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## TURN PRO!!!

FORM NEW CLUB, "THE COMETEERS".

With the sale, by Sam Moskowitz, of a 12,000 word novelet to COMET, plus a full length novel by John Victor Peterson, both agented by Jimmy Taurasi, as well as the sale of several excellent illustrations by John Giunta to at least two pro stf mags, these active fans have announced that they have turned pro. No longer busy with fan activities, they have determined to devote all their time to the creation and sale of their efforts to the pro mags. With a view toward ensuring closer cooperation and contact between themselves and the pro mag editors, they have organized The Cometeers, a sort of mutual admiration society whose lone honorary member is F. Orlin Trenaine, the man who gave them their chance. It is in his honor that the club has been formed.

John Pererson's yarn will appear in the second issue of COMET and will be titled "The Lightning's Course". Sam's yarn will be called "The Way Back", and is a futuristic treatment of Erich Maria Remarque's best seller, "Der Weg Zurück". Both yarns are illustrated by Forte, another up-and-coming young man.

The Cometeers have published the first issue of their official news organ. The title of the new mag is Solar Press. Vol. 1, no. 1, is four mimeed pp on green paper, edited by James V. Taurasi and is entirely staff written. Illustrations and decorations are by the editor. Price is 5¢ a copy, 25¢ a year of six issues.

## DATE SET FOR NEWARK CONFAB

WILL POSITIVELY NOT CONFLICT WITH  
THE DENVER WORLD STF CONVENTION!!

TO BE KNOWN AS THE SCIENCE FICTION  
CONFERENCE

On Sunday, May 4, 1941, in Newark, N.J. probably in Slovak Sokol Hall on Morris near Springfield Ave, will be held THE SCIENCE FICTION CONFERENCE of science fiction fans and professionals of the atlantic seaboard. The feature of this conference will be a barrage of questions with which the pros will bombard the fans in an effort to determine "What Do You Want Us Do With STF?" After this session, fans, too, will have an opportunity to question the professionals in an effort to discover the inner workings of stf publishing.

James V. Taurasi, FANTASY NEWS Associatē, has been promoting this idea for some months, and it has made a big hit wherever presented. The pros are for it almost in a body. When the idea is presented to the fans, it is expected to go over with a bang.

Every science fiction local society on the Atlantic Seaboard will be invited to sponsor this Conference. The Queens and Newark Science Fiction Leagues have already said they would cooperate. Invitations will be extended to (P. 2)

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BOOST SCIENCE FICTION

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EDITORIAL by Will Sykora.

Since almost the beginning of this year, Jim Taurasi, former editor of this newspaper, has been probing the pros on a brand new idea in Science Fiction Conferences. Jimmy believes that instead of the fans firing volleys of questions at the pros who attend our various meetings, we should give the pros a chance to fire questions at us. What do we like best in stf? Who is our favorite author? Who draws the weirdest illustrations? Who paints the best covers? Do we like interplanetary yarns or time-travel? In short, if each of us was the editor of a professional stf magazine, how would we run it. Fan would parade across the stage at the conference, and a bevy of hard boiled pro editors, authors, artists, and publishers, sitting in the front rows, would bombard them with questions to draw them out on their pet peeves or favorite fancies in pro stf. In other words, the main event of the SCIENCE FICTION CONFERENCE would be really a SCIENCE FICTION LINE-UP, with the professionals playing the part of probing detectives, and the fans acting as culprits of criticism.

How about it, fans? What do you think of this idea of a Science Fiction Line-Up? And you professionals, would you relish this opportunity to get back at the fans for all their criticisms? Here is the opportunity supreme for both fans and pros to really iron out their differences with the sole object in mind to improve and BOOST SCIENCE FICTION.

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THE SCIENCE FICTION CONFERENCE CON: The Stranger Club of Cambridge, The Solaroid Club of Westwood, The Outsiders of Washington, The Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, The Maine Science Fiction Association, and others. Sponsorship of the conference will not be limited to Eastern clubs, but any organization in the U.S. and abroad will be welcome to cooperate.

The promoters of the S-F Conference wish to point out very definitely and positively that it will in no way conflict with the coming Denver World Science Fiction Convention. As a matter of fact, sponsorship of the Newark Conference will imply loyal support of the Denver get-together.

Besides the main feature of the Conference, there will be the usual Science Fiction Auction, sale of special conference fan mags, free refreshments, and all the other traditional appurtenances of fandom's gala affairs.

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FUTURIAN WAR DIGEST: Courtesy of J. Michael Rosenblum.

The first issue of J. M. Rosenblum's "Futurian War Digest" has the same format and informal style as in Pseudo-Futurian. A newspaper format was abandoned pending reader reaction.

No. 12 TALES OF WONDER appears. It contains three reprints and one "apparently original" by Eric F. Russell, called "I Spy". The no. of pp has been cut again, but smaller type keeps the wordage at par. Wally Gillings says another number may appear.

Edward Wade, ex-member of the Leeds SFL, was killed on active service in the R.A.F. He was member no. 12 of the Science Fiction Association. FANTASY NEWS extends heartfelt sympathies.

D.R. Smith, well known member of the Nuneaton SFL, has been confined to his bed with a severe cold. Recovering, he spent a "rest" period rockclimbing.

C.S. Youd's Fantasy War Bulletin is out with its sixth issue. Taken up with personal letters to the editor it is a cross section of British sfan life of war days.