A Message From the President

The July-August issue of the NEW MEXICO ARCHITECT carried quite adequately items of interest as well as comprehensive reports on the National Convention held recently in New Orleans, so with that out of the way, I should like to look in the direction of our forthcoming Regional Conference.

It is my opinion that something should be said of our scheduled speakers. I am certain those of you attending the Conference will enjoy the speakers' remarks more fully if you are more familiar with their backgrounds. So in light of that, I shall plead your indulgence as this message is somewhat longer than usual.

Thursday, following the opening of the conference, and the message of welcome by our own Governor John Burroughs, Dr. Clayton S. White will give the keynote address. Dr. White is Director of Research for the Lovelace Foundation and is by reputation the foremost authority in the country in the radio-biology field as it pertains to nuclear weapons environments. Dr. White has attained many degrees in the field of medicine and is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He also holds memberships in Greek letter orders appropos to this profession.

Mr. C. H. Topping will address us following our Thursday luncheon. Mr. Topping is the Senior Architectural and Civil Consultant, Design Division, E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, Inc., in Wilmington, Delaware, and again is a very highly sought after speaker on architecture and research. Unfortunately, we do not possess too much background on Mr. Topping; however, we do know that he has recently appeared before such distinguished groups as the National Association of Home Builders, American Society of Standards Engineers, Texas Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, St. Louis Engineers Club, a national organization of College Building Superintendents, the Yale School of Architecture and many other such organizations.

Our dinner speaker concluding Thursday's events is to be the noted scientist Dr. Herman Von Spoomo, PhD, LL.D, DS, MS, ARA, who has devoted many years to the field of scientific

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research pertinent to the subject to be discussed at the Conference. To dwell on Dr. Von Spooono's many accomplishments would be too much to include in my message, but I will say that Dr. Von Spooono is the man that has completed plans and specifications for houses to be built on Mars out of materials obtainable locally. The Doctor will discuss some of the construction problems one finds on Mars, in some detail.

On Friday, after lunch we shall hear from one of our own members of the Institute, Herbert H. Swinburne. Mr. Swinburne is from Philadelphia and is actively on the Research Committee of the Institute. He is a very desired speaker in the field of scientific approaches to architectural problems. Mr. Swinburne is President of the firm of Nolen & Swinburne, Philadelphia, and received the bronze medal from the Philadelphia AIA Chapter in 1951, Press Hall Citation in 1955, Benjamin Franklin Medal, Producers' Council in 1955 and has been a widely honored and successful architect.

Saturday morning will be our Regional Business meeting with our District Representative Mr. Federic "Bunk" Porter presiding. At this meeting we will be addressed by our hard working and ever popular Executive Director of the Institute, Mr. Edmund R. Purves, FAIA. "Ned" never fails to deliver a message which leaves one quite thoughtful and striving for a better understanding which comes with solid thinking and absorption.

Dr. E. J. Workman, President of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology at Socorro, New Mexico, will speak Saturday evening. "Jack", as he is called most affectionately by those of us who know him, will have a message which will, I am sure, astound us. He is noted for just that sort of message, as you will later agree. Dr. Workman was for a pe-

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period Chairman of the Department of Physics at the University of New Mexico. He is an eminent research scientist in the field of Physics. Dr. Workman is one of the co-inventors of the proximity fuse during World War II and has been prominent in the fields of meteorology and military research. For those who would like to know more of Dr. Workman, we suggest you refer to Who's Who—quite amazing.

There you have it; I apologize for such a lengthy article, but I sincerely do believe that the knowledge of these men, limited as it is, will bring some to the Conference who would not otherwise attend. It should also be noted that there might be friends, not in the profession of Architecture but interested in science in the manner in which we are offering it, at the Conference who would like to attend our sessions. Please make it known to them that we are including in our registration, “Guests”, and they will be most welcome.

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