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STATE OF FANDOM

by Dick Ellington

I have on hand an official-type announcement from Eric Bentcliffe, giving the official word on the recently organized BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION, which, in the tradition of fan organizations, might as well resign itself to being known as the Buzfuz.

Eric and the BSFA constitution cover the aims of the organization pretty well. I quote from the Constitution:

"The Association shall exist for the benefit of those interested in science-fiction and allied branches of imaginative literature.

"It shall encourage the reading, writing and publishing of good literature of this class, shall assist and encourage contact between enthusiasts, shall provide liaison between its members and the science-fiction profession, shall endeavor to present science-fiction and associated art forms to the press and the general public in a most advantageous manner and shall provide such amenities as may prove desirable for the use of members."

...and from Eric's letter:

"Whilst the BSFA is primarily for British fans, membership is also open to American-type-folk. The U.K. sub rate is £1.0.0 per annum. (Associate membership is open to under-18's at 10/-, non-voting.) The U.S.A. sub \$1.50, which entitles Stateside fans to all benefits of the Association other than the Postal Library service.

"The BSFA was founded at the convention held at Kettering this Easter just past - out of a desire to Do Something about the Incredible Shrieking Fans over here. Naturally, it hasn't got into full operation yet - many projects are still in the 'discussion' stage, but one thing that is definite is that this will be a s-f society which will Do Something, and not spend its time in electing officers. The committee is composed of

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SCIENCE FICTION FORECASTS

Coming Up Next In The Pros

GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION October 1958

Book-Length Novel - Installment 1: **TIME KILLER** by Robert Sheckley. **Novelets:** **THE WIZARDS OF PUNG'S CORNER** by Frederik Pohl, and **LISBON CUBED** by William Tenn. **Short Stories:** **PARAMOUNT ULJ** by Avram Davidson, and **BLOCK THAT METAPHOR** by Robert Bloch. **Science Department:** **FOR YOUR INFORMATION "X-Rays In Space"** 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 first landing on Titan, the sixth moon of Saturn. The largest satellite in the solar system, Titan is the only one definitely known to retain an atmosphere, making mining of its rich ores easy and profitable. In accordance with U. N. policy, Titan, like Earth's own Antarctica, has been divided into national zones in advance of landing, and this section is being officially claimed for the U.S.A.

About the new serial, Horace Gold states: "Your subscribers may appreciate having their attention called to **TIME KILLER** by Robert Sheckley, the serial beginning in the October issue of *Galaxy*."

"I believe it is quite a good story, having, as it does, rather an unusual theme developed with what may judiciously be termed ingenuity and suspense.

"**TIME KILLER** is illustrated by Wallace Wood, whom some of our readers have been kind enough to compare favorably with the great science-fiction artists of the past, despite his unfortunate handicap of being able to draw figures.

"Good taste -- and recollection of the manner in which you have previously treated similar announcements -- forbid my saying more."

THE SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB

NEW YORK, 1 July, (CNS) - Because of the current science-fiction recession and bad sales, *Venture Science Fiction* will skip the next issue.

The September issue was supposed to be on the stands on July 15, 1958, but did not appear.

Bob Mills hopes that the field in general will improve by the time the November issue is due, so that *Venture* can resume its regular schedule.

He insists that there aren't any plans to fold the magazine at this time.

The September 1958 selection of The Science Fiction Book Club will be "The Lincoln Hunters" by Wilson Tucker.

For October 1958 it'll be "Touch Of Strange" by Theodore Sturgeon.

Each was \$2.95 in regular edition. The club members edition are \$1.00 each.

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** by Willard Marsh. **LAST CALL** by Wright Morris. **THAT HELLBOUND TRAIN** by Robert Bloch. Cover by Emsh, illustrating "Have Space Suit--Will Travel".

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proven fans who are not idealists, but realists."

From the present officers and mentions I've heard of who's participating, I'll second that last sentence.

Another interesting bit is that **VECTOR**, the official organ of the Association, will be edited by none other than E.C. Tubb, well-known British author, editor and fan - this should be some fanzine!

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The organization is just getting started but from the very auspicious beginning I think some really fine things can be expected.

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