

THE
PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

I have just returned from a weekend which I enjoyed tremendously - EBBA's 1971 Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina. The local committee, led by Ted Beckett and Bill McIntosh, organized our meeting along the lines of a format different from that of previous gatherings. The whole affair was highly successful. Many EBBA members returned home not only tired, but stimulated and happy, with a bagful of life birds due to the southern coastal location of Charleston. Ted and Bill deserve our congratulations and thanks.

One somewhat unhappy note came up during the Council session. We had to consider the effects of the United States' inflationary economy on the operations of EBBA.

EBBA's main expenditure is EBBA News. The costs of its production have been steadily rising, but our budget has been squeaking by. Now the postage rates have been raised. We can no longer manage with our present income. So... council has voted to raise the dues for annual members to \$6.00 and for sustaining members to \$10.00 yearly. Student membership stays at \$2.00, but life memberships are now \$125.00.

An action regrettable, but essential to solvency.

Emil J. Berger, Jr.

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Last minute item---

May 3, 1971: India Savell found a pair of bifocal eyeglasses in a tan case in the parking space in front of room 110 at the Orvin Inn, at Charleston, S.C. The owner may obtain them by writing the manager of the motel. The address is: Orvin Inn, 194 Calhoun Street, Charleston, S.C. 29401.

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SALE OF MEMBERSHIP LISTS

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