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FREDERIK POHL:

"Newlyformed orge: Science Fiction Artist's Guild, (complementing Post's ditto of last column, D. C. Burford organizer) & Loyal and Ben-
evolent Protective Order of Wollheim Stooges. Membership in latter
organization is open to all persons who have ever differed with W. S.
Sykora: this covers practically all fans but Balt & Mosk, so others
kindly send to JBMichel for membership cards immediately... . Afere-
mentioned post's Guild is going great guns, having quintupled its mem-
bership in 1 week (from 1 to 5). If it continues at that rate, will
surpass SFL (So Far Largest) in four weeks... . Dialectically-in-
clined fans will find pleasure in DAW's forthcoming treatise on 'Cos-
micism, or, After the Soviets, "that?" Sonhomme Wollheim claims that
the concept of Cosmicism by itself will justify atf to future genera-
tions (though your reporter things otherwise, believing that even Cos-
micism is only a step toward Psychic Feudalism, the last gasp of the
polyphasal dialectic)... . RW Jr. displays amazing grasp of theology
in classifying ye scribe as a good Chuchuihu. Especially since The
Pohl has once been excommunicated for heresy by the heirarchist High
Priest, Mighty Michel. But Right will Triumph ever!"

EDITOR:

John B. Michel is preparing an anthology of science fiction paro-
odies... . T. O'Conor Cloane is now engaged in writing his autobiog-
raphy... . John Devern, of 25 King William St., Commercial Bank, Ad-
elaide, South Australia, will publish the first antipodean fan maga-
zine, at 5¢..... James V. Taurasi's Fantasy News Supplement, Space
Lines Inc, is illegal (since the magazine is not actually incorpor-
ated)... . Fred Pohl will do a series entitled "The Lives of Joe
Chthulhu" which will be mailed with the News Letter... . R. H. Barlow
is in Mexico because he can't get to Moscow... . Jack Robinson will
start a magazine which will expound Michelistically... . The fifth is-
sue of Science Fantasy Movie Review will contain novelizations of Re-
public's serial, "The Undersea Kingdom" and RKO's feature, "Son of
Kong."

DALE HART (Dedicated, editorially, to Sam H., who is above such non-
sense.): "The three dopes in Gene Ahern's comic strip, THE SQUIRREL

CAGE, are now in the fantastic land of Shmooz. While on a space voyage, one of the characters, a Shmoozian, declares that stars are merely holes in the blanket of night. As proof, he triumphantly points out a moth-like space creature. Quite hilarious sometimes. . . . SNICKER DEP'T: Wasps, says some scientist, are much more intelligent than bees. That's right: they make a bigger--if not better--impression. Source of data? Silly question. . . A Popeye program, originating from KPRC in Houston, incorporated a bizarre animal. It can, by being stroked upon the back, cause rain to fall in a deluge."

JE & WW:

(Press Clipping:) "The Regina Theater in Hollywood is really out to SCARE folks. A triple-spook bill is being presented with 'Dracula,' 'Frankenstein' & 'King Kong.'" . . . "Approximately 60,000 Angelenos recently witness an exhibition in the Coliseum called 'Is This Television?' put on by The Fantasy Lighting Co."

US AGAIN:

Those unaware of the fact that Claire Beck, editor of The Science Fiction Critic and part-owner of the Utile Press, is in New York City or vicinity had best see the August 14 issue of Fantasy News for fuller, if partly erroneous, details. Mr Beck wishes us to make the following corrections in Sam Moskowitz' FN report: His first night out of San Francisco was not spent with Clark Ashton Smith; he and a fellow hitch-hiker climbed thru an open window of the dormitory of the University of California and slept there; Night Two was spent with CAS. He also maintains that Denver is west of St. Louis, not east. The correct name of one of the gentlemen whom Beck visited in New York is Samuel Loveman, poet and scholar, to whom Clark Ashton Smith dedicated "Ebony and Crystal." The transcontinental transient now wishes to be called simply Claire Beck. His former middle initial stood for "Poverty" and, while this is still applicable, it is no longer desirable.

New fantasy is Eric Linklater's "The Impregnable Women," published by Farrar & Rinehart at \$2.50. The book deals with a European war in 1940 and with the resourceful women who decide to go upon a love-strike until the men stop their foolishness. . . James V. Taurasi will publish a magazine called Enigmatic for Dale Hart. . . Julius Pohl, editor of Houston, and Frederik Pohl, Editor of Brooklyn, unrelated, correspond. . . Johnny Michel bought a copy of the 7th Helios especially to get the hilarious Baltadonis cartoon printed therein, depicting Wollheim and minions. He'll frame it. . . The same Gent had a story, "Above the Flames" in the June issue of the UAPA organ, The United Amateur, placed there without his knowledge by Daw, his agent. The tale is a reprint from Flabbergasting Stories. . . The Philadelphia Science Fiction Society is distributing an open letter to Donald A. Wollheim. . . H. Gilbert Pancy of Albany is planning to gather a group of that city's fans and attend the World's Fair Science Fiction Convention in '39. . . Prize winners and Honorable Mentionites among the inner circle fans in 'Marvel Science Stories' letter contest are Louis Russell Chauvenet (who will have a short play in the anniversary NL), Hayward S. Kirby, P. J. Searles, Oron K. Wiggins, Richard Franck, Douglas W. F. Mayer, Dale Hart and Joe Hatch.

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