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IMAGINATION SOLD

It has been reported that the magazine IMAGINATION has been sold and William Hamling, who resigned his post at Ziff-Davis, will be at the reigns. The new IMAGINATION on sale soon was formerly published by Clark Publishing Company.

NEW PROMAG

Two issues of the newest promag have appeared on the newsstand racks all over America. Published by Hillman WORLDS BEYOND is a pocket size, 132 page monthly pegged at 25¢. The stories are good and cover illu is good, too but the interior art is almost non-existent. Minute postage stamp size drawings illustrated each story. On the whole the magazine is not worth 25¢ when you compare it to such mags as JFF and GALAXY. The only feature is a book column.

QUICK NEWS ROUNDUP

FFM GOES SLIM-SLICK

As announced FANCUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES has gone semi-slick. Dated January 1951 FFM is somewhat larger than digest size (8 1/2 x 6 1/2 inch). Printed on semi-slick paper it contains no interior art or any ads either.

#7 FANTASY BOOK OUT

The 7th issue of FANTASY BOOK, the irregular and erratic stf promag has presented its second 1950 issue with an undated, unillustrated 114 paged edition. Marked Volume 2, Number 1, the issue contains several stories, a part of a serial, reviews of books and a poem. Copies are available at 25¢ from Fantasy Publishing Company Inc, 5513-20 Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles 3, Calif. Garret Ford is editor.

AMAZING RETURNS TO NEW YORK

Ziff-Davis has moved its pulp magazines to New York City where their comic magazine offices are. This move had been rumored for quite a while. Up to 12 years ago when Ziff-Davis purchased the mag AMAZING the mag was published in New York. Since then Z-D has published in Chicago. The new address is 366 Madison Avenue, New York 17, N.Y.

BILL HAMLING RESIGNS:

Bill Hamling, who has been reported as the new editor of IMAGINATION, resigned from the Ziff-Davis Company. The resignation went into effect on Nov. 15, the same day Z-D moved its pulps to New York.

PALMER ALIVE

Contrary to many reports about the illness and death of Ray Palmer, the editor of OTHER WORLDS, Mr. Palmer is very well and very much alive. He is fast recovering from his injury and will be completed by the first of the year.

MERRITT MAG FOLDS

Merritt's Fantasy Magazine has ceased publication after 5 issues. The last issue was the October issue. No reason has been released for the ceasing of publication.

GNOMAG NEWS:

A correspondent reports that Jerome Bixby says the proposed new Gnome Press stf mag has folded. No confirmation from Gnome.

Merry Christmas

THE WORLD of BOOKS

Big news in the world of books now is the four books published by Grosset and Dunlap in their new \$1.00 stf series.

FURY by Henttu Kutter

The earth is long dead and the last of the human race live on Venus ruled by muted immortals. "A novel of violence"

THE WORLD OF A by AE van Vogt

The story of man far in the future story. How he has conquered emotions etc.

THE ISLAND OF CAPTAIN SPARROW by S. Folwer Wright

A science fantasy about two opposite civilizations.

THE HUMANOIDS by Jack Williamson

The galactic struggle of men against giant robots.

With the exception of the first book the four are reprints.

NEW REPRINTS (Including p-b)

Doubleday also has two \$1 reprints also: **NEEDLE** and **PEBBLE IN THE SKY**.

GALAXY REPRINTS: "SINISTER BARRIERS" by Russell and Williamson's "LEGION OF SPACE".

POCKET BOOKS: "BEYOND THE MOON" (The Star Kings) by Hamilton. Signet 25¢. "DONOVAN'S BRAIN" by Siodmak. Bantam 25¢. "1984" by George Orwell. Signet 25¢.

NEW BOOKS

"GENUS HOMO" by deCamp and Miller. \$3. From Fantasy Press.

"HERE TODAY" by John Coates. \$2.75. From MacMillan.

"THE MOON IS HELD" by John W. Campbell, Jr. \$3.00 From Fantasy Press.

FANTASY PRESS announces a cut in price of their 1951 books from \$3.00 to ~~\$3.00~~ \$2.75.

MORE QUICK NEWS ITEMS

The new FRANCIS film mentioned in this issue is titled "Francis goes to the Races" and filming has already started.

Robert L. Lippert, the producer of "ROCKETSHIP X-M" is now working on "THE LOST CONTINENT". The film features prehistoric monsters. It is billed as "Incredible" and "Fantastic" and "The exploitation picture of the year. It is supposed to top "X-M".

Curiosity is running high about the new IMAGINATION due any day--- but we'll just have to wait.

Top news again is GALAXY. The issue #4 is better than previous ones and features more illustrations. The big news is the 25,000 worder by Bradbury to appear in the next issue.

NEWS on SCIENCE-ADVENTURE

The new companion to PLANET in number 2 features "Star Kings" and "Seeker of the Sphinx". The third issue on sale April 1st will feature 45,000 worders: "Swords of Xota" by Blish and "Outlawed World" by Neil Jones.

Several rumors have been floating around about Mag of FANTASY & S-F. Among them is the one that the mag will change a little soon. The change is supposed to involve the layout, and so more words to the page, rather than an increase in pages.

SORRY, NO AUTHORS SALE CHART IN THE ISSUE. THIS HAS PROVED A POPULAR FEATURE. WE HOPE TO HAVE IT BACK NEXT ISSUE. ALSO IN NEXT ISSUE--MORE "STF hits the Slicks".

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One note on our policy. In the future we hope to become more of a discussion and feature mag and thus different from the other newsmags. Of course we will still bring you news.

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S-F HITS the Slicks

Destination Moon had write-ups in the May Popular Science and Popular Mechanics, the latter the best.

Scientific American for Sept. has an article "Age of Science: 1900-1950. Bonestell cover.

The Reporter for Sept. 26 has a feature on Dianetics in its "Views and Reviews" column.

Look for Dec. 5 has a 6 page illustrated article on Dianetics.

Master Detective for August has an article "A Trip to the Moon" and "The Truth about Flying Saucers".

Sat Eve Post for June 24 has "The Truth about the Hydrogen Bomb" & in the June 17 issue "The Terrible Answer.

BLUEBOOK has several fantasies

PAGEANT for October has a 21pp. book condensation, "Flying Saucers"

PROLOGS ON PARADE

Alphabetically listed with many facts and rates for stories.

1. AMAZING STORIES 185 N. Wabash Ave. Chicago 1. (Ziff-Davis. M-25¢. Howard Browne, editor) stf shorts 8000 10,000 and novels 10-30,000. Pays on acceptance. 1½-3¢ a word.
2. ASTOUNDING SCIENCE-FICTION. P.O. Box 489 Elizabeth, N.J. (S.&S.M-25¢. John W. Campbell, Jr., editor) Stf shorts up to 6000, novelettes from 10-25,000, serials 40000-60,000. 2¢ a word on acceptance
3. AVON FANTASY READER. 119 W. 57th NY 19. (Avon Bi-m 35¢ Donald Wolheim, editor) A reprint mag. Second serial rights only. Payment by arrangement.
4. FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES, 205 E. 42 St. NY 17. (Popular Pub. Bi-m 25¢ Mary Gnaedinger, ed). Fantastic and stf shorts from 3000-10,000. Novelettes from 10-20,000. Some verse. Pays 1¢ on acceptance.
5. FANTASTIC ADVENTURES (Same as AMAZING) Same requirements as AMAZING, but remember more of a fantasy background.
6. FANTASTIC NOVELS (see Famous Fantastic Mysteries.)
7. FANTASTIC STORY QUARTERLY (see ST-ARTLING for details) Chiefly reprint. Small market up to 10,000.
8. FANTASY FICTION, 420 Lexington Ave. N.Y. (Magnabock, Inc. Q. 25¢ Curtis Mithell, ed.) Up to 100 dollars for new fantasy. 30 dollars for reprints.
9. FANTASY STORIES. (Same as FANTASY FICTION)
10. FUTURE & SCIENCE FICTION. 241 Church St. New York 13. (Columbia Pub. Bi-m 25¢) All types of stf except fantasy. Novelettes 8,000-12,000. Shorts up to 5,000. 1¢ a word.
11. GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION, 105 East 42nd St. New York 18. (World Editions. M-25¢, H.I. Gold, Editor) Book length serials. Shorts and novelettes. Only adult mature fiction wanted. Occasional article. 2-3¢ a word. High rates.

CONCLUDED NEXT MONTH

This magazine is published every month by FANDOMAIN PRESS, 43 Tremont St. Malden 48, Mass. 5¢. 50¢ a year.

DAN NEWSDEAL

RADIO, CINEMA, MAGS

The Fantasy Science-Fiction Society which was formed last June will have its formal opening on Jan. 1, 1951. Full details of the benefits and dues in next issue.

Bob Silverberg reports that his proposed Junior Press Association has folded from lack of interest.

Now some fanzine reviews:

MICROMANSON. Fall 1950. Quarterly 25¢. 1905 Spruce Ave. Kansas City, Missouri. Next thing to a pro mag. 68 pages. Fantastic and weird.

FANTASY ADVERTISER. Bi-monthly. 15¢. 1745 Kenneth Rd. Glendale 1, Calif. Top ad-mag. Also articles and book reviews.

SCIENCE & CULTURE Bi-monthly 15¢. An article and feature mag. This issue contains "Readers Digest exposed" Very interesting. To members of United Scientific & Cultural Organization: 10¢. For details of club or mag (also on USCO stf division-see BIZARRE) write Stanley Crouch, Sterling, Va.

SPACESHIP 10¢ Quarterly. 760 Montgomery St. Brooklyn 13, N.Y. A popular little mag goes full size. A noteworthy effort. 15 pages with fiction, articles, and poetry.

BIZARRE 15¢ 75¢ a yr. Bimonthly. The official organ of USCO stf division (mems-50¢ including membership) 16 pages of fiction and features. Fine write Tom Covington 315 ~~NEWINGTON~~ Dawson St. Wilmington, N.C.

ETAOIN SHRDLU 10¢ 5/25¢. Stephen Taller 40 West 77 St. Apt. 2F N.Y. 24, N.Y. Another fine effort. 27 pages of good material.

SIRIUS 15¢ Stan Serxner 1308 Hoe Ave. Bronx 59, New York. A 16 page mag with printed cover. Sports such names as Dave English and Art Rapp. But a not too strong entry.

See you next month.

NOTE

FROM: S-F NEWSSCOPE

Q: Everbody reading this

ABOUT: A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST PROFITABLE NEW YEAR.

Whoops! Last issue I neglected to mention that Ziff-Davis entered the comic field with AMAZING ADVENTURES, a fine stf comic. Also CAPTAIN TOOTSIE of advertisements has become a stf hero in his own comic. Toby press, the publisher, also has presented a new BUCK ROGERS comic. The Dec-Jan issue of All-Star Comics features stf. Several new ghoulish type comics have appeared, among them Harvey's WITCHES' TALES.

A British film "Seven Days To Noon" has been released. An atom scientist gives warning that if all atom bomb construction isn't discontinued by noon seven days following he will set off a stolen A-bomb in London. A seven day countdown follows and the city is evacuated. A thriller.

RKO will film John Campbell's "Who Goes There?" retitled "The Thing". Filming should be starting in Wyoming and Alaska. Like Destination Moon unknowns will be used in the cast. I hope we shall be able to recognize the story.

The talking mule Francis will return in a sequel to be filmed by U-I.

George Pal (of Destination Moon fame) will film "When Worlds Collide" and Chesley Bonestell, who advised on space scenes in D. Moon will be adviser on the new film.

ABC's SPACE PATROL is strictly from hunger. "Demension X" sunk to 2000 Plus level recently. But 2000 Plus has been improving. By the way what ever happened to the stf airer? Who knows?

Hillman's "WORLDS BEYOND", in my humble opinion, should never have come out. Good stories but too little art. Not worth a quarter. Compare it with GALAXY's 1st issue. Quite a difference.

Merry Christmas everybody.
