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 CON COMMITTEE UNVEILS JOHN NOMINEES

Cochairmen Al Andrews and Lon Atkins of VULCON II, the 31st world science fiction convention, revealed the balloting results for the 30th annual "John" Awards for excellence in the sci-fi field. A record 7,976 ballots were tallied on the experimental "Alcoma" (algorithmic computational machine) which "Doc" Atkins has been working with at the University in Tuscaluusa. The results are:

Novel: The Hurkles Past Saturn (Sturgeon)(Fantasy Press)
 Darkness on Ultima Thule (R. Phillips)(Planet, April A & B)
 Buck Rodgers and the Meteormen (Nowlan)(Startling, Jan-Feb)
 Weapons Against the Vladoto (Van Vogt)(Vortex #4)
 And There Shall Ever be Mumen (R.Palmer)(Terrifying Vol8, No3)

Novella: The Forever Machine (F. Brown)(Planet, June A)
 Fury in the Galaxy (Kuttner) (Thrilling, 72-19)
 The Return of the Abominable Groth (Howard)(Terrifying 8-6)
 Planet of the Apes (Kornbluth) (Pot Pourri, Sept.)
 Mrs. Mendelheimer Regrets (Bond)(Amusing Fantasy, May-June)

Novelette: Space War Two (Heinlein)(Space Stories, August)
 Star Beasts Revisit Mars (Geier) (Thrilling 72-43)
 Brigadier ffellowes' Last Mission (Lanier)(Beyond, April-May)
 The Sun People vs. Atlantea (Coblentz)(Super Sci-fi, March)
 Capt. Future at Absolute Zero (Hamilton)(F.A.Q. #37)

Short: Otis and the Razor (F.Brown)(Planet, Nov. B)
 Pyramids of Illustra (Barnes) (S.F.Q. #124)
 The Fourth Dimensional Robot (P. French)(Vortex #6)
 The Monsters and Mazie (Bradbury)(Planet, Sept. B)
 Demon-Queens from Uroro (Brackett)(Astonishing, July)

Comics: Weird Science Fantasy #89; Mystery in Space #203;
John Carter #17; Universe #114; Startling Wonder #34

John Nominees (continued)

Drama(radio): Plasticmen (Outer Limits, ABC, 8/14/72; Rod Serling)
If Tomorrow Brought (Fantasy Hour, CBS, 9/1/72; Cooper)
A Tale of Two Worlds (Tomorrow Plus, NBC, 1/5/72; Welch)
Planetfall #12 (Outer Limits, 3/19/72; Chas. Beaumont)
Arcs to Arcturus (Dark Universe, MBS, 8/9/72; P. French)

Drama(movie): Far Centaurus (RKO)
The Dunwich Horror (MGM)
The Mightiest Machine (Warner Bros)
Martians, Go Home (RKO)

Drama(play): The Proud Robot's Revenge (Circle Theatre, NYC)
Menagerie (Campbell Theatre, Hollywood)

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Memberships are \$1.00 in advance; \$1.50 at the door. Mail your choice of the above and your registration to: VULCON II, Box 1142, Birmingham 3, Alabama. Membership is presently 4,506 with twuu months yet tuu go!!! [Neos: get your Group Chief's certif first.]

HEARD AT DALLASCON: HPL failing...FB Long had seen HPL at the Providence Nursing Home and "Grandpa" seemed weaker than when RE Howard had called some months ago. Neos may not recall that HPL was editor of WEIRD TALES 1944-54 and started Terrifying Tales with SaM in 1955 until it folded in 1959. SaM, of course, revived it in 1969 and it's a million-plus best seller these daze!!

Brown reveals trilogy - Fred Brown told Harry Warner, D-con toastmaster, that Gnome has contracted for 3 150,000-word novels from the master and slyly let slip that the books might have to go up in price to cover the royalties he's going to get!!! Holy comets, ain't \$2.50 enough?? Reet!!

Ellison demurs again - thrice now Harlan E., head Clevefan, has declined the crown of an editorship, this time pressed on him by the owners of no less than the venerable Super Sci-fi, vacated recently by Kornbluth after long and faithful service. Quoth the Harl: "I'm just a fan, bud; I can't accept money to write and I'd have to write editorials at least." There's a TruuFan, proppies! Harl's AJ, Dangerous Visions, is one of the best - send your dime.

The 7th net, Pacifica, will premier its sci-fi series this fall: Rod Serling was coyly-brown but did mumble "TZ or not TZ" A clue there for any of you defecto-tectives?

The hossies were there to harass, reports Sgt-at-Arms Reamy. Seems they had a double gripe: RE Howard, the GoH (and he admits with shame, an ex-hossie) is considered a traitor since he broke camp, wiped off the equine feces as it were and blasted into Truu-Orbit. Also they wanted to protest the de-airing of the oater Gun-smoke after twuu seasons...Eat used oats, l'il hossies, Bill Comrad was needed to play Flash Gordon, not your silly "martial."

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Sorree this is so short this time -- holiday, yuu know. Nextpub we'll return to the regular columns - Beermutterings by Poul Anderson; Om Markstein Sklom Stuu by D. David Markstein and the uusual gang of luunies
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PEOPLE - Former ASFO Pres. JH Reinhardt held an auction last week-end in Atlanta at which he sold the balance of his once-fabled Armor of the Ages exhibit. According to Terrifying Tales cover artist Jerry Burge, the proceeds will fund the completion of JH's Planet comics collection. ** One-time actifans who have dropped from sight - nuus of them, please? Tony Lewis, Dick Geis, Andrew Porter, Arnie Katz and Ted Carr. ** Nuu Wave/ Old Wave - the debate rages on between writers like Phil Nowlan and Doc Smith whuu never set a scene on Earth and Fred Brown and others whuu rarely depart. John Pierce, pubber of Middleroad, has been trying to mediate between the groups duuring recent flare-ups. ** HB Piper has contracted for his fifth Little Fuzzy novel, to be brought out by Crown. ** Groff Conklin is considering his 101st book, composed of reminiscences of his 100 anthologies and anecdotes concerning them. ** Department of the Interior spokesmen have been addressing club meetings in Cinnцинatti, Denver, Wichita and Spokane in an attempt tuu convince irate spacers that the government cannot afford tuu pursuu the hydrazine rocket experiments which failed so dismally last March with the last of the "Apollo" series of tests, but fans aren't having any part of that!! Blast off, feds!

AJ REVUUS - Last week's mail brought in 47 AJ publications so we only have ruum for some of the most striking - the SFTC Annual, as always, will carry all of the AJs received during the year:

Xenophrenia 45 (John Dusenberry, 1145 LaGrange, Butte Mont.), 32pp 2/15¢, hekto'd. Bulletin of the Western Fan Alliance. General.

The Jovian Rocket #8 (Peter Meegle, Box 109, Boston, Mass.) 14pp, free, hekto'd. Pete's just finished his 5-year apprenticeship as a neo and offers these pointers tuu other neo's-in-training. Judging from last year's NESFA neo-revolt (from which Pete abstained, he says) the neo system needs informative cooperation tuu endure the peckling order til truufandom is attained: Recommended highly.

Fan-Fare, 5/73 (W. Paul Ganley, Box 35, Buffalo 14, N.Y.), 44pp, mimeo, 10¢. General. Highly recommended.

Slant, 6/73 (WA Willis, 170 No. Central, Belfast, Com. of Ire.), 12pp, mimeo, 10¢. General

The Outlander, Summer '73 (Moffatt & Sneary, Box 1032, Hollywood 106, Calif) Truufan's delight!

The Science Fiction Digest, 6/29/73 (Mort Weisinger, Apt. 102, 145 Park Avenue, New York 14, NY), 44pp, offset, 15¢ but worth it. Criticism and nuus.

Also notable Le Zombie, Iscariot, Fantasy Fictioneer, Melikaphkaz, and Ad Astra among the regular AJs.

COMICS CORNER - Binder & Kashdan Ltd. have announced three new titles for the fall in the popular 100pp novel format: Wood and Orlando will adapt Children of the Lensmen; Adams and Wrightson will share an original tuu be called Roger Markham of the Space Federation; and Freas and T. Palmer will present an original space fantasy/allegory based on AC Clarke's The Sentinel and Beyond Jupiter.

Gaines & Feldstein Ltd revealed that the cover artist for Weird Science Fantasy 91-95 will be Bonestell. They have also accepted three Fred Brown stories for adaptation and originals by Jan Strnad, Tom Veitch, Richard Matheson and Fritz Leiber.

Carl Bark's The Astronuts will be Fawcett's next special. CW!!

MUUVIES - Morrey Dollens writes that the studio where he's sometimes technical director is considering John W. Campbell's Who Goes There? with location shootings in the Territory of Alaska. ** Jack Warner wrote a personal note that the Riverworld spectacular will premier in Chicago for PJ Farmer's benefit. See 6/3/73 SFTC for full details. ** According to Collier's, an Italian Company is beginning hush-hush preparation of a sci fi thriller which, they claim, will star a second-rate hossie from the purple sage series. From the meagre details supplied by the mag, we'll bet it's a rehash of the Capt. Future cycle. ** Rick Sneary, Ray Bradbury and Robert Bloch will have walk-ons in Bill Rotsler's outerspace epic, The Girls of Xanadu.

BOOKS - No time for a full report thispub but here are a few teasers: Fell's fall list includes a Heinlein juvenile (illo'd by Jeff Jones); DeCamp's fourth of the year; another Galligher yarn from Kuttner; and the expected potboilers from Wyndham, Norton, Van Vogt, Rogers, Hallman and H. Davis. Gnome will feature another Greenberg anthology, a Judith Merrill novel, collections from Kornbluth & Pohl, a Virgil Finlay portfolio (number eight, isn't it?), the Petaja-Eok fantasy mentioned by RE Howard at Dallascon lastpub; and Leiber's latest. Shasta will deliver the latest from Hubbard, Vance, Reynolds and Williamson. More details nextpub.

THISNTHAT - Last-minute word is that Astounding may be revived! Truufans have been haunting the used book stores for 30 years seeking the remaining copies of this long-defunct title which seemed destined for nuu things before the untimely death of the famous John W., its tuu-brief editor.

The Secret Masters of Fandom meeting held July 4 in Trenton, N.J. reportedly adopted the letter "j" as the fannish letter for '73-'74. As uu know, all truufen are expected tuu overemphasize the designated letters in all AJs after the announcement at Worldcon '73. Goshwow, what can uu duu with "J"?? Jjeorjj jjust suggested a jjiant jjoke?

Other reaction tuu that meeting is embarassment at the manner of deportment of these fans whuu are all old enough tuu know better. In long-john space togs and propbeanies, they ride the night streets on a flat-bed truck decorated like a spaceship, swilling bruu and singing the classics: "Maresy Doats", "Flash Gordon Forever", "The Spacer's Lament" and "Blast All Jets". No wonder truufans have a bad reputation.

Just in is an apparent put-on from someone on the West Coast which pretends to be the 142nd issue of a nuus AJ ("Locus"). It's supposed to be a publication from another dimension where books cost a fortune, there are no pulps, "television" has been developed, etc. Goshwow, ain't we glad it ain't so!?

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