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SMILEY OF MACY'S TO BE HONORED FOR REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Donald B. Smiley, Chairman of R. H. Macy & Co., will be honored by Regional Plan Association at its 51st Anniversary Dinner Tuesday evening, March 25, at the New York Hilton. William M. Ellinghaus, President of American Telephone and Telegraph, is Dinner Chairman.

Mr. Smiley is honored for the contribution Macy's has made to reviving downtowns not only at Herald Square but in New Haven, White Plains and New Rochelle and most recently in Stamford. Macy's has at least one store in each borough of New York City and a store in each of the surrounding counties. The dinner program states: "Five years ago when the renewed vitality of Manhattan was hardly a household word, the Corporation under Mr. Smiley's leadership, made a dramatic capital investment in the downtown Herald Square store. It was then not conventional wisdom to do so."

Mr. Smiley served on the "Big Mac" Panel in 1975 to help address the city's financial crisis and as Co-Chairman of the New York City Business Marketing Corporation at its inception to attract and keep business and jobs in New York. Presently, he serves as a Director of the United Way of Tri-State and is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York City Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Economic Development Council of New York City. Mr. Smiley is also a Trustee of the Committee

for Economic Development, whose policy positions on federalization of welfare, strengthening central cities and rationalizing government in large urban areas closely parallel Regional Plan's.

Mr. Smiley lives in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Mr. Smiley will address the dinner on Manhattan's future. The Regional Plan staff will present its annual "State of the Region" slide show, this time focused on the Bronx, "Grass Roots Amidst the Rubble."

Regional Plan Association is an independent civic organization that has been planning for the tri-state New York Urban Region since the 1920s. Its 1929 Plan of New York and Its Environs established principles followed in the Region's highway network, the design of Rockefeller Center and Fresh Meadows, Queens, and acquisition of thousands of acres of parks, including the Palisades north of the George Washington Bridge. Its 1968 Second Regional Plan emphasized the recentralization of activities in downtowns around the Region, from Trenton to New Haven, and preservation of city and older suburban neighborhoods as well as modernizing rail service.

Serving with Mr. Ellinghaus as Co-Chairmen of this tribute are: C. Malcolm Davis, Chairman, Fidelity Union Trust Co.; R. Hal Dean, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Ralston Purina Company; Dr. Charles F. Fogarty, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Texasgulf, Inc.; Edgar H. Griffiths, President and Chief Executive Officer, RCA Corporation; Robert S. Hatfield, Chairman, Continental Group, Inc.; Allan R. Johnson, Chairman, BATUS, Inc.; Felix E. Larkin, Chairman, W.R. Grace & Co.; David M. Roderick, Chairman, United States Steel Corporation; James S. Schoff, Jr., President, Bloomingdale's; Richard R. Shinn, President, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; William I. Spencer, President, CITICORP; Gordon T. Wallis, Chairman, Irving Trust Company; John Weinberg, Senior Partner, Goldman, Sachs & Co.

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NOTE: The press is welcome to cover the dinner. Call Gwynne Tuan for reservations: 682-7750.