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Since the Western Mountain Conference concluded on 10 October, I have attempted to relax to some extent, with an effort pointed towards the general practice of Architecture. It's not quite that simple. I find my subconscious constantly reflecting the events of the conference, which to me, were so outstanding, as conferences go. The fellowship that prevailed to me was quite significant and points definitely to a relationship that is, and should be, between all of us, as Architects, one that carries on an air of integrity that merits the dignity of the profession.

The Conference Speakers, notwithstanding, are of the highest type; their messages were most outstanding and certainly accomplished what the speakers meant for them to, as much discussion resulted, among those attending, on the subject matter, and by the time all had spoken our heads were crammed with new thoughts and all pointing to the necessity of the Architect to direct, at least in part, his thinking and effort towards research and the sciences as it pertains to Architecture.

Certainly our Conference Program was interesting to many as was indicated by the presence of such men as Mr. Harry Gerstin, Manager of the Plastics Division, American Latex Products Corporation, of Hawthorne, California; Mr. William M. Rice, American Institute of Physics, Project on Design of Physics Buildings, New York, N. Y.; Mr. Robert L. Corsbie, Director Civil Effects Test Organization, Division of Biology and Medicine, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Washington, D. C.; and Colonel C. A. Eckert, Director of Installations Engineering School, Air Force Institute of Technology, Air University, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. March P. Rainaut, Architect D.P.L.G., Paris, France, arrived in time to enjoy the fellowship of the group at the concluding banquet. Then, too, to add tremendously to the dignity of the conference, we had our beloved Edmund R. Purves, Executive Director of the Institute with us.

An incident worthy of note, as to the Chapter and the Committee on Public Relations, occurring recently, was that the Chapter was called upon to furnish a program at the Rotary Club luncheon at Clayton, New Mexico. Your president, along with Phil Register, as Public Relations Chairman, complied and did furnish the program. A report on this activity occurs elsewhere in these pages.

Again in the view of public relations, your president has accepted an invitation to participate in a Conference of School Administrators to be held in July, 1960, and sponsored by the State Department of Education. This came about through correspondence between Mr. LaMoine Langston, Director of School Plant Planning, and myself; initiated, however, by Mr. Langston. A committee will be appointed to work with Mr. Langston quite soon and as appropriate, the committee will make interim reports. I will be out of the chair by the time the conference is held but it is hoped that my successor will give me a "bit" part in the show.

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