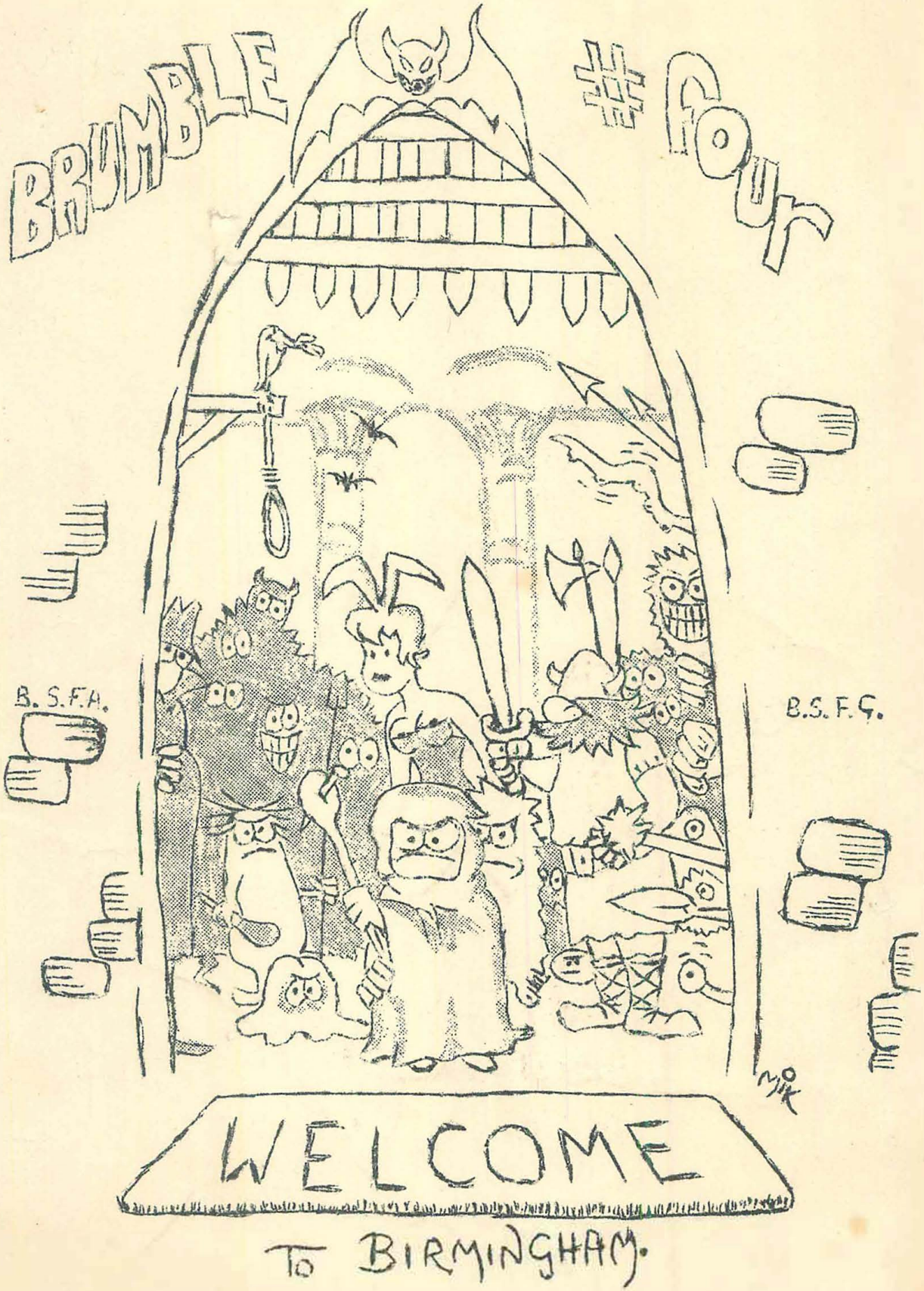
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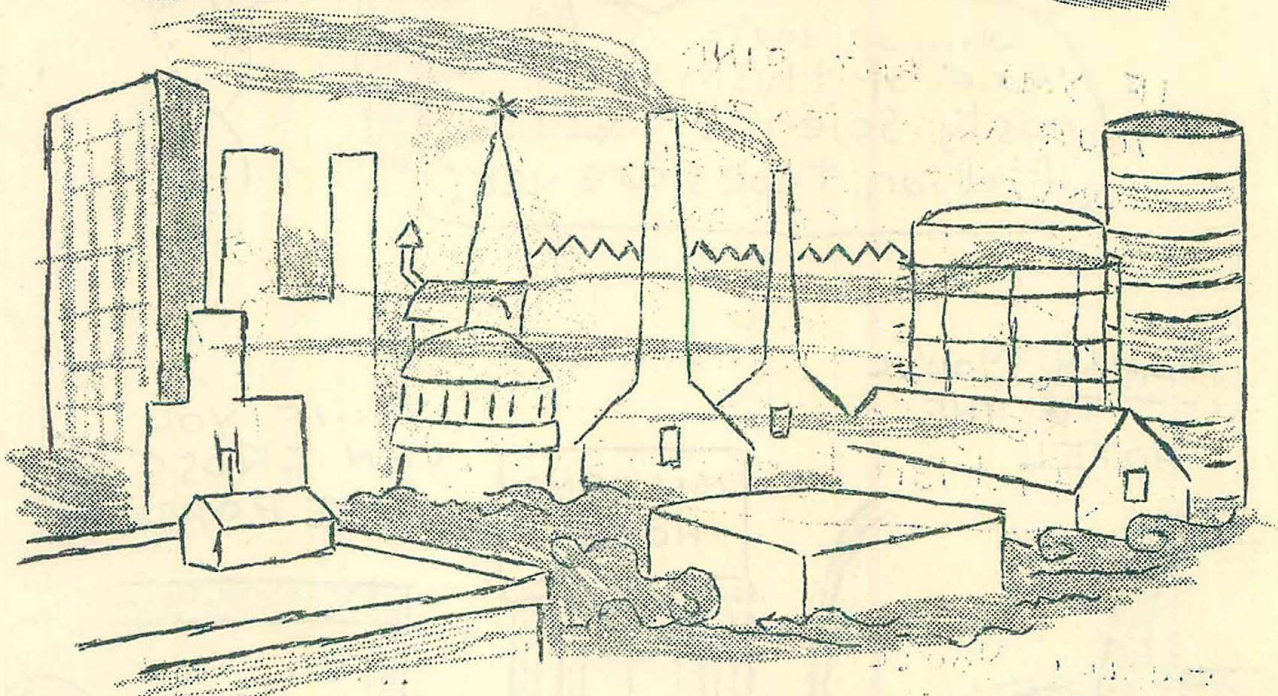
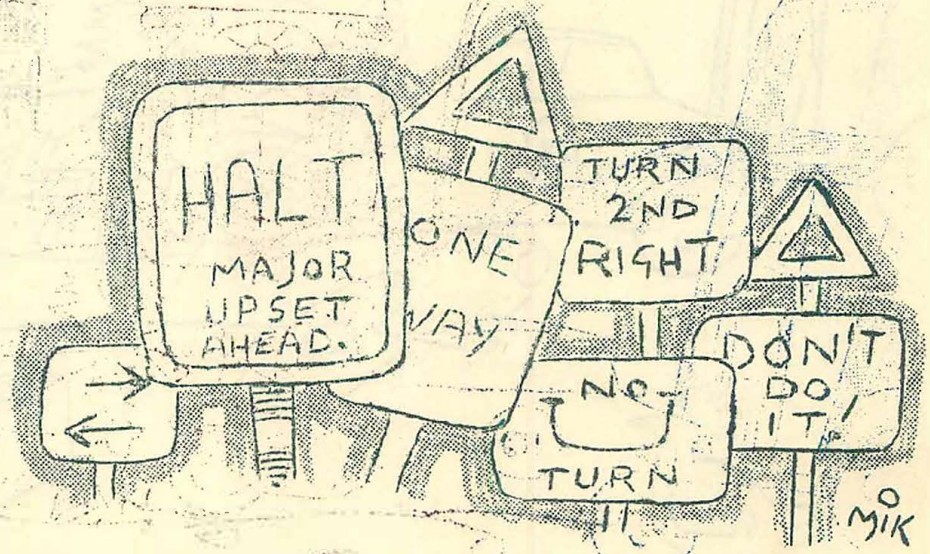


....WELCOME TO SUNNY BIRMINGHAM, THE METROPOLIS OF THE MIDLANDS.

YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY BE MET BY SOME FRIENDLY DIRECTIONAL SIGNS....



IF YOU CAN'T FIND YOUR WAY TO THE CONVENTION HOTEL, ASK A POLICEMAN.
oh... so you're one of them nasty Science fiction types are yer?
FINALLY YOU'LL GET TO THE HOTEL....
....IF YOU CAN CROSS THE ROAD.
MIDLAND HOTEL
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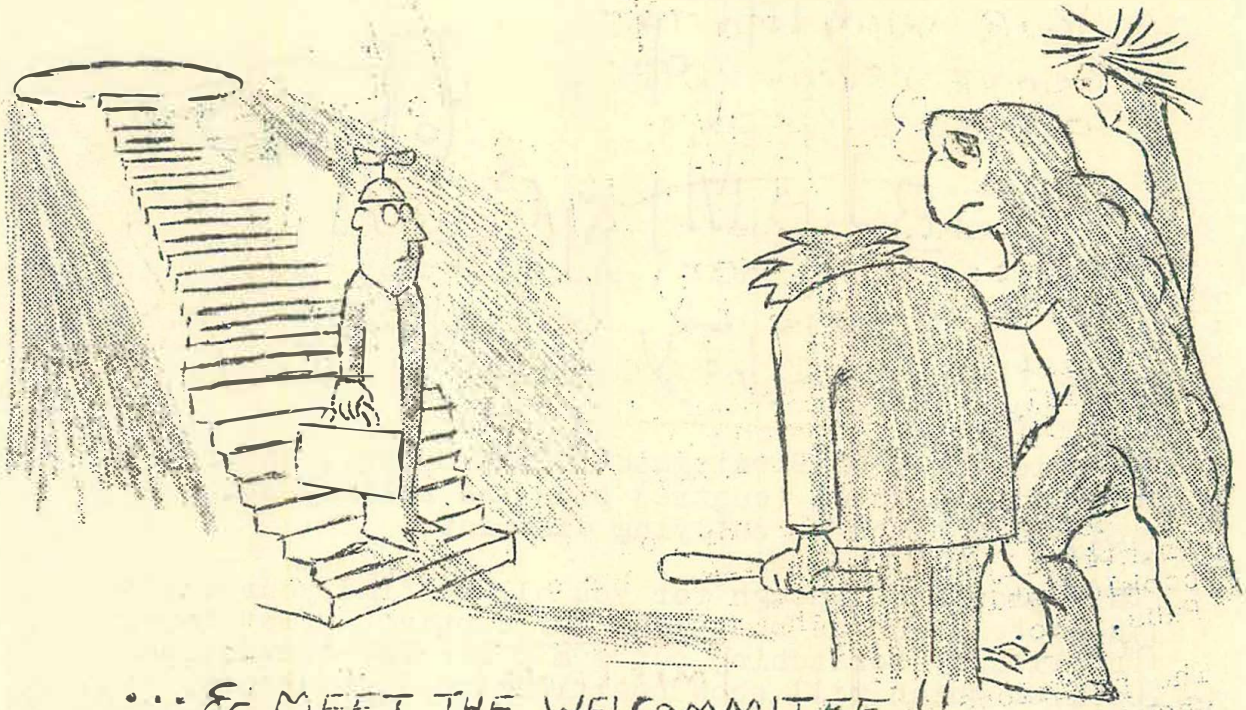
• FINALLY YOU ENTER THE HOTEL . . . .



. . . & MEET THE WELCOMMITEE !!

. . . . AFTER THE FORMALITIES, YOUR CONVENTION IS UNDER WAY.

. . . . . AND THE BEST OF BRITISH LUCK.

MAP of BIRMINGHAM CITY CENTRE

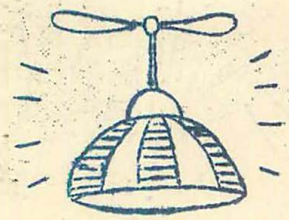
Here is a map of Birmingham's City Centre, showing the Midland Hotel (centre) plus the railway station and indications to outlying districts.

This should be enough for you all to find your way to the Hotel. In the meantime, our captive artist is frantically scratching out a map for the convention booklet which will show positions of Restaurants, Pubs, etc.

The positions of a few near_ by restaurants are shown, on this map in the form of asterisks.

If you can't make any sense out of this map, don't worry! We can't understand it either.

BIRMINGHAM IS STILL THE CENTRE OF THE UNIVERSE.



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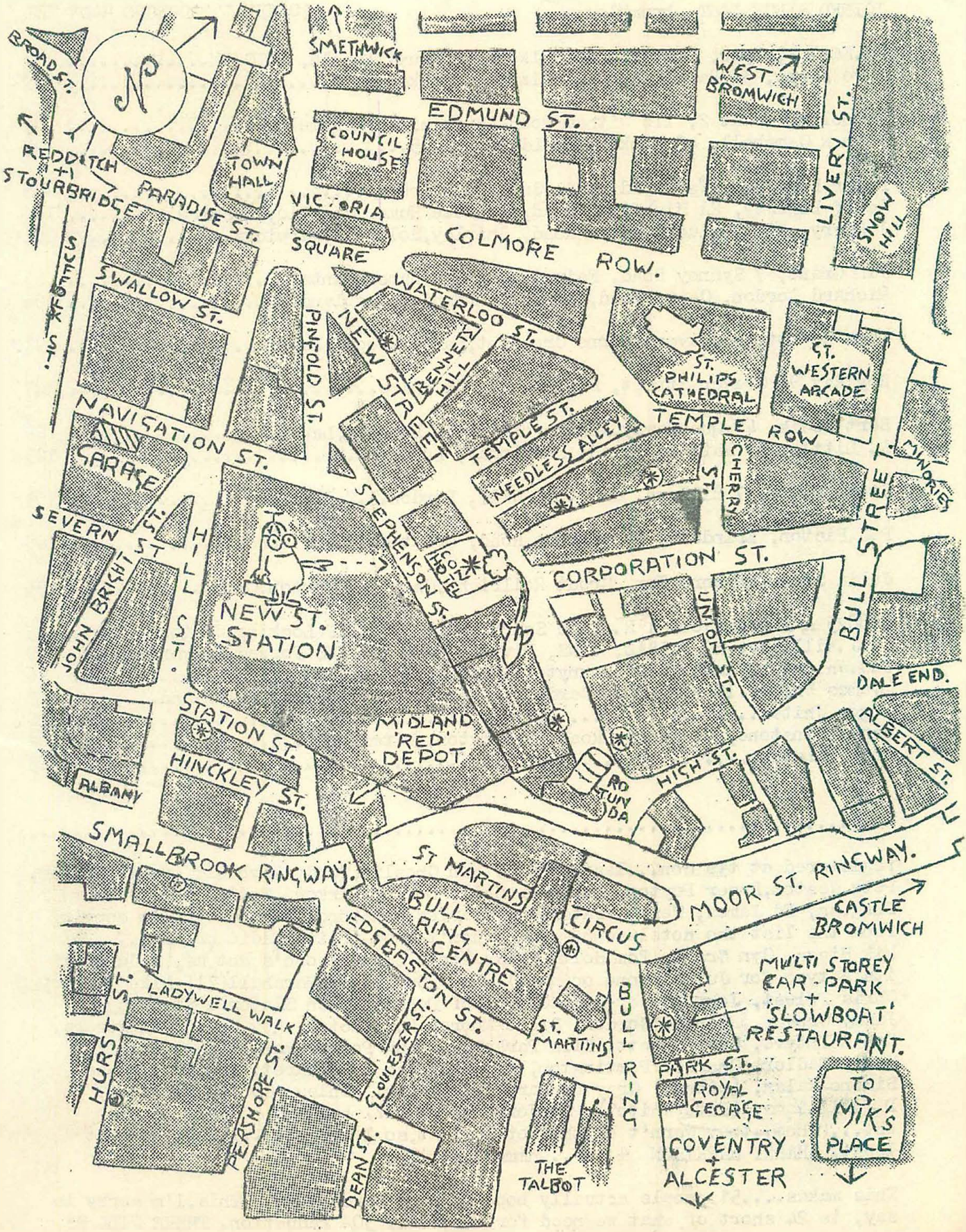
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TOWN HALL
REDDITCH + STOURBRIDGE
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COLMORE ROW.
LIVERY ST.
SNOW HILL
SUFFOLK ST.
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WATERLOO ST.
NEW STREET
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PINFOLD ST.
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NAVIGATION ST.
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GARAGE
CHERRY ST.
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SEVERN ST.
HILL ST.
STEPHENSON ST.
HOTEL
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EDGBASTON ST.
MULTI STOREY CAR PARK + 'SLOWBOAT' RESTAURANT.
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ROYAL GEORGE
PERSHORE ST.
DEAN ST.
THE TALBOT
COVENTRY + ALCESTER
TO MIK'S PLACE

JOINED SINCE LAST brumble.....

Dr.Karl Blomyer, 9 Avenue A, Valkeners, Bruxelles 16, BELGIUM..... 92
Dave Busby, 33 Ranges Road, Wokingham, Berks..... 99

M.Cooling. Flat 2, 116 Witham Road, Broomhill,Sheffield.10..... 97
John R Campbell, 40,Nook Rise, Liverpool.15..... 94

Peter Day, 240, Warsland Road, Sale Cheshire..... 98
Geoff Doherty, 2A Highfield Road, Cheadle Hume, Cheadle,Cheshire..... 100
J Derry, 500 Haslucks Green Road, Shirley,Solihull,Warwicks..... 101

Jim Grant, 7 Sydney Road, Fairmile,Christchurch,Hants..... 86
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Dick Howett, 94 Ravensbourne Crescent,Harold Wood, Essex..... 91

Roy Ray,91 Craven Street, Birkenhead, Cheshire..... 107

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R. Little, 59 Mattison Road, Harringay, London.N.4..... 109

Steve Moore, 7 Hillend, Shooters Hill, London.S.E.18..... 103

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James White, 10 Riverdale Gardens,Anderstown,Belfast.11.N.Ireland..... 102
Peggy White....."....."..... 110
Harry Winstone, 71 George Road, Erdington, Birmingham.23..... 104
John Winstone....."..... 105

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registered at the con...last count...Ken Cheslin,Wendy Raybould,Archie Mercer, Pete Weston,Roger Peyton,Norman Weedall, Doreen Parker, Ted Tubb, Brian Burgess, Ed James, Terry Pratchett, Charles Winstone, E Jones (((I'm copying from the list the hotel sent me,so I don't know if its Eddie or Eric....)) Mik Higgs, Cyn Grant, Tom Holt, Miss Stowe (! this one's got me, I dunno if its a typo for Julia Stone or what). Dave Busby, Mr.Marshall(?!) Mike Turner, Chris Priest, John Ramsey-Campbell, Geof Doherty, Ken Slater & platoon, Jimmy Groves, Richard Gordon, Steve Moore, P.C.Picton, Roy Kay, Phil Rogers, Ken McIntyre, Dick Howett, Ella Parker, Arthur Pottersman, Daphne Sewell, Harry Nadler, Charles Partington, Brian Aldiss & Margaret, Tony Walsh and Simone Walsh, (either) Gray or Mary Hall, Beryl Henley, George Scithers, D.J.Williams, (Pete White?) Mr.Herbert (Frank?) & James & Peggy White. oh....(Ahem).they wern't on the hotels list,so I forgot....) last but not least, HARRY HARRISON & er...hmmm...Family.

This makes....51 people actually booked as of March 22nd. This,I'm sorry to say, is 24 short of what we need for the full 30% reduction. THERE WILL BE

a reduction for this number, but not the 30% I'm afraid. I tell you this in all fairness....I'm sorry, but we misjudged the support we could expect. You can still get your deposit back, if you wish to cancell your booking, thats why I' got this BRUMBLE of in time for you to do so.

This is a great pity...to those of you who come I believe we can promise a fairly decent convention...We have an adequate yet not overcrowded programme lined up... we start off with the opening on Friday night at 8pm. (Booking in etc., being done beforehand)... after the opening a film, and then you can wander off to get some sleep (he says disbelievingly)...We have a very decent con-hall, plus a couple of fair rooms for Ken Slater, the art show, welcommittee, etc., and so forth...the hotel manager is a fairly decent type, the hotel will be quiet over Easter anyway, and the Hall is in a sort of annex of its own... roomwise this should be one of the most comfortable hotels we've ever had.. there are 3 separate eating places inside the hotel (the manager would like you to tell him if you're staying in for meals other than the breakfast...this would help his staff arrangements, you see) the food is pretty good too...and I guess that the steak grill will be pretty popular...the most expensive meal in the grill being about 10/- the resteraunt meal would be about 15/- to 17/6..... There are plenty of eating places in the vicinity of the hotel in any case, a map will be put in the con-booklet for your use. ... as I was saying...This should be a decent con...we expect a dozen or so of the Brummies to come in (noneresident) so the hall will be comfortably full, and also we've got plenty of guides for those who need them...there will be at least 3 Brummies on duty Friaday morning and afternoon, and hordes more later, their duty is to help you get settled in and do things like showing you where the ~~tol~~ garage is...

Those of you who have seen Harry Harrison once will not need any description from me...this erudite, fine minded American gentleman is our guest of honour. Those of you who recall his interesting discourse on that previous occasion will certainly not wish to miss this years convention, and this years speech.. Anyhow, however you say it, he's a great guy.

Now we haven't provided a theme for this years fancy dress un like previous years, we actually wanted something a little freer, (boy... the arguments...pax,pax) that is to say we'd like to give the judges more freedom of choice...choosing the best costumes, then saying why they think they are good. Please try to find some sort of fancy dress, even if its only like that "the light that failed" last year (I thought that was damn clever), it all adds to the merriment...aha...

about adding to the merriment....there will be a HUM & SHAY this year... (Group 65....hmm..)..and also the Cleveland and Detroit people have provided sundry monies for a party in aid of the Cleveland Worldcon bid for 1966. As most British fans will know, but perhaps few BSFA members, the States hold "local" conventions...and in addition Worldcons. Now the trouble is this. The great distances in the States make it hard for a fan to get to the Wordcon... a fan living in the middle would have to travel about 1500 (1500) miles at the least to either coast..and coast fans have to do 3000. So the rotation plan was evolved, so that once every 3 year either West Coast, Mid West or East Coast got the WORLD convention. Thus giving all a fair crack of the whip...Now it is my understanding that CLEVELAND stood down from its turn, (its own legal turn) to let London have the 1965 Worldcon, ON THE UNDERSTANDING that with 1966 the Rotation plan would be resumed with CLEVELAND as the site (well, the Midwest at least)...but the n..... in the woodpile (ahem...) is that New York want the Worldcon in 1966... which, if London had not stepped into Clevelands place, would have been OK.

however...if NEW YORK push this deal through they do 2 things...1, perhaps not essentially important, they push Cleveland out until 1968 or so...and THE important thing...by doing this they strike a blow at the whole idea of the rotation plan. maybe even bringing back the old anarchy. Now if the voting was held in the States most of the attendees would know about this Rotation Plan...and, important point, be affected by it. The votinf for the next WORLDCON site takes place in LONDON in August. This means that most of the people will be British..therefore some will not know of the Rotation Plan and...not be affected by it anyway. Under these conditions there is the danger that, lacking information and incentive we British types might wreck the Rotation Plan by supporting New York.

Now, God knows, I've nothing against the New Yorkers, and I'm not very likely to be affected if the Rotation Plan gets busted up...it just will not affect me. BUT, as I see it, the CLEVELAND mob, and all the other supporters of the Rotation Plan are asking for nothing more than simple justice...and, impartial as I am, justice compells me to say that THEY, and not New York should have the 1966 Worldcon, and that the Rotation Plan, in fairness to all the Yanks, should be allowed to survive.

So. there it is...if you get to the LONDON IN '65 WORLDCON at least you'll know something about the voting...DON'T vote for NEW YORK OR CLEVELAND.... vote for what you think is fair.

Right....lets hope this does some good, and lets hope that this also aids the BRUMCON... WE NEED 20 MORE BOOKINGS. come to Brum, its fab.

that was.....THE 40th CUCKOO.....

AND THIS IS. BRUMBLE 4.

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for the BRUMCON 2 held in the Midland Hotel, New Street Birmingham, over EASTER 1965.

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QUOTE CARDS WERE THE THING AT LAST YEAR'S CON.

THIS YEAR, THE THING WILL BE WEIRD-O BADGES.

HERE ARE THREE TO START YOU OFF.

HOW MANY MORE CAN YOU THINK UP TO BRING?

1. Simply add the name of the person you hate most to this badge.

2. This one is for Archie Mercer fans.

3. This'n is for anyone who loiks a drop o'the hard stuff.

PARTY!

CLEVELAND

DETROIT

BRUMCON ART SHOW '65

ATTENTION ARTISTS !!!

ENROL IN THE BRUMCON ART SHOW NOW! EITHER SEND YOUR ARTWORK IN OR BRING IT WITH YOU. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU INTEND TO ENTER! THE CONVENTION ART SHOW IS THE YEARLY FOCAL POINT FOR ALL FAN ARTISTS. LET'S MAKE IT A REALLY GOOD ART SHOW THIS YEAR. DON'T REST ON YOUR LAURELS ---- JOIN NOW! WRITE IMMEDIATELY GIVING SOME INDICATION OF SIZE AND NUMBER OF ENTRIES TO:-

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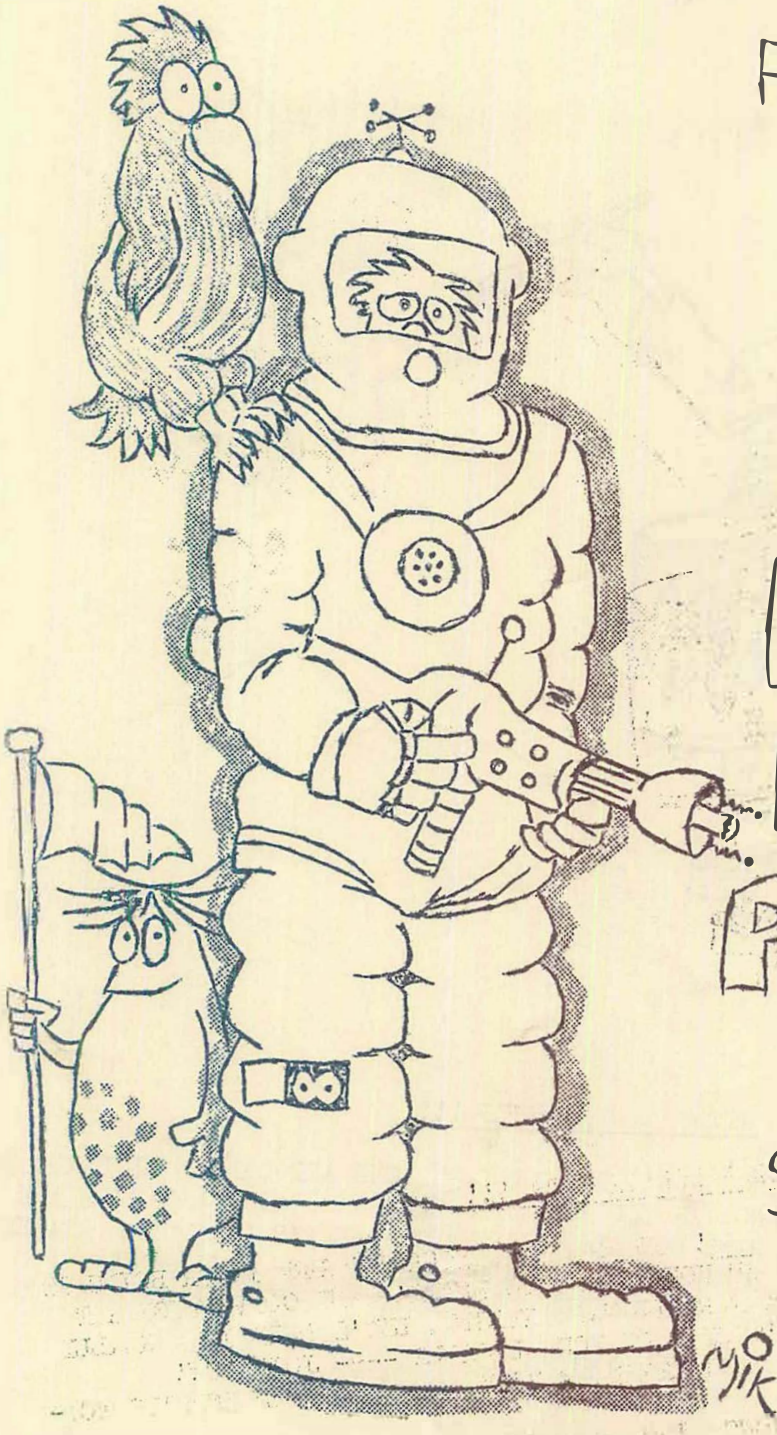

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TAKE PART IN THE

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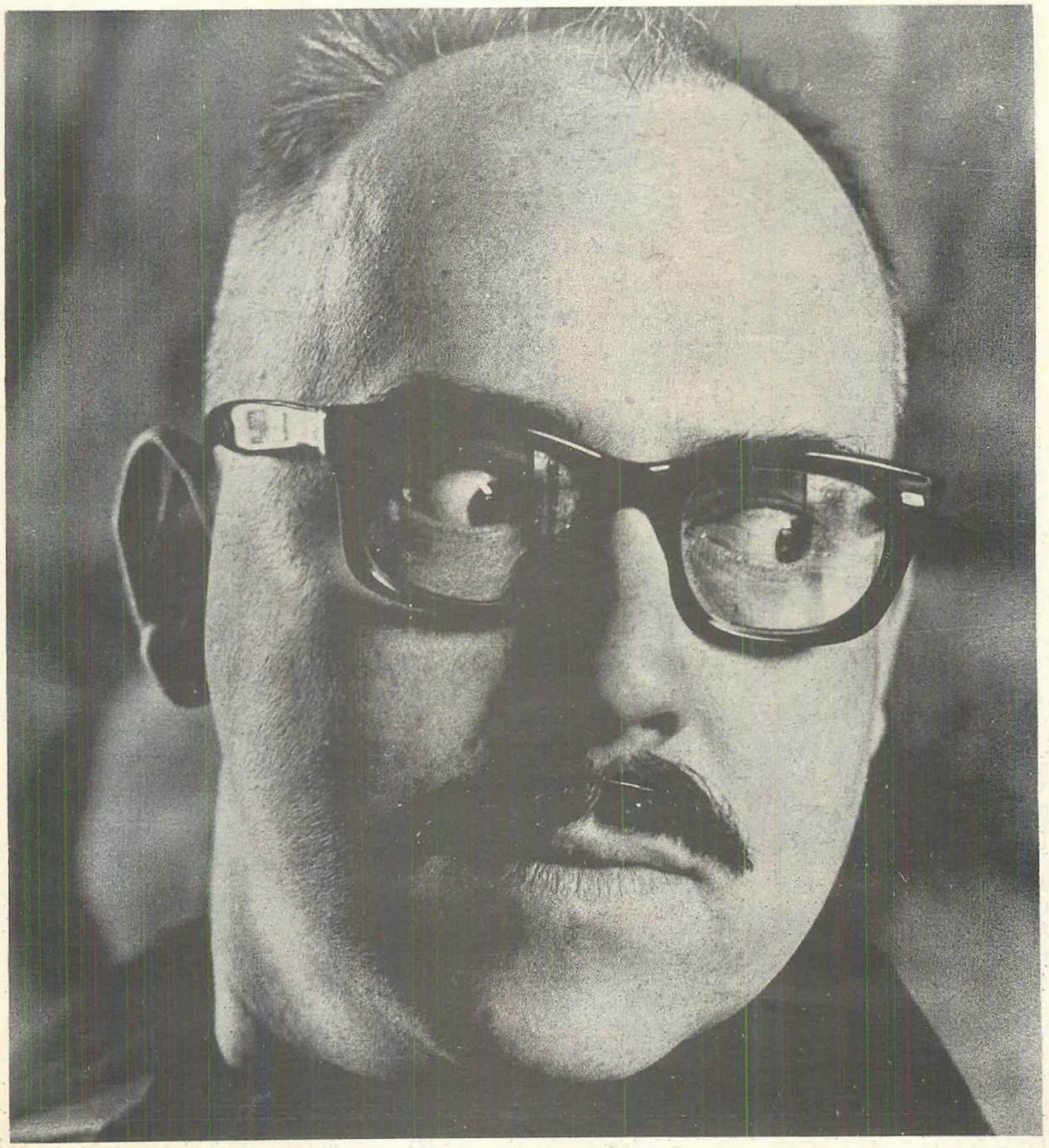
GUEST OF HONOUR

Easter 1965 Convention



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