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Moskowitz, Witter & Maddox 1947 Officers of ESFA

LEINSTER GIVES INTERESTING TALK

Snow, sleet, rain and slush a foot deep failed to prevent the Eastern Science Fiction Association's two feature speakers, Murray Leinster and Kenneth Sterling from appearing, and 37 stalwart followers of fantasy braved the elements to listen to them, March 2, 1947 at the Slovak Sokol Hall, 358 Morris Ave., Newark, N. J.

Murray Leinster, whose real name is Will F. Jenkins, spoke on the subject Science Fiction: Show Window of Tomorrow. Leinster, a cheerful chap, much younger looking than you would expect a man to be with a 30 year writing career behind him, adopted an easy, informal style of speaking to tell the attendance about some half dozen stories of his that had been written as fiction and achieved reality; to suggest that writing science articles as they might appear in the popular science magazines of 1970, might be a good idea for fan journals; to tell of excursions into experimental science that had netted among other things a method for thoroughly soaking oil with water.

After his talk he answered questions concerning his writing (continued on page 24, column 1)

Stanton to be Master of Ceremonies at 5th World Convention

PHILCON TO BE HELD AT
PENN-SHERATON HOTEL

Milton A Rothman, Director of the Philcon Society, has announced that as Master of Ceremonies for the entertainment evening, L. Jerome Stanton, former band leader and showman and now Associate Editor of Astounding SCIENCE FICTION, will officiate.

The arrangements for the hotel have now been completed. The convention will be held at the Penn-Sheraton Hotel (formerly the Hotel Philadelphia) at 39 and Chestnut Streets. The banquet and rooms will be slightly more expensive than at previous conventions, but this is because rates have climbed way up during the past year.

KELLER SELLS HERE AND ENGLAND

David H. Keller, M.D. has sold a Taine of San Francisco story to Donald A. Wollheim for use in one of the "Ace Publications" detective magazines. Col. Keller has also had placed in England two other stories including the conclusion of the Cornwall Series,

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career, informing that he had started to write science - fiction stories for Argosy when he revolted against the "sweetness and light" themes the editor had insisted he use and swung to the other extreme with The Runaway Skyscraper.

Dr. Kenneth Sterling who came prepared with a disease chart of the deadliest diseases in 1900 & 1940, and utilized a blackboard and chalk to illustrate some of the points in his talk, Biology, Medicine and the Future. Dr. Sterling spoke of the effect of the atomic bomb upon the physical structure of the natives around Hiroshima and Nagasaki, stating that it was generally believed among scientific men that there would be no mutations as a result of this limited use of the atomic bomb. He covered the scientific advances and methods that had made possible the conquest of the number one killers among diseases in 1900 as compared to 1940. He spoke of the development of the radioactive iodine which has shown the location of, and help retard certain types of cancer. There was no time to extrapolate upon the biological possibility of life on other planets and this may be held over for a future meeting.

Joe Kennedy gave his usual monthly report on the state of science-fiction, and Dr. Thomas S. Gardner gave a short talk on the scientific accuracy of ideas

used in Leinster's stories, concluding that almost all of them were basically sound.

It was time for the semi-annual elections. Sam Moskowitz defeated Geo. Fox for Director 17 to 8, Richard Witter, uncontested for Secretary polled 17 votes, Lloyd Alpaugh received one write in vote, and Joe Kennedy declining nomination for Treasurer, Ron Maddox beat out Alex Osherooff for the post 11 to 8.

Sam Moskowitz, Director, absolved all previous appointments, Dr. Thos. S. Gardner, one of the country's leading experts on Ageing, will speak at the next meeting on that subject and how it parallels in development the ideas on immortality used in science-fiction stories. It is not official yet, but it is believed that George O. Smith will also be present and speak at the next, April 13, 1947 meeting of ESFA. The next meeting will be held on the 2nd Sunday of the month instead of the 1st because of Easter Sunday.

FANTASY IN THE THEATER

by David Kishi

Albert Lewin, writer-producer-director of the film Bel Ami, is now planning to write another film story. He has already tentatively titled it as Pandora. He says that it will contain a slight element of the supernatural and be in the mood of The Picture of Dorian Gray. The Oscar Wilde moral study.

Carol Reed, British director, will do some work on a fantasy comedy, yet untitled, for Sir Alexander Korda this summer. It will probably star Cary Grant.

Now, at least one fantasy is acclaimed as being the best yet produced----Finian's Rainbow. Negotiations in fact, are being formulated for the production of this play in Great Britain. -dk
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