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EUGENE A. DeMARTIN, AIA 45th President New Jersey Society of Architects

On the first of January 1968, Eugene A. DeMartin became the forthy-fifth President of the N. J. Society of Architects, by virtue of his election to that office last September.

A native Newarker, Gene graduated from Newark schools and went on to Newark College of Engineering. He switched from thinking about a career in construction to a career in architecture when he decided that he would rather create his own plans, than follow someone else's. His college education was interrupted by World War II when he joined the Air Force. After the war, he resumed it at Michigan State College and finished up at the Newark Atelier, a school run by architects in the Newark area. He was registered in New Jersey in 1951.

Mr. DeMartin, whose offices are in Lyndhurst, has designed housing that ranges from the \$24 million Mediterranean Towers apartments in Fort Lee to the moderate-income housing of Newark's High Park Gardens, an urban renewal project. Not only has he applied his creative talents toward

the entire income spectrum of housing, but he has also designed just about every type of commercial building from suburban cinemas and shopping centers to high rise metropolitan office buildings. He is currently working on an autorama and office building for the Newark downtown area.

If you were to ask Gene DeMartin what his dreams for the profession for 1968 are, he'd probably tell you—the realization of a School of Architecture, probably at Rutgers; revisions to, and strengthening of the architectural licensing law: establishment of architectural technician courses at Community Colleges throughout the state, and the expansion of architectural training courses financed, hopefully, with Federal money.

Gene brings to the office of President a wealth of experience in architectural affairs having served the profession for many years in various capacities.

We extend our best wishes for a successful administration!