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OBITUARY EDWARD JOHN CARNELL, known professionally as "John" but to his friends  
 as "Ted", Chairman of the B.S.F.A., who died suddenly about a week  
 before Easter 1972.

Ted Carnell was active as a science fiction fan in the 1930s, being involved  
 with (amongst other things) a fanzine called NOVAE TERRAE. He never admitted to  
 having sold his own work professionally, except for a couple of "Probability Zero"  
 items in the wartime ASTOUNDING.

After the end of World War II, while he was managing a stationery shop and  
 playing gigs on double-bass, he was given the chance to edit a science fiction  
 magazine. This was NEW WORLDS, Britain's longest-running sf magazine, which he  
 edited from the first issue. This had its ups and downs, caused mainly by lack  
 of capital and by distribution troubles, but after the first few issues he was  
 able to take the plunge and quit the stationer's, moving into sf full-time. At  
 one time he was editing three magazines simultaneously - NEW WORLDS, SCIENCE  
 FANTASY, and SCIENCE FICTION ADVENTURES.

Finally severing his connection with NEW WORLDS after well over 100 issues,  
 he started editing the NEW WRITINGS IN SF series, which has appeared periodically  
 ever since from Dobson in hard covers and from Corgi in paperback.

Alongside his editing, Ted built up a practice as a literary agent special-  
 ising in sf and fantasy; in the double-capacity of agent and editor he has  
 helped to make the reputations of many of Britain's best-known sf authors, not  
 to mention of some of the Americans too. In addition, he was for a time the  
 British representative for several specialist American publishing-houses. More  
 than anybody, Ted deserved the title of "Britain's Mr. Science Fiction".

BSEA PUBLICATIONS NEWS Unless something unforeseen occurs, this is the final  
 issue of THE B.S.F.A. BULLETIN as such. The intention  
 is that from now on this material will appear as part of a bi-monthly VECTOR.  
Malcolm Edwards is to edit VECTOR, and Archie Mercer will continue to assemble  
 news of the Association and of its members in the capacity of News Editor.  
 VECTOR will again be printed; Graham Boak now has custody of the official duplic-  
 ator which he will use for anything duplicated; Jill Adams continues to hold the  
 addressing-machine; and David Rowe will distribute the mailings. The first of  
 the new VECTORS should be appearing within two calendar months of this Bulletin.

LIBRARY NEWS Elaine Wash, for the past several years the Association's highly  
 efficient book-librarian, has been obliged through ill-health to  
 relinquish this office. She writes: "...when the library work builds up because  
 I don't feel able to cope, it becomes difficult to catch up, and this then is a  
 source of worry to me. As I also now have a more demanding job than I had when  
 I first took over the library, I have been finding for some time that it has been  
 too much of a strain to do all the work that is required..." Elaine originally  
 took on the librarianship because she happened to live close to John Nash, the  
 previous book-librarian: the B.S.F.A. should have that sort of good luck more  
 often!

Accompanying this Bulletin there should be a ballot-form asking for members'  
 opinions on the next move in the library game. Until the library's future is  
 settled, of course, there will be no further catalogue-pages issued.

AGM NEWS This Bulletin should also be accompanied by the minutes of the AGM held  
 at Ch ester over Easter. However, a few short notes here won't be  
 amiss. John Brunner, newly-elected to the Council, becomes Chairman in place  
 of the late John (or Ted) Carnell. Also newly-elected to the Council are Christ-  
 opher Bursey of Birmingham and Grahame Poole of Cheltenham - the latter becoming  
 Company Secretary in succession to Doreen Parker. Jill Adams, Dan Morgan and  
E.C. Tubb were re-elected; Doreen Parker and Phil Rogers did not stand for re-  
 election.

Amongst the other results, direct or indirect, of the AGM appears to be the  
 death of Gerald Bishop's "Blue Pages" listing of month-by-month sf titles published  
 in Britain. It has been suggested in some quarters that Gerald has been treated  
 somewhat harshly after his good work for the Association. The position, however,

is that the Association is unable to publish them as often or as quickly as Gerald wishes, and that the feeling of the meeting was that they ought to be part of VECTOR instead of an independent publication. The situation is not (so far as is known) completely resolved as yet, so it's possible that something may be saved from this particular wreck.

CHESSMANCON IN GENERAL According to all reports, Chessmancon was both well-attended and thoroughly enjoyable. The following Awards were presented during the proceedings:

B.S.F. Award: to Brian Aldiss for "Moment of Eclipse". A particular congratulation to Brian, who was not only the Association's first Chairman, but before that the (unincorporated) Association's first and only President: this Award has thus, in a sense, "come home".

British Fantasy Society Award: to Michael Moorcock for "Warlords of the Air". (This Society was previously known as the British Weird Fantasy Society, but wishes to attract a wider membership.)

"Doc" Weir Award: to Jill Adams, Treasurer of the B.S.F.A.

Ken McIntyre Award (for fanzine artwork): to "a bloke named Pitts", alias "James (I think) Pitt" - both of which vague identities (such is fame!) are suspected to refer to Martin "Santos" Pitt of Birmingham.

Delta Group Award (amateur cine): tie between "And on the Eighth Day..." (Altrincham Cine Club) and "The Visitors" (Peter Phillips) (E&OE !)

(Not to mention sundry fancy dress awards, art-show awards, ~~spot/prizes~~, etc.)

In any case, the Bulletin wishes to add its congratulations to the rest in respect of all those named above.

FANZINE FOUNDATION Another side-effect of Chessmancon is that the B.S.F.A.'s "Fanzine Foundation" (otherwise collection of fanzines for librarians and similar purposes) is now firmly in the custody of Mike Meara, of Flat A, 5 Kedleston Rd., Derby, to whom enquiries should be addressed.

AND FOR OUR NEXT CONVENTION In accordance with recent tradition, the precise location of the 1973 Easter S.F. Convention is not yet cut-and-dried. Ken Cheslin, of 36 Chapel St., Wordsley, near Stourbridge, Worcs, DY8 5QP, has been deputed to investigate once again the situation in the Midlands. You may register with him (50p) in complete safety. Further news will be published when it happens.

In the mean time, those same Midlands have decided to make a habit of the Birmingham Novacon, named from its month of occurrence. "Novacon 2 will happen" (writes Pauline Dungate) "over the weekend of the 4-5th November 1972 at the Imperial Centre Hotel, Birmingham (same place as last time). The registration fee of 50p should be sent to Jeff Hacker, 92 Wisley Way, Harborne, Birmingham, B32 2JU. Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to Novacon. Any other inquiries should be addressed to the chairman/lady Pauline E. Dungate at 8 Stirling Court, Stirling Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 16. I'll send on any news of Novacon 2 as we make it."

EUROPA S.F. AWARDS Jean G. Muggoch (99 Ealing Village, London W.5) publishes a flyer lamenting the lack of publicity given in this country to these Awards. This reads in part: "The BSFA Bulletin published something but as I am not a member I didn't get a copy. However, judging by the complete nonsense about the awards published in the latest Bulletin, it appears that even the editor doesn't read this newszine! So can we get the facts straight now; The Bulletin suggests sending to Italy. The Trieste Committee decided otherwise and I shouldn't think they have the time. The Editor of the Bulletin 'who doesn't recall having processed any such request hitherto'; perhaps he should read some back issues - someone in Trieste obviously read it! Try just after last Whitsun!"

Your Bulletin-editor did as requested, and found the "lost" mention - and the reason for its having rung no bell in his memory. It had been inserted in Scunthorpe, at the "printer's". No exception can be taken to such a course, as it means such an announcement catching the nailing. However, the Bulletin-editor claims to be the only member of the Association with an excuse for not having noticed it!

ORBITER circulates from Rob Holdstock, 15 Highbury Grange, London N5. It is a dossier of stories to which YOU may contribute. It will earn your story the careful criticism of several other amateur writers acting as readers. All they ask in return is that you respond critically to their stories. It's all to try and help YOU find out where the inadequacies in your manuscripts might lie. Take it or leave it.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED Hatton, Barry T. (Dr.) (30): 25 Selderdale Av., Wyke, Bradford, Yorks, BD12 9LJ. "Other" interests: Egyptology, Astronomy, Walking, Cooking, Music. Correspondents preferred from: England, Germany, U.S.A.

Christian, Pamela (22): 49 Farrer Rd., Hornsey, London, N8 8LD. Music, Films, Theatre, Astronomy, Books. U.K., U.S.A., Canada.

Grubb, David A. (28): Camden Cottage, Camden Rd., Bexley, Kent. Photography (incl. underwater), Electronics, Taping, Ham Radio, Music. Anywhere.

Webb, Julie (18): 1 Norman Grove, Reddish, Stockport, Ches. Photography, Horse-riding, Underground Music. UK.

(=AM: now if those two last-named would get together, perhaps they could try some underground photography with underwater music.)

MEMBERS' SMALL-ADS APPEAR IN THE B.S.F.A. BULLETIN FREE OF CHARGE. FROM NOW ON THIS FACILITY WILL BE TRANSFERRED, WITH THE REMAINDER OF BULLETIN-MATERIAL, TO VECTOR.

MACROCOSM 2 Macrocosm is an amateur anthology of SF, Fantasy and Speculative fiction. The emphasis is on variety and entertainment. The stories are NOT in any way fannish. God forbid. Artwork lurks throughout the pages, and is by Ames, Lisa Conesa, Alastair Noyle and David Rowe.

If you're interested a copy may be obtained from Rob Holdstock, 15 Highbury Grange, London n5. Price, 15p. But hurry. I'm not circulating widely until I get a show of interest.

ETERNITY SF, the new American semi-prozine, will be out soon and contain the following.

FICTION from Andrew Offutt, Robert Margroff, Barry Malzberg, Joseph Green and Edward Bryant.

ARTICLES from Philip K. Dick and Denny O'Neil.

ARTWORK from Steve Fabian, Mike Gilbert, Derek Carter, Ed Romero, Jim McLeod et al.

POETRY by Roger Zelazny, L. Sprague de Camp, Susan Clark, Scott Edelstein, Virgil Burnett.

Also book and film reviews, together with a recordings column and graphic art strips.... And for writers, Eternity will pay 1 cent a word for all published fiction from New Wave, through 'hard' sf to fantasy....

Single copies at 37½p and four-issue subs at £1.30 from the English Agent, who is: Roger Waddington, 4 Commercial Street, Norton, Malton, Yorkshire.

WANTED (1) A copy of 'Nomads of Gor' by John Norman

(2) Any information on 'Earth's Last Fortress' by A.E. van Vogt

(3) and on 'Vengeance by Proxy' by John Beynon in Strange Stories Feb 1940

...Philip Payne, Longnead, 15 Wilmerhatch Lane, Epsom, Surrey.

I AM INTERESTED in details of sf criticism etc. appearing in magazines outside the sf field. My work gives me access to indexing publications such as the British Humanities Index, Education Index, Essay & General Literature Index etc., which sometimes list such articles. Their coverage is, however, by no means comprehensive, and I would be obliged if anyone who comes across such an article let me know.

...George T. Geddes, 62 Kingarth St., Glasgow, G42 7RW.

GERMAN NEWSZINE TELLUS INTERNATIONAL SFCD-NEWS may well prove of interest to internationally-minded members. It ~~tells us~~ covers the field of sf and sf-fandom in German-speaking Europe, with side-glances at other countries, but is written in (excellent) English, specifically for international circulation. 10 issues 65p or DM6: available from Gerd Hallenberger, D-3550 Marburg, Alter Kirchhainer Weg 52, West Germany. (AM)

Since the annual Membership List is due to be distributed with this Bulletin, there seems no point in printing a list of new members who are already included therein. In order to save any possible confusion, however, here follows the accumulation since the previous Bulletin of:

CHANGE OF ADDRESS (including postcode addition)

- 1050 Adlard, Peter M.: now Four Ways, 22 Han Lane, Lenham, near Maidstone, Kent  
 243 Bull, Terence A.: now 3 Sandwell Ct., Handsworth, Birmingham 12  
 690 Chopping, David V.: now 34 Burghley Av., Wittering, Peterborough  
 347 Hallett, Victor H.G.: now Androneda, 154 Stanley Rd., Cambridge, CB5 8LB  
 1070 Horrell, Michael: now 7 Cole Valley Rd., Hall Green, Birmingham 28  
 601 Hume, Colin A.: now 13 Seymore Close, Chandlers Ford, Hants  
 272 Kirsch, S. Gerald: now Shenley Hospital, Radlett, Herts, WD7 9HB  
 1183 McCaffrey, Anne: now Meadowbank House, Ballinter Rd., Dundrum, Dublin,  
 Republic of Ireland  
 737 Rickard, Robert J.M.: now 31 Kingswood Rd., Moseley, Birmingham, B13 9AN  
 1137 Spinks, John A.: now Flat 4, Hillside Club, 50/54 Mill Hill Rd., Norwich,  
 NOR 16G  
 457 Steel, S. Duncan: now 10 Osborne Villas, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne,  
 NE2 1JU  
 1062 Stone, Michael W.: now 6 Elmers Drive, Kingston Rd., Teddington, Middlesex  
 1040 Lundwall, Sam L.: now Egilsvagen 28, S-16153 Bromma, Sweden

CONVENTIONAL PS Re CHESSMANCON, Lisa Conesa writes: "One last word about the  
 (CONVENTIONS PAST Chess Tournament - it was a bit chaotic because I had many  
 & FUTURE) more contestants than I thought, people wanted to sign-on on  
 the spot, and only three chess-boards were available, so the  
 only thing to do was to have everyone in the room play everyone else, then winners  
 eliminated each other, etc. etc. People kept disappearing and I had great fun  
 chasing them down each time a game came to an end, looking in bars first of all  
 (there were four) and reviving myself with a drink from time to time; it was a very  
 gay Lisa that trolled back! Finally, or semi-finally, I couldn't chase down Fred  
 Hemmings who was to play the winner and had to disqualify him for being invisible  
 as the results had to be read out at the Banquet. When I did find Fred (too late)  
 he was very nice about it, but I would like to offer my 'official' apologies, be-  
 cause Fred might well have won if only he'd been at any of the drinking places I  
 visited - frequently... The winner was Hans Loose from Heidelberg and the prize  
 was a bottle of whiskey and a certificate." (AM: you should have kept them under  
 close confinement in one bar: you could have dubbed it Barchester or something.)  
 Re NOVACON 1972, the fannish guest of honour is to be our own Doreen Parker.  
 (Presumably there is to be a professional GOH too: however, if so, his identity has  
 not yet been revealed. Neither has that of the GOH for the 1973 Eastercon.)

FANZINE DISTRIBUTION DEPT. This Dept. is run by Andrew Prior, of 31 Kirkley Rd.,  
 London, SW19 3AZ, and exists to introduce new or  
 otherwise ignorant members to the world of fanzines - amateur magazines - by pro-  
 viding enquirers with a few recent samples. The main trouble is not that it  
 keeps running out of enquirers - but that it keeps running out of samples. If  
 you produce a fanzine, and would be good enough to donate a small batch of each  
 issue to the Dept. not only will you be doing the Association and its members a  
 favour, but you may well be doing yourself a favour too, by acquiring a few un-  
 expected subscribers/contributors. (In certain cases, the Association may even  
 be willing to purchase selected batches for this purpose.)

I'M STILL HERE Remember - the B.S.F.A. Bulletin ceases to exist as a separate  
 publication - but the service it gave to the members continues  
 under the same management. Archie Mercer, as News Editor of the reconstituted  
 VECTOR, remains responsible for the same brand of material. So anything that  
 would have been for the Bulletin - news of forthcoming events, brief reports of  
 events that have taken place, news of and/or plugs for the Association's various  
 departments, news about members, fringe-news that may be of interest, free small-  
 ads - send them to Archie Mercer, 21 Trenethick Parc, Helston, Cornwall. Mal-  
 colm Edwards, as VECTOR editor, will look after the sf/fantasy news: Archie Mercer  
 will continue to look after the Association's own news. See you in VECTOR!