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LIBRARY FULLY OPERATIONAL Elaine Wash, the Association's new book-librarian, reports that she now has the library organised after its sudden move, has caught up with the back-log of business, and thus has everything under control. In fact, she has now resumed the preparation of the new catalogue. The first sheets are already on stencil, and it is hoped that a sizable section of this catalogue will be available by the time Bulletin 27 is issued. Elaine's and the book-library's address is:

25 Rangmore Rd., Liverpool L18 4PN

FAIR GALACTIC AFTERMATH Members will be pleased to learn that the Association has received the sum of £20 from the surplus of this year's Easter Convention, "Galactic Fair 1969".

AND AS FOR NEXT EASTER... Although the hotel has not yet been definitely fixed, it is understood that George Hay and his committee are well-advanced with their plans. Registration fee of 10/- should be sent to Bill Burns (Treasurer), c/o 411 West Green Rd., Tottenham, London N.15.

HEIDELBERG STILL WAITS... In the next (27th) Bulletin it is hoped that definite information as to whether HEICON '70 is to be that year's World S.F. Convention or not can be given - preferably, of course, in the affirmative. Pending the St. Louis voting, it can only be repeated that there will, in either case, be a major international sf convention in Heidelberg over the week-end of 21st-24th August 1970, and that Archie Mercer, address at top of page, is the authorised collector of the 21/- sterling registration fee.

Transatlantic readers of this Bulletin may, after the St. Louis Worldcon, send \$2.50 to American agent Fred Lerner, Hamilton College Library, Clinton, N.Y. 13325, U.S.A. (But not before St. Louis, please.)

Incidentally, investigations reveal that it is possible to book coaches for the return journey from an English location for the inclusive price per head of £22.10.0d. This covers fare both ways by coach and ferry, frontier-formality fees if any, overnight accommodation en route, and morning and evening meals, besides 250 miles of extra travel around Heidelberg. It does not, of course, cover accommodation in Heidelberg itself. Deposits will be solicited shortly - probably by the time of the 27th Bulletin. (Unfortunately, the by-boat-all-the-way idea does not seem after all feasible, owing to the strong currents and low bridges on the Neckar river.)

COSMOS Walter Gillings's Cosmos, we learn with much regret, is unable to continue in its present form. However, discussions are proceeding with a view to amalgamating its essentials with some other hospitable publication; so all is not yet lost. In the mean time, any B.S.F.A. member who would like a free copy of the final "independent" issue may have one simply by sending a 4d postage stamp to the Secretary.

In another direction, Walter is proceeding with the Cosmos Tape-Magazine offshoot. This is a magazine on tape, with a science-fictional slant, and available either for purchase or for hire. For further details please contact Walter Gillings, 115 Wanstead Park Rd. Ilford, Essex.

WATCH THE YELLOW PAGES Along with this Bulletin you should find a list, compiled by Gerald Bishop, of sf titles published in Britain this year. Those eligible for the British S.F. Award are specially marked. You are

requested to keep these handy. Further supplements, on similar primrose paper, will be issued covering the rest of the year's publications; after which nominations for the next Award will be invited.

Kenneth F. Slater, former Vice Chairman of the Association, has agreed to act as convenor for the Award. He will thus determine how the winner is to be finally selected.

#### PORT OF MISSING MAGAZINES

Here's Keith Freeman, leader and protector of the Magazine Chain, breathing down my neck again. It's all very well having a chain, he grumbles, let alone appealing for new chain-readers; unfortunately, somebody somewhere's holding up the works by not passing the magazines along promptly. Maybe, dear Bulletin-reader, it's YOU ??? If so, please remember that other people want to read them too, and don't hold on to the things for too many days at a time. OK ?

Keith operates the Chain from 128 Fairford Rd., Tilehurst, Reading, Berks, RG3 6QP. 4d per magazine is charged, and in addition each reader has to stand the postage on to the next 'un. That's all. All current U.S. sf/fantasy magazines are involved - you can chain-read any or all.

#### SCIENTIST, WHAT'S NEW ?

Members may be interested to learn that Michael Kenward, editor of VECTOR, is now on the staff of the New Scientist magazine. Readers of that publication are even liable to stumble across his byline here and there. We all wish him, of course, the best of luck in his work.

#### HAVE YOU HAD VECTOR 52 ?

Any member who considers himself entitled to V52, but who has not yet had a copy, is asked to contact the Secretary as soon as possible, because stocks are now very low.

#### CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

Antony Rivers (18): 26 Littlejohn Av., Forest, Melksham, Wilts. Interests other than sf/fantasy: Shooting, Astronomy, Photography, collecting literature on UFOs. Would correspond with residents in: USA and miscellaneous parts of the world.  
Philip J. Hills (35): Institute for Educational Technology, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey. Cine and still photography, Art, Amateur Dramatics. Anywhere, especially other countries.

BOOKS RECEIVED FOR REVIEW and shortly to be available from the book-library:

The Variable Man & Other Stories, Philip K. Dick (Sphere pb)  
Escape into Space, E.C. Tubb (Sidgwick & Jackson)  
The Ring, Piers Anthony & Robert E. Margroff (Macdonald)  
An Age, Brian W. Aldiss (Sphere pb)  
Quicksand, John Brunner (Sidgwick & Jackson)

#### WANT TO HEAR LECTURES IN LONDON ?

Towards the end of Sept., Philip Strick (of the British Film Institute) will be giving a long series of lectures on sf at London University. This will continue for the academic year. Enrolment is cheap. Further details from Michael Kenward. (currently 53 Nassington Rd., London NW.3.) (MK)

#### SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

WANTED. Articles, stories, cartoons, poetry (limericks at a push) for proposed fanzine POTLAGE. Wit, slapstick, parody, corn; send it all to be rigorously edited by Roy Kettle at 67 Princess St., Foleshill, Coventry CV6 5BW.

200 SF PAPERBLOCKS FOR SALE at about 1/3rd original price. James Fraser,  
12 Kendal Crescent, Alness, Invergordon, Ross-shire,  
Scotland. A painstakingly handwritten list may be had on request.

SON OF LOCAL GROUPS Manchester Hartley Patterson having left Manchester University, the address for the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology Speculative Science and Fantasy Fiction Society, "better known as Tech S.F. Soc.", is from October:

c/o Geoffrey Cowie, Kara House, 29 Harboro Rd., Sale, Cheshire

The above-mentioned lengthy Society, incidentally, would like to thank all those fan-editors who sent their products in response to their small-ad, "but this is not possible as we never got any". Also, it should be mentioned that the Society is not confined to students and they would welcome anyone to their meetings.

Herts, Essex & Beds A group of sf fans resident in adjacent parts of these three counties meets approximately every other week.

For details of forthcoming meetings contact the group's secretary, Mary Reed, 5 Park Close, Longmeadow, Stevenage, Herts.

THE MARCH OF PROGRESS The B.S. F.A. is now seriously considering the mechanisation of its mailing list. All members are therefore requested to keep the Secretary up to date with their home (not college or similar temporary) addresses, including post-codes. Thank you.

#### NEW AND REJOINED MEMBERS

- 426 Robbins, Bruce: 3015 Bedford, Apt. 2, Montreal 251, Quebec, Canada  
 628 Fraser, James: 12 Kendal Cres., Alness, Invergordon, Ross-shire, Scotland  
 975 Rivers, Antony: 26 Littlejohn Av., Forest, Melksham, Wilts  
 976 Herbert, Benson (M.Sc., B.A. (Oxon)): Paraphysical Laboratory, Downton, Wilts  
 977 Fitton, Gerald L.: 29 Okus Grove, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts (G8-AVG)  
 978 Lowden, Geo. P.: 50 Market St., Forfar, Angus, Scotland  
 979 Evans, I.O.: 53 Waterer Gdns., Burgh Heath, Tadworth, Surrey  
 980 Stokes, Derek ("Bram"): 62 Br<sub>u</sub>emar Rd., Brentford., Middlesex  
 981 Hills, Philip J.: Institute for Educational Technology, University of Surrey, Guildford, Surrey  
 982 Neal, Chas. A.N.: 52 South St., Reading, Berks  
 983 Chapman, Eric G.: 77 14th Av., Armley, Leeds 12, Yorks  
 984 Davies, Donald G.: 32 Balmoral Rd., Northampton, NN2 6LA  
 985 Talling, Graham W.G.: "Polbrock", Lane, Newquay, Cornwall (≠sic≠)

TAPE-RESPONSE SECTION Just a reminder that this Section now exists, and is run by Gerald Taylor, 29 Butts Mount, Leeds LS12 1PL, Yorks, and is still looking for tapishly-minded participants.

NEWS OF THE "ORBITER" The response to a recent mention that this was to be re-launched has been eminently satisfactory, several respondees also being willing to organise it. One final effort to contact the previous organiser (Robert Cooper) is being made, in order if possible to establish the exact procedure that was formerly used. After that, whether the effort to contact him is successful or not, the new Orbiter will go speedily up. Many thanks to all those who have expressed interest.

LETTER PAGE: CONTINUED The response to this particular suggestion has been - uh - somewhat underwhelming. In fact the only letters which the Bulletin has received have been the usual ones with small-ads, news, etc. Incidentally, the letter containing the original suggestion has been run to earth: it was from John Marshall of Leyton. So many thanks for the idea, John, but as you can see, that makes two of us interested!

LECTURER SPEAKS AUDIENCES Dr. Willis McNelly, a member of the Association resident in California, is planning to spend some time in the British Isles next year starting shortly before Easter, and would be glad of the opportunity to lecture to school and university audiences on "science fiction and the academy or the state of the art of science fiction". His plans, he says, are fairly flexible and could stand considerable adjustment to suit possible lecture-dates. Would any interested party please contact the Secretary in the first instance. (Mrs. Beryl Mercer, 10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol BS2 8BA.)

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 919 Michael A. Biddulph: now 32 Mount Pleasant, Park Lane, Old Park, Telford, Salop. (He's stayed put, but simply been reassigned postally.)  
 955 Brendan P. Kerrigan: now 21 Queensway, Brunton Park, Gosforth, Newcastle on Tyne 3, Northumberland

#### POSTCODES

874 Gerald Bishop: now add EX2 4TJ

The listings above and overleaf constitute the second authorised amendment-list to the 1969 membership list.