

CATHLEEN SYNGE MORAWETZ

For her many pioneering contributions to the theory of partial differential equations and wave propagation, that resulted in applications in aerodynamics, acoustics, and optics. Her research accomplishments are matched by her leadership and inspiration, judgment and vision, and knowledge and generosity to colleagues and collaborators.

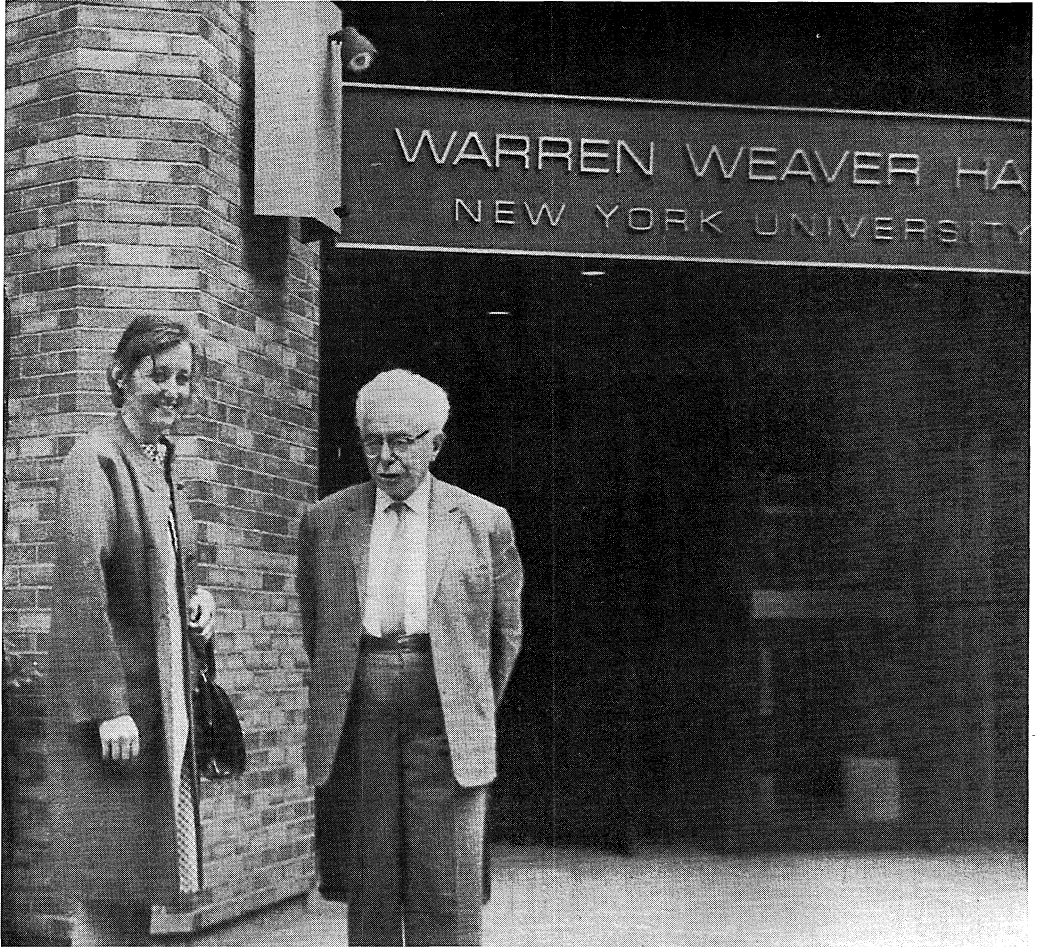
William J. Clinton, 1998



with Herbert, her children and grandchildren
Spring, 1999



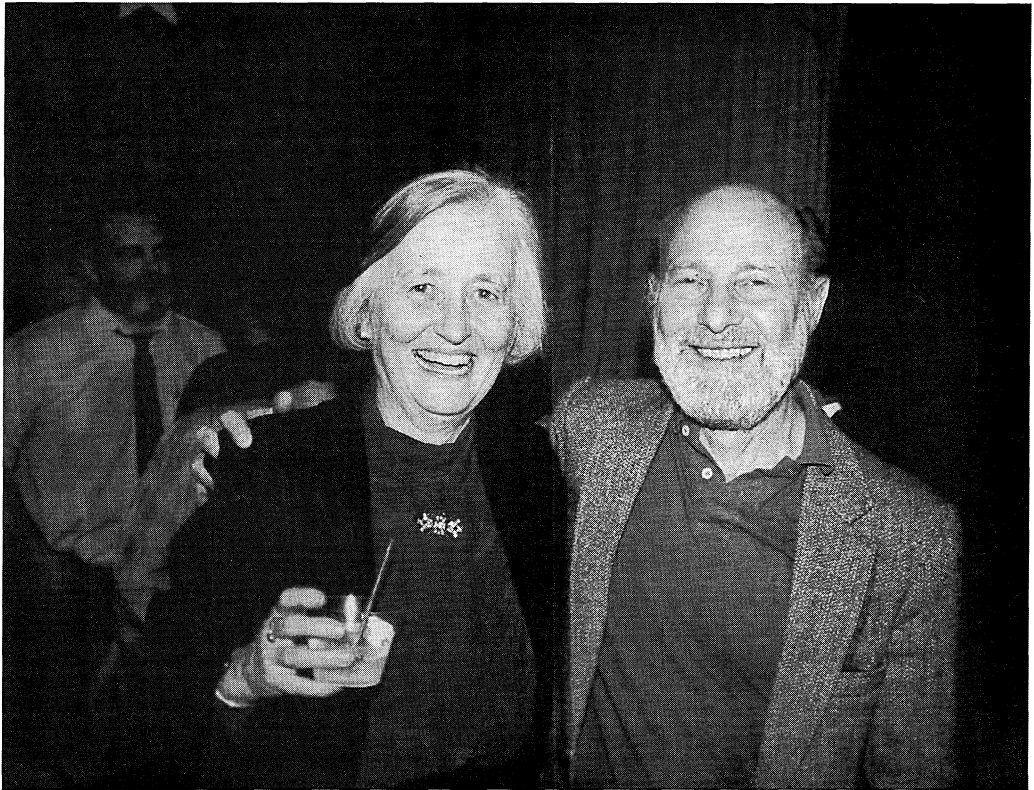
with K. O. Friedrichs, Gertrude Moser on a picnic
1955 or 1956



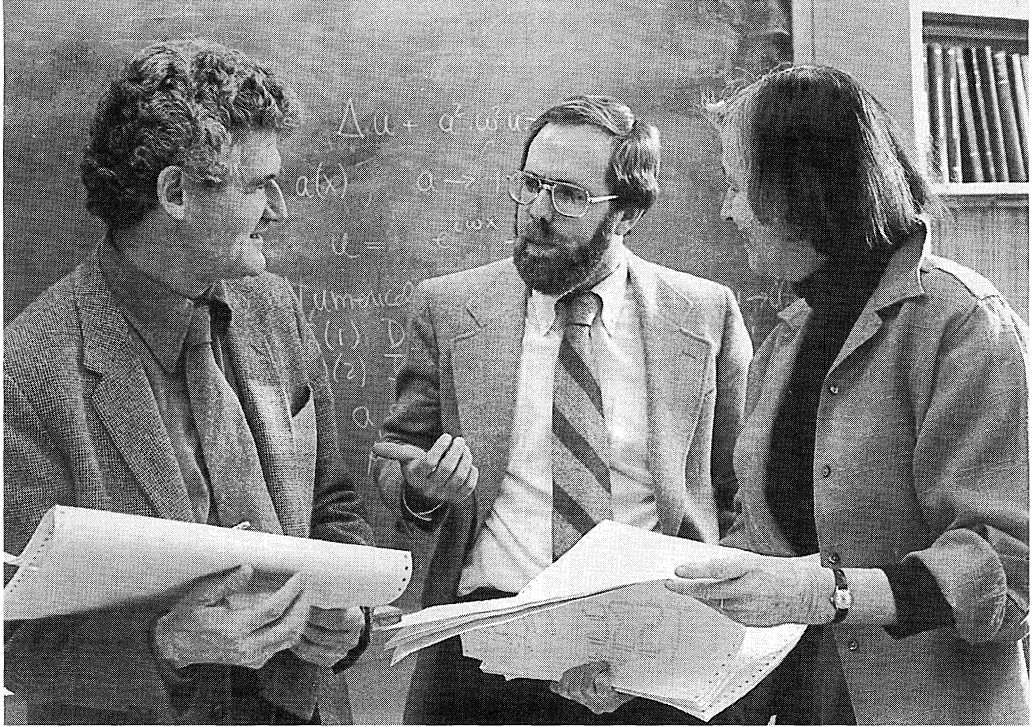
with Courant, 1965



with Nina Uraltzeva, Irene Gamba, Jürgen and Gertrude Moser
in Berlin, Summer, 1998



with George Papanicolaou



with Charlie Peskin and Peter Lax



with Harold Weitzner



with Joe Keller

PREFACE

Professor Cathleen Synge Morawetz turns seventy-seven this year. It is a great honour for the Methods and Applications of Analysis to dedicate these two issues to her on her seventy-seventh birthday. As her friends, colleagues, collaborators, and admirers, we all are extremely happy to take this special occasion to celebrate Professor Morawetz's longtime fundamental and profound achievements in both mathematical researches and general development of mathematical community.

Professor Morawetz has been one of the most important leaders in the field of applied analysis in the past several decades. In particular, she has made many pioneering contributions to the theory of partial differential equations and wave propagation. These include a series of fundamental studies on the asymptotic behavior of solutions to the linear wave equation, her discovery of several unusual and powerful energy estimates which are closely related to the conformal invariance of the wave equation; scattering problems for nonlinear waves; scattering theory of sound waves and electromagnetic waves by an obstacle; her important works on transonic flow and mixed type equations and her discovery of the non-existence of continuous transonic flows past profiles; and shock wave theory and shock reflection problems, etc. Her achievements have had a profound influence on subsequent works in these fields, and resulted in significant applications in various fields such as aerodynamics, magneto-hydrodynamics, acoustics, and optics, etc. Besides her outstanding achievements in research, Professor Morawetz has been well-known for her strong leadership, deep insight and vision, and generosity to colleagues and young generations of mathematicians in the mathematical community. She is a strong advocator for applied mathematics and women in mathematics. Professor Morawetz has been open and exceedingly warm and generous, and she always makes extra effort to help young generations of mathematicians. Indeed, Professor Morawetz has been a role model for many of us. Hence it is more than appropriate for the journal of Methods And Applications of Analysis to dedicate these special issues to her seventy-seventh birthday.

On this occasion, we are also grateful to all the distinguished authors who have contributed their significant articles to honour Professor Morawetz's 77th birthday. We are moved by their quick and warm responses, and appreciate their support.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to Professor Morawetz, and wish her a happy birthday at this special occasion!

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