

Here we are again. Since I have neither the time nor ability to be literary, I'll just take off and tell the news as I think of it. As you know, we're going to have more than one guest of honor. A fan, an author, and an artist guest of honor. Ted Carnell from London, England will be our fan guest of honor. For the author, we have selected an old timer whose stories date back to the early thirties. He also edited a fan mag. called GALLELEON. That should be the clue for you to think of L.A. Eshbach. He's really a swell guy to meet and talk to. So, bring along your copies of "Of Worlds Beyond" and give him a chance to wear out his fountain pen autographing copies.

Our Official Hostess will be Miss Betty Sullivan 4234 Floride Ave. Cincinnati Ohio. She is a member of our local Cincinnati Fantasy Group. To you guys planning on bringing your wives (one to a customer, I mean) she will help them find untertainment, if they are not particularly interested in Science Fiction. Jimmy Taurasi, 137-07 32nd Ave. Flushing, N.Y. is our Official New York representative. He will accept memberships etc. if any of your friends care to enroll through him. For those of you who change your address, it will help you get your latest news of the CINVENTION if you will drop me a card giving both the new and old address.

Joseph B. Baker was the first one to send in any material for the auction He sent a mint copy of "Call of The Savage" by Otis A. Kline. Also a copy of "The Man Who Went Back" by Deeping. Franklin M. Dietz has promised us some original artwork which he says is very nice. All of which is a subtle hint that if you have anything you care to donate for the auction we will gladly accept it at any time. Send all material to Don Ford 129 Maple Ave. Sharonville, Ohio. Don't get this confused with the second auction, the Fan Auction, Keep all of that material and bring it youraelf. All we want sent at this time is the free donations so we can classify it and have a mimeographed list made up like what was done at the TORCON. We also want to be able to have it in time to give credit to the source and denor. A.S. van Vogt has promised us a special copy of "The Weapon Makere" that he used in making notations for a revision for later publication.

Concerning the second auction, bring anything with you that you desire and we will auction it off in the Fan Auction. Our cut for the CINVENTION will be 205 Bring artwork, mags, fan mags, books, originals from other auctions, photos, etc. In short, anything you think another fan would want. Melvin Korshak of Chicago will be our auctioneer for the regular auction. He will probably be worn out by the end of that one, so we are counting on getting a couple of volunteers out of the audience for the Fan Auction, unless of course he feels like P.E. Boone of Lexington, Ey.

Te still want to stress the importance of getting your hotel reservation in early. The town will be crowded that week end and if you want to get a good room you should start acting now according to the Hotel Managers and the Convention and Fourist Bureau. Please don't ask us to make reservations for you. It only uses up a lot of our time that we need for the convention. Since you'd have to write us anyway, why not write directly to the hotel **T** A letter simply addressed "Hotel Metropole, Cincinnati, Obic" will reach its destination.

For those who want to use wire recorders, the Hotel Metropole has both AC and DC current. Be sure which is which before you plug in. It would be wise to have an extension cord and also an extension into the mike cord of the recorder itself. That way, you can park the recorder off a little ways and extend the mike over to the speaker's stand.

We had hoped originally to have had the banquet on the second night in order that more fans could strand, but the Hotel says that they serve no food on Sundays That means that it will be back to the third night, the same as usual. The Hotel Metropole has been noted for its fine food. They have said that they can give us a good feed for \$2.50 per person. I think everyone will be satisfied with the food. Dr. David H. Keller will be our Toastmaster and we are lining up the fan clubs to put on some humerous entertainment. If your travel time will permit, you really should glan to attend the banquet. That will also be the time for any masquerading or costumes. There's no use in trying to hold a masquerade ball, since there probably would not be too much enthusiasm for that. Just show up at the banquet in the costume of your choice. I hope to see a few Thorne Smith characters, myself.

Lately, there has been quite a few letters asking us to estimate how much a 3 day stay in Cincinnati will cost. Take the hotel rates as listed, add about \$1.00 per meal, and \*2.50 for the banquet. That's \$10.50 for food, a single at the Metrepole for the 3 days would run to \$9.00. Give yourself another \$5.00 for axtras like any visiting and sightsceing and it adds up to \$25.00 for a good time. Items like the auction, liquor, and nite clubs can be unlimited. If you hit it lucky in the Fan auction, you can of course cut down the expense a little. However, that is a gamble. We are very much interested in having the fans who have never been to a convention before show up at this one. You old timers need no coaxing or explaining.

For those of you who are coming in by rail or bus, here's a tip. Cincinnati has a lot of "bootleg cabs" that operate without a liscense. These hang out almost exclusively at the bus and train terminals looking for suckers. It would be wiser to take a Yellow Cab or Parkway Cab if you wish to avoid being chiseled The rate from the train terminal to any of the downtown hotels should not run over 50¢, and from the bus station even less. In fact the bus station is only 3 or 4 blocks from any of the downtown hotels.

As for "Over The Rhine", Cincinnati was settled by a predominant German population. Back in the days of canals, there grew up along a stretch of the Hiami Canal a district familiarly called "Over The Rhine". This was along an area now occupied by Central Parkway. Here you can still find the rough and tumble saloons interspersed with burlesque and browerys. The old Germans loved their beer, and Cincinnati is noted today for its beer. There are Over The Rhine American Legion and V.F.W. Posts and many other national lodges named after that section. The old name and traditions are still strong today. Since we needed something to rhyme with "49, what could be better than OVER THE RHINE IN FORTY NINE ?

For other places to visit there is the Cincinnati Zoo, the Taft museum, the Art museum, Conservatory, and Coney Island. In the ratio of parks to square area, Cincinnati rates high in the country. A visit to Zden Park, with its majestic view up and down the Ohio River is certainly worthwhile. You can find entertainment to suit all levels of the brow.

The advartising rates for the Program Booklet are as follows; \$6.00 for a full rage, \$3.00 per 1/2 page, 32.00 per 1/4 page, \$1.00 per 1/8 page, and booster ads. at 50¢ each. The deadline is August 1, 1949. Photos of course are extra. If you plan on any ads, of this nature, contact me in advance concerning rates. For ads. in this report, it is \$2.00 for a full page and \$1.00 per 1/2 page or less. There is no deadline, but I don't anticipate more than 3 more reports.

F. Lee Baldwin is locking for a ride from Grangeville. Idaho. Contact him at Box 187. Same for Jim Phillips 704 E. Plankishaw, Paola, Mansas. Hers's a chance for some of you western fans to get some help on the expense of driving, and at the same time have some fan company. On the other side of the deal, Harry Moore of 1221 Orange St. New Orleans 13, La. is looking for riders.

That about winds up this third report; on the following pages you will find listod again the various hotel rates, maps of Cincinnati, and a list of members. In the next report we should be ablo to present a tenstive program: subject to cannge, of course, Wo will always welcome suggestions and criticism at any time.

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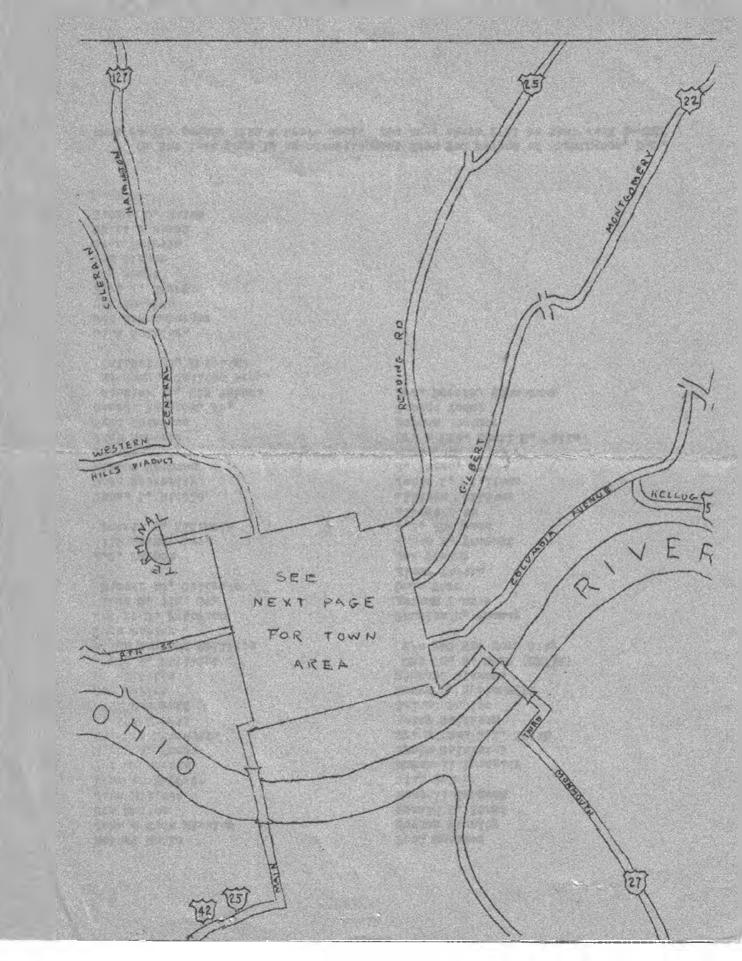
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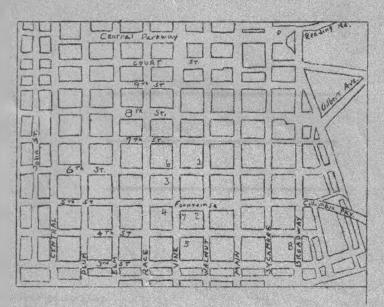
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On the last page is an advertisement from Ted Forbes of Washington, D.C. that really sounds like a brave soul. You know where I'll be that week 1--DEF





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- 1-- LUTROPOLE HOTEL
- 2- Gibson Hotel.
- 3- Terrace Plaza Hotel.
- 4 -- Netherland Plaza Hotel.
- 5- Sinton Hotel.
- 6-- Palace Hotel.
- 7-- Fountain Equare Hotel.
- 8-- Broadway Hotel.

Headed North\_\_\_\_Aug. 30 thru Sept. 5 Here are my plans: Metropole Hotel above dates. Please drop in. No axes to grind-just out for a good time. Free penmican for 'teen agers-beverages for adults. Wanted: intelligence from the males and charm from the dumber sex.

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