

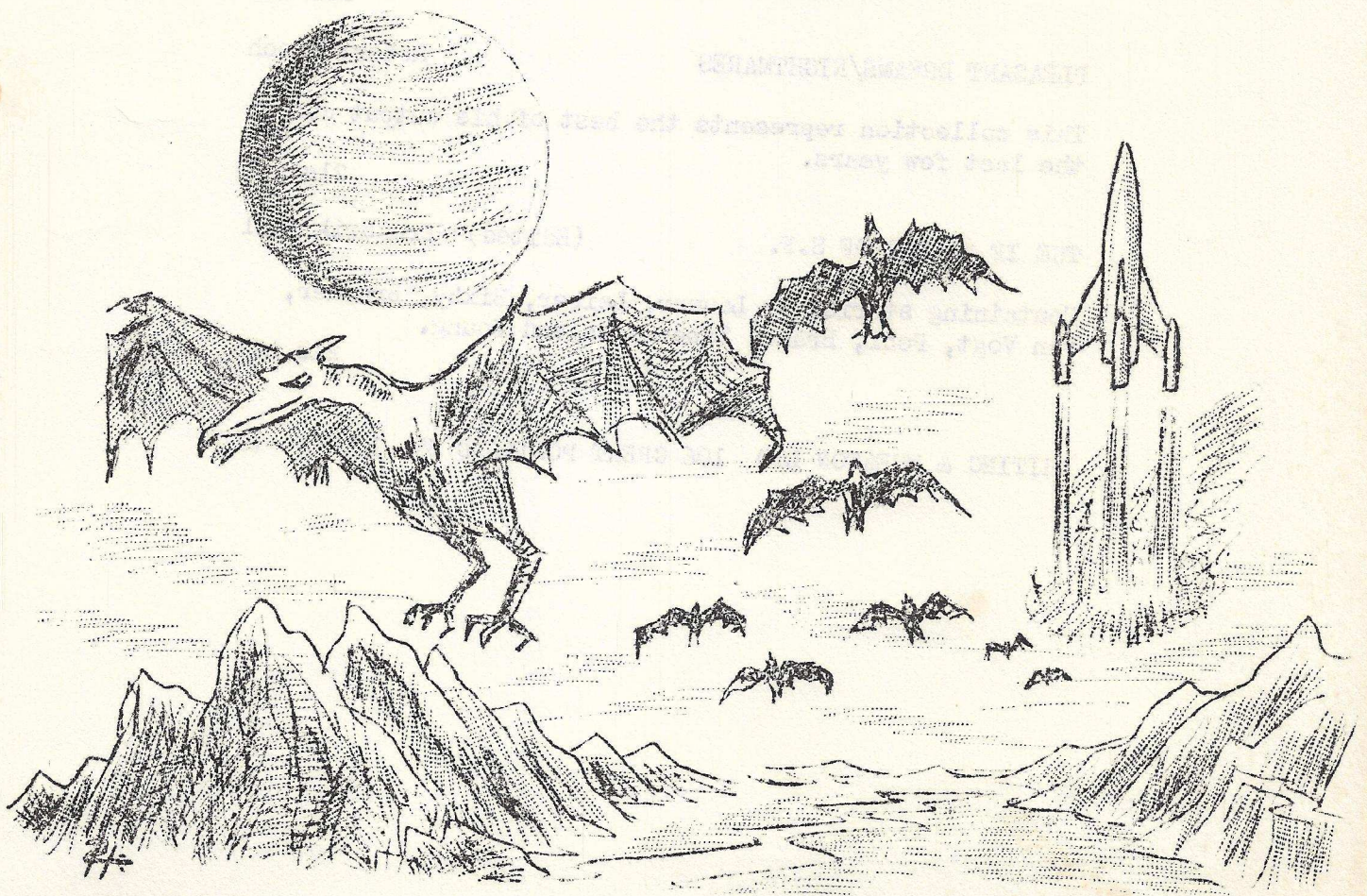
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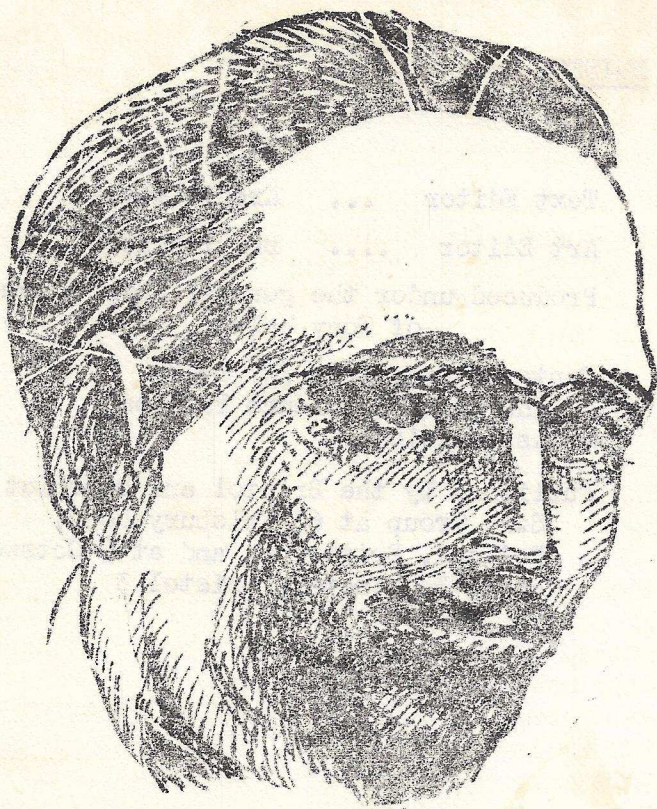
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Introducing
the Guest of Honour

J O H N

B R U N N E R

by Michael Moorcock



JOHN BRUNNER IS 32, was born in Oxfordshire, served as an officer in the RAF, worked in publishing for some years before becoming a full-time freelance writer in 1958. At 17 he sold his first story to "Astounding" and has subsequently sold to every well-known science fiction magazine ever since. Perhaps his most remarkable quality is his astonishing versatility as a writer; but more of that later.

I have known John Brunner for about twelve years. We first met at The Globe, Hatton Garden (where we still frequently meet) and found that we had a number of things in common -- our basic political ideas, the pattern of our careers, our musical interests, and so on. Since then I think we have become good friends and over the years I feel I have come to know John pretty well. I have found him a complex, generous, sophisticated and stimulating friend and can say, without sentimentality, that I have a great deal of affection for him and value his friendship very much. I admire him, of course, but, better than that, I like him and am looking forward to enjoying his company at this year's convention as I did at last year's. He is a regular convention-goer and has the distinction of being the only English attender at three consecutive world conventions. I also like Marjorie, his wife, whom I hope you'll manage to meet at this Convention; she is attractive, vivacious and has a tremendous sense of humour. They make an excellent couple and Marjorie shares many of John's engaging qualities. They are two of the most sociable people I know and give the best dinners and most memorable parties in London.

I believe that John is essentially a retiring and modest person who has managed to overcome a certain amount of natural reserve and has trained himself to be one of the best, most erudite and fluent of conversationalists and public speakers. He has a lively mind, an impressive range of interests which he has

explored in depth, and an ability to talk about them concisely and comprehensively which has, in his many appearances as a speaker at societies, colleges, universities and on the air, done much to help the public image of science fiction. His knowledge of literature is as extensive as his knowledge of the sciences -- particularly the 'soft' sciences, from which he draws many of the finest ideas for his fiction.

There are few good writers as versatile as John. Among the first stories of his that impressed me were a long novella in "Science Fantasy", Earth is but a Star, and what must have been one of the first 'warning' novels to appear here, The Brink (Gollancz, 1959). The first story was a lyrical fantasy full of nostalgic, poetic imagery and set in the distant future; the second was a tough, urgent, realistic novel set more or less in the present and dealing with the idea of an 'accidental' nuclear war being sparked off by the jittery misinterpretation of radar information by the military. They might have been by two completely different writers in their style, choice of theme and so on, but since then John has done other surprising things in extending his range and the only thing they, like the two stories I have already mentioned, have in common is their quality.

He has published an excellent 'mainstream' novel, The Crutch of Memory (1963), about a young man searching for self-discovery in Greece, which was extremely well received by the critics. Written on several levels, this book shows that John could quite as easily make an outstanding career for himself as a writer of general fiction -- just as he has already done as a writer of science fiction. Then there have been 'borderline' novels like The Squares of the City (1965) with its plot based on a chess game and a theme dealing with political intrigue in a South American state of the near future. Telepathist (1964), which was published in America as The Whole Man, was a science fiction novel bound to rank as one of the classic telepathy novels in the field; a thriller, well received in the U.S.A. and yet to appear here, Wear the Butchers' Medal (1965), was based on extensive research into arms smuggling and cries out for filming.

Perhaps John could write the script? He has already written one film script based on a Murray Leinster novel and his contribution to the "Out of the Unknown" TV series on BBC-2 (Some Lapse of Time) topped the viewer-ratings for the series. Another TV play based on his splendid short story The Last Lonely Man (which appeared in three 'Best' anthologies almost as soon as it was published in "New Worlds") will be screened in the Autumn. John also writes a regular song parody column for "Sanity", wrote the lyrics for the CND marching song, The H-Bomb's Thunder, has had at least one song recorded by Pete Seeger, and contributes reviews, poetry, critical pieces and articles to a number of magazines. He has currently just finished a 215,000 word novel, Stand on Zanzibar, which looks as if it is to be his best to date and which makes use of a dazzling range of experimental and semi-experimental literary techniques. It is sf. There seems to be no limit to his versatility and no limit to the quality of his work. As he is still a young man and has over forty books behind him, one waits with excitement to see what he will do next.

He is certain to add more awards to his growing list (which includes being the first winner of the British Fantasy Award last year) and it is certain that he will richly deserve them as he has richly deserved those he has already won.

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Brunner the man is as interesting as Brunner the writer (which can't be said for all writers) and he is also extremely sociable. You'll find when you meet him that you have only to buy him a drink to get him to talk with wit and erudition on any number of stimulating topics. Buy him a drink anyway -- in return for the pleasure I know he must have given you as a reader of his books. He well deserves to be Guest of Honour at the Bristol Convention - an outstanding and cultivated writer in an outstanding and cultivated city.

... MJM

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To Bristol '67

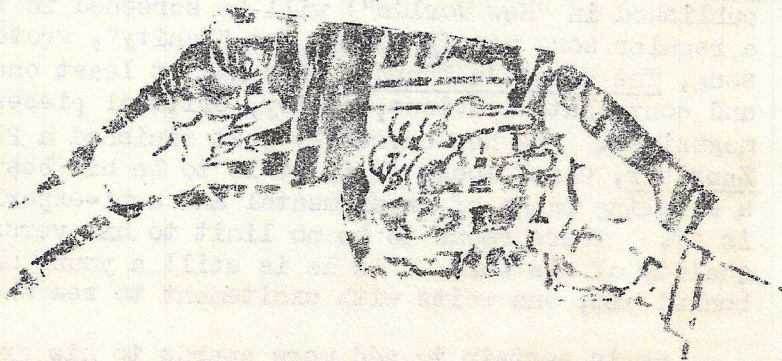
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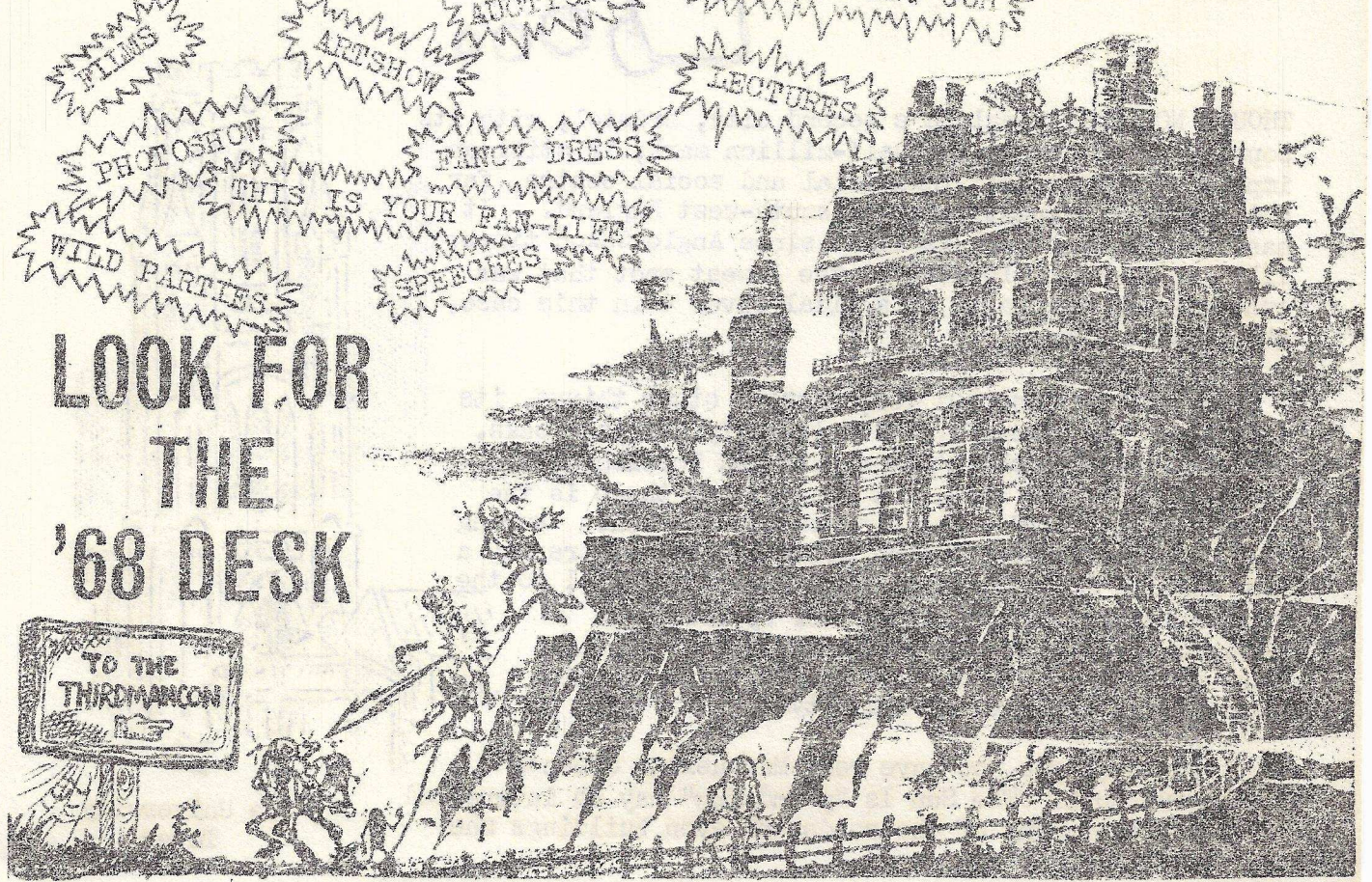
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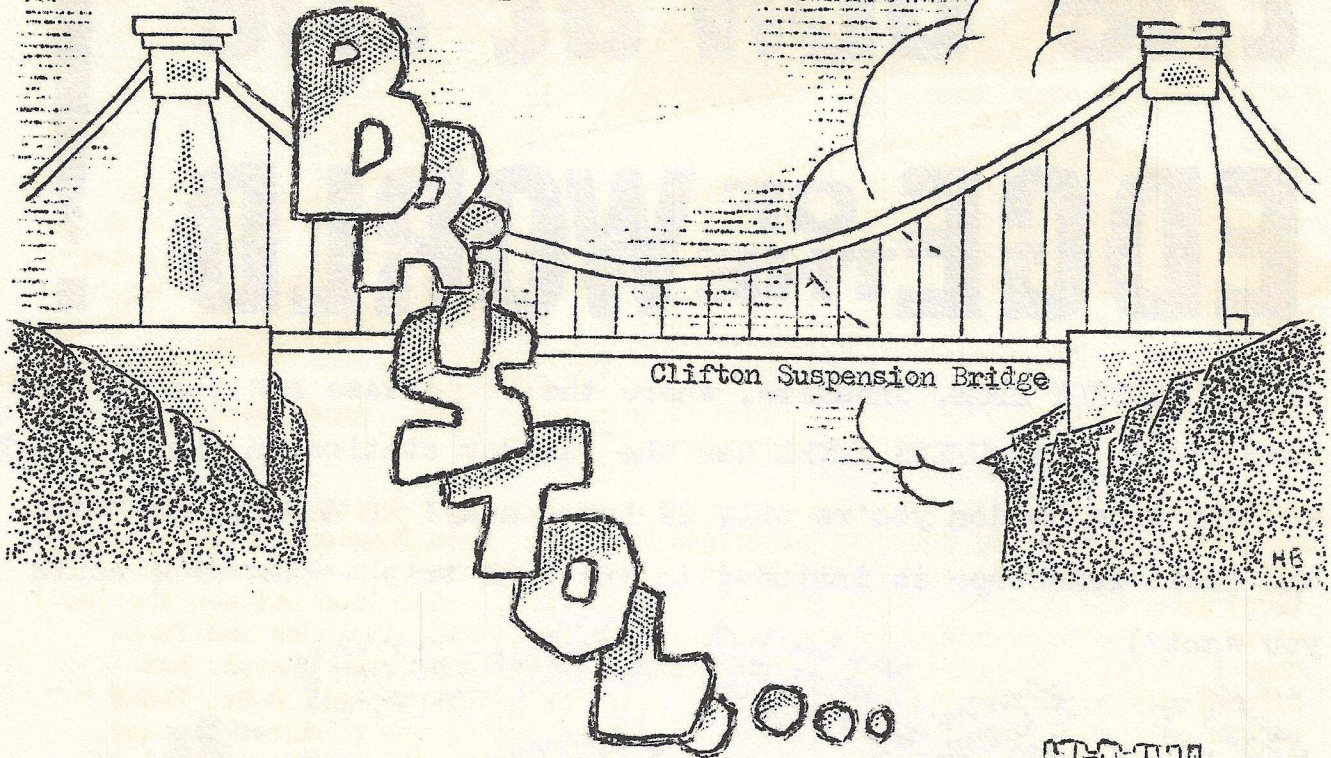
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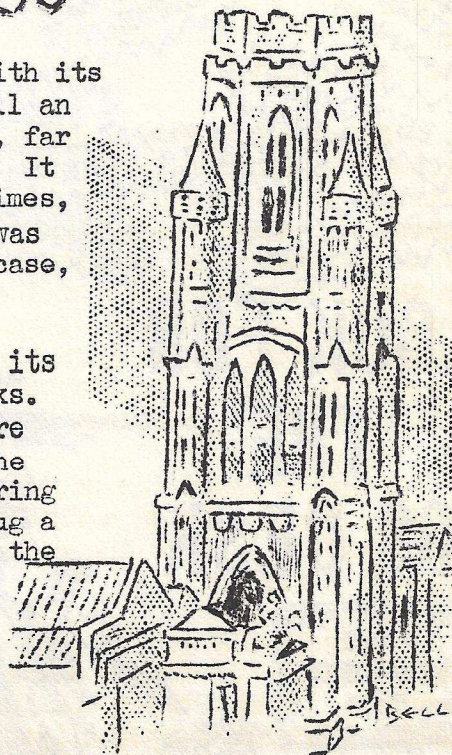
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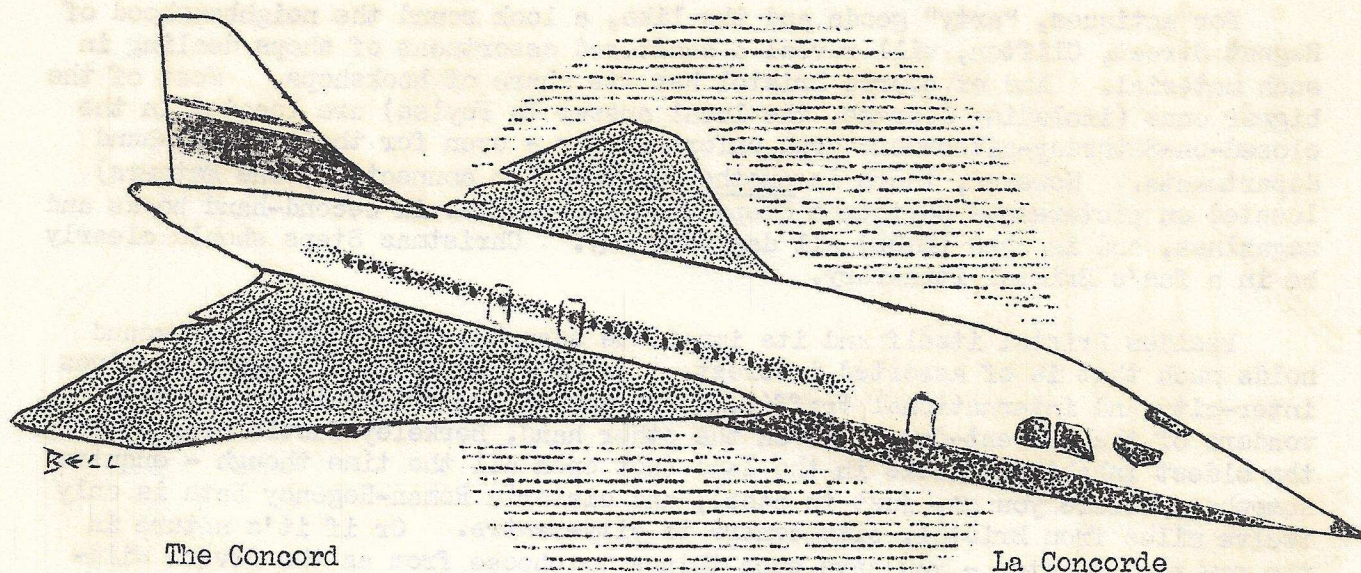
THOUGH NO LONGER England's second city, Bristol, with its population of around the half-million mark, is still an important commercial, industrial and social centre, far and away the largest town in south-west England. It has been in existence at least since Anglo-Saxon times, like London being located at the lowest spot that was conveniently bridgable on a tidal river - in this case, the Bristol Avon.

Bristol is renowned for, amongst other things, its churches, its aircraft, its University and its docks. The down-river docks at Avonmouth and Portishead are controlled by the city, but in addition there is the "floating harbour" - the old bed of the Avon. During the Napoleonic wars, French prisoners and others dug a new channel for the river more or less parallel to the old, which latter was sealed off by locks and permanently filled with water to optimum level. Thus quite large ships come up-river at high tide to dock in the heart of the city.

Those of you who have read Marguerite Steen's ponderous novel "The Sun Is My Undoing" may be interested to learn that many of the roads and even buildings she



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writes of are still in existence. For instance, one of Bristol's sights is the old (but not extinct) pub "The Llandoger Trow" in Queen Charlotte Street, just off Queen Square - in one of Bristol's oldest districts only a stone's throw (or trow) from the Centre. The district of Redcliffe, which lies between the (new) river and the harbour and is thus actually on an island, includes the famed Church of St. Mary Redcliffe. The triangle of College Green sharply but effectively contrasts the old Cathedral with the modern Council House (some people call them Town Halls). For more scenes out of the picturesque past, try a ramble around old Clifton (at the top) and Hotwells (at the bottom) of one of the city's many hills.

Bristol's Downs, a great open crescent curving along the top of the high ground between the inner and outer suburbs, is almost unique - Harrogate's "Stray" is something like it, though not so varied in layout and lacking of course the sensational view over the Avon Gorge that may be had from one side of the Downs. The Clifton Suspension Bridge, over the same Avon Gorge, abuts on the innermost corner of the Downs on its Bristol side. There is a toll to pay, even for pedestrians, but it's only a few pence and the view from the bridge is at least as striking as the view of it. Also alongside the Downs is the Bristol Zoo, which is open every day (except Christmas Day) and is well-stocked with zoological specimens of a wide and interesting variety.

Another place for panoramic views of Bristol is the Cabot Tower on Brandon Hill. Besides being a functional lighthouse (when the tide is in at night), the Tower is open to the public - bring a threepenny-bit with you though, because there's a turnstile.

Very likely you'll want to go shopping. Bristol's principal shopping centre is the Broadmead area, where most of the big department stores etc. are located. Park Street and Queens Road, which are the nearest shopping streets to the Hawthorns, specialise in expensive "prestige" shopping and are closed on Saturday afternoons. Not far away, though, are the shops of Whiteladies Road and Cotham Hill which are open all day Saturday.

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For antiques, "arty" goods and the like, a look round the neighbourhood of Regent Street, Clifton, will reveal a scattered assortment of shops dealing in such material. And of course Bristol has its share of bookshops. Most of the bigger ones (including Georges, the local answer to Foyles) are located in the closed-on-Saturday-afternoons area unfortunately - even for their second-hand departments. However, there is another Georges (no connection, one gathers) located on picturesque Christmas Steps that specialises in second-hand books and magazines, and is open (E&OE) all day Saturday. Christmas Steps should clearly be in a fan's Bristol itinerary.

Besides Bristol itself and its immediate suburbs, the countryside around holds much that is of assorted interest. Bristol Airport at Lulsgate receives inter-city and international traffic. The new Severn Bridge is one of the wonders of the present-day. Or on the other hand, Berkeley Castle claims to be the oldest inhabited castle in the land (not open all the time though - enquire somewhere before you go, just in case), and historic Roman-Regency Bath is only twelve miles from Bristol, city-centre to city-centre. Or if it's nature in the raw you're after - you have such things to choose from as the Severn Wild-fowl Trust's estate at Slinbridge, and the Cheddar Gorge.

One way or another, we trust that you will enjoy your stay in Bristol - even if your nose never finds its way out of the Hawthorns for the entire week-end...

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PROFESSIONAL DISPLAYS A number of publishing houses are displaying their current sf list at the Convention. Most if not all of the material on display is for sale - someone will be on hand to accept your money.

FANZINES With the co-operation of their editor/publishers or the representatives of same (please, folks ?) copies of all fanzines that are on general sale at the Convention will be displayed in the Cabot Room for inspection - together with a note of whom to look for if you want to buy a copy. (The person concerned may even be in the room at the time, together with his stock.)

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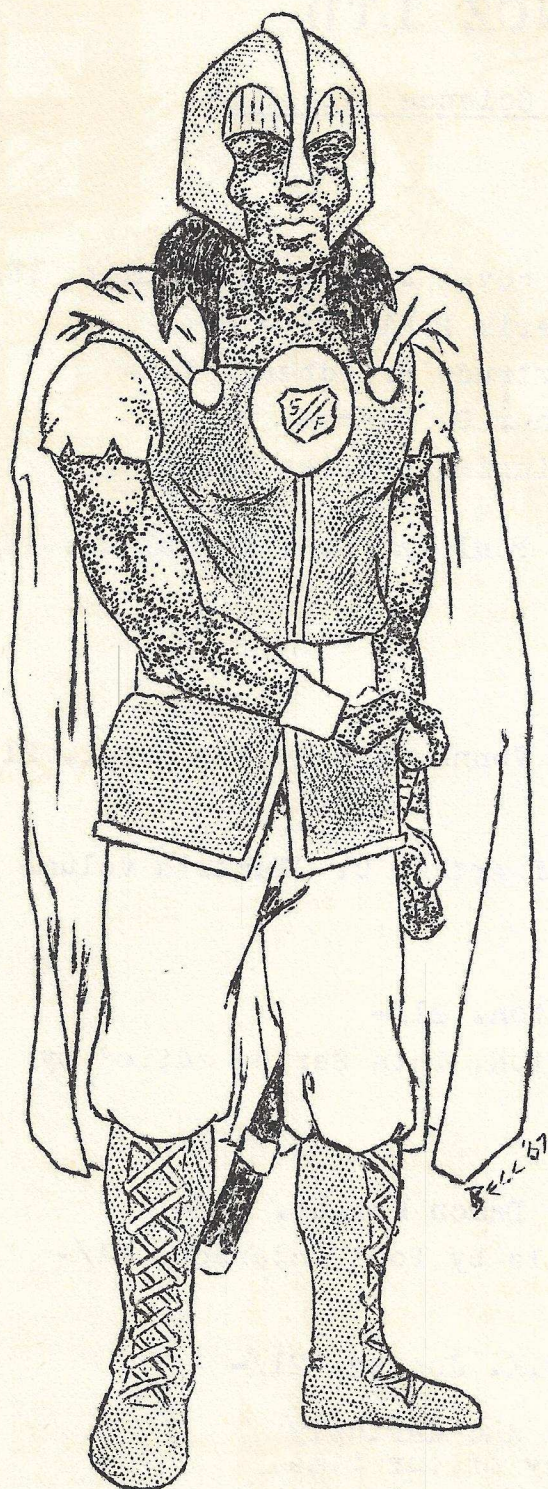
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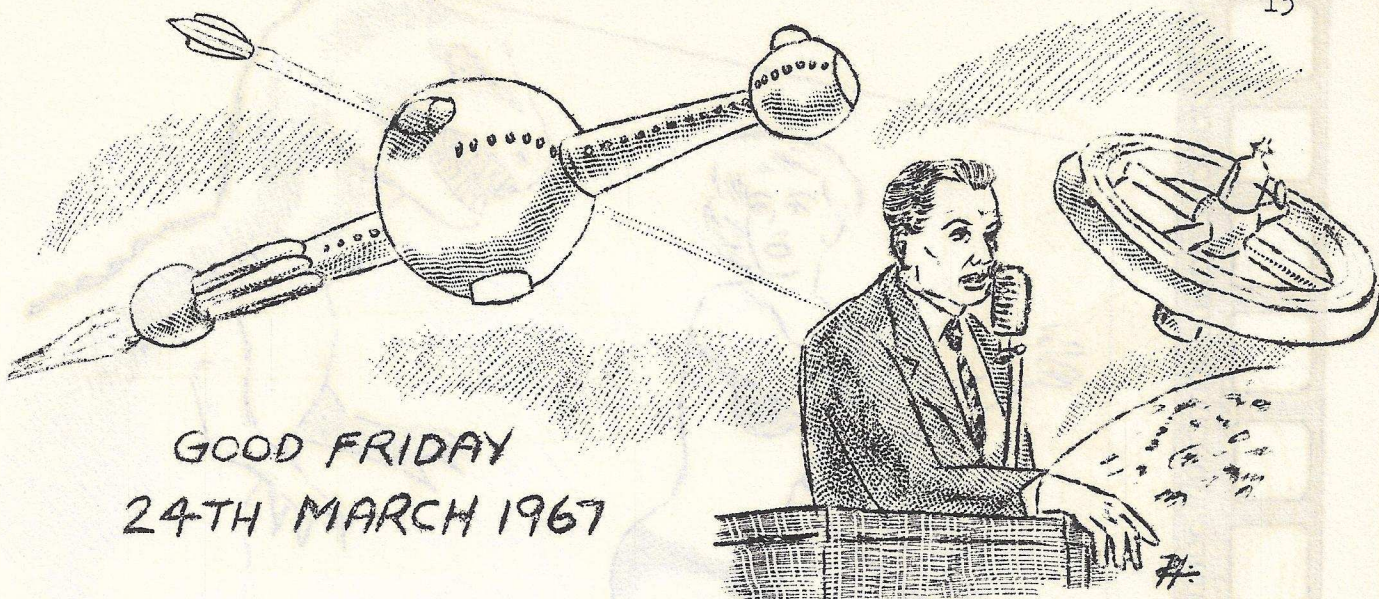


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24TH MARCH 1967

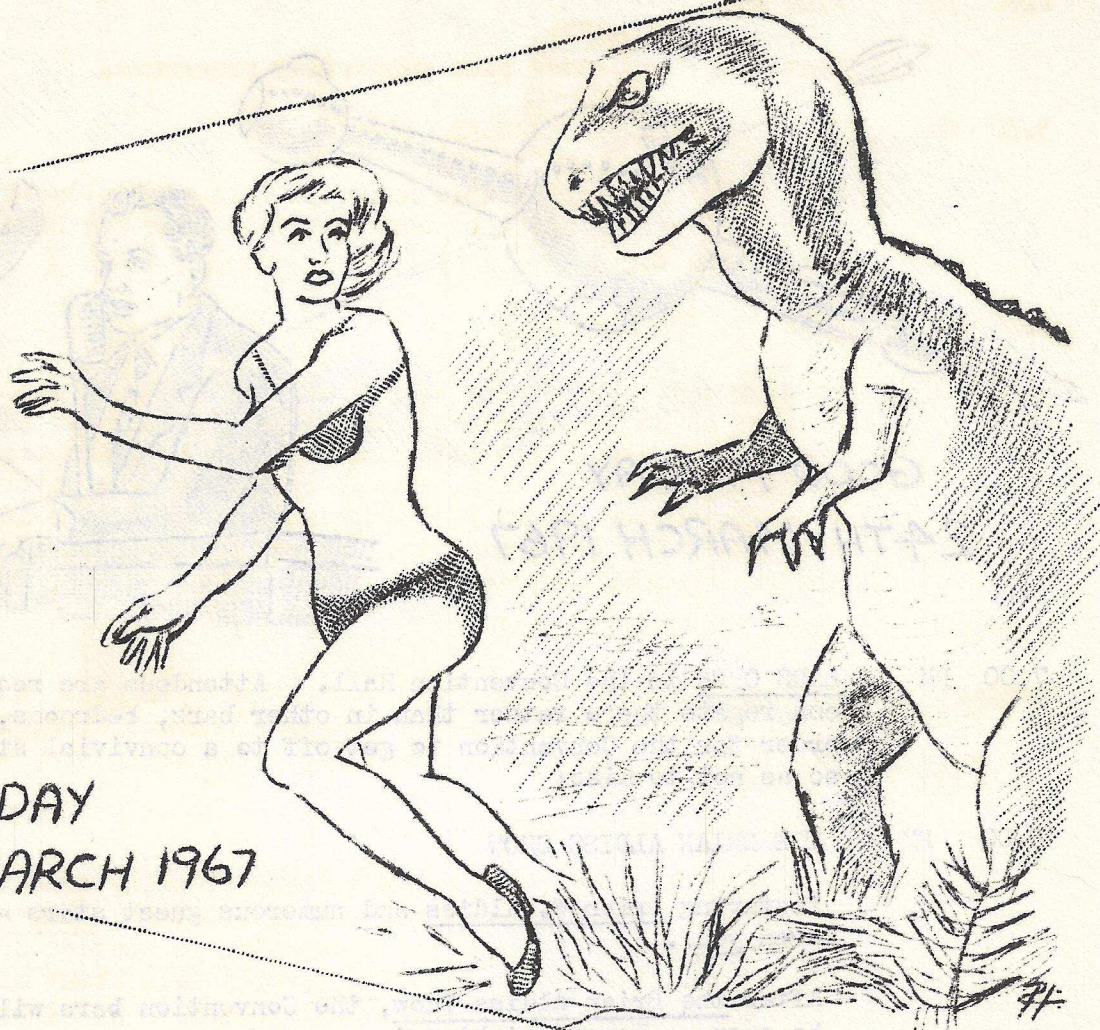
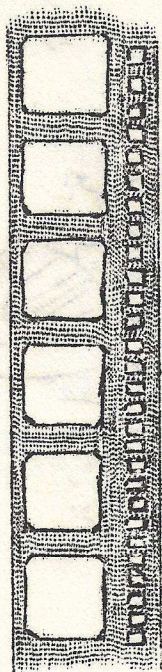
7.00 PM BARS OPEN in the Convention Hall. Attendees are requested to congregate there rather than in other bars, bedrooms, etc., in order for the Convention to get off to a convivial start, and so as not to miss:

8.00 PM THE BRIAN ALDISS SHOW

featuring Brian W. Aldiss and numerous guest stars - possibly even you...

After the Brian Aldiss Show, the Convention bars will still be open. Happy drinking!





SATURDAY
25TH MARCH 1967

10.30 AM PROFESSIONAL PANEL

Assorted professionals (authors and editors) hold an informed discussion on various topics of interest and importance.

11.15 AM FANZINE SELLING SESSION

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Those who edit, publish, and/or act as agent for fanzines are given this public opportunity to extol the virtues of their wares. (Sample copies of the issues on sale should be displayed in the Cabot Room.)

This is followed by the first

12 noon or so AUCTION

Books, artwork and other material of interest is offered in order of lot. Gradually the audience drifts off to

12.30 or so LUNCHEON BREAK

2.00 PM FILM SHOW

Featuring "La Jetée" plus supporting programme.

3.30 PM THE BRITISH FANTASY AWARD

Last year's winner of this Award is this year's Guest of Honour - John Brunner. Once the Award for this year has been presented, it is time for

3.45 or so GUEST OF HONOUR'S TALK

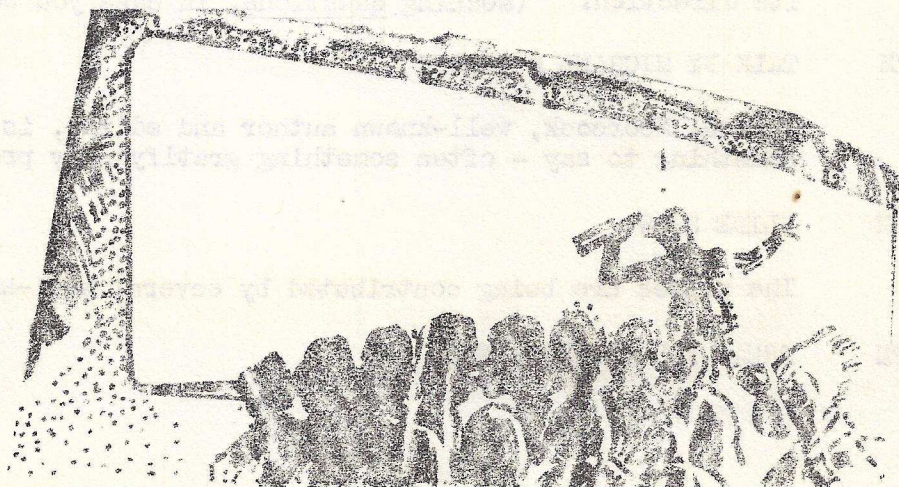
John Brunner is, as many of you already know, as good a public speaker as he is a writer. One possible theme on which he may speak (though as Guest of Honour he is allowed to pick his own subject, change his mind, etc.,) is that of the material, ripe and ready (his very words) for sf treatment, that is being unjustifiably neglected by sf writers. There may even be time for him to answer a question or two before the

Five-ish BREAK FOR EVENING MEAL

Evening During Saturday evening, the Convention Hall will be in use by the hotel for the regular weekly Dance. Convention members may attend the dance if they wish. Instead, or as well, they may attend the

CIDER AND SHERRY PARTY

in a private suite, the cider and sherry being free to legitimate attendees. Some time during the proceedings, Thomas Schlück, who last year attended the World Convention in America as delegate of the Trans-Atlantic Fan Fund (TAFF) will talk about his experiences, with the assistance of a cinema-projector. And then on into the night with the revels...





EASTER SUNDAY,
26TH MARCH 1967

9.00 AM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH SCIENCE FICTION ASSOCIATION

Patrons will kindly check their hardware at the door.

When the dust settles, it's time for the

12.30 or so LUNCHEON BREAK

2.00 PM FANZINE EDITORS' PANEL

A moderately representative bunch of those at present actively engaged in the production of fan magazines is empanelled to deal as best it may with whatever the audience may chance to throw in its direction. (Meaning questions, in case you were wondering...)

3.00 PM TALK BY MICHAEL MOORCOCK

Michael Moorcock, well-known author and editor, is seldom short of something to say - often something gratifyingly provocative.

3.45 PM SLIDE SHOW

The slides are being contributed by several well-known backsliders.

4.30 PM BREAK FOR EVENING MEAL

7.00 PM CEREMONY OF ST. FANTONY

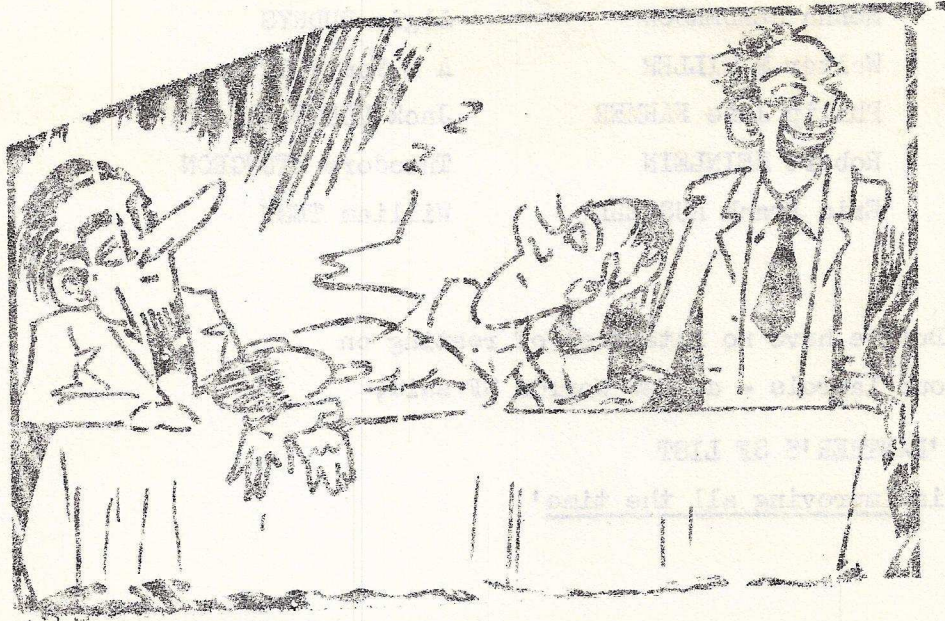
The Most Noble and Illustrious Order of Saint Fantony holds another public initiation ceremony for a deserving few. The ceremony is immediately followed by the presentation of

7.30 or so THE "DOC" WEIR AWARD

This is traditionally presented to the person voted by most Convention members to be the person they would most like to see win the "Doc" Weir Award.

7.35 or so AUCTION

Whatever didn't go yesterday has to go today. And so to bed - or, at least, to room-parties.



THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS THANKS TO:

Ken Slater, for handling the chore of liaison with the professional publishing houses;

The Artists who have illustrated this Programme Booklet at short notice, and Michael Moorcock who wrote the article about John Brunner; and

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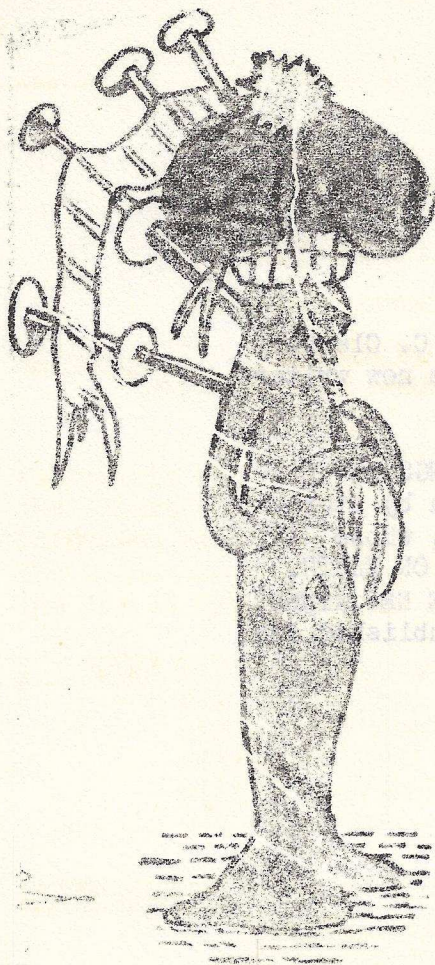
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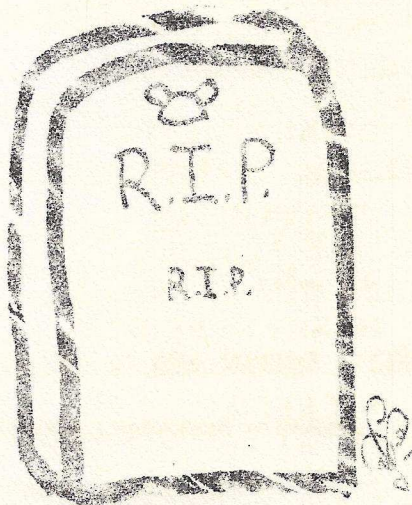
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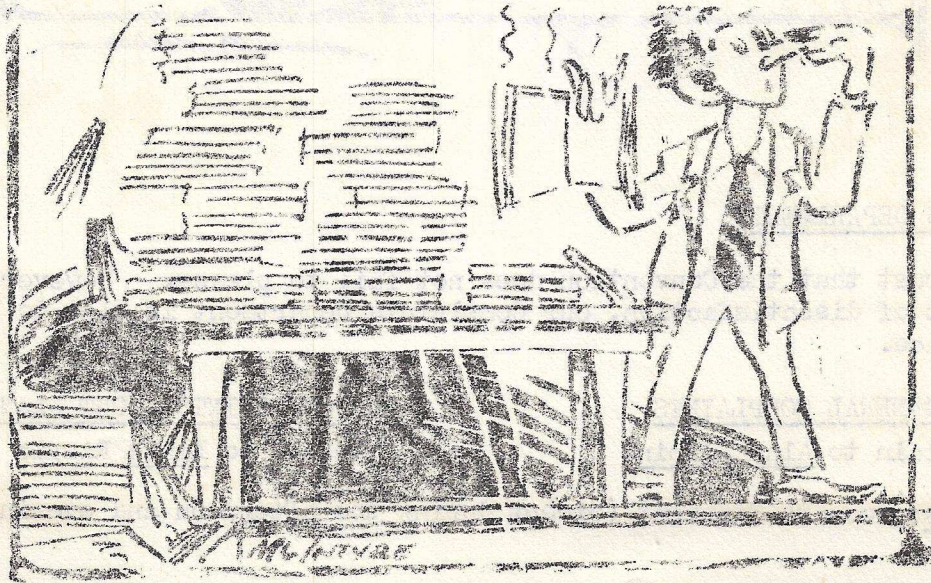
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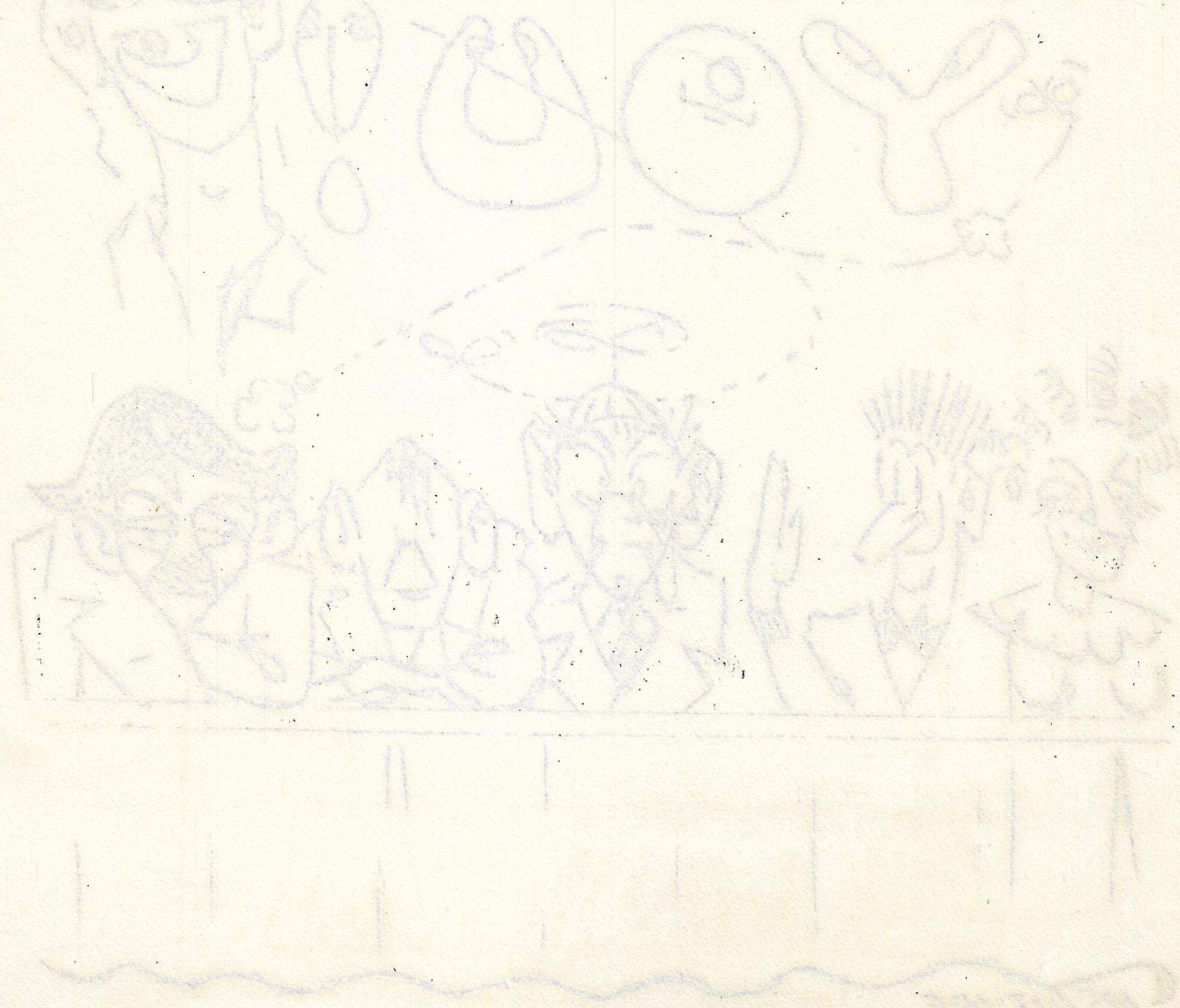
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