

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT OF FIAF FROM JANUARY 28TH TO MAY 15TH 1959

I - INFORMATIVE SUMMARY AND RECALL OF DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE MEETING
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF JANUARY 28TH TO 30TH, 1959

According to a decision of the Executive Committee of January, the Executive Secretariat was charged with the preparation of an informative Summary and recall of decisions taken at Executive Committee meetings to be sent out to all members of the Executive Committee. Such a report on the meeting of January 28th to 30th was prepared and sent to all members of the Executive Committee whether present at or absent from the above-mentioned meeting. Since this is the first report of this nature prepared by the Executive Secretariat, it would be helpful if members present were to indicate if this report was considered satisfactory.

II - SUMMARY OF THE PRAGUE CONGRESS : DECISIONS, RESOLUTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Secretariat received on April 14th permission from the General Secretary and Adjoint General Secretary to send out to the membership of F.I.A.F. the summary of the Prague Congress : Decisions, Resolutions and Recommendations. A translation into English was made and stencils prepared for both versions. This will be mimeographed and sent out within the next week.

III- F . I . A . F . RULES

According to the decision of the previous Executive Committee meeting, the Rules of F.I.A.F. were presented to a French lawyer for his advice. Adjoint Secretary General Langlois discussed this matter personally with the lawyer and President Toeplitz as well during his stay in Paris for the meeting of the Statutory Commission at the end of April. Secretary General Thirifays and Vice President Lindgren, unable to assist at the above mentioned meeting will be informed during their present visit to Paris of decisions made.

On the basis of the conclusions attained, these Rules will be translated into English by the Executive Secretary, mimeographed in French and English and sent out to all members of F.I.A.F. in ample time for study and consideration before the Stockholm Congress where they will be discussed and put to a vote.

President Toeplitz will prepare himself the project of regulations annex to the Rules.

IV - INFORMATION BULLETIN

The 16th F.I.A.F. Information Bulletin was prepared on the basis of information sent in by members and sent out to all concerned in February. Information Bulletin n° 17 is in preparation and will be ready for expedition shortly.

V - ILLUSTRATED F.I.A.F. BOOKLET

We received in the latter part of February a bill for the cost of the printing of the Booklet from Mr Favre, Treasurer of the Swiss Library. The total cost comes to 6,802.05 Swiss francs (771.421 French francs) for 2,000 copies. (The detailed bill is at the disposition of the Executive committee members).

Of the 300,000 French francs which were designated in the 1958 budget for the Plaquette, 249,955 have already been paid to Mr Buache. Of the 4,414.05 Swiss francs outstanding, Mr Favre suggests that the Swiss Library be relieved of its 1958 and 1959 subscription fees (totaling 2,500 Swiss francs) and request that the rest (1,914,05 Swiss francs) be paid as soon as possible.

For the information of Executive Committee members the following facts may be of interest :

the cost of each copy is	386 F.Fr	3.40 S.Fr
the booklets are sold, up to 40 copies	341 F.Fr	3.00 S.Fr
over 40 copies	284 F.Fr	2.50 S.Fr

Already distributed without charge to members as decided by General Assembly of Antibes (5copies to full members, 3 to corresponding members, etc...) 175 copies

Two requests were sent out to members asking that orders be sent, the first in January in the form of a questionnaire, the second on March 26th.

Ordered and delivered to members up to the present

Sweden	50 copies	
Norway	30 copies	
Austria	2 copies	
Belgium	40 copies	
Denmark	40 copies	
Italy Milan	50 copies	
England	<u>50 copies</u>	262 copies = 771 Swiss Fr.

VI - FINANCIAL MATTERS

The 1959 subscription fees have been paid by 11 members to date. 19 members are outstanding. Our Treasurer has all details in hand.

A bill of 60 thousand francs has been submitted by Maître Bouthoul for the work done on the Statutes.

The dues from S.O.D.R.E. for 1957 and 1958 were received on March, 11th, for the sum of 262,350 Fr. A clarification of the Uruguayan situation was finally arrived at. The subscription fee paid by S.O.D.R.E. covers that due to Paris Headquarters for both S.O.D.R.E. and the Cinematoca Uruguaya.

VII - PROJECT FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF MEMBERS

Secretary General Thirifays and your Executive Secretary were charged with the preparation of a model for the annual report of members at the Congress, to be submitted for the consideration of the present Executive Committee meeting. This model was shown to President Toeplitz during his recent visit to Paris and benefited from his suggestions. Members will find a copy in their dossiers. As it will be remarked, the list of films exchanged with other Archives is requested under point III, § b). Deliberately omitted was a reference to work done by specialized Archives. If wished, this can be included, and naturally any other items considered useful.

VIII- CONGRESS 1959

On the basis of invitations sent out to Members, Correspondents and observers during the past several years and mainly based on the letters prepared by International Secretary Henri Langlois for the Prague Congress, the Secretariat has prepared a series of model letters destined to various groups of organizations and individuals whose presence is desired at the 1959 Congress, and a complete list of those to whom these letters should be sent. President Toeplitz who will sign these letters considered the context and the list as satisfactory, and made the specific demand that these letters be sent out as soon as possible after the present Executive Committee meeting (at the latest the first week in June), including the exact dates decided upon and the Agenda for the Congress which the Executive Committee is charged to prepare at the present meeting.

During his visit to Paris, President Toeplitz asked that Mme Lotte Eisner, General Secretary of the B.I.R.H.C., in connection with the other members of the Bureau, prepare a plan for a B.I.R.H.C. manifestation for the Stockholm Congress, with the help of the Swedish members of B.I.R.H.C. this is to include a conference and projections. Mme L. Eisner has been informed of the President's wish and will appear on Monday at the Executive Committee session.

At the same time the President requested that the Bureau of BIRHC prepare for the pre-Congress meeting of the Executive Committee in Stockholm, a report summarizing past activities of B.I.R.H.C. and proposing a practical plan of organization of the work of the Bureau.

IX - BIENNALE DE VENISE AND OTHER BUSINESS

Members have received a series of letters and copies of communications prepared by the Secretariat from the President and the Adjoint General Secretary concerning the question of participation in the Biennale de Venise which were sent out on the 10th of March, and another on the 30th of April 30th, signed by the President, indicating that since all the quarantees requested by F.I.A.F. were respected by Mr Ammannati, members were free to participate in the manifestation.

All other decisions and recommendations made during the Executive Committee of the 28th to 30th of January have been observed.

X - COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS

Our office received a request from the Cinemathèque d'Egypte denoting a change of address from April 1st. The new address is as follows :

CINEMATHEQUE D'EGYPTE
Direction de la Culture Cinematographique
68, rue Kasr El Eini, Le Caire R.A.U.

The letter was signed by the Conservator, whose name is not decipherable, but which is not, in any case, El Mazzaoui, and who writes that the Egyptian Film Library hopes to be present at the Stockholm Congress, if the invitation arrives early enough for the fulfilling of numerous formalities.

A communication from Mr Buache requesting the patronage of F.I.A.F. for an important manifestation on the history of cinema to be held in collaboration with the Kunstgewerbemuseum of Zurich.

A letter from Madame Sophie El Goulli, President of the Cinemathèque Tunisienne thanking the Executive Committee for the honour of naming the Archive provisional member. The letter concludes : "Please believe that we will do all in our power to merit this title and to work for the widest diffusion of cinematographic international culture in Tunisia."