

Notice

## MEMORANDUM

May 3, 1938

Remitter: Société des Gens de Lettres (Trust)

Title: En Marge des Vivants

Question: Adequacy of copyright notice.

At the time that the issue containing the first installment of the work in question went to press the author was living. Before actual publication, however, he had passed away. The author's name appears in the copyright notice not only in the issue containing the first installment but also on all the subsequent installments. The application gives the name of the widow of the author. Question: Did publication under the circumstances with the name of the deceased person in the copyright notice amount to publication using a notice fatally defective so as to prevent registration being made?

The problem, upon submission to the Register of Copyrights was solved in favor of the applicant, and the application in the name of the widow ordered passed for registration. The principle "De minimus non curat lex" is applicable in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman, Revisory Board