IFRT REPORT

From the Chairman, John M. Carter

The following encapsulation of IF activities at the 1977 Annual Conference in Detroit (June 15-23) is reprinted from the conference issue of the Office for Intellectual Freedom's monthly MEMO to the 50 state intellectual freedom committees.

The ALA reprographics center is filled to the ceiling with minutes, dockets and agendas; program offices are occupied at all hours of the day and night; and the Executive Board just held its April meeting: all of which means that spring has arrived at ALA HQ and conference time is not far away.

If you are planning to attend the 1977 Annual Conference in Detroit, otherwise known as "the Paris of the Southeastern Corner of Lower Michigan" (see p. 260, AMERICAN LIBRARIES, May 1977), you won't want to miss our summary of intellectual freedom-related activities. And don't forget to bring the one-page schedule of intellectual freedom programs and business meetings (attached) so you'll know where to find us!

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

We hope many of you will be able to attend this year's Annual Conference and that you will also make it to the meetings of the Intellectual Freedom Committee. Please don't be shy about introducing yourselves. We look forward to meeting you personally and to having an opportunity to discuss our mutual concerns. Below is the IFC's schedule and room assignments. If you can't attend any IFC meetings, you should be able to find us at the meetings of the other intellectual freedom units.

The IFC will have a full schedule this summer and you won't want to miss the discussions regarding the Resolution on Racism and Sexism Awareness and the Library Bill of Rights.

Friday, June 17  2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
   Cobo Hall - Room 3137

Saturday, June 18  8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
   Detroit Plaza - LaSalle Room
   2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19  2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
   Detroit Plaza - LaSalle Room

Tuesday, June 21  8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
   Detroit Plaza - Greco Room
THE SPEAKER . . . A FILM ABOUT FREEDOM: Sunday, June 19, 9:00 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that the Intellectual Freedom Committee-sponsored film, THE SPEAKER, is - at last (!) - completed and will soon be distributed. As you know, the Detroit Conference will provide the first opportunity for ALA membership to view the film (immediately following Membership Meeting I in the Cobo Hall Arena). Unfortunately Mildred Dunnock, the film's star and well known actress of stage and screen, will not be able to attend the premiere due to prior commitments. Lee Bobker, producer and director, and various other crew members, however, will be on hand for the event and we hope we can count on seeing you there too.

THE SPEAKER is set in a medium-sized American town during the last year in the career of a popular high school teacher, Victoria Dunn, played by Ms. Dunnock. The high school Current Events Committee, advised by Dunn, decides to invite an extremely controversial speaker. Opposed to censorship, the community nevertheless objects to the airing of "dangerous ideas." Protests against the speaker spread through the school into the community. Those of you who have experienced censorship controversies will recognize the universal situation and arguments presented in THE SPEAKER. Just as in real life, the film provides no easy answers, but it presents much meat for discussion. We think you will find it an important asset to your own programs at the state level. The film (16mm color 42 min.) sells for $495 and is available for previews. Please write to OIF (50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611) for more information.

Battles for First Amendment Rights: Monday, June 20, 2:00 p.m.

The Intellectual Freedom Round Table-sponsored program will feature noted First Amendment lawyer Charles Rembar, who will discuss current efforts to preserve freedom of expression. Rembar argued and won the Fanny Hill case before the U.S. Supreme Court and more recently has been involved with the trials of Dr. Spock and THE CIA AND THE CULT OF INTELLIGENCE. Articles by Rembar have appeared in recent issues of ESQUIRE and ATLANTIC MONTHLY.

ALTA Intellectual Freedom Committee Program: Friday, June 17, 6:00 p.m.

In cooperation with the Urban Libraries Council, the ALTA/IFC will present Burton Joseph, First Amendment lawyer and executive director of the Playboy Foundation, and our own Judith F. Krug. Judy will discuss current intellectual freedom issues and activities and Mr. Joseph will speak about contemporary First Amendment concerns - and legal actions. This is a ticket-required event which will follow dinner and cocktails. If you are interested in attending, send your check for $12.50 (per ticket) payable to American Library Trustee Association to ALTA IFC/ULC Dinner, ALA Headquarters, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, as soon as possible.
BIBLIOGRAPHY

Tom Tedford of the Speech Communication Association recently informed us of the availability of a basic bibliography he prepared entitled "Freedom of Speech." It's a good resource with brief annotations and contains a representative sampling of First Amendment scholarship. The four-page compilation is available from the Speech Communication Module of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Reading and Communication Skills, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041.

TO THE POINT

Not interested in reading a whole book on the First Amendment? Franklyn Haiman, professor of group communication and urban affairs at Northwestern University and former chairperson of the Illinois Division of the American Civil Liberties Union, has written a 30-page pamphlet on the freedoms of speech, press and assembly. Although laced with the ACLU line, the pamphlet is a well written and useful summary of current First Amendment issues. It can be ordered from ACLU, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010. Please enclose 20c per copy with your order and ask for THE FIRST FREEDOMS: SPEECH, PRESS, ASSEMBLY.
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Here is our day-by-day listing of intellectual freedom programs and business meetings. All times indicate the beginning hours of scheduled sessions.

Wednesday, June 15
Freedom to Read Foundation, Board of Trustees 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
Detroit Plaza - Marquette Room

Friday, June 17
Intellectual Freedom Committee
Cobo Hall - Room 3137 2:00 p.m.
ALTA Intellectual Freedom Committee
Pontchartrain - Plaza Room B 8:00 a.m.
YASD Intellectual Freedom Committee
Cobo Hall - Room 3184 8:00 a.m.
CSD Intellectual Freedom Committee
Detroit Plaza - Duluth Room B 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
ALTA Intellectual Freedom Committee - Program
Detroit Plaza - Mackinac Ballroom 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 18
Intellectual Freedom Committee
Detroit Plaza - LaSalle Room 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19
Intellectual Freedom Committee
Detroit Plaza - LaSalle Room 2:00 p.m.
Intellectual Freedom Committee - Program
PREMIERE OF THE SPEAKER 9:00 p.m.
Cobo Hall - Arena

Monday, June 20
AASL Intellectual Freedom Representation and Information Committee
Cobo Hall - Room 3176 10:00 a.m.
Intellectual Freedom Round Table - Program and Membership Meeting
Cobo Hall - Room 2001B 2:00 p.m.
YASD Intellectual Freedom Committee - Open Hearings
Detroit Plaza - DaVinci Room 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 21
Intellectual Freedom Committee
Detroit Plaza - Greco Room 8:00 a.m.