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The BIG news this month centers around the center of science fiction, namely the promags. Without them there would be no fandom, so it is indeed fitting that they make the headlines (if SFN had headlines) this month.....There is so much news it's hard to find the most important. Well first off THRILLING PUBLICATIONS the publishers of the top pulp magazines at present have a new entry in the field. Labeled SPACE SCIENCE FICTION, it will appear in the standard format for that company and will sell for (pause) 25¢. In the words of editor Mines, the zine will not compete with the other mags in his fold but rather compliment them. Good enough.....

AMAZING, the old aristocrat, is about ready to make the jump into the semi-slick field following rapidly on the heels of the great success of FANTASTIC, which has in the opinion of many your editor included passed all the promags to reach the pinnacle. The new format for AMAZING will be the same as for FANTASTIC included the two color drawings. One sad note: Rog Philips' CLUB HOUSE may be left by the wayside. Shed a tear or two will you folks?

H.L. Gold reports improvements due (overdue) for GALAXY. These improvements may be extensive but will mean better printing and better paper at least. Two admirable improvements. ASTOUNDING is toying with format change plans too. All slick paper (like the roto) or even color illustrations. Rap talks about increasing OTHER WORLDS to 320 pages and then about dropping OW to 128 pages. Recently a slightly better paper grade was introduced and colored backcovers (back covers says Jim Harmon).

Henry Moskowitz pushing a Captain Future Fanclub. Object: An anthology or annual just about Cap Future. Standard Magazines are seriously considering the annual idea similar to their WONDER ANNUAL.

FANTASTIC ADVENTURES is folding with the October issue now out. Subscription department has been busy of late refunding subs. A great loss. (dripping with sarcasm).

MYSTERIOUS IR. VENER has switched to quarterly publication. Its future is none too sound. These mystery and fantasy combination magazines don't go over so well. Each fan must like his straight.

THE MONTHLY BANDWAGON: Other Worlds heading monthly; IMAGINATION on the same track; and Magazine of FANTASY and SCIENCE FICTION is already at that station. All 35¢ mags; sigh.

Of course everybody knows that Fantastic is now bi-monthly.

Fantasy-Times reports the news of THRILLS INC. demise. The little Australian zine was just a few years to soon on the market.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

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EDITORIAL

Last issue Larry promised a few changes and told you to be on guard. Well here they are. Maybe not improvements, but certainly changes. Well this certainly has been a pile of fun for me to edit and stencil this issue for Larry, who is taking a much needed vacation. Since Larry will be too busy enjoying himself to send out postals to all his many fan friends he wants me to take a little space here to wish everybody a good summer and the usual wish-you-were-here's. If everything works out o.k. Larry will be back for the next issue, which will be the second anniversary issue.

Before I fermez la bouche here I'd like to thank the correspondents who made this issue possible. Without their assistance I wouldn't have been able to do a thing. Bouquets to Dick Clarkson, Jim Harmon, Earl Kemp, Neal Clark Reynolds, Norman Browne, and the others who sent in single items. Thanks a million folks. Love, Phil

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fan projects make the second topic for us to consider. First of all there is FAN VARIETY ENTERPRISES consisting of several fanzines, faneds, and fanwriters in one affiliation. Its first project is a giant convention report with some 60-70 pages. Plenty of fan contributors.

FANFA (Federated Metropolitan Fanclubs of America) has changed its title to FWF (Federated World Fanclubs). It is hoped to make it a fanclub ISFCC. The idea sounds like a big project, and maybe a sensational one. Convention attendees are invited to a sub-con to be held in the Windy City next month.

Project Fanclub is still swinging along. The next PENDULUM from Bill Venable 610 Park Place, Pittsburgh 9, Pa 15211 will contain an article on the project. However if you're impatient write Dick Clarkson, 410 Kensington, Baltimore, Md. for details.

FIVE NATIONAL FANCLUBS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE: Table IV Chicon

An executive affiliation between TAMA (American small-type monsters) and BSAW (Fandom's Fun Organization) has been reached. The effect on the fannish masses is yet to be ascertained.

Ron D. Rentz is organizing a Fantasy & Science Fiction book club which will review all new books and offer the best to fans at reductions in price. Book companies are cooperating and a bulletin to be issued next month is ready. He has 300 names for his mailing list but needs 700 more to get a final list of 1000.

A letter from Ken Krueger announces a new project, but we'll cover it under book if you don't mind. Thanks a lot.

COST OF LIVING HITS RANDOM NEWSSCOPE IN SYMPATHY

The wonderful photo-offset issues are gone. We mean the issues of FANTASY-TIMES. They couldn't keep up with the cost. This is indeed a shame. We really enjoyed F-T's photos and cover illos.

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Not much news here this month. Not that there couldn't be plenty, it's just we didn't get any....We (yeah all one of us) mentioned before that Ken Krueger was running something a bit new. It is the return of PEGASUS PUBLICATIONS (Box 2075 BUBBLO 5, N.Y.). The firm will print science-fantasy in limited, numbered editions. Three booklets now ready are PRISON PLANET (Wilson Tucker), ILLUSTRATED OF PEAR (Basil Wells) and KISS AND TALK (Betsy Curtis). Prices 15¢, 20¢, 20¢ in order. SURVIVAL and EXODUS by Arthur J. Burks coming plus others. Write for a catalogue.

The SHADOW may be reprinted in 25¢ Pocket Books... Pocket Books is bringing out its first magazine in standard pocket book format. DISCOVERY, a semi-annual, will be open to sf and fantasy. Rumor has it Bantam planning pb style sf magazine..

Recent pocket editions: L. Sprague de Camp's ROGUE QUEEN (Dell #600 25¢). Anthony Boucher's ROCKET TO THE MORGUE (Dell #591 25¢) and THE DEVIL IN VELVET (Bantam Giant 35¢). The latter which is by John Dickson Carr is packaged as a historical sex novel but is really a fine time travel and demonology story.

Two new anthologies coming one for October, the other for the Spring. August Derleth will be in charge of both. Titles are Beachheads of Space" and "What Dreams May Come". Latter is tentative.

August 4th Review of Literature has a nice sfictional book chart as compiled by Fletcher Pratt. Bouquets and brickbats well handled.

WINE	PHILOSOPHY??	by Dick Clarkson	Snide remarks
	Let's all drink to the Chicon,		Fandom a way of life?
	Let's all drink to fandom,		Hardly, most likely a
	Let's all drink to women,		way to the booby hatch.
	Let's all drink....		

T I D B I T S (news of a fashion)

The Republican convention proclaimed the GOI in favor of space flight. Con chairman and Speak of the House REP. Jos. Martin of MASSACHUSETTS said that with atomic power interplanetary flight was necessary and possible, and that the Republicans would work for it. Wonder how the democrats feel about it. They'll probably oppose it out of force of habit....Jim Harmon

"Looking Into Space" a new radio program featuring Willy Ley is on ABC-Radio every Saturday at 4:15 EDT.

The re-issue of KING KONG, the Fantasy classic, is taking the nation by storm. In Boston alone two weeks ago, the total income was close to 30,000 dollars. Merian C. Cooper, author, producer, and co-director of the film is now at work on "Operation X". Willis O'Brien, animator for King Kong and Mighty Joe Young will be his associate. This is a top secret production, because the producers don't want to take the chance of someone beating them to the market with a quickie, as this production will take a year.

OPERATION FETTER rolls on. The art society is well into being as of now and next year's art calendar is in preparation. Others projects limited only by lack of funds are planned. Ken Slater reports that OF is getting too many PA and AS in its trading bureau and is trying to get the good magazines. However Ziff-Davis seems to be solving Ken's problem themselves.

You know fans like to read their names in print. That is why Larry prints a column called PRISON LITERS. But this column isn't in this issue because we didn't receive any items for the column. How about

remembering SFN when anybody you knows does something newsworthy.

FANZINES and related doings as such

Fred Robinson's swell Welsh newszine Straight Up continues to be a top grade affair and much approved by SFN. Problems have arisen and SU will be irregular from now on.....Jack Irwin the reviver of STF TRADER finds Uncle Sam soon to be his employer and so relinquishes The Trader to its original publisher Kaynar, master trader or to the uninitiated K.Martin Carlson.....Ed Ludwig's much delayed and long-awaited PLASTIC WORLDS will soon see the light of day....NOTE is a small newcomer from Bob Heatrowsky Box 634 Norfolk, Nebraska. The editor wants contributions.....The second issue of New England Fantasy Newsletter has been issued along with an open letter to New Englandfandom in hopes of unity. Another service of the Pandemonium Press. All of which reminds me of something Larry told me not to forget and which I almost did. WATCH FOR FFI!! Its coming soon....Larry Anderson issuing a small fanzine SCITILLA....LEON appearing as the only fanzine with a cloth binding....GOSLEG/SFD appearing without SFD this trip.....Joe Fillinger's GHUVIA appearing (awful lot of things just plain appearing) with 70 pages. A labor of love or something. Very good...QUADRITY celebrating its second anniversary without a whop and hollar as was the case last year.... Next issue (our second anniversary) will be review issue and I'll be on hand as official review-editor to cover the field from top to bottom. So send YOUR fanzine in for review. Address PANDOMINIUM PRESS, 43 Tremont St., Malden 48, Mass. I'll get to see 'em all.

BACKTALK

Jim Harmon takes issue with a statement made in last issue of SFN concerning Lester Del Rey and his up and coming pile of magazines. He defends Les and points out that the publisher, in the business to make money, decides the number of magazines to be published. Jim wants it known he did not say what was said and is not in agreement with it. I go along with Larry and Tom in their fears for the market, and the poor readers depleted pocketbook, but not for one minute were the blades of criticism aimed at Les Del Rey himself, who is a swell fellow.

FINAL NEWS ITEMS

British fandom awaiting Nebula Science-Fiction. 96pages and 2/. A novel, shorts, and features are planned.

Watch for FFI!!!



VARIATIONS, Howard Brown's superior fanzine from Canada making quite a hit in fan circles. Howard reports an article by Graham Stone is by the editor. The pen-name was made out without evening thinking of the Australian fellow.(a correspondent of ours y'know).Howard reports Canadian fandom in a state of activity. Calgary, Alberta, Vancouver, and Toronto offering local clubs and the Canadian S-F Association attempting to cover all Canada. Good luck fellows.



Since next issue is the anniversary, the format won't be regular in any shape or form, but the next regular edition will be a little different again. Our motto is "Variety is the spice of life". No one can complain that SFN is in a rut. S'long for Larry and me

Phil