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"VECTOR" NEVER GETS IN A RUT... It never gets a chance! Nobody edits it for long enough. The latest Publications Officer to find that it takes too big a slice out of his erstwhile free time is Tony Sudbery. After the current issue, therefore, the post of Publications Officer to the Association (and consequent editor of VECTOR) goes to Michael Kenward. The main thing, of course, is that (somehow) VECTOR continues. Watch, as the saying says, This Space.

CONVENTION AND A.G.M. At The British Science Fiction Association Limited's first Annual General Meeting, held on Easter Sunday 14th April 1968 at the St. Ann's Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire, five members of the Management Council retired in rotation. Four of them - your Bulletin Editor fails to recall precisely who - were promptly re-elected by the meeting without opposition. The fifth, David S. Barber, wished to retire both as a member of the Management Council and as Treasurer. John A.J. Hart, of Hadleigh, Essex, a bank official by profession, was unanimously elected to succeed him on the Management Council, and will shortly assume the office of Treasurer also. The proposed amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association, details of which were recently circulated to the membership, were carried unanimously. Sundry matters were also raised, details of which will be found elsewhere in this Bulletin and in VECTOR.

Kenneth Bulmer, the Convention's Guest of Honour, gave a talk cast in a deliberately wide-ranging mould, touching pointedly (and frequently amusingly) on many matters. (It is understood that a version of this talk is to be printed in Pete Weston's magazine SPECULATION. Further details from 81 Trescott Rd., Northfield, Birmingham 31.) A number of other professional writers, amongst other speakers, also appeared on the programme, which featured besides "live" items a number of assorted films. The "Doc" Weir Award was won by Mary Reed - who, with all due deference to Doreen, is the youngest winner yet. Mary has been of assistance to the Association in a number of ways during the past few years, and it's good to see her recognised in this way. After a joust staged between armoured champions in the main Convention hall, the B.S.F.A.'s Parliamentarian, Phil Rogers, was declared holder of the Noble Mastership of the Order of St. Fantasy for the next three years, and Ken McIntyre, Beryl Mercer and Doreen Parker were admitted to the Order. Steve Stiles, a young American artist, attended the Convention as delegate of the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund (TAFF), together with half a dozen more of his compatriots, seven Germans, and two Italians. Almost everybody present appeared to be in favour of the project for the World S.F. Convention for 1970 to be held in Heidelberg, West Germany.

OBITUARY Ron Ellik, of Los Angeles, killed in a car crash in Wisconsin "while on a long drive by himself" on the 26th January this year. Whilst never (your Editor thinks) a member of the B.S.F.A., Ron was a worker for its nearest American equivalent (the NSF), and interested in the international aspects of sf fandom. He came over to Britain twice - once as delegate for TAFF (in 1962, to the Harrogate Convention) and then for the World Convention in 1965. His many British friends - whether through the mails, in person, or both - feel his loss keenly. He was unmarried, aged somewhere around the thirty mark or a trifle less.

SOCIAL CLUB One of the ideas discussed briefly at the A.G.M. was the formation of a B.S.F.A. Social Club. Precisely what form this might take is by no means clear-cut as yet. Anybody interested is invited to contact E.C. Tubb

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at 67 Houston Road, Forest Hill, London SE.23. (Not necessarily confined to residents in the London area - as I say, anything may emerge.)

**NEXT YEAR'S CON** Cambridge having withdrawn its previously-accepted offer to stage the Association's 1969 Convention (lack of suitable accommodation being the main reason), a sub-committee was appointed to find a site for the event elsewhere. The sub-committee comprised, when last heard of, five people: Ted Tubb, Jean Muggoch, Daphne Sewell, and Gerry and Anne Webb. Registration fee of 10/- to Anne at 67 Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, London W.7., for full particulars as and when known.

No arrangements have so far been made in respect of the 1970 Convention (which, being at Easter, does not clash with the international Convention with hoped-for World Convention status that is being organised in Heidelberg later that year). Thus the idea of having two years in which to prepare for a B.S.F.A. Convention seems to have gone at present by the board.

**RENEWALS** Renewal forms are being sent out in batches with each issue of VECTOR/ the B.S.F.A. Bulletin. Nobody, we trust, is being forgotten; however, to settle a few recurrent queries: (a) Renewals are all at 30/- per year, and should be sent to the Assistant Secretary, Beryl Mercer, 10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol 2; (b) Cheques, Postal Orders etc. should be crossed, and made out to The British Science Fiction Association Limited, and not to any individual; (c) It would be appreciated if renewal forms were left intact by the senders. Then the top half can be passed on to the Treasurer by way of cover-slip for the money, the bottom half with the signed Guarantee can be passed to the Secretary for filing, and everybody's happy; (d) the period of grace in which a member can renew without having to rejoin (at extra expense) is generally three calendar months from the end of the month of renewal. In the case of late notifications caused by a less-than-monthly publishing schedule, however, members will be given such grace as seems fair in the circumstances.

**LIBRARY LISTS** Basic lists for both the magazine and book departments of the B.S.F.A. Library are now ready. Anybody who wishes to obtain a (free) copy should contact the Secretary: Mrs. Doreen Parker, 38 Millfield Rd., Deeping St. James, Peterborough; who holds the stocks. In preparation is an up-to-date list of recent additions to the Library.

**USEFUL SUGGESTION** from a member who wishes to remain anonymous; any member who notices any small-ad or similar concerned with the sale &/or purchase of specifically sf books/magazines etc. would be doing the Association a favour if he or she passed them on to the Secretary. (Or, more appropriately, the Assistant Secretary; address under "Renewals" above.) We might pick up a few useful recruits that way. Thanks in advance, all you Out There.

**FREE SMALL-ADS:** It has long been the practice of the B.S.F.A. to print members' small-ads free in its various publications. It should be noted, however, that this facility is intended to assist members in buying sf (and other things) for their private reading/collecting, disposing of unwanted purchases, and generally pursuing their hobbies. It is not intended that members' businesses should receive free advertising by this means. The Association will gladly run business advertisements for members, but in such cases a small charge will be made. Fair, don't you think?

**FOR SALE** - Filing Cabinet in excellent condition with sliding support, greeny-grey metal,  $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $13\frac{1}{2}$ ". David S. Barber, "Bree", River Terrace, Horseshoe Estate, Wisbech, Cambs.

## CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

- Robert F. Johnson (20), 175 Oxford Gdns., Stafford. (U.S.A. & Europe)  
Gordon Johnson (24), 60 Overdale, Scarborough, Yorks. Interests (apart from sf etc.): Tropical fish, politics, stamp collecting and science in general. (U.K., U.S.A., Commonwealth)  
Adrian Bodlander (20), 15 Palmerston Rd., Wallasey, Cheshire. Railway modelling, photography, pop music. (U.K., U.S.A.)  
Thomas J. Briody (16), 26 Pendle Avenue, Blackbrook, St. Helens, Lancs. Chess, gardening, dogs (bull terriers), maths, philately, wildlife, Amerindians, any literature, camping, history. (Anywhere except U.K.)  
Paul Griffin (16), 47 Greenfield Rd., St. Helens, Lancs. Short-wave radio, electronics. (U.S.A., Commonwealth)  
John N. Youds (29), 10 Vronhill St., Princes Park, Liverpool 8. History, music, English Lit. generally, and walking. (Anywhere)  
Martin W. Bridgstock (19), The Poplars, Marshchapel, Grimsby, Lincs. Astronomy, chess. (Anywhere)

Of the above list, Gordon Johnson, Thomas Briody, Paul Griffin, and Martin Bridgstock would be interested to see copies of, or hear about, other members' "fanzines". So would:

- Clive Davies, 9 Myrtle Close, East Barnet, Herts  
Andrew I. Porter, c/o Lancer Books, 1560 Broadway, New York, N.Y.10036, U.S.A.  
(British fanzines only in the latter case, please.)

GERMAN S.F. CONVENTIONS 1968 There are probably to be two sf conventions in German-speaking Europe this year. The earlier is probably to be held over the Whitsun week-end, at Linz in Austria. Write to: Hubert Strassl, Am Bindermichl 37, A-4020 Linz, Austria, if you are interested in attending. Or if (as is probably more likely) you'd prefer to attend a Heidelberg convention and get a preview of the city that hopes to hold the World S.F. Convention in 1970, you'll find one taking place over the week-end 3rd/4th August. Gert Zech, 6900 Heidelberg, Mönchhofstrasse 12-14-Astronom. Rechen-Institut, Germany, is the person to contact this time.

ARE YOU A SPECULATOR ? It's quite easy to reach this elevated status; all you need do is to send a 4d stamp to the address below. In return you'll receive a special free introductory issue of SPECULATION, an amateur magazine exclusively concerned with science fiction criticism and review. Contents of this issue include comment by Leiber, Panshin, Busby and Mocrcock, and details of the current issue of the magazine will also be sent.

P.R. Weston, 81 Trescott Road, Birmingham 31, U.K.

(=See also mention under "Convention and A.G.M." on Page 1 of this Bulletin.AM=)

NEW FANZINE IN PREPARATION, to be called "ZINE", hopes to have a (thin but) nationwide circulation but desperately needs the following: 1) Typist, 2) Fiction Editor. Also requires contributions - anything considered. Anybody interested - even if it's only in seeing the completed product - should contact John Hall, 9 Hill Crescent, Bexley, Kent.

FOR SALE:- "British Interplanetary Society Journal" 1965: 6 issues (complete)  
"Spaceflight" 1965: 6 issues (complete) 1966: 12 issues (do.)  
All are in "mint" condition and I no longer have room for them. Name your own price, any reasonable offer considered.

Bert Lewis, 4" Queensway, Ashton on Ribble, Preston PR2 1SN

OVER 2,000 Science Fiction books and magazines for sale. Dozens of Ace

Doubles; almost complete set of "New Worlds" and "Science Fantasy"; first five years of "If (Worlds of) S.F." complete; etc. etc., majority of items in mint or near mint condition. Send large s.a.e. for list.

Rog Peyton, 77 Grayswood Park Road, Quinton, Birmingham 32.

FOR DISPOSAL: A good E.F. Russell collection, also about 100 copies of U.S.

"Analog" including most of the larger issues. Not to mention 100 Astronomy books and 100 "Sky & Telescope" magazines, and even a bookcase to keep some of them in. Willing to sell or exchange: apart from cash, would consider camping equipment, cine or "still" photographic gear, stamps, foreign birds, tape recorder or a young slave girl (not necessarily in order of importance)...

P. Hammerton, 334 Brant Road, Lincoln.

AMERICAN FANZINES: Archie Mercer, of 10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol 2, is now British agent for the following American fanzines:

AMRA, the swordliest and most sorcerous magazine extant. Sample copy 2/-, subscription 10 for £1.

TOLKIEN JOURNAL, subscription 4 for £1.

NIEKAS, a recent Hugo-winner, whose scope ranges far, wide and handsome. Sample copy 4/-, subscription 6 for £1.

(Note. The price of a sample copy does not include acknowledgement of receipt of the money! You just have to wait in hope for a few weeks.)

MAGAZINE CHAIN Keep up with the current issues at less than their cover price. All you pay is 4d per magazine, plus postage on to the next member of the chain. Details from Keith Freeman, 128 Fairford Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks.

YOU WANT TO produce your own amateur magazine, but have no typewriter or duplicator handy? If so, then PaDS is for you. PaDS, the B.S.F.A.'s Printing and Distributing Service, will duplicate your magazine for you at cost, and/or arrange for somebody to type it for you also at cost. (Labour is free.) PaDS only requires people interested in using it to become fully active again. Dave Sutton, of 18/6 Gildas Avenue, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30, is now in charge.

"SCIENCE FICTION TIMES", old-established sf/fantasy newszine, requires a British correspondent in touch with what's happening on the publishing front in this country. Anybody who would like to tackle the job should get in touch with SFT's British correspondent pro-tem, Doreen Parker, of 38 Millfield Road, Deeping St. James, Peterborough.

H E L P ! ! ! In connection with the projected B.S.F.A. sponsored anthology of professional sf, the executive committee would like to ascertain urgently the ten living British sf/fantasy writers that the members of the Association consider their favourites. A ballot form is enclosed: all members are requested to co-operate by filling in their ten favourite living British writers pertinent to the field and returning it to the Secretary. There is no need to arrange your ten names in any particular order - all will count the same, the criterion being the number of times any name figures in the "top tens". Enclosed is also a list, hopelessly incomplete and hastily compiled, of possible authors. Note: (a) omission from the list does not mean that a name cannot be in your top ten; (b) there is no guarantee that every name on the list represents somebody who is either still alive or British; (c) the list includes besides sundry "oncercs", several people under alternative pseudonyms. Some of these we know, others we suspect, still others most probably are still under security

wraps. We have decided that the easiest way out of the pseudonym problem is to ignore it and hope that it will quietly go away. If any individual does succeed in getting into the final "top ten" under two different names, then he thoroughly deserves to anyway. And (d) a "British" author is defined as one who was born or reared in the British Isles, or has "flcruitted" there as an sf/fantasy author. Thus for instance, Harry Harrison has been concerned with the B.S.F.A. for so long a period, and has attended so many British conventions, that he would qualify as a "British" author for the purpose of this poll. But L. Ron Hubbard, who has lived in this country far longer than Harry Harrison ever did, has had nothing whatsoever to do with the British sf field in all that time and therefore would not qualify. Clear ?

NEW & REJOINED MEMBERS

- 335 Valerie A. Purnell (Miss): 53 Skipper Way, Elmore, Lee on Solent, Hants
- 383 C.G.P. Smith: The Officers' Mess, Royal Air Force, Sharjah, B.F.P.O. 64
- 516 Michael J. Waskett: 33 St. Mary's Road, Ilford, Essex
- 611 Roger Sadler: 4 Forthview, Niddrie Cottages, Edinburgh 15, Scotland
- 661 Allan H. Lloyd: Great Quebb Farm, Eardisley, Herefordshire
- 883 Thomas J. Briody: 26 Pendle Avenue, Blackbrook, St. Helens, Lancs
- 884 Paul Griffin: 47 Greenfield Road, St. Helens, Lancs
- 885 John N. Youds: 10 Vronhill Street, Princes Park, Liverpool 8 /Holland
- 886 Billy H. Pettit: Control Data Holland, Stadhouderslaan 114, The Hague,/
- 887 Robert F. Johnson: 175 Oxford Gardens, Stafford
- 888 (number not used)
- 889 Gordon Johnson, A.L.A.: 60 Overdale, Eastfield, Scarborough, Yorks
- 890 Adrian Bodlander: 15 Palmerston Road, Wallasey, Ches
- 891 Anthony J. Belton: 19 Abbey Parade, Merton High St., London SW.19
- 892 Clive Davies: 9 Myrtle Close, East Barnet, Herts /U.S.A.
- 893 Andrew I. Porter: Lancer Books Inc., 1560 Broadway, New York, N.Y.10036,/
- 894 John C. Hynam: 23 Sallows Road, Peterborough
- 895 Gian Paolo Cossato: 5 Berkstone Gardens, London SW.5
- 896 Peter Day: Flat 4, Beau Manor, Roebuck Lane, Sale, Ches
- 897 Martin W. Bridgstock: The Poplars, Marshchapel, Grimsby, Lincs

MAGAZINES WANTED; U.S. and British science-fiction, weird, fantasy magazines in good condition required. TOP PRICES OFFERED. Send your list for cash offers to 22ND CENTURY BOOKS, 22 HENLEY ROAD, TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND

VECTOR AND THE FUTURE As mentioned on P.1, Michael Kenward is taking over the Publications Officership (and VECTOR) after this issue.

However, he expects to be sitting for some stiff exams before many months are gone, and so his time at the helm will be strictly limited. Who's next?

VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED.

(SEE BELOW)

WHO HAS THE ARTICLES ? Not to mention the Memorandum. Doreen Parker (address above) has lent out several copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company and would like them back as soon as possible, please, in order that she may lodge them with various official-type departments that require copies. COME HOME, MEM. & ARTS - your Secretary needs you!

DOC WEIR AWARD Doreen Parker (to whom the top half of this page is obviously dedicated) wishes to say a belated but nevertheless sincere "thanks" to all those whose votes gave her the "Doc" Weir Award last year, and also to congratulate Mary Reed who is this year's holder of the Award.

VECTOR CONTINUED Anybody interested in assisting and/or ultimately relieving Michael Kenward in the Publications Dept. is asked to get in touch with him at Rush Common House, Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Berks. Thanks. Keep VECTOR flying !!!

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

201 David S. Barber: now "Bree", River Terrace, Horseshoe Estate, Wisbech, Cambs  
 798 Graham Charnock: now 1 Eden Close, Alperton, Wembley, Middlesex  
 564 Roger Clegg: now ~~c/o Miss J. King, 12 Claybards Rd., London SW.8~~ (see below)  
 320 Christopher M. Priest: now Room 9, 18 Harrington Gdns., London SW.7  
 391 Mary Reed (Miss): now 5 Park Close, Longmeadow, Stevenage, Herts  
 500 Brian M. Stableford: now 11 Holly Terrace, New Walk, York

(=Try saying that address several times quickly... AM)

#### CORRECTION

627 Ralph Pemberton: "Grosvenor", 124 Tibbs Hill Road, Abbots Langley, Herts

The above list, and the list on the reverse, together constitute the fifth list of amendments to the 1967 Membership List.

#### STOP PRESS

564 Roger Clegg: now c/o H.L. Edlin, 15 Howard Rd., Coulsdon, Surrey  
 486 Jim Moyles: now "Fairleigh", Woodstock Road, Redland, Bristol 6