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BSFA (EASTER) CON ENJOYABLE

COMMITTEE HAD TO SECURE NEW HOTEL WHEN
ORIGINAL HOTEL BACKED OUT ON DEAL

TAFF WINNER DON FORD & SWEDISH "SCIENCE-
FICTION TIMES" EDITOR, STURE SEDOLIN
PRESENT

NEW YORK, 24 April, (CNS) - News arrived in New York today from the BSFA CONVENTION (Easter Con) held in London, England by the British Science Fiction Association over the Easter week-end, April 16 & 17. Despite the fact that they lost the original Hotel two days before Convention time, a new Hotel was secured and the Convention opened on schedule on Saturday April 16 at 2:30 P.M.

First on the program was a talk on Jarel Capek by Doc. Weir. Following that was a talk by editor John (Ted) Carnell on "Weather Science Fiction". Carnell is the editor of the British New Worlds, Science Fantasy, and Science Fiction Adventures, and the actual editor of the USNE New Worlds. This was followed by an auction. Next was the TAFF (Transatlantic Fan Fund) Panel consisting of the current three TAFF candidates, Mal Ashworth, Eric Bentcliffe, and H. P. (Sandy) Sanderson, and MCed by

Eric Jones. The Panel answered questions on science-fiction and fandom asked by the audience. This covered not only pro and fan science fiction in general, but personal questions on their (Panel) fitness to win the TAFF Award. After the Panel, TAFF 1959 winner Don Ford showed slides on past Midwestcons and other fan events. On Saturday evening a Masquerade Ball was held. First Prize was won by Eithel Lindsay and Ina Shorrock, each wearing a Witch costume. Said costume having a red cape upon which was written "Drinka Pinta Blooda Day". The night was filled with the usual "smoke-filled" rooms and "wet" room parties.

The Sunday April 17th session started at 11:30 A.M. First on the agenda was the BSFA's business session. The advisability of suing the original Hotel for backing out of their contract was discussed and it was decided to turn the matter over to a lawyer for advice. Changes in the BSFA constitution and by-laws were voted on. The session was ended with the 1960 elections of the BSFA. Elected were: Ina Shorrock as chairman; Ella Parker, secretary; Archie Mercher, treasurer; James Groves, editor of Official

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Organ; and Brian Aldiss was elected Hon-
orary President.

The afternoon session was opened
with a skit "This Is Your Fan Life, Nor-
man Shorrocks", a take-off on the TV pro-
gram "This Is Your Life". In true TV
had no idea he would be "it". This was
MCed by Eric Bentcliffe. After which
the TAFF Auction was held. This brought
in 15 Pounds (approx. \$45); the highest
bid was for a Brian Lewis New Worlds
cover which brought in 70s (approx. \$10).
All monies from this auction was turned
over to TAFF. This was followed by the
showing of "Day The Earth Stood Still".
Last on the program was a OMPA meeting
(British version of the FAPA).

After the Convention, Don Ford gave
a room party to British fandom.

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SECOND FAIRCON COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

TED WHITE & WIFE JOIN FAIRCON COMMITTEE

NEW YORK, 2 April, (CNS) - The second
meeting of the proposed "Faircon" was
held today. The "Faircon" will be held
in New York on July 4th 1964 to cele-
brate the 25th Anniversary of the First
World Science Fiction Convention held in
New York in 1939. The committee, at this
meeting discussed: Ways and means of
raising money for the "Faircon". They
agreed to possibly reprint famous
fan material in booklet form, in an ef-
fort to get cash. The committee will
make every effort to have a full rounded
program, with something for everybody.
They plan to Incorporate in 1963, said
Incorporation to run until 1965. In order
to obtain experience and money for the
"Faircon", plans were discussed to run
Eastercons (similar to Midwestcons) with-
the possibility of the first Easterncon
to be held in New York during the summer
months of 1961. The committee is now on
the lookout for hotels with swimming
pool (or Motel in nearby NYC) for such
possible Easterncons. One last ditch
way to raise money, the assessment of
dues from the "Faircon" members was dis-
cussed.

At this meeting Ted and Sylvia
White joined the Faircon Committee.

It was announced at the meeting
that along with Science-Fiction Times,
other leading fan mags have agreed to
publicize the "Faircon" and Faircon Com-
mittee.



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