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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of Meeting, Tuesday, July 1, 1980, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Barbizon-Plaza
Hotel, Studio K, New York City

- Present: Ralph Blasingame, Jane Franck, Richard Gardner, Doralyn Hickey,
Allen Veaner, Lou Wetherbee, Jean Lowrie, Chair
- Guests: Josephine Fang, Don Hausrath, Hisao Matsumoto, Edward S. Moffat,
Hans E. Panofsky, Joanne M. Zellers
- Staff: Jane Wilson, International Relations Officer
Kathy Lucisano, student staff

THIRD SESSION

- I. The meeting was called to order by the IRC Chair, Jean Lowrie.
- II. The Committee discussed the International Relations Assembly. The general consensus was that it was very successful and should be continued as a Program Meeting. It was noted that the Assembly afforded official representatives from foreign library associations an opportunity to participate in a program meeting of the Association. It also afforded all present with an opportunity to learn what is going on in the divisions and other ALA units. In the future, it was agreed that the letters of invitation to participate to the ALA units should stress that the reports should be on current activities and that submission of written reports is encouraged. It was suggested that the Assembly might also include reports from all those who have officially represented ALA abroad during the year.
- III. Allen Veaner reported briefly for the ad hoc Advisory Committee on Liaison with Japanese Libraries. For various reasons, the Advisory Committee has decided to postpone until 1983 the Bi-national Conference scheduled for 1981. Advisory Committee members attending the forthcoming IFLA meeting will try to have conversations with the Japanese on this matter in Manila.

IV. Jane Franck, Immediate Past Chairperson of the IRRT, reported that the IRRT had appointed a committee composed of Dottie Pollet (Library of Congress) and Gary Kraske (University of Maryland) to prepare a membership brochure. Jane Franck will serve as the liaison between this committee and the IRC Subcommittee.

V. Jean Lowrie read a letter from Ted Waller regarding the World Congress of the Book to be held in Paris in 1982. (Annex I) He asked for suggestions from the IRC with respect to subject matter to be covered and persons to be involved. The following suggestions were made:

Subject matter:

- . Preservation of the Book
- . Copyright and pirating of editions
- . Translations
- . Do we need to publish everything in book form
- . Conglomerate structure of publishing
- . The Independent Learner
- . Impact of the new media on the teaching of library school courses on the Book and the History of Printing
- . The craft movement, e.g. bookbinding, fine printing

Possible participants:

- August Fruge
- Brad Wiley
- Leo Albert

The Committee also suggested that Datus Smith might be a possible recipient of the next International Book Award.

VI. Lowrie thanked the Committee for their support over the past two years.

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.



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Theodore Waller, Executive Vice President

June 25, 1980
(Dictated June 22nd)

Dear Jean:

The International Book Committee which, as you will remember, is advisory to UNESCO and consists of representatives of the major non-governmental international organizations of the book world and of various of the principal publishing countries, met in Paris on June 19th and 20th, and was concerned principally with plans for the World Congress of the Book to be held in Paris in 1982, on the tenth anniversary of International Book Year.

The principal purpose of the Congress will be to provide a clearinghouse for information on the approaches of various segments of the international book community to the problems which they share and which will be developing in the 1980's. Particular attention will be given to the relationship between books and the new media of communications and the information sciences.

I will be most grateful to have any suggestions that might be forthcoming from the IRC with respect to subject matter to be covered and persons to be involved.

Further, as you know, the International Book Committee periodically, but not every year, gives the International Book Award to some major figure in honor of a lifetime contribution to some

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aspect of the cause of books. Past recipients, as you will remember, include Herman Liebaers, Mr. Noma of Japan, Virginia Betancourt, Ronald Barker, who was so distinguished as secretary of the Publishers Association in the UK, and last year, President Senghor of Senegal. I would be grateful if the Committee could find time to do a little brainstorming and give me suggestions of persons who might be considered as recipients of the Award in the next year or two.

I have not been back to you with the promised paper on the UNESCO book programs because when I turned to that long-deferred (sic) project shortly after Mid-Winter, I became aware that various of the book related programs in UNESCO are being realigned and I thought that since we have now lost so much time, it would be well to wait for the new configuration. But I'll keep this matter on my agenda and, bespeaking your further indulgence, be back to you as soon as the shape of things to come is clear, probably before Mid-Winter, 1981.

On the off-chance that you may wish to reach me in the course of the Conference, you should call my office in Danbury (203) 797-3500, and my young ladies will get word to me. I'll be spending a lot of time at the Conference, but the most convenient means of establishing contact is the foregoing.

With warmest regards and renewed congratulations on your IFLA eminence, so richly deserved,

Sincerely,



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cc: Ms. Jane Wilson