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 O.756 Sheppard, Leonard F.: P.O. Box 356, Port Harcourt, Nigeria
 A.757 Nudd, Andy R.: 56 Shaw's Way, Twerton, Bath, Som.
 M.758 Dowman, Joe: "Balinoe", Ardgay, Ross-shire, Scotland
 M.759 Markham, John: 30 Bushey Ley, Welwyn Garden City, Herts

CHANGES OF ADDRESS.

- M.677 Fraser, A.H.: now "Hulme Hall", Victoria Park, Manchester 14
 M.524 Gray, D.F.: now 4 Virginia Close, Thundersley, Essex
 M.700 Parr, A.R.: now 40 Windsor Av., Newark, Notts
 M.499 Poole, D.H.: now 20 Leona Crescent, Carlton Colville, nr. Lowestoft, Suffolk
 O.426 Robbins, B.: now Box 416 B, 1627 Magnolia, Cleveland, Ohio 44106, USA
 M.457 Steel, D.: now 10 Houghton Rd., Penwortham, Preston, Lancs
 M.741 Harris, G.J.: now 5 Moorland Av., Leeds 6, Yorks

MEMBERSHIP LIST 1966

The complete membership listing as at Easter 1966, with additions to mid-May, should be distributed with this Bulletin. All the above names and addresses are, of course, duly **included** in the main list, and are included here simply to draw attention to them.

However, it has been suggested that future particulars of new members, and changes of address, should not be printed in the Bulletin as such but should be listed on a separate sheet of paper which members would be able to attach to their copies of the main list. Your Bulletin editor (AM), from his long experience of humanity and its ways, is of the opinion that such separate sheets of paper would tend to get lost or thrown away even more easily than does the Bulletin, thereby defeating the whole object of the idea.

The opinion of the membership is solicited on this point. To save the Secretary extra work, you can write direct to the Bulletin editor, Archie Mercer, First Floor Flat, "Rosehill", 2 Cotham Park South, Bristol 6.

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

THE CENTRAL CONTRIBUTORS POOL

This is being set up for the dual purpose of helping fans who want to contribute to fanzines and fan-editors who want material. Fans who want to contribute and don't know which fanzine to send their stuff to can send it to the CCP who will find a home for it. Fan-editors who want material can ask the CCP if they have anything suitable.

The basic idea was taken from a similar project run in the U.S. by the N3F and it is thought that it will be of particular help to the newer fan-editors. It has been decided to divide material into two classes: (OVER)

(Central Contributors Pool Contd.)

STORIES AND ARTICLES to Tom Jones, 27 Lansbury Av., Rossington, Doncaster, ^{Yorks}

ILLOES, POEMS & ANYTHING WHICH DOESN'T FALL INTO THE OTHER CLASS

to Mary Reed, 71 The Fairway, Banbury, Oxon

FOR SALE Robert A. Heinlein: "The Menace from Earth"
Gnome Press, 1st ed., 1959, USA. (Good condition.)
Any offers, please write to: Michael J. Waskett,
506 Ley St., Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex

CONVENTION NEWS 1967 Plans for the 1967 Easter Convention in Bristol are shaping up nicely. The first issue of the Convention newsletter is scheduled for distribution before this Bulletin, and is being sent to all those who registered for the 1966 Easter Convention at Yarmouth. If anybody else would care for a copy, Tony Walsh, 61 Halsbury Rd., Redland, Bristol 6, is the party to write to. Registration fee for the Convention is, as usual, 7/6d and should be sent to the same address.

WORLD CONVENTION 1970 Yes -- 1970. As you probably know, on only two occasions has the World Science Fiction Convention ever been held outside North America. Both the occasions in question happened in London - in 1957 and again in 1965. Now a move is afoot among German-speaking fandom (much of which is bilingual) to have the World Convention for 1970 held on the Continent - possibly in Frankfurt. Those who consider that the "World Conventions" should live more truly up to their title ought to view this move with sympathy, if nothing else.

TALKING ABOUT CONVENTIONS ON THE CONTINENT, have a reminder about the Vienna Convention over the week-end 5th-6th-7th-8th August this year. For full details write to Eduard Lukshandl, Wien 20, Klosterneubergerstr. 61, Austria. Amongst other British sf fans who have booked are the editor of this Bulletin and his tame proof-reader.

WANTED - any of E.E. Smith's books except "Galactic Patrol" and "Skylark of Valeron". Any edition in good condition. State price please.
... Michael O'Brien, 158 Liverpool St., Hobart, Tasmania, Australia.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED BY: Michael Hendry (16), of 2 Kearney's Villas, Gulladuff, Knockloughrim, Co. Derry, Northern Ireland. Likes: Clarke, Russell, Asimov, James White, van Vogt, Lester del Rey. Hobbies: collecting "pop" records, soccer.

Mrs. Constance Thatcher, of 37 Aarons Hill, Godalming, Surrey. Likes: Clarke, Hamilton, Simak, Wyndham, Masson, E.F. Russell. Hobbies: history, Egyptology.

John Hall (15), of 9 Hill Crescent, Bexley, Kent. Likes: Wyndham, Aldiss, Zelazny. Hobbies: "pop" music, model kits, stamp collecting.

David Painter (19), of 9 Falkirk Rd., Wroughton, Nr. Swindon, Wilts. Likes: Ballard, Bradbury, Brunner, Moorcock. Hobbies: photography, painting, stamp collecting.

Stewart Ross (21), of 74 Montgomery St., Edinburgh 7. Likes: "Analog", "New Worlds", "Impulse". Also fantasy. Hobbies: football, chess.

Stuart Blaylock, of 4 First Avenue, Manor Drive, Halifax, Yorks. Likes: N.W., F&SF, "Galaxy", Asimov, Russell, Simak. Hobbies: astronomy, Yoga, foreign affairs, walking.

(correspondents wanted by:) Geoffrey Harris, of 5 Moorland Avenue, Leeds 6, Yorks. Likes: Asimov, Clarke. Hobbies: sports, climbing, cycling, swimming, Y.H.A., chess, films.

Philip White, of Icknield Way House, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Didcot, Berks. Likes: Asimov, Ballard, van Vogt. Hobbies: reading, music, science, politics.

J.B. Arnold (25), of c/o Mitchell Construction Co. Ltd., Cachy Rd. Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset. Likes: "Analog", Clarke, Blish, Heinlein, Sheckley, Aldiss, Pohl. Hobbies: reading (fiction and non-fiction).

Joe Bowman, of "Balinoe", Ardgay, Ross-shire, Scotland. Likes: "Analog", "Fantastic", Clarke, Bradbury, Aldiss, Hamilton. Hobbies: boating, fishing, swimming.

Michael Bickerstaff, of 30 Park View, Acton, London W.3. Likes, "Impulse", "Mag. of F&SF", Brunner, Sturgeon, Roberts, Heinlein, Bradbury. Hobbies: general reading, motoring, badminton, German language.

A.B. Ackerman, of Box 6, Daggafontein, Transvaal, South Africa. Reads "Galaxy". Hobbies: amateur radio, correspondence, chess, reading.

Clifford Rothwell, ^{Carter} of "Penvale", Silverwell, Blackwater, Truro, Cornwall. Likes: Rackham, American sf. Hobbies: philosophy, sport.

SECRETARY'S REPORT by Doreen Parker

Mr. Bert Lewis wrote me recently enclosing a report from the "Lancashire Evening Post" in which he was reported as having asked for a different image for science fiction, commenting that some so-called science fiction films are really only rateable as "horror" films. The report mentioned Bert's membership in the Association, to which it gave a write-up. Unfortunately I have as yet had no enquiries following this very good publicity on our behalf but Bert has since written me to say that he has been in contact with two local cinema managers who have promised to bear his point of view in mind. He and I are now hoping that when an sf film is shown in his district, the Association will receive more publicity and thereby obtain new members.

I have also heard from Australia, where they had a Convention at the same time as we did, and my correspondent tells me that he is now editor of

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which has the support of Australian professionals such as John Baxter, Lee Harding and others, and they are hoping to bring out a "little brother" to "Science Fiction Horizons". I have arranged an exchange system whereby we send them "Vector" and we get their publication, which will be in the Library for loan in due course. John Bangsund, editor-in-chief, will accept subscriptions at £1. 4. 0d for 12 issues and 12/- for 6 issues. It is hoped that the magazine will be able to maintain a monthly schedule. Correspondents can also be arranged through the offices of ASFR. I will accept subscriptions on John's behalf if any member cares to contact me.

In his first letter to me, John enclosed a two-page write-up on the Australian convention which appeared in the "Melbourne Bulletin" for April 23rd, and although he wasn't very pleased with it (considering that the reporter had misconstrued a lot that was said), I was quite impressed by the report. At least it seemed to be more than we get in the Press.

At present I am running the International Contacts Department as a sideline of my secretarial duties, but I should be grateful for any help members can give

me, particularly with regard to translating as I only speak and write English. (With regard to this, I have two copies of "Gamma" edited and produced in Italian by Signor Valentino de Carlo. If anyone is prepared to read these and to give me a run-down, I would be grateful.) I am in the process of negotiating for American and other overseas correspondents, and further details will appear in the Bulletin in due course. ... DEP

CHANGE OF ADDRESS (note - this address is not in the 1966 Membership List)

O.422 Livingstone, D.A.: now 1710 - 2nd St. S., No. 303, Cranbrook, B.C., Canada

THE SCRAPPY CONDITION of this stencil is due to the fact that what was originally on it concerned the position of VECTOR 39 and the 5th Bulletin. These publications have now been distributed, so all is therefore well. (Incidentally, have another reminder: Steve Oakey is now the Association's Publications Officer.)

LIBRARY LISTS In the near future it is hoped to start distributing the revised library list. It is proposed to do this by easy stages, rather than (as previously) to make a monster operation of it.

FANZINE LIBRARY Owing to the pressure of numerous other commitments, Association treasurer Charles Winstone finds himself unable to continue to catalogue and operate the fanzine branch of the Library. Any member who would be interested in taking over this department should contact the Chairman, Roy Kay, 91 Craven St., Birkenhead, Cheshire.

CLUBS AND MEETINGS Did you know that if you go to "The Globe" tavern in Hatton Garden (nearest tube station Chancery Lane) on the first Thursday evening in any month you're liable to find yourself in congenial science-fiction-reading (and even sf-writing) company? You could ask there about the S.F. Club of London's periodical open meetings, or write to the S.F.C.of L.'s secretary, Keith Otter, 149 High Rd., Willesden Green, London NW.10

Then the Birmingham S.F. Group still meets, and even publishes a newsletter. Contact Peter R. Weston, 9 Porlock Crescent, Northfield, Birmingham 31.

Bristol has its sf club now, too - the Bristol and District (BaD) S.F. Group. HQ is at 61 Halsbury Rd., Redland, Bristol 6, home of BaD Group chairman Tony Walsh. If you live not too far away, or are visiting the district, drop him a line.

If there isn't anything going on in the Leeds area nowadays, there certainly ought to be. Write to J. Michael Rosenblum, 7 Grosvenor Park, Allerton Hill, Leeds 7, Yorks, who is liable to be mixed up in anything happening thereabouts.

Norman Shorrocks, 2 Arnot Way, Higher Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire, usually ~~secretary for the Liverpool Group.~~

AND FINALLY AN IMPASSIONED CRY OF "H-E-L-P !!!" from the Secretary, Doreen Parker, who remembers talking to somebody about the possibility of microfilming the Association's records but lacks total recall as to that person's identity. Would he or she get in touch with her, please? (38 Millfield Rd., Deeping St. James, Peterborough.)

ANOTHER CHANGED ADDRESS

A.671 Vincent, David: now 11 Valley Rd., Wivenhoe, nr. Colchester, Essex