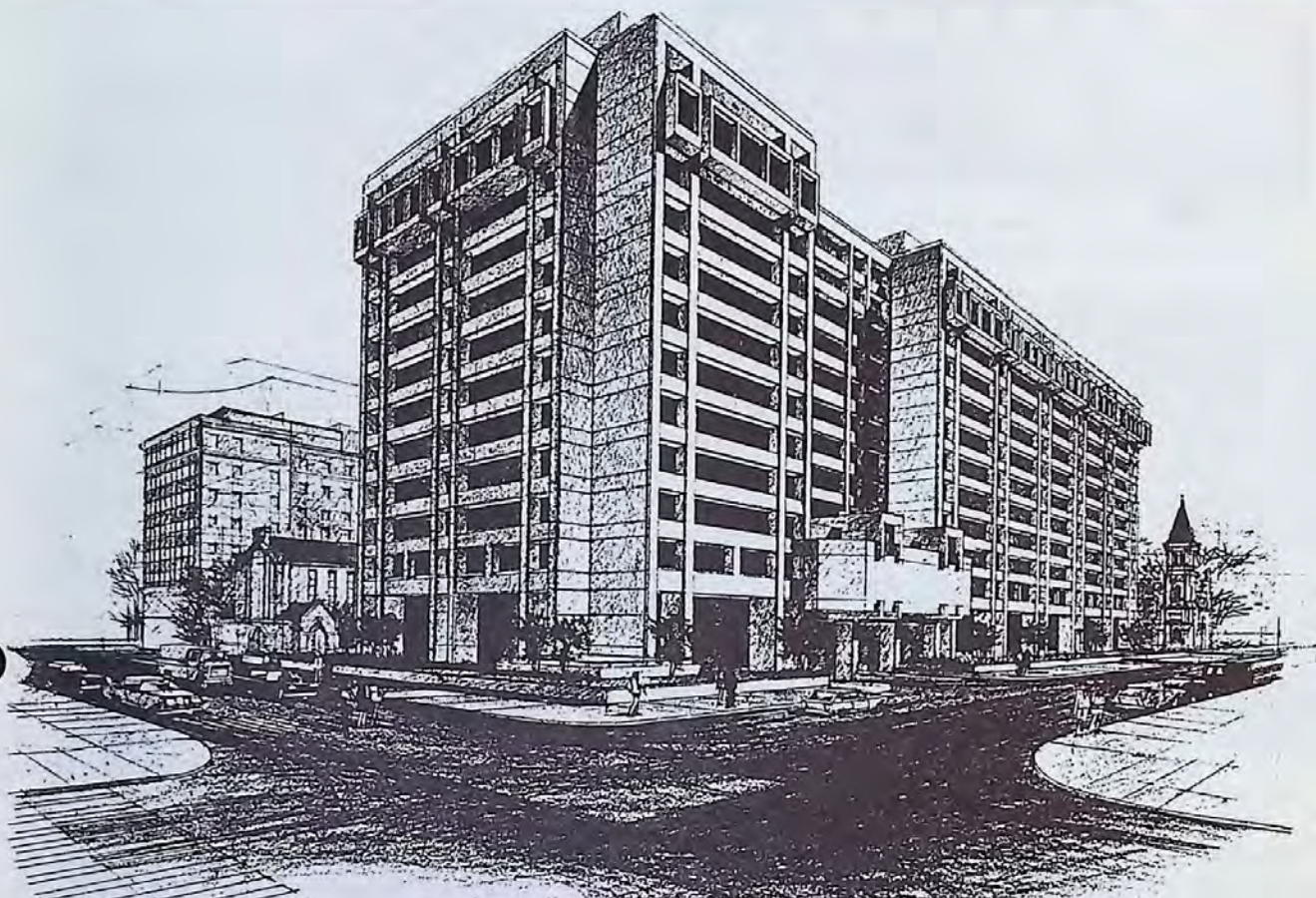


STAFF NEWS



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AN EXTENSION TO THE FUND BUILDING will be built over the next three years following a decision by the Executive Board on January 8 to approve an addition to present headquarters space. (Our drawing above provides an artist's impression of the new extension seen from the corner of 20th and H Streets).

The extension will be erected on the site bounded by 20th and H Streets which is now used for parking. It will enable all staff to be housed inside the building and permit the return of the Bureau of Language Services and of some other units that may be temporarily located in space rented in the Esplanade Building. It will also relieve crowded conditions in a number of offices in the building, including some Executive Directors' offices; permit a limited expansion in the size of the staff if operations should require this; provide space for visitors; and give the Fund a conference hall that could accommodate meetings such as those of the Interim Committee and the Joint Development Committee. It was emphasized in the Board discussion that there would be no slackening in the taut manning policies which have always been followed by the Fund.

The new wing (known as Phase IIa) will be an architectural extension of the present building and will blend harmoniously with it. Indeed, when construction of the present building was undertaken, the need for an extension in the future was envisaged and for this reason the Fund acquired between 1966 and 1969 all the property in our present block, except for the Western Presbyterian Church and the alley beside it. At that time, a comprehensive plan for the development of the entire square was prepared



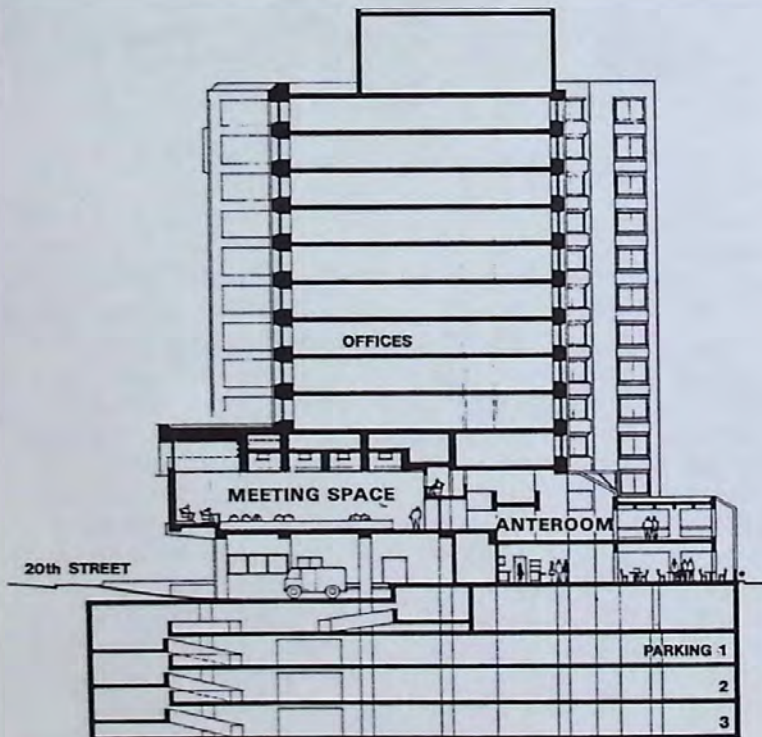
and approved by the District of Columbia and Federal authorities.

Although the Fund was compelled by a number of factors, including the return of the Joint Library to the building at the end of last year, to rent outside space, outside rental would over the long term prove to be a very costly expedient. In addition, there is no assurance that outside space would even be available near the Fund when it was needed, quite apart from the effect on the morale of Fund staff and the efficiency of Fund operations if various services were dispersed in different buildings.

The extension to the building will consist of 13 floors above ground, as in the present building, with office accommodations for some 335 staff members. There will be four floors below ground, with three of these floors being used for parking. The remaining underground level, the Concourse floor, will be used to provide needed expansion space for documents and records storage, communications, and the Joint Computer Center. The proposed conference space, on the second floor, will have complete simul-

taneous interpretation facilities and sound equipment and will also be designed so that it can be subdivided for smaller meetings. A larger snack bar is planned for the ground floor to relieve some of the congestion in the present cafeteria. (Seen above is an artist's impression of a section through the proposed anteroom and meeting space; and to the left a section of the elevation of the exterior.)

The Board also reached an agreement that Adams Hall, the former George Washington University dormitory, on the corner of 19th and H Streets, should be demolished. An independent consulting firm recently conducted a detailed structural analysis of the building and concluded that the structure is inadequate for conversion to any use and even that its continued use for residential purposes is dangerous and unsafe. Once the building is pulled down, it is planned to use the site for car parking during the construction of



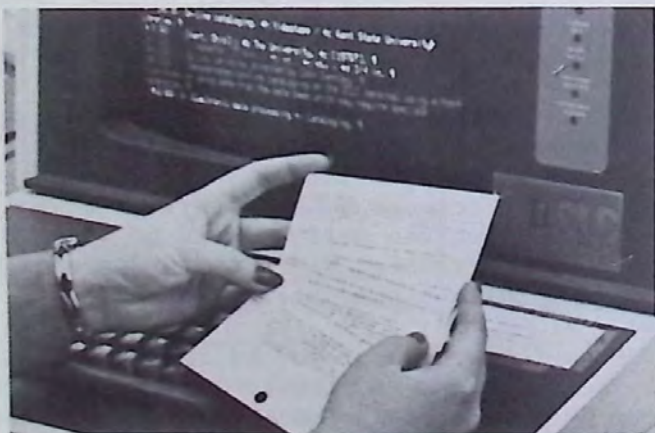
1,000 of the 1,300 members of the Staff Association cast ballots, and the amendments were approved by the required two-third majority of the membership. In addition, a third proposition on the ballot was accepted, allowing dues to be assessed and authorizing the Staff Association Committee to fix the rate of dues, not to exceed one-tenth of one per cent of net salary. The Staff Association Committee earlier stated its intention to make an initial assessment, through payroll deduction, of one-hundredth of one per cent of net salaries.

In a statement to the membership, the Staff Association Committee said that the decision permitting Department Directors and Deputy Directors to become members of the Staff Association will enable many senior staff members who have long supported the purposes of the Association to participate in its activities; and the authorization to raise a nominal amount of dues will provide the Staff Association Committee with limited financial resources which will be essential for its work in the coming months.

IN SEARCH OF INFORMATION? Do you need to find out what, where, how and who about books? How many times have you found yourself trying to remember the exact title of a book--not to mention such important details as name of publisher, year of publication, edition and so on? One way to find out is, of course, to drop by a bookstore and patiently wait for some sort of an answer, which eight out of ten times will generate even more questions than previously anticipated. This is especially so with technical books published in languages other than English outside the U.S. Another way would be to consult a library catalogue, and if your inquiry is about a technical book on the subject of economics, what better catalogue than the Joint Library's? But if you are still unable to find a satisfactory answer, there is a better, more reliable and perhaps more accurate way.

Librarians at the Joint Library can use the OCLC computerized system which is now in operation. OCLC, inc., is a computerized library network enriched with more than four million records of books on all subjects. The records have been and are being supplied by librarians in over 1,600 institutions in Mexico, Canada, and the U.S. Users of the network are also contributors in the sense that they enter new information, or modify data already stored, at any time. At the Joint Library, printed catalogue cards and computer tapes are produced for the Joint Library using OCLC data. Chances are good, therefore, that someone has already fed the network with information on the book you are attempting to identify properly by title. If this has been done, our librarian,

with the help of a terminal and a teleprinter, will not only be able to retrieve the title of the book, but will be able to provide other information about the book. In most instances, this will include the name of the author, the publishing house as well as language, edition, date, type and size of book and much more. It will also identify the libraries that have the book on their shelves. The U.S. Library of Congress, the IDB Library, the CIA Library, and all the large university libraries located in the Washington area are among the subscribers to OCLC. (Our photo above shows Eleanor Hansen and Maksym Wasyluk operating the system.)



ACRYLIC PAINTINGS AND SILKSCREEN PRINTS by Maryland artist Alexander Russo were featured in the Art Society's latest exhibition, on display in the Atrium from January 4 through January 26. Mr. Russo, who has been chairman of the Art Department at Hood College in Frederick since 1970, has had numerous one-man shows in the United States and abroad and has also participated in group exhibitions at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York, among others. Public collections in which he is represented include several in Washington: the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the National Collection of Fine Arts, Georgetown University, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. (Our photo, right, shows the artist with Mr. and Mrs. Horst Ungerer.)

Some staff members may recall that Mr. Russo exhibited once before at the Fund, in 1968. His recent show was aptly titled "Themes 1968 to 1978," and he explained that the works fall into three broad thematic categories. The first group, he said, expresses "a metaphysical concern focusing on the process of life itself"; the second centers on "the position of humanity in a state of relativity, balancing, on the one hand, the promise of hope, and on the other, a sense of despair"; and the third "is the theme of a play of color and form, sometimes reminiscent of natural forms found in reflections, and at other times an attempt at 'pure' painterly associations which have a 'poetry' of their own." Those themes have been recurrent ones for many years, Mr. Russo notes, but they have found what he describes as "a greater



stage of maturity" in the past ten years. Whatever their themes, Mr. Russo's works are distinguished by their vibrant colors and lively forms. His style is abstract, but he explained, "I have always contended in my teaching as well as in my efforts at creative expression that art is a process of communication--no matter how esoteric the language may be at times."

On view in the Atrium through February 23 is an exhibition of contemporary Danish graphic art, being presented by the Art Society under the patronage of the Ambassador of Denmark. This show features 60 works by 11 artists, including Inge-Lise Koefoed, one of whose works was presented to the Kennedy Center as the official gift of Denmark.

"AFGHANISTAN 1966 - 1970" is the title of the International Camera Club's next slide show, which will be held in the Fund Cafeteria on Wednesday, February 7, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The show will be presented by David Thomson, a well-known amateur photographer, who was stationed in Afghanistan as Counsellor of Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. All are invited to attend.

The usual monthly slide competition, open to I.C.C. members only, will be held following Mr. Thomson's show. Slides--not more than five per entrant, please--should be submitted to Dolores Harrison in World Bank Room E-410 by 12 noon on February 6. Those sending slides through the mail are reminded that they do so at their own risk.

It is safer to deliver the slides in person!

The I.C.C.'s Annual Photographic Exhibition will open in the Atrium on March 12 and will run through April 6. Almost 500 entries were received for the exhibition and a selection of those to be displayed was made by three judges on January 18. A first-rate exhibition is in prospect, and all staff members and their families are invited to attend the opening.

KARIN SCHUMACHER of the IMF Institute wishes to thank staff members for their support in the recent WETA elections. Miss Schumacher was elected to the WETA Board of Trustees for a term of three years. She has resided in Washington for fifteen years, and served as production manager of the U.S. bureau of a major West German television network before coming to the Fund. Miss Schumacher's aim is "to represent WETA's many loyal members in the international community and to work to expand all members' access to the best of international television and radio broadcasts." Anyone who wishes to raise questions or offer suggestions regarding WETA is invited to contact Miss Schumacher on ext. 73783.

THE FUND HISTORY FOR 1966-71, by the Fund's Historian, Margaret Garritsen de Vries, is now being reviewed in journals and yearbooks in languages other than English. (Earlier reviews were in journals of the United States and Great Britain.) In the 1978 edition of Acta Monetaria, the Yearbook of Monetary System and Monetary Policy, published in Frankfurt, the Federal Republic of Germany, Gerhard Mark, Editor, writes (as translated by the Fund's Bureau of Language Services) that the History "brings out again and again how the Fund as an institution is compelled to respond to actions with reactions....Insight into the character of the IMF as the centerpiece of the international monetary system is acquired while reading and through reading the work." Mr. Mark comments also that Mrs. de Vries' volume "written in relatively understandable English makes it possible for German-speaking readers, among others, to study" the Fund. In the Finnish Economic Journal Kansantaloudellinen aikakauskirja, 1978, Jussi Linnamo says (again in translation) that Mrs. de Vries "writes an exceptionally clear prose," giving "an analytical account of the disintegration of the Bretton Woods Agreement" and that "the history of SDRs and the Smithsonian system is now complete, apart from documentation as to how decisions were taken at the national levels of various governments." The Fund History for 1966-71 has also been given an annotated listing in the 1977 issue of the Annuaire Français de Droit International (the French Yearbook of International Law) as well as in the British Yearbook of International Law for 1976/77.

A VISIT TO THE YUGOSLAVIAN EMBASSY was made on Tuesday, January 23, by the International Families of the Fund Organization (InFFO). Two films were shown. The first highlighted the tourist attractions, the different areas of the country, and its art and culture. The second was on the new conference center, where the Annual Meetings will be held in September. The group was addressed by Ambassador Dimce Belovski and the Cultural Counselor, Dusan Trifunovic.

A seminar on "The Role of the Fund's Executive Board" will be given by Bernard Drabble, Executive Director for Canada and a group of other countries, on Tuesday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5-308.

The next InFFO outing will be a trip to the Franciscan Monastery of Washington on the morning of Friday, February 23. The monastery's museum houses one of the finest collections of carved pearl pieces outside of Jerusalem, as well as arts and crafts relating to the Holy Land and the Bible. On display are paintings, inscriptions, icons, and artifacts from the time of the early Christians. A tour of the monastery grounds will disclose reproductions of the Roman catacombs and replicas of many Holy Land sites, such as the Grotto of Bethlehem and the Holy Sepulcher.

Staff members and their spouses and parents who would like to attend the seminar or visit the monastery are asked to please contact Mrs. Coons, ext. 76521.

A SKATING RINK has now been installed in the courtyard of the Federal Home Loan Bank Building, 17th and G Streets, as a recreational facility to brighten the lunch hours of

New Members of Fund Staff



Mr. Hossein G. Askari
U.S.A. - OED



Ms. Jennifer M. Cook
U.K. - AFR



Mr. Jean Guill
Luxembourg - OED



Miss Carol L. Larson
U.S.A. - OED



Miss Flavia Palanza
Italy - ASD



Mr. Keith F. Palmer
U.K. - FAD



Mr. Lorenzo L. Perez
U.S.A. - ETR



Mrs. Zaynab Shatila
Lebanon - OED



Mr. Maksym O. Wasyluk
Canada - ADM



Mr. Kenny Kay Kee Wee
Singapore - OED

Federal Government workers and others who work in the area. Staff members who wish to use the facility during the winter months are welcome to do so for a nominal charge. Skates may also be hired at the rink.

THE G-4 CHILDREN'S COALITION was formed in April 1978 by dependents of staff members of all international agencies in Washington to work for an improvement in the status of G-4 children on completion of their studies. It started by engaging legal counsel Mr. Edward Wright, and raising \$4,500 to pay him. Mr. Wright indicated, and others confirmed, that it could cost anywhere from \$3,000--with a great deal of luck--to \$10,00 or more to bring about the necessary change in the law. Since the Coalition was founded, it has, either through Mr. Wright or through the efforts of members:

1. Agreed on language for legislation to enable G-4 children to live normal lives in the United States after graduation.
2. Held meetings with Congressman Harris (D-Fairfax) and with the staffs of Senators Mathias (R-Maryland) and Eastland (D-Mississippi) of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees to make them aware of the problem.
3. Persuaded these legislators to write letters to the Department of State enquiring about its attitude toward the desired legislation. This alone represented a considerable change in attitude, especially from Senator Eastland.
4. Persuaded the Deputy Legal Counsel of the State Department to receive a delegation and to circularize the Department for the purpose of establishing a departmental view. This was also a major step. Hitherto, the State Department had resisted establishing a departmental view, even for the legislators.
5. Commented on the draft regulations for employment of spouses and dependent children, contributing to the removal of some of the most difficult requirements between the draft and the final texts.

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20 YEAR STAFF. In January Mrs. Hildegard K. Mattare, Secretary, Legal Department, commemorated twenty years of service with the Fund.

MARRIAGES. Mr. Willem G.L. Evers, Asian Department, was married on January 11th to Miss Helen M. Jenner, Secretary's Department.

BABIES. A son, Daniel John, was born on November 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vohden (Adriana); a daughter, Stephanie Sandra, was born on December 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gilbert Chen (Michele); a daughter, Kethi Mwikali, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew K. Mullei on December 12; and a daughter, Olivia Marie, was born on December 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Carlos M. Pacheco (Jeanne).

RESIGNATIONS IN DECEMBER. Ms. Linda S. Buttery, Mr. John P. McIntyre, Miss Karen L. Miller, and Ms. Penelope J. Smith.

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6. Served as an information and reporting center for persons with G-4 children's difficulties. In particular, the Coalition has helped to make clear that the "under-16" option is still available, despite the expression of contrary opinions in the Immigration Service. This is an improvement over previous periods, when individuals were left coping with rebuffs with nowhere to turn.
7. Collected case histories of children's difficulties, something that is essential if legislators are to be convinced that it is worth taking action that may be locally unpopular.
8. Focussed citizen opinion in opposition to the Montgomery County Public Schools' proposals for imposing discriminatory school fees on the basis of nationality.
9. Alerted the legal and administrative staffs of the international agencies to enable them to consider legal action if the Montgomery County regulations are unsatisfactory.
10. Established a reasonable relationship with at least a few journalists, thus helping to offset former unfavorable publicity.

The Coalition now has some \$600 in the bank. It needs about \$6,000 more! All the money is needed to pay the legal adviser at \$50 per hour, plus postage, taxis and other fees that he charges in the course of this work. Thanks to the goodwill of administration departments and others, the Coalition has incurred no administrative expenses for typing, postage, copying and the like. However, all its legal funds must be raised by voluntary contributions, and all concerned parents are asked to help. Send contributions, made out to "G-4 Children's Coalition" to John Kay in Room 12-416. The treasurer of the Coalition is Kaija Juusela, the wife of Oiva Juusela (Room 10-300).

IMMUNIZATION AGAINST HEPATITIS: The attention of staff members is drawn to the importance of taking gamma globulin injections immediately before any travel to tropical or sub-

tropical countries. While this prophylaxis is not a certain preventative against hepatitis, experience has demonstrated that an attack is much less severe if gamma globulin has been taken. For injections please contact the Health Room.



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