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# GALAXY drops 16 pages; ASTOUNDING stays at 160

### "S-F ADVENTURES" HOLDS ON TO 160 PAGES

New York, N.Y., 6 December, (CNS) - The current issue (January 1955) of Galaxy Science Fiction, now on the stands, shows a cut of 16 pages, bringing the page count to 144. Production costs, stated editor H L Gold, have gone up so high that it was a case of either cutting down the authors' rates or pages, and Galaxy felt that it would be the best policy to cut down to 144 pages and keep the word rate on the high level it has been.

This move leaves Astounding Science Fiction with the most pages for the 35¢ price in the field. A talk with editor John Campbell revealed that Astounding has no plans in the foreseeable future to cut pages or rates. Mr. Campbell revealed that they have just changed printers (no changes at all as far as the appearance of the mag is concerned) and that if any changes were to take place, now would have been the time for them. Printers were changed (concluded on page 2, column 1)

### 13th World S-F Con News

## ASIMOV GUEST OF HONOR AT 13 CON

by Ben Jason

Cleveland, Ohio, 10 Nov., (CNS) - Isaac Asimov will be the Guest Of Honor for the 13th World Science-Fiction Convention in Cleveland. Mr. Asimov accepted this honor and informed us of his acceptance in his usual humorous style. It was decided that a "new Face" should be given a preference as Guest Of Honor rather than make the rounds of the "old reliables".

Secondly, two or three plays are under consideration, one of them a new one by Betsy Curtis.

Every effort is being made to obtain an "A" grade science-fiction movie premier for the convention (if one is (concluded on page 2, column 2))

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(concluded from page 1, column 1)

because the new printers are in Brook-  
lyn, a stone throw from the editorial  
offices in Manhattan, while the old  
printers were in upper New England. The  
location of the new printers being so  
close will make for a better magazine.

A check with Harry Harrison, who  
is now working on the first revival ed-  
ition of Science Fiction Adventures, re-  
veals that the revived magazine will  
contain 160 pages. He pointed out, th-  
at the mag was pulled off the market  
because Mr. Raymond, the publisher,  
didn't want to publish a magazine with  
less than 160 pages and that the re-  
cession had made this impossible. He  
feels that now things are settled  
enough to support a magazine of 160 pa-

ges. - Plans for S-F Adventures are for  
bi-monthly publication, with the first  
"revival" issue out early in 1955.

All other digest-size s-f magazin-  
es have 128 pages with the exception of  
if which has 120 pages.

ISAAC ASIMOV TO BE GUEST OF HONOR  
(concluded from page 1, column 2)

available for release near convention  
time).

A gala masquerade ball will be  
held with a "good" band. San Francis-  
co's success points out the need that  
the masquerade should be an integral  
part of every convention.

The usual fan auction of cover and  
inside illos, manuscripts, etc. will be  
held. The convention committee is also  
working out what we feel will be a fool  
proof voting plan. Past conventions  
seem to disregard the need for an  
"honest" voting plan. Suggestions will  
be welcomed from outsiders.

Last of all, anyone desiring in-  
formation on the convention in more de-  
tail can obtain same by asking for our  
Special Issue Progress Report (MO CHAR-  
GE) by writing to the following address  
13th World Science Fiction Convention  
P. O. Box #508 Edgewater Branch  
Cleveland 7, Ohio

Or better still, why not send \$2.00 to  
above address and become a member NOW!

NEWS NOTES: Ziff-Davis has dropped the  
US Edition of London Mystery Magazine  
after two issues. - Kelly Freas and Hol  
Hunter have covers coming up on Leo  
Margulies' Fantastic Universe. - Brit-  
ish Astounding has dropped two column  
format with current December issue and  
now uses one column interior text. -jvt

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