

ISFANEWS - MARCH '73

NEXT MEETING AT: John & Sandra Niesel, 8744 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis, In.
46240 Saturday, March 3, 7.30.

Last Isfa meeting was an average meeting (if that adjective can be applied), and was not too memorable. Jerry Hunter did not show up (No doubt groused at losing to me in chess, maybe he didn't want a rematch) but all of the other regulars were there. Chess, Bridge, and conversation were plentiful, and a good time was had by all....

The co-publisher of Isfanews insists that I place more club news in the issue. How can I do that when there's none to print?

For lack of anything else, I will list some new Stef and fantasy which have come out.

From Ballantine:

The Neutral Stars, by Dan Morgan and John Kippax
The Charwoman's Shadow, By Lord Dunsany

From Ace:

The Men and the Mirror, by Ross Rocklynne
Tomorrow Lies in Ambush, by Bob Shaw
Operation Umanaq, by John Rankine

From Lancer

Bumsider, by C.C. MacApp
Shaggy Planet, by Ron Goulart

Have any of you noticed that there has been a lot of good horror and psychic fantasy movies lately? There have been (in the psychic line), Visions of Death, Baffled, and one other whose title escapes me, but which dealt with a man who inherited a family legacy of psychic abilities. In the Horror field, you have had The Horror at 37,000 feet, the Night Strangler, and The Norliss Tapes, which followed after the (presumably) good success of the previous ventures. TV is beginning to discover the Fantasy market, it seems.

Also, on our late-night TV, there has been a positive rash of very bad horror films, obviously meant to capture the viewer who watches whatever is on.

The Stef films were a re-run of ~~The~~ Colossus: The Forbin Project (A word of advice: do not, under any circumstances, read the book) and The Andromeda Strain. The only wrong bit was having one of the researchers have epilepsy, and the intricate little machines that tell when anything is wrong with you don't catch this. I say it's a pretty chinsky diagnosticator, myself. (At least this is explained in the book) Also, how can something that exists off of mass-energy conversion avoid turning into a bomb?

Finally, a plug for myself. Not only am I the undisputed chess champion of our school (Having finished off the advisor in a match $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$), But now I am a contender in the state finals in Student Congress. Student Congress is exactly like the real one, except there is no lobbying or graft. (Which, come to think of it, doesn't make it much like the real Congress at all...)

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