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EDITORIAL .....

As the government presumes all fans are anxious to assist in the war effort, the postage on SFR will be increased as from the next issue and the price per copy will therefore, be 2d. We are pleased to announce that the Pro Mag Service can now supply ANY s-f US magazine at 1/3 post free. Cash with order.

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LATEST CONTINUE FROM THE THRILLING WONDER  
FRONT...

TWS July 1940 will feature the following tales. 'The Experiment of Dr. Sarconi', a novel in which humans are duplicated, author Harry Bates; 'Voyage to Nowhere', a novelette by amateur author contest winner Alfred Bester. Editor Margulies claims this is the first interplanetary story with a non-terrestrial cast and asks the fans to let him know if he is wrong. This issue also introduces to s-f the Oomph girl in a humorous time-travel novelette 'Romance Across The Ages' by Willard E. Hawkins. Looks like some issue.

August number revives Anton York in E. Binder's feature novel 'The Secret of Anton York'.

STARTLING STORIES. Sept issue will present a complete book-length novel by Oscar J. Friend 'The Kid from Mars'. Illustrations are by Schomburg, for a change. The editor claims it to be something new in fantasy but he also states it is pseudo-scientific literature.

CAPTAIN FUTURE. Edmond Hamilton appears once more with 'The Triumph of Capt. Future' wherein the Cap and his band explore the weird machine city of Mars and roam the mistlands of Saturn. Fall Issue.

More news from this group shortly.

LATEST ON NEW MAG: According to a letter from J.R.Fearn to Leslie A Crutch (see Spaceways) 'A British monthly s-f magazine may turn up soon which will mark, I understand, among other things, a return to my old type broody science yarns along the lines of 'Mathematica' & 'Metamorphosis' and so forth.' So what?

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FANTASTIC ADVENTURES is going small size and dropping to bi-monthly. Pretext is 'small size is popular'. Seems ominous to us but who cares? Ziff-Davis do not seem to be doing too well; only a couple of hundred 'New Adam' have been sold. Bet R.A.P. has a wrinkled brow.

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FILM NOTE. Karloff and Lugosi stagger on to the tune of 'The Man who would not Die'. No! We don't mean 'The man they could not hang.' Jekyll & Hyde will be appearing again soon, starring, we hope, Robert Donat. Merritt's 'Seven Footprints to Satan' may be filmed shortly.

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FARNSWORTH WRIGHT will soon publish a mag of his own, independent to Weird Tales, with all the WT authors to back him up. Guess we'll go places.

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FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES now has a cover design. March one was by Virgil Finlay, April by Paul whose work you could recognise a mile away. We can't recommend this cover but the contents are OK including 'Devil of the Western Sea' by P.M. Fisher; 'The Blind Spot' by Hall and Flint; 'Conquest of the Moon Pool' by Merritt etc. May issue is to have 'Sunken Cities' by Douglas Newton and, as already mentioned, 'Three Lines of Old French' by Merritt.

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The publishers of Marvel Tales have decided to continue with the mag as such instead of Marvel Science Stories, horror predominating.

Every reader a reporter.  
J. Bourgier, Paris, France

According to the 'Scientific American' ('39) human footprints have been found in igneous rocks, of a very old type, old beyond any beginning of life, according to geology. It says the 'SA', these footprints are proved to be authentic, then all geology is wrong. (May I add 'and what about time travel - now?')

A. Clarke, Welling, Kent.

[After a few, well meaning wise-cracks] The latest Tanner Effort is S. McKenna's 'Undiscovered Country.' About a woman revived from death, tells of a strange country. [Thanks for the info., but who is the publisher, wise guy?]

J.M. Rosenblum, Leeds

The book 'Even a Worm' by J.S. Bradford will shortly be remaindered. Definitely s-f.

Harry Warner, U.S.A. 'Book Review'???

If you can find a copy of Thurder's 'Last Flower', which is reviewed in that first Astonishing Stories, in a library somewhere, read it. There's almost nothing to read in it, but it's really good, what there is to it, and I don't like anything of that sort usually.

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ASTONISHING STORIES No.2. April 1940.

Three novellettes, three shorts, one article, and a selection of interesting departments. Best yarn in issue 'Stepsons of Mars' by Ivor Towers (what a pseudonym!) Surprisingly mature tale of a 'foreign legion on Mars'. Also 'The Spacobeasts' by Clifford D. Simak, hurriedly tale about creatures in space changing their forms by virtue of some sort of radioactive flame; 'master Control' by Harl Vincent. Tale of future robot city, controlled by machines experimenting with remnant of humanity-and then revolt. Shorts are 'Murder from Mars'; 'Salvage of Space' & 'The Callisto Menace.' Review by J. M. Rosenblum

## GLEANINGS.

Garnered by

RON. HOLMES.

4st. J. Ackerman has resigned from the SFL and J.V. Taurasi takes his place as President. I am a member of the League and may have my little say. I have written to Taurasi and his pals and have been ignored. Thus I fail to see the point in Moskowitz' article in "New Worlds". With this vicious circle running . . . the SFL, I can see very little hope for it.

I have noted the reproduction of my column in Sam Youd's "War Bulletin", also the tactless pointless and hopeless remarks by that worthy, I make no reply - I don't have to.

Another article by E.F. Russell has appeared in "Spaceways", but not about Fort this time. It is interesting to note that the same article which appeared in "S" some time ago, will appear shortly in "Tomorrow", England's Politics-and-Futuristic Magazine. Thus, it will be the first time an article will be reprinted from a FanMag - sorry - Fan Mag.

"Fantasy Fictioners" is the name of a new SF. Club formed by Korshak, NY Sfn dealer and sponsored by Famous Fantastic Mysteries. Well?

Taurasi is editor of "Fantasy News" U.S. counterpart of S-FR. The second issue of Future Fiction printed a page headed "Fantasy News" and edited by J.V.T., giving dope on the authors etc. Guess I'll have to see Wally.

Jim Avery, one of U.S.' most popular fans has decided to retire from the field. It is said he libeled a Pub. Co. I won't take sides but I think it's a very foolish situation.

Interested in U.S. Fanmags? Well try to get hold of "Sweetness and Light" from Los Angeles, a degenerate mag for fans of about 20 and over. Soon U.S. fanmags will have a new illustrator, Georgina Loa. She's alleged to be as good as Blundage. We'll see.

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YOUR SUB. HAS NOT EXPIRED WITH THIS ISSUE.