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MEMORIAL EXHIBITION FOR MATTHEW NOWICKI

A memorial exhibition of architectural work by Matthew Nowicki will be on view on the first floor of the Museum of Modern Art, 11 West 53 Street, from September 28 through October 18.

The exhibition was organized by Philip Johnson, Director of the Department of Architecture and Design, as a tribute to the young Polish architect who was killed in a plane crash in Egypt last August.

Matthew Nowicki was formerly Polish Consultant to the Director of Planning of the UN Headquarters and recently head of the Department of Architecture at North Carolina State College. He was born in 1910 and educated in Warsaw and Chicago. During World War II he served in the Polish Army and with the Underground Forces.

The exhibition will include: drawings of plans for the capital city of East Punjab, India (done in collaboration with Mayer and Whittlesey) and of an arena and grandstand in North Carolina (in collaboration with William Henley Deitrick); photographs of a model of Columbus Circle in New York (in collaboration with Clarence Stein) and of a model for a Southern California Shopping Center.

In a statement written to accompany the exhibition, Lewis Mumford says, "Few architects anywhere could match him in his unflagging discipline, his deep sense of duty, his adventurousness and gaiety, his open-eyed daring, above all, in the humility that is given only to great genius. Those who know Nowicki's work intimately, who can estimate his potentialities as well as his performances, have no doubt that he bore within him the seed of a new age."