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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For several years it has been the custom of our Chapter to elect its President a year in advance, therefore, by the time the summer brings to our group a new Administration everybody is likely to have forgotten the main characteristics of the man elected the year before, his general views and the ways of thinking which are to influence the operation of the organization.

Perhaps at this time, therefore, it may be interesting to all our members to be informed as briefly as possible of what is my understanding of the job, and which problems seem to me to call for the first and utmost attention of the new Executive Committee.

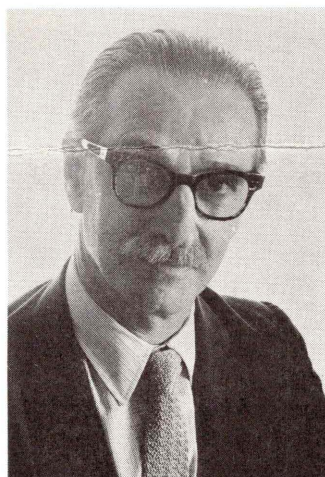
Since the Chicago convention and its declarations, which were reaffirmed in Boston in 1970, our organization's first duty has been to the community. How our actions will implement this goal in the forthcoming year will of course be decided in accordance with our abilities and with the events we will have to confront; but certainly we remain committed to a program of fellowships and college help for disadvantaged students at least as large as the one we have conducted the previous year.

Because we have chosen to inquire at an early age in the three facets of an architect's life: the technical, the artistic and the social one, I believe that only by blending these three facets and applying our efforts in all three directions with competence and dedication we can contribute the most to our communities and to their environments.

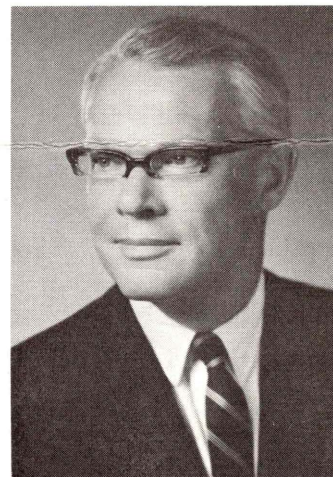
I believe we must bring to these problems a search for quality. In my opinion, results are satisfactory only when we are sure to have reached or to be near to obtaining the best solution. Quality must be quality of program first of all, but also quality of technology and quality of visual impact. Toward these goals we should work, trying to insure continuity of efforts. No matter how difficult this might be to be accepted by the young generation, we know that the urban environment, even in times of high speed, is the result of the work of many years.

In order to foster and to protect what we think is the best environment, we must be continuously on the alert, asking what we believe the best from all the Agencies who more and more shape our environment.

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G. Cavaglieri, President



F. Frost Jr., 1st Vice Pres.

CHAPTER OFFICERS 1970-71

The election of new officers and Executive Committee members was announced at the Annual Meeting in June. The new leadership consists of: Giorgio Cavaglieri, FAIA, President; Frederick G. Frost, Jr., FAIA, 1st Vice President and President-elect; Leon Brand and Thomas Galvin, Vice Presidents; Der Scutt, Secretary; Samuel M. Kurtz, FAIA, Treasurer; Armand P. Bartos, Howard H. Juster and James S. Rossant were elected to two-year terms on the Executive Committee; David Glasser and Lawrence Litchfield begin the second year of their terms. T. Merrill Prentice, Jr., continues the term of Jeh V. Johnson. Incoming President Cavaglieri was born in Venice and studied in Milan and Rome. He was elected to the College of Fellows in 1965 in recognition of his contributions in the field of design. In 1956 he was awarded the Gold Medal by the Architectural League. Formerly a Design Critic at Pratt, Cavaglieri is principal of his own firm.

URBAHN ELECTED INSTITUTE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

We are very pleased to report that Max Urbahn, FAIA, was elected 1st Vice President/President-elect of the Institute at the National Convention in June. Urbahn will assume his new duties in 1971 and will become President in 1972. He has just completed a term as New York Regional Director.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS

June 17, 1970

- Leon Brand appointed Chairman of the Ethics Committee.
- Thomas F. Galvin appointed Chapter representative to serve as 1970-71 Director on the Board of NYSAA.
- George S. Lewis appointed Executive Director.
- Endorsed goals of an architects' volunteer workshop (now The Architects' Technical Assistance Center) and agreed to provide office and meeting space subject to details to be worked out by the Committee on Professional Responsibility to Society, David. F. M. Todd, Chairman.
- Authorized President Cavaglieri to write President Nixon recommending that he give attention to the POLIS proposal for an Eastern seaboard multi-community celebration of the 1976 Bicentennial.
- Authorized President Cavaglieri to write President Nixon urging Angkor ruins in Cambodia be a free zone.

July 15, 1970

- Made provisional commitments of scholarship funds for the Equal Opportunities Awards Program and the NYCAIA-ARCH Scholarship Program.

CHAPTER STAFF REORGANIZES

Following Margot Henkel's retirement on June 30, the Chapter staff has been reorganized. George Lewis is Executive Director; he and six staff members (two are part time) give administrative support to Chapter activities.

Frances Enrico is office manager, coordinating activities, scheduling meetings, and she handles the Chapter accounts. Evelyn McGrath, with the Chapter for 13 years, handles membership procedures, scholarship applications, and committee matters. Eugenie Cowan is Lewis's assistant, concerned particularly with public relations, the NYCAIA-ARCH program, special functions; she helps with "Oculus". Amy Rous is the first person a telephone caller usually meets; she assists in general office details. Leo Guimond and Angel Betancourt take care of document sales and billings, and many other back-up activities.

To improve service to members and to cut costs, the Chapter is switching to a computerization of membership records, dues, and mailings.

PRESIDENTS STATEMENT (Continued from page 1)

No amount of personal involvement should restrain us. To the contrary, from the personal involvement and experience we should gain the necessary insight to increase the architect's contribution and sense of responsibility: this will relate our work better to the public need and will give to our offices and to all who work with us an increased feeling of participation and accomplishment.

We will try to have our Committees keep abreast of all the City issues and we will expect them to analyze each issue on its merits as much as possible; to have this done in agreement, or at least in consultation, with our colleagues of other AIA Chapters in the entire Metropolitan area; and to have our Committees' work reported to the membership as much as our means will permit, through open meetings and through our newsletter, the OCULUS.

It has been said that we have been very ineffective in acting as a protective society and comparison with the trade union has been spurned. I believe we have a great deal to learn from the trade unions in the realization that our effectiveness in public and private affairs is directly related to our unity of purposes and to the strength, continuity and uniformity of our actions. We will try, therefore, to elicit discussion and debates in order to arrive at as broad as possible a consent in our decisions and proposals.

It has been said that we shouldn't be a gentlemen's club and it may be so, if by that is meant that we shouldn't sit around idle, self-serving and aloof. I do think that all of us should give to our work a complete dedication to duty and a full understanding of responsibilities. We should keep ourselves technically, artistically and socially informed: this, in my opinion, is the gentleman's mark.

Giorgio Cavaglieri

CHAPTER MEMBERS MEET WITH BOARD OF EXAMINERS

In the February issue of OCULUS associate member Joel D. Kaufman wrote an article criticizing certain administrative procedures in the New York State licensing examination for registered architects. There appears to have been some results.

Past President David Todd suggested asking for support of New York State Association of Architects. Kaufman and Kurt Karmin contacted NYSAA Executive Director H. Dickson McKenna, who advised them to outline their proposals for change in a letter to President Albert Melniker. A copy of the letter was sent to Ronald Allwork, Chairman of the Board of Examiners. McKenna then arranged a meeting on July 21st while the Board was in session.

One of the key points in Kaufman's article and letter was that results of the examination were announced so late that there was inadequate time to prepare for parts of the next exam. At the meeting, Allwork reported that the Board had read the OCULUS article and with extra effort the reviews of the December 1969 exam were made in two months. They agreed that three months should be the maximum.



Environmentalists Ann and William Carl speak to AIA Long Island Sound meeting.

ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS FOCUS ON LONG ISLAND SOUND THREATS

Pollution and the threat of complications from proposed power plants on Long Island Sound were discussed at the Rye Golf Club on Aug. 15. Area architects and planners participated in the session sponsored by the Natural Environment Committee, John Grifalconi, Chairman. A follow-up meeting on Oct. 15 will present and review plans and programs concerning Long Island Sound environment.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS — HOW MUCH COMMITMENT?

Last spring the Chapter undertook a drive to raise \$45,000 for minority scholarships for 1970-71. This figure was based on an estimated \$10,000 for scholarships normally given out by the Equal Opportunities Committee plus \$35,000 for students in the NYCAIA-ARCH Training and Scholarship Program who would be in college in September 1970. The Ford Foundation indicated it would grant an equivalent amount, which was to be allocated toward scholarships for the ARCH trainees in the coming year and afterward.

Even considering the WAA's \$10,000 contribution, the drive has hardly been a success. In round numbers, money available for this year includes \$6,000 carried over, \$10,000 from the WAA, \$11,000 from firms and individuals, \$5,000 allotted by the Executive Committee. At this writing, a total of \$32,000 is available, excluding pledges, far short of the \$45,000. The Equal Opportunities scholarships are now budgeted at \$12,000.

Some members of the Executive Committee were quite successful in their personal requests, other were not. A few firms gave \$500 or more; most gave about \$50. Individual contributions were very low. The recession is a factor. So are increased Institute individual and Supplemental dues. When Chapter funds are allocated, all proposed programs must be weighed.

What about the future? Do we attempt a \$45,000 goal? Do we maintain the present budget, or should we reduce it? Decisions must be made. In the meantime, there can't be *too* much money given. Make out your check to the New York Chapter, A.I.A. Foundation, Inc.

Kurt Karmin

BROOKLYN PLAN RELEASED

"Brooklyn, largest of the five boroughs in population, presents some of New York's most formidable and urgent social and economic challenges." So begins the 192-page Brooklyn volume of the "Plan for New York City", released by the City Planning Commission in July. It is the fourth of six volumes of the City's first comprehensive plan.

The Plan views as major strengths the borough's commercial and cultural self-sufficiency and ethnic variety. Text, maps, charts, photographs and statistics are used to define neighborhood needs and strengths and to outline plans for future development for each of the borough's 18 community planning districts.

The complex and time-consuming job of reviewing all facets of the entire "Plan for New York City" has made it necessary to disband last year's Chapter Committee on the Master Plan. The NYCAIA review of the proposed Plan will be developed by the Commission on Urban Design, chaired by James Rossant. The Commission includes committees on Housing, Transportation, etc.; each of these committees will contribute to the formulation of a NYCAIA report on the Plan. In addition, the work of last year's committee will be reviewed and included in the report.

The City Planning Commission has yet to release the Bronx and Manhattan volumes of the Plan. They are expected to be available by the end of September. The Staten Island and Queens books were issued earlier this year.

ARCHITECTS' RELATIONS WITH CITY AGENCIES

The next issue of "Oculus" will report on current, fast-moving efforts on the part of the Public Agencies Committee, Daniel Schwartzman, Chairman. The Committee is holding a meeting open to all Chapter members on September 3, when a report is to be made and members' suggestions heard. At approximately the same time meetings have been scheduled with Milton Musicus, Administrator of Municipal Services, and First Deputy Comptroller James Carroll and Deputy Director of the Budget David Grossman; and with Hugh McClaren, Executive Director of the Board of Ed's Office of School Buildings.

SKETCHES

Continuing Education; NYU will offer courses in spec writing and construction technology for graduate architects and engineers this fall. The program was developed by the CSI and the NYCAIA Continuing Education Committee chaired by Philip Dworkin. For further information call NYU School of Continuing Education 598-2101.

Architects in the news: Chapter member Bertram Bassuk (former Technology Committee Chairman) appeared on ABC's Eyewitness News on Friday Aug. 7 in a discussion of fireproofing office buildings in connection with the recent fire at One New York Plaza.



Drafting plans for the coming year are WAA members (left to right) Mrs. Rolland D. Thompson, Mrs. John L. Wilson, Mrs. John Shober Burrows, Mrs. C. Gates Beckwith, Mrs. R. Jackson Smith (President), Mrs. David Paul Helpern, Mrs. Joseph Fuller, and Mrs. Alan Schwartzman.

WAA BEGINS 13th YEAR

The Women's Architectural Auxiliary, composed of wives, widows, sisters, mothers, or daughters of members of the NYCAIA is open as well to women similarly dedicated to its goal of helping young people seeking architectural careers.

Over \$100,000 has been raised, and more than 250 students have been assisted during its history. Funds have been divided among the scholarship programs of the architectural departments of City College, Columbia, Cooper Union, and Pratt, and the Chapter's general fund for architectural education.

Income is derived principally through a variety of events that have been unique, enjoyable — and profitable. Last Thanksgiving's wine-tasting open house at the new Juillard School, for example, netted \$6,000. An Arts Boutique, selling items hand- and home-made by members, raised \$500 for the restoration fund for the Octagon.

WAA programs are, in addition, educational and are organized to broaden its members' — and the public's — understanding of architecture. At the semi-annual luncheon on Thursday, Oct. 8, a slide presentation on urban problems is planned. Co-chairmen for the event are Jeanette S. Schlanger and Mrs. Alan Schwartzman.

The current President, Mrs. R. Jackson Smith, has been active in the WAA for eight years, serving as hostess-chairman for the successful house tour of 1966, co-chairman of the 1968 and 1969 scholarship balls, and member of the WAA Board of Directors for four years. Mrs. Smith was decor chairman for the national AIA Convention held in New York in 1967.

Other 1970-1971 Board Members are Mrs. Alan Schwartzman (Ruth), 1st Vice President; Mrs. Theodore J. Musho (Sally), 2d Vice President; Mrs. Roland G. Middleton (June), Member-at-Large; Miss Winifred Allwork, Treasurer; Mrs. David Helpern (Joan), Recording Secretary; and Mrs. Rolland D. Thompson (Elizabeth). Corresponding Secretary.

Continuing in their advisory roles are Mrs. Morris Ketchum, Jr. (Isabella); Mrs. Daniel Schwartzman (Dorothy); and Mrs. Maximilian O. Urbahn (Allyn). Mrs. Saul Edelbaum, who is known professionally as Hedda Hendrix, will be in charge of this year's fund-raising project.

DON'T MISS "ARCOLOGY"

and the rest of the Paolo Soleri exhibit which opened at the Corcoran in Washington last year and will be at the Whitney Museum here until Sept. 20. This provocative retrospective of Soleri's work and thought is sponsored by the PPG Industries Foundation and is the subject of a great deal of interest.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Mon. Sept. 14** — "A Child Went Forth" Channel 6 28-minutes version.
- **Tues. Sept. 29** — NYSAA Pre-Convention Luncheon at Chapter Headquarters, Noon.
- **Wed. Sept. 30** — Committee Chairmen Meeting at Chapter Headquarters, 5:15 P.M.
- **Mon.-Thurs. Oct. 19-22** — NYSAA Convention at Laurels Hotel, Monticello.
- **Thurs. Nov. 14** — PDP Seminar in NYC, sponsored by the Institute.

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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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