

"FANTASTIC UNIVERSE" SOLD - GOES MONTHLY

NEW YORK, 15 June, (CNS) - Fantastic Universe has been sold to Great American Publishers, 41 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N.Y. This firm is known as "The Motor Group" and publishes a number of auto magazines. Hans Stefan Santesson will continue as editor. Also sold is King-Size's The Saint Mystery Magazine which will continue as a monthly with Hans also continuing as editor.

Fantastic Universe will go pulp-size, about the size of Popular Mechanics, and will again go monthly. First monthly edition will be dated October 1959 and be on the stands in September. On the stands now is the July 1959 issue. In July, the September 1959 issue will appear. This will be the last bi-monthly, digest, and King-Size edition. The first monthly edition will contain a 32 page illustrated fact section. The mag will continue at 130 pages and 35¢. Hans' book & fan column will continue.

With the first monthly edition, interior illustrations will be introduced. At this time there is no information on who will do the illustrations. Colored cover paintings will be continued.

The Saint will continue as a digest-size magazine.

GERMAN SCIENCE FICTION NEWS

by Julian Parr

ANOTHER SPLIT IN GERMAN SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM

At the "North-West-Con" (28 Feb. - 1 Mar. 1959) at Hanover the so-called "fannish" element of the Science-Fiction Club Europa (S.F.C.E.), disgruntled at the refusal of SFCE Manager Wolf Detlef Rohr to allow members to subscribe to "ANDROmeda" (the duplicated SFCE 'zine for "real" fans) instead of to "Blick in die Zukunft" (SPCE's

printed official organ), decided (with a vote of 61 to 12) to found an independent fan club (the Science Fiction Union Europa - S.F.U.E.) with "ANDROneda" as its official organ. Walter Ernsting becomes President of the S.F.U.E. (and later resigned from the SFCE); Wolf Deflef Rohr now plans to issue another fanzine to replace ANDRO within the S.F.C.E.

by Roger Dard

CANADIAN SCIENCE-FICTION NEWS

The Star Weekly complete novel for March 21, 1959, was science-fiction: "CLIMATE-INCORPORATED" by John Russell Fearn. 15 pages, illustrations by Russell Maebus.

by J. Harry Vincent

THE TIME STREAM

W. W. Scott, editor of Super-Science Fiction thinks that editors who review science-fiction pocket-sized books are out of their minds. He believes that the science-fiction magazines are on their way out and will be (or are being) replaced by pocket-books. He figures that any mag editor reviewing pocket-books is only advertising his competitors FREE and he can't see the sense of that.

Speaking of pocket-books, two are drawn to our attention. One is what may be the "pro mag" of the future: STAR SCIENCE FICTION STORIES #5, Ballantine Books #308 K. Nine short stories of average rating. 35¢. Cover is terrible. We like STAR because it publishes new stories and short ones at that. We would like to see Pohl include an editorial in future issues and get a better cover artist.

The second pocket-book was GALAXY NOVEL (#37) now distributed by Beacon Books, and carries their number: 242. This issue contains "The Deviates" by Raymond F. Jones (originally printed by Avalon Books as "The Secret People". Again the story is, in my opinion, average. We enjoyed it, but there's nothing to brag about. The cover like the first distributed thru the Beacon set-up is hardly science-fiction. It is about as sexy and suggestive as could be arranged. We understand that this is merely a good selling point and that Guinn and Gold had nothing to do with it. Just a Beacon policy.

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PRINTING STRIKE STALLS ALL NOVA S-F MAGS

"NEW WORLDS"- "SCIENCE FANTASY" & "S-F ADVENTURES" DISCONTINUED UNTIL AFTER STRIKE

LONDON, 29 June, (CNS) - In common with thousand of publishers in Great Britian, Nova Publications have been brought to a standstill by the national printing - strike and New Worlds, Science Fantasy, and Science Fiction Adventures will not be back until the dispute ends. At this stage (end of June) the print famine is already being felt after one week of shut-down, nationally, the situation is expected to rapidly deteriorate. One ray of sunshine amidst the gloom is the fact that distributors are clamoring frantically for back issues.

New Worlds No. 85 dated July just be a t the deadline and was published on time. (Incidentally, this issue tied the defunct Authentic f o r most number of issues published by a British firm). I t contained Part One of Kenneth Bulmer's serial "The Impatient Dark" (already published by Ace Books as "The Secret Of ZI"); "Joker's Trick", a novelette by Lan Wright; plus short stories, "Sprinkler System", by E. R. James; "Malnutrition" by Robert Silverberg; and "Round Trip" by John Brunner. Plus regular departments.

New Worlds No. 86 which will be published soon after the strike ends contains: "The Birdcage", a novelette by Peter Hawkins, concerning a peculiar structure on Mars; short stories, "Pseudopath", by Philip E. High; "Beyond Realism" by E. R. James; "Complex", by Donald Malcolm, a n d another Kenneth Johns article in the "Outward Bound" series. Plus the second installment of the Bulmer serial.

New Worlds No. 87 concludes "The Patient Dark" and also contains a new James White novelette "The High Road", (not a "Sector General" story); another outstanding Colin Kapp story "The Railways Up On Cannis", plus a short story by George Longdon entitled "Continuity Man". Plus articles and features.

Coming in future issues; t h e next serial will be Phil K. Dick's new novel from Lippincott "Time Out Of Joint", which will be completed in three installments. The following serial early in 1960 will be a n e w Brian Aldiss novel "X For Exploitation", written specially for New Worlds but which will undoubtedly see book publication in 1960.

Science Fantasy No. 36, which should have been published o n July 10th was caught in the strike, the covers not being completed. This issue will be published about one week after the dispute ends and contains a short novel by John Brunner, "Echo In The Skull"; short stories by E. C. Tubb -- "Somebody Wants You", -- and Arthur Sellings' "The Long Eureka", plus another Sam Moskowitz article, this time about Arthur Conan Doyle.

Science Fantasy No. 37 will feature a short novel by Kenneth Bulmer entitled "Castle Of Vengeance", a fantasy.

Science Fiction Adventures No. 10 features two long stories: "Galactic Destiny" by E. C. Tubb, the first long story he has written since ceasing to be editor of Authentic; and "The Silent Invaders", by Calvin M. Knox (Silverberg), plus a short story by E. R. James, "Refrigerator Ship".

In view of the printing strike, editor Carnell states that both New Worlds No. 86 and Science Fantasy No. 36 will drop 16 pages to help catch up on production but return to normal size with the succeeding issues. He also states that the two bi-monthlies (Science Fantasy and Science Fiction Adventures) will probably come out at six-weekly intervals until the gap i n lost publication time is bridged but it will not be possible to catch up on lost time with New Worlds which will have to drop one or two issues on the year.

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