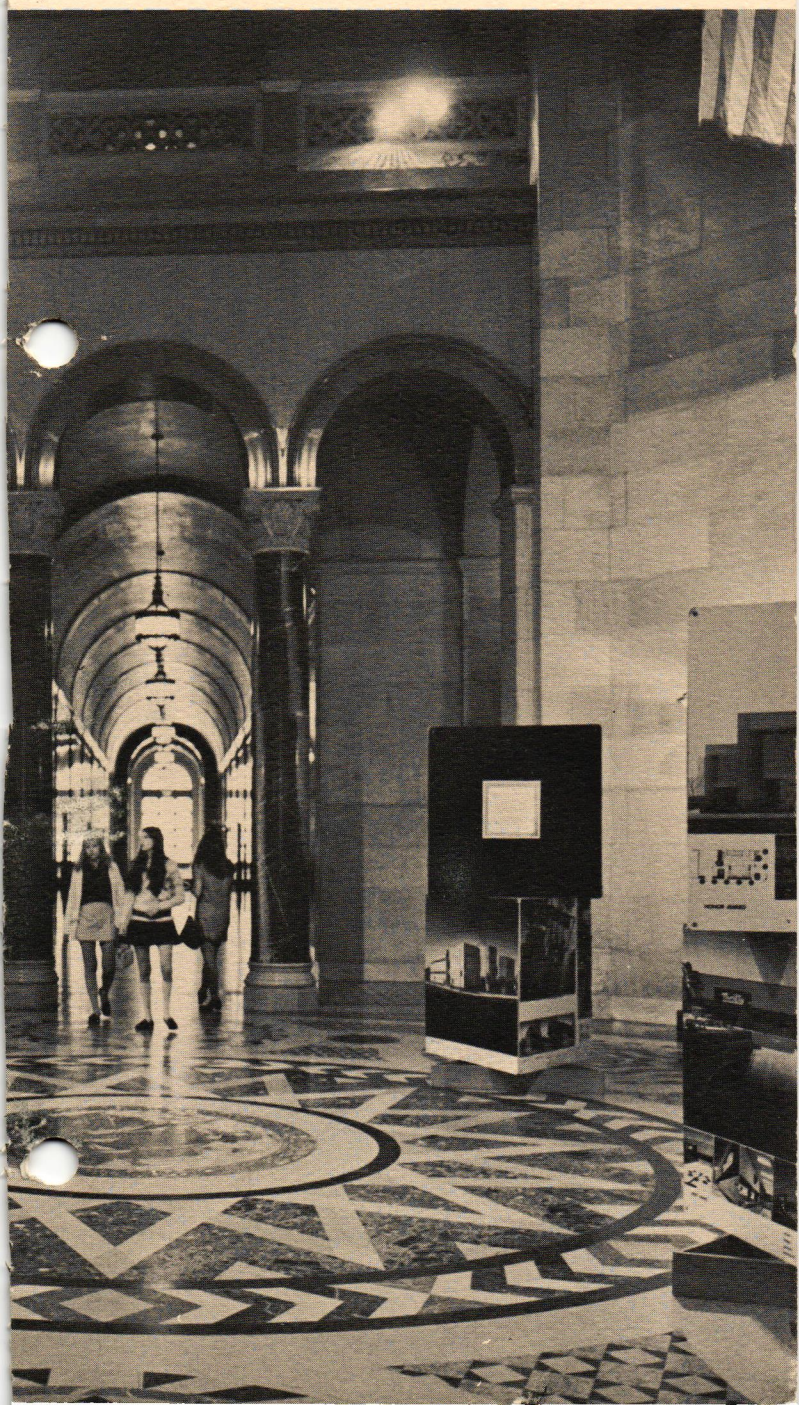


SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS BULLETIN

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Cover: Los Angeles city hall rotunda showing the chapter's triennial awards exhibit which was displayed in this impressive setting for three weeks. On the same floor as the city council chambers, the rotunda daily attracts hundreds of governmental officials and visitors. Foreground circle depicts, in bronze light relief, a small Caravelle sailing vessel from Spain symbolizing Los Angeles' rich Spanish heritage. (See story, page 13)

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JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

- Date: Monday 1 June 1970
- Place: University of Southern California (Parking: Lot E. Enter on west side of Figueroa, north of Exposition Blvd.)
- Reception: 5:00, USC Building Institute. Second floor, Space Museum, Exposition Park
- Dinner: 6:30, Town & Gown
Scholarships presented after dinner
(\$6.00 covers meal, gratuity but not parking)
- Address: Hoffman auditorium, school of Business Administration. (Follows dinner program)
- Speaker: FELIX CANDELA
Noted Mexican architect-engineer

Born in Madrid in 1910, Felix Candela was influenced by the noted Spanish engineer, Torroja, who sparked his initial interest in shell vaulting. He arrived in Mexico in 1939 after fighting in the Spanish civil war as a Republican.

His long years of study and theory development reached initial culmination in the University City in Mexico City. There he built in 1952 the first hyperbolic paraboloid which enabled him to reduce the thickness of the Cosmic Ray building shell to $\frac{5}{8}$ inch. The simplicity and cost reduction features of this innovation led to numerous commissions which allowed Candela to become bolder in executing his new design technique.

According to the Encyclopedia of Modern Architecture, our June speaker claims his design philosophy is influenced "less by exact calculations than by an intuitive feeling in the manner of the old master builders of cathedrals." This may be true, the source relates, but "we must recall that Candela's intuition has a very firm foundation in his knowledge of materials and stress which grows with each new building."

Recipient of the Gold Medal of the Institute of Structural Engineers in London in 1961, Candela gave the Norton lectures at Harvard shortly thereafter. One of his more famous works, the church of the Miraculous Virgin, was completed in Mexico City in 1954.

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NOTE: Only those with reservations will be seated for dinner. Return the enclosed card by 26 May, or call 624-6561. Chapter office will be closed 29 May. Reservations may be billed to satisfy unmet guarantee.

Arthur E. Mann
Program chairman and vice president

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Members are well aware of the continuing interest of the chapter in the planning of our city and region.

Last year we vigorously supported the successful inclusion of \$250,000 in the city budget to aid in getting a plan for the central city. Many members contributed time and funds to the Goals program. We have secured appointments of chapter members by city councilmen to citizens' advisory boards concerned with developing community plans which we hope will be integrated into the city's General Plan. The chapter's annual magazine, *REVIEW* 69, was devoted entirely to the need for preparing the vitally necessary central city master plan.

It is in this spirit of concern and involvement that we felt it imperative to comment on the recently released "Concept" report which "is intended to serve as the basic framework for the Los Angeles General Plan scheduled to be completed by the end of 1970." Our position was stated in a letter to the city Planning commission. Highlights of that statement follow.

Only with major and fundamental changes can we support the Concept report. In our judgment, acceptance of the present document would set planning back in Southern California for years to come. The basic tenet of a constellation of intensely developed centers and large areas retained in low density development to retain the Southern California "life style" is quite appealing in the abstract, but we seriously question the development of these abstract principles in the report and map.

The "permanent retention" of the single family areas, offered to save the Southern California "life style," would result in a frozen city. Opportunities for other "life styles" should be provided. Such changes could be accommodated within a framework controlled by the orderly procedures recommended by the Bowron commission, which advocate review of areas not single properties.

The Concept plan consists of words in the report plus a map. We agree largely with the goals outlined. They are good planning platitudes. But worthy though these objectives are, we fail to see in the report how they are to be accomplished. For instance, most proposals to be effective would require public acquisition of land, or at the very least, acquisition of development rights. To achieve some of the goals mentioned in the Concept report would require an extensive public housing subsidy program of some kind. This, in turn, would necessitate a referendum or a series of basic political changes. The report says that "most older deteriorated single family neighbor-

hoods will be rehabilitated, or be built with the same type of housing where rehabilitation is not feasible." Who is going to do that?

The Concept document espouses exemplary rigid demands, but these are expressed in more than fifty "will be" statements. This approach will not make things happen. The report fails to deal with the basic legal, governmental, economic and social forces that will bring about the desirable changes described, particularly means whereby communities can integrate their own desires in the planning process.

The subject of open space is treated lyrically in words, but there is no evidence of translation into a program. The proposed disposition of the Central Library gives us no reassurance. The Concept report elaborately emphasizes transit facilities, but still posits that "the automobile is expected to continue to be the dominant means of transportation in Los Angeles," even to reach the centers. If this is true, it spells the death of the transit system, and offers us the worst of both worlds. We find little reality in the map accompanying the Concept plan. The map should be based on community studies that are still being developed. These should form the map.

The rapid transit system, on which the whole Concept depends, measures 800 miles—the equivalent of combining the New York, London, Paris, Moscow and Tokyo transportation networks. It would entail an approximate cost of \$50 billion in 1967 money, or about one quarter the national budget and five times the state budget. It is more than ten times the estimated bonding capacity of the local RTD in 1985. Yet we are told that the plan works only if both the primary and secondary transit systems are built simultaneously.

In our review of the Concept proposal we found no evidence that the city Planning department had conferred with the SCRTD, the Community Redevelopment Agency, the county Regional Planning department, nor with the several communities referred to in the plan. These groups must have input in developing the Concept for the city's General Plan.

Our recommendations were: (1) Delete the map from the Concept report; (2) Complete the community plans first, then make them the basis of the revised conceptual map; (3) Identify specific centers on the map only after the Planning department and SCRTD have agreed on the form and implementation (including financing) of the transportation system; (4) Approve the Concept report only after an analysis of the investment capacity of the region related to a set of priorities and alternatives within the economic capability of the region.

Robert E. Alexander, FAIA, president

RETURN FORMS FOR COUNTY WORK

Member Clint Ternstrom, chairman of the Los Angeles County Architectural Evaluation Board, announces that the deadline is fast approaching for submitting application-qualification forms for AEB review prior to awarding architectural contracts for County work. The AEB's main function is to screen and recommend firms for County jobs. As is now the case, final assignment of the architectural commissions is made by the County Board of Supervisors. Supported by the chapter, this new program will be initiated after 1 July, the beginning of the next County fiscal year. Several major-minor projects are being considered for budget inclusion. In addition, there still remain funded County projects for which no architect has been selected. You may obtain the necessary forms by calling 625-3611, ext. 65389.

WAL FETES NEWLY LICENSED

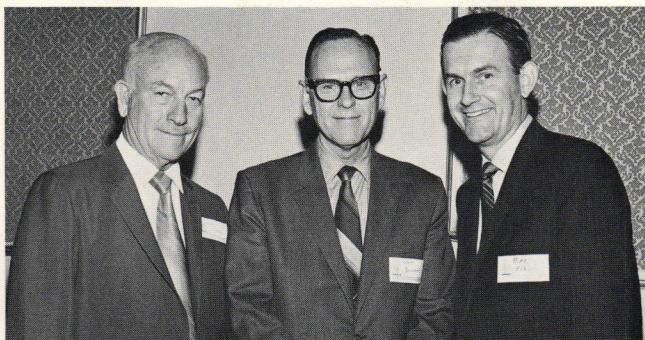
The energetic Women's Architectural League cordially invites all members to join in honoring those architects who have been certificated to practice in California during the past year. To be held at the distinctive office of former chapter president Carl Maston (2811 Cahuenga Blvd., between the Hollywood freeway and the hills behind the Hollywood Bowl), the annual event salutes those practitioners principally from our chapter area. Mark the date: Saturday 13 June, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The modest charge is only \$5.00 per couple. Please confirm your attendance by calling Mrs. Al (Henrietta) Miller, 346-6563; or the chapter office, 624-6561.

CO-PLAINTIFF VS. REGENTS

The chapter board voted to join a law suit against the University of California regents enjoining them from voting their stock (93,000 shares valued at \$7 million) in favor of General Motors Corporation management at the firm's annual stockholders' meeting 22 May. The GM management opposes two proxy proposals to add representatives of the public interest to the corporation's board and to create a stockholders' committee on corporate responsibility. The regents traditionally vote their stockholdings upon recommendations of their own committee whose chairman would support GM management.

The lawsuit contends that the regents have a duty, as public officials, to consider GM's systematic thwarting of California law. This refers to a previous action filed against General Motors by the state of California and more than fifty California counties and cities charging GM conspiracy with other companies to suppress research and competition in the manufacture of smog control devices. Because of this

conspiracy, the complaint alleges, California taxpayers have had to pay considerably for state research programs to control and eliminate pollution. Unless prohibited by the courts, the chapter-backed suit contends, the regents will vote their proxies "without a review of the substantial pollution and environmental question raised by the proxy struggle."



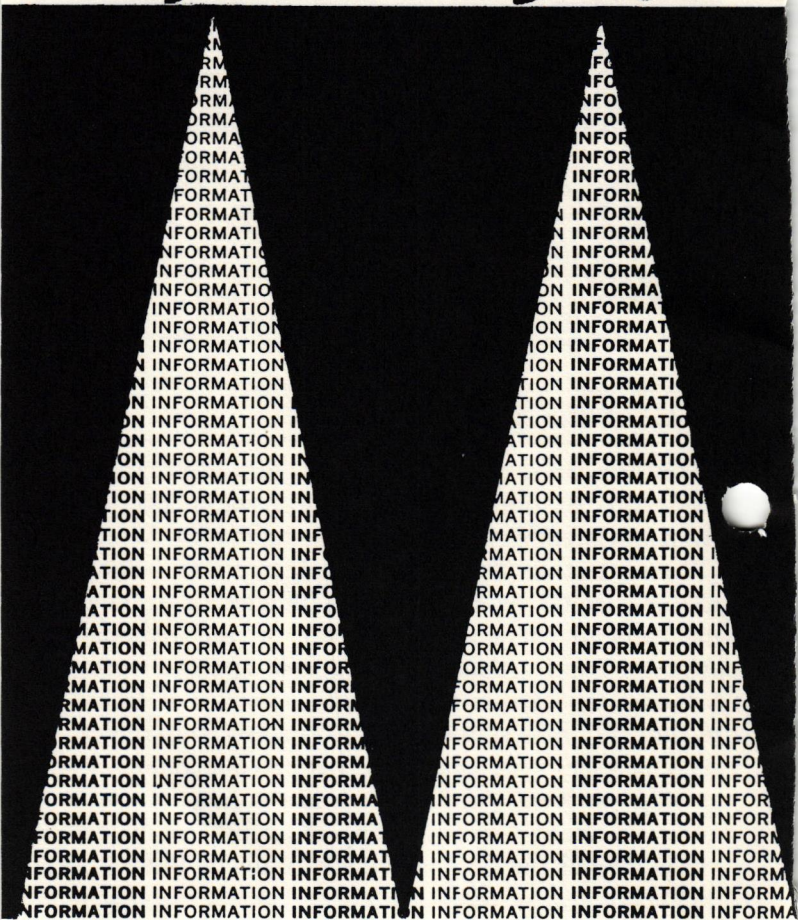
Discussing plans for the chapter's new professional affiliate membership category now available to structural engineers are, from left: Don Wiltse, executive secretary of the Structural Engineers Association of Southern California; Walt Brugger, association president and chief of the Engineering Research and Development bureau of the city Building and Safety department; and Michael Elliott, chapter executive director. Structural group was the first invited to belong to the chapter under the new program. (See story following)

ENGINEERS JOIN CHAPTER

Implementing a 1969 member-approved program, the board of directors, following recommendation from the Membership committee chaired by Arthur O'Leary, has invited structural engineers to belong to the chapter as professional affiliates. This new membership category, sanctioned by the national AIA for local action, would include approved professionals and artists related to the practice of architecture. We believe the expanded membership under AIA auspices will encourage better cooperation in solving problems within the construction industry and will afford a stronger and more broadly based voice to speak out on pressing environmental issues.

The professional affiliate belongs only to the local chapter, not to the national organization. Although a non-voting member, he is permitted to mention his special membership on letterheads and business cards in the manner approved by the chapter. Affiliate members would be encouraged to serve on local committees and participate in various chapter programs. Annual dues for the professional affiliate are \$50, approximately the same amount our AIA corporate members pay to the chapter.

The Membership committee will interview these new members in accord with national standards supplemented with local requirements. The May meeting, held jointly with the local structural engineers association, was one of the first projects under this program. Prior to that gathering the chapter and association boards met to plan common projects.



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NATIONAL CONVENTION NOTES

The Architect in a Dynamic Society denotes the theme of the 1970 AIA annual convention in Boston 21-25 June. Assistance in the practice of his profession and the architect's role in preserving the environment characterize the convention programs. Meeting-sessions will be at the Sheraton Boston.

Certain to spark some heated discussion will be a CCAIA-sponsored, and chapter-backed, series of recommended changes in the national bylaws to make the Institute "truly responsive to the will of its membership and its component organizations." Over 600 petition signatures, more than twice the number required, were obtained to present the issue for convention vote. Delegates will also be asked to approve a major revision of AIA's ethical standards, a proposed national dues increase, an expansion of membership to permit related professionals to join the AIA, and several resolutions.

The suggested dues increase will adjust corporate dues in proportion to the cost-of-living index change, with a base of June 1968. This will revise the assessment to members of three-year's standing from \$75 to \$84. It is also being proposed that national supplemental dues rise from 2% to 5% of FICA payment, but not more than 1% per year. The present \$15 per employee amount would change to \$22.50 annually. The added revenue will be allocated to various programs including help for the small offices that are now under severe pressure. "A stepped-up business development program for architectural firms of all sizes will be undertaken along with a continuous education program and urgently needed action in regard to codes and regulations," according to Rex Allen, AIA president. Advertising and public-governmental relations efforts will also be strengthened.

Senator Edmund D. Muskie's keynote address will deal with the environmental crisis and the re-ordering of national priorities. To be structured by students, the 24 June agenda will feature speakers on ecology, population control, and similar vital issues. The famed Dodge party, which traditionally opens AIA conventions in great style, will be enjoyed at the multi-award-winning Boston city hall. Fort Warren on historic George's Island in Boston harbor will afford an ideal setting for the host chapter event (clambake anyone?).

Again, we request those attending the Boston convention to let the chapter office know, if they have not done so already. With some 64 votes, the second largest bloc, it is essential that we know who will make the trip so that they can be armed with the best information possible. The chapter convention delegates will meet at the Bradbury Building 9 June. The late afternoon time will be announced.

WONDERFUL WAL WELCOMES

Your wife to strengthen and expand its great feminine support of chapter programs. To accompany the traditional social outlets, this year's Women Architectural League president, Mrs. Stephen (Nancy) Oppenheim, and her capable colleagues have spearheaded a new direction of WAL activities which encompass educational, community improvement, historic preservation, cultural, and legislative issues. Exactly paralleling the chapter's broad scope of efforts, such widespread involvement necessitates more of these fine women to taken on the challenging assignments and projects that are being planned. These can best—if not only—be accomplished by the fair sex. It has been said that a great woman stands behind every great man. Associations are no different. Our chapter needs a vital, energetic and large women's auxiliary group.

If your wife is not already a member, your board of directors asks that you have her contact Mrs. Cleveland (Abylne) Winge, 11666 So. San Pedro St., Los Angeles 90061, phone: 754-4930; or Mrs. Marvin (Ann) Bluestein, 12934 Hesby St., Sherman Oaks, 91403, phone: 783-0787. Then, with WAL, have her get involved. (It's a pregnant idea—no pun intended, ladies!)

GALA GOLF & FAIRWAY FUN

Forget the Cambodia-campus-civilization crisis! Producers' Council president Don West invites you to the annual PC golf outing, and a "day of sunshine and fresh air away from the architects' smoke-filled drafting rooms and salesmen's smog-making autos." How environment-enriching can you get? The "Funday" is Tuesday 2 June at the California Country Club in Whittier. First-tee action commences at 7:00 a.m. continuing until 1:00 p.m., and dinner is served from 6 to 8. Eleven Washingtons cover golf and cuisine, and for anti-ambulants a cart costs \$8. Join the fun. No fund-raising, no raffles, and no three-putt greens! Pertinent details have been forwarded to members. Call the PC office, 481-0060, Irma Vincent, for information.

SUPPORT PROPOSITION 7

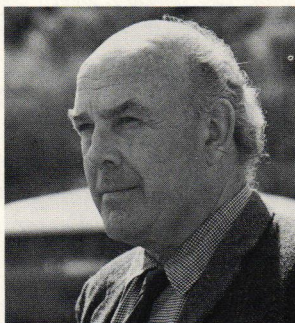
A fund-raising appeal has been circulated to members seeking campaign help to pass Proposition 7, the state measure that will increase from 5% to 7% the maximum interest rate the state may pay on its currently unsold general obligation bonds. These bonds have not been sold principally because the 5% rate is unrealistic in today's market. You are requested to support the appeal and send your check, payable to the Southern California Chapter, AIA, Proposition 7, to the chapter office.

FELLOWSHIPS HONOR MEMBERS

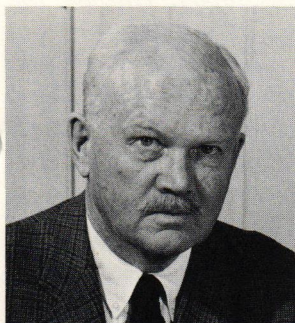
Distinction and esteem have come to four chapter members who have been admitted to the Institute's College of Fellows. We extend congratulations to those shown below who will receive the cherished Fellowship medal during investiture ceremonies 22 June at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts during the AIA convention. The chapter now has 65 Fellows. Nationally, there are 957 among 23,300 AIA corporate members. Our new Fellows and the category of their particular achievement are:



HARRY W. HARMON, FAIA
(Government)



JOHN E. LAUTNER, FAIA
(Design)



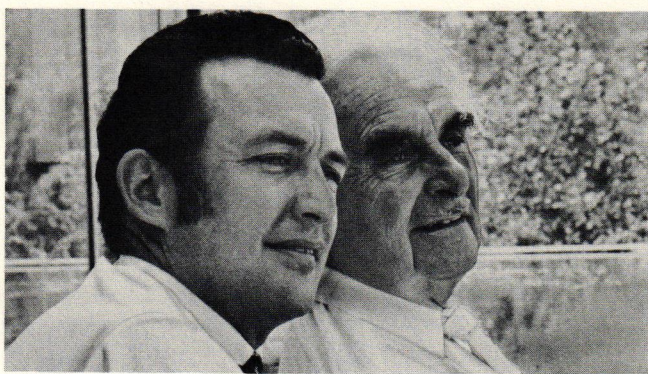
BURNETT C. TURNER, FAIA
(Public Service)



WILLIAM WOOLLETT, FAIA
(Historic Preservation)

LAWS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The chapter board has registered strong support for two state measures: SB 660 (Senator George Moscone, D-San Francisco) and AB 1311 (Assemblyman James Hayes, R-Long Beach). These joint bills would authorize the Attorney General, local government entities, and private citizens to bring suit when they believe any public or private program or product is having an unnecessarily adverse impact upon the quality of the environment. Under the proposed legislation, the court would then be empowered to take evidence on this claim, and if it finds it justified, to enter an order prohibiting such destructive conduct or limiting it to minimize or prohibit its destructive aspects. The intent of the two bills is identical to a proposal the chapter presented for inclusion in the new Los Angeles city charter now being developed. Members' support of this important legislation is earnestly solicited.



One of the last photos of Richard J. Neutra, FAIA, with son, Dion, last January. Death came to the illustrious chapter member 16 April at age 78 in Wuppertal, West Germany.

RICHARD J. NEUTRA, FAIA

Reflecting on the achievements of so distinguished a member of the profession as the late Richard J. Neutra presents a near insuperable challenge along with intriguing options of which way to turn for appropriate commentary on his life and works. From the profession it would be fitting to call upon one of his contemporaries or possibly a younger member influenced by the Neutra philosophy. Outside the practice we could properly request a statement from noted architectural historians either here or abroad. We have chosen thoughts from his own son, Dion, excerpted from remarks he gave during memorial services honoring his father in the magnificent setting designed by the Neutra firm, the Garden Grove Community Church.

"After an exhausting schedule of lectures and visits to ten cities, my father had spent two days photographing projects of ours, going for hours without rest and late into the night. At 8:00 p.m., he suddenly collapsed in the arms of our collaborating architect. A half minute later he was gone.

"Both my mother and I had drawn strength from this man for more than 40 years. During his life, he had often stated wistfully that people regarded him as a giant, indestructible. In truth he was all too mortal and could not stand the strains and pressures he found in life. Frequently, as if outside pressures were insufficient, he would create his own. He seemed to require an atmosphere of urgency. As long as I can remember, mother and I had been preparing for his passing.

"At the same time, however, we would be running along behind, breathlessly trying to keep abreast of his bounding strides and all he wanted to accomplish. He was a loving father and did the very best of which he was capable for me.

"To his very last moment, dad was a vital involved person. During his life, his most urgent goal was one of communication. He seemed to become ex-

pansive when he had good listeners but he was never satisfied to address an audience of faces. His greatest desire was to know what was of concern to each man as an individual. He was a true champion for the individual human being, no matter how lofty or simple his station.

"RJN, as we call him, has left a legacy to be developed and carried on which challenges the imagination. His life evokes such images as *charisma*, *involvement*, *environment* and *ecology*. Richard Neutra, the humanist, educator, author, artist, systematizer, experimenter with communication media, scientist, champion of the profession of architecture, and warm human being, has produced enough material in fifty years to keep us going for the next fifty. The torch is being passed to us. May we grasp it firmly, carry it proudly, and move firmly forward in the continuing quest for man's survival through the force and direction of his own design."

PROFESSIONS CONVENE

Upon the original suggestion of chapter president Robert Alexander, representatives (presidents and/or presidents-elect) of the County Medical Association, County Bar Association, Southern California Dental, Certified Public Accountants, and Journalism Societies met with chapter officials to discuss methods for establishing better interchange of ideas among the professions on issues of mutual concern. Chapter vice president Art Mann, and executive director Michael Elliott accompanied Alexander to the informal conference. Initial organization plans were discussed, including involvement of other groups. When well organized, such a coalition of professions could command strong and effective "political clout" particularly on environmental subjects. The possibilities of such a force stagger the imagination. Future discussions and meetings are slated.

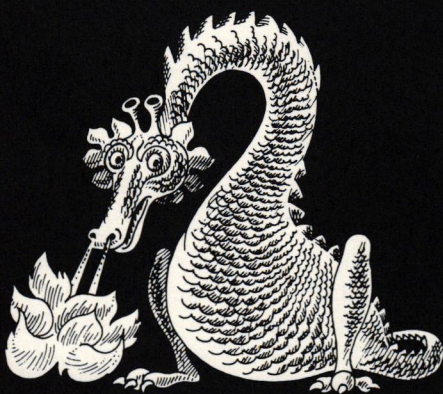
URGE SPRINKLING CODE CHANGE

Chapter Code committee chairman Miles Perlis and Health Facilities committee chairman Don Perry want members' support for a proposed CCAIA revision to the 1970 UBC. The change would exempt jails, prisons, reformatories and hospitals of Type I or II construction in Division 2 from the full sprinkling requirements in the latest UBC.

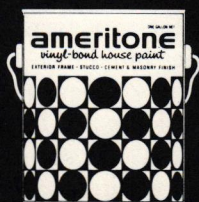
Such requirements for hospitals' mentioned above superimpose an unnecessary measure of fire protection upon the many other buildings and life-safety provisions codified elsewhere. There has been no evidence of significant hospital fire-life loss which could have been prevented by total fire sprinkler systems. Sprinklers are currently required in all recognized hazardous areas. The hospitals' "round-the-clock" surveillance assures earlier detection than in other occupancy

classifications. The American Hospital Association concurs with the suggested CCAIA change asserting that total sprinkling is not only redundant but actually presents "potential hazards to patients in nurseries, cardiac and intensive care units, and operating rooms." The Veteran's Administration contends total sprinkling is "frivolous" and "illustrative of a *carte blanche* approach to fire safety." The California State Fire Marshal intends to exclude the total sprinkling requirement from Group D, Division 2 hospitals when the 1970 UBC is adopted. We believe a more positive degree of protection can be achieved with an early fire-warning type of system (i.e., smoke detectors) which is particularly effective in those institutions that are continually staffed.

The unfortunate outgrowth of this attempt to fight fire with flood is that the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals is seriously considering making the total sprinkling requirement retroactive and a condition for renewal of accreditation. Naturally, this would impose financial expenditures that could be much better spent on patient care. Members are asked to send letters supporting the CCAIA proposed code revision (Sec. 3802 (b) subsection 5) and opposing the total sprinkling requirements to: John D. Porterfield, M.D., Director; Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals; 645 N. Michigan Ave.; Chicago, Illinois 60611. Call Perlis (683-1900) for further information.



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EXHIBIT'S PEREGRINATIONS

Members know of the announcement of chapter honor and merit award winners in last fall's triennial awards program and the resultant display exhibit designed by Lorenzo Tedesco. Thanks to Lorenzo's splendid planning and the efficient assistance of associates co-chairman Tom Byerts the exhibit is being shown at several locations. These include Century City, the city hall rotunda (see photo coverage below), Bradbury Building lobby, Community Re-development Agency headquarters in the Roosevelt Building, and a Costa Mesa shopping center. Congratulations gentlemen on a great job.



Discussing the chapter's triennial awards exhibit at the city hall rotunda are, from left: president Robert Alexander, FAIA; city councilwoman Pat Russell, sixth district; Howard Chappell, president of the city's Board of Public Works; and member Lorenzo Tedesco who designed the display.



The rotunda provided "great space" to show the exhibit featuring honor and merit award winners announced last Fall. Nine chapter member firms gained recognition for the twelve projects cited. Descriptive brochures about the buildings with judges' comments are available to viewers.



Visiting class of school children listen to explanation of city hall facts in center of rotunda before inspecting awards exhibit.

WAL REPORT & MEETING NOTICE

Mrs. Stephen Oppenheim, WAL President, and Mrs. Ebbe Videriksen, vice president, attended an April meeting with the California Council WAL in Sacramento. Their report follows.

Our gracious hostess for the event was Mrs. Carl McElvy, CCWAL president from Central Valley chapter. (Next year's leadership will come from the Orange County chapter.) Our state organization's principal purpose is to arrange the group's two-day meeting and annual conference at the state CCAIA convention in October. This year that event will be at Yosemite. Our Sacramento speaker, CCAIA president Eugene Crawford, enlightened us with an informative account of statewide AIA activities. The women delegates then exchanged general and particular views on WAL matters. Successful programs were described as well as problems. The universal difficulty: low membership participation. (For our reply, see story on page 8.) Only disaster resulted from some WAL chapters' plans to stimulate greater involvement by cutting their meetings to four per year.

Our report on membership participation disclosed how we first met with the AIA board who reviewed the appropriateness of our program's ultimate direction. Then we invited all members to a special meeting to discuss future WAL plans. This successful session produced many valuable ideas, gave our board renewed enthusiasm, and furnished philosophical approval to the limitations of our time. Also at Sacramento, we told of our new individual research reports by members working closely with AIA committees to keep us informed on cultural heritage, environment and legislative issues. We further reported how we are inviting "friends of architecture" to get involved in our WAL activities. Following the meeting we visited the Sacramento redevelopment agency and the attractive but controversial K-Street mall. We thought it was great.

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June Meeting: We will assemble Wednesday 17 June. Watch the mails for details.

MUCH APPRECIATION TO

The Southern California Edison company and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for their joint sponsorship of the most stimulating and informative Architects and Engineers Forum in early April. Thought-provoking speakers, warm hospitality, and delightful surroundings all contributed to an outstanding program. Congratulations, also, to members Ed Niles and Leroy Miller for capturing design competition awards announced at the event. Bulletin space precludes extensive comments on the addresses. Suffice it to say they were provocative, vivid, illuminating, divergent and exceedingly interesting.

APRIL MEETING NOTES

More than 200 guests, including newly inducted corporate and associate members of the chapter, were treated to an informative and exceptionally well presented "fade-dissolve" slide documentary by Jeffrey Lindsay on practically all the buildings in Japan's world's fair, Expo 70. Among the brilliant slides shown were several taken by chapter secretary James Pulliam whose firm designed the IBM pavilion at the Osaka exposition. In concert with Canadian architect Arthur Erickson, Lindsay did the Canadian pavilion there. According to Lindsay, Expo 70 is great but its greatness is significantly enhanced by its presence in a country like Japan. Such a large-scale project is a most unusual undertaking for the Japanese. Just in one generation, Lindsay pointed out, the builders in Japan have had to design to significantly larger size people. With slowly revolving umbrellas made of vinyl in striking colors as one of the highlights, the Canadian pavilion ranks among the top three buildings in attendance. Lindsay definitely encouraged attendance at the fair and counselled those making the trip to study carefully the Japanese whose mores and culture manifest a particular fascination.



President Robert Alexander, FAIA, right, presented a plaque denoting honorary membership in our chapter to Pedro Ramirez Vasquez, one of Mexico's most distinguished architects and former president of that country's 1968 Olympic games committee. Alexander's stirring presentation gained wide applause resulting from several sentences in Spanish saluting the honored dignitary at the April meeting.



Pavilion design is certainly the theme of conversation among, from left, Jeffrey Lindsay, April meeting speaker; Pedro Ramirez Vasquez; and chapter secretary James Pulliam. Developer of the concepts for all Expo 67 theme pavilions, Lindsay was also responsible for the "invisible" Canadian pavilion at Expo 70. Vasquez did the Mexican pavilion at the 1958 Brussels world's fair; and Pulliam's firm designed the IBM building at Osaka.

CAMPAIGN FUNDS RETURNED

Incredible though it may seem, School and College Clients committee chairman Frank Mosher makes the astounding report that the group soliciting contributions for the defeated school tax override election last March did not expend all the monies and have returned our pro rata share. This reimbursement amounted to approximately half of the \$4,600 donated by 64 chapter members-firms. Upon recommendation by the committee and the formal approval of our board of directors, these unused funds will be deposited in a special interest-earning savings account to be made available for future Los Angeles Unified School District financing elections, as sanctioned by our board. The contributors merit our gratitude.

UCLA REPORT

From Westwood we learn there are nine students in the master of architecture program, 21 in master of architecture in urban design, and 22 in master of arts in urban planning—all enrolled in UCLA's School of Architecture and Urban Planning under dean Harvey Perloff. Member Tim Vreeland heads the architecture program. The school's Ph.D. program in planning was approved last December and discussions are now underway to establish doctoral programs in architecture and urban design. UCLA recently received a \$25,000 contract to prepare the housing element for the city's general plan.

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Mary Lou Kelsey, left, newly employed chapter assistant secretary, received expert on-the-job counsel at the April meeting—one of the largest in recent years—from Rita Miller, right, whose three decades plus of distinguished service as executive secretary have meant so much to chapter progress and growth. Most appropriately in the center is Robain (Mrs. George) Crane. She and member George have provided invaluable assistance at chapter meetings for which we are forever grateful.

CITY CONTRACT PROVISION

Member Paul McCarty, chief of design, Bureau of Public Buildings, calls attention to a city ordinance which establishes standard contractual provisions (and the administration thereof) pertaining to non-discrimination employment practices of those firms performing city contracts. We are advised that the ordinance must be posted in a conspicuous place at the contracting firm and that inspections are being made by the city to enforce compliance with the law. Basically, the provision applies to every contract involving city expenditures of more than \$500. Copies of the ordinance (No. 132,533, passed by the city council 8 June 1966) may be obtained from the City Clerk; Room 395, City Hall; L.A. 90012.

NEW OFFICE HELP ANNOUNCED

The Philadelphia firm of Urban Data Sciences is offering a Job/Cost Accounting Service for architects and engineers, and is working with Octagon officials in setting up the program. The service provides the subscriber with computerized information concerning distribution of employees' time, job summaries related to completion percentage and budgeted costs, and job reports which indicate both actual and budgeted hours/costs by project phase. Such information allows for quick and accurate project management and analysis. The chapter has a few reference copies of pertinent data. For information contact the firm at 4901 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia 19144.

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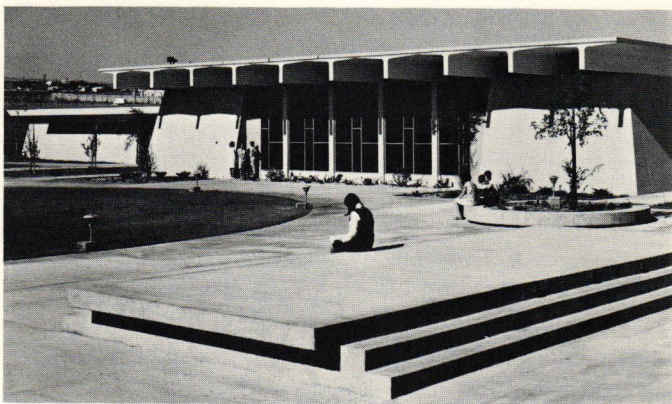
The national automated master specification production system, MASTERSPEC, sponsored by the AIA, is now in operation. Developed by the non-profit Production Systems for Architects and Engineers, Inc.,

it provides a central facility to receive, maintain, evaluate and transmit specification information in concise form. Response to feedback from manufacturers and field experience is a vital part of MASTERSPEC. "Seed money" investment from AIA in the project amounted to \$142,500. PSAE announced that the first project specification was successfully printed out by the computer 20 February in Cambridge for an architectural firm in Frankfort, Kentucky. The chapter office has reference copies of the PSAE brochure, and the fee schedule and subscription application for the new service. For further information write PSAE, 343 So. Dearborn St., Suite 1709, Chicago 60604.

AIA URBAN GROWTH POSITION

The chapter office has received a copy of three statements presented by AIA officials before the House Banking and Currency committee ad hoc subcommittee on Urban Growth last September. The speakers were national president Rex Allen, "AIA Policy on Urban Growth"; John Fisher-Smith, 1969 chairman of national committee on Urban Design, "Importance of Good Urban Design" slide presentation; and Carl Feiss, chairman of the AIA's 1969 New Towns task force, "An Agenda for Action." Those interested are most welcome to peruse the document at the chapter office.

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ROOFTOP GARDENS — WHERE?

City Beautification Coordinator Fred Swan seeks our assistance in locating rooftop gardens within city limits. Those having such data should contact Swan directly: Room 353, City Hall; Los Angeles 90012; phone: 624-5211, ext. 1318.

FINE RECOGNITION FOR AIA

At a recent Century City, week-long conference, hundreds of students and teachers presented to the public the best ways to spend tax dollars on education. Among the award winning films shown to the thousands attending the event were two AIA productions: *A Child Went Forth*, which depicts innovative solutions to ghetto school design and curricula; and *The Noisy Landscape*, illustrating how graphics and signing changes can greatly improve the visual appeal of the community. Environmental-ecological exhibits, demonstrations and lectures on educational programs, and a mobile art gallery highlighted the event. A sincere thank you to Mrs. Raymond Kappe for handling the project which brought much credit to the Institute and chapter.

OCTAGON SEEKS VISTA VOLS

The AIA/VISTA program has ninety positions open for architects and planners at community design centers. Volunteers will live and work for a year in disadvantaged communities in urban areas throughout the country. The design centers will provide a community focus and assistance to the volunteers who will be involved with projects ranging from vest pocket parks to neighborhood planning. Candidates for VISTA who are married must both join as volunteers; though no couples with dependents under 18 years of age may join. For further information write: Steven Cram; VISTA Coordinator, AIA; 1735 New York Avenue, N.W.; Washington, D. C. 20006.

NEW PAINTINGS DISPLAYED

Now adding a colorfully special flavor to the chapter's new Bradbury Building offices are some selected paintings of artist Lee Hill. Her work has been frequently exhibited at the former location of our headquarters. The paintings being shown—all recently completed—demonstrate Mrs. Hill's artistic achievements in the oil and ground marble medium. In this technique, ground marble is first applied to the canvas and when perfectly dry is glazed over with either oil paint and demar varnish, or acrylic paints. Well established in local art circles and a frequent exhibitor throughout the country, Lee is a graduate in painting and design from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

From the Octagon we are informed that three international competitions are available. Project sites are: Vienna, Austria (development of a 2,300-acre area on city outskirts); Milan, Italy (monument commemorating resistance movement and freedom struggle); Karlsruhe, Germany (restoration of the town). Contact chapter office for details.

NATIONAL ADVERTISING EXPOSURE

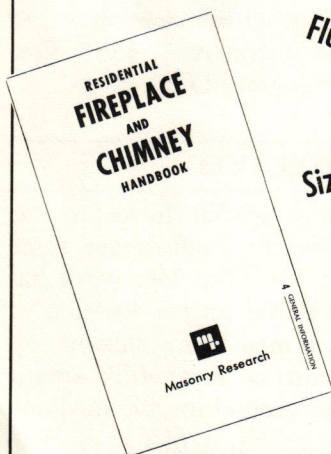
The Institute's public-relations-advertising program has attained excellent coverage. One ad ("From Sea to Shining Sea," sent to our members on reverse of the May meeting notice) is in the May issue of *Atlantic* magazine. In an almost unprecedented move, the New York Times published at no cost the AIA's air pollution ad in February. *Family Health* has run free all four AIA ads in the March-April issues.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Wanted: Architectural draftsman experienced in Type-5 apartment houses. Burchfield/Cobb Associates, Torrance, phone 534-3991.

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CALENDAR

*Chapter committee meetings

- May 23 CCAIA seminar on Professional Liability, Airport Marina Hotel. Registration: \$35, covers lunch.
- May 24 WAL "Sun & Sea Sojourn" at Oppenheim residence, Newport Beach, afternoon until early evening. RSVP immediately: Mrs. Marvin (Ann) Bluestein, 783-0787.
- May 27 *Architects in Government. Call Paul McCarty (624-5211, ext. 1601).
- May 28 San Fernando Valley Section meeting with Producer's Council. Speaker: Lawrence Cope-land, "Jet Propulsion Laboratory Planetary Missions." Queens Arms, Encino, 6:30.
- May 28 Associates' License Exam Preparation semi-nar. Professional Practice (Art O'Leary), History and Planning (William Kelly), Building Equipment (Immanuel Lewin). Building Center, 7933 W. Third St. 7:30 p.m. Also, see Jun 4 below.
- Jun 1 Chapter meeting. Dinner: USC Town & Gown; address in Hoffman Aud. See p. 1.
- Jun 2 Producers' Council annual golf-dinner event, California Country Club. (See p. 8).
- Jun 3 *Building-Planning Code, chapter, 4:00.
- Jun 3-5 Pacific Coast Builders conference. Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco. Material has been sent.
- Jun 4 Associates' License Exam Preparation semi-nar. Site Planning and Design (J. Dewey Harnish, FAIA). Building Center, 7933 W. Third St. 7:30 p.m. Also, see May 28 above.
- Jun 4 *University Education, chapter, 4:00.
- Jun 9 Chapter board meeting; chapter delegates to AIA convention also meet; office, 3:00.
- Jun 10 *Public Agencies, chapter, 4:00.
- Jun 10 Toastmasters, Building Center, 6:00. Jacob Tracht, 652-1804, is current Toastmasters president.
- Jun 12 *Health Facilities, chapter, 4:00.
- Jun 13 WAL reception honoring newly licensed architects. Carl Maston's office, 5:00-7:00. (See p. 4).
- Jun 17 WAL meeting. Details pending.
- Jun 21-25 AIA convention, Boston. (See p. 7).
- Jun 23 *Membership, chapter, 4:00.
- Jun 24 Toastmasters, Building Center, 6:00.
- Jun 25 *Architect as Client, chapter, 4:00.
- Jun 25 San Fernando Valley Section meeting. Robert P. Damico, ecologist, speaks on "Architec-ture and Man's Ecology." Yankee Pedlar Inn, 3820 Riverside Drive, Burbank, 6:30.
- Jun 25 *School & College Clients, chapter, 4:00.

NOTE: The NCARB has initiated procedures for reciprocal certification with the Architects Registration Council of the United Kingdom. Those interested in taking advantage of this NCARB-ARCUK agreement should immediately re-quest application forms from NCARB headquarters: 2100 M Street, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20037; 202-659-3996.

