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On Wednesday, February 16, the first of five public forums, THE SHAPE OF CITIES IN OUR TIME, will be presented by The Architectural League of New York and The Museum of Modern Art. Professor Vincent J. Scully, Jr., of Yale University will be the principal speaker at the first symposium, to be held in the Museum Auditorium, 11 West 53rd Street, at 8:30 p.m.

Professor Scully's address, "Planning: Promises and Premises," will be followed by a discussion by members of a panel of interlocutors, which will accompany each of the five presentations in the series. Robert Stern, Program Director for The Architectural League, has organized the forums and will moderate the discussion. Arthur Drexler, Director of the Museum's Department of Architecture and Design, will introduce the program.

Vincent J. Scully, Jr., a member of the Yale faculty since 1947, has recently been appointed the first recipient of the John Trumbull Professorship of the History of Art. A leading architectural scholar and critic, Professor Scully is interested in problems of urban design, particularly the relation of buildings to their natural settings. He is the author of Frank Lloyd Wright (1960), The Earth, the Temple, and The Gods (1961), Modern Architecture and the Architecture of Democracy (1961), and Louis I. Kahn (1962).

Panel members for the February 16 forum include: Peter Blake, architect, editor of Architectural Forum; William Conklin, co-architect of the new town of Reston, Virginia; Ulrich Franzen, architect; Romaldo Giurgola, architect, Chairman of the Department of Architecture, Columbia University School of Architecture; Philip Johnson, architect; Charles Moore, Chairman of the Department of Architecture, Yale University School of Art and Architecture; Robert Venturi, architect, faculty member, Yale University; and Joseph Wasserman, co-architect of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial.

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Scheduled principal speakers for the remaining forums are: the Honorable Richard C. Lee, Mayor, New Haven, Connecticut, March 2; Edward Logue, Development Administrator, Boston Redevelopment Authority, March 16; M. Justin Herman, Executive Director, San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, March 30; Professor Sybil Moholy-Nagy, Pratt Institute, and Forrest Wilson, Associate Editor, Progressive Architecture, April 13.

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