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HEICON NEWS HEICON '70, the 28th World Science Fiction Convention, which is being held in Heidelberg, Western Germany, over the week-end 21st-24th August this year, is shaping up promisingly. After an unfortunate delay at the printer's, Progress Report No. 1 has been issued, and also (hard on its heels) No. 2. There are three international Guests of Honour - Robert Silverberg from America, E.C. Tubb from Britain, and Dr. Herbert W. Franke from Germany. John Brunner is to be Toastmaster at the banquet - which is to be held in Heidelberg Castle. Other appetisers include a "Bavarian Night" for the convivial-minded, and a riverboat-trip on the Neckar. There will also, of course, be plenty of "hard" programme - talks, discussions, films and so on - in both German and English, with numerous professional authors, editors and so on taking part. Americans will be attending by the plane-load, besides sf fans from all over Europe.

Registration (technically termed "supporting membership") costs, in sterling, £1.11.6d - British residents should send this to the British Agent, Archie Mercer (10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol BS2 8BA). Cheques and postal orders should be payable to "A.H. Mercer", not to HEICON. (If you want to do it all at once, full "attending" membership is only 13/6d more, making £2.5.0 all told. Banquet registration is a further £2.16.3d. - which may sound expensive, but the World S.F. Convention Banquet is the central event in the international sf year.)

MEANWHILE, BACK AT NEXT EASTER Although it's too early yet for any firm news (apart from the identity of the Guest of Honour, who is to be Brian Aldiss), next year's British S.F. Convention (held over Easter) is being vigorously planned. 10/- registration to Pete Weston (31 Pinewall Av., Masshouse Lane, Birmingham 30) ensures that you receive progress reports etc.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gordon and Kay Johnson, whose daughter Alexandra was born on March 25th this year.

COSMOS TAPE MAGAZINE Walter Gillings reports that his on-tape COSMOS magazine is now available. Contact him at 115 Wanstead Park Rd., Ilford, Essex, for further details.

N3F SHORT STORY CONTEST A reminder that the National Fantasy Fan Federation (of America) cordially invites members of the B.S.F.A. to join in its annual short story contest. Full details may be had from our Executive Secretary, Audrey Walton (25 Yewdale Cres., Coventry, Warks, CV2 2FF).

LIBRARIOUS NEWS The "Anthologies" section of the Library List is now ready, and has been sent to members on the "regular" list. Any other member who would like a copy, or a copy of the fiction-by-authors section or of the magazine section, should apply to Archie Mercer (10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol BS2 8BA).

The following books have recently been received for review, and are being added to the library: Best S.F. Stories from "New Worlds" 6 (ed. Michael Moorcock), (Panther pb); Blue Moon (ed. Douglas Lindsay) (Mayflower pb); The Technicolor Time Machine (Harry Harrison) (N.E.L. pb); The Fleshpots of Sansato (William F. Temple) (N.E.L. pb); Decision at Doona (Anne McCaffrey) (Rapp & Whiting); None But Man (Gordon R. Dickson) (Macdonald); The Jagged Orbit (John Brunner) (Sidgwick & Jackson).

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED David G. Sellars, 27 Keswick Rd., Blackpool, Lancs, FY1 5PB.
Interests (other than sf/fantasy): Classical music, arts, drama, cinema. Wants correspondents in: U.K., U.S.A.

Christopher L. Flack, 39 Fullers Rd., South Woodford, London SE.18. Golf, reading, talking, drinking, wenching, T.V., mathematics, cards.

David Cook (20), 59 Havercroft Rd., Woodseats, Sheffield 8. Youth club, folk music, bowling, films. (Is a havercroft anything like a hovercraft? AM)

Brian Robinson (23), 9 Lindwood Grove, Manchester, M12 4QH. Guitar music, science generally, space flight. Anywhere.

Roslyn Janet Caswell (23), Brevant, 5 Woodcut Rd., Wrecclesham, Farnham, Surrey. All forms of art, short story writing, music, living. UK, USA, Europe.

Christopher H. Gielgud, 8 Rutland Park Mansions, Walm Lane, London NW.2. Interested in sociological matters and geography, describes himself as an eclectic. Europe and other parts of the world.

Brian M. Mooney (30), 23 Kinross Rd., Leamington Spa, Warks. Literature, writing, squash, history, various sciences. Specialist in the macabre. UK, USA, Commonwealth, "and anyone else who knows English".

BIBLIOGRAPHERS BOARD If you are interested in the bibliography of sf, the B.S.F.A. Bibliographers Board operates a number of chain letters around groups of people interested in the various aspects of this, and you can get details from its Hon. Sec., Gerald Bishop (10 Marlborough Rd., Exeter, Devon, EX2 4TJ).

INFORMATION SERVICE A reminder that the B.S.F.A. Information Service will try to find the answer to any relevant question that you may have. Questions should be written each on a separate sheet of paper (not embodied in the text of a letter), and should be submitted in the first instance to the Executive Secretary, Audrey Walton (25 Yewdale Cres., Coventry, Warks, CV2 2FF).

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

WANTED FOR CASH - collections of fanzines (especially U.S.), and also will subscribe, write letters of comment, etc., to various current fanzines provided that their editors tempt me with a postcard giving a few details first. Greg Pickersgill, The Pines, Haylett Lane, Merlin's Bridge, Haverfordwest, Pems.

WORLDS OF A WORLD No. 1, Beyond The Horizon, is now on sale. Items include Tomorrow's History, Prediction in SF, Appeal of SF, Planet of the Dragons. It costs just 2/6 (post free) from Tony Wallis, 142 Elizabeth Drive, Airedale, CASTLEFORD, Yorkshire. Articles, art, and ads. required for future issues (ads. 1/6 per page).

WANTED: The Skylark of Space, by Edward E. Smith
Any "Lensman" books, by Edward E. Smith
"Galaxy" British Reprint Edition: Vol. 3, No. 5; and Nos. 12, 15, 19, 20, 23, 25, 27-9, 36, 55, 56.
A.J. Unsworth, 57 Montalt Rd., Coventry, CV3 5LT.

WANTED: A NORTH-EAST FAN GROUP ! Would anyone interested in helping to form a NORTH-EAST FAN GROUP please contact Ian Williams, 6 Greta Terrace, Chester Rd. SUNDERLAND.

COMMENTS ON
"lesser vector"

There have been a number of interesting comments on the suggestion that the Association should produce another magazine, covering the same material-range as VECTOR but with the emphasis on member-participation rather than on quality-for-quality's sake. Bob Parkinson, who is now of course VECTOR's editor, makes the good point that he'd like more of the members' contributions in VECTOR anyway, and "If it isn't of a high enough standard, but shows any promise at all, I do try to say what could be done to make it up to our standard.....there is a lot more kudos in being published among the stars at the highest standard than being squeezed into a special low quality magazine because that is the best you can do. What writer really believes that anyway?"

Graham Boak doesn't favour a lesser vector as such, but suggests an out-and-out unapologetic fanzine - possibly even a vehicle for amateur sf. "Might even get some of the worst out of otherwise reasonable fanzines," he adds somewhat cynically. Hartley Patterson says: "Since Vic Hallett's suggestion for a mini-Vector arises out of a discussion on the BSFA in general that we had at Sci-Con, perhaps I should put forward my own views." Which he does. His main point is that, as he sees it, what the average member wants most of all is news and reviews of new and, where possible, forthcoming books, so he suggests instead a regular, red-hot sf-news-sheet. He is not very hopeful that most members will bother to participate anyway.

Ian R. Williams tends to back Hartley Patterson up, pointing out that recent reviews in VECTOR have been not only out of date, but also too short for his taste. However, he speaks in favour of the "original" concept of lesser vector, and would be willing to contribute to it and even to edit it. (It should be pointed out here that the Association has its own duplicator which, freed of VECTOR, is from

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NEW MEMBERS, LATE REJOINS, OMISSIONS FROM 1970 MEMBERSHIP LIST, ETC.

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Mooney, Brian M.: 23 Kinross Rd., Leamington Spa, Warks	1054
Mortimore, Roy W.N.: 32 Stone Lane, Burringham, near Scunthorpe, Lincs	725
Oaten, John R.: Bulls Down Farm, Wraik Hill, Thanet Way, Whitstable, Kent	229
Pickersgill, Gregory F.: The Pines, Haylett Lane, Merlins Bridge, Haverfordwest, Pembs, S. Wales	855
Robinson, Brian: 9 Lindwood Grove, Manchester, M12 4QH	1051
Thomas, Andrew S.: 72 Redhoods Way West, Letchworth, Herts	920
Sellars, David G.: 27 Keswick Rd., Blackpool, Lancs, FY1 5PB	1047
Shaw, Bob: 6 Cheltenham Park, Belfast 6, N. Ireland	942
Unsworth, Alexander J.: 57 Montalt Rd., Cheylesmore, Coventry, Warks, CV3 5LT	1044
Webb, Gerald M.: 67 Shakespeare Rd., Hanwell, London W.7	218

now on available for most of our other publications that have hitherto been duplicated elsewhere.) And David A. Austin is another member who favours lesser vector and would be willing to write for it.

Oh yes. And if I may be permitted to back-track for a moment, Hartley Patterson would be willing (he says) to edit, or (as may be) help edit, his suggested red-hot sheet.

ADVANCE Since this Bulletin is scheduled to be distributed around the very beginning of June, and its editor and proof-reader are on holiday during the latter part of May, apologies are made for any last-minute items that would have been included had the stencils been typed a couple of weeks later.

PLEASE NOTE Material (including changes of address etc.) for inclusion in The B.S.F.A. Bulletin, comments arising from it, etc., should be sent to Archie Mercer (10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol BS2 8BA). Although the mailings are now distributed from London, this remains the editorial address. A.M.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND ADDED POSTCODE

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A. Graham Boak (715): now c/o 3 Ryde Lands, Nuthurst, Cranleigh, Surrey

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Steve (Peter) Osborne (956): postcode should read WR11 5LZ

Derek Stokes (980): add postcode WC2N 4BJ

C. Julia Stone (Miss) (405): now 6 Kenilworth Court, Kenilworth Av., Oxford

THE STATISTICALLY MINDED may care to note that the list overleaf brings the 1970 membership up to 249, breaking down as 230 inland and 19 overseas. Incidentally, this half-sheet constitutes the first amendment-sheet to the 1970 Membership List.