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## SUNDAY, SEPT. 1st.

### MORNING SESSION: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

1. Informal gathering at Convention Hall.
2. Acceptance of Resolutions Petitions.
3. Sale of Official Convention Fan Publications.
4. Luncheon Recess.

### AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:00 to 6:00 P.M.

1. Registration in Foyer.
  - (a) Sale of Chicon Program Booklet.
  - (b) Distribution of Chicon souvenirs.
2. Formal Opening of Chicon by Temporary Chairman.
3. Address of Welcome, by Bob Tucker.
4. Report of the Program Committee; Richard I. Meyer, Chairman.
5. Installment of Mark Reinsberg as Permanent Chairman.
6. "One Year of Fan Progress," by Mark Reinsberg.
7. Report of the Resolutions Committee; Erle Korshak, Chairman.
8. "What Does This Convention Mean?" by E. E. Smith, Ph. D.
9. Motion Picture—Premiere showing of "Monsters of the Moon," a scientific fantasy of the future. Introductory remarks by Forrest J Ackerman.
10. Recess for Refreshments (30 minutes).
11. "What Science Fiction Really Is," by Raymond A. Palmer.
12. This Is Fandom! Introductions of:
  - (a) The Convention Committee.
  - (b) The Fans and Pros of Chicago; the Nation.
13. Supper Recess—preparation for costume party.

### EVENING SESSION: 8:00 P.M. to Midnight.

1. The Science Fiction Masquerade Party; Speer & Rothman, co-Masters of Ceremony.
2. The Science Fiction Auction; Erle Korshak, Auctioneer.
3. Adjournment to Monday Sept. 2nd.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 2nd.

### MORNING SESSION: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. (Closed)

1. Business Meeting of the Illini Fantasy Fictioneers—IFF members only.

### AFTERNOON SESSION: 1:00 to 6:00 P.M.

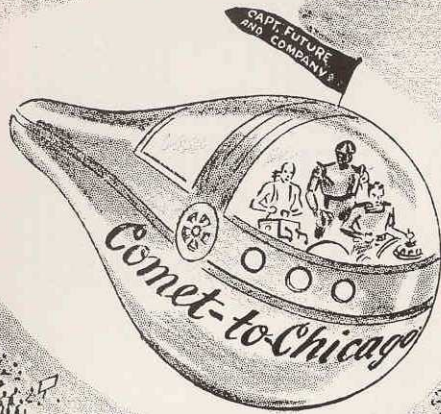
1. Call to order.
2. Reading of the Minutes of previous day; George Tullis, Recording Secretary.
3. Director's Report on the IFF.
4. Report of the Resolutions Committee.
5. Individual presentation of proposed Resolutions by sponsors.
  - (a) Individual debate.
  - (b) Assembly votes for or against adoption of individual proposed Resolutions in Chicon Platform.
6. Reading of Chicon Platform for Fandom.
7. New or unfinished business.
8. Dinner Recess.

### EVENING SESSION: 8:00 P.M. to Midnight.

1. The E. E. Smith Honor Banquet. Celebrating the Chicon's Guest of Honor, the Colossus of all writers of Science Fiction—Edward E. ("Skylark") Smith, Ph. D.
2. After-dinner talks and general discussion.
3. Final adjournment and—Farewell.

### SPECIAL EVENTS (Tuesday, Sept. 3rd)

1. The Science Fiction Softball Game. Two select All-Fan Teams battle for the Championship.
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