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THIS SHOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED Bulletin 23 was not planned for until after Easter. But VECTOR 52 rolled belatedly up by B.R.S., and since enough urgent material had accumulated in the fortnight or so it took, herewith one hasty Bulletin. (Would you believe - 36 pages plus covers.) Like:

WHEN IS AN A.G.M. NOT AN A.G.M. ? When it's adjourned, apparently. It seems that your Distribution Dept. did not fully appreciate the intricacies of Company Law, and the notice of Annual General Meeting published in the 22nd Bulletin was improperly worded. Therefore the meeting at the time and place stated will not, after all, be the Association's Annual General Meeting within the meaning of the Memorandum and Articles of Association. However, our legal advisers tell us that the meeting may go ahead as planned, and behave exactly as if it was the A.G.M. in all but name. Then, after a statutory interval, an incredibly small number of members can meet and ratify whatever took place and do nothing else whatsoever; and this puts it all back on the legal rails again.

British law, one frequently hears, is the envy of the world.

CHANGE OF VICE For personal reasons, Kenneth F. Slater has resigned both his Vice-Chairmanship of the Association and his post on the Management Council. These resignations have been accepted with great regret. The Vice-Chairmanship is elective by the Management Council, which is currently attending to the matter. The name of the new Vice-Chairman will almost certainly be announced at the Easter meeting.

This seems as good a place as any to mention that Ken runs an excellent mail-order service for sf and fantasy, under the title of Fantast (Medway) Ltd., of 75 Norfolk St., Wisbech, Cambs, and will doubtless be glad to mail you a sample catalogue on request.

ANOTHER NEW ALDISS "Timothy's Sister", co-authored by Brian and Margaret Aldiss, published on or around March 9th by Somerset, House & Co. Unfortunately this work is of such a nature that it is ineligible for consideration for the British Fantasy Award. Still, heartiest congratulations to both collaborators.

MORE HASTE, LESS POST Doreen Parker, until recently Secretary of the Association, reports that on one occasion already this year her postman was followed and robbed. So if anybody has not had an answer from her that he or she was expecting, this is probably the reason - she never received the original letter.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED Gordon Faulkner (17), 73 Fairfield Terrace, Leeds LS13 3DQ, Yorks. Other interests: "Doing rather elaborate doodles on most things that can be drawn on." Corresp. wanted in U.S.A.

NEW MEMBERS

- 927 Riley, Arthur P.E.: 1 Boulton Sq., West Bromwich, Staffs
 928 Faulkner, Gordon: 73 Fairfield Terrace, Leeds LS13 3DQ, Yorks
 929 Hill, Ernest: The White House, Oare, Faversham, Kent

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

The Ice Schooner: Michael Moorcock. Sphere pb
 Bright New Universe: Jack Williamson. Sidgwick & Jackson
 The Book of Ptath: A.E. van Vogt. Panther pb
 The Sword of the Dawn: Michael Moorcock. Mayflower pb (third in the "Runestaff" series)
 The Purple Cloud: M.P. Shiel. Panther pb
 Mindswap: Robert Sheckley. Mayflower pb
 War With the Robots: Harry Harrison. Dobson
 Babel 17: Samuel R. Delany. Sphere pb

TAPE-RESPONDENCE SECTION Gerald Taylor, of 21 Butts Mount, Leeds LS12 1PL, Yorks, has volunteered to organise such a department of the Association. All he requires is other people willing and equipped to participate. He mentions that he has a wide range of records, including some film soundtracks, etc., in which other members might be interested. Tape-enthusiasts are asked to contact him direct.

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

WANTED: copy of the Rene Magritte's exhibition catalogue. Will exchange vast amounts of S.F. books and/or money, whatever is required. Also wanted: anybody interested in helping me start a zine on one of the following; Surrealism, MAD-type humour, Modern Poetry.

John Ellison, 93 Gorsedale Rd., Wallasey, Ches L44 4AL

WANTED: "Against the Fall of Night" by Arthur C. Clarke
 "City at World's End" by Edmond Hamilton
John Marshall, 158 Crownfield Rd., Leyton, London E.11

SHIELD-QUEST The Committee has been trying to trace certain small shields, part of the British Fantasy Award regalia, which were last seen at the B.S.F.A. 1966 Convention, Great Yarmouth. If anybody is innocently holding them waiting for somebody to claim them, or has any reasonable suggestions as to where they might be, the Secretary would appreciate hearing from him or her. Thank you.

MEETING ADDENDA (See also overleaf.) Arrangements are being made for forms of proxy in connection with the postponed A.G.M. to be distributed to members in good time.

Also, your Bulletin-editor feels that he had better cover himself by admitting that the paragraph overleaf concerning the A.G.M. still does not necessarily represent the last legal word on the subject. It represents the gist of a telephone conversation between two other people, which was reported to him verbally. He hopes that he has the facts right, but is hardly in a position to guarantee anything. All will doubtless be made clear at the Easter meeting.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

715 Boak, A. Graham: now 7 Oakwood Rd., Bricket Wood, St. Albans, Herts
 845 Holdstock, Robert: now "Concord", 14 Coxhill Gdns, River, Dover, Kent
 752 Hall, John N.: now 124 Punchcroft, New Ash Green, Dartford, Kent