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"PSFS NOT PRESENTING PHILCON" SAYS ROTHMAN

"Philcon Society, technically, actual sponsors"

At the second Nov. meeting of the PSFS, Milton A. Rothman, Acting Chairman of the Philcon Society, publicly stated that the "Philcon Society, not the PSFS, are technically the sponsors of the Philcon."

Rothman made this statement when the idea of federating the three Eastern clubs was suggested at Philly. It had been stated, that at the present time a federation of clubs would be especially advantageous to the PSFS since it would obligate the other Eastern clubs to share some of the work and expense of the convention.

Milton A. Rothman stated that the Federation would be of no help to the PSFS on the convention, since the Philcon Society, not the PSFS was actually presenting the convention and "The Philcon Society needed help from no one."

This announcement came as a surprise even to Oswald Train, Director of the PSFS, who stated: "I was under the impression that the PSFS was presenting the convention."

Rothman pointed out that this was not correct since the Philcon Society had a separate treasury and membership.

There was speculation afterwards as to whether or not Rothman was contemplating the unusual
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AUTHORS, PUBLISHERS, ARTISTS, FANS AT DEC. MEETING OF QUEENS SFL

The December 15 meeting of the -Queens Science Fiction League - was called to order by Director W Sykora at 3:30 PM. The usual business was conducted, including the election of a committee to study the proposed constitution of the proposed Eastern Club Association.

Harry Harrison spoke briefly on learning Esperanto and passed out literature on same.

Paul Dennis O'Connor, publisher of The Fox Woman, spoke on the obstacles he had to surmount in order to get the book out.

Theodore Sturgeon, popular author of many stories in Astounding
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A. MERRITT'S "FOX WOMAN" SOLD OUT

Few Hundred Unsubscribed Copies Bought By Dealers Says Publisher

Paul Dennis O'Connor, publisher of The Fox Women by A. Merritt, announced at the Dec 15 meeting of the Queens SFL, that the limited, numbered edition of 1,000 copies of that book had been completely sold out. The unsubscribed copies had been bought up by dealers who paid the full price for the book.

New York dealers were already quoting The Fox Woman at \$8.00 a copy on price lists.

15,000 words of The Fox Women had been actually completed by A. Merritt, and the novel had been completed by Hannes Bok in another
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PHILCON

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innovation of attributing the sponsorship of the Philcon to fandom as a whole instead of to a single club.

The question of whether or not members of the Philcon Society would be accorded the democratic privilege of vote on major convention issues was also a topic of conversation.

QUEENS SFL

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ing and Unknown, was introduced, & stated that he had begun writing for Unknown 8 years ago; had been in the West Indies for the last 4 years and is now getting back in his stride. He said he has stories coming up in TWS and Amazing. He is against the Shaver stories presented as fact, but didn't agree with the QSFL in presenting the case to The New York Society For The Suppression Of Vice.

Ronald Clyno gave a talk on the numerous art work he's doing. He said he did the lettering for The Fox Woman.

Charles Dyi, a member of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, now permanently residing in New York, announced that Morris S. Dollens, originator of the fan mag, The Science Fiction Collector, is now making a movie based on one of E.E. Smith's interplanetary classics.

Members picked their Xmas presents from Santa's grab bag.

Sam Moskowitz, fandom's leading auctioneer, conducted the auction and allowed Joe Gross to

"steal" the ASF original Sept. cover, by Timmins, for a mere \$5.00. Meeting was adjourned at 7 PM.

FOX WOMAN

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er 60,000 words titled The Blue Pagoda, and separated in the book from the Merritt section. In completing the novel, Bok has followed a plot outline left by A. Merritt.

Collectors should know that there is a variant edition of the book. Facing page 18, a Hannes Bok plate portraying a beautiful nude girl was chewed up and another drawing of a nude man was substituted in several hundred copies. This variant will eventually command very high prices.

O'Connor also announced that The Fox Woman may shortly be purchased by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for production.

A. Langley Searles and Thyrrill Lladh have publicly stated that both the Merritt and Bok sections of The Fox Woman are of outstanding high quality.

The Black Wheel, another uncompleted Merritt novel has 54,000 words completed by Merritt, and is expected in the next four months.

O'Connor has on hand a completed, hitherto unpublished sequel to The Moon Pool by Merritt.

ON THE NEWS STANDS

by Alvin R. Brown

The Jan. 1947 issue of Astounding SCIENCE FICTION boasts a fine cover by Timmins. Tomorrow and Tomorrow promises to be an excellent serial. Top story is The Undammed with the rest ranging from excellent to good. The art is better than average with some dillys by Cartier. Willy Ley's article on V-2's is exceptionally good. Brass Tacks was missing but the issue still rates an A, an ideal way to start the new year. -arb

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