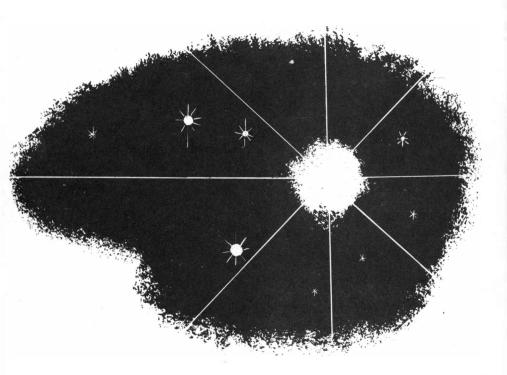


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Achievement Awards!

BESTOR'S "DEMOLISHED MAN" LEAD-ING AS BEST NOVEL IN EARLY VOTING: FORREST. J. ACKERMAN AND HARLAN ELLISON TIED FOR FAVORITE FAN!

In Progress Report Number Three we announced that awards in nine categories of Science Fiction Achievement would be made at the Convention, and we printed a ballot listing the nine categories in that Report so that each and every member of the Convention could vote for his or her choices. While it is still too early to predict outcomes, and only a small number of members have already sent in their ballots, we're reporting the "early returns" as a matter of general inter-

There is still time to (a) do a little campaigning to line up a solid bloc of votes for your favorites, (b) get some members ---every membership is a potential vote for your favorites, and (c) get your own votes in before our August 25th postmark deadline. In the categories of outstanding FAN MAGAZINE, COVER PAINTING, INTERIOR ILLUSTRATION and SHORT STORY OR NOVELETTE the field is wide open, with no front-runners yet. So far, Bestor's <u>Demolished Man</u> is leading in the NOVEL class, with Bob Tucker's Long Loud Silence in second place. Most votes for favorite FAN are divided between old-timer Forrest J. Ackerman and new-timer Harlon Ellison. Galaxy 1s just edging Astounding as favorite PRO MAGAZINE. Willy Ley's For Your Information. James For Your Information. James Gunn's Philosophy of Science

Fiction, and Robert Madle's Inside Science Fiction are leading in the FACT ARTICLE category, and illustrator Ed Emsh. authors Philip Jose Farmer and Robert Sheckley are all choices for outstanding NEW DISCOVERY. Of course, returns in the next couple of weeks could considerably alter the above picture; we're sitting in a neutral corner hollering only "May the best fans win!"

We have received numerous requests, complaints, protests and general hell-raising from fans who don't want to mutilate (!) their Number Three Report, asking us to change the rules so that they may vote without having to cut the ballot out of that Report. To this end, we are enclosing postal cards which may be used instead of the official ballot. Just fill out these cards and mail them to us. Print or write plainly. Remember to put YOUR NAME and YOUR CONVENTION MEMBERSHIP NUMBER on the card.

The nine categories are:

- 1. NOVEL
- 2. NOVELETTE OR SHORT STORY
- 3. FAN PERSONALITY
- 4. PROFESSIONAL MAGAZINE
- 5. COVER PAINTING
- 6. INTERIOR ILLUSTRATION (S)
- 7. FAN MAGAZINE
 8. FACT ARTICLE (S)
 9. NEW DISCOVERY (author or artist)

Please be specific as possible in naming your choices.

HAPPY VOTING!

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Time proceeds in its merry course, and the date of the big convention looms ahead of us. Memberships pour in at an increasing rate, the program keeps filling out, and the sense of excitement nounts as the great

event draws near.

Much has happened since the last Progress Report, as a look at the convention program (printed on another page) will show. Fletcher Pratt is our latest and proudest addition to the program. This is a first for him and for us. It is his first convention, and having heard him speak elsewhere, we know that he will make an exciting climax to an afternoon's session.

In addition to the formal program, we have not forgotten what some people feel is the your participation, your enthumost important phase of a consiam are what will ensure the vention: having a good time. A convention is a place to convene, to talk to other people, time has only himself to blame. to have fun. On Saturday night

there will be plenty of opportunity to relax up in the roof garden, where we will have our private bar.

Concerning the much-beat-about Masquerade Ball, the final decision is this: there will be a costume party. We have bowed to public opinion and have scheduled the party to be held after the banquet. The New York Science Fiction Circle is in charge of all details concerning the party and will work assiduously to ensure that it will be an enjoyable affair.

The Convention Committee has done its best to create a program that will satisfy most of the people most of the time. Beyond that the convention is in your hands. Your spirit, success of the convention. Anyone who fails to have a good

****** DEPARTMENT OF MISSING PERSONS

We are unable to send Progress Reports to the following people because of insufficient addresses. If you know where any of these people live, please send us a card, or inform the person involved.

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Tom Reamy ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS! Please be sure to inform us of change of address, since the Post Office does not forward class mail. Even though this is the last Progress Report, we still are going to mail a copy of the Program Booklet to all those who do not attend the convention.

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PROGRAM

for The 11th World Science Fiction Convention

At The BELLEVUE-STRATFORD HOTEL

SATURDAY, September 5th

Morning: Registration

Afternoon: Main Ballroom

2 PM. Call to order by Irvin C. Heyne.
Presentation of gavel to chairman.
Welcome and keynote address.
Report of Rules Committee and adoption of
convention rules. L. Sprague de Camp.
Announcements and introductions

Address by Willy Ley, Guest of Honor.

5 PM. Evening recess.

Evening: Burgundy Room

8 PM. Auction

9 PM. Meeting of NFFF.

9 PM. Informal gathering in roof garden. (Pay bar)

SUNDAY, September 6th

Morning: Main Ballroom

10 AM. Science Fiction Abroard.

Bert Campbell, Editor of Authenic Science Fiction
(England)
Tetsu Yanu (Japan)

"The Future of Love -- a non-scientific fiction."
by Irvin C. Heyne

Afternoon: Main Ballroom

1 PM. Introduction of Robert Bloch, M.C.
 Humor by George O. Smith
 Symposium: "Science Fiction as a Career."
 L. Sprague de Camp (writing
 Lester Del Rey (editing and agenting)
 Robert W. Lowndes (fans who have become pros)
 Contest of plays and skits. Irvin Heyne, M.C.

THE PROGRAM (Continued)

SUNDAY, September 6th

Evening: Main Ballroom

7 PM. Banquet.
Isaac Asimov, MC.
Presentation of awards.
Entertainment.

MONDAY, September 7th

Morning: Main Ballroom

10 AM. Debate: Is the present method of choosing convention sites the best one?

Discussion of permanent convention organization.

Led by David A. Kyle.

Presentation of resolutions and general discussion.

Afternoon: Main Ballroom

1 PM. "Is Science Catching Up With Science Fiction?"
"Computing Machines." Fletcher Pratt.

Evening: Main Ballroom

8 PM. Election of site of next convention.

Continuation of auction.
Drawings for door prizes, etc.
Farewell....

This is a somewhat tentative line-up for the program. The final program should be pretty much the same as the above except for any important additions which we may get in the meantime. We are, of course, still working to secure the best and most important names in the field to make this the most enjoyable stf convention program possible.

We hope that you will enjoy it.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

There has been a consistent change of Publicity Chairmen for the convention, starting with Tom Clareson -- who left for a teaching position in Labrador Alan E. Nourse--who left on vacation in June, and ending with myself, Lyle Kessler. Nevertheless, the publicity has been exceptionally good. Both the professional editors and the fan magazine editors have kept steady announcement of the convention in their mags. For we cannot thank them this enough.

But now on to the latest Publicity notices for the 11th

World Convention

THERE WILL BE a Costume Party at the con! This will be sponsored by the New York Science Fiction Circle, and special "Certificates" will be presented to everyone coming in costume. Dave Kyle states that an attempt is being made to get a color photograph of the masquerade as a cover on a professional science fiction magazine.

As for outside publicity, Dave Eynon, well known writer for Weird Tales. is taking care of Newspaper coverage. Also, all the large national news and general magazines have been contacted. A few t.v. appearances and radio announcements are in the planning stage.

And finally after a long and certainly tiring year the publicity work is almost over. We would like to thank whole-heartedly the editors, fans, readers, and writers of science fiction who over the past year have helped to publicize the convention. To try to list all of these wonderful people would

be impossible; it would take up the whole Progress Report. But we want them to know that their help and advice has been greatly appreciated. We hope the next convention, where ever it may be, receives the same fine support that we have had.

ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Arrangements Committee expected to be overwhelmed by an avalanche of inquiries concerning transportation problems and car-pools for distant fans. But there have been very few requests. Perhaps the more remote fans have perfected teleportation. However, Marion Mallinger, 734 Mellon Street, Pittsburgh 6, Penna., is arranging a train pool at reduced rates for those fen in the Smoky City area. And in Chicago, Evan H. Appelman. 133 Laurel Avenue, Highland Park, Illinois, is the person to contact if you want transportation or passengers. And last, but not least, Barbara Bowden. RFD #1. King Street. Bay Shore, Long Island, New York, would like a ride over.

Early arriving fen will be registered on Friday evening in the Convention suite. Be sure to report there, if you arrive on Friday. For general benefit of members, we will maintain an information booth in the main lobby of the hotel between sessions. You will find it handy for leaving and receiving messages, contacting friends, etc.

For those who will want souvenirs of what should be a great occasion, we have secured the services of Joseph Zinni, one of Philadelphia's outstanding photographers. Joe will be taking pictures all during the convention and in many cases will be able to turn finished

work over before the convention is over. To make these pictures more interesting and valuable many of them will be shot against a special sciencefictional backround which is being prepared by artist Russell Swanson. They should serve as lasting momento of the 1953 convention.

Since time is getting short, if you want to form a car pool or want transportation, write directly to:

> Irvin C. Heyne 272 Trent Road Penn Wynne Philadelphia 31, Penna. *****

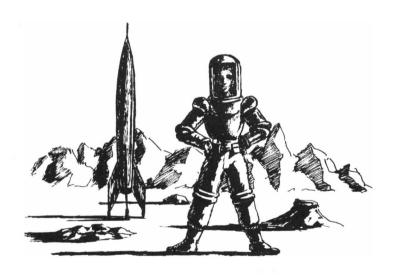
ANOTHER REMINDER about hotel reservations: get your reservations in now because the best rooms are going fast. Remember The Bellevue-Stratford has a standard price for all rooms and mail it in NOW!

ART COMMITTEE

The Art Committee wishes to thank all those who submitted art work to us for the Progress Reports. While most of it was very good, we are sorry that the restrictions of space allowed us to use only a few of the many fine pieces of work sent us. We hope it will not be long until the work of such men as Joe Love and Anthony de Luna is seen in more professional magazines than this. You have all made our job easier.

TABLES FOR EXHIBITS AVAILABLE

Tables for the exhibition of professional or fan publications will be available at the convention. A very small fee will be charged for publishers and book-sellers. The use of during this convention. Fill tables for fans will be free. out the card which was enclosed with the third Progress Report, and weil it is now. plete details.



Young Translator To Attend Convention Of Science Fiction

from the English (Reprinted of The Mainichi, a Japanese Newspaper, for April 27. 1953)

KOBE, Apr. 26---In order to attend the 11th World Convention of Science Fiction to be held in Philadelphia on September 5-7, Tetsu Yano, 29, trans-lator of science novels of Kobe will leave here on April 27.

He will board the M.S. Kamikawa Maru of the Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha at Yokohama on April 29.

Prior to attending the world convention, he will participate in the West Coast Convention of Science Fiction, which will be held in Los Angeles on May 30-31.

The young translator is going to America on the invitation of Forrest J. Ackerman, noted novelist, critic and agent for novels, whose nickname is "Mr. Science Fiction."

Yano became acquainted with Ackerman through his short articles, which appeared in Ameri-can magazines "Startling" and "Imagination" under the title:

"Letter From Japan."

Visiting the Mainichi Kobe branch office this morning, the youthful translator said that he wanted to tour 24 states in America by a Harley Davidson motorcycle, covering a distance of 28,000 kilometers starting from Los Angeles.

In his recent letter to Yano,

Ackerman said in part:

"If ever you should be able to get to California, be assured that you would be most welcome at any Thursday night meeting of our Science Fiction Club.

"In fact, you would be Guest of Honor. My wife and I would be most pleased to have you as a guest in our home, sleeping and eating here without charge, while you were visiting Los Angeles.

"I would try to arrange for you to visit a motion picture studio, and do anything else within my power to make your

stay pleasant.
"Of course you would be welcome to look at all my s.f. books and magazines, would arrange for you to meet such important s.f. personalities as Ray Bradbury and A.E. van Vogt....

On April 10 Yano received a telegram from Ackerman reading: "Guarantee your maintenance while in U.S.A. also departure." Accordingly, he made up his mind to visit America and attend the international to convention.

So you see Forry is helping to make this a really international convention by his one-man "East Meets West" campaign.

Any fans who wish to aid 48J in his campaign may send contributions to:

Forrest J. Ackerman 915 South Sherbourne Drive Los Angeles 35, Calif.

Remember, Forry is paying all expenses for Yano, during the Japanese fan's stay in country.

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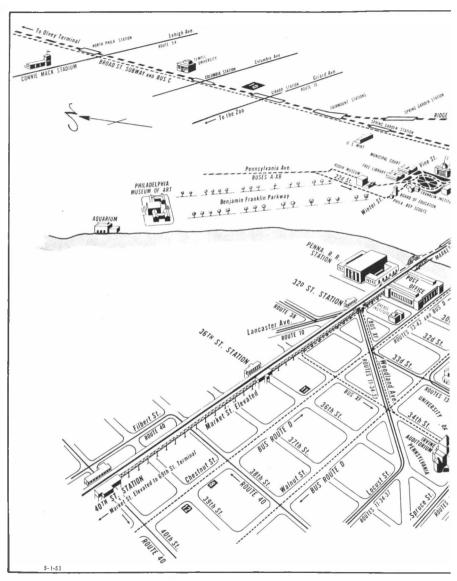
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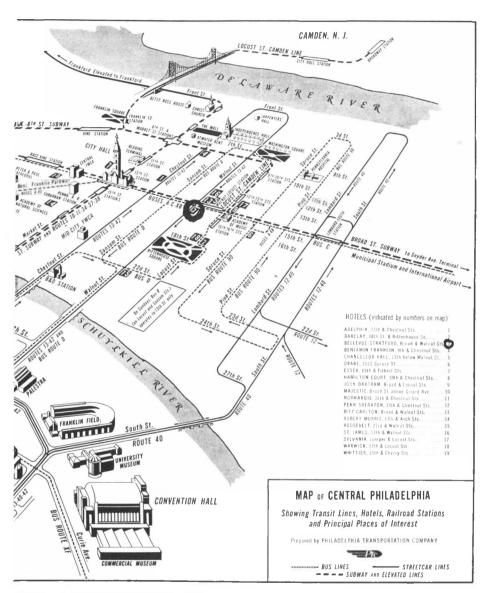
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THE QUESTION OF A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR S F CONVENTIONS

WILL FUTURE SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTIONS BE HANDLED BY A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION?

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION?

This coming 11th Convention is expected to make some definite progress toward a "national sponsoring body", which a resolution at the 10th Convention in Chicago recommended for future science fiction conventions.

At the moment the question of what kind of "national sponsoring body" is wide open to suggestions. In order to permit everyone to offer ideas on this important subject, a sub-committee is compiling all suggestions for discussion at the Philadelphia convention. Much more interest in this vital problem is urged of all members—whether or not they are planning to be at Philadelphia.

Write down your ideas today and send them directly to David Kyle, 300 West 67th Street, New York 23, N.Y., who is chairman of the sub-committee on the National Sponsoring Body.

Dave, whose original resolution was passed at Chicago for the creation of such a body, says: "Every person in fandom, regardless of his age or experiance, should make his ideas known to us. If ever there was a time when a fan was needed by fandom and responsible for its progress, that time is now. Please don't delay. Write that long letter or that succinct postal card to us today. You will be our guide to the decisions that must be made."

These questions in particular concern Dave's committee, and need your opinions and comments:

1. Should there be an Advisory Board to convention committees? How should the members be chosen?

2. Should there be fan representatives from each geographical section of the country on the convention committee? Should there also be representatives of other countires? How should they be chosen?

3. Should there be a permanent custodian-historian for all

convention records?

4. Should there be a name given to the "national sponsoring body" which will be used year after year in order to give continuity and permanance to sf conventions? What name?

5. Should all former members of conventions be considered as "life members" of the "national sponsoring body" with current members of the current convention as the only "active members entitled to vote?" Should members who continue to demonstrate their interest year after year be given any recognition by using membership titles or grades of membership which carry no additional authority or voting power and remain completely honory? Or should such members who earn such titles or grades be given increased responsibility? What responsibility?

6. Should fan clubs as units be asked to share in the burden of convention organizing? If so, should there be some sort of minimum requirement to determine which clubs are properly constituted? What requirements?

7. Should there be an official seal or insignia for conventions from year to year? Should there also be convention badges using such a seal?

Let Dave hear from you. What you have to say may greatly effect future of conventions! you

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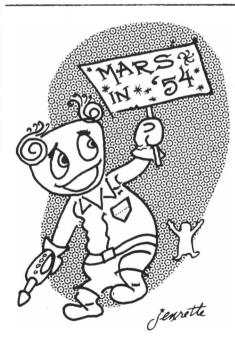
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THE PROGRESS REPORTER

Here is the fourth and final Progress Report, and ye olde editor of same believes it is a good time to give a recap of the history of the 11th World as it has happened so far. It could well be titled "The Trials and Tribulations of Putting on a Science Fiction Convention."

DAVE HAMMOND, the editor of PR #1 has told you how some of the members of the Philadelphia Science Fiction Society went to the Chicago Con with the intention of bringing the 11th to the East; and how we succeeded beyond our original plans.

After we returned to Philly the fun started. If there was one thing that was consistent about this so far, it has been all the changes that occured in

the past year.

To show what we mean DAVE HAMMOND, after completing the first PR enlisted 1 n the ALAN NOURSE took Air Force. over for PR #2 and asked if I would assist him with it. Then TOM CLARESON, who was head of the Publicity Committee left for a teaching position in Labrador. Alan also took over there. After Alan put out the second issue of the PR he asked if I would be editor of the third and fourth. Nourse, who has more energy than any three men (he is a medical student at The University of Pennsylvania, a constant contributor to many of the sf magazines and who worked very hard on the Convention Committee) is now taking a very well earned vacation. is succeeded as Publicity Chairman by LYLE KESSLER.

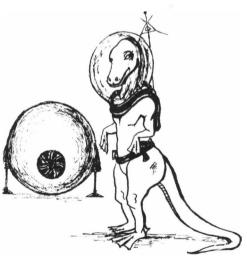
We on the Convention Commit- tee were saddened by the death of JIM WILLIAMS, then Chairman of the convention on March 22. MILTON A. ROTHMAN, who had been Chairman of the Philcon in 1947

was elected as the present Chairman.

Now we have just heard that BOB MADLE is going to move to Charlotte, North Carolina shortly before the convention, but that he will be back here for the shindig. It has been a job just finding new faces to fill old places.

Enough of this griping, it has been work, but it is still fun.

Your editor would like to thank publicly some of the people who have helped to lighten the burdens. Especially DAVE KYLE and the other members of the New York Science Fiction Circle, such as JEAN CARROLL, who have on many occasions come to Philly to attend convention meetings. Their advice, suggestions and assistance has been invaluable. LESTER DEL REY, who has run a complete article on the convention in his magazine. BOB TUCKER, who had done the same in his fan-



zine, and all those other professional and fan editors who have continuously plugged the coming con. To all much thanks.

Now before ye ed closes his Smith-Corona, gathers his "goon squad" about him and passes out the hand blasters (he doubles as your Sergeant-at-Arms at the con) here are some facts which should interest you.

THE MAP on pages 12 and 13 shows downtown Philadelphia. The Bellevue-Stratford is at Broad and Walnut Streets, in the heart of downtown Philly. It can easily be reached from the PRR and B&O Railroad stations.

Of interest also, is the news that the Fels Planetarium the Franklin Institute is showing A Trip To Mars during Sept-ember. If you have never been to a planetarium this is one show you should not miss during your stay in the City of Brotherly Love.

SEE YOU AT THE CONVENTION

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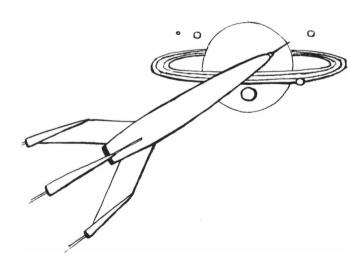
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