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## HDA ANNOUNCES FIRST COMPETITION

NYCAIA members will welcome the announcement of an architectural competition for an oceanfront residential development at Brighton Beach, Brooklyn. Jason R. Nathan, Administrator of the Housing Development Administration, announced the competition on November 28, 1967, with the goal of "a challenging and fresh design concept."

Approved by the American Institute of Architects and sponsored by its New York and Brooklyn Chapters, the competition is being underwritten by a group of anonymous institutions and builders in the interest of helping New York City promote quality architectural design, Mr. Nathan said.

The subject of the competition, open to all architects eligible to practice in New York State, is Brighton House II, a proposed moderate-income development to be constructed on Brighton Court between 2nd and Brighton 4th Streets, and the Boardwalk, under New York City's Limited Profit Housing Companies program. Approximately 60 per cent of the apartments in the proposed development will be for senior citizens.

"It is hoped that the residential development planned will act as a demonstration that new housing need not be alien to an existing community and that it can, in fact, supply the missing link between this community and its principal natural advantage, its waterfront," Mr. Nathan said.

B. Sumner Gruzen, FAIA, of the architectural firm of Gruzen & Partners, will serve as Professional Advisor. The following representatives of the architectural profession will serve on the panel of jurors: Philip Johnson, FAIA, Chairman, Romaldo Giurgola, AIA, Professor of Architecture, Chairman, Division of Architecture, Columbia University, New York, N. Y., Donlyn Lyndon, AIA, Professor and Head of Department of Architecture, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., Jose Luis Sert, FAIA, Professor of Architecture, Dean of Faculty of Design, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Urban planning will be represented by Professor Charles Abrams, Chairman, Division of Urban Planning, Columbia University, and Richard Ravitch, Executive Vice President, HRH Construction Corp., will represent the building industry.

"I have asked Commissioner Samuel Ratensky of my Housing and Development Administration staff to represent me and the administration as an ex-officio member of the jurors panel," Mr. Nathan said.

Four prizes, totalling \$10,000, will be awarded. The first prize, \$5,000, will be in addition to the award of the archi-

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*Entrance Detail of 680 Park Avenue*

## NYCAIA HONORS LANDMARK DONOR

The Marquesa de Cuevas will be presented with a Special Citation by NYCAIA President, William B. Tabler, FAIA, on December 7, 1967 at a Champagne Reception at 680 Park Avenue. Actual demolition had begun on this building, a distinguished town house designed by McKim, Mead & White, when the Marquesa de Cuevas purchased the building for preservation. This is an example of creative landmark preservation which came about through private initiative and imagination. Since World War II, the building had been the Soviet Consulate and the Soviet Mission to the U.N.

The building was built for Percy R. Pyne, a prominent New York financier, in 1911 and was occupied by the Pyne family for almost forty years. The architectural firm of Walker O. Cain & Associates directed the restoration and remodeling. The building is now the home of The Center for Inter-American Relations which is a private, tax-exempt organization designed to achieve a closer relationship between Latin Americans and North Americans.



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## T-SQUARES & TRIANGLES

1968 INSTITUTE HONORS—New York Regional Director Max O. Urbahn, FAIA, has been appointed Chairman of the Jury for the 1968 Honor Awards of the Institute. Director Urbahn urges that submissions be sent in immediately. Serving with him will be: Joseph Amisano, FAIA, of Atlanta; Sigmund F. Blum, AIA, of Detroit; John M. Mores, AIA, of Seattle; and Walter A. Netsch, FAIA, of Chicago. James M. Hunter, FAIA, of Boulder, Colorado, Chairman of the 1967 jury, will serve as adviser. The jurors will meet at The Octagon on March 6-8, 1968.

MATERIALS INFORMATION GAP TO BE LESS-ENED by a new program established by the National Design Center. They have intergrated eight information conduits into one data-processing and data-distribution system called "The Eight Determinants." Among the items are FIND, a magazine published twice yearly in which manufacturers can describe their products; Offering acceptance reports that give the manufacturer a yardstick for measuring the effectiveness of the manufacturer's message in FIND; and Architects research planning reports that give the specifier access to detailed descriptions of building products and materials.

ARCHITECTS ROUND TABLE — The Hotel Peter Cooper at 39th St. & Lexington Ave. has arranged a 'Round Table' reserved for architects to join together for luncheon. If the attendance averages 10-12 persons daily the hotel will provide a private room. Prices are modest and the food is good. Several members of NYCAIA and the Architectural League have generated this to foster cordial exchange of ideas. An effort should be made to enjoy this group once or twice a week. No reservations are required.

FALLOUT SHELTER DESIGN TECHNIQUES—All members of NYCAIA are cordially invited to participate in a Seminar sponsored by the Office of Civil Defense in Washington, D. C., entitled "An Introduction to Fallout Shelter Analysis and Design Techniques." Since there is an increasing demand by clients to incorporate fallout shelters in new construction, a meeting of this type could be beneficial to practicing architects. The Seminar will be held on Friday, December 8, 1967, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Manhattan College, Bronx, New York. For information and registration please contact Professor Francis X. McKelvey (212-549-7400).

NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY CHANGES CONTRACT—The Authority has recently revised its contracts with architects to follow the standard form of Architects Contract employed by the Housing Assistance Administration on a nation-wide basis. This will include an item urged by NYCAIA Contracts Committee to retain 1% of the Architect's Fee as final payment instead of the 5% originally retained.

AIA DOCUMENT A 201—SEPTEMBER 1967 EDITION OF GENERAL CONDITIONS—You are urged to comment on your experiences as a result of the use of this new document to determine the extent of adjustments that may be required. Please address your comments to the NYCAIA Office Practice Committee.

DOES A CONSTRUCTION MANAGER HELP THE ARCHITECT—Architects & Engineers believe that—"anything a construction manager can do—an architect can do better!" The Office Practice Committee welcomes comments on your experiences with the procedures employed by this new type of consultant.

CLEAN YOUR BOOK SHELVES AND CREATE INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL—The People-to-People Programs under the Honorary Chairmanship of President Lyndon B. Johnson and of Chairman of the Board of Trustees, former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, initiated in 1958 a committee of Engineers and Scientists to send journals of American architectural and engineering societies to students, professors, and engineers of underdeveloped countries. Oculus believes that architects, the architectural press, and architectural organizations would be making a substantial contribution toward international good-will by sending old periodicals to this program. Send material to Mr. Eric C. Sparling, Director of Distribution, Engineers and Scientists Committee, People-To-People Program, 124 Hilton Avenue, Garden City, New York 11530.

PROPOSALS FOR AIA FELLOWSHIP—NYCAIA members are requested to propose the names of Chapter members, who may be eligible for Fellowship, to the Chapter Office not later than January 16, 1968. These proposals will be considered by the NYCAIA Committee on Fellows for nomination to the Institute. If elected to Fellowship by the Institute, they will be installed at the 1969 AIA Annual Convention. NYCAIA By-Laws (Article 15, Section 1) state that "any assigned member of this Chapter who is in good standing and has been a member in good standing for a total of not less than ten years in the Institute and who has notably contributed to the advancement of the profession of architecture in design, in the science of construction, by literature, education, by service to the Institute or by public service, is eligible for nomination to Fellowship . . ."

## HDA COMPETITION

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tectural contract for the development to the winner of the competition. The second prize will be \$3,000 and the third and fourth prizes will be \$1,000 each.

Architects interested in competing will be required to register their interest in writing, by midnight, January 2, 1968, with B. Sumner Gruzen, FAIA, Office of Planning Design and Research, Housing and Development Administration, 110 Church Street, New York, N. Y. 10007.



## FACTS FOR A SURVEY

A few vital statistics concerning New York architects have been researched in the Chapter as follows:

### 1. CENSUS OF INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECTS in the Territory of NYCAIA.

Total registered, resident architects .....	1,732
Total AIA members .....	1,282
Corporate members .....	1,186
Professional members .....	19
Emeritus members .....	77
Total non-AIA members .....	450
Percentage AIA members of total .....	74%
Number of non-AIA members registered since January, 1966 .....	35

### 2. REGISTERED ARCHITECTS (NON-AIA) EMPLOYMENT

Of the total non-AIA architects, some are engaged as follows:

Executives (Partners, Principals) in AIA firms .....	16
Executive (Partners, Principals) in non-AIA firms .....	70
Employees (not executives) in AIA firms .....	204
Employees (not executives) in non-AIA firms .....	29
Government employees .....	20

### 3. CENSUS OF ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS

AND OFFICES (Includes Individual Practitioners)

Number of architectural firms .....	299
Number of firms having at least one partner in AIA .....	258
Number of non-AIA firms .....	41
Percentage of AIA firms to total .....	86%
Branch offices of national firms .....	7

## WAA PLANS AHEAD

Plans are now being formulated for the Tenth Anniversary Scholarship Ball to be held on Wednesday evening, May 8, 1968. This will be a first for the WAA, and to lend our support NYCAIA will not hold its annual dinner-dance. The Executive Committee is urging all Chapter members to attend the gala WAA event.

The evening will begin with a 7:30 p.m. black-tie reception-tour at the new Ford Foundation Building, followed by a supper-dance at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf-Astoria. Watch for further details. May 8, 1968, may be the start of a new tradition. Save the date.

WAA is also pleased to announce that the attendance this year at the Wine Tasting was twice that of last year, and so were the proceeds to the Scholarship Fund—approximately \$1500 received for worthy students.

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## NYCAIA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

• **Wank, Adams & Slavin** did not receive credit in the N. Y. Times for being the architects of both Metromedia East and West. Inadvertently, the firm's name was omitted in the description of the extensive remodeling of the studios of East 67 Street, formerly the Central Opera House, built in 1873.

• **Max O. Urbahn** FAIA, President of New York Board of Trade presided at a "Business Speaks" dinner recently at the Waldorf-Astorial Hotel.

• **Jonathan Barnett** is one of the members of the Urban Design Group, recently formed by the City Planning Commission. This group was created to help provide design services for all areas of the Commission's work.

• **Donald Porter Ryder** has been appointed by Manhattan Community College as Campus and Facilities Officer. Mr. Ryder will coordinate all activities related to planning of the projected expansion of the youngest of the two-year colleges which are part of the City University of New York.

• **William F. R. Ballard**, FAIA, consulting architect to the City University of New York, Board of Higher Education will act as liaison with architect-planners for various projects as follows: **Edward Durell Stone**, FAIA, for Richmond College; **John Carl Warnecke**, FAIA for City College; **Jan Hird Pokorny** and **David F.M. Todd** and Associates for Lehman College; **DeYoung & Moscowitz** for Hunter College; **Evans & Delehanty** for Brooklyn College and **Myller, Snibbe, Tafel** for York College. The community college architect-planners are: **William A. Hall** for New York City Community College; **The Moore & Hutchins Partnership** for Staten Island Community College; the firm of **Katz, Waisman, Weber, Strauss** in conjunction with the firm of **Warner, Burns, Toan and Lunde** for Kingsborough Community College; **Percival Goodman** FAIA for Queensborough Community College; **Caudill, Rowlett & Scott** for Borough of Manhattan Community College.

## NYCAIA COMING EVENTS

■ All NYCAIA Committee Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen will meet with the Executive Committee for an important luncheon on Wednesday, December 6, 1967, at 12:30 p.m.—100 Park Avenue Restaurant (use 40th Street entrance). Lunch \$5 per person.

■ Champagne Reception for NYCAIA and guests at 680 Park Avenue—a restored landmark—Thursday, December 7, 1967, 6-8 p.m.—\$6 per person. See story on Page 1.

■ Hospitals & Health Committee—Dr. Mark Tarail, Chairman of Department of Psychiatry, Maimonides Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., will speak on: "Community Mental Health Centers." Dinner, December 7, 1967, at 5:30 p.m.—Beaux Arts Restaurant, 310 East 44th Street, New York. \$6 per person.

■ Hospital and Health Committee—Henry D. Isenberg, Ph.D., Microbiologist, L.I. Jewish Hospital, will speak on: "The Requirements of the Department of Laboratories of a General Hospital." Tuesday, December 12, 1967, 5:15 p.m.—NYCAIA Headquarters, 115 East 40th Street, New York, N. Y.



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Information received by the Secretary of NYCAIA regarding the qualifications of candidates for membership will be considered confidential.

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