Symposium - The 7th Symposium of the Association Internationale
Pour la Recherche et la Diffusion des Methodes Audio-
Visuelles et Structuro-Globales was held at Sousse,
Tunisia from the 14th to the 21st of July, 1974. The
main topic of the Symposium was “Audio-Visual Techni-
ques in Teaching Classical Arabic, French and English.”
Mrs Evelyn Irving, a former President of NALLD, pre-
presented a paper “Motivating Foreign Language Learning
through a Cultural Audio-Visual Approach”. Five major
proposals were drafted as a result of this Symposium.

1. The need to supplement the present state of re-
search into techniques of vocabulary acquisition
using audio-visual aids by a systematic appraisal of
experiments carried out in various countries at all
levels of education (primary, secondary, tertiary and
adult classes);

2. the need to increase the exchange of information
and documentation on research;

3. the need to coordinate information and research
into the use of audio-visual methods in campaigns
against illiteracy;

4. the need to develop fundamental and applied ling-
uistics research (especially contrastive research)
into the relationship between the mother tongue, the
language used at school, foreign languages and edu-
cational research concerning their acquisition;

5. the need to develop new research into limitations
for education created by the socio-political aspects
inherent in all teaching of foreign languages.

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Articles of interest to NALLD members: Two articles dealing with the use of educational technology in German classes appeared in the Spring 1974 issue of *Die Unterrichtspraxis* “Commercials on Videotape” by H. Teichert is a one page description of the use of a videotape recorder for recording student produced German commercials. “Newsreels in FL Instruction” by J. Jahn describes the use of German newsreels for instruction. Procedures are described and sample exercises are shown.

Meetings: The following conferences are scheduled for NALLD meetings. Although plans for all the meetings are not definite yet it is expected that they will be announced soon:

NALLD/MLA - 10 AM to 12 NOON, Friday, Dec. 27, 1974, New York City, Hotel Americana, in LaLoire 3. “Ideas for improving Language Teaching through Technology”. This will be a presentation with ample time for discussion.

NALLD/Central States Conference on Foreign Languages - April 3-5, 1975, St. Louis, Mo.

NALLD/Northeast Conference - April 10-12, 1975, New York Hilton

NALLD/AECT - Wednesday, April 14, 1975, Dallas, Texas

Further details will appear in the next issue of the *Journal*.

New York Chapter Elect Officers: At its November 15th meeting, the New York Regional Chapter of the National Association of Learning Laboratory Directors elected its executive board:

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The newly elected officers hope to increase the awareness of educators and the community at large with regards to instructional technology, its importance and use.

They wish to extend an open invitation to anyone with an interest in education to become active members of the New York Regional Chapter and of the National Association.

Tape Market: “Forme et Fond”; Breunig et al; MacMillan; 1964, 37 inch reels at 3 and 3/4 ips, double track, $15; Contact: Carroll E. Naves, Director Language Labs, Barry College, Miami, Florida 33161

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: The names of NALLD members nominated for positions to be voted upon in the next election are to be published in this issue of the NALLD JOURNAL. However, in order to avoid complications posed by the fact that non-members also receive the JOURNAL, we are enclosing a separate sheet with the names of those nominated and a nomination slip. This slip is to be used should you wish to submit additional names for any of the offices. The official ballot for the election will be included with the Winter issue of the JOURNAL.

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