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THINK ABOUT THIS:

Today, there are as many students enrolled in the schools of architecture as architects practicing the profession. It is inconceivable that we can absorb them into the practices. The business trends will not allow an increase of people at such a multiple rate.

Therefore, it is not surprising that so many of the students do not anticipate a traditional practice nor ever more importantly, do not feel compelled to establish "a practice" as their objective. There is a growing market for their abilities in industry — and why not?

Life styles and needs are going to change over the next twenty years. We are inundated with the problems facing society with each news article, newscast and cocktail conversation. On the bright side, our society is in strong need of those who are environmentally oriented. It's time for us to support and encourage our colleagues who select research design, special social and environmental, as their focus. Those trained in architecture have untapped capabilities. We have a completely new story to write.

To further change your thinking — who is more equipped to design the environment of a spaceship or a space station or a marine station or a "food factory" — who can think in enough detail to utilize every nook and cranny for a purpose and keep the "zombie" simplistic — who has the ability to relate scale to functions? I am certain you all can add to this — and, of course, the answer is **an architect**.

Why then, do we as the or-

ganization that speaks for our profession refuse to change our thinking of the requirements necessary to practice architecture — more emphatically, why then, do we refuse to change the connotation of the "practice of architecture"?

At the AIA convention in Minneapolis, the delegates voted to continue to allow those without a professional degree to sit for the professional exam. The need for the additional year's study is not understood. We, who year after year complain that "everyone practices architecture" squirm when restrictions and constraints are suggested that will insure the quality and capabilities of those entering the profession. Guilt is established for those **greats** who "made it" without a degree **way back** in the "good ole days." When a **practice** was the only route available. On the other hand, the present requirements for registration continue to call for an "internship" or "apprenticeship" under the direct guidance of a practicing architect, i.e., **Office Practicing Architect**. Those aspiring architects who wish to enter directly into the research field or industrial type design are many times jeopardized or even eliminated completely under the present registration system. The exam deals only with material relating to "old fashioned" office practice. The entire situation needs a good look. We need to strive for more than a "historic restoration" of our purpose.

Architecture as a profession will, **without a doubt**, continue, but it will develop another scope, another emphasis. If our organization, the American Institute of Architects, is

not willing to move in the same direction, it will not meet the changing needs of architects. To speak for the profession, it must **be** the profession. It must **lead** the profession.

Think about it.

EVIE ASKEN, AIA
President, MSA

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From the Office of
James H. Karoub,
Legislative Consultants

State legislators, having completed the first six months of their 1981-82 session, have adjourned to their districts to wrestle with the sad state of the economy, voter unrest, and and the uncertainties that come with reapportionment.

They will return to session September 15 to deal with those subjects and many others.

The 1981 session has primarily encompassed three topics: The 1981-82 budget, Property Tax Reform, and a Detroit-Aid Package. The legislature got off to a fast start by passing the budget before Easter — the earliest time in recent memory. The fast start went into fast slide as voters on May 19 overwhelmingly rejected Proposal A, a property tax package that included a 1½ cent increase in the sales tax. Lastly, a series of bills was passed to aid the City of Detroit. Those bills involved increasing resident and non-resident (commuter) city income taxes by 1%, authorization for employee wage concessions, and bonding authorization for the city to alleviate its projected \$120 million deficit.

Throughout the session,

talks revolved around plans to improve Michigan's economy and to enact property tax relief that would not require voter approval. These talks will go on during the summer, but there are about as many proposals as legislators.

Reapportionment plans are being drawn, but until a plan is approved, as is required every ten years, no legislator will know what his or her district will include. That tends to make legislators nervous. With the economy sagging and voter resistance to taxes and regulation rising, being a legislator in the middle, confronted by an angry, rebellious electorate on one side, and uncertain district boundary lines on the other, is not a comfortable position.

HB 4146 — Our toughest battle so far in this session has been to reduce the \$50,000 limit imposed last session on projects requiring the seal of an architect or engineer. The bill had a \$5,000 limit when it was introduced this year, but that level was raised to \$50,000 on passage in the House. After consultation with you and Representative Owen, sponsor of the bill, we had it amended in the Senate committee to \$15,000 and it passed the Senate at that level. The bill then had to go back to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendment. Representative Owen again was very helpful and the \$15,000 limit stayed in, with only one vote to spare.

HB 4061 — would have required certification of architects and engineers to design fire alarm systems. Since the bill was introduced by Representative Sietsema and referred to his committee, we

did not oppose the bill in the House but stopped it when it got to the Senate. Senator O'Brien, Chairman of the Committee on State and Veterans' Affairs, held the bill at our request until Representative Sietsema agreed to negotiate with us. After extensive negotiations, the bill was amended to exclude architects and engineers from certification requirements, at which point we dropped our opposition. The bill still is in committee.

HB 4126 — would require comparative cost analysis of energy systems in construction of public buildings. We have your statement of opposition and will be prepared to act quickly if the bill shows any sign of movement.

In addition to these bills, there are several other bills and issues which we have been working on or monitoring for you. We appreciate, very much, your excellent cooperation in responding to our frequent requests for information and assistance.

AIA ENERGY PROGRAM/ MICHIGAN

The MSA will sponsor three AIA National Energy Programs this fall. The first energy seminar will be September 10 and 11, 1981.

The first program, "Energy in Design: Techniques" (Level 2), is a two-day workshop which focuses on design fundamentals, techniques and options as they relate to energy use. Energy design experts, with the assistance of a workbook, recommended reading material and case studies will guide participants in examin-

ing energy design principles, concepts and tools.

Subject matter will include: programming, internal and external factors, building systems, form and envelope design and energy and economic analysis. The course will aim to bring about understanding of the concepts for integrating energy considerations into the building industry. The program will be aimed at both architects and engineers.

The workshop will be held at the Hilton Airport Inn, Detroit Metro Airport, Romulus, MI. The fee for the 14 hour, two-day workshop will be \$170.00. For hotel reservations contact Hilton Airport Inn, (313) 292-3400.

National AIA will send registration information and brochures prior to mid-August. Return your registration forms early to insure your place at this energy workshop.

AIA WARNS USERS OF DOCUMENTS ABOUT CONFLICTS FROM NEW LAW

The American Institute of Architects has been advised by legal counsel that the latest federal bankruptcy law creates "serious implications" for users of AIA standard form documents; and that certain builder's risk insurance policies are in conflict with provisions of a number of AIA documents.

The AIA Documents Committee admonishes users of AIA Document A201, "General Conditions of the Contract for Construction," that its provision for terminating a contractor who is adjudged bankrupt (subparagraph 14.2.1) is void (with very narrow excep-

tions) under the revised 1978 bankruptcy act (P.L. 95-598).

Document A201 states: "If the contractor is adjudged bankrupt or if he/she makes general assignment for the benefit of his/her creditors, or if a receiver is appointed on account of insolvency, the owner, on certification of the architects of sufficient cause, may terminate the employment of the contractor and take over the site and finish the work."

Effective October 1, 1979, the most recent federal bankruptcy act made such termination provisions null under most conditions. A trustee-in-bankruptcy may proceed under the new law to continue performance of the construction contract after giving the owner adequate assurances of its ability to cure defaults, compensate for damages and perform satisfactorily in the future.

According to the AIA Documents Committee, "Any termination by an owner should be carried out only after a review of the circumstances by legal counsel. Likewise, in new construction contracts, any special provisions about termination should be considered only on the basis of the appropriate legal review. Architects and owners are warned that the performance by a trustee-in-bankruptcy is subject to the close control of the bankruptcy court, and that delays in completion of the project may frequently occur."

On builder's risk insurance policies, the committee warns that owners and contractors may lose coverage as a result of "serious conflicts" between several AIA documents and insurance policies now appearing in the market.

Traditionally, builder's risk

other property insurance policies have contained a provision on subrogation that: "This insurance shall not be invalidated should the named insured waive (in writing prior to a loss) any right of recovery against any party for loss occurring to the property described." (Subrogation is the legal right of an insurer to recover over against a person who caused the loss.) This type of provision is compatible with the waiver of rights provisions in AIA documents.

The AIA Documents Committee reports, however, that builder's risk policies (e.g., Inland Marine) are now appearing which specifically override this waiver of rights provision and even void the policy entirely if "the insured takes any action before or after the loss . . ."

The AIA documents' waiver of rights provision are in direct conflict with some insurance company provisions and could jeopardize owner's and architect's coverage.

The committee encourages architects to make building owners cognizant of this potential problem so they can seek legal and insurance advice. An endorsement to the insurance policy, substituting the traditional language for the language conflicting with the waiver, is a suitable means of resolving this problem.

AIA NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Regional Director John Jickling has requested MSA members contact him if you are interested in serving on a National AIA Committee. Contact John for information at (313) 647-1777.

CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL ARCHITECTS/CALL FOR EXHIBIT MATERIAL

The AIA Committee on Architecture for Commerce & Industry in cooperation with the Society of Manufacturing Engineers presents its First North American Conference on Industrial Architecture, October 4-6, 1981, Hotel Pontchartrain, Detroit.

In conjunction with this important event, the Detroit Chapter AIA will assist in host-

ing a cocktail reception at the Conference on Sunday evening, October 4. A special exhibit of industrial facilities completed by local architects-engineers is planned to coincide with registration/reception to welcome conference participants and speakers.

The call goes out to all architects and engineers engaged in innovative industrial facili-

ties design past, present and future to send examples of their work in the format of black and white or color slides, or 40" x 40" exhibit boards (honor awards format) for inclusion in the exhibit.

Please send all appropriate material to, or contact: Kevin Ratigan (Exhibit/Reception Coordinator), c/o SH&G, 455 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Telephone: (313) 964-3000.

Your response in this matter is greatly appreciated. Let's show Detroit and Michigan as the front runner in the design of industrial facilities that it is.

Program information follows. For further information contact Ted Kurz, AIA, (313) 964-3000, or Dan Toshach, AIA, (517) 752-7311.

FIRST NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON INDUSTRIAL ARCHITECTURE

Detroit, Michigan

October 4-6, 1981

— PROGRAM —

ALL EVENTS AT THE HOTEL PONTCHARTRAIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. Committee Business Meeting
- 5:00 - 8:00 P.M. REGISTRATION-RECEPTION (Versailles Room)
- Exhibition of Significant Industrial Facilities
- Movie: Chaplin's "Modern Times"

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 8:30 A.M. Registration Resumes (West Foyer)
- 9:00 - 12:30 P.M. SESSION I (Versailles Room)
- Opening and Introductions
- Keynote Address:** "On Aims and Measures of Quality — Suggestions on Possible Contributions by Architects"
- W. EDWARDS DEMING
- Audience Questions
- "Human Dignity in the Workplace"
- DONALD F. EPHLIN
- 12:30 - 1:30 P.M. Lunch (Top of the Pontch)
- 1:30 - 5:00 P.M. SESSION II (Versailles Room)
- Psychology and the Work Environment: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow
- Moderator: ALAN R. BASS
- "Changing Technology: Implications for the Design of the Workplace"
- WILLIAM B. KRAG
- "Evaluating the As-Yet-Unbuilt Environment: A Consumer's Guide to Applications and Limitations of Special Psychological Research Methods"
- IRA J. FIRESTONE
- "Technology and Job Redesign: Some Psychological Considerations"
- CARY M. LITCHMAN

— "Worker Response to Changes in the Workplace: Some Case Studies"

JAMES C. SOULE and PETER V. MCGINN

Panel Discussion and Audience Questions

"The Volvo Team at the Kalmer Plant"

KENNETH FRAMPTON

6:30 P.M.

Cash Bar (West Foyer)

7:30 P.M.

Dinner (Versailles Room)

Speaker: "Crisis in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities"

DELMAR L. LANDEN, JR.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 9:00 - 12:30 P.M. SESSION III (Versailles Room)
- "Work Stations in Space: Human Factors"
- JOHN T. JACKSON
- "Work Environment Influence on Quality of Work Life"
- GERE PICASSO
- "Job Design: Facility Design"
- JAMES E. SHIPP
- "Work Station Design: Methodology and Evaluation"
- JOHN R. ADAMS
- Panel Discussion and Audience Questions
- 12:30 - 1:30 P.M. Lunch (Top of the Pontch)
- 1:30 - 4:00 P.M. SESSION IV (Versailles Room)
- "The Potentials of Aging Industrial Facilities"
- JONATHAN KING
- "Architectural Implications for New Work Environments"
- PAUL KENNON
- Wrap-up

MINORITY AFFAIRS/ OUTREACH AIA/ DETROIT CHAPTER

The Detroit Chapter, AIA, will host the AIA Outreach Program in Detroit on September 22 and 23, 1981.

The goals of the Outreach Program are (1) to increase the numbers of women and minority architects by introducing them to the profession at an early age and providing them with role models. (2) Recruit women and minorities into the AIA by introducing them to local Chapter members, AIA programs and component activities. And, (3) Increase the AIA's responsiveness to the needs of women and minorities in the profession through informal means.

On the 22nd of September, the American Institute of Architects will host a reception for local component women and minorities and Detroit Chapter members. On the 23rd the Detroit Chapter with assistance from Chapter members and area firms will host area women and minority students for a one-day introduction to architecture. The University of Detroit will host the morning session followed by afternoon visits to local minority architectural firms.

For further information contact Beverly Sanchez at AIA Headquarters (202) 626-7300.

WE'RE AVAILABLE

For chapter meetings, board meetings, membership recruitment and general information on the AIA, the MSA and the MAF.

Want to know what the AIA is up to in Washington? Want to know how to recruit new

members, keep the present members, entice former members to return? Just call your friendly Regional Director, John Jickling, FAIA, or your headquarters office and let us know what you would like to hear.

Call Ann Stacy, Executive Director at (313) 965-4100 or John Jickling at (313) 647-1777 to schedule a visit to your Chapter. We're Available!

THIEF TAKES BURT SOLAR COMPASS

The Society has received a request from the Michigan Historical Division to give the theft of a Burt Solar Compass the widest possible exposure.

This historical artifact was stolen May 26, 1981 from the Marquette County Museum.

The compass may be identified by the name of the manufacturer — Grant and Crossman, No. 10, Detroit, Michigan — stamped on it.

If you have any information about this item, please notify the Marquette County Historical Society, attention Director, at 213 N. Front St., Marquette, MI 49855. Telephone: (906) 226-3571.

MSA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Detroit Chapter: AIA Members — Alan Cobb, John Czarnecki, William Frederick, Jr., Louis Gauci, Bruce Glasser, Daniel Hagerman, Michael Meldrum, Richard Mysliwiez, Kathleen Reehil, Thomas Soper, LeRoy Stevens and Joseph White. Associate member William Bishop.

Flint Area Chapter: AIA Member — Lewis Philips,

Emeritus — Marcus Reed and Associate Robert Taylor.

Grand Valley: AIA Members — Thomas Morgan, Wayne Norlon, Mark Post, Charles Posthumus and Paul Scripsema.

Huron Valley Chapter: AIA Members — Michael LeFevre, Ronald Lincoln, Anthony Pucci and Robert Schmidt. Associate — Angela Pantazatos.

Northern Michigan: AIA Member — William Roy; Professional Affiliate Sharon Odling.

Saginaw Valley: Professional Affiliate Wilburn Saia.

Upper Peninsula: Associate Daryl Dean and Professional Affiliate Robert Splittgerber.

Western Michigan: AIA Member Frank Lucatelli and Associates Howard Overbeek and Timothy Wedel.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS: CEU RECORDING PROCEDURE

Beginning July 1, 1981, a new computerized system will be instituted for the recording of Continuing Education Units for programs approved through the AIA Professional Development Network. This new system will reduce many of the current recordkeeping problems, and at the same time, increase the number of services available to the membership.

Please direct questions to AIA Professional Development (202) 626-7356.

ANSI DIGEST

ANSI A117.1 (1980) Digest, specifications for making build-

ings and facilities accessible to and usable by physically handicapped people.

The author, Bob Lynch, is a paraplegic and an architect who has specialized in barrier-free design and the removal of existing barriers for sixteen years. He was the original prime mover for the new ANSI Standards, a constant advocate yet critic of the new standards. He has prepared an 8-page digest, with over one hundred drawings to show the requirements. He has added 30 pages of comments and 60 pages of additional information to help architects, building and code officials.

For your copy of ANSI DIGEST send \$15.00 (including postage) to Robert J. Lynch, FAIA, 8325 Via De Encanto, Scottsdale, Arizona 85258.

OBITUARIES

JOHN G. DINKELOO, 63, noted architect and native of Holland, Michigan, died June 14, 1981 following a heart attack.

Dinkeloo graduated from the University of Michigan with an architectural engineering degree in 1942. Dinkeloo, a partner in the architectural firm of Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates, was a resident of Mount Carmel, Connecticut. His wife is the former Thelma Van Dyke.

FRANK E. DEAN, 71, Albion architect and Detroit Chapter Emeritus Member, died February 8th in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dean was responsible for designing the Albion City Hall and several Albion College buildings.