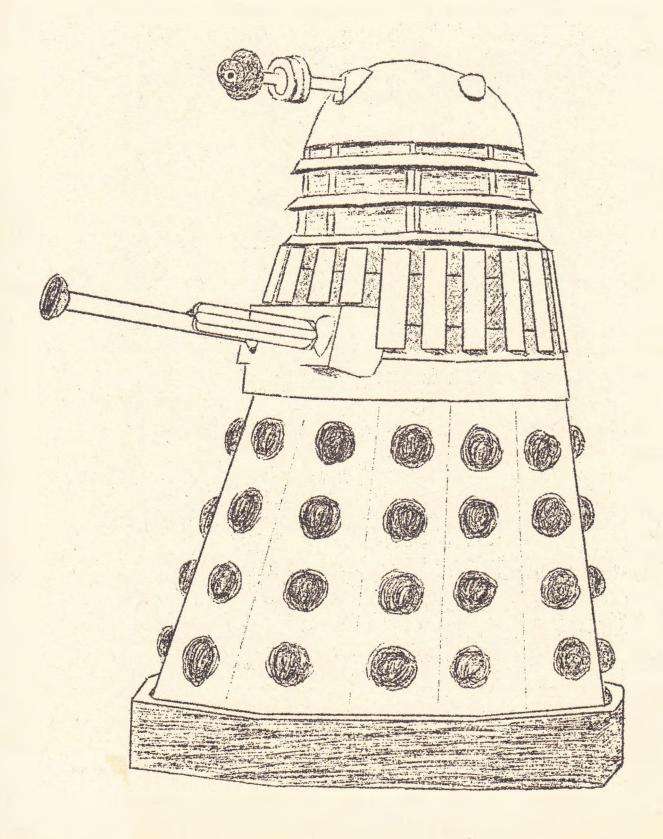
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## SEGMENTS OF TIME - the news

The Twenty-Third season of DOCTOR WHO is currently under production in England. This season will have only fourteen episodes and a unifying theme of "Doctor Who on Trial" or "Trial of a Time Lord", reports THE PRYDONIAN RENEGADE. Britian's DOCTOR WHO MAGAZINE states that the new season will have three adventures (7A, 7B, and 7C) whilst the RENEGADE contends there will be three four-parters and one two-parter. They both agree that the first four-part adventure will be "The Mysterious Planet" written by the late Robert Holmes. This will be followed by "Mindwarp" by Phillip Martin, featuring actor Nabil Shaban in the role of Sil (from "Vengeance on Varos") and the farwell appearance of Nicola Bryant as Perpugilliam Brown. Rumor is that she will meet a violent death. third story will introduce a new companion; Melanie Bush, a computer programmer from Pease Pottage, Sussex, England, will be played by Bonnie Langford. Scheduled is either a six-parter or a four-then-two-parter to end the season. Rumor persists that producer John Nathan-Turner will be giving up DOCTOR WHO at the end of this season, so the Twenty-Fourth season may be done by a whole new production team. Also (I'm not sure where I saw this) there will be no third and final season of THE TRIPODS, which ran in DOCTOR WHO's time slot while the Doctor was on hitas. series was reported to have half the ratings of DOCTOR WHO and was dropped in favor of bringing back the Doctor, according to the BBC.

According to THE PRYDONIAN RENEGADE, writer Robert Holmes died on Friday, May 23 in England after being ill for several months. Holmes began writing for DOCTOR WHO during Troughton's era with "The Krotons" and continued to the present, "The Two Doctors". He was scheduled to write two serial for the season currently in production, but completed only the first story, "The Mysterious Planet". He was to have also written the concluding DOCTOR WHO adventure of the 23rd season. Holmes became script editor for DOCTOR WHO when Tom Baker took over as the Doctor, giving up the post in the 15th season. Among his best known inventions are the Autons, the Master, the Wirren, Sutekh, much of Gallifreyan mythology, Androgums and Sarah Jane Smith as the Doctor's companion. He and the late Malcolm Hulke are considered the two best writers DOCTOR WHO ever had. He will leave a gap and be missed.

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July 4th weekend will be a big birthday party for the Statue of Liberty this year and on Saturday, July 5th, Channel 61 WDSI, the local independent TV station, will be sponsoring a day long TREK-A-THON. The event will be at the Convention and Trade Center in Downtown Chattanooga. Being a STAR TREK event, it will feature three stars of the show: George Takei-"Sulu", James Doohan-"Scotty", and Nichelle Nichols-"Uhura". The best part of the event is that there is no admission price. Yes, FREE. The local DOCTOR WHO club will have a huckster table to sell buttons and sign up new members. It should be fun. (more, page 4)

## SEGMENTS OF TIME continued

DIXIE TREK (86 was a great success, according to EPSILON NINE, the newsletter of the Atlanta STAR TREK Society. While I was unable to attend, everyone I've talked to had a great time. I did see highlights on a video taps from Seongla Public TV and they looked like a lot of fun, we word yet on the date of the next DIXIE TREK (number 6. I believe). But I hope I'll be there next year. This fine club will be hosting a part at this year's world Science Fiction convention in Atlanta. I suggest not save a spot on Saturday hight to drop by and say hello to them.

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A DOCTOR WHO USA TOUR is currently making the rounds of the U.S. As seen on ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT and reported in THE PRYDONIAN RENEGADE, the 48-foot van - filled with DOCTOR WHO memorabilia - will be on display in various ditles this summer. For a \$2 admission charge, fans will get a chance to see the console room as well as a variety of villians from the show. Also on tour is "Bessie", the reliow Edwardian roadster that was used by the Third Doctor (currently being shown on Georgia Public TV). Souvenin menchandize will also be available at the van. Starting out in washington, D.C., the van will be in New Jerse, and Pennsylvania during June and July. No word yet on when or if it will be in the south. I would appreciate any information on who to contact about the stops or how to get a list of the scheduled stops.

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The latest news about the DOCTOR WHO club here in Chattanoga is that the alive and doing well, thank you. While I've been away (see HERE AND BACK AGAIN), the club has been stabilizing under the leadership of Sharon Rose. Eve Shiffey, Ed and Jeanle Schmidt, the Lloyd sisters and Debble Grisnam. Despite set backs of losing a meeting room to remodeling and lack of support by the local PBS station, the group still meets and has a growing membership. There was a massive push for members during January's ChattaCon and another push will be in July during the channel of sponsored Trek-a-Thom (see above).

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Last but not least, I have been drawing information from a new source (and a great source it is') this issue. While temporarily in New Jersey. I heard about The Prydonians of Prynceton and joined. They have a termific newsletter called TME PRYDONIAN RENEGADE that is pubbed on a monthly dasis. Membership is \$6 a year per nousehold: the address is Gallifrey East, 359 Nassau St., Princeton, NJ 08540. The club is a Charter Chapter of the Doctor Who Fan Club of America, and a member of the North East Matrix, the APC Net, and Star Net, I'm hoping after this nice plug they note the change of address and I Keep patting THE PRYDONIAN RENEGADE!

## AS PROMISED, DALEKS by Robbie Canter

((\*Robbie Canter is a Canadian fan currently living in California. This is installment two in her multi-part series on the early years of DOCTOR WHO. The first part, pubbed in EUREKA!4, covered the origin of the show's concept and introduction to the British public.\*))

Daleks were introduced to "DOCTOR WHO" in the second serial, "The Dead Planet". The creation of Terry Nation (who managed to retain ownership of his invention), they are usually described as pepper pot shaped. ((\* Robbie's illo is on the cover page.\*)) According to their mythos, they are malevolent creatures who have given up a normal physical form to inhabit "travel machines" which are pretty much impervious to most types of damage. They were evolved by early Kaled scientists to enable the Kaled people to survive the centuries-long war with the Thals (the second race of Skaro) which, due to earlier nuclear bombing in the war, was causing mutations to develop. One scientist, Davros, reasoned that if he could find his race's final mutated form and encase it in almost impervious travel machines, they would carry the war to the enemy and the Kaleds would emerge victorious. This is not quite what happened.

However, in the first Dalek story, none of this was known.

The Doctor and his companions (willing and unwilling) meet the survivors of the Thal race and enter the city seeking equipment to repair a part of the Doctor's TARDIS. The ship doesn't really need repairing, the Doctor merely want an excuse to examine the city which appears abandoned. Inside the all-metal city they encounter Daleks for the first time in the Doctor's lifeline as well as the first time in the show's history. After various twists and turns of the plot they learn that the Daleks are evil and just want to destroy everyone. Needless to say, the Doctor and his companions help the Thals overcome this bunch of Daleks and leave with thanks ringing in their ears.

And so the stories went, an historical such as "Marco Polo" and "The Aztecs" was followed by a science fiction story such as "The Keys of Marinus" and "The Rescue". The policy was that the Doctor and his companions could not interfere with or change Earth's history, but that there would be no such restraints on their actions on other planets or in Earth's future. Mostly this was a way of avoiding questions of "If he changed that, why doesn't history reflect it?"

The two abducted teachers (Ian and Barbara) were always after the Doctor to return them to their home world and time; once the Doctor grew to trust them he started to make efforts to do so. Unfortunately, by this time it had become obvious to one and all that the Doctor did not always have complete control over his TARDIS. In fact, he rarely seemed to be able to guarantee where he would end up. Once he did get them back to Earth and in the right time period. However, something had gone wrong with the TARDIS and they emerge to find themselves one inch tall, in the (cont. page 6)

serial "Planet of Giants". Needless to say, they continued their travels with the Doctor rather than stay on Earth the wrong size.

In the next story, "The Dalek Invasion of Earth" (which was later remade as a movie with Peter Cushing playing the Doctor), the Doctor's granddaughter falls in love and stays behind with her husband-to-be. So they lose Susan while Barbara and Ian continue traveling.

The next serial, "The Rescue", introduced Vicki whom they rescue and take with them. In the serial "The Chase" (which is yet another meeting with the Daleks) the Doctor and crew are joined by Steven Taylor and, at the end, Barbara and Ian depart in a Dalek time machine to go back to their own world.

In "The Time Meddler" they meet up with another member of the Doctor's own race in England of 1066 A.D. This Meddling Monk is planning to upset the course of history by having Harold win at Hastings. This serial ended the second season.

The third season had a couple of cddities: the first was a one-part serial in which neither the Doctor nor any of his crew appeared. Then, after the intervening serial "The Myth Makers", the longest ever "DOCTOR WHO" serial aired. All twelve parts! Which is where we'll pick up not time.

## KEYS TO TIME - the mail received

((\* A short mail bag this time due to a lack of, well, letters. I
may have missed some while away and some are no longer relevant after all
this time. Still there is one letter....\*))

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Trivia bit: What movies have featured a character named Doctor Who? If you answered the two Peter Cushing films of the Sixties, you're only part right! At least one other movie carried a character by that name. The 1967 Japanese cheap-o, "King Kong Escapes", featured a baddie name: Dr. Who! Althought Jon Pertwee was three years in the future when this turkey came out, the way Eisei Amamoto foreshadows the Third Doctor's outfit is striking. (The evil "Doctor" apparently dies in this movie.) Does anyone know another medium that featured a character named Doctor Who, otherwise unrelated to the BBC Time Lord?

((\* Great trivia question! We'll have to see if anyone else has run into another Doctor. In the meantime, SHOWTIME is playing "Adventures of a Private Eye" late at night. In this 1977 flick, Jon Pertwee plays the head of a P.I. agency. However, this is not a movie for the kiddies!\*))

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#### HERE AND BACK AGAIN

It's been over six months since I did EUREKA! 4 and it seems like a very long time indeed. I wasn't sure I'd get to do another one for quite a while as I was in New Jersey and didn't have a way of producing zines.

I went there for a job. It was a good job, but my husband couldn't find a job and so I decided to return. Job hunting is very discourging here, as entry level computer jobs are rare, but let's talk DOCTOR WHO. (Please don't tell me about how great your area is; if my husband can't move, neither can I.)

I discovered a whole new world of DOCTOR WHO in New Jersey. A nice surprise was that the Hillsboro cable system carried five PBS stations (from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania), four of which had DOCTOR WHO! The cable here has two PBS stations and keeps threatening to remove the one that shows the Doctor due to "duplication". So I got to see the Doctor every night except Sunday.

Another surprise was that the New Jersey Network was showing not the familiar Tom Baker episodes, but the new package of DOCTOR WHO episodes featuring the First and Second Doctor! Channel 12 from the Delaware Valley was also showing this package, but several weeks later. So while I missed some of the early DOCTOR WHO stories, I did see some of the First Doctor, all of the Second Doctor, and some of the Sixth Doctor.

While there I hit all the PBS money raising events and got to see some of my fellow DOCTOR WHO fans. The area seems to be a hotbed of DOCTOR WHO activity lead by The Prydonians of Prynceton. Associate groups include The Unearthly Children, the Jersey Jagaroths and TARDIS Tours.

I was introduced to the Prydonian's newsletter. THE PRYDONIAN RENEGADE and after that issue I had to join the club, even if I never attended a meeting or event.

I have heard that New Your City will be getting it very own DOCTOR WHO club (I'm amazed they didn't have one!) to be called UNYT. I understand they are looking for a name for which UNYT will be the acronym. Being originally from New York state, I humbly suggest they call themselves United New York TARDIS.

I didn't attend any of the regional conventions that I might have, other than a one day event in Trenton that featured Patrick Troughton. Oh, well. I'm sorry I missed Whoevent '86 as that looked like a good event. I was already back in Chattanooga, by that time.

Well, I'm back now, missing all that DOCTOR WHO activity. Guess I'll just have to make my own.

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Short zine this time. I plan to have an article about the upcoming Trak-a-Thon and any applyity the local DOCTOR WHO might have.

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