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COSMIC REPORTER

by Arthur Jean Cox

Tales Calculated To Drive You MAD ("Humor in a Jugular Vain") is the latest addition to the "Educational Comics" group, which publishes such items as Weird Science and Weird Fantasy. The magazine features four "departments" — Horror, Science - Fiction, Crime, and Western. Nice drawings; humor is rather broad.....Good Reading, a 35¢ Mentor pocket book, "A Guide To The World's Best Books", lists on page 159 the following recent science-fiction books: "The Martian Chronicles", Bradbury; "The Man Who Sold The Moon", Heinlein; "Great Stories Of Science-Fiction", ed. by Leinster; "New Tales Of Space And Time" ed. by Healy; "1984", Orwell; "World Of A", van Vogt. Other selections included Wells, Poe, Verne, et cetera. Selections were made by Prof. J. O. Bailey, who wrote "Pilgrims Through Space And Time.....A fellow Ted Owens gave a lecture August 10th in Los Angeles on flying saucers and telepathy: "Flying saucers may be dangerous; don't antagonize them...Observations indicate that the mysterious objects are some type of space ship propelled by superterrestrial intelligence of high order. It would be wise to make every effort to contact them. The best possibility would be mass telepathy by persons gifted with strong psychic powers. This is feasible because the operators of the flying saucers are probably more advanced mentally than we are, as is evidenced by their success in breaching the outer spaces before us. It is reasonable to believe that they are acquainted with telepathy and allied fields! Owens was formerly associated with Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University.....Omni-Garrison, Religion Editor of the Los Angeles Mirror, asked various Los Angeles Clergymen whether or not their respective doctrines admitted of the possibility of rational beings on other planets. Dr. Phillip J. Knox, Seventh-Day Adventist minister said: "—we take the position that these other worlds are definitely inhabited by intelligent

SLICK S-F

by Donald E. Ford

Collier's, August 16, 1952:
"Model Space Ship", illo: photo. Collier's 13^{1/2}" model space ship goes on display at Hayden Planetarium this week.

True, September 1952:
"The Flying Saucers And The Mysterious Little Men" by J.P. Cahn, illo: photo. True sends a reporter out to interview Frank Scully of: "Behind The Flying Saucers" fame. He was offered \$25,000 for proof of his story; which never came. The story of how the reporter tracks down and shoots full of holes Mr. Scully's statements makes nice reading. All fans should read this!

Adam, Vol. 1 - No. 1:
"Impossible - But It Happened" by Earl Wilson, illo: photos. An account of strange events and the Fortean Society. Pictures of Fort, etc.

American Mercury, August 1952:
"Terrors Of Space Travel" by Morton Clurman. Tells mainly about the effects on the human body — mostly dealing with Free Fall. Nothing new, for fans, here.

beings. We think of this planet as the one lost sheep that went astray, lost in the dark mountains away on the outskirts of His universe...Moreover, we regard the phenomena of the skies currently appearing to this world as signs of His return to the earth-sphere. In Revelation XIII:13 John says, 'And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.' And in the preceding chapter, he clearly refers to dwellers of other parts of the universe when he says, 'Rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.' ... We regard these other beings as higher beings than man, who fell from his high estate. We believe they are in closer contact with God.....The Very Reverend Francis J. Connell, dean of sacred theology (concluded on page 8, column 1)

THE "XCON" REPORT

A report of THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY WORLD CONVENTION held on Aug. 30, 31 & Sept 1 at the Morrison Hotel, Chicago, Ill.; from the notes of Sam Moskowitz.

OVER 1,000 registered — Sam Moskowitz estimates that 1,050 attended — By the time the Convention was over; 1,500 members had been enrolled — Convention was open to members only — The size of this Convention marks a revolution of s-f World Conventions; only cities with Halls and Hotels large enough to hold such an attendance will be eligible to hold future Conventions; such Conventions are too big for an average s-f fan club to run — Estimated expenses \$3 - \$4,000.00 — No financial report given; but Convention made money — Chairman Judy May's handling outstanding — The following cities bid for the 1953 World Convention; SAN FRANCISCO; PHILADELPHIA; INDIANAPOLIS; NIAGARA FALLS; AMALGAMATED GREATER NEW YORK FAN GROUPS, composed of numerous N.Y. area fan clubs; QUEENS SFL (bidding also for N.Y.) — Just as the balloting was about to begin, The Amalgamated Greater New York Fan Groups dramatically withdrew their bid and threw their full support behind the Philadelphia bid — THE VOTE: (all were closed-ballots) 1st Ballot: San Francisco, 138; Philadelphia, 137; Indianapolis, 62; Niagara Falls, 15; QSFL, 21; Total 376 Top 3 bids were kept on 2nd ballot — 2nd Ballot: S.F. 143; Philly 171; Ind. 51; Total 367 — Motion to adjourn at this point was defeated. Two top bids were kept on 3rd ballot — Ind. threw support to S.F. — 3rd Ballot: Philly 191; S.F. 169; total 362. PHILADELPHIA WON THE 1953 CONVENTION SITE — 300 persons were at Convention 24hrs before it opened — Registration (Aug 30) took so long that Convention was several hours late.

FIRST DAY — AUG 30TH: Welcome address by Wm L. Hamling — Introduction of not-

ables by Mel Korshak; took hours and was never completed — Julian C. May was installed as chairman & was presented flowers for her work (She had quit regular job & spent 4 months full-time on Convention) — Oliver E. Saari, Chairman Rules Committee, read Convention rules, had them adopted by voice vote. EVENING SESSION: Talk "Thinking Men And Machines" by H. A. Winters — Debate: "Flying Saucers, What Are They"; Ray Palmer — pro; Willy Loy — con; with Sam Moskowitz challenging both — Nobel Prize Winner, H. V. Miller PhD, delivered illood story titled "Life Elsewhere & Elsewhen" — From 10:30 on, Open House in Convention Committee Suite for Con Members — San Francisco rented a penthouse for 24 hour sessions.

SECOND DAY, AUG 31ST: Between 9 & 12 am 10 fan groups met in 2 rooms in successive shifts — Registration continued. AFTERNOON SESSION: Featured panel of editors moderated by Diane Reinsberg (Mrs. Mark Reinsberg) and editors A. Boucher; H. Browne; JWC Jr.; L. del Roy Evelyn Page; W. Hamling; S. Mines, Ray Palmer; and J. Quinn — AUCTION: Auctioneers: Mel Korshak and auction chairman Frances Hamling.

EVENING SESSION: Banquet — Toastmaster Robert Bloch, who was superb — Hugo Gernsback, Guest Of Honor, received a 3 minute ovation before and after his talk — Gernsback speech, "The Impact Of Science Fiction On World Progress" Gernsback termed impact "a revolution". Stated connected parties seemed little aware of real meaning of revolution — deplored fantasies and fairy-tales labeled s-f — said that in 1911 authors were ashamed to sign real names to stories; s-f has since become respectable — stated there is a lot of lapse between prediction & realization — gave examples — pressed for patent reforms which would give s-f writers 30 year provisional patent on ideas in s-f stories — said that no less than \$50 million per year lost by authors whose ideas are used without acknowledgement —

suggested and presented a design (drawn by Paul) to be printed atop s-f stories containing new invention ideas to be called attention to patent offices — donated design to s-f — his final plea "Let us treat science — fiction with seriousness and with the dignity this great endeavor is everlasting entitled to." — answered many questions most adroitly — was presented with a plaque as "papa of s-f" — R Palmer was also presented with inscribed plaque for efforts in behalf of s-f — Palmer stated that his plaque & any others presented should really go to Gernsback, who had discovered many of the pros present — Other talks at banquet by L. S. de Camp; E. E. Gerns- Smith; G. D. Simak; & Walter A. Back's Willis — After banquet: 12 mid-DESIGN night to dawn in Burgundy Room — "flying saucers", a masquerade — hundreds in attendance.



THIRD D.Y. SEPT 1ST: Registration continued.

MORNING SESSION: Talk, "Two Science Fictionists" by Harlan Ellison & Bill Venable, followed by "Post-Historic Man" a review by Oscar Brauner, PhD — Panel debate, "Fandom — Is It Still A Force In S-F?", moderator S. Moskowitz; Pro- E. E. Evans, W. A. Willis; Con- Edy. Wood, David Goodman; Judges- A. W. Dorloth, Chas R. Tanner — It was ruled that while the Cons technically won the debate, some of their statements & publications had proved viewpoint of the Pros.

AFTERNOON SESSION: Book publishers' panel: Moderator Diane Roinsborg — Panel composed of A. W. Dorloth; L. A. Eshback; H. Greenberg; H. Korshak; D. A. Kyle & J. A. Williams — John W. Campbell, Jr. delivered one of the best talks of the Convention, "Place Of Science Fiction In Cultured Pattern" — H. S. Santesson gave a provocative address, "Editors: Myth & Reality" — Robert Bloch gave a comedy talk, "What Every Young Spaceman Should Know" — Pseudo-Science panel: John H. Pomeroy, Irving Hoine; & Frances Hamling gave reports — (At this point the selection

of the 1953 World Convention site was made).

EVENING SESSION: Entertainment in Torrace Casino — B. Tucker, well acted personal recording of skit, "The Revolting Fan Reporter" — Ted Sturgeon with guitar song "Songs Of The Spaceways" — First s-f ballet in one act "Asteroid". It was superbly done, a real success, may appear in Look Magazine. Carol Borge as "Orange Girl" was outstanding — Philadelphia SFS presented "Fall Of Fen" or "Paradise Lost" written by Dave Hammond, illustrated by Sol Levin — Garry Davis in humorous skit, "Citizen — Of The World" — And other entertainment — Final Party: at the San Francisco penthouse continued until next am.

THE BIG ONE

by Forrest J Ackerman, via air-mail from the Morrison Hotel, Chicago.

This was IT, boys & girls, The Giant Convention dreamed of when the first was held in 1939. A staggering total of 1,100 attended the 3-day 10th Anniversary World Science Fiction Convention. Authors, editors, publishers and big-named fans were legion. Walter Willis was Fandom's Guest Of Honor, from Ireland; Hugo Gernsback (Father Of Science-fiction) Professional Guest Of Honor. Total Con membership was approx 1,600, with one fan in attendance from Argentina; another from Cuba. The auction excellent, The Masquerade memorable — and next year's Con site (Over hotly contested San Francisco) at Philadelphia.

I am sitting in the Lobby of the Morrison Hotel as I write this, bidding farewell to Jerry Bixby, Sprague de Camp, Larry Shaw, Garry de la Ree and countless others as they pass by. Frankly I'm practically asleep. Day after the Con my wife was heard by 9 million listeners on the "Welcome, Traveler" program, and took advantage of her interview to plug science-fiction. Latest news in this respect is that SJByrne is will script the adult TV series, "Rocket To Earth".

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Scotland's New Pro-Mag

by Lane Starnard

SCOTLAND'S First Professional science-fiction magazine is out by the time you read this. It is Nebula Science Fiction, published quarterly at 2/- (30¢ plus postage for US) an issue. It contains 120 pages and has no interior illustrations. Each issue will contain one full-length novel (about 40,000 words) and two or three short stories. There will also be departments & articles. The first cover, reproduced at right, was painted by Hunter. Authors such as Forrest J Ackerman, Sydney J. Bounds, H. J. Campbell, A. Bertrom Chandler, E. Everett Evans, Peter Hawkins, E. R. James, Charles Eric Maine, Len J. Moffatt, Peter Phillips, F. G. Rayer, William F. Temple, and E. C. Tubb have been secured for the magazine. Also reprint rights to L. Major Reynolds and A. E. van (cont. on page 8)

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BRITISH S-F BOOKS

by Ted Carnell

GOSSIP: Arthur Clarke returned to the fold this week (3rd August), talks of becoming an American resident. Is due to visit Germany for an astronautic convention in September, then return to the United States.

Will (4-Sided Triangle) Temple meets up with Barbara Payton next week when he visits the set as Technical Director of his film.

David Griffiths, a White Horse habitue, recently joined the Regular Army, wrote a fantasy novel in his spare time, which has been accepted by Ward, Lock.

Grayson & Grayson have just published British editions of "I, Robot"; "Best Of S-F Stories 2nd Series" (from Best of 51) and "Possible Worlds Of S-F". List an abridged edition of "Adventures In Time And Space" for later.

British editions of "Destination: Universe"; "Astounding Anthology"; "City At World's End"; "Puppet Masters"; "The Blind Spot"; "Wine Of Dreamers"; are all scheduled.

Werner Laurie to publish a juvenile s-f collection which includes three stories from New Worlds.

Latest four Kemsley pocket-books, published this week (3rd August): "The Thing" (film released this week also) by John W. Campbell, Jr.; "Vanguard To Neptune" by J. M. Walsh; "Typewriter In The Sky" by Hubbard; & "Solution T-25" by du Bois.

Will Temple's juvenile Annual to come from Hulton has been cancelled after all material had been paid for.

Dave McIlwain ("Charles Eric Maine") has rewritten his famous play "Spaceways" into a book to be published in London shortly, says there are now three different versions - radio, book and film (the latter now being rescripted in Hollywood).

SCIENTI-BOOKS

by Stephen J. Takacs

New s-f books published during the week of August 18th:

"Drôme" by John Martin Leahy, Fantasy Pub. Co., \$3.00.

"The Red Peri & Other Stories" by Stanley G. Weinbaum, Fantasy Press, \$3.00.

"Witches Three", containing 3 complete novels: "Conjure Wife" by Fritz Lieber;

"The Blue Star" by Fletcher Pratt; and

"There Shall Be No Darkness" by James Blish. Twayne Publishers, \$3.95.

"The Best Science-Fiction Stories: 1952" edited by Bleiler & Dikty. Frederick Fell, \$2.95.

"Foundation & Empire" by Isaac Asimov, Gnome Press, \$2.75.

"Gummo Gado" by Cyrill Judd, Simon & Shuster, \$2.75.

The new Galaxy binders are ready for delivery. Colored blue, lettered in gold. Each binder takes six issues of Galaxy Science Fiction. Priced at \$1.50 each.

Sidgwick & Jackson will publish the British edition of "Across The Space Frontier" in November.

Boardman list for October John (Ted) Carnell's anthology "No Place Like Earth", an all-British author collection. John states that since that collection was compiled, seven of the stories have been taken for various US anthologies, three of which will be in Fell's "Best Of 1952".

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Coming Next In The Pro Mags

Famous Fantastic Mysteries

The December issue of Famous Fantastic Mysteries will contain "Skull-Face" by Robert E. Howard, reprinted from the October, November & December 1929 Weird Tales; "Killozer" by Theodore Sturgeon reprinted from Astounding; "The Homecoming" by Ray Bradbury; and "The Coat" by A. E. D. Smith. Cover is the usual excellent Lawrence, illustrating "Skull-Face" and interiors are a delightful combination of Finlay, Lawrence and Bok. This issue will be on the stands on September 19th, 1952.

New Worlds

New Worlds #17 (September) went on sale thruout England on August 20th containing: The second part of its first serial, "The Esp Worlds" by M'Intosh, on which a good cover by Quinn is based. The rest of the line-up: "Project — Peaso!" by Ian Wright, illo Clothier; "The Peacemaker" by F. G. Rayer, illo Hunter, a further Magnis Mensas adventure; "The Broken Record" by James Macgregor, illo Quinn; "Emergency Working" by E. R. James, illo Hunter; "The Serpent" by A. Bertram Chandler, illo Hunter; plus Book Reviews and Postmortem column.

The Autumn issue of Science-Fantasy, No. 5, is due late September.

CORRECTION: The uncompleted Poe story, announced in our last issue as appearing in the Oct.-Nov. #3 issue of Fantastic, should have read Dec.'52-Jan '53, No. 4, issue. Sorry.

Fantasy & Science Fiction

The December, No. 19, issue of The Magazine Of Fantasy & Science Fiction will contain: "To A Ripe Old Age" by Wilson (Bob) Tucker; "Happy Landing" by Esther Carlson; "The Poisoner" by Charles L. (concluded on page 8, column 1)

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COSMIC REPORTER

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at Catholic University, said: "Neither revelation, the common teaching of the Fathers, tradition, nor the solemn pronouncements of the Popes rule out the possibility of life, perhaps similar to ours, on another planet....However, if other worlds and other rational animals exist, they need not be under the same disposition of grace as the descendants of Adam and Eve. They would not have incurred Original Sin because of the fall of Adam in Paradise."..He goes on to state that not only does Catholic doctrine admit the possibility of other worlds and other beings, but it also admits that there could have been a race of rational beings who died before Adam and Eve were created.....Reverend Richard Trotter, minister of the First Methodist Church, Alhambra, California, was more cautious. He said that his statements represented only his own views: "There is nothing I find in my theology that entitles me to believe in life on other planets, although the consensus of the scientific world now seems to be that some sort of life might exist there."....these statements are taken from the Los Angeles Mirror, August 9th.

FANTASY FORECASTS

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Harness; "Quit Zommin' Those Hands Through The Air" by Jack Finney; "Frances Harkins" by Richard Goggin; "The

Unidentified Amazon" by H. Nearing, Jr.; "The Goodly Creatures" by C. M. Kornbluth; "The Marble Ear" by Gerald Heard; "They Bito" by Anthony Boucher; and "Conroy's Public" by Ron Goulart. This issue will contain the index of stories it published in 1952.

The next Galaxy Novel, out October 21st will contain "The House of Many Worlds" by Sam Morwin, Jr.

SCOTLAND'S NEW PRO-MLG (concluded from page 5)

Vogt's stories. Articles by Forrest J Ackerman, Walter A. Willis, and Kenneth Slater are scheduled.

Editor of Nebula Science Fiction is Peter Hamilton, Jr. The magazine is published by Crownpoint Publications, Ltd., 159 Crownpoint Road, Glasgow, SE Scotland.

DAVE KYLE APPOINTED BOOK S-F EDITOR

New York, N. Y., 20 Aug. (CNS) - David Kyle has been appointed science-fiction editor to Bouregy and Curl, Inc. They plan to publish a series of science-fiction hard cover books, and plan for three books this coming Spring. The books will probably sell for \$2.75 and the first book will probably see publication early in 1953. At the moment, Mr. Kyle is considering manuscripts. The firm's address: 22 East 60th St., New York 22, N.Y. Dave Kyle is still retaining his position with Gnome Press.

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