

Oculus

New AIA Exec VP Meets With Chapter Exec Committee



David Meeker. Photo by Denis Glen Kuhn.

David Meeker, new AIA executive vice president, met April 10 with executive committee members and others, who were impressed with his intention to coordinate committee and staff activity, and to greatly increase the Institute's influence in Washington through direct dealings with key people in the executive branch and Congress. Meeker is approachable and can be expected to take the initiative in his relations with the officers and Board. □

Samton Plans to Stress Creative Development Projects at Next Building Congress Meeting

For almost two years now John Collins of the New York Building Congress has been running a series of monthly meetings focusing on the city's construction needs.

These meetings are attended by representatives of many of the major real estate and construction organizations in New York City, including NYC/AIA. The meetings have served the basic purpose of bringing construction leaders together regularly to discuss key economic issues and of acting as a lobbying force within municipal and state government.

The Koch Administration has been alert to this group with representation by those agencies engaged in building construction, the Department of General Services and the Department of Buildings.

While the immediate effect on architects may not be noticeable, there are issues that ultimately will be felt relating to transportation and infrastructure improvements, zoning and development, major new projects such as the South Bronx, Convention

Chapter to Hold Annual Meeting at Citicorp Center

The Chapter's annual meeting, a mostly informal gathering at the Citicorp Center in the late afternoon of June 21. There will be an opportunity to tour the building, and more definite time information will be forthcoming.

The firm of Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer will receive the Medal of Honor, Henry Russell Hitchcock the Award of Merit, and Brendan Gill will become an Honorary Member. Special citations will be awarded to Douglas Haskell, Dover Press, the 42nd Street Redevelopment Corp., Adopt-A-Building, the Citicorp Center and Evelyn McGrath of the chapter staff. Denis Kuhn, editor of *Oculus*, will receive the Harry B. Rutkins Memorial Award.

Watch for further announcement; this annual event is a great place to meet old and new friends. □

George Lewis

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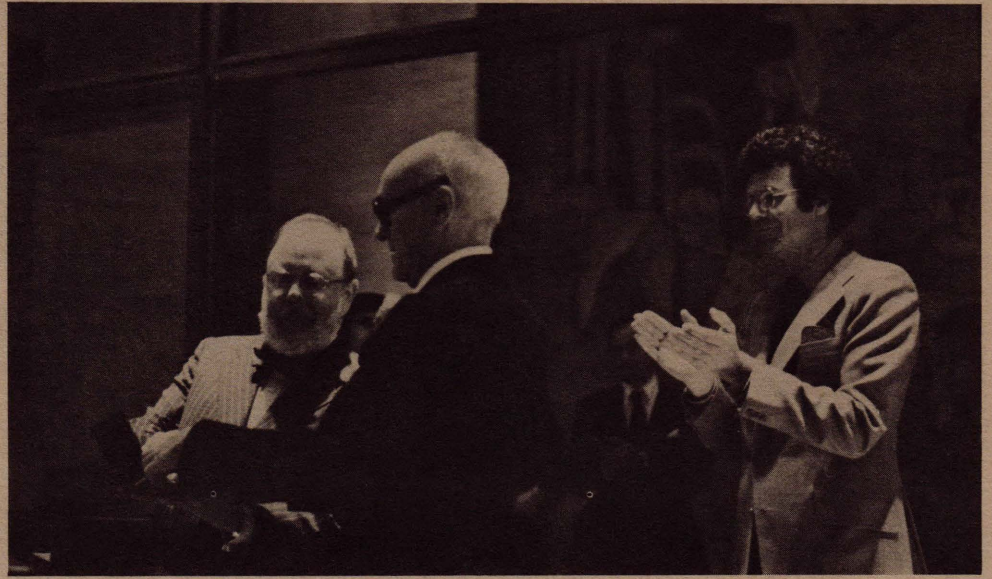
Miscellany

●Peter Samton has written Senators Javits and Moynahan expressing concern over information presented by Corps of Engineers representatives at the recent COFPAES conference indicating that very little work would be allocated in the Northeast as compared with elsewhere.

●At a meeting with Nathan Leventhal, Commissioner of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, Herbert Mandel, chairman of the Housing Committee, Peter Samton, Joseph Wasserman and George Lewis stressed the necessity of balanced planning in the South Bronx as against building housing where jobs and other economic support are not present. A meeting is being arranged with Deputy Mayor Badillo, who is in charge of the South Bronx effort.

●The Chapter, as have other organizations, has strongly recommended to Mayor Koch that he appoint H. Irving Sigman commissioner of the Buildings Department.

●George Lewis testified at the Planning Commission hearing April 12 regarding zoning amendments permitting large gallerias, such as the one proposed by the Fisher Brothers for an office building behind the Racquet Club. The chapter's position is that, while the Fisher proposal appears to be potentially satisfactory, the legislation must more clearly spell out requirements for activity - cafes, small retail outlets, etc. - which will draw the public in and ensure that a galleria will be more than an over-sized



At the Seagram Building April 26 nearly 500 people celebrated Johnson's upcoming receipt of the AIA Gold Medal. Peter Samton applauds as Henry Geldzahler, New York City Cultural Affairs Commissioner, presents Philip Johnson with the Bronze Medallion - the City's highest civic award. © Chris Gray/Gruzen & Partners. See other photos page 4.

lobby.

●The special committee on the Music Hall received suggestions as to its use from the membership, including the showing of more sophisticated movies; rock concerts; performances by first-rank musicians - Horowitz, Menuhin; political rallies; professional and trade gatherings and conventions.

●With hospital costs steadily rising, an increasingly important role is being assigned to the ambulatory health care delivery system. Not only is this system evolving into a specific building type, but a variety of sub-types based on different approaches to ambulatory health care delivery are becoming evident. It is clearly important that architects be aware of these recent developments,

accordingly, the Health Facilities Sub-Committee on Ambulatory Care Facilities proposes to act as an educational resource, source of information and liaison to relevant organizations and agencies. All interested members, willing to participate, should contact Henry Horowitz at 679-0555 and leave your name and phone number. □

Candidates for Membership

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

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Creative Development To be Stressed

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Center, Battery Park City, Westway, etc. and key government appointments.

The Chapter will be host to this group (which usually numbers about 25 to 30) at a luncheon this month at which time the need for creative thinking in new development projects (i.e., Boston Waterfront, Philadelphia Society Hill, San Francisco Ghiradelli Square) will be stressed by yours truly.

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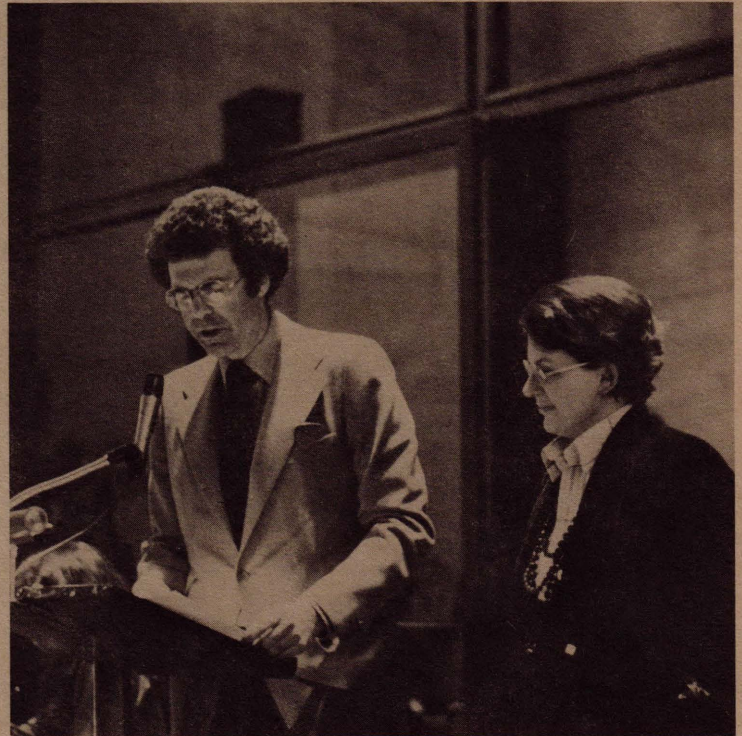
*How to inflate your own...
Drawing by Albert Lorenz.*



Some of the crowd at the Johnson "celebration."



*The Bronze Medallion on Seagram's Bronze.
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Phyllis Bronfman Lambert, instrumental in the selection of Philip Johnson as architect, accepts a chapter citation on behalf of the Seagram Co. on the 20th anniversary of the building. © Chris Gray/Gruzen & Partners.