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THE COMING YEAR —

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This Chapter is your organization and its purpose is to serve your interests. The officers and executive committee are your elected representatives. But without your own active participation in Chapter problems and activities, your representatives must of necessity proceed without knowing your true interests or wishes. Our program for the year is broad in scope and ambitions. It involves problems, many of which are truly basic.

The Chapter by the terms of its by-laws is composed of individual members, not of firms, yet obviously the role of the firm is of major importance in the Chapter's activities. How should we approach this duality of interests? From a different but equally important angle, an underlying purpose of the Chapter is the advancement of our individual and collective status and financial well-being as architects. Yet, another underlying purpose is the improvement of our Urban Environment. One goal is justifiably selfish, the other primarily altruistic and and impersonal. How should we allocate our limited available hours and dollars between these two essential purposes?

These quandaries bring us the urgent and steadily increasing problems of meeting our operating budget. individual dues are already, in this writer's opinion, as high as they can go in fairness to the average individual Chapter member. We cannot borrow money. Shall we reduce our annual expenses by reducing the activities and services of the Chapter? Shall we make the membership of Sustaining Firms mandatory and raise the Sustaining Firms' dues? Some solution will have to be found and immediately. We hope to hear your ideas.

To achieve better communication with all Chapter members we expect to publish in OCULUS each month actions of the Executive Committee plus brief comments on the various programs which we plan for the year. We hope this will bring all members closer to their elected leadership and inspire genuine participation by all in pursuit of Chapter professional and community goals.

DUDLEY AND GENERAL NORSTAD TO SPEAK AT NYSAA CONVENTION IN OCTOBER



George Dudley



General Lauris Norstad

The program looks exceptional and should attract NYCAIA members. This year's New York State Association of Architects Annual Convention will be held at White Face Inn on Lake Placid, New York, October 9-13. The theme: ARCHITECTURE — EMERGING TECHNIQUES. George Dudley, AIA, Ex-SUNY Trustee & Chairman of the N.Y. State Council on Architecture and General Lauris Norstad, USAF, Ret., Ex-Nato Commander, Chairman of the Board, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, will address the convention.

SEMINARS:

THE COMPUTER AND THE ARCHITECT

— Prof. S. A. Coons — Harvard University
— G. Neil Harper, AIA — SOM/Chicago
— Charles B. Thomson, AIA — Caudill Rowlett and Scott
Moderator: Howard Juster, AIA

THE FUTURE OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

— Louis deMoll, FAIA — Nat'l Committee, Philadelphia
— Frank Whitney, R.A., P.E., Pres. Kidde Constructors
— Donald Q. Faragher, FAIA — Rochester
Moderator: Roger Spross, AIA, President NYSAA

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT & THE ARCHITECT

— David Eggers, AIA, Eggers & Higgins
— Thomas F. Galvin, AIA, Brown Guenther Battaglia Galvin
— Saul Horowitz, Jr., Pres., HRH Construction Corp.
— Thornton E. Smith, Pres., Kuhn Smith & Harris, Inc.
Moderator: David O. McKinley, Director Commercial Construction — IBM Corp.

Other events: a professional film festival, golf tournament, and exhibits. HOST CHAPTER: Brooklyn Chapter, AIA

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If you have news of interest to the members — send it in.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Dickson McKenna returned from the AIA Convention impressed and inspired by the Institute which is now exhorting its membership into involvement in the community after 100 years of detachment. Architects who attended the convention were "inoculated" by experts including Whitney M. Young who stated "So deep is the environmental crisis; so urgent is the demand for change, that architecture must be not only a profession — but become a form of public service" and even Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson who urged the architects of America to become thoughtful political activists". It points to many exciting possibilities for us in New York.

McKenna made three appearances at public hearings of the City Planning Commission giving qualified support to Special Planning Districts for Lincoln Center and Transportation Districts at Grand Central, Pennsylvania Stations and Jamaica. These Districts are an effort to bring good architecture to the City by offering FAR increases at the discretion of CPC to developers who provide imaginative proposals.

The Chapter sent telegrams to Conservation officials urging support of the Alice Austin House and Explanade in Staten Island. We favored a CPC effort to return downtown planning jurisdiction from the Board of Standards & Appeals to CPC. The Board of Estimate voted for status quo.

The position of the Executive Committee against the construction of any building over Grand Central Terminal was circulated to the CPC, Landmarks Preservation Commission and Urban Design Council.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES PROGRESS

The Equal Opportunities Committee has followed this summer's architectural training program undertaken co-operatively by ARCH and Cooper Union. The eight-week program prepares candidates for jobs in architectural offices through courses such as drafting, mathematics, english, and computer technology.

The New York Chapter has assured ARCH and Cooper Union that its members are ready to accept the trainees for the coming year.

Seventeen students are expected to complete their work in September and be ready for daytime jobs in offices. They will also study three nights a week at Cooper Union.

Mr. Symes, Director of the program, engages to watch their progress through the year and to supervise their work during night courses. He emphasizes that this is not a "make-work" program, but an opportunity for selected, determined youths to realize their bent for an architectural career.

The program has received grants from the Ford Foundation, the New York Foundation and the Equal Opportunities Committee.

NYC EDUCATIONAL CONSTRUCTION FUND ASKS OUR ADVICE

Dan Nelson, Director, and John D. Cooke, Architect for the Fund have met with the School and Housing Committees. This new public authority has exciting potential for developing multiple-use structures. They have asked our help in the development of a program for architect-sponsor selection, standards and review. If you can contribute to a program which will avoid Mitchell-Lama and Turnkey pitfalls, write Housing Committee Chairman c/o Chapter Headquarters. Fund information: Mr. Cooke at 250 Broadway.

TEEN-AGERS PRODUCE WILD MURALS

The 36 best murals designed in the city's high schools were exhibited earlier this summer at the Trade Bank & Trust Co. at Fifth Ave. & 48th Street. One was made up largely of 54 gum wrappers, another of ameoba-like forms of colored plastic, and a third of 26 reflecting pyramids. 150 designs were submitted to the competition organized by the NY Board of Trade's Advisory Council on Business and Arts, the National Society of Mural Painters, The American Federation of Arts, and the NYCAIA.

ARCHITECT'S OFFICE SPACE FOR SUB-LEASE OR RENT

Two adjoining artist's studios 390 sq.ft. plus 240 sq.ft. 14' ceilings, walls of skylights 40' long, elevator building, reasonable rents, with fixtures, carpet, etc. Avail. approx. Sept. 1st. Andrew S. Blackman (675-3373 or 683-4884)

T-SQUARES AND TRIANGLES

STUDY CENTER FOR ARCHITECTURE: Architects Mies van der Rohe, Louis Kahn and Paul Nelson some of the leaders in architecture who are represented by sketches and drawings in the newly established Lillie P. Bliss Study Center at the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53rd Street. Admission by appointment only. Telephone 245-3200.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE MAYOR'S PANEL OF ARCHITECTS for 1969 are obtainable at the Application Section of the Department of Personnel, 49 Thomas St, New York 10013, returnable no later than Oct. 23, 1968. 1968 Panel members will receive applications by mail.

CANDIDATES FOR INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIP - members are invited to submit names to the Chairman of the Committee on Fellows, Chapter Office. 10 years membership required.

THE PLASTERING INSTITUTE OF NEW YORK presented its first Graduate Fellowship award to John Morgan (Cooper Union) who will study architecture at Princeton University. The Scholarship Award to a high school student to study architecture was presented to Miss Alfreda Radzicki of the Bronx High School of Science - the first girl in the nine year history of the award. Scholarship Chairman (Bonnell Irvine) developed criteria and screened candidates for these awards.

SCAFFOLD STANDARDS AVAILABLE: Architects involved with the design of buildings where the installation of window cleaning and maintenance scaffolds are proposed are urged to obtain copies of the Advisory Standards prepared by the New York State Board of Standards and Appeals which is required by N.Y. State Labor Law to review and approve these scaffolds. Copies may be obtained by writing the Board at 11 North Pearl Street, Albany, N.Y. 12207.

THE NEW BUILDING CODE will be submitted to the City Council in late September. It becomes effective 30 days after being signed by the Mayor.

MRS. FLATOW WILL ADDRESS WAA

The Women's Architectural Auxiliary will hold its semi-annual meeting Thurs., Oct. 3, at the Cosmopolitan Club 122 East 66th Street at noon. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Eugenia Flatow, Executive Secretary of the Model Cities Committee. All AIA members are welcome. Reservations through Chairman Mrs. Theodore J. Musho (OR 9-0743).

Last year WAA donated \$10,000. to Columbia, CCNY, Cooper Union, Pratt Institute and to NYCAIA Equal Opportunities Fund for architectural scholarships.

New Officers are:

Mrs. Rolland D. Thompson - President
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MEMBERS IN THE NEWS--

PAUL RUDOLPH, for the Endo Building and SKIDMORE OWINGS and MERRILL* for the Albright-Knox Art Gallery in Buffalo won 1968 State Awards for their clients from the New York State Council on the Arts.

HOBART D. BETTS, RICHARD MEIER, GEORGE NEMENY, FAIA, and JULIAN NESKI, and (Peter) SAMTON ASSOCIATES received awards for entries which will be published in House & Home in the 13th Annual Homes for Better Living Program.

TIME Magazine article in August 2nd issue included a primer article on architecture and S.O.M.,* its empire and a photo including the N.Y. partners J. Walter Severinghaus, G. Bunshaft, FAIA, R. Cutler, FAIA, Roy Allen, William Brown and David Hughes. Other members mentioned included I. M. PEI, FAIA, E. D. STONE, FAIA, M. BREUER, FAIA, P. JOHNSON, FAIA, E. KNOWLES, P. RUDOLPH, H. BECKHARD, J. JOHANSEN.

PETER BLAKE, PERCIVAL GOODMAN, FAIA, RICHARD G. STEIN and ALBERT MAYER, FAIA are scheduled to contribute in the Fall Program of the Center for New York Affairs (see listing under Courses Available).

ISAIAH EHRLICH announces special consultation to architects on hospitals and health facilities.

BRO. CAJETAN J. B. BAUMANN, FAIA, has translated "New Trends in Church Architecture" from the Swiss text by Jastus Dahinden (Universe Books 381 Park Avenue So.). Bro. Cajetan received degree of Dr. of Humane Letters from St. Bonaventure University this year.

RICHARD DATTNER received Certificate of Commendation from the Park Association for his design of the Adventure Playground in Central Park.

LEON BRAND elected as Vice President of City Club.

JOHN M. JOHANSEN received an award in May, 1968, from the joint organizations - the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

WILLIAM J. CONKLIN is one of the speakers listed in the announcement of a Lower Income Housing Seminar sponsored by Urban America Inc. and HUD at Newark, September 5-6.

JAMES GROTE VAN DERPOOL and DEAN MC CLURE have contributed to a brochure, "Nineteenth Century Dwelling Houses of Greenwich Village," published by the Association of Village Homeowners, Mr. VanDerpool was consultant in Architectural History and Mr. McClure designed the layout, which includes measured drawings from the "Historic American Buildings Survey" and the "Index of American Design" and provided some of his own sketches. The text is by Verna Small. Price, \$1.00 plus 25 cents handling charge, P.O. Box 209, N.Y. 10004.

BOOK REVIEW

OFFICE PLANNING AND DESIGN

By Michael Saphier — 193pp. McGraw-Hill

And so we finally have it—a textbook which “tells all” about Office Planning and Design. Written by Michael Saphier, Chairman and founder of the space planning firm of Saphier, Lerner, Schindler, Inc., the book is a thorough exposition of the “nitty gritty” of a highly specialized field of “interior architecture.”

The chapters are arranged to follow the procedural steps of the typical office design project—establishing the client's operational requirements and aesthetic goals, budgeting and space analysis, design presentation and working drawings, selecting furnishings, supervision and coordination of construction — and finally moving. Each chapter is concluded with handy check lists.

The last chapter is devoted to the personnel and procedural organization of a space planning firm. This undoubtedly will be a valuable source of information to neophyte office planners.

Jack Freidin

COURSES AVAILABLE

FALLOUT SHELTER ANALYSIS — 15 week free course begins in September. It is also possible to arrange for a 2 or 3 hour free seminar program in your office. Contact Prof. F. X. McKelvey (212-548-1400, Manhattan College, Dept. of Civil Engineering, Bronx, N.Y. 10471).

URBAN PROBLEMS OF N.Y.C. — Planning, housing, city affairs, politics, etc. Contact Center for New York City Affairs, New School for Social Research, 66 West 12 Street, N.Y. 10011.

SPECIFICATION WRITING — 15 seminar sessions sponsored by Metropolitan N.Y. Chapter of CSI, Thursday, 5:45-7:45 P.M. beginning Sept. 12th. Contact Harold J. Rosen (759-2121).

COMING EVENTS

- **CONFERENCE** — Hospital & Health Committee's two day conference on Health Facilities in New York City on Monday, October 21st and Tuesday, October 22nd at the Conference Center of Brotherhood-In-Action, Inc., 560 Seventh Avenue at 40th Street.
- **NYSAA PRE-CONVENTION MEETING** — 20 West 40th St., Wednesday, September 18th at 5:15 p.m.
- **SEMINAR** — ASHRAE, “Architect Design Vs. The Packaged Building”, Tues., Sept. 17, Longchamps, Lexington Ave. & 42nd St., 6:30 p.m., dinner, \$5.00.
- **WALKING TOUR OF FUN CITY** — Architectural Arts Commission of CSI will study art in buildings. \$3.00 (includes lunch at Museum of Contemporary Crafts) Saturday, September 28, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. — Contact Miss Katherine Stadler (212-685-9594).

COMING EVENTS (Continued)

- **EXHIBITION — ARCHITECTURE OF MUSEUMS** — Sept. 24 - Nov. 11 — Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 St.

CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

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

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