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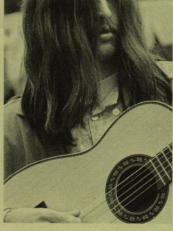
Ke Kaha Ki'i—A person who draws pictures or petroglyphs

DID YOU NOTICE?

The telephone booth at the Diamond Head end of Kalakaua near the water fountain?

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

This monthly publication belongs to you. Your comments on any portion of this newsletter will be welcomed. Address comments to Nannette at the Chapter office.



This month's Editor.....

CALENDAR

This calendar will be a monthly item. It will contain meeting notices, public hearings and special events. If you wish to contribute, address the comments to Calendar, c/o the Chapter office.

April meeting will be held at Chico's Pizza Parlor at the corner of St. Louis Drive and Waialae Avenue. Plans are being made to have the City's Leading Italian as guest speaker.

APRIL 17 - May 5

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MARCH MEETING REPORT

The March meeting began with a box lunch on the grounds of Iolani Palace for a group of 135 persons, which included Hawaii AIA members and families, the Architectural Secretaries Association, and the Women's Architectural League.

The group was then led on a tour of the new Capitol

Building. Mr. Fred McWayne, Sergeant-at-Arms for the House of Representatives, personally conducted the tour and provided the group with a description of how the Capitol Building functions.

Mr. Cyril Lemmon, of Lemmon, Freeth, Haines and Jones, leading architect for the building, described the project

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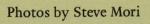


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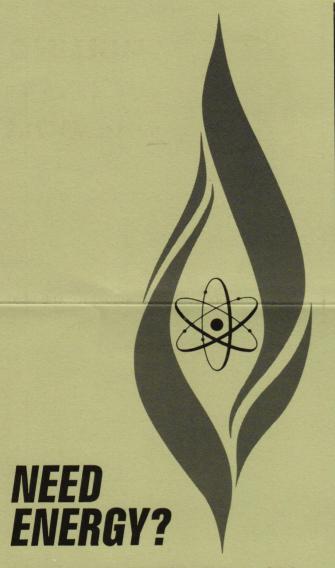












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EDITORIAL

By Lewis Ingleson, AIA

ARCHITECTURE IN HAWAII...?

Architecture in Hawaii combines Hawaiian, American and Oriental decor, in keeping with Hawaii's multi-cultural heritage, and blends it all to the idea of outdoor living. From this is gradually emerging a true "Hawaiian modern" concept.

Island homes are similar in many respects to those of other warm climate areas with spacious living rooms, lanais or verandas, bedrooms, bathrooms, modern kitchens, all with countless windows and sliding doors to catch the trade winds.

A few homes in Hawaii have the old New England look leftover from the early days when New England Missionaries arrived on the Polynesian scene. But this high-roof style is giving way to the sleek, streamlined modern version of practical living.

Cantilever construction, prestressed concrete and plastic skylights are popular with Island architects. They use redwood, said to be more termite-proof than most woods. Coral rock is still seen. Others use lava rock facades. Sisal and bamboo are employed.

Various residential districts have a distinctive flavor, such as the older section of Nuuanu and Manoa Valley, or newer ones such as Waialae-Kahala, with a variety of beautiful homes surrounded by wide lawns.

Hawaii has its share of handsome public buildings, such as the Board of Water Supply, and many attractive commercial structures enhanced by tropical landscaping.

Sad to say, the foregoing is the impression many tourists take home with them about architecture in Hawaii. It is condensed from *Here's Hawaii*, a guide found in many local hotels. It is accompanied by a photo of The Board of Water Supply Building and a ten-year-old photo of Kalakaua Ave.

WHATIS STATUS?

Recently, Interstate Industries, Inc. launched a "new concept in executive office desks" with built-in TV receiver, two-state remote TV control, AM-FM clock radio, tape recorder, high-intensity lamp, telephone index, digital calendar, and memo compartment. Called the V.I.P. Electronic Desk, it has a retail price of \$1,295.00, complete with pen and pencil set. But for all its electronic energy, it may have been the wrong approach to the real status office. Lehigh's new executive office desk, selling a \$6,000.00 coolly omits all electronics. The desk drawer, however, operates very, very smoothly.

PLANNING

The recent Battle of Ala Moana between the miniplanes and maxi-apartments points up, in a micro-cosmic way, the problem of urban living, mid-century. How do we find the space for outlets without beating our neighbor, sensorially?

CREDITS

The editor would like to thank Architectural Forum, Marshall MacLuhan, Buzz-words, Inc., Hugh Heffner and any one else willing to admit they were remotely involved in putting this issue of KKK together.

HARK, THE GIRAFFE!

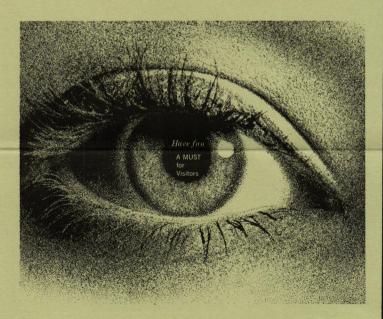
Our office has recently been designing several new and renovated exhibits at the Honolulu Zoo. In doing research for these





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projects, we were pleased to find a wealth of information available on the various animals to be exhibited. Details on environmental preferences, eating habits, care of hoofs and territorial imperatives are well-documented and easily available. As a matter of interest, we looked around to see if the same type of information is available to arcitect designing for humans. We

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MULLING IT OVER with MOLLY

Reading time: 2:00

by E. S. (Molly) Mollenhoff

Well, the first edition of Ke Kaha Ki'i took off with a bang. The immediate acceptance took a few by surprise. But when you stop and think about it why should it? The need existed for some time.

Speaking of surprises, we have a new flooring that's caused quite a stir. It's called PERMAGRAIN flooring which is artificially petrified wood with plexiglass, instead of silica. The factory finish is a generally preferred satin matte, which can be easily converted to a gloss, if desired, by buffing.

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Nixon Administration Tells Urban Policies to Architects, Engineers

Prefabricated building materials and new cities can house America in "interesting, livable neighborhoods," 500 architects and engineers were told.

Unions must not be allowed to block new products and Federal help plus cooperation among "fragmented suburbs" is required for the new towns.

In his first public policy speech, the new Undersecretary for Housing-Urban Development (HUD) said that the Nixon Administration will try to get more housing starts by controlling the Federal budget, easing inflation, and halting soaring home financing costs.

Richard C. Van Dusen, second in command of HUD, indicated support of most of the urban policies of the Kenned y-Johnson Administration in his luncheon address at the Public Affairs Conference of The American Institute of Architects and The Consulting Engineers Council of the U.S.

However, he warned that inflation, which caused inadequate Congressional appropriations and high mortgage interest rates, has already chopped deeply into the goals of the Housing Act of 1968.

Instead of 2.6 million new houses and apartments a year, the U.S. is building only 1.6 million, Van Dusen reported.

The Nixon Administration hopes to fight the lag by "getting the Federal budget under control," thus easing

inflation, the former Detroit lawyer said.

Money is being diverted away from housing by the interest rate hikes, Van Dusen noted.

But, if this changes, he said, the housing industry might be as strong in the next 36 years as the railroads were 100 years ago as a factor in the U.S. economy.

New industrialized building systems and components could make housing boom, he predicted.

Unions "are not apt to be as resistant to innovations if the market is big enough to sustain and expand employment. And, expansion of the labor force and its increased productivity is the only answer to labor costs," the HUD official said.

Prefabricated materials in East St. Louis, Illinois, housing and California schools show evidence of great impact on the industry, Van Dusen added.

Van Dusen also pledged support for use of air rights to house city dwellers, better designed suburbs and slum clearance, cooperation among gragmented cities, and involvement of the state in Model Cities programs, and regional planning. The states

Luke Elected ICED-Hawaii 1st Chairman

Herbert Luke, president of Hawaii Chapter, AIA, has been elected as the first chairman of an organization called the Interprofessional Commission on Environmental Design of Hawaii (ICED-Hawaii).

The group is made up of architects, planners and engineers. The purpose of the organization is to assist members of the various professions in working out problems and in promoting better environmental design.

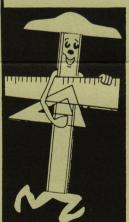
Member organizations in Hawaii are the Hawaii Chapter, AIA; American Institute of Planners; and American Society of Landscape Architects; the Hawaii Section, American Society of Civil Engineers; the Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii, and the Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers.

control highway location and this is a crucial force in city design, he noted.

Senator Edward J. Gurney (R.-Fla.) urged amendment of the National Labor Relations Act to prohibit union boycott

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The films are an integral part of a coordinated effort being launched by AIA to increasingly speak out on public issues and make a contribution in helping to solve the urban crisis.

A brief description of the films follow.

"Right of Way" shows how highways can ruin cities and how through good design and relation to other elements in the urban fabric, highways can be employed to improve urban areas. The 13-1/2 minute film makes a strong pea for balanced transportation systems and planning by design concept teams composed or architects, engineers, sociologists, government leaders and others concerned with the environment.

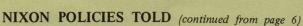
"The Best We Can Do." which runs 14-1/2 minutes, zeroes in on the large housing developments which have created wastelands of ugliness around most major cities. The viewer is then shown what good design can do to create

process for accomplishing this signs and well-planned graphics is outlined.

"The Noisy Landscape" enlightens viewers about the illustrates the difference jungle of signs obliterating between good and bad everything around them at the graphics, and describes a approaches to cities and in sensible process for sign most business districts. The control.

new towns and villages, and a 13-1/2 minute film shows how can add to the beauty and uniqueness of the community,

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of products and building innovations specified by architects and engineers.

Unless this is done, he warned, "union featherbedding" will halt new materials that can speed housing construction and lower costs.

Totally new cities planned from the start to include quality designed housing, jobs, transportation, and clean air and water were urged as an alternative to "suburban sprawl" and "the planned obsolesence of our cities" by Rep. Thomas L. Ashley (D.-Ohio) and other speakers.

Ashley promised that Congress will conduct thorough hearings on how the Federal government can help the new cities start.

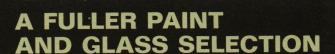
Growing cooperation between engineers and architects as a design team was lauded by Sen. Jennings Randolph (D.-W. Va.). He said that he will support separate national trust funds for

airports and rapid transit, similar to the Federal highway

A national commission to study fees paid by the government to architects and engineers plus the nation's \$50 billion-a-year procurement system was urged by Rep. Chet Holifield (D.-Calif.). Policies and regulation are now seriously diverse and confused,

The government also should be required to compile a "full and meaningful" list of all Federal-aid programs which cities, districts and schools can tap, said Rep. William V. Roth (R.-Del.). Such information now is obscure or readily available only to rich agencies which employ fulltime personnel to stalk the money, he said.

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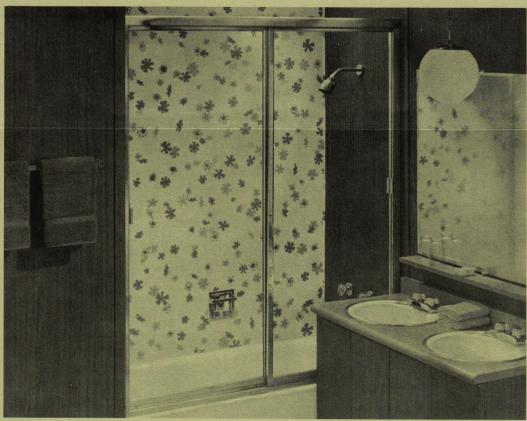
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John Robert Carrodus

John Robert Carrodus, has been elected as a new Associate Member of the Chapter, according to an announcement made by Joseph G. F. Farrell, Secretary.

Mr. Carrodus, an Australian citizen, studied at theUniversity of Melbourne and graduated with a B. Arch. degree in 1968.

He is presently employed by the firm of Wimberly, Whisenand, Allison and Tong.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION goes to Tom Lee, Designer for the design of the Masthead for the Bulletin, Ke Kaha Ki'i.

APPOINTMENTS

Lewis Ingleson, Chapter Treasurer, and Mrs. Fredda Sullam, have been named by Mayor Frank F. Fasi, to serve on the City Planning Commission.

Lew was formerly an instructor in architecture at the University of Hawaii and has served on beautification committees of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and on the ModelCities Advisory Board.

Mrs. Sullam is the wife of AIA member, Edward Sullam. She belongs to Hawaii Nani Loa and the Save Diamond Head Association.

AIA/CEC Public Affairs Conference

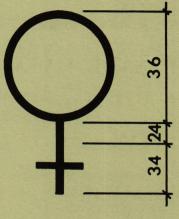
Mr. James B. Wilson, President of the Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii, recently returned from the second annual Public Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C. March 19-20, sponsored by the Consulting Engineers Council of the United States and The American Institute of Architects.

Wilson, along with engineers and architects from across the country, met with Senators. Congressmen and Federal Agency officials who provided first-hand reviews of key bills and government programs affecting the designers.

Mr. Wilson, while in Washington, met with At the conference, Jim Representatives Patsy Mink,

Spark Matsunaga, and Senators Dan Inouye and Hiram Fong to discuss problems pertinent to Hawaii. Among the subjects discussed was the degree to which the Federal Government competes with private enterprise.

(A complete text of the two-day meeting is available at the AIA/CEC office.)



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discovered that we know and document more information on animals in the zoo than we do ourselves.

Apropos of this, you might find two paperbacks interesting, both by Erving Goffman. "Interaction Ritual describes human behavior in face-to-face situations, while Behavior in Public Places describes activities in group situations. People in elevators act strangely, almost a ritual dance.

A POEM

Marshall MacLuhan. What are you doin'?

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from its beginning design criteria through final design.

unplanned demonstration was the accidential activation of the entire group was evacuated to the Central Court while firemen worked to repair the faulty system, then meeting resumed.

After a tour of the central fire alarm system. The Governor's offices the meeting was adjourned.



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