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COMING EVENTS

January 18, Saturday	Riverside Hospital Boonton, New Jersey 11: A.M.	Hospital and Health Committee Field Trip
January 23, Thursday	Gallery A - 12:30	"Regular Meeting" Election of Committee on Nominations
January 28, Tuesday	Technical Luncheon Gallery A - 12:30	Carl Linn, Landscape Archi- tect & Consultant "Living Sculptures"
February 28, Friday	Metropolitan Club	New York Chapter's Anni- versary Dance

HOSPITAL AND HEALTH COMMITTEE FIELD TRIP

A tour of the Riverside Hospital, Boonton, N.J., is scheduled for Saturday, January 18th at 11 o'clock. Arrangements have been made by James B. Bell, A.I.A. First hand information relating to the operating performance of the 2000 bed hospital for its first twelve months should be sufficiently instructive and rewarding to well justify the trip. There is limited car accommodation. Interested persons may confirm with Mr. Bell, MU 9-0190. Lunch can be had at the Hospital Cafeteria.

BY CAR: After leaving Lincoln Tunnel take S3 to Route 46, stay on Route 46 for about 25 miles and turn right at sign to Mountain Lakes. Go through Mountain Lakes to Dels Village Shopping Center. Hospital is located a block and a half after the Shopping Center.

BY BUS: Take Lakeland Bus at Port Authority Bus Terminal, Station 71, to Dels Village, Boonton, New Jersey. Bus leaves every hour on the half hour. Fare is \$1.10 each way. Trip takes 50 minutes.

THE ARCHITECTURE OF DIPLOMACY

One of the outstanding exhibits of the year is now showing at the Architectural League through January 10th -- an exhibition of Embassy and Consulate Buildings commissioned by the Department of State. Sponsored by the Architectural League and the New York Chapter, A.I.A., together with Architectural Forum and Life Magazine, the exhibit represents the work of 30 different architectural firms, 6 of which are members of the New York Chapter. Based on the theme that "Good Architecture is Good Government" the representative architects were directed by the Advisory Board to use a direct and fresh approach and thereby achieve a distinguishable American flavor. American Architecture and the American Architect need have nothing to fear if these Embassy and Consulate Buildings are examples of the new century that beckons.

COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

The 1958 Building Products Literature Competition is jointly sponsored by the A.I.A. and the Producers' Council, Inc. Nominations may be made by Institute Chapters and members by forwarding the Title of the Document, the name of its Producer, clearly showing date of publication, without fee, to the Technical Secretary, A.I.A., 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. All entries and nominations must be received by the A.I.A. offices not later than March 1, 1958. Submissions will be judged in four classifications as outlined in the official announcement available upon request from the A.I.A. Washington headquarters.

The A.I.A. has announced the Tenth Annual Program of National Honor Awards to be made for distinguished accomplishment in Architecture by an American Architect for any building in the United States, or abroad, completed since January 1, 1953. Entry slips may be obtained from the A.I.A. headquarters, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. and must be submitted with registration fee of \$10.00 prior to February 11, 1958.

Entries for the fifth annual Journalism Awards, will be received up to January 30, 1958 by the A.I.A., 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington 6, D.C. A first prize of \$500. and a second prize of \$250. is given to the writer of the best news story or feature story published in either a U. S. newspaper or magazine during 1957. Entries may be submitted by either the writer or publisher.

HONORS

The National Institute for Architectural Education Board of Trustees elected the following Board members to serve as officers for the coming year: Chairman, Giorgio Cavagliari, A.I.A.; Vice Chairman, Joseph Judge; Secretary, Arthur S. Douglass, Jr., A.I.A., connected with Sweets' Catalogue Service; Treasurer, Otto J. Teegen, F.A.I.A., State University Architect, State University of New York.

ANNOUNCEMENT

When plans were drawn up for the new elementary school in Galesburg, Ill., someone jotted down the notation "sidewalks in red." The note was intended to point out the location of the sidewalks on the plans. But the contractor figured the note meant exactly what it said. Result - the school opened this fall completely surrounded by red sidewalks.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE DINNER

Solar Energy proved to be a most apropos topic for the Technical Committee's December 4th Dinner Meeting. Mr. John I. Yellott's informative and interesting lecture drew an exceptionally large and attentive group despite a blustery evening. All present certainly found the speech stimulating as to the application of solar energy to architecture.

Mr. Yellott's explanation of a potential lack of conventional heating fuels in the not too distant future clearly shows the necessity of extensive research in the solar energy problems and the application of the same. The year 2000 will show a definite shortage of these fuel deposits. Atomic energy will carry a large portion of the electric generating load and solar energy will be used extensively for space heating and cooling. Thus, more efficient heat storage units and a simple heat-operated refrigeration system are the two most important developments to be achieved for wide-spread, economical usage of solar energy.

Slides, followed by a general discussion period, illustrated Mr. Yellott's technical subject. Of special interest to the assembled architects, slides of the various winners and entries in the "International Solar House Architectural Competition" were shown -- several of these appearing to be excellent solutions for "Living With The Sun".

THE ARCHITECT-IN-TRAINING PROGRAM LAUNCHED

"A major event in the history of the Institute and in the expansion of AIA services to the profession is the inauguration of the Architect-in-Training Program.

"It is recognized by the professional schools and the registration laws that the school cannot produce the completely trained architect. Education for the profession is a life-long process and this particular phase between college and registration is a vital part of the young architect's continuing education, preparing him to take his place in the profession as a competent practitioner.

"Inasmuch as the architectural profession cannot, by the nature of its operations, establish an intern program such as that operated by the medical profession, the initiative and the continuity must be provided largely by the candidate himself.

"The procedures have been kept as simple as possible to avoid excessive organizational and paper work at the chapter level. The candidate, a degree-holder who intends to seek registration, enrolls directly with the AIA and receives from the Octagon a Log Book including sufficient recording forms for three years of office experience, a Log Book supplement which contains valuable references and material for continuing self-education, and a certificate of his enrollment as an Architect-in-Training. All enrolled candidates will receive from time to time additional material for the Log Book supplement which includes references to all of the leading professional, technical and scientific organizations and trade associations in the building industry. The program has been approved by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards although there is no official relationship between the candidate's Log of experience and the registration board of the state in which he seeks registration. The primary purpose of the program is not the achievement of registration but the enhancement of the candidate's continuing education in connection with his period of office experience.

"The responsibilities and duties of the AIA chapter are to provide one or more advisers from among the chapter membership, assign candidates in the chapter area to an adviser, and arrange for at least one conference per year between adviser and candidate. Candidates, whether or not Junior or Associate members of the chapter, will be expected to participate in all educational and technical meetings conducted by the chapter. It is anticipated that in chapters where there may be a considerable number of candidates they may work with the chapter officers in the development of special courses for their benefit. Initially the program is limited to degree-holders. Later enrollment will be available to non-degree men screened by chapter committees.

"The employer architect has only one official responsibility. To initial the quarterly record sheets showing distribution of the candidate's time according to type of work, type and size of building. Employer's endorsements of the record sheets are for correctness of time records, not appraisal of the quality of work performed. Unofficially it is assumed that the employer, in the tradition of the profession, will be interested in the progress of the candidate and arrange for him to have the widest possible variety of experience."

(Reprinted from Nov. 1957 Journal, AIA)

The New York Chapter has been conducting one of four pilot runs testing the merit and operational features mentioned in the above transcript. Starting two years ago as a Chapter Education Committee project, 135 Architect-in-Training Candidates were enrolled from the offices with which the members of the Committee were associated, namely, Carson & Lundin; Kiff, Colean, Voss and Souder; Ketchum, Gina and Sharp; Skidmore, Owings & Merrill; Voorhees, Walker, Smith and Smith; Moore and Hutchins; and LaPierre, Litchfield and Partners.

The number was purposely limited to these offices because being a trial run the committee members preferred to have candidates with whom they would be in close contact, thus allowing more careful attention and observation. The Log Book in use was not that which is now prescribed by the National Organization, but a much simpler version which our Chapter deemed sufficient. However, in view of the launching of the national program and implications thereof, the local version will be terminated. However, the record included therein to date can be transferred to the new Log Book which the candidate will receive upon application to Washington.

Applications for national enrollment will be given by his Sponsor to each candidate now enrolled locally. Others who wish to be enrolled can obtain blanks at the Chapter Office. An enrollment fee of \$5.00 must accompany each application.

As these enrollments are approved in Washington they will be assigned Certificate numbers, the Chapter will be advised and members of the Education Sub-Committee for the Architect-in-Training will be appointed to interview the Candidate and start him on his way.

Further questions should be directed to the Chapter Office.

**Sub-Committee on Education in charge of
Architect-in-Training Program**

J. Russell Colean

D'Anson Isley

J. Walter Severinghaus

Kenneth K. Stowell

Otto J. Teegen (Chairman)

NEW YORK CITY - TAKE NOTE

A Charter amendment for all city construction projects has been proposed for San Francisco at the request of the San Francisco Art Commission. The wording of this amendment as suggested by the Northern California A.I.A. Chapter is as follows:

"A sum of not less than one per cent (1%) and not more than two per cent (2%) of the estimated construction costs on all city projects shall be budgeted for aesthetic enrichment of each project, to be used at the discretion of the designer of the project, subject to review by the San Francisco Art Commission. The Art Commission may act to disallow expenditures of this fixed percentage in those cases where expenditure seems unwise or inappropriate."

The above recommended percentage is based on a study which showed that many foreign cities and countries have such laws, with percentages ranging from 1/2% to 5% and averaging around 1 1/2%. The phrase "aesthetic enrichment" is used to broaden the possibilities beyond formal painting and sculpture, and the term "designer" is used with the recognition that certain types of city structures may be designed by engineers or others than architects. The final sentence giving the Art Commission the final authority in disallowing this type of expenditure should obviate criticism, and places the discretion in this matter in the proper hands.

PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

Although the goal of \$20,000 for financing a Chapter public relations program has not been quite attained, the program itself will be officially launched January 1, by Edward Gottlieb & Associates, counsel retained for this important Chapter activity.

Additional financing is needed to give the Chapter the best possible program. Some firms and individuals have promised contributions immediately after the New Year. Some for one reason or another have overlooked the matter. In either case, send your check today to the Chapter office!

The program itself will be guided by the Executive and the Public Relations Committees. Your suggestions will be welcomed by members of either group. Details of the campaign will be reported regularly in Oculus.

These firms and individuals have contributed as of December 15, 1957, to make possible a public relations program for the New York Chapter of The American Institute of Architects.

Carson and Lundin; Kahn and Jacobs; Voorhees, Walker; Smith & Smith; J. Gordon Carr; Goldstone and Dearborn; Carl B. Stoye; George Cooper Rudolph; H. I. Feldman; Hood and Manice; Charles K. Hirzel; Giorgio Cavaglieri; Frederick Rhine-land King; Jeffrey Ellis Aronin; Harold R. Sleeper; Shreve, Lamb & Harmon Associates; Lathrop Douglass, Eggers and Higgins; Urbahn, Brayton & Burrows; Frederick G. Frost, Jr. & Associates; Isadore and Zachary Rosenfield; Ballard, Todd and Snibbe; Adams and Woodbridge; Knappe and Johnson; Edgar A. Tafel; Beeston and Patterson; Olindo Grossi; Alexander Capella; Henry Kohler; Philip Bartlett; DeRose and Cavalieri; N. Gokbelen; Henry Scheffer; Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill; Philip Johnson Associates; Pomerance & Breines; Eldredge Snyder; Ives, Turano & Gardner; George Nelson; Henry Klumb; Stanley Howard Pansky; Chester B. Price; Brown & Guenther; Welton Becket and Associates; C. Dale Badgeley; Brown, Lawford and Forbes; A. F. Gilbert & Son; Gehron & Seltzer; Ferrenz and Taylor; Ronald Allwork; A. Gordon Lorimer; Albert Kennerly; Joseph and Vladeck; Sherwood, Mills & Smith; Harrison & Abramovitz; Kelly & Gruzen; Daniel Schwartzman; Armand P. Bartos; Vladimir Morosov; Julian Clarence Levi; Mortimer Freehof; Chapman, Evans & Delehanty; Moore & Hutchins; John Harold Barry; Abram Bastow; Mathew W. Del Gaudio; Fellheimer and Wagner; William J. Freed; Holden, Egan, Wilson & Corser; Rogers & Butler; William Lescaze; John N. Linn; Francis L. S. Mayers; George G. Miller, Aldo Miraglia; Adolf L. Muller; Schoen & Hennessy; Powers & Kessler; Edgar I. Williams; York & Sawyer; Sidney Wright Toman; Office of Alfred Easton Poor; McKim, Mead & White; Persich & Giacopelli; William & Geoffrey Platt; Otto Teegen; John B. Dodd; Hugh Ferriss, Fordyce & Hamby; Bruce Campbell Graham; Gugler, Kimball and Husted; Kramer and Kramer; LaFarge, Knox & Murphy; Alfred Shaknis; Starrett and Van Vleck; Lester C. Tichy; Brother Cajetan J. Baumann; Alonzo W. Clark, III; Crow, Lewis & Wick; Miguel Ferrer; Max H. Foley; Al Gartner; Gillet Lefferts, Jr.; Nelson B. Mead; Harry M. Prince; Robert J. Reiley & Associates; Richard R. Scherer; Bonnell Irvine; Walter McQuade; Joseph C. Hazen, Jr.; Richard A. Miller; Douglas Haskell; Paul Grotz; Fulmer and Bowers; Bloch and Hesse; Copeland, Novak and Israel; Kenneth H. Ripnen Company, Inc.; G. Harmon Gurney; Reginald E. Marsh and Associates; Bernard Prainito; Alan Burnham; Victor F. De Masi; George M. Schofield; Peter S. Van Bloem; Rene O. Ramirez; Walter Prokosch; Emery Roth & Sons; Katz-Waisman-Blumenkranz-Stein-Weber; Victor Gruen Associates Service Corporation; G. E. Kidder Smith; Frederick C. Genz; Adam Krivatsy; Cross & Son; Stanley J. Shaftel; Maurice Gauthier.

TRAVEL NOTICES

Those desiring to tour South America during the month of February should contact the United States Travel Agency at 807 15th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C. The trip will be led by Mr. John R. Fugard, F.A.I.A., Chairman of the Institute's Committee on International Relations. Mr. Fugard will be assisted by Richard Walker, F.R.I.B.A.

Australian architect, Emmil Browne, age 27, intends making an architectural and geographical tour of the United States by car leaving New York in March and returning to New York in June. Mr. Browne would like to take an architect or architects interested in such a trip and willing to assist with driving. Further information may be received by writing Mr. Browne at 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York 28, N.Y.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for Scholarships to the Cranbrook Academy of Art will be received until March 1, 1958 by the Registrar, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Scholarships of \$1,000. each covering full tuition fees and partial fees for board and room plus several \$550. scholarships covering tuition only are available to talented students for advanced study in Architecture or related arts.

In February, 1958, the Pratt Institute School of Architecture will offer a program of graduate studies - Planning leading to the degree of Master of Science. This program is offered to applicants who have received degrees in Architecture, or other programs related to advanced planning. Two or more years of full-time work will be required to complete a series of studies satisfactory to the faculty and to the staff of consultants. For further information contact Olindo Grossi, Dean of Architecture at Pratt Institute.

A one-year scholarship, valued at \$675, has been given to Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, to defray tuition costs for a student in the Interior Design Department of the Institute's Art School.

NEW BOOKS

Buildings For Industry
by the editors of Architectural Record
F. W. Dodge Corporation - \$9.75

A Testament
by Frank Lloyd Wright
Horizon Press, New York

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

House Consulting Committee - Guerino Salerni
Civic Design Committee - Anthony J. Varnas

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The New York Chapter extends its welcome to the following new members who have chosen to join the A.I.A. and actively support the profession:

Corporate

William Henry Ahrens
George M. L. Gill
Roger W. Leliwa-Tyszkiewicz

Associate

Vito Vincent Ciaravino
Donald C. N. Mow

CANDIDATES

Information regarding the qualifications of the following candidates for membership will be considered confidential by the Admissions Committee.

Corporate Membership

Peter Jost Blake
Pier L. Cherici
Horacio Diaz

Associate Membership

Fred V. Chomowicz	Sponsors: Morris Ketchum, Jr. and D'Anson Isely
Andre Kianitzine	Sponsors: Alfred Shaw and Sigurd Naess
Peter J. Lopez	Sponsors: Nicholas J. Senesey and Harry P. Jaenike
Michael Maas	Sponsors: Roland Wank and Steward Wagner