

State Senator Roy M. Goodman Meets with Chapter Committee



Seated left to right: David Todd, Larry Litchfield, Leon Brand, Thomas F. Galvin, Pamela Roderick (behind Galvin), Louis Lauer, State Senator Roy M. Goodman, Harold Edelbaum, Herbert Oppenheimer and George Lewis. Oculus photograph.

New York State Senator Roy M. Goodman met last December with the Chapter's ad hoc Committee on NYC Charter Revision. Also present were the Senator's legislative aide Pamela Roderick and Louis Lauer, Executive Director and General Counsel to the Charter Commission.

Senator Goodman, as Chairman of the Charter Commission, welcomed memoranda by the Chapter on issues of concern. These include the role of the Comptroller, the nature of the planning process and the role of the Board of Estimate.

This is an excellent opportunity for Chapter input in an area that touches us all, whether as professional or citizen. However, a great deal of research and discussion will be necessary to raise the kind of questions and to produce the kind of

positions that will attract serious attention. If there is to be decentralization of the planning process, what is to be its structure? If the Board of Estimates' negative positions have doomed many a fine project, what is the alternative?

The Charter Commission's work must be completed by June 1, 1973. Thus, if the Chapter's effort is to have any meaning it must be submitted as early as possible to achieve the necessary exposure.

Robert Gatje has completed a draft on the structure of the Comptroller's office. Senator Goodman stated he would arrange a joint meeting with the Comptroller after he has reviewed the Chapters position.

This was an excellent first step and the Committee needs and deserves

the fullest possible support to enable it to deliver the stuff that city charter's are made of.

In addition to the NYC Charter various legislative matters were discussed, including the Chapter's proposed bill on Mitchell-Lama seed money and the release of day care monies.

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Ad Hoc Committee For 1973 Convention Resolutions Formed

An Ad Hoc Committee for 1973 Convention Resolutions was formed by Executive Committee action December 5. Members of the Committee include: T. M. Prentice, Chairman, Sam Brody, Judith Edelman, and Lou Giacalone.

Chapter members with resolution suggestions should direct them to this Committee.

A 20 Million Person Town Meeting?

Is it really possible for 20th Century society to explore contemporary problems by using a method from colonial days . . . the Town Hall Meeting?

The Regional Plan Association thinks so and is calling on every able-bodied citizen to participate. (No musket needed.)

The "Town", in this unusual program, is the tri-state region of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. The "Hall" is any church, school or living room of a concerned resident.

And presiding over the "Meeting" is that ubiquitous bellweather of the mass media, the Television Set. This latter will be aided by the radio, newspapers and numerous volunteer "hosts" currently being sought from among the "Town's" entire population.

Entitled **Choices For '76**, the RPA's Town Meeting will involve studying 6 main topics which are: Housing, Transportation, Environment, Poverty, Cities and Government. Each of these are further divided into sub-topics.

A series of one hour TV programs on each of these subjects will appear starting March 17 on nearly 2 dozen major channels in the region. Following each program, small groups will discuss the subject and then fill out individual, anonymous ballots for the RPA. The ballots will be available to members of all interested organizations, but will also appear in the weekend editions of local papers.

The results of the ballots will be tabulated, with the responses to be made public promptly.

Every member of the NYC/AIA is urged to participate in this innovative Town Meeting.

A folder with further details will be distributed soon. In addition, the town meeting concept of the RPA will be presented by Michael McManus, Executive Director for **Choices of '76** at the Chapter's January 5 meeting to nominate the Nominating Committee. His presentation will include a brief talk, a film and discussion period.

The goal of the Regional Plan Association is to bring the results of all the ballots to the attention of local, state and national "decision-makers", thereby inspiring some positive action. For as McManus notes, what politician in his right mind can afford to ignore so many voices?

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Dictionary of Structures Seeks Material

What is described as a comprehensive, illustrated **Dictionary of Structures** is being produced by the firm of A.M. Kemper AIA and Associates, P.O. Box 67459, Century City, Los Angeles, Calif. 90067. The So. California Chapter AIA confirms that Mr. Kemper is experienced in compiling such books and that it will be of major importance.

Mr. Sam Mori, Director of the Kemper office, requests that architects send lists of buildings or works to be included, including location, date and brief description; photographs, high gloss finish; plans and sections if needed for explanation.

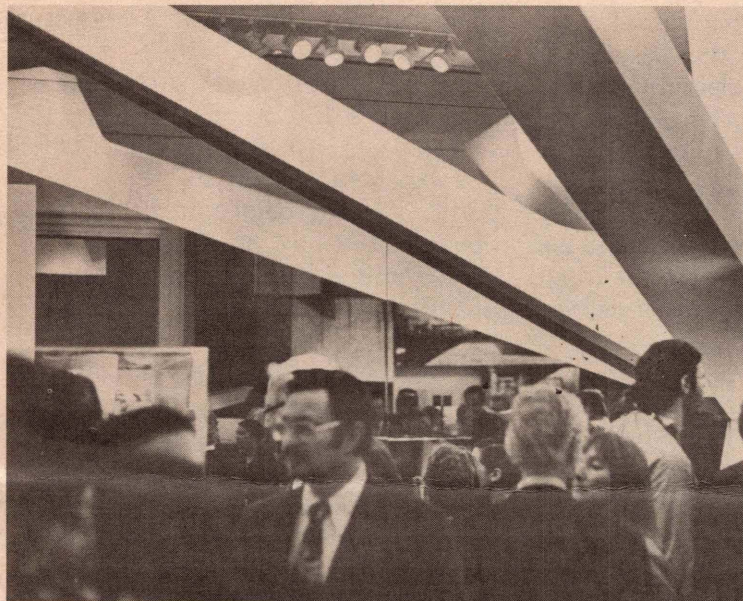
Architect-Developers: Chapter Needs Your Help

"The architect who can function as a developer or take an equity position in projects may be able to generate otherwise unobtainable new business and increase the profitability of his firm." So speaks Clark Halstead, Chairman of the Financing of Construction Committee.

Starting last year under Dick Roth, Sr., the Committee has been presenting an unusually informative series of seminars for Chapter members interested in expanding their practices. Experienced panelists are scarce, and the Committee needs them.

Architects who have practiced in these ways are urged to contact Clark P. Halstead, Jr., James D. Landauer, Associates, 200 Park Avenue, (212) 687-2323. If you can speak on "how to do it," how you got started, the risks, the rewards and the long range implications for architectural practice, you will be doing a great service for our members.

**Special Showing Of
Breuer Exhibit at Met
Well Attended**



Nearly 400 attended the private showing of the new, major exhibition, "Marcel Breuer at the Metropolitan". The event was co-sponsored by the NYC/AIA, the WAA and the Architectural League last December 6, 1972.

The exhibition, now open to the public, is composed of photomurals, models and large-scale mockups, including one of the monumental columns from the IBM Research Center at La Gaude, Var, France, and one of the tree columns from St. John's Abbey and University, Minnesota. There are examples of Breuer's furniture and some of his tapestries.

Mr. & Mrs. Breuer were present at what must have been a highly gratifying event.



Building Industry Coordinating Committee

"How to finish a project" was discussed at the Building Industry Coordinating Committee's third joint meeting with the General Building Contractors of New York at the Building Trades Employers Association on Nov. 10. When to punch a building out, how to do it, final acceptance, final payments, retained percentages and all the other nitty gritty subjects that come up at the end of a project and tend to stretch out over many months will be the subject of a report to be published at the end of this year by the joint committee.

The well attended meeting of architects and general contractors reviewed the activities of the past year in an attempt to establish a proper focus for this year's committee effort. It was agreed that, in addition to the problems related to finishing a project, last year's work in the legislative area was important enough to be continued again this year.

The GBC and the Chapter will continue to support the 'freedom of choice' contractor selection method sponsored in an effort to eliminate, where desirable, the multiple contract bidding procedures used by state agencies. In addition, a continued effort will be maintained and directed toward obtaining the long needed statute of limitation legislation.

Roger Spross, representing the Dormitory Authority, briefed the group on the present status of their project at the Brockport campus of SUNY, reviewed last year by the committee (*Oculus*, March 1972). The project is well under way and has the look of success. It is on schedule and within the budget—two very important factors in today's construction climate. It would appear that the concept of using a design-build team in a modified turnkey contract will be used again.

Arthur Rubinstein, a Chapter Member from England, spoke for the Quantity Surveyor approach to cost control. This generated such lively discussion that plans for the next joint meeting are forming around this subject. Because of the interest shown by all parties, this next joint meeting in April will be opened to all interested Chapter Members. Watch for its announcement in the Chapter Calendar.

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New Columbia Work-Study Program

The Columbia School of Architecture intends—subject to Trustee approval—to offer a M. Arch. degree based on a 100 point curriculum in three years. All entering students will be expected to hold an undergraduate degree, including one term in calculus, physics, art or architectural history, and drawing, painting or sculpture.

A Work and Study Program will begin next September. This will replace the Evening Program, which is being phased out. Applications must be received by February 15. Students entering the Program will be expected to meet the same admission standards as for the full time M. Arch. Degree Program, but Work and Study students may take five or more years to complete the 100 point curriculum.

**WAA President and
NYC/AIA President:
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Galvin**



Mrs. Thomas F. Galvin has been named new President of the Women's Architectural Auxiliary of the NYC/AIA. Mrs. Galvin succeeds Mrs. George Harry Treadwell, Jr., the former Miss Winnifred Allwork, who was married on November 24 and has moved to Tuscon, Arizona.

For the first time the Presidents of the WAA and the NYC/AIA are husband and wife.

Margaret Galvin, wife of Thomas F. Galvin Vice President of the New York Convention Center, President of the NYC/AIA and President of the NYSAA, is affiliated with the Rudolp Steiner School as administrative assistant in scholarship appeals. The Galvins have two adult children, Susan and Steven. Born in Yorkshire, England, her interests include weaving and embroidery.

During her administration, Mrs. Galvin hopes to further define the women's changing role as wives of architects and to project increased social awareness of urban problems.

Mrs. Galvin was named Auxiliary President by the officers and Advisory Council members of the auxiliary on November 21. She assumed office on December 5 during a meeting of the Board and Advisory Council at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Morris Ketchum, Jr.

**OSHA: Kornblut
Sounds an Alert**

The subject OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970) filled the front room on Nov. 28. Arthur Kornblut, Administrator of the AIA's Dept. of Professional Practice, spoke.

Kornblut cut through much of the apprehension and misunderstanding about OSHA, but he made it plain that there is a burden on architects to understand and conform to its provisions. The key to understanding, he stressed, is that the Act's entire concern is with a safe and healthful working environment for employees. For an architect, this means that he must conform to the Act in the following three respects:

1. As it affects employees in his own office. Certain standards have to be met, certain notices posted.
2. As it relates to his employees at the construction site. The contractor is responsible for construction conditions affecting his workmen; the architect has responsibilities for *his* employees.
3. As it affects design. An owner could seek recourse from an architect if, upon completion of construction, and after the bulding was occupied, an OSHA inspector were to cite the client for failing to provide a place of employment in accordance with the Standards. The client has to show that the architect did not exercise reasonable care. It was Kornblut's opinion that an architect could not be held responsible for something designed before OSHA went into effect. It is very important

to note that OSHA standards differ in some cases from code requirements, and the more stringent governs.

The AIA has pressed for changes in OSHA (see MEMO October 10), and Arthur Kornblut has been on top of developments. Chapter members should watch for Institute information in the MEMO and JOURNAL. An AIA publication "Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970: Law and Explanation" is available at the Chapter office for \$2. Two very informative articles by Kornblut are available: Guidelines for Improving Practice, Nos. 6 and 11; write to the Dept. of Professional Practice, AIA, 1785 Mass. Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

Mr. Nicholas A. DiArchangel is Area Director of OSHA at 90 Church Street, Room 1405, N.Y. 10007, telephone 264-9840. Questions can be directed there, and architects should write for "Recordkeeping Requirements," which is required for compliance within their offices.
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The Student Affairs Committee: Continued Involvement

The NYC/AIA Student Affairs Committee, chaired by Jerry Maltz, is undertaking an ambitious program for 72-73. The Committee's main function is to serve as a base for gathering and distributing information among the architectural schools in New York City, and also to maintain close liaison with affiliated professional organizations. In addition, the committee offers several programs designed to stimulate interest among high school students in the architectural profession.

Some of this year's activities have included a joint all-day interdisciplinary AIA-AID-NSID symposium on October 28 at the FIT, entitled "Simulated Environments: Exploring the Psychological Effects of Designed Space on Man." Student attendants numbered about 300 to hear seven panelists of designers and behavioral scientists discuss some of the more far-reaching aspects of our profession.

An Open House on November 16, designed as an opportunity for high school students to meet and talk informally with members of the profession, was held at Chapter headquarters. The students were given material on architectural schools, and viewed an exhibit of student work from CCNY, NYIT, Pratt and FIT. Another Open House is scheduled for the spring.

A series of Saturday seminars for high school students is also underway. The students visit an architectural office, a construction site, a city planning office, and an architectural school in the metropolitan area. One of the highlights of the program is a trip to another city in order to compare the professional elements seen in New York. This year's trip is to Philadelphia on January 6.

Plans for the spring include a joint regional conference of students studying architecture, planning, interior design, and landscape architecture to acquaint each other with the various aspects of their proposed professions. To be held in NYC, the main thrust of the program will be on urban design, and will include representatives from the entire Northeast. Concurrently, a joint AIA-AID-NSID exhibit will be displayed showing student work from all the NYC schools of architecture and interior design.

A continuing committee effort is to maintain an up-to-date library of architectural school catalogues at AIA headquarters. It is hoped that eventually a slide library will also be established.

Our architectural heritage lies in the future, and our young people look to us as already established professionals for counseling and leadership. Should we not, then support this most energetic committee in order that we may build a firm foundation for that future?

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Chapter Aids Community Board by Supporting Variance for Hunter College Proposal

Responding affirmatively to the request of Community Board #8, the Chapter appeared before the Board of Standards and Appeals and supported a zoning variance which would permit a "major urban design accomplishment".

The project at stake was a plan by Ulrich Franzen for the Hunter College expansion on Lexington Avenue and East 68th Street. Variances are needed for the proposed overhead pedestrian walks which are used to connect the 3 block site.

Furthermore, the distribution of open space is modified to eliminate the required front yard in exchange for a more amenable plaza space which also serves a subway entrance, at the rear.

The Board, in a 5 to 0 decision, granted the variance.

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City Proposal Will Speed Up Filing Process

To expedite review and approval of plans and specifications for new buildings in New York City, the Building Department has proposed a new "Statement C—Application for Limited Supervisory Check of Plans".

The new form would give the Architect and Owner the opportunity to waive traditional Building Department examination of plans—with the exception of zoning and egress.

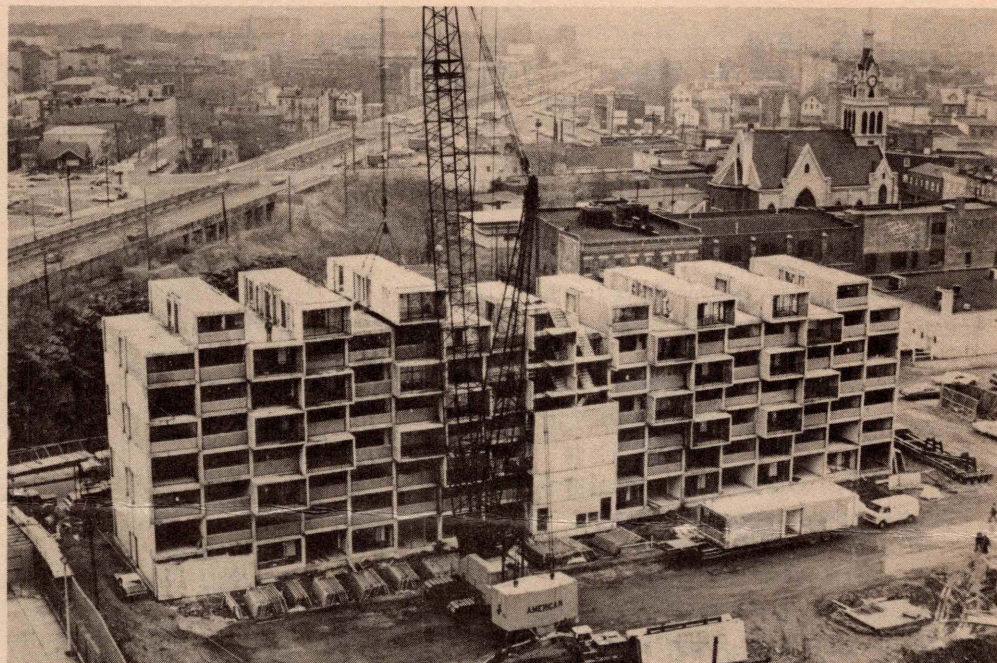
The proposed Statement C will be published shortly in the City Record. For the following 20-day period, architects will be able to write the City, commenting on the proposal. The statement will then be revised to reflect these recommendations, republished in the City Record, and become effective ten days thereafter.

Arthur Seckler's Building Code Committee is reviewing the Statement C form and will recommend a formal position for the Chapter. They would be grateful for comments from Chapter members and also for copies of any related correspondence to the City.

They are also checking with professional liability insurers for possible effects on Errors and Omissions Insurance.

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Prefab Concrete Housing Systems On View In Jersey



Jersey City and Shelly Systems, Inc.

A presentation on prefabricated multi-family high-rise concrete housing systems followed the next day by a site visit, jointly sponsored by Harold Edelman's Housing and J. Karl Justin's Building Technology Committees, will take place Wednesday evening, January 17, at 5:30 and Thursday afternoon, January 18, at 12:30. The evening event will be at NYC/AIA headquarters; the afternoon's site visit will be at a HUD/"Operation Breakthrough" site in Jersey City.

The double event has a triple interest: a chance to compare two concrete panel systems—one with conventional interior components and one with prefabricated sub-components—and a concrete box system with more than half the unit produced in the factory.

The evening speakers will represent each of the three companies whose systems are being erected on the site: Herbert C. Auerbach, Pres., Descon-Concordia Systems, Ltd.; Richard A. Coats, Dir. of Design, Module Communities, Inc.; and Jordan Gary Mertz, Chief Designer, Shelly Systems, Inc.

Buses will leave Chapter headquarters after lunch on Thursday the 18th at 12:30 sharp. Charge for the round-trip bus to Jersey City will be \$2.50 per person. The group will be joined by Wednesday's three speakers as well as other representatives of the systems companies.

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Executive Committee Actions

December 5, 1972

- Heard Kurt Karmin report that the Staten Island Chapter supports the idea that an AIA Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team study plans for the proposed South Richmond Development Corporation.
- Heard Karmin report a suggestion that a woman be nominated for a vacancy on the State Board of Examiners of Architects.
- Resolved to convert the outstanding \$3000 loan to TATAC (The Architects' Technical Assistance Center) into a grant toward matching a \$5000 grant from the Kaplan Fund.
- Accepted with regret the resignation of George D. Brown as a director (Mr. Brown said that he will be out of the city for extended periods, which would interfere with his Chapter responsibilities).
- Reappointed LeRoy Tuckett to the Architects Advisory Committee to the City University.
- Appointed Lewis Davis and James Polshek representatives to the Fine Arts Federation.
- Heard President Galvin report on a meeting of members of the Political Affairs Committee and the ad hoc Committee on Charter Revision with State Senator Roy Goodman, Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission.
- Discussed with Norman Rosenfeld, representing the Hospitals and Health Committee, a proposal that the Chapter co-sponsor a Health Facility Resource Center.
- Heard Karl Justin, Chairman of the Building Technology Committee, and Richard Spronz urge that the Chapter push for congressional legislation to create a National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), which was defeated in the last session as part of the omnibus housing bill.
- Resolved to support applications by Ulrich Franzen & Associates to the Board of Standards & Appeals for certain variances related to the proposed expansion of Hunter College (see article this issue).

Candidates for Membership

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

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