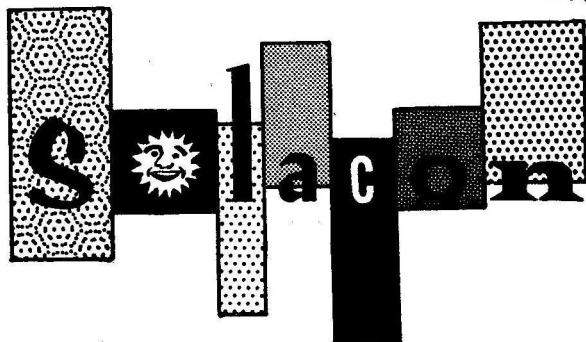




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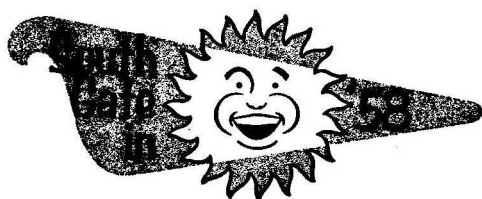
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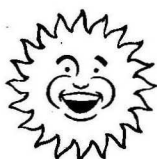
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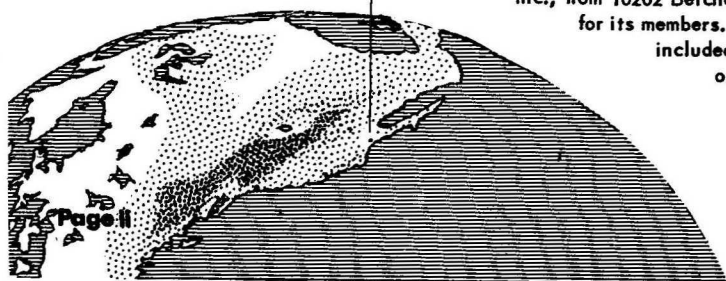
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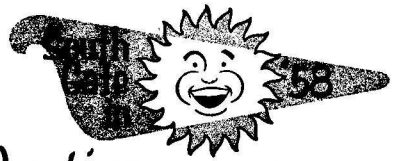
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Introduction



About ten years ago, Rick Sneary and some of his friends were thinking about science fiction conventions; someone remarked, "Why not South Gate in '58?" Started as a fannish joke, the idea snow-

balled until letters, fan magazines, and conversations all over the world were punctuated with the warcry "SOUTH GATE IN '58!" Rick carried his campaign sign to every convention and conference he could attend, and friends took it for him to London. Finally, when the time came, fans everywhere felt that the 1958 World Convention could be nowhere else. As one fan put it, "What else rhymes with '58?"

This Convention is a kind of fan's dream come true, and since fan dreams are the most fantastic, we have a great deal to do and to look forward to. For the past year your committee has been promoting and planning SOUTH GATE IN '58. For obvious reasons, South Gate's neighbor city Los Angeles will be the host. And because South Gate's bids for both the 11th Westercon and the 16th WorldCon were accepted, it will be a double affair.

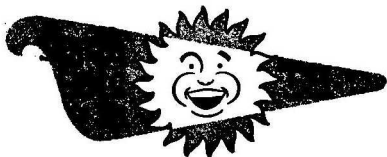
We name it SOLACON: SO for South Gate, LA for Los Angeles, and SOLA for the happy sun who is our patron and our emblem. Welcome, everybody, to SOLACON! —Anna Sinclair Moffatt, Chairwoman

Solacon COMMUNIQUE

THE culmination of some ten years of informal campaigning and one year of systematic promotion and planning, aided nobly by science fiction fans from New Zealand to Northern Ireland, was the nomination by acclamation of South Gate as the 1958 site of the World Science Fiction Society Convention and the Annual West

Coast Science Fiction Conference, respectively sixteenth and eleventh in series.

LOS Angeles, site of 1946's Pacificon, will be the scene of most of South Gate in '58, because of the limited accommodations available in South Gate. SOLACON has been designated as the official abbreviated name of the Convention, and the "happy sun", designed by Wilson & Hilkert, as the official emblem. —TURN TO PAGE 2



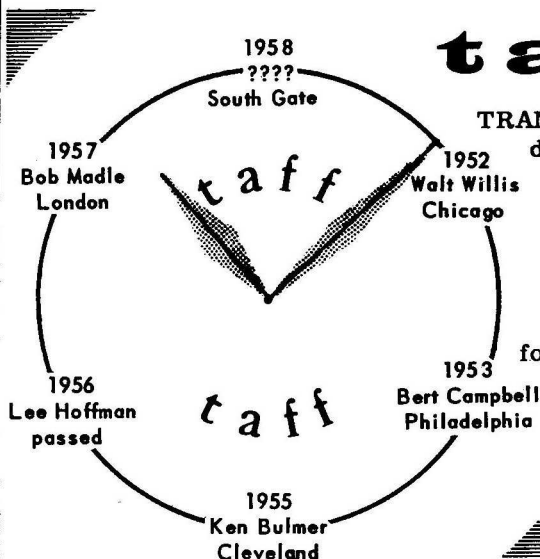
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HOTEL Alexandria, located at Fifth and Spring in downtown Los Angeles, a few steps from most public transportation termini, will be the Convention headquarters. The management of the Alexandria has extensive experience with conventions and maintains considerable equipment and space for this purpose. The prices of rooms and banquets are most reasonable; a summary of room tariffs follows, while banquet rates are being fixed and will appear soon.

Single Room	5.00	6.50	8.00
Double	6.50	8.00	10.00
Twin	8.00	9.00	10.00
Suites	10.00 to 25.00		

RESERVATIONS for the Convention dates (Friday, Aug. 29 through Monday, Sept. 1, 1958) are being accepted now, either through the Secretary, Len J. Moffatt, at the address listed elsewhere, or directly at the hotel. As usual with conventions, the sooner reservations are filed, the safer you are. In addition, the meeting rooms and lounges will be provided free of additional charge by the hotel if a minimum of 150 rooms are booked during any one night of the Convention, and the Treasurer would naturally like to feel secure in this matter as soon as possible.

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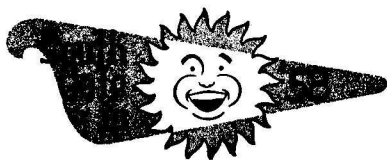
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AT this early stage it is quite naturally impossible to forecast details of the program. Some items, however, may be discussed.

At high noon on Saturday, August 30, 1958, on the steps of the City Hall in South Gate, will occur the long-foretold reunion of the Outlander Society, in whose fabled cloisters the whisper of "South Gate in '58" was first heard. Members include the Chairwoman, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the SOLACON Committee.

Time in the program has been set aside for activities to be produced by three societies of some distinction: The Elves', Gnomes', and Little Men's Marching, Chowder, and



Science Fiction Society, of Berkeley; the Los Angeles Science-Fantasy Society, one of the oldest living fan groups; and the Pacific Rocket Society.

The banquet, about which many details are yet to be arranged, will have as its toastmaster Anthony Boucher. Anyone so unfamiliar with this revered name as to require further explanation may apply to the Secretary in writing for information or may start reading fantasy and science fiction.

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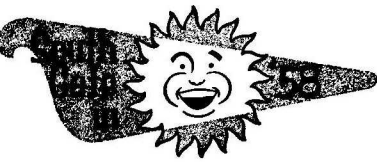
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Solacon Members:

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FOR the convenience of bidders at the auction, a catalogue of the items (as complete as possible) will be published and distributed beforehand. In addition, advance-bidding tags will be on auction items so that write-in bids can be made.

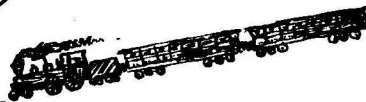
GROUPS of fans planning to attend SOLACON from the East are urged to make arrangements to travel together and to reserve blocks of rooms together at the Hotel. Frank and Belle Dietz, assisted by George Nims Raybin, have agreed to act as a travel clearinghouse as they

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ably did for the London Convention. The travel center is at 1721 Grand Ave., Apt. 2N, Bronx 53, New York. —TO PAGE 5

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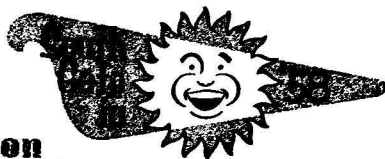
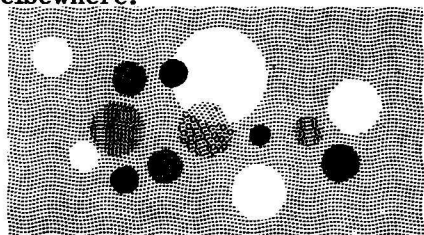


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THIS is the first of four numbers of Volume XVI of the Journal of the World Science Fiction Society; the next two will be additional Progress Reports, and the last will, of course, be the Program Booklet. The Reports will be similar to this one in format; however the Program, though of the same size and shape, will be "sideways" in orientation... with the back along the short side. Advertisers are warned; rates for advertising are listed elsewhere.



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22. William B. Ellern
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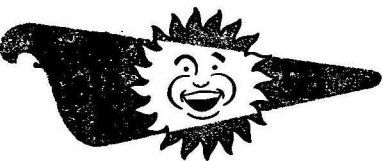
Publication of

The Selected Writings of Rick Sneary reveals neither Earth's Ancient Secrets nor the Riddle of the Saucers, but rather a rich & interesting document any fan's heirs will fight over. This sampling of thirteen years of the wit & wisdom of the Sage of South Gate may be had for a donation of a quarter or more to the *Willis-to-the-Gate* Fund, which was instituted to help Walter A. Willis, well-known Earthman, come to *South Gate* in '58. Failing this noble purpose, the Fund will help taff, a similar good fan cause advertised on another page, which you are urged to support also. *WtG* Fund representatives:

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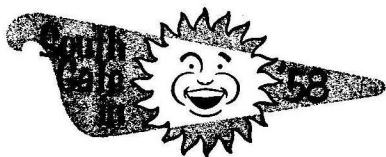
of members, alphabetized & listing addresses, will appear in the *Solacian* program. Please tell your friends—mid-July 1958 is the deadline

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- 47. Arthur Hayes
- 48. Madelein Willis
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- 51. Ken Slater
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- 53. Ruth Kyle
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- 91. Bill Meyers
- 92. Daniel M. Russell
- 93. Bob Pavlet

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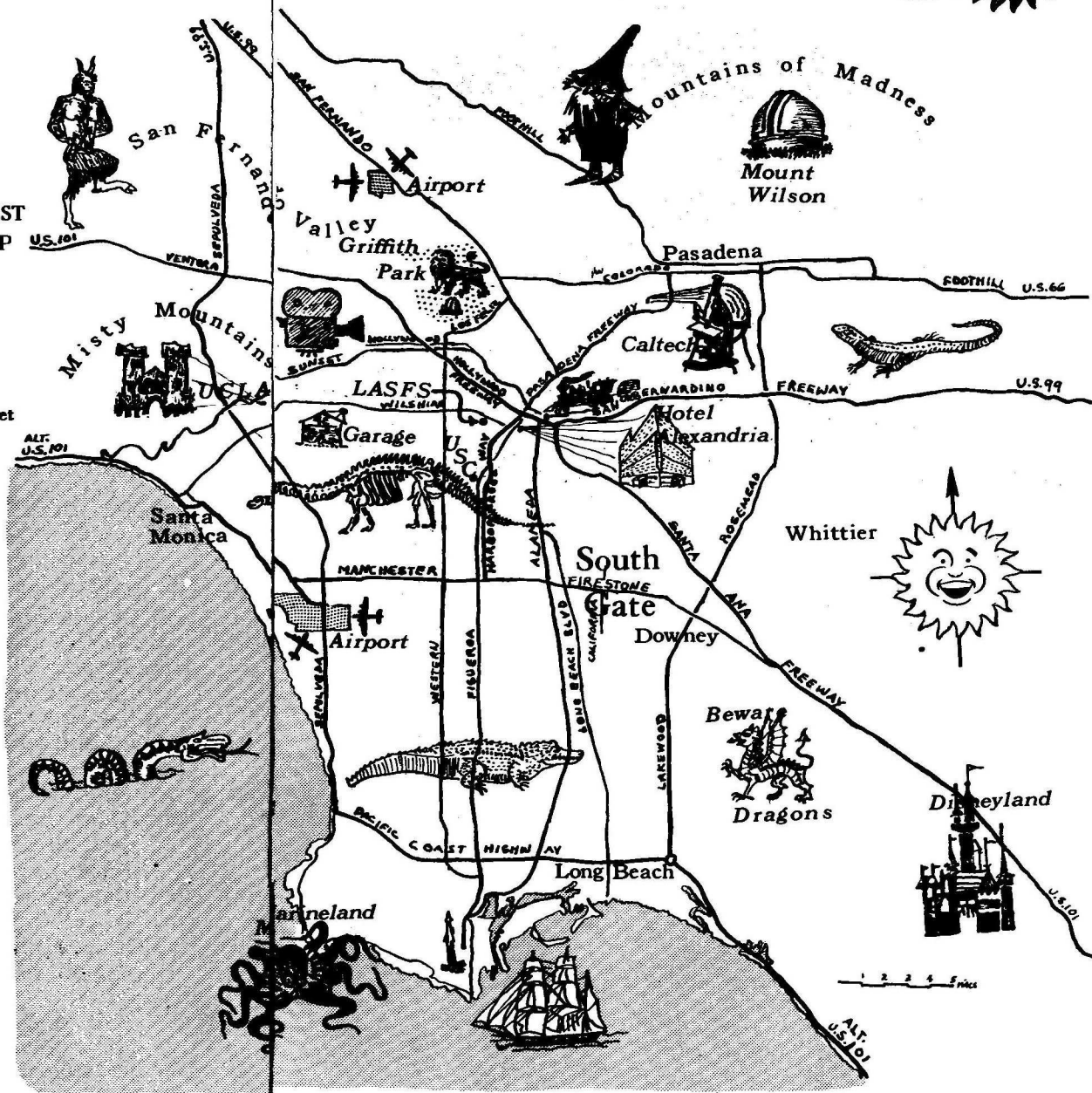
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South Gate & Environs



The city of Los Angeles includes most of the area shown above, and, we are told, more besides.

They're all going

you'll be there

But somewhere

who didn't get

Bring him in,

to Solacon -

& so will I...

is a fan

the word...

won't you ?

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