

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
X X
X FIRST FANDOM NEWS LETTER X
X X
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

NUMBER FOURTEEN
June 25, 1976
SPECIAL MIDWESTCON EDITION

IT'S CINCINNATI AGAIN TO START OFF THE FIRST FANDOM PARTY SEASON!
Over the June 25-27 weekend some of us met at the Quality Inn Central Motel--and the first official meeting of the year.

FF

THEIR LOSS WAS OUR GAIN: This weekend was supposed to be a competitive affair at the NY Hilton, The "SF Expo". Just weeks, if not days ago, it was cancelled out--and some of the "celebrities" went mid-west. FRIDAY NIGHT IN NYC what would have been the first night of "SF Expo" turned out instead to be a room party at the Gramercy Park Hotel with David Hartwell of Berkley Books as host. FFers who were there included Lester del Rey (who nowadays is known as Mr. Judy-Lynn, also present), Olga Ley, Fred Pohl, Jay Kay Klein, Elsi & Don Wollheim, Alfie Bester, Ted Sturgeon, Avram Davidson, Jim Gunn, George O. Smith -- and Les Flood from England. Also from the London area (besides yours truly, Dave Kyle) was Tedd (E.C.) Tubb who should be one of us and Tony Cheetham, British softcover book editor, as well as that international figure, John Brunner.. Some Swedish fans (2 or 3) made the special effort at considerable cost for SF Expo. Also present were many other sf types, including a large representation of editors and publishers and a literary agent. Sam Lundwall from Sweden also shown, plus Tom Disch (with shaved head again), Chip Delaney and Norman Spinrad, as well as the next chairman of the World Fantasy Convention(How bout that!) Oh, yes--and Bertram Chandler!

FF

AMAZING IS SOLD? --BUT NOT TO US. Latest from the Amazing Stories project (Many FFers have pledged thousands of dollars for us to obtain it as publishers) is that two men, not known to most of us (they were at the Dave Hartwell party) have or are about to put up \$20,000 for the rights. This is a lot higher than we had planned. All is not lost, however (according to Fred Pohl); stand by for further developments.

FF

ALFIE BESTER GOT ENTHUSIASTIC over our advance copy of A Pictorial History of Science Fiction. The book will be released in the U.S. in August. Thanks for the praise! Mid WestCon-goers will bet to see it.

FF

Thanks GO TO LOU TABAKOW in advance for the heroic service he performs for us all on this occasion. But then, doesn't he always, in FF? This year we will especially miss Carrie. All who knew her, loved her, Lou--and she'll always be here with us anyway.

FF

SixtyDegrees IN CINCINNATI! --At 8 o'clock a.m. Saturday morning take-off from NYC the flight deck announced 60° in Cincy. Long-time attendees at the MidWestCon wo;; be startled. Where have the one hundred degree hot, burning degrees gone? (Wanna bet it'll be in the 90s by Sunday?)

FF

NEXT ISSUE OF FIRST FANDOM NEWS LETTER will be coming out soon. This No. 14 will be included with No. 15's mailing. Another, No. 16, issue in time for the MidAmeriCon (Kansas City, Labor Day weekend) is planned. So let's hear from you soon for FFNL #16 chit-chat. Write: Dave Kyle, your editor, Radio Station WPDM, Potsdam, N.Y. 13676 NOW!

FF

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
FIRST FANDOM IS NOT DEAD!
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

BICENTENNIAL SUMMER: This page will be used to inform any who may be interested in what is happening this special Summer to Dave and Ruth Kyle. Tomorrow Dave leaves from Gatwick Airport, England, on Laker flight GK 6103, arriving in New York city around suppertime, on Thursday evening, June 24th. After a couple of days at the commercialized "SF Expo", Dave may end up at the MidwestCon.

FF

TRANSATLANTIC SHIPPING being what it is, the QE2 practically the only passenger vessel now operating, Ruth departs England on July 9 on the QE2 for a five-day crossing. As most friends know by now, Ruth doesn't fly--which makes for isolationism. Ship fares are now, incidentally, very expensive; one way passage on the QE2, Tourist Class, costs more than the round trips of the other three Kyles.

FF

THE CHILDREN, Arthur who is now 14 and Kerry who is now 11, will be flying by themselves. Their school doesn't end until the middle of July. They will come out a few days early and Ruth will put them on another Laker flight, July 3, the day before she sails. Dave will meet them six and a half hours later at JFK International.

FF

POTSDAM AND SYRACUSE, N.Y., will be the two locations where the Kyles will be spending most of their July and August. Correspondents are requested to use the address at "Radio Station WPDM, Potsdam, N.Y., 13676" until the last week in August. Telephone 315-265-5713.

FF

LONG RANGE PLANS indicate that by the Summer of 1977 their residence will be switched back to the states. Chances are that the new home will be somewhere in the Florida East Coast area between Cape Canaveral and West Palm Beach. Last call for visitors to Britain!

FF

MIDAMERICON is the destination! As always for the Labor Day weekend, there will be the World Science Fiction Convention--and as always the Kyle plans focus on it. This year it's at Kansas City, Missouri, as nearly everyone knows. What nearly everyone doesn't know is what kind of chaos is expected--thousands of persons are going and accommodations will be scattered around many hotels.

FF

LABOR DAY ITSELF will start the trip back to Britain. Dave will fly out with son A.C. and daughter Kerry to pick up the Monday 8:35 p.m. transAtlantic plane leaving NYC.

FF

SEPTEMBER IN THE U.S. will be the bonus that Ruth gets before she sails on September 25. Her return will be on the Soviet ship "Mikhail Lermontov" and she'll be back at "Two Rivers" in October. Most of September she will spend in Florida at Dave's brother's home at "Turtle Creek Village, Tequesta, Florida, 33458."

FF

"TWO RIVERS" will be essentially a new "old yellow stock" brick building by the time Ruth returns. Construction is going on during the Summer months. The site is the same: twenty feet of lawn away from the Thames riverside. It's the final fling, the peak of enjoyment for the last time before the home is sold and operations are shifted back to stateside.

FF

BRITAIN IS IN TOUGH SHAPE economically. Basic living is cheaper in the states. We will be glad to be back in the good ole U.S.A. --but the U.K. still is an enchanting place and we will much miss it.