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"SCIENCE FICTION STORIES" GOES "TEN-A-YEAR"!

by Julian Parr

SCIENCE FICTION TOPS EAST GERMANY
READER POLL

Dusseldorf, 1 June, (CNS) - The East German publishing firm "Verlag Neues Leben" has been publishing adventure stories in a series "Das neue Abenteuer" for some time now; of a total of 130 issues, (each containing a complete story) only six or seven could be called science-fiction. In a recent poll readers were asked to name their favorite title; most votes were cast for "Alarm auf Station Minstein" (a space station thriller), and another science-fiction story, "Kobalt 60", was runner-up. This result has led the publishers to promise more science-fiction stories in the future.

ANOTHER NEW GERMAN SERIES

DUSSELDORF, 28 May, (CNS) - Walter Ernsting, President of the SFCD (now SFCE - Science Fiction Club Europa), who left Erich Pabel at the end of 1957, has now brought out a new monthly science-fiction series for the Munich publisher Heyne Noewig. It is a large com-

THE TIME STREAM

by J. Harry Vincent

The delay in the August issue of Infinity Science Fiction, on the stands by now, was due to a change in printers. Starting with the next, first monthly issue, October 1958, Infinity will be printed by a printer in Mass. August was the last issue printed by a Brooklyn printer (that does a good number of the s-f mags), and he just took his time with it.

The science-fiction field lost a magazine this month, but that mag didn't fold, it converted itself into a pocket-book series. No. 32 of Galaxy Science Fiction Novel appeared at the book store today, 25 June 1958 in its new p-b size.

No. 32, the first in the new pocket-book size, is "Address-Centauri" by F. L. Wallace, a reprint of the 1955 Gnome Press book, and based on a 1952 Galaxy story, "Accidental Flight". The volume is neat with cheap plup paper, regular p-b size, 35¢ and 192 pages. It boasts a black top and right side border on the cover format, with an excellent cover painting by Wallace A. Wood. Mr. Wood recently won a "silver plague" as "The Best Comic Artist Of The Year" awarded by The National Cartoonists Society for his work in MAD magazine.

No. 32 was slightly delayed due to the change-over, and Mr. Quinn states that he hopes to make it a monthly in the very near future. (continued on page 2, column 1)

NEW YORK, 6 June, (CNS) - Science Fiction Stories, that only a few months ago went monthly, will go "Ten Times A Year" this Fall.

There'll be no October or December 1958 issues. The last monthly issue for this year will be the September 1958 issue.

Editor Bob Lowndes blames the general conditions in the publishing field for this drop in schedule. He assures us that he plans to resume full monthly schedule with the January 1958 issue.

Annual subscription rates for Science Fiction Stories will drop with the change of schedule from \$3.50 a year (for 12 issues), to \$3.00 a year (for 10 issues).

There will be no changes made with Future Science Fiction; Bob Lowndes' other s-f mag; it will continue as a bi-monthly.

Science Fiction Stories was the first Columbia s-f magazine ever to make the monthly schedule.

ARKHAM HOUSE NEWS



by August Derleth

SAUK CITY, 3 June, (CNS) - With the publication of THE MASK OF YTHULHU early this month, Arkham House is readying a new bulletin for distribution to our patrons late in June. In it, we are announcing the following coming books:

NINE HORRORS, by Joseph Payne Brennan. A novelette (Slime) and 8 shorter tales (from Weird Tales, Esquire, Nystic), two of (continued on page 2, column 2)



WALTER ERNSTING

panion to "Terra" and is called "Terra Sonderband" (Digest format,

96 pp, DM 1, ((U.S. 254))).

Each issue contains a complete novel; No. 1 brought the editor's own "Attentat auf Sol" (by 'Clark Darlton'); No. 2 is a translation from the Russian: G. Martynov's "220 Days In A Space Ship" - a diary of the first Mars expedition. This novel was first published in East Germany last year. Forthcoming issues will contain American (e.g. Vogt's "Slan") and British (e.g. James White's "The Extra-terrestrials") science-fiction.

"UTOPIA ZUKUNFT" GOES WEEKLY

DUSSELDORF, 2 June, (CNS) - Erich Pabel's "Utopia Zukunftsromane", (formerly "Utopia Kleinband"), the first of the German SF pulp series, which started as a monthly in May 1953 and went fortnightly last autumn, is now published weekly in a larger format (64 pp instead of 48, costing 60 instead of 50 pfennigs).

"UTOPIA MAGAZIN" - NOW MONTHLY!

DUSSELDORF, 2 June, (CNS) - Pabel's top-line series, the Utopia Magazin short story magazine, is now published monthly in smaller and cheaper format (96 pp for DM 1.- instead of 112 pp for DM 1,50). This is no doubt Pabel's answer to the appearance of a German edition of "Galaxy". Editor Walt Spiegel has started to bring novelettes, such as Heinlein's "Coventry", in the Magazin.

YET ANOTHER GERMAN S-F SERIES

DUSSELDORF, 4 June, (CNS) - Another German publisher, Alfons Gemrau of Hamburg, has entered the pulp field with a monthly series of full-length novels called "Abenteuer im Weltraum" (Adventures in Space), 6" x 9" format, 96 pp, DM 1, (U.S. 25¢). No. 1 is a translation of Gordon R. Dickson's "Mankind on the Run" and Poul Anderson's "A Star Rebels" is scheduled for No. 2.

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ure. As a "magazine", it was published very irregularly the past few years. Mr. Guinn went on to state that the new cover format will remain, but a few small changes will be necessary to meet the requirements of all concerned.

You may not find the new Galaxy Novel at its old place on the newsstands. As a pocket-book it will probably be with other p-bs, and may not appear at all on stands that do not carry p-bs. I found my copy in a "drug" store that doesn't carry mags at all.

We like the changes made, and expect to see great things of it in the future. Farewell to the "magazine" Galaxy Novel; welcome to the p-b series Galaxy Novel. Oh yes, glad to see the full name Galaxy SCIENCE-FICTION Novel restored.

"Hugo" winner, Frank Kelly Freas again has done both the front and

back covers of MAD. The current issue, September, #41, mad as ever is now on the stands. Best feature in the issue is the "Free-Loading Department" which tells in full (illustrated) details how to put out an imitation of MAD magazine. Should be of great help to the many copies of MAD now flooding the stands.

MAD also announces a MAD book "Mad For Keeps" in hard covers, published by Crown Publishers, at \$2.95, and another Ballantine p-b of MAD, "The Brothers MAD", 35¢. Both of course reprints from MAD!

Rumors have it that certain magazine distributors have put thumbs-down on anything less than monthly science-fiction magazines. This may mean the end of many otherwise fine s-f mags. Mags that they could never make it as a monthly, can do well as a bi-monthly or even quarterly. This, if true, may also put the boys with not too much money out of the publishing field completely. It will also prevent new blood in the field. Little by little the squeeze play is on.

Please don't send in for the 1958 edition of THE SCIENCE FICTION YEARBOOK as yet. Although work is progressing steadily on it, the exact number of pages and price have not yet been set, and your sending in money now may delay your copy. Keep your eyes on these pages, you'll get the news on when, how much and what in plenty of time. The boys at S-F Times are most happy with the many readers who have written in and even sent in money for the 1958 YEARBOOK, and from what I've seen of it, it looks mighty good.

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them hitherto unpublished. September 1958, \$3.00.

THE RETURN OF SOLAR PONS, by August Derleth. A Mycroft & Moran book. 13 pastiches of Sherlock Holmes, with an introduction by Edgar W. Smith. October 1958, \$4.00.

THE SHATTERED ROOM & OTHER PIECES, by H. P. Lovecraft & Divers Hands. A final collection of Lovecraftiana, prior to publication of the SELECTED LETTERS. The book will contain certain hitherto uncollected Lovecraft pieces, the title novella (belonging to the Dunwich series, finished by Derleth), Lin Carter's revised Lovecraft - The Gods, and Lovecraft - The Books, a comprehensive bibliography of Lovecraft, early stories like The Alchemist, memoirs by Donald Wandrei, Robert Bloch, Alfred Galpin and others reprints of Lovecraft tales which have not been in print for over a decade. This book was earlier announced as THE ALCHEMIST & OTHER PIECES. October, 1959, \$5.00.

In addition, Arkham House will have a very limited printing, in brochure form, to mark our 20th Anniversary in 1959, of a history and complete bibliography of Ark-

ham House books. Much as we would like to present a copy of this to every patron, we can't afford to do so, and the asking price will be \$1. This, too, will be announced in the June 1958 bulletin.

If advance orders seem to justify it, we may very well also publish Grege La Spina's INVADERS FROM THE DARK, which has been on our list to come for some time; and Smith's THE ABONINATIONS OF YONDO.

SCIENCE-FICTION TIMES BOOK REVIEWS

by Gerry de La Ree

STARHAVEN, by Ivar Jorgenson. Avalon Books, 1958, 220 pp., \$2.75.

This is one of the weakest offerings yet from Avalon, which has been doing quite well by the science-fiction reader in recent months.

Both from the standpoint of quantity and quality, Mr. Jorgenson's story is lacking. Big type and plenty of space between the lines helps beef the volume up to 220 pages. Actually, it runs about 40,000 words.

The yarn deals with a n im pregnable fortress in space called Starhaven, an artificial satellite built by Ben Thurdan as a haven for criminals from all over the galaxy.

John Mantell, a defense screen technician who believes himself guilty of murder, steals a spaceship and rockets off to Starhaven. Here he meets Thurdan, a very unconvincing villain, and Myra, a typical heroine who is out to murder her former boy friend, Thurdan, and who hits it off immediately with young Mr. Mantell.

It's so poorly done that you get to hoping the villain will win, which he doesn't.

If it wasn't for the fact our hero, who is actually a Space Patrol Agent, double crosses the Patrol at the end, I'd swear this was a juvenile. Even the kids wouldn't swallow this one, however.

A SILENCE OF ECHOES, by Richard Matheson. Lippincott, 1958. 220 pp., \$3.00.

Tom Wallace, placed in a hypnotic trance as a party stunt by his brother-in-law, awakens to find he has developed strange new mental powers. What follows apparently is intended as proof that such "psi" powers can be more of a curse than a blessing.

Wallace's life in a small suburban community becomes a nightmare. He sees a ghost, receives telepathic messages, accurately predicts coming events, and finds himself reading the minds of his neighbors and finding in them hatred and lust.

Mr. Matheson, who gave us two other entertaining novels, "The Shrinking Man" and "I Am Legend", has built this story as a one of terror and suspense and has brought into play all phases of the supernatural.

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SAM MOSKOWITZ TO WED DR. CHRISTINE HAYCOCK ON JULY 6, 1958

NEW YORK, 11 June, (CNS) - Sam Moskowitz, one of the leading fans of science-fiction, ex-editor of Gernsback's Science-Fiction Plus, once editor of Fantasy-Times, author, anthologist and feature writer of the science-fiction field, will marry Dr. Christine Haycock on July 6, 1958.

Dr. Haycock has been a science fiction fan for the past 15 years, a member and Secretary of the Eastern Science Fiction Association, and who among other hobbies is an expert photographer. She prepared the 300 slides for Sam's excellent s-f cover lecture given recently at the Lunacon in New York, and has had numerous photos of fan events published by Science-Fiction Times.

She is a tall, green-eyed brunette and a senior resident surgeon at St. Barnabas Hospital Center in Newark, New Jersey.

She was a Captain in the Army Reserves (will become a Major this October) and was the first Woman interne at the Army's Walter Reed Hospital.

She will be a senior resident surgeon at St. John's Hospital in Brooklyn, N. Y. after the wedding.

The couple will be wed in Brooklyn, NY; Belle Dietz will be Mastron of Honor, and she will also bake the wedding cake. The couple will set up house-keeping in Brooklyn.

Chris first saw Sam at the 1956 Convention, but they actually met at one of the ESFA meetings. She is 34 years old, while Sam is 40.

At present Sam Moskowitz is Managing Editor of Quick Frozen Food, the leading national publi-



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cation of the Frozen Food Industry, which publishes in numerous editions. He has three editors under him, while over him are the editor and the publisher. His most well-known works in the fan field is



DR. CHRISTINE HAYCOCK AND SAM MOSKOWITZ WHO WILL WED ON JULY 6, 1958.

his fabulous "Immortal Storm".

The editors and staff of Science-Fiction Times wish the couple All the happiness in the universe.

SCIENCE FICTION FORECASTS

Coming Up Next In The Pros

● GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION, Sept. '58

Novella: LASTBORN by Isaac Asimov. Novelists: FROM AN UNSEEN CENSOR by Rosel George Brown, and THING OF BEAUTY by Damon Knight. Short Stories: ON THE DOUBLE by Lloyd Biggle, Jr., THE STROKE OF THE SUN by Arthur C. Clarke, and PERSONNEL PROBLEM by H. L. Gold. Science Dept.: FOR YOUR INFORMATION (The Last of the Moas) by Willy Ley. Features: EDITOR'S PAGE by H. L. Gold, and GALAXY'S FIVE STAR SHELF by Floyd C. Gale. Cover by DEMBER showing Preparing Antarctica for Solar Conference.

● FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION, September 1958. HAVE SPACE SUIT - WILL TRAVEL (2nd of 3 parts) by Robert A. Heinlein, WILL TIME WAIT? (article) by William C. Boyd, CASEY AGONISTES by R. M. McKenna, A WORD TO THE WISE by John Collier, A DEMON AT DEVOTIONS by Jane Roberts, RECOMMENDED READING (a dept.) by Anthony Boucher, POET IN RESIDENCE

AT PRESS TIME

SECOND "VANGUARD" HELD UNTIL ALL FIRST ISSUE REPORTS ARE IN

BROOKLYN, 16 June, (CNS) - The second issue of Vanguard Science Fiction, edited by James Blish, is being held up until full returns of the first issue are in. These returns are expected to be complete by the end of June '58. At that time, the publishers of Vanguard will decide what to do and when to publish the second issue.

As stated in the last issue of Science-Fiction Times, the second issue of Vanguard is ready for the printers.

by Willard Marsh, LAST CALL by Wright Morris, THAT HELLBOUND TRAIN, by Robert Bloch, and the cover is by Emsh, illustrating "Have Space Suit - Will Travel".

BRITISH FORECASTS

● NEW WORLDS SCIENCE FICTION, Vol. 25, No. 73, July 1958: SEGREGATION by Brian W. Aldiss, THE THIN GNAT-VOICES by John Wyndham, KEEPER OF THE HOUSE by "ester del Rey, (continued on page 4, column 3)

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BOOK REVIEWS (cont. from page 2)

The author has been scripting for motion pictures in recent months, and "A Stir Of Echoes" often reads like a Hollywood production. We wouldn't be at all surprised to see it reach the screen.

It's a story that will appeal to both mystery and fantasy readers. We recommend it to both.

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SCIENCE FICTION FORECASTS

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TOWER FOR ONE by John Kippax, and OUTSIDE by Sydney J. Bounds. Article: LIFE AT LAST by Kenneth Johns, plus the regular features which include cover by Brian Lewis and "Profiles" on Brian W. Aldiss.

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