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## MARGULIES & MERWIN TO EDIT NEW S-F MAG

New York, N. Y., 3rd Dec., (CNS) - Leo Margulies who for years was Editorial Director of the Standard pulp magazines and Sam Merwin, Jr., science-fiction editor of Standard Magazines, who resigned his post June 15, 1951, to become a free-lance writer; are back together again and will soon edit a new science-fiction magazine.

Leo Margulies, who has just returned from a two year stay in Europe, is the Editorial Director in the new set-up, while Sam Merwin is the editor of the proposed science-fiction magazine.

The new magazine, as yet unnamed, will be digest-size and will begin as a bi-monthly. Price and number of pages is, as yet, undecided. The magazine will contain both new and reprint stories. The only department so far decided is a book-review department to be written by Sam Merwin.

This new company will also publish a new detective magazine, which will be of interest to the s-f readers. It will be titled: "THE SAINT DETECTIVE" (concluded on page 4, column 1)

## ANOTHER S-F MAG COMING

Flushing, N. Y., 1st Dec., (CNS) - The editors of Fantasy Times have been informed from numerous, usually well informed sources, that in the very near future a new science-fiction magazine will appear on the newsstands. A magazine that will probably be as different to anything published today, as the first science-fiction magazine was to the usual pulp magazine then published.

Because a phone call to the publisher of this new magazine brought us the answer that it was all a rumor, we are publishing this item without any names of publisher or editor. But, because in this case, we believe our reporters more than the publishers, we (concluded on page 4, column 1)

## STATE OF FANDOM

by Lane Stannard

The next annual MIDWEST CONFERENCE will be held at INDIAN LAKE, May 16 & 17, 1953. The hotel will accept reservations after March 1st. For information on this Conference write to: Donald E. Ford, 129 Maple Ave, Sharonville, Ohio.

The Second AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION will be held the first week-end in May, 1953. The committee putting on this convention is asking support in advertising for their convention booklet. The prices for ads in their Convention Souvenir Booklet, runs as follows: Full page, \$2.00 (17/6 Aust.); Half page, \$1.00 (10/- Aust.); Quarter page, 50¢ (5/- Aust.); Back Cover, \$3.50 (1½ guineas, Aust.); inside back cover, \$2.50 (1 guineas, Aust) For more information, write to: R. D. Nicholson, 24 Warren Rd., Double Bay, Sydney, Australia.

In New York City, the Convention of the year will be THE 3rd ANNUAL FAN-VET CONVENTION, to be held at Wordermann's Hall, 3rd Ave., at East 16th Street, New York City, on Sunday April 19, 1953. Most of the pro editors, authors, artists, fans and readers will be there for one grand time and big auction. All profits from the auction going to the Fan-Vets to be used to mail packages of pro mags to the service fans and readers overseas.

**THE FAN-VETS NEED MONEY!** Donate what you can -- now! Send that \$1, or what you can, to Ray Van Houten, 127 Spring-St., Paterson 3, New Jersey. This donated money will be used to send packages of pro mags overseas and to produce the 3rd ANNUAL FAN-VET CONVENTION.

## COSMIC REPORTER

by Arthur Joan Cox

I have just heard over the radio that  
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## SLICK S-F

by Donald E. Ford

Life, November 17, 1952:  
"Radio Astronomy". An article about stars making a noise in radio receivers. A nice layout, this article includes: color photos & a beautiful painting of our Galaxy. Well worth looking at.

"The Mystery Of Other Worlds Revealed"  
A booklet (#166) published by Fawcett at 75¢. About flying saucers etc.; not Palmer's mag. Has reprints from Life, Look, true, & even Cartier illustrations from "Travellers Of Space" put out by Gnome Press. Slides from movies are also included. If you haven't seen this one yet, it's a good buy, even at 75¢.

True, December, 1952:  
"What Radar Tells About Flying Saucers" by Donald E. Keyhoe. They show a strip of film purporting to show a saucer; but, certainly no details are shown. However, the article is interesting in the fact that Keyhoe interviewed many persons who saw Saucers on the Radar scopes. The most interesting feature is how this article varies from the newspaper accounts. For one thing, Keyhoe checks & doublechecks before he writes up anything. You'd never accuse some of the press service of that.

Radio Moscow has announced that it was revealed at a recent convention of Soviet astronomers that Saturn "is the furthest planet from the solar system" and that it is about the same size as the Earth. The newscaster remarked casually that this disagrees with the findings of Western astronomers.

Paramount has bought the movie rights to Stephenson's "Leningen Versus The Ants" for George Pal. It will be scripted by Philip Yordan.

Bradbury's yarns in comic form, see #4 Fantasy Comics, out Dec. 20 for details. 5¢. Taurus, 137-03 32 Av, Flush. 54, NY.

## THE ACKERMAN REPORT

by Mr. Science Fiction

THE NATION has invited RAY BRADBURY to do an article on science fiction after his achievement of national recognition thru a \$200 advertisement in Variety wherein, among other political suggestions, he recommended a certain senator should be run out of the 20th century in a time machine—back to 17th century Salem. Ray reports so many complimentary phone calls as a result of his Open Letter that he has had to have his listing removed from the book!

It's two slick-with-guts sales to IF by Mark Clifton & Kris Neville with "The Kenzie Report" and "She Knew He Was Coming". The latter, about a Call House Martian, was up for purchase at Suspense when the magazine was suspended...Charlie Beaumont, whose "Elegy" is in the March 1953 Madge, had the dream of every red-blooded American male come true: He picked up Marilyn Monroe! It happened on Sunset Blvd, where he gave a lady in distress a lift to her Cadillac, and it turned out to be Miss Best Feature Forward of the 20th (Fox) Century. And to think I'm entitled to handle 10% of everything my clients (y)earn!...Ed Clinton Jr, he of "Puzzle Box" fame, has just tagged Sam Minos with 11,000 words on a cybernetic theme titled "Overload".....Ross Rocklyne's latest exercise in imagination is "X Marks the Asteroid", a buy by Imagination...."Sorry, sorry, sorry," sorrowed one Editor three times in a row in rejecting top material from my Agency, thus nominating himself as the sorriest editor of the week! (One errant editor is going to be genuinely sorry, however, if he doesn't quit playing Sabotage and return the over one hundred manuscripts he's holding incommunicado from my Agency alone. Big scandal brewing here...)...Thank you, Andre Norton, for your opinion that I would have been "an ideal choice", had I been able to accept, as an expenses-paid guest lecturer on science fiction, at the First Canadian Writers Conference next sum-

## BRITISH NEWS

by Michael Corper

From John Spencer & Co., 24 Shepherds Bush Road, London, W.6, England, comes Wonders Of The Spaceways, #4 with 4 short yarns and #5 with 5 short yarns. Each is pocket-sized, approx 112 pages, good covers, fair interior illustrations and poor to good "space-operas". Each sells for 1/6.

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From W. H. Allen, Essex Street, London, W.C.2, England, comes two more Tarzan pocket-sized books. "The Son Of Tarzan", No. 21 in this series and "Tarzan And The Golden Lion" No. 20. Each 136 pages, now cover paintings and sell for 2/- each. Both appear to be complete and are, of course, by Edgar Rice Burroughs.

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James Barrie, London Publishers, have brought out the SECOND GHOST BOOK, edited by Cynthia Asquith, and costing 12/6. It has 20 stories, including material by Lord Dunsany and de la Mare.

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Punch, the famous British humorous weekly that is normally published at 6d from 10 Bouverie Street, London, E.C.4, came out with a Christmas '1953 Almanac' issue dated Nov. 3rd 1952, and costing 2/-. It has a section of several pages humorous material on space travel, especially in respect of Mars, as well as space cartoons, including some fine coloured items.

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The weekly Picture Post, dated 22 Nov '52, published from 43 Shoe Lane, London E.C.4, at 4d, has an interesting 5 page article on the 'Rocket as a Weapon of War', with photos, and drawings. Concerns USA, UK, and Germany.

COME TO THE FAN-VET CON-19 APRIL '53

mer; but, as I told you, I will be in London again at the time if at all possible, attending the Coroncon. I have suggested a substitute whom I am sure you will find very satisfactory.

LEO MARGULIES AND SAM MERWIN JR. TO  
EDIT NEW SCIENCE-FICTION MAGAZINE  
(concluded from page 1, column 1)

MAGAZINE" and will be edited by the  
SAINT creator, Leslie Charteris. Like  
the s-f mag it too will be digest-size,  
published bi-monthly, and contain new  
and reprint stories.

ANOTHER NEW S-F MAG  
(concluded from page 1, column 2)

will give you the facts as far as we  
are able.

The new magazine will be published  
by an ex-science-fiction publisher, and  
will be edited by a very capable and  
well-known s-f fan, author, and ex-edi-  
tor of Fantasy-Times. This new maga-  
zine will be large-size (about 9" x 12")  
and contain approx 98 plus pages, trim-  
med edges, published monthly and sell  
for 35¢ a copy. The stories will stress  
science more than any other magazine  
in the field today. Cover of the 1st  
issue will be by Alex Schomburg, with  
the master, Frank R. Paul, doing some  
of the interiors. There is also a darn  
good chance that Mr. Paul might do some  
of the future covers.

Some of the better known authors  
will be found in the first issue. Re-  
ports have it that the editor has had  
one hell of a time getting the type of  
stories he wanted.

It has been reported that the first  
issue should be out in January 1953.

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