

# "SATELLITE S-F" FOLDS WITH MAY ISSUE!

NEW YORK, 6 July, (CNS) -- Leo Margulies announced this morning that his magazine, Satellite Science Fiction, has folded with the May 1959 issue. He had hoped to be able to publish it on a bi-monthly schedule, but a check of the returns of the large size issues indicated that sales were too low to allow this. So he has folded the magazine with the May issue.

The proposed July issue was all set up in type, but was never printed. Leo indicated that he will investigate the possibilities of reviving the magazine as a digest-size, 35¢ mag. Satellite sold much better as a digest-size, bi-monthly magazine than it ever sold as a 8½" x 11" monthly mag. The main reason for this is the report that where it was displayed the mag sold well in its large size, but too many stands would not display it at all because of its size.

Satellite was one of the many experiments tried out and still being tried this year. Satellite's experiment with large-size was a failure. Using the monster theme in their science-fiction stories in Super-Science Fiction is proving a failure also. Super-Science has one more issue (October 1959) to prove itself, if not that mag will fold also. Galaxy Magazine is still testing the 50¢, 196 pages, bi-monthly experiment and appears to be doing good. Later this year Astounding will try the 50¢ 194 pages, but with a monthly schedule. Fantasy & Science Fiction has apparently found a successful formula with a 40¢ price and still keeping its 128 pages. From all these experiments will evolve the science-fiction magazine standard of the future, as the experiments with a 35¢ price and numerous-page count finally set the standard of 35¢ and 128 pages that until recently was it for most s-f mags.

It is interesting to note that every science-fiction magazine that has tried the 8½" x 11" size after World War II has proved a failure. Examples of this are: Fantastic Science Fiction, Science-Fiction Plus and Satellite Science Fiction.

One more experiment in size/or price will be tried out by Fantastic Universe shortly. This will be the old pulp-size, and 35¢.



THE SCIENCE-FICTION RECORD

by Frank R. Prieto, Jr.

SCIENCE/FANTASY MAGAZINES OUT IN THE U.S. DURING JUNE 1959:

N A M E	DATE	PRICE	PAGES	TYPE	DATE ON STANDS	SCHEDULE
Galaxy Magazine	Aug.	50¢	196	Digest	June 2, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Astounding Science Fiction	July	35¢	162	Digest	June 6, 1959	Monthly
Future Science Fiction	Aug.	35¢	130	Digest	June 9, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Amazing S F Stories	July	35¢	146	Digest	June 11, 1959	Monthly
Nebula Science Fiction	June	35¢	112	Digest	June 11, 1959	Monthly
Fantastic	July	35¢	130	Digest	June 20, 1959	Monthly
Fantasy & Science Fiction	Aug.	40¢	130	Digest	June 20, 1959	Monthly

During June 1959 seven science/fantasy magazines came out. All seven were digest size, costing a total of \$2.65 and containing a total of 1,006 pages.

NOT SCIENCE/FANTASY, BUT OF INTEREST:

Fate	July	35¢	130	Digest	June 2, 1959	Monthly
Short Stories For Men	Aug.	35¢	80	L-S	June 2, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Space Age	Aug.	50¢	64	L-S	June 2, 1959	Quarterly
Flying Saucers	July	35¢	98	Pulp	June 9, 1959	Bi-Monthly
Science Digest	July	35¢	96	Digest	June 18, 1959	Monthly

STATE OF FANDOM

by Lane Stannard

17TH WORLD S-F CONVENTION

The 17th World Science Fiction Convention is only weeks away. It will be held in Detroit, Michigan at the Pick Port Shelby Hotel on September 5, 6 and 7. Membership is \$2.00. This allows you entrance to the convention itself, all Progress Reports (of which 3 are now out) and the Program Booklet itself. If you cannot attend the convention the Progress Reports and Program Booklet is well-worth the price. The Convention committee needs the money now, and it'll save you long hours of waiting at the Registration Desk. Send in your \$2 to James Broderick, 12011 Kilbourne St., Detroit 13, Michigan. Mr. Broderick is the Treasurer of this Con.

The Committee has selected two meals for the famous Banquet. Prime Rib of Beef Au Jus: \$5.25 per plate, or Baked Ham: \$3.25 per plate. These prices includes all tips, taxes etc. Here again you must reserve your Banquet meal NOW! Dr. Isaac Asimov will be Toastmaster at this Banquet and the principal speaker will be Poul Anderson, Guest of Honor. The Banquet will also feature the presentation of the annual 'Hugo' Awards, given for outstanding performances in the field of science/fantasy.

So far planned for the Convention are: A speech by John W. Campbell, Jr; Damon Knight & P. Schuyler Miller will speak together, their subject will be the state of science-fiction in recent years; Judith Merrill will speak on "Human Relations In A Future Society"; and Willy Ley will speak on the practical aspect of space flight in a speech entitled "Science Fiction and The First Decade of The Space Age". Numerous panel discussions have been planned. Some announced are: "The Fan Turned Pro" panel with Fred Pohl as Moderator and Bob Tucker, Harlan Ellison, Bob Silverberg, Marion Zimmer Bradley and Larry Shaw on the panel; "The Fan Publishers' Panel" Moderated by Betty Jo Wells with F.M. Busby, Terry Carr, Ted White and Dean Grennell on the panel; and the "Collectors Panel" chaired by Dr. C. L. Barrett and with Sam Moskowitz, Stu Hoffmann, Dirce Archer, and Phyllis Ecobomou on the panel. A big auction is in the making with covers and interiors donated by most of the current and recent science-fiction magazines.



The "Auction Bloch" originated at the recent Solacon will also be presented at the coming Convention. This is where various prominent writers are put upon the block. One hour of their time is auctioned off, during this period they agree to follow the commands of their "owner".

Indications show that it should be a grand Convention. Be there, and join NOW!

# PRINTING STRIKE STOPS BRITISH "ASTOUNDING"

## PRICE OF BRITISH "ASTOUNDING" GOES UP

LONDON, 9 July, (CNS) - Great Britain's oldest science-fiction magazine, the British edition of Astounding Science Fiction which this Fall will celebrate its 20th Anniversary, has been forced to stop publication because of the British national printing strike. The last issue to see print was the July 1959 issue.

Stated Atlas Publishing & Distributing Co., Ltd, publishers of the British Astounding: "The printing strike over here is definitely affecting us! Together with several of our other publications, the August issue of Astounding will not appear this month. At the moment we are hoping to publish it next month with an 'August/September' dating; it would then be followed by an October issue and so on..... However we cannot be sure of these arrangements until an end of the dispute is in sight."

Asked about the proposed 50¢ etc change coming to the U.S. Astounding and how this will effect the British Astounding, Atlas replied: "We were interested to read in the Science-Fiction Times that the U.S. original of Astounding is going to 50¢ and 194 pages. For the moment we do not have in mind increasing the size of the British edition but, as you will see from our July issue, we are in fact raising the price of the British edition to 2/- with effect from the AUGUST issue (now delayed). This rise in price is necessitated by high production costs but we are nevertheless aiming to improve the presentation somewhat, in the future."

Atlas informs us that it no longer publishes The Shadow or Doc Savage, but does reprint the following: Western Story and Detective Tales (from Popular Publications material); Texas Rangers (from Pines' material) and Western Adventures (from Street & Smith). Other reprints of U.S. magazines handled by Atlas are the Superman range of comics and The Saint magazine. At one time Atlas also reprinted the famous Unknown and Thrilling Wonder Stories.

## SCIENCE-FICTION FORECASTS

## Coming Up Next In The Pros

THE MAGAZINE OF FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION - September 1959 - Vol. 17 - No. 3:  
 THE RED HILLS OF SUMMER (novel) by Edgar Pangborn; Science: VARIETIES OF THE INFINITE by Isaac Asimov; QUINLET by Billy Watson, John Cunningham, Mary Austin, Sonny Pwell, and Nina Pettis; THE DEVIL'S GARDIAN by Robert Arthur; TO GIVE BEAUTY FOR ASHES (verse) by Winona McClintic; WHO IS GOING TO CUT THE BARBER'S HAIR by Will Stanton; NOR CUSTOM STALE by Joanna Russ; SNIP, SNIP (verse) by Hilbert Schemnic, Jr.; INTERVIEW WITH A BOND MAN by Robert Graves; THE MAKERS OF DESTINY (novel) by Edward S. Aarons; FERDINAND FEGHOOT: XVIII by Grendel Briarton and GONE WITH A GODDESS by Leslie Bonnet. Cover by Mel Hunter (see "In This Issue" for des-

cription).

AMAZING SCIENCE FICTION STORIES: September 1959: Complete Novel: LONG AGO, FAR AWAY by Murray Leinster. Short Stories: FIRST LOVE by Lloyd Biggle, SECURITY by Arthur Porges, THE GREAT POTLATCH RIOTS by Allen Kim Long, and THE PREMIERE by Richard Sabia.

FANTASTIC SCIENCE FICTION STORIES: Novels: SOLUTION TOMORROW by Charles Runyon. Short Stories: TORO by Mack Reynolds, THE BLACKBIRD by Jack Sharkey, A GRAIN OF MANHOOD by Phyllis Gotlieb, THE TOY by Henry Slesar, THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES by A. Bertram Chandler, and MADDENS FROM THE CENOTE by Jess Shelton.

THE SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB: The September selection of The Science Fiction Book Club is THE FOURTH GALAXY READER edited by H. L. Gold. Original publisher's edition was \$3.95. Club members' edition is \$1.00. The October selection is OSSIAN'S RIDE by Fred Hoyle. Original publisher's edition sold for \$3.00. Members' edition is \$1.00.

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