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SOMETHING NEW IN "STF" "CAPTAIN FUTURE!"

FIRST "TRUE" SCIENTIFICAL SINGLE
CHARACTER MAGAZINE TO BE PUBLISHED
BY "STANDARD PUBLICATIONS"

MAGAZINE HAS EXCELLENT FORMAT AND
DEPARTMENTS!

(SPECIAL TO FN) Time and time again fans have asked the different Publishing Companies to publish a stf magazine devote entirely to a single character on the lines of THE SHADOW and others. A letter asking for this resulted in Jim Blish putting out THE PLANETEER MAGAZINE, but as far as the professional magazine went the nearest they came to it was when FLASH GORDEN MAGAZINE came out, but this was not a true stf magazine. BUT NOW comes the good news that STANDARD PUBLICATIONS, publishers of THRILLING WONDER STORIES, STARTLING STORIES and STRANGE STORIES are going to put out such a magazine.

THE name of this, the latest stf magazine, will be CAPTAIN FUTURE & will contain a complete novel, in every issue, about CAPTAIN FUTURE. It is a regular size pulp magazine containing 128 pages and sell for 15¢ a copy. At first it will be published quarterly, but if it sells good, and we see no reason why it should not, it will become a bi-monthly & if the sales are very good, a monthly. The cover, a good one, is by Rozen, a new comer as far as stf goes, but a good artist who has done covers for ARGOSY and was at one time, cover artist for THE SHAD

OW MAGAZINE. The first CAPTAIN FUTURE novel entitled CAPTAIN FUTURE AND THE SPACE EMPEROR is illustrated by H W Wesso, and marvelous illustrations they are. Morey and Paul illustrate the other yarns in the first issue.

The main characters in the novel are, of course, our main hero CAPTAIN FUTURE himself, the Man of Tomorrow or the "Tarzan" of stf, his aids: GRAG, the metal robot; OTHO, the synthetic android; and SIMON WRIGHT, the living Brain. An unbeatable combination. The novels of CAPTAIN FUTURE, by the way, are written by EDMUND HAMILTON. There is also CAPTAIN FUTURE's space ship, the COMET.

The format of this new magazine is super excellent and the departments very good and interesting. They are titled THE WORLD OF TOMORROW, THE FUTUREMEN, UNDER OBSERVATION, and THE MARCH OF SCIENCE. No doubt a readers' column will be included in future issues.

Other yarns in the first issue are by Eric Frank Russell and O. Sarri. There is also a serial, THE HUMAN TERMITES by Dr. David H Keller.

We believe this magazine will be a big hit and a bi-monthly, if not a monthly before the year is out (1940). It is a type of magazine long wanted by the stf fans.

With this magazine, STANDARD takes the lead as the publisher of the largest number of stf magazines, WONDER, STARTLING and now CAPTAIN FUTURE.

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 JAMES V TAURASI editor

THE WAR AND STF
 by TED CARNELL (London reporter)

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 (EXCLUSIVE) I still have hopes of
 issuing the Autumn issue of NEW
 WORDS, which will reach 32 pages.
 Two-thirds of the issue is already
 completed. we are held up temporarily
 owing to lack of paper. Also
 the SCIENCE FICTION SERVICE will
 continue until such a time as I am
 enlisted in the Army. which brings
 me to the main reason for this
 column. I would like to publish a
 denial to JACK SPEER's article.

Altho Jack and I correspond at
 frequent intervals, it would appear
 that his main source of information
 from this country comes from a
 small nucleus of fans who are ar-
 dent believers in the Peace Pledge
 Union. Therefore, when he states
 that fans in this country are al-
 most 100% opposed to conscription,
 he is roughly about 99% out. There
 is not one fan, to my personal
 knowledge, in London, who in any
 way objects to fighting or the war--
 the only member of the Peace Union
 -- Hansen -- was the first to be in
 the Army! The others will be going
 when they are called. Clarke will
 most certainly be the next. None
 of the London guys have evacuated,
 either.

The Clarke-Temple-Hansen "Flat"
 is still running (under slightly
 different management). Temple was
 married mid-September, and he and
 his wife will continue to live on
 at his place until he, Chapman,
 myself and others of the same age,

join the military ranks. The SFA has
 been suspended as it stands until
 the duration. which means that mem-
 bers in benefit will continue their
 subscription after the war -- if still
 living, and if any Committee members
 come thru to carry on.

As you already know, TALES OF WON-
 DER will continue until Walt Gillings
 is called upon, which may be a year or
 more--or less. we don't know. At

present there is no news concerning
 the fate of FANTASY, tho I hope to
 know shortly.

Be assured that we shall continue
 to read the mags as and when they
 reach this country, and shall en-
 deavour to keep in touch with our
 American friends at all times. But
 active fandom is now almost defunct
 here. The usual weekly meetings of
 the London branch, held on Fridays,
 have now deteriorated into table
 tennis and political discussions
 over the bar of the "local". Science
 fiction hardly raises an eyebrow,
 and the news of two American month-
 lies and a new quarterly has only
 provoked a concerted "So what?"

Too bad that just at the peak of
 this literature we are going to be cut
 off from the main supply. However,
 we still hope that ASTOUNDING and
 UNKNOWN will come thru, and I have
 already read first instalment of
 "Grey Lensman." Tho whether the re-
 maining three reach here is another
 story. (Can you answer Campbell?-ed)
 tc

EDITORIAL

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 THE BRITISH EDITION of FANTASY-NEWS
 is still being published every week
 and mailed to England, and will
 continue to do so unless the Post
 Office refuse to accept them. jvt

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