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FOR 2¢ I'D VOTE.....

BOSTON
IN '67

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Are you the forgotten fan???

Are you sick and tired of convention bidders who throw mud at each other throughout the campaign? Are you tired of the same old bidders, year after year--of the same faces, even though the city is different?

Are you the type of fan who deliberately avoids business meetings at conventions, who turns off the alarm and goes back to sleep or who hides in the bar until the blood and gore have stopped flowing?

If, just once, you felt there were a reason your vote would be of value, that there was a new, enthusiastic group actively interested in your vote, would you attend a convention business meeting? If, just once, the faces were new, the enthusiasm was real, would you, Forgotten Fan, care enough to help?

Would you help a city of enthusiastic fans, with a new outlook, fresh ideas, and a will to work? Would you help a city that cares about Forgotten Fan?????????????

Read on, Forgotten Fan.....

There is a city that cares about you. BOSTON, a new, active center of fanac. BOSTON is a new city, with new faces, enthusiastic faces. BOSTON cares about the Forgotten Fan, and BOSTON cares about attendance at business meetings of World Conventions. BOSTON feels that it's about time something was done about poor attendance at business meetings--that the Forgotten Fan, as well as the traditional attendees, should be encouraged to attend the business meetings, to make their vote count.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, BOSTON MAKES THE FOLLOWING OFFER:

TO EACH AND EVERY ATTENDEE AT THE BUSINESS MEETING AT THE 1966 WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, BOSTON WILL PAY THE SUM OF 2¢(TWO CENTS) IN AMERICAN COIN.

Of course, there's an ulterior motive. BOSTON believes that the Forgotten Fan, the man who never attends the business meeting, is the kind of person who's tired of the same old faces, the same old city. He's the man who reads the propaganda and mutters, "For 2¢ I'd vote BOSTON!!!!" We think it's about time that fandom get out of its rut and eliminate the repetitiveness of conventions. And we think fandom agrees. If you'd vote BOSTON for 2¢, we'll give you 2¢.

Of course, you may not want to vote for BOSTON(for instance, you may be Ted White). We don't care. You may attend the meeting anyway. We don't care. Our aim is simply to get every interested fan to attend the business meeting. If 2¢ will interest you enough to make you attend, we want you to attend. Vote for anyone you please--that's not our concern. But vote!

Before you vote, though, we would like you to turn the page and consider what BOSTON has to offer:

FOR 2¢

BOSTON IN '67

Why vote BOSTON in 1967? Undoubtedly you've read our opponents literature; BOSTON, they say, lacks experience; BOSTON has no fanac; BOSTON has never put on a convention...and besides, the two they did were unsuccessful regionals. None of the critics attended, of course.

Lately, certain fans have even implied that the space for the regionals was obtained by lying to the hotel. Of course, the hotel they gave as a reference has no connection with Boskone, but they're willing to overlook minor details.

In order that our competitors make fewer clumsy blunders in future attacks on Boston, we present a few facts:

Boston's hotel is the Statler-Hilton, located in the heart of the city. The Statler is a medium-priced hotel, located 1 block from the YWCA, 6 blocks from the YMCA, and within 3 blocks of a number of inexpensive hotels. It is readily accessible by car(1 block from the Mass. Turnpike Extension), bus($\frac{1}{2}$ block from Trailways and Greyhound terminals), rail(2 blocks from Back Bay Railroad Station), and plane(direct service by limousine from the airport for \$1.50). It is also located 1 block from rapid transit lines.

The hotel's representative, an avid reader of science fiction, is a member of the Boston Science Fiction Society. He has been consistently helpful above and beyond the call of duty, and is working with the committee at every step to produce the best possible convention.

The city needs no description. Boston is one of the most historic cities in America, well worth spending a week for its historic sights alone. It also contains the world's largest open science fiction collection, plus Harvard University's special collection.

The committee is made up of groups from three organizations in Massachusetts: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Science Fiction Society; The University of Massachusetts Science Fiction Society; and the Boston Science Fiction Society. All three groups have offered their eager support to the convention bid, and all three have members supporting and working for the committee. Organized fandom in Boston is new, young, and energetic. With BOSTFS adding continuity to the already-existing college groups, Boston fandom is already making itself known, in such magazines as The Twilight Zine, Famous Fantasy Films, Fan-Fic and the MITSF Index to the SF Magazines, 1950-1965.

The guest of honor, never before so honored by a world convention, is one of the major figures in the field, well-known and well-liked.

So consider your vote for '67, and consider BOSTON, a city with real enthusiasm, real desire, and real energy for the 1967 World Science Fiction Convention. And remember, also, for whomever you vote, attend the 1967 Worldcon business meeting, and let BOSTON make it worth your while.

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