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"VECTOR" CRISIS One of the perennial bugbears of societies that are run by unpaid volunteer labour, and one of which the B.S.F.A. has certainly had its fair share if not more, is the fact that an unpaid volunteer is always liable to find that he has more calls on his spare time than he thought he had - and something has to go.

And it's happened again, this time in the Publications Dept.

Those of you (which means all of you, we hope...) who had anxiously been wondering what had happened to VECTOR 41 can rest assured that they haven't unaccountably missed it - it simply hasn't happened yet. Steve Oakey, Publications Officer since last Easter, was confident that he would be able to produce eight issues per year. All seemed well - until he was offered a place in a University College up north somewhere. So up he went, to find that his curriculum left no Vectoral time.

VECTOR 41 will therefore be somewhat delayed.

The B.S.F.A. Bulletin No. 7, and two loose sheets, which were to have accompanied the overdue VECTOR, are therefore accompanying this emergency Bulletin instead. Plans are afoot to bulldoze through a VECTOR or two as soon as possible - which depends largely on how soon the material-files can be rescued from wherever they may at present be.

In the mean time, no purpose is apparently to be served by writing to Steve Oakey at his Somersham address. Anybody who wishes to go on record as making any comment - and in particular, anybody who would be willing and able to help produce any or all of the next few VECTORS, should contact the Secretary, Mrs. D.E. Parker, 38 Millfield Road, Deeping St. James, Peterborough.

BEWARE OF WILD CIRCULARS As if the B.S.F.A. didn't have enough trouble as it is, somebody or other has just thought up a way of producing even more trouble by way of a bonus.

Certain members - we have no idea how many - have recently received through the post a circular headed "THE BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION REGIONALISATION SCHEME", purporting to emanate from a committee comprising E.C. Tubb (Chairman), Archie Mercer (Secretary), Chris Priest (Treasurer), Brian Aldiss, Michael Moorcock, Ken Slater, and Pete Weston.

At the time of going to press, replies have not been received from all those named. Mercer, Priest, Aldiss, Slater and Weston have informed the B.S.F.A. Committee that their names were used without their knowledge and consent - in fact some at least of those named were not even granted the dubious courtesy of being sent copies of the circular in question.

Anyone receiving the circular is advised to take no notice of it, and not to send any money to the address given. The matter is being placed in the hands of the police.

(Later:) It is understood that the police are after all unable to take any action. Heigh-ho.

And the name of E.C. Tubb should now be added to those who have disclaimed any responsibility in the matter.

SMALL-AD Will any Geordies (at home or in exile) interested in contributing to a north-eastern fanzine please contact either Harry Bell (28 South Hill Road, Gateshead 8, Co. Durham) or Mary Reed (71 The Fairway, Ruscote, Banbury, Oxon).

CHANGE OF ADDRESS (Note - these changes of address will be repeated in somewhat more tear-offable form next time a list of new members is published in the Bulletin.)

- M. 32 Groves, James A.: now Room 416, Hotel Lafayette, 4th & Northampton St., Easton, Pennsylvania 18042, U.S.A.
- M.150 Harrison, Harry: now c/o Robert P. Mills, 20 E. 53rd St., New York City 10022, U.S.A.
- A.405 Stone, Miss Julia: now c/o 5 The Bungalows, Cotswold Crescent, Chipping Norton, Oxon

LOCAL GROUPS ETC. Information that can always bear repeating:

Liverpool This entry got slightly lost on some copies of Bulletin No. 6, so it makes a good place to start. For information concerning the Liverpool Group, contact Norman & Ina Shorrocks, 2 Arnot Way, Higher Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire.

Tyneside There is a lot of sporadic activity along the Tyne. Jim Marshall, 32 Millway, Sherriff Hill, Gateshead 9, is liable to be involved in some of it, as is Harry R. Bell, 28 South Hill Road, Bensham, Gateshead 8.

Yorkshire Those who live within a bus-ride of Leeds could do a lot worse than contact Michael Rosenblum, 7 Grosvenor Park, Allerton Hill, Leeds 7.

Scotland Donald Malcolm, 42 Garry Drive, Paisley, Renfrewshire, is always glad to hear of sf fans in the greater Glasgow area as well as in Scotland in general.

Bristol Let it not be overlooked that Bristol has a flourishing sf-fan-club. Contact Tony & Simone Walsh, 61 Halsbury Road, Redland, Bristol 6 (Tel. 46355) to find out when the next meeting is to be held.

Manchester The utterly out-of-this-world gang that produces the magazine ALIEN WORLDS and the "Delta" films is based in the Manchester-Salford area. Harry & Marie Nadler, 5 South Mesnefield Road, Salford 7, will be pleased to provide any information.

Birmingham No longer perhaps the Centre of the Universe, but people still live there. One of them is Pete Weston, 9 Porlock Crescent, Northfield, Birmingham 31.

The Fen Country "East Fanglia" harbours quite a crowd of sf fans. The B.S.F.A.'s own tame (?) Secretary, Doreen Parker, is one of them. Contact her at the Secretarial address: 38 Millfield Road, Deeping St. James, Peterborough.

London Why anyone should wish to live in London it's difficult for your reporter (who used to) to imagine. Sf fans in London are catered for in a variety of ways, however, so the place does have its compensations. Contact Keith Otter, 149 High Road, Willesden Green, London N.W. 10, for the S.F. Club of London: or for the (old original) London Circle, simply turn up at the Globe Tavern, Tatton Garden, (nearest Underground Chancery Lane) on the evening of the first Thursday in any month, and introduce yourself to somebody. AM