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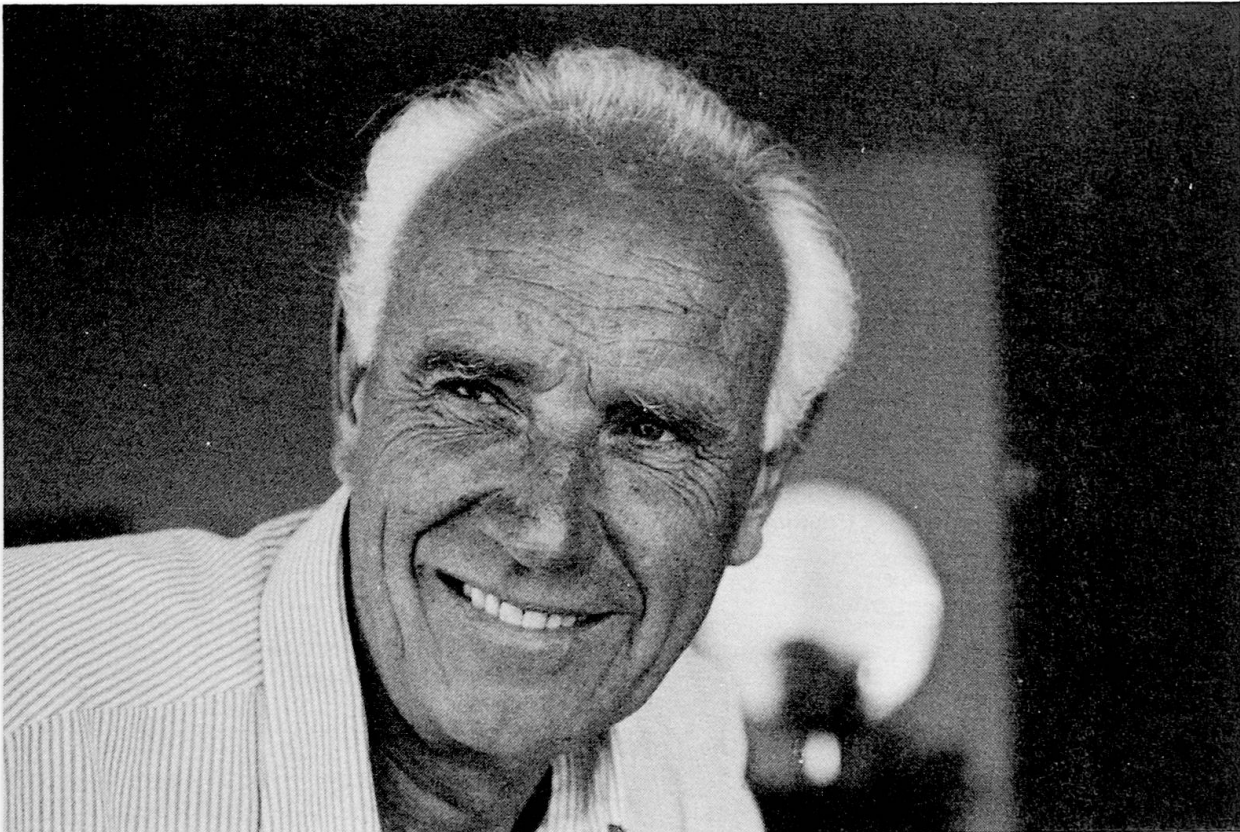
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*Cornelis Jan Louw †*

### **Cornelis Jan Louw, 1918 – 1990**

Cornelis Jan Louw attended faithfully each year the Annual Meetings and the Symposium of IABSE. It was just one day after the closing of the Symposium in Brussels (on 8 September 1990) that C.J. Louw suddenly passed away. He appeared to be quite healthy, smiling and friendly even a few days before his death.

Born at the Hague in 1918, Cornelis Jan Louw received his degree cum laude in civil and structural engineering from Delft, University in January 1942. He started his career as assistant for research at the Technical University Delft, then as engineer at the state-owned research institute TNO for research on steel structures. In 1945 as a project engineer he joined in one of the contracting companies which later on merged to form the Ballast Nedam Groep, successively as project and senior project engineer, deputy managing director and managing director. He played a decisive role in the merging of the

contractors' firms, and from 1969 on, he was member of the Board of Management of Ballast Nedam Groep NV Amstelveen, the Netherlands. In 1976 he departed for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia to take command of the Division Middle-East of the Group.

In 1980, due to compulsory age limit, he retired as member of the board at BNG, and became very active as an independent consulting engineer.

Mr Louw enjoyed many cultural activities, as well as swimming and playing golf. He was very involved in religious and cultural backgrounds.

He served on many national and international engineering committees. He was on the Executive Committee of IABSE from 1970 to 1976, and had been the Organizer of the IABSE Congress in Amsterdam, in 1972. C.J. Louw had been presented with the Honorary Membership of IABSE.