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Note from the Chairman:

Plans are well ahead for the 1985 London Symposium, Map Fair, and Exhibition on 22-23 June.

I would like to thank Commander C. Terrell RN, Curator Hydrography of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich for offering the facilities of the Museum and for jointly helping us with our Symposium. Valerie Scott will be the Symposium Chairman assisted by Alan Bartlett and John Beech.

I do welcome members and their friends who have not been to a London Symposium to join us for this week-end. As well as the Symposium at the National Maritime Museum there are very many other interesting things to see at Greenwich. Such as; Observatory, Meridian Line, Greenwich Park, Queen Anne's House, The Royal Naval Collage and the famous clipper 'The Cutty Sark' Alan Bartlett has arranged a trip down the River Thames by boat (details elsewhere).

On Saturday evening our Dinner is being held at the Royal Overseas League as last year. The League is accommodated in a delightful Georgian house overlooking Green Park. The dinner is a relaxed and friendly affair and gives members a chance to meet other members with varied interests from all parts of the world. We hope you will join us. As Co-ordinator of the week-end I am pleased to also have the help of Stephen Luck, Jonathan Potter, and Faith Ashwood.

Dudley Barnes of Paris has kindly offered to mount an Exhibition of 'Portolanos' at the

Forum Hotel on the Sunday. This will take place at the same time and place as the Map Fair. The Fair this year is being held for one day only on Sunday the 23rd June.

Yasha Beresiner has also offered to help the Symposium and Map Fair by acting as our Public Relations and Publicity man. Yasha with his world wide interests is a very busy man so we appreciate his help even more

At the last Annual Dinner, the 'Chairmans Award' for the best contribution to our Journal was given to Yasha for his articles on Cyprus. Unfortunately as I was about to present the award there was an electric power failure. The award was composed of a brass dial thermometer and hygrometer mounted on a hand carved piece of early mahogany with the insignia of Yasha's head between the dials. This incident reminds me to ask you to send your contributions and articles to the Editor so that they can be included in the May Journal, copy date 1st April.

The Chairman of the IMCoS — Tooley Award Committee for the next two years is Valerie Scott. The Committee is composed of two members from IMCoS and two appointed by the company of Tooley & Adams. The Chairman is chosen from previous award winners. I know that Valerie Scott would like to receive nominations. Any member can nominate a person for this award. The award is a silver salver, engraved with the winner's name and a token cheque of £100.

You will be pleased to know that the Society and The Map Collector are publishing an International directory of Map Dealers. We hope that this directory will be available in 1985.