

An Architect Is Needed

With the resignation of Abraham M. Lindendbaum from the City Planning Commission as a result of his presence at Mayor Wagner's fundraising luncheon, a new commission member must now be appointed. Because there is every indication that New York's private and public building activity is going to continue at an accelerated rate, transforming vast areas of the city, the work of the commission is of increasing importance. A large part of New York's physical future is in its hands.

Surprisingly, although it deals with many architectural matters, the commission has long lacked an architect member. In the rebuilding and renewal of our city, standards of architectural quality and a knowledge of architectural tradition are invaluable tools, without which even the most astute and dedicated business men and civic leaders are severely handicapped as planners. Most if not all major communities with commendable planning records have architects on their boards.

At present, the commission is engaged in a long overdue three-year program of community renewal and rehabilitation studies. The results of these studies can help assure New York's continuing civic greatness, which is dependent, to a considerable degree, on the kind and quality of its building. An architect is the obvious and proper choice for the commission's vacancy.