

I regret that Ted Blachut could not come here. Be sure that we, in the Council, appreciate the job he has already performed and that our coming ISP Council in Paris will examine the matter very carefully with the President of Commission VI, Prof. Zbigniew Sitek.

I would like to make a few statements. Pardon me the disorder of their presentation :

a) I very well understand Ted's position : ISP officers have spoken about the history of photogrammetry for decades and have only spoken until recent years; the members of the editorial board need to be assured that they do not work for nothing;

b) unfortunately, Ted Blachut's first letter, dated March 15, 1977 was received after the last ISP Council which was held in Reston, USA, in the very early days of March, so that we did not discuss the matter; the following Council will be the Paris one, next September;

c) I visited two important persons in UNESCO to try to get a financial help, i.e. :

- in July 1977, Dr. Michel Batisse, the UNESCO Assistant Director General for Earth sciences, without any success,

- in September 1977, with Ted Blachut, Dr. Yuri Novozhilov, another UNESCO Assistant Director General, for Sciences, who encouraged us to get the support from national delegations,

d) so Ted and I met a representative of the Canadian delegation and later on, I visited the Vice-President of the French delegation and the former President of Mexico, chief of the Mexican delegation to UNESCO;

e) having received a draft budget from Ted Blachut, I first consulted the ISP Secretary General, Dr. Frederick Doyle and the ISP Treasurer, Mrs. Aino Savolainen;

f) later on, I consulted the other three members of the Council;

g) in spite of the general agreement which resulted from these consultations and in spite of our intention to discuss the matter very carefully at the next Council, I would like to state without engaging anyone but myself;



h) as you know it, the ISP Council resources are very low, as compared with the resources of our Sister Associations; I must add that, along our copious exchange of letters, Ted wrote that he never has thought of asking any financial support from the ISP funds;

i) I would like to make a distinction in this particular working group activity between :

- the redaction of the manuscript,
- the publication of the book;

j) I appreciated the desire of the editorial board to go ahead very quickly; it wanted to have the history ready for the 1980 Congress; I did not think it was really possible; Ted will have to collect the various papers, to balance them, to avoid overlaps and gaps, to submit the manuscript to the Council; the Council will have to circulate it among the Member Bodies and to get the General Assembly approval, which is only possible at a Congress; so that, it seems that it is not possible to have the book printed for the 1980 Congress; it would be a real success to have the manuscript approved at that time; of course, the editorial board would go on after the Congress, being entirely reconducted under Blachut's chairmanship;

k) the preparation of the manuscript seems to be a job similar to the tasks of the other 40 working groups; the ISP funds cannot financially help the seven technical Commissions; so, they cannot financially help any of the 40 working groups; Canada and the other countries involved in the editorial board should support their country-fellows;

l) the situation is different for the edition of the book; a financial help can be expected and obtained from :

- the instrument makers and surveying firms, for instance to pay advertisements,
- the sale of the book,
- international organizations;

m) I do not think that we can support an action for any financial help from the ISP member bodies or from the major firms at the present time. Where to find a financial support ?

- from the national Societies ? Some member bodies have to be recalled by the Treasurer, backed by the President, for unpaid contri-



bution fees, in spite of the very low level of these fees for the more of them;

- from national agencies ? The more of the big ones afford ISP an important help with engineers, offices, secretariate facilities, etc. We cannot go to far on this way, without encountering the danger of a rupture in the present assistance;

- from the major instrument makers and private surveying firms ? Secretary General Fred Doyle meets some difficulty to establish the new category of sustaining members, as decided at the Helsinki General Assembly; the sums needed by Ted Blachut are significantly higher than the yearly contributions under discussion; so, it seems difficult that either the ISP Secretary General or the ISP President directly writes to the major exhibitions; we must not forget that, if the today's relations are very good between ISP and the instrument makers, the time is not so far away when, in the sixties, our predecessors rejected the instrument makers from the technical sessions to their stands in the equipment exhibition as Jesus expelled the merchants from the Jerusalem temple;

n) I must not have a behaviour which could seem to be only negative and I would like to express a few positive suggestions, which are as follows :

- a) I am ready to resume my action at the UNESCO to get some financial help even for the redaction of the manuscript; unfortunately I had little time available since a few months; my retirement from the Government service in January next will enable me to do more; however and obviously, I can visit UNESCO earlier;

- b) we consider that the chairman of the editorial board has a sufficient weight to write himself to the instrument makers, manufacturers of supplies, surveying firms; the resolution of the General Assembly has charged Poland, which accepted, with the establishment a working group to write the history of Photogrammetry; the President of Commission VI has appointed a Chairman, who accepted, for the editorial board, so, this chairman is entitled to write on behalf of ISP, quoting the authority he has received from the ISP General Assembly;

- c) Secretary General Frederick Doyle has proposed to get in touch with Dr. Talbert Abrams, who administers a foundation and who will probably accept to help the working group;



d) cannot Ted Blachut receive some help either from the ISP Canadian Member Body (as any other responsible of any other technical commission or working group would do), i.e. the Canadian Institute of Surveying or from the National Research Council of Canada ? Cannot the members of the editorial board get some support from the Member Body they belong to or from the Institute or Agency where they are serving ?

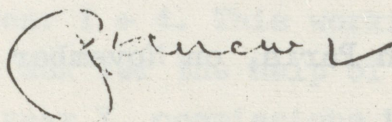
e) it appears that the chairman of the editorial board wants to gather his colleagues pretty often; I would not interfere in a job which is his own one. However, may I advise him not to hold too frequently such meetings ? They are costly and I am not sure that they are really efficient. Many questions can be solved by mail, perhaps in a better way than by a discussion of a number of people around the table.

f) I repeat that the next ISP Council will seriously discuss the matter.

To clarify the situation, it is my intention to send a copy of the present intervention to Ted Blachut and to resume the discussion, if wished so, with Prof. Sitek either here in Krakow or at the Paris meeting.

To conclude, be sure, Ladies and Gentlemen, that we did not drop, do not drop and shall not drop Ted Blachut in his action.

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