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## PHILIP FRANCIS NOWLAN, CREATOR OF 'BUCK ROGERS', DIES

## HARL VINCENT, NOTED AUTHOR, CONVALESCING IN N.Y. HOSPITAL

PHIL NOWLAN'S DEATH ANNOUNCED BY  
JOHN W. CAMPBELL, JR. EDITOR OF  
ASTOUNDING S-F AT QUEENS SFL MEETING

At the Queens Science Fiction League meeting last Sunday, John W. Campbell, Jr., Editor of **ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION**, announced the death on the day before (Saturday) of Phil Nowlan, creator of Buck Rogers in the 25th Century, and one of the best known, though lately inactive science fiction authors.

The information was relayed to Mr. Campbell and your Fantasy Reporter via Mr. L. Sprague DeCamp, who attended the meeting accompanied by his wife.

The announcement was received with complete silence, and came as a shock and a surprise to all present who knew that Mr. Nowlan was planning a come-back, and had already submitted several stories to current stf mags, some of which will see print soon. A 20,000 word novel will be published in the May issue of **ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION** and will be the cover story.

MALCOLM JAMESON, POPULAR AUTHOR,  
MAKES ANNOUNCEMENT AT QSFL MEETING.

At last Sunday's Queens Science Fiction League Meeting, Mr. Malcolm Jameson, well-liked author of articles and stories in current pro stf mags, announced the convalescence of Harl Vincent, who has writtend probably more stf yarns than any other single author, in New York Hospital, Rockefeller Center, from acute peritonitis.

Mr. Vincent has had many stories of excellent quality appearing currently in all the better stf mags, and has staged a successful comeback since his inactivity of a few years ago. He attributes a great deal of his renewed enthusiasm to the ovation he received at the recent **WORLD SCIENCE FICTION** where it was pointed out that he has more stf yarns published than any other author.

**FANTASY NEWS** extends heartiest congratulations to Mr. Vincent on his recovery, and hopes to see him many, many times more at stf conventi

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EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

From time to time, as in the past, FANTASY NEWS will issue an EXTRA, whenever the news warrants. This extra issue, published in mid-week, will be sent to all subscribers to FANTASY NEWS, free of charge, and is to be considered part of the up-to-the-minute service that FN offers to the science fiction reading public.

This issue we were forced to put out an extra because of the necessity of informing our readers not only of the sad death of Phil Nowlan, one of the men to really popularize stf, but also of reporting the illness and convalescence of Harl Vincent, one of the best like and most prolific of pro stf authors, in time for our readers to send their condolences on one hand, and their congratulations on the other.

Concerning Phil Nowlan, we can do no more than to remember his great stories "Armageddon-2419", and "Airlords Of Han", and when we read his newest contributions, the result of his attempted "comeback" mourn the loss of a great stf author, one who has brought science fiction to millions.

To Harl Vincent, on the other hand, we can extend our heartiest congratulations on his early recovery, and determine to remain faithfully loyal to one of the greatest, most regular, and hard working stf authors we have had the pleasure to know. Mr. Vincent has had many setbacks, lately, outside of stf; but he obtained a new lease on life at the WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION, which, if it did nothing else served to bring back this author into the field of science fiction which he has helped build.

WILL SYKORA OFFERS \$25.00 REWARD!!!!

We had hoped that we would be able to discontinue this advertisement, but a recent dastardly attempt to blackmail the editor of this newspaper has forced us to revive it and to publish the following letters just received from members of the notorious Futurian Society of N.Y. These are quoted exactly as written.

89 Wadsworth Terrace  
New York, N.Y.  
February 4, 1940

Wm. S. Sykora  
31-51 41st St.  
Long Island City

Sir:- Imagine my consternation and rage when I received this vile defamation of the character of such a regular fellow as yourself. I had always suspected that Kornbluth was a pretty low chap, but I didn't dream he could be so dastardly and viscious.

When I received this cowardly missive, I knew it was my duty to forward it Astoriaward.

Will expect, naturally, twenty five (25) cents (¢) by return mail.

Thank you, and remember only 325 shopping days until Christmas. There is something--so touching about those sentimental Christmastide remembrances. Ah well!!! Yours

(signed):- Jack Gillespie.

A letter from Kornbluth was enclosed and reads as follows:  
"William S. Sykora is known by me to be an atheist, publisher of lascivious matter and former member of the Communist Union Society for the Abolition of Virginity. My mother sends her regards and hopes that you and your family are well and happy". Signed:- Cyril Kornbluth. This letter had been sent to Gillespie by Kornbluth. On the same day, an exactly similar letter was received from Kornbluth containing an enclosure like the above but which had been sent to Kornbluth by Gillespie. It is interesting to note how these gentlemen mention their mothers in the same breath as the obscene content of their letters. A postal money-order has been sent to each for their letters, and Will Sykora will continue to pay 25¢ for every letter in which libel has been committed against his character.