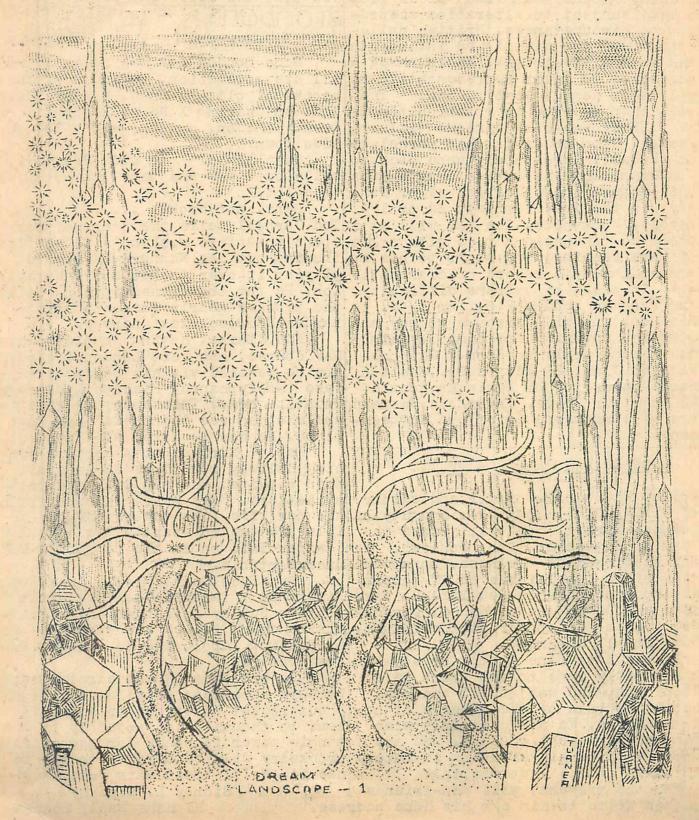
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The British Science Fiction War Relief Society is radiply becoming an accomplished fact. Looking after this side of the Atlantic are Julian Parr, and Edwin Macdonald; respectively English and Scottish representatives, & the American end is of course in the capable hands of John M. Cunningham. The first bulletin of the British end is as follows; Further to the preliminary notice (Aug Fido) it is proposed that the following plan be commenced, subject to alteration according to circumstances. British collecting fans who wish to be included in the scheme are to give their names & addresses to their representative who all his collection, to judge by the will then send a list to USA. will then receive in rotation, parcels etc. in Charing X Rd bookshop t'other of 3 US Pro-mags of various titles & week. Come on, own up; who's let the issues. Upon receiving his parcel, ea-side down? ch fan will immediately send back to J.M. Cunningham a service charge of a sells out. --- and gets ten hob for shillingsworth of British sf or fant the lot. asy, in the ToW, Fantasy, 6d or 1/novels, books etc. The fan will at thred Carnell tells the story of howhe the same time send a p.c. with a list spent an entire weekend's leave flaof mags received and sent, to his Rep ttening out the Shangri-LA record, & who will keep a record of transacti- playing it over to get a transcriptons! In cases of extreme difficulty, ion. He got the transcription but in the fan may send a P.O. for 1/6d. to the process nearly ruined a blitzhis Rep, who will arrange to huy and hardened households' nerves. post the material for him. To join the scheme apply to S-on-T Science-Fiction Club, 26 Edward St., Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent; or Edwin Macdonald, 25 Dochfour Drive, Inverness, Scotland. Taunton, Som.) This ends our race to who will answer queries and suggest-

# ANOTHER FAN CALLED - UP !!!

Fellow Fido-collaborator and editor of "TIN-TACKS", Donald J. Doughty of Downham Market, Norfolk; joined the Navy on September 17th. Don, who is now stationed at Skegness, managed to rush off a final issue of TT before he departed for his new life. He says that should he get a chance, spasmodic issues may appear in the future, hut "it all depends".

In the last nine months or so, Don ited for me. has rapidly come to the front as a "top" fan, and was one of the most active members of the coterie of new enthusiasts. We all certainly wish him the very best of luck, and are sorry to miss his effusion in future editions of the Fido mailing.

For the present, will pen-friends please write to him c/o his home address.

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S.F.W.R

That'll be a day when Snaghurst

Bent, not broken ....

Ego Clarke, having completed his RAF course, has left London & should now he reached via his Somerset address (Ballyphants, Bishops Lydeard m see who can see "Fantasia" the most times. He has "declared at 4 not out.

Latest arrival at a certain bracing holiday resort is RAF-recruit Eric Hopkins, the man with the greasy letters. Says Eric, exuberating in his new life (the day before his drills are vdue to start!) "We have H, & C.water laid on in the bedroom". How uncomfortable.

Red-Face Dept: myself, when after fixing up a farewell meeting with Eric t'other Sunday in London, my hitch hiking thumb failed and stranded me at Reading. Apologies to all who wa-

Recent press about stratosphere bombers & current articles in"Flight" about rocket boosting for aircraft; lead to thought that possibly by time atomic power is ready for use, stratorocketry will be already there to use it. We'll visit Mars yet, lads!

Sidney L. Birchby. Highams Park, London.

## LONDON S.F.A. "REUNION"

Englands biggest fan reunion for the September 20/21, when in spite of the regards to things accomplished manifold difficulties attending such the manner in which it was carried film "Fantasia".

On Sunday, a crowd assembled in proceeded to convert it, in the app- ussion that followed was certainly arris, Ken Bulmer, Denise Laws, Lily of the future. Jaggers, and yours truly

Sidney L. Birchby.

# NEW BRITISH "FANZINE" PLANNED !!

Those two livewire Londoners Kenneth Bulmer and Arthur Williams are at it again! This time they have been planning to issue a fanzine di cest, the benefit or British readers. idea is to reprint items of interest to us from the Yank and Aussie publications and thus keep the ordinary British fan far more in touch with current stfical thou ht in other parts of the globe. The first issue should appear in about one months time, will probably be priced at threepence, & contain some ten pages. Incidentally Arthur Williams is now at a new addr ress, namely 125 Victoria Dwellings, Farrington Read, London, E.C.1.

### AMERICANEWS

The Denvention as a whole, was last year was held over the weekend, about the most successful so far, in a proposition - far in excess of any offt. The one big thing that was done thing the US fans encounter - a mus- was giving the National Fantasy Fan ter of some 14 was managed. At Satu-Federation a send-off by means of a rday lunch time a party gathered to vote of confidence. We had been disconvelome Maurice Hanson, ex-editor of useing the varbous things that fand-"Novae Terrae" who had wangled leave on could do -- E.E.Evans ideas, you from Somerset. After some bookhunting know -- and the convention voted in in Charing X Road, the party saw the favour of having the NFFF do them. So that now the NFFF is the official voice and acting agent of organisedfa-Liverpool St. stn.waiting room, and indom. Heinlein's talk, and the discroved manner of fan meetings, into a the most interesting thing any convmagazine mart. We rolled on to Holb- ention has had. Heinlein is a serious orn to meet author John Beynon Harris person, and the entire meeting was nearly got arrested for taking photos deadly serious - except for the paof the gang, had tea, & held Londons rty and extra-curricular activities. forst open air meeting of fans, in But the discussions and the business Lincoln's Inn Fields. Pricipal item was carried on in an extremely grave on agenda, after speech of welcome by manner, as if we were taking care of yours truly, seconded by John Craig, the fate of mankind. Which, as far as to Ted Carnell and friends, was dis-Heinlein's talk goes, we were Because cussion "What should fandom do after he spoke of the necessity of keeping war?" Present at one or both meetings sanity in a world like this, and how were -- Frank Arnold, Ted and Irene we might 30 about it, and how science Carnell, Maurice Hanson, Art Williams fiction fans might be the best qual-Canadian fan Bob Gibson, Harry & Lily ified to retain composure, since they Chibbett, John Craiz, John Beynon H- were accustomed to thinking in terms

Milton A. Rothman Washington, DC, USA 

THIS ISSUE of FIDO proper, is the 2d to be produced on paper sent to us from well-wishers in the States. The issue is dedicated to Walter MAXXXX Daugherty of Los Angeles to whom we also tender extremely helated congratulations on his marriage last June. Walt was kind encush to send afull ream of Duplicating Paper; of which half is being used for this months edition. That perennial Samaritan; Forrest J. Ackerman continues to let us have parcels of sheets of paper, of all varieties; and pages 6 and '8 are provided by him. We all thank these two kind people.

We learn that James P. Rathbone has now left the army & is looking for a

job.



S'been a hectic month indeed for me, this SEptember, and I only am in hopes that this issue will appear at about the right time. One or two of you will know that, once again, I have been having a slight tussle with the local Ministry of Labour offices, from which I think I have emerged successfully with a new job only a couple of miles from home. But perhaps a more important point is that, during the campaign, I visited ye doc. and had the first physical examination in my life. The verdict astonished me, and necessitated a visit to a specialist. To cut your suspence short, here is the final result - I am "enjoying" a condition known as "effort syndrome" which affects the supply of blood to the heart, which is organically perfectly sound; and as a result, am not to strain myself doing heavy work and am "to take things easy" (what a hope). Most ironically this should render me medically unfit for military service, though with present medical boards there is no guarantee of this. So what! Anyrate it now seems definite that I remain attached to the ancestral home, and therefore will continue to have the facilities to produce FIDO, which is a surer position than has hitherto prevailed ... some news of other fans; .. Richard George Medhurst is now the proud possessor of a B.Sc. degree, and is once more back in London. The bookhunting season has commenced apparently, at least his letter mentions a mere 46 additions to the legendary Medhurst collection ... Latest letter from Wally Gillings contains the glad tidings of his transfer from the ordinar, duties of the R.A.C. to those of a batman. T is insures hin a modicum of privacy which will render the future of "Tales of Vonder" rather less problematical ... Incidentally the latest issue of ToW should now be available though there appears to be no sign of it in Leeds ... A.C.1 Leslie J. Johnson is now stationed at Goole in Yorkshire & hoped to be able to visit ye Ed sometime & A.C.2 Eric Needham is now in more salubrious quarters just outside Preston ... Derek Gardiner (48 King Edward Ave Worthing Sussex) who is particularly interested in Fantas; films would be ver, grateful if anyone could help him to obtain the loan of some stills from the epic fantasyfilm "Cabinet of Dr. Caligari" ... By the way the receipt of the review of this film from Harry Turner some time ago informed me that I myself had seen the film many years ago but had not the slightest recollection of its title ... Incidentally Harry is still awaiting his long awaited call-up notice but will continue the maximum of fan activities until they arrive ... Some seven chain letters dealing with the Futurian Society of Great Britain have been sent out but to date only two have returned so that no furthur definite statement can be made though we are still collecting & collating data ... A list & of American Supporters / / of the British Science Fiction War Relief Scciety includes the names of Wright, Martin, McKeel, Geutsch, Madle, Lang, Yerke, Brady, Merkel, Unger, Class, Hart, Morcjo, Rusterbar, Hunt, Rothman Freehafer, Daughertys, Haggard, Taurasi, Ackerman, & 25 cr sc others; says a letter from Edwin McDonald ... whilst a recent issue of Amazing Stories headed its letter section with the announcement of the formation of this craanisation .... several copies of the August issue of "Voice of the Imagi -nation which arrived recently will be distributed to their chosen recipients with FIDO, the second batch sent to me to pass on ... and some more \*copies of the Australian"Eturian Observer" have arrived to go out with the mailing, to its British subscribers ... goodnate, everybody, goodnate !!!

CLIPPIN-GS Recently, Universal's latest horror film, The Murmy's Hand" played at our local theatre. Compared with such films as "The Ape", "Man With Nine Lives" and others of like nature, "The Murmy's hand" is an astonishingly m hy CANADA Leslie A. Croutch good attempt at horror without lapsing into the ridiculous. The make-up of the Murmy is realistic, scary enough to get you, but still not silly. The prologue showing ancient Egyptian burial rites, is well done and very interesting. A weak spot is Dick Foran as the hero heing rather ineffectual when put up against Peggy Mcran as the curvacious girl with woo-woo! Other Movie Notes: A trip into the future is afforded in a film showing what may happen to Turkey in "Journey Into Fear"....Paramount horror pic will present Dr. Cyclops in a dual role in "Among The Living"...."Murder By The Stars" is being made by Monogram and features Bela Lugosi ... "Cracked Nuts" coming out of Universal, a humourous offer about robots ..... Universal also filming "Horror Island", and "black Cat", not the Poe tale as many believe .... Warner Brothers will finish "The, Momkey's Paw" will continue on with Philip Wylie's "The Smiling Ghost" .... "The Boogey man Will Get You" is a takeoff on Horror tales, with Karloff and Peter Lorre .... "Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde" features Spencer Tracy. In this one, Tracy will have phosphorescent eyes, and the change will be more psychological than phsysical.... An old time Fritz Lang film is to be released in the US: the hypnotis movie "Dr Mahuse" . . . . A certain studio has appropriated two million dollars to film the Book from beginning to end, in "The Bible".

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Received Recently

The most noteworthy arrival here during this last month, was the souvenir program of the third world Science Fiction Convention, i.e. the Denvention. It is a neat,

well-printed booklet of some 16 pages containing mainly an assortment of "booster" advertisements. Other contents include the full 3 day Denvention programme (naturally) a full list of Colorado Fantasy Society - the organisation sponsoring the convention - members; Britishers are Douglas Webster, E. Macdonald, D. J. Doughty and J. M. Rosenblum; and lots and lots of "well wishes". The only other printed item was a complete surprise! Some little time ago, it was announced that the Westwood N.J. fanzine SUNSPOTS would be discontinued - yet now it pops up in a fine new format with articles by Manly Wade Wellman, Joseph J.Millard and N.E.Body. We congratulate the trio of editors. Another trio of editors deserving of commendation are Tom Wright, J.J. Fortier and James Bush of Martinez, California. They have produced a mere 50 page fanzine, using the best possible quality of paper, not to mention a grand assortment of writers and artists. Your Ed nearly had heart failure on taking this copious production from its envelope. Not so much smaller is the third issue of SOUTHERN STAR, edited by Joseph Gilbert and Art Sehnert from Columbia, South Carolina. This runs to 40 large size pages with many good features. We particularly liked "Mumhling" by Bob Tucker, whilst an analysis of the hand-writing of 4e Tckerman and Harry Warner was certainly intriguing, and I beleive, accu-

You are intelligent enough and lucky enough to be reading FUTURIAN WAR DIGEST, Vol.2. No.1; dated October 1941 and being the wartime continuation of THE FUTURIAN, and SCIENCE FANTASY REVIEW, two amateur magazines devoted to and dealing with scientific fantasy fiction, and the affairs of the queer creatures interested in this soul-stirring topic. Published in defiance of all difficulties, by J.M.Rosenblum, 4 Grange Terrace, LEEDS 7 at d. per conv. 3/- per year (12 issues) Exchange with similar publications.

INTERVIEWS: Arthur K. Barnes by Roy Test.

AK says he's past 20, likes movies, & reads science fiction -- even his own storys. He became interestd in science fiction around hi-school age. He always "more or less had a hankerin' to write" & stf seemd to be as good as anything for a beginning. In 1930 while still in college he had his first story acceptd by Amazing Detective Stories. Unfortunately, he never was payd for this story.

In the summer of 31 Art sold his first important stf story to Gernsback, MASTER OF THE PIT. However, it appeard as LORD OF THE LIGHTNING. A few months later Gernsy acceptd his CHALLENGE OF THE COMET. From then on he wrote fairly

regularly, had 2 or 3 acceptances a yr.

He startd a series once, but gave it up--U guess why! Seeing that science fiction gave him more experience than cash, he tryd detective & sport storys. at which ho is doing very nicely now. Barnos & Norbet Davis collab as "Dave Barnes" quite a bit on detective stuff, & once on stf. They wrote THE HOUSE THAT WALKT back in 33 & sent it to Wright for WT. Farnsworth didn't seem to like the ending so he returnd it, & Barnes wrote another ending. In fact, he wrote 5 different endings for it. & Wright didn't like any of them! The story layd around for a couple yrs, & finaly Art sent it to his agent. Rite away he rowd a check for it from TOP NOTCH. Tremains used it in ASTOUNDING, Tremains used it in ASTOUNDING. tho.

Has had a couple of storys recently inTTWS, & probably will have more. At present, however he finds it more profitable to write sports or detective storys.

went to UCLA for 4 yrs & made Phi Betta Kappa!

#### Catherine L. Moore

by Jack Erman.

"Catherine th Great", toast of WT, is 2 persons! One, an austere, introspectiy, enigmatic woman; thothr, charmng, disarmng, gayoungirl:

call her that, aftr her Esperanto firstmane Katrino -is employd in a bank durng th day (by a "grand boss"), has only her eves to write.

No story of hers complete, she says, less she leav out some major point til too late. "I meant to make Shambleau's eyes shine in the dark."

She's writ "Were-Woman".

"Greatr Glorys" originly titled "To What

Dim Goal".

I askt how "Jirel" were pronounced. "I don't know:" she replyd-- "Mothr says 'Jirel'." (This rymd with "Fire-Hell".)

CL sag "Poopl simply don't write now as they did in th goe-oh-dees ('good old days') when EESmith was publishing." Yet, "probly in 100 yrs th whole subject of stf'll be up in th klasix--isn't it a shame we'v got to die & miss it? All those gorgeous storys that'll be writh aftr we'r dead--!"

Kat cut her teeth on Burroughs' "Barsoom" bks. Blievs Henry Wilcoxon th perfect "John Carter" for th moompix.

Would "love to see REH's 'Earth-Worms' with Myrna Loy."

Has weakness for Slavicheekbones. Femme film faves: Marlene Dietrich, Anna Sten, Sari Maritza. Calls th o-

dor of gasoline "glamourous".

peopl live there." (Toot-toot!)

Is tono-deaf.

Saves stamps for their prettyness.

Declares "Calif th only place for me! Not only because it's so beautyful but because such grand

Wouldn't reveal what her midl initial stands for: thas

th "L" of it ..!



During a recent wander-round two fairly rare fantasy works threw the themselves at me. They were John Kendrick Banks couple of truly fantastic tales of the doings of the departed shades of some of this worlds great men in their afterlife, namely "Houseboat on the Styx" and "The Pursuit of the Houseboat". Both deal with a very wonderful "club" these departed shades have established, meeting in the houseboat in question, and weird and wonderful are the happenings and arguments which take place therein. Of course the books are primarily humourous, and they have given me many a quiet chuckle. Both are published by Messrs Harpers and have run through several editions, at both sides of the Atlantic.

"The Mencirs of Satan" collated by William Gerhardi and Brian Lunn, (Cassell & Co. 1932) is a surprising sort of book altogether. According to this, Satan was a collaborator of God, chosen to look after this earth beof his free and independent spirit. Mankind is due to an infatuation of his for a primitive she-ape, and he continually bemaans the fact that he did not choose a more sensible animal, such as the whale, to half endow with his divine nature. Due to his failure with this planet, Satan is finally punished by the All-Hi thest with the withdrawal of his immortality, and he dies, leaving the notes of his con-long existence in a Bloomsbury hotel.

Have you ever read "The Absolute at Large" by Karel Capek, the Czech master of fantasy (MacMillan & Co. 1927, 2/6). This tale provides another, and highly diverting aspect, of damphell's beloved atomic energy. In brief the plot is roughly; that everything in existence consists of matter and a little bit of the divine; the disclution of matter to provide atomic energy therefore releases a portion of God, and these particles of the Divine literally produce Hell on this earth, by "inspiring" all sorts of people to be prophets and so forth. Thoroughly recommended.

Another book I have come across again recently is "Purple Flaque" by Fenner Brockway - IIP hational Chairman, I believe - (Sampson Low 2/6) dealing with the setting up of a miniature ideal state upon a liner, almost permanently quarantined due to the cutbreak on heard of a new desease. More stf interest is added by the story of the fight against this "plague".

#### PERSONAL COLUMN

WANTED S.F. pre-35 (Ast pre-38) state price or desired exchange to T. Overton, 107 Thomas St. Abertridwr Cardiff, Glam.

Particularly needed. Astounding S.F. for July and September 1937. Dennis Tucker, 108 Abercromby Avenue, Wycombe, Bucks.

WANTED "COMET" almost any issue.will

swap old ASF & various issues of big three. Write A.F.Williams, 125 Victoria Dwellings, Farringdon Rd, E.C.1.

Three new subscribers, and therefore additions to the Fandom GPO idea are R.R. Johnson (Leicester) Edward J Carnell, and Bob Gibson of the Cananadian army in Britain.

Letters this month just about swamped me, and I shall simply do the best I can with them. Some of yoursy

TWO BOOKS which have popped up here at a slighly reduced price, recently are The Secret People by John Beynon and The Island of Captain Sparrow by S. Fowler Wright. Both were originally published by Newnes at 2/6 but are now being disposed of as a sort of "new remainder" at 2/- each. The first is a well-written story placed some 50 years in the future, in which we find the Sahara about to be made into an inland sea; and follow the adventures of a party of people who fall into the clutches of a primitive race existing, unbeknown to civilisation, in caverns beneath the desert. The other ought to be already known to you in its 6D. edition.

RECEIVE YOUR COPIES OF (Sorry) FIDO scnewhat late, so that I can enclose some sort af answer to your letters.

