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Convention Report

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prises in which we together are engaged."

The representation from New Mexico included:

Mr. and Mrs. W. Miles Brittle, Sr., President, New Mexico Chapter, AIA, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley W. Kidder, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Garcia, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Register, Mr. John McHugh, and Mr. Richard Waggoner, President, Student Chapter, AIA, UNM.

In leaving New Orleans and the convention, one had a sense of having participated in the discussion of policies for the advancement of the profession of architecture. As the convention drew to a close, there was definitely the feeling that the profession had brought to light some of the problems which have arisen as a result of our rapidly advancing technology and exploding population. My personal hope is that these problems will be brought to the fore earlier in subsequent conventions so that the profession can perhaps have the time at the conventions to exchange more ideas in the time available.

Student AIA Convention Report

Richard "Dick" Waggoner, President of the UNM Student Chapter, AIA was elected as Regional Director at the Student Chapter National Conference, AIA, succeeding Charles E. Jones, Jr. of the University of Arizona, who was elevated by election to the presidency of the National Student AIA. The Conference was held at Tulane University, with that University's Student Chapter as hosts.

The opening and keynote address was

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given by the Executive Director of the American Institute of Architects, Mr. Edmund R. Purves, FAIA. His topic was the "Rise of the Architect." He spoke quite frankly to the students, pointing out the pitfalls, obstacles, as well as pointing them into the right direction. Quite impressive was Mr. Purves' use and application of "conceit." "Hang onto *honest* conceit. Arrogance leads to success if it is backed by ability and knowledge."

Another speaker was Mr. William L. Pereira, FAIA, who illustrated part of his talk with slides of some of his work. He also touched upon the need for control in many areas such as city planning, economic research and area development.

Most of the delegates who had previously attended student conventions felt that this convention accomplished more than had ever been done in all previous meetings. This convention accomplished the following:

1. Derived a more equitable method for financial aid to student chapters.
2. Set up definite duties for regional directors.
3. Instituted concurrent AIA and Student AIA Conferences.
4. Set up correspondence to local levels from other regional directors.
5. Sought to establish a national student AIA exhibition.

The following is a statement made in Dick Waggoner's report to the New Mexico Chapter, which is worth repeating:

"I want to thank publicly the New Mexico Chapter of AIA for not only the financial aid they contributed for my trip but for all of the time and effort they so tirelessly give to the benefit of the students of architecture at the University of New Mexico. It takes a meeting of other students in similar situations to realize that we are really very fortunate to have a group of men like the New Mexico State AIA on our side."

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