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CORRESPONDENTS WANTED BY Susan Morris, 10 Mercread Rd., Seaford, Sussex. (20.)
Likes: Kapp, van Vogt, Brunner, Ballard. Hobbies:
nursing, riding, astronomy, films (spec, horror & sf), writing, reading,

Edward Dillaway (19), 13 Broadwalk (North), Brentwood, Essex. Likes: Clarke, Aldiss, Asimov, Kapp, Ballard, Sturgeon. Hobbies: tape recording, music (except opera).

M.J. Lewis, Bryn Tinon, Morda Rd., Oswestry, Salop. Likes: Heinlein. Hobbies: swimming and physics. Would be interested in swapping magazines and paperbacks.

John F. Pye (20), 2 Weeks Rd., Ryde, I. of W. Student. Interested in astronomy, fencing, history and chess.

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

WRITTEN ANY GOOD CZECHS LATELY ? Adrian D. Cook, of "St. Lucia", West Looe Hill, West Looe, Cornwall, is in contact with a number of Czechoslovakians who desire British pen-friends. Interested parties please quote name, age, interests and hobbies, and whether they prefer male or female correspondents.

U.S. FANZINES Graham M. Hall, of 57 Church St., Tewkesbury, Glos., is U.K. agent for two American fanzines, both available at 2/6d per issue.

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INTERNATIONAL 'CONTACTS DEPT. REPORT by Edward F. James and Doreen Parker.

So far, in the first few months of this Department's existence, I have laid the ground work for what I believe will be of great use to world fandom - the establishment of close and (if possible) informal contact between the sf fandoms of various countries. VECTOR is now being sent to a number of countries; for instance Jon Bing of Norway, on behalf of the Oslo student sf group "Aniara", receives our journal in return for pertinent information from Scandinavia. I am receiving many fanzines from Europe: ANDROMEDA, Pioneer, and MRU from Germany; Aspidistra, Nuovi Horizonti and Interplot from Italy; etc etc. All these will shortly be available from the B.S.F.A. Fanzine Library. (C/o Charles D. Winstone, 71 George Rd., Erdington, Birmingham 23.) I have contact with a number of growing or new-born national groups such as those in the Netherlands and Belgium, and in Argentina. A report from Thomas Schlück on the German scene will shortly be forthcoming. Although it takes time to construct a working system of close co-operation, I hope to be able to further the progress in the summer by visiting some of the fans myself; more than mere correspondence is needed. There has to be an exchange of ideas and of fanzines; translations of fanzine articles too, to help overcome the language barrier. Now that overseas sf fans know what we are trying to do, the path should become a good deal easier and I look for further results in the near future. EFJ

Waldemar Kunning of the German S.F. Club recently visited East Anglia and was

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accommodated by Publications Officer-elect Steve Oakey. Waldemar informs me that his Club has a thriving tape-recording section, and that besides having tapes of various German conventions and other notable events, members have on tape the entire proceedings of last year's London World Convention. The German tape-records have very kindly offered to re-record these tapes for other groups of sf enthusiasts (who must of course provide their own tapes). Any groups who would like to take advantage of this offer please contact:

Waldemar Kunning, 8 München 2, Herzogspitalstr. 5, Germany.

Don West (of the Canary Is.) and Seth Johnson (of Vaux Hall, New Jersey, U.S.A.) both write to say that they would like to see the International Contacts Dept. operating on a wider scale within the U.S.A. The B.S.F.A. already has an exchange system with the American National Fantasy Fan Federation (the N3F), and it is considered that it would be too much of a drain on our finances to run similar exchanges with individual local clubs in the U.S. The Committee have therefore reluctantly decided against this. Seth has, however, suggested that he and I between us arrange a correspondence section amongst U.S. and British fans. This I think is a good idea, and I have arranged to let Seth have the names and addresses of fans in Britain and he will then partner them up with American fans. Any member who wishes to take part in this scheme please contact me direct. (38 Millfield Rd., Deeping St. James, Peterborough.) Also, many Europeans are keen to correspond with British fans both in their own languages and in English (which I might add is very good - sometimes much better than my own!) DEP

On February 23rd the Bromley Technical College held a series of lectures entitled "SF and Biology". Through the good offices of the Association, it was arranged for the panel of lecturers to include Messrs. Harry Harrison and John Brunner. Mr. Ford, the head of the Biology section, is understood to have expressed his satisfaction with the Association for its assistance.

Doreen Parker, your Secretary, sends further apologies for being still somewhat behind with her correspondence but hopes to catch up shortly now. She writes: "Whilst on this subject I would like to say how touched I was to receive all the good wishes during my illness and thank you all very much. I have now been assured that the operation was a complete success, and I have been finally discharged from the hospital." News which this Bulletin's editor is extremely pleased to hear - don't overstrain yourself though, Doreen, will you.

COMMITTEE ELECTION 1966 In accordance with the recently-carried amendment to the Constitution, the offices of Chairman and Secretary are not subject to the processes of election until 1967. Charles Winstone, the incumbent Treasurer, has been re-nominated unopposed for that office and thus stays likewise put. Stephen Oakey has been nominated unopposed for the post of Publications Officer, which mantle he therefore assumes from this coming Easter.

There are two candidates for the Vice Chairmanship this time - Kenneth F. Slater and Peter R. Weston. Here are their "platforms":

SLATER (nominated by Phil Rogers, seconded by David S. Barber) -

"I am standing for office in the BSFA to resolve a problem. I want to know why a suggestion made at the Gloucester Convention should take until the Great Yarmouth Convention for action. If I get on the Committee I may be able to discover the answer to this and similar problems. I can't promise to do anything about the position, but I'll try....."

K.F.S. (Wisbech, Cambs.)

WESTON (nominated by Roger G. Peyton, seconded by Charles Winstone) -

"The office of Vice Chairman appears to have few rigidly defined tasks and responsibilities, yet if I am elected I shall have no intention of sitting back and letting the world go by. There are several plans I'd like to push forward immediately, and I'd expect my ideas to produce results rapidly for members of the B.S.F.A.

"I've recently been doing a bit of unofficial work for the Fanzine Foundation, and in the course of cataloguing and transporting material up and down the country, I've had occasion to read a good deal of the library's contents. I've found a lot of material that would be both interesting and entertaining, and as Vice Chairman I would intend to make sure that our fanzines are completely accessible to all members, both by issuing catalogues and by detailed descriptions of the more worthwhile material.

"Some of you may be familiar with my own efforts at amateur publishing. If elected I'd make my own experience available, and would give your Editor every assistance to keep on improving our Journal, VECTOR. Although, of course, I'm prepared to continue my present reviews, letters and other work on VECTOR, whether elected or not.

"There are a number of other things I'd like to tell you about, but my space is running out rapidly. One thing you can be sure of - if I am elected I shall be looking forward to a lively and interesting year as Vice Chairman."

P.R.W. (Northfield, Birmingham.)

Ballot papers are being distributed with this. Ballots should be returned to the Secretary, Doreen Parker, 38 Millfield Road, Deeping St. James, Peterborough, by Saturday April the 2nd this year. The successful candidate's name will be announced at the Annual General Meeting at Great Yarmouth the following week-end.

TALKING ABOUT GREAT YARMOUTH, a word of final reminder: said resort is the locale of this year's Easter B.S.F.A. Convention - which is, of course, why the A.G.M. is being held there then. If by some chance you've overlooked the matter so far, then 7/6d registration fee to David S. Barber, 1A Walsoken House, Walton Road, Wisbech, Cambs, brings you full particulars to date. The Convention is the annual occasion when members of the Association get together for discussion, entertainment and other social purposes.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP YET ? If not, you still have until Easter to do so without incurring a readmission fee. Also if not, you probably (depending on the distribution of this Bulletin) won't see this eleventh-hour warning anyway. Ah well. You can't say you weren't previously reminded.

PaDS SAYS THANKS to all those who responded to the appeal in the previous issue by volunteering to type PaDS stencils. The roster of volunteer-typists is looking pretty healthy now - there are even a couple of males on it (well, we can type as well as the girls^{can} if we want to). Many thanks, anyway.

PaD-VERT PaDS, you may recall, is the B.S.F.A.'s Printing and Distributing Service which exists to encourage members to produce their own amateur magazines by typing and duplicating at cost for them. Archie & Beryl Mercer, First Floor Flat, "Rosehill", 2 Cotham Park South, Bristol 6, are the parties from whom further details should be sought.

ANOTHER REMINDER. An international sf convention is being held in Vienna this year, August 5th-8th. Write to Eduard Lukschandl, 61 Klosterneubergerstrasse, Wien 20, Austria, for further particulars. (German-speaking sf fans usually speak a lot better English than English-speakers do German.)

CALLING ALL WRITERS Miss Irene Shubik of BBC Television Centre, Wood Lane, London, a recently joined member, is looking for material for Television and invites members to submit such material to her. Members are reminded though that the usual courtesies apply and all MSS submitted should be typed on quarto, double spaced etc, and a stamped addressed envelope should be included to cover the return postage.

FANZINE LIBRARY As mentioned elsewhere in another connection, this is now operative on two fronts - collecting and borrowing. Charles Winstone, 71 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham 23, is only too glad to receive on the Association's behalf any new or old fanzines, and may be enquired of by members wishing to borrow the library's stocks.

THE REST OF THIS PAGE was being reserved for the listing of new members, but it seems that this is to be delayed until the consolidated membership list is issued after Easter. So in the absence of anything else red-hot to fill the gap, this issue is liable to stop abruptly in mid-page.

TRICON - HUGO AWARDS With this Bulletin you should also find a voting form for the "Hugo" nominations in connection with this year's World Convention. It might be as well to point out that nominations may be made by anybody who is/was a member either of last year's World Convention (the Loncon II) or of the Tricon - which is this year's. When the nominations have been winnowed through and the "final" voting-papers are issued, however, only members of the Tricon may vote. This is the usual procedure followed from year to year.

Should anybody wish to join the Tricon - whether to qualify for a "Hugo" vote or for any other reason - the overseas subscription is one dollar, which should be sent to 24th World Science Fiction Convention, P.O. Box 1372, Cleveland, Ohio 44103, U.S.A. Regrettably, once again there does not seem to be any convenient method whereby British residents can join with sterling (which would be approximately 7/2d).

O.M.P.A. stands for the Off-trail Magazine Publishers' Association. It is not a part of the B.S.F.A. as such, but its membership comprises sf fans in various parts of the world. It is administered from Britain (where it was started), wherein lies a bit of a snag. Over the years the membership has more and more tended to consist of Americans, Antipodeans and Continental fans so that now the British membership is in the minority - which makes it comparatively hard to find somebody to fill the vital position of Association Editor each year.

In order to be qualified to join the Association, one needs to show "proof of activity in amateur publishing" within the past 12 months. This may be in the form of an amateur magazine produced by oneself, or of material (literary or artistic) published in somebody else's. There is at present a short waiting list - consisting mainly of American applicants for membership. The maximum membership at any one time is 45, and vacancies are filled in strict rotation whatever the nationality of the applicant. However, British and overseas members of OMPA alike would be only too happy to see a somewhat larger proportion of British addresses among the applicants.

Anybody who thinks that OMPA might interest him (and, I stress, who has access to facilities for producing a small amateur magazine at regular or irregular intervals - OMPA is not to be confused with PaDS where it can be done for one) should get in touch with the present Association Editor, Brian Jordan, 25c Brocco Bank, Sheffield 11, Yorks.