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Establishment of a new Chicago architectural firm under the name "Howard T. Fisher & Associates Pruyn and Bryant Inc." is announced by its president, John A. Pruyn. It represents a merger of the architectural and planning functions of Howard T. Fisher & Associates, whose research and development work is not affected by the merger, and the architectural firm of Bryant and Walchli.

Members of the organization are Pruyn, Howard T. Fisher, Daniel C. Bryant and Edward J. Walchli. Fisher is chairman of the board of directors and Bryant is executive vice-president. Walchli is director of design. Headquarters are at 322 W. Washington st., Chicago, where the Fisher organization has been for some years and will continue its research activities on building materials and methods.

The Fisher organization has specialized particularly in institutional and industrial projects, but is also widely known for its pioneering work in shopping centers. In recent years it has been active in the international field, executing projects in Burma, Cyprus, Colombia, Canada and the South Pacific.

The firm of Bryant and Walchli has specialized in school, hospital and institutional architecture.

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Fisher, the chairman of the new firm, is listed in "Who's Who In America" and is internationally known as an architect and building materials research specialist. He is consulting architect to the United Nations, the town of Kermia on the island of Cyprus, the Morton Arboretum near Chicago, and the Structural Clay Products Research Foundation.

He has taught or lectured at many institutions of higher education, including Harvard, McGill (Montreal, Que.) and Northwestern Universities, the University of Kansas, Ecole des Beaux Arts at Montreal, Lake Forest (Ill.) College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Institute of Design in Chicago, and others.

Pruyn, the president of the firm, is a graduate of Cornell University ('31), is listed in "Who's Who In the Midwest" and has an extensive background in architecture, construction and research. During the war, he had overall engineering responsibility for a number of large construction projects in the Pacific Area. During the last three years, he has travelled extensively in the Far East in connection with the firm's activities in that area.

Bryant, executive vice-president, received his professional training at the University of Michigan ('36). He was housing coordinator for the Dow Chemical Co. during the war. He has specialized in designing educational buildings, hospitals and similar institutional work. In 1954, he won a prize in a national contest for better school design.

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Walchli, director of design, was educated at Yale University (1949) and has practiced principally in the field of hospitals and public educational institutions. He has designed a prize-winning community building.

Walchli and Bryant were co-authors of "Architectural Blocks In School Buildings," a book written and developed without charge for the Illinois Commission for the Handicapped.

The firm of Howard T. Fisher & Associates maintains New York offices at 270 Park av. under the direction of Bruno Funaro, assistant dean of the School of Architecture, Columbia University.

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HOWARD T. FISHER is chairman of the board of the newly established Chicago architectural firm of Howard T. Fisher & Associates Pruyn and Bryant Inc., 322 W. Washington st., Chicago. He lives at 1060 Sheridan rd., Winnetka, Ill. He was born in that Chicago suburb. He is a graduate of the Asheville School (Asheville, N.Car.) in 1922 and of Harvard University in 1926.

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Principals of the newly organized architectural firm of Howard T. Fisher & Associates Pruyn and Bryant Inc., 322 W. Washington st., Chicago, are shown here as organization of the firm was announced. In the front row, left to right, are Howard T. Fisher, chairman of the board, and John A. Pruyn, president. Standing, left to right, are Daniel C. Bryant, executive vice-president, and Edward J. Walchli, director of design.

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