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## CONVENTION NEWS

The arrangements for the 1962 BSFA convention to be held at Harrogate this Easter are proceeding fairly smoothly. The West Park Hotel is now full and the Clarendon Hotel almost so, if you are intending to come and haven't yet booked do so at once or you may find it difficult to get accomodation. In view of the difference in price between the two hotels the Con. Committee are raffling, free of charge, a day's inclusive charge to the guests of the Claredon.

### DISPLAYS.

Display space is available to groups or individuals and a prize is being given for the best display. Professional display space is being handled by Ken Slater, (75 Norfolk St., Wisbech, Cambs.) and fan display space by Brian Jordan (86 Piccadilly Rd., Burnley, Lancs.).

### PHOTO EXHIBITION.

There is to be an exhibition of photographs, and prizes will be given in three categories - (a) fans, (b) Beautiful Britain, and (c) What is it? Send any entries you may have to Chris Miller, 101 Maney Hill Rd., Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire. All entries should have clearly marked on the reverse and on a separate sheet the title, the name of the photographer and permission to auction or otherwise. Any photos left over after the convention will be returned to the owner only

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## 1962 Committee Nominations

Four posts on the BSFA Committee are to be filled this year, they are - Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Publications Officer. The office of Chairman will be filled by last year's Vice-Chairman, Terry Jeeves of Sheffield. Nominations have been received for two of these posts, Secretary and Treasurer. They are as follows:  
Secretary - Ken Cheslin, M118, has been nominated by Miss Ella Parker, M 17, and Archie Mercer, M 3.  
Treasurer - Mrs Jill Adams, M12, has been nominated by Jim Groves, M 32, and Joe Patrizio, M 25.

Would anyone interested in the other posts please contact the present Secretary, Joe Patrizio, at Flat 5, 11 Grosvenor Road, Watford, Herts.

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at his expense.

## AUCTIONS.

There will, as usual, be an auction of sf material, the proceeds of which will be split 50/50 between the Convention funds and the TransAtlantic Fan Fund. If you have any books, magazines, artwork and manuscripts that you want to get rid of, send it to the auction. The address is (Terry Jeeves) 30 Thompson Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield 11, Yorks.

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cover illustration in question has now appeared on the March issue of NEW WORLDS. Our apologies to all concerned. The mistake arose because this issue of NEW WORLDS was not out at the time VECTOR 14 was produced, and because this cover bears some resemblance to a recent ASF cover.  
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whoops!  
we goofed

On page 12 of VECTOR 14 we mentioned the occurrence of an article about sf authors in this country. We stated at that time that an illustration featured as the current NEW WORLDS cover was in fact from a recent ASF. We were mistaken. The

# BOOK NEWS

## Corgi books

### RECENT RELEASES

Recent Corgi book releases include two older sf novels, one of which is probably a classic of it's kind.

The classic is George R. Stewart's "Earth Abides", a thick paperback selling at 3/6d.

The other sf release is 'Born Leader' by J.T. McIntosh.

A new novel also from Corgi Books is 'Calculated Risk' by C.E. Maine, at 2/6d. This is the story of a perilous experiment with time.

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A FOR ANYTHING by Damon Knight, Four Square Books 2/6d.

This novel is the expansion of a short story which appeared in IF a year or so ago. The story concerns the invention of a matter duplicator and it's effects on human society. We follow the rapid depreciation in value of everything except personal power and, skipping ahead somewhat, see the attempted revolt of the resulting slave class.

THE SMALL ASSASSIN by Ray Bradbury, Ace Books 2/6d.

This is a selection of stories from two previous collections, "Dark Carnival" and "The October Country".

\* STRANGERS IN THE UNIVERSE by Clifford Simak, Panther Books 2/6d.

\* This is a paper back selection from Simak's recent hard cover collection of the same name. They include "Skirmish", the ultimate revolt of the machines, "Immigrant", "Kindergarten" and "Beachhead". Oddly enough there is only one story of the type that Simak is renowned for, the gentle alien story, and that is "Mirage", the story of one man's kindness to the almost exterminated seven sexed Martians.

\* ROGUE MOON by Algis Budrys, Gold Medal Books 2/6d.

\* This is the paperback version of the serial from F&SF.

# Thorpe & Porter

## importations

Thorpe and Porter Ltd., are at present importing some of the current American paperback crop. The following are for release by the end of March.

### Ballantine Books

A CUPFUL OF SPACE by Mildred Clingerman. This is a collection of short stories, mainly from the pages of F&SF.

TURN LEFT AT THURSDAY by Frederik Pohl. This is a collection of short stories.

THE LOVERS by Phillip Jose Farmer. Farmer's famed novel.

### Pyramid Books

TOMORROW AND TOMORROW by Hunt Collins. This isn't the Kuttner "Tomorrow and Tomorrow" as you might at first think but is a new novel. It is expanded from a magazine story and concerns the near future when vicarious entertainment has more or less taken over. It concerns the fight between the Vikes (the Vicarion movement) and the Rees (the Realists). The buildup and denouement are rather more interesting than usual in that neither side is painted pure white or black and neither wins an outright victory.

A WAY HOME by Theodore Sturgeon. This is a reissue of Sturgeon's collection.

### Berkeley Books

TITAN'S DAUGHTER by James Bliss. This is the novel of the superior tetraploid humans.

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### AROUND THE MAGAZINES

Starting in the January 'Scientific American' the Hoffman Electronics Corporation of Los Angeles has a series of two page ads. Each ad is a short story by a famous sf author. January was Van Vogt, and February was by Isaac Asimov.

In the New Scientist for 1st March 1962 there is an article about the prediction of Nuclear Power in fiction.

'Life International' for 12th of March contains an article about the John Glenn flight.

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### STOP PRESS - CONVENTION

Both hotel booked solid, overflow hotel being sought. Several Nova cover originals are to be auctioned. A display on the Glenn flight has been provided by the American Embassy. Film will probably be "Matter of Life and Death".

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