

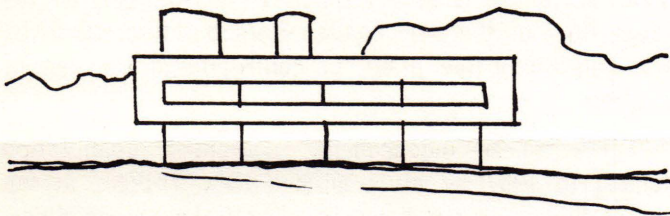
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In the summer of 1966, the Museum of Modern Art exhibited photographs of the famous landmark of modern residential architecture built between 1929-31. This revolutionary concept of raising a building on pillars over a service area with interior courtyards and a roof garden approached by ramps had survived WW II as a barn. The wide meadow in which it was built had been reduced by construction. As a result of the exhibition there was a public outcry for the restoration and preservation of the building. Since that time the French Ministry of Culture appointed funds for a major reconstruction which was dedicated in August 1967 by the Ministry of Culture as the Le Corbusier Research Center.

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Architects, it's an actuality
That language has its own brutality.
A break-through bound to maximize
Our current thrust to verbalize,
And give our projects more appeal
By language upwardly-mobile.
Add "ing" or "ed" to nouns, observe,
Presto! each one becomes a verb.
Give "hopefully" its new direction
Once adverb, now interjection.
Sprinkle the text with many an "ize"
To be updated, authorwise.
Structure the concept with facilities
To close the gap of credibilities.
Thus expediting expertise,
Our image will be sure to please.

E.C.

AIA URBAN DESIGN CHECKLIST—1968

The Committee on Urban Design of the National A.I.A. has prepared an excellent publication entitled "Checklist for Cities, A Guide for Local Action in Improving the Design of Our Cities." The "checklist" resulted from a ten-year study conducted and tested by the Committee and propagated through The Institute's "War on Community Ugliness," at numerous regional and national meetings and conventions, and in testimony before the Congress, the Senate, and other distinguished bodies. It is designed to put urban design into practice throughout the country by the concerted efforts of local government, concerned citizens, and professional teams of planners, architects, engineers, sociologists, economists, and others. The "Checklist", 31 pages, is divided into four categories: Environmental Matrix, Social Fabric, Physical Fabric, and the Formal Influences. The appendix contains a paper on the need for better design to improve the urban crisis, written by Archibald Rogers, FAIA, Chairman of the Committee on Urban Design presented before the Senate Subcommittee on Executive Reorganization of the Government.

Archibald Rogers, FAIA, of Baltimore, Maryland is architect-planner for the lineal city development announced recently for Brooklyn to be built over air rights of L.I.R.R. tracks. This represents one of the major projects for the metropolitan area in terms of extent and cost.

News of Urban Checklist was released at the recent "Grassroots East" meetings in Washington, D.C. - meetings designed primarily for Chapter Presidents, Presidents-Elect and Executive Staff. Both Bill Tabler and Lathrop Douglass were present for the two days of workshop sessions.

The Institute is interested in putting the "Checklist" to work and welcomes city administrations to request the cooperation of the Institute to form research teams to visit cities to develop reports for action. A single copy of the booklet may be ordered free from Information Services at A.I.A. Headquarters. Bulk rate in \$50 per 100 copies or 60¢ each. Orders should be placed with Documents Division, The American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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"SPEAKING" OF ARCHITECTURE . . .

The NYCAIA Speakers Bureau has been busy enlightening several organizations and schools as to the fact that architects are enthusiastically engaged in opting for a better environment principally through better design. Those members presenting their views are Isadore Rosenfield to the Sanitary Science Engineers Society; Edgar Tafel to the St. Bartholomew Women's Club on "Religious Architecture Today"; Mortimor Freehof to Haaren High School; Aaron Cohen to the Long Island Nurserymen Association; and Stephen Kliment to Montclair Academy. NYCAIA members are urged to make every effort to assist the Speakers Bureau in contacting organizations, societies, and other interest groups for them to address. Please telephone Chairman Aaron Cohen (933-7000 Ext. 822) if you have any good dates for our members to speak.

THE ONE-STOP SERVICE TO AID BUSINESS . . .

Commissioner Richard Lewisohn, of the New York City Department of Commerce and Industrial Development, has informed us of a program now operating in his department, which could be of assistance to our members if they have red tape troubles with city agencies.

This program, the One-Stop Service (OSS), acts as a liaison with other city agencies in behalf of firms which encounter costly delays and frustrations in obtaining building or licensing permits, which have zoning problems, which have problems of loading and unloading, which need city facilities such as drainage, water supply, sanitation, traffic easements, which need police protection, or other problems involving the city.

All YOU have to do, if you have such problems, is to telephone the OSS at 759-7770, and ask for help.

Commissioner Lewisohn has asked that you do that only if you are encountering delays or frustrations. Your original requests should be made to the agencies who have jurisdiction in these matters.

GOOD NEIGHBOR LIBRARY . . .

The Citizens' Housing and Planning Council at 20 West 40th Street has a small but excellent library on new housing, rehabilitation and urban renewal. Marion Sameth, Associate Director, says that NYCAIA members are welcome to use it at any time. It's convenient, on the sixth floor of the new headquarters building. NYCAIA Housing Committee plans to contribute to its design section.

CHPC is an independent, non-profit organization formed in 1937 by civic minded New Yorkers in the belief that a decent home in a well-planned neighborhood can be achieved for every citizen through vigorous public and private action. Roger Starr is Executive Director. The President of the Board of Trustees is Richard Ravitch. Chapter members serving on the Board are William F. R. Ballard, FAIA, George D. Brown, FAIA, Frederick G. Frost, Jr., FAIA, Clarence Funnye, Milton Glass (Chairman, Board of Standards & Appeals), Philip Johnson, FAIA, Sidney L. Katz, FAIA, William Lescaze, FAIA, Clarence S. Stein, FAIA, Ida B. Webster, and Robert C. Weinberg.

DRAFTING MEN . . .

The Executive Committee of the New York State Association of Architects has announced that a major activity of the Association during 1968 will be the development of training programs for both architectural draftsmen and technicians at the two year community college and technical school level in New York State. NYSAA has offered to assist educators in the preparation of curricula and source material. Roger Spross, NYCAIA corporate member and president of the Association, noted the serious shortage of architectural draftsmen and technicians in the specifications field and field inspection of construction. This program will offer excellent job opportunities for young people in New York State in a burgeoning profession.

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WAA SCHOLARSHIP BALL ANNOUNCES PATRONS

Governor and Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor and Mrs. John V. Lindsay head the list of Honorary Patrons for the forthcoming WAA 10th Anniversary Scholarship Ball to be held at the Starlight Roof of the Waldorf Astoria Wednesday, May 8th. AIA President Robert L. Durham, FAIA, and Mrs. Durham; AIA President-Elect George E. Kassabaum, FAIA and Mrs. Kassabaum and AIA Past President Charles M. Nes, Jr., FAIA and Mrs. Nes, are also serving. Tickets for the ball are available at the WAA Scholarship Ball office, 190 East 72 Street, N. Y. 10021 or call TR 9-0494. Sponsorships are \$500. for a table of 10, Donors are \$60. for 2 tickets, Single admission is \$30. Only Ball ticket holders will be admitted to the Champagne Reception at the new Ford Foundation building. Transportation to the Waldorf Astoria Hotel will be provided. Make checks payable to WAA Scholarship Fund.

An impressive list of Fellows (FAIA marked by asterisk), AIA members and their wives are serving as patrons. They are Max Abramovitz*, William F. R. Ballard*, Gilbert R. Bischoff, Simon Breines*, Marcel Breuer*, Welton Becket*, Giorgio Cavaglieri*, William J. Conklin, Lewis Davis, J. G. Dinkeloo, Lathrop Douglass*, Frederick G. Frost, Jr.*, Percival Goodman*, Olindo Grossi*, B. Sumner Gruzen*, Wallace K. Harrison*, Douglas Haskell*, Arthur C. Holden*, Robert A. Jacobs*, Morris Ketchum, Jr.*, Sidney L. Katz*, Stephen Kliment, L. Bancel LaFarge*, Geoffry N. Lawford*, Gillet N. Lefferts, Jr., Charles Luckman*, Albert Mayer*, George Nelson*, George Nemeny*, Ieoh Ming Pei*, Geoffrey Platt*, Ladislav L. Rado*, Arthur I. Rosenblatt, E. Kevin Roche, Richard Roth, Sr., Daniel Schwartzman*, Esmond Shaw*, Kenneth H. Smith, Max O. Urbahn*, and Frederick J. Woodbridge*. Miss Elisabeth Coit*, and Messrs. Philip C. Johnson*, Ulrich Franzen, Paul Rudolph, Julian Clarence Levi*, Edward D. Stone*, and John C. Warnecke* are also serving. Estée Lauder Incorporated is contributing favors for all guests. Vandermint Liqueur is being donated by Park Avenue Imports. Decor chairman is Mrs. Jeannette Schlanger, with John Crews Rainey, AIA as consultant. Mrs. John Crocco, Mrs. Charles E. Hughes, Mrs. S. Hart Moore and Mrs. Alan Schwartzman are members of the committee. Please make your Scholarship Ball reservations NOW!

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Please make corrections in your copy of the membership directory as follows:

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NYCAIA MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

● NYCAIA MEMBERS INCLUDED IN INSTITUTE "OLYMPIC" MEDALISTS: **Marcel Breuer**, FAIA, has been awarded the 1968 Gold Medal of the National AIA for distinguished service to the profession of architecture. **I. M. Pei and Partners** has been named the winner of the 1968 Architectural Firm Award for continuing collaboration among individuals of the firm who have been the principal force in consistently producing distinguished architecture. **Paul Grotz**, former art director and now managing editor of Architectural Forum has been awarded the 1968 Industrial Arts Medal which recognizes design for and execution by the machine. **Lewis Mumford**, Honorary Member of NYCAIA (1960), has been named by the Institute as recipient of the newly established Architectural Critic's Medal.

● **Marcel Breuer**, FAIA, will receive the 1968 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal from the Univ. of Virginia.

● **William McCoy** and **Howard Juster** for the firm of Perkins & Will, **J. Walter Severinghaus** for the firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and **Joseph Roth** (Westchester Chapter, AIA) received plaques from Richard Rabbe, Director of the American Institute of Steel Construction for the 1967 Architectural Awards of Excellence at a luncheon Chapter Meeting on January 25, 1968 at the Overseas Press Club. Mr. John K. Edmonds, Leslie H. Gelllette and Robert J. Beiner of AISC Staff were present.

● **Edgar Tafel** has been able to procure several pieces of the recently destroyed Frank Lloyd Wright Imperial Hotel in Tokoyo. These artifacts will be placed in the new School of Architecture at the University of Buffalo part of the State University complex.

● **Brown, Guenther, Battaglia & Galvin** are recipients of a special citation for their design of TRINITY SCHOOL AND APARTMENT TOWER, New York, from the American Association of School Administrations.

Brochures,
Reports,
Presentations.



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NYCAIA COMING EVENT

- LECTURE - TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - "Development of Performance Specifications for a System of Building to be Applied to All Federal Government Office Building Projects," Michael Brill, research architect for Institute of Applied Technology of National Bureau of Standards. Friday, March 22, 1968, 5:30 P.M., Willkie Memorial Building, 20 West 40 Street, N.Y.C., Conference Room.

COMING EVENTS-GENERAL INTEREST

- EXHIBITION - "The Expression of Gio Ponti" March 12-26, 9-5 Mon-Fri, 9-12 Sat., Instituto Italiano Di Cultura, 686 Park Ave., New York City.
- LECTURE - 'Politics in Urban Design' by Roger Starr, Executive Director, Citizen's Housing and Planning Council of New York, Monday, March 11, 7:00 P.M. - Memorial Hall-Pratt Institute, Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- LECTURE - "Sway in High Rise Buildings - Recent Structural Systems" - by Fazlur R. Kahn - sponsored by Metropolitan Section - A.S.C.E. Wednesday, March 13, 6:00 P.M. United Engineering Center, 47th Street at 1st Avenue.
- EXHIBITION - "The New Regional Plan" - Designs for a better midtown Manhattan on view through March 15. Architectural League, 41 East 65 Street.
- LECTURE - "Urban Design in New York" by Philip C. Johnson, FAIA, Monday, March 18, 7:00 P.M. - Memorial Hall - Pratt Institute, Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.
- SYMPOSIUM - sponsored by N. Y. Chapter, American Institute of Interior Designers. Panel discussion by members of NYCAIA and AID. All day Saturday, April 6, Kaufmann Assembly Room - I.I.E. 809 U. N. Plaza, N. Y. For information telephone PL 1-0258.

- EXHIBITION - "Modern Architecture 1919-1939: Polemics," - Books, Periodicals & Ephemera from collection of Peter D. Eisenman - through April 15, Gallery - Princeton University Library, Princeton, New Jersey.
- SEMINAR - "Architectural Law - An Intensive Briefing," sponsored by Crowell Collier Institute, Inc., Friday, March 22 and April 18, 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. First Registration \$95.00 (additional registrations \$60.00). Auditorium, 866 Third Avenue. Telephone number: (212) 935-3250.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The NYCAIA welcomes the following new members:

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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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The Metropolitan New York Chapter - Construction Specification Institute (CSI)
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cordially invites members and guests of NY Chapter AIA to a

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