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The New York Chapter Office will be closed for four (4) weeks during the summer, from Monday, JULY 22 to Monday, AUGUST 19, 1957. All telephone calls and the selling of A.I.A. documents will be handled during this period by:

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NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS CONVENTION

Statler Hotel, Delaware Avenue at Niagara Square, Buffalo, New York, September 19-21, 1957. The President and Officers of the Chapter strongly urge all members to attend this Convention for the sake of a substantial representation.

NEW YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Regional Conference September 18, 1957, 10 A.M., Statler Hotel, Buffalo, New York. All Chapter members are privileged to attend.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS CONVENTION

Hotel Carter, Cleveland, Ohio, June 30 - July 3, 1958

ARNOLD W. BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP

The New York Chapter, The American Institute of Architects, is accepting applications for the 1958 Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship. The grant for an amount up to \$2,400. for advanced study in a specialized field of architectural investigation is awarded annually by the Chapter. Candidates, who are required to be American citizens with advanced professional backgrounds and currently active in architecture or related fields, should file applications now. Closing date for all applications is November 15th, 1957. Full information may be procured from the Chapter Office at 115 East 40th Street, New York 16, N.Y. (Murray Hill 9-7969). Elisabeth Coit is Chairman of the Arnold W. Brunner Scholarship Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FELLOWS

In accordance with the Chapter By-Laws, the Committee on Fellows of the New York Chapter invites the submission of names from the Chapter membership of members worthy of consideration for nomination to Fellowship. These suggestions should be sent to the New York Chapter, A.I.A., 115 East 40th Street, New York 16, N.Y., not later than September 15, 1957.

ATTENTION: ASSOCIATES MEMBERS

Please return to the Chapter Office at your earliest convenience those questionnaires sent you on June 6th by the Membership Committee requesting your current address and telephone number and your present office affiliation.

SURVEYOR OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS

All those interested in serving as a Surveyor of Unsafe Buildings for 1958 please advise the Chapter Office by mail before October 1, 1957 giving your correct address and telephone number. It is required that one have ten (10) years' experience in building construction and that one has lived in New York City for the last three years.

ELECTIONS

At the Annual Meeting on June 5th of the New York Chapter the following members were elected by 203 ballots to serve as officers of this Chapter for the ensuing year:

<u>Officers</u>	President	Robert W. Cutler
	Vice President	Harold C. Bernhard
	Secretary	L. Bancel LaFarge
	Treasurer	Aaron Nathan Kiff
<u>Executive Committee (1960)</u>	David L. Eggers	Bruno Funaro
<u>Representative to the New York State Association of Architects</u>	Geoffrey N. Lawford	Geoffrey Platt, Alternate
<u>Jury for the Medal of Honor and Awards of Merit - 1957 - 59</u>	Antonin Raymond	John Knox Shear
		Giorgio Cavaglieri
<u>Committee on Professional Practice</u>	Ferdinand Eiseman	J. Gordon Carr
		Philip Ives
<u>Committee on Fellows (1960)</u>	Arthur C. Holden	-- Clarence S. Stein

Nationally, the A.I.A. Centennial Convention re-elected the following officers:

President:	Leon Chatelain, Jr.
1st Vice President:	John Noble Richards
2nd Vice President:	Philip Will, Jr.
Secretary:	Edward L. Wilson
Treasurer:	Raymond S. Kastendieck

1957 COMMUNITY HOME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

For the second consecutive year, LOOK Magazine is offering Community Home Achievement Awards to nine cities in the United States which have made exceptional progress in improving their homes, neighborhoods and residential areas. The winning cities will be selected by an impartial panel of judges made up of distinguished leaders in civic affairs, government, housing and industry.

The awards were established by LOOK last year as an incentive to communities to take active steps to keep residential areas from deteriorating - as well as to eliminate existing slums and blighted areas. To be eligible for consideration, a community must be able to show citizen participation with or without backing by local state or federal government. For further information, write "Look Community Home Achievement Awards," 488 Madison Avenue, New York 22, New York.

THE AMERICAN ARCHITECTS DIRECTORY

The American Architects Directory is the only biographical directory of the profession, listing only living practitioners, and published for the profession under the sponsorship of the Institute by the Bowker Company. Such a biographical directory can become a valuable professional asset only if the members of the profession are willing to support it. Only 300 copies have to date been purchased by the New York Chapter membership which presently numbers 759 Corporate members. An additional 270 copies have been purchased by libraries and commercial organizations in the Metropolitan area. There should be an American Architects Directory in the office of every member of the Institute. The Directory is a public relations medium for use by those requiring biographical data about architects in the various geographical divisions of the United States. It is a business asset to each individual architect. It is deserving of being perpetuated. Members of the New York Chapter who do not own copies are invited and urged to order theirs at the earliest moment. List price \$20. Special price to members is \$15.00, Bowker Publishing Company, 62 West 45th Street, N.Y.C. (Murray Hill 2-0150).

LONDON EXHIBITION

This year's Building Exhibition is to be held at Olympia, London from November 13th to 27th. A biannual event, the Exhibition covers every current development in more than fifty industries connected with building. All architectural, building and allied trade organizations support the exhibition, many having their own displays. Government Departments and their research organizations will also be represented. Those planning to visit the exhibition are invited to write for further details and advance tickets to: The Building Exhibition, 32 Millbank, London S.W.I.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

A distinctive series of radio programs entitled "Architecture for the Good Life in New York" have been arranged by Jeffrey Ellis Aronin to be presented over station WNYC and WNYC-FM on Thursday evenings from 8:30 to 8:55 P.M. during the months of July and August. Each program will feature Mr. Aronin interviewing prominent architects and others related to the building industry. Those programs already recorded and scheduled are as follows:

July	11	Frank Lloyd Wright, Part I
July	18	Frank Lloyd Wright, Part II and Lillian Gish
July	25	Ralph Walker, FAIA, recipient of the A.I.A. Centennial Gold Medal
August	1	Sir Hugh Maxwell Casson, FRIBA, Architect of the Festival of Britain, 1951 and of the Coronation Decorations, 1953.
August	8	Robert Carson, A.I.A.; Ray Daly, President of the George A. Fuller Co.; and Hoyt Ammidon, Chairman of the Board, Astor Plaza Inc., in a discussion on office buildings.

Other programs will follow on succeeding Thursday evenings.

CENTENNIAL YEAR STICKER

This is still the A.I.A. Centennial Year. The New York Chapter has participated therein with the dedication of a bronze plaque and a Delmonico Dinner and the Washington Centennial Convention remains an inspiration to us all. We must continue to acknowledge our heritage as well as concentrate on our future course. One way to acknowledge this milestone in our history is to make active use of the Centennial Year stickers available now through the New York Chapter Office.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Eleven graduating students from Columbia's School of Architecture have been awarded the William Kinne Fellows Memorial Traveling Fellowship for the year 1957-53. These Fellowships are awarded each year to members of the graduating class for travel and study abroad for a period varying from six months to one year.

Aniko Borondy, a 24-year-old Hungarian refugee student has been granted a scholarship at Pratt Institute in Architecture. Before fleeing Hungary with her mechanical engineering husband, Aniko had spent 4-1/2 years of study at Budapest Technical University. Mrs. Borondy finds the Pratt Architectural courses quite relaxing. In Hungary she had 48 hours of class a week, from 8 in the morning to 8 in the evening. The homework was extra. She wishes the American student were more earnest.

The Architectural firm of Voorhees, Walker, Smith & Smith is holding its third Student Training Program this summer, from June 17th to August 23rd. Attended by 21 students from fifteen architectural and engineering schools in the United States and the Philippines, the training program will provide a preview of the professions for which they are preparing themselves and supplement their academic studies with practical experience in architecture and engineering.

An architectural exhibit prepared by Pratt Institute in cooperation with the Department of Correction is on view at 100 Centre Street. The students of the Pratt School of Architecture had been asked to develop a thesis designed project on "Prison Analysis & Design." This study represents the first attempt to explore the design possibilities of new institutions in cooperation with a recognized school of architecture.

COMMENDATION

The New York Chapter commends Gary Laredo on his continuing interest in the A.I.A. Starting with a student membership in October 1953, Mr. Laredo became an Associate member in June 1955 and is now welcomed as a Corporate member.

VISIT TO THE "HOUSE OF SEAGRAM"

375 Park Avenue, at 52nd Street, July 30, 1957 from 6 to 8 P.M. Speaker Philip Johnson - "Concept and Design of the Building". For reservation, call National Institute for Architectural Education, MU 4-1948.

CANDIDATES

Information regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for membership will be considered confidential by the Admissions Committee.

Corporate Membership

Robert Blair Alpern
Benjamin Bailyn
Wladyslaw O. Biernacki - Poray
Theodore A. Bork
Gerald K. Geerlings

Leon Albert Gehorsam
Dennis Landau
Frederick Saphier
George Joseph Schwarz

Associate Membership

Robert Gerald Posner Sponsors: Robert T. Handren and D'Anson Isely

NEW BOOKS

Acoustics for the Architect
by Harold Burris-Meyer & Lewis Goodfriend
Reinhold Publishing Corporation

Shops & Stores
by Morris Ketchum, Jr.
Reinhold Publishing Corporation