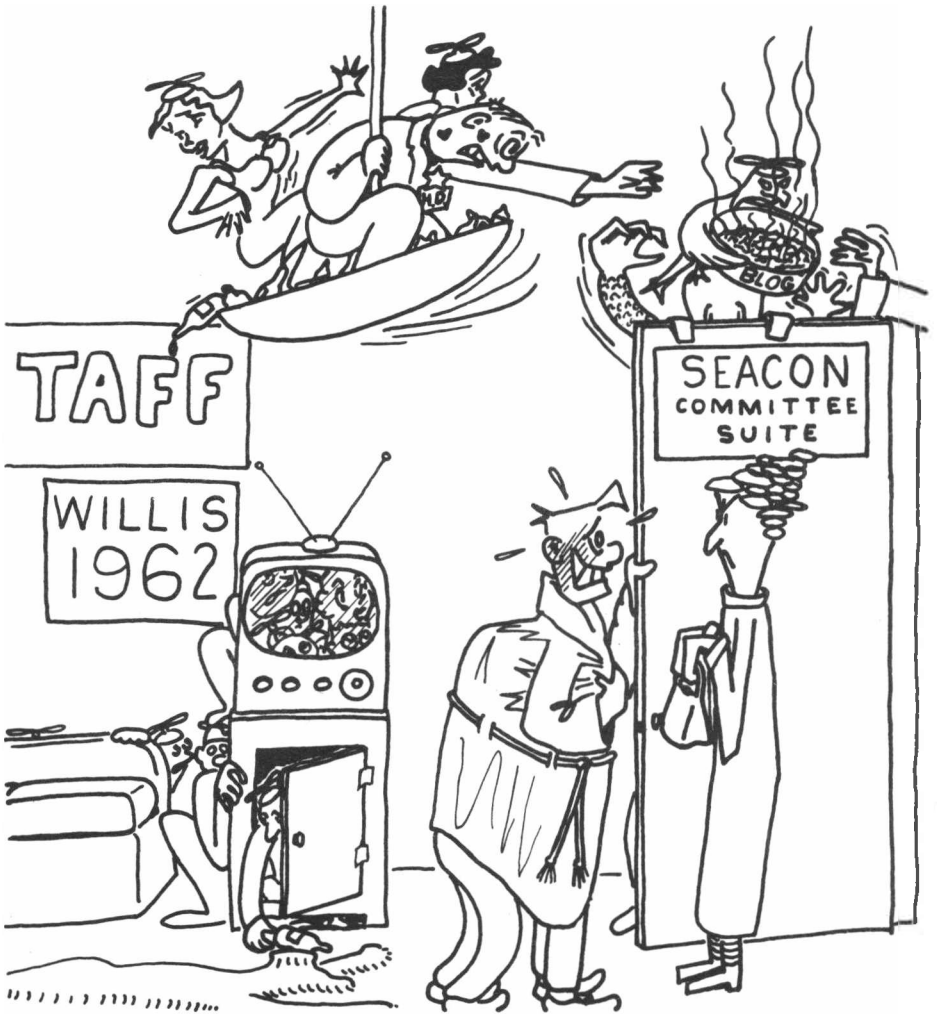


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Poul Anderson, who will address the Convention on opening day (Saturday, September 2nd), says: "Tentatively had thought of preparing a few remarks... on the ritualistic rather than reportorial nature of fiction in general and science fiction in particular...from which a conclusion or two might be drawn As to What Should Be Done About It All." Certainly an over-reliance on the "formula plot" is a recurrent problem in the field. And Poul, who has done some beautiful jobs of standing a given well-worn "formula" hilariously on its ear for the reader's enjoyment, is the ideal man to discuss this problem.

Dirce Archer, who so successfully "Chaired" the PittCon, says: "The following people have accepted appointments as members of the Hugo Committee:"

Howard DeVore	Hal Lynch	Steve Schultheis
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Dirce Archer is Committee Chairman (and workhorse), without a vote except in case of a tie." The Hugo Committee plans to meet at the Midwestcon; anyone with ideas to push about the Hugo Awards arrangements should give them to a member of the Hugo Committee (prior to the Midwestcon, preferably).

Jim Webbert, our "Have Gun, so Don't Cavil" sergeant of arms, says: "Be sure to mention that all resolutions or proposals to be considered at the business meeting must be submitted to the Committee in writing at or before Saturday noon, September 2nd!" Well, actually, Jim just said: "Don't forget to tell 'em about the deadline!" but it does read better the other way, don't you think?

Elinor Busby says: "We've had some good response to requests for auction material but more is needed. How about it? One fan's White Elephant may be just what another fan is looking for, and you'd be doing the convention a real good turn at the same time." Elinor is so right; we will accept donations of material (art or mss or books or what have you) most gladly.

Wally Gonser says: "The Hyatt House offer to set the Mosaic Room up as a Coffee Shop Annex for Saturday's dinner-hour--that's really going to help avoid any jam-ups." (The Mosaic Room will also be available for group-meetings or slide-shows, etc., throughout the Convention. Come on, you fannish group officers: when do you want to schedule your meetings?)

F.M. Busby says: "And here we nearly left out the commercial! Of course you know that World S-F Cons are the science-fiction Event of the Year which you shouldn't miss because you'll just hate yourself if you do, but still it is only the kindly thing to remind you. And--oh, yes--send in your Banquet reservations as soon as possible. This will ensure that you have the entree of your choice and a seat for the festivities; it will help in bringing peace of mind to you, to us, and to the catering director!"

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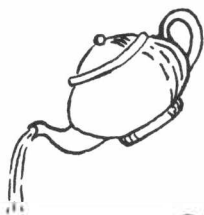
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