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HEIDELBERG NEWS

The dates have now been confirmed for the International S.F.

Convention in Heidelberg in 1970 - the Convention that may (it has not been decided yet, pending the vote at St. Louis this summer) become the World S.F. Convention for that year. The dates: Friday to Monday, 21st to 24th August 1970. The programme is being worked on, and a truly cosmopolitan cast of guests of honour, toastmasters, etc., is being lined up.

Registration fees are now being taken. The British Agent for the Convention Committee is Archie Mercer, address as in the heading of this Bulletin. Registration in sterling is 21/-; cheques, postal orders etc. should be payable to "A.H. Mercer".

Concerning the plan to organise a coach (or coaches) to convey British residents to Heidelberg and back, the round trip to last (probably) a fortnight, somebody is needed to do the donkey-work - preferably somebody living in London or South-East England, and better still (if such exists) somebody who knows his way around the coaching trade. Anybody who feels capable of setting something moving is invited to contact Archie Mercer in his capacity as British Agent.

Finally under the Heidelberg head, supporters of the Heidelberg Convention would like it to be the World Convention if possible. The natter can only be decided at this year's World Convention, though - which will of course be patronised mainly by Americans. In order to demonstrate to the Americans that British sf fans support the idea - which will give them (the Americans) more incentive to want to come over - it would be appreciated if all readers of this who correspond with U.S. sf fans would mention in their correspondence that they support it. (Even if they only scrawl "Heidelberg in 1970 1" on the back of the envelope.)

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE GALACTIC FAIR The organisers of the British S.F. Convention this coming Easter are appealing for material to be auctioned. The more the sooner the better, like. You know the sort of thing - sf and fantasy books, magazines, original artwork, objets de science-fictional or fantastic art, table-cloths autographed by Isaac Asimov; anything and everything that can be flogged to attendees for good hard £0££y. Address for parcels: E.C. Tubb, 67 Houston Rd., Forest Hill, London SE.23.

If you're interested in the event itself but have not yet registered, then why not? Do it now, before the snow holds up the mail. The 10/- registration fee should be sent to Anne Keylock, Convention Treasurer, who inhabits 67 Shakespeare Rd., Hanwell, London W.7. To refresh your memory: Galactic Fair 1969, Easter week-end (April 4th - 6th) at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, Guest of Honour Judith Merril.

VECTOR NEWS
You, the members in good standing of The B.S.F.A. Limited, are now the proud owners of an electric duplicator. This has now been delivered to Michael Kenward, the Publications Officer, and will be used mainly for VECTOR. It is hoped that this will help to increase VECTOR's frequency.

AMATEUR WRITERS PLEASE NOTE. Chris Priest, editor of the Science Fiction Writer's Bulletin, wishes to remind members that the deadline for the story contest mentioned in the third issue is 31st March 1969. (And even

if you don't intend to enter the competition yourself, Chris would most certainly appreciate comments on his Bulletin. Christopher M. Priest, 103 Carshalton Rd., Sutton, Surrey.)

A LITTLE-KNOWN SERVICE REVIVED The B.S.F.A.'s new Distribution Dept. announces that it is reviving the service whereby the Association distributes members' own pamphlets to the membership. This facility takes three forms. For distribution to the whole membership, approximately 250 copies are at present required. (The balance will be returned to the member, unless he wishes them to go to new members, applicants, etc.) Lesser quantities can be distributed among the membership on a random basis, or may be marked up for distribution to specific members.

The material is distributed with normal B.S.F.A. mailings, and the only charge made is for excess postage. Thus, if the inclusion of the item makes no difference to the postage, there is no charge; or if it pushes the postage up a step, then the member is charged for the "step" only. (The more advantage is taken of this, of course, the less likely is any member to be called upon to pay a full "step" single-handed.)

Since the B.S.F.A. administration is involved in no significant additional work or expense, this service applies equally to "commercial" and "hobby" material. The B.S.F.A. Limited naturally reserves the right to distribute anything that might bring it into conflict with the law, or which might be offensive to a significant proportion of the membership.

Association's Information Bureau are requested to submit the queries on separate sheets of paper (including the questioner's name and address), instead of embodying them in letters. This makes it easier to pass the questions on to specialist members of the panel. Thank you.

SMALL-ADS FREE TO MEMBERS (Note: this does not apply to small-ads of a Trankly commercial nature, for which a small charge is made, but is intended for notices of a personal or hobbyish nature including offers to buy for, or to sell from, one's personal collection):

WANTED "The Circus of Dr. Lao" by C.G. Finney

(pub. in 1935 by Viking, N.Y., or pub. in 1948 by Grey Walls)

"Northwest of Earth" by C.L. Moore

(pub. in 1954 by Gnome Press)

"The Fox Woman" by A. Merritt

(pub. in 1949 by Avon Paperbacks)

Details to F. Oliphant, 25 Kinver House, Woodberry Down Estate, London N.4

WANTED BY GENUINE COLLECTOR ! Galaxy Dec 1966. Feb, Oct 1967

Worlds of Tomorrow May 1963 (first issue)

Astounding April, May 1942 Feb, June, Dec 1943

Feb, March, Aug, Sept, Oct 1944 Jan, Oct 1945

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CORRESPONDENTS WANTED Michael A. Biddulph (16), 32 Mount Pleasant, Park Lane, Old Park, Dawley, Salop. Anything weird, (UFOs), Psychic things, just started Electronics. UK, USA

Andrew S. Thomas (17), 72 Redhoods Way West, Letchworth, Herts. Hi-fi sound recording, space travel. USA

NEWS FROM THE N3F
- which, as you probably know by now, stands for the National Fantasy Fan Federation, the nearest thing to our opposite number stateside.

Heartiest congratulations to B.S.F.A. member Douglas Fulthorpe for winning the second and third prizes in the N3F's annual story contest - which has for several years been open to B.S.F.A. members on equal terms with Neffers.

The Publications Bureau of the N3F ~ which deals with niscellaneous "special" publications - reports the imminent appearance of a pamphlet on FANTASY PSEUDONYMS, "one of the largest pseudonym lists ever". The B.S.F.A. Secretary is trying to arrange a system whereby B.S.F.A. members can obtain this and similar items from the N3F for sterling. Further news to follow when it exists.

Michel Barnes (1716 Summerlane SE, Decatur, Alabama 35601, USA), who is amongst other things the N3F's Overseas Bureaucrat, is also attempting to start an amateur writers' group which he proposes to call "AWE", the "E" standing for "Enterprizes". This is to cater for such things as book publishing and comment, and Michel already has two professional writers lined up who have agreed to read and criticise manuscripts. It is even hoped that worthy material can be steered towards interested publishers. Any further developments will be published in the SCIENCE FICTION WRITER'S BULLETIN.

MORE ABOUT VECTOR

Despite the news on P. 1 of this Bulletin, it is regretted that there is still no VECTOR ready for distribution. It is, however, understood that the main reason for this is that the VECTOR currently in course of preparation is considerably bulkier than its recent brethren. Michael Kenward says he hopes that it will be ready shortly.

The issue in question - No. 52 - will not be sent to members who have not paid their 1969 subscriptions. Those who pay up after it has been mailed out will, however, receive it with their membership cards. (Or, bulk for bulk perhaps, vice versa.)

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED ANNEXE Would anybody who would be interested in corresponding with an 18-year-old Japanese (in English) please get in touch with the Secretary. Thank you.

NEW MEMBERS

919 Biddulph, Michael A.: 32 Mount Pleasant, Park Lane, Old Park, Dawley, Salop 920 Thomas, Andrew S.: 72 Redhoods Way West, Letchworth, Herts THE BRITISH FANTASY AWARD

The Management Committee of The B.S.F.A. Limited regrets that owing to various interlocking circumstances the British Fantasy Award is, for the second year in succession, being held in suspense.

LIBRARY NEWS After consultations with the Book Librarian, it has been decided that instead of issuing the promised library supplement with catalogue numbers, etc., a completely revised and up-to-date book list will be issued. This will, of course, take a little longer - but it's moving.

Entirely apart from this, the B.S.F.A. Bulletin will from now on carry a list of books recently received for review, which will shortly find their way

into the Library. Starting right now:

Waters of Death; Irving A. Greenfield (Sidgwick & Jackson)

The Star Fox; Poul Anderson (Panther pb)

The Dream Master; Roger Zelazny (Panther pb)

The Stealer of Souls; Michael Moorcock (Mayflower pb)

Stormbringer; Michael Moorcock (sequel to the above) (Mayflower pb)
The Rose; Charles L. Harness (incl. shorter items) (Sidgwick & Jackson)

Monkman Cones Down; Eric C. Williams (Robert Hale)

The World Jones Made; Philip K. Dick (Sidgwick & Jackson)

Rocket From Infinity; Lester del Rey (Faber)

The Year's Best Science Fiction; ed. Harry Harrison & Brian Aldiss (Sphere 1969, pb)

Future Perfect; ed. H. Bruce Franklin (O.U.P. pb)

(The above is an anthology of 19th-century American proto-sf, with informed commentary by the editor)

The Best From 10,000/Faths Fantasy & Science Fiction No. 14; ed. Avram Davidson (Panther pb)

The Seedy; Robert Ray (Panther pb)

The House on the Borderland; William Hope Hodgson (Panther pb)

Player Piano; Kurt Vonnegut Jr. (Panther pb)

The Jewel in the Skull; Michael Moorcock (Mayflower pb)

The Mad God's Anulet; Michael Moorcock (sequel to the above) (Mayflower pb)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

649 Gray, Roy: now 39 Victoria Rd., Runcorn, Ches

684 Kenward, Michael: now 145 Portland Rd., London W.ll (NOTE this is not the address for VECTOR, which remains as announced in the previous Bulletin, ie, 31 Mottisfont Rd., London SE.2)

893 Porter, Andrew I.: now 55 Pineapple St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201, USA

854 Rowe, David C.: now & Park Dr. , Lickford, Essex

383 Smith, Chas. G.P.: now 8 Elizabeth Rd., S. Tottenham, London N.15 (temporary address: permanent one to follow when settled)

710 Waddington, Roger: now (again !) 4 Commercial St., Norton, Malton, Yorks