

OBITUARY

It is with a feeling of great loss that I must record the sudden death in London, on October 2nd 1980, of the Society's immediate past president OTTO AARON GLOGAU. Mr Glogau was returning home after attending the Seventh World Conference on Earthquake Engineering (WCEE) held in Istanbul, Turkey, in early September.

Otto was born in Vienna in 1921 and completed a BSc degree at London University in 1940 and a Dip.CE at the Henry Lester Institute, Shanghai in 1943. He was interned in China by the Japanese from 1943-45 during the Second World War before coming to New Zealand.

Mr Glogau began his career as a structural engineer in a private consulting firm before joining the Ministry of Works in 1952. With MOW colleagues he presented a paper on New Zealand multi-storey state building design at the Third WCEE held in New Zealand in 1965.

He was promoted to the position of Chief Structural Engineer in 1966 and was responsible for the management of all structural design work associated with the construction and design of government buildings.

Otto has been closely associated with the Society since its inauguration, having attended the inaugural meeting held in April 1968 and subsequently he was elected to the Management Committee at the first Annual General Meeting of the Society in March 1969. He was appointed a Director of the International Association for Earthquake Engineering (IAEE) at the Fourth WCEE held in Chile in January 1969.

Otto convened a steering committee, set up by the Society, to investigate and report on the incidence of high risk earthquake buildings. This resulted in a draft code of practice being produced in 1972 and culminated in the Seminar on High Earthquake Risk Buildings held in Wellington in October 1973.

When in May 1973 the Society and the New Zealand National Committee on Earthquake Engineering merged he was appointed to the steering committee set up to produce new rules for adoption.

Otto attended the Fifth WCEE in Rome during June 1973 as an IAEE director, and presented a paper on the design of the Beehive (New Zealand's Parliament Building). In 1974 he was appointed to the sub-committee responsible for selecting papers for the 1975 Second South Pacific Conference on Earthquake Engineering organised by the Society. He was appointed Chairman of a group dealing with engineering aspects at the Paris IAEE Conference in 1976 and he was appointed one of the Society's delegates to the Sixth WCEE held in Delhi in 1977.

Otto served continuously on the Management Committee and after the June 1977 Annual General Meeting he was elected President. During his two years as President, opportunities and facilities for membership, education and participation continued and included the Society's discussion groups on ductile moment resisting reinforced concrete frames, reinforced concrete walls and diaphragms and seismic design of bridges. His period as President concluded with the Annual General Meeting following the Third South Pacific Conference of May 1979, the organising committee of which he chaired.

At the NZIE Conference held in Dunedin early this year, Mr Glogau was presented with the Institution's

Freyssinet Award for his paper 'Separation of Non-Structural Components in Buildings'.

Otto was also highly involved with the establishment and control of design standards and this work helped form the basis of New Zealand standard specifications and building bylaws. In particular he chaired the Standards Association Loadings Committee which formulated the Code of Practice for the Design Loadings for Buildings (NZS4203).

Otto Glogau's contribution to society, the profession and the Earthquake Society will not be forgotten easily and it is a great pity that this contribution has ended so abruptly.

Our condolences go to his wife Pamela, and their children.

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Over the last few years the level of activity within the Society has been increased dramatically and this has proved to be costly, in financial terms, even though it has benefitted many members. Costs of printing the Bulletin have continued to escalate yet it is now recognised as such a quality technical magazine that there is a natural reluctance to reduce its content and size; and, of course, with postal charges soaring and despite our being able to take advantage of a concessional rate this part of the total Bulletin cost has also risen markedly. Administration costs, despite action to hold or reduce hours involved, have been affected by inflation.

In the last year the Institution of Engineers has found it necessary to review the cost of the assistance it gives to its technical groups. This includes the maintenance of membership records, sending out subscription notices and recording their receipt and maintenance of records of total receipts and payments. The Institution has found it necessary to introduce a charge since 1 January 1980 and this cost the Society \$612 in this financial year. In addition, the Institution had previously subsidised the cost of our-of-town travel to Management Committee meetings and this has been withdrawn.

Despite a substantial increase in the grant from the Earthquake and War Damage Commission, payments have continued to exceed receipts. Substantial action has already been taken in an attempt to correct this imbalance and more detail will be given in the Annual Report. In the meantime, the Committee has deemed it necessary to increase subscriptions from \$17 to \$25, those for students from \$6 to \$10 and for corporate members from \$30 to \$40. This action, together with an increase in the price charged to non-members for subscription to the Bulletin, is estimated to increase receipts by approximately \$5000, the amount of the deficit in this 1979/80 year. The committee trusts that members will regard this as a responsible and supportable action.