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## an appreciation

One day in November, 1949, a 23-year-old graduate of the University of Missouri's School of Journalism, who had been trying for five unsuccessful months to see if he could get anywhere as a freelance writer, sat down in an old two-family Brooklyn house, wrote a 1200-word short-short in 40 minutes, and sent it off (God bless him!) to that brandnew publication, The Magazine of Fantasy (which was soon to add + Science Fiction to its title).

McComas and I found in the slushpile this story beginning "X ---- This day when it had light mother called me a retch"; and our eyes popped. What was the matter with us, we asked, that we'd never heard of this Richard Matheson? Obviously a firstrate professional--probably a writer in some other line experimenting with science-fantasy. And would readers, we asked ourselves further, put up with such experimental technique, or would they insist on closer adherence to familiar pulp methods? We very nearly decided (a terrifying if-crux) that the story was superb but unpublishable; but after all it took up only three pages....

Those three pages were in our Summer, 1950, issue, which contained stories by Elisabeth Sanxay Holding, Cleve Cartmill, Andre Maurois, H. R. Wakefield, and A. Bertram Chandler, all pretty fair fantasy-writers. But the sensation of the issue, as every fan now knows, was Richard Matheson's "Born of Man and Woman". It was the most spectacularly successful of all the many notable firsts F+SF has brought forth.

Within a matter of months, Matheson had advanced from unpublished writer to author of an accepted classic.

Needless to say, matters moved more slowly after that. Stories don't always write themselves in 40 minutes; not all stories (even good ones) sell; not all sold stories (even great ones) create much stir. But at the end of a little over a year from his first sale, Matheson had sold 13 stories, Page 6

chiefly to us, to Horace Gold, and to Damon Knight.

And what's important about those early sales, as about all Matheson stories since, is that they were widely varied in manner and matter, yet all recognizably Mathesonian-never just-another-commercial-story that might carry any by-line at all.

Matheson has gone on to many types of writing--crime novels, paperback s.f., stories for magazines outside our field (especially <u>Playboy</u>), films--and all his work is marked by the same integrity, the same ability to retain individualwhile filling the needs of a market.

And what is the most striking characteristic of this Matheson individuality? It is that, as Robert Bloch has written, "Matheson gets closer to his characters than anyone else in the field of fantasy today....You don't read a Matheson story--you experience it."

He has many other virtues, notably an unusual agility in trick prose and trick construction and a too-littlerecognized (or exercised) skill on offtrail humor; but his great strength is his power to take a reader inside a character or a situation.

On its more realistic level, this power can be verified. In "Old Haunts" Matheson wrote from the inside about middle age. In "The Test" he described an agonizing parentchild relation which he has never experienced. In each case, I know that his projection from within is so painfully real and true that I believe him unquestioningly when he shows what is inside an amorous Venus girl or an involuntary telepath or a mutant who drips green.

How Matheson knows these things could itself be the subject for a Matheson story. I've no idea how it's done; but believe me, he knows.

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Listen to him.

# Anthony matheson

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Richard Matheson's first appearance in book form was the anthologization of "Born of Man and Woman" in The Best Science Fiction Stories: 1951, edited by Everett F. Bleiler and T. E. Dikty (Fell, 1951). Anthology appearances since then have been far too numerous to list. These are the solo Matheson books:

SCIENCE-FANTASY NOVELS:

I Am Legend. New York: Gold Medal (1954). 160 pp. 25¢ London: Corgi (1956). 2/-The Shrinking Man. New York: Gold Medal (1956). 192 pp. 35¢ A Stir of Echoes. Philadelphia: Lippincott (1958). 220 pp. \$3.00

SUSPENSE NOVELS:

Someone is Bleeding. New York: Lion (1953). 159 pp. 25¢ Fury on Sunday. New York: Lion (1954). 128 pp. 25¢

SCIENCE-FANTASY SHORT STORIES:

Born of Man and Woman: Tales of Science Fiction and Fantasy. Introduction by Robert Bloch. Philadelphia:Chamberlain (1954). 252 pp. \$3.00 London: Reinhardt (1956). 10/6 17 stories

Third from the Sun: Selections from "Born of Man and Woman". New York: Bantam (1955). 180 pp. 25¢ 13 stories from the above The Shores of Space. New York: Bantam (1957). 184 pp. 35¢

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#### GENERAL

A. The Business Meeting of the 16th World Science Fiction Convention will be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order as modified by these Convention Rules, except that in the absence of controversy, formalities of procedure need not be strictly adhered to.

#### CONVENTION SITE FOR 1959:

A. A group submitting a bid for the 1959 WorldCon shall submit in writing, to the SOLACON Secretary, at least thirty days before the Business Meeting, the name of the proposed site, names and addresses of the proposed officers and members of its committee, and the name of the group bidding.

B. Nominating speeches shall be allowed a maximum time of ten minutes for each group placing a bid. Bids shall be placed in the name of the proposed site.

C. Seconding speeches shall be limited to two for each group placing a bid, with a maximum time of three minutes for each individual speech.

D. Voting procedure to select the 1959 WorldCon site will be by ballot. except in the event that only one bid is placed.

E. Should two ballots be required to select the 1959 WorldCon site, only the top bids which together received the majority of votes shall be placed on the second ballot.

BY-LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A. The SOLACON Committee will appoint a Rules Committee, and the membership present at 7:00 pm, Friday, August 29, 1958, will be asked to approve this appointed Rules Committee.

B. The Rules Committee will include the Chairwoman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the SOLACON, and a parliamentarian or legal advisor.

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C. The Rules Committee will meet at some time before the Business Meeting to consider the written proposals for amending the By-Laws or for Resolutions, for inclusion in the agenda of the Business Meeting.

D. Any proposed changes in the By-Laws of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., must be submitted in writing to the SOLACON Secretary by 7:00 pm, Friday, August 29, 1958. Members proposing changes in By-Laws must be present at the Business Meeting. Discussion of the By-Laws will be limited to these written proposed changes.

E. Resolutions must be submitted in writing to the SOLACON Secretary by 7:00 pm, Friday, August 29, 1958. Members proposing Resolutions must be present at the Business Meeting. Discussion of Resolutions will be limited to these written proposed Resolutions.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS OF THE WSFS, INC.

A. Two new Directors will be elected at the Business Meeting to replace those whose terms of office expire at that time.

B. Nominations for these two Directors must be submitted in writing to the SOLACON Secretary by 7:00 pm, Friday, August 29, 1958, and must be signed by the nominator and the nominee.

C. Voting procedure will be by ballot in the same manner as that for the 1959 WorldCon site

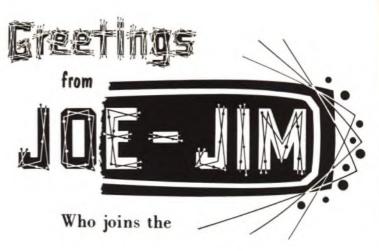
D. Both nominator and nominee must be members in good standing of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc.

E. Nominating Speeches will be limited to one and one-half minutes per nominator.

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#### ARTICLE I: NAME

A. The name of this organization shall be: World Science Fiction Society, Inc., as provided for in the Certificate of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

#### A. ACTIVE MEMBERS

1. Nature

a. All persons indicating interest in, and support of, the annual World Science Fiction Conventions, upon the payment of annual dues in the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., shall be Active Members.

#### 2. Rights and Privileges

a. Each Active Member present shall have one vote on any question or ballot submitted to the membership at the World Science Fiction Conventions.

b. Each Active Member shall have one vote on any question submitted by mail to the membership of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc.

c. Each Active Member shall receive all issues of the Journal of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., published during his membership. The Journal shall contain the Progress Reports and the Convention Program Booklet.

#### **B. INACTIVE MEMBERS**

#### 1. Nature

a. All former members of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., and/or past World Science Fiction Conventions, from, and including, the First World Science Fiction Convention, who have not paid their current annual dues, are Inactive Members.

#### 2. Rights and Privileges

a. An Inactive Member is not eligible to vote on any question or ballot submitted to the membership of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., by mail or at a World Science Fiction Convention.

b. An Inactive Member is entitled to wear any membership insignia and otherwise identify himself as an Inactive Member, but is not entitled to any other Active Membership rights and privileges.

#### C. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. A member can resign from the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., by indicating such action in writing to the Convention Committee.

#### ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

#### A. REQUIREMENTS

- The World Science Fiction Society, Inc., shall hold one annual meeting during each calendar year, which shall be: the World Science Fiction Convention.
- A business session shall be held at every World Science Fiction Convention. All Active Members shall be notified in writing of the exact time and place of the business session at least thirty (30) days prior to such meeting.
- 3. The business session held at each World Science Fiction Convention shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, as modified by the Convention Committee Rules.
- 4. Each Convention Committee shall prepare in advance a set of rules which shall govern the formal sessions of the World Science Fiction Convention, subject to the regulations contained in the By-Laws. These Rules shall not become effective until accepted by a majority vote of the attendant active membership at the first formal session of that Convention.

#### B. ROTATION PLAN

- The site of the Convention shall be rotated among three geographical divisions of the North American continent as follows:
  - a. East: New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and all states east.

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- b. West: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and all states west.
- c. Central: All states between the above areas.

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d. Canadian sites shall be defined by northward extensions of these lines. Mexico shall be considered as lying in the Central division.

- Any country outside of North America shall be permitted to bid at any Convention for the following Convention site, in place of the proper region in North America.
- 3. In case the Convention site goes outside of North America, the rotation plan must be picked up and resumed, then, at the point of departure. The Convention site must return to North America in the year following a Convention outside of North America.
- 4. The bid of any group to sponsor a Convention shall only be considered and voted on if the proposed Convention city lies within the geographical division whose turn it is; however, this rule may be set aside by a three-fourths majority of the Active Members present at said meeting.
- 5. In the event that there are no bids whatsoever for a site for the following year's Convention, the attendant Active Membership shall use their own discretion in deciding a course of action to resolve the question.

C. BIDS

- A group submitting a bid for the following year's Convention shall submit, in writing, at least thirty days before the business session, the name of the proposed site, a list of names and addresses of the proposed officers and members of the Convention Committee, and the name of the group bidding.
- Selection of a site for the next Convention by a current Convention shall have the force and effect of electing the proposed officers and members of the Convention Committee to such office for the following year.

#### ARTICLE IV: DIRECTORS

- A. The World Science Fiction Society, Inc., shall have six Directors, two of whom must be citizens of the United States and residents of the state of New York.
- B. The term of each Director shall be three years, with staggered expiration years so that two directors are elected each year by the active members at the annual business session.
- C. In the event that a Director is unable to fulfill his complete term in office, a replacement Director shall be elected by the remaining Directors. The replacement Director shall hold office until the next annual business session.
- D. A Director may receive payment for services, which are not a part of his duties as Director, performed in behalf of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., upon approval of the Convention Committee.

#### ARTICLE V: ADVISORY COUNCIL

#### A. QUALIFICATIONS

 The membership of the Advisory Council shall consist of the Chairman of the Convention, the Recorder-Historian, and all previous World Science Fiction Convention Chairmen, Recorder-Historians, and Directors who wish to serve.

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#### B. TERM IN OFFICE

 Members of the Advisory Council shall be permitted to serve for as many years as they may wish to serve. Qualified persons wishing to become members of the Advisory Council shall be appointed by the Directors at the business session of the annual Convention upon written application to the Directors.

#### C. CHAIRMAN

- 1. The Recorder-Historian shall serve as the Chairman of the Advisory Council.
- 2. The past Chairman of the latest Convention present shall act as Chairman in the absence of the Recorder-Historian.

#### D. DUTIES

 Members of the Advisory Council shall provide advice, based on their past experience at Conventions, to aid the Convention Committee in the preparation and presentation of the Convention. When requested they shall also attempt to provide advice to the Directors and the Recorder-Historian on matters which are brought to their attention.

#### ARTICLE VI: CONVENTION COMMITTEE

- A. ELECTION
  - 1. The officers and members of the Convention Committee for the following year shall be elected at each business session by the selection of the site for the following year's Convention.
  - The Convention Committee may elect additional members to serve as replacements and/or additions to said Committee or to office on said Committee.

#### B. DUTIES

 The Convention Committee shall be responsible for presenting, within the year following the year of its election, the annual Convention. This Convention shall conform to the regulations contained in these By-Laws; however, in all other respects, the Convention Committee shall be permitted to use their own judgement in the presentation of the Convention.

- The Convention Committee should keep the Advisory Council informed of all major plans of action for the Convention. Any advice offered by the Advisory Council should be given serious consideration by the entire Convention Committee.
- 3. The Convention Committee shall appoint one of the members of the Committee who is at least 21 years of age as Treasurer, who shall be obligated to maintain at all times an accurate detailed financial report of their activities. This financial report shall be completed and presented with all bills, vouchers, checks, statements, etc., to the Legal Officer.
- 4. a. At the expiration of the term of a Convention Committee, the complete Active Membership list of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., shall be furnished to the newly elected Convention Committee.

b. All records and material required to be kept by other officials of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., shall be furnished to such officials.

#### ARTICLE VII: RECORDER-HISTORIAN

#### A. QUALIFICATION

1. The Recorder-Historian shall be an Active Member who shall have served on at least one previous World Science Fiction Convention Committee.

#### B. ELECTION

1. The Recorder-Historian shall be elected for a term of four years by the active members present at the annual business session held each leap year.

#### C. DUTIES

 The Recorder-Historian shall maintain permanent records of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., and the World Science Fiction Conventions. The Recorder-Historian shall obtain from the Convention Committee each year sufficient sets of all publications, notices, and announcements prepared by the Committee for the

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Convention, and from other sources all records, recordings, reviews, reports, photographs, and films, which may be available which relate to the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., and/or the World Science Fiction Conventions.

- 2. The Recorder-Historian shall attempt to complete as fully as possible the records of past World Science Fiction Conventions.
- 3. All records obtained by the Recorder-Historian in the performance A. DUES of his duties shall become the property of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., and the personal responsibility of the Recorder-Historian. All records shall be kept on file, and shall be available to the Directors and Officers of the Convention Committee upon request.

#### ARTICLE VIII: LEGAL OFFICER

#### A. QUALIFICATION

1. The Legal Officer shall be an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of New York, who maintains an office in the State of New York.

#### B. ELECTION

1. The Legal Officer shall be elected for a term of four years by the Active Members present at the annual business session held each leap year.

#### C. DUTIES

- 1. The Legal Officer shall represent the World Science Fiction Society. Inc., in all legal matters referred to him by officials of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc.
- 2. The Legal Officer shall maintain all legal files of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., and keep same available for proper usage of same.
- 3. The Legal Officer shall keep on file a duplicate copy of all financial statements furnished to him

4. The office of the Legal Officer shall be considered the principal office of the Corporation for purposes of the Membership Corporations Law of the State of New York.

#### D. ASSISTANT LEGAL OFFICERS

1. The Convention Committee may appoint Attorneys as Assistant Legal Officers when deemed necessary.

#### ARTICLE IX: FINANCES

- - 1. Each Convention Committee shall fix the amount of annual dues for its year, and the amount of registration fee for the Convention, the total of which shall not exceed two dollars (\$2,00).
  - 2. Annual dues shall cover Active Membership from November first to October thirty-first of the year for which said dues are paid.

#### **B.** CONVENTION FUNDS

1. Convention Funds shall consist of annual dues, registration fees, and any other monies raised by the Convention Committee.

- 2. At the end of each Convention, all Convention expenses shall be paid.
- 3. At the end of the term of each Convention Committee, all funds on hand shall be transmitted to the new Convention Committee, together with all unpaid bills. if any, and a full written statement explaining why such bills have not been paid.

#### ABTICLE X: MISCELLANEOUS

#### A. PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Each Convention Committee shall issue an official publication, called 'The Journal of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc.', with as many issues as is practical. It shall contain as much information as possible about the preparations for the next Convention.
- 2. Each Convention Committee shall publish, as one of the issues of the Journal, an official program booklet for the annual Convention.

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The program booklet shall contain, as complete as possible, the program of the Convention. The program booklet shall be distributed to all attendant Active Members upon registration, and mailed to all non-attendant Active Members within two weeks following the last day of the Convention.

#### B. TERM OF OFFICE

- 1. The term of office of all officials of the World Science Fiction Society. Inc., shall expire on November first of the appropriate year, unless provided for otherwise by the By-Laws.
- C. The World Science Fiction Society, Inc., shall have no political or religious affiliations, and shall make no endorsements of a political or religious nature.

#### ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

A. The By-Laws of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., may be amended only by the vote of the majority of the Active Members present and voting at two successive Conventions.

#### OFFICIALS OF THE WSFS, AS OF SEPTEMBER, 1958

DIRECTORS		ETS	
David A. Kyle		1958	
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David Newman		1960	
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The SOLACON Committee



A BUSINESS MEETING of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc., will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, August 31, 1958, in the Alex-Collandria Hotel, Los Angeles, California.

THE AGENDA of this Meeting will include the following: 1... Voting on a proposed amendment to the WSFS By-Laws, to be known as Article III, Section A, Paragraph 5, to read as follows:

A quorum shall consist of 5% of the members registered in attendance at any meeting.

NOTE: This Amendment was voted on at the LonCon; if approved in 1958 it will become a part of the By-Laws.

2... Election of two new Directors to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of James V. Taurasi Sr. and David A. Kyle.

3... Discussion and voting on any other Amendments and Resolutions which have been accepted as part of the Agenda by the Rules Committee in accordance with the World Science Fiction Convention Rules (reprinted in this Program).

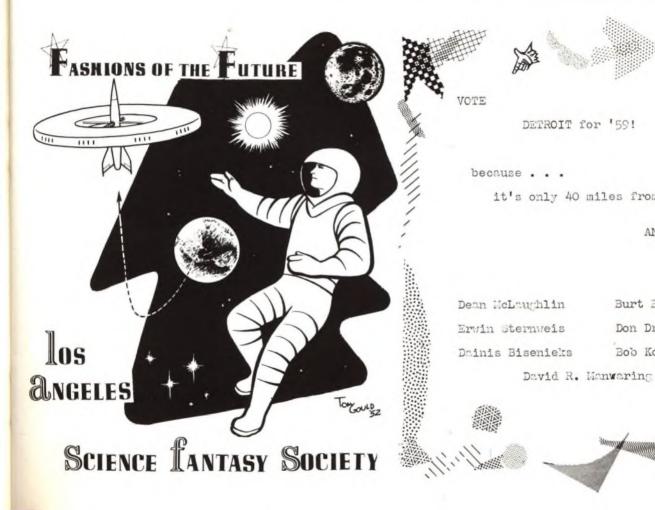
4... Selection of the 1959 WorldCon Site, in accordance with the Rules. -- THE SOLACON COMMITTEE

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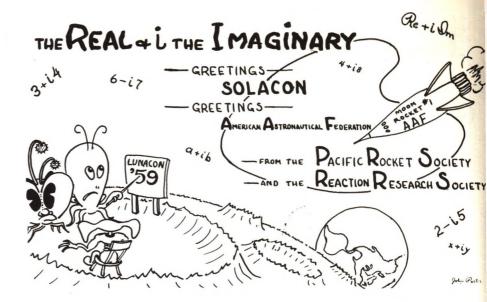
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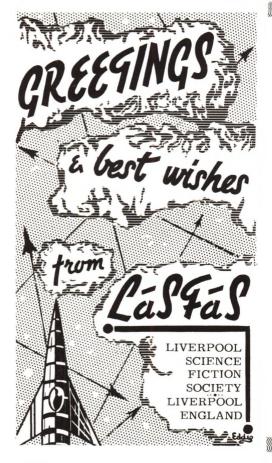
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THE PROGRAM, WHICH follows, is purely a one-dimensional development: that is, it takes note of time alone. For the benefit of those who could not or cannot (myself included) decipher the Hotel Map in the third progress report, this note attempts to describe the other three.

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THE MAIN, OR street floor of the hotel contains the lobby, with all its appurtenances, and, opening from the back of the lobby, the PALM ROOM, which we shall use for the Banquet Sunday afternoon and evening. Also to the rear are the elevators. WARNING: avoid the stairs; some of them lead nowhere, some even come from nowhere.

THE NEXT FLOOR up (via elevator) is variously described as Mezzanine and Second. It contains the Convention Hall (also called Ball Room), to the right leaving the elevator, a Lounge, straight ahead across the hall from the 'vator, and, within the Lounge, the Assembly Room, where the PRS will play host.

THE THIRD FLOOR contains, to the right, a Balcony overlooking Convention Hall, where (at the Registration Desk) you doubtless picked up this Program. The California Room (Displays) opens off this Balcony. If you turned left coming off the elevator, you will soon come to an intersection of hallways. Forge boldly left again and the Blue Room (Art Display) is just on your right, the Desert Room (Meetings) straight ahead.

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10:30 am to 8:00 pm: Balcony, 3rd Floor REGISTRATION. Banquet Ticket Sales, Information

11:00: Main Convention Hall, 2nd Floor HI TIME: Informality, Interviews, Music, Tapes Woolston and Moffatt, Masters of Unceremony

4:00: Assembly Room, 2nd (Off Lounge) INTERNATIONAL TEA-DRINKING CONTEST

, dat. 7:00: Main Convention Hall, 2nd OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE SOLACON: SOUTH GATE IN '58 Speakers: RICK SNEARY; The Honorable Leland R. Weaver, Mayor of South Gate Introduction of the SOLACON Committee; Approval of Rules Committee and Rules

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REGISTRATION; Banquet Ticket Sales; Displays Open Balcony, 3rd: 10:30 am to 8:00 pm

> THE PACIFIC ROCKET SOCIETY Demonstration and Motion Picture Convention Hall, 2nd: 11:00

THE OUTLANDER SOCIETY REUNION MEETING South Gate City Hall Steps: High Noon

> RAY BRADBURY: Featured Speaker Convention Hall, 2nd: 1:30

THE AUCTION: Walt Daugherty, Auctioneer Convention Hall, 2nd: 2:00 7:00: Convention Hall, 2nd TIME A NFFF: A Presentation by the National Fantasy Fan Federation 7:15: Convention Hall, 2nd SF: A DEAD ISSUE ?Panel Moderated by Hal Curtis; Eph Konigsberg vs Ed Clinton 8:15: Convention Hall, 2nd THE FUTURE OF CERAMICS P. D. Johnson, ScD. Solid-State Physics, Atomics International

9:00: Convention Hall, 2nd AUCTION BLOCH: Sam Moskowitz, Auctioneer For Sale (one hour): Tony Boucher, Fritz Lieber, Ray Bradbury, Bob Bloch, Alan E. Nourse, James Gunn, EE Evans, Marty Greenberg, EE Smith

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Saturday, August 30



# DAY NIGHT

OPEN HOUSE: Spectator Amateur Press Society Desert Room, 3rd: 10:00

OPEN HOUSE: National Fantasy Fan Federation Desert Room, 3rd: 10:30

> MEETING: The Cult Desert Room, 3rd: 11:00

SUDDENLY, IT'S 1959: A Competitive Fan Panel Moderated by Rog Phillips Convention Hall, 2nd: 12:30

BUSINESS SESSION: World Science Fiction Society Discussion and voting on: 1959 WorldConsite, Directors of WSFS, Proposed Amendments, Resolutions Convention Hall, 2nd:1:00 4:00: Palm Room, Street Floor THE BANQUET: Anthony Boucher, Toastmaster Presentation of International Fantasy Awards (Hugos) Speakers: Ron Bennett, Transatlantic-Fan-Fund Delegate, Mike Hinge, New Zealand Delegate, and the Guest of Honor, Mr. Richard Matheson

7:00: Convention Hall, 2nd MASQUERADE BALL: Ed M. Clinton Jr., MC Door Prize Drawing (Sneary, Moffatt)

8:00: Convention Hall, 2nd COSTUME PARADE: Judges: A.E. van Vogt, Fritz Lieber, and Bjo.

Sunday, August 31





1:00: Convention Hall, 2nd FASHIONS OF THE FUTURE Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society/Bjo Wells

2:30: Convention Hall, 2nd THE LYSISTRATA THEME IN MODERN SCIENCE FICTION Mark Clifton moderating a panel of feminine SF writers

> 3:15: Convention Hall, 2nd ALICE IN THRILLING WONDERLAND A Play by Karen Anderson, with The Elves', Gnomes', and Little Men's Marching, Chowder, and Science Fiction Society of Berkeley, California

3:30: Convention Hall, 2nd WESTERCON BUSINESS MEETING Annual West Coast Science Fiction Conference

## Monday, September 1

## CORRESPONDENCE-

Bonn, August 5, 1958

#### To SOLACON:

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the honorary membership and the WSFS Journal received. It is my hope that the SOLACON will be as much of a success as any world-con so far. At about the same time...I<sup>a</sup>ll be down in Bavaria joining the URLAUBS-CON (vacation-con) of German fans.

... My special regards to Forry Ackerman, George Nims Raybin, Frederick Prophet, Mary Dziechowski, Val Anjoorian, Mr.+ Mrs. Lee Sirat and everybody else I got to know in London last year.

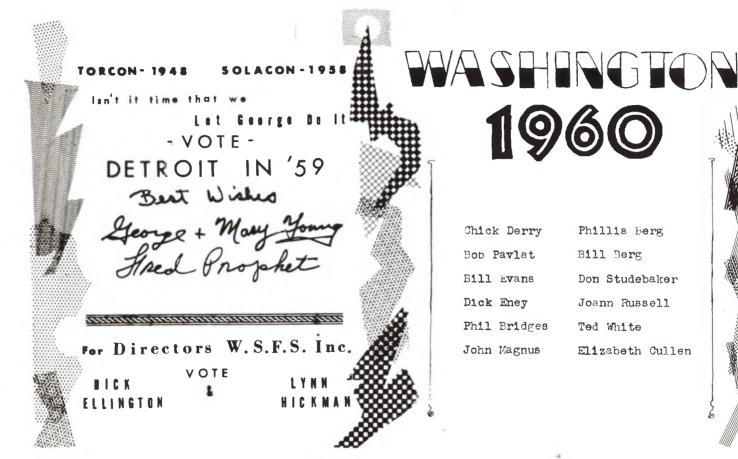
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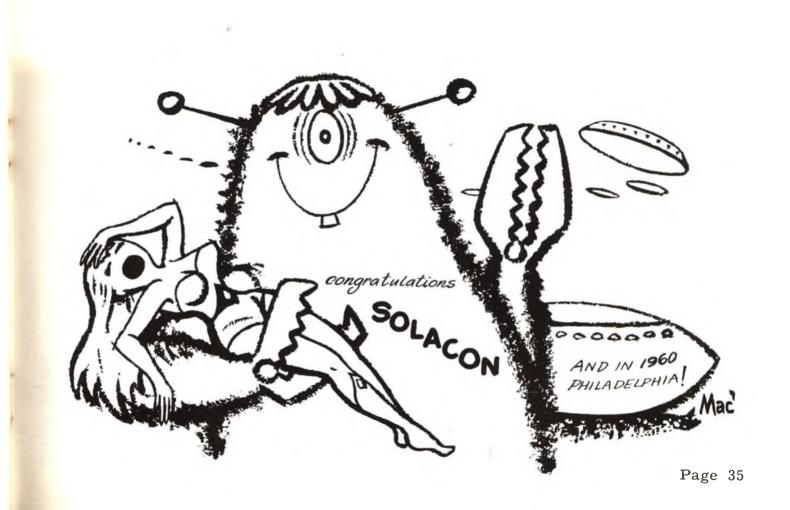
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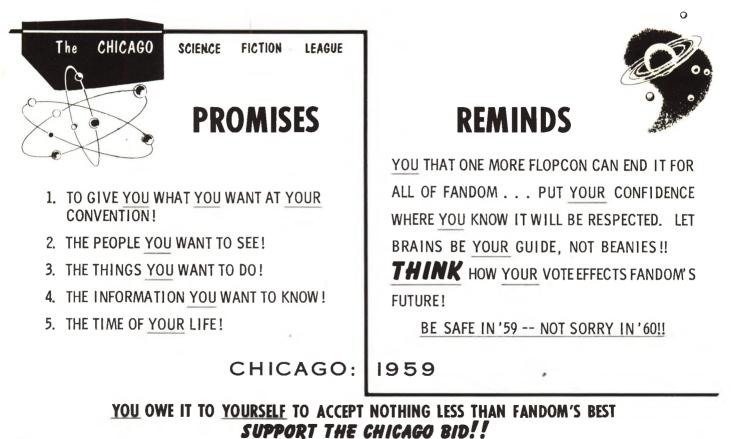




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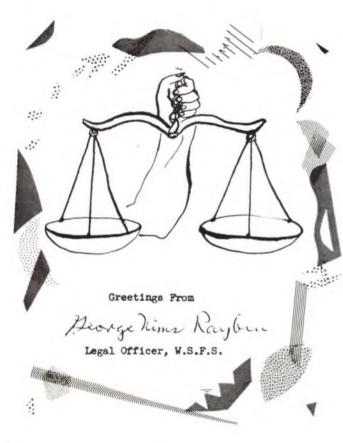






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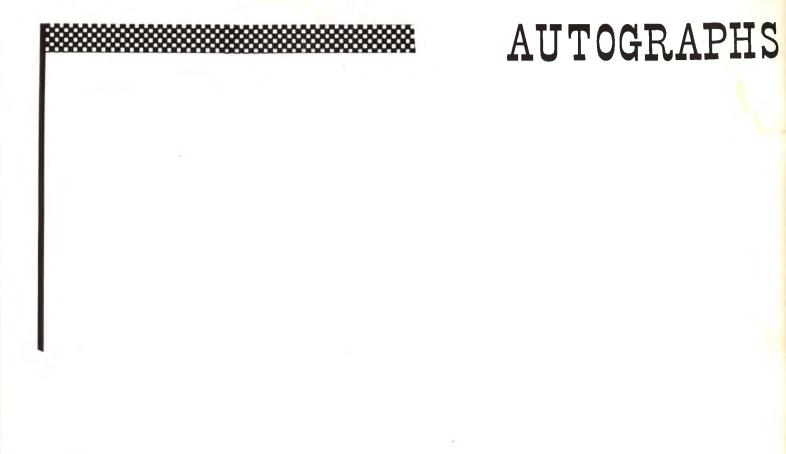
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