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THE HEIDELBERG Voting at the World S.F. Convention held at St. Louis, U.S.A.,  
WORLDCON IS ON over the Labor Day week-end, has (as most if not all of us over  
here had hoped) awarded the title of World S.F. Convention for  
the year 1970 to Heidelberg, in Western Germany.

As usual, there has also been an annual amendment to the Rotation Plan, or rather, a whole interlocking series of amendments. The basis of this particular series, however, is so fundamental that it amounts to an entire re-think of the whole system.

The most far-reaching change is that the title "World S.F. Convention" has been divorced from the series of conventions that rotates through three North American zones. In future, there will be a North American S.F. Convention, rotating as before, every year: there will also be a World S.F. Convention held somewhere or other in the world, under an international and intercontinental rotation system yet to be worked out. Whenever the latter convention is held in North America it will be combined with the North American S.F. Con; otherwise the two will be entirely separate. The definition of "North America" has incidentally been re-defined to include offshore islands such as Bermuda and the Caribbean area. Another consequential alteration is that the "Hugo" awards hitherto associated with World S.F. Conventions are to be recognised as strictly an English-language matter. When the World S.F. Convention is held in a non-English-speaking country, the Hugoes will be administered by the North American S.F. Con for that year.

This means that HEICON, the Heidelberg World S.F. Convention next year, will in a sense be both the last Worldcon of the old series and the first of the new. Amongst its duties will presumably be the promulgation of working rules for the future rotation of Worldcons.

Please see also separate leaflet concerning travel to Heidelberg for the Convention. It most certainly should be worth attending.

(Acknowledgements to Ann Dietz via Gerald Bishop for most of the above information.)

DEPARTMENTAL As can be seen from the enclosed bulletin entitled INFO 1, the  
EXPANSION Information Service of the Association is now also operating as a "Checklist Foundation".

Alongside this development, there is now also a Reference Library Project. The object of this is twofold: (a) to assemble under one roof as much bibliographical material as possible, and (b) to assemble a library of important sf and fantasy literature for reference and research purposes rather than for lending out to the casual reader-member. It will thus be entirely distinct from the Association's lending library. For the time being the project will be under the personal patronage of Michael Rosenblum, the Association's Vice Chairman.

Yet a further ramification is tentatively described as the "B.S.F.A. Bibliographers Board" or "BBB". This is to take the form of a chain letter circulating amongst no more than six people (for convenience) of whom several have already been appointed. Anybody else who wishes to participate is asked to get in touch with Michael Rosenblum (7 Grosvenor Park, Allerton Hill, Leeds LS7 3QD). If there are enough people interested, two or more chains will be formed.

VISION OF TOMORROW The first issue of the eagerly-awaited British/Australian sf magazine "Vision of Tomorrow" is now out. 64 pages of 8" x 11" paper, with the standard number of illustrations, edited by Philip Harbottle for Ronald E. Graham (Publishers) Pty. Ltd. and printed anonymously. The contents include stories by several British and Australian sf writers, the first-ever translation into English of a story by Polish author Stanislaw Lem, and an article on sf of the 'thirties and its readers by Walter Gillings.

Owing to distribution troubles, some readers may have difficulty in obtaining a copy. In order to help such readers, Beryl Mercer (address at head of this Bulletin) has purchased a limited number of copies which are available from her for 5/6d including postage.

It almost goes without saying that this magazine is worthy of support. Even if none of the stories was worth reading (and at least some of them are - even to your Bulletin-editor who seldom cares for short stories anyway) the magazine would be worth buying simply to help it to get off the ground. The Association wishes the new publication every success.

HAVE A BADGE Enclosed with this Bulletin you should find a B.S.F.A. badge. You may possibly not care all that much for certain aspects of the design, colour-scheme, size, and so on. Discussions of the design at various local meetings of members produced very little agreement about the details - but on the grounds that by waiting for unanimity we'd never get anywhere the Committee went ahead anyway. Comments on the result are solicited - and will be taken into consideration when the present supply is exhausted and a new badge is commissioned.

Many thanks to George Hay who found a manufacturer willing to produce at a price the Association considered reasonable, and to Jean Finney, Rob Holdstock and Roy Kettle who performed the chore of pinning the badges to sheets of paper.

SECOND SON OF LOCAL GROUPS OXFORD: Rosemary Nicholls, of 32 Coniston Av., Headington, Oxford OX3 1AN, is trying to form a local group and invites other neighbouring members to get in touch with her. This proto-group, incidentally, is to have no connection with the University - though students will be entirely welcome to join it.

HERTS: Mary Reed, of 5 Park Close, Longmeadow, Stevenage, Herts, Secretary to the Herts S.F.F. Group (which covers also adjacent parts of neighbouring counties) asks for a repeater ad. Drop her a line and she'll tell you when the next meeting is to be - also (one would imagine) where.

CAMBRIDGE: The Cambridge University SF Society meets in the "Fountain", St. Andrew's St., Cambridge, every Thursday at 20.30. Anyone who can make it is welcome. For details write to Roger I. Gilbert, 29 Haig Rd., Cambridge CB4 1DB or phone Cambridge 56093 after 18.00.

BARCELONA: Hardly a local group of the B.S.F.A., this, but members may possibly be interested to learn that Barcelona has a new sf fan club which calls itself CIRCULO DE LECTORES DE ANTICIPACION or CLA for short. The club already has its own fanzine, AD INFINITUM, which even runs to an English edition. Contact Pilar Giralt, Apartado de Correos 1573, Barcelona, Spain, for further details.

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LUNA LUNA is the name of a new American science fiction news magazine, edited by Ann Dietz, who used to edit SCIENCE FICTION TIMES. SFT, in an earlier format, won two Hugo Awards: in 1955 as FANTASY TIMES, and in 1957, when the World S.F. Con was held in London, as SCIENCE FICTION TIMES. European agent for LUNA is Gerald Bishop of 10 Marlborough Rd., Exeter EX2 4TJ. He receives copies by air-mail from America, and sends them out to subscribers by first class mail. Subscription rates, payable to Gerald Bishop, are £2.0.0d for British subscribers and £2.6.0d for European subscribers. Also payable in European currencies; rates on application.

WANTED & FOR SALE Apply F. Oliphant, 25 Kinver House, Woodberry Down Estate, London N.4.

Wanted; "Two Sought Adventure" by Fritz Leiber, pub. in 1957 by Gnome Press  
Also; "Northwest of Earth" by C.L. Moore, pub. in 1954 by Gnome Press

For Sale; "In Search of Wonder" by Damon Knight, £3.10.0 - the second, but revised and enlarged, edition published by Advent of Chicago in 1967 containing the penetrating, sometimes biting, literary criticisms of the author on S.F.

Also; "Jumbee and Other Uncanny Tales" (1944) & "West India Lights" (1946) - two early volumes by Arkham House which anthologise between them all the stories of Henry S. Whitehead of "Weird Tales" fame. £15.0.0 the pair.

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CORRESPONDENTS WANTED Eric G. Chapman (17): 33 Gledhow St., Armley, Leeds LS12.  
Other interests (besides sf/fantasy): General writing, classical music, karate & aikido, mathematics, sketching & doodling. Would prefer correspondents located in: USA and France.

Gordon J. Burns (28), 7 Dene Terrace, Stanhope, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham. Sports, astronomy, general reading, crosswords. UK, USA, Commonwealth.

David V. Chopping (21): "D" Watch, R.A.F. Staxton Wold, Scarborough, E. Yorks. Reading, squash. (=I'm not sure whether he means the game or the drink. AM=) Germany.

Manfred H. Kage (37): Schaesberg, Achter den Winkel 41, Netherlands. "No time for other hobbies except one: earning my living." Anywhere.

Maurice J. Allmen (48): 1A Chestnut Av., Gosfield, Halstead, Essex. Languages, literature, music. Anywhere.

Dr. Michael J. James, B.Sc., F.R.E.S. (23): 62 Walmley Ash Rd., Walmley, Sutton Coldfield, Warks. Arachnology, cacti, entomology, egyptology, palaeoanthropology, home winemaking. UK, USA if pos., pos. France and other parts.

Martin Thomas (16): 45 Janson Rd., Shirley, Southampton SO1 5GL. Mathematics, astronomy, psychology, politics, walking. Anywhere.

Steven C. Carrigan (13): 158 Sutton Common Rd., Sutton, Surrey. Chess, cycling, rugby. Anywhere.

Leonard R. Musgrave: 10 Thorntree Gdns, Middleton St. George, near Darlington, Co. Durham. Archaeology, travel, history, folklore, old legends, etc. Anywhere.

RECENT ADDITIONS TO LIBRARY (received for review)  
A Gift From Earth, Larry Niven. (Macdonald)

The Alien, L.P. Davies (Sphere pb)  
Space Lords, Cordwainer Smith. (Sidgwick & Jackson)

REVISED LIBRARY LIST The first section of the revised library list, comprising fiction "A to G", will be ready by the time the next B.S.F.A. mailing goes out. Those who want a copy are requested to inform the Secretary, and copies will be reserved for them.

MORE ABOUT PHILIP STRICK'S LECTURES The following information has been received from Michael Kenward. The series of lectures begins on Friday Sept. 26th at 7.30 at the City Literary Institute, Stukeley St., Drury Lane, London WC.2. First lecture to be "The Nature of SF - some suggestions". Then on successive Fridays: "The History of SF - a brief account" and "The Prediction of H.G. Wells", and then what Michael calls "the real stuff"; Bradbury (Oct 17 Martian Chronicles, Oct 24 Fahrenheit 451), Asimov, Clarke, Heinlein (Nov 14 Stranger in a Strange Land, Nov 21 Farnham's Freehold), Bester, Matheson & Pohl/Kornbluth.

Re-starts Jan 9 with Walter M. Miller, Sturgeon (More Than Human, then Venus Plus X), Vonnegut, Aldiss (Earthworks, then Report on Probability A), Ballard (Terminal Beach then Day of Forever), Zelazny, SF in the Cinema (with film extracts), and, on March 20, "Conclusions".

Overall title is "Science Fiction Today", the broad pattern per lecture being one hour of Strick-chat (Strictures ?) followed by an hour of free discussion.



DEALERS, DEALERS As a service to members, the Association is currently distributing as part of its mailings the catalogues of a number of mail-order specialists in sf and allied literature. Further catalogues may of course be obtained by those interested from the dealers in question themselves.

Another dealer that members may be interested to know about is Messrs. J. Barnicoat (Falmouth) Ltd., of P.O. Box 11, Falmouth, Cornwall. Barnicoat's issues no catalogues as such, but holds stocks of virtually all British paperbacks currently in print - and, very often, those out-of-print as well. The firm is, in fact, the main mail-order distributor of paperbacks (of all varieties) in this country.

EASTERCON 1970 The next newsletter issued by George Hay and his merry crew is expected now within the next three weeks. Tentative arrangements so far include a panel, chaired by Dr. Kit Pedler, on the need for a Science Ombudsman, and a talk by Harvey Matusow, founder of the Society for the Abolition of Computers. Registration fee of 10/- should be sent to treasurer Bill Burns, c/o 411 West Green Rd., Tottenham, London N.15.

George is perturbed that rumours of the (probably) chosen hotel's stiff attitude to late-night room-parties are becoming wildly exaggerated. I quote: "The fact that the Royal doesn't like room-parties in its single rooms does not mean that I do not intend to have 'em. PLEASE MAKE THIS CLEAR TO ALL AND SUNDRY." So will all and sundry kindly note George's words. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS (including rejoined members)

- 690 Chopping, David V.: "D" Watch, R.A.F. Staxton Wold, Scarborough, E. Yorks  
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 817 Pagetti, Carlo: Viale a Volta 181, 50131 Firenze, Italy  
 986 Allmen, Maurice J.: 1A Chestnut Av., Gosfield, Halstead, Essex  
 987 Kage, Manfred H.: Schaesberg, Achter den Winkel 41, Netherlands  
 988 Burns, Gordon J.: 7 Dene Terrace, Stanhope, Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham  
 989 Environmental Consortium (via George Hay): First Floor, 27 Nassau St.,  
 London W.1  
 990 James, Michael J. (Dr.): 62 Walmley Ash Rd., Walmley, Sutton Coldfield,  
 Warks  
 991 Thomas, Martin: 45 Janson Rd., Shirley, Southampton SO1 5GL  
 992 Kerr, James A.D.: c/o F.C.O. (Ibadan), King Charles St., London SW.1  
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 995 Carrigan, Steven C.: 158 Sutton Common Rd., Sutton, Surrey  
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 Darlington, Co. Durham  
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 1000 Chibbett, Harold S.W.: 4 Palace Rd., Bowes Park, London N.11

OFFER STILL OPEN Copies of COSMOS, Walter Gillings's short-lived (alas) magazine of sf news, reviews and nostalgia, are still available from the Secretary (Beryl Mercer, address as at head of Bulletin) in exchange for 4d-worth of postage.

It might as well bear repeating that COSMOS's audible offspring, Cosmos Tape-Magazine, is being produced both for purchase and for hire. Contact Walter Gillings, 115 Wanstead Park Rd., Ilford, Essex for details.

MAGAZINE CHAIN Possibly you're sick to death of reading that the B.S.F.A.'s Magazine Chain circulates all the current U.S. sf and fantasy magazines at a price of 4d per magazine (though each chainee also pays the postage on to the next one). Possibly you're even getting a bit fed up with continually being informed that Keith Freeman, of 128 Fairford Rd., Tilehurst, Reading RG3 6QP, Berks, is the gaffer with whom those interested should get in touch, their hot little deposits in their hotter little hands. If this should be the case - well, you're lucky - you can always skip it. Me, I have to type the wretched notice! And I don't even read the perishing magazines - I prefer novels any day...

CONGRATULATIONS to member Jim Moyles, newly-minted husband to Wendy. (See change of address below.)

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- 950 Anthony, Melvyn: now "Villa Victoria", Anthony Close, 25a Uphill Rd.,  
Mill Hill, London NW:7
- 983 Chapman, Eric G.: now 33 Gledhow St., Armley, Leeds LS12, Yorks
- 788 Coney, Michael G.: now c/o Pannell Fitzpatrick & Co., P.O. Box 159,  
Antigua, W.I.
- 486 Moyles, Jas.: now 56 Alma Rd., Bristol BS8 2DG
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- 492 Williams, Huw D.B.: now 3 Green Close, Mayals, Swansea, Glam, S. Wales

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