

NINTH WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION

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The

Bulletin

No. 1

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

"Oh--groan--you say the Civil War is over? Ugh---the way my nose feels we musta lost, huh? What? We won? You mean Dixie's part of Fandom now? We're running a Convention, not a rump-con?"

"Sure, bud, wake up and live. Your nose got flattened when you shoved so hard on the opposition, and there wasn't any. You went on your face."

That's the way it feels, fellows, we're still gasping in disbelief at our success. Thought it'd be never, and it's now.

But to the point. As you will probably see in the Secretary's report, the Nolacon will be held in the Claiborne Room of the St. Charles Hotel here. Please make all reservations through him. Otherwise address all Nolacon correspondence to me: this is on Don Day's advice, in order to avoid delay through misdirection. He advised either a common R.O. Box or funneling all correspondence through one person. Since I am one person and also cheaper than a Box, I am elected. 10 q.

I have been to the previous four conventions, and I may truthfully say that I think the Claiborne Room is the swellest hall I have seen of them yet: mahogany walls with large mirrors inset. Can be opened out by means of folding partitions, to hold upward of 500 people. And, yes, it's air conditioned--the whole hotel is air conditioned. Indirect lighting. And the management will provide all the tables required for the displays of the various publishers. Depending on the Nolacon-dollar income between now and then, we may not make any charge for these tables.

My attitude about this money question is strictly informal. Paul Ferrara may give me some argument on this, but I think that the con and its attenders should get the first consideration: if there is no profit due to our charging too little, the things the con can subsidize will be curtailed, but the fans will have more in their pocketbooks HERE. I will see if all such questions cannot be put up for a vote from the floor. Impractical, ain't it? On the other hand, we are indebted to Norwescon for \$100--so there are certainly two sides to the question.

As of the present, the listing of pros expected comprise: Dr. Edward E. Smith, Stan Mullen, E. Everett Evans, Mack Reynolds, Fred Brown, Walt Sheldon, Lilith Lorraine, Robert Bloch, Anthony Boucher, Lloyd A. Eshbach, Bea Mahaffey, Rog Phillips, Boris Dolgov, Hans Stefan Santesson, Editor of the Unicorn Mystery Book Club, and Ralph Robin, author of The Pygmies of Phobos---see April 1936 Amazing Stories, Will F. Jenkins and Nelson Bond have expressed considerable interest, but due to the war situation, won't commit themselves definitely.

This war situation is, of course gumming things up considerably: is the principal reason for the delays we've all suffered from. Hotels demanding guarantees of this that and the other. But the program shapes up thus to date: EEEvans with a talk on the history of fandom--for the education of us backwoods swamp-rats--come-lately. Dr. Smith to mediate a panel, subject to be decided by you., PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU ON THIS. Lilith Lorraine for one on the line of the cultural influence of Science Fiction, including sf poetry---again let me hear your ideas---re the twist necessary here to give it the old zing---after all, no one

knows better than she that this looks pretty arid on the bare face of it ;but on the other hand, Miss Lorraine is a renowned and cultured artist and a very capable speaker. She could have a mighty effect on those who see naught in stf but beams and fems. So what ideas have you for the angles? The Old Switcheroo, you know. Come forth with 'em.???IDEAS HERE???

In case you are immersed in ignorance, Miss Lorraine is an old-time stf authoress from the early days of the Gernsback Wonder Stories, and is now the Founder-Director of the Avalon World Arts Academy and Editor of the Little Magazines, "Different" and "Challenge", devoted mostly to off-trail stf and stf poetry.

Other talks have been bespoken, subject, of course, to appearance of the booked ones. But then, all things are, aren't they? Dan McPhail, Jack Speer, and Stan Mullen. Topics undecided.

This indefinite stuff---there have been some rumors floated out of some quarters hereabouts to the effect that the Nolacon is suspending soon, on account of the war. Perhaps I have fed them a bit myself. Well, let them die the death now. Unless you write in and tell us to suspend on this or other account, THE CON GOES ON. Things are now in good enough shape that we COULD stop working, and you would still have a pretty good affair. Of course the non-attending subscribers probably wouldn't think much of our doing so---so we won't. But it's a cute thought.

The Dianetics session will be covered elsewhere herein, so I shall simply add my \$.02-worth, saying that we know whereof we speak. NOSIS now has a member graduated from the Hubbard Foundation. I myself have about 600 hours auditing experience, now. We never accepted any Authority---we tried it ourselves. It's pretty much as claimed. We owe you the benefits of our experience...and later techniques than are in the original text.

We will, of course, do everything to facilitate travel for would-be attenders. Everyone intending to drive here please let me know. No doubt you would like passengers for the divided expenses, even if you aren't sufficiently altruistic to help an neager but needy fan free---which, of course, you are. We want as many as possible to get the opportunity, now that there is a convention down here. So do the Chamber of Commerce, and so do all the bars, night clubs, restaurants, and all the other things you fans seem to incline toward---ah, what an acute angle this inclination'll take here!! So help the other fellow, huh?

First prospect, and a good one: Lynn A. Hickman, 408 W. Bell St., Statesville, N.C. is a travelling man. Covers N.C. and S.C., + southern Va. He wants to organize a motacade here; will probably do as he wants, too, as he sounds like a go-getter. And being a travelling man, he probably'll be easily persuadable to zigzag quite a bit to pick you-all up. Right, Lynn?

And now, beloved friends, will you help us in one other little matter? There are some people who have to be knocked in the head. Anyone who hasn't sent in his buck to

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Of course, if you have a better way, now?? Take the way most fun for
EVERYONE

THE SAD TALE

of a Nolacon Sec: Emanuel S. Lashover,
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about

A LOT OF SACKS

Ye Dishonorable Secretary wishes at this time to state a fact which is not only self-evident, but whose truth has been proven over a period of fourteen (14) years (count them) of travel over the entire face of Terra by ship, plane, automobile and jet-propelled ox-carts, namely and to wit: "A weary wanderer in a strange city must needs have a comfortable sack to repose his tired bones, to rebuild his store of energy and recharge his batteries, and finally, to recuperate from the hangover caused by the inhalation of Venusian Ambrosia chased down by innumerable Pluto waters (the Head is the third door down the hall)." Starting with this indisputable axiom, our next consideration must be the discovery of not only one such haven, but sufficient air-conditioned (we know the windows are hard to open) sacks for the tremendous group of Fans who will attend the NOLACON.

Well Doc, if you think you have troubles, hold onto your hat. This lovely oasis of literature, music, arts and Mickey Finns draws such an enormous number of tourists from all over the Solar System, only one of the major hotels had facilities available to handle the Nolacon. However, everything comes to him who waits, and we are delirious with joy in announcing that the NOLACON will definitely take place on Labor Day Week-End, 1951 at the world famous St. Charles Hotel, just two blocks away from the infamous French Quarter, where sin and gin are mixed in equal quantities with very small after-effects other than hard radiations the next morning.

The management of the St. Charles have graciously placed at our disposal a large meeting hall and are holding accommodations for 100 persons in 35 single rooms, and the balance in doubles. Each and every room is air-conditioned and all have baths. These reservations will be held only until two weeks prior to the opening date of the Nolacon, and in the event we have not spoken for all of them, the balance will be thrown open to the general public, the peasants!

O.K. But, I hear you in the back of the crowd. So you don't want all of these creature comforts. You'll be satisfied with just a pallette of straw and you'll take your air-conditioning from an electric fan, just as long as the tariff is lower. Well just don't fret, we've got you covered. There are a number of smaller hotels within walking distance where you can "flop" for the modest sum of \$2 per the night and up. Oh, I'm sorry that I misunderstood you. The Gendarmes frown upon the use of park benches for that purpose and have the unseemly manners of roughly hauling such occupants into "durance Vile".

Treasurer's Report

March 4, 1951

Dear Fans:

Please accept our thanks for your support of the Nolacon.
If everyone concerned responded as promptly what a convention
we could have!

Money, unfortunately, is a necessary evil in putting on a convention. Please get behind any fans you know who have not taken out membership in the Nolacon Committee to do so.

Most of all try to attend the convention. The greater the attendance, the bigger and better time we'll have. It is indeed a case of the more the merrier.

For your information a statement of our financial operations to date follows:

Income:

Nolascon Committee membership dues	\$126.00
Norwescon contribution	100.00
	<u>226.00</u>

Expenses:

Postal cards for adv.	19.00
Alum. for mem. cards	1.66
Nolscon envelopes	9.99
Nolscon letterheads	26.37
Mimeograph supplies	4.02
Adv. in Butts' zine	1.00
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Balance in treasury	\$163.96
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Semantically yours,

Paul A. Ferrara, Treasurer

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ional, for half-toning. Pictures already reproduced thus, may of course be considered line drawings.

YES, YOU CAN HAVE TYPE SET. If layouts are not fully complete, or other type is desired, we will perform this at slight additional cost--and bill you. However, such work must be received well ahead of the August 1st deadline or ad may not appear. Time can fly in that last-minute correspondence. On the other hand, we expect this additional to really be slight, so we may be swallowing the difference, usually. Darum, if you don't hear from us, don't worry. Just make a special effort.....

and be sure.

ATTENTION TO THE READING

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Feb.27th

to the date of this writing

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WHF DIANETICS?????

Since the introduction of dianetics to the public thru the medium of articles in ASF, a great deal of interest in the subject has been evinced by all classes of StF readers. Dianetics has appealed most quickly to people of disciplined minds. StF readers comprise a high proportion of mathematicians, engineers, physicists, and chemists men active in the practice and teaching of the sciences or with interests in this field. Such people exhibit a definite ability to weigh data objectively and to place much emphasis on "DOES IT WORK?" With the increasing weight of evidence that Dianetics works for the individual and for the group, your committee has seen fit to schedule a symposium on the subject at your convention.

We should hesitate to undertake on this page a validation of such a comprehensive subject even to the select group of people open to new ideas which is our Fandom. Your committee solicits all data on Dianetics which you may be able to volunteer. While we do not propose as the symposium's function the proving to the skeptic of Dianetics worth, we do think that personal observations from the floor (or aside) will be valuable in the presentation of the DIANETICS NOW picture at the convention.

We hope to present a fair picture of the pros and cons by the close of the meeting, from the man who has tried it and knows there is nothing to it even though his chronic ulcers and migraine just happened to turn off during processing to the man working with it in conjunction with the medical profession. By Labor Day a great deal more data will be available. By that time many book auditing teams should approach CLEAR. The data they can supply as to difficulties encountered with only the book for help should be very constructive. Further refinements of the ultra-safe and time saving HURDY GURDY and LOCK SCRAMBING will be available, and unquestionably methods will be delineable by that time which will appeal to the many who have been interested but have not cared to undertake coauditing without a source of professional advice in their immediate area to fall back on. I well remember how shortly after the last war, an add by an appliance dealer in New Orleans offering new refrigerators for sale brought no inquiries for two days. Thousands of people in dire need of new