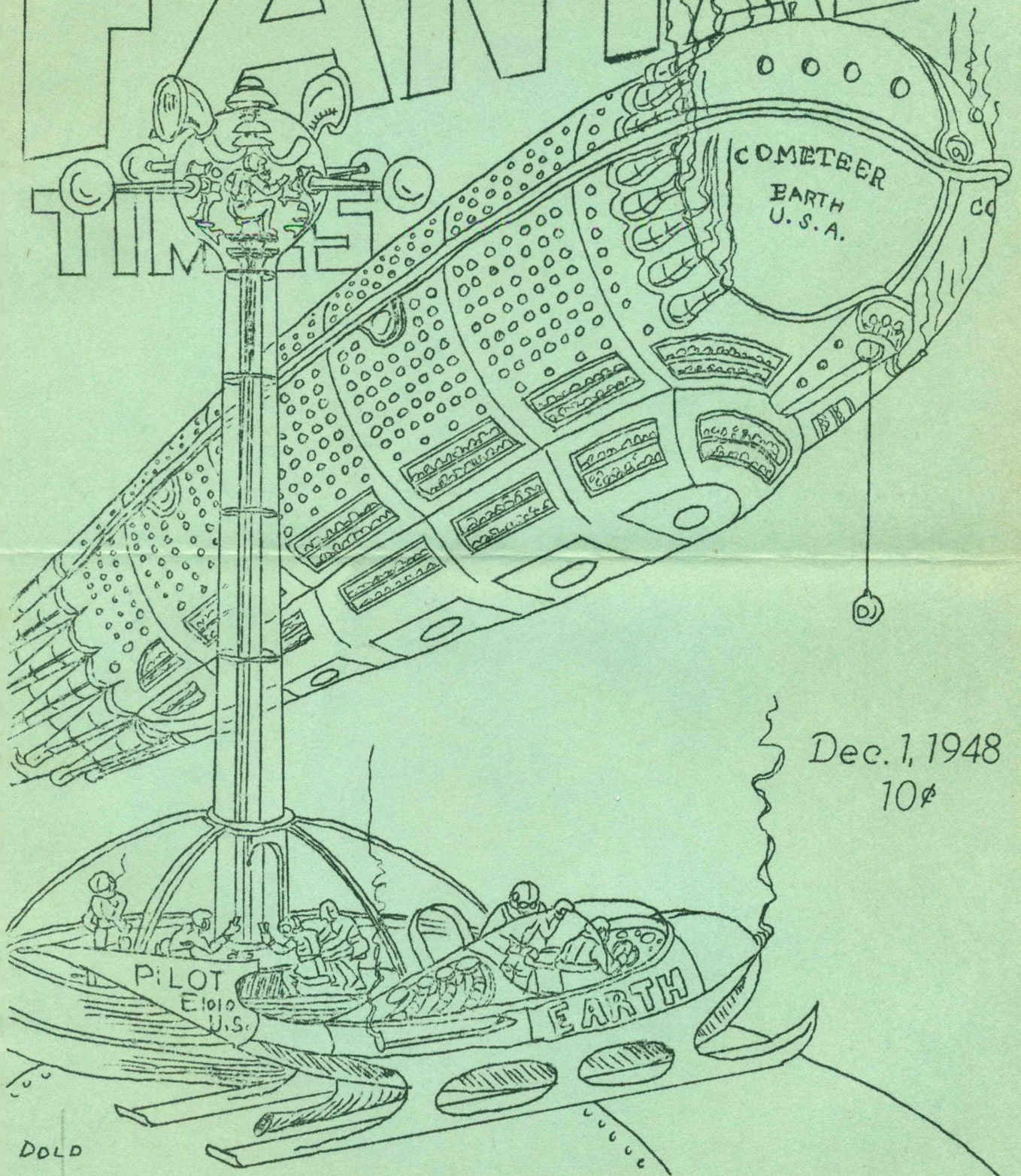


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BULLETIN

The editors of the revived Super Science Stories, first revived issue now on your newsstands, are E. Jakobsson, as editor and Damon Knight, as associate editor. -jvt

TO BE PUBLISHED BY FATE MAGAZINE

CHICAGO, Nov. 19 (CNS) - The publishers of Fate Magazine announced today that they plan to publish a science-fiction magazine sometime in the near future.

It will be pocket-size, in the format of Fate Magazine; the price will be 25¢ and the number of pages is so far undetermined. It will not be a "one-shot" affair, as recently reported, but a publication designed for regular publication.

Mr. Robert N. Webster, the editor, stated in a recent letter, "We plan to use the best authors it is possible to attain, and the magazine will combine all the good features of such top-notch magazines as Astounding Science Fiction, Blue Book, Argosy (in the old days) and Amazing Stories. We plan definitely to put out the best science-fiction magazine on the market. However, we will leave that to our readers to say. At least, you can quote us as saying we intend to try to please, and we are in no way unfamiliar with the field."

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RUMOR OF ASF SIZE CHANGING EXPLAINED

by Arthur Jean Cox

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 13 (CNS) - About this "confusion" regarding Astounding Science Fiction and its changing or not-changing to large size. Perhaps, I can trace the history of it.

A couple of months back, I saw a notice in Doc Savage, Science Detective that the next issue to be out in December would be in the large 7" x 10" size. Looking at that, I figured the following: 1) All the Street and Smith pulps have been the same size except for a brief period in 1942; 2) Campbell had said in "Brass Tacks" that there were going to be some radical changes (continued on page 2, col. 1)

NEW STF MAGAZINE TO APPEAR SOON
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Fantasy-Times will give you future details of this new magazine as they are available.

This is the second new science-fiction magazine to appear since the war in the United States; the first was Avon Fantasy Reader. We have also seen the revival of two, Fantastic Novels and Super Science Stories plus the semi-revival of Unknown as the annual, From Unknown Worlds.

-jvt

RUMOR OF ASTOUNDING CHANGING
SIZE EXPLAINED
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in Astounding in the next six months. Conclusion -- Astounding was going back to the pulp size by the end of the year. (Lane Stannard figured the same and made the same prediction in his column, a few months ago -ed)

I made the announcement before the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society. The members were impressed by my mighty logic and took it to heart. Forrest mentioned it at the Westerncon -- and he was quoted generally all around the country by various people -- the reader who wrote in to Fantasy-Times, saying that Forrest had "confirmed the rumor" was one of them.

A little after this time, last month, I picked up a copy of Writer's Journal and read a news-item that went something like the following: "Three of the Street & Smith magazines are to change format, Doc Savage -- Science Detective will have its title changed to Doc Savage and enlarged to 7" x 10" size; Shadow Mystery will become The Shadow and a similar change in size, as will Street and Smith's Mys-
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The Cosmic Reporter

edited by Lane Stannard

Fantasy-Times has just turned over to the Legal Department of Ziff-Davis, the 4th issue of Los Cuentos Fantásticos. This issue reprinted the December 1946 cover of Amazing Stories, without permission. Ziff-Davis is going to see what they can do about stopping this practice. Los Cuentos Fantásticos has been having a good time reprinting stories, covers and illustrations from American fantasy magazines. It is published in Mexico and printed in Spanish. Popular Publications has on hand the first three issues of this magazine, also loaned from Fantasy-Times, to see what their Legal Department can do about it. This Mexican fantasy magazine has, so far, published six bi-weekly issues.
-jvt

Van Vogt is currently authoring, co-authoring that is, a book on hypnosis with Charles E. Cooke.
-ajc

For a neat little fantasy yarn, we suggest you read "Woolsey's Trip" by Edward Ronns. It is published in the Sept-Oct '48 issue of Doc Savage and illustrated by Edd Cartier.
-ls

Forrest J Ackerman has sold a van Vogt short story "Dear Pen Pal" to the Arkham Sampler. This story was rejected by other magazine(s) because it is "non-illustrable", but since AS has no illustrations that did not influence it's sale there.
-ajc

The Nelson Bond story in the October issue of Blue Book is an almost direct copy of a story which he had published in a 1940 Planet Stories -- "The

Ultimate Sillent". The title of the Blue Book story is "The Last Outpost". Same plot and many of the passages are identical. -ajc

Tho Paul Orban has been illustrating Astounding since 1933 he has never had a cover painting until the current, December, 1948 issue. -ls

Lando Binder has a science-fiction yarn, "Evil Beyond The Sun", in the current, February 1949, issue of Captain Marvel Adventures. It is two pages long. -ls

Phillip Latham (R.S. Richardson) has finished another story for Astounding Science Fiction -- Whether it is bought yet, I do not know. -ajc

James V. Taurasi informs us that he needs only a few more charter members to organize the Fantasy Veterans' Association. Any of you fans, authors, artists, editors or plain readers of science-fiction or fantasy; who have been in the Armed Service write in for full information, to James V. Taurasi, 101-02 Northern Blvd, Corona, New York. -ls

"The British Edition" of Fantasy-Times is now being mailed to fans in England, Australia, Canada and The Netherlands. This edition will increase its pages from 2 to 4 with its 4th issue, and will reprint covers from the United States editions. It is still published as a free service to fans outside the U.S., and is not distributed in the U.S. Have you a fan-friend overseas? Send us his name and address and we'll mail him the "British Edition" of Fantasy-Times. The 3rd issue was mailed out last week. -ls

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PSFS Art Project Yields Results

A set of ten postcards, illustrated by fan artists, has been produced and is now available from the Portland group by addressing the Ferri Press, Box 5007, Portland 13, Ore. The set of ten is priced at 50¢, 2 sets for 75¢, and 3 for \$1.

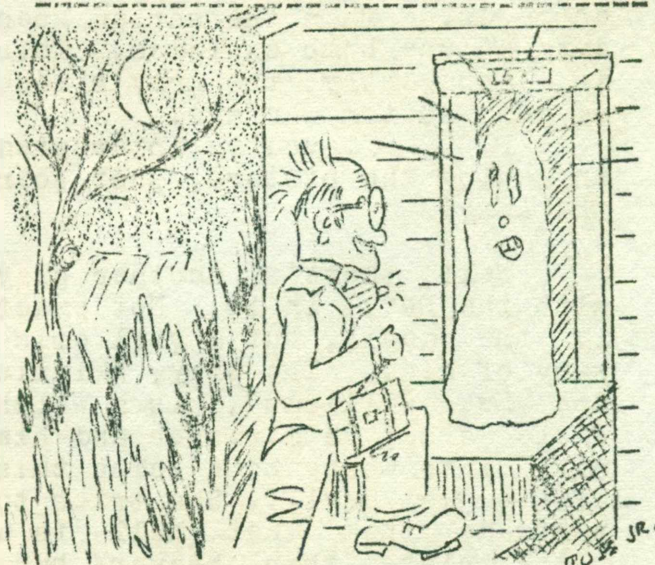
The artists are D. Bruce Berry, Ken Brown, John Cockroft, Miles Eaton, C. G. Estes, Don Day, Con Pederson, John Grossman, Ralph Rayburn Phillips and Bill Kroll.

Five hundred sets have been put out by photo-offset.

M. P. SHEIL IN EQMM

"A Case For Deduction", a collaboration of M. P. Sheil and John Gawsorth, was among the stories in the November issue of Ellery Queen's Mystery Magazine. This is the first American publication of this yarn.

Although it is written in the framework and the technical boundaries of the detective story, it reveals Sheil's genius for the weird and fantastic.



"Wanna buy a grave?"

Fantasy Films Radio & Television

by Lester Mayer, Jr.

"Tarzan Of The Apes" has been televised over Channel 7. Unfortunately, I was unable to see it, but I believe that it might have been the first Tarzan picture made. That would have been around 1914. The star was Elmo Lincoln. The first Tarzan picture starring Johnny Weissmuller was "Tarzan The Ape Man."

A friend of mine in the Army Signal Corps told me of an interesting training film he saw. It was about future warfare. It starts by showing scenes of World War II. Slowly the scene changes until you see a city of the future. Then the camera takes you inside a giant dome-shaped building. An operator stands before what looks like a movie screen. He pushes buttons and the screen lights up with an aerial view of an enemy city.

This is as it is seen thru the television transmitter of an aerial bomb. The city grows larger and larger as the bomb descends. Then the screen goes dark as the bomb explodes. This is, apparently, the Army's idea of push-button warfare.

P.S. - If you're interested in seeing the picture, just join the Army!

Well, there's another play with the Devil in it. Not exactly the devil, but a girl emissary of his. The play, "Minnie And Mr. Williams", is a Welsh fable about a minister and his wife into whose home comes this little girl devil. She tries to persuade them that hell is a nicer place than heaven, but, naturally, good conquers evil in

the end. The play, which stars Josephine Hull and Eddie Dowling in the title roles, may be seen at the Morosco Theater, 45th St. west of Broadway, New York City.

The revival of H. Rider Haggard's "She" began at the RKO Palace in New York City late in October. Some of the fantasy scenes have never been equalled on the screen since. I liked particularly the ending of the picture, where Ayesha steps into the Flame of Life as a beautiful woman, and emerges as a shriveled old hag. The sets are very impressive. On the same program is "The Last Days Of Pompeii", another old "spectacle" picture. Although this is not fantasy, it will probably appeal to most fantasy fans. This show is now touring the neighborhood theaters.

"The Inexperienced Ghost" by H. G. Wells, was telecast over WJZ-TV on October 31. It was either a play or a movie, probably the former as it was only half an hour long.

With each Tarzan picture, the ape-man becomes more civilized. Latest of the series now planned is "Tarzan At The Olympics".

The CBS program, "Tell It Again", on Sunday, November 7, scheduled "Frankenstein". Three days later, the weird - fantasy, "Condemned To Live", was televised over Channel 13.

An Italian picture recently in New York has an intriguing title: "Malaspina" (vampire). Fantasy --- yes? no?

Recently telecast were "The Ghost And The Guest" and "Things To Come".

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World of Tomorrow Today

by Ray Van Houten

The U S Army has recently hinted that an air-cooled motor one - third the weight of those commonly in use, and which will not be subject to freeze-ups, has gone past the experimentation stage. Apparently, the Army is planning to install such motors in their tanks, trucks and other vehicles, especially those intended for Arctic use.

Due to research by the US Department of Agriculture into plant growth-control substances, a new race of wilt-less vegetables ~~seems likely to be put on the market in the not-too-distant future.~~ Experiments with bean plants have produced a green bean which does not wilt after a week in the open air, a test which shriveled its ordinary cousin to uselessness.

Spraying with a substance similar to 2-4-D altered the cells of the bean plant so that they drew to themselves and held a much larger amount of water than normal. This extra supply of internal water is what makes the new family of beans almost wilt-proof.

Titanium is a silver-white metal which is both light and strong. It has one of the highest melting points of any metals in the periodic table.

Heretofore, the U S Bureau of Mines has been the sole producer of metallic titanium, but now the Pigments Department of the Du Pont Co. at Newport, Del, has opened a pilot plant of 100 lbs. per day capacity.

Many modern engineers regard titanium as the coming

structural metal, ~~not only for~~ its very desirable qualities, but for the fact that it is the ninth most common element in the Earth's crust, and the seventh most common metal.

Forward - looking engineers in the automotive industry have stated that the development of the motor-car, so far as basic characteristics are concerned, has progressed to a point where no further improvement is possible under present conditions. The next improvements will have to come in our roads, rather than in our vehicles.

Plastic roads seem to offer some degree of the improvement sought. They can be built at low cost, with easily-handled and plentiful materials, and the ~~characteristics obtained compare~~ favorably with the best concrete highways ~~now in existence.~~

Comparative tests of soil treated with two-percent aniline furfural resin and six percent of portland cement showed that the compressive strength of the plastic-treated soil was over 25 times as much as the cement-treated soil. Also noted by engineers is the fact that often in road bases, systems of high rigidity do not give the flexibility and toughness that a plastic system would.

Advanced biological studies now indicate that the disease of old age can be licked.

Amazing results have been obtained in controlling the growth of rats by the use of enzymes. The process of "self-renewal", that process whereby every living cell of every living organism, changes its substance, molecule by molecule, for new, is coming under intensive scrutiny, and it is felt that the secret lies somewhere within that cycle.

Forecasts

—What's Next In The Pro Mags—

The second, revived, issue of Super Science Stories will contain stories by Mac Donald, van Vogt, Orlin F. Tremaine, Mac Crew, Harry Walton (This one was squeezed out of the 1st issue), Bradbury, Damon Knight, John Wade, Morley & Ermon, and Farrell. The cover will again be by Lawrence. Lawrence will have three inside illustrations, Bok will also have three, Giunta will have two, Paul and Finlay will each have one. Taurasi will have his column, "Fandom's Corner" and Fred Pohl will have a book review column. The issue will be dated March 1949 and should be out the first week of February 1949.

-jvt

Cinvention News

Donald Ford of the Cinvention Committee reports that very few fans from the New York area have joined the Cinvention. Usually, in the past, the New York area, with its super fan clubs and numerous fan activities, have been the first to join and support a World Convention, but this year they are way behind.

Arthur Jean Cox reports that The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society is attempting to persuade The Portland Science Fantasy Society to make a bid for the 1950 World Convention next year at the Cinvention. They will be supported in their bid by the LASFS, if they decide to do so.

It has been reported that The Washington Fan Group is also planning to bid for 1950.

Did you notice that TW has dropped from 180 to 160 pages. -ls

Fantasy Book Notes

—by J. Russell Mars—

In a recent mailing from Fantasy Press, Mr. L. A. Eshbach states: "Several book dealers who have been handling our books have started advertising them as being available long before the books have been published. Their purpose, of course, is to get the jump on other dealers. We don't approve of this practise, but we can't stop it. However, you may be sure that all advance orders placed with us, are sent out simultaneous with orders to dealers. If you haven't received your copy of a book ordered in advance, it simply hasn't been published".

From Great Britain comes Pelham Groom's book "The Purple Twilight". A man to Mars story Published by Laurie of London at 9/6.

"A l l Hallows E v e" by Charles Williams is the latest offering from Pellegrini and Cudahy at \$2.75. Two women after death and a third who contacts them while in a trance state. Occult fiction.

Shasta is now sending out "Slaves Of Sleep" by L. Ron Hubbard, at \$3.

The Arkham Sampler Number Four is now ready.

The "Fireside Book Of Ghost Stories" has been reissued by Grosset and Dunlap for \$1.98. It is compiled by Edward Wagenknecht.

Catalog Number 118 is being sent out upon request by the "Readers Service Book Club", 119 E. San Fernando St., San Jose 21, Calif.

The MacMillan Co. is advertising Marjorie Nicolson's book "Voyages To The Moon" viz.: "For every lover of s-f, a book that shows how scientific discoveries through the ages have thrilled the imagination of literary men. A rich study that sweeps from Milton and Satan's journey through the cosmos, to Poe, Wells, Jules Verne and C. S. Lewis; from Cicero to Superman. Handsomely illustrated. \$4".

Billy Rose mentions the magazine "AMAZING STORIES" in his new book "Wine, Women And Words".

Two books no longer appearing on the latest Fantasy Press catalog are "Of Worlds Beyond" and "Spacehounds Of IPC".

The Willy Ley book "The Lungfish, The Dodo, And The Unicorn", Viking Press, \$3.75, is a recent selection of the "Non-Fiction Book Club".

Bennett Cerf has brought out an anthology for Bantam Books titled "The Unexpected". Among the authors of interest to the genre are Lord Dunsany, Robert Bloch, Carl Jacobi and A. E. Coppard.

Three American books are being issued in England: they are: "Ape And Essence" by Huxley "The Circus Of Dr. Lao" by C. G. Finney and "Doppelgangers" by H. F. Heard.

"Skylark Of Valeron" will be the first book in '49 from Fantasy Press. No more numbered copies are available, but all advance orders will be signed by Dr. Smith.

Scribner's has published Robert A. Heinlein's second juvenile. It's "Space Cadet" at \$2.50.

Sam Moskowitz is rapidly becoming fantasy's "front-man" to the larger world of book-publishers and the general public. He is now listed in two of the country's authoritative books.

In "Book Collectors Of America", published by the Bowkers Co., who also publish "Publishers' Weekly" and the "Antiquarian Bookman", he is listed as one of the leading fantasy book collectors. The price of this volume is \$20.

Sam is also listed as the leading authority on the history of science-fiction in "Who Knows And What", a companion volume to "Who's Who In America" put out by the A. N. Marquis Co. Sam has submitted a 500-word biography to them. The book is published every two years, and costs \$11 to contributors, between \$17 and \$20 to others.

Sam is now, incidentally, in the process of establishing himself at his new address, 127 Shepard Avenue, Newark 8, N. J., where he has given over a room to his fantasy activities.

Our congratulations, Sam!

MOVIES, RADIO & TELEVISION

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Idle Thoughts Department

Almost two years ago I read that MGM was planning to remake "King Solomon's Mines" with Bob Taylor and Van Johnson in the starring roles, and that's the last I've heard of it What ever happened to the picture Ray Milland was going to make called, "The Last Man In The World", and based on M. P. Sheil's "The Purple Cloud?" We'll all be old by the time "Atlantis" is released Anybody know what the picture "Mr. Joseph Young Of Africa" is about? It's received very little publicity. I know it contains some fantasy (giant plants), but that's all I know.

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plete their collection. It is
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"Fantasy-Times" Vol. 1 - No. 3,
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#3; "Spaceways" Oct 1941; "The
Rainbow"; "Scientifiction" (Brit-
ish pub), June 1937; "Science
Fiction Critic", July 1937. Ray
H. Zorn, Troy Grove, Illinois.

WANTED: "Fantasy-Times", Aug '48
Bob Tucker, Box 260, Bloomington, Ill

RUMOR OF ASTOUNDING CHANGING
SIZE EXPLAINED
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tery magazine (they must refer
to Detective Story, Mystery Mag-
azine folded years ago -ed)
Nothing was said of Astounding
or S&S Western Story.

I wrote a letter to Camp-
bell about it. Campbell replied
that there might be some radical
changes in the size of Astound-
ing in the next few months, but
it was very much under discus-
sion.

It seems pretty clear to me
that -- though Astounding may
have a format change -- they
won't follow the other S&S maga-
zines' examples. -ajc

Campbell On The Air

John W. Campbell, Jr, ed-
itor of Astounding Science Fic-
tion, is now on the air with an
amateur radio station. His call
letters are W2ZGU, and he broad-
casts in the 10 meter band at a
wavelength of 23.710 meters.

Mr. Campbell states that he
will attempt to contact British
authors and fantasy enthusiasts
via the airwaves. He has what
is known as a "full-gallon rig",
which is to say that his output
is the full kilowatt allowed by
government regulation. -rvh
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