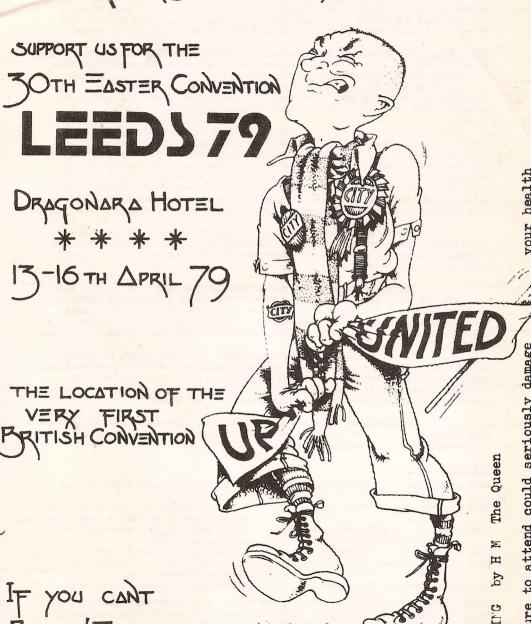
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## LEEDS '79 EASTERCON BID

THE SITE: Leeds has excellent road and rail connections with all parts of Britain. The convention hotel is centrally situated a three minutes walk from both the railway and coach stations and only a few minutes from the end of the M1 ( and you'd be surprised how many flights there are direct to nearby Leeds & Bradford airport ). The hotel has garage space for 100 cars for which there will be no charge, and parking for 60 more. There is a large variety of restaurants within easy walking distance.

THE HOTEL:- The <u>Dragonara</u> is a modern four-star hotel, the largest in the north of England with 32 single rooms and 196 doubles. Arrangements have been made with an adjacent hotel to accommodate any overspill. All rooms have private bathrooms, are double glazed, air conditioned and very comfortably furnished with direct-dialling telephone, bedside radio and color TV. Tea and coffee making facilities are provided in every room.

The layout of the hotel is ideal for conventions. The main floor holds the restaurant, the main bar, the lobby with registrations desk, a separate smaller bar (probably the fan room) cloakroom, toilets and the main convention hall. A part of the hall will be sealed off to provide space for the art show - the remaining space will still comfortably seat 350 - and after the art exhibits have been removed on Sunday, the hall can be restored to its full size for the Sunday night dance. Adjoining this hall is a sizeable room with a bar which can be used as the book room.

On the next floor there is a large room with its own bar facilities. There are also two smaller rooms which will be available for discussion groups and alternate programme events such as the playing of Dungeons and Dragons.

The hotel management has agreed to late bar opening and are even willing to arrange for alternative brews to be available ( CAMRA has been approached ). At any one time there should be not less than three bars open. Room service will be available offering quick snacks. The hotel also incorporates a shop which sells everything from newspapers to aspirins.

The management and staff are used to conventions. No charges will be made for convention rooms, nor any deposits on hotel room bookings. Continental breakfast can be served in bedrooms if requested, or full English breakfast is available in the restaurant. Room prices have been fixed at £10 per single room per night and £14 per double.

Registration is expected to be £2.50 supporting and £5.00 attending. We intend to have a strong main programme whilst leaving opportunity for more fannish events.

## THE COMMITTEE: -

Mike Dickinson . ( Joint chairman ) Fanzine editor and slime person extraordinary. Dave Pringle ( Joint chairman ) Research fellow at SF foundation. chronicler of Ballard & long time fan. Alan Dorey ( Registrations ) Black Hole editor, representative of flaming youth. Greg Pickersgill ( Publicity ) Welsh...isn't that enough? Refugees from Cheltenham, but Paul & Jan Matthews ( Art & things ) welcome neverthe less. Charlotte Bowden ( Treasurer ) Accountant & purse-string holder.

Please come to the bidding session. We'd like your vote obviously, but come and see anyway. After, if we've won, we'll be collecting supporting memberships at £2.50, cheques payable to 'YORCON'. If missed write to: Alan Dorey c/o 20, Hermitage Woods Crescent, St. John's, WOKING, Surrey, GU21 1UE.