

EXTRA

Science Fiction News Letter

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CONVENTION WAR SEEN IN OCTOBER

PHILADELPHIA VERSUS NEW YORK

There has long been talk of an eastern science fiction convention to be held in October of this year, in further preparation for the New York World's Fair Convention in 1939.

At a meeting of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society, held Saturday evening, August 27, Milton A. Rothman began to actively prepare for the convention which will be sponsored by this society. Plans included a talk to be given by four prominent speakers, each representing opposing factions in, respectively, the amateur and professional field: John G. Campbell, Jr., editor of *Ascending Science-Fiction*; Mort Weisinger, co-editor of *Thrilling Wonder Stories*; and William B. Hykora and Donald A. Wollheim. The subject of the talk will be "What is the purpose of science fiction?"

And, in New York City, John B. Michael and Mr. Wollheim, powers in the field, have decided to toss

a lethal monkey wrench into the machinery by announcing a Fifth Eastern Science Fiction Convention to be held in their city on the same date as the Philadelphia affair. They reason that more fans will attend the New York gathering than its rival, for a variety of reasons.

Pardon the Hearst staff, but WHICH WILL YOU ATTEND????????????????

MADGE AND THE MONSTER

Russ (New) Hagkine writes "I trust that the jovial character depicted on Madge's cover won't startle you too much when it arrives. It's just a little thing that materializes after our recent beach-party. Blame it on the combination of hot-sage, Popai-Cola, warm-milk, and rumen, pickles, etc. In a word - indigestion. I can still see that face looking at me over the fire, or from behind the wood-pile. It was most delightful party... especially when Kattner pulled that fore-arc out of his pocket and started jamming on it."

VARIOUS ARTISTS

Marvin O. Schmidt writes from St. Louis, Missouri: "A few issues back the EWING you mentioned that 'Flash Gordon' plays professional baseball in the East. For your benefit he is the grand champion of the New York Yankees. You should have known that your own son's father baseball at all. The other day while I was in Lafayette making arrangements for attending Parade U. I spent some time at a Newstead and found that 'Boys' Life' is now running an e-d serial by Irving Green called 'Quake Hunters' - a story of a strange world at the bottom of the sea. In E. M. Bartholomew's 'Martyr' 17 August - has three stories. In September 'Open House' features 'The Clock' of 'Landscape' by Van Meyer on the cover. It is a serial about invisibility."

The October issue of Science Fiction presents novelizations of the Philip K. Dick novel 'The Executioner' and the Fred S. Marshey-Techmiser comic with the cover-scientifictional finish 'New With Wings'."

Opening of conventions, the Star and-a-Halfth Eastern was took place in Philadelphia on Aug. 27, attended by Jack Spicer, of Washington, D. C., Dick Wilson, of New York, and most members of the EWING.

Artist Andre is doing a series of front-page color illustrations for The American Weekly called "Theater of the Space" giving his impressions of some fantastic theater as Richard Wagner's 'The Ring,' 'The Flying Dutchman,' etc. . . . The Avery Warner Magazine, Spaceways, will be published, semi-annual, and should be out by Nov. 1. . . . David A. Kyle promises the next issue of Phantasy World, with startling announcements regarding the rock science fiction in the 'Theater of the Space'."

Alex Raymond, creator of "Flash Gordon," is breaking in a ghost-artist to take over his Sunday page. This artist is at present doing the page every other week. Raymond has done illustrations for Collier's and covers for The Bible Magazine. He has a plan to enter the more creative field of the "artist."

ACKERMAN SPEARS

From the ENGINEERING DEPT. Mechanical Section. First floor area, Berkeley/Cal., women this year Forrest J Ackerman, 2-4-48. "Lying U a note during a fall in life (3:30 in the morning) from typing table in the office. I'm in the army, now (of workers) in my position (Civil Service) 'body talk politics' (that's the name of a British sci fic, last 1947 or a Broadway fantasy play. or something) - y, they even said we went to God but there's a catch there. Far's I'm concerned, eaten out Weaver Wright to our attention. . . . as I was said, a historical public might be God to make sure a absent even mention. Nicholas Ciccorone, the fact that there's a \$5000 Federal Fine lurking in the office for little stream in gov't employ was a too - relative about technocracy or anything sociological. . . . we can have something to do with it. . . . dropping out of dimensions. I guess, however, I can't wait now for 5 yrs just for information. I've joined the Socialist Party. Well, pity, without a cheerist. (PS) My Boss is just crazy about Ackerman's. (PS) I'm not too good!"

OF HARDLY ANY INTEREST AT ALL CORNER. "Zacton of the Red Planet," Dan's scientific cartoon strip which later appeared in Phantasy World, made its bow in the Tribunal Bugle, Conicello's Boy Scout newspaper. . . . Speeriddle: "If marriage is wed, what color is a ghost?" "A ghost is too."