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"The World Of Tomorrow Today!"

"F.F.M." TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS PUBLICATION

MEXT ISSUE WILL BE THE LAST

New York, N. Y., 5 March, (CTS) - The sad news that the "jueen of the Reprint s-f Magazines", Famous Fantastic Mysteries would suspend temporarily with the next issue, was given to Fantasy-Aimes today. Mary Gnaedinger, FM's oditor since its first issue was heart-broken at the news. She, and the rest of us hope that the suspension will not be for long, and that the magazine will soon return to the stands.

It was only with the current issue that the old "sunburst" logo had been restored to the magazine after about two years of size changes and logo changes. It now longs as it should, the leading science—fantasy reprint—magazine.

The last issue will contain: "Anthem" by Ayn Rand; "The Motamorphosis" by Francis Kafka; "Yorms of The Barth" by Robert E. Howard; and others. The cover will be by Lawrence, and the interiors will be by Lawrence and Finlay.

It was with the Sept-Oct 1989 issue, in the midst of the first large
science-fiction boom, that Famous Fantastic Mysteries was born. It then was
published by Munsey and contained only
Munsey reprints. Later it was sold to
Popular and only book reprints were used. In the last few years it has re-

printed from books, Munsey and other science-liction magazines. It has from time to time also published a few original s-f/fantasy yarms. Always it has had about the best illustrations of the field. Finlay, Lawrence, Paul and Boli have appeared in its pages.

Many Gneadinger stated today that she will do her best to attend the Ord ANNUAL FAN-VET CONVENTION on April 19, 1953, and will be happy to answer any questions put to her by those there. She donated numerous Lawrence and Finlay originals for the FAN-VET auction.

With the suspension of FFM, Porular Publications is left without a single science/fantasy magazine. At one time they were the proud publishers of Super Science Stories, A. Merritt Fantasy, Fantastic Movels and, of course, Famous Fantastic Mystories.

The editors of <u>Fantasy-Times</u> fool a deep regret at this s a d nows, and sincerely hope that the loss will only be for a short time.

(Due to the above news-flash as we were putting this issue to bed, the reproduction of the cover of the second issue of Nebula Science-Fiction had to be dropped. —eds)

(see page three for more late news)

(concluded on page 7, column 2)

by Michael Corner

The second issue of Scotland's first SP magazina, Rebula Science Fiction. Spring 55; is just out, Featuring Publi Rayer, Ackerman & Brunner, plus nums -ous departments it makes an interesting issue, Cover by Hunter, interiors by Digest size. 120 Hunter and Price. pages and 2/-Published quarterly by Crownpoint Pub. Ltd. 159 Crownpoint Rd. . Glasgov. S.E. Scotland. Ably edited by Poter Hamilton, Jr. (see cover reproduction on cover of this issue).

From John Spencer & Co., 24 Shephords Bush Rd. London W.6. Eng., come threepocket-size s-f mags: Futuristic Science Stories No. 9; Verlas Of Fantisy, No. 8; and Tales Of Tomorrow, No. 6. Each has a handsome colored cover, interior illos and from four to five s-r stories of the space-opera variety. Each is 112 pages, trimmed edges and sells for 1/6.

BRITISH REPRINTS

Space Science Fiction #2 is out in Ingland from The Archer Press, 109 Great Russell St., London, 7.C.1. Containsall the fiction and articles of the Hov '52 USA cdition. Some of the Depts are missing. All illos and cover same as US Edition. A neat 128 pages, digestsize, trimmed edges and sells for 1/6.

From Atlas Publishing Co, 18 Bride Lane Floot St., London E.C.4 comes the Pob. issue of astounding, Britian's oldest reprint mag. Contains "The Entreproneur" by Wilson; "Frontier Of The Dark" ny Chandler; & "No Hoon For Me" by Miller, plus cover by Alejandro, all from the Sept. '52 USA Edition, Pulp-size, trimmed odges, 64 pages and 9d.

Super Science Stories #12 contains storics and cover from the May'42 USA issue. 66 pages, pulp-size, trimmed adges and 9d.

From Thorpe & Porter comes Fantastic (concluded on page 4. column 2)

"BEYOND" WILL BE OUT EARLY IN MAY 1953

More York, N. Y., 23 February (CTS) - H. L. Gold's new magazine, Bevond will be out about the first of May and the first issue will be dated July '55.

The cover, of a different format then Galaxy, no top and leat side banner, will be by Powers. The first is—
sue will contain a novella, "... And My
Fear Is Great..." by Ted Sturgeon; two
novelettes: "Mye For Iniquity" by T. L.
Sherred, and "Babel II" by Damon Emight;
The shorts for the issue are: "All OfYou" by James McConnell; "The Spring
Bird" by Roger Dee; "The Day The Vorld
Ended" by Frank M. Robinson; "Share Alike" by Jerry Bixby and Joe Dean; and
"The Vedding" by Richard Matheson.

This first issue will also contain the introduction "editorial", but, present plans call for no editorials after this issue.

The magazine will be the same size as Calaxy and will also contain 160 pages. Price will be 550 an issue.

DOM MORD REPORTS:

Sharonville, Ohio, 8 Feb., (CTS) - Bea Hahaffey, co-editor of Other forlds. sails for England on May 15th. She tells me that Arthur C. Clarke may attend the 4th HED/AST COMPACTOR at INDICAL MAY 16 & 17, which she'll be forced to miss out on. She plans to be over there about 30 days.

Phillip Farmer has won the SILSTA contest of 44,000 for original ms. He's also sold a 40,000 word story to Hines in collaboration with Randy Garrett.

HOTICE

The last issue of Fantasy-Times, 171, was over a week late. This issue-will also be late. The reason for this is that our mimeographer, Ray Van Houten moved in the midst of Ho. 171. To issues, the will be skirped.

"GALAXY NOVELS" ARE OUT

ITALIAM "GALAXY NOVEL" IS PUBLISHED
TYICE A MONTH:

Flushing, N. Y., 21 February (CNS) - Me managed to obtain our first look at the Italian issues of Galaxy and Galaxy Novels and find them about the best in appearance, format and illustrations.

Galaxy Novels is called I Romanusi di Urania in Italy, contains 160 pagos, slightly larger than digest size, trimmed edges, book paper, and heavy paper covers. They are published twice a month, the 10th and 20th of each month, and sell for 150 Lire a copy. Thus volumes, zontain, all new covers and interior illustrations by Italian artists Seven issues of I Romanzi di Urania have appeared. No. 7, contains "Sials~ ter Barrier" by Bric Frank Russell Thats magazine not only reprints novels from Galaxy Novels, but from other American s-f magazines as well. No. 8, out 20th of January, contains "Slan" by A. H. Yan

Galaxy Science Fiction is called Urania in Italy and is published monthly. The January issue was No. 5. It also contains 160 pages, with Italian covers and interiors and also sells for 150 Lire a copy.

Both magazines make fine colloctor's items in anyone's science-fiction library.

AND STILL THEY COM

With all the s-f mags on the market, it would seem that new ones would be far and few between; but it's not so, TWO NEW ONES ARE BEING PLANNING.

(formerly "Science-Fiction Journal")

by James V. Taurasi

The long delayed Rocket Stories finally appeared on the United States: news-stands. A neat looking dijest-size s-f mag with a real good cover by Mash and some fair to excellent interior pixs. Orban and Ebel are the excellent ones. The stories are just what they were announced to be, plain space-overas. below the standards of Mines! Space Stories, but slightly above Planet. 35¢, binouthly and 160 pages. Note new address of this firm, 80 5th Aye., N.Y.

Greatly disappointing was Gernsback and Hoshowitz's new super slich stf magazine Science Fiction Plus. We greatly like the Gernsback material, the beautiful Schomburg and Paul drawings, but the re is no life - blood. The stories are weak, very weak. The mag will have to go some to be on par with the leaders. On the plus side is the excellent slick paper and large size. Come, come boys you should be able to do better!

Commander Ray V an Houten wishes to thank Other Worlds and Automaing for their excellent donations of interior art work to be auctioned off at the coming FAN-VET CONV TIGH on April 19, 1953. As you well know the profits of this auction will reach no fan's pockets. but will be used to obtain stamps, to mail backages to the fans in the US Armed forces overseas. Come on Sunday, April 19, 1953 to Verdemann's Hall. Srd Avenue at East 16th Street, New York City. Enjoy yourself and aid the guys in those far-off places. Remember "THERE ARE NO NEWSSTANDS IN KOREA!" For complete information, write to: Rey Van Mouten, 26 20th Avenue, Paterson 3, New Jorsey. Remember the date: SUMDAY APRIL 19. 1953.

Allen Classer, who edited the first science-liction fan magazine, wany, many years ago, is seeking copies of this magazine, The Time Traveller, to complete his files.

Anyone having issues, should get in touch with Allen Glasser, at 71

_FANTASY FORECASTS__

conducted by Lane Stannard

The third issue of Science Fiction Plan will contain an excellent colored core by the master. Frank R. Paul. Contents: "Death Of A Sonsensitive" by Harry Betes; a complete short novel. "Worlds In The Balance" by F. L. Wallace; "Cosmic Blinker" by Eando Binder: "The Proxy Head" by Robert Bloch; "Intellegence Test" by Harry Walton; and articles: "Electronic Baby" by Dr. Casba H. Rurnorg: and "Future Space Suits" by Donald H. Henzel. Inside the baok cover will be a picture preview of the s-f movie, "The World At Boy" by Porrest J Ackerman. "Chain Reaction" is an oditorial, readers' column feature, This last feature will only be continued if the readers like it. This May issue will be on sale about April 11.

BRITISH NEWS (concluded from page 2, column 2)

Adventures #16 featuring "Whom The Gods Would Slay" by Jorgensen; Amazin; Stories #16, featuring "Who Sows The Wind", by Rog Phillips; Future Combined With Science Fiction Stories #8, featuring "Experiment In Genius" by Temple; and Weird Tales #18, featuring "Hell's Bells" by Munro.

BRITISH REPRINTS FORECASTS

Astounding for March, will have "The Currents Of Space" (Part I) by Asimov; "The Big Hunger" by Hiller, Jr; "Love Try Weighbor" by Pease, all from the USA, Oct'52 issue. Cover by Van Domeon. Astounding for April, takes from the USA Nov. '52 issue: "The Last Elast" by Russell; Part II of Asimov's "Currents Of Space", besides others. Cover by Schneeman.

Thrilling Vonder Stories for 11 rch is from the August'52 USA issue, has "Fords Of The Horning" by Hamilton, and others,

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A HISTORY OF FRANCH SCILLICE FICTION

by Georges H. Gallet

(In Two Parts - PART OIL)

, personally, was at the origin and am the editor in charge of LE RAYON FRANTASTICUE. I succeeded in interesting HACHETTE, the lamost publishing house in France, into the launching of a series of s t f books translated from American and British novels. For their own reasons, HACHETTE chose to publish Will F. Jenkins HURDER OF THE U.S.A. as first book in the series, perhaps because of the sensational title (in French: Assassinat des Etats-Unis). That was at the beginning of February 1951. Then followed:

Indicated Hamilton's STAR KINGS - Les Rois des Etoiles:

L. Sprague de Camp & P. Schuyler Miller's GENUS HOMO - Le Regne du Gorille:

Alfred Gordon Bennett's THE DESIGODS -Les Demi-Dieux (British);

J. H. Walsh's VANDALS OF THE VOID - Les Corsaires du Vide (British);

Join Beymon's STOWAWAY TO MARS - Passagere Clandestine pour Mars (British) translation mine.

THE series had been put on the market without any publicity, more or less as an experiment, and the books appeared rather irregularly. In spite of this handicap, if it was not a booming success, yet sales were satisfactory.

ABOUT the same time, another French publisher, GALLIMARD, had been toying with the idea of publishing SF books, but I had beaten them to the gun. So at this point, round the beginning of 152, with six books in the lead, HACH-EFFE eliminated GALLIHARD, who needed money, as a competitor; LI RAYON FAN-TASTIQUE taking up all agreements previously signed by GALLHARD for SF titlos. Slight trouble was that these a recments 1. had already run most of their validity time and 2. were signed for publication by GALLIMARD. That explains why the books had to be publish-(continued on page 7, column 1)

COSMIC REPORTER-

by Arthur Jean Con

The Thirtieth Anniversary issue of Weird Tales (March 1953) wasn't much ballyhooed by the editors but they seem to have some consciousness of the inportance of the occasion: Lead story in this issue is "Slime" by Joseph Parno Brennan; lead story in the first issue (March 1923) was "Ooze" by Anthony II, Rud. Could be a coincidence, I suppose.

The Richard DeMille who has a story in the February issue of <u>Astounding</u> is tho son of the famous producer and director Gecil B.

Kris Neville is doing another lead story for Imagination. Once again, the cover they sent to base his story on depicts flying saucers!

McBride Publishers are establishing a "Jules Vern Prize Committee". A board of three judges will make an annual selection of what they consider the year's best science-fiction, which will then be published in an anthology, "Prize Science Fiction". For est Jackerman has been appointed one of the judges. I understand that at least two stories have already been decided upon for the first volume: Mark Clifton's "Star, Bright", and Charles Beaument's "The Beautiful Woman".

I read recently an Associated Press Report in The Los Angeles Times which described an article on space travel in the Russian magazine, Ogronet. One paragraph began, punctuation their's: "The Russian, Jules Verne, went on to say..." Typographical error, I sup ose. No other name for the author is given in the text of the report.

I wonder how many readers of Fantacy-Times are familiar with the excellent comic strip, "King Agroo", written and drawn by Jack Kent? It's pure fantasy; It's on the same intellectual level as Pogo, though it's even more insubstantial. It soldom features sustained st-(concluded on page 7, column 1)

Man's Magazine, February, 1955:
"Your Life In 1977" by Willy Ley,
illustrator unknown. Willy Ley debunks
a few popular predictions & comes up
with more realistic versions of his avn.
It's good reading & the photos and illustrations are well done.

"I Stalked Yeti!"amother "true story" about tracking the Abominable Honster of the Himalayas.

"Back From The Grave" ... article about those who've been brought back tolife by surgery.

Time, January 12, 1953:

In the SCIANCE section is an account of the finding of a Coelacanth fish off the coast of Africa which has been belived to be extinct for 50 Million years. (see Jan 19 issue of Life for a good photo.)

Time, January 19, 1955:

Science, again, Darwin's grands on makes a phrophecy in his forthcoming book: "The Next Hillion Years". He predicts the population will keep increasing until after 10 centuries it will have increased 1,024 times. In another 1,000 years of doubling they will starve. He doesn't take into account space travel by that time and the possibility of emmigration.

Hr. America, February, 1953:

"Do Dinosaurs Still Exist?"by David P. Willoughby. Illo: Tom O'Reilly. He takes a bunch of stories by the natives told to white men in Africa, and ends up by saying it remains to be proved. Articles of this type can always be answered by reading their titles and forgetting them.

"Fortress In The Sky"by Hartin Caidin. Illo: Wolf. Another rehash.

Hechanix Illustrated, February '53:
"How To Get 25,000,000,000,000 Miles Away From It All" by Frank Tinsley,
also illustrated by Tinsley. He depicts an energous globe of 10 miles in
diameter which would be built on the

by Jakob Bleymeni,

An Anticipation of a future Matriarchat is the Movel: "Alle Macht den Frauen" by Paul FRECHTER. The score is the Berlin of 1980.

Stefan ANDRES has published the second volume of his trilogy: "Die Sintflut" in his novel "Die Arche". The first volume was: "Das Tier aus der Tiefe". The trilogy is a kind of modern psychological Science—Fiction about the dictature of a "Normer".

Under the pen-name of "CROIXELLIS" a new German author wrote the Anticipation: "Der schwarze Stern" a novel describing a third World War, published by Schnoekluth, Darmstadt.

Walter von MOLO, best known in Germany as author of historical novels wrote his first utopian novel: "Die Affen Gottes" the satirucal adventures of a salesman, a worker and a writer in a Noahs Ark after a modern flood.

"Gott und das Gewurm" is the title of a book of the Dutch author Anton van do VELDE, published by the KOSEL-Verlag, Munich. The novel is the vision of a new Ragnarok from the catholic point of view.

With a preface by Professor Albert Binstein the Desch-Verlag, Munich published a novel of the future: "Die Eroborung der Welt" by Oscar Maria GRAF. The passions of people, changed to care-non after a third World War and atomic destruction, with the prospect of a new order, created by men of good will.

Two translations of Edgar Rice JUR-ROUGHS' works have been published recently in Germany: "Tarzan bei den Affen" and "Tarzan Ruckkehr".

moon to travel to the stars. It would be self-contained a s far as all life went.....taking 30 generations for the trip. Not a bad article. Better than usual attempts. Better get this one.

Doubloday is bringing out a volume of collected strips

ed by priority and also showing GALLI-MARD as "publishers" although LE RAYON FARTASTIQUE is ontirely HACHETTE'S. And elso why there appeared suddenly as "directors" of the series a whole string of names: P. A. Gruenais (Hachotto's managing editor), Stephen Spriel (pseudonym of Mr. Pilotin, nowly introduced to SF and Gallimard's proposed series! editor to be) and finally my om name (as Hachette's editor in char-

THEN appeared:

William Temple's FOUR SIDED TRIANGLE -Lo Triangle a quatre Cotes (British); Thoodore Sturgeon's DREMATING JENALS -Cristal qui songo;

Balagr and Wylie's WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE-Le Choc des Mondes (Hachotto);

Hoic Frank Russell's SIMISTER B. DRIFR -Gucore aux Invisibles (British);

Olaf Stapleton's ODD JOHN - Rich cu'un Surhomme (British);

C. S. Louis' OUT OF THE SILENT PLANET -Le Silonce de la Terre (British), and just out:

Edward Hamilton's CITY AT WORLD'S END -

Ville sous globe (Hachetto).

AMY SF fan will instantly remark on the strange inconsistencies in the above list. They are due unavoidably. to the mixing of two different ways of choosing books. Hime profering, for ovious reasons, as an introduction to a non gonre in this country, "easy" SF more or less of the good old reliable And GALTIMRD's loanadventure type. ing with the onthusiasm of a neophyte towards "heavy" SF of a more or less "philosophical" type. With perhaps the possible exception of SINISTUR BARRIER. (concluded in the next issue)

COSHIC REFORTER (concluded from page 5, column 2)

ony lines. The comic strip is growing rapidly in popularity. It starts Monday, February 16th, in The Los An eles Daily News, its first appearance in the LA area. There's a writoup on King Aroo in the February 25th issue of People Tolar According to thom, a TV vorsion of King Aroo is being prepared and

Advortisement

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WILL PAY 31.00 FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOTING

DETECTIVE COMICS. #27. May 1939; DE-TECTIVE COMICS. #38. April 1940; WEIRD COMICS, #1, March 1940; WONDER COMICS #1. May 1939; REX DEXTER OF MARS. #1. 1940; FANTASTIC COMICS, #1. Dec. 1949 SCIENCE COMICS, #1, Feb., 1940. Hundreds of others-if interested, write quick-like a bunny !!!

THE ACKERIAN REPORT (concluded from page 2, column 1)

Madge, Doubleday, Twayne, Fantasy Press are all interested (I might say excited about him. And-"it never pours but it rains" (old Venusian saying) --wouldn't you know it? - I had to go and discover a second artist who's just about as great as Hanter: Scott Templars great Scott!

Come to the FAN-VET CONVENTION on April 19, 1953. For more information write: FAN-VET Commender, Rey Ven Houten at his new address: 26 20th Avenue, Peterson 3, New Jorsey. Remember "THERE ARE NO HE/SSTAIDS IN KORDA!"

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