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FEAR!

NEW YORK, 25 January, (CNS) - The Great American Publishing Company, that took over Fantastic Universe last October, and recently put out the first British Reprint s-f mag in the United States with New Worlds, will soon enter the field of weird-horror-fantasy.

The editor of this mag will be Joe Marks; the name of the magazine will be Fear! It will contain mostly modern weird and light horror with a dash of fantasy. The magazine will NOT be a monster mag, but a try at a modern weird combination. It will be digest-size, 35¢, 128 pages, and be published bi-monthly at first, with the hope of monthly publication if it goes over. It will contain a full colored cover, the first one by Keith. There will be some interior illustrations, but not many.

The magazine will "hit" the stands about the 1st of March 1960, and will be dated May 1960.

Outside of one reprint, a "Horror-Classic", it will contain all new material.

LATEST NEWS ON THE "KYLE vs RAYBIN-DIETZ
LAWSUIT"

BRONX, 18 January, (CNS) - Today, the examination before trial of the defendants in the \$35,000 lawsuit brought by David A. Kyle against George Nims Raybin and Franklin M. Dietz, Jr. was held at the Supreme Court, Bronx County.

This was the first time the parties

had faced one another in Court since the commencement of the action nearly two years ago. A public stenographer took down the questions directed at Messrs. Raybin and Dietz by Mr. Edward E. Spector, Kyle's new attorney, as well as their replies. Mr. Spector has been substituted for Arthur C. Kyle, Sr., the father of the plaintiff.

The defenants were represented at this examination by Irving J. Gursky, Esq. As required by plaintiff, the defendants brought with them a 11 World Science Fiction Society, Inc. records and letters, etc. for inspection.

SWEDISH SCIENCE-FICTION NEWS

by Sture Sedolin

SWEDEN'S LAST PAPER-BACK S-F SERIES
IN TROUBLE

VALLINGBY, 22 January, (CNS) - We were informed today that Sweden's last paper-back s-f series, "Eymdbockerna" (THE SPACE BOOKS), issued 6-weekly by Wennerbergs Publishers, Stockholm, is in trouble, and may have to fold with its 20th issue. No. 19, Poul Anderson's WAR OF TWO WORLDS, is now on the stands. No. 20 will be out in April, and the publishers want to see a report of the sale of No. 19 before No. 20 will be issued. No. 20 will be D. Osborn's ALIENS FROM SPACE. The publishers haven't made up their mind to continue the series after No. 20. There is no secret any more that science-fiction isn't selling well in Sweden. While Swedish fandom is in a "boom", the pro mags aren't doing well any more. Last year, another of Sweden's paper-backs "Atomboken" (THE ATOMIC BOOK!) published by Elanders of Gothenburg folded due to bad sales. I think

the reasons for the bad sales was because of the trash they were trying to sell. "Atomboken" reprinted novels from the British super-space operas, 'worst things I've seen. A Swedish fan, Gabriel Setterborg, also wrote one novel for them, he used the penname "Eric Crane", and -- in order not to differ from the other novels published in the series -- he had to write a trashy "space-opera" himself. (He can write good science-fiction too, he's sold short stories to Hapna, Swedish Galaxy, the slicks, etc.).

SWEDISH "HUGO" AWARDS

Sweden now has its own "Hugo" award, sponsored by the Swedish fan mag "SF nytt", edited by Dam Lundwall. Sam has, by the way, sold some sports to Hapna. Only one award will be out each year. It will be given to the "Best Fan of The Year". -- So far the award has no name, but the first will be introduced at this year's Swedish Convention.

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE-FICTION NEWS

by Graham Stone

The Futurian Society of Sydney was inaugurated at a meeting held on the 5th of November 1939. The twentieth anniversary was marked by a meeting on the 5th November 1959. Regular meetings have not been held since 1955, all business -- being done by the executives, meeting informally as required. It was decided to resume meetings of local Members and Associates in 1960. Meanwhile, the Society's postal library is flourishing. Membership stands at 68, mostly non voting Associates outside Sydney.

The meeting considered proposed publications of the Society, and approved publication of the long projected Index to British Science Fiction Magazines, to be produced in mimeographed form. A small journal, Notes and Comment, will be published irregularly for members.

Graham Stone was re-elected Secretary and Librarian; Vol Molesworth Director; and Alan South Treasurer.

The meeting discussed the International Science Fiction Society, and

approved the movement. The FSS will continue representing this body in Australia as Australian Branch Office.

Science Fiction Center, postal dealers in second-hand s-f mainly, now have a city office, at 96 Phillip Street, Sydney. Overseas readers may be interested in contacting them for Australian science-fiction, plenty of which is in stock.

So far no other U.S. s-f magazines have appeared on newsstands here except Fantastic and Amazing, though a fair number of pocketbooks are coming in. So far, I have not seen one hard cover s-f book from the U.S. either, in any bookshop here.

SCIENCE-FICTION FORECASTS

Coming Up Next In The Pros

GALAXY MAGAZINE -- June 1960

Book-Length Novel - First Of Two Parts: DRUNKARD'S WALK by Frederik Pohl. Novelets: TRANSSTAR by Raymond E. Banks, INSIDE JOHN BARTH by William W. Stuart. Short Stories: UPSTARTS by L. J. Stecher, THE GOOD NEIGHBORS by Edgar Pangborn, THE DOPE ON MARS by Jack Sharkey, MONKEY ON HIS BACK by Charles V. De Vet, and IDEA MAN by John Rackham. Short-Short Story: EARTHMEN BEARING GIFTS by Fredric Brown. Science Dept.: FOR YOUR INFORMATION "Fuel Galore" by Willy Ley. Features: EDITOR'S PAGE by H. L. Gold, and GALAXY'S FIVE STAR SHELF by Floyd C. Gale. Cover by ESMH illustrating DRUNKARD'S WALK.

AMAZING S-F STORIES - April 1960

Novelets: WE'RE FRIENDS NOW by Henry Hasse, and YOU DON'T MAKE WINE LIKE THE GREEKS DID by David E. Fisher. Short Stories: THE RED TELEPHONE by John Jak-es. THE ISSAHAR ARTIFACTS by J. F. Bone IT HARDLY SEEMS FAIR by Gordon R. Dickson, and REMEMBERING by David R. Bunch.

FANTASTIC S-F STORIES - April 1960

Novelets: DOOMSDAY ARMY by Jack Sharkey, and EVE TIMES FOUR by Poul Anderson. Short Stories: THE CLOSEST SCHOOL by Zenna Henderson, THE SUMMER VISITORS by Gordon R. Dickson, and ELLA SPEED by Ron Goulart.

IF SCIENCE FICTION -- May 1960

Short Novel: A TOURIST NAMED DEATH by Christopher Anvil. Novelettes: A PRIDE OF ISLANDS by C. C. MacApp, and MATCH-MAKER by Charles L. Fontenay. Short St-

ories: THIRTY DEGREES CATTYWONKUS by James Bell. WHEN DAY IS DONE by Arnold Castle. HEEL by Philip Jose Farmer, and A GREAT DAY FOR THE IRISH by A. M. Lightner. Feature: WORLDS OF IF by Frederik Pohl. Inside illos by Wood and Finlay.

THE SCIENCE-FICTION MAGAZINE RECORD

by W. R. Cole

SCIENCE/FANTASY MAGAZINES PUBLISHED IN THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY 1960:

1960 might prove to be one of the most interesting year to follow since 1953 when the magazine boom took hold. The recent change of publishers of Astounding Science Fiction and especially the gradual change of title to Analog Science Fact Fiction (see S-F Times No. 326) might have a drastic effect on the field. After all, ASF has been the leading science-fiction magazine for at least the last twenty years and these changes will be interesting to watch. We think that science-fiction readers will not take this new name easily. The name will remain Astounding Science Fiction to the people who go to the corner newsstand for a copy. The name Analog will take a long time to sink in.

Another interesting development that took place in the magazine field in January was the publication of New Worlds Science Fiction here in the U.S. This magazine, in the original British edition, is the third oldest magazine being published today. Ted Carnell, the editor of the British New Worlds, is a capable man who tries to please his readers.

Now Great American Publications, Inc. comes out with a new twist. An American reprint of a British magazine. If they (Great American) would have at least the courtesy to state this was a reprint magazine no doubt we would feel better. Instead they release a magazine giving the impression that it is a brand new mag (which in theory it is) with original stories. Readers are supposed to shell out 35¢ for an imitation when they can get the original for the same price*. They should have some sort of moral obligation, if not a legal obligation, to give credit to Nova Publications. We strongly protest this method of doing business. It certainly isn't ethical, to say the least.

The previous remarks are just a sample of what we hope to give you each month in this column. We feel that just a listing of the magazines does not tell too much so we inserted our own remarks. We hope Science-Fiction Times readers will like it. After all, this is your column. Now to the magazines that were published:

N A M E	DATE	PRICES	PAGES	SCHEDULE
Amazing Science Fiction Stories	Feb. 1960	35¢	146	Monthly
Astounding (Analog) Science Fact & Fiction	Feb. 1960	50¢	178	Monthly
Fantastic Science Fiction Stories	Feb. 1960	35¢	130	Monthly
Fantastic Universe** (B.A.P. size)	Feb. 1960	35¢	128	Monthly
Fantasy & Science Fiction	Feb. 1960	40¢	130	Monthly
If Science Fiction	Mar. 1960	35¢	130	Bi-Monthly
Science Fiction Stories	Mar. 1960	35¢	130	Bi-Monthly
New Worlds Science Fiction***	Mar. 1960	35¢	128	Monthly

*All current issues of the three British magazines can be obtained at their newsstand price from STEPHEN'S BOOK SERVICE, 71 Third Ave., New York 3, New York.

**The cover title of Fantastic Universe is FANTASTIC (SCIENCE FACT & FICTION) UNIVERSE. A very strong similarity to the new title of Astounding Science Fact & Fiction.

***This is the first issue of this reprint magazine. It is scheduled to be published on a monthly basis.
During the month of January, 8 magazines were released. 7 were digest-size costing \$2.65 and contained 969 pages. One was pulp-size costing 35¢ and containing 128 pages, making a total of \$3.00 and 1,099 pages.

THE SCIENCE-FICTION POCKET-BOOK RECORD

by Frank R. Prieto, Jr.

SCIENCE/FANTASY POCKET BOOKS OUT IN THE UNITED STATES DURING JANUARY 1960:

TITLE AND AUTHOR	NUMBER	PRICE	PAGES	PUBLISHER
"Methuselah's Children" by Robert A. Heinlein	S1752	35¢	160	Signet Library
"A Touch Of Infinity" by Harlan Ellison, and			123	
"The Man With Nine Lives" by Harlan Ellison	D413	35¢	133	Ace Double
"Virgin Planet" by Poul Anderson (GALAXY NOV)	N270	35¢	160	Beacon Books
"Fire Past The Future" by Charles Eric Maine	360K	35¢	160	Ballantine

During January 1960, 4 science/fantasy pocket-books came out costing \$1.40 and containing 736 pages.

THE COSMIC REPORTER

(including "The Time Stream")

by J. Harry Vincent

(Because Arthur J. Cox no longer has time to gather material for his famous column "The Cosmic Reporter", he has resigned. He handled the column with honor for over ten years, and we will all miss his viewpoints. Cox visited the home office in College Point for the first time last September while he was in the East doing research for a non-science-fiction book. At that time he and editor Taurasi had figured out new ideas for his column, but things didn't pan out. The outcome is that the two columns, "The Cosmic Reporter" and "The Time Stream" have been combined -- for now anyway.)

CAMPBELL AND "ANALOG"

In spite of any name changing, editor-Campbell informs us that the contents of Astounding will not be changed, except for the regular progressive changes that all magazines must make to keep up/or ahead of the times. The final name of the mag will still be ANALOG SCIENCE FACT FICTION. The current ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FACT & FICTION is just part of the change-over. We have investigated this name-change and discussed it with

numerous fans, authors, editors, newsstand dealers etc., and come up with the conclusion that no one likes the new name at all and they feel that it will hurt the magazine. Altho they understand the reason for the change they feel that the new name, ANALOG, is unknown among the readers of Astounding that pick up the mag on the newsstands and that the name means nothing to them. Also that ANALOG will not be exciting enough to attract new readers who might enjoy s-f. All feel that while science-fiction has been loused up by some movies, TV and some science-fiction magazines, etc., it still is the best name for the literature AND IT STILL IS THE ONLY TITLE THAT SELLS science-fiction. As for the "Astounding" part of the name, all talked to feel that a title that has been in the public eye for 30 years is a title well worth keeping. No one can understand why Campbell or Street & Smith want to make such a complete break from so valuable a title.

And we sure hate to dig in at a time like this Mr. Campbell, but you sure didn't help the good name of science-fiction by such "occult" items as dianetics and the present thrash you now take great delight in calling s-f. Or is that the "Analog" part of the proposed title. WE PROTEST THE CHANGE OF THE NAME "ASTOUNDING".

SPEAKING OF SHAPES

Getting down to bare facts, you are in really sad shape if you are trying to go it alone in your enjoyment of Science-Fiction and Fantasy-Fiction. It's just not human nature.

Man is a social creature. He must join with others of similar interests if he is to really enjoy any hobby.

Having your own little circle of fan friends is all to the good. Likewise, it is a smart move to join a local fan club ... or even an international one devoted to your own specialized phase of fanac.

But these aren't the *whole answer*. You need the mental stimulation of a larger group which covers all phases of fanac: writing, publishing, collecting, reading, corresponding, etc.

Only in this way can you get the width of viewpoint which you need to really enjoy your own fanac.

There is just one organization today which fulfills this requirement. This is the *National Fantasy Fan Federation*.

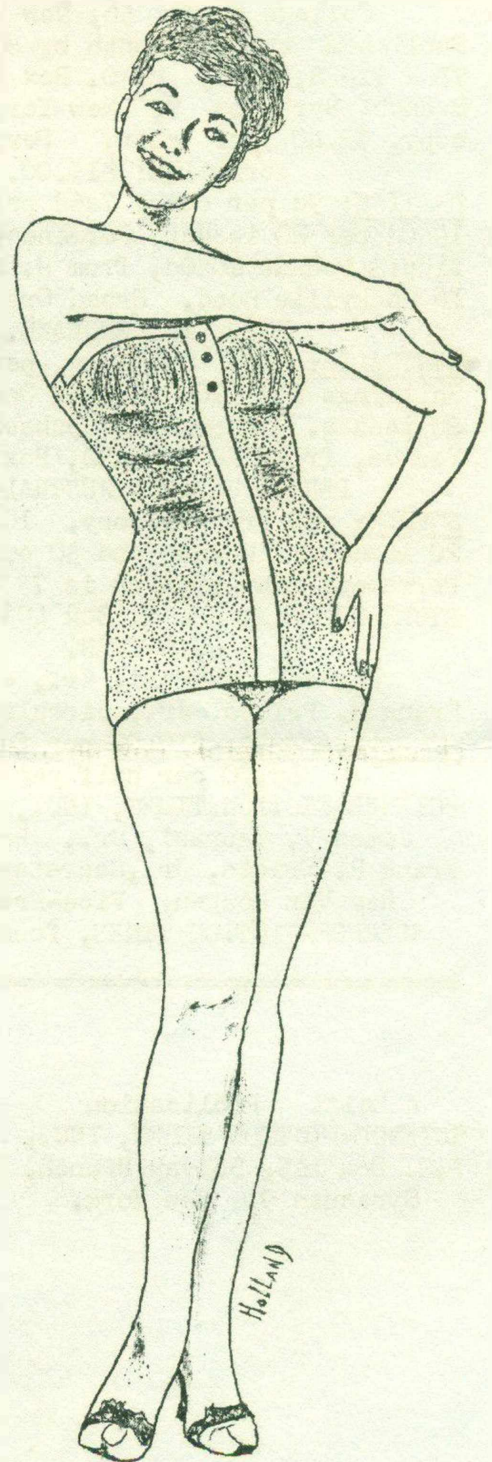
We can't claim that we have members all over the Universe -- not yet anyhow, although we do have plans to send a few application blanks along with the first man-carrying space rocket. If there are intelligent beings on any of the planets visited, we'll have them in the NFFF!

In the meantime, we can offer you the opportunity of associating with members whose viewpoints, at least, are as broad as the Universe.

If the shape-of-things-to-come in your future is to bring you the greatest and most lasting enjoyment, it must include membership in the NFFF.

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