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TEN CENTS

"S-F DIGEST" FOLDS

3RD ISSUE WAS READY FOR PRINTER

New York, N.Y., (CNS) - Science Fiction Digest has folded, even while the 3rd issue had been prepared and was ready for the printers. The 3rd issue should have been on the stands in late August.

Chester Whitehorn, who also edited Vortex Science Fiction for the same company (which also lasted but two issues) is now Entertainment Editor of the vest-pocket size news-weekly, Tempo. He hasn't any plans, at the present, to edit any other science-fiction magazine. He was, at one time, the editor of Planet Stories.

Science Fiction Digest, was one of the new ideas in the presentation of science-fiction. It was the first attempt to present, under one binding reprints of science-fiction from other than the regular sources.

POCKET BOOKS BUYS PERMA-BOOKS

New York, NY, 1 August, (CNS) - Pocket Books, one of the oldest pocket-size book publishers, bought out Perma Books from Doubleday and will continue it, as a division of Pocket Books. Starting October 1st, Pocket Books will publish four Perma Books a month. These books will continue to be known as Perma (concluded on page 6, column 2)

"PLANET STORIES" NOW ONLY FICTION HOUSE PULP

NEWS OF PLANET FOLDING

"Greatly Exaggerated" - Jack O'Sullivan

Stamford, Conn., 31 August, (CNS) - Planet Stories, as in the case of As-tounding, is the last pulp left to Fiction House. All other pulps including Jungle Stories, that published the Ki-Gor series (Tarzan-type character), have been discontinued.

Stated Jack O'Sullivan, editor of Planet Stories: "As I have often said before the news of Planet Stories' death is greatly exaggerated.

"Planet has been reduced to a quarterly, that is true, and hits the newsstands on March 1, June 1, Sept. 1 and Dec. 1. I might add that we are looking forward to the day it shall resume its bi-monthly status, ay, even monthly.

"All our other pulps have discontinued publication, I am sorry to report, including Jungle Stories. When, if ever, these magazines shall resume publication, is very difficult to say (concluded on page 6, column 1)

WORLD'S OLDEST SCIENCE-FICTION NEWSPAPER

by Frank R. Prieto, Jr.

(continued from Fantasy-Times, issue #202)

SCIENCE/FANTASY MAGAZINES OUT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR AUGUST 1954

NAME	DATE	PRICE	PAGES	SIZE	DATE ON STANDS	SCHEDULE
Galaxy S F	Sept 1954	35¢	160	Digest	August 4, 1954	Monthly
If	Oct. 1954	35¢	120	Digest	August 5, 1954	Monthly
Astounding S F	Sept 1954	35¢	162	Digest	August 6, 1954	Monthly
Amazing Stories	Nov. 1954	35¢	150	Digest	August 9, 1954	Bi-Monthly
Fantastic Univ.*	Oct. 1954	35¢	128	Digest	August 10, 1954	Monthly
Imagination	Oct. 1954	35¢	130	Digest	August 10, 1954	Monthly
Future S F**	Oct. 1954	35¢	130	Digest	August 17, 1954	Bi-Monthly
Startling***	Fall 1954	25¢	114	Pulp	August 17, 1954	Quarterly
Orbit S F	Sept 1954	35¢	130	Digest	August 18, 1954	Bi-Monthly
S F Quarterly	Nov. 1954	25¢	98	Pulp	August 18, 1954	Quarterly
Fantasy & S F	Oct. 1954	35¢	128	Digest	August 28, 1954	Monthly
Planet Stories	Fall 1954	25¢	96	Pulp	August 31, 1954	Quarterly

During the month of August there appeared 12 science/fantasy magazines, 3 pulps and 9 digests. The pulps cost a total of 75¢ plus \$1.65 for the digests. The pulps contained a total of 308 pages; the digests 1,218 pages to total 1,526 pages.

* First monthly issue. ** Last scheduled issue. *** First issue with 114 pages.

(NOT SCIENCE/FANTASY, BUT OF INTEREST)

Fate	Sept 1954	35¢	130	Digest	August 3, 1954	Monthly
Ustic	Oct. 1954	35¢	130	Digest	August 13, 1954	Bi-Monthly

BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION NEWS

by Michael Corper

The British Argosy, Sept. 1954, contains: a ghost story, "Lady For Browning" (Adrian Alington); a s-f story, "Last Of The Vikings" (W. H. Boore), extract from "Life So Far"; and Bradbury's "Hail And Farewell", from "The Golden Apples Of The Sun".

Astounding British Edition, Sept. 1954, contains "Fighting Philosopher" (Cole), "Rite Of Passage" (Oliver), "The 1000th Year" (Abernathy), "Marshmallow World" (Whitehill), "A G o o f Retirement" (Lynch); articles "Wahday Minus Zero" (West) and "To Build A Robot Brain" (Leinster); plus the regular departments. Cover by Freas, interior illustrations by Freas, Doore, and Van Dongen.

Pinnacle Books, price 2/-, distributed by W H Allan, Essex Street, London, WC2 issued, by June 18 last, 37 titles of the Edgar Rice Burroughs books.

Science-Fantasy #9, Vol. 3, priced 1/6, is out, containing: "This Precious Stone" (H. J. Murdoch), "Criminal Record" (Brian W. Aldiss), "Six Of One" (A. Bertram Chandler), "Occupational Hazard" (E. C. Tubb), "Last Man On Mars" (W. P. Cockcroft), "Haven" (Peter Hawkins), and "Family Secret" (Arthur Custer). J. T. McIntosh writes the Guest Editorial. Cover is by Quinn, who does also interior illos, together with Hutchings.

The next issue will have "Five Into Four" by J. T. McIntosh, illustrated by Quinn, and material by Chandler, Tubb, Jordan, Cole, and Rayer.

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SCIENCE-BOOKS

by Stephen J. Takacs

RECENT HARD-COVER S/F BOOKS RECEIVED:

"The Altered Ego" by Jerry Sohl (original) Rinehart & Co., NY, \$2.50.

"Flying Saucers On The Attack" by Harold T. Wilkins (non-fiction), The Citadel Press, NY, \$3.50.

"Deep Space" by Eric Frank Russell, Fantasy Press, Reading, Pa., \$3.00.

"The Forgotten Planet" by Murray Leinster, Gnome Press, NY, \$2.50.

"The Stars Are Ours" by Andre Norton World Publishing Co., NY, \$2.75.

"In Realms Unknown" by Robert Bell, Vantage Press, NY, \$3.00.

"One In Three Hundred" by J. T. McIntosh, Doubleday, \$2.95.

"Assignment In Tomorrow", edited by Frederick Pohl, Hanover House, NY, \$2.95

"The Science Fiction Sub - Treasury" by Wilson Tucker, Rinehart & Co., NY, \$2.75.

"Angels And Spaceships" by Fredric Brown, E. P. Dutton Co., NY, \$2.75.

"Three Thousand Years" by Thomas Calvert McClary, Fantasy Press, \$3.00.

"Stories For Tomorrow", edited by William Sloane, Funk & Wagnall's, NY, \$3.95.

"Children Of The Lens" by Edward E. Smith, Ph.D., Fantasy Press, Reading, Pa., \$3.00.

RECENT POCKET-SIZED S/F BOOKS RECEIVED:

"The Explorers" by C. H. Kornbluth, Ballantine Books, Inc., 35¢.

"Beyond Earth's Gates" By Lewis Padgett & C.L. Moore; and "Day Break: 2250 A.D." by Andre Norton (Both in one book) Ace Books, NY, 35¢.

"The Time Masters" by Wilson Tucker, Signet Books, NY, 25¢.

"The Exploration Of Space" by Arthur C. Clarke, (non-fiction), Pocket-Books, NY, 55¢.

"Fully Dressed And In His Right Mind" by Michael Fessier, Lion Books, NY, 25¢.

"Line To Tomorrow" by Lewis Padgett, Bantam Books, NY, 25¢.

"I Am Legend" by Richard Matheson, Gold Medal Books, NY, 25¢.

"Adventures In The Far Future" and "Stories Of Outer Space", two antholog-

SLICK SCIENCE FICTION

by Donald E. Ford

Mechanix Illustrated, Sept. 1954:

"Untold Facts About The H-Bomb" by Martin Caidin. The author is Atomic Warfare Specialist for the N. Y. State Civil Defense Commission. The Public has been apathetic about CD. This is the sort of article to whip up the public & get them to join CD. Me, I'm gonna run like hell. (Where to? -ed)

Man's Life, November 1954:

"Dust Of Death" by Michael O. Barski. This is an extremely interesting article. It's fairly long and for a change has some meat to it. Most articles of this type merely rehash 5 times & leave everything hanging in air at the end. The author claims that the USSR has a Cobalt bomb & has bomb launchers on the Kuril Islands north of Japan. The prevailing winds would then carry the radioactive dust over the US. No planes or missiles would be necessary.

He further claims that the defecting scientist, Dr. Bruno Pontecorvo, is behind this scheme. Also states that the weather data was obtained from the Japanese, who sent balloons over to the US in WWII. Said the US learned that Japan intended using biological warfare via these balloons & Pres Truman then ordered the A-Bombs used on Hiroshima, Nagasaki.

Collier's, August 20, 1954:

"What Are We Doing About Our Deadly Atomic Garbage?" by Robert De Roos. Nothing new, here, for the average fan. It does make interesting casual reading, tho. One idea has been suggested that we use rockets & shoot our atomic garbage out into space to get rid of it.

ics edited by Donald A. Wollheim, in one book. Ace Books, NY, 35¢.

"Beyond Human Ken", edited by Judith Merril, Pennant Books, NY, 25¢.

"No Time Like The Future" by Nelson S. Bond, Avon Books, NY, 35¢.

"Beyond Infinity" by Robert Spencer Carr, Doll Books, 25¢.

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PLANET STORIES

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at this time. Your guess would be as good as mine this moment.

"Planet is in the market for yarns of all lengths --- 2,000 to 20,000 words --- with the emphasis still on space adventures."

SCIENTI-BOOKS

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"My Best Science Fiction Story", edited by Leo Margulies and Oscar J. Friend, Pocket Books, N.Y., 25¢.

"Return To Tomorrow" by L. Ron Hubbard, Ace Books, NY, 25¢.

"The Long Loud Silence" by Wilson Tucker, Dell Pocket Books, NY, 25¢.

"PERMA BOOKS" SOLD TO "POCKET BOOKS"
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Books, but on January 1st, they will become known as Perma Books - Pocket Books.

All Perma Books originally scheduled before the sale will appear, including the science-fiction titles, tho the actual schedule will be changed.

Perma Books was founded by Doubleday in 1948.

SCIENCE FICTION NEWSSCOPE
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other British s-f magazines, reprints or home product, are post-war magazines.

Atlas started the British Edition with only a partial reprint of the USA Edition, now it publishes the issues complete, and sometimes with one or two extra stories. The 15th Anniversary issue, August 1954, is a complete reprint of the March 1954 USA Astounding.

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