

Edited and produced for the British Science Fiction Association by Archie Mercer. Proofread by Beryl Mercer. The Publications Officer is still technically Steve Oakey, but for the time being the address of publication had better be standardised as being the Secretary's address, 38 Millfield Rd., Deeping St. James, Peterborough.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS There have been nominations - one in each case - for the posts of Secretary and Treasurer. Doreen Parker, of Deeping St. James, has been nominated to remain Secretary by Archie Mercer. Dave Barber, of Wisbech, has been nominated for Treasurer (to take office in mid-term from the present incumbent, Charlie Winstone) by Phil Rogers. It is understood that both nominees have accepted nomination, though the names of their Seconders have not yet reached the Bulletin Editor. No nomination has been received for the post of Chairman.

In view of the uncontested nature of the election of the new Secretary and Treasurer, no voting forms are being issued, and unless an overwhelming number of objections to either nominee is received prior to their (re)assuming office this coming Easter, or (of course) either nominee withdraws for any reason, it can be assumed that Doreen Parker will continue as Secretary for the next two years, and Dave Barber will become Treasurer for the next one. Incidentally, this situation means that the Secretary, the Treasurer and the Vice Chairman will be living within easy reach of each other - the individuals concerned meet frequently as it is.

No decision has yet been reached about what action to take re the Chairmanship - and in addition, it may be necessary to appoint a substitute Publications Officer to finish Steve Oakey's term (which is now approaching mid-point of its two-year flight with precisely one Oakey-edited VECTOR to show for it to date).

MAGAZINE LIBRARY NEWS Joe Bowman, of "Balnace", Ardgay, Ross-shire, Scotland, is the Association's new Magazine Librarian (for SF magazines, not for fanzines) and is now In Business. A list is being prepared, but members who wish to anticipate its publication are at liberty to contact Joe at any time - normal B.S.F.A. Library conditions still apply, of course.

And as a subsidiary detail under this head - a typist is required to cut the stencils for the Magazine list. Volunteers contact Joe, please.

"ORBITER" NEWS The "B.S.F.A. ORBITER", the chain of literary and artistic offerings that circulates amongst the writers and artists concerned for mutual criticism, has found a new HQ: Robert Cooper, of Saxondale Hospital, Radcliffe on Trent, Nottingham, is the new organiser and those interested in participating should contact him.

LIVE ANYWHERE NEAR LINCOLN ? Lincoln, besides its own tame Astronomical Society and half-built Observatory, now has an SF group meeting regularly. Contact Peter Hammerton of 334 Brant Road, Lincoln.

MATCHES 'N' THINGS Vic Hallett, Cambridge member and "Visual Side" correspondent for VECTOR, is now engaged.

FROM AUSTRALIA, word reaches us of a certain Patrick ("Pat") A.M. Terry, of 4/13 Wyong Rd., Mosman, Sydney, N.S.W., who though longer quite so young as he once was, loves a good argument and would appreciate receiving fanzines so that he can argue back via their letter-columns. Sounds like the Commonwealth's answer to the NZF's Sarge Smith - try your fanzine on him, why not ?

THE B.S.F.A. SCIENCE FICTION ANTHOLOGY - A SORT OF PROGRESS REPORT

At the Yarmouth Convention in 1966 it was decided that the BSFA should investigate the possibility of publishing an anthology of sf. The intention was to consolidate the BSFA's position as the central authority for sf in this country. The publicity gained by publication could boost the membership as well as bringing the Association to the attention of wider literary circles. Financially, too, the BSFA would benefit from the royalties of the book.

So far, only preliminary enquiries have been made. It seems that there is a current interest in publishing sf, in both hardcover and paperback. Although publishers have primary interest in publishing original novels (of which there is always a shortage) they make anthologies welcome as they serve the dual purpose of not only keeping the sf-list open, but are always potentially commercial.

A BSFA anthology would stand a good chance of acceptance at the present time. This is for three main reasons. Firstly, in the ranks of the BSFA membership there are many writers of science fiction, both the well-known and established, and the young and up-and-coming. Secondly, our membership contains editors, and literary agents and publishers. And thirdly, we the members of the BSFA must represent the most compact body of knowledge about science fiction there is in the country. If anybody should know the difference between good sf and bad, we should. And this is where you can be of assistance.

To be candid, we want to know your opinions on the subject. What should this anthology look like? Should we aim for the hardcover market where there is prestige, reviews in the Observer and less financial gain, or should we go for the paperback market with its wider sales and faster financial return? Should we publish only BSFA authors, or only British authors, or should we have any restriction at all? Most important, which particular stories should we try to buy?

Perhaps it is in this last factor that the membership as a whole will find the greatest cause for disagreement. Nevertheless we want your opinion every one will be considered. Ideally, any story anthologised should not have appeared more than once before in any place.

If you have any ideas on the points raised in this, can suggest suitable stories, or have any suggestions on the book as a whole, then write to Chris Priest or Rog Peyton at either of the addresses below.

We can't guarantee any progress or success with this project, but the Committee thinks it is worth a try. Our successes so far: a literary agent has expressed the willingness to handle the book if completed, and two publishers (one hardback, one paperback) have expressed interest in the idea.

How much further do we want to take it?

Essex.

- ... Chris Priest: "Cornerways", Willow Close, Doddinghurst, Brentwood, /
- ... Rog Peyton: 77 Grayswood Park Rd., Quinton, Birmingham 32.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YET? 1967 memberships are now in force, and though grace is allowed up to 9.30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, the Association is not bound to distribute its journals etc. before then to those who have not renewed - and afterwards, if the print-order turns out to have been too small, then it's Too Late.

The new rates are: Full members 30/-, Associates (under 18 on the 1st of Jan. this year) 20/-, Overseas members 30/-. Money to the Treasurer: Charles Winstone, 71 George Rd., Erdington, Birmingham 23. Thank you.

USUAL CONVENTION REMINDER John Brunner is Guest of Honour at this year's Easter SF Convention, which is being held in Bristol over Easter week-end. 7/6d registration fee to Tony Walsh, 61 Halsbury Rd., Redland, Bristol 6, entitles you to all extant and future literature on the Convention, including the Programme Book. See you there?

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

FOR SALE ... Hardbacks, paperbacks, magazines (including NEW WORLDS 1, 2 & 3, and SCIENCE FANTASY 1, 2 & 3). Send 4d stamp for list to Rog Peyton, 77 Grayswood Park Rd., Quinton, Birmingham 32.

WANTED Early stories by Eric Frank Russell, especially version of "Deep Space". Peter Hammerton, 334 Brant Rd., Lincoln.

"PLAYBOYS" FOR SALE The last couple of years or so of the magazine "Playboy" for sale, separately or en bloc. Send s.a.e. to Dave Barber, 1b Walsoken House, Walton Rd., Wisbech, Cambs.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED BY...

Jim Groves, of Room 416, Hotel Lafayette, 4th & Northampton Streets, Easton, Pennsylvania 18042, U.S.A. Jim recently emigrated from this country, and is feeling "out of touch". Interests: sf, mineralogy, and things in general.

Brian Taylor, of 2 Kingsway, Nuneaton, Warks. Interests: model-making, mainstream reading. (And sf of course.)

STATIONERY COSTS MONEY - but costs vary widely. Would anybody interested in joining a pool with the purpose of buying stationery at bulk prices please contact Chas. Legg, 5 Park Close, Longmeadow, Stevenage, Herts.

NEW MEMBERS

Flintham, Michael P.: 12 St. Margaret's Close, Lincoln

Feron, Michel: 7 Grand-Place, Hannut, Belgium

Taylor, Brian: 2 Kingsway, Nuneaton, Warks

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

A. 405 Stone, Miss Julia: now 16 Fox Close, Chipping Norton, Oxon

M. 355 Steele, Colin: now c/o 63 Westbrooke Av., West Hartlepool, Co. Durham

M. 28 Freeman, Keith: now H4187447 Sgt K. Freeman, Sgts. Mess, R.A.F. Gatow,
B.F.P.O. 45

M. 201 Barber, David S.: now 1b Walsoken House, Walton Rd., Wisbech, Cambs

(NOTE: address was formerly 1a, otherwise the same.)

M. 585 Winterman, Geoffrey: now 42 Parklands View, Sketty Park, Swansea, Glam.

O. Moeller, Svend K.: now Lergrausvej 9 Ys th, Copenhagen S, Denmark

PaDS PaDS - the Printing and Distributing Service of the B.S.F.A. - would like a new home. Archie & Beryl Mercer, the present administrators, are willing to try to keep it going for the remainder of 1967 if they can, but are becoming increasingly short of free time. Anybody with access to a duplicator and a certain amount of time to devote to the service interested in taking over? Contact A. & B. Mercer, 9 Cotswold Rd., Bedminster, Bristol 3.