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"Infinity" Skips December Issue

NEW YORK, 27 October, (CNS) - Infinity Science Fiction will skip the December 1958 issue. This is due to general bad sales in the science-fiction field. The editor states that, as of this date, the magazine is still planned as a monthly outside of this one skipped issue. Editor Larry Shew is now working on the January 1959 issue which is scheduled to be on the stands in December.

Infinity just went monthly a few issues ago, before that it was a bi-monthly and just before that a six-weeker.

Larry Shaw has just become the editor of a new "monster" magazine published by the same company as <u>Lafinity</u>. It is called <u>Monster And Things</u>", is a bi-monthly, <u>Large-size</u>, $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x ll", 48 pages and 25¢. (Most monster magsare priced at 35¢). It contains mostly horror fiction. Dated January 1959, it is now on the news stands.

Shaw is managing editor of another "monster" magazine, <u>Mon-</u> ster Parade, which recently wentmonthly. It too publishes only sex and horror stories.

FOR LAST MINUTE NEWS ON "INFIN-ITT" AND OTHER S-F MAGAZINES SEE "AT PRESS TIME" ON PAGE 4.

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"VENTURE SF" TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, 17 October, (CNS) - It was announced today that <u>Venture</u> <u>Science riction</u> has been suspended temporarily. No issues of the magazine will appear until further notice. Actually the magazine has not appeared since the July 1958 issues which came out in May 1958. The September and November 1958 issues were skipped with the hope that the mag could be revived with the January 1959 issue, due on the stands during November 1958.

While the returns of the last two issues published show an upswing in sales, they are not enough in view of the general bad sales of science-fiction magazines at this time to continue publication.

The publisher indicated that when there is a need for a s-f mag of the Venture type, and there is a general uplift in s-f mag sales, h e will revive Venture Science Piction.

"IF SCIENCE FICTION" SUSPENDS

MILFORD, Pa., 24 October, (CNS) -Damon Knight sadly announced today that his magazine <u>If Science Fic-</u> tion will suspend publication with the February 1959 issue due on the stands in December 1958.

Mr. Knight who took over the editorialship of <u>if</u> with the October issue stated that the magazine had been losing money for a time, and that he was called in to try and save it, but could not. Thus it will cease publication until further notice.

The first issue of If was dated March 1952 and came out in January 1952. Paul Fairman was the first editor. Fairman left shortly thereafter and the publisher James Quinn took over the position with Larry Shaw a s his "magaging editor". In 1953 If went monthly and stayed monthly until 1955 when it went back to bi-monthly publication.

Although it started out as a 160 page magazine, it soon became known as the smallest mag in the field with only 120 pages. It held this honor until <u>Saturn</u> cut to 112 pages. It's last issue will also be 120 pages.

Damon Knight will go back to writing science-fiction and bookreviewing. He won the "Hugo" for his book reviews at the 1956 World Science Fiction Convention.

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HOW MANY MAGAZINES HAVE FOLDED
SO FAR THIS YEAR? HOW MANY ARE
LEFT? See J. Harry Vincent's
"TIME STREAM" on page 2.
ACKERMAN'S LATEST NEWS COLUMN,
See "WORLD NEWSFAX" on page 2.
THE LATEST NEWS ON "WSFS, INC "
see page 3.
Tark of Space" was published in
Amazing Stories.
*See Science-Fiction Times, #299.

"AMAZING" BUYS DOC SMITH'S NOVEL

NEW YORK, 10 November, (CNS) -Amazing Science Fiction Stories h a e bought E. E. Smith's latest 75,000 word novel and will publish it as a three-part serial starting with the March 1959 issue. That issue will be on t h e stands on February 10, 1959. While Doc Smith titled the

While Doc Smith titled the novel "The Girl With Green Hair"*, it will appear under a more dramatic name when published. Information on the final title and interior artist haven't as yet been

given out.

This will be about the only time that a "Doc Smith" novel will NOT get a cover painting.<u>Amazing</u>'s covers are done and assigned well in advance an d could not be changed for the serial. To get covers for the serial would have meant delaying it's publication and this the editors decided not to do. The Warch cover will be by Mr. Nuetzell, a new cover artist.

It was about 31 years ago in 1928 that Doc. E. E. Smith had his first story, a "sur-er" novel published. And that too, "The Sky-

WORLD NEWSFAX

by Forrest J Ackerman

The War of the Time Machines looms for 1959's movie screens as producer Benedict Bogeaus announces he will film a variant version of THE TIME MACHINE, property long associated with Geo Pal! Bogeaus says h e intends repeat use of Joseph Cotten, star of h i s in-release Jules Verne spectacle, FROM THE EARTH TO THE MOON. Bogeaus is also scheduled to film Verne's TRIP TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH.

Marion Zimmer Bradley h a s sold THE WIND PEOPLE and CONQUER-ING HERO to If ... New Amazing pur-chases (by Lobsenz) include Jim Jin Harmon's "Measure for a Loner" and "East is East" by Richard deMille.

I have sold 3 pieces to Sax & Censorship of sci-fantasy interest --BURN WITCH BURN!, THE WAR OF THE NUDER GENDER and WAS HE DECENT? The latter article is about the banned artist of FANTAZIUS MALLARE --Wallace Smith. Marion Zimmer Bradley is preparing an article for same S&C, CENSORSHIP ON CEN-TAURUS .

ViN4 of Sir Knight is loaded with s.f., leading off with Larry Maddock's COLLECTOR'S ITEM and continuing with THE IMPRESSIONIST, GEMS AND JESTERS and OTHER TIMES.

Richard Wilson has a big bite on his GIRLS FROM PLANET 5 a s a movie property and also Bdwy musigal interest in it....Gene Hunter

sold THE HOSTS to Super-Science... Rack up another 20,000 cop-ies for Famous Monsters of Filmland #1 in its British Reprint Edition ... Fourth daughter born to Ray Bradbury, Alexandra; the Richard Mathesons infanticipating again; first daughter born to Jack and Julie Jardine (professionally the writing team of Larry Maddock and Corrie Howard) -- the baby's my god-daughter, Sabra Yola, And for Ray Nelson, fatherhood in France!

	THE	TINE	STREAM
by	J.	Harry	Vincent

1958 is proving to be one of the worst years science - fiction has ever had. Eleven titles have left the s-f magazine field so far with many more in very bad shape.

So far this year Vanguard Science Fiction, Star Science Fiction, Science Fiction Quarterly (last of the pulpe), Science Fiction Adven-tures (still out in England), Imaginative Tales (became Space Travel), Saturn Science Fiction (became a detective magazine), Venture Science Fiction, If Science Fic-tion, Imagination Science Fiction, ace Travel, and Galaxy Novel scame a successful pocket-book eries) have folded.

Gone bi-monthly from monthly are Fantastic Universe, and Galaxy Magazine (50*, 196 pages, promises back to monthly as seon as enough "good" material is available).

Eleven s-f magazines are still with us: Galaxy Magazine (bi-month-

ly), Fantastic universe (bi-month-ly), Amazing Science Fiction Stor-ies (Monthly), Fantastic (monthly), Astounding Science Fiction (monthly), Science Fiction Stories (mon-thly with 1959 issue), Future (monthly), Science Fiction (bi - monthly), Super Science Fiction (bi-monthly and featuring monster stories), Satellite Science Fiction (going monthly with 1959 issue and large size), Fantasy & Science Fiction (monthly and soon possibly 40t), and Infinity Science Fiction (monthly, but skipping the December issue).

1959 will be the year to watch as far as science-fiction magazines go. It will be a year when the 50%, 190plus page mags will appear laxy is already committed). I t will be a year that Leo Margulies tries out the slick size 83" x 11" It will be the year that Fantasy & Science Fiction will probably try a 40é - 130 page mag. From these three experiments will emerge the next stage of science-flction magazine publication. W e believe that 1959 will mark the beginning of the end of the 35# s-f magazine the same as Avon's Fantasy Header, was the end of the 254 mags when it came out as a 354 mag in the late 40s. We believe that those who start off with 504 and 190plus pages will eventually cut pages until they come down to 144-130 pages provided they remain digest, or what ever equal number of pages if they change size. Those that start off by upping the price to 40¢ will keep upping the price until 50é i s reached. Pages will remain the same. Thus in time we will be paying 50% for our present day 35é mags. How long this change-over will take is hard to figure, but it'll probably take much more than a year, but will-be a lot faster than the changeover from 25¢ to 35¢.

Which size will win out? The present-day digest size, or the Margulies-experiment large size? Frankly that's hard to guess. Up to now all large-size mags have either folded or changed t o whatever size was current then. But now it is possible that it'll go over. Personally we like the large-size better than the digest. We're all for Leo to make a go of it.

One idea and size that the United States publishers haven't experimented all the way yet 1 s the pocket-book-size. Galaxy Nov-al change-over to p-b seems to be a success. Naturally dating the mags would be a thing of the past, and numbers (like Future and Galaxy Novel) would be the deal.

We still think, tho, that a 98 page, digest-size, 25t s-f mag would go over big! SCIENCE FICTION BOOKS

by Stephen J. Takacs

NEW SCIENCE/FANTASY BOOKS RECEIVED

ON THE BEACH by Nevil Shute. Signet Books, NY, 50¢, Sept.8 '58. BEWARE OF THE MOUSE by Leonard

Wibberley, G. F. Putnam, NY, \$3.50 September 11, 1958. DEALS WITH THE DEVIL, edited by

Basil Davenport, Dodd, Mead, \$4.00

September 11, 1958. THE TIME TRADERS by Andre Nor-ton, World Publishing Co., \$3.00, September 22, 1958.

ALIENS FROM SPACE by David Osborne, Avalon Books, NY, \$2.75, September 22, 1958.

FIVE GALAXY SHORT NOVELS, edited by H. L. Gold, Doubleday, \$3.95 September 23, 1958.

A MILE BEYOND THE MOON by C. M. Kornbluth, Doubleday, \$2.95, Sep-tember 23, 1958.

DESTINATION: INFINITY (fury) by Henry Kuttner, Avon Books, NY, 35¢ September 30, 1958.

TROS OF SAMATHRACE by Talbot Mundy, Gnome Press, Hicksville, NY \$4.95, October 1, 1958. SIX WORLDS YONDER by E. F. Rus-

sell, plus THE SPACE WILLIES by E. F. Russell, Ace Double Novels, NY, 354, October 2, 1958.

NINE HORRORS by Joseph P. Bren-nan, Arkham House, Sauk City,Wisc. \$3.00, October 6, 1958. HAVE SPACE SUIT-WILL TRAVEL by

Robert A. "einlein, Scribner's NY, \$2.95, October 10, 1958.

WORLDS OF TOHORROW, edited by A. W. Derleth, Berkeley Books, NY, 354, October 24, 1958. THE LANGUAGES OF PAO by Hack

Vamce, Avalon Books, NY, \$2.75, October 24, 1958. BRIGANDS OF THE MOON by Ray

Cummings, Awe Books, NY, 35¢, Oc-tober 28, 1958.

THE BLUE ATOM by R. M. Williams and THE VOID BEYOND by R. M. Will-

and the void britten by R. M. Will-iams, Ace Books, 35¢,Oct. 28, '58. THE TRIUMEN OF TIME by James Blish, Avon Books, NY, 35¢, Octo-ber 30, 1958.

A MIRROR FOR OBSERVERS by Edgar Pangborn, Dell Books, NY, 36¢, October 30, 1958.

THE	MIDWEST CALLING		
by	Donald E, Ford		

Kent Moomaw left h is house at 10:00 A.M. Oct. 13th to register for Selective Service; he being 18 & graduated from high school. Не was found Oct. 14th with his wists & throat slashed, in a park about 10 blocks from his home. A razor blade was underneath his body & suicide was the verdict.

He was active for the past 4 years or so in the fanzines & published ABBERRATION. Was a member of SAPS, I believe. Came to the Midwestcon this year, but never attended any meetings of the CFG. despite numerous invitations to do so; preferring to be an active correspondant.

From Madle:

INDIANAPOLIS SCIENCE FICTION ASSO-GIATION was formed Sept. 27th. Pres.: Madle, V.P.: Vincent Roach, Sec'y: Ray Beam, Tres.: Lee Anne Tremper. Other members include the OMNIVORE group from Purdue Univ.: Ken Fickle, Bob Ross, Jim Tunis.

Madle showed slides of his

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TAFF trip to England & the Liverpool S-F Society movie: "May we Have The Pleasure?". (This at 9/27 meeting). At 10/11 meeting Beam showed slides of Midwestcons & vistors included Buck & Juanita Coulson of YANDRO fame. A newssime is being planned & all in the Indianapolis area are invited to contact Madle a t 3608 caroline, Indianapolis 18 for further detaile.

From Juay Dikty: Since Rick Yager left Buck Hogers strip it has been written by: 1. > The syndicate editor: John Stefanski, 2. comic book writer: Lawren-ce, 3. ditto: Leon Bram, 4. Julian May Dikty.

Neither Ellison, Silverberg or Merril have sold any sequences. They have bought 2 sequences from me (fudy) to aprear in late winter or spring & 1 each from the above.

From Tabakow:

About 25 or so showed up at OCTO-CON II in Cleveland, Marty Greenberg was 1. Pittsburgh plans to bid for the 1960 Convention site, making a race with Philly & Washington, D.C.

Detroit all pepped up over their 1959 con.

WORLD S-F SOCIETY, INC. NEWS

by Lane Stannard

ACKERMAN RESIGNS AS DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, 10 November, (CNS) - Forrest J Ackerman, i n New York to write and edit his third issue of Famous Monsters Of Filmland, a n-nounced to your reporter that he had resigned as a director of the World Science Fiction Sofiety, Inc. as of October 31, 1958. He stated that pressing work on his monster magazine, his s-f agency work and other personal activities leaves him little time to be active as a director of WSFS, INC.

As far as we can learn, this leaves the society with one U.S. director, David A. Kyle, and one British director elected at the Londoncon in 1957. It is alleged that Mr. Kyle has declared that the election in London was illegal. If this is so, Mr. Kyle is the last director of WSFS, Inc. There weren't any election of directorsallowed at the Solacon in 1958.

SCIENCE-FICTION BOOK REVIEWS

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by Gerry de la Ree

THE MASK OF CTHULHU, by August Derleth, Arkham House, 1958, 201 pp., \$3.50.

SPELLS AND PHILTRES, by Clark Ash-ton Smith, Arkham House, 1958, 54 pp., \$3.00.

The arrival of two new books from August Derleth's Arkham House is indeed news these days.

The horror story, once in vogue, has all but disappeared from the general fantasy field in recent years, and Arkham House, which specialized in this type material, has gone into something of an eclipse.

While science-fiction h a s forged to the front in the fantasy publishing field, there is apparently still a demand for the horror tale. The two-out-of print Arkham titles are much sought after, while copies of weird Tales are commanding higher and higher prices.

Mr. Derleth's Mask Of Cthulhu, as one might assume from the title. is a continuation of the Cthulhu Mythos originated by the late Howard Phillips Lovecraft. Those who enjoyed H.P.L.'s style of writing will find Mr. Derleth's effort s to their liking.

Six stories -- five from Weird Tales - are included in this volume.

Spells and Philtres is a collec-tion of Mr. Smith's weird poetry. including some culled from the pages of Weird Tales, The Arkham Sampler, and The Magic Carpet. It's a slim volume for \$3, but rates a place on any collector's booksheld, whether or not he considers himself a fancier of postry.

INTO OTHER WORLDS, by Hoger Lancelyn Green. Abelard-Schuman, Ltd., 1958, 190 pp., \$3.75.

This volume makes an interesting companion to J. O. Bailey's Pilgrims Through Space and Time (Ar-gus Books, 1947) and Margorie Nicolson's <u>Voyages To The Moon</u> (Mac-Millian, 1948).

M r. Bailey's book attempted to cover the entire field of sci-entifiction, while Miss Nicolson was primarily concerned with fictional journeys to the moon. Mr. Green comes along with a timely volume that gives us the history of space travel in literature.

While Mr. Green has not delved into the more recent sciencefiction, he gives an excellent history beginning with Lucian in the year 200. Included are many o f the obscure efforts in the field, as well as the better known works by such men as Poe, Verne, Wells, Burroughs, and C. S. Lewis.

Not only valuable as a ref-erence work, Mr. Green's book makes entertaining reading for anyone with a grain of imagination.

While Mr. de la Ree is no longer book reviewer for Science-Fiction Times, we have some 30plus more of his excellent reviews to get into print.

Books for review should be sent to Science-Fiction Times, Inc Box 184, Flushing 52, New York.

NOTES TO THE EDITOR

by Our Readers

Nebula Science Fiction 101 Greenhead Street Glasgow, S. E., Scotland. 22nd, October, 1958 Dear Mr. Taurasi,

"F&SF" PROBABLY 40¢ IN FUTURE

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50¢ 1959 ANNIVERSARY ISSUE PLANNED

by Robert P. Mills

NEW YORK, 24 October, (CNS) - There have been some questions asked about our experiment with a 40# price, and I thought you'd be interested in details.

We began the experiment with our October '58 issue, and plan to continue it on each issue through January 1959. The issues priced at 404 are being distributed in 12 states, mostly in the Northwest. Early reports on sales indicate tentatively that the experiment is a success -- sales have been as good or -- astonishingly -- better, apparently, in the 40¢ areas. If these first indications hold up, it seems likely that we will adopt a standard 40 price in the fairly near future.

In the way of other news, you might be interested to know that our October "All Star Anniversary" issue seems to have done very well generally, and we are now planning another special issue for next October. We may make that one even better by adding pages -- which would probably result in a 504 price for that one issue.

With our sales picking u p generally and with more good stories coming in than usual, the picture on the whole is quite bright.

On reading the latest issue of <u>Science-Fiction Times</u> (No. 299) I was somewhat shaken by a news item purporting to announce the publication of a U.S. edition of Nebula.

Although it is true that a number of copies of each issue of the magazine are now being exported to America, and bear a U.S. price tag, there is absolutely no question of an American edition of Nebula at the present time.

It has for some years been our practice to export quantities of Nebula t o various countries (notably Australia and New Zealand) with some minor alterations regarding price etc., on the cover, and the more recent conclusion of a business arrangement with an American specialist distributor, in no way marks a departure from this policy.

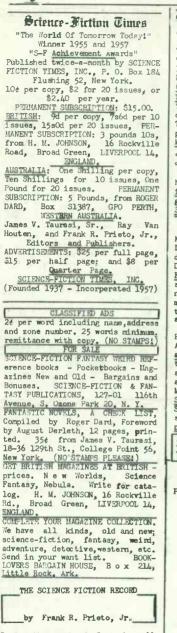
W e are of-course extremely proud a n d happy that Nebula is making an appearance on American news stands, and seems a t first sight to be selling remarkably well. We will however, require to get to know our new American friends much more intimately before it will be possible for us to contemplate anything so ambitious as a full-scale U.S. edition.

With my sincere personal good wishes for the continued success of your excellent newspaper.

Yours sincerely, Peter Hamilton

(Call it what you may, we're still happy to see Nebula overhere.-eds)

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During the month of September, 11 science/fantasy magazines were on the stands in the United States. All were digests and they cost a total of \$3.85 and contained 1,486 pages. Each cost 35¢ and the pag-es varied from 112 to 162.

They were: SCIENCE FICTION They were: SCIENCE FICTION TORIES (Nov), NEWLA SCIENCE FIC-TION (Nov), SUPER-SCIENCE FICTION (Oct), FANTASTIC UNIVERSE (Nov), AMAZING SF STORIES (Oct), ASTOUND-ING SCIENCE FICTION (Oct), FANTAS-TIC (Oct), FANTAST & SCIENCE FIC-TION (Nov), GALAXY MAGAZINE* (Nov), INFINITY SCIENCE FICTION** (Nov), and AMAZING SE STORIES (Nov) and AMAZING SF STORIES (Nov).

First November 1958 Issue

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WANTED WANTED: THE FOLLOWING BACK of Fantasy-Times: Nos:48-49-50-51-52--53-54-55-56-60-62-63-67-68-71-72--73-75-76-79-80-82-83-88-89-90-91-96-97-99--100--101-102-104-105-112-114-115-124-129 and 135. Frank R. Prieto, Jr., R. D. #1, Kirk Ave Warners, New York. WANTED: COPIES OF BRITISH. AUSTRAL ian, and other foreign sf magazines Containing reprints of my stories. Theodore R. Cogswell, English De-partment, Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana. * Galaxy's new title. ** Infinity adds S-F to title. NOT S/F, BUT OF INTEREST were: Fly-ing Saucers (Oct-35¢), Science Di-gest (Oct-35¢), Fate (Now-35¢) and Science World (Sept-15¢). NEW YORK, 11 November, (CNS) -Larry Shaw announced today that due to poor sales not only the December 1958 of <u>Infinity Science</u> <u>Fiction</u>, but the January 1959 is-sue will also be skipped. He did not know, at this time, whether the magazine would continue as a monthly after these two issues are akipped. Bob Mills stated today that the All-Star October issue of Fantasy and Science Piction did s o good that he has another in the works and he'll not wait for the next anniversary to put it out. The March 1959 issue of Fantasy and Science Fiction will be an All-Star issue. It will contain the same number of pages and the same price as the regular issues. ADVERTISE IN SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES AND GET THE NOST FROM YOUR

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THE YEARBOOK

THE SCIENCE FICTION YEARBOOK is still in the process of being typed, stenciled and mimeographed. At the present time it looks like it'll run to about 50 pages plus a photo-offset cover by Emsh. We have received so many orders for it so far, that we'll not accept anymore until the issue is actually ready. This '58 issue covers the year 1957. We no longer have any 1957 issues.



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