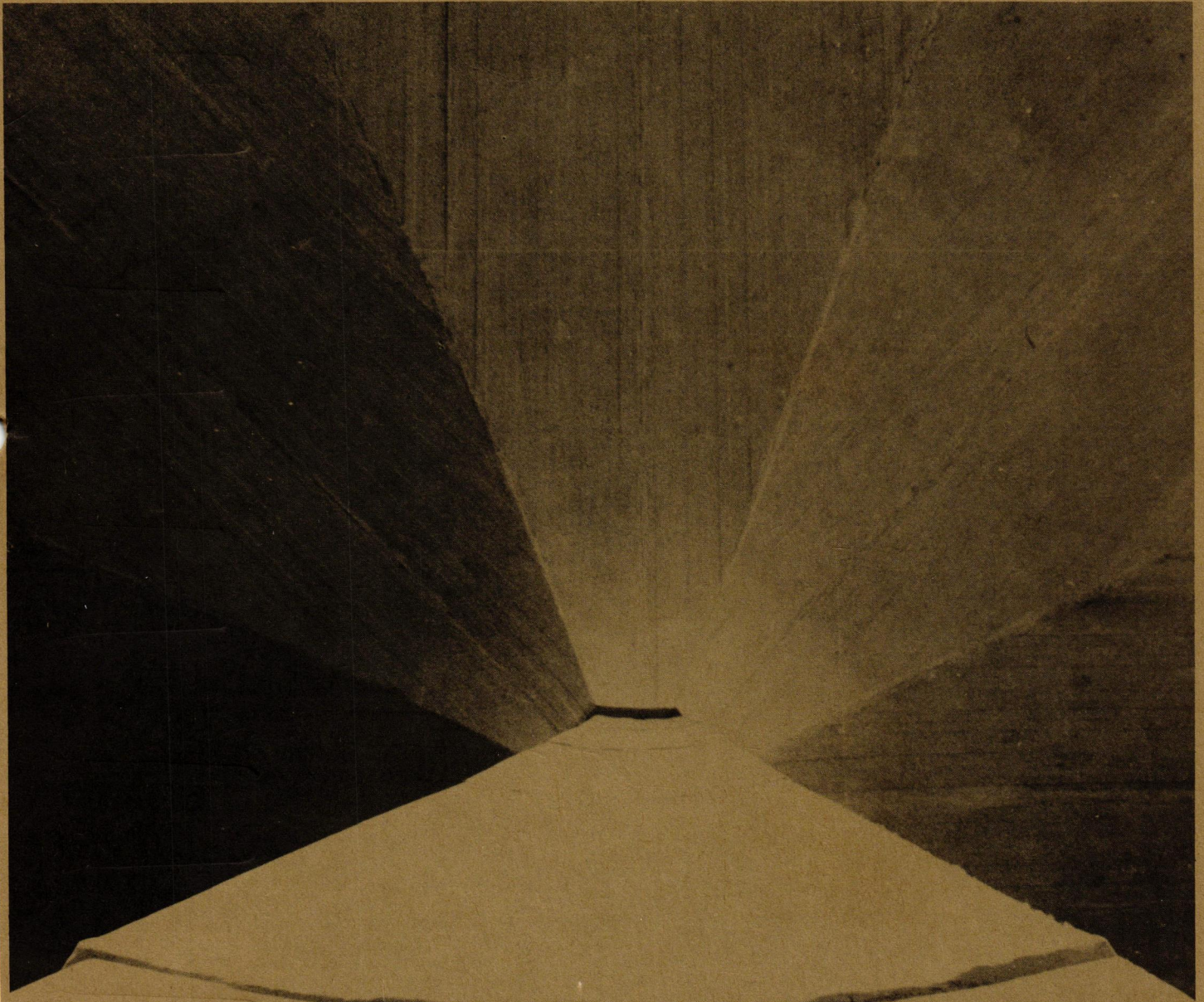
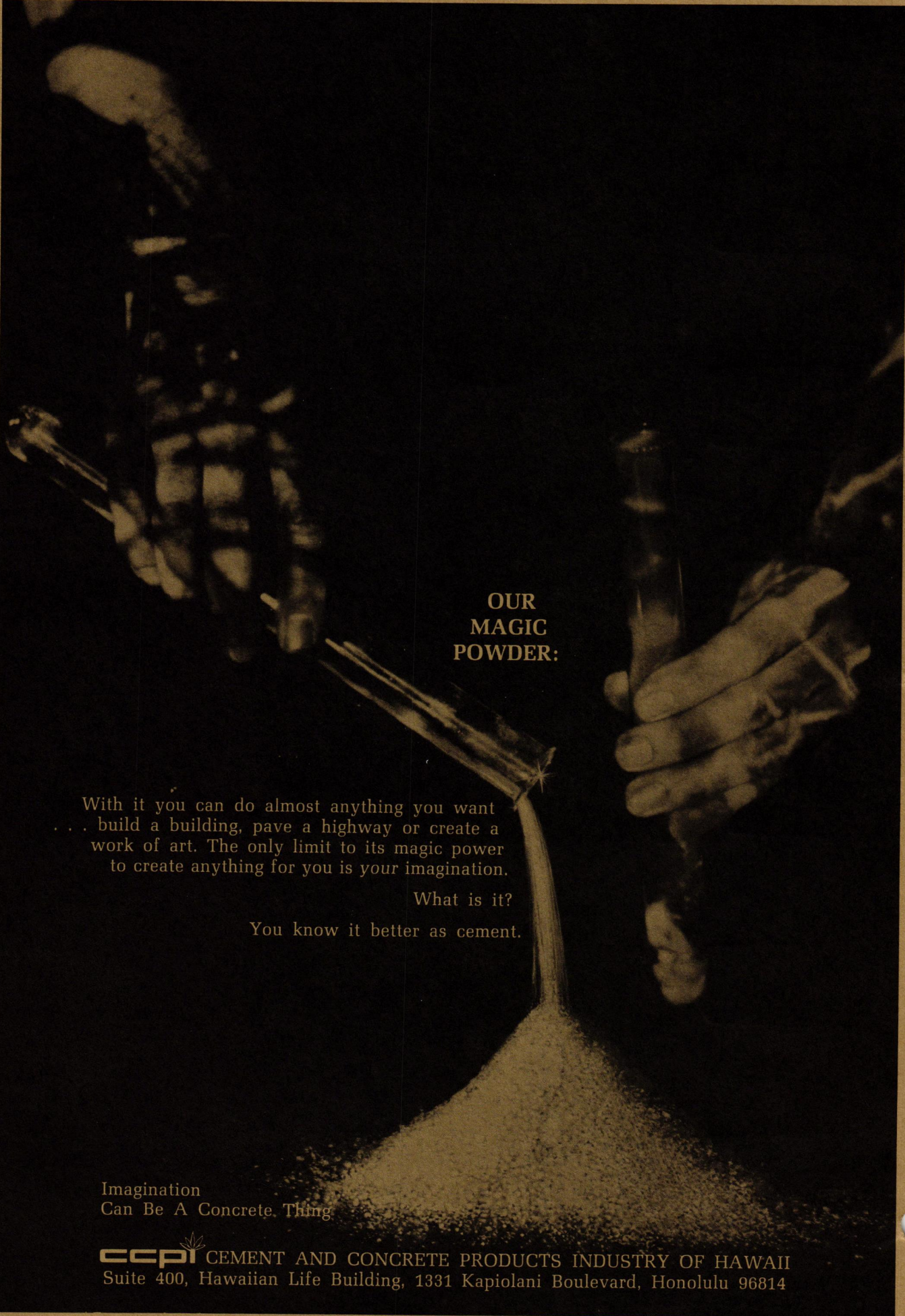


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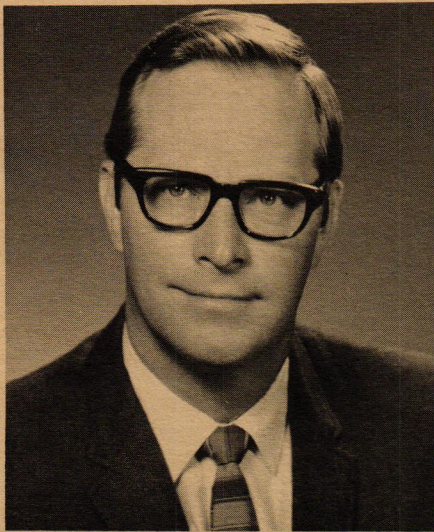
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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COMMUNITY DESIGN CENTER

Fulfilling one of this year's goals, the AIA Community Design Center will begin operations May 15. The Community Design Center is presently to be located in the offices of Anderson & Sanborn Architects. Hugh Burgess has volunteered to serve as the CDC director. A steering committee and an advisory council is presently being selected. The first CDC project is to master plan and design a community center for the Nalo Valiants, a youth group from Waimanalo, who have obtained state land for this purpose. They have no funds to engage an architect at this time. The chapter will be soliciting funds from its members, the industry, and other sources to finance CDC operations. They will also be requesting many of you to provide volunteer assistance as needed. I personally feel this is a very vital community service for this chapter and hope that each of you will help see that it is a success. If you do not understand the operations of the Community Design Center, I suggest you reread the February issue of the *Ke Kaha Ki'i*.

AIA OFFICE REORGANIZED

Through an agreement with the Consulting Engineers Council of Hawaii we have reorganized the operations of the AIA office. Pat Smith will be used exclusively by the CEC. Nanette DeRosette will be working only for the AIA as P.R. counsel and executive secretary. In order to be as efficient as possible, I ask that you keep any special requests of her time at a minimum.

HOUSING

No one can argue that Hawaii is in bad need of housing. However, I have a very uncomfortable feeling that in our rush to meet the demand, the qualities that make for long-term good housing may be discarded. If the "anything goes"

philosophy prevails, we might well be rebuilding the slums we have been so busy tearing down for the past ten years. Some of the standards that have been proposed closely parallel those that dictated the historical development of the Waikiki Jungle, parts of Kaimuki, Kalihi-Palama, and other residential areas of similar character. Careful consideration as to the future must be applied to all proposals for meeting the immediate needs.

Too much emphasis seems to be placed on producing low cost, single family detached dwellings which not only seems economically unsound, but conducive to further urban sprawl, mass transit problems, and loss of valuable agricultural lands for such developments. The recent AIA award winning Halawa Housing by the firms of Akiyama & Kekoolani Associates and Aotani & Oka Architects, Inc. would seem to be a more reasonable direction to follow on an island of limited land.

Retention of a sense of regionalism and the preservation of the "Hawaiian way of life" should also be of prime consideration in any proposal.

At the request of the Governor's State Housing Committee, the AIA Housing Committee has written the evaluation criteria for the Housing Fair which began May 9. There are three separate evaluation forms: one for the general public, one for a housewives group, and one for a professional group consisting of two contractors, two developers, and three architects, Ed Sullam, Ed Aotani, and George Johnson. The Housing Committee is also formulating a workshop seminar meeting following the fair to discuss the findings of the evaluation committee.

SAND ISLAND

The concern expressed by the AIA and other citizens groups as to the develop-

ment of Sand Island caught the attention of our senate resulting in a request that the AIA Design Committee assist the state in preparing a meaningful master plan for that area. While the senate was in session, I sent each of the senators, along with a covering letter, a copy of the April K.K.K. dealing largely with Sand Island. Several of them have expressed their appreciation for the attention we have given to this matter.

THE CIVIC CENTER

The Executive Committee, through the help of the Design Committee, has requested that the Capitol Commission's recommendations be made mandatory and that approval be required for the issuance of certificates of appropriateness for all new structures as well as revisions to existing historical buildings within the Civic Center master plan area. They also stated that the Judiciary Complex should not include a 268 foot tower as presently proposed and asked that further consideration and study be made on this project.

PROFIT PLANNING SEMINAR

Ed Aotani, chairman of the Office Practice Committee, produced an excellent seminar for the chapter on profit planning. Because of a greater attendance than anticipated (55 people) the seminar turned out to be profit making, giving us the funds to produce future, professionally oriented seminars or programs for the chapter. Ed is working on several possibilities at this time.

STUDENT - EDUCATOR -

PRACTITIONER CONFRONTATION

Ideas and challenges were exchanged during three evening sessions in which the students, educators, and the architects expressed their thoughts regarding the preparation of future practitioners. The sessions were well attended and have sparked a continuing dialogue

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