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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS CARRIED. All three of the recently-proposed constitutional amendments have been carried by large majorities and are thus being incorporated into the Association's constitution. The voting figures are as follows:

Change of Tenure of Committee Posts - 106 for, 2 against, 3 abstentions.

Change of Voting Procedure Regarding Postal Ballots - 99 for, 11 against, 1 "don't know"/

Removal of Committee Members - 95 for, 13 against, 3 abstentions.

Certificate: "The above is a full and complete record of the ballot papers received from members eligible to vote at this time. (signed) Roy Kay (Roy Kay) - Appointed Teller."

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Vic Hallett now 130 Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge.

Jeremy A. Barry now 1755 Correa Way, Los Angeles, California 90049, U.S.A.

Archie Mercer now First Floor Flat, "Rosehill", 2 Cotham Park South, Bristol 6.

Beryl Mercer (formerly Beryl Henley) now as above.

Moiria Read now Colleton Barton, Chulmleigh, N. Devon.

Stan Millar now c/o 109 High Street, Dumfries.

Harry Harrison now 68 Banstead Road, South Sutton, Surrey.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED. Daphne Sewell would like to change her address again !
Would like full board, or to share a flat, Kent side of London or S.E. London. Present address as in The B.S.F.A. Bulletin No. 1.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS DEPARTMENT REPORTS: It was said by John Donne that "no manne is an islande, entire of itselfe." The same could be applied to SF fandom. We have in Great Britain been far too content to worry about our own problems, to live in our own little world of fandom having contacts with the United States and perhaps Australia, and disregarding science fiction and science fiction fandom anywhere else in the world. British insularity is a well-known phenomenon, and by now, surely, out of date. The days have ceased when we can disregard other countries. SF fandom, of course, which tends to look to the past rather than to the future (an anomaly that was noted by Nicholas Tomalin in the "Atticus" Sunday Times report upon the Worldcon) is as so often happens not in the forefront of progress.

The International Contacts Department has been formed to counteract this insular tendency. I have already contacted many of the SF groups of the Continent and the Americas, and hope soon to establish a regular correspondence with the leading lights of these groups. I will exchange information with them on the SF situation in Britain, and our Secretary will be sending them copies of each issue of VECTOR; in return, I will get information and their own official journal or fanzine which approximates to such a rank. There are some countries, for instance Belgium and Argentina, where fans are still trying to form SF groups; without appearing to act too much in the manner of a Palmerston, I think that we, the B.S.F.A., can help these fans - first of all by telling them of our own system of organisation (the B.S.F.A., one can say without boasting, is possibly the best-organised national SF association in the world), and secondly by giving personal encouragement.

Personal contact is an element very necessary in removing the barriers between countries. If anyone wishes to write to fans in Europe I will be glad to give addresses. There are many who write and understand English very well, though of course if you are willing to write or to receive letters in a foreign language you will be much more in demand as a correspondent !

- Edward F. James. (C/o Secretarial address.)

CORRESPONDENTS. The following would be interested in corresponding with others of like interests:

Adrian Cook (23). "St. Lucia", West Looe Hill, West Looe, Cornwall. Likes: Russell, Clarke, Heinlein, Leinster, Sheckley, de Camp. Interests: Chess, Driving, Classical Music, and meeting other fans.

Ron Canter (27). 137 Atkinson Road, Fulwell, Sunderland, Co. Durham. No particular preference in sf but likes Fantasy. Also Thrillers, Alastair Maclean and Ian Fleming. Interests: Jazz (collects records and has tapes), Classical Music, Chess (over the board and by post), Judo and Aikido.

William Potts (24). 212 Liscard Road, Wallasey, Cheshire. Likes Galaxy and Analog. Interests: Electronics (amateur), Mushroom growing, Football (fan of Liverpool and of Tranmere Rovers), and is trying to learn French.

Gianni Menasci. Lawyer. Writes excellent English. Via Tamburini, 4, Milano, Italy. Likes: E.F. Russell, Galouye, Simak, James Gunn, Heinlein. Other interests: Music.

Mrs. Netty Hamilton. 27 Telford Crescent, St. Budeaux, Plymouth, Devon. Likes: Henderson, Simak, Wyndham. Also Mainstream Fiction, Continental Films, and Travel.

Miss Alice Schonfeld. A Hungarian lady. Likes: Laumer (particularly his "Retief" stories), Randall Garrett, E.F. Russell. Keen Swimmer. (10 Featherstone Rd., Stevenage, Herts.)

Alan Worsley. 14 Pearson Avenue, Hull, Yorks. Interests: ESP, Life Extension Society, Hieronymous Machine, Water Divining, etc.

John Coville (23). Lower Slaughter Manor, Bourton on the Water, Cheltenham. Writer and Artist. Likes: Aldiss, Christopher, Cordwainer Smith, Sheckley, Wyndham. Interests: Motor Sports, Painting, Organ Music.

Bryan Davies. 32 St. Bartholomew Rd., Nottingham. Writes. Likes: James White, Clarke, Sturgeon, Asimov, Green, Galouye. Hobbies: Ancient History, Chess, Maths, Badminton, Music and Letter Writing.

Keith Flanagan (17). 16 Hayes Rd., Cheltenham. Wants to correspond with anybody, particularly of opposite sex. Likes: Tolkien, Pohl-&-Kornbluth, Tenn, Kapp, Merritt. Hobbies: Debating, Dancing and Ancient Societies (Atlantis etc.).

Michael O'Brien (16). 158 Liverpool St., Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Student. Likes Writing. Also likes: E.E. Smith, C.S. Lewis, Cordwainer Smith, Asimov. Hobbies: Space Travel, Reading and Darts.

FANZINE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Secretary is thinking of reviving FEMIZINE - not strictly as before but with the emphasis on sf and allied matters from a "woman's eye view". Wanted: material (preferably from female fans although an occasional male will be

admitted), book reviewers, critiques and artwork. ALSO SUBSCRIPTIONS ! It is anticipated that it will cost 2/- post free and will be ready (probably litho'd) in time for the Yarcon. Enquiries to Secretary: (38 Millfield Rd., Deeping St. James, Peterborough.)

EAST FANGLIAN TIMES is also due for continuation after the Yarcon (of which it is the house-bulletin), but in the mean time it is possible that EAST FANGLIAN CHRONICLES will be out by Easter. (I.e. by Yarcon-time.) Price to be announced later. Edited by Kenneth F. Slater (75 Norfolk St., Wisbech, Cambs). Material to him at that address or to Secretary (address in previous paragraph).

FANZINE PUBLISHING MADE EASY. PaDS stands for Printing and Distribution Service, and exists to assist members with the production and dissemination of their amateur magazines. Members without access to duplicators can have their stencils run off for them, members without access to typewriters can even have stencils cut for them, and the whole PaDS mailing list serves as a ready-made readership whether the member requires help with the production of his magazine or not. All these services are given for cost of materials, postage etc only. For further information write to Archie & Beryl Mercer, First Floor Flat, "Rosehill", 2 Cotham Park South, Bristol 6.

LIVING NEAR BRISTOL ??? The Bristol and District S.F. Group meets every other Saturday evening for amicable discussion. The group is still in its infancy - any nearby member who wishes to help would it should write to its Chairman, Tony Walsh, at 61 Halsbury Rd, Redland, Bristol 6.

FANZINE LIBRARY. The B.S.F.A.'s Fanzine Library is now open. Anybody interested in borrowing fanzines from it should contact Charles Winstone, 71 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham 23. The dept. is also looking for donations of old fanzines, and any member producing his own zine is requested to supply a copy (or more) of each issue - same address. Thank you.

CORRESPONDENTS ALSO WANTED BY: Alan Parr (24). 17 The Poplars, Rectory Rd., West Bridgford, Notts.

Morris Lockwood (21). 107 Coleford Bridge Rd., Mytchett, Farnborough, Hants.
Likes: Sturgeon, E.F.R., Anderson, Heinlein. Hobbies: Driving, Water-Skiing, Chess, Electronics.

WANTED. Checklist of the following. Please write to Secretary stating price & condition (address elsewhere). Sinak, Heinlein, A.C. Clarke, Bradbury, van Vogt, Zenna Henderson, E.C. Tubb.

COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS. Nominations remain open until December 31st 1965 for the posts of Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Publications Officer. Nominations on behalf of full members under the age of 21 should be either proposed or seconded (or both) by full members over that age. The seconding does not have to take place at the same time as the nomination. Nominations should be sent to the Secretary (38 Millfield Rd., Deeping St. James, Peterborough) by the above date. Nominees must express their consent in writing, and may prepare brief "platforms". Full details will be published in the next issue of either VECTOR or this Bulletin.

RENEWALS. All membership fees, except for new members who have joined from October 1st this year, are renewable on January 1st 1966. The amounts are: Full members £1. Associates 15/-. Overseas 12/6d. Any subscription that has not been renewed by the time of the AGM at Great Yarmouth on Easter Sunday morning will be deemed to have lapsed. Also, the Committee is under no obligation

during the interim period from 1st January to Easter to send publications to any member who has not yet renewed - so if you renew late you may miss any issue that goes out of print. You Have Been Warned ! (Memberships not renewed until after Easter will clang for a fresh entrance fee as usual, of course.)

YOUR COMMITTEE WISH to place on record their appreciation of the implied vote of confidence in them by the overwhelming majority who voted in favour of the three constitutional amendments.

RUSSIAN SPACE COVERS I have the opportunity of being appointed an agent for the Soviet philatelic department, Moscow. Space is perhaps the most popular theme in philately today and the Russian items are well worth taking, as prices are being marked up with every revision. Now is the time to start buying them. The Space Age is only eight years old and already there is a colourful selection of attractive covers available.

Before taking on this agency and building up stocks, I'd like to hear from anyone who is interested. I shall try to get any special cancellations that have appeared and my prices will certainly be under those charged by any dealer. Drop a line to me: DON MALCOLM, 42 GARRY DRIVE, PAISLEY, RENFREWSHIRE - SCOTLAND.

Mark your envelope "SPACE" - (small-ads free to members) -

MORE ADDRESS CHANGES Bill Burns now 13 Swanage Rd., Winton, Eccles, Manchester.
Harry Harrison now 68 Banstead Rd. South, Sutton, Surrey.

J.E. Derry now 520a Haslucks Green Rd., Shirley, Solihull, Warks.

Vic Hallett now 130 Cherry Hinton Rd., Cambridge.

Archie Potts now 253 Kenton Avenue, Newcastle on Tyne 3.

NEW MEMBERS M.674 Hayward G. (Dr.) 15 Bolton Rd., Atherton, Manchester.

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