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for the first science fiction convention to be held in the north of England since 1954. Your collective enthusiasm has overwhelmed us, for in taking this annual meeting away from the south we estimated an attendance of 50 - 60 and now find ourselves catering for twice that number! Let us hope that you are not cramped and that every one of you enjoys the weekend thoroughly for it just did not seem fair to clamp down on numbers and turn away keen and bubbling applicants.

Much can be written about Harrogate itself, what a beautiful inland spa town it is, about its history, its waters and so forth, but this is not necessary. We have obtained colourful brochures for every convention member and we are experimenting by giving programme time to allowing you the opportunity to look round the town and see for yourselves... do you wish to try your hand at miniature golf? To buy antiques? To take the waters? You'll have the chance. The brochure will help you to map out any route around the town and perhaps you'll use your convention pencil for note-making...?

There are several good restaurants in town but we have obtained full inclusive terms for all attendees residing at either the West Park or the Clarendon and arrangements can be made for any non-resident to take meals along with the bulk of the convention membership.

. We have tried to select an entertaining and balanced programme of events, covering the amateur as well as the professional sides of the field. The actual programme will of course be adhered to as strictly as possible and we hope that both speakers, (contestants included!) and audience members will take their places promptly; timing is especially difficult this year because of the programme "spread" between the two hotels. Any time changes, etc., will be announced on the convention notice board, and you are invited to make use of this board for any notices of club meetings, etc., that you might wish to arrange.

As the "man on the spot," perhaps in more senses than one, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those hard workers who have made the convention the tremendous success we are sure it will be, and especial thanks are due to Norman Shorrock who has once again produced a first rate convention booklet at a moment's notice. Enjoy yourselves and our efforts will have been worth while.

Welcome, then, to Harrogate! Welcome Tom Boardman, our Guest of Honour, welcome Ron Ellik, our TAFF Delegate from Los Angeles, welcome our Continental delegates, welcome the professionals, welcome the amateurs, yes, welcome....YOU!

-- Ron Bennett.

come WELCOME RON:

One of the pleasantest chores of a TAFF Administrator is that of introducing visiting TAFF Delegates, and when the aforementioned del-

egate is as fine a character as Ron Ellik the chore is made a very simple one. In fact, he does not really need an introduction at all; this cliche for once is true. Ron's well-known as a former co-editor of FANAC - and he played no small part in getting that fanzine a HUGO. He's a long-time member of FAPA, he's written for just about all the top fanzines, and he's a most practiced convention-goer. As a travelling-jiant, he has visited and written about most of the fan-groups in the U.S.A., and I for one, will be eagerly looking forward to his writings about his TAFF trip. But all this doesn't tell you what Ron Ellik is really like he's personable, blondish, tall, wears glasses, and a very fine guy ... Look, I'm not a master of description, walk up to Ron and introduce yourselve, he'll be glad to meet you, and you'll be glad you met him. I am.

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holding an election to decide which British s-f fan shall represent British Fandom at this years World Science-Fiction Convention in Chicago. Candidates are EDDIE JONES of the Liverpool Group, ETHEL LINDSAY of the S#F Club of London. You will meet both these two fine people at the Con,

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and I hope you'll take the opportunity to vote for one or the other - and your Eric Bentcliffe's account of his TAFF donations to TAFF will also be most Trip to the 1960 USA welcome. VOTING FORMS will be Worldcon in Pittsburgh, all around the place, but if you and Other Places is still can't find one ask me ... or Ron. available - 90+ pages with illos by eddie jones - price 7/6 all proceeds to TAFF. Get it, and contribute to TAFF at the same time. Subscription to Norman Shorrock, of either TAFF Administrator.

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Introducing TOM BOARDMAN

Some years back, there used to be a little secondhand bookshop in St. Ebbes, Oxford. It's gone now - they've got a couple of main roads and a flyover there instead - but I used to look in there regularly back in the early fifties.

It was there I found what was only the second clothbound science fiction novel I ever bought. It was in perfect condition (which even at that time was more than could be said for me) and it cost only a shilling. Its title was "What Mad Universe", its author was Fredric Brown, and its publisher was T.V. Boardman & Co. Ltd.

Tom Boardman was the first publisher to publish sf regularly as sf. He and Grayson and Grayson were in the field pitching before the boom of '53-'55 began. Grayson and Grayson always sound rather a phantom pair of gentlemen, twins, perpetually young old men dressed in grey; I have never discovered if they actually exist. There is no doubt that Tom Boardman actually exists, and to prove it, he has consented to be our Guest of Honour at this convention.

That's a really splendid idea, for Tom is still in there pitching. Only this year we have seen a new venture from him if not from his publishing firm; he is editing the Mayflower Sci-Fi series, kicking off in fine style with Eric Frank Russell, Kurt Vonnegut, and Fred Pohl. Not only are the titles good, the series is the first in this country to carry non-representational covers, and three cheers for that, say I. We're all intelligent enough to buy a paperback because it is labelled Sci-Fi and not because it shows a picture of a robot bent on forcible matrimony with a toothsome teenager.

You'll also know that the Boardman byline appears regularly in "Books and Bookmen", a monthly journal always most hospitable to sf. Somehow I often catch myself tiptoeing past the articles on Angus Wilson and Iris Murdoch to find what Tom Boardman has to say about - well, about the twenty-fifth reissue of a van Vogt under a new title, or whatever it happends to be. Name me another newspaper or magazine in the country that keeps its readers so regularly and so well informed about the current sf (okay, okay, I meant except for the "Oxford Mail").

I would be falling down badly on this pleasant job of introduction if I did not add that Tom is best known for his series of detective thrillers, the Boardman Bloodhounds. They include the writing of many of this generation's brightest thriller writers, among them Fredric Brown and John Boland. And into his general list Tom has managed to sneak quite a few titles that are sf without anyone but the educated being aware of it. You may recall a nice shaggy fantasy called "The Village That Wandered" and a scarifying H-bomber saga called "Two Hours to Doom" - the latter being available now as a paperback, and worth . Thalf a dollar of anyone's money.

Among the sf titles proper issued under the Boardman imprint are "Caves of Steel", "Currents of Space", "Project Jupiter", "This Island Earth", and my favourite, Leigh Brackett's "Sword of Rhiannon" - oh yes, and some of the famed Lensman series and just a spot of Conan. Ted Carnell's two anthologies, "No Place Like Earth" and "Best From New Worlds" both appeared as Boardman paperbacks long before the paperback flood began.

It will be fun to have Tom Boardman among us for this con. Although I don't know him as well as I would like, he always seems the most convivial and genial of men, even when knee deep in rejectable-looking manuscripts. Tom is an American who has lived in this country (with a few necessary breaks) since he was six weeks old. How many British babies could say the same? Yet he is refreshingly unanglicised. His forcefulness, his good humour, his robust outlook, all strike me as essentially transatlantic qualities. I would say more, were it not that he is at present considering a novel of mine, and I don't want to seem too flowery. Tom is married, and his wife and two children, aged seven and eight, will be in Harrogate with him.

This will be Tem's first convention since the London Werld Con in 1957. It is great to have him with us making whooped again. Publishers of science fiction are few and far between. Tom Boardmans are even rarer.

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-- Brian Aldiss.

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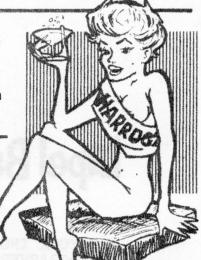
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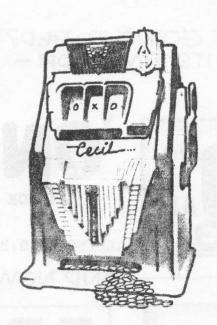
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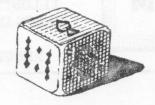
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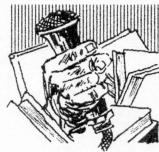
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FROM SUNNY CALIFORN-I-A.

FROM SUNNY CALIFORN-I-A. SUPPORTED BY ERIC BENTCLIFFE



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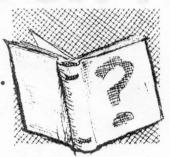
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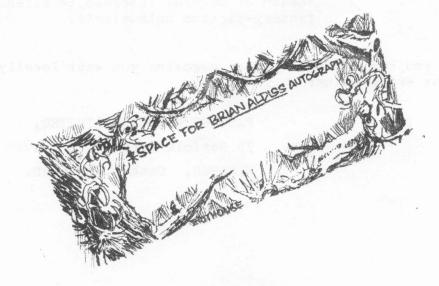
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We're Germans.

We'll come to Harrogate to meet you.

Are you nice ??

We'll try to be nice, too OK ?

But how to be nice in English ?

We're so shy ! You'll help us ?

But don't try to cheat us; we'll have our dictionaries with us!

If you speak too fast, we'll jump on your feet. OK?

WHO is Ella Parker ??

Our driver doen't yet know that there is left-handed traffic over there. I hope we won't forget to tell him.....

Conny Adenaucr for TAFF !

Did you know that Ron Bennett doesn't intend to come to the con at all?

Our car has four wheels; and yours ? (Five, counting the steering wheel! ")

WHOever you are; don't be afraid to meet us. We're not dangerous... unless we're hungry. And there IS food in England, isn't it...?

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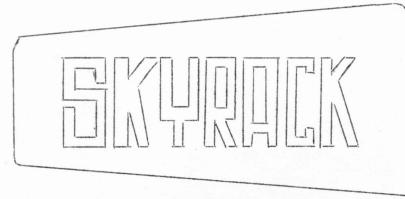
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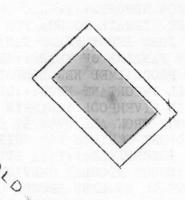
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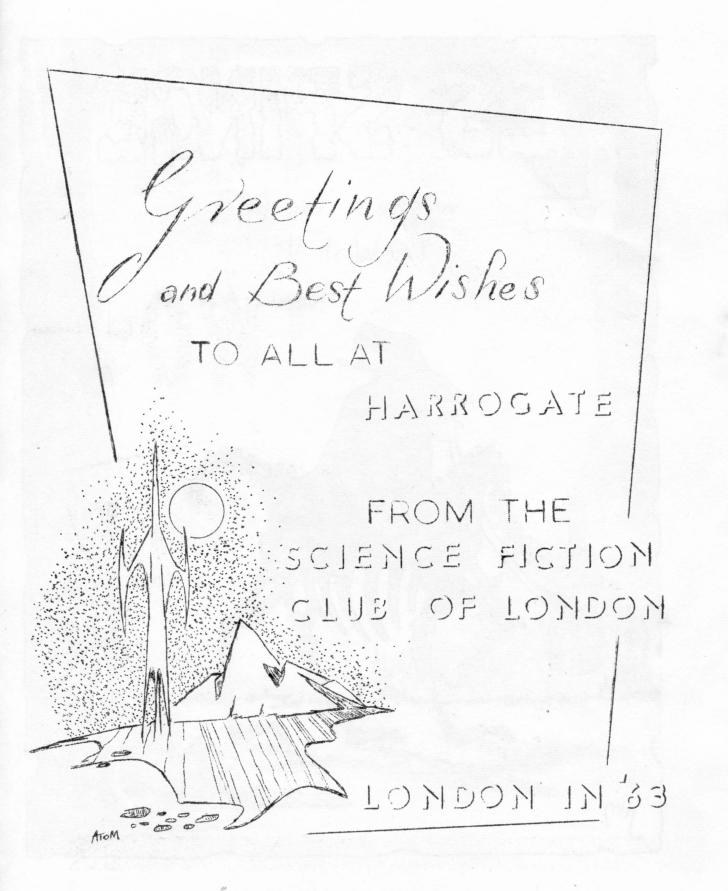
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