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Plans for ICM-86 Nearing Completion

With less than a year to go, plans for the first International Congress of Mathematicians to be held in the United States in 36 years are nearly complete. ICM-86 will be held at the University of California, Berkeley, from Sunday, August 3 through Monday, August 11, 1986.

The First Announcement of the Congress giving a general description of the mathematical program, social events (which will include a barbeque at the San Francisco Cow Palace, formal receptions, concerts, etc.), and accommodations was

mailed last August to all major mathematics organizations and thousands of individuals around the world.

The Second Announcement, which describes all activities of the Congress in detail and provides instructions on how to complete the preregistration process and obtain accommodations, may be obtained by writing to ICM-86, P.O. Box 6887, Providence, RI 02940. Requests should be sent by November 30, if possible. Copies of the Second Announcement will be mailed before the end of 1985.

The work of the Congress will be divided into 19 sections. There will be 16 invited one-hour expository addresses covering recent developments in the major areas of mathematics, and approximately 130 invited 45-minute lectures.

An event of special interest at ICM-86 will be the awarding of the Fields Medals. In addition, a recently-established prize in the mathematical aspects of information science, the Nev-anlinna Prize, will be awarded at ICM-86. These prizes are extremely prestigious and the medalists are recognized to be among the preeminent mathematicians of the world.

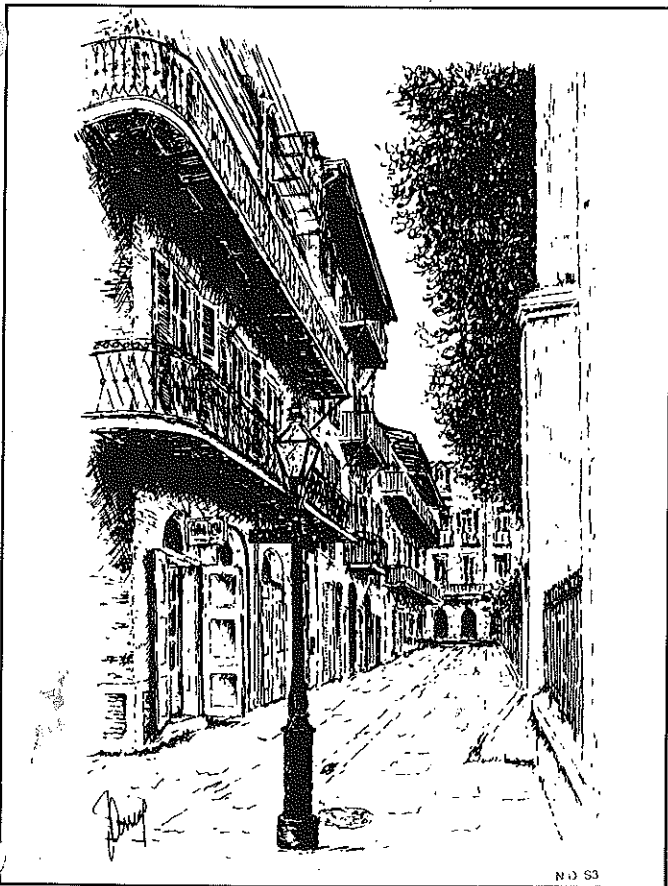
The Congress is expected to attract some 4000 mathematicians, about forty percent of whom will come from abroad. (continued on page 2)

New Orleans Meeting Program Inside

The center section of this issue contains the program, housing and preregistration forms, and Employment Register forms for the January 1986 Joint Mathematics Meetings in New Orleans, Louisiana. **Note: These are the only forms for this meeting which will be mailed to MAA members.**

The meetings will include the **69th Annual Meeting of the Mathematical Association of America** and the **92nd Annual Meeting of the American Mathematical Society**. MAA sessions will be held on January 9-11. All meeting sessions will be held in the Hyatt Regency and the Superdome.

The deadline for preregistration, the Employment Register, and MAA Minicourses is November 15. MAA members who return the official entry form for the MAA Nomination Campaign (which was mailed to all MAA members in September) by October 25 will be eligible for a drawing for a **free trip for two to the New Orleans meeting and a free hotel room for two for the nights of January 9-11.**



Sketch by Joseph Arrigo.

A typical French Quarter street scene in New Orleans, Louisiana, site of the January 1986 Joint Mathematics Meetings.