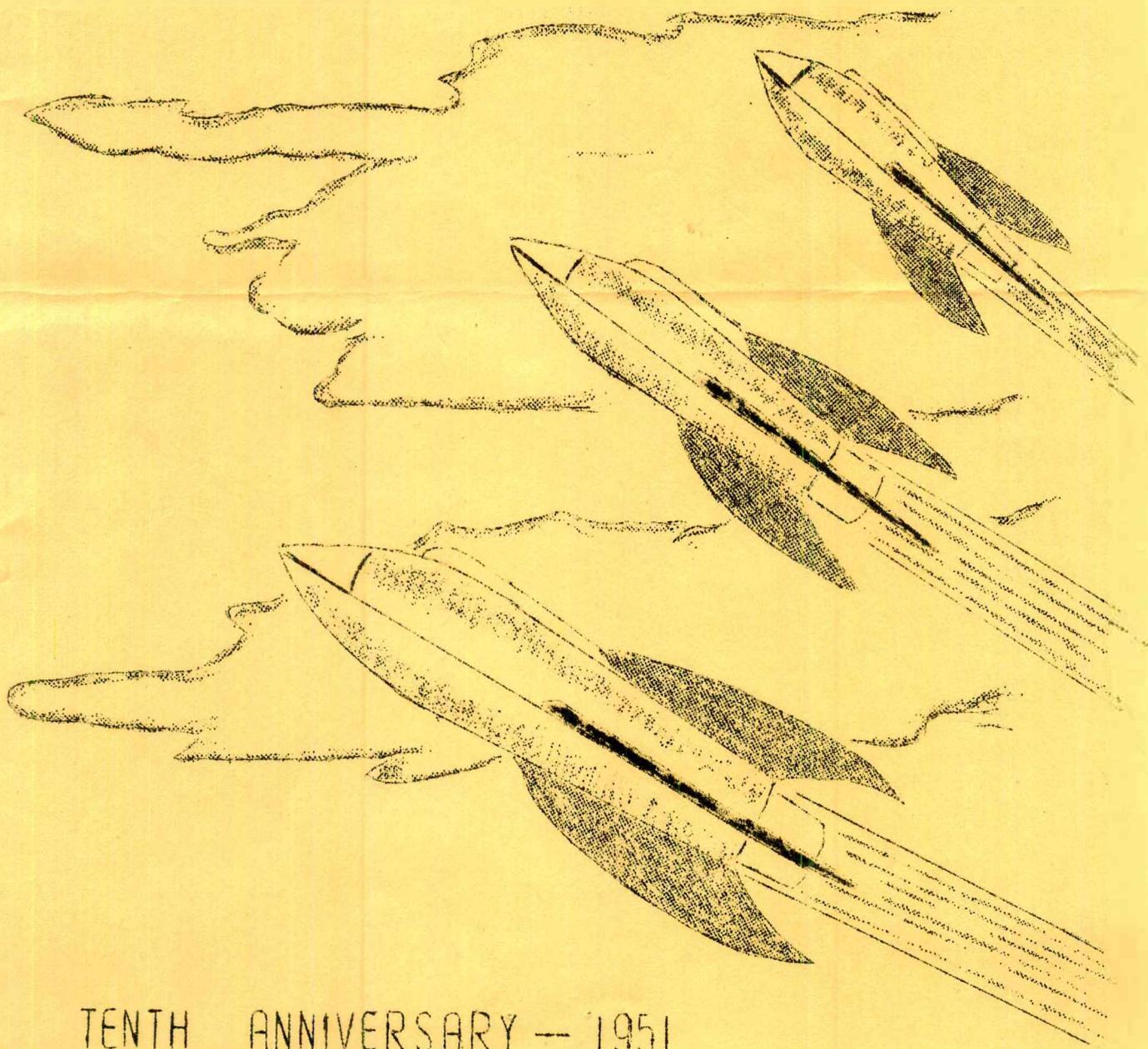
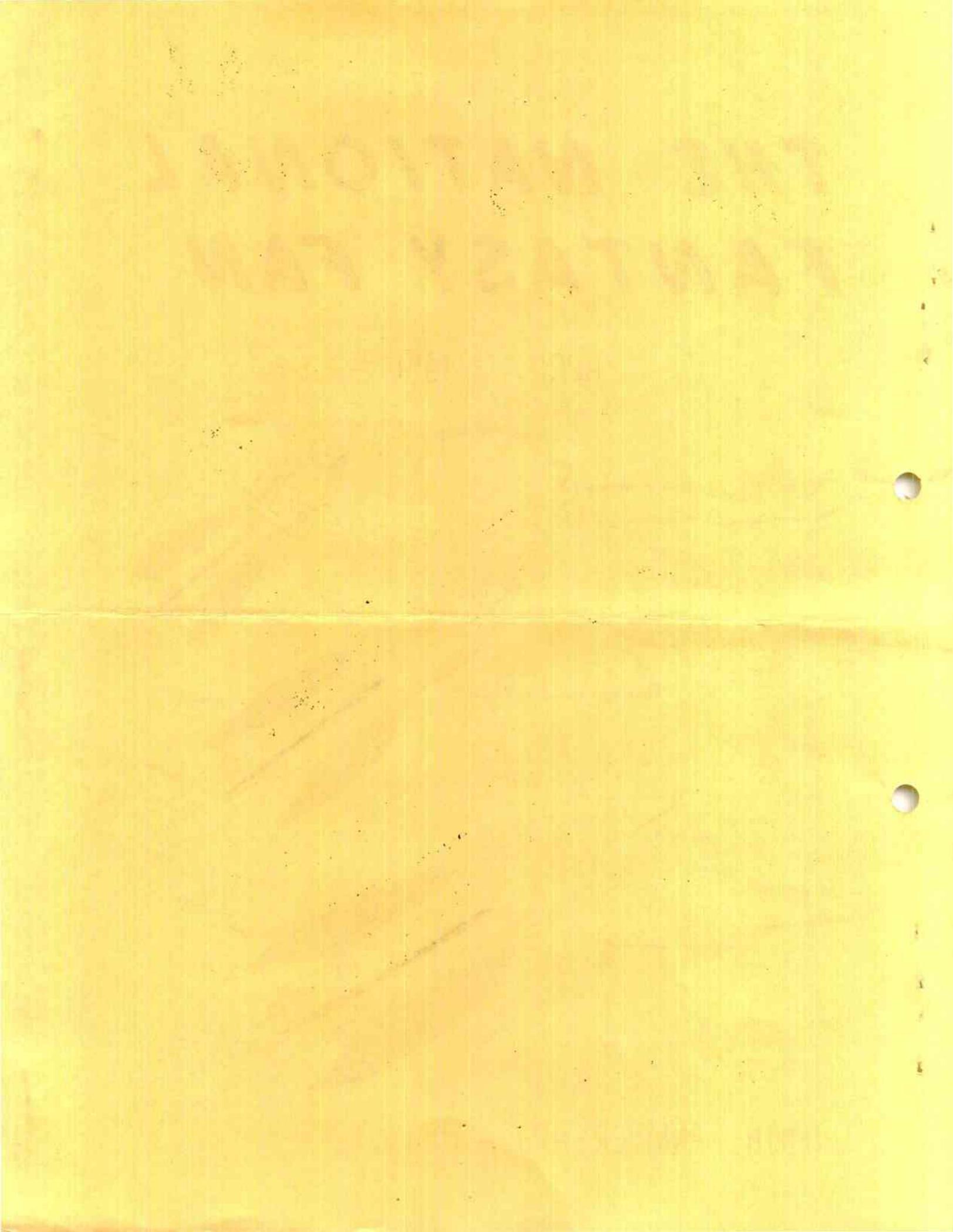


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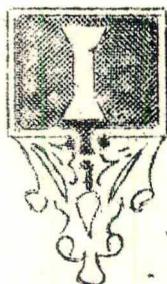


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YOUR JOB TOMORROW

BY ALFRED MACHADO, JUNIOR



It is generally recognized that science fiction stories of the near future have a greater impact upon readers than tales of 10,000 or 12,000 A.D. because many of today's science fiction fans will live through the period we call "the near future." Naturally these fans are greatly interested in knowing what the world of 1980 will be like for they will live and work in that world. The average age of the NFFF member is about thirty years and, though we will be about sixty years old in 1980, there will be many jobs open to older persons; the per centage of young people in the population is declining and, to meet requirements, the labor force will have to be augmented by older workers. It may seem strange to speak of jobs for sixty-year-old persons but, by 1980, an age of sixty years will probably mark the beginning of a second life. At such an age the vigor and impulsive strength of youth will be gone but preventive medicine will guarantee a healthy, active life for forty more years. The alternative to work is a government-subsidized inactivity and, even today, many persons entitled to pensions would rather work than be idle because there is no substitute for the deep satisfaction to be derived from earning one's living. Therefore it seems likely that many of 1980's older citizens will be able and willing to work.

In thirty years, if World War III does not come, the world's population will be about four billion; the communist menace will have withered away; the world government will probably be less than ten years old. The citizens of tomorrow's Asia and Africa will be vigorous in demanding a better standard of living; they will not want the lot of their ancestors who hovered daily on the brink of starvation. Because a decent living standard is the right of every human, the government will make every effort to release those millions from their heritage of grinding poverty. An attempt to better the lives of two billion humans will result in tremendous demands upon the world's resources and industries. The search for new sources of raw materials will be intense; the vast consumption of energy will force continual expansion in the power generation field; robot assembly lines will be needed to produce the necessary flood of finished products. Although the area of possible discussion is large, I would like to limit myself to a consideration of one possible new source of basic raw materials...the oceans of the Earth.

Extraction of various elements from sea water will be difficult and the task will require immense plant facilities. There will probably be only ten or twelve such plants in operation on the North American continent by 1980, but the number of these installations will undoubtedly increase during following years. Each installation will be composed of six types of units...the tidal basins, the evaporation plants, the

electrolysis plants, the chemical synthesis plants, the power plants, and the warehouses and rail yards. About 470,000 tons of sea water will be processed every day. This daily quota will be divided into three fractions at the evaporation plants. About 270,000 tons of water will be boiled off and 100,000 tons of this vapor will be condensed and stored. The remaining 170,000 tons of vaporized water will be piped to the electrolysis plants where, after condensation, it will be broken down to gaseous hydrogen and oxygen and liquefied. The 200,000 tons of sea water which was not boiled away will contain a concentration of dissolved salts, because the various salts were not affected by the boiling. This third fraction will be sent on to the chemical plants where the salts will be extracted. An amazing tonnage and variety of compounds will be reclaimed from this sea water...13,000 tons of sodium chloride, 1,800 tons of magnesium chloride, 500 tons of magnesium sulfate, 500 tons of calcium sulfate, 400 tons of potassium sulfate, 300 tons of potassium chloride, and a 100-ton mixture of the salts of some forty-five other elements. After these compounds have been separated, they will be broken down into their component elements. For example, the 1,800 tons of magnesium chloride will yield 450 tons of magnesium and 1,350 tons of chlorine. The elements to be derived from the final 100-ton mixture are especially interesting and important; the product elements will include 25 tons of bromine, 1,000 pounds of aluminum, 380 pounds of iodine, and about 100 pounds each of uranium, iron, copper, lead, and zinc. Some of these weights may seem insignificant but it must be remembered that the above amounts constitute a single day's production.

To operate such an extensive installation, the power plants will have to generate a constant output of about 50,000,000 kilowatts. Although this power need could be supplied by the fissioning of 300 pounds of uranium-235 daily, it is likely that low-grade coal, much less expensive than uranium-235 and much less dangerous, will be used as a source of energy. Nearly 500,000 tons of coal will be consumed each day by this extraction plant. Although this rate of coal consumption is high, it will cause only a microscopic depletion of our nation's coal reserve of 1,000,000,000,000 tons.

If nitrogen is taken from the air and if carbon is refined from coal, these two elements, plus the hydrogen, oxygen, sulfur, chlorine, sodium, and bromine derived from the sea water, will make possible the manufacture of an almost limitless number of vital compounds. Typical products will be synthetic vitamins, dyes, explosives, liquid and gaseous hydrocarbon fuels, drugs, paints, plastics, and a variety of basic chemicals essential to certain manufacturing processes. Sulfuric acid is one such vital chemical; the daily production of sulfuric acid will be about 500 tons.

Now that a general description of the extraction installation has been given, the jobs in the installation that can be filled by older persons (who have no technical skills) can be considered. The five tidal basins, concrete-walled, square enclosures with 600-foot long sides, will trap the sediment in the sea water needed by the installation.* These basins will be able to hold 280,000 tons of water if the rise and fall of the tide is at least five feet. Since there are two high tides each day, two fillings of the basins will supply more than enough water. The gates of the basins will be opened when the tide begins to rise, and they will be closed at the peak of the high tide. Then the cycle will be repeated. There will be several men to

*Trapping the sediment in the tidal basins will prevent it from entering and clogging the installation's miles of pipes.

control the opening and closing of the basin gates. Inspectors will examine the walls and gates regularly for signs of wave and pressure damage. Others will take samples from the basin floors to determine if the collection of sediment has become thick enough to warrant its removal. By reducing the available volume of the basins, a six-inch layer of sediment would cut the capacity of the basins by 20,000 tons. Others will man the pumping stations that transfer the water from the basins to the evaporation plants. Still others will maintain flow-rate, volume, and tonnage records for the accounting office.

Thousands will be needed in the primary evaporation plants. Here the sea water will be pumped into giant, sealed vats, and electric coils will supply heat to boil away the required tonnage. Men will control the number of coils used and the temperature of the coils. Others will regulate the pressure of the steam in the lead-off pipes; they will also operate the valves that direct the steam to the condenser-storage plants or to the electrolysis plants. Teams of men will move through the evaporation plants, making constant inspections of electric cables, vats, and pipes. Production control men will make numerous records of each step of the day's operations.

Steam, piped to the electrolysis plants, will be condensed to water and poured into several thousand electrolysis cells. Work in these plants will be perhaps the most dangerous work in the entire extraction installation and, therefore, safety measures will be numerous and strictly enforced. Tremendous electrical energy, a constant flow of about 30,000,000 kilowatts, will be needed to electrolyze the daily quota of 170,000 tons of water and thus produce about 151,000 tons of oxygen and 19,000 tons of hydrogen. There will be men to govern the water and current flow through each bank of cells. Other men will direct the pressure-bottling or liquefaction of the two gases. Pacing back and forth along their routes, safety men will be constantly on guard to prevent the gases from escaping from the miles of high-pressure piping. And, of course, there will be inevitable recorders, making out their daily reports.

The third fraction of water, which was not boiled away at the evaporation plants, will be pumped to the chemical synthesis plants. During the extraction and breaking-down of the dissolved salts, men will manage the transfer of water from one series of reaction vats to another series; there will probably be more than a hundred such transfers before the last of the salts is extracted. More men will oversee the addition of specific chemicals to the water. There will be thousands of separate chemical reactions, and there will be men to superintend the removal of sludges and precipitates after each reaction is completed. Under the regulation of sequence-control men, the extracted salts will be transported to plants where they will be reduced to their elements, and these free elements, together with nitrogen and carbon, will be combined into a multitude of useful products. It was mentioned earlier that, of the 270,000 tons of water that will be boiled away at the evaporation plants, 100,000 tons of this water will be condensed and stored. This supply of distilled water will be used for dilution of the many chemical solutions used in the synthesis plants. The processes involved in the manufacture of the product chemicals are too lengthy and complex to be given here but, because of a wide use of automatic mechanisms, these processes will require relatively few workers.

The sprawling power plants will probably be the most completely automatic of all the plants in the installation. Once coal is dumped

into the storage bins, machinery will carry it through crushers and blowers and into boilers to be burned. Ash will be removed from the boilers by conveyor belts and from the flue gases by electrostatic collectors. High-pressure steam turbines of an immense size and capacity will turn the mammoth generators. Men will be needed in these plants to watch over coal preparation, boiler and turbine operation, and generator performance, and to control the electrical power output. A subsidiary operation will be the accumulation and maintenance of coal reserves. Forming a 15,000,000 ton reserve, great pyramids of coal will cover hundreds of acres of ground. Men will use mobile conveyors and great electric shovels to transfer the coal to the pyramids upon arrival and, whenever regular coal shipments are delayed, the conveyors will level the pyramids in order to keep the storage bins of the power plants filled. The means by which the coal is transported from the mines to the extraction installation must remain unknown but it will be either rail or ship. The depth of the water offshore, the effects of tides and prevailing weather conditions, the distance to the nearest main railroad line, the cost of a roadbed, rails, and a marshalling yard for a thousand trains a day...all these factors will determine whether trains or ships are used in the case of each installation. In either situation the number of older employees will be large. However, it can be predicted that there will be rail yards for the trains that will carry away the chemical products of the installation.

The general area of the warehouses will include the administrative offices of the installation. Here several hundred employees will maintain the operational, financial, and personnel records, keep an inventory of warehouse stock, fill orders for various products, and direct repair and expansion of facilities. The warehouses themselves will occupy a large land area. Included in the term "warehouses" will be tank farms for the storage of gases, spherical tanks for liquefied gases, and underground tanks-within-tanks for corrosive liquids and gases. And installation operating at full capacity will need a large force of supervisors and safety men for the warehouse area. Supervisors will handle the storing of chemicals received from the synthesis plants and the shipment of chemicals to customers. Safety men will carry out a comprehensive program of hourly inspections to prevent accidents involving the highly explosive and inflammable chemicals. Hundreds of men will be retained on a stand-by basis as members of a special fire-fighting force. A part of the warehouse area, the rail yards will include roundhouses, repair shops, switching stations, and loading ramps. Many older persons will be employed as part of the operating personnel of the yards.

Assuming that older persons (55-80 years old) will work one shift of a five-shift day and that the installation will be in operation for twenty-four hours a day, the number of older workers at the installation can be estimated. The possible number of younger workers (25-55 years old) is also given, on the assumption that they will work one shift of a four-shift day.

	<u>Younger workers</u>	<u>Older workers</u>
Tidal basins	400	500
Evaporation plants	2,000	5,000
Electrolysis plants	2,800	7,000
Synthesis plants	1,600	3,000
Power plants	1,600	2,000
Coal reserves	2,000	1,000
Warehouses	-----	-----

Administration	800	1,000
Warehouses	2,800	500
Fire-fighting force	1,600	300
Rail yards	1,600	500
	<u>17,200</u>	<u>20,800</u>

Because of the system of shifts only 8,500 men of the total of 38,000 men will be working at the installation during a single shift.

In summary, older persons without technical skills will be employed at the extraction installation as supervisors to direct younger workers, as inspectors and safety men, as operators of semi-automatic mechanisms, as watchmen to check on the operation of fully automatic machinery, as drivers of mobile equipment, as special repairman, and as administrative and clerical directors.

The operation of an extraction installation may be completely automatic in 1980, thus making false the predictions given above. Automatic operation is entirely possible and involves no new principles or procedures. However, the thousands of separate operations, each with many variables, performed in the installation means that the cost of electronic mechanisms to cope with each operation and its variables might equal the entire cost of the installation's land, buildings, and equipment. And, even if the installation were built to function automatically, it is by no means certain that 38,000 persons would be deprived of jobs. Instead of working at the installation, these men would be able to find employment in the factories producing equipment and spare parts to service and repair the automatic mechanisms in the installation.

We have already passed through fifty years of an industrial era with its ever increasing mechanization. Today we have machines that do the work of thousands of men using hand methods; yet there is no shortage of jobs. The fundamental nature of machines has preserved work for human hands. A machine is constructed to perform only one type of work, a machine can do only a cycle of work, endlessly repeating a series of operations. These minor limitations of the machine mean that men will be needed for tasks involving a number of very different procedures (for example, the driving of vehicles thru traffic, inspection of equipment, mechanical repairs, etc.) and for fixed-routine jobs where working procedure changes frequently (deep-water fishing, farming, mining, etc.). The basic shortcoming of the machine is its lack of intelligence, and this lack will guarantee work for the men of 1980. The prime characteristic of men is their continual search for new knowledge, and this new knowledge has always been used, sooner or later, to create new products for human use and enjoyment and to devise new and better means to manufacture of the new products or for use in the new processes...the first machines of any new or improved type...must be built by men. Intelligent planning, creative work, the transformation of an idea into a reality... these things cannot be done by a machine.

Some readers may complain that the jobs open to them in the extraction installation of 1980 will be as dull and drab as the jobs available in 1951. Yet dullness is desirable. If a person's job is dull and routine, that person's safety is assured because a routine job is one in which nothing unexpected happens. And it is the unexpected things that kill and cripple us. A moment's consideration will show that the jobs classed as exciting are jobs which involve an appreciable element of danger. The work of the deep sea diver, the test pilot, the racing driver, and the arctic explorer is exciting...

and dangerous to a greater or lesser degree. However, not all installation jobs will be dull and drab. For the daring person, work among the chemical storage tanks will be available. The tank worker, knowing that the tons of highly explosive gases about him might be unleashed by an earth tremor, a lightning bolt, or an unsteady hand at a valve, will find that his job has acquired a disturbing aura of suspense.

There will be other jobs for older persons, besides those at an extraction installation, in 1980 and many of these jobs will take workers into eerie and fantastic places. The stark plains of the Moon, the sparkling void of space, the black chasms under the world's oceans; the searing depths of the Earth's crust...workers will be needed, even eighty-year-olds, in all those weird and terrible realms. An almost limitless variety of jobs will be available in 1980; it would require many pages to enumerate all of the job possibilities;

The outlines of the world of 1980 are only vaguely apparent now, because we will shape the world of 1980 by our own actions in the months and years directly ahead. Our courage and self-sacrifice today in the face of global crisis will create a new and better world in the decades to come. Perhaps many of the jobs of 1980 will be dull but the dullness of peace is infinitely preferable to the hideous adventures of atomic war.

M I D W E S T F A N C O N F E R E N C E

The second Midwest Fan Conference will be held May 19 and 20 at Russell's Point (Indian Lake), Ohio. The two day event will be held in the big 80 room Beatley's On-the-Lake Hotel. It is being sponsored by the Cleveland Science Fantasy Society, Columbus Fantasy Group and the Cincinnati Fantasy Group.

There is plenty room available with singles with bath at \$4.50 and doubles with bath at \$6.00....and for those who desire to double up, there is rooms for four to six people at \$1.50.

For those who come by bus or train, there will be transportation available from Bellefontaine out to the lake. For more information on attending, contact C.L. Barrett, 119 S. Madriver, Bellefontaine, Ohio.

N I N T H W O R L D S C I E N C E F I C T I O N C O N V E N T I O N

We won't be able to tell you many more times - but the time is drawing near to that colorful 9th World Science Fiction Convention to be held on September 1 - 2 - 3 at New Orleans, La.

This years event is being sponsored by the New Orleans Science Fantasy Society, and if you are planning on attending, better draw up your final plans now. To assure the NOFS of giving you the best, why not drop your \$1.00 for membership to HARRY B. MOORE, 2703 Camp Street, New Orleans, La.

There will be many professionals there including EE Smith, Jack Speer, EE Evans, and many others...and too, fans galore! You be one of them, and have a fine time over the Labor Day. You will never live to regret it! For any further information write Harry B. Moore.

ARE WE READY TO MEET THE MARTIANS?

BY GWEN CUNNINGHAM

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I'VE all been reading about the flying saucers phenomena with various degrees of interest and speculation. One aspect of this stems from the unauthenticated tale about the flying saucer which landed and proved to be a space ship filled with tiny men, presumably from Mars. It's been laughed off the front page, and since nobody knows whether it happened or was a grand hoax, there's little one science fiction addict or even a dozen, can do about it.

But the thought came to me recently that, true or not, science is leaping along at an alarming rate which tosses us into the vast limbo of Space with shocking speed. Sooner than we realize, our own space ships will venture out on the Great Quest. Eventually, one will succeed. And it strikes me that the question of our success is a small one, compared to the question of how we shall face that eventuality.

In other words, should a space ship successfully reach another planet and, presumably, get home with it's reports, how will we react to the discovery of an alien race and an alien civilization?

We have all read stories speculating on possible reactions, varying from ideas gleaned from past histories of conquests and subjugation of weaker nations and the saga of Western pioneers, to the super-dreams of idealistic writers who gave us Shangri-Las and Utopias to strive for.

All this poses a vital question which is far from premature or irrelevant. If we should contact a race of Martians or Venetians or Plutonians, will we conquer and subdue them, as we did the Indians of North America; as Spain did the Incas of Mexico; as Rome did centuries ago to the then existing world? Or will we merely, with brash American ballyhoo, move in on a simpler civilization, exploiting it to the tune of rustling greenbacks, and the feverish cry of "Gold"? Will we negotiate with them as equals and include them into our politics as we do neighbor or European nations? Will we go even further, and in the accepted Utopian fashion, establish a relationship of trade, friendship and good will that can only be hoped for in our super world of tomorrow?

It's a stickler of a question for the very reason that no one will agree on the solution. Idealists are often impractical; business men are too often blind to anything but the Mighty Dollar; Scientists are too often interested in the abstract rather than the specific value; and politicians of state as well as of the clergy will be for getting a finger in the pie for selfish reasons, rather than the ones they would aver.

It is therefore difficult to think, that with all our science, our education, our genius for organization, and our ability in countless fields of endeavor, we are fit to attempt such a gigantic undertaking.

Human nature is too variable - too uncertain of its own motives and reactions - too careless of results and above all, too selfish for

such a stringent test. Have we the know how, the will, and the pure-heartedness necessary in sufficient amounts to even formulate a workable approach to the problem? It is a fearsome thought, and one that should make us all pause and consider.

If extra-terrestrials, human or otherwise, prefer to resist us by force or isolationism, the problem is largely out of our hands, of course. But on the premise of a race that is peaceful, and willing to cooperate, the greatest danger to our success lies in our own weaknesses.

If the new world is peopled by folks that are essentially the same as we are, oddly enough, the problem will be lessened, for whatever weaknesses we have, they, too, will be guilty of, in their own sphere. But given a world we cannot understand without superhuman effort, superhuman compassion, and superhuman politics, the best we can hope for will be a large muddle.

Too many of us mistrust one another, and alas, deservedly. But mistrust is a large barrier to overcome in international relationships, as we see in our present trouble with Russia. How much more hideous if we were trying to establish friendship with a new world!

"Physician, Heal Thyself"; That is the only answer. Before we can begin to negotiate with a new world, we must begin within ourselves. By striving honestly to accomplish this, we can branch out to understand our spouses, our parents, our children and our neighbors, and with that understanding, gain for ourselves a rapport with this world; then we can go forth into the farthest outposts of our Universe, and it will be natural for us to understand a new planet.

The greatest need under the present circumstances is expediency. We must not waste a moment from this time on, or we will be caught pitifully unready. For the day is truly at hand. Today our Government is actually drawing up plans to build and maintain a station in the sky. So is the Russian government. This project is ostensibly tabbed as a way station for the space-ships to come, as the gravity pull of the Earth will be so lessened at that height that takeoffs and landings will naturally require less fuel, less power, and incidentally, there will be less danger of crash landings on the Earth. All this is not simply a dream out of a Jules Verne novel. We are actually on the threshold of Space, and it is only a matter of time before we will have passed it.

It may be in your life-time. If not, the chances of your children seeing it are so great that we can probably dismiss any doubts on that score.

But we cannot sit back and leave it for our children to work out the problem. What a mess to dump into their laps!

No, it is for you, here and now, to take stock of yourselves and prepare for the Adventure as if you were already on the list of negotiators the Government has drafted for the first visit to a neighbor planet, to establish contact and understanding. How are you going to handle it? For all you know, one of you who are reading this may be actually sent on such a mission. Therefore it behooves all of you to dismiss this as a fantasy and face it as a fact.

You will go out into space. You will treat with the people of Mars. How are you going to do it?

If you are a decent, humanity-loving man with enough horse-sense to get by, you will make a list of the things you intend to accomplish. If you know your problem thoroughly, you will write at the top of the list: 1. "Establish an understanding."

Think of how you will attempt to do it. Haven't you ever burned the

ears of some U.N. Representative, because you felt he was an idiot, or a scoundrel, and you knew darned well you'd have made a better show? Who hasn't?

So why not prepare for your visit to Mars? Don't leave it for Junior to do. He may be too young for the first trip, so you had better count on doing it yourself. Then you can sit back and hand it over to Junior in a workable shape. Of course, you don't to fail, because if you do, the Martians will either scorn us entirely, or kill us off in a bloody war, unless we kill them first. No sense in dumping a real World War into Junior's lap, is there?

So you'll have to get ready to do a good job - and win!

Remember, it won't be the world of Tomorrow - it will be the World of Today. So you can't afford to be careless or selfish or blind. You have to do your very best. You can't allow Mars to be treated as we have our own savages. You can't allow us to conquer Martians or colonize them to death as we did with the Indians. You can't let us enter into dishonest trade or any such similar bypath.

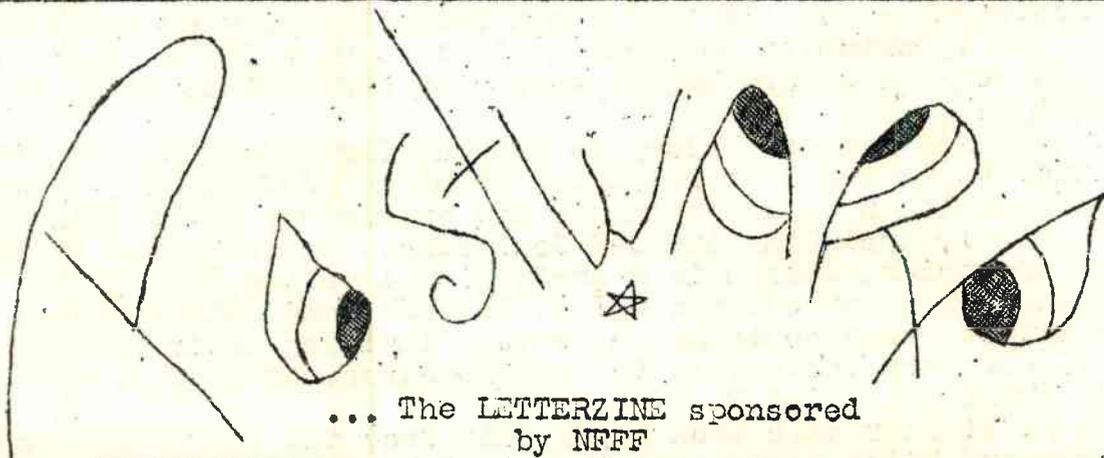
It is all up to you. And since there is so little time you must first analise yourself honestly, even if you need the help of a psychiatrist to show you the way. Then you must stop all your hatred of other people in the world, and begin to give them love. Learn to understand your wife, your kids, your boss, your friends. Sympathy and interest in others is healthier for your own mind-and you will find understanding if you look sincerely and honestly into other men's hearts.

This may not give us peace with Russia-but it could help, if we all did our own part. At any rate, until we understand others, we will go on having wars!

The first step, which is always the hardest, is within your own ability, and your own sphere.

And when you make friends with your first Martian, it will have been worth the effort. For through you, the world will have reached adulthood for the first time in its history. When we are ready to have peace at home and peace throughout the Universe, it will have come about through people like you, who have grown up at last.

Then, and only then - will we be truly prepared to meet the Martians. If you fail in this, it may cost us a world. Will you be ready??



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THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN

BY EV WINNE

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PROBABLY all fan would agree that the chief activities of fandom are fan clubs, fanzines, fan conclaves and fan correspondence. Of these the most understood must be letters between fan for nearly every acti-fan seems to have at least several correspondents. Last year the N3F took a survey of its membership. On this survey the #64 question was asked: "Are you willing to do some work for the club?" This question has also been on the membership applications in use since that time. A sizable majority of the members using these forms have said "yes" and it is a notable fact that by far the largest part of the volunteers have said "they'd like to do correspondence work for the club." From their ranks the Welcomittce was filled up to its full complement and the Renewals committee was activated. However the list of members still unassigned is as large as ever as new volunteers have come forward.

Meanwhile three unrelated situations have developed in fandom and the N3F. Science Fiction International and the NFFF have agreed to cooperate on a project of obtaining North American fan correspondents for overseas fan who desire such contacts. SFI has about 100 members outside of Canada and the U.S. The N3F has about 40 such members and eliminating duplications leaves about 125 on both lists. The chief objective of SFI is the introduction of foreign fan, especially isolated ones, to fandom. The N3F has always had a similar purpose towards all new or isolated potential fan and has official representatives in Great Britain and Australia - N.Z. It is a known fact that many overseas fan would welcome the opportunity to exchange letters with fan on this side of the two main oceans. We are hoping that many N3F members will be willing to oblige.

Quite a few N3F members belong to SFI but for those that don't let me introduce their two leaders: Lyell Crane and Julian Ray. Lyell of Toronto, Canada is an engineer and is now on his way to Britain to attend the Festival, including the S-F Conference. Later he may visit several other countries. Julian is a professional writer living in Chicago. Together they put out the SFI NEWSLETTER, and will continue to do so. Their latest issue contains an article inviting their members to write to us if they are interested in correspondence or if they wish to learn more about the N.F.F.F.

A somewhat similar situation may result from the increasing number of fans who are being taken into the armed services. These fan may be cut off from former correspondents for various reasons. World War II showed that fandom is very vulnerable with so many fan being in the 18-26 age bracket. We hate to stress this point with so many members subject to "greetings" from their Uncle but we do want to be in a position

to be able to send them fan greetings from fen still at home. It is reasonable to expect that many fen in service will be pleased if they can hear the latest news and views of the science-fantasy field and fandom from fan correspondents. The N3F stands ready to offer this help thru Fantasy Vets or its own organization.

If the world situation becomes more serious we can expect not only shortage in publishing supplies and equipment, but also of editors and publishers! Fan correspondence will then become even more vital as the chief means of keeping things going, including the N3F, so that present gains can be kept as much as possible, to save rebuilding once more.

The third area in which letter writers are needed is one that will be equally important to members who cherish the N3F as the largest, oldest and most effective club in fandom. The rapidly increasing number of s-f and fantasy mags, books, movies, radio programs and pocket-books in the last two or three years shows there is a greatly enlarged number of people interested. At the same time there is no definite evidence of any substantial increase in the ranks of fandom as compared to merely readers. Certainly the membership of the N3F is not growing with any rapidity. True, there is a small group of loyal members who do a lot of recruiting. But it's not enough, even though a valuable help, for we are only holding our own - not gaining. What is needed is an increased and organized effort to be certain that s-f and fantasy readers hear about fandom and the N3F - and are invited to participate. It can be done easily enough if a sufficient number of member volunteers are willing to write only a few letters apiece, every month or so.

The NFFF Correspondence Bureau is now being organized. Members can take part in one, two or all three of its projects:-correspondence with foreign fen, correspondence with fen in service or invitations to interested persons to join fandom and the club. You will be furnished names, addresses and sources, suggestions and advice if requested, and benefit lists and applications. The C.B. members will be kept well informed on progress and news and will be consulted on any problems that arise.

If you want to be an acti-fan and an active member, if you want to help the progress and growth of fandom around the world, if you like to make new friends and exchange ideas, and especially if you like to write and receive letters than drop a note or post card to Everett Winne in care John Nagle, 115 State St., Springfield, Mass. and he will get in touch with you. Any member is qualified and welcome to join the Correspondence Bureau. No one will be expected to do more than write a few letters as time allows.

YES, the door is wide open. You are invited to come in and meet a fine bunch of fans - your fellow N3F members and other fen throughout the world. We feel sure you'll like them just as we know they'll like you. Won't you drop us a line today?

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Fellow Members:

I wonder if you have, as I, wondered were all this current flood of science-fiction will lead. It seems everytime we turn around now adays that a new magazine has come out. If you have been around fandom six years or more, as I have, you will no doubt see it as a dream come true...With more magazines than you can read, dozens of new books coming out, a number of science-fiction movies planned or being made, and thousands of readers turning into fans...This is all wonderful, but where will it lead?

Well, for many of us it will meaning a lowering of standards. There are only so many good science-fiction writers, and they can write only so much, no matter how many mags they appear in...Much of the other stuff is science-adventure, or worse, SatEvePost stories for-the-average-man painted over with rockets and Nations. The movies are going to turn out a lot of Rocketship X-M's, overwhich we will howl...

The reason will be two fold. There will not only be poorer writers, but they will be slanting down to a much lower level of reader...As the sales figger for a magazine goes up, so does the importance of what a few fan think go down...It would appear that many of the newer magazines are stressing "popular" science-fiction, sometimes under the guise of mature science-fiction.

What this will mean in the future to the old-time fan, such as most of you are, is hard to say. Chances are the discriminating fan will still have to pick one or two magazines that print the type of fiction he likes. Either that or wade thru piles of chaff to find a few really good stories...

The position of the "fan" in the future is far more clearer...We have but to look at other fields that have large followings, such as Detective stories or Jazz record collecting. In each there are small groups, such as the famed "Baker Street Irregulars" or the old Dixie Land Jazz men, that stand out as connoisseurs of what is fine. They do not influence the production, but are looked to as judges of exelance by others in the field...Thus it may come to us.

As to the future of the NFFF, it is hard to say. I hope that some day we will not be just a part of fandom, but looked on as PANDOM. Or at least the VOICE of organized fans...That day is still far off though. We will have to recruit hundreds of new members, and organize even further.

I hope that some day we will be part of a truely Inter-

national organization...With each nation electing it's own leaders, and they in turn electing a International Board. Each group with their own official organ. So that news of local interest can be highlighted, along with items from the International seen.

While I do not expect to see this while I'm around, the ground work for all this is being layed. We already have Foreign Representatives in two parts of the world, and may soon have others. And the governing of the club is slowly being shifted from the old "strong man" arrangement of yor, when one fan virtually kept the club going by himself, to the point now where nearly all departments are independent of the rest. This leaves the President and Directors free to worry about the problems resulting from the ever-growing membership...

The NFFF in 10 years has grown from a small national group of fans mainly interested in forming a club not controlled by the pro-mags, to a group of over 400 fans, spread out over the entire world. We have gone a long ways in 10 years, I hope we will go even farther in the next '10. I sure hope I'm around to see anyway...

Rick Sneary,
President....

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We have five new helpers, Ann Lee McLeod, Charles Moslander, Don T. Regan, June Superak, and Herbert R. Womaski. Names missing are of those who resigned for lack of time. Two of them, Dorothea Faulkner and Jim Goldfrank had been Welcomers for more than two years. Now Emili, Virginia, Claire and I are the last of the 'old guard' when K. Martin Carlson was Chairman, and the majority of others joined us many months ago; some have been serving in Welcome work since 1949.

CARD INDEX FANS Janie reports the file is slowly but steadily increasing. All N3Fers, who have not sent information (see Dec. TNFF), please mail data to Janie Lamb, Heiskell, Tennessee.

NEW 'SAUCER' BOOK British publication, Cloth bound, Large format, The Riddle of the Flying Saucers by Gerald Heard. Is an excellent discussion. Guarantee all fen would be interested in reading, and place it in the "must read" class. Captain Ken F. Slater has this book for sale through NFFF Sec'y-Treasurer, Bill Berger, 912 East 140 Street, Cleveland, Ohio. It is \$1.47 postpaid. Money stays in NFFF Treasury to pay dues for British members.

CHECK-LIST FANTASY, S-F & WEIRD Paper-back editions. Any member in good standing, who wants a copy, write Ev Winne, c/o John Nagle, 115

State Street, Springfield, Mass.

FANZINE EDITORS Take advantage of NFFF Copyright Bureau. Service is free to all publishers in fandom. Register with Arthur Levine, 139 E. 40th Street, New York City 16, N.Y. All who are giving discount to N3F should send information to Eva Firestone, Upton, Wyoming. Did you advise Rick in reference to exchange you will accept from the fen overseas, for subscriptions to your fanzines?

MEMBERS ALL Write a letter to Rick. Tell him what columns, articles, reviews, departments, you would like to see in TNFF. Read Ev Winne's report about the Correspondence Bureau, then write to him if you wish to become active in that committee, or have suggestions and comments. Roy Lavender, Box 132, Delaware, Ohio wants your opinion on worth of our leaflets - Fan Speak, Fantasy Pseudonyms, Fanzine Check list, Fan Club list, Prozine Check list. Volunteers for stencil cutting, typing and publishing, please send word to the IPRO.

FAN WRITERS Remember the NFFF Manuscript Bureau.

NEWS ITEMS Stan Serxner is in military service. Several fen in the Springfield, Malden, Boston, Massachusetts and Meridan, Conn., areas have started a New England Fan Robin Letter. The purpose is to make isolated fen acquainted with one another, and to strengthen fandom in New England. They discuss fan topics and have hopeful plans for a future fansheet and a New England fan "Conclave." Any fan up in that section of the U.S. may participate by writing to Ev Winne. L.L. Shepherd, one of our new members recently published one of the better class fanzines, THE WEEPER. Stan Crouch's SCIENCE & CULTURE for March hit a very high level for interesting contents. N3fer Ed Ludwig sold two more stories to prozines. Chad Oliver said, "NFFF is Tops."

S L A N T is given FREE upon request to all British N3Fers. It is edited and published by Walter A. Willis, 170 Upper Newtownards Rd., Belfast, N. IRELAND. It is a neat little zine too, so you N3Fers in the "states" would do well by subscribing for SLANT.

FEBRUARY TNFF Neat work and the cover by Ray Higgs, the editor, is very good. Thanks Ray. ALL OF US should DO MORE to help BUILD up the OO.N3F Writers, a hint to you.

ADVERTISEMENT "Wanted: One quick lunch each from all members who have not paid their 1951 dues."

LIBRARIAN REPORT

BETTY SULLIVAN

Forty books have been aquired since the last report. 22 were received in a trade with Don Ford, all by E.R. Bourroughs. They are:

The Beasts of Tarzan	Tarzan & the Golden Lion (2 copies)
Tarzan & the Jewels of Opar	Tarzan of the Apes
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The Eternal Lover	The Warlord of Mars
The Master Mind of Mars	

Eight books were received from Mrs. Grace Van Dyk. They are:

Conklin, G. - Science Fiction Galaxy
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REMEMBER, anyone wishing for a list of books available for trade or sale will receive it on request.

My thanks to all the people who waited so patiently for books and letters during the recent illness and death of my Grandfather.

N F F F M A N U S C R I P T B U R E A U needs contributions! What about you 400 members of N3F sending in some stories, poems, drawings, articles, etc.? Send to Manuscript Manager W. Max Keasler, 420 South 11th., Poplar Bluff, Mo.

M I S S N O T - "The Door Is Wide Open" by Ev Winne -This issue!!

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Dear Ray:

This is my first letter to you - I've heard a lot about you, read a lot about you, and read letters of yours - perhaps you've heard of me - I've been gloating about in acti-fandom for the past 3-4 years, but before have not written you.

The reason for this letter is that Ken Slater from whom I've just taken over N3F work in Europe, ask me to forward the OF advert for the next OO - which is herewith written - hope you can read the writing and hoping to hear from you sometime. -

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Thanks for all - Cheerio - Derek Pickles
P.S.-Want to trade subs?

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Portland 13, Oregon

Dear Ray:

Thanks for the plug on the NORWESCON issue of the FANSCIENT. This will incidentally be the final issue, and since I won't be sending out sample copies, I'll have plenty. The copy is going in to the lithographers tomorrow and should be ready in a week or two.

Don Day

Ed. note - and thank you Don for that splendid write-up NORWESCON appearing in the October 1950 issue of TNFF. By the way folks - the FANSCIENT has arrived and is a beauty, 64 pages in two colors full of material and pics and well worth the 50c - and here is a tip to you - you can still get back issues of the FANSCIENT, and as these will become hard-to-get, better drop Don a letter now, with a three cent stamp, and complete your collection.

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YOU too, can write letters to NEFFORUM, address the editor.

Montgomery Clinic - Suite 221-226
Weinberg Bldg., Greenville, Miss.

Dear Ray:

Just a note to let you know that I for one think the idea of your present poll is excellent, providing, of course, the response is adequate. The results of such a poll should provide very interesting reading for all of us. I would suggest that you follow through with subsequent polls in the future, as you no doubt intend to do.

In my own case, I find I am unable to answer all questions to ten places. I only read a few fan publications, namely SLANT, NEKROMANTIKON, TUCKER'S NEWS LETTER, FANTASY ADVERTISER, RHODOMAGNETIC DIGEST, AD-O-ZINE, and, of course; TNFF. I wondered about listing TNFF at all; it is not really a "zine", but a report of the doings of the N3F. Probably you didn't intend it to be included in the poll.

I note you want articles. I shall be glad to attempt to supply one or two at a later date if you wish. The one I wrote for NEKROMANTIKON was on a rather controversial subject, but I could probably find something that won't upset anyone. At present I'm busy writing a couple of medical papers, but when they are out of the way I'll try and see if I can produce something interesting.

D. C. Montgomery, Jr., M.D.

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P.O.Box 193
Litchfield, Illinois

Dear Higgs:

Eva Firestone sent me a card advising that you were in need of material for TNFF. Said the deadline was March 15, for the April issue. Therefore, if you can use the enclosed, I feel you will have it in time.

She said writer had choice of topic. Therefore, I wrote the first thing that came to my mind that I thought might be interesting to fans. Since it is exactly the dilemma in which I find myself, it should be interesting to those that get the WEEPER, at least. One exception: I haven't hit the truck yet---I'm only thinking of it.

If you have the time, and the inclination, I would appreciate hearing your viewpoints on the WEEPER; and the enclosed article; too. If I can get my ulcer to quit hurting, and the weather gets bad, I hope to have another issue of the WEEPER ready to go shortly after April 1st. I had a nice response from the first issue. After that, six subs, and twenty letters from a mailing of seventy.

Also, would like to have a few suggestions for names to be added to my "complimentary" list for the next issue. After that, there won't be anymore free ones except for material or trades. I'd like an article from you too. Haven't you got at least ONE gripe that needs airing...?

L. L. Shepherd

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NEFFORUM is wide open to accept letters from each and every member of NFFF - and too - we feel that it is your duty and the pleasure that you would derive from doing so - to write and air your views and suggestions. Other members want to hear from you, you and you.... and NEFFORUM awaits your letter. GET BUSY!



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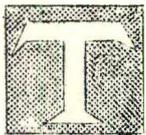
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BY L. L. SHEPHERD



HIS is the time of year when the pools of still water remind me of fish. They don't remind me of catching fish----just trying! If I had to travel through a desert land, I wouldn't have this trouble. That is not the case. I have lots of tempting water to drive past: Pools, lakes, sloughs, rivers, creeks and farm ponds---all fish harbors. To make it worse, there are a lot of venturesome souls out trying them out. Driving by, I can imagine they are having wonderful luck. I never stop and ask them---who wants their dreams shattered?

My mail box, unfinished ideas, contributed articles; and especially the first of the month whizzing at me, remind me of a publishing deadline. My conscience sitting on the dashboard pointing an accusing finger at me, helps me. He asks stupid questions. Here are some of them: "Did anyone force you into starting a Zine? Don't you want to become a writer? Didn't you start a Zine so you would have to write? Don't you like those letters telling you what a good job you are doing---doesn't that make you feel good? And, finally, how about those obscene persons that had the unmitigated gall to criticize your brain child? Weren't you going to show them...?"

A particularly likely looking spot prompts these brilliant answers: "Yeah, but think of all the ideas I can get sitting there in solitude. Look how relaxed I'd be. You know my nerves are all shot. If I took off just a couple of hours, it would do me good. Besides, if I should catch a few BIG ones, think how it would pep me up---give me lots of confidence."

My conscience is joined by his diabolic helper---a guy called Memory. He chimes in with: "Uh huh! Remember how you wore yourself out last summer---swearing you'd catch some of those blankety-blank fish if it killed you? Did you relax, or do any thinking? Or did you stay from sunrise until midnight? Did you confine your thinking to: I wonder how that spot up there by that tree would be? And, how about the last time you went---just before the first freeze? You know, the time you stayed two days and only hooked one fish bigger than your minnow, and it snarled your line in the brush and broke loose? Remember how you swore you'd never spend another dollar or drive another mile to catch the biggest fish in the world? Have you forgotten all those things...?"

Before I can think up an answer to this, conscience speaks up again: "Those poor people that sent you subscriptions to your zine---on your first issue too. Think how you would be treating them. Have you forgotten so soon how pitifully grateful you were to them? Are you going to be a 'typical' fan publisher? Start off with a big head of steam and fizzle out after the first issue? I thought you made some statements about how you were going to be different...? Fraud...!"

In desperation, I began closing my eyes each time I came to a fishing place. This was working out fine until this afternoon. I met a truck

driver that was doing the same thing. That's why I felt obligated to write this. If any tired and weary fan publisher-fishermen hear a fiendish chuckle as they trudge guiltily off to bed this summer; after neglecting one or the other, they can take comfort in knowing that a truck can solve all their problems---if applied in the right way. Mine was head on....

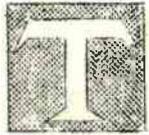
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ESSAY ON ZINE PUBLISHING AND FISHING

BY L. L. SHEPHERD



HIS is the time of year when the pools of still water remind me of fish. They don't remind me of catching fish----just trying! If I had to travel through a desert land, I wouldn't have this trouble. That is not the case. I have lots of tempting water to drive past: Pools, lakes, sloughs, rivers, creeks and farm ponds---all fish harbors. To make it worse, there are a lot of venturesome souls out trying them out. Driving by, I can imagine they are having wonderful luck. I never stop and ask them---who wants their dreams shattered?

My mail box, unfinished ideas, contributed articles; and especially the first of the month whizzing at me, remind me of a publishing deadline. My conscience sitting on the dashboard pointing an accusing finger at me, helps me. He asks stupid questions. Here are some of them: "Did anyone force you into starting a Zine? Don't you want to become a writer? Didn't you start a Zine so you would have to write? Don't you like those letters telling you what a good job you are doing---doesn't that make you feel good? And, finally, how about those obscene persons that had the unmitigated gall to criticize your brain child? Weren't you going to show them...?"

A particularly likely looking spot prompts these brilliant answers: "Yeah, but think of all the ideas I can get sitting there in solitude. Look how relaxed I'd be. You know my nerves are all shot. If I took off just a couple of hours, it would do me good. Besides, if I should catch a few BIG ones, think how it would pep me up---give me lots of confidence."

My conscience is joined by his diabolic helper---a guy called Memory. He chimes in with: "Uh huh! Remember how you wore yourself out last summer---swearing you'd catch some of those blankety-blank fish if it killed you? Did you relax, or do any thinking? Or did you stay from sunrise until midnight? Did you confine your thinking to: I wonder how that spot up there by that tree would be? And, how about the last time you went---just before the first freeze? You know, the time you stayed two days and only hooked one fish bigger than your minnow, and it snarled your line in the brush and broke loose? Remember how you swore you'd never spend another dollar or drive another mile to catch the biggest fish in the world? Have you forgotten all those things...?"

Before I can think up an answer to this, conscience speaks up again: "Those poor people that sent you subscriptions to your zine---on your first issue too. Think how you would be treating them. Have you forgotten so soon how pitifully grateful you were to them? Are you going to be a 'typical' fan publisher? Start off with a big head of steam and fizzle out after the first issue? I thought you made some statements about how you were going to be different...? Fraud...!"

In desperation, I began closing my eyes each time I came to a fishing place. This was working out fine until this afternoon. I met a truck

driver that was doing the same thing. That's why I felt obligated to write this. If any tired and weary fan publisher-fishermen hear a fiendish chuckle as they trudge guiltily off to bed this summer; after neglecting one or the other, they can take comfort in knowing that a truck can solve all their problems---if applied in the right way. Mine was head on....

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1951

To the following people go one-year memberships in the National Fantasy Fan Federation, plus certificates of recognition:

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Rapp
Banister
Laney
Slater
D. Moore
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Hershey
Gibbs

FAN POETS

McCormick
Thompson
Faulkner
Carter
Coblentz
Bradley
Leverentz
Hamilton
Hill

Every Prozine was mentioned but these received the highest votes in order.

BEST FAN OF 1950

R. Lavender
Firestone
Higgs
Winne
Slater
Rapp
Moskowitz
Venable
Austin
Ackerman
Sneary
Elsbury

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Mrs. G. M. Carr
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Davis
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Mrs. Anna Moffatt
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10 BEST PROZINES - 1950

Galaxy Science Fiction
Astounding Science Fiction
Startling Stories
Thrilling Wonder Stories
Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction
Other Worlds
Famous Fantastic Mysteries
Amazing Stories
Worlds Beyond
Super Science Stories

10 BEST FANZINES FOR 1950

Fanscient
Science Fiction News Letter
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Votes for the best fanzines came in thick and fast, but those given above got the nod by the majority.

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Men Against The Stars	Greenberg	Gnome
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Dreaming Jewels	Sturgeon	Greenberg
Conquest Of Space	Ley & Bonestell	Viking

EDITORIAL

BY THE EDITOR

It is very seldom that I, as editor of TNFF, have taken the much needed space in our fine Official Organ - just to open my big mouth and utter a few words. However since this year of 1951 is the 10th Anniversary of NFFF, I wish to say "HAPPY ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS" to all the members and officers...and too, to beg each and every one of you to 'stick with N3F' and give your all. It was through the hard work of members and officers that has brought us to our 10th Anniversary, and it will still take hard work for us to reach our 20th year of success...but IT CAN BE DONE and IT WILL BE DONE!

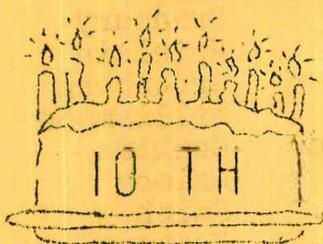
It behooves each one of you to become ACTIVE! Take a part in the work and activities of NFFF...write, publish, correspond, draw, attend conclaves and conventions, organize clubs in your city, your state...become 'known' in N3F.

This being our Anniversary year - why don't you
Publish a nize zine
Get a new member - each one of US get a new member bringing
our membership up close to the 800 mark
Write a story, an article, a poem
Draw a cartoon or a full page masterpiece
Write to as many members as you can find time
Supply the Manuscript Bureau until it overflows
Contribute some monies as a DONATION for the N3F cause
Keep your dues paid up
Subscribe to POSTWARP and FANVARIETY and FUTURIST
Attend the Midwest Fan Conference if possible
Attend the 9th World Science Fiction Convention if possible
BECOME ACTIVE by following the above suggestions!

Our sympathy goes out to Betty Sullivan, whose grandfather passed away, also to Ray Higgs, whose brother-in-law with whom he has made his home since 8 years of age, passed beyond. Both deaths occurred during the production of this issue of TNFF.

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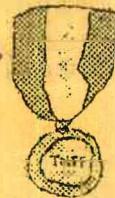
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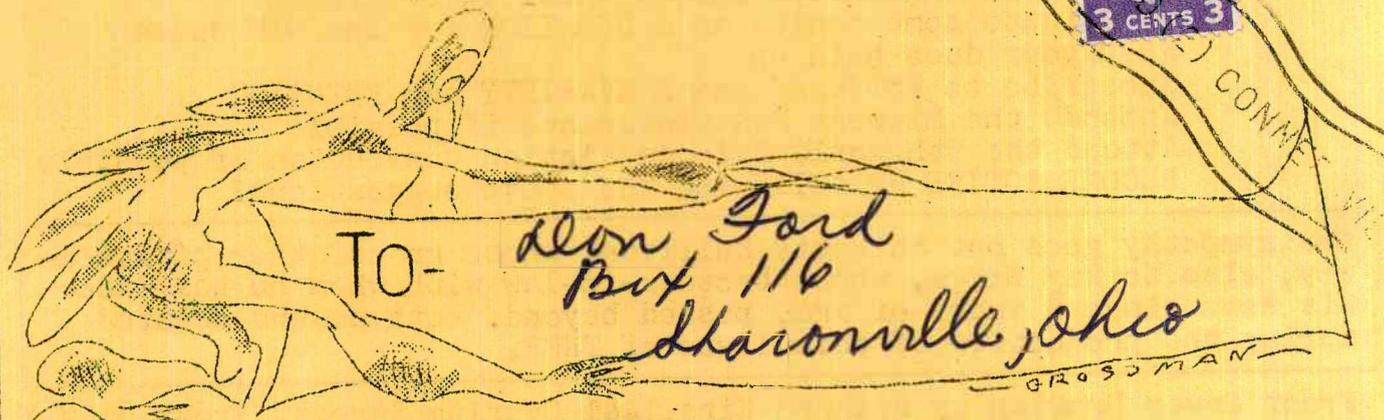


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