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WILL THE WAR IN ENGLAND STOP BRITISH FANTASY PUBLICATIONS?

WILL "TALES OF WONDER" AND "FANTASY" CEASE PUBLICATION?

WILL THE FAN MAGAZINES STILL COME OUT?

NOW that WAR has been started in EUROPE we are wondering what will happen to the newlyborn British professional sf magazines. Will they continue publication or will they fold up while the war is being fought. Will the editors of both "TALES OF WONDER" and "FANTASY" please write at once to FANTASY-NEWS and let us know if their magazines are continuing publication? Will the editors of ALL British fan magazines let us know what the future of their magazines will be? Ted Carnell please write and let us know if your SCIENCE FICTION SERVICE will continue in the future. We, in America, are awaiting this news and FANTASY-NEWS is prepared to publish a Mid-week extra in order to furnish the SF fan world with the news, so please communicate with FANTASY-NEWS at once.

ODD ITEMS

SAM MOSKOWITZ has been suffering from serious eye trouble the past few weeks and has been unable to keep up with his work. He begs that fans be patient a little while in writing for the next issue of NEW FANDOM, he'll get to work on it as soon as the specialist, whose care he's under, tells him it's safe to use his eyes again. If the delay happens to be too long, the next issue of NEW FANDOM will be edited by the rest of the editorial staff, but it's hoped that Sam will recover in plenty of time to complete the issue, which is a special Convention Issue giving complete write-ups and news on the WORLD SF CONVENTION.

LARRY FARSACI's proposed "SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM" will be combined with Franz J Litz's "OUTRE". Litz is giving up "MY TIME ANNILHIATOR" and concentrate on "OUTRE". Also from Rochester we learn that the Kodak City Independent Science Fiction League (the first we've heard of such an organization) will shortly start work on a mimeographed fan mag known as "GOLDEN ATOM". BLUE RIBBON PUBLI- (Continued on Page 2)

NEW YORK HAS IT'S OWN OBSCURE "OUTSIDERS" CLUB

WE HAD always suspected such, but were not entirely sure until we heard from H C Koenig's own lips that N.Y. has for years had a select weirdest club. Originally H P Lovecraft was one of the greatest feature of these little get-togethers, attending them as often as he could. After his death however, the club continued. Meetings are held regularly, every month at the home of Frank Belknap Long Jr., well known and well liked weird and science fiction author. The affair is, as far as we know, a sort of "select". The meetings are not carried out in club fashion but are merely opportunities for lovers of fantasy to congregate and split into a variety of discussions on almost anything. Regular attendees of these meetings are Donald & Howard Wandrei, H C Koenig, Farnsworth Wright, now that he is in NY, visiting WT authors from other cities such as August W Derleth & Kenneth Sterling and many others. We express an appeal to any

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of the attendants of this club to send us accounts of the meetings and just what is what. Certainly gatherings as interesting as these should be presented thru the media of "FANTASY-NEWS". Come Koenig, Come Wright lets have the story.

ADDENDA: Jack Spear has reported the doings of the "Outsiders" in Washington D C; Koenig unmaskes the regular meetings of the "Outsiders" in NY. WT's readers department carried notice in one letter of a regular gathering at the "Were Wolf Lending Library" in Pittsburgh, Pa., Lets get to work fellows and bring these things to light.

ODD ITEMS (continued)

CATIONS who copy everything that RED CIRCLE does, noting that RED CIRCLE has issued MARVEL COMICS will turn out BLUE RIBBON COMICS featuring "FAN-A-TANG" the wonder dog, Dan Hastings, Fory Grandpa and ---EANDO BINDER.....Duane W Rimel has clicked with a story in "SCIENCE FICTION"....Two unpublished Lovecraft stories are set to go in Giunta's new "COSMIC TALES".

FLASH: J J Fortier's new fan mag will be titled "STUNNING SCIENTIFIC FICTION", first issue is about set to roll. This "Smashing Publication" will have forty large size, well mimeographed pages, color covers. It will be profusely illustrated by KRUPA, Bush and PAUL.

WEIRD JOTTINGS, as gleaned from Farnsworth Wright.

NEWSTAND surveys indicate that WEIRD TALES should be enjoying a pleasant upswing in circulation. Farnsworth Wright publicly stated that his big aim is to raise the quality of WEIRD TALES to its highest peak in its 17 years of existence...Farnsworth Wright is attempting to gain permission for reprinting A. MERRIT'S

"Three Lines of Old French". A. MERRIT has granted such but Wright is doubtful if Munsey will do the same in view of their new reprint publication "Famous Fantastic Mysteries"....Ray Bradbury, while at WT offices showed Wright some illustrations of Hans Bok, fantasy illustrator of Seattle, Washington, & Wright was impressed, so that he's going to give Hans Bok a try.....Canadian editions of WEIRD TALES do not possess smooth edges, and breasts of naked women are eliminated. Stickers are pasted over nudes.... The next cover of WEIRD TALES, is another masterpiece of eeriness created by Harold De Lay, who behaved so superbly on the October cover. It's even better than the October cover and shows Dracula racing with a wolf pack...Earl Bierce, Jr., has clicked at WT with a yarn that FW enthusiastically proclaims to be something really exceptional. Wright is also in a fever about Henry Kuttner's coming "Towers of Death".....Virgil Finlay will vacation in Los Angeles, Calif...FW is musing over the possibilities of reprinting "Garden of Fear" from Marvel Tales and "Gods of the North" from "The Fantasy Fan". He needs but a few enthusiastic recommendations from the fans to convince him..

LEO MOREY has done the cover of the current issue of AMAZING MYSTERY FUNNIES, it is rumored that PAUL will do a cover soon.

THE QUEENS SFL meets today for the first meeting of the 1939-40 series. FRANK R PAUL, CHARLES D HORNIG and other well known author, fans and writers are expected to come down. THE QUEENS SFL has plenty of plans for the coming year among them making plans for a short stf movie. An outline story has already been considered for it. Complete report of the meeting in next weeks' FANTASY-NEWS.

PROFESSIONAL - SCIENCE FICTION - RATINGS

by HARRY WARNER jr

ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION

SEPTEMBER 1939

	T5%	C20%	P35%	N40%	TOTAL 100%
FORCES MUST BALANCE	5	14	27	35	81
THE LAST HOPE	3	13	31	32	79
ATMOSPHERICS	2	16	25	33	76
MASSON'S SECRET	3	17	27	34	81
ETHER BREATHER	3	19	32	36	90
GENERAL SWAMP, C.I.C.	4	16	26	32	78
total for the entire magazine					80%

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WEIRD TALES OCTOBER 1939

MYSTERY OF THE MISSING

MAGNATE	0	16	31	36	83
THE WITCH'S CAT	2	18	32	35	87
THE LADY OF THE BELLS	3	16	24	35	78
IN THE WALLS OF BRYX	2	17	31	38	88
FINISHED GAME	4	16	30	36	86
WORMS OF THE EARTH	3	17	28	38	86
total for the entire magazine					84%

SCIENTIRADIO

by Milly Taurasi (our new radio ed)

Last Thursday, August 31, the last program of the series called "THE LOST PLAYS" produced a fantasy entitled "THE BLACK CROOK". It concerns the action of two lovers. The "black crook" is a "minister of death". In order that he may live in peace, he must send some human being to his "doom". As a result of the girl's stepmother, the boy is thrown in the black dungeons. The "Black crook" enters his cell and tells him of a land, on the other side of the marsh, that is made of gold. If he could secure this gold he could be able to marry the one he loves. Believing him, the boy is set free. On his way to the land of gold, he saves a dove that was pinned beneath a huge limb. It seems that this gold is guarded by fairies and dwarfs.

If anyone passes a certain crossing he shall be struck down dead. The dove turns out to be the Queen of the fairies. When she sees her savior coming towards the death trap she calls out to the guards to let him pass thru safely. He received the gold, in turn for saving the fairy when she had taken the form of a dove. He goes back home and marries the girl. Her stepmother falls in love with the "black crook" and she is sent to her "doom". THE SHADOW returns to the air shortly.

NEWS! The first Australian fan mag is here, reports Harry Warner. It's titled AUSTRALIAN FAN NEWS and is published by William Veney. It consists of 12 legal size, well mimeographed pages containing fair fiction by Veney and Castellari. Fate of the mag is in doubt.

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FAN MAG REVIEW by Lane Stannard

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FANTASY-NEWS-EXTRA is now being published and will be out soon!

SCIENTIFILMS

by Mario Racic jr

D.W. GRIF FITH, father of modern film technique and the producer of masterpieces as INTOLERANCE & THE BIRTH OF A NATION, returns to active duty, after a absence of eight years. He will produce the HAL ROACH spectacle "1,000,000 B.C.", a saga of prehistoric man and woman in their struggle for existence against the prehistoric monsters that surround them. "1,000,000 B.C." is scheduled to go before the cameras immediately following the completion of the HAL ROACH production "Of Mice and Men".
 MORE SFFILMS REVIVALS: The Thalia Theatre on B'way & 95th St., NY is reviving the following stffilms during Sept.: On the 16 to 19 THE GOLEM; 23rd to 25th THE ETERNAL MASK; 29th & 30th NEW GUINIVER, all good fantasyns, worthwhile been seen more than once.

The number 6 issue of MOVIE COMICS for Sept-October contains 8 pages and cover of the new Universal STF serial "THE PHANTOM CREEPS" with Bela Lugosi. The 12 chapter serial has in it a giant mechanical super monster and a devisualizer which makes Dr. Zurka (Lugosi) invisible. Zurka is a mad scientist who is trying to rule the world with his powerful new element which is extracted from a meteorite he found in Africa. There is also a contest in connection with the serial.

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