

NEW FANDOM REORGANIZED AT NEWARK CONFERENCE

TEMPORARY OFFICERS APPOINTED BY MANAGING SECRETARY

DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION TO BE
RATIFIED BY ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP.

On Sunday, March 17, 1940, John V. Baltadonis, Robert A. Madle, Sam Moskowitz, Will Sykora, Ray Van Houten, James V. Taurasi, Mario Racio, Jr., and Norman Holtaway met over a conference table in Newark, N.J. and cleared away the final obstacles in NEW FANDOM'S drive toward greater heights.

Bob Madle and Johnny Baltadonis came up from Philadelphia, Sykora, Taurasi, and Racio from N.Y., Ray Van Houten from Paterson, and Norman Holtaway from Union, to confer with Managing Secretary Sam Moskowitz on the question of New Fandom's future. Jack Speer and Harry Warner, Jr., also invited, were unable to make the conference, but sent up their views on what sort of an organization they would like NEW FANDOM to be.

Sam Moskowitz, as Managing Secretary under the old rules of the organization, exercised his authority to appoint a complete new set of officers who are to do duty until election time. Appointments were: President: Sam Moskowitz; Secretary: Ray Van Houten; Treasurer: William S. Sykora; Chairman, Public Relations Committee: Robert A. Madle; Chairman, Publications Committee: James V. Taurasi; Chairman, Projects Committee: (next col.)

FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES' MAY LINE-UP

The May issue of FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES is lined up as follows: "Sunken Cities" by Douglas Newton (Cover picture by Paul); "World Of Indexed Nos" by W. Morrow, also a complete novelet; the much demanded "Three Lines Of Old French" by A. Merritt, with an interesting auto iography of the author; the new story, "Pegasus" by Henry Kuttner (last two yarns illustrated by Virgil Finlay); "Finis" by Frank Lillie Pollock; a short filler, "Raiders Of the Air" by Hubert Kelley and Fred T. Brown; and, of course, "The Blind Spot" by Flint and Hall. A "Futurama" drawn in 1916 for Railroad Magazine, showing what a city of 2416 was thought to look like, then, will be published, and it will afford an interesting comparison with Frank R. Paul's illustration for "A World Of Indexed Numbers" which furnishes a picture of what an artist of today thinks about the same. The May issue will be out the first week in April.

(Mary Gnaedinger)

Mario Racio, Jr.; Chairman, Conventions Committee: John V. Baltadonis. These officers start work immediately.

All new memberships, business correspondence, renewals, should be addressed to Ray Van Houten, Secretary, New Fandom, 26 Seeley Street, Paterson, New Jersey.

All material for and comments on the official or an (Con.P.2,C.2)

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GUEST EDITORIAL by Sam Moskowitz.

In this issue of FANTASY NEWS you will read the very latest report regarding NEW FANDOM, the sciencefiction general organization. New Fandom has many admirable achievements to its credit, and added to this will be the adoption of a real democratic constitution.

New Fandom is "the Voice of Science Fiction Fandom". It is a large, strong, club that does not merely hope to do things, but goes right out and does them. It is probably the only fan organization that has ever directly affected the policy of professional magazines. New Fandom is responsible largely for the recent instigation of fan mag review columns and other fan features in the pro mags.

The club is making a great drive forward. It will support the coming Chicago Convention. It will attempt to unify the fan world into a more solid and capable group. It has many members, but it needs more! Why be on the outside looking in? Membership in New Fandom introduces you into the heart of sf fandom, and shows you how the entire mechanism works. Every new member who joins now means that much more that the club will be able to accomplish in the future.

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FAN MAG REVIEW by Harry Warner, Jr.

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NEW FANDOM REORGANIZED Con'd: "New Fandom" should be addressed to Sam Moskowitz, 603 So.11th St, Newark, N.J. as well as material for the Manuscript Bureau, which is again resuming its service to sf fan mags.

All complaints, inquiries concerning non-receipt of the official organ, should be addressed to James V. Taurasi, 137-07 32nd Ave, Flushing, N.Y. as well as comments on the art-work and format.

Correspondence concerning exchange of advertisements and other items concerning publicity should be addressed to Robert A. Madle, 333 E. Belgrade St, Phila, Penna. For more complete information send 10¢ to Ray Van Houten for sample copy of "NEW FANDOM".

With the eighth issue of "New Fandom" (the first co-edited by Taurasi) two constitutions will be presented for acceptance by the members. The one accepted will be maintained as (Cont'd p.4, Col.1)

THE TIME STREAM by Sam Moskowitz.

Milton A. Rothman and Elmer Perdue of Washington D.C. were present at a recent meeting of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society... "Guyon 452" in the first issue of SUPER SCIENCE STORIES credited to Dean D. O'Brien reveals a startling fact when you strike off the first "D" and the last "Brien". .. The next "Spaceways" and "Horizons" will be out on each other's heels about April 1st. "Spaceways" will feature material by Eric Frank Russel, C.S. Youd, Walt Sullivan, Sam Moskowitz, Bill Hamling, and a cover by Tom Wright... Taurasi, Moskowitz, Madle, and Van Houten all have stories awaiting decision in TERRILLING WONDER'S amateur story contest... **NOTICE:** An article by Rothman on conventions of the future will appear in the anniversary "S-F Collector". Your columnist originally wrote up the same idea back in Sep 1939 in an article called "Reunion-1980", which may appear shortly... The Los Angeles Science Fiction League sent out the top half of a front page of the "Los Angeles Times" with the headline: "STF Fandom Amazed. L.A. issues Shrangri-La" faked in by the photo-offset process... Jack Speer may be up North over the Easter vacation... That 5000 word article on TWS mentioned in this column recently will appear in "Fantascience Digest"... Baltadonis is seriously considering changing the "Science Fiction Collector" to a large sized mimeod magazine... Bob Madle plans to send out with the next issue of FD a sheet to take a poll regarding fans' favorite fan mags, etc... JVB will do the same with the "Collector", but all questions will relate to his own mag... Peter Horn is Henry Kuttner reveals the current FANTASTIC ADVENTURES. Horn gets credit on the cover and contents page, but Kuttner is the name inside. We should have known because Hank said he wrote south sea stories in WRITERS' DIGEST and there is only one reliable market for that type of yarn... Bob Tucker moves to the country for the summer, but maintains the same box no. address.

PROMINENT FAN HEADS ENGLAND'S NEW PRO SCIENCE FICTION MAGAZINE!

A new professional science fiction magazine will hit the stands soon in England. It will take its name from the now defunct but very well-known British fan mag, "NEW WORLDS". Stories already accepted for publication are John Russell Fearn's "Memory Unlimited", and Thornton Ayre's "Domain Of Zero" and "Lunar Concession". FANTASY NEWS is not at liberty to reveal the name of the prominent English fan who will edit the mag and is withholding this information until actual publication by special request of the fan in question. Suffice it to say that he is probably England's outstanding fan and author of many fan articles in American fan magazines. Full details will be published soon in FANTASY NEWS.

It can now be revealed the Stanley G. Weinbaum's "The Mad Brain" set for publication in one of Erisman's fantasy magazines, will not appear after all. Says Erisman: "I was all set to use the yarn when once again I got hold-off orders on the new science book it was to be used in, and the following day, orders to drop the book entirely. Since then, MARVEL has started up again on its original tack, as you have no doubt noticed, with sex-science-horror, but it remains my only science book -- and of course has resumed its original juvenile flavor, juvenile that is in its fast action and comparatively childish ideas, and so would not offer a spot for Weinbaum's very grown-up book. And there seems to be no indication of any sort on the horizon that I'll soon be having a book coming up that would be right for the Weinbaum yarn. If, of course, I prove wrong about that, you can be sure I'll be after you (Weinbaum's agent) in a hurry for it, for it certainly is a beautiful piece of work of its kind."

Oscar J. Friend has a novel, "The Kid From Mars", coming up in STARTLING STORIES... (Con. P. 4, C. 1)

NEW BRITISH SIF MAG Cont'd from P.3
 Mort Weisinger claims is the nearest approach to a slick sf story ever published...Harry Bates will return to sf with "The Experiment Of Dr. Sarconi", a short novel to be featured soon in THRILLING WONDER...Thornton Ayre's fascinating female character, Violet Ray, will reappear in FANTASTIC ADVENTURES as the heroine of "The Amazon Fights Again...The June issue of ACTION STORIES will feature "The Destroyers From Mars" by Eando Binder, illustrated by Paul...The forthcoming CAPTAIN FUTURE exploit will appear as "The Triumph Of Captain Future", "One Way Star Ride" and "The Red Death Of Mars" are two Robert Moore Williams stories scheduled for appearances in THRILLING WONDER and ASTOUNDING respectively...

Dave Vern, associate editor of ZIFF-DAVIS magazines, has set up an office in New York City, where he hopes the closer contacts with authors will enable him to get better yarns for his mags...Jim Mooney, prominent sf fan and artist from California, is now in New York...H. L. Gold will appear next in UNKNOWN with "Warm, Dark Places", a fantasy of the insides of a pocket!...Leigh Brackett, promising female fantasy author who resides in Los Angeles (FJA: Please note!) follows her two ASTOUNDING accepts with "Barton, Interplanetary Press", taken by TWS and "The Tapestry Gate" taken by STRANGE STORIES...

NEW FANDOM Cont'd: NEW FANDOM'S working document.

Elections of new officers may be held in June, providing the constitution has been accepted by the membership by then and the club is in working order to carry on under permanent officers. This is entirely up to the judgement of the acting president, the rest of the governing committee concerning. The President will compile information regarding the condition of the club immediately prior to this date.

More New Fandom news in our next issue.

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SCIENTIFILMS by Mario Racic, Jr.

"La Charrette Fantome" (The Phantom Cart) is a new French fantasy film recently released in Paris. It will arrive in U.S. later this year. Julien Duvivier directed the film which is based on Selma Lagerloff's Swedish Legend "The Death Cart". The legend has it that whoever dies at the stroke of midnight on the final day of the year and hears the weird grinding of the phantom cart's rusty wheels, which Death is driving, must succeed the phantom carter and go the unearthly rounds collecting souls until he is succeeded by another unfortunate on the following New Year's Eve.

The COLUMBIA-Karloff film, "The Man Who Would Not Die", has been retitled, "The Man With Nine Lives".

April 2nd issue of PIC has a short article on film serials. One of them is the new sf serial "Flash Gordon Conquers the Universe" with many scenes from the film. Another is "The Shadow", also with many scenes and pictures reproduced. "Horror By Hypnosis", a factual article dealing with the Lugosi-Karloff film "Black Friday", is also in this issue.

On Wed. Mar 20th station W2XBS televised the Karloff film (what, again?) "Juggernaut".

The Lugosi horror film, "The Human Monster" opens at the GLOBE theatre here on Mar 23rd. Dr. Orloff (Bela) is a criminal insurance agent who uses Wilfred Walter (a misshapen blind giant and inmate of a privately run London home for the destitute blind) to dispose of the people the doctor insures for his own benefit. A murder-horror film not very scientific.

"Black Friday" is now running in N.Y. at the RIALTO and "Dr. Cy-clops" opens at the PARAMOUNT next week..

LOCAL REVIVALS: "The Lost World" (Wallace Beery) at MIAMI theatre, 6th Av & 47th St, Mar 21st to 27th. "The Golem" (1937 French film) at the APOLLO until Mar 27th. Beginning Mar 28th, this theatre will show "Amphytryon", another fantasy.