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KUSLAN BIDS FAREWELL

TAURASI GIVES PARTY IN HIS HONOR - GIUNTA TO TAKE OVER "COSMIC TALES"

(Sept 14, 1939) 'TIS SAID that history repeats itself, and no intelligent individual can honestly deny it. Sept 26, 1938, almost a year ago, Louis and Gertrude Kuslan came down from storm torn Connecticut for a two day vacation in Brooklyn. There was a party then too, and an elaborate write-up on it in the Oct. 2, 1938 issue of FANTASY-NEWS. Almost a year from that date the Kuslans have repeated their visit to New York and almost under the same circumstances, except for one thing. This time, Louis Kuslan who has slowly, painstakingly worked himself up into the position of a leading fan announced that he would have to give up activity in fandom, due to the fact that he can not combine college with science-fiction. He announced that COSMIC TALES would be passed into the hands of Johnny Giunta who has (cont. P. 2 - Col. 1.)

SCIENCE FICTION AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

by Frances Alberti

HAVE you been to the NY WORLD'S FAIR? If not, better hurry to see a great SCIENCE FICTION SHOW.

WHILE wandering thru Chrysler Motors Building at the Fair, Will Sykora and I came across a sign which said, "Science Show". We went in. There they were showing a movie on "How Transportation Has Developed In The Past Years". Then the lights went dim. There was a great roaring sound. Whistles blew. People shouted farewells to one another. The roaring became louder and louder. While watching in the middle of the room an object was seen slowly moving. It went into a great dome. Then silence. Suddenly a great blast was heard. All around people jumped and became frightened. Then a ring of smoke slowly rose to the ceiling of the room. All was over. A rocket ship of the future had taken off!

IN THE lefthand corner of the room stands a showcase. In it are mag- (cont. P. 3 - Col. 2)

ODD ITEMS

Willy Ley reveals that a popular slick writer whose name he is not at liberty to state, is writing an article for the slick mags on various angles of science fiction and fantasy--- From Malcolm Jameson is learned the glad news that "within the last ten days, I have sold to Street & Smith two more stories, One "Philtred Power", is a short story intended for "UNKNOWN", the other is a novelette entitled "ADMIRAL'S INSPECTION" (which according to Campbell's explanation will be quite different and entertaining -ed), and is for ASTOUNDING-----J.J. Fortiers' magazine, has its name changed from STUNNING SCIENTIFIC FICTION to STUNNING SCIENTIFAN" a better title we agree, but a much better concise and simpler one in our estimate would be "SCIENTIFAN".

FANTASY-NEWS regrets to hear of Mrs. John W. Campbell, Jr's recent illness, and expresses a sincere desire for speedy recovery.

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already displayed an admirable set of plans.

KUSLAN during his many years of activity has been prominent in his attempt to start a new American Fantasy Association, called exactly that, however this was unsuccessful. Kuslan has been an occasional contributor to many fan magazines boasting items in NEW FANDOM, IMAGINATION!, COSMIC TALES, THE SATELLITE and numerous other fan publications. Kuslan has served in the capacity of FANTASY-NEWS reporter and fan magazine reviewer for over a year now. His crowning achievement was the success he attained in reviving Taurasi's all-but-defunct COSMIC TALES. He graduated the magazine to a superior level, substituting mimeographing for hektographing. And with the aid of his sister Gertrude, raised the literary standard to the extent where he challenged fans to show him what's wrong with fan fiction in his "Defense of Fan Fiction" in SPACEWAYS. Johnny Giunta will have a tough job cut out for him if he hopes to better the high standard of the SECOND ANNIVERSARY ISSUE of COSMIC TALES, which should serve as an example to other fan magazines that plan to serve fan fiction as a regular diet. We bid a fond adieu, Lou, fandom remembers you most as the fellow who played the game straight and not at both ends. Mayhap that Gertrude will fill the New England vacancy, which yawns now, wider than ever before.

T H E P A R T Y

THE GROUPS of fans began to arrive for the farewell party at 6:00 Thursday night, Sept 14 1939. Rose Alberti was the first to arrive, then Sam Moskowitz, closely followed by Louis and Gertrude Kuslan. Then Francis Alberti-Francis Sykora & Will Sykora last to stagger in was Mario Racic. Of course Jimmy and his sister Millie Taurasi were present. DISCUSSIONS were first had in Jimmy's

room where his mail was opened and read and his collection pawed thru, finally being shooed upstairs to the big front room, where everyone made themselves comfortable, and regrets were extended to Lou for his necessary departure from fandom. Then began the round robin discussion where no item was too small, too mighty, or too low to be included in the conversation. Everyone finally sat themselves around Jimmy's Kitchen table and ate and ate and ate and ate (Yum! ---Moskowitz), (Slup--- Kuslan), (Gulp!--- Sykora)

AFTER the farewell dinner, all took the BMT train out of Flushing. Everyone got out at an Astoria stop, except the Kuslans and Moskowitz. They stayed on the train and didn't wake up until they discovered they were going back in the direction in which they came. It was late, so Kuslan had little trouble in inducing Moskowitz to stay with them overnight in their Brooklyn flat which they described as "empty except for one man". The trip down to Brooklyn was long and seemed even longer to the trio, whose conversation gradually slurred down to sleepy syllables. The "empty except for one man" flat proved so full that 3 slept in one bed. The unfortunates being Lou Kuslan and his father and Moskowitz all in one bed. It was very doubtful if any of them felt very invigorating the next morning.

NEXT MORNING, a coin (mental) was tossed, between a visit to H.C. Kosnig's laboratory, or Campbell's office. Campbell won. First however the trio barged in on Taurasi's office during working hours. Taurasi called up Campbell and arranged an immediate appointment and got everybody out. (I had work to do -ed) After walking 3 blocks in the wrong direction, everyone was set right and arrived at Campbell's office. The usual stf-Astounding-Unknown conversation prevailed with Moskowitz also taking down notes for

FANTASY-NEWS. A picture of Campbell was taken in front of the S & S building. (Pictures of Lou, Sam and Gertrude were taken earlier that day).

THE INEVITABLE automat and then again back to Taurasi's office, where we were surprised to find Erle Korshak. Pleasant conversations, and then the Kuslans bid farewell, and left for home. Moskowitz typed out a much interrupted selection of news items from Campbell, and finally left with Korshak to catch up on his lost sleep, at home, we presume.

WEIRD JOTTINGS, is contributed by Farnsworth Wright.

"WEIRD TALES" has a new cover artist for the December issue. He is Hannes Bok, formerly of Seattle, Washington, but now of N.Y. His cover depicts the horrors of war as told in David H Keller's novelette "Lords of the Ice", the story of a world gone mad with war lust. Young Bok has an individual touch of his own. He studied art under Maxfield Parrish."

"THE COVER design story for the January issue will be based on a collaboration between E Hoffman Price and Otis Adelbert Kline. It is called "Spotted Satan" and is the story of a were-leopard in Burma. The same issue will publish the first installment of Thos. Kelley's serial "A Million Years In The Future". This story is weird to its very core and is unlike the ordinary interplanetary story as can be imagined." fw

THE EDITOR'S OPINION

IT HAS come to our attention that SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY is contemplated for early publication. Some of its material is to be reprint matter, composed mainly of science fiction stories that have been published in the past, in

other magazines.

WE WONDER where SCIENCE FICTION QUARTERLY will secure its material. Certainly not from the files of any of the three leading science fiction magazines---for they are still flourishing. Regarding the rights to stories used by the old WONDER in its pages, the publishers of THRILLING WONDER STORIES point out that they own all rights to such previously published matter, and that anyone reprinting any material from these magazines will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. ed

SCIENCE FICTION AT THE FAIR (continued)

zine articles and letters written by Willy Ley to Nathan Carver, with whom he once worked. There also we found the third rocket made by the American Society. It was never tried, but they now know that if they ever fired it, it would undoubtedly explode. Two rocket motors designed by Mr Carver and constructed by him and Mr. Ley are also on display. These are motors used in the Greenwood Like rocket airplane flight. HURRY and don't miss this interesting sight or you will surely regret it. fa

HEADLINES OF FANTASY-NEWS FEATURED A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

NEW FANDOM magazine Vol 1 - No 1 comes out.

LOUIS KUSLAN will visit Taurasi Monday and Tuesday Sept 26 & 27 1938.

RAY VAN HOUTEN is assembling material for his annual.

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PROFESSIONAL SCIENCE FICTION RATINGS

by Harry Warner Jr

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THE ENCHANTED WEEKEND	4	17	29	33	83
DREAMS MAY COME	4	18	27	36	85
A GOD IN A GARDEN	5	16	32	35	88
ANYTHING	2	15	31	36	84
BLUE & SILVER BROCADE	2	15	26	37	80
total for the entire magazine					87%

STARTLING STORIES NOVEMBER 1939

THE FORTRESS OF UTOPIA	3	16	32	32	87%
THREE WISE MEN	5	15	31	33	84
A MARTIAN ODYSSEY	5	19	34	40	98
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The next issue of MARVEL TALES (SCIENCE STORIES) will be dated December instead of November as stated in last week's FANTASY-NEWS.

FROM FARLEY by Ralph Milne Farley.

IN view of Warner's giving me a zero on title of my "MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MAGNATE" in the current WEIRD TALES, it may interest you to know that it had once before been turned down by Wright when titled "THE HAUNTED MOVIE", and that Wright stated that the change in title helped put it across the 2nd time. So "what's in a name" indeed! SO MANY of the military gadgets of various stories of mine are in actual use by the U S ARMY today that I have to lay off of science-war-fiction for awhile. Of course I can't reveal which.

INCIDENTALLY the best title I ever had was "THE MAN WHO MET HIMSELF". The editor who bought that story told me that he would have bought it for the title alone, even if the story itself had been commonplace.

SCIENTIRADIO by Millie Taurasi

THE RADIO PROGRAMs of this week which concerned Science-Fiction were scarce. Even the Arch Obler program did not have a sf play, but to the surprise of your humble reporter, there was on the LUX SOAP PROGRAM the greatest love story as well as science-fiction or rather fantasy. It was WUTHERING HEIGHTS. Starring in the title roles were Brian Aheane and Barbara Stanwyck. It concerned two persons who were tremendously in love but the girl wanting riches and a place in society gave up her love for the gypsy boy. Her life with the rich man is a happy one until her gypsy lover returns. He has some power over her. She becomes very ill and at her bedside is her gypsy lover. She dies in his arms. He, feeling himself to blame for her death, asks her to haunt him and she does. On the night that this story is being told to a stranger, Herthcliff runs after her for she had appeared before this stranger. The following

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morning, Herthcliff is found dead near a large stone boulder which they had called "the Castle". mt

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Due to the pressure of many readers the name of FANTASY-NEWS EXTRA has been changed to FANTASY-NEWS QUARTERLY, tho at first the magazine may not appear at regular intervals MATERIAL now being mimeographed is by DALE TARR, DALE HART, BILL GROVEMAN, SAM MOSKOWITZ and others but more material is needed. The magazine will contain 16 pages and sell for 10¢ % FANTASY-NEWS.

SCIENTIFILMS

by Mario Racic Jr

TELEVISION station W2XBS on Sept 21 televised the fantasy film "DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY" starring Fredric March.

Latest scientifilm "THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG" with Karloff arrived in New York, Sept 20.

mr

THE EDITOR'S NEEDS

Thru fans going to college, FANTASY-NEWS has lost two good regular department men this year. First Walter Sullivan went to college and left us in want of a Scientiradio column. This position has been recently very well filled by my sister Millie. Now Louis Kuslan has sent in his resignation from his steady column, FAN MAG REVIEW. Lane Stannard took it over for awhile, but Stannard being myself can't do the work as well as someone else who has more time, so I'm now asking for some active fan who gets most of the fan magazines to take over the FAN MAG REVIEW column in FANTASY-NEWS and mail in the reviews every week. Who will do it?? James V Taurasi-ed.

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