

October 6th, 1971

Philip Toynbee, Esq.,

Dear Philip,

Thank you so much for your sweet letter of 22nd September. I am so sorry that things are so ghastly for you at the moment and hope very much that they sort themselves out.

Because of the correspondence that has been going backwards and forwards between the judges and the organising committee, the dates of the announcement of the short list and of the winning book have had to be delayed. The short list is now to be announced on 15th October and the winning ceremony, which will be at the Cafe Royale (we think), will be held on 25th November. Naturally, we would very much like the judges to attend, and if that date would be desperately inconvenient for you, I would be very grateful if you could let me know as soon as possible.

When I approached Bookers about your expenses, they rightly admonished me for failing to point out that expenses were supposed to come from the judge's fee. In the light of Saul Bellow et al, it was very reasonable that you should have raised this matter; please forgive me for not having made it clear at the outset.

I do hope that we may all meet again, if not sooner than at the announcement of the Prize.

Best wishes.

Yours ever,

Marilyn Edwards