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TERROR

Subway stations in New York are now plastered with ads which say cryptically, in red letters two feet high: "THE TERROR IS COMING!" Nothing more.

HIDGETALE?

"May ASTOUNDING will line-up as follows:- THE LEGION OF TIME (The first 'mutant' story) by JACK WILLIAMSON, this tale will be on the cover." --Olon F. Wiggins in THE SCIENCE FICTION FAN, April, 1938.

JOTTINGS

"Winged Pharaoh", by Joan Grant, published by Harper at \$2.50, "is a competently idealized reconstruction of a legendary Egypt of the First Dynasty; a Utopian reconstruction" which grants occult wisdom and the transmigration of souls. . . The Columbia Varsity Show, "You've Got Something There" tells of the world under dictatorship in 1938.

Jack Speer had a letter printed in the Daily Oklahoman on March 27 commenting on the American Rocket Society's experiments. . . "The Ghost Goes West" featured one wraith, "Topper" two, but "The Tender Enemy", which had its American premiere at the 55th St. Playhouse, NYC (where "The Golem" was first shown) sports three ghosts. It is a French picture and uses many new photographic effects. . . We picked up a copy of the Dallas Morning News the other day and, from it, learned that MGM may again acquire Mr Burroughs' Tarzan for Johnny Weissmuller.

The first issue of the latest comic magazine, Super Comics, features 4 pages of a picture serial called "Crime a Hundred Years from Now", drawn by George Merkle.

ANSWERS

Last week we printed descriptions of several famous science fiction characters. The reader who guessed all, or most, of them will receive three more NLS, free. Names of winners published next week. The characters described are: 1. Flash Gordon, described in "Flash and the Witch Queen of Mongo", by Alex Raymond. 2. The Golem, described by Frank Kassler, Production Manager of the motion picture of that title. 3. Professor Challenger; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in "The Disintegration Machine". 4. John Carter; Edgar Rice Burroughs in "Swords of Mars". 5. Count Dracula; Bram Stoker. Want more?

WHAT I HAD TO READ THIS WEEK --Guest Reviewer, Jack Gillespie

Regardless of what general opinion seems to be, we consider IMAGINATION as 1 of the top 3 fan mags. The pages sport such outstanding scientific geniuses as Azygous, Bloch & S. Snooks. The quality of the contents is on the better end although a particularly insane reply to Michelism stands out as wood a sor thumb. On top of all IMAGINATION is going in 4 surrealism & Akron is been reaxunary.

An outstanding example of what fan editors will do to meet a deadline is the latest S. F. FAN. Particularly putrid stuff by Taurasi, Bahr and Wiggins together with an absence of the I.P.O. results make the latest Fan an utter horror. Together with the Fan there arrived a four page mimeographed answer to Sam Moskowitz by Daw, in which mighty Sam is effectually squelched.

The fifth PSFS NEWS isn't very awful, yet it shows that the Philly fans will not think.

The second SCIENTI-SNAPS is a fine example of what a fan mag should look like. It is neat to the extreme, with decant material.

PANTASY REVIEW arrived, and, like most of the other of Sammy's publications, it stunk (Frown of disapproval at vulgar word. Editor). Strangely enough, Robert Bahr went into ecstasies over all of Moskowitz' junk.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Manly Hall, famous occultist, who is making a motion picture about reincarnation in Hollywood, has halted production temporarily because he was advised by Edward A. Wagner, astrologer for the New York Post, that the positions of the planets were not favorable.

CPASF

There was a meeting of the Committee for the Political Advancement of Science Fiction at the home of John B. Michel on Sunday, March 27. Momentous plans were discussed. Unfortunately, we are not at liberty to discuss them. 'Twill, however, all come out in the wash in the next few months.

COMMENT

Louis Kuslan, of 170 Washington Ave., West Haven, Conn., chirps: "Enclosed is the tremendous, gargantuan, colossal sum of one quarter (25¢) cash, for which I would like to have my subscription to the SFNL renewed another six weeks. I have found that I cannot exist without this weekly, and in consequence, have deprived myself of the mazuma for a double chocolate sundae with all the trimmings (yum! yum!). Seriously though, I consider the SFNL a very good effort and I hope you keep it up. May I suggest an increase in the space allotted to fan activities and fan news in general. I do like your fan mag review which gives me the opportunity of getting hold of mags to which I do not subscribe. How about giving addresses." (Hereafter the address and price of the magazine's publisher will be printed with its first review.)

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