

# NOVACON 2

ORGANISED BY THE  
BIRMINGHAM  
SCIENCE FICTION GROUP

4-5th November 1972

IMPERIAL HOTEL CENTRE, BIRMINGHAM

## PROGRESS REPORT 3

Now we are passing into the summer months, Novacon's third progress report is becoming overdue.

As usual its reproduction has been beset with difficulties, namely my typewriter. Since it was looking particularly decrepit (re; PR2) I decided to have it overhauled. It will only be gone a few days, I reasoned, a week at the most, and I allowed my flat mate (one of the uninitiated) to take it into the shop. The following Saturday Alex got up too late to collect it, the following Saturday we were both away for the weekend, the following Saturday.....

Hence PR3, the typing thereof, has been considerably delayed, along with all the letters I meant to write. I offer my apologies now to all those who think they should have heard from me and haven't.

Nevertheless, your anxieties for the present are over, and we present for your perusal Progress Report Three.

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Some of you may have seen the last F.S.F.A. bulletin in which Archie Mercer stated that Novacon's fan Guest-of-honour was Doreen Parker and that the identity of the professional G-o-H was yet to be revealed.

To clear up any misunderstandings that might have arisen, Doreen is the one and only Guest-of-Honour. As I have pointed out before Novacon is not a poor relation of the Easter convention more a little sister, with a distinct personality. Conventions have had fan G-o-H's as well as professional. For a change Novacon has a fan instead of a pro. Why should the pros monopolise the Guest-of-honour spot.

Just as we are being different with the choice of our G-o-H, and by having a madam chairman we are trying to devise an original

programme with as many people taking part as possible. If you have any ideas, or belong to a group that might like to sponsor an item, write and let me know. Already I have had one suggestion, from Oxford, on policy rather than programme, which has been fully considered by the committee.

Even if you are only a part of the audience your opinions will be appreciated (at the appropriate time) by all our speakers, so come to Novacon 2 and participate.

## GRAND AUCTION

Do you like auctions? all the antics of the auctioneers as they dive into this box and that to produce the next item, which may be the very thing you have been looking for for years, and then the fun of trying to outbid everyone else for it. Of course we all like auctions, but we need lots of Mags, Fanzines, Books, Artwork, Etc. to make a really great one; so please sort through your collection. That book you just cannot finish could be someones favourite and now out of print.

Anything you wish to donate please send to;)

Stan Eling,  
124, Galton Road,  
Smethwick,  
Warley,  
Worcs.

or bring it to a Birmingham S.F. Group meeting if you live in the Birmingham area, or to the Con itself.

If you have too much to send or carry and live within 12 miles of Birmingham write to the address above and we will arrange to pick it up.

## BOOK AND ART ROOM

Book Dealers and Artists who wish to display Books, Pictures, Posters, or anything S.F. for sale can hire tables (size 6'x2½') at £1.00 each, similar rates for floor or wall space. To reserve tables or space, please write to Stan Eling of the above address, letting us know your requirements.

## PROGRAMME BOOKLET

The finished booklet will be of an A5 size (8½" x 5½"), which is also the size of the copy we require for full page ads, please!

Since production is to be by offset-litho, all copy must be black ink on white paper, and no shading please.

But if there is, all half tones must be screened typeset by the advertiser, we cannot do it for you.

The advertising rates for this effort (!) are:-

FULL PAGE                £1.50p

Non-pro advertisements

HALF PAGE                75p

FULL PAGE                £1.00p

HALF PAGE                50p

Small ads will also be accepted for the programme booklet, although a price for this service has yet to be fixed; however it will be very reasonable.

FINAL COPY DATE IS SEPTEMBER 23rd 1972

Please send all copy to;

RICHD. NEWNHAM

4 Argyle Close,  
Walsall,  
WS4 2EY  
Staffs.

## GRAND BANQUET

The banquet, so popular last year will be held on the Saturday evening in the Temple Room. Unfortunately there is a limit to the number of people that can be squeezed in, so that when you receive your order form, which will be distributed with PR4, you are advised to fill yours in with the number of tickets, at £1.40p each, required and return it poste haste, along with your hotel booking form.

First come, first served.

If any of the would-be feasters require it, the hotel will undertake to provide vegetarian meals instead of the main course.

Wine may be purchased at the table, and water is free of charge.

REGISTRATION DESK.....volunteers wanted.

Since such a large number of con members arrived on the Friday last year, the registration desk will be open on the Friday evening as well as the Saturday, as since the committee will be running around in ever decreasing circles attending to various crises as they occur we shall be extremely grateful for any volunteers to man this, or to help in any other way they can. It will be situated near the hotel reception, close to all important facilities.

As some of you may only be able to attend part of the con, it has been decided that those who attend on the Sunday only will be subject to a reduced attendance fee. However all of you are asked to wear your badges all the time so that strangers and newcomers will know who you are, and the hotel management will know what you are.

Non-wearers will be challenged.

N.B. With your help we may be able to start our programme only 25 minutes late, instead of the usual half hour.

#### OTHER EVENTS

Fancy Dress Party Doreen Parker, the Guest-of Honour, will be one of the judges at the midnight revels, and she and Phil Rogers will be taking over the party after the exhibitionism.

Films We have ideas for one or two unusual films, the availability of which is at present being looked into by the capable Bob Rickard.

Ken Pulmer has agreed to head a panel on Conventions; past present and future.

Ray Bradbury will act as toastmaster for the convention. You may remember the very competent job he did of the announcements last year.

An Item "Vision in S.F." is being arranged.

NOVACON 3

Although it is only July, it is not too early to think about



Novacon 3. Who's going to run it?  
Where will it be?

There is no earthly reason why Novacon 1973 need be held in Birmingham again. If you would like to try running, or help run a convention, and agree to be nominally overlooked by the Brum S.F. Group don't hesitate; write now, and say so.

#### NOVACON INTERNATIONAL

Since the last progress Report was published, there has been a steady trickle of registrations coming in, pushing the numbers above the 90 mark, and with still four months to go things are looking very promising indeed.

On looking down the Register, I find that we are going to have quite an International Fannish Weekend, with people coming from as far as U.S.A., Germany and Ireland, North and South, as well as such exotic places as Kingston-on-Thames and Slough, Manchester and Leeds, and not forgetting the Eternal City of the great Intersection (Brum of course).

If you have not yet registered and wish to do so, 50p to me Jeff Hacker, will bring you all Progress Reports, including the Programme Booklet even if you do not attend.

Registrations to;-

JEFF HACKER  
92 Wisley Way,  
Birmingham, B32 2JU

Allcheques and postal orders etc. made payable to NOVACON, please.

Please notify us immediately of any change of address if you wish information to reach you promptly.

#### Registered Members

1 Doreen Parker	G-o-H	7 David A. Kyle
2 Pauline E. Dungate	Chmn.	8 Ruth Kyle
3 Mario Bosnyak	Ger.	9 A.C. Kyle
4 Bernard Peak		10 Kerry Kyle
5 Keith Freeman		11 Harry Nadler
6 Wendy Freeman		12 Marie Nadler

13 Vernon C. Brown		56 Sam Long	
14 Norman Shorrocks		57 James Campbell	
15 Ina Shorrocks		58 Jack Cohen	
16 Ken Eadie		59 Judy Cohen	
17 James White	N.IR	60 George Hay	
18 Dave Rowe		61 K.M.P. Cheslin	
19 Eddie Jones		62 Barry Hatton	
20 Prof Doron		63 Linda Hatton	
21 Avril Farnes		64 John Piggott	
22 James Turner		65 Keith A. Walker	
23 David Simmons		67 Fred Hemmings	
24 Jeffrey D. Hacker	COM	66 Tony Moran	N.IR
25 Andrew M. Stevenson		68 David Sutton	
26 A. Graham Roak		69 Sandra Sutton	
27 F. John Steward		70 Rita Malcolm	
28 Arthur Cruttenden		71 Donald Malcolm	
29 Brian J. Hampton		72 Chris Morgan	
30 Hazel C. Reynolds	COM	73 Gerry Webb	
31 Meg Palmer	COM	74 Bill Burns	usa
32 Roger G. Peyton		75 Tony Walsh	
32 Stanley A. Eling	COM	76 Simone Walsh	
34 D.F. Bouvet		77 P.N. Weedall	
35 Richard Newnham	COM	78 Tony Edwards	
36 Michael Meara		79 Marge Edwards	
37 Patricia Meara		80 Mrs I. Walton	
38 Peter R. Weston		81 David Riley	
39 Eileen Weston		82 Anne Lavery	N.IR
40 Paul A. Olver		83 James Lavery	N.IR
41 Geoff Winterman		84 Gerald Bishop	
42 John Farrimond		85 Graham R. Poole	
43 Mark Adlard		86 Philip A. Payne	
44 R. Mortimore		87 Kevin Hall	
45 R.M.E. Stokes		88 Sandra J. Furman	
46 Hartley Patterson		89 Robert A. Jackson	
47 Michel Feron	Bel	90 Diana Reed	
48 Arline Peyton		91 Johnny Nellist	
49 Anne McCaffrey	Eire	92 Marge Nellist	
50 Derek J. Waters	Eire	93 Charles Winstone	
51 Ted Ball		94 Peter Nicholls	
52 D.G. Gibson		95 Joen Grant	
53 Vic Hallet		96 Brian Aldiss	
54 Peter Mabey			
55 Ken Bulmer			

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Bel - Belgium	Eire - Irish Rep.	usa - States.

## COMING EVENTS

Ompacon is the next British Easter Convention. Information from Ken Cheslin, 56 Chapel Road, Wordsley, Stourbridge. Registration 50p

Torcon World Convention 1973, September 1st, 2nd 3rd, in Toronto Canada. British agent is; Peter R. Weston, 31 Pinewall Avenue, King's Norton, Birmingham 30

Birmingham S.F.Group meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at the Imperial Centre Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham 5. All Welcome.

The Globe, Gray's Inn. Meeting place of the London Circle, on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Liverpool Group. Contact Robert Hepworth, President Lpl. S.F. Group c/o C.F.Mott College of Education, Liverpool Road, Prescott, Lancs.

PR3 is edited by Pauline E. Dungeat (Novacon Chairman)  
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