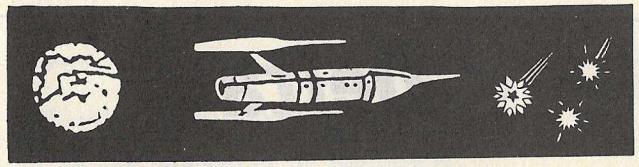

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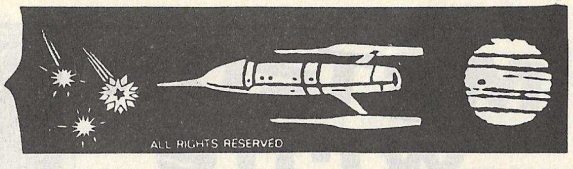

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"All a hoax to boost sales" —— editor confesses

From our Science Editor. Alderley Edge, Thursday.

MELVIN FURD, editor of UNPOPULAR SCIENCE DIGESTED, today disclosed that the above headline - published in the first issue of his magazine in April 1868 - was a hoax. Mr Furd assures me that the world will remain intact until at least May 1968, so the THIRDMANCON can go on without any undue worries.

Standing here, with the Alderley Fault falling swiftly away below me, wrapped in dense mist and an old overcoat I look back towards the brightly gleaming lights of the Queen's Hotel. And as I stand here, with the Alderley Fault falling swiftly away below me, wrapped in said mist and overcoat, I wish to Ghod they'd sent somebody else. But there it is, the future site of the 1968 star event, the THIRDMANCON.

To the left is Alderley village itself. A quaint rural town situated in the heart of Cheshire; long reknowned for its cheeses and of more importance to fans, its folklore. For here it is still held by local yokels, the Wizard of Alderley reigns supreme over his court of Hob-goblins and fairies, while witches and demons haunt the hills around. Alderley is easily reached by train from London, being situated on a main line.

A minute's walk from the station brings you to the hotel door. The Queen's Hotel is an old rambling structure, well suited for an S.F. Convention.

The capacity of the Queen's is not as great as we would have wished, and early bookings will be essential to ensure your room. An overflow hotel is being arranged to accomodate those unfortunate enough to have booked late. Full details of accomodation will be given in the next issue of METEOR.

METEOR write

AS YOU can probably gather, if you're not too drunk to focus the old-eyeballs, this two page flier is a sneak preview of the kind of thing one can expect from now until Easter 1968. I hope it will be something completely different in the way of Con' Reports...

Of course the actual paper will contain more pages than this, and therefore more news and comments about the coming THIRDMANCON... It should be possible with a bi-monthly edition to cover all facets of the Con's progress with ease.

METEOR is also planned to cover the S.F. scene in general.

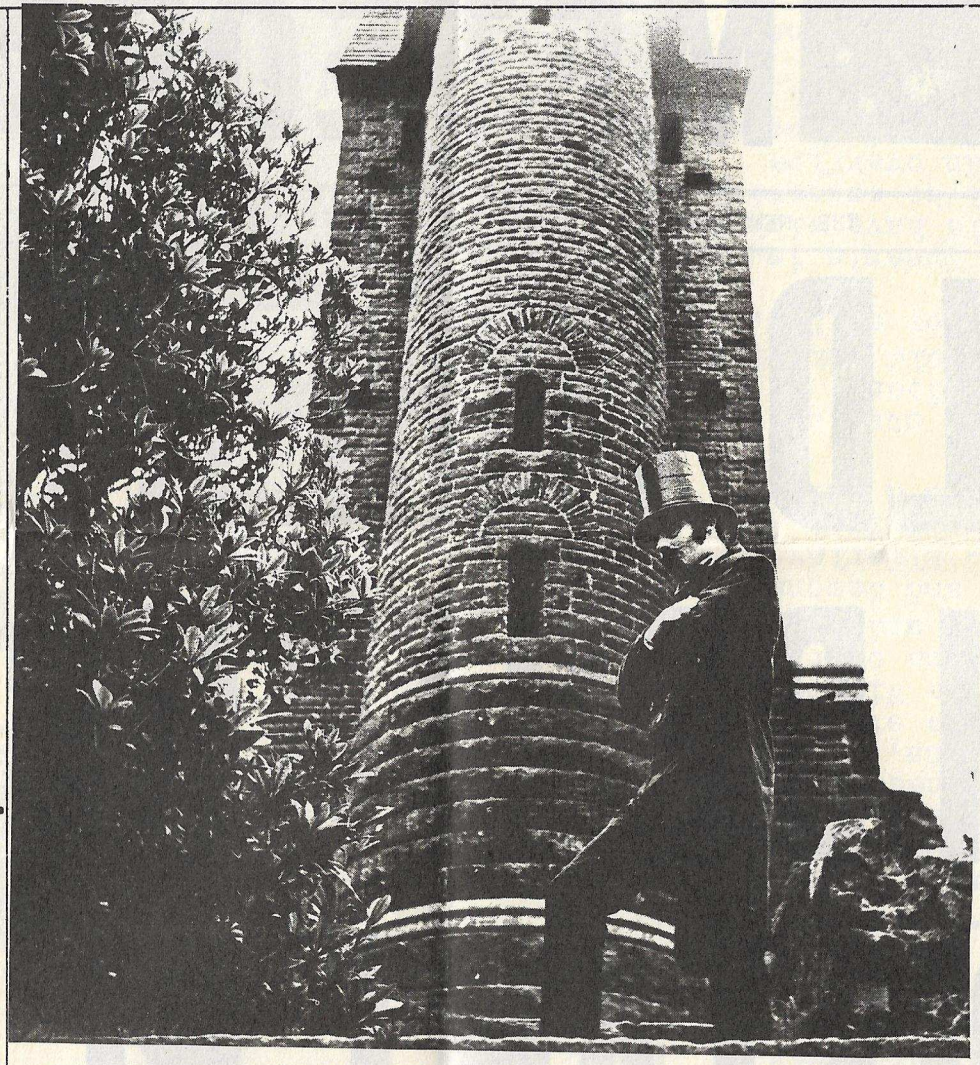
At this point I would like to give a loud cry of help to all readers...."HELP!" METEOR will publish news of fannish activities, and as you comprise what amounts to the greater majority of Fandom it will be you people who are making the news-scene.

Obviously I can't hope to hear about every point of interest occuring during the coming year or so. So if you are building a space-ship designed to fly single handed around the Cape— or are organising a mass protest rally aimed at picketing the Arts Council, please write in to me and let me know about it.... And remember, If you have a photograph taken during the incident, send a print of it. After all, what's nicer than opening your own newspaper and seeing your own handsome face smiling back at you?

A section called STAR-TRADER is being planned for future issues, space permitting it might even make a brief appearance in this issue.

In it I'll run ads free of charge listing all your various wants...

Charles.



TONY EDWARDS as the sinister, dastardly, diabolical DR. DOOM

Delta Films

DELTA SF FILM GROUP have the first of a series of new short films ready for the *THIRDMANCON*, and are busy scripting the next for production. *DR. DOOM & THE ANNIHILATION RAY* is a spoof trailer for a supposed cliff-hanging serial in the best *BAT-MAN* tradition.

Tony Edwards has the role of the dastardly villan Dr. Doom and Dave Trengove is the heroic Capt Flame, a crime-fighter of great repute.

The group are concentrating on the *BREATHWORLD* formula of using SF authors' plots, but at the moment they are having a little trouble finding suitable subjects.

Now, there must be someone out there that reads science fiction, and there is a rumour spreading that it's the 'in' thing at the moment, so how about some suggestions for filmable plots? If you can think of any short story that may make a good short film, either comedy or serious, the ConCommittee would be glad to hear from you.

In the coming months reports of filmic progress (if any) will appear in these columns and as the group have intentions of

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BRISTOL IS GO!

THE 1967 BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION opened here at the Hawthorns Hotel, Bristol tonight.

Fans from all parts of the Country, have been arriving during the day, in fact a good number arrived yesterday and a pre-Con party at the Walsh homestead started the proceedings in true spirit.

The Convention Hotel is situated in the Northern end of the City, and proved very easy to reach by car.

After opening the Convention at a little after 8.00pm the Committee was introduced before Mr Brian Aldiss took over and held the fans spellbound with his spontaneous after dinner introductions.

Some room parties were later reported in evidence, but an early night was on order for this reporter. Full Con Report in the next issue.

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