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ASSISTANTS ALSO ACT Beryl Mercer, hitherto the Association's Assistant Secretary, is now provisionally handling virtually everything in the secretarial line of business except for the legal, "company", side of things. The latter is still being handled by Mrs. Doreen Parker until the end of the year. All other queries to the Secretarial Dept. should now be addressed to Beryl Mercer, 10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol BS2 8BA.

MISSED ANY GOOD VECTORS LATELY ? Anybody who has not yet had a copy of VECTORS 49 and/or 50 should apply to the Acting Secretary at the above address.

AMATEUR MAGAZINES ("FANZINES") New members of the B.S.F.A. frequently express interest in amateur publications. If possible, the Association tries in such cases to supply a few samples. This process would be greatly facilitated if members who produce their own fanzines could donate a few copies to the Association for this purpose. All such gifts will be gratefully appreciated, and should be sent to the Acting Secretary. (Same address.)

OMPA, the Off-trail Magazine Publishers' Association, members of which receive and comment upon each other's publications by way of quarterly bundles, is coming home. After the currently forthcoming mailing, Beryl Mercer (the very same Beryl Mercer who) is taking over as Association Editor. Anybody interested in joining (who must show proof of prior interest in amateur journalism as editor/publisher or contributor) should contact her at still the same address. (In this case, however, not as Acting Secretary of The B.S.F.A. Limited, but as her own sweet self.)

MAGAZINE CHAIN Why, demanded Keith Freeman angrily, didn't the last issue of the Bulletin contain a repeat-ad for the magazine chain? Er, because, hastily improvised your Bulletin-editor. See, said Keith sternly, that it doesn't happen again. Anyway, Keith runs the chain from 128 Fairford Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks. Current issues of all sf magazines are circulated to those who require them at 4d per magazine; chainees also pay postage on to the next member of the chain. The magazines end up in the B.S.F.A. Library.

#### SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

ZINE New fanzine for those who want to know about Science-Fiction needs:- Fiction Board (not, as previously stated, editor); Stories, Art-Work, Reviews, Letters. Come on, people, let's have action. D. Sharp, 55 Ellison Road, Sidcup, Kent. (Ad placed by member John Hall.)

FANZINES FOR SALE The B.S.F.A. Fanzine Foundation has a huge surplus of British fanzines to dispose of, some from as early as 1949. (Well, 3 of them are.) IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, SEND A 4d STAMP to Chas. D. Winstone, 71 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham 23, for a copy of 'CHAFF' - the Fanzine, Foundation's duplicates list. Don't forget, first come, first served - 7 have gone already!

A PROJECT HAS BEEN BEGUN under the partial auspices of a shadowy organisation called 'GAP-T' for the publication of a 'Best of Fanzines Annual' covering the year 1968. All those who wish to participate should send their publications to: Greg Pickersgill, "The Pines" Haylett Lane, Merlins Bridge, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire. Thank you.

TRANS-ATLANTIC  
FAN FUND ("TAFF")

This Fund exists to bring British or European fans to major American sf conventions, and North American fans to major British or European ditto. The next trip is being planned for a fan from this side of the Rockall fishing-grounds to attend the 1969 World S.F. Convention - somewhere in the American mid-west region. Nominations are now being sought - from amongst those nominated, the winner will be elected from the votes of those who support the fund with a minimum donation. (Possibly 2/6d or 5/-.)

Names please to the Fund's European administrator (and previous winner), Thomas Schlück, 3 Hannover, Georgswall 5, Germany. Votes and contributions will be solicited later. (After October 30th, to be precise, that being the nomination deadline. So hurryhurryhurry !)

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

Michael Bickerstaff (33), 30 Park View, Acton, London W.3.  
Interests besides sf/fantasy: general reading, astronomy, music ("both classical & tuneful 'pop'"), travel, & badminton-&-tennis. Willing to correspond with anyone, anywhere.  
Jeremy Kitchener (25), 25 Beaconsfield Road, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk. Architecture, electronics, electronic music. Maybe U.S.A., maybe Europe.  
Michael Taylor (17), "Chellow Dene", 11 Herries St., Ashton under Lyne, Lancs. "The Modern Novel". U.S.A.  
John G. Chapman (21), "Montrose", Seaside Lane, Easington Village, Peterlee, Co. Durham. Cars & popular music. U.K. only.

DEPT. OF BONA-BUT-  
EXPATRIATE FIDES

It has been pointed out that some of the wording of Malcolm Edwards's column in VECTOR 49 might possibly be construed as casting aspersions on the financial good faith of Ron Bennett, currently teaching British forces children in Singapore. For the record, your Bulletin-editor would like to go on record to the effect that (a), he supposes that Malcolm Edwards (whoever he may be) meant no such thing, and (b) he himself has every confidence in Ron Bennett's complete integrity. Ron offers sf and comics for mail-order sale from 91 Namly Avenue, Shamrock Park, Singapore 10, and money sent to him at that address <sup>at least</sup> is as safe as it would be if sent the same distance in any other direction.

SUCCESS  
STORY

A few months back, a rank-and-file member wrote in to the B.S.F.A. secretary (or somebody) with rather a good suggestion. At least, the recipient and (her) colleagues thought so. Furthermore, they knew precisely the person to put the suggestion into effect. Said person was agreeable, and the thing was promptly done. Followed an unfortunate delay due to bad timing - the last VECTOR for a couple of months was being mailed just as the good suggestion was going to press. However, everybody we have spoken to considers the B.S.F.A.'s very own SCIENCE FICTION WRITER'S BULLETIN to be an extremely worthwhile production indeed (and why the hell wasn't it done years ago ?).

The answer, of course, is that nobody had thought of it; or if anybody had, then he hadn't bothered to say so in the right direction; or if anybody had and had said so in the right direction, then for various reasons nobody was listening particularly hard at the time. Nevertheless, the S.F. WRITER'S BULLETIN is now an accomplished fact - twice over. And it all started with a member's suggestion in a letter to GHQ.

Not all suggestions from members are equally good, of course. And some may be good but impractical. However, the main trouble with members' suggestions is not their low quality, but their low quantity. The more that are made, the more chance there is of good, usable ideas coming to light and being acted on.

All thoughtful members (which, one hopes, is in our case a tautology) please note well.

...and talking of the S.F. WRITER'S BULLETIN...  
THRU HYPERSPACE AND OVERTIME WITH BERNARD BODFOLD, JR.

The film-crew were stowing away their equipment as Bernard

Bodfold Jr. sauntered into the jungle clearing on the primitive planet Fornick VIII. The leader of the film-crew gave the Village Elder the agreed sum of 24 sheckels, and departed.

Puzzled, the Elder shook his head.

"What I can't understand," he said to Bodfold, "is why they want to film our fertility-rites. After all, every tribe on this planet has its oat-sowing ceremonies."

Bodfold said, "I think they're just being corny. All they want is the first cereal rites." ..... C.P. McKenzie

NEWS OF THE 1969 CONVENTION

The first newsletter concerning this event has now been distributed. The venue is to be the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, over (as usual) the Easter week-end. The Convention Committee is chaired by E.C. Tubb and also includes Kenneth Bulmer, John Brunner, Daphne (Secretary) Sewell, Anne (Treasurer) Keylock, Jean Muggoch, Gerry Webb, and "Bram" Stokes. Judith Merrill is to be Guest of Honour. 10/- registration fee to Anne at 67 Shakespeare Road, Hanwell, London W.7, puts your name on the list for further newsletters and things.

WORLD CONVENTION NEWS

At the 1968 World Convention ("the Baycon") a further alteration was made in the annual rotation plan.

Under this amendment, every fifth year (rather than every fourth, as per the 1967 vote) the World S.F. Convention is to be held outside North America. There are valid reasons why minds have been changed so dramatically in the course of 12 months - however, there is also talk of re-opening the matter next year... In the mean time, the already-agreed-upon date of 1970 for the next World Convention outside North America has specifically been left to stand. And you should need no reminding that the Heidelberg bid for that year has the backing of most known elements in British and European sf fandom.

A further refinement is that starting with next year's voting, World S.F. Convention sites are to be selected two years in advance instead of one year. (Information provided by Ann Dietz - editor of SCIENCE FICTION TIMES - via Gerald Bishop, to all of whom acknowledgements are due.)

SAINT FANTONY MARCHES ON

Fandom's tame Chivalry, the Most Noble & Illustrious Order of St. Fantony, has recently acquired two more initiates. Franz Ettl, bouncingly active Bavarian, was initiated at the late-summer "Perkeo-con" in Heidelberg, and old-time fan Forrest J. Ackerman at the Baycon. Rumour reaches us that another initiation ceremony is being planned for the London Minicon in November. Apply to K. Otter, 34 The Albany, 69 Woodcote Rd., Wallington, Surrey, for further details. (Or see previous B.S.F.A. Bulletins.)

VECTORS WANTED

The B.S.F.A.'s own official VECTOR collection lacks five issues; Nos. 18, 23, 26, 28 & 33. Anybody wishing to help fill these gaps for a reasonable sum please get in touch with the Acting Secretary: Beryl Mercer, 10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol BS2 8BA. Thank you.

"ROUND ROBIN"

Joe Bowman, the Association's Magazine Librarian, is willing to organise a "round robin", or chain-discussion-group, for members who wish to avail themselves of such a service. Contact him at "Balnoe", Ardgay, Ross-shire, Scotland.

FANZINES I am willing to pay cash (yes, real money) for the following:-  
 BADINAGE 1 TRUMPET 1 & 2 Peter Roberts  
 OZ 1 & 5 NIEKAS 1 to 10 87 West Town Lane  
 CON 1 VECTOR 1 to 19, 23, 27 & 38 Bristol BS4 5DZ

CANADA IS ALIVE and well in the North! And to prove it, I have copies of  
 HUGIN AND MUNIN 6 (the fnz of Carleton University, Ottawa): 46  
 pages of news, reviews, articles, fiction & letters plus a 10 page edition of  
 KEVAS & TRILLIUM (with poem by John Brunner). 2/- (post incl.) from Peter  
Roberts (address above).

INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS DEPT. Jean Muggoch, alias the Dept. in question, reports:  
 The Overseas Bureau of N3F (=National Fantasy Fan  
 Federation, the B.S.F.A.'s nearest American relative) is now in the enthusiastic  
 hands of Michel Barnes, 1716 Summerlane S.E., Decatur, Ala. 35601, U.S.A., who  
 is very keen to increase communication between American and Overseas Fandom. A  
 "Memo" is published by the Bureau which, in its first issue, outlines projects  
 planned by N3F, such as a fanzine exchange and distribution service and a booklet  
 on Overseas fandom for which they would welcome articles and information. They  
 are also considering setting up a branch of the N3F Lending Library, which would  
 help overseas fans to receive paperbacks and a limited number of hardbacks before  
 they are available over here. O.B. Memo also has a column of advertisements from  
 fan-editors seeking overseas contacts.

Michel Barnes is very interested in making new contacts and would appreciate  
 any correspondence. JGM.

JUST IN CASE ANYBODY'S WONDERING what happened to PaDS, the B.S.F.A.'s Printing  
 and Distribution Service for members, it is  
 about to be suspended indefinitely. Several months ago David Sutton of Birmingham  
 took it over, and the matter was advertised. Since then, he's only had one person  
 (already a PaDS member) show any interest in the service's continuation. This  
 being so, it is understandable that David's enthusiasm is no longer quite what it  
 was, and it is regretted that suspension seems the only reasonable course to take.  
 And yet another B.S.F.A. service (one that was, incidentally, founded by New Worlds  
 writer and designer Charles Platt)-founders for lack of support. Though it can  
 at least be said of PaDS that it flourished in its season. Possibly the idea may  
 be revived some day.

OBITUARY SCIENCE FICTION TIMES reports the death, at 63, of anthologist Groff  
 Conklin from emphysema. To paraphrase Sir Christopher Wren's epitaph:  
 if you would see his monument, look on your bookshelves.

CATCH 'EM YOUNG... and when two fans produce a child, one can hardly catch it any  
 younger. The fans in this case being Keith and Jill Bridges,  
 the child being Vanda Frances. Congratulations to all three of them.

THE CENTRAL CONTRIBUTORS' POOL is now entirely handled by Mary Reed. "The purp-  
 oses of the Pool" (writes Mary) "are to provide  
 editors (particularly new ones) for material for their fanzines, and to help con-  
 tributors find places for their work." Artwork (whether or not already on sten-  
 cil), poetry, short stories, articles etc. for the Pool should be sent to her at  
 5 Park Close, Longmeadow, Stevenage, Herts. Requests for material to use should  
 be accompanied by 1/- to cover postage etc. Even if Mary doesn't happen to have  
 something in stock, she can very likely suggest somebody who does.

AS THE BULLETIN GOES TO PRESS, it is understood, Chris Priest is in the process of  
 losing his bachelor status. The bride's name is  
 Christine. Best wishes and things, then, to Chris Priest and Chris Priest.

NEW & REJOINED MEMBERS

- 274 Meskys, Edmund R.: Box 233, Center Harbor, New Hampshire 03226, U.S.A.
- 389 Hensey, R.S.F.: "Dingle Bank", 149 Abergele Rd., Colwyn Bay, N. Wales
- 545 Haycock, Ronald S.: 127 Nearmoor Rd., Shard End, Birmingham 34
- 615 Chorley, Alan: 18 Garnet St., Bedminster, Bristol BS3 3JT
- 681 Diviney, J.: 20 Primmer Road, Donnington, Salop
- 858 Boothroyd, Irene (Mrs.): 60 Lawton St., Primrose Hill, Huddersfield, Yorks
- 859 Payne, J. Trevor: c/o 60 Lawton St., as above
- 902 Marsh, Roger F.: 44 Macaulay St., Grimsby, Lincs
- 903 Kitchener, Jeremy (Dipl. Arch.): 25 Beaconsfield Rd., Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk
- 904 Taylor, Michael: "Chellow Dene", 11 Herries St., Ashton under Lyne, Lancs
- 905 Chapman, John G.: "Montrose", Seaside Lane, Easington Village, Peterlee,  
Co. Durham
- 906 Lloyd, Diane: Corgi & Bantam Books, Bashley Road, London NW.10

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- L.1 Aldiss, Brian W.: now Heath House, Southmoor, near Abingdon, Berks  
715 Boak, A. Graham: now 7 Elm Drive, St. Albans, Herts  
752 Hall, John: now 124 Punchcroft, New Ash, Dartford, Kent  
150 Harrison, Harry: now Box 1058, Imperial Beach, California 92032, U.S.A.  
484 Healy, M.A.: now 19 Rosemary Avenue, Broadstairs, Kent  
786 Lynch, Sean M.: now 52 Brooke House, Town Square, Basildon, Essex  
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320 Priest, Christopher M.: now 103 Carshalton Rd., Sutton, Surrey  
516 Waskett, Michael: now 506 Ley St., Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex  
701 Sutton, David A.: now 17 Cocksmead Croft, Kings Heath, Birmingham 14