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PENN PALS: Architects and writers, including many Chapter members, picketed Pennsylvania Station early this month as AGBANY (Action Group for Better Architecture in New York) sought to stop its demolition and replacement by a new Madison Square Garden-hotel-office building complex. Left to right: Attorney Raymond Rubinow, Author Jane Jacobs, Mrs. Eero Saarinen, Architect Philip Johnson. Photo by Walter Daran for Architectural Forum.

CHAPTER BACKS PRESERVATION OF PENN STATION COLUMNS

By Charles K. Robinson

The Executive Committee of the Chapter has unanimously approved a City Parks Department proposal to preserve some mementos from Pennsylvania Station, which is slated for destruction according to present plans.

The proposed project is a Mall, designed by Pratt Institute students, which would provide for a double row of 18 Doric pink granite columns salvaged from the station's exterior (photo). Each of the columns would be topped with an eagle, also from the station. The Mall would place the columns in a formal pattern from Bowling Green to Castle Clinton in Manhat-

tan's Battery Park. It is expected that it would be used as a future starting point for Broadway's numerous ticker-tape parades, and would provide a striking approach to Castle Clinton and the New York Harbor from the Wall Street area. This section of Manhattan is frequently visited by tourists who ride the nearby ferry boats

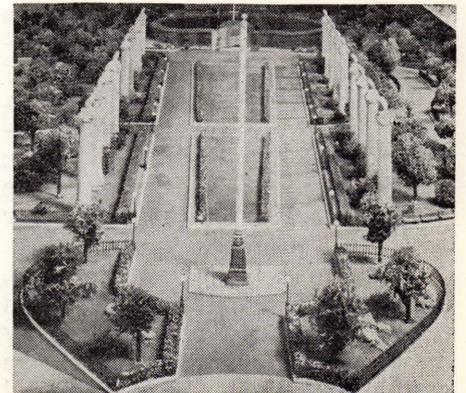
to the Statue of Liberty and Staten Island.

The committee voted approval of the project after a presentation by Morris Ketchum, Jr., on May 31. In a letter to Parks Commissioner Newbold Morris the committee said that "even without the mementos of Pennsylvania Station the Mall is a fine idea."

The committee noted that the approaching demolition of Penn Station is a "major tragedy" for the city, but offered the Parks Department their "support, encouragement and best wishes for the successful accomplishment of this exciting proposal."

The plan approved by the Executive Committee is one of several that have been proposed. These include other schemes by the architectural department of Pratt Institute and at least one New York City architect, suggesting use of Penn Station relics in Central Park, Prospect Park, Fort Tyron Park and other locations through the city.

The Parks Department has no present plans to go ahead with the proposed mall. However it is expected that elements from the station will be preserved during the proposed demolition and cleaned to await their eventual placement.



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HOW TO GET CREDIT

Most of us have seen stories and/or photos of buildings published without credit to the architect. What can the individual architect and firm do to help assure that they are credited when their work is published?

First, newspapers generally will mention the architect if his name appears in the press release or photo caption announcing the building. On the other hand, editors generally will not go out of their way to determine who the architect is if he is not named.

Therefore, the best way to assure published credit is to be named in press releases and announcements. To accomplish this the architect should prevail upon his clients to recognize his work in appropriate releases. While a client is under no obligation to include architectural credit in its news announcements (unless contractual arrangements specify otherwise), experience indicates that they are not reluctant to do so when properly approached.

To carry this a step further, some architects have found it effective to have their own public relations people either prepare the press materials for their client or assist in the preparation.

There may be instances where, although these steps have been taken, a newspaper continually omits the architect's name. In such a case it is advisable to call this situation directly to the attention of the city editor and/or real

estate editor and discuss it with them personally.

The Chapter wages a continuing campaign to see that architects are properly recognized for their creative endeavors. If you have any specific problems contact the Public Affairs Committee or the Chapter's P. R. counsel.

HARRY B. RUTKINS, AIA

Harry B. Rutkins, 59, architect and zoning expert, died suddenly while in the Municipal Building last month. He lived at 40 West 77th Street, New York.

Mr. Rutkins was an associate of Eggers and Higgins, and had served for five years as Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Chapter. He was an active member of the New York State Association and the New York Society of Architects as well as a member-at-large of the City Planning and Zoning Committee. In this latter capacity he was instrumental in forming the new zoning laws. A native New Yorker, Mr. Rutkins was a graduate of Stuyvesant High School and City College.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Sylvia Rutkins, a daughter, Amy Beth, and four sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Riverside Memorial Chapel, 76th St. at Amsterdam Ave. on July 26th. To his family and friends, the Chapter extends its deepest sympathies.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY NEWS

The Women's Auxiliary of the New York Chapter is planning a House Tour on Tuesday, October 16, 1962 from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. during which the homes of the following will be visited:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Creighton,
342 East 69th Street

Mr. Edwin Harris, Jr., 232 East
68th Street

Mr. and Mrs. Allmon Fordyce,
35 East 35th Street

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Allwork,
254 East 49th Street

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Cutler,
17 West 54th Street

Announcements will be sent out in September. Tickets will be \$5.00. All proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETS WITH FIRE CHIEFS

On Wednesday, July 11th, the Chapter Hospital and Health Committee, led by its chairman, Alonzo Clark, and Public Agencies Subcommittee Chairman Armand Burgun, met with Fire Chief George David and Assistant Chief Thomas J. Hartnett. In a spirit of friendly cooperation the committee urged that the department's rules and orders be combined and published in the form of a Fire Code; that filing routines for hospitals be simplified by the establishment of a single office within the department which would receive plans and route them to the various bureaus and sub-sections; that plans be formally approved after examination and that subsequent inspections be for the purpose of verifying conformance with approved plans. In the same cooperative spirit Chief David indicated his agreement with some of the proposals. All suggestions were taken under advisement. Other committee members present were Roger MacPherson, Dr. Sigmund Friedman, and Isaiah Ehrlich.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

The New York Society of Architects is accepting nominations for the Sidney L. Strauss Memorial Award for 1962. An award of a medal and certificate will be conferred upon an architect or any other person who has rendered outstanding service in behalf of the architectural profession within the past five years.

Nominations should be submitted to George J. Cavalieri, in care of the Chapter office, before Sept. 1.

LETTERS

Sirs:

The little flyer outlining the committee activities of the Chapter is an attractive and informative piece of work. I've put it in my active file.

Richard B. Snow

P.S. The OCULUS has been attractive and informative all year, too. As an Editor Emeritus (a self-bestowed title) I know how much hard, detailed work that means.

In Oculus, October 1960 there was a "President's Message" outlining hopes for the incoming administration and exhorting the membership to greater participation in Chapter affairs. In the intervening 21 months some of the hopes have been fulfilled and participation has been significant in the work of the Chapter's 40-odd Committees. The members of these committees have worked hard and fruitfully, giving generously of their time and ability. They richly deserve our warmest thanks.

General participation, however, has been nowhere near what one would hope for. There are only four Chapter Meetings prescribed by the By-Laws annually. Each one is called for specific and important business, including the nominations for the Committee on Nominations. The attendance at these four meetings was 38, 32, 34 and 36. How can the Chapter express its will and exert its power with such meager representation!

The Meetings Committee scheduled six events. Here the attendance was somewhat better—from 85 for the smallest function to 180 for the Anniversary Dinner Dance. The average of about 118, however, is still not much over 10% of the Chapter's corporate membership, and only about 8% of its full membership.

We hear continual demands from members for better public relations and the Chapter is investing an important part of its resources in Public Relations Counsel. There is the cry for impressing upon the public the proper function and importance of the architect. For years—more years than one cares to remember—there has been the same cry, and there has been unrelenting effort in this direction. Has it ever occurred to each of us that if one half of our membership should start attending Chapter affairs our public relations would take care of themselves? If 500 members turned out for meetings we would have to hire an auditorium. The press would be much more likely to attend and pay attention to the professional's deliberations. What architects say and think and do would become news.

In the past year and a half an effort has been made to encourage the younger architects, and under the able leadership of its chairman the Younger Architects Committee has been very active. There have been as many as 45 at their meetings. Their sub-committees have met 43 times. Yet at the Chapter Meetings these same enthusiastic young people have almost always been conspicuous by their absence.

In October 1960 the President asked for greater communication and cooperation between the various committees. In some cases this has been accomplished. In others it has failed. Duplication of effort and scattering of effective strength is one of the banes of all organizations, especially as they grow in size and complexity. Thanks to our devoted Executive Secretary, the Chapter office has the means of dealing with these problems, if it is kept informed. You are strongly urged to do all you can to concentrate and not dissipate our strength.

There have been notable accomplishments to the credit of the profession in the past year. We have a distinguished architect, Harmon H. Goldstone, on the Planning Commission of the City of New York. We have made noteworthy contributions to the revitalized Board of Education. John Hennessey, a distinguished engineer, is a member of the board. Max Abramovitz and John Moore are on the special Advisory Committee to the board, and L. Bancel LaFarge, Frank G. Lopez, and Alfred E. Poor compose a special panel to advise the board on the selection of architects. Encouraging progress has been made on contractual relations for architectural services on school work.

Max Abramovitz, Simon Breines, and Robert W. Cutler have been appointed to study an overall plan for the New York Civic Center, and the plans are well on their way.

Geoffrey Platt has been appointed Chairman of the newly created Landmarks Preservation Commission and your president is also a member.

The Chapter's Pilot Design Committee is to be thanked for the distinguished Conference on Aesthetic Responsibility which it staged at the Hotel Plaza. Many commendations from all over the country have been received on this event, and the National A.I.A. has given it wide publicity.

Executive Committee

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Close cooperation continues between the Chapter and the City Planning Commission, and with the Housing and Redevelopment Agency. There are, of course, many problems still to be ironed out, but all in all it is difficult to recall a time when the Chapter has been held in such high esteem by City agencies and officials and when its cooperation and help has so often been requested.

There is an inevitable tendency in human nature to grouse about this or that and to expect someone else to solve one's problems. To a degree this is true of our membership. You may be thankful that there are as many as there are who devote themselves tirelessly for the good of all. But if you really want results, put your own shoulder to the wheel and do your part in showing the world that the architect is the leader of the team in all that has to do with man's environment. To paraphrase Lord Nelson at Trafalgar: "The profession expects every man this day to do his duty."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JURY FOR THE MEDAL OF HONOR AND AWARDS OF MERIT

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The committee selected Eero Saarinen, posthumously, as the recipient for the Medal of Honor and Lewis Mumford as recipient for the Award of Merit for 1962. Scheduled regular meetings: one (1).

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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GEOFFRY N. LAWFORD

The Committee on Professional Practice as a whole has held one meeting of its full membership; however, a great number of individual requests for both information and clarification of our Code of Ethics were answered and interpreted during the past year.

It is the Committee's feeling that revisions and adjustments should be made to the Mandatory Standards so as to conform with our current thinking in public relations.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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The committee has been advised by the Executive Committee that action was taken to conform with a request of the Institute that officers elected in the coming Chapter elections take office on January 1, 1963. The committee will therefore submit its full list of nominations for officers and elective standing committees, in accord with the Chapter By-Laws, at the appropriate date.

COMMITTEE ON FELLOWS

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The Committee met five times between July 1, 1961 and the present. Two Chapter members were advanced to Fellowship in 1962 by the Jury of Fellows: Dean Charles R. Colbert for Architectural Design (nominated by the Executive Committee), and Douglas Haskell for Achievement in Literature (nominated by unknown outsiders). Three Chapter Executive Committee nominees were held over by the Jury of Fellows: Eldredge Snyder (in 1961 and 1962); Albert Homer Swanke (in 1961 and 1962), and Henry Klumb (in 1962). Three Chapter members nominated outside official Chapter channels were held over by the Jury of Fellows: Santiago Iglesias, Jr. (in 1962), Donald E. Hatch (in 1961 and 1962), and Richard A. Kimball (in 1961 and 1962).

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

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MICHAEL L. RADOSLOVICH
CARLOS SANZ
WILLIAM D. WILSON

The Committee held 11 meetings between June 15, 1961 and June 28th, 1962. Seventy (70) applicants for Corporate Membership and thirty-seven (37) applicants for Associate Membership were interviewed. These applications were submitted by the Committee to the Executive Committee with a favorable recommendation. Four (4) Associate applicants were also interviewed, but not admitted.

AWARDS COMMITTEE

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JAN HIRD POKORNY

The Committee submitted to the Executive Committee a recommendation for the Sidney L. Strauss Memorial Award given by the New York Society of Architects.

Fred Severud was suggested to the Executive Committee for Honorary Membership in the Chapter. The citation was presented to Mr. Severud at the Chapter's special meeting on June 6, 1962.

The Awards Committee has cooperated with the Producers' Council in recognizing "The New York City Architect's Contribution to the Community." The committee also acted as a jury for this award in conjunction with the Presidents of the other Metropolitan Chapters. This was the first Producers' Council award and entries will be exhibited at various centers around New York City.

BRUNNER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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EDGAR TAFEL
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JULIAN H. WHITTLESEY

The committee has held 12 meetings so far this year and has examined a total of 49 applications for the 1962 Brunner Award. Dr. Dennis Schmiecke of Plymouth, Mich. was the recipient of the 1962 Brunner Scholarship for his proposed study entitled "To Investigate and Develop More Efficient Means of Visual Communication to Implement and Facilitate Architectural Design, the Preparation of Comprehensive Construction Documents, and the Processes of Construction."

Three proposals for grants-in-aid are being considered further at this time: a proposal from the Housing Committee submitted by Henry Whitney, Chairman, entitled "Proposal for Research Study"; a proposal from Sydney Cohn entitled "A Study of the Effect of Comprehensive Legislative Action"; and a proposal from G. E. Kidder Smith to complete a new book entitled "New Churches of Europe."

The committee has been pursuing recipients of previous awards and reports are coming in.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

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A special interim By-Laws Committee was appointed in April of this year to study the necessary changes to the Chapter Schedule and to recommend the revision to the By-Laws required to accommodate the Institute's request that all AIA Chapters conform to a first-of-the-year change-over of Administration Officers and Committee Chairmen.

At the Chapter's Pre-Convention Meeting of April 20, 1962, the membership present voted to support the Executive Committee's action to conform with the Institute's request.

At the June 6th Chapter meeting this committee presented its recommendation to the membership and circulated proposed amendments to the By-Laws. Comments from the membership were invited.

The proposed amendments to the Chapter's By-Laws will be submitted to the total membership in August and voted on at the Pre-Convention Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 20, 1962.

Basically, the new proposal calls for the Annual Meeting to be held the first Wednesday in January in lieu of June. At the Annual Meeting the new officers, new directors and new elective committee members will be installed. In order to maintain a continuity of Chapter activities, appointive

Chapter Committees will continue to operate from September to September. At the recommendation of the Executive Committee, a Vice-Chairman may take over the Committee's activities from the incumbent retiring Chairman at the Annual Meeting in January.

The Committee wishes to express its thanks for the invaluable assistance given by our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Margot A. Henkel.

CIVIC DESIGN COMMITTEE

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ROBERT C. WEINBERG

There were eight meetings of the full committee, one of which was a press conference on the proposed Pedestrian Mall. In addition, there were numerous sub-committee meetings with city officials on various urban renewal and zoning matters, and one in August with the Borough President of Manhattan and the Chairman of the Planning Commission on the Civic Center. This meeting was also attended by the Chapter's Vice-President and the Treasurer. A sub-committee and the Chapter President attended a meeting with the Chairman of the Planning Commission at his home to discuss the Chapter's recommendations for the Commission's activities on the Master Plan and other matters within its jurisdiction.

The Committee continued its work of previous years in support of the new Zoning Resolution and helped in the adoption of clarifying amendments, particularly regarding the regulations for towers. It organized the Chapter's campaign to preserve Welfare Island for park and recreation use and sponsored a meeting on this which was attended by representatives of the Municipal Art Society, The National Recreation Association, the American Society of Landscape Architects, Citizens' Housing & Planning Council, the Citizens' Union, the Park Association, and many influential individuals—all of whom supported the Chapter's position. A press release on the matter won wide support and elicited many letters from private individuals.

The Committee also: 1) lead the campaign against the proposal to erect bowling alleys in Grand Central Station; 2) studied and recommended approval of the West Side Urban Renewal Plan; 3) studied and recommended approval of the Cadman Plaza Redevelopment Plan; 4) recommended approval of the Park Commissioner's proposal for a colonnade along the mall from Castle Clinton to Bowling Green; 5) studied the proposed development at Breezy Point, at the west end of the Rockaway Peninsula, and enlisted the aid of the Brooklyn Chapter; 6) set about preparing a campaign to secure the preservation of Ellis Island as a shrine to commemorate its historic role as a port of entry for immigrants.

PILOT DESIGN COMMITTEE

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ROLF MYLLER
LADISLAV L. RADO
GEORGE C. RUDOLPH

The first meeting of this new committee was held on November 9, 1961; in all there were nine meetings, attended by an average of five members.

The committee organized the First Conference on Aesthetic Responsibility, which was held at the Plaza Hotel on April 3. This conference was attended by some 500 persons, and received wide publicity.

Meetings are adjourned until September when the Committee intends planning the Second Conference on Aesthetic Responsibility.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

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SCHOLARSHIP SUB-COMMITTEE

The major work of the committee as usual has centered on the nomination of a recipient for the \$1000 Scholarship of the Plastering Institute of Greater New York. This year it received 11 completed applications, interviewed five young men, and selected Gert Dieter Thorn of Brooklyn Technical High School. He will be studying architecture at Pratt Institute.

The committee will be concerned next year with trying to broaden the base from which applicants are selected, and to continue the search for additional scholarship funds which might be administered along with those of the Plastering Institute.

ADVISORY SUB-COMMITTEE

The Advisory Sub-Committee held four regular meetings and one special meeting during the year. The three members gave council and advice to 23 young men and women preparing for careers in architecture, both in personal interviews and by letter.

The subcommittee also aided the New York State Art Teachers Association in formulating a program for their annual convention which was held at Kiamesha Lake, N. Y. on May 2, 3 and 4. The deans of the schools of architecture of New York State were invited to participate by sending speakers, and several of their representatives were in attendance.

The subcommittee is working on a condensed reference file of information about the 51 N.A.A.B. schools of architecture. The object is to prepare a one-sheet digest about each school for the Chapter office so that potential students may learn something about the schools. Catalogues have been obtained from all 51 and the digest is about one-third complete.

ARCHITECT-IN-TRAINING SUBCOMMITTEE

The Architect-in-Training Subcommittee met three times during the year. So far, forty-one (41) draftsmen have enrolled in the program through the committee. Members serve as advisors to enrollees, discussing their problems in personal conferences, and have also attended meetings with students at the two schools of architecture. Contacts with enrollees are made (1) by introduction by Chapter members, (2) at schools of architecture (Columbia & Cooper Union), and (3) through such agencies as the N. Y. Society of Architects, the National Institute of Architectural Education, and the Architects' Emergency Committee.

This is the first year eligibility for enrollment has been extended to undergraduates so that part-time employment can now be included in the enrollee's Log Book recording.

STUDENT CHAPTER SUBCOMMITTEE

The Student Chapter Subcommittee was limited severely this past year by lack of active student groups at Columbia and Cooper Union. The main efforts of the committee were necessarily directed toward development of student interest, distributing pertinent literature and the like, in anticipation of 1962-63 activities.

Strong support to this drive was given by Elliott Carroll, of the Octagon, who visited the Columbia student body with Messrs. Eggers and Kupper in an effort to explain the present and future value of Chapter membership to the group. While no immediate activity resulted, it seems certain that Columbia will re-establish its affiliation this coming Fall. The same applies to Cooper Union, it is felt.

An encouraging note came from Prof. Andre Halasz, head of the new School of Architecture at the City University of New York (C.C.N.Y.): in September his school will be prepared to activate a student chapter of 40-45 members. Appropriate action will be taken by the committee through the Chapter to welcome this new group and make it feel an integral part of the life of the Chapter.

Finally, the Chapter contributed generously toward sending a student representative to the recent Dallas convention. This support is deeply appreciated; we trust that it will be continued in the coming year.

FEES AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

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ALBERT H. SWANKE
HARRY J. TRIVISONNO

The Committee has studied public works contracts and fee schedules, concentrating on the Board of Education. It has found that fees for public work have been decreasing over recent years, coupled with an increasing demand for services. Contract requirements have frequently displayed a lack of understanding of professional architectural services. As a result of the committee's work it is expected that a revised Board of Education contract for design services will be forthcoming. Assistance has also been given in the development of a proposed contract for supervision of Board construction contracts. Similar study will involve other public agencies. The Committee feels that this area of architectural undertaking has been working to the detriment of the profession and that strong representation is needed to restore a healthier climate within the entire field of public construction.

The committee has specific studies under way on the definition of "substantial completion" and on various aspects of A.I.A. Form B-121, "Agreement Between Owner and Architect."

Last fall the committee was called upon to analyze the present wording of Article 38 of the A.I.A. General Conditions which deals with the controversial question of "supervision." It was the Committee's position, concurred in by the Office Practice and the Executive Committees, that the present wording of Article 38 needs strengthening, but that the previous wording, "supervise and direct," should not be restored. This recommendation was forwarded to the Institute.

A continuing function of the Fees and Contracts Committee is the study of the "Statement of Services and Schedule of Fees" published in 1960, with a view to amending the format and the schedule in response to current conditions and membership reaction.

HOUSING FEES AND CONTRACTS COMMITTEE

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M. MILTON GLASS
ARTHUR C. HOLDEN
SEYMOUR R. JOSEPHS
RALPH POMERANCE
HARRY M. PRINCE
GEORGE G. SHIMAMOTO

The committee has had several meetings during the year and has accomplished the following:

1. City Mitchell Lama fees have been increased by 15 per cent due to the Committee's activity.
2. An approach has been made to the New York City Housing Authority, looking toward an increase in fees for all public housing.
3. Pressure has been maintained on the State Division of Housing to maintain adequate fees in the State Mitchell Lama program.
4. A clear statement of what should be included in fees, and what services excluded, has been agreed upon with the City Housing and Redevelopment Board.
5. Considerable work has been done on making recommendations for improvement of New York City Housing Authority architects' contracts.

FIFTH AVENUE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

GEOFFRY N. LAWFORD
Chairman

THEODORE J. YOUNG
Chairman (to March, 1962)

DAVID L. EGGERS
Liaison

ROBERT H. McKAY
GEORGE C. RUDOLPH

The committee, along with Messrs. Earl B. Schwulst, Chairman of the Board of the Bowery Savings Bank; Ralph R. Miller, Director of the Museum of the City of New York, and Morris Ketchum, Jr., President of the Municipal Art Society, met and acted in concert as the Fifth Avenue Association Committee on Architectural Awards for 1962. This committee held two general meetings, examined on the site each building eligible for an award, and reported March 30th to the Fifth Avenue Association as follows:

1. Best New Building: 270 Park Avenue (Union Carbide Building)
 2. Best Altered Building: 44 West 53rd Street (America House)
 3. Best Store Front Alteration (2 awards): 683 Fifth Avenue (Air France), and 518 Fifth Avenue (Iberia Airlines of Spain)
 4. Best New Institutional Building: 112 East 64th Street (Asia House)
- The committee's full report may be had from the Chairman on request. Although this concludes the official business of the Chapter's Fifth

Avenue Committee, the committee is remaining active at the request of the Executive Committee to carry out a special assignment in connection with the regulations controlling business signs in the New York City Zoning Resolution.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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The committee met four times to review the portfolios with recommendations made by the investment counsel.

CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS COMMITTEE

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The committee has met four times since last November to consider these questions:

- 1) Is there a need for a new facility for the Chapter, and if so what advantages could the Chapter expect from such a facility?
- 2) What are the probable requirements as to physical spaces, and how much square footage for each?
- 3) What would be the best location in the City? Could we expect to build a new building, rehabilitate an old one, or lease space large enough to meet our needs?
- 4) What are the possibilities for financing such a facility, and how could we best expect to make such a development carry itself financially?

The above questions were reviewed at length. All agreed that new headquarters were sorely needed, and that the organization and planning could be best handled under the leadership of the architects but with the responsibility for the use and the economic burden being shared by complementary organizations. Probable requirements and approximate square footages were established. Several possibilities for financing were explored and the probable revenue resulting was examined. The committee asked for and received the authorization of the Executive Committee to proceed with its investigation with no restriction on the broad concept which the committee had set out to pursue.

The committee is now preparing a report to the Executive Committee stating its findings, and asking for funds to engage consultants to prepare a professional feasibility study examining all aspects of the proposed facility. Following such a study further funds will be requested for the preparation of a promotional brochure designed to display and describe the new AIA Chapter Headquarters. The brochure will be directed toward gathering further support and interest for the project among architects and affiliated organizations, and will be used to enlist the necessary financing. The committee hopes to complete this work in 1963.

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE

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At eight meetings held since last September, this Committee has interested itself principally with the following items:

- Pennsylvania Station — (Preservation of Colonnade)
- Manhattan Bridge Approach Colonnade — (For Bronx Zoo use)
- Village of Northport, L. I. — (Preserving Historical Buildings)
- Village of New Paltz, N. Y. — (Documentation of Houses)
- Library at U. S. Military at West Point — (Attempt to Preserve)
- Old Merchants House — 29 East 4th Street — (Repair)
- Jefferson Market Court House — 6th Avenue at 10th Street.
- Hamilton Grange — 104th Street and Convent Avenue.
- Hyde Hall — Otsego County, N. Y. — (Preservation)
- Richard Morris Hunt Memorial — Central Park at 70th (Repair)

Our interest has ranged from corresponding with persons or organizations sponsoring certain preservations, to detailed examinations and reports by members regarding landmarks such as the Old Merchants House. In addition, the Committee has kept itself apprised constantly of the activities of other groups such as the recently appointed New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the National A.I.A. Committee.

HOSPITAL & HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Four dinner meetings on special subjects were held for members and guests. A chapter-wide dinner meeting was held on February 7, 1962.

Six educational seminars were held for chapter members interested in hospital design.

Assistance was given to Robert H. Jacobs in his research project sponsored by the Chapter. In a series of monthly meetings at the research office, the committee has helped in formulating research policy and preparing applications for supporting funds, promoted publication of Jacobs research reports, and considered expansion of the research activity.

Articles were submitted to *Oculus*. Arrangements were made with the AIA "Journal" for publication of articles on the research project in the August, September, and November issues. An Information Bulletin has been started to keep Chapter members informed on matters affecting hospital design.

Meetings have been held with various Federal, State, and City Departments to promote better understanding and communication between architects and public agencies, to coordinate and codify regulations governing hospital design, and to improve generally standards of hospital construction.

Programs of the special requirements inherent in design of facilities for long term care have been reviewed.

HOUSE CONSULTING COMMITTEE

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During the year the committee:

- 1) Helped form a new Housing Committee under the chairmanship of H. D. Whitney.
- 2) Increased the House Consulting Panel list to over 50 members, publicized the panel in local newspapers, and send the panel list to interested private and public agencies.
- 3) Studied changes to the New York City zoning law and recommended changes to the Chapter for action.
- 4) Answered correspondence to the Chapter that fell under the jurisdiction of the committee.
- 5) Publicized the existence of the file on houses at the Museum of Modern Art.
- 6) Conducted a rather unsuccessful competition on new and altered houses.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

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At the first meeting of the newly-formed Housing Committee on April 4 the following Subcommittee Chairmen were appointed:

On the FHA: Harold Edelman

On Public Housing: Frederick G. Frost, Jr.

On the Housing & Redevelopment Board: Douglas Haskell

Two subsequent dinner meetings were held. It was decided that members' convictions regarding needed changes in local housing programs could best be expressed by drafting letters to the New York City Housing Authority, to the local FHA, and to the Housing & Redevelopment Board for dispatch by the President, in the name of the Chapter.

The first two letters have been submitted to Mr. Woodbridge for dispo-

sition, as he sees fit. The third letter is in process of preparation.

A proposal for a research study covering the minimum physical characteristics of urban neighborhoods for middle-income families with school-age children was approved and sent to the Executive Committee. This project, promoted last year by an AD Hoc Chapter Committee, aims at conducting an initial pilot study, as a means of demonstrating the merits of a broader study for foundation financing. It was subsequently approved by the Executive Committee and transmitted to President Will for National Board information and support.

LE BRUN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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LESTER D. TICHY

During the past year the Le Brun Committee has met periodically to draft a program for the competition, to judge the entries, and to make the award.

After several meetings, it was decided to submit a program for an Architects' Headquarters Building to be constructed in an unspecified city in the United States as part of an urban redevelopment scheme. After several preliminary drafts the committee reached agreement on the final program, which was released to the competitors on January 15. There were 38 entries, judged by members of the committees on April 9. The jury was unanimous in awarding the prize to James S. Daley of Stillwater, Oklahoma. The First Mention was awarded to Dale R. Johnson of Newton, Massachusetts and the Honorable Mention was awarded to Bruno Ast of Champaign, Illinois.

Mr. Daley and his wife left for Europe on June 13, having met with the committee on June 12 for a luncheon at the Architectural League. All members present were very favorably impressed with Mr. Daley and are convinced that he is a worthy young architect who will use the opportunity for European travel to the greatest advantage, and will profit greatly therefrom.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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The activities of the Legislative Committee during the 1961-1962 period were varied and wide in scope. Among them were: matters pertaining to the corporate practice of architecture; legislation concerning exemption from liability for negligence on the part of owners, contractors, architects and engineers; actions preventing the downgrading or lowering of Education Law admission requirements.

Activities also included: amendments to the Multiple Dwelling Law validating plans filed under the old Zoning Law prior to December 15, 1961, and corrective changes affecting several sections of said Law; legislation in connection with the processing of certificates of occupancy, and permissive amendments to existing certificates of occupancy for certain changes in Use under the new Zoning Law; meetings with the Commissioner of Buildings on methods of improving procedure in the processing of applications and plans in the Department; amendments to the new Zoning Law in relation to the interpretation of "complete plans," time limits on the completion of alterations, pending cases filed with the Board of Standards and Appeals prior to December 15, 1961, and clarification of the requirements for public parking garages and parking lots.

Also taken up were matters relating to the rewriting of the Building Code for the City of New York; and meetings with the Chiefs of the Fire Department concerning orders and directives of the Department of importance to the practitioner. From the standpoint of the architectural profession, the results have been beneficial and most gratifying.

MEETINGS COMMITTEE

This year's Meetings Committee, under the able chairmanship of Ern Fuller, opened the Chapter Fall Meeting on October 25th with a new informality which included music and spontaneous dancing. This was followed several months later by the formal Anniversary Dinner Dance held on February

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DOROTHY C. SCOTT
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21st at the Terrace Room of the Plaza Hotel. Attendance at these two functions was 98 and 180 respectively.

Several special discussion groups and award meetings also were sponsored by the committee during the year. In January, Neal FitzSimons of the office of Civil Defense spoke on "Design of Protective Structures," and in March, Nathan Walker spoke on the "Legal Pitfalls in Architecture." Each of these meetings was attended by over 100 members and their guests.

Lewis Mumford was presented with an Award of Merit at a special luncheon in April and Fred N. Severud was presented with an Honorary Associate Membership at the Spring Chapter Meeting on June 6th. At this June meeting two scholarship awards were also presented.

With a change in business address which took him to Cleveland, Ohio, Ern Fuller regretfully resigned his chairmanship of the committee in March.

The present committee and its acting chairman plan to consider further an informal approach for the Fall Opening Meeting and to continue the policy of sponsoring special chapter discussion groups.

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This committee held three meetings beginning in November, 1961 and decided, as in the previous year, to have one large cocktail party and invite all registered architects in the five boroughs of New York who were not members of the New York Chapter.

Mr. Hecht cross-checked lists and we obtained over 670 names in the above category to whom invitations were sent. Chapter members were invited to attend and bring guests. Also invited were newly registered architects and graduate students of Columbia School of Architecture and Cooper Union.

The party was held on March 6, 1962 with Vincent Kling as speaker. Mr. Kling was held in Washington by bad weather, but Mr. Coxe of his staff substituted and presented color slides and descriptions of Mr. Kling's work. There were 80 present: 40 members and 40 prospective ones.

From June 1st, 1961 through June 30, 1962, 70 Corporate Memberships and 41 Associate Memberships have been processed through the Admissions Committee.

METROPOLITAN BUILDERS ASSN. COMMITTEE

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MBA-AIA Liaison Committee met on the average of once every six weeks. Being a relatively small committee, the attendance on the architects' side was good and there was no difficulty in having a quorum when needed.

The committee relationship (MBA vs AIA) has left nothing to be desired. Each side has shown great understanding of the opposite position, with the result that an ultimate resolution of the problem was always achieved. This does not mean that each problem considered was solved to the complete satisfaction of both sides, but either a solution was reached or the problem was tabled as being beyond our ability to resolve.

The specific accomplishments of the Committee are:

1) Acceptance by the Chapter's Executive Committee of the recommendation for the letting of one general contract wherever possible, as opposed to separate prime contracts for the trades.

2) Acceptance by the MBA with minor clarification of the Chapter Office Practice Committee's recommended procedures on Shop Drawings.

3) Recommendation by this Joint Committee to reject all of the Building Congress's proposals on the "or/equal" clause.

Points decided on in committee, but not yet formally recommended:

1) Dates and hours of bid openings.

2) Procedures to help eliminate opening of two or more major bids on the same date.

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Twelve regularly scheduled meetings were held. The results are as follows:

- 1) MODULAR DESIGN: Little first hand information on the practical aspects of its use could be obtained locally, despite two appeals for assistance published in OCULUS. It was decided to drop this item.
- 2) CATEGORIES OF TECHNICAL STAFF AND SALARIES: The results of a circularization of the present and past standards of 30 local offices of varying size were tabulated and made available for distribution to Chapter members through the Chapter office.
- 3) QUANTITY SURVEY FORM OF BIDDING: Virtually no first-hand experience in the use of this method of bidding could be obtained, despite two appeals for assistance. Dropped.
- 4) SEPARATE MECHANICAL CONTRACTS: Committee members, acting in liaison with the M.B.A., continued studying the problems caused by the obligatory separate mechanical and electrical contracts on public work in New York State. (N.B.—The legal requirements were subsequently modified by the Legislature in their final session.)
- 5) STANDARD SUPPLEMENTARY GENERAL CONDITIONS: The Handbook suggested list of Supplementary General Conditions (Special Conditions) was reviewed and modifications are being submitted for consideration in a new edition.
- 6) REDUCTION IN SHOP DRAWINGS: It is proposed to have an open meeting in the Fall with knowledgeable spokesmen representing fabricators, suppliers, consulting engineers, and committee members, to explore the possibilities of reducing the quantity and scope of shop-drawing checking.
- 7) BI-WEEKLY TIME SHEETS: Advantages and format were received.
- 8) POLICY ON MATERIAL SAMPLES: A suggested policy on the handling of material samples submitted for consideration was drawn up and is now being prepared for release.
- 9) CLIENTS INTERESTS: A summary of items of particular interest to clients, from their point of view, is being written.
- 10) LIAISON WITH OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: Overtures have been made to allied professional organizations to develop a working liaison with their committees having similar interests. Favorable replies have been received.
- 11) BUILDING INSPECTION INSURANCE: A possible system of general building inspection, certification, and subsequent insurance, such as that provided by the N.B.F.U., was outlined for further study and advancement at the state and national level.
- 12) OVERHEAD CHARGES: A suggested listing is being prepared.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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The committee concluded its project to assemble the necessary material for a new Chapter General Information pamphlet. The pamphlet lists the various Chapter Committee activities under several general groupings and relates these activities to the overall Chapter and Institute programs.

The pamphlet has been circulated to all members. Additional copies are available at the Chapter Office for use by the Membership and Admissions Committees and for visitors interested in the Chapter's activities.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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In the public interest we believe our most significant activities have been in behalf of the Pedestrian Mall and Welfare Island. The Mall, as the chapter's concept begins to develop, will place New York City architects in an even more favorable public position. Welfare Island was an example of what an enlightened group can do to protect the public interest, and the public obviously appreciated it.

A similar effort is taking place to make sure that Ellis Island is not dese-

crated by "improvements" such as some that have appeared in the public press. Other activities in this area have been Grand Central Station, school design, parking garages, and the call for the appointments of architects to the Board of Education and the City Planning Commission.

In the field of publications, coverage has been wide and very successful in Dun's Review and Modern Industry, Department Store Economy, and Prentice-Hall's Management Letter. Magazines like these are subscribed to by our potential clients. We have worked and are now working with other trade and commercial journals to place articles which stress what the architect does and the economic as well as esthetic necessity of his services.

One of our principal concerns has been working with the other Chapter committees because we believe that their activities provide the basic public affairs material. We have been particularly active this year with the Hospital, School, House Consulting, Younger Architects, Meetings, Brunner, Le Brun, and Publication Committees.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE

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The principal activity of the Publication Committee has been the regular monthly publication of the Chapter newsletter, OCULUS. In addition to reporting Chapter events, committee activities, and other news and features, OCULUS also provides opportunities for members and guest columnists to "sound off" on issues relating to the profession and the community it serves. Contributions are always welcome.

During the year, a beginning was made in the monthly printing of a directory of sponsors whose contributions have helped to sustain the cost of publishing the newsletter.

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The activities of the School Committee for 1961-1962 included:

- A. Increased liaison with the national, regional, and state school committees.
- B. Preparation of a list of significant metropolitan school buildings worthy of inspection by visiting architects and Chapter guests.
- C. New York Board of Education Building and Construction Program Recommendations:
 1. Joint venture with Fees and Contracts and Office Practice Committees on proposed contents of an Owner-Architect Contract in regard to the Administration of the Owner-Builder Contract, and re-drafting recommendations of current contract for architectural services.
 2. Drafting criteria for selection of private architectural firms seeking Board of Education commissions for use by Board's Advisory Committee to select and recommend same.
- D. Luncheon meetings of interest to all Chapter members were held as follows:
 1. "The Impact of the AASA School Building Architectural Exhibit."

Guest Speaker was Dr. Shirley Cooper, Associate Secretary, American Association of School Administrators. Meeting held September 18, 1961, attended by 59 members and guests.

2. "Fall-Out Shelter Protection for New York State Schools." Guest Speaker was Dr. John F. Sayres, New York State Dept. of Education. Held December 7, 1961, attended by 69 members and guests.
3. "The Sound and Furor" — School Planning and Acoustics. Guest panelists included educators, acoustical consultants, and representatives of industry. Held March 21, 1962, attended by 47 Chapter members and guests.

E. Scheduled regular committee meetings were eight (8).

SPEAKERS BUREAU

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As usual, the committee furnished Chapter member speakers for a number of occasions, and again many were the highly welcome type — career day conferences in high schools. Among the organizations served were:

Edgar D. Shimer, Jr. High School, Jamaica (Eustis Dearborn)
Central District #2 High School, Syosset (Mortimer Freehof)
Plainedge High School (Rolf Myller)
Teachers College, Columbia University (Harold Edelman)
American Chemical Society, Elizabeth, New Jersey (Bertram Bassuk)
Furane Plastics, Inc. (Guy Rothenstein)
Senior League of Central Synagogue (Percival Goodman)
Pratt Institute (Giorgio Cavaglieri)

In addition Jeffrey Aronin vigorously pursued his radio programming with WNYC which has provided such a steady architectural diet. Guests who appeared during the year covered a range of distinguished architects, engineers, public officials, realtors, and businessmen, including such visitors as LeCorbusier, Candela, Bruno Zevi, and William Holford.

STEWARDSON FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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There were ten applicants for the second James Stewardson Travelling Fellowship. Of this group five were selected for interviews, which took place on February 20, 1962. The finalists and their objectives were:

Wallace B. Berger	To study urban centers of Europe.
Nesbitt A. Garmendia	To study the architectural elements of proportion and ornamental detail in Greek architecture.
Ronald Gower	To travel in Scandinavia and Italy and interview architects in these countries; to arrange an exhibition of sketches, presentation drawings and working drawings of those interviewed.
Frederick J. Mahaffey	To travel in Italy and North Africa studying and sketching urban and village patterns.
Masami Sato	To study the use of reinforced concrete in contemporary architectural expression.

The selection of a candidate was complicated by the high degree of competence of the finalists. However, Mr. Garmendia's background, modesty of approach, and obvious dedication to his profession resulted in his unanimous selection.

As in the preceding year, the Committee gave each of the other four finalists a handsome volume on architecture, suitably inscribed.

Since the first Stewardson Fellowship could not be awarded until June of 1961, both that Fellow and the 1962 Fellow are now in Europe enjoying the benefits of Mr. Stewardson's bequest.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

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JOSEPH M. RAY

The committee sponsored a series of five lectures on structural systems, covering advances in steel, aluminum, and concrete, as well as building components of precast concrete, and new techniques in reinforced unit masonry. The committee was fortunate in having the active cooperation of Ammann & Whitney; Severud, Elstad, Krueger; and T. Y. Lin & Associates, in providing interesting speakers and visual material.

The lecturers, to whom the committee is grateful, were: Abba A. Tor, Fred Fischer, Jr., Tyg Hermansen, Edward K. Rice and Fred N. Severud. Their papers have been written and edited and the committee intends to make them available along with pertinent bibliographies to interested members of the Chapter.

Representatives of the committee met periodically with representatives of the New York Chapter, Producers Council, for previews and criticisms of presentations made throughout the year to architects by manufacturing members of the council.

The committee is interested in establishing a Technical Slide Library available to the Chapter membership and has continued to investigate means for establishing such a library, but has so far been unable to find a way of financing it.

The committee held ten regular meetings and one informal meeting during the year. Attendance at meetings was faithful. Attendance at lectures was good, varying from 40 to 75, but hopefully can be improved.

VISITING ARCHITECTS COMMITTEE

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During the year the committee has helped more than 260 visitors from some 17 countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North and South America. In the next few months even greater numbers, including a single group of 260 Italian architects and engineers, are expected. The services given ranged from supplying lists of architects' names and addresses and lists of buildings to see, to arranging for a complete two-day schedule of special inspections of buildings for a group of 80 members of the Bristol (England) Building Group.

Among the many architects who have been helpful to the committee, special thanks are due to the office of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, Philip Johnson, Carson, Lundin & Shaw, Emery Roth & Sons, Sidney Katz, and Sherwood, Mills & Smith.

Referral to the committee has come from various sources: foreign and American professional organizations, the State Department, Housing & Home Finance Agency and other governmental agencies, US and foreign building materials manufacturers, foreign magazine editors, and of course individuals themselves planning a study tour of a specific building type, a general student tour, or just a "busman's holiday."

It is expected that in the future the committee will work out a mutually beneficial arrangement with the architectural schools in New York, with students helping as guides for visiting architects and at the same time having the opportunity to exchange ideas with them.

NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR COMMITTEE

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ELLIOT WILLENSKY

The committee decided that its purpose should be to determine how to participate in the World's Fair for the benefit of the New York Chapter and members of the AIA generally. It considered presentation of awards, setting up of exhibits, and maintenance of a reception center for the building design professions. As Vice Chairman of the N.Y.S.A.A. World's Fair Committee, the Chairman discussed these proposals with that committee. The Chairman of the two Committees met with the sponsors of the Better Living Building and received several proposals for use of space in this building. The Committee received information on June 11, 1962, from the Seattle Chapter A.I.A. concerning A.I.A. participation at the Seattle Fair. It is hoped that the Committee will reach a conclusion and make specific recommendations before the end of the year. The Committee invites interested members to join in its work.

YOUNGER ARCHITECTS' COMMITTEE

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During the 1961-62 period we held a total of five general meetings to which all Younger Architects (40 years old and younger, by our own arbitrary ruling) within the Chapter were invited. Over 70 Chapter members were involved, and 43 sub-committee meetings were also held in the areas of Civic Design, Public Relations, Office Practice, and Commissions. Sample projects which have been pursued include: (a) the promotion of a regular series of critical columns on the architecture of specific building and of the city, in one or more New York newspapers; (b) the study of a possible standard brief text for an architect-client letter-contract usable for small firms and/or small jobs; (c) a tabulation of all governmental and quasi-governmental agencies which commission architects, with the system of selection established by each, for possible distribution to the corporate membership at large; (d) a tabulation of all governmental and quasi-governmental agencies in the metropolitan area which influence the form of the city, so that we may inform ourselves of the possibilities of controlling that form, by our Chapter's concerted action for or against specific proposals, and by proposals generated in the Chapter itself.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Albert H. Swanke

The following is a summary of income and disbursements for the period October 1, 1960 to September 30, 1961 and a 9 month period beginning October 1, 1961 to June 30, 1962.

Receipts

	Fiscal Year		9 Month Period	
	10/1/60 -		10/1/61 -	
	9/30/61		6/30/62	
Dues collected	41,360.50		36,574.50	
Sustaining Firm Memb.....	13,685.00		12,912.50	
Document Sale.....	12,581.35		10,892.78	
Misc. Income.....	7.00		55.00	
Interest Income.....	580.17		468.70	
Reserve Income.....	3,468.09	71,682.11	2,908.65	63,812.13

Disbursements

Administrative.....	27,353.83		23,040.12	
Dues to other Organiz.....	4,451.25		5,008.13	
Cost of Documents.....	5,918.77		4,892.36	
10% Dues to Cont. Res.....	4,136.05		3,657.46	
Committee Expenses.....	17,005.63	58,865.53	26,372.92	62,970.99
		12,816.58		841.14
Year End Balance 59/60.....		2,751.09		
		15,567.67		

Transferred to:

New Headquarters Fund.....	5,000.00			
Year End Balance 60/61.....	10,567.67			10,567.67
Balance as of June 30, 1962..				11,408.61

Book Value of Security Accounts

Principal Accounts

Contingent Reserve Fd.....	59,643.20	65,334.98
Arnold W. Brunner Schol....	150,115.34	158,127.47
Le Brun Fellowship.....	36,765.38	36,765.38
James Stewardson Fellow....	57,475.57	58,019.78

Income Accounts

Arnold W. Brunner Schol....	13,251.25	17,102.62
Le Brun Fellowship.....	9,913.56	11,118.69
James Stewardson Fellow....	3,281.28	1,048.33
New Headquarters Fund.....	— 0 —	5,032.90

Audit Reports as of September 30, 1961 are on file in the Chapter Office.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**Peter S. Van Bloem**

Since the Secretary's last report in June, 1961, the Executive Committee has had 22 meetings and the Chapter has had 6. The minutes were recorded with the extremely efficient help of the Executive Secretary, Mrs. Henkel, and her staff. Without her help, we sometimes think that the Chapter would stand still.

Upon the request of the Institute to install officers at the beginning of the year, the Executive Committee acted to extend their term of office an additional six months. It is with regret that your present Secretary must resign, but we are happy to announce the appointment of C. Gates Beckwith to fill the extended term of office.

We record with sincere regret that the following members have passed away during the year:

Corporate Members

Alexander S. Corrigill	Louis E. Ordwein
Hugh Ferriss	Robert J. Reiley
Charles S. Higgins	Karl W. Rosenberg
Henry Hofmeister	Harry B. Rutkins
Louis C. Jaeger	Seth Talcott
William P. Lichtenstein	John V. Van Pelt
Frank P. Malaspina	Cornelius J. White

Associate Members

Lester G. Abramson	William E. Caldwell
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The net gain in membership for the year has been 36 corporate, 7 associate, with a net loss of 106 in student membership due to graduation. There has been a loss in membership in the Columbia Student Chapter owing to a reorganization, but we are heartened by the addition of a new Student Chapter at New York University comprising 44 members.

The total chapter membership is recorded below:

	Honorary	Emeritus	Corp.	Assoc.	Unas.	Students	Total
	8	57	898	285	14	150	1412
<i>May 30, 1961</i>							
<i>Gain June 30, 1962</i>							
New members	1	—	61	34	1	44	
Transferred	—	—	8	—	—	—	
Internal	—	9	11	—	—	—	
	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Gain	1	9	80	34	1	44	169
	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total	9	66	978	319	15	194	1581
<i>Losses June 30, 1962</i>							
Deceased	—	6	7	2	—	—	
Transferred	—	—	18	—	—	—	
Internal	—	—	9	11	—	—	
Resigned	—	—	4	8	1	—	
Terminated	—	—	6	6	—	—	
Graduated	—	—	—	—	—	150	
	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total Losses	—	6	44	27	1	150	228
	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Total 6/30/62	9	60	934	292	14	44	1353
Net Gain	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—	—	
June 30, 1962	1	3	36	7	0	—106	—59

Comparison of today's membership with that of June 1, 1952:

June 1, 1952	Corporate 688	Associate 141	Total members 880
June 30, 1962	Corporate 934	Associate 292	Total members 1,353

PUBLICITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHAPTER MEMBERS

Our public affairs counsel has interested several industrial publications in considering stories on the subject: "good plant architecture is good business." Magazines in the following categories have expressed a desire to do feature articles: leather and shoe manufacturing; candy manufacturing; rubber and rubber products manufacturing; brewing; furniture manu-

facturing; toy manufacturing; adhesives manufacturing.

If you have designed a plant or plants that fall into any of these areas please contact: Mr. Tod Potash, Jack Bernstein Associates Inc., 37 West 57th Street, New York 19, N. Y.

Materials wanted include 8x10 glossy photographs and/or renderings of the plant; photos of the in-

side of the plant and linear plant layouts if available; a description of any unusual use of materials or design features; a brief outline of the production process and how good architecture contributes to its efficient operation; and any suggestions which would keep initial construction costs to a minimum, reduce maintenance costs, allow for future expansion, etc.

ARCHITECTURAL "RETREADING" — WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

By Olindo Grossi, Dean, School of Architecture, Pratt Institute

An increasing number of practicing architects are returning to school today for training. Though experienced and capable, these professionals are discovering the value of later supplementary education in their own practices.

For many years business has sponsored special training courses for junior executives and high-ranking officials. Concentrated weeks of study are subsidized by banks, insurance companies, and even the federal government in an effort to bring people up-to-date in new regulations, techniques, and discoveries. Some major corporations have regular quotas of employees who are sent back to school for more training or the addition of a specialty. Since World War II, the armed forces have been improving the quality of their officer crops in graduate schools all over the country.

The return to school is perhaps one of the most typical activities of New York life. Persons from all walks, who frequently have one or two degrees already, are securing additional training. For architects this trend is to be particularly encouraged; it has been strongly recommended by the A.I.A. The expanding dimensions of professional practice demand that the architect be alert to the change taking place.

The most vivid illustration of the expanding horizon in architectural practice is the new initiative in urban design. Competitions for large-scale redevelopment areas, an increased awareness of urban esthetics, to say nothing of

the demand for solid and systematic city planning, have dictated a larger professional responsibility. And for architects who did not receive adequate training in these areas, the return to school is a professional must.

At Pratt Institute our graduate programs are especially designed to meet this need. Here architects will find graduate courses in both architecture and city planning open to them, and for their convenience almost every course can be taken in the evening. They may attend one, two, or three evenings a week. Either curriculum can be pursued for a master's degree or on a non-credit, special-student basis. For example, many architects have already attended our lecture series designed to familiarize them with New York's new zoning resolution.

For the past several years we have found the greatest interest in urban design, city planning, and research courses. The Planning Department was created to meet this demand, and the courses for the Master of Architecture have been carefully adapted to enlarge the scope of architectural practice in these directions also. In addition, basic design values are repeated for those whose work has kept them busy with other areas of practice.

The large-scale programs in urban renewal and redevelopment have thrust the architect into a maze of governmental regulations and bureaucratic powers. In addition to zoning, subdivision regulations, and building codes, he must cope with changing and enlarging

FHA regulations as well as the Urban Renewal Manual. The mastery of such regulations may not be the most edifying effort, but certainly it is necessary if one is to have a well-rounded practice today.

Another stimulating reason for returning to school is the fun and profit to be found in architectural rendering. Because of business pressures, many architects have forgotten the pleasure of the sketching trip, etchings, lithography, or linoleum and wood cuts. Both the personal satisfaction and fair rewards have stimulated architects to enroll in advanced delineation courses.

Research is a still more important area in which the practicing architect can benefit. For the professional whose academic interest attracts him to deeper study in a specialized area, our research courses are especially useful. Depending upon the field, there may be available some research scholarships, but of greater importance is the opportunity to participate in research projects which are contracted by the Institute.

The secret ingredient which can make all of these "retread" programs successful is the fact that the student with professional experience often gets much more out of his classes—he is a more serious student with a sense of purpose undergraduates often fail to convey. Most architects, in fact, consider themselves students who always have something to learn. And in a widening area of professional responsibility, such an attitude is a good one to have.

COMING EVENTS

SEPT. 12	Chairman and Vice Chairman Luncheon Gallery A, Wed., 12:30
SEPT. 20	N.Y.S.A.A. Pre-Convention Luncheon Gallery A, Thurs., 12:30
OCT. 10	Regional Council Conference, Whiteface Inn, Lake Placid, N. Y.
OCT. 10-13	N.Y.S.A.A. Convention, Whiteface Inn, Lake Placid, N. Y.
OCT. 24	Chapter Fall Opening Meeting, Dining Room, Wed., 7:00
JAN. 3	Annual Luncheon (Election of Officers) Gallery A, Thurs., 12:30
FEB. 21	Anniversary Dinner

CHAPTER BULLETIN BOARD

Negro In Architecture Exhibit:

The Chicago Chapter, AIA, is cooperating with the Architectural Associates of Chicago in assembling information on the role and contribution of Negro architects in the architectural heritage of America. The program is being conducted in preparation for an architectural exhibit planned as part of the 100th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. Pertinent material for the exhibit, and for an accompanying publication, will be welcomed by Architectural Associates, 3329 South Michigan Ave., Chicago.

Regional Council Meeting:

The New York State Regional Council meeting of the AIA will again be held this year in conjunction with the NYSAA Convention, on Wednesday, October 10 at Whiteface Inn, Lake Placid. Chapter members are urged to attend.

Remodeling Competition:

At a recent meeting the jury of the House Consulting Committee's Second Annual House Competition agreed unanimously that the work submitted was not of sufficient quality to merit either Commendations or Honorable Mentions, and that no publicity should be given the results. While the 11

submissions in various categories of remodeled housing were somewhat more numerous than last year, all the jury members knew of work that should have been submitted but was not. Various improvements were discussed for insuring a broader and better contest next year.

Surveyors Needed:

If you are interested, and have the time, you may qualify for the position of Surveyor of Unsafe Buildings. Qualifications include at least ten years experience in building construction and three years residency in New York City. City employees are not eligible. Surveyor's fees are \$50. Contact the Chapter office for details.

WELCOME TO SEATTLE FAIR

The Seattle Chapter, AIA, is maintaining a Hospitality and Information Center pavilion at the Seattle World's Fair, at the northeast corner of the Coliseum adjacent to the Canadian Exhibit Building.

New York Chapter members are cordially invited to visit the center or contact the Seattle Chapter office, 810 Central Building, MAIn 2-4938 for a list of architectural points of interest and other information to make their visit more enjoyable.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The New York Chapter extends its warmest welcome to the following new members:

Corporate

Jonas Vizbaras
Robert L. Aldridge
Paul F. Basile
Robert Cabrera
Henry M. Fournier
Emanuel Manheimer
Henry A. Raemsch
Jerome Rubin
Robert H. Schmerl
Enrique R. Soler, Jr.
Ronald E. Woodward
Joseph Wasserman

Associate

Joseph Belfatto*
Arnold S. Rinaldi
Francis X. T. Crowley
G. J. Mandelbaum
S. P. Papadatos
*Mr. Belfatto transferred from Westchester Chapter

CANDIDATES

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

Corporate

David Phillips Dann
Philip A. Dworkin
Jack Paul Falco
Francis Lewis Ferguson
Anthony Guasco
Arthur Paul Hess
Sheldon Licht
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