

THE PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

Booker Prize Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee
held on Tuesday 1 December 1970 at
19 Bedford Square, London W.C.1. at 11.45 a.m.

- Present:
- Mr. John Murphy (Chairman)
 - Mr. Martyn Goff
 - Lord Hardinge
 - Mr. Tom Maschler
 - Mr. Peter Smith
 - Miss Marilyn Edwards

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. Mark Longman

1. Panel of Judges

Acceptances have been received from:

- Saul Bellow
- Antonia Fraser
- John Gross
- Malcolm Muggeridge

} Write to judges

Angus Wilson was approached but he is unable to accept.

In the light of this refusal further names were suggested by the Committee for a fifth member of the panel. They were: Paul Bailey, V. S. Pritchett, Julian Symonds, C. P. Snow (other names that had been suggested previously were, F. R. Leavis, Christopher Logue, George Steiner, Anthony Tanner, Christopher Ricks, Elizabeth Bowen, Norman Mailer). It was agreed to approach V. S. Pritchett and in the event of his refusal, Iris Murdoch. If both these people refused an emergency meeting should be held on 17 December at 11.45 a.m. at the Publishers Association.

- 1st Iris Murdoch
- x Penelope Mortimer
- x Muriel Spark
- John Mortimer
- x Brigida Brophy
- x Ken Kesey
- John Fowles

- Bernard Levin
- Nigel Dennis
- Veronica Wedgwood
- Philip [unclear]
- Nicholas Mosley
- Martyn Bragg
- Michael Gray
- Margaret Brabble



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Revised:

George Handberg

F. R. Leavis

C. P. Snow

Philip Toynbee

Julian Symonds

Tom Mortimer

Bernard Levin

John Gross

Stuart Hampshire

Bernard Levin

Jonathan Miller

Rayner Unwin

Colin Wilson

Jackie Collins

Fred Warburg

George Steiner

Ken Allsop

Alistair Maclean

Peter Fleming

Denise Robbins

Kenneth Tynan

David Cecil

John Braine

Nancy Mitford

2. Change in the Rules

A new set of Rules were drawn up and approved by the Committee together with a statement headed "New Policy for the Booker Prize for Fiction". Tom Maschler suggested slight emendations to the policy which is circulated with these minutes.

3. Announcement of Change in Rules

It was agreed that as the Judges are likely to be known in the future, publishers, the trade press and national press should all receive an announcement in the change of procedure and a list of judges shortly. Publishers should also receive a set of rules and the entry forms at the same time.

Note

Since this meeting was held Tom Maschler has reported that Saul Bellow has accepted the role of judge. Members of the Committee are reminded that at this stage this must remain confidential.

Bellow

October 1st

Tuesday after Christmas