and can qualify as a surveyor of unsafe buildings, notify the Chapter Office by October 24, 1951. You must have: (1) expressed a willingness to serve in this capacity, (2) had a minimum of ten years' experience in building construction, (3) three years' residence in New York City immediately preceding appointment.

BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 1952 Brunner Scholarship may be submitted now and will be accepted up to November 15, 1951. This scholarship consists of a grant of not more than \$2,400 for advanced study in some special field of architectural investigation. Each applicant must submit his choice of subject, together with a program for his proposed studies, research and necessary travel. Any citizen of the United States is eligible who is engaged in the profession of architecture or its related fields and who has a background of actual professional experience. Application blanks and further information are obtainable at the Chapter Office.

HOUSING

Henry S. Churchill, Committee Chairman, feels that housing has not been subjected to rigorous analysis as to function and rational use in the same way that schools, hospitals and some industry have been. His committee plans to do something about it. They will endeavor to determine the major influences which have caused the shift from single-family houses to dense multi-family structures, the progressive diminution of space within the dwelling, the social and economic implications of congestion and the needs and requirements for family shelter in a healthy society.

ACTIVITIES

A bang-up program is being planned by the Activities Committee. Their policy is to plan activities so as to appeal to both older and younger members and to arouse interest in the National A.I.A. Convention to be held in New York City next June. Details will follow in the November OCULUS.

BUILDING CODES

The Building Code Committee has forwarded their comments to the Architects' Council of New York City on the recent rules proposed by the Board of Standards and Appeals in regard to waterproofing of multiple dwellings. Interested members should get in touch with the Board of Standards and Appeals before the rules are formally adopted.

Reissuance of approved plans for new multiple dwellings filed before September 1, 1951 will be subject to review by Commissioner Gillroy in the light of amendments to Sections 63, 102, 144, 146, 148 and 149 to the Multiple Dwelling Law.

A recent Building Department ruling in regard to window access to fire-escapes in 6-story non-fireproof multiple dwellings is on file in the Chapter Office.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The objective of the Public Relations Committee is to make John Q. Public conscious of the following facts:

- .. Every phase of human life is associated with an architectural problem.
- .. Every architectural problem should be solved by a capable architect.
- .. The national organization which establishes standards of architectural practice is the A.I.A.

This committee will employ every possible dignified method, such as the enclosed design competition, to accomplish these aims and will welcome your suggestions of how to implement their program. Other committee chairmen are requested to advise the Public Relations Committee of any activities within their various fields which are of interest to the public.

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