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"MARVEL TALES" DISCONTINUED" --- GOODMAN

EXCLUSIVE: By Sam Moskowitz, Ace.

In an interview with Mr. Abraham Goodman, of RED CIRCLE pub., we learned that MARVEL TALES will be temporarily discontinued. Said Goodman: "MARVEL TALES will be temporarily discontinued, and you can quote me on that". "If resumed, it will be back to a strict science policy. The matter is under careful consideration. If we decide to resume the magazine, we will have a surprise for all readers of science fiction."

This will probably be good news to all fans who have deplored MARVEL'S degeneration. According to its publishers, the first issue of MARVEL SCIENCE STORIES sold very well, but the circulation of every following number dropped steadily until it dropped below the point of reasonable profit.

Confirming this report by telephone conversation with Mr. Erisman also of MARVEL, we learned that the suspension of MARVEL is only temporary, and is due to the present conditions of the pulp market. In all probability, publication will be resumed within nine months, if conditions improve.

WILL SYKORA FANTASY NEWS' NEW ED.

Jimmy Taurasi has turned over Fantasy News to his good friend Will Sykora, old time fan whose experience in the fan field has extended over a period of nine years. A reader of fantastic fiction since 1924, he will do his best to make

ENGLAND SPEAKS by Sgt. H. Gottliffe, B.A.M.C.

In the foreign mails, just received, is a letter from active fan, H. Gottliffe, which speaks for England, to show that British fandom still shows the intensest interest in sfan activities. The letter follows exactly as received:

Dear Sir:

Michael Rosenblum has asked me to write to you concerning a statement in Fantasy News that he had joined the B.A.M.C. and that as a result the Futurian would cease.

This is quite inaccurate; I have joined up - not Michael - and the Futurian is still being published, though in a printed-duplicated format. Michael is an ardent pacifist, and as his class is to be called up, he will have to face a tribunal. Though we do not see eye to eye, I admire his sticking to his principles at a time when events have so clearly placed him in a fake position.

I would be very obliged if you would publish the necessary correction, and even more obliged if you would keep me posted as to the events in the American S-F World. My home address is:

Sgt. H. Gottliffe, BAMC,
13, Bentcliffe Ave.,
Leeds, 7, England.

and a letter there marked "Please Forward" would find me.

You know that Rupert Brook said "If I should die, think only this of me - that there's some corner of a foreign land that is forever England."

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BOOST SCIENCE FICTION NOT POLITICS

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

With this issue, ownership of Fantasy-News changes hands. James V. Taurasi, one of FTFandom's foremost progressive fan mag editors, has been forced to give up his interest in Fantasy-News due to failing health and pressure of outside interests. A careful examination of issues 75, 76, and 77 will reveal a new hand at work. This is the hand of Will Sykora, who under the guidance of his good friend and co-worker Jimmy Taurasi, has been taking over the reigns.

Says Sykora: "I will do everything in my power to continue Fantasy-News and to handle it as ably as has been done in the past. I solemnly promise to adhere to its previous policy of NO SCANDAL and to uphold the principles of good fellowship, good journalism, and veracity for which Fantasy-News has stood in the past."

Jim is to be congratulated for his expert handling of the only science fiction newspaper that Fandom has ever seen. His work in previous years has been exemplary, his goal idealistically high enough to warrant the supreme effort of every fan to attain. It is with glad hearts that we welcome him to our fold as an ACE FANTASY NEWS REPORTER to stand side by side with that other ace of aces, Sam Moskowitz. Fantasy-News shall never die as long as these three, and a fourth-Mario Racio, Jr., shall live.

BE A FANTASY NEWS REPORTER. Press cards have been printed and will be sent to all reporters next week.

FAN MAG REVIEW by Harry Warner, Jr.

LE ZOMBIE: Dec. 16. Xmas, 8 large mimeod page issue. Extremely good this time. Three for 10¢, Bob Tucker, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill.
GOLDEN ATOM: Vol. 1, no. 2. 10¢, from E. E. Weinman, 57½ Lyndhurst St., Rochester, N.Y. 14 large, mimeod pp. Better this issue; needs wordage. Good colored cover.
SCIENCE FICTION FANDOM: Vol. 1, no. 1. 48 lg, mimeod pp. 25¢. From L. B. Farsaci, 44 Lewis St., Rochester, N.Y. Consisting of 5 magazines; pretty good material.

OUR OVERFLOW by Sam Moskowitz.

Henry Kuttner may possibly reside permanently in N.Y....Erle Kershak will pay a visit to Chicago for Christmas...FLASH! "The Titan" ultra-fine short novel never completed in Crawford's old Marvel Tales is under serious consideration by Mort Weisinger, at this reporter's suggestion. It is authored by P. S. Miller; eagerly awaited by all sfans.

EXCLUSIVE:- The prize-winners in NEW FANDOM'S "After the Convention-What?" contest are: Ray Van Houten, John Giunta, Harry Warner, J. Harvey Haggard, and Joseph Gilbert. The prizes are superb VIRGIL FINLAY ORIGINAL DRAWINGS, especially chosen by Moskowitz. Wright of WEIRD TALES kindly contributed 4 of them, and Weisinger of STANDARD the fifth... If SCIENCE FICTION does not print the winning entries in her "Essentials of Science Fiction" contest, NEW FANDOM will attempt to procure the three top winners for publication. "Lever of Destruction" in the Dec. '39 SCIENCE FICTION is credited to "Tom Erwin Geris" which is merely an anagram of Mort Weisinger!.....

BEG PARDON! Last issue we mentioned the name of Mr. Farnsworth Wright of WEIRD TALES in connection with FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES. Mr. Wright is not connected with FFM in any capacity. Next issue, we hope to present an exclusive interview with the lady editor of FFM by our Ace Reporter, Sam Moskowitz.

TALES OF WONDER GRANTS REQUESTS FOR "THE RED DUST"

IN CAMPBELL'S OFFICE (Exclusive) By Jimmy Taurasi, Ace.

Special to FN by Walter H. Gillings.

Requests for the sequel to that popular story, "The Mad Planet" are still pouring in to TALES OF WONDER. Those many readers who have been eagerly awaiting "The Red Dust", which depicts the coming of a new peril to the little savage, Burl, and his tribe in the world of thirty thousand years hence, will be glad to know that it will appear at last in the ninth issue of this magazine, due for publication on December 29th.

Also in this issue will be a remarkable article in which Alfred Gordon Bennett, whose book, "The Demigods", was so well received by fantasy lovers, deals with critics who declare giant insects impossible, and forecasts a time in the remote future when the Earth will be ruled by such formidable creatures. The article, which has been specially written for TALES OF WONDER, is entitled, "The Insect Threat".

Coutts Brisbane is back again with "The Planet Wrecker", and C. A. Smith makes his second appearance with "The Invisible City", which is the subject of the cover illustration. Stanton A. Soblenitz also contributes "Men Without Shadows", a story peculiarly appropriate at this time. "War In the Future" will be a special feature in this issue, the contents of which are slightly curtailed in common with most publications, as a result of increased production costs.

Coutts Brisbane and Murray Leinster will have their say in Authors' Corner and Readers' Reactions will be present as usual. A great deal will depend on the sales of this issue, we understand, in deciding whether TALES OF WONDER, leading British SF mag, will be able to continue publication throughout this difficult period.

JOIN NEW FANTASY! Send \$1.00 yearly dues to Sam Moskowitz, 603 So. 11th St., Newark, N.J. JOIN NEW FANTASY!

In an interview at his office in the Chelsea Building, John W. Campbell, Jr., Editor of ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION revealed that the contents of the February issue will read as follows: "If This Goes On" the serial of the present war by Robert Heinlein begins in this issue, a two-part serial; "And Then There Was One" by Ross Rocklynne; "The Professor Was a Thief" by the popular L. Ron Hubbard; "Locked Out" a humorous little yarn by new author H.B. Fyffe; "High Frequency War" by the ever-popular Harl Vincent; "Martian Quest" by Leigh Brockett, and "Bombardment In Reverse" by Norman L. Knight; plus two articles—"Botanical Invasion" by the popular Queens SF Quest of Honor Willy Ley; and "Luna Observatory No. 1" by R. S. Richardson, and of course the regular departments. The cover for this issue is by Rogers and shows a war tank. There is an interesting story connected with this cover and the cover for the April issue also by Rogers which will be reported in our next ASTOUNDING preview. One of the yarns in the Feb. issue is a "NOVA".

Jack Williamson has "Reign Of Wizardry" in the Mar. 1940 UNKNOWN FANTASY FICTION, the cover being a good one by Isip.

"Final Blackout" is the new name chosen for the serial following "If This Goes On", and following that is a serial by Norman L. Knight called "Crisis In Utopia", the cover by the super artist, Rogers. It will start in the July 1940 ASTOUNDING.

Campbell said that if certain plans go through, there will be more and better colored inside illustrations in ASTOUNDING and possibly in UNKNOWN. We're hoping, J.C.

Fantasy News will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of ASTOUNDING by reproducing the Jan 1940 cover on our cover for the Jan 7th issue. If you won't celebrate your 10th anniversary Miss ASTOUNDING, we will. TELL YOUR CORRESPONDENTS ABOUT F. N.

HOT OFF THE GRIDDLE

By Erle Korshak.

Mark Reinsberg has just sold a stf cartoon strip story to a new cartoon mag called COLLOSAL COMICS titled "Collosus, the Man". The mag is being named after Mark's cartoon...We have just learned from Frank R. Paul that following his present series of other planets' inhabitants now running in the rear of FANTASTIC ADVENTURES will be a series ~~portraying the inhabitants of the~~ major moons of the Solar System; following this series, a series of inhabitants of the capital cities of the different planets will follow. We see a life-time of work facing Artist Paul...Did you know that Paul is the proud father of a son in the U.S. Marine Corps? He has been stationed until recently in the signalling at the Panama Canal...Your reporter is sending out what he believes will be the finest stf Christmas cards of the year. Paul is drawing the picture...Hamling's semi-pro fan mag, Stardust, is scheduled to come out around the first of the year. Best of luck, Bill...Have all you fans got copies of the SCIENCE FICTION SERIES? Recently while at Gernsy's office, I was able to purchase nos. 13 to 18 in perfect condition for 10¢ each.

SCIENTIFILMS by Millie Taurasi.

Arch Oboler's play on Sat. Dec. 16, called "Nobody Died" dealt with a doctor who after a life-time of research finds a serum, which can revive dying persons, and make them healthy again, and young. The reactions are not known, until a power crazed maniac tries it on a portion of his army with which he intends to conquer the world. He takes it himself and then begins to get younger and younger until he is crying like a newborn baby.

JULIUS UNGER

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SCIENCE FICTION BARGAINS FOR SALE.

SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racio, Jr.

Now in production, to be released in January is "THE Blue Bird" fantasy film based on Maurice Maeterlinck's story. Starring Shirley Temple who plays Mytyl, with Gale Sondergaard, Eddie Collins, Spring Byington, Al Shean, and Johnny Russell, who plays Tytyl. Tytyl and Mytyl travel to the Land Of the Past, Land Of the Future, in search for the Blue Bird. 20th CENTURY FOX film. Many special sets had to be built for this film.

Local theatres showing the film "S.O.S. Tidal Wave" are using stills from the film "Deluge". The first stfilm has at the end a faked deluge, using scenes from RKO's film of that name; in fact the makers of "S.O.S." are being sued for using this without permission.

"Gullivers Travels" long awaited full length fantasy cartoon, opens in NY Dec. 20 at the PARAMOUNT.

"High Treason" stfilm from 1930 is being revived locally, Dec. 21st to 24th at the LYRIC on 42nd St.

ODD ITEMS by FN Reporters.

Henry D. Goldman, 3118 Perrysville Ave., N.S. Pittsburgh, Pa. is trying to form a fan club. Notices have appeared in TWS and AMAZING. Pittsburgh fans are urged to get in touch for the formation of an active Pittsburgh SFL. (hdg)

TWS has purchased all rights and all original illustrations and covers of all previous Gernsback stf mags issued under Gernsy's ownership. (wss)

A complete comic magazine of "Buck Rogers" Sunday strip reprints has appeared on the stands, published by the publishers of FAMOUS FUNNIES, selling for ten cents and with a cover by Dick Calkins. In this connection it might be interesting to know that both Phil Nowlan and Dick Calkins take full credit for the origin of "Buck Rogers" and judging from latest info Phil Nowlan has practically nothing to do with the strip any longer. (sm)

ADVERTISE IN FANTASY NEWS. IT PAYS!

METROPOLIS

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RETURN OF PETER GRIMM

RAVEN

YOURS, ETERNALLY

X. DOCTOR

MUMMY

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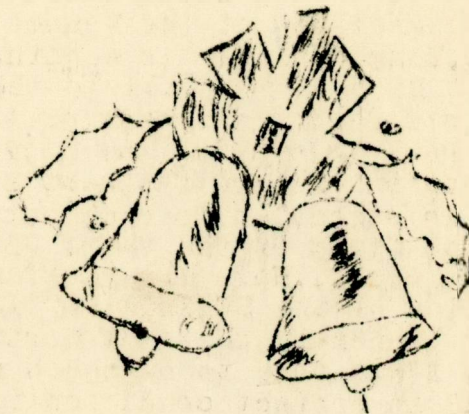
HIGH TREASON

ELITA

HANTOM CREEPS

PURPLE, UNKNOWN

YANKEE, CONNECTICUT



NEW GULLIVER

END OF THE WORLD

WHITE ZOMBIE

YARD, GIRL FROM SCOTLAND

EDWIN DROOD

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

RETURN OF CHANDU

FROM THE STAFF OF FANTASY NEWS