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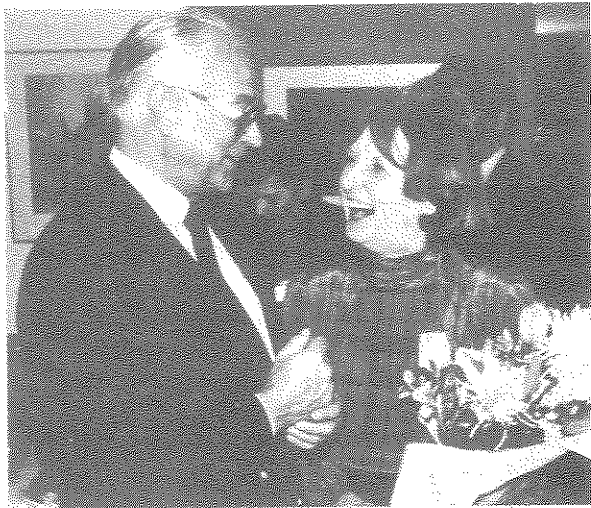
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Dear Friend of the LSE:

I am delighted to announce the new AFLSE officers elected at the annual spring meeting of the Board of Directors in Washington on March 19, 1983. Your new President is Wendy Weinberg, who has served as Board Secretary for the past two years, and has been an active member of the Washington Chapter. Mrs. Weinberg received her B.Sc. (Econ.) from LSE in 1956, and her LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1960. She met her husband, Robert Weinberg, at the School while he was studying for his Ph.D. as a Fulbright Scholar. Both were officers of the LSE Students Union. Winthrop Brown, M.Sc. 1971, will continue to serve as Vice President. He has been an invaluable member of the Board for several terms, chairing the 1980s Fund Appeal for the AFLSE since its establishment in 1980. Mr. Brown is a partner in the law firm of Shaw Pittman Potts and Trowbridge in Washington, D.C. Raymond Goodman was elected for a second term as AFLSE's devoted Treasurer. Recently retired from the World Bank, Mr. Goodman received his B.Sc. (Econ.) from LSE in 1938. Ann I. Schneider joins the Board as Secretary. She has been an active member of the Scholarship Committee, and received her Ph.D. in International History at LSE in 1963. Dr. Schneider is currently senior program officer of the International Program Staff of the U.S. Department of Education.

Three new Board members were elected. Janice Bellace received her J.D. in 1974 from the University of Pennsylvania, and her M.Sc. in Industrial Relations from LSE in 1975. Now Professor of Legal Studies and Management at the Wharton School, Dr. Bellace succeeds Dr. David Solomons as the Delaware Valley representative on the AFLSE Board. John Carfora was a 1979 AFLSE scholarship winner. He is Scholar in Residence at the University of New Haven, and a candidate for the Ph.D. from LSE in the field of Soviet planning and industrial productivity. Mr. Carfora heads the Connecticut Chapter of the AFLSE, which he organized and has been expanding effectively for the last few years. George Davidson was a General Course student at LSE in 1970-71, and is now corporate attorney at Simpson Thacher and Bartlett in New York City. He has been active in the efforts to establish the New York Chapter.

The Washington Chapter gave a tea for the Board at the Washington Press Club after the annual meeting. It was the first time that AFLSE members and friends have had a chance to meet their representatives, who had come from California, Michigan and New York, as well as from the Washington area, for the meeting. As outgoing President, I was delighted to receive flowers and a thoughtful note of thanks from the Director. The Board itself presented me with an engraved world clock, bringing to a most pleasant conclusion my six years as AFLSE Executive Vice President and President.



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Five of the 1982-83 AFLSE scholarship holders have written to Mrs. Taylor with glowing reports of their experiences. One awardee wrote, "The role the AFLSE is playing in making the School accessible to Americans...is vital. I gather that your support of students is very much appreciated by the School as well, preoccupied as it is with the uphill struggle of maintaining its international standing and ability to attract good students from the States and elsewhere abroad."

Three of this year's group are (l. to r.)



Robert Kuo, Richard O'Meara, Michael Yaffe

CHAPTER ACTIVITY

Boston reports a May 22 event at Harvard, featuring the Moscow correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, Nigel Wade, currently on sabbatical at Harvard.

The Connecticut Chapter has been formally recognized by the AFLSE Board. John Carfora reports that a May 14 luncheon reception was held at Trinity College, Hartford, hosted by Professor Leroy Dunn, an LSE alumnus. After a tour of the college, the group held a business meeting to explore plans for joint LSE/MIT events in New Haven, and possible programs in the Stamford/Greenwich area and other Connecticut cities.

A New York Chapter has been formally approved by the AFLSE Board, as well. John Kerr will serve initially as Chairman. Administrative committee members are Shirley Adelson Siegel, George Davidson, Craig Dixon and Robert Beau Leonard. This structure is the happy result of the past year's organizing efforts to identify specific New York interests and possibilities. Last fall Professor Norman Dorsen, LSE alumnus and Chairman of the ACLU, spoke to an organizing group, as did Dr. Richard Lyman, LSE Honorary Fellow and President of the Rockefeller Foundation. A sherry party in February was enjoyed by AFLSE members and friends, and in April, Dr. John Griffith, LSE Professor of Public Law, spoke to a group about the LSE. Chapter participation in several events of the British Arts Festival was organized successfully by Mrs. Siegel, AFLSE Board Member, with the 1980s Fund the fortunate beneficiary. AFLSE Board Member Steven Scheuer and Edna Fuerth Lemle continue their most generous support and hospitality to the New York Chapter.

In San Francisco, AFLSE Board Member Marion Ross, Professor at Mills College, held a working dinner for area alumni and friends interested in organizing more AFLSE chapter activity there. Professor Hilde Himmelweit of LSE was the guest of honor; she has been at the Stanford Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences this year.

The Washington Chapter has sponsored a number of events since LSE Professor Maurice Cranston opened the 1982-83 season with a stimulating perspective on Rousseau, at an after-work wine and cheese party in the Dirksen Senate Office Building. A Christmas Party at the Iron Gate Inn was a great success, as was the afternoon tea in March to welcome AFLSE Board Members. During the winter, AFLSE members were invited to an opening at fellow LSE alumnus Robert Brown's contemporary art gallery, to an update on LSE by Wilhelm Buiter, Cassel Professor of Economics, at the Weinbergs' home, and in April to the British Embassy Players spring production, "Pleasure and Repentance."

We are impressed and delighted by all this effort. Letters and calls from all over the country make it clear that more activity is very much wanted. A top priority of your new AFLSE President and the Board is to organize and strengthen AFLSE in other areas where smaller and more widely scattered groups of alumni are located.

NOTES

Professor Dahrendorf has been appointed Honorary Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Her Majesty the Queen, "in recognition of the valuable service [you have] rendered to British interests."

A Fund Appeal Advisory Group has been organized in Washington. Members include Wendy Weinberg, Winthrop Brown, Eleanor Farrar, Alan Madian, James Weinberger, Joel Brenner and Lauren Walters. Alex Shakow has agreed to serve as Chairman.

As you know, AFLSE paid members are entitled to special rates on Foreign Policy magazine subscriptions. Several excellent publications which LSE either edits or publishes might also be of interest to you. They are Economica, the British Journal of Sociology, the Journal of Transport Economics and Policy, Population Studies, Government and Opposition, Millenium: the Journal of International Studies, and the British Journal of Industrial Relations. There are rates for United States subscribers, and all but Population Studies appear three or four times a year. For further information, write directly to LSE.

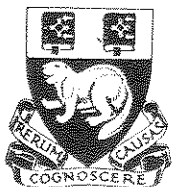
This will be my last newsletter to you. I have thoroughly enjoyed working for AFLSE, and through it, for LSE. I thank you all for your loyalty and growing support. The AFLSE Board of Directors is a wonderful, interesting group to work with. You can be proud of its dedication and quality. I look forward to the national growth I know will take place under your new President, and wish you all success and happiness with her leadership.

Sincerely,

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