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'AMAZING STORIES' & 'FANTASTIC' SOLD TO SOL COHEN

ZIFF-DAVIS SELLS TWO S-F MAGS THEY
BOUGHT IN 1938

SOL COHEN TO LEAVE THE GALAXY GROUP

BAYSIDE, N.Y., 13 March, (CNS) -- Sol Cohen, publisher for the GALAXY Group of science-fiction magazines, Galaxy, If, Worlds of Tomorrow, etc., announced today that he had bought the world's first science-fiction magazine Amazing Stories and its companion magazine Fantastic from their owner, Ziff-Davis.

Ziff-Davis will publish the two magazines under their present set-ups until their June issues (out early in May 1965), then Sol Cohen will take over as owner-publisher and he promises no break in the schedule. His first issue will appear in early June. Whether the two magazines will continue their monthly schedules or not is not known at this time. They will both continue as digest sized magazines and the price will continue at 50¢ per copy. Sol plans to increase pages at once, but how many pages he will add is not now known. Who the editor or editors may be is also not

known.

We expect that by the time our next issue of Science-Fiction Times comes out some of the above may be answered. Sol Cohen will resign from Galaxy at the end of April to take over his new duties on May 1st. It is recommended that all authors and artists await the announcement of the new firm and its address before sending material for Amazing and Fantastic.

It has not been decided exactly what paths the new owner will take the two magazines on, but probably the mags will contain mostly science-fiction stories and have less (or no) science articles. Departments have not been decided on as yet.

Ziff-Davis bought Amazing Stories from Tech Publications in early 1938 when the magazine was on its last legs and about to fold. A story making the rounds since is that they had to buy Amazing in order to be able to buy Radio News (now Electronic World) which they wanted. Ray Palmer was selected as editor and he built the magazine up to what is believed to be the highest circula-

