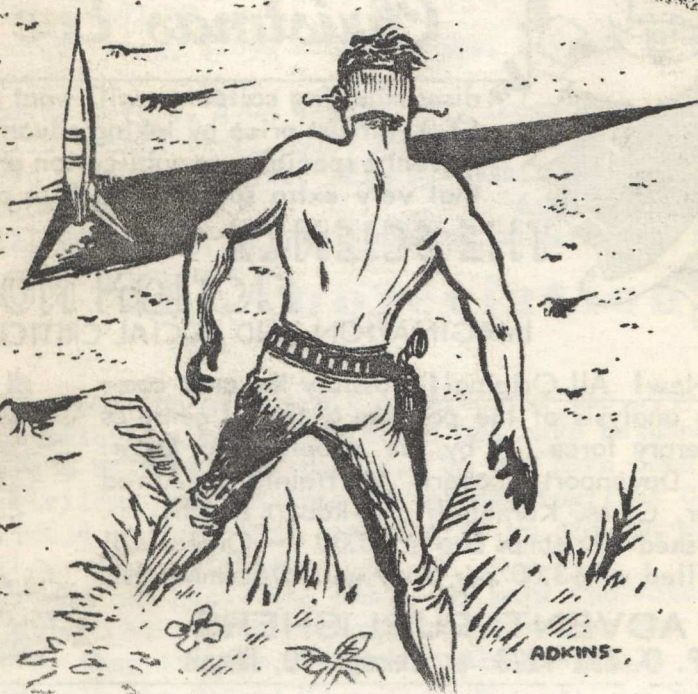


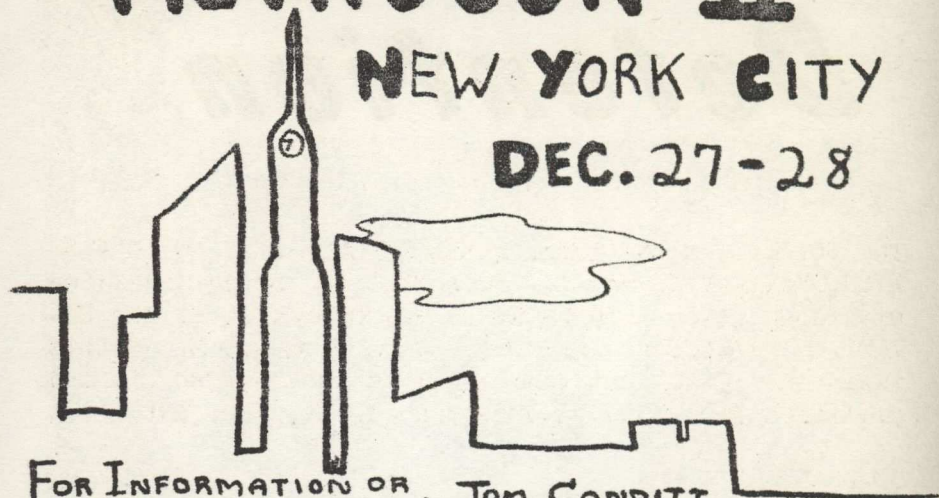
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The election of Detroit as site for the 1959 World Science Fiction Convention could not have happened without the help of many people. We who have been given the privilege and the honor of sponsoring that Convention would be less than gracious if we did not acknowledge our debt to them.

We do not know the names of many who voted for Detroit. To all these persons, whoever they may be and wherever they are, we are profoundly grateful.

Others, who helped to promote Detroit, we do know.

PROGRAM NOTES

Here it is only the end of October and already we have many things to tell you about the Program. The surprising thing about these facts is that they are facts and not just empty promises.

We have been promised a short talk by a member of the Astronomical Department of the University of Mich. explaining a new theory on the formation of the famed canals. To our knowledge this is the first time it will have been presented before a Science Fictional audience.

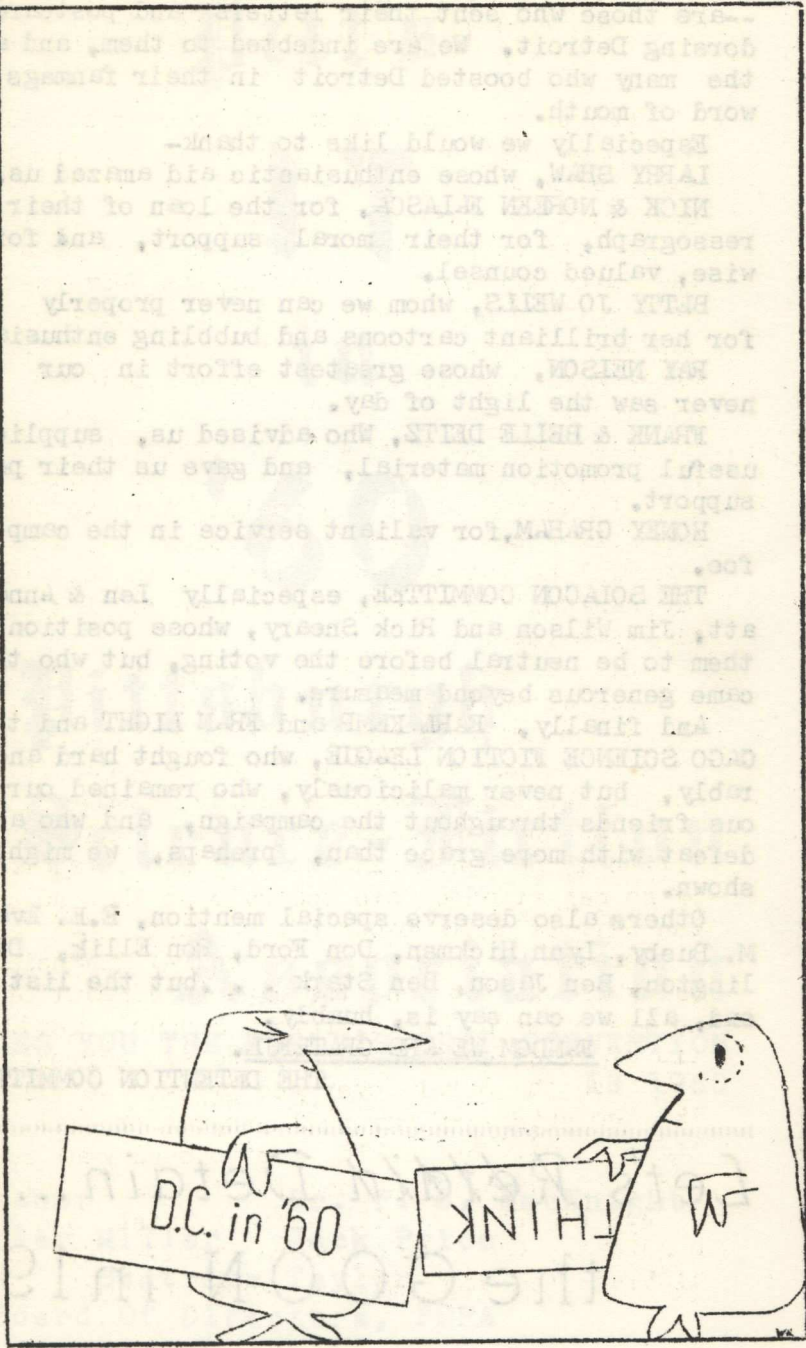
Willy Ley has promised to participate in a panel discussion. He has told us that he will stop by and talk to us on one of his monthly trips to Chicago from New York about a topic for discussion. I'm sure that you will be interested in listening to this informative discussion. There will be further details in the next progress report.

While we were in L.A. we talked to Arch Obler; he assured us that there would be no difficulty in obtaining the movie "Five" for the Convention.

Turk Murphy's Dixieland Jazz Band was in town last month. We talked to Turk and he remembers the great time he and the fans had at the Masquerade Ball in 'Frisco. He would like to play for us again and will if he can arrange his schedule so that he will be in the Detroit area Labor Day weekend.

Because we understand the normal financial difficulty of the fan and the expense account of the pro, we are offering two different banquet meals, prime rib of roast beef, and ham. We are currently dickering with the Hotel over the price. We will publish the two prices in our next progress report. At that time we will be asking you to send your reservation and if possible the money for the meal that you want.

For the fans we will have at least two panel discussions. One will concern itself with amateur publishing; the other will be about fandom's old days.



Foremost among these--and too numerous to mention here --are those who sent their letters and postcards endorsing Detroit. We are indebted to them, and also to the many who boosted Detroit in their fanmags and by word of mouth.

Especially we would like to thank--

LARRY SHAW, whose enthusiastic aid amazed us.

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THE SOLACON COMMITTEE, especially Len & Anna Moffatt, Jim Wilson and Rick Sneary, whose position forced them to be neutral before the voting, but who then became generous beyond measure.

And finally, EARL KEMP and FRAN LIGHT and the CHICAGO SCIENCE FICTION LEAGUE, who fought hard and honorably, but never maliciously, who remained our generous friends throughout the campaign, and who accepted defeat with more grace than, perhaps, we might have shown.

Others also deserve special mention, E.E. Evans, F. M. Busby, Lynn Hickman, Don Ford, Ron Ellick, Dick Ellington, Ben Jason, Ben Stark . . . but the list has no end, all we can say is, humbly,

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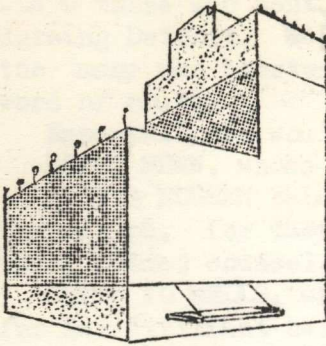
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This petition was subsequently submitted to the Board of Directors of the WSFS, Inc. by Anna Sinclare Moffatt, Chairwoman of the 16th. World Science Fiction Convention. What action said Board of Directors plans to take concerning the petition we do not know.

Detroit was selected to produce a convention by a vote of the membership of the 16th. World Science Fiction Convention not, as Mrs. Moffatt made clear during the meeting, The World Science Fiction Society, Inc.

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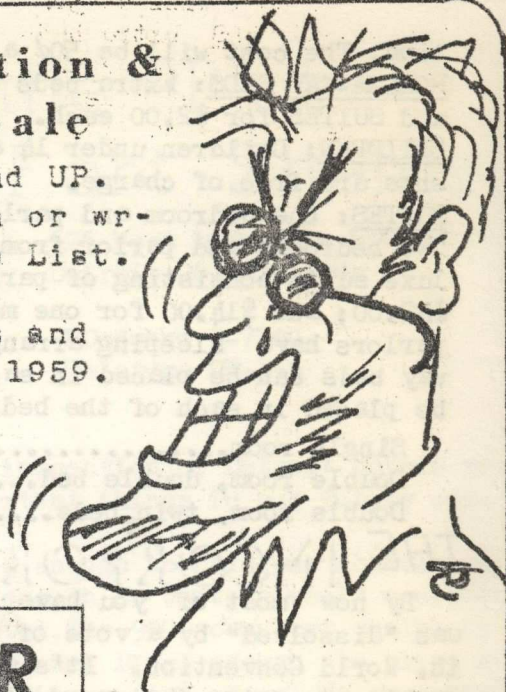
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