

## FUTURIAN COMMENTATOR

Let's call it Number 12 and let it go at that. Dated...hmmm...February is still winter, isn't it? But then spring is just over yonder. Ah, well, let us call it February, 1970 and let it go at that. This here now fanzine is written, edited (hahahahahahaha) and published by Horrible Old Roy Tackett at 915 Green Valley Road NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico Zip 87107, with the intention that it will be distributed with the 130th mailing of the ancient and mouldering Fantasy Amateur Press Association. Let's call in a Marinated Publication and let it go at that.

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THE FANTASY AMATEUR #129: "No report from President Roy Tackett." My Ghod! You mean I am expected to make reports? Oh, the work involved in these high executive positions. I tell you it is no wonder it is difficult to find candidates. 185 pages? Hell, N'APA does better than that.

HORIZONS: It would be difficult for candidates for contested posts to come up with any lively campaign issues. What can a candidate for S-T offer to do, for instance, other than follow the constitution and keep track of the membership and waiting list and finances? The only innovation a prospective OE might come up with would be a way to get the mailings out at a lower rate. The last couple of elections have been divided mostly along geographical lines with the members, presumably, voting for the nearest candidate.

How can you say you wouldn't join the establishment when, as the editor of Hagerstown's leading newspaper, you are obviously a part of the establishment? Ah, I can see it now: hundreds of young pickets in front of the Hagerstown Whatever carrying signs that read "H. Warner must go."...Eney's poll really didn't make for any conclusive conclusions.

It is highly unlikely that we would claim Mars or any other planet for the entire Earth. We did not make any such claim on the Moon. That "We came in peace for all mankind" bit is just another empty phrase. And while we didn't make any actual "I claim this planet" speeches, the planting of the flag is highly symbolic. I would much preferred to have had the astronauts plant the flag of the United Nations but, alas, nationalism is stronger now than ever before. An outmoded concept, that and one which mankind can no longer afford. If man slips back to barbarism--which seems highly likely--much of the blame can be laid to the concept of the sovereign national state.

Since you are thinking along those lines, have you made any specific provisions for the disposal of your stf and fannish related material? I fear that far too many valuable collections have been summarily disposed of by heirs or executors who have no idea of what to do with the material. I think I have fairly well taken care of things myself. I have retained very little in the way of fannish material. The great mass of fanzines that accumulates in a year is passed on to visiting fen. Correspondence is something of a problem and Speer continues to chide me for throwing out such things as letters of comment on Dynatron but, egad, what can one do with it? There is no central fannish repository to which it could be consigned. Chrystal and the girls are aware of the value of my books and magazines and upon my death they will be offered to fandom rather than to some local secondhand book dealer. Ah, if only the ISL were a going concern--it would simplify many things.

ALIUOT: Sorry to hear about your problems, Rusty. Hope you are on the way to recovery.

OF CABBAGES AND KINGS (AND BABY TURTLES): To Walk the Night is quite good, isn't it? Sloane did this one in 1937. His only other entry in the field that I know of is The Edge of Running Water which first came out in 1939. I have one edition of the latter betitled The Unquiet Corpse and issued as a Dell mystery.

PCOR RICHARD'S ALMANACK: Generally, I agree with your stand on the legalization of drugs although I would add the provision that narcotics addicts get their fixes at government controlled clinics where some effort could be made at rehabilitation. Certainly it makes more sense to eliminate the illegal traffic by taking the profit out of it than by the crude and costly methods now employed. Our national leaders, however, are not noted for doing things that make sense.

THE VINEGAR WORM: The Ptolemys weren't such prizes either.

Radio talk shows never really caught on around here. A couple of the stations made an attempt at them a year or so ago but they didn't last. The first local talk show I found came on unannounced and the station announcer had to do most of the talking for two or three nights. After about the first week, though, he seemed to have a good-sized audience. He was on just about a month and was cancelled--also unannounced. I get the impression that the station owners in Albuquerque are much too conservative to try anything like that as regular fare.

Nonsense, football has replaced baseball as the national passtime because most of the audience watches it on television and the watchword on television is "action". On TV things must move and baseball doesn't.

Is that all there is in the way of mailing comments? Seems to be. And half a page to fill.

I tried to read Anne McCaffrey's Decision At Doona but gave up on it. Difficult to put a reason on it for the idea of the story (humans and another intelligent race colonizing the same planet) is interesting enough but I kept losing interest in the story. About the only thing I can think of is that the story is too "feminine". The viewpoint is that of a man but I don't think a man would have written the story in quite the manner Miss McCaffrey has. The story just doesn't have the right feel to it. Maybe I'll try it again one of these days.

What this country needs is a good ten cent pulp magazine.

Ellington mentioned that not many people seemed to be reading magazine fiction any more and I take it he means general fiction, not specifically stf. Pretty much true, I think, and quite apparent from the fact that very little fiction appears in any of the magazines any more. MC CALLS and THE ATLANTIC and all the rest are down to one piece of fiction per issue these days and, on the whole, that one piece is usually pretty bad. Recently had reason to do some digging into the fiction market--no, I haven't taken up fiction writing--and it does appear that the short story is a disappearing artform. Whether due to lack of writers or to lack of interest I know not.

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Ah, yes. It so happens that I have these paperback books. Far too many paperback books. The following are offered for sale at three for one dollar or the whole lot, 264 books, for \$80. Since there is only one of each title please list second choices. Doubles are enclosed in parentheses.

Macroscope, Anthony	Chthon, Anthony
Omnivore, Anthony	9 Tomorrows, Asimov
Dark Light Years, Aldiss	No Time Like Tomorrow, Aldiss
I, Robot, Asimov	Starship, Aldiss
(Bow Down To Null, Aldiss; Dark Destroyers, Wellman)	
Pee Fei Fo Fum, Aylesworth	Man From UNCLE #1, Avallone
Twinkle, Twinkle, Killer Kane, Blatty	Jagged Cribt, Brunner
Into the Slave Nebula, Brunner	Star Trek 3, Blish
(The Evil That Men Do, Brunner; The Purloined Planet, Carter)	
Black Easter, Blish	Who?, Budrys
America's Concentration Camps (nonfic) Bosworth	
Galactic Cluster, Blish	The Lani People, Bone
(Giants in the Earth, Blish; We, the Marauders, Silverberg)	
After the Rain, Bowen	No Place to Hide, Bradley
(The Sword of Aldones, Bradley; The Planet Savers, Bradley)	
(The Rites of Ohe, Brunner; Castaway's World, Brunner)	
(The Skynappers, Brunner; Vulcan's Hammer, Dick)	
Some will not die, Budrys	The wanting seed, Burgess
Sleeping planet, Burkett	Psycho, Bloch
Tales in a Jugular Vein, Bloch	Star Trek, Blish
Titan's Daughter, Blish	The Frozen Year, Blish
The Seedling Stars, Blish	Night Ride, Beaumont
The Stars are too high, Bahnson	Rogue Moon, Budrys
(The Off-worlders, Baxter; The Star Magicians, Carter)	
Lost World of Time, Carter	The Last Continent, Cooper
(Tower of Medusa, Carter; Kar Kabala, Smith)	
Beyond the gates of dream, Carter	Lukan War, Collins
Secret of the sunless world, Capps	SF Terror Tales, Conklin, ed.
The Others, Carr, ed.	The Big Freak Out, Conway
The long winter, Christopher	13 great stories of SF, Conklin, ed.
Tales of love & Horror, Congdon, ed.	Wall around the world, Cogswell
Into Plutonian Depths, Coblentz	Cupful of space, Clingerman
4 for the future, Conklin, ed.	6 Short SF novels, conklin, ed.
5 unearthly visions, Conklin, ed.	Hero's Walk, Crane
Transit, Cooper	Princess of the Atom, Cummings
Year of Consent, Crossen	Dark December, Coppel
Planet in peril, Christopher	Anarchaos, Clark
New writings in SF 1, Carnell, ed.	The Image Makers, Dryer
Mutiny in Space, Davidson	Marooned On Mars, del Rey
Martian Time Slip, Dick	Man of double deed, Davrenty
Jewels of Apor, Delany	Step to the stars, del rey
100 Books by A. Derleth (Biblio)	Dr Bloodmoney, Dick
(Alien from Arcturus, Dickson; Atom Curtain, Williams)	
(Mankind under the leash, Disch; Planet of Exile, LeGuinn)	
Space, Time & Crime, deFord, ed.	Hannibal (NonFic) Dolan
The Farthest Reaches, Elder, ed.	Flying Saucers, serious business
Blessington Method, Ellin	Ellison Wonderland, Ellison
Day NY Went Dry, Einstein	Beast That Shouted Love, Ellison
A Goat for Azazel, Fisher	Kolhar of the magic sword, Fox
Green Odyssey, Farmer	Edge of Tomorrow, Fast
The Alley God, Farmer	Inside Outsio, Farmer

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The Magus, Fowles  
 Maker of Universes, Farmer  
 Mirror in the sky, Garnett  
 Weirdstone of Brisingamen, Garner  
 The Unsleap, Gillon  
 Satan's Disciples, Goldston  
 Dark Universe, Galouye  
 The Search for life on other worlds (non fic) Holmes  
 Planets in Peril, Hamilton  
 Escape to Earth, Howard, ed.  
 Encounter, Holly  
 Make Room, Make Room, Harrison  
 Green Brain, Herbert  
 The Joy Wagon, Hadley  
 The Last Magicians, Jakes  
 Dracula (comix version) Jones  
 Outpost Mars, Judd  
 (Star Quest, Koontz; Doom of the Green Planet, Petaja)  
 (Fall of the dream machine, Koontz; Star Venturers, Bulmer)  
 (Fear that man, Koontz; Toyman, Tubb)  
 Takeoff, Kornbluth  
 They Syndic, Kornbluth  
 Off center, Knight; The Rithian Terror, Knight)  
 Jan of the Jungle, Kline  
 The reassembled man, Kastle  
 (The Sun Saboteurs, Knight; Light of Lilith, Wallis)  
 Afro-6, Lopez  
 Green Millenium, Leiber  
 Shadows with eyes, Leiber  
 Night of the big heat, Lymington  
 (Worlds of the Imperium, Laumer; 7 from the Stars, Bradley)  
 Man who could cheat death, Lyndon  
 Decission at doona, McCaffrey  
 Ice Schooner, Moorcock  
 Best SF from New Wrolds, Moorcock,  
 He owned the world, Maine  
 Ballroom of the skies, MacDonald  
 The Sex War, Merwin  
 Man from ORGY, Mark  
 Shores of Space, Matheson  
 Man From Uncle #13, McDaniel  
 Preferred Risk, McCann  
 Logan's Run, Nolan  
 Sea Seige, Norton; Eye of the Monster, Norton)  
 Star Gate, Norton  
 We froze the 1st man (NonFic) Nelson  
 Catseye, Norton  
 The Saragossa Manuscript, Potocki  
 Search the sky, Pohl  
 Nets of Space, Petaja  
 Worlds Within, Phillips  
 Lord Kalvan of Otherwhen, ~~Phillips~~  
 Return Over the Water, Priestley  
 (The Space Barbarians, Reynolds; The Eyes of Bolsk, Lory)  
 Barnabas Collins, Ross  
 The Power, Robinson  
 Warrior of Llarn, Fox  
 Out of the mouth of the dragon, Geston  
 Fortec Conspiracy, Garvin  
 The Avengers #4, Garforth  
 4th Galaxy Reader, Gold, ed.  
 Living Way Out, Guinn  
 Captive Universe, Harrison  
 6 & the silent scream, Howard, ed.  
 Ossian's Ride, Hoyle  
 The Flying Eyes, Holly  
 Suspense Stories, Hitchcock, ed.  
 Almuric, Howard  
 Hole in the Zero, Joseph  
 Brak the Barbarian #2, Jakes  
 You Sane Men, Janifer  
 Syn, Jones  
 Not this August, Kornbluth  
 13 French SF stories, Knight, ed.  
 On an odd note, Kersh  
 The Cautious Amorist, Lindsay  
 The Wanderer, Leiber  
 Silver Eggheads, Leiber  
 Lest Earth be Conquered, Long  
 Great Time Machine Hoax, Laumer  
 Man who wanted stars, McLaughlin  
 Sword of Morning Star, Meade  
 Perry Rhodan #3, Mohr  
 ed. The Pggan King, Marshall  
 Fire past the future, Maine  
 Wine of the dreamers, MacDonald  
 5th Years best SF, Merril, ed.  
 Dark Fantastic, Masterson  
 Man From Uncle #4, McDaniel  
 6th Years Best SF, Merril, ed.  
 World's Apart, McIntosh  
 Web of the Witch World, Norton  
 Raiders of the rings, Nourse  
 Lord of Thunder, Norton  
 Man Against Tomorrow, Nolan, ed.  
 Rite of Passage, Panshin  
 Flame Winds, Page  
 Abominable Earthman, Pohl  
 Brides of Dracula, Owen  
 Piper; Slave Ship, Pohl  
 The Cosmic Eye, Reynolds  
 For the new intellectual (NF) Rand  
 Level 7, Roshwald

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After Some Tomorrow, Reynolds	Picnic on Paradise, Russ
Doc Savage #1,2,3,35,37,38,39,40,41,42,43	
The Men in the Jungle, Spinrad	The Haunting of Alan Mais, Saxon
Shadow of Heaven, Shaw	The Perfect Planet, Smith
The Haploids, Sohl	Venus Plus X, Sturgeon
Some of Your Blood, Sturgeon	Man from uncle #12, Stratton
Space Hive, Sutton	First on the moon, Sutton
Pirate from Rome, Southworth	Danger Planet, Sterling
Immortality, Inc. Sheckley	Untouched by Human Hands, Sheckley
Pilgrimage to Earth, Sheckley	Why call them back from heavn, Simak
Time is the simplest thing, Simak	Man from uncle #11, Stratton
Great SF Adventures, Shaw, ed.	10th Victim, Sheckley
The Twilight Zone, Serling	Perry Rhodan #1, Scheer
The Golden Kazoo, Schneider	Savage Warriors, Treeche
(Kalin, Tubb; Bane of Kanthos, Dalin)	
Doomsday Square, Taylor	Galazy 666, Torro
Mission: Impossible, Tiger	The Green Rain, Tabori
Time in Advance, Tenn	Man who fell to earth, Tevis
The Last Mayday, Wheeler	Golden Blood, Williamson
(World of the Masterminds, Williams; To the end of time, Williams)	
Tales of Gooseflesh, Wyndham	Worlds best SF 1966, Wollheim, ed.
Star Bridge, Williamson	30 day wonder, Wilson
Man from Uncle #2, Whittington	The Witches, Williams
The Green Girl, Williamson	Re-Birth, Wyndham
The Killer Thing, Wilhelm	Making of Star Trek, Whitfield
Trouble with liche, Wyndham	Day of the Triffids, Wyndham
Canary in a cat house, Vonnegut	pre-empt, Vorhies
Dr Death #1, 2, 3, 4	Terror Tales, #1, 2