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### NEXT MEETING

Time: Dinner 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25th  
Place: Architectural League  
Subject: ~~Some~~ proposals of national interest and discussion of Brunner Scholarship.

In as much as the Annual Meeting of the Institute has been called off this year, as noted elsewhere in this issue, our Chapter meeting can not very well be called a "Pre Convention" meeting. We will however discuss several proposals which this Chapter wishes to put before the A.I.A. Board of Directors at our meeting as scheduled.

Our Resolutions Committee, headed by Mr. Julian Clarence Levi, will present these proposals, and any others which may be sent in meantime.

Proposals to be submitted, which need not be in resolution form, must be in Mr. Levi's hands by April 22nd at the latest.

The 1944 Brunner Award will be the main topic of discussion. See article herein entitled "City Living".

### "PLAN NOW"

This slogan, superimposed upon the seal of the A.I.A. appears on the face of the April Bulletin of the Institute. It was issued as a sticker by the Cleveland Chapter, which is willing to supply additional stickers at the cost rate of \$5.00 per 1000.

The New York Chapter has ordered 1000 for use on its correspondence.

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### POSTPONEMENT OF CONVENTION

Every member must by now have received the special Bulletin No. 3, announcing the cancellation of the Institute Convention, which had been scheduled for the first week in May in Indianapolis. The reasons for postponing the Annual Meeting this year are fully set forth in the Bulletin.

A few extra copies are available at the Chapter Office for those, who through some fluke in the mails, have not received this notification.

Your attention is called to the fact that the Board of Directors of the Institute will meet nevertheless, as well as the Chairmen of certain Institute Committees whose functions are related to the profession's part in the war effort.

### CITY LIVING

The Brunner Scholarship this year is to be awarded for a project which is timely and realistic and should be a boon both to the public as well as the architectural profession.

Briefly it proposes to make the processes and objectives of planning intelligible to the public, and thus to establish the position of the architect as a professional who is not only technically skilled, but intensely concerned as a citizen in the well being of his fellow citizens and their environment.

Its purpose is to acquaint the largest number of people with the concrete gains to be realized through planning.

It is proposed to carry out this program by means of graphic illustrations, popular publications and a travelling exhibit.

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CITY LIVING

The Bureau sponsoring this year is to be awarded for a project which is timely and realistic and should be a boon both to the public as well as the architectural profession.

Briefly it proposes to make the most use and objectives of planning facilities to the public, and how to establish the position of the architect as a professional who is not only technically skilled, but intensely concerned as a citizen in the well being of his fellow citizens and their environment.

Its purpose is to awaken the largest number of people with the ever increasing gains to be realized through planning.

It is proposed to carry out this program by means of graphic illustrations, popular exhibitions and a traveling exhibit.

The author of this plan and the winner of the award is a member of this Chapter, Simon Brumner.

BEST LECTURE

Time: March 7 and Tuesday, April 1934  
 Place: Architectural League  
 Subject: Some proposals of national interest and discussion of Brumner Scholarship

Inasmuch as the Annual Meeting of the Institute has been called off this year, as noted elsewhere in this issue, our Chapter meeting can not very well be called a "pre-convention" meeting. We will however discuss several proposals which this Chapter wishes to put before the A.I.A. Board of Directors at our meeting as scheduled.

Our Resolution Committee, headed by Mr. Julian Clarence Levi, will present these proposals, and any others which may be sent in meantime.

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The 1934 Brumner Award will be the main topic of discussion. See article herein entitled "City Living".

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Mr. Breines won in 1932 one of the American prizes in the International Competition for the Palace of the Soviets; in 1937 he was invited with Frank Lloyd Wright to attend the Architect's Congress in Moscow. His firm of Pomerance and Breines were the American Architects for the Pavilions of Sweden, Yugoslavia and the U.S.S.R. at the New York Worlds Fair in 1939.

The Chapter's Education Committee, under whose aegis the Brunner Award is given, will discuss the plan at our next Chapter Dinner on April 25th. Their program is a large one and its implications are national rather than local. They believe that this is an opportunity to serve the public by giving a clarity and direction to the tremendous desire for improving living conditions after the war.

#### CANDIDATES

The following names have been submitted for Institute membership:

1. Percy Cashmere  
Sponsors: Charles W. Beeston  
George A. Boehm
2. Rudolph J. Hofer, Jr.,  
Sponsors: Henry Boak  
Elliott L. Chisling
3. Joseph Bernard Klein  
Sponsors: Marcia Mead  
George J. Cavalieri
4. Clinton Fred Loyd  
Sponsors: Kenneth Reid  
Arthur O. Angilly
5. Clement V. Tillion  
Sponsors: Frederick L. Ackerman  
Charles G. Ramsey

#### FORA

The Chapter's first forum on Technics was a signal success. The panel discussion on radiant heating, held March 28, was attended by over 100 architects with a generous sprinkling of engineers; this in spite of the fact that the meeting was called for 8 p.m., no dinner included, and was staged on Primary Day when all bars were closed.

Kenneth Stowell's technique as Moderator defied all criticism, as with light but firm taps of his gavel he limited each speaker to his allotted time, and kept the interest of his audience keyed up to the close of the session at 10 p.m.

The experts were T. Napier Adlam, well known heating expert, Alfred L. Jaros and Leon Munier, consulting engineers, and L. P. Herrington, Director of the Pierce Laboratory.

A number of questions had been sent in in advance and more were asked from the floor, but none seemed to stump the experts as nearly all were questions in search of information rather than attempts to catch the experts off guard.

The audience was asked its preference as to the hour of meeting and the majority were in favor of starting promptly at 8 p.m.

The next in the series, scheduled for May 23, will accordingly begin promptly at 8 p.m. and will take up the subject of "Paints and Coatings".

