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WORLD NEWSFAX

by Forrest J Ackerman

## CENTENARIAN PASSES:

Gustaf Adolf de Castro Danziger died peacefully of old age 4 March 1959, several months after the celebration of his 100th birthday. As Adolphe de Castro the doctor contributed "The Last Test" and "The Electric Executioner" to Weird Tales, Nov. '28 & Aug. '30 issues respectively. He collaborated with Ambrose Bierce on "The Monk and the Hangman's Daughter". Besides writer and poet he was philosopher master of 14 languages, and American Consul General to Madrid in the administration of Theodore Roosevelt. He knew Mark Twain and HPLovecraft. For 20 years he was a familiar figure in Los Angeles fantasy circles, attending special meetings of the LASFS, Westercons, Fanquets, the Pacificon of '46 and the Solacon of '58. Ray Bradbury was once inspired to write a story after spending some time talking with him, and when informed of his death said: "He was a living time machine".

## NEWS IN GENERAL:

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER will be the title under which Richard Wilson's "The Girl From Planet 5" will be filmed. UPA will animate the extra-terrestrial creatures of this Ballantine novel.

CRATER BASE 1, television series now in the writing stage, is utilizing the auctorial talents of sci-fi maestros van Vogts and Heinlein, Hugo winner Mark Clifton, old-timer Edmond Hamilton and other s-f scribes. First segment is titled "Munsey's Protons". Van Vogt has turned in "The Analogy Drive"; Hamilton, "The Children of the Moon"; Ib Melchior, "A Handful of Life"; and Mark Clifton, "Man's Mind is His Own".

MGM will release the Japanese scientifilm spectacle, THE MYSTERIANS.

Marion Zimmer Bradley has made two sales in quick succession to Amazing, "Conquering Hero" and a novel, "Seven From the Stars". John Brudy has hit same market with "They Like Us", and Albert Nuetzell clicked with another cover. On the s-f playboy front, Larry Maddock and collaborating wife Corrie Howard have sold a sexy-android story, "Twitch", to Sizzle, and Weaver Wright's "Venus is Heaven" has been bought by Spice. At Ace Pocketbooks, AE van Vogt's "The Chronicler" will be pabacked; his "Book of Ptath" has been translated into Italian; SLAN has just been published in Germany, and a German publisher has purchased "The House That Stood Still".

Ray Bradbury has completed a screen treatment of Roger Manvell's weird novel, "The Dreamer". Pat Boome, guided by Jules Verne, will take A TRIP TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH. Geo Pal plans to film the 5th version of THE GOLEM. Fritz Leiber, Bjo Fortaff and Forry Ackerman are emoting in Frey Films' color sound-short, THE Genie.

THE SCIENCE-FICTION NEWSPAPER

## SCIENCE-FICTION FORECASTS

/Coming Up Next In The Pros/

AMAZING SCIENCE FICTION STORIES, June 1959:

A HANDFUL OF STARS (Complete Book-Length Novel) by Poul Anderson. Short Stories: THE STARS ARE CALLING, MR. KEATS by Robert F. Young, THE TRIGGER by Henry Slesar, SMALL MIRACLE by Randall Garrett, CAMOUFLAGE by Rog Phillips, and REQUIRED COURSE by Ron Goulart.

FANTASTIC, June 1959:

GIVE ME MY BODY! (Novelette) by Paul W. Fairman. Short Stories: BLURBLE by M. G. Zimmerman, THE LURKER by Rog Phillips, WHAT OTHER COLOR IS THERE? by Jeanne Williams, DEBERT INCIDENT by Will Worthington, THE FIFE OF BOBIDHARMA by Cordwainer Smith, DEDRIC by Winston Marks, THE WARREN by Richard Brian, THE WORTH OF A MAN by Henry Slesar, and BEDSIDE MONSTER by Jack Sharkey.

GALAXY MAGAZINE, August 1959:

Novella: NO LIFE OF THEIR OWN by Clifford D. Simak. Novelets: MUGWUMP 4 by Robert Silverberg, and THE MALTED MILK MONSTER by William Tenn. Short Stories: CITIZEN-JELL by Michael Shaara, THE SPICY SOUND OF SUCCESS by Jim Harmon, and LEX by W. T. Haggert. Non-Fact Article: LICENSE TO STEAL by Louis Newman. Science Department: FOR YOUR INFORMATION "Orbit Around the Sun" by Willy Ley. Features: EDITOR'S PAGE by H. L. Gold, and GALAXY'S FIVE STAR SHELF by Floyd C. Gale. Cover by WOOD: 1 Down, 1 Up.

THE TIME STREAM

/by J. Harry Vincent/

Bob Tucker reports that H. L. Gold bought one of his short stories, for if, he thinks, last month and that he has sold another short to the Canadian Broadcasting Company for a television show sometime in the unknown future.

Fantasy & Science Fiction has bought a novel from Bob Heinlein, "Starship Soldier" and will run it as a two-part serial sometime this Fall, possibly starting it in the planned 50¢, 162 page, October 1959 Anniversary issue. Plans are that an extended version of the serial will be out in hard covers as soon as the serial ends.

We are really beginning to enjoy Satellite Science Fiction, the new size and regular improvements in interior format makes it an interesting magazine to pick up and read. Material wise it is not bad at all. The reprints from Weird Tales should prove of real interest. Of course Sam Moskowitz's column is really a must for all readers of science-fiction. Altho Leo Morey's interiors are not his best they are on the whole a 'ell of a lot better than some of the so-called "modern" type of art (and I'm not talking of Emsh, Kelly and others of this type whom I admire greatly). The addition of a readers' column is just the touch the mag needed to make it a real s-f mag. We sincerely hope that Leo Margulies makes out good with this large-size experiment. He really deserves it.

Kelly Freas, Hugo winning s-f artist, again has the front & rear cover of the current issue of MAD. MAD's latest pocketbook is: William M. Gaines's "The Bedside Mad". This issue is the first published by Signet, 35¢, #S1647. As is usual this a darn good issue. You'll laugh at every page. Reprints from the 1952-3-4-5 & 6 MADs. Cover by Kelly Freas.

STATE OF FANDOM

/by Lane Stannard/

WORLD CONVENTION NEWS:

We were informed that Poul Anderson has been chosen as Guest Of Honor of the 1959 World Science Fiction Convention to be held in Detroit during the Labor Day holi-



day this year.

DISCLAVE DELAYED:

Bob Pavlat reports that the Disclave to be held on May 16th has been delayed until further notice. The Arva Motel where it was to be held has cancelled the arrangements made and thus the Disclave is without a home. The committee is seeking new arrangements and as soon as they are made a new date and place will be announced. They do not believe that any May date can be set.

OLON WIGGINS DISSAPEARS:

Bob Peterson reports: "Olon Wiggins, old time publisher of the Science Fiction Fan here in Denver has dissapeared, leaving his wife and 20 year old daughter, recently. He had been meeting with us weekly for several years at the Colorado Fantasy Society. That leaves just me, Roy Hunt, Chuck Hansen, a soldier from Lowry Field and Stan Mullen occasionally." Wiggins ran one of the most regular fan mag of his day, the Science Fiction Fan, which was founded in 1936 and ran into the early 40s. He was also on the committee of the 3rd World S-F Convention held in Denver, 1941.

LATEST ON THE KYLE VS RAYBIN AND DIETZ LAWSUIT:

BRONX, NY, 19 February, (CN) - A demand for a trial by Jury was missing from the second Note of Issue served by David A. Kyle upon George Nims Raybin and Frank Dietz in his lawsuit against them. In order to place this case upon the Court Calendar for trial, this Note of Issue had to be filed by February 18th. However, a check at the Supreme Court Calendar Clerk's office today revealed that this had not been done and so the second Note of Issue has lapsed, as did the first one in which Mr. Kyle did demand a jury trial.

It will be necessary for Mr. Kyle to serve a third Note of Issue in order to get a trial, since a Note must be served and filed for a specific month.

This is the action in which Mr. Kyle is suing Messrs. Raybin and Dietz for \$35,000 for an alleged conspiracy to defame his character.

THIRD LUNACON HELD:

Arriving too late to reach our readers in time was the announcement that the third Annual Lunacon will be held in New York City on April 12, 1959. Planned for the program includes this year's Guest of Honor Lester del Rey, a film and talk by Ed Emsh, and such speakers as Judith Merrill, Harry Harrison, Avram Davidson, Garry Davis among others. We'll try to get a report on how it went for a future issue.

SCIENCE FICTION TIMES' WORLD CONVENTION REPORTER APPOINTED:

Because none of the editors of Science-Fiction Times have been able to plan to be at the World Convention this year, well-known New York fan, Belle C. Dietz has been appointed official Science-Fiction Times reporter for this convention. She will be aided by other Times' reporters who may be able to attend. She will send back daily reports of the Convention progress for publication.

NOTES TO THE EDITORS

by Our Readers

April 2, 1959

Dear Jim:

Just a word of news that I would appreciate your publishing. We are informed that an adaptation of James Gunn's "Cave of Night" will be presented by The Desilu Playhouse on Westinghouse Theatre, May 11th, on coast to coast television. The film is being shot now and we hope is the first of many good presentations of adult science fiction to be used by the Television Industry.

I think it would be a great idea if your readers, after watching the show, would drop a line to the Desilu Studios telling them of their interest in this

type of story and any remarks they have, as far as production is concerned.

As you know, Jimmie, you and I have discussed on many an occasion that there would be millions of science fiction fans if they were indoctrinated into science fiction through good adult type of stories.

Galaxy will keep plugging away trying to get the better stories on to national programs with this idea in mind.

Yours truly,  
GALAXY PUBLISHING CORPORATION  
Robert M. Guinn,  
Publisher

(We're with you.

-James V. Taurasi, Sr.)

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