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## THE PRESENT WITHOUT PAST OR FUTURE, FORUM AT MUSEUM OF MODERN ART

The Present Without Past or Future, the fourth of five public forums presented by the Architectural League of New York and the Museum of Modern Art, will be held Thursday, March 15, at 8:30 p.m., in the Museum auditorium. Speakers are Henry-Russell Hitchcock, historian and critic, George Nelson, architect and designer, and, continuing as moderator, Peter Blake, Managing Editor of "Architectural Forum." The Thursday evening series, "The Building Boom: Architecture in Decline," will conclude on April 19 with The Ideal City. Speakers will be announced.

A limited number of tickets for each forum, \$2.25 for Museum and League members, \$3.00 for non-members, will be available in the Museum lobby on the evening of the program. Checks made payable to the Museum of Modern Art for the April 19 program will be accepted by mail. Tickets include admission to the Museum and galleries, open Thursday evenings until 10 p.m. Dinner and refreshments are available.

The Museum and the League have organized the series to explore the effects on architecture of economics, politics and law. The present architectural transformation of our cities is not guided by aesthetic and sociological considerations: it is rather the product of uncontrolled speculative building. In this situation modern architecture as an art must be examined against the practices which threaten its destruction.

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