

As J.W. Arrowsmith were the publishers of ISR in 1983, and as their offices and printing works were in Bristol, I visited them four times each year for what we called 'press day'. All proofs for the next issue had been returned by the authors, I had collected and collated them and took them with me. It was an easy two-hour train ride from Paddington Station to Bristol Templemead where Mr Perry was waiting for me in his car. He was the representative in charge of ISR production, a delightful person with whom I got on extremely well. Having worked all his life at Arrowsmith's, he was fully conversant with printing techniques, and he ensured that the very high standard of the Journal in all technical production matters was strictly adhered to.

Miss Victoria Arrowsmith, the owner and CEO of the Company joined Ernie, (Mr Perry), and me for lunch in a nearby pub, where any special points, not dealt with in the morning, were settled. James Arrowsmith, Victoria's brother and the Chief Accountant of the firm, often made up the party. It was always a very pleasant occasion, as the informal and harmonious atmosphere of a family business dictated our personal relations. Dashing about in her Citroën 2 CV. Victoria was not only charming and attractive, but also very knowledgeable about printing technology and had chosen to install electronic typesetting early, when it became essential for her century-old business. Both flat-bed and rotary presses were available, some manufactured by the world-famous Heidelberg Druckmaschinen Company.

Travel abroad was no less in 1983 than in previous years, as my new publishers appreciated that the international standing of ISR depended on this part of my activities. In February I travelled to Berlin and Hanover to give a paper on 'Interdisciplinarity', and in March I was invited to Israel for a fortnight's visit which took me to Haifa, Tiberias, Jerusalem, Beersheba, Tel Aviv and back to the Weizmann Institute, from where I had started. A number of good contributions to the Journal had resulted from previous visits, as for example the excellent and unusual article on "Humour, the interdisciplinary Denominator in Science" (ISR 7/4) by Professor Alexander Kohn, whose main extracurricular activities were devoted to the *Journal of irreproducible Results* which he had founded in 1956 and continued to edit.

The whole of May I spent in the USA, including attendance at the AAAS Meeting in Detroit, a most depressing city, as the American car industry was then noticeably in technological decline. At the end of June I was once again in Lindau at Lake Constance to participate at the Annual Meeting of Nobel Laureates. In August I was at the British Association Meeting at Sussex University and in October I visited CERN in Geneva. All these journeys were scientifically interesting and profitable. On 17 October 1983 I gave a party, celebrating '50 Years in England'.