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ON THE COVER

High rise apartment building designed to explore the economy and beauty of masonry wall bearing construction, by the firm of Montgomery Greene and Associates; Nanak Manku project designer and renderer. See Chapter Work in this issue.

ANNOUNCEMENT

John W. Lawrence, A.I.A. announces the continuation of practice after February I, 1967 at 850 Sligo Ave., Suite 300, Silver Spring, Maryland. Telephone 589-6181.

LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

You are reminded of the continuance of the Guest Lecture Series sponsored by The Howard University Department of Architecture.

Max Abramovitz will be guest on February 17th and G. Holmes Perkins on March 10th.

All lectures are held at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Architecture Department.

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

The next meeting of C.S.I. will be held on March 21, 1967.

Program — Cast-in-Place Architectural Concrete

Moderator — Sol Rosenfeld

Panel — Harry Robinson - Portland Cement Association

Bill Smith — Symonds Engineering (Form Work)

John Monks — Charles H. Tompkins Co. (General Contractor)

ARCHITECTS ELECTED

Grinnell W. Locke was elected President of The Maryland Council of Architects at the Annual Meeting of its Directors in Silver Spring on January 10th.

A component of The American Institute of Architects The Council was founded three years ago to coordinate the activities of The Baltimore, Potomac Valley and Chesapeake Bay Chapters of the A.I.A. and to represent them on matters of statewide interest.

Mr. Locke, a partner in the Baltimore firm of Locke & Jackson, has served as president of Baltimore Chapter of The A.I.A. and president of The Green Spring Valley Planning Council and is presently Director of The Baltimore Building Congress and Exchange and a member of The Maryland Board of Examiners and Registration of Architects.

At the same meeting John W. Lawrence of Silver Spring was elected Vice-President, Arthur M. Love, Jr. of The Chesapeake Chapter, Secretary and Eugene A. Delmar of Silver Spring, Treasurer. Other Directors are Allen C. Hopkins, Richard C. Donkervoet and Van Fossen Schwab of The Baltimore Chapter, the retiring President Dennis W. Madden of Potomac Valley and William T. Booth representing The Chesapeake Bay Chapter.

IN MEMORIAM

Arthur A. Weidner, 65 — died Wednesday, January 18th at his home in Olney, Md., after a coronary occulusion. He had been hospitalized on January 9th and was recuperating at home when death occurred. Art was a graduate of the U. of Penna. and practiced architecture in Reading, Penna. before coming to Washington to work for the Treasury Department, the War Production Board and the Department of Commerce. He was the originator of the Dept. of Commerce's monthly "Construction" and "Construction Materials Industry Report." Since 1950 Art supervised the construction of the architectural firm of Ronald S. Senseman. He also designed a number of Churches in the Washington area including the Ashton Road Methodist Church which he attended and where services were held.

Art was a member of Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. While he was not often in attendance at our luncheon meetings he was known to many of our members with whom he had worked. We knew him as a fellow worker, a counselor and a friend, also, a fine Christian gentleman.

— Ronald S. Senseman

OUR OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH

Not every generation of architects is fortunate enough to be in the position of expressing precisely his position at a given point in time. In this regard we are an exceptional group for the opportunity is ours, and how we take advantage of it is strictly up to us.

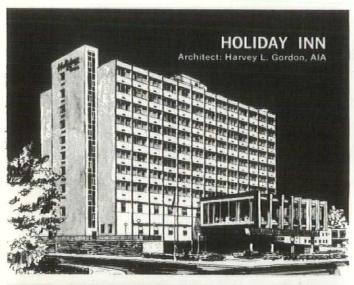
We, the practicing architects of the second half of the twentieth century have the opportunity of erecting a building precisely as we have always said it should be done. We have all preached long enough and some few have been lucky enough to practice on the same plane. However, the opportunity does not belong to this chosen few but to all of us. It is time to practice.

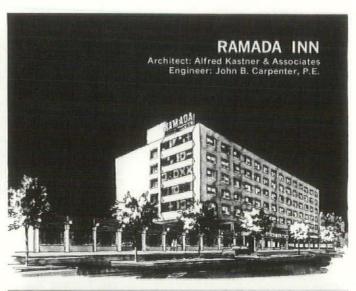
In tackling the task of fostering our image with our new head-quarters building, which we all know is a spatial necessity for continuance of function and growth, we are presented the dual opportunity of creating something excitingly new while showing the world our true feelings concerning heritage. The program being embarked on requires the construction of a new headquarters building for offices and expansion as well as the complete restoration of The Octagon House. While showing what we can presently accomplish we can preserve what has already been accomplished, thereby proving our own non-political theories of peaceful coexistence. A nation of builders, therefore clients, will be watching us. We cannot afford to falter. It is too important to all.

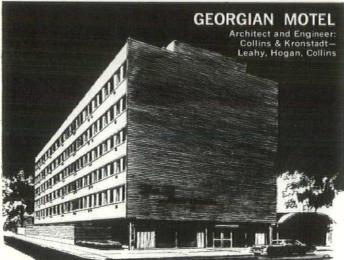
Our role is not solely to furnish the funds, even though our contributions are desperately needed, welcomed and being solicited. We should not assume such a passive role. We are the clients, therefore more positive action is required. We have selected our architect with discrimination; now lets give him the enthusiastic support, encouragement, incentive and budget to surpass his previous accomplishments and deliver to us the kind of image we need so that we can point to it with the rightful pride of ownership and say "This Is What We Stand For!"

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Washington National Airport has administrators looking for plan of what to do with the Airport. All major airlines are completing temporary facilities now as Vincent Kling prepares conceptual master plan studies for Airport rehabilitation. As noise, auto traffic, parking and jet traffic increase the pressure is on to close the Airport or find a permanent solution to these unacceptable problems. The solution is rapid transit and helicopter shuttle from Washington National, Friendship, Dulles to the major community centers of Downtown D. C., Silver Spring, Rockville, Hyattsville, Alexandria and Rosslyn. Washington National would continue to handle smaller jets, vertical lift aircraft and general aviation.

Universities, Third Largest Industry in Washington says John J. Pateros, Georgetown University Vice President. The economic impact of the area's 6 universities is surpassed only by the Federal Government and tourism. These campuses pour 200 million a year into local economy, enroll 85,130 students (18,800 live on campus), employ staff of 18,500 with a payroll of 114.8 million. The universities now operate 461 buildings on 1658 acres of ground. Good news to architects and the construction industry is the planned construction of 184.3 million worth of new buildings in the next 5 years.

Tri-School Plan Disaster to SW Renewal. In case you are not aware, officials of HUD, RLA and D. C. should note that the middle income families you so desperately attracted to the S.W. "the nation's model renewal area" are leaving in great numbers and taking their children out of the public school system. Up to 75% of the white and negro middle income families who wanted a good public school education for their children are reacting in this way. With the majority of the parent, teachers and students of the three schools against the tri-school plan, the schools have been further segregated, the television teaching dropped and a lot of resentment has built up against the Board of Education.

NCPC to Release Plan for Entire City to eventually become law. As did L'Enfant and MacMillan Plan, this new plan, if approved by congress, could guide design and construction for the balance of the century. Remarkable work by NCPC, now ready for distribution, amalgamates fantastic volumes of data and planning into a single publication. Subways and subway stations, freeways, park systems, renewal areas, recreation areas, airports, rivers and proposed urbanization give a remarkable insight to 1985. The criteria of planning vistas and height limits, the sighting of monuments and appreciation of the earlier plans are recorded as an instrument to guide the architect in his future commissions.

Naval Yard Master Plan to be one of city's proudest planning achievements. Plan, model and slides were shown to Potomac Valley A.I.A. in January by Robert Plavnik, designer of the plan. The plan is notable for its recognition of the history of the naval base and the care taken to preserve Latrobe's buildings and other historical structures, the handsome treatment of the parade grounds, waterfront promenade and harmony of the old and new. The base which is becoming primarily devoted to naval administration will be the home of the naval museum and a most dignified port of call for visiting foreign ships.

Seneca Dam Ruled Out as Corps Plan is abandoned. Interior Secretary Udall's opposition to the large dam has been supported by President Johnson in his message on "Protecting Our Natural Heritage". Four smaller dams costing \$85 million will develop the Potomac Valley Park for conservation and recreational uses. This high priority plan, which will serve as a model for the nation, will call for protecting the riverscope between Washington and Cumberland, Maryland, on both sides. The Park System will demonstrate methods of water conservation, prevention of soil erosion and pollution, provide scenic easements and recreational parks.

"Instant Stonehenge" May be Built Yet as FDR Shrine if Fine Arts Commission had opportunity to consider it. Breuer scheme so enthusiastically supported by James Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt Memorial Commission and Washington Post, was unanimously rejected by Fine Arts Commission as not of "the highest standard of artistic significance." Architects familiar with the originial A.I.A. competition winner would agree that the strength of the original scheme is enhanced by comparison.

President Johnson Warns that the Air Pollution "cost in human suffering and pain is incalculable. Air pollution is the inevitable consequence of neglect." In an \$18 million bill on air pollution and abatement, vehicle pollution control devices will be inspected annually, air polluters will be penalized, fuel additives will be registered, 50% more will be spent for research to abate pollution. This is serious business and to the architect not only a problem of dirty buildings and soiled interiors but a growing problem of providing filtered air to breathe.

Washington Architects Get Most of the Commissions but not the ones you hear about. Latest awards to out of town architects are:

Victor Lundy — U. S. Tax Court
Mies Van der Rohe — D. C. Public Library
Marcel Breuer — Federal Office Buildings
Nathaniel Owing — Proposal for the Mall
Edward D. Stone — J. F. Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts
Vincent Kling — National Airport — Bowling AFB
Minoru Yamasaki — Defense Dept. Building —
Forrestal Building
Hellmuth, Obata & Kassabaum — Air and Space

Museum

POINT OF VIEW (Continued)

A Crusade For A Better Environment should include: Excellence in design of houses, commercial and industrial construction.

Development of education park concept for school

Improvement of water storage capacity.

Fine Arts approval of public buildings in all jurisdictions.

Conservation of forests and streams.

Elimination of air and water pollution.

Development of a Rapid Transit system.

Sustained Urban Renewal efforts.

More police protection and crime detection.

Founding of an outstanding University for Washington.

Greater participation of universities in urban develop-

Construction of durable and attractive low income housing.

Beautification and tree planting program.

Sign and billboard control.

Enforcement of underground utilities.

Reduction of earth erosion.

More low and moderate income housing in the counties.

Greater recreational development of rivers and streams. Regional economic and government planning.

approach to the downtown renewal area and waterfront. Unusual tension bridge designed by Lev Zetlin will become a dramatic piece of abstract sculpture gracefully supporting 14 lanes of traffic on cables hung from huge Y-shaped abutments. The city is wisely paying a higher price tag of \$14 million for construction of the 650 foot bridge, but this novel structure will delight millions for a hundred years. After the Bay Bridge's lesson in economy, convenience and beauty may well be worth paying for.

Baltimore Inner Harbor Bridge to become city's welcoming

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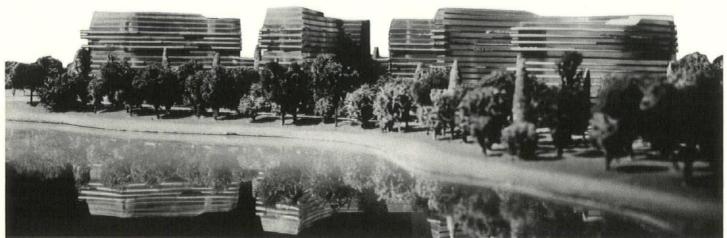
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