



From a meeting in Annecy in 1961. In those days the meetings were small. From left to right: Raymond Maillet, Ivanov-Vano, John Halas, Joy Batchelor, Pierre Barbin and Paul Grimault. My father, always keen to keep good diplomatic relations between nations, told me that Ivanov-Vano the head of Soviet Animated Film Studios was most unhappy because they were offered only morning tea. This did not fit with Soviet expectations of vodka. After some searching a bottle of Whiskey was found and an international incident avoided.

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