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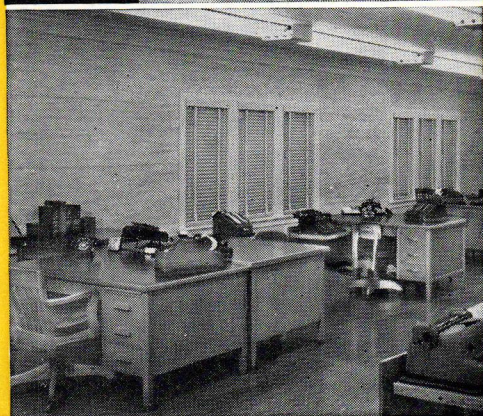
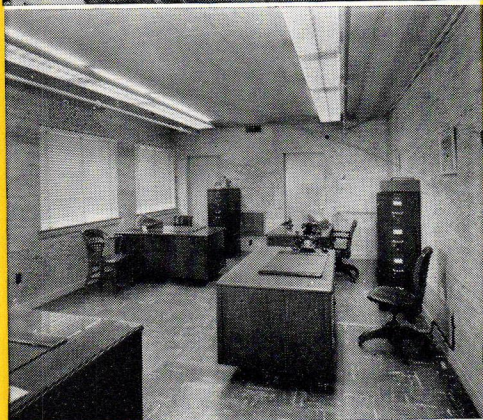
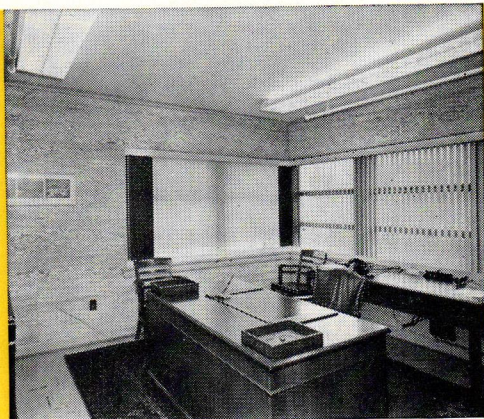
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 19—Board meeting, TSA, Austin.

September 15-18—54th Annual Convention of the American Hospital Association, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 29-31—13th Annual Convention of the Texas Society of Architects, El Paso.

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84th CONVENTION, AIA

Architects everywhere can take inspiration from the 84th annual convention of the AIA, which has demonstrated again the combination of enthusiasm for the present and future, and faith with the traditions of the past, which has long characterized the architectural profession.

A relatively large delegation from the TSA was privileged to see and hear at first hand the proceedings of the New York convention, held in a city which itself demonstrates every facet of architectural development for the past 300 years.

New York, offering such rich contrasts as St. Paul's Chapel, scene of the service conducted after Washington's inauguration in 1789, and ultra-modern Lever House, was an ideal setting for this second convention of the AIA's second century.

The convention followed its theme of emphasizing the importance of building design in forming environments for human activity. In doing so, it provided a procession of business and professional speakers seldom equalled. These men presented a valuable picture of conditions and developments affecting architecture and allied fields, both in the U. S. and abroad. The texts of their addresses will be studied and noted widely.

Some 60 manufacturers, selected from a far greater number of applicants, exhibited an array of building products which in itself was a major attraction.

Due to an admirable arrangement of the convention schedule, delegates were able to attend many business sessions and seminars during the earlier part of the day, and then range afield in search of the various exhibitions, buildings, and special events open for the occasion. New York and surrounding environs were typically generous in arranging an extraordinary number of these attractions.

The social calendar was crowded with a variety of affairs arranged to please every taste among the 2000 delegates.

TSA members who were able to attend the New York convention found an unusual opportunity to gain a valuable insight into how many national and international leaders in the profession are planning for the present and future. They were also offered the other benefits of a full and rewarding program.

The 1952 convention is a tribute to the many AIA officials and members who worked so long and effectively on it, and to the 12 founding fathers of the AIA whose 101-year-old organization now includes more than 9000 practicing U. S. architects.

New York Convention Termed Big Success

TSA Delegation On Hand For 84th Annual Meeting;
Speakers, Exhibits, Special Events Excellent;
New York Provides Splendid Convention Site

TSA delegates to the 84th annual convention of the AIA in New York June 24-27 are back home with recollections of one of the finest meetings in Institute history.

Following the theme of emphasizing the importance of building design in forming environments for human activity, the New York sessions presented an extraordinary number of excellent speakers, exhibits, and special events. The metropolitan area and its environs in the meantime contributed a tremendous variety of shows and exhibitions of interest to the architect, plus the rich contrasts of a city that has been making architectural history for almost three centuries.

Maurice J. Sullivan, FAIA, of Houston, was re-elected treasurer of the AIA.

Convention Highlights Listed

Convention highlights mentioned by returning delegates included the following: the opening address by President Glenn Stanton, the closing speech by Hugh Ferriss, head of the New York Chapter; the luncheon speech by Ernest T. Weir, chairman of the Republic Steel Corporation, on the importance of steel in today's building; a discussion of the need to adapt city building to the increasing demands of the automobile, by Pyke Johnson, president of the Automotive Safety Foundation; the annual banquet address by Deane W. Malott, president of Cornell University; and a discussion of European rebuilding by Jan van Ettinger of Holland.

At technical sessions, attention was focused upon discussions of solid and hollow precast concrete sections by Roger Corbetts, New York builder; a description of the "lift-slab" system by O'Neil Ford, TSA-AIA, of San Antonio; and on

a paper on "Conservation in School Buildings" by Henry L. Wright, Los Angeles architect.

Cost Seminar Popular

Other popular seminar subjects were on reducing the cost of construction and on latest government standards and practices.

An outstanding feature of the convention was the many conducted tours arranged by the host chapter. Among the most popular sites visited were the new United Nations Building, various large public housing projects, Lever House, The Cloisters, and the Morgan Library.

Business sessions were well attended throughout the convention, for which more than 1800 AIA members registered. Among the important topics brought up for discussion at the business meetings were: the annual board report, report of the Public Relations Committee, the Earned Income Tax Adjustment Act, a report on education and registration survey; various amendments proposed to the by-laws, and a new survey on architectural activity.

Many Collateral Exhibits

A total of 29 collateral exhibits, held in every New York borough, attracted large numbers of delegates. Among these were "Re-Union of Architecture and Engineering", "Planning The United Nations Headquarters", "Recent Public And University Libraries", "Great Architectural Drawings" (Metropolitan Museum), "Shaping New York's Future", "Architectural Photography", "The Furniture of George Nakashima", "Brooklyn In Progress", and historical exhibits by the boroughs of the Bronx, Queens, Richmond, and Westchester.

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At the New York convention, Ernest T. Weir, left, chairman of the board of National Steel, chats with Glenn Stanton, president of the AIA, at a luncheon session during which Mr. Weir delivered one of the principal convention addresses.

Houston Chapter Joins Allied Arts Association

The Houston Chapter, AIA, is one of four member organizations which have formed the Allied Arts Association of Houston. Other charter organizations are the Museum of Fine Arts, the Art League, and the Contemporary Arts Association, all of Houston.

Kenneth Franzheim, TSA-AIA, is chairman of the board. Hamilton Brown, TSA-AIA, is vice-president and treasurer.

Principal Objectives Listed

Allied Arts has these principal objectives: to bring together the artists of the community and citizens interested in the arts; to aid in expanding and broadening existing activities of member and associate organizations; to contribute, if pos-

sible, to arts projects; and to serve the community.

Allied Arts has two associate members, the Houston Little Theatre and the Houston Chapter, American Institute of Decorators. Other organizations whose aims coincide with the Association's own objectives are eligible for consideration.

Fine Arts Ball

The Allied Arts Association is now publishing a brochure setting forth details concerning the organization. A principal activity will be the Fine Arts Ball in Houston, set for next November 26.

Allied Arts will sponsor an exhibition of Southwest art at the new Prudential Life building in Houston during July.