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The World Of Tomorrow Today!



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## 1st OF TWELVE STF POCKET-BOOKS OUT IN BRITAIN

by M. Corper

First of a series of twelve science - fiction pocket books to be issued by S. D. Frances is "The Trembling World" by Astron Del Martia, 128 pp, price 1/6, about 30¢. The books are to be distributed by Gaywood Press, Ltd 30 Gaywood St, London, SE-1. All twelve of the books are to be by Del Martia.

In presenting this series to the public, the publishers say they "feel they are pioneering a new type of fiction which in years to come will probably be as popular and as widely read as detective novels today". So now we know!

The next book is entitled "Dawn Of Darkness".

The cover of "Trembling World", the story of which takes place in 1980, has yellow lettering on a dark-blue sky; whilst, with a white - glowing planet in the background, the eternal space ship (lower half projectile shaped upper half like the turrets of a battleship) soars through space.

Subject of the story is the tracing of causes of certain earthquakes, to which Terra is subjected. Following a trance of the hero's wife, these are traced back to the influence of matter from other astral bodies, mainly Sirius' companion, brought over to Terra by a super-race in former ages.

## PRO-MAG CHANGES

FANTASTIC NOVELS has changed printers. It is now being printed at Kokomo, Indiana, instead of Chicago.

UNKNOWN WORLDS, British Edition, has reduced its price from 1/- (appr. 25¢) to 9d (appr. 18¢); same number of pages (64) as before.

## Review Of Number 16 Los Cuentos Fantasticos

Hard on the heels of #15, the revived LOS CUENTOS FANTASTICOS has seen its No. 16 issue. Dated July 15, 1949 it reprints the Finlay cover from the October 1942 FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES. "Laborinto De Espejos" (Mirror Maze) by Stanley Mullen is reprinted with original Loydenfrost illustration from the June 1949 FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES. The two page Bok illustration from "The Earth Killers" by van Vogt is the April 1949 SUPER SCIENCE STORIES is reprinted to illustrate "Marte Coloniza" by Miles J. Brewer. M. D. Other authors to appear in this issue are: Michael Yamin, Ambrose Bierce and Leslie A. Croutch.

It still contains 64 pages, trim edges and \$1.00 (Mexican). An interesting issue for the collector and Spanish reading fan.

## BRITISH EDITION OF STARTLING ARRIVES IN THE U.S.

A look-over the first issue of the British Edition of STARTLING STORIES finds it a very neat magazine of 64 pages, printed on good paper and a well reproduced cover. (see 1st July issue of FANTASY-TIMES for contents)

The magazine is the same size as the British reprints of ASTOUNDING and UNKNOWN (approx. pulp mag size) and has trimmed edges. A most excellent item for any stf collector.

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## TRI-DI-MOVIES DUE SOON

an article by Arthur Jean Cox

LOS ANGELES, August 8, (CNS) -- Your reporter has it on reliable authority that last month in a special showing in several large cities of the nation, motion picture operators and exhibitors were shown the future of the motion picture industry. This informa-

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## JOHN W. CAMPBELL, JR WILL BE AT THE "CINVENTION"

CINVENTION CITY, Ohio, August 4, (CNS) - Donald E. Ford, of the Cinvention Committee, stated today that John W. Campbell, Jr., editor of ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION, will definitely be at the convention on September 3rd.

V. T. Hamlin, creator of the stf cartoon, "Alley Oop" will also be at the "Cinvention", as will be Donnell, stf artist for the FANTASY PRESS.

Ted Sturgeon, well-known stf author, is getting married on September 2 1949 to Mary Mair and will fly to the "Cinvention" after the ceremony.

Membership in the Cinvention Committee now numbers 227 with only a few weeks left to join. Membership fee is \$1.00.

There are 65 auction items on hand with 30 more expected from FANTASY PRESS. Cinvention New York Representative, James V. Taurasi announced that he has mailed to the "Cinvention" over 30 inside original drawings which were donated by PLANET STORIES, SUPER SCIENCE STORIES and WEIRD TALES. The last convention, the TORCON, had 87 items - at their auction; this convention expects to double that.

William S. Sykora of the QUEENS SFL, announced on August 7th, that the Queens group has instructed him to make a bid for the 1950 Convention to be held in New York. The PORTLAND SFS has already announced that they will bid for the 1950 Convention to be held in Oregon. Information has reached us that the HYDRA Club of New York will also bid for the 1950 Convention for New York. FANTASY-TIMES will give full support to the lucky winner.

## Mercury's Stf Mag To Be

## The Magazine Of Fantasy

-Bloomington News Letter

The Bloomington News Letter, this week, informed the stf world that the fantasy magazine planned by The American Mercury, Inc., will be titled, "The Magazine Of FANTASY: a selection of the best stories of fantasy & horror, both old and new". Volume 1, number 1, the news-story goes on to say, is a trail issue and will contain reprints by Percival Landon, Fitz-James O'Brien, Guy Endore, Richard Sale and Oliver Onions -- none of which is currently available elsewhere. New material in the initial issue is by Cleve Cartmill, Philip MacDonald, Theodore Sturgeon, H. H. Holmes, Stuart Palmer and Winona Mc-  
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## RAY PALMER ALSO GOING TO THE CINVENTION

CHICAGO, August 8, (CNS) - Today, Ray Palmer, editor of AMAZING STORIES and FANTASTIC ADVENTURES, informed us that he too will attend the "Seventh World Science Fiction Convention". This will be the first time that Campbell of ASTOUNDING and Palmer of AMAZING will be at a convention at the same time.

This is the last time we can ask you to join the "Cinvention Committee" and help put on the "Seventh World Science Fiction Convention" (The Cinvention) at Cincinnati, Ohio on September 3, 4 & 5 1949. Membership is only \$1. Send your buck to Donald E. Ford, Box 116, Shar-onville, Ohio, or to James V. Taurasi, 137-03 32nd Ave, Flushing, New York.

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THE MAGAZINE OF FANTASY  
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Clintic. If the issue is successful the magazine will appear quarterly at first, attempting bi-monthly publication later. A policy of 50/50 new and reprinted material is planned, using both fantasy and science-fiction.

Anthony Boucher and J. Francis McComas are the editors. The magazine is scheduled to appear the second week of September and will be priced at 35 cents. The size, format and editorial policy will resemble the popular *ELLERY QUEEN'S MYSTERY MAGAZINE*, published by the same company.

Mr. Ferman, Business Manager of the American Mercury company, in a letter to *FANTASY-TIMES*, states that some of the information in the *Bloomington News Letter* was correct, and that they will supply us with complete information as soon as it is available.

## *The Cosmic Reporter*

by Arthur Jean Cox

Nelson Bond has a fantasy, "Bird Of Prey", in the August *BLUE BOOK*. In the same issue there is the conclusion to Lewis Sowden's two-part science-fiction serial, "Star Of Doom".

"Moroney, The Walking Fish", a sort-of-fantasy, by Hal R. Moore appears in the July 28th issue of *WESTERN FAMILY*.

The August issue of *PIX*, "The Peek Magazine", contains a two-page article on "The Loves Of Tarzan".

The Los Angeles Daily News will feature a bi-weekly column on science-fiction, written by staff reviewer, Ken Crossen, under a pseudonym.

*LOS CUENTOS FANTASICOS*, the Spanish-speaking world's sole science-fiction magazine, is to expand and blossom. It will have a vigorous new atmosphere and purpose. It will have editorials and articles, departments and better illustrations.

The American Mercury fantasy mag-

azine, *THE MAGAZINE OF FANTASY*, once had the title "Tales of Fantasy and Horror" under consideration. The magazine already has material for the first couple of issues, I understand.

Forrest J. Ackerman has just sold a second book review to *ASTOUNDING SCIENCE FICTION*; this one on A. Merritt's "Ship Of Ishtar" soon to appear in a new, Borden House edition.

*NARRACIONES TERRORIFICAS*, a Spanish magazine, published in Argentina, & reprinting weird-mystery fiction from United States pulp magazines, printed "Frankenstein" in its 40th issue and "Dracula" in its 41st. The current issue is No. 70. It is published by EDITORIAL HOLEVO, Miguelotes 1031, Buenos Aires, Argentina. This company also published "Spanish Editions" of most of Street & Smith's pulp magazines. No, it does not publish *ASTOUNDING*.  
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## ESFA JOINS HYDRA IN BID FOR '50 NYCON

A letter from L. Jerome Stanton, once an editor of *ASTOUNDING*, sent to Thomas S. Gardner, Director of the *EASTERN SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION*, and asking the Esfa to join the *HYDRA CLUB* in making a bid at the Convention for the 1950 *WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION* for New York, resulted in the Esfa voting 13 to 0, at the August meeting to join in making the bid. Martin Greenberg spoke on the *HYDRA CLUB*'s plans, which are still nebulous, mentioning, among other things, the possibility of *LOOK* coverage for the Convention and *LIFE* coverage for the "Nycon", if they get the bid.

As it now stands two separate NY bids will be made at the Convention. - One by the *HYDRA-Esfa* unit and one by the *Queens SFL* unit.

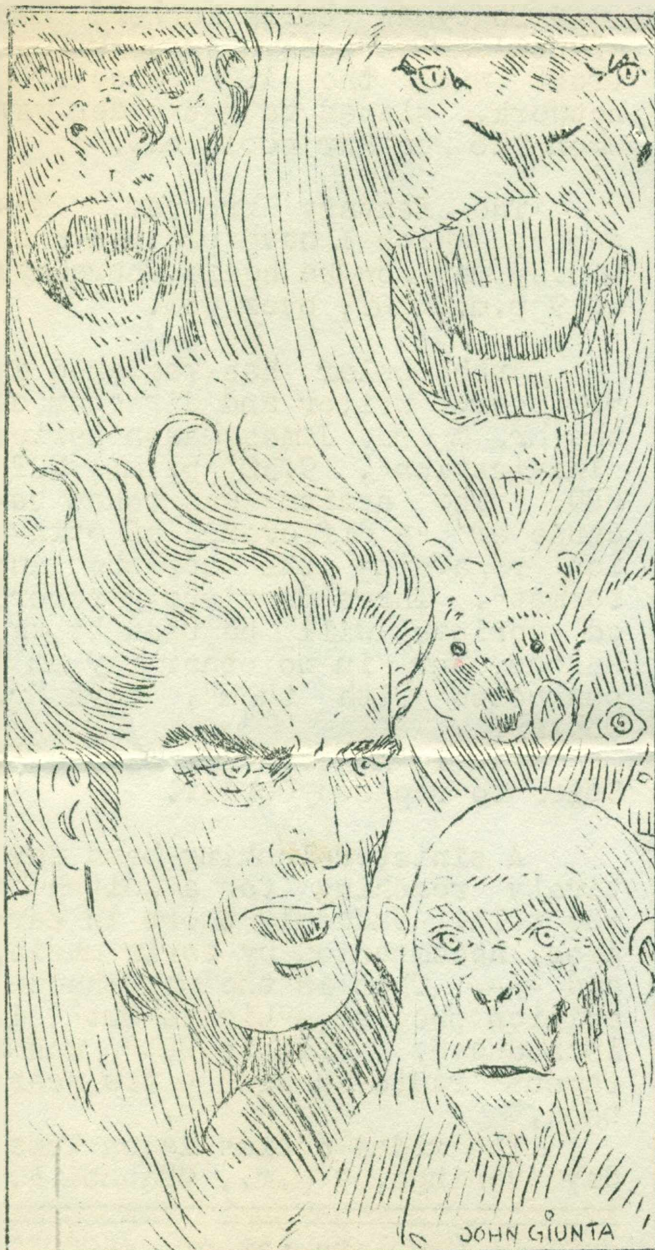
At the August meeting, Director - Gardner announced that Roger P. Graham, Conductor of the "Club House" in *AMAZING STORIES*, will speak at the September meeting of the Esfa, which will be held on September 11, 1949.



## Fantasy Book Notes

by J. Russell Mars

Edgar Rice Burroughs is again having his novels translated into German. This is the first time in many years that they have been. Sometime after the First World War he made one of his villains a German and that soured them on him. -AJC



"Tarzan, Lord Of The Jungle", "Tarzan And The Lost Empire", "Tarzan At The Earth's Core" and "Tarzan The Invincible" have just been published in England, four-color art jackets, unabridged, square backed, and selling at 1/6 (30¢). Burrough's Martian books are to be reprinted in England soon. -LS

The rare, hard to get Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Cave Girl" has just been reprinted as a Dell pocket-size book, Number 320. It has an excellent cover by Jean Des Vignes and a map of the island on the back cover. -H.Tok

A new biography for collector is "Arthur Machen: Weaver Of Fantasy", published by The Round Table Press Of Millbrook, N.Y. and written by William Francis Gekle.

E. Everett Evans, intimate friend of E. E. Smith, told friends recently that "Doc" Smith had just completed "First Lensman" and will be in to his publishers in the very near future. "Doc" has seen the illustrations which Lawrence has done for the book and was very enthusiastic. -AC

### POCKET REVIEW

"Invasion From Mars"

Selected by Orson Welles

Dell, No. 305, 191 pp., 25¢, 1949

A splendid selection of yarns, all dealing with the inhabitants of other worlds invading Earth, and including the script of the notorious Orson Welles "War Of The Worlds" broadcast of 1938.

The eye-catching cover is done by Malcolm Smith. Material beside the script and the introduction, is by Heinlein; Bradbury; Boucher, Leinster, Brown, Bond, Asimov and Sturgeon.



## Fantasy Films, Radio & Television

by Lester Mayer, Jr

Robert Cummings and Marta Torch will star in "The Gorgeous Eye" at U \* I. Story's a comedy dealing with Palomar and its gigantic telescope.

Orson Welles plans to make a technicolor version of "Ulysses" some time this year in the Mediterranean. Such a venture will call for a large amount of financial backing. Welles is supposed to have this, though.

Howard Hawks, world-famous motion picture producer ("Hell's Angels", etc.) is preparing Robert Carr's science-fiction story, "Morning Star" for the screen (see previous issues of F-T). The story deals with a group of scientists in New Mexico who try to reach another planet by rocket ship. As they're about to start, a green-haired girl from Venus lands on Earth to help guide them through space. Hawks would like Gary Cooper for the scientist.

"King Of The Rocket Men", the latest scientific fictional serial, is now playing locally in the East.

Many times I've written about a forthcoming picture by the name of "Mr. Joseph Young Of Africa". That picture has finally been released under the unassuming name of "Eighty Joe Young". It had a 350-theater premiere in New England and New York.

Produced by Merriam C. Cooper, who gave us "King Kong" and "She", it may be considered another "King Kong" picture for all practical purposes.

Joe Young is a mighty goril-

la, reared by a young girl in Africa. Captured by a band of heavies (Primo Carnera, Man Mountain Dean, The Angel, and others) he is brought to America and made to perform in a night-club. He escapes and causes much trouble, but redeems himself by becoming a hero.

The picture is reported cleaning up at the box-office, but it has to. You see, it cost \$3½ million to produce!

Bogeyman Boris Karloff has signed an exclusive 52-week contract with the ABC television network, slated to get under way when the weather cools off.

The fantasy program, "Escape"; which I have praised many times, may now be heard Thursdays at 9 p.m., EDT, over CBS.

Arch Obeler has resigned as producer, writer and director of the Mr. & Mrs. James Mason series "Imagination", 9:30 p. m., EDT, NBC. The action was taken because of "a difference of opinion regarding the scripts and format". Three previously recorded scripts will be used by the Masons, but "in no other way am I connected with them", says Mr. Obeler.

NBC is negotiating with Bill Spier to replace Obeler.

A sinister-looking hand furtively reaching for a switch on the wall! Suddenly there is darkness, accompanied by eerie music, and ---. That is the way the television program, "Lights Out", is introduced. "Lights Out" was a famous radio series a few years back.

The video series is on Tuesday evenings, 9 p.m., Channel 4.

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tion has not as yet been released to the general press but what they were shown was the first practical three-dimensional movie.

There are no special glasses necessary for the audience and no especially expensive equipment necessary for the theatre. The set-up is something like this: The same projectors will be used except for a slight modification in the head and lens; the film will be the same size but there will be two pictures side by side and half the width of the old one. The screen will have a slight corrugation. The new camera equipment will be only about \$1000.00 but the price of the screen hasn't been announced.

(What is briefly described here is an ingenious technique developed by the U. S. Naval Reserve Laboratories during the last war for aerial photography. It is now possible to have three-dimensional pictures on a film 1/52nd of an inch thick!)

This information will be denied, of course, but this is the first of a series of improvements that the movie industry has been working on since before the war to off-set the expected effect of television on the trade.

THE COSMIC REPORTER  
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ING SCIENCE FICTION.

August WRITERS' JOURNAL carried front page story about Doubleday's new science-fiction department.

Co-editor of "The Magazine Of FANTASY" will be Nick McComas who co-edited "Adventures In Time And Space".

Title of Clark-Fato's sci magazine will be OTHER WORLDS.

Napoli's illustrations in the last issues of WILD TALES and TMS seem to have improved. There are those, though, who think they are much too similar to drawings done by Harry Clark for the works of A. E. Poe in the last century.

## Other Side Of The Pond

by Francis R. Fears

British Fantasy Society - we have just published Science Fantasy News No. 3. It contains a report of the London, list of new members and an article by Ken Slater. Membership of the Society has now risen to about 100.

NEW WORLDS No. 5 is hoped to be out next Sept. The cover is of a spaceship rising out of the ocean. As a member of the British Interplanetary Society, I most certainly do not like the idea! Still, it's not a bad cover and should appeal to the general public.

I've not yet seen the British edition of STARTLING STORIES, but I gather it's a bit of a flop.

Radio - Conan Doyle's "The Poison Belt" was put over.

Television - "The Time Machine", reception very good.

Plays - "Dark Of The Moon" went down quitewell in the West End.

Movies - still there ain't none!! It's about time we woke up and did something.

The London Circle - Ted Carnell now all keyed up for his journey to the States and the Convention.

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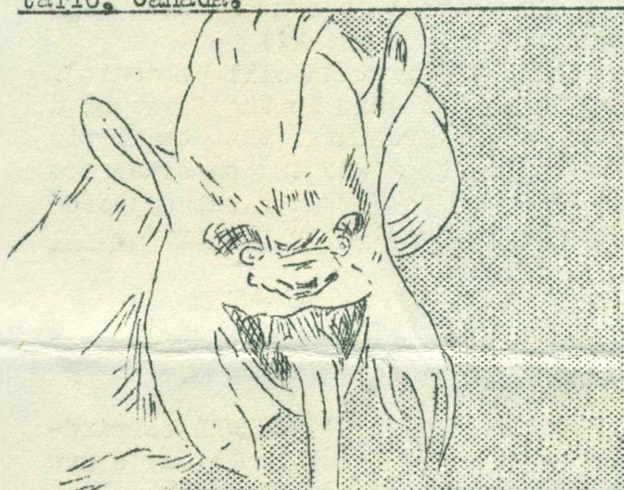
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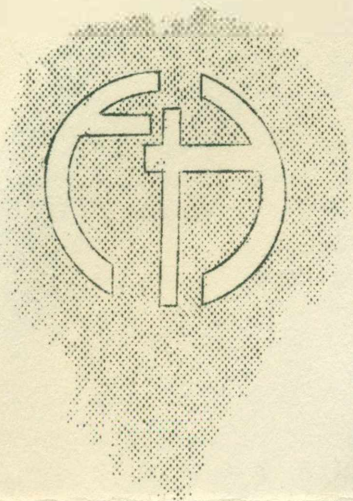


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