If Rumors Were Horses

What a surprise! Effective May 14 Mike Markwith has been appointed Vice President, Sales and Marketing, Yankee Book Peddler, Contoocook, New Hampshire. His replacement at Faxon has not yet been named but the interim contact is Craig Flansburg.

According to a memorandum from the Association of Research Libraries dated May 30, 1990, "Richard Meserve of Covington & Burling, attorneys for the AIP/APS, has just telephoned to relate that today, in Frankfurt, West Germany, the Trial Court has entirely dismissed the Gordon & Breach lawsuit. The dismissal represents a very favourable development for the physical societies and Dr. Barschall, with positive implications for the American Mathematical Society. The matter is still subject to appeal and we will be informed of future developments. Cases are still pending in Switzerland and France."

And we were hoping to get Robert Maxwell to speak at the Acquisitions '90 Conference in St. Louis in May (report coming in our next issue) since he was to receive an honorary degree from Washington University at the same time. But no dice. Why? Because Mr. Maxwell was in East Berlin announcing his intention to buy a substantial stake in Berliner Verlag, a major publisher of newspapers and periodicals owned by the Former Communist Party of East Germany. Oh well . . .

And Sandy Paul (that's Sandra K.) has been elected Chairman of ANSI Information Systems Standards Board. This is the Board which coordinates the activities of all organizations accredited by ANSI to develop standards in the area of information systems and sciences.

Word is that Jolanda von Hagen, President and CEO of Springer-Verlag New York will be moving back to Springer-Verlag Germany this summer.

According to PW (April 6, 1990), Commerce Clearing House is selling Facts on File. FOF revenues for last year were approximately $20 million and it has a backlist of 950 reference books that sell primarily to libraries.

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