

# NEW YORK CHAPTER



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## HOSPITAL AND HEALTH DISCUSSIONS

We are pleased to announce another in the series of interesting discussion group meetings sponsored by the Hospital and Health Committee. Please mark the date and place on your calendar: Wednesday, January 6 at 5:15 P.M. in Gallery A.

The Committee has planned an active program for the year with discussions or field trips arranged for each month.

The subject of this meeting will be "How to Design a Nurse's Station."

## SEMINAR LUNCHEON

Your special attention is called to be on the lookout for the announcement from the School Committee for the Seminar on Tuesday, January 12 in Gallery A at a luncheon meeting. You will be notified by a flier of the details. Be sure to reserve a place by calling the Chapter office.

## NOMINATIONS

The first important step in electing a slate of officers is always that of selecting a Nominating Committee.

On Thursday, January 21st, 1960, we ask you to come to the Nominations Luncheon meeting in Gallery A at 12:30 P.M. in order to help nominate experienced members for the Chapter Nominating Committee.

As we said last year, please come and "Nominate Nominees for Nomination."

## PUBLICATIONS SEMINAR — CRITICISM CONTINUED

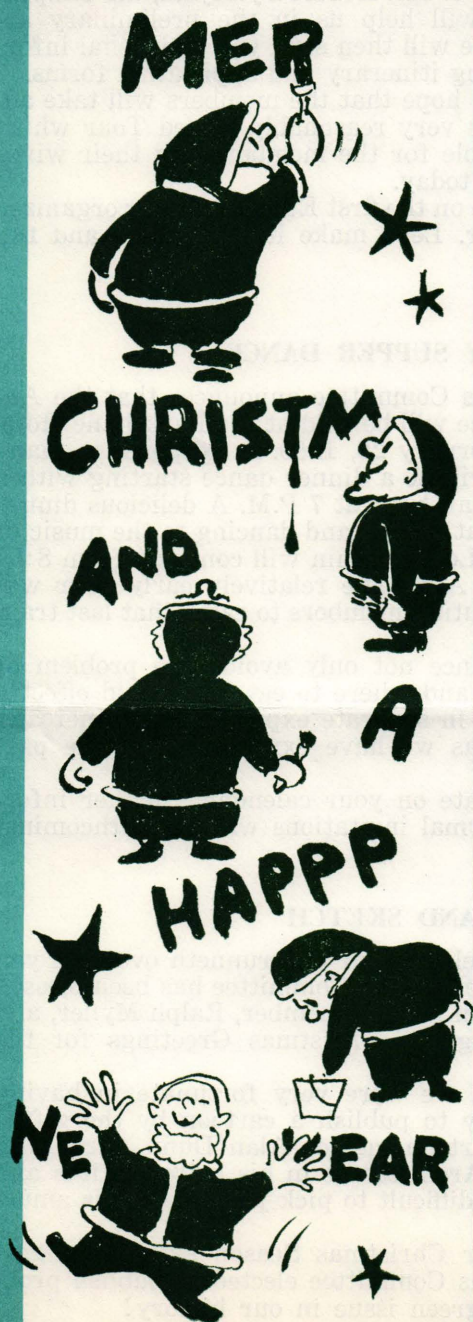
Our subcommittee chairman, F. Marshall Smith, has released news about the Publication Committee's up-and-coming Seminar. The evening of February 9, 1960 will see the follow up to our successful session last year on "Architectural Criticism." The chairman is in touch with prospective panel members, including a magazine editor, a columnist, an historian and possibly an owner. The problem to be discussed will be Architectural Criticism by the owner-user.

We hope that you will set aside that Tuesday evening about 5:30 P.M. for another stimulating look at the field of Architectural Criticism. The hundred people who came last year and heard Inez Robb, Sibyl Moholy-Nagy, James Marston Fitch, Percival Goodman and Glenn Fowler discuss the topic found it well worth while, and extremely interesting.

## COMING EVENTS

January 6, 1960, Wednesday  
Hospital and Health Discussion Group • Gallery A • 5:15 P.M.  
January 12, 1960, Tuesday  
School Committee Seminar Luncheon • Gallery A • 12:30 P.M.  
January 20, 1960, Wednesday  
Technical Committee Lecture • Gallery A • 5:15 P.M.  
January 21, 1960, Thursday  
Nominations Luncheon Meeting • Gallery A • 12:30 P.M.  
February 26, 1960, Friday  
New York Chapter, A. I. A. 93rd Anniversary Dinner Dance  
• Park Lane Hotel (Crystal Ballroom) • 299 Park Avenue  
and 49th Street • 7:00 P.M.

*All events listed above take place at 115 East 40th Street, N. Y. C. unless otherwise noted.*





## LETTERS

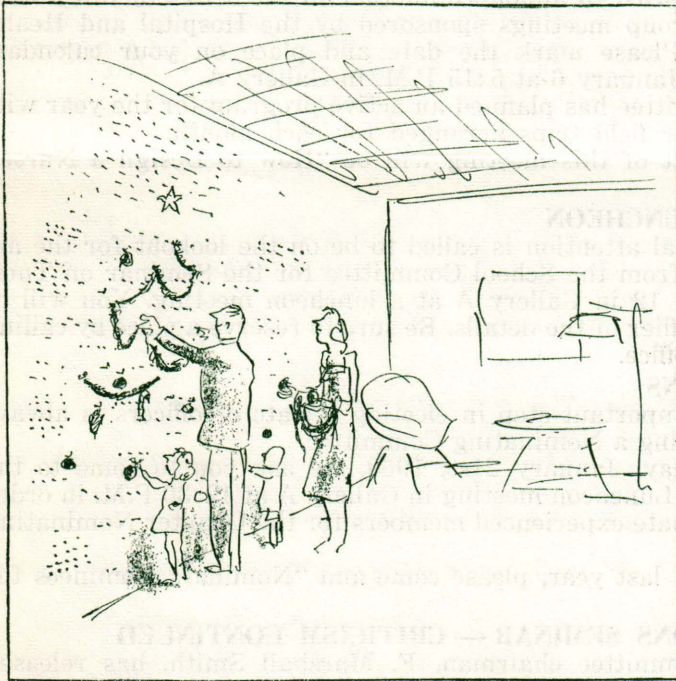
November 10, 1959  
Rochester, N. Y.

Many congratulations to you and your Publications Committee for the new format of the Oculus. It is handsome in appearance and makes me want to read it.

I appreciate very much being on your mailing roster.

Thomas O. Morin  
Managing Editor  
*Empire State Architect*

## MERRY CHRISTMAS



## \$3,000 FOR A HELIPORT

The LeBrun Fellowship, offering a stipend of \$3,000 for travel abroad, is again brought to your attention by the New York Chapter.

In urging architects of this area to compete, Lester D. Tichy, Chairman of the Chapter's LeBrun Committee, said that the 1960 award calls for the design of a heliport for a city of approximately 300,000 population. Program for the award will be available January 15th and the rendering itself must be postmarked not later than March 7th.

Architects who are between the ages of twenty-three and thirty and who have at least a year and a half of office experience are eligible for the award. They must be both American citizens and residents, and must not be recipients of other traveling scholarships.

The LeBrun traveling scholarship was established by the Will of Napoleon Eugene LeBrun, best known as architect of the Metropolitan Life Building, once the tallest structure in New York. It has been awarded biennially since 1912 and was first won by Otto R. Eggers, now senior partner of the firm of Eggers and Higgins, New York City.

The program of the competition and further information on it can be obtained from Lester D. Tichy, Chairman of the LeBrun Committee, New York Chapter, American Institute of Architects, 115 East 40th Street, N. Y. 16.

## CALLING ALL EUROPEAN TRAVELERS

The inquiries are coming in for more information on the New York Chapter's Private European Tour as noted in the last issue of the OCULUS. We wish to acquaint you with the following additional information received from Sir Henry Lunn, Ltd., the agency which is organizing the Tour. This thirty-day tour will start on August 8th, finish on September 5th and will cost approximately \$600.00 per person including chartered airplane.

The Tour price will include hotel accommodations in twin-bedded rooms with hot and cold water, all meals throughout, transportation by deluxe motor coach and train—first class, tips, services and entrance fees to the extent included in the Tour, transfers between airports and railroad stations, sight-seeing as organized and the services of a specially qualified Tour Conductor throughout the Tour and local guides in main centers.

Please send your name and address to the Chapter office, attention of Mr. Robert Djerejian, the Chapter member who will help us in the preliminary arrangements. We will then send you additional information including itinerary and application forms.

We sincerely hope that the members will take advantage of this very reasonably priced Tour which makes it possible for the members and their wives to visit Europe today.

Be sure to be on the first European Tour organized by the Chapter. Let's make it interesting and fun too.

## ANNIVERSARY SUPPER DANCE

The Meetings Committee announces that the Anniversary Dance will be held at the Park Lane Hotel on Friday, February 26, 1960. In response to many requests this will be a dinner dance starting with a congenial cocktail hour at 7 P.M. A delicious dinner will be served at 8 P.M. and dancing to the music of the inimitable Lester Lanin will continue from 8:30 P.M. to 12:30 A.M. The relatively early hour will help our commuting members to catch that last train to the country.

A dinner dance not only avoids the problem of where to meet and where to eat but should effect a decided saving in separate expenses for dinner and dancing such as we have experienced in the past few years.

Mark this date on your calendar. Further information and formal invitations will be forthcoming.

## THE COVER AND SKETCH

We really feel that our cup runneth over. As you can see the Publications Committee has been blessed with an artist in its new member, Ralph Myller, and hence the design of Christmas Greetings for the front cover.

Additionally, we were very fortunate in having the opportunity to publish a cartoon by the gifted satirist and cartoon master Alan Dunn. Mr. Dunn specializes in Architecture in his better satires and it was mighty difficult to pick just one of his amusing designs.

To make our Christmas Season even more gay, the Publications Committee elected to publish probably the first green issue in our history!



## HOUSE CONSULTING PANEL

Members admitted within the past few years may not be aware that the Chapter maintains a Consulting Panel for residential work. Many inquiries for advice about houses are directed to this clinic via the Chapter office. The nature of requests extends from selection of door knobs to the design of complete houses and developments.

There are presently some 30 members on this panel. The intent is to revise the list, adding and deleting names. Those members who are interested in having their names included should write to Mrs. Ida B. Webster, Chairman, in care of the Chapter office, *before Jan. 31, 1960.*

After that date, an amended list will be printed in pamphlet form, along with matter describing the service and fee arrangement. These pamphlets will be disseminated widely for distribution at key locations.

## SORRY...

We are sorry to report that we have missed announcing to you the big National Swimming Pool Exposition and Seminars at the Coliseum, complete with aquatic events, a 30 x 60 foot demonstration pool and a seminar moderated by chapter member Jackson Smith. It ran from December 12 to 15 and conflicted with our printing dates.

## FACT SHEET FOR EMPLOYERS

Employers who have one or more persons working for them may be subject to the new provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Law, effective January 1st, 1960. The purpose of new provision of the law: To bring almost all "one-employee" firms into the unemployment insurance system; over 100,000 employers will be paying an unemployment insurance tax on their payrolls for the first time.

Employer responsibilities: The Division of Employment will send a notice in January, 1960 to all liable firms it knows of. However, any employer who had a \$300 payroll in the last quarter of '59 and did not receive such notification by January 15, 1960 is still liable for tax. He must then write to the Division, saying that he has had a \$300 payroll in the last quarter of 1959. Write to the Division of Employment, 800 North Pearl Street, Albany, N. Y.

An employer who had a payroll less than \$300 in the last quarter of 1959, but goes to \$300 or over in some later quarter, must write to the Division of Employment at the above address as soon as his payroll in any quarter reaches \$300. The Division will then register the employer. He will also receive an official poster which he is required to display.

For further information: Write for a free copy of FACTS FOR EMPLOYERS to: Public Relations Office, Room 1213, Division of Employment, State Department of Labor, 500 Eighth Avenue, New York 18, N. Y.

## ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Edwin B. Morris, recently transferred from the Potomac Valley Chapter, A. I. A. to the New York Chapter, A. I. A., has been appointed to serve as a member on the Public Relations Committee by the Executive Committee as has Edwin B. Morris, also to the Public Relations Committee.

## HERE AND THERE

Another \$25,000 Annual Architects' Competition is announced by Mastic Tile Division, The Ruberoid Co. The theme this year is development of a plan for "Education for youth and adult—recreation for all the family." Deadline is June 30. Judging will be at the Architectural League . . . January 1st, 1960, is the latest date for application for the National Institute for Architectural Education's Lloyd Warren Fellowship, Paris Prize. It is open to all graduates under 30 years old, or all students of architecture expecting to graduate by next June . . . Early reports indicate the new Industrial Building Exposition slated for the New York Coliseum in December, 1960, is getting good initial response and backing.

American Home Magazine announces it is looking for "attractive, colorful, practical contemporary houses designed for the average-size family and built for under \$30,000." Full architectural credit is promised if published.

The Museum of Modern Art has launched an ambitious fund-raising campaign to finance Philip Johnson's new wing to the existing building . . . The A. I. A. Board of Directors at its Portland Oregon meeting on November 12, urged "all local chapters and individual members to take the lead in improving our cities by advancing a coordinated approach to planning for community building and rebuilding."

Dr. Herbert A. Landry, of the N. Y. Board of Education, discussed latest developments in his study of school types and possible re-use, at the Chapter's School Committee on November 10.

One of our Morning Journals invented a new title for a certain local scofflaw, "Freelance Architect"!! . . . Another revealed the bit of news that the new fiancée of the Shah of Iran is a lady architect . . . The New York Times deserves cudos for its item on Rockefeller's consideration of stock school plans. A great deal of the article carefully spelled out the architects' views.

Word of mouth has it that George Cooper Rudolph threw a fabulous party for many of his confreres on December 5, complete with Calypso singers.

Max Abramovitz spoke on the Brandeis Interfaith Center at the Architectural League's dinner meeting on Religion and the Building Arts on December 10. The next in the League's dinner series will deal with schools and colleges on January 14. The League's annual Christmas Luncheon this year will be Wednesday, December 23.

## DEAN ARNAUD APPOINTED

It is our pleasure to announce to our members the appointment of Dean Leopold Arnaud by the United States Foreign Service, Department of State, to the post of Cultural Attache in Rio de Janeiro. Dean Arnaud will leave for Rio at the end of December, after completing "orientation" in Washington, D.C.

## MAX H. FOLEY HONORED

Max H. Foley, Chairman of the Board of Standards and Appeals, was honored by the Architects, Engineers and Designers Division of the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies, at their annual luncheon for the network of 116 health and welfare agencies on Wednesday, December 9th, at the Sheraton-East Hotel.



## CONFUSION

Confusion still runs rampant in our frantic efforts to help disseminate information. To clear up all doubts, we wish to state that the "State Construction Procedures" manual, revised edition 1959, is available at the Institute offices. Write to: The American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. This manual gives in tabular form information for each state on: State agencies responsible for construction, Provision of architectural Services, Selection of architects, Forms of contract and Fees.

There is another publication entitled "The 1959 State Code Manual" which is divided, like the State Building Construction Code, into: general provisions, space standards, structural standards, fire safety standards and equipment standards. This is obtainable from the New York Executive Department, Division of Housing, 270 Broadway, New York City.

Everybody straight now?!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The New York Chapter extends its warmest welcome to the following students of Columbia University and Cooper Union.

### 114 STUDENTS FROM COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

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#### GRADUATE—DAY

Argyropoulos, George A.  
Booher, Lewis D.  
Boulds, Nadin P.  
Deans, John  
Eisenman, Peter D.  
Foote, Richard M., Jr.  
Guy, Jean-Eudes  
Jakob, John H.  
McKinnel, Noel M.  
Tauber, Paul S.

#### 2nd YEAR—DAY

Abruzzo, Matthew, T., Jr.  
Alpern, Andrew D.  
Dingleman, Warren A.  
Erdstein, George  
Frost, Alec  
Graff, Herbert J.  
Kumme, Lutz H.  
Lennard, Stephen J.  
McLaine, James M.  
Massara, Carmelo C.  
Merker, Joel  
Ozerman, Guley, Miss  
Pass, David  
Pavia, Raymond F.  
Saradoff, Mitchell  
Sarkany, Geysa  
Serota, Leonard  
Soldan, Kenneth A.  
Tolkin, Samuel M.

#### 3rd YEAR—DAY

Berman, Leopold  
Berzak, Neil R.  
Butke, Walter J.  
Danzig, Phillip L.  
Fallick, James  
Fields, Luellen  
Gilheany, Thomas J.  
Jordan, Richard C.  
Kaufman, David J.  
Kurzman, Ellen G.  
Loder, John E.  
McLandress, Robert S.  
Mann, George J.  
Mark, Herbert M.  
Michele, Stephen  
Mooney, John B.  
Orofino, John J.  
Pettorino, Arthur J.  
Shein, Joseph  
Simons, Edward N.  
Trost, Frederick J., Jr.

#### 4th YEAR—DAY

Albenberg, Jerome M.  
Badia, Robert J.  
Baker, John M.  
Colombo, John M.  
Culver, George R.  
Crowther, John H.  
De Reineck, Claire  
Fein, Lester  
Feldman, Stephen M.  
Herz, Manuel D.  
Hollenbeck, Frank B.  
Kaufmann, Julio  
Lim, Ernest S.  
Lippman, Peter J.  
Nordquist, Nelson T.  
Reynolds, Kenneth G.  
Scodidio, Ricardo M.  
Steinharter, Walter L.  
Tammerk, Heino  
Thaler, Allan E.  
Vargas, Armando  
Waldman, Seymour  
Zafren, Paul

#### EVENING SCHOOL

Alexander, Franklin  
Arsenicos, Rudolph M.  
Bartman, Richard A.  
Bhark, Alick  
Clark, Dennis B.  
Crowley, Francis X.  
Doerner, Robert F.  
Feinbloom, Maxwell  
Finkelstein, Hirsch  
Fisher, Richard A.  
Glasser, David E.  
Gompper, Carl E.  
Hsu, King-Ming  
Jacuszko, Roman  
Jakas, Vaidotas  
Jones, William R.  
Kaminsky, Wallace  
Kappel, Fred  
Kennedy, Stanley  
Kushner, Jack  
Lowrie, Thomas M.  
Lumley, George  
Mather, Robert  
McQuiston, Charles H.  
Meyer, William W.  
Mills, Marvin H.  
Myrin, Robert  
Petrovic, Milutin  
Proffitt, Landon M.  
Rona, Pedro  
Rowan, Robert H.  
Schunm, Otto J.  
Shenton, Frank R., Jr.  
Singler, David C.  
Slack, William J.  
Strebi, Robert  
Swenson, Charles H.  
Vincents, Alfonso  
Vogelstein, Charles  
Vos, Robert  
Wilks, Paul J.

## MOSES RECEIVES MEDAL

*Reprinted from The New York Times*

Park Commissioner Robert Moses was awarded the Allied Professions Medal of the American Institute of Architects [last night]. He was honored at a dinner attended by 200 persons at the Sheraton-East Hotel.

In accepting the award, Mr. Moses chided architects for what he called their unwillingness to incorporate past achievements of art in their current works.

"The architectural and engineering professions as a whole," he said, "deserve no credit for growing indifference, indeed hostility, to the painters and sculptors who have in the past contributed so much to the grace and symbolism which offset the sterility of blank walls and staring, unbroken surfaces."

## CANDIDATES

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

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### 84 STUDENTS FROM COOPER UNION

#### DAY SESSION

##### 1st YEAR—DAY

*Section 1A*  
Elbasani, Barry  
Kvell, Theodore  
Pittas, Michael  
Vasi, Salvatore

##### Section 1B

Allison, German  
Block, Jacob  
Canger, Anthony  
Hoetzel, Richard  
Kaneps, Uldis  
Saar, Saamo  
Sparti, Harold  
Thomson, Arthur

##### Section 1C

Herbst, David  
Koby, Arthur  
Koster, John  
Martin, Lucy  
Martinez, Daniel  
Nagel, Stewart  
Rohan, William  
Schulze, Robert  
Schwartz, Irwin  
Kohler, John

##### 2nd YEAR—DAY

*Section 2A*  
Cammarato, Salvatore  
Hedman, Joyce  
Kardeman, Harry  
Levine, Irwin  
Maurer, Frederick  
Meinhardt, Carl  
Piken, Richard  
Pilberg, Robert  
Redemann, Carolyn  
Solomon, Ann  
Steinglass, Ralph

##### 3rd YEAR—DAY

*Section 3A*  
Heydecker, Richard  
Nemeth, Frank  
Shiffrin, Roy  
Sperber, Norman  
Stuppelbeen, David  
Sutton, Joseph

##### 4th YEAR—DAY

*Section 4A*  
Battipede, Frank  
Bitzer, Ernest  
Goldstein, Aviva  
Jaffe, Joel  
Remen, Seymour  
Melman, Michael  
Muller, Louis  
Spivak, Ronald

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Francisco d'Aguino  
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Carolyn Redemann

#### EVENING SESSION:

##### 1st YEAR—EVENING

Brandwein, Rowland  
Cannizzo, Frank  
Dachinger, Kurt  
Flugman, Herman  
Ingellis, Joseph  
Nalbanchian, Anne  
Serby, Gertrude  
Slifstein, Sheldon  
Smerechniak, Ronald  
Tropp, Stanley  
Massey, John

##### 2nd YEAR—EVENING

*Section 2A1*  
Gelenski, Barbara  
Grant, George  
Iovino, Cosmo  
Lutzker, Arthur  
Metz, Charles  
Perlmutter, Ruth  
Scala, Robert  
Simmons, Lynda

##### Section 2A2

Akner, Alfred  
Appel, Jerome  
Birkby, Noel  
Cunningham, Robert  
Hagedorn, Elizabeth  
Hendrickson, George  
Noda, Donald  
Rodd, Joseph  
Sileo, Joseph

##### Section 3A

Kushner, Eugene

##### 4th YEAR—EVENING

*Section 4A*  
d'Aguino, Francisco  
Gilson, Myron  
Imbriani, Joseph  
Stueben, Eugene

##### 5th YEAR—EVENING

*Section 5A*  
Gesell, Hans  
Gleason, Emilie  
Todisco, Joseph  
Tostmann, Gerda