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BRITISH
CONVENTION
1959

As you'll have doubtless heard, this year's British SF Convention is being sponsored by the British Science Fiction Association. The location is THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, TEMPLE STREET, BIRMINGHAM. Reservations for rooms should be made direct with the hotel, and as soon as possible. (B&B 27/6 and 30/-). Bob Richardson (19 Courtier's Drive, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, Glos) is doing the secretarial work, and subscriptions should be sent to him. This is at the rate of 5/- per BSFA member and 12/6 per non-member. (Personally, with the room charges that high, I'm darn glad I'm a member). Norman Shorrocks is seeing to it that there is a worthwhile programme. And oh yes - donations for the Auction which are a popular and essential feature of any SF Convention (books, magazines, artwork, anything that you think ought to find a purchaser and wish to donate) should be sent to D.K. Fawcett, 125 Showell Green Lane, Birmingham 11. For which thanks.

BSFA IN
GENERAL

If perchance you haven't joined the BSFA, you can do so at present at half-rates. That is, full member 10/-, associate (under 18) 5/-, overseas member 5/- or 75¢. This will get you through till the beginning of July, at which time falls the BSFA New Year, and full subscriptions of £1, 10/-, or \$1.50 will then become payable for the year 1959/60. If you hurry, you'll probably be in time to catch VECTOR 3 (the 00) which has just been distributed, besides becoming eligible for 5/- Con membership as above.

TAFF
1960

The Transatlantic Fan Fund, which carried Ron Bennett to California and back in 1958, has set as its next target the bringing of a fan from across the Atlantic to the 1960 British Convention. The official list of candidates has just been finalised, containing three names: Terry Carr, Don Ford, and Bjo Wells.

TERRY CARR is a well-known trufan and actifan at present studying at the University of California, and with the reputation of a Publishing Giant to boot, producing INNUENDO (a fanzine, already one of the best, that improves with every issue) as well as being one of those responsible for the fannish newszine FANAC. He is also no mean hand

at fannish writing, and could be relied upon to produce a worthwhile report of the trip if he won.

DON FORD is the man who ran the American end of TAFF for the first several years of its existence without having first received the benefit of a paid transatlantic journey, in which he differs from all others who have administered the fund, from either side of the Atlantic. In fact, the only thing he's so far received for his labours is some hard words from various quarters, on the grounds that he insisted on running the show according to the way HE thought was best, rather than deferring to the opinions of certain others (including myself).

BJO WELLS, or Betty Jo Wells in a somewhat fuller version, is a personable young Los Angeles female-type fan with considerable artistic talent.

I wish it was possible for all three of them to come over. Still, one of them will be better than nothing. You may possibly find a ballot-form with this if they arrive in time, but if not, I'll just mention that ballot-forms can be obtained from Ron Bennett, 7 Southway, Arthur's Avenue, Harrogate, Yorks, or from Robert A. Madle, 3608 Caroline Avenue, Indianapolis 18, Ind. Donations, of course, are welcomed with open arms at either address.

DETENTION The 1959 American SF Convention, being held in Detroit, 1959 has been nicknamed the Detention. If you're already fanning from a North American address you'll know all about it already, but British fans who wish to join can do so by sending 7/- to Ron Bennett (address as above). For this they will receive all the progress reports of the Detention, as well as the special souvenir programme (usually an interesting booklet in its own right) and anything else that's going of a like nature.

MISCELLANEOUS Belfast To James and Peggy White, 17/1/59, a son, **NEWS** Martin, 9½lbs. (Hell - this is catching on! Wonder who'll be next? Babies, anyone?) Bob Shaw has now got a respectable address again (the last one I had for him was c/o the YMCA), namely 5 Crompton Avenue, Brightmet, Bolton, Lancs. France Ray Nelson, currently spending a year at Vesoul, is in a publishing mood again. The mag is mentally planned and ready, only trifles such as typing and duping and addressing remain to be taken care of (I am reliably informed). Jean Linard (also of Vesoul) now wears glasses, and insists that I mention that it is raining. London The London Circle has provisionally solved its problem of constantly declining attendance and like that by inclining towards a monthly schedule. From now on, the meeting is on the first Thursday of each month, and there is also a small admission fee. Other Thursdays you go at your own risk - if you're the only one there, you can always sit and talk to yourself or something. Charlie Duncombe, long absent from the meetings, has returned to the fold and promptly been elected back to his old standing job of Treasurer.

DEPT OF UNPAID ADVERTS

and like that

BENNETT'S The new year's edition of this standard work of reference **DIRECTORY** is available from Ron Bennett (7 Southway, Arthur's Avenue, Harrogate, Yorks, as I said somewhere before)

for 1/9d. An invaluable aid to active participation in fandom, very highly recommended indeed. (At the same time you can sub to the Detention and send a donation for TAFF, saving yourself 6d postage).

FANAC Currently THE fannish newszine, issued approximately fortnightly by Ron Elik and Terry Carr at Room 104, 2315 Dwight Way, Berkeley 4, California. 4 for 25¢ or 9 for 50¢. Sterling subs at 4 for 2/- can be sent to Archie Mercer, the perpetrator hereof, as their British agent.

JOIN Thought I'd forgotten to tell you where to send your subs, THE didn't you. In which case I've got news for you - I had BSFA forgotten! To me, mes amis - the perpetrator once again at your service, this time in my capacity as Hon Treasurer to the Association. Address as displayed at the masthead of this issue. Remember - rump-year's membership until the first of July, 10/- for full (over 18 and resident in these parts) membership, 5/- for associate (under 18 - are you listening, Nicola Clarke?) membership or for overseas membership generally. North American residents can send 75¢ to Dale R. Smith, 3001 Kyle Avenue, Minneapolis 22, Minn.

JACQUES Jean Linard declares Jacques to be a R-E-A-L true fan and BERGIER a Good Man to boot, and fully worthy to receive fanzines at 8 Rue de Berri, Paris 8eme, France. H'm - if I remember, I may even send him a copy of this.

JEAN May not yet aspire to the fulsome praises that Jean lavishes on Jacques above, but, to quote Jean, "would enjoy MEUNIER some fanzine, too, and would sertyly comment, at least, he deserves to be given a try". He can be found at 85 Rue des Bienvenus, Villeurbanne, Rhone, France. I might even get round to sending him a copy, too. (Stray thought: Bien = well. Therefore Bienvenus = a Venusian well.)

PUBLIC WHEREAS towards the end of the year one thousand nine ANNOUNCE- hundred and fifty six Ted E White hereinafter described MENT as Ted White offered to Archie Mercer hereinafter described as Archie Mercer the post of British representative for the fanzine STELLAR and WHEREAS the said Archie Mercer tentatively accepted such post

AND WHEREAS over the following year or so despite repeated communications from the said Archie Mercer to the said Ted White the said Ted White resolutely declined to communicate with the said Archie Mercer or to acknowledge his existence in any way except with free copies of the fanzine STELLAR as published and bearing the name and address of the said Archie Mercer as British representative on the contents page and has furthermore to this day not communicated in any way apart from the aforementioned with the said Archie Mercer

AND WHEREAS having collected the sum of NINE SHILLINGS on behalf of the said Ted White and being unable to obtain any instructions as to its disposal the said Archie Mercer found himself compelled for divers reasons to resign from his post as British representative of the fanzine STELLAR as from the thirty first day of March in the year

one thousand nine hundred and fifty eight

AND WHEREAS the special representative Ronald Bennett whom the said Archie Mercer subsequently sent for a personal interview with the said Ted White was unable to obtain any instructions as to the disposal of the said nine shillings apart from a somewhat vague suggestion that it might conceivably be returned to those who had subscribed it which had in fact already been done with two shillings out of the whole

AND WHEREAS the whole furshlugginer mess is thoroughly unsatisfactory to the tidy mind of the said Archie Mercer

BE IT KNOWN THEREFORE that as of now the said Archie Mercer reserves unto himself to appropriate the remaining seven shillings to any purpose that he may see fit and the matter can be considered to be signed sealed and delivered as appropriate (message ends)

As a matter of fact it'll probably go to TAFF.

FOR SALE One caravan, "Midland" four-berth model (berths not included). Overall length approx. 16 ft if I remember (I'm not going out to measure it at this time of night). Fully roadworthy (except that I think the brake's a bit wonky), tyres and roof in good condition. A choice selection of spiders included FREE. £10,000 or nearest reasonable offer (would take less). Apply Box 1, anglo-FANAC. (Box 1 is, of course, the caravan in question, natch).

FEATURE * * * * SECTION

VARIATION ON AN ELDERLY THEME Scene: A planet of Wolf 359. A space-ship - clearly the vehicle of a pioneering expedition - has just landed. In foreground are two spacesuited humans and a bem. Human with translator-machine is saying to his colleague; "It says 'Greetings, Earthpeople, I am the local representative of Erwin Scudla'."

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This has been the first issue of angloFANAC (incorporating the Newark on Trent Times-Picayune and the Scunthorpe Blue Book). The thanks of the perpetrator are due to Ron Bennett, Eric Bentcliffe, Jean Linard and Walt Willis who have supplied specific items of news for the issue, also to sundry other people from whose letters and fanzines and things odd items of information have been lifted. And last but not least to the editors and publishers of FANAC for offering to handle North American distribution.

Finally, the perpetrator wishes to bring to the attention of those who know what he's talking about the fact that the "dreaded Lurgi" is in full retreat, if not positively in rout, and he looks forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Birmingham over Easter.