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### Metropolis of the Future

CITIZEN VIEWS ON NEW YORK REGION TO BE REPORTED; DEBATED

Views of more than 5,000 residents on the future they want for the New Jersey-New York-Connecticut Metropolitan Region will be reported and debated at the 18th annual conference of Regional Plan Association Tuesday, October 15 at the Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City.

New Jersey Governor Richard J. Hughes will speak at the Conference luncheon on "Interstate Cooperation to Plan the Metropolis." Regional Plan Association President James S. Schoff, president of Bloomingdale's, will preside.

The all-day conference is open to the public. Citizen planning officials, professional planners, civic group members and staff and local, state and federal officials usually make up the 600-700 persons who attend the annual meetings.

The citizen opinions on the future of the metropolitan area were submitted to the Association in last spring's Goals for the Region Project. Those polled met for five weekly meetings, saw television programs and argued about the kind of development they would like to see in the 7,000 square mile area surrounding the Port of New York.

Of those surveyed, 56% live in New Jersey, 16% in New York City, 25% elsewhere in New York State, and 3% in Connecticut.

Roundtables at the October 15 conference will talk about how to achieve goals that citizens set for their metropolitan area--ways of making cities more attractive to live in, developing the outer areas of the Region satisfactorily, retaining the pleasantness of older suburbs, and assuring good transportation.

Chairmen of these four panels will be: Paul Windéls, Jr., New York attorney, Windels, Currie and Rice; Albert W. Merck, chairman, Mendham Township Planning Board; John W. Larsen, executive vice president and treasurer, The Bowery Savings Bank; and Amory H. Bradford, director, Regional Plan Association.

Panelists will be: Cities. Paul Busse, business administrator, City of Newark; Howard Ennes, director of Community Services and Health Education, The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States; Frank S. Kristof, chief, Bureau of Planning and Program Research, New York City Housing and Redevelopment Board; Bernard E. Loshbough, executive director, ACTION-Housing, Inc., Pittsburgh; Dick Netzer, economic consultant, Regional Plan Association; Arthur T. Row, Jr., chairman of the Department of City Planning, Yale University; Anthony E. Wallace, assistant to the president, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, and former speaker of the Connecticut Assembly; and Jack E. Wood, housing director, New York City Commission on Human Rights.

Outer Areas. Clayton S. Cronkright, general manager, Area Development Department, Public Service Electric & Gas Company; William E. Finley, vice president, James W. Rouse and Company, Inc., Baltimore; William N. Leonard, chairman, Nassau County Planning Commission; William E. Roach, Jr., planning director, Somerset County; A.N. Romm, editor, Times-Herald Record, Middletown, N.Y.; Robert E. Simon, Jr.,

president, Simon Enterprises, Inc., builder of Reston, Virginia; Stanley B. Tankel, planning director, Regional Plan Association; and Harold F. Wise, planning consultant to the states of New York, California, Pennsylvania and Hawaii.

Suburbs. William L. Brach, city counsel, East Orange; William A. Caldwell, assistant editor and columnist, The Record, Hackensack; Ernest Erber, areas director, Regional Plan Association; Edward J. Hughes, vice president and editorial director, Westchester County Publishers, Inc.; Mrs. Dwight Marshall, citizen of the year, Stamford; Eugene H. Nickerson, county executive, Nassau County; Herbert H. Smith, president, Herbert H. Smith Associates; and Alexander Summer, Alexander Summer Co., realtors, Teaneck.

Transportation. ArDee Ames, legislative assistant to Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr. of New Jersey; John A. Bailey, executive director, Passenger Service Improvement Corporation, Philadelphia; Henry A. Barnes, commissioner of traffic, New York City; Lyle C. Fitch, president, Institute of Public Administration; Thomas M. Goodfellow, president, The Long Island Rail Road; Charles M. Pike, executive director, Monmouth County Planning Board; Boris Pushkarev, senior planner, Regional Plan Association; and William J. Ronan, secretary to Governor Rockefeller and chairman, Tri-State Transportation Committee.

Another roundtable will look at the role of business in creating a better metropolitan area. Orville H. Schell, Jr., New York attorney, will chair the session. Panelists will be: Neal J. Hardy, program associate, Public Affairs Program, The Ford Foundation; William F. Hedden, advertising manager, The Prudential Insurance Company of America; Harry Held, senior vice president, The Bowery Savings Bank; Robert B. Kinhead, assistant to the vice president, Republic Aviation Corporation;

Paul Losick, chairman of the board, Homebuilders Association of Northern New Jersey; Peyton H. Moss, secretary and house counsel, Abraham & Straus; C. McKim Norton, executive vice president, Regional Plan Association; and Douglas S. Powell, director of planning, Middlesex County Planning Board.

One session will look at the deeper moral, political and economic questions of regional growth. Architect Albert Mayer will chair that roundtable. Panelists will be: Mrs Martin J. Brennan, past president, Westchester League of Women Voters; Msgr. Harry J. Byrne, executive secretary, Committee on Housing and Urban Renewal, Archdiocese of New York; Stuart Chase, author of The Proper Study of Mankind, Some Things Worth Knowing, etc.; Webb Fiser, professor of Political Science, Graduate School of Public Affairs, State University of New York; Joan Gordon, research director, New York City Interdepartmental Neighborhood Service Center; Houston Peterson, professor of Philosophy Emeritus, Rutgers University; Chester Rapkin, professor of City Planning, University of Pennsylvania; and William B. Shore, information director, Regional Plan Association.

A special roundtable of Protestant leaders also will meet under the chairmanship of H. Conrad Hoyer, associate executive secretary, Division of Home Missions, National Council of Churches of Christ.

Roundtables will meet in the afternoon from 2:20 to 5 p.m. The audience will have a chance to comment and question.

The report on citizen opinion will be made at 9:30 a.m. by Allen Barton, director, Bureau of Applied Social Research, Columbia University. The importance of these viewpoints to those who will be planning the Region's future will be explained by Walter D. Binger, consulting engineer; Max Abramovitz, architect, Harrison and Abramovitz;

Perry Coke Smith, architect, Voorhees Walker Smith Smith and Haines;  
and John P. Keith, executive director, Regional Plan Association.  
William S. Renchard, president, Chemical Bank New York Trust Company  
will preside.

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