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## A New Association Building

At the New York meeting of the Association, President Adams reported to the Council on the work of the Committee on a New Association Building. The Council instructed the Committee to proceed with the formulation of plans to secure funds for construction and designs for an appropriate structure. The Committee consists of Roger Adams, chairman, Paul Klopsteg, Howard Meyerhoff, E. C. Stakman, and Warren Weaver.

The Committee's thinking has centered on the effective utilization of the Scott Circle property, which was acquired by purchase in 1946. Zoning regulations will permit the construction of an eight-story building on the

site, though there are several restrictions on the uses to which such a building can be put. The first decision confronting the Committee, therefore, was whether to fill the property with a large building in which rentals would be limited to nonprofit organizations, or whether to build solely with the current needs and potential growth of the Association in mind.

This question was discussed at length by the Executive Committee on March 25, and the second of the two choices was strongly favored for several reasons: The cost of a large structure will exceed \$1,300,000, whereas a more modest building can be erected for less than \$500,000. Financing the latter project would be a simpler problem and, presumably, could be accomplished within a short period of time. Furthermore, there is little prospect of finding a sufficient number of homeless nonprofit organizations to fill a large structure, and zoning regulations preclude other types of tenants.

Although one or more substantial gifts toward the erection of a new building might persuade the Executive Committee to reconsider its decision, subsequent planning will focus on a modest structure large enough to house the Association through another quarter of a century of growth and so designed as to permit additions when this growth is achieved. Meanwhile, whatever space is available in excess of requirements could be utilized to provide temporary shelter for other organizations, such as the American Psychological Association, which now occupies the third floor at 1515 Massachusetts Avenue.

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