

Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison) was appointed MLA liaison to the National Network of Women's Caucuses and Committees in the Professional Associations.

10. *Nomination of Honorary Members and Honorary Fellows.* The council imposed a brief moratorium on the nomination of honorary members, pending a review of the nomination process. The council also noted that changes in the nomination process are likely to be made if a separate committee on honors and prizes is created. The staff is to report back to the council on the nomination process in February.

Acting on suggestions from the Committee on Research Activities, the council nominated Jorge Amado, J. M. Coetzee, Zbigniew Herbert, Edmond Jabès, Denise Levertov, Ngugi wa Thiong'o, Augusto Roa Bastos, and Stephen Spender to honorary fellowship in the association. These nominations were forwarded to the Delegate Assembly for final action.

11. *1990 Convention Site.* The council selected Chicago as the site of the 1990 MLA convention.

12. *Proposed Program Committee Review of Division Structure.* The council postponed a decision on a Program Committee review of the divisions until February because the council's charge to the committee should take into account the results of the Delegate Assembly's December vote on revised guidelines for allied organizations.

13. *International Membership Assistance Fund.* The council established an international membership assistance fund, to which members may contribute and which will be used to pay the membership dues of foreign scholars from countries that enforce currency restrictions. The MLA staff will administer the fund and develop application procedures.

14. *Authorization to Seek Funds.* The council authorized the staff to seek funds for two ongoing projects, the Retrospective Bibliography Project and the Research in Progress Data Base Pilot Project.

15. *MLA Participation in the Text Encoding Initiative.* The council approved MLA participation in the Text Encoding Initiative, a project cosponsored by the Association for Computers and the Humanities, the Association for Computational Linguistics, and the Association for Literary and Linguistic Computing. The goal of the initiative is to develop a common format for encoding computer-readable texts. The council appointed Randall Jones (Humanities Research Center, Brigham Young Univ.) to represent the association on the initiative's advisory board. Joe Hollander will serve as MLA staff liaison to the initiative.

16. *New Business.* The council discussed at some length the acceleration of publishing in the profession and

its effects on different segments of the profession and on publishers. Council members expressed their concerns about the quantity and the quality of scholarly publications, the need for flexible standards in the assessment and review of scholarship, the status of publications in promotion and tenure decisions, the reluctance of publishers—even university presses—to publish certain types of scholarly books, and the high cost of books. Council members noted that the current state of scholarly publishing presents problems not only for authors but also for consumers of scholarship.

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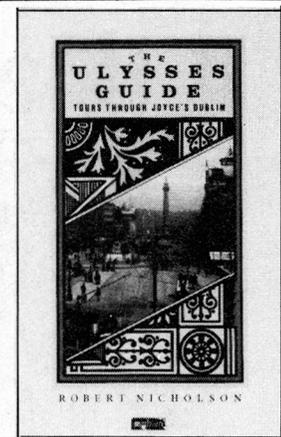
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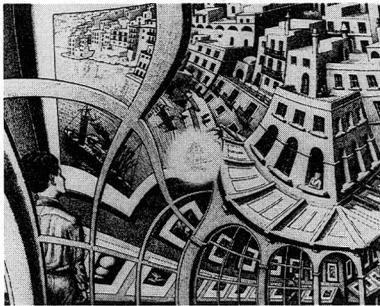
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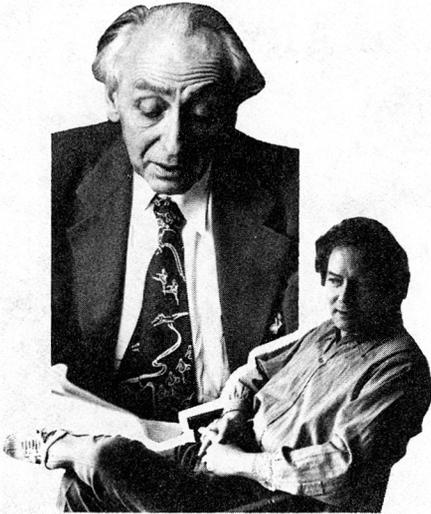
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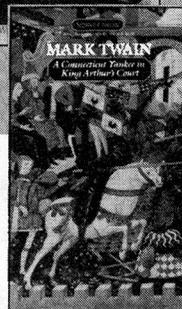
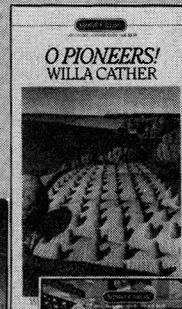
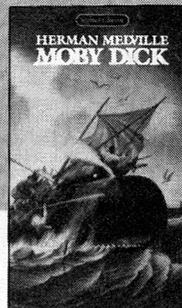
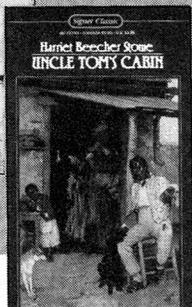
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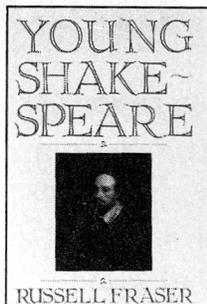
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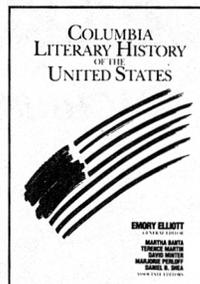
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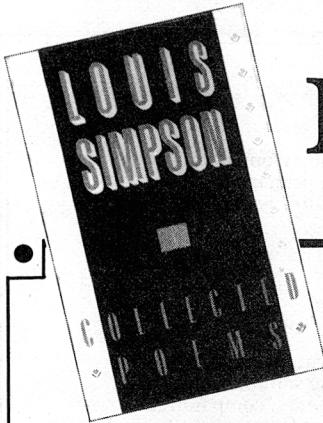
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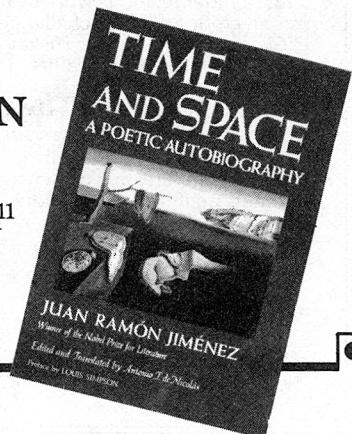
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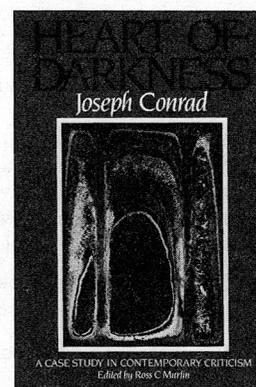
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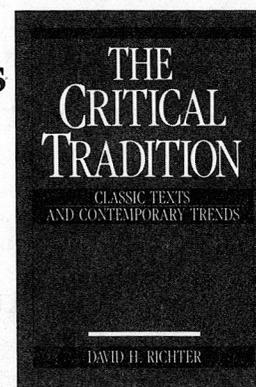


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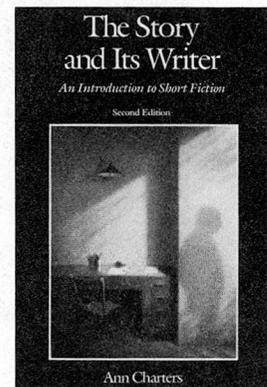
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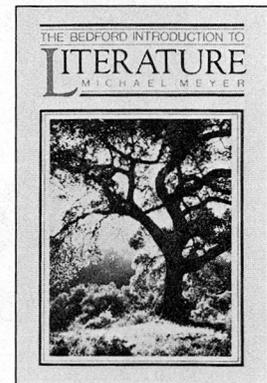


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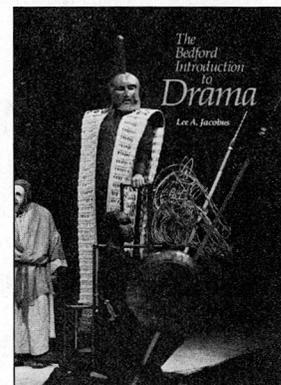


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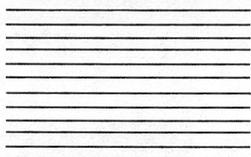
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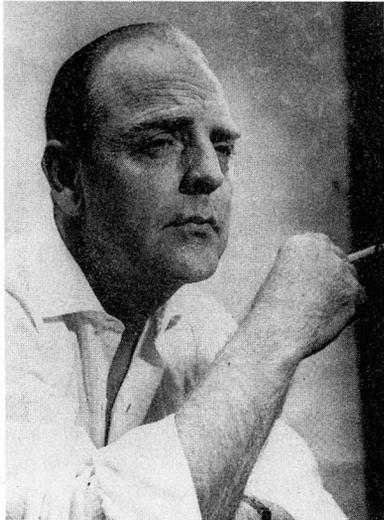
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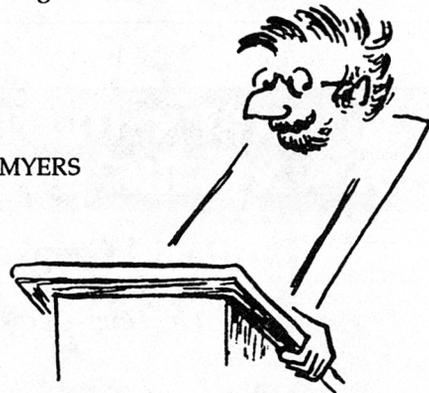
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