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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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FRIDAY, THE 13TH of March, found the Executive Committee and the chairmen of all the active committees at a special dinner meeting held to review progress for the first quarter of the year and look forward to the challenges ahead.

At this meeting, attended by 26 members, each committee chairman received a file folder containing definite committee goals for the year to help continue their work as well as a copy of the goals for the chapter in 1970 as published below. These files will be kept current and passed on to next year's committee chairmen to assure continued activity and progress.

An open interchange of ideas occurred and some very fine thoughts were presented for consideration. As a result of this meeting, the Executive Committee has appointed a special task force to analyze the program and financing of the chapter to determine the relevancy of each existing committee as well as determine possible creative methods of increasing our income without the need of increasing dues. Presently, many of our programs are hindered by a lack of funds and special projects, at times, are impossible. It is, of course, my hope that every dollar and ounce of manpower expended within the AIA will have tangible results and to do this, it will require careful analysis by this task force to eliminate wasted energies.

The evening was well spent as each of us became better acquainted and we learned how we related to the functioning of the various committees and to the chapter as a whole.

AIA GOALS FOR 1970

Although perhaps published a little late, I would like to present the goals I have been working towards for the chapter in 1970. Each of these relate in some way

to the committee work now being done as well as the individual efforts of the membership. As you can see, some of these goals have already been achieved and others are quite close to reality.

1. Establish better communications between the officers, committees, and the chapter membership.

2. Establish communications and rapport between the architectural profession and related design and construction groups.

3. Establish closer relationships with the students and faculty of the University and community colleges.

4. Encourage professional practice using high standards of ethics.

5. Recognize the achievements of our members and students.

6. Present programs, seminars, and conferences that will provide an opportunity for continuing education of the member.

7. Be aware of, and active in, the solutions to social problems, particularly in the area of environment and housing.

8. Inform the public of the nature and achievements of the architectural profession.

9. Be more effective at the decision-making level of the legislative process through personal involvement.

10. Improve the quality of design of public and private developments in context with the proper growth of the Islands.

11. Be active in preserving the beauty and historical attributes of the Islands.

12. Inform the public of those elements that are either a detriment or an asset to the quality of their environment.

13. Establish a Community Design Center in Honolulu to serve the need for community planning.

14. Establish an AIA Architectural Student Chapter at the University of Hawaii.

15. Produce a meaningful and enjoyable Northwest Regional Conference involving the total membership.

1970 BUDGET APPROVED

At the March general meeting, the budget for 1970 was approved. It was explained at that time that the whole financial picture of the chapter may change if and when we establish the Community Design Center. The present thought is to locate the AIA office in conjunction with the Community Design Center and perhaps include space for related display material easily viewed by the public. By combining the Community Design Center with the AIA office, duplication of equipment, staff, and other facilities will be eliminated.

NORTHWEST REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

I found, during my attendance at the Northwest Regional Executive Committee meeting in March, that a quite serious recession in construction activity is being felt by the architectural offices of the Northwest Region. Although Hawaii seems to have been cushioned somewhat from this drastic reduction in building, the possibility exists that things will continue on a down trend in Hawaii for awhile. Enthusiasm still runs high through the chapters for attendance at the coming October Regional Conference in Hawaii and every effort is being made to save enough for the trip.

POLLUTION SAVES LIVES!?

You will find this hard to believe, but I swear it is true. During the coffee break at the Northwest Regional Conference, I overheard a speaker at a psychologist convention taking place next door say that he saved a would-be suicide from