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## THE COSMIC REPORTER

by J. Harry Vincent

### BABY BOY BORN TO THE TAKACS

NEW YORK, 9 September, (CNS) - At 12:30-A.M. today a 7 lb, 1 oz baby boy was born to Ronnie and Steve Takacs. He was born at the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn, New York and was named David Andrew Takacs.

Baby, Mother and papa are all doing well. Our sincere congratulations to the Takacs.

Steve is the owner of the only all-science/fantasy book shop in New York City, situated at 71 Third Ave., New York N.Y.

Besides the usual anxiety and sleepless nights, this baby cost Steve a bound volume of Amazing Stories. Vol. No. 1 containing the first 6 issues of Amazing Stories had been cloth bound by Steve and was in his shop. Steve re-reading it between sales. While he was at the Hospital awaiting the birth of his son, Steve's father was taking care of the shop. A customer came in and talked his father into selling him the volume for \$6.00. Steve is now at wits-end trying to replace it.

### THE BIG HEART AWARD

The Big Heart Award, won by Sam Moskowitz at the recent Pittcon needs to be clarified. Science-Fiction Times termed it as "awarded to the outstanding fan of the year". This is not quite correct. Forrest J Ackerman has given us the full-meaning of the award. He states that the "E.E. Evans Memorial Award, popular-

ly known as 'The Big Heart Award' is awarded annually for an individual (Fan or Pro) who over a period of many years has contributed above and beyond the call of duty to the betterment and enjoyment of the science-fiction field". Sam Moskowitz fits this better than any other we know with the possible exception of Forry himself.

### MERCURY PRESS MOVES

Main office of the Mercury Press, publishers of Fantasy & Science Fiction, has moved to 580 5th Avenue, New York New York. All manuscripts etc., should now be mailed to this new address. Fantasy & Science Fiction won the "Hugo" at the recent Pittcon as the Best Pro S-F magazine of 1959. This makes the third year that F&SF has won the award.

### NEWS SOON OF LO'NDES' S-F MAGS

Louis Silberkliet informed us on September 9th, that he will not know until October 1st whether he will be able to revive Future Science Fiction and Science Fiction Stories and the rest of his pulp line that were discontinued a few months ago because of loss of distributor.

### "AMAZING" STARTS REPRINTS WITH DECEMBER, 1960 ISSUE

Cele Goldsmith gave out the news that the first reprint and introduction of same by Sam Moskowitz will start with the December 1960 issue of Amazing Stories. Work is still progressing on the proposed 35th Anniversary issue of Amazing Stories, but no word yet on what it will contain, size, price or art work.

BEGINNING OUR 20th YEAR OF PUBLICATION

"SHOCK STILL WITH US

Rumors flooding the Pittcon that Shock had folded with its 3rd issue are untrue. A check with Shock's editor informed us that the 4th issue is now on the stands and that there is no orders to stop production. He is working on the 5th issue now and planning the 6th.

Shock was also the title of a Popular Publication crime pulp over ten yrs ago. It lasted only three issues.

NEW "MAD" POCKET BOOK OUT

A new pocket book reprinting from the fabulous MAD magazine is out. #S1838, 35¢, 192 pages and published by Signet. Titled LIKE, MAD, it has an excellent Kelly Freas cover showing the famous MAD kid as a beatnik. Reprints from the 1956, 57 and 60 MADs. Not science-fiction, but Mad boy, Mad! Recommended.

SCIENCE-FICTION FORECASTS

Coming Up Next In The Pros

FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION  
November 1960

IT'S A GREAT BIG WONDERFUL UNIVERSE by Vance Aandahl, ROMANCE IN A TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY USED-CAR LOT (short Novelet) by Robert F. Young, WHO DREAMS OF IVY by Will Worthington, FUNK (short Novelet) by John W. Vandercook, DANSE MACABRE by Robert Choly, COMBAT UNIT by Keith Laumer, YES WE HAVE NO RITCHARD by Bruce J. Friedman, FERDINAND FEGHOOT: XXXIII by Grendel Briarton, Science: THE ELEMENT OF PERFECTION by Isaac Asimov, BOOKS: by Alfred Bester, RUSSKIES GO HOME (Novelet) by Mack Reynolds, and cover by ESMH - illustrating "Romance in a 21st Century Used-Car Lot".

FANTASTIC  
November 1960

Novelets: DEADLY MOON by Fritz Leiber, DONOR by James E. Gunn, and A WORLD TO CHOOSE by Poul Anderson. Short stories: MARIWITE by Charles L. Fontenay, A DIVER-SION FOR THE BARON by Arthur Porges, and

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TOP ROW (left to right): Hugo Gernsback accepting his "Hugo" Award from Forrest J Ackerman at Gernsback's office in New York\* - Daniel Keyes accepting his "Hugo" Award from Isaac Asimov - Sam Moskowitz "auctioning" off Isaac Asimov.

SECOND ROW FROM TOP (left to right): Harlan Ellison auctioning off - Mrs. Archer Eric Bentcliffe and Don Ford - L. Sprague de Camp being "auctioned" off, Mrs. Archer and Asimov.

THIRD ROW FROM TOP (left to right): Judith Merrill being "auctioned" off by Sam Moskowitz - Guest of Honor James Blish - Hal Clement - Dr. E. E. Smith being "auctioned" off by Sam Moskowitz.

THIRD ROW CENTER BOTTOM: Frank B. Long & bride - Willy Ley.

BOTTOM ROW (left to right): Randy Garrett being "auctioned" off by Sam Moskowitz - Jean Randall; Forrest J Ackerman, editor of Famous Monsters, James V. Taurasi, Sr., editor of Science-Fiction Times; and Jim Warren, publisher of Famous Monsters\* - Wally Weber accepting the "Hugo" for Best Fan Mag "Gry Of The Nameless".

\*Pictures supplied by Forrest J Ackerman. All other pictures supplied by Walt Cole (Our thanks to Mr. Ackerman and Mr. Cole for the use of these photos. -editor)

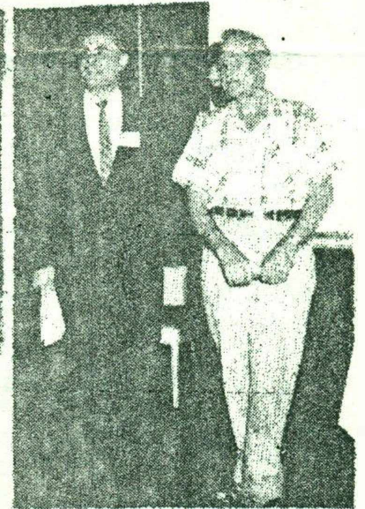
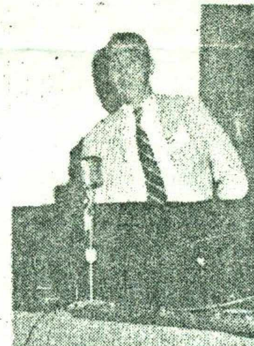
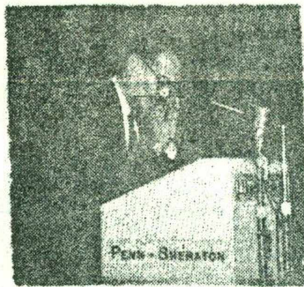
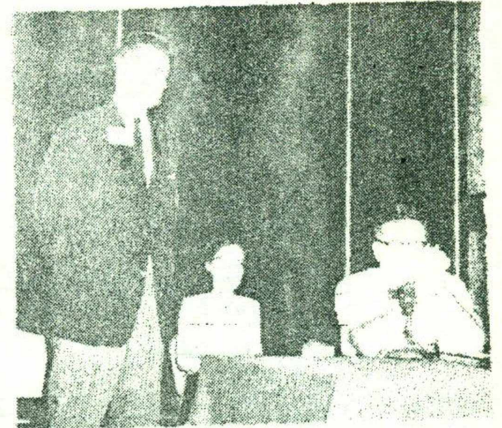
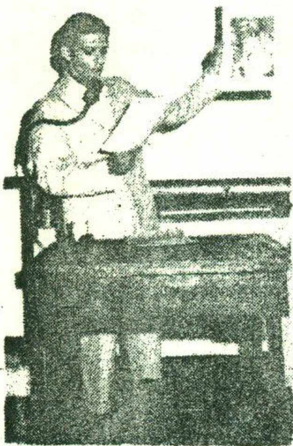
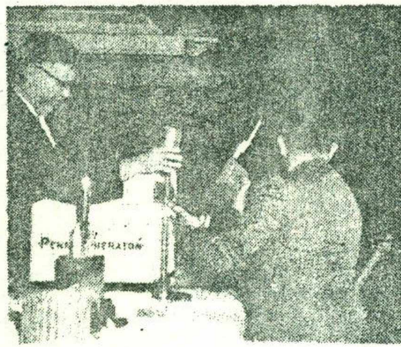
LONG SHOT by Henry Slesar.

AMAZING STORIES  
November 1960

Novelets: AND SOME WERE SAVAGES by James Blish, and MEDAL OF HONOR by Mack Reynolds. Short stories: THE WARNING by David R. Bunch, and VERY SMALL, VERY FINE by Henry Slesar. Serial (part 1 of 3) THE LAST VIAL by Sam McClatchie, M.D, Fact Article: POLYGAMY, POLYANDRY AND THE FUTURE by Lester del Rey. Features: EDITORIAL, THE SPECTROSCOPE, ... OR SO YOU SAY. Cover by ESMH illustrating "And Some Were Savages".

There will be a slight change in the logo starting with this issue, the (concluded on page 4, column 1)







### SCIENCE-FICTION FORECASTS (concluded from page 2, column 2)

"g" in "Amazing" will be slightly changed.

### THE SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB

The November selection for the Science Fiction Book Club is "Bodyguard and Four Other Short Novels From Galaxy" edited by H. L. Gold. Club member's edition is \$1.00, regular edition sells for \$3.95.

The Science Fiction Book Club has no science-fiction selection for December.

### BRITISH FORECASTS

NEW WORLDS SCIENCE FICTION  
November 1960 (in England)  
December 1960 (in the US.)

This 100th issue of New Worlds will contain specially written stories by Brian W. Aldiss, John Brunner, Colin Kapp, John Hynam, William F. Temple, E. C. Tubbs, and John Wyndham. It will also have special features and articles. Cover by Lewis and interiors by Thompson.

More details on this issue at a later date.

### FIRST FANDOM NEWS

by Don Ford

1. Lynn Hickman has ready the first half of Don Ford's TAFF Report, a First Fandom project. Price is \$1.25 by mail (for the full report) & the completion has been promised for November. Lynn estimates that if all copies are sold, TAFF will benefit by approximately \$150.
2. Bob Madle's TAFF report will be out soon, also as a FIRST FANDOM project. On this, FIRST FANDOM will divide any profits 50-50 with TAFF.
3. FIRST FANDOM went on record as supporting Harry Warner's "History of Fandom" project & placing the membership as being available for research/reference/etc.
4. Lloyd Eshback turned over about

200 photos taken during conventions, fan gatherings, etc. Fred Pohl said he had some also. These are being turned over to Don Ford, who will attempt to correlate & identify the numerous fans, authors, etc. In addition, FIRST FANDOM will try to get movies or copies made of such, taken at all cons that are available and then arrange & edit these into chronological form for a reference.

5. Bob Madle & Bob Pavlat were appointed as a committee to study the details of FIRST FANDOM presenting some sort of an award. The suggestion was made that this could be a "Science Fiction Hall Of Fame". All suggestions & ideas should be given to them & they'll present it to our next FIRST FANDOM meeting... at the Midwestcon in 1961.

For details of FIRST FANDOM, a club for old-time science-fiction fans, write to Don Ford, Box 19-T, RR #2, Loveland, Ohio.

### NOTES TO THE EDITOR

by Our Readers

Chicago 14, Illinois  
9 September 1960

Dear Mr. Taurasi:

In SFTimes #345, p. 15, you mention that Damon Knight's I N SEARCH OF WONDER can be obtained from Advent at 3508 N. Sheffield, Chicago. As one of the partners in Advent, I have to tell you that the address is incorrect. For the last two years, our address has been P.O. Box 9228, Chicago 90, Illinois. We would appreciate it if you would please print the correction.

We certainly appreciate the mention of our book in your columns, and regret the necessity of this correction; it hardly seems proper to quibble when getting a free plug.

The address you gave used to be that of Earl Kemp, the senior partner in Advent. When he moved, we took a post Office Box, although most of our work is still done in Earl's home. I suppose that you took the old address from the hard-cover edition of WONDER. The correct current address is on the new paper-bound edition which we started sell-

ing at the PITTCON, for \$1.65. We feel that we have pretty well exhausted the market for the \$4 edition, but that there may be some interest in a lower-priced version (identical except for the binding and the price).

As you may have heard, Damon is working on a new book for us, but we are not yet ready to make hard-and-fast announcements of price and publication date. One thing---this will be a new book, not an up-dating of WONDER.

With thanks for your interest in our book, and with all best wishes for your continued success in s-f reporting,

Sincerely yours,  
George W. Price

(Thank you for your letter, we had planned to announce our error in SEARCH OF WONDER's address in this issue, but your letter fills the bill wonderfully. We saw the paper-bound edition of WONDER at the PITTCON and think it is an excellent idea. There are plenty of readers who cannot pay \$4 for a book, but will pay \$1.65. This should be done with most of the science-fiction books published today. We'll be more than happy to publish the news of Knight's new book and other s-f books you may publish. Just send it in when you can. -editor)

# SEACON NEWS

by F. M. Busby

The official business address of the next World Science Fiction Convention is Seattle Science-Fiction Club, P. O. Box 1356, Broadway Branch, Seattle 2, Washington. Membership to the World Con are: North America \$2, plus \$1 if you attend, All Others: \$1, plus \$2 if you attend.

Elinor (Mrs. Busby) has been admitted into the Convention Committee which now totals 6: Wally Weber & Jerry Frahm (co-chairmen), Jim Webbert, Wally Gonser, and Mrs. & Mr. Busby.

As soon as the PITTCON mailing list is forwarded to our Committee, we'll send out a flyer to all on that list in advance of the Progress Reports. Likely we'll run the PITTCON financial report, along with PR ad-rates and all

the available data that might be of interest to potential attendees at that time.

At last report 115 memberships are on hand. While this is very fine, we can use lots more of these, as soon as possible.

The PITTCON Committee kindly gave us an unsolicited \$100 advance on the donation they'll be making when they get down to their final accounting. This is greatly appreciated.

At the moment there are a lot of loose ends to tie down for the upcoming SEACON. We are currently on top of the situation to the extent that we have letters out and meetings scheduled to cope with outlying and local questions respectively.

Nobody has raised the question of PR schedules as yet, but it strikes me that a quarterly schedule for three PRs (based on a Labor Day appearance of the Program Book) would not be out of line, so I think I'll throw that idea on the fire at our next Committee Meeting.

EDITORIAL NOTE: A World Convention needs money well in advance of the actual Convention. NOW is the time to join! SEND YOUR \$2 to the above address and give the Seattle boys and gals a chance to produce a real fine Con. -Taurasi

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