REPORT OF THE CATALOGUING COMMISSION

Mr Klaue reported that the sub-committee in charge of the final revision of the English language version of the Cataloguing Manual had completed its task. A foreword had been written by Paul Rotha. The manuscript was now ready for printing and the Commission would try to find a publisher to print it in a commercial way. Meanwhile a sufficient number of copies would be made for the FIAF members, in time for the General Meeting.

Mr Yelin proposed to have the Manual translated into Spanish in Havana. This was immediately agreed.

At the next meeting of the Commission to be held at the end of April in Belgium, the formulation of new tasks would be discussed. Mr Klaue also asked the Executive Committee to approve some changes in the Commission's membership: the departure of Dr Roads and the nomination of Fr Armatys. This was approved.

REPORT OF THE COPYRIGHT COMMISSION

Mr Kuiper reported that, since the Paris meeting of the Executive Committee, Mr Pogacic had renewed contacts with Mr Brisson, Secretary-General of FIAFP, whom he occasionally met at I.F.T.C. meetings and who seemed very anxious to have a meeting with FIAF representatives in order to elaborate a reciprocal FIAF-FIAPF agreement on the basis of the already existing FIAF "agreement": this meeting had been proposed to him by Mr Pogacic. Mr Kuiper had also made written comments to Mr Brisson on the FIAF agreement (see Minutes of Paris).

As Mr Kuiper was absent at the Paris meeting, Mr Ledoux explained him now why he did not agree entirely with some points in this letter and repeated that he thought was not acceptable in the FIAF text (e.g. the fact that FIAF wants to be representative of all producers, even those who do not belong to the organization and those who no longer exist). He believed we had nothing to gain from negotiations with FIAF which only wanted to obtain some concessions from FIAF members without offering any counterpart. But he thought also that the archives were now in a stronger position than a few years ago and should resist this pressure. Anyway, it was impossible for FIAF to sign an agreement that would meet the needs and requirements of all its members. Mr Yelin supported Mr Ledoux on that point.

Mr Stenkllov and Mr de Vaal also said that such a meeting, with the purpose of making an agreement at the level of both Federations was useless. It implied too many international legalistic problems. They thought archives should first and foremost try to get along with their national producers' associations.
The only question now was: What shall we answer Mr. Brisson who is pressing us to hold the proposed meeting?
It was decided that Mr. Ledoux would telephone him and agree to a meeting but would also ask him to reply to Mr. Kuiper's letter before any meeting could take place.

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Cont'd)

Mr. Stenklev had submitted his report as Treasurer in the framework of the discussion on the Periodical Indexing Project. He asked if there were any other comments to make.

Mr. Ledoux said he was not entirely satisfied with the presentation of the accounts. He said these accounts were only a "Cash" account and not a real balance, and that they did not give a true picture of the financial situation of the Federation. The other members of the E.C. however said that they had found the submitted accounts easy to understand and clear enough.

Mr. Stenklev agreed to have a professional accountant examine the accounts and possibly to ask him to prepare another balance. The President proposed a vote on the approval of these accounts. It was unanimously carried less two abstentions.

Mr. Ledoux then suggested that, in order to liberate the 130,000 Belgian Francs which were blocked as guarantee for the rent of the London office, one should ask the Bank to take the Reserve Fund instead as guarantee. He said there was also a possibility to transfer this Reserve Fund in Belgium, where we could obtain better interest rates, but to keep it in Swiss Francs. The Treasurer agreed to this transfer and so did all the other members save for Mr. Ledoux who abstained.

8. NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The Secretary-General reported that he had been to Torino to see, with Prof. Prolo, what arrangements could be made for FIAF's next General Meeting. Unfortunately, it appeared that there was in Torino not one meeting room which met all the necessary technical and size requirements for such a meeting. Each of the rooms which Mr. Ledoux visited had drawbacks. But it was now impossible to change the place of the General Meeting and therefore, it was decided that the Secretary-General would, if possible, return to Torino and try to organize the meeting as best as possible with the facilities which Prof. Prolo could offer.

The Executive Committee also discussed the invitations to send out to persons outside FIAF as "Visitors" to the General Meeting. Mr. Ledoux suggested to ask, in the future, a registration fee from such Visitors. He said that this was common practice in many international organizations but all the members did not agree on this proposal and the decision was postponed until after the General Meeting.