

# NOVACON 5

Organised by the Birmingham Science Fiction Group

7th-8th-9th November 1975

Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham

## PROGRESS REPORT 2

Sitting here on a Sunday afternoon, sweltering in the sun, sipping bacardi & coke, November seems a far distant time of the year. But it is in fact just over three months to NOVACON 5. Three months in which to finalise all the plans we've made in the last few months. Another week or so and we'll have reached 200 registrations - a number that indicates that all being well, NOVACON 5 will be the biggest yet. Yet our Treasurer is complaining. It appears that she welcomes informality and would like all letters addressed to 'Dear Pauline...' and not Dear Miss/Mrs/Ms Dungate.... Nor even Dear Madam.... And certainly not Dear Sir! Those who have met Pauline will have no doubt that she is certainly female.

Several programme items have been finalised - Philip Strick will be showing several short science fiction and fantasy films including continental animation shorts, Pete Weston will be showing colour slides of the Fancy Dress at last year's WorldCon and Dan Morgan, our Guest of Honour, will of course be giving a speech. It is hoped that a panel discussion will take place on Telepathy - a sort of back-up theme to Dan Morgan's 'Mind' series, though at this date it is not certain whether it will be on the use of telepathy as a fictional device or a discussion as to the actual possibility of telepathy. Any ideas or suggestions on this will be appreciated. There will of course be the usual auctions, films, Fancy Dress Ball, etc.

Your hotel booking form is included in this mailing. Please complete and post back to Pauline (not the Hotel), as soon as possible. This is for your benefit - don't blame us if the hotel is fully booked because you forgot to send the form back! Please also complete the hotel registration card - complete the sections asking for name, address on side one and arrival, departure, name, accommodation (whether double, twin or single), requested by (fill in 'NOVACON' here). This card should then be posted with your hotel booking sheet to Pauline E Dungate, 4 Lindsworth Court, Monyhull Hall Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3QS. If you live overseas, you should also complete the section relating to your passport. Please don't forget to sign the card and the hotel booking sheet - without your signature your reservations cannot be made.

The 1976 Easter Convention, MANCON 5, will be held at Owens Park, Manchester from April 16th to 19th. Guest of Honour will be Robert Silverberg. Attending membership for the convention is £2 (£2.50 after September 1st). Supporting membership (if you only want the literature) is 75p. Money to Brian Robinson, 9 Linwood Grove, Manchester M12 4OH.

chairman: Roger G. Peyton

committee: Arline Peyton (Secretary) · Pauline E. Dungate (Treasurer)  
Ray Bradbury · Dr. Jack Cohen · Robert Hoffman · Laurence Miller

ATTENTION ALL AMATEUR ARTISTS! Ken Slater as Guest of Honour at NOVACON 4 offered a £10 prize for artwork. This year, Ken has kindly offered another £10 for a similar competition. Briefly the rules are:

The prize is offered to the most original illustration from any SF or Fantasy novel or short story.

The artwork may be in any medium.

Any entrant who has sold professionally will not be considered.

The judges decision is final.

For further details write to Ray Bradbury, 44 Banbrook Close, Damson Wood, Solihull B92 9NE.

SMALL ADS (1p per word...names and addresses free...con members only)

WANTED - WAY STATION by Clifford Simak, LAST MEN IN LONDON by Olaf Stapledon, THE WORLD JONES MADE by Philip K Dick...Paperbacks preferred but will accept hardcovers. Also the disc SILVER MACHINE by Hawkwind. Ron Poyser, 25 Somerset Road, Highfields, Stafford.

WANTED - for trade or cash: CEE TEE MAN by Dan Morgan (Panther); REVOLT ON ALPHA C by Robert Silverberg (Tab); THE GOLDEN SLAVE by Poul Anderson (Avon); RED BLADES OF BLACK CATHAY by Robert E Howard (Grant). Rog Peyton, 131 Gillhurst Road, Harborne, Birmingham B17 8PG.

CONVENTION MEMBERS (See PR1 for members 1-79)

80 Pat Baxter	81 Ian Covell	82 Brian Mooney
83 Ian Watson	84 Judy Watson	85 Samantha Broadribb
86 Tim Broadribb	87 David A Symes	88 Kevin Williams
89 John Farrimond	90 David Flint	91 Susie Forth
92 Graham Andrews	93 Andrew Chapman	94 Mrs Edith May
95 Andrew May	96 Roy Mortimore	97 Daphne Nortimore
98 Sam Long (USA)	99 Christine Hay	100 Simone Walsh
101 Greg Pickersgill	102 Ken Bulmer	103 Charles Partington
104 Dermot Dobson	105 Brian Cormack	106 Dave Sutton
107 Sandra Sutton	108 Chris Bursey	109 Ramsey Campbell
110 Nurf Adamson	111 SF & Fantasy Soc.	112 Keith Freeman
113 Jake Grigg (G)	114 James Wharton (G)	115 Pandora Birch
116 Martin Easterbrook	117 Malcolm Davies	118 Chris Atkinson
119 Phil Rogers	120 Brian Robinson	121 John Mottershead
122 David Hardy	123 Kevin Easthope	124 Malcolm Edwards
125 Christine Edwards	126 Rod Milner	127 Bonny Milner
128 Kevin Hall	129 Gerald Bishop	130 S Kelly
131 Pat Underwood	132 Tony Underwood	133 James White
134 David Hill	135 Michael Vinson	136 Peter Naylor
137 Roy Stuart	138 Andy Long	139 David Walters
140 Jerry Webb	141 Joseph Nicholas	142 Joyce Slater
143 Fred Hemmings	144 John Oldham	145 Rory McLean
146 Coral Clarke	147 Hildegard Grigg(G)	148 Bruce Healey
149 Pete Colley	150 Dennis Clarke	151 Jim Marshall
152 Brian Rouse	153 David Hutchinson	154 Alan Isaacson
155 Sue Chatfield	156 Annie Mullins	157 Liese Hoare
158 Janice Wiles	159 James Goddard	160 Ken Cowley
162 Sonia Czabaniuk	161 Trish Rogers	163 Steve Lovett
164 George Morgan	165 Ray Bradbury	166 Don Malcolm
167 Ethel Lindsay	168 Susan Baldwin	169 Jim Barker
170 Chris Walton	171 I Vaughan	172 Ian Anderson
173 Mike Tooth	174 Frank Poole	175 Tony Dunne
176 Ann Anderson	177 Tim Stannard	178 Colin Fine
179 Brian Lewis	180 Ron Pyser	181 Mark Dudek
182 Mike Cassidy	183 George Jones	184 Tom Willis
185 Dave Cockfield	186 Steve Boromer	187 Andrea Lucas
188 David Femper	189 Kevin Smith	190 Miss G Webb
191 Andrea Boicelli	192 Mrs A Boicelli	