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SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES, INC. TO PUBLISH AN "ALL FICTION" ONE SHOT!!

NEW YORK, 11 March, (CNS) - The three stockholders of Science-Fiction Times, Inc., met today in their annual meeting. Ray Van Houten was elected President of the corporation f or the coming year. Frank R. Prieto, Jr., retained his Secretary—Treasurer in the Corporation, and former President James V. Taurasi, Sr., took over the Vice—President position.

James V. Taurasi, Sr., was retained as Editor of <u>Science-Fiction Times</u> and of the company's new magazine <u>Monster-Times</u>. Frank R. Prieto, Jr., will continue a s Production and Distribution Manager of the Science-Fiction Times, Inc newspapers and magazines.

It was decided at this meeting to produce one issue of a yet unnamed science-fiction "story" magazine on an amateur basis. This was inspired by the speech by Hugo Gernsback at M.I.T. Ray Van Houten was chosen editor, James V. Taurasi, Sr., publisher, John Giunta, art

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SCIENCE FICTIONISTS ON RADIO & TV

Sam Moskowitz appeared as a panelist for 12 hours on the Betty Furness show, WNTA (TV) Newark as an authority on sciencefiction. The program was shown live, 1 to 2:30 P.M., Monday, March 13, 1961. The program features four panelists, each an expert on a specific subject, and the audience calls in questions they wish to Sam Moskowitz, who was on as Conask. sulting Editor of Amazing Stories, was teamed up with the Korean Ambassador to the United States, a women who ran a model agency and an expert on children's camp. Sam got in a hald-dozen plugs for Amazing Stories. The most amusing occuring when several women called in to complain that the show was obviously rigged since no one could possibly respond s o smoothly and adroitly as Sam Moskowitz unless he was reading the an-This complaint was read aloud swers. and Sam, laughing, replied that he was looking down because the TV lights were shining in his eyes and the only thing he was looking at was the 35th Anniversary issue of Amazing Stories, and he pushed aside his nameplate and held it up to the cameras.

When a woman called in to ask if it was safe to let her young eight-year olf

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read science-fiction, the child camp expert said that he didn't care what the average child read but he wouldn't let his child read that trash. He was virtually demolished when Sam noted that the late principal and member of the Board of Education of the City of Newark Max J. Herzberg, had extablished science fiction as an educational adjunct in the Newark High Schools, had endorsed it as Chairman, Selection Committee of the Teen Age Book Club in Scholastic Teacher and that every library in Newark had a special section with the heading "Science-Fiction". Substituting for Betty Furness, who was ill, was Faye Emerson, a science-fiction reader and Bradbury fan.

Sam Moskowitz also appeared for 25 minutes, discussing science-fiction on the Galen Drake program, April 3, 1961.

What was probably the longest discussion of science-fiction ever broadcast was heard in the New York area April 1, 1961 over radio station WOR. It ran for four hours and 45 minutes (not counting 45 minutes of music, but i ncluding a number of commercials).

The gabfast took place on the Long John Nebel show, a 7-day-a-week program which on Friday nights runs from midnight until 5:30 A.M. John's guests of the evening were science-fiction writers James Blish, Frederik Pohl and Lester del Rey, and mathematician Ben Isquith -- the last t w o named being among the show's "regulars". Mr. Pohl, who is also Managing Editor of Galaxy and If, appeared in lieu of Sam Moskowitz, who could not make his scheduled appearance. Mr. Isquith is a science-fiction reader of long standing and took an active part in the talk after joining the panel at 1:00 A.M.

The group made occasional side-excursions, but never strayed far or for long from the central subject, sciencefiction -- its writers, readers, fana and publishers. The discussion was kept rolling both by occasional prods from Long John and by questions from listeners, which began arriving by telegram during the later part of the show.

The give-and-take was maicable throughout: hottest argument of the ev-

ening developed between computer expert Isquith and amateur mathematician Pohl over whether t w o and two always madefour, b u t it didn't last long. Mr. Blish, the only one of the three authorparticipants who is afflicted with a 9to-5 job, appeared to fall into a slight stupor about 2:45, but recovered at 3:30. Everyone else was swinging throughout.

The program was taped and will be rebroadcast some Sunday night within the next couple of months.

A shorter version with the same cast will be broadcast on Long John's television program on April 19, 1961 over WOR-TV, chanel 9, in New York.

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editor, and Frank R. Prieto, Jr. will-duplicate and distribute it.

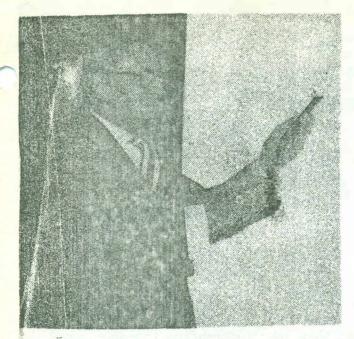
The title of the "all-fiction" magazine will be decided on later, as will the price and number of pages. It was decided to produce it large size, $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x ll" using the regular Rex-Rotary stencils f o r the text and the Rex-Rotary Electronic cut stencils for the illustrations. Publication date has been set as of July 1962.

Needed for the issue are short stories of SCIENCE-fiction. All types are requested, but science must play. the important part of the stories. All are requested to submit their stories a t once. Please enclose return postage if the yarn is found unusable. Two artists are also required to aid John Giunta in illustrating the issue. Science-fiction artists are requested to submit samples. John Giunta will pick the artists to be used from these samples. All work must be black and white line - drawings only. At a later date those chosen will be given stories to illustrate.

All short stories and illustration samples should be mailed to James V. Taurasi, Sr., S-F Dept., 18-36 129 th Street, College Point 56, New York.

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AT THE MARCH MEETING OF ESFA

AT THE MARCH MEETING OF ESFA CELEBRATING THE 35th ANNIVERSARY OF "AMAZING STORIES

(Photos by walt Cole).

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FOUR NEW BOOKS BY BLISH

NEW YORK, 10 April, (CNS) - Four new books by PITTCON Guest of Honor James Blish are scheduled for this year, all from different publishers. Three a r e paperbacks: the fourth is a hard-cover.

Of these undoubtedly the most important is a novel, <u>Titans' Daughter</u>, from Berkley Books. Like Blish's Hugowinning 1958 novel,<u>A Case of Conscience</u>, this is a greatly expanded and rewritten version of a magazine novelette ("Giants in the Earth", published in <u>Science Fic-</u> tion Stories in 1956).

Though the original story has been anthologized twice, "I realized almost as soon as I'd finished it that it was only a skeleton", Blish says. "But i t wasn't until 1960 that I was able to finish putting the flesh on it."

In the front matter of the book, Blish pays public tribute for the first time to the substantial part of his work which is actually written by his wife, Virginia Kidd -- a fact widely known among science-fiction professionals, but never before regonized "officially".

Also just released is <u>So Close To</u> Home, a short story collection from Ballantine Books. All the stories in this volume take place in t h e near future (the most remote date is 1999) and o n Earth; all, however, are s-f. The collection includes one previously unpublished novelette, "The Abattoir Effect".

Slated for June is <u>Crab Nebula</u>, a novel, from Signet (NAL). A n earlier and somewhat shorter draft of this appeared last year in <u>Amazing Stories</u> as a two-part serial under the title, "And All the Stars a Stage".

The hard-back is Blish's first science-fiction juvenile, The Star Dwellers which is on the Fall list of G. P. Putnam's Sons. A heavily cut version of this (from 50,000 words t o 12,000) is scheduled to appear as a three-part serial in "Boy's Life". The author reports that the book was conceived in part as a rebuttal to Robert A. Heinlein's Hugocopping <u>Starship Tropper</u>, also published by Putnam's.

"I thought younger science-fiction

readers ought to have a chance to see another side of the argument", Blish notes. "The publishers were aware that that was what I was up to -- in fact, they encouraged it."

NOTES TO THE EDITOR by Our Readers

Fate Magaz	zine
Evanston,	Illinois
March 10,	1961

Dear Mr. Taurasi:

We appreciate your mention of FATE Magazine in the Second January 1961 issue of SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES.

However, we regret to have to point out that the information you have concerning FATE was wrong on all counts.

The circulation figure of 58,725 which you gave for FATE is an old one. The exact figure, as of December 31, 1960, is 70,000. Also, FATE was started in 1948 rather than 1949, and not by Ray Palmer alone but in partnership with Curtis Fuller, who is now publisher.

Sincerely yours, Chet Geier

(Sorry about the "errors" Chet, but the circulation figure is the average you yourself published, and of course, the only figure we had to go by. We published it as a comparison with the sciencefiction mag figures. Naturally 1 9 4 8 is correct, we must of been thinking o f Other Worlds?? When we talked to Ray Palmer at the Cincinnati Convention in 1949 he didn't mention that Fuller was his partner, and we assumed that he was full owner. We're happy to get your letter and have things straighted out.

We want to point out that although FATE is not a science-fiction magazine, it does contain items that are of interest to science-fiction readers.

We might further mention that with the May 1961 issue FATE has jumbed its price to 40ϕ per issue from 35ϕ , and subscriptions to \$4.00 a year (in the U.S.) from \$3.50. Pages, size, etc. remain the same. -editor)

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arter page. Send your monies to Miriam Carr, 1818 Hearst Street, Berekeley Calif.

MIDWEST SCIENCE-FICTION NEWS _____

A REPORT ON TAFF: I've received 36 ballots so far and the collections total \$405.85 so far. This includes the \$200 from the PITTCON Committee and the \$99 from the "Auction Bloch". Eric Bentcliffe, the British Administrator also is collecting ballots and money. So, you might say that TAFF is in pretty good shape and that the trip is assured to the 1962 Easter Con in England for the winner of the current election now being conducted.

Bentcliffe's trip report, EPITAFF is inthe mails and my own report, TAFF BAED-EKER, ms being promised any day now from Lynn Hickman's press. After the expenses are met, the profits from each o f these reports will go to TAFF.

The MIDWESTCON is coming along O.K. The dates are: June 23, 24 & 25. Place is the North Plaza Motel, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Ella Parker writes that she is planning to attend the World Con at Seattle this year. She'll go to Los Angeles first & from there to Seattle. She needs a ride from Seattle to the Midwest, and anyone driving who has room for Ella is urged to contact Don Ford, Box 19-T, R R #2, Loveland, Ohio.

THE	C	OSMIC	REPORTER	
by	J.	Harry	Vincent	

Larry Shaw has left Magnum/Royal, once publishers of Infinity and Science-Fiction Adventures, which Larry edited, and has returned to Universal Publishing, 117 East 31st Street, New York 16, N. Y. and has resumed editing Rodding and Re-styling, which he originated. He is also editing Custom Illustrated.

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You've attended many science-fiction conventions, both Worldcons and regionals, over the years? They're great, you say, and you expect to enjoy these science-fiction gatherings in future as well as you have in the past -- but you don't see how any s-f convention could hold any surprises for you?

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SeaCon's Guest of Honor will be Robert A. Heinlein, whose Hugo-Award-winning novel "Starship Trooper" is the latest of a succession of s-f tales that began 'way back in 1939 and includes many of the all-time top favorites in any fan's collection. Mr. Heinlein will address the SeaCon banquet meeting on Sunday, September 3rd, at the approximate midpoint of the convention.

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