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SPECIAL MLA BULLETIN
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THE PICTURE TELLS THE STORY

On November 10 the building in which the MLA Business Office was located had a disastrous fire. The office was on the third floor of the building which was listed as completely destroyed. Fortunately, as the fire occurred during the night, no one was injured.

All MLA office equipment, furniture, supplies, and publications other than NOTES are a total loss. It has been possible to salvage many of the records stored in metal filing cabinets, although tons of rubble had to be cleared to get at them. Quite literally, the roof of the building is now resting on MLA desks and files.

While current and back issues of NOTES are mailed from another location, the Business Office did distribute all other publications including the Cataloging Bulletin and the MLA Index Series. Back issues of all of these items have to be reprinted, so our loss was a severe one. It is estimated that the cost of re-

placing equipment and supplies and of reprinting our publications will be between three and four thousand dollars.

The addressograph plates for both the MLA membership and for the non-member subscribers to NOTES are kept at another location in Ann Arbor, and recent back issues are kept at Syracuse, New York. Our financial and income tax records are with the Treasurer in New York City.

The office has already been relocated and refurnished and the process of rebuilding has begun. The new address is 343 South Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108. The telephone number is the same: (313) 761-6350.

NOW FOR THE GOOD NEWS! YOU CAN HELP! We're trying to cope with problems as they arise, and finances are high on the list. If each MLA member would contribute \$2.00 (more or less would be gratefully accepted, of course) this particular problem would be almost solved. The need is obviously urgent. Your cooperation would serve a dual purpose by also giving a tremendous boost to the morale of those facing the mountainous task of putting MLA into full operation again.

Contributions to MLA are tax deductible. Please return the form below so that your donation can be recorded. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

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343 South Main Street, Room 205
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

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