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START WITH THE BAD NEWS The Committee regrets to announce that an increase in subscriptions as from the 1st of January 1967 is unavoidable. The new annual rates are to be:

Full members	£1 10 0 d
Associates (under 18)	£1 0 0 d
Overseas members	£1 10 0 d

The entrance fee payable by new (and lapsed) members upon (re-)joining remains at 5/-, but although this fee has apparently sometimes been waived hitherto, it is intended henceforth that it shall be levied in all cases.

In order to qualify for renewal without having to find the extra five shillings, a member must have paid his or her 1967 subscription by 9.30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, the 26th of March 1967. Which, to be fair, does give one plenty of time.

The main reason for the subscription-increase is, of course, the increased postal charges. It should be pointed out that the Association absorbed the last postal increase without raising the subscription-level, despite postage of one sort or another accounting for a substantial proportion of the Association's expenses. With the further increase coming this month, however, this is no longer possible. The Committee realises that the increased subscriptions will inevitably be reflected by a drop in the (at present gratifying large) membership figures. However, if subscriptions were not increased the Association would be unlikely to be able to continue long in existence.

RENEW EARLY PLEASE It seems almost an impertinence to follow the above announcement with a request that members renew their subscriptions early - before December 31st this year, if possible. However, it would assist the Treasurer in no small degree if this were done - so if you can renew before the New Year (at the increased rates, of course) you will be making the work a lot easier. A form to send to the Treasurer is enclosed. Thank you.

"TANGENT" SUSPENDED Still with the Bad News Dept., the Committee has decided that the Association's fiction magazine TANGENT, previously in a sort of suspended animation, must now be suspended indefinitely. It may be recalled that TANGENT was intended, after an initial grant, to be self-supporting. Not enough interest has been shown in the zine, however, for it to become anywhere near that ideal. It is possible that TANGENT may be resurrected some time in the future. For the present, though, there are to be no more issues.

WOULD-BE AUTHORS READ THIS The Committee hopes that the Association will be able to give a somewhat expanded service for the extra money. And although TANGENT has had to be axed, a new service is being instituted in its place: a critical panel. The full panel has an establishment of 25 persons - professionals and some others - and is to be divided into five sub-panels of 5 apiece. Submitted stories will be passed to one ^{or another} of the sub-panels for constructive criticism. If four out of the five panellists consider a story to be of professional standard, they will if possible give advice on its marketing. Further details should be in the next Bulletin.

COMMITTEE ELECTIONS 1967

Under the Constitution, the Chairman and the Secretary finish their two-year terms of office this coming Easter, and both posts are thus open for election between now and then. In addition the Treasurer, Charles Winstone, has expressed his wish to resign at Easter in the middle of his current term, and the Committee has decided to use the same electoral machinery to find a successor to finish his term for him.

Accordingly, elections for all three posts are to be held: to elect a Chairman for two years, a Secretary for two years, and a Treasurer for one year.

Any members who have candidates in mind for any of these posts should send their nominations in to the Secretary, Mrs. D.E. Parker, 38 Millfield Road, Deeping St. James, Peterborough, to reach her between November 1st and December 31st. Nominations will be published in either the Bulletin or a special circular, and nominators then have until January 20th to obtain (a) seconders, and (b) the agreement of those nominated that they are willing to stand for the posts in question.

ESSAY COMPETITION - Preliminary announcement

The B.S.F.A. is to sponsor a competition for an essay (or thesis) on the following subject: The Place of SF in the Modern World.

Entries may be from 3,000 to 10,000 words long, and the competition is open to all members of the B.S.F.A., professional and amateur alike. Adjudication is to be by a panel of professionals. There will be a cash prize of five guineas. Although entries will be Copyright to the B.S.F.A., if the winning entry (or any other) is published, royalties for the publication will go to the author concerned. Further details will be issued in due course.

CALLING FANZINE EDITORS

The B.S.F.A. wishes to compile a current listing of fanzines (amateur magazines) for the Secretary to distribute to interested members.

David S. Barber, of la Walsoken House, Walton Road, Wisbech, Cambs, requests all fanzine editors who wish to market their produce to send him one copy of each issue as published, at his address quoted above, and marked "FOR LISTING" in order to distinguish it clearly from those fanzines he receives as an ordinary subscriber. Details of price, subscription-rates, periodicity, and whether contributions of material are solicited, should be clearly shown.

B.S.F.A. VISITS

The Committee are considering organising one-day visits to places of interest during the coming twelve months. Places that have been suggested (and some of which, of course, might on closer enquiry turn out to be unamenable to such visits) include the radio-telescope at Jodrell Bank; the Cavendish Laboratories; the London Planetarium; the Psycho-Physical Research Unit at Oxford; the Delawarr Laboratories at Oxford, which are understood to possess a Hieronymous machine; the Royal Observatory; and a computer laboratory.

Any member who would be interested in attending an organised visit at any of these places (assuming that the place will wear the idea - undoubtedly some of them will), or who wishes to suggest any other visitable place, is requested to contact the Secretary, Mrs. D.E. Parker. (Address above.)

B.S.F.A. SERVICES - GENERAL INFORMATION

All of the B.S.F.A.'s present services are being overhauled, and a new pamphlet with all details is to be issued shortly - before the New Year, we hope.

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS

Read any good psi-stories? Helen Flanagan, of 28 Grange Park, Brough, Yorks, is collecting material for a proposed work on the psi faculties and their place in (loosely) contemporary sf, and would welcome any memory-jogs from B.S.F.A. members with regard to novels, stories etc., dealing with any branch of psi - preferably with location and date.

INTERNATIONAL CONTACTS DEPT. REPORT

Streiflichter News (in English). Alfred Beha, 6051 Ober Roden, Dieburgerstrasse 35, B.R.D. Germany. Contains news of continental and U.K. events - conventions etc. Samples (lifted with grateful acknowledgements to Herr Beha):

Italy's Carlo Bordino to devote next issue of "microMega" to European sf, to be printed in French, English & Italian. Good stories & articles requested.

Germany's "Transgalaxis" is to publish Olaf Stapledon's "The Starmaker".

Hugo Gernsback has given permission for Germany to present another "Hugo".

Italian Book-club hopes to publish Italian issue of "Galaxy" Magazine.

M.R.U. (Munich Round Up) No. 90. (In German, despite the title.) W. Kunning, 8 München 2, Herzogspitalstr. 5, Germany. Philip K. Dick's "Project Waterspider" ("Worlds of If" Jan. 1964) reprinted in translation. Following item is a light-hearted satire concerning the Inter-Galactic Football Championships. Quite a few pages go to "M.R.U. Lexicon", an alphabetical listing of some of the joys, trials & tribulations associated with the assembling and distribution of a fanzine. Samples:

BUNDESPOST (= German G.P.O.) - State organisation for the undermining of fanzines through increased postage charges. (How true! How true! AM)

OMO - The only colour which can be printed whiter than white.

The humorous and satirical element is varied with information concerning new books etc, making M.R.U. an all-round fanzine that is recommended. (Comments by Roy Mortimore of Scunthorpe, to whom the Secretary renders grateful thanks.)

N.B. Members are reminded that tapes from Germany are available to them. For further particulars please contact either the Secretary, or Waldemar Kunning (address above) direct.

FENOMEN 66 (in English and Norwegian - I think - D.E.P.). Ed. by Jon. Bing of "Aniara", Norwegian students' sf club. Articles on Norwegian sf clubs etc., and on Norwegian sf. The English part includes articles by Brian Aldiss, Poul Anderson, Richard Matheson & Roald Dahl. Birmingham fan-artist "MiK" provides appropriately Vikingly illustrations. (Contact Secretary for further details.)

OTHER ZINES RECEIVED "Gamma", the Italian professional sf magazine, ed. V. de Carlo. "Kontakt" 4, from SF Club Deutschland's Gruppe Kontakt. "World SF Convention in Deutschland", a discussion of the situation edited by Alfred Beha. (See "Streiflichter News" above for address.)

All these items may be loaned to interested parties. Contact the Secretary.

NETHERLANDS SF First Netherlands sf convention planned by Netherlands S.F. Club for the week-end 15th/16th October. (Leo Kindt: further details later.)

N3F It is hoped that the extended liaison between the National Fantasy Fan Federation (U.S.A.) and the B.S.F.A. will be put into operation shortly, benefitting members of both organisations.

Finally another appeal for a volunteer. Since the International Contacts Dept. lost the over-extended services of Ed James, the Secretary has been handling it so far as her linguistic ability (limited to English) permits her. She too is over-extended, and would like somebody to take the Dept. off her hands. Volunteers - forward please! (END OF I.C.D. REPORT.)

THE CENTRAL CONTRIBUTORS' POOL, an organisation designed to supply fanzines with contents and vice versa, is NOT, despite a mistaken rumour to the contrary, run by Archie Mercer. Tom Jones (27 Lansbury Av., Rossington, Doncaster, Yorks) handles stories and articles, Mary Reed (71 The Fairway, Ruscote, Banbury, Oxon) anything else including artwork. Thank you.

EASTERCON NEWS Plans for the 1967 Easter S.F. Convention are pushing steadily ahead. John Brunner has accepted the Guest of Honour-ship (Guestship of Honour ?), and more than a hundred registrations have now been received. 7/6d is the registration fee, which should be sent to Tony Walsh, 61 Halsbury Rd., Redland, Bristol 6, for further particulars. The second issue of CON TRACT, the Convention newsletter, has just been published, and there are still supplies of the first one left too.

WORLD CONVENTION 1970 BID A matter which seems to have escaped the attention of the International Contacts Dept. (which, to be fair, wasn't there at the time) is that German-speaking fandom has decided to back Heidelberg and Frankfurt in their joint bid to secure the 1970 World Sf Convention. A rival bid was for Munich in its Olympic year of 1972, with the object of trying to secure the Olympic Village for the event after the athletes had gone home, but Heidelberg/Frankfurt received the most support when the matter was thrashed out at the Vienna convention in early August. Heidelberg is a historically picturesque (or picturesquely historic) city which is to be the bid-site if a suitable hotel can be found: Frankfurt is the substitute-location to be fallen back on if necessary, and is where most of the bidding committee live.

It remains then to wait until the 1969 World Con, in order that the continental bid may be voted on yea or nay. However, even should the bid be defeated it is proposed to make 1970 the year for an important international sf convention in Heidelberg or Frankfurt.

COME HOME, ORBITER: ALL IS FORGIVEN The "B.S.F.A. Orbiter" is missing. Would whoever has custody please return it to the Secretary. Thank you. And incidentally, if anybody wishes to take over its organisation (not a very onerous job), the Secretary would like to hear of the offer. It may be recalled that the "Orbiter" is a kaleidoscopic bundle of manuscripts (and possibly even some artwork) that circulates amongst its various authors (and artists if and where appropriate) for mutual comment.

LIBRARY NEWS Owing to the Library being too popular, John Nash is no longer able to run it single-handed. Therefore the Magazine Section will have to be temporarily closed, until it finds a new home.

Enquiries concerning the Section in the mean time, and in particular offers to house and run it, to the Secretary please. Thanks.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED DEPT. The "Correspondents Wanted" list is being held over this time because of lack of both Secretarial time and Bulletin-space. The Secretary is, however, carrying on with individual arrangements in this Dept., and the next Bulletin should see the return of the "open" listing.

DEPT. OF APPRECIATION New member Carlo Pagetti wishes to put on record his appreciation of the help and interest given and shown to him by Philip Muldowney with regard to his Thesis on SF which he is preparing for the University of Milano.

BRITISH EDITION OF F&SF - complete set from May 1962 to the magazine's demise in June 1964. Apply F.J. Steward, 219 Valley Rd., Ipswich, Suffolk.

"FUTURE PERFECT" by H. Bruce Franklin, a new American book to interest the collector of SF from the 1800s (as advertised in "Analog"). \$6.50, Oxford Press, New York. 402 pp of 19th Century SF. Brand new in mint condition. Those interested please contact M.J. Waskett, 506 Ley St., Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex.

MEMBERSHIP LIST - AMENDMENTS

It has been suggested that amendments to the membership list - new members, address changes and the like - should be segregated on to a separate sheet of paper from the Bulletin proper, so that members can file it with the main list if they so wish. This would result in the use of extra paper that the Association can ill-afford, so as a compromise it had been intended from this issue to put all such data at the bottom of the last sheet, back to back, so that it could be cut off from the rest of the Bulletin if necessary.

To avoid waiting until the last minute in order to see what space is required, however, a different compromise is this time being adopted under which these last two sides of an extra-large (for once) Bulletin are being used for membership details and advertisements. Thus the entire sheet can be detached leaving the "newsy" part of the Bulletin intact. And here goes with:

NEW MEMBERS (Note: Nos. 760 - 779 inclusive have not been used.)

- M. 780 Mills, Miss Jennifer J.: 158 Shorncliffe Rd., Folkestone, Kent
- O. 781 Ackerman, A.B.: P.O. Box 6, Daggafontein, Transvaal, South Africa
- M. 782 Bickerstaff, Michael: 30 Park View, Acton, London W.3
- M. 783 Morgan, Dan: 1 Chapel Lane, Spalding, Lincs
- M. 784 Poole, Richard A.: Mineral Cottage, Abb Scott Lane, Low Moor, Bradford, Yorks
- M. 785 Stubbs, Raymond J.: 4 Torkington St., Stamford, Lincs
- M. 786 Lynch, Sean M.: 167 Leighton Av., Leigh on Sea, Essex
- M. 787 Lanhan, R.A.: "Maralinga", Sherbourne Rd., Sherbourne St. Johns, Basingstoke, Hants
- M. 788 Coney, Michael G.: "Maltster's Arms", Tuckenhay, Totnes, Devon
- M. 789 Crowther, Graham R.: 104 Westcott St., Holderness Rd., Hull, E. Yorks
- A. 790 McCreadie, James: 105 Willow Brook Rd., Corby, Northants
- O. 791 Gough, Christopher: 726 Calle Corta, Thousand Oaks, California 91360, USA
- A. 792 Pickering, Christopher: 84 Gresley Wood Rd., Church Gresley, Burton on Trent, Staffs
- M. 793 Luxford, Kenneth: Brickfield Cottage, London Rd., Newport, Essex
- M. 794 Tomlinson, Michael T.: 13 Admiral St., Deptford, London SE.8
- A. 795 Hutchinson, John: 18 Windsor Terrace, Whitby, Yorks
- M. 796 Mills, Graham W.H.: 15 Benshan Manor Rd., Thornton Heath, Surrey
- M. 797 Hook, Derek J.: 21 Peak View Rd., Loundsley Green, Chesterfield, Derbs
- M. 798 Charnock, Graham: 1 Eden Close, Alperton, Wembley, Middlesex
- M. 799 Scott, Timothy J.: "White Place", River Rd., Taplow, Bucks
- O. 800 Latimer, James W. (III): 4011, Silver Hill Rd., Suitland, Maryland 20023, USA
- M. 801 Flanagan, Helen: 28 Grange Park, Brough, Yorks
- M. 802 Wathen, Michael J.: 121 Astonville St., Southfield, London SW.18
- O. 803 Beha, Alfred H.: Dieburgerstrasse 35, 6051 Ober Roden, Germany
- M. 804 Morris, Michael: 24 Devonshire Place, Jesmond, Newcastle on Tyne
- M. 805 Marshall, John: 158 Crownfield Rd., Leyton, London E.15
- M. 806 Cairns, James S.: 15 Brinkburn St., Sunderland, Co. Durham
- M. 807 Vanson, Mrs. Elaine: 176 Chiltern Court, Baker St., London NW.1

LATE RENEWALS

- M. 114 Hammerton, Peter: 334 Brant Rd., Lincoln
- O. 321 Blomeyer, Dr. Karl F.: 5700 Winton Rd., Apt. 313, Cincinnati, Ohio 45232, USA
- M. 387 Latto, Ivor R.S.: 16 Merryton Av., Glasgow W.5, Scotland
- M. 521 Beckett-Tagg, Sandra: c/o Nurses Home, St. Nicholas Hospital, Gosforth, Newcastle on Tyne 3
- O. 635 Jensen, Edmond: Hinbjerg 25, Karlslunde, Denmark

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

- M.429 Grant, Jim: now 80 Bargates, Christchurch, Hants
- M.561 Little, Robert: now 59 Mattison Rd., Harringay, London N.4
- O.422 Livingstone, D.A.: now 1710 - 2nd St. S., No. 303, Cranbrook, B.C., Canada
- O.654 Massoglia, Martin (II): now ???
- M.357 Myers, Alan G.: now 17 Bedford St., Hitchin, Herts
- M.415 Sewell, Daphne: Flat 15, Balcombe House, Taunton Place, London NW.1
- A.671 Vincent, David: now 11 Valley Rd., Wivenhoe, near Colchester, Essex
- M.629 Yates, Brian: now 15 Milton Crescent, Heswall, Wirral, Cheshire

CORRECTIONS

- A.525 Hill, Brian D.: 52d Newhouse Rd., Lethan, Perth, Scotland. (NOT "Lithan")
- M.759 Marhan, John: 30 Bushey Ley, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. (NOT "Markhan")
- Apologies are duly tendered to the two members concerned.

NOTE The above new members, changes etc, incorporate all amendments to the current (1966) Membership List to date, including those published in the previous issue of the Bulletin.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - a further instalment:

- M.681 Diviney, James: now 23687388 Pte J. Diviney, Command Printing Unit, c/o Ord. Depot, Singapore Lines, Aden, B.F.P.O. 60
- M.636 Dowson, Peter L.: now 49 Clough Hall Rd., Kildgrove, Stoke on Trent, Staffs
- A.628 Fraser, James: during University term 15 Elm Place, Aberdeen, Scotland
- A.637 Jennings, Peter G.: now 6 Deans Close, Abbots Langley, Watford, Herts
- M.684 Kenward, Michael R.J.: now Rush Common House, Appleford Drive, Abingdon, Berks
- M.388 Read, Miss Moira S.: now 5 Kings Walk, Leicester Forest East, Leicester
- M.170 Shute, C.: now 12 Burford Rd., Weeping Cross, Stafford
- M.738 Simpson, Dan: now 79 Thames St., Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex
- M.267 Pardoe, W. Darroll: now 11 Cheniston Gardens, London W.8

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS BOOKS AND MAGAZINES FOR SALE American hardbacks 13/- each all vg in d/w: "Immortality Delivered (Sheckley),

"Duplicated Man" (Blish and Lowndes), "Collision Course" (Silverberg), "Lost in Space" (Geo. O. Smith). AMERICAN MAGS at 3/6d each (usual oxidised page edges): "Amazing Stories" 1934 Nov. (good but corner cover, bacover & 1 p. letters missing); 1935 July (good but corner cover missing & spine taped); 1936 April (good but no bacover & spine taped); 1937 June (very fine); 1938 Oct. (good but no bacover); "Wonder Stories" 1935 Sept. (good but f/cover creased & marked). "UNKNOWN WORLDS" (Brit. reprint edn.): 1945 Autumn (good: 4/-); 1948 Spring (fair: 2/-). ALL ABOVE P&P EXTRA PLEASE.

Apply E.R. Hedger, 14 Ward Av., Innsworth, Gloucester. (Several hundred other books, pbs & mags available. Send S.A.E. for lists.)

DUE OUT IN Nov. 1966: "SPECIALINK" - which comprises a write-up of a variegated holiday, and includes a report of the Vienna SF Convention. With photographs, supplied by Waldemar Kunning & Dieter Sachse. Price (incl. postage) 2/-. Unused British postage stamps accepted. Apply Beryl Mercer, new address below.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS - still more:

- M.3 Mercer, Archie: now 9 Cotswold Road, Bedminster, Bristol 3
- M.416 Mercer, Mrs. Beryl: now -do- -do-