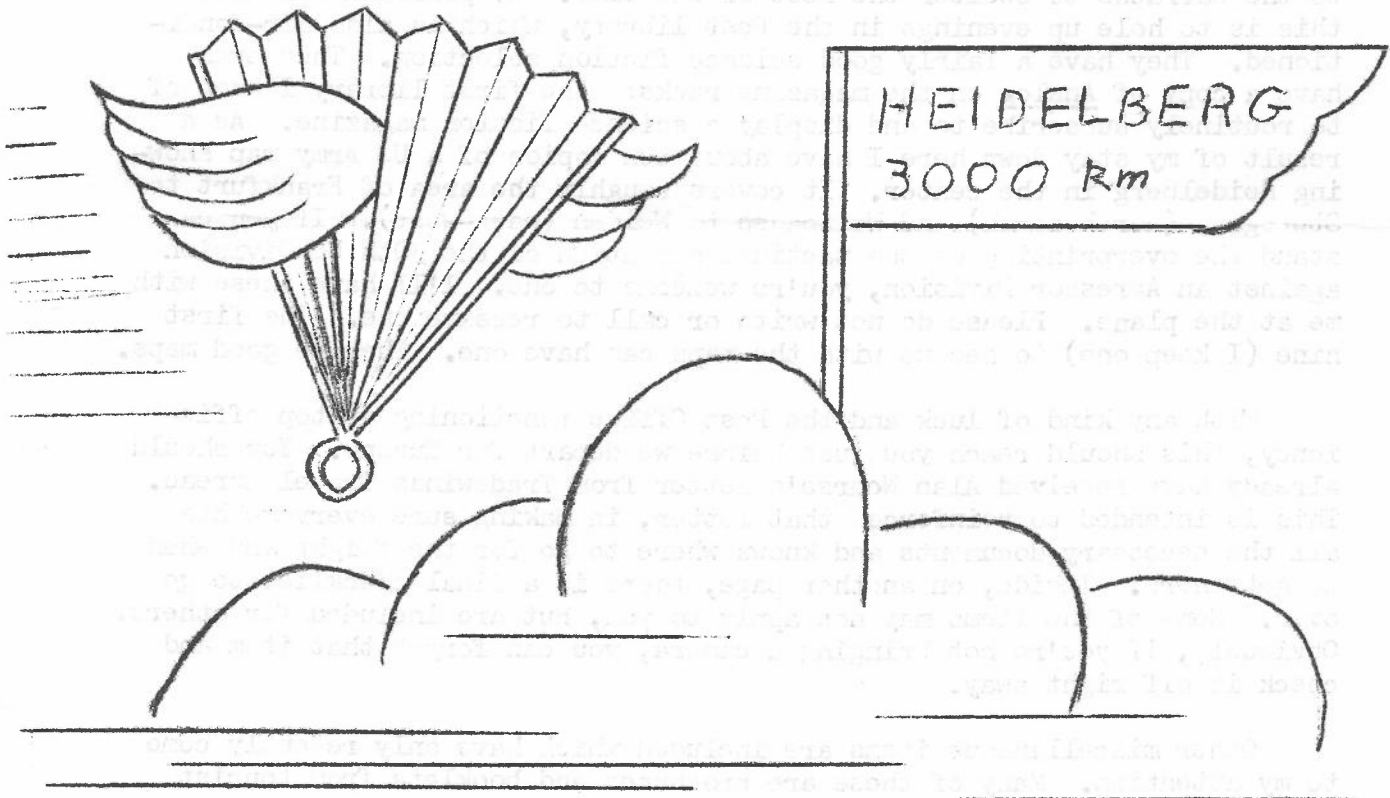


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This issue is being mailed to: 1) anyone who has enquired of me for information, 2) Heicon members, and 3) subscribers. The next (and last) issue will be handed out at the plane, August 10th. The Heicon Flyer copyright 1970 by D. W. Lundry. Single copies on request.

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This newsletter is being written under great stress and strain and was (partially) organized while I was on my two weeks' Army summer camp. This year I went down to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, Maryland. The big feature of this post is that the classrooms are air-conditioned. So I spend about eight hours a day under ideal conditions and then return to the barracks to swelter the rest of the time. My personal solution to this is to hole up evenings in the Post library, which is also air-conditioned. They have a fairly good science fiction selection. They even have a copy of Analog on the magazine racks: the first library I know of to routinely subscribe to and display a science fiction magazine. As a result of my stay down here I have about ten copies of a US Army map showing Heidelberg in the center. It covers roughly the area of Frankfurt to Stuttgart (north-south) and Weisbaden to Weiden (east-west). If you can stand the overprinting of the tactical situation of the 30th US Division against an Agressor Division, you're welcome to one. I'll have these with me at the plane. Please do not write or call to receive one. The first nine (I keep one) to see me with the maps can have one. They're good maps.

With any kind of luck and the Post Office functioning at top efficiency, this should reach you just before we depart for Europe. You should already have received Alan Nourse's letter from Tradewinds Travel Bureau. This is intended to reinforce that letter, in making sure everyone has all the necessary documents and knows where to go for the flight and when to get there. Inside, on another page, there is a final checklist to go over. Some of the items may not apply to you, but are included for others. Obviously, if you're not bringing a camera, you can forget that item and check it off right away.

Other miscellaneous items are included which have only recently come to my attention. Many of these are brochures and booklets from tourist agencies. Since there is little time to write and receive these, one possibility is to stop by the agency in New York and get whatever information they have on hand. Most travel agencies have offices at or near 630 Fifth Avenue, just off Rockefeller Center at 49th Street. If you're from out of town, Rockefeller Center is located at 47-50th Streets between Fifth and Sixth Avenues. (Sixth Avenue is called Avenue of the Americas at this point.)

The next (and last) issue will be handed out as you board the plane. It will include the final list of all passengers as well as directions for getting into London from the airport, also any other last minute information I can get. I will try and obtain some information on the Amsterdam airport as well as prices for the tax-free shopping section there. I've seen such a list, and there are some very good bargains.

Many people have asked if they can get off the place in Amsterdam. The answer to that question is as follows: "The baggage for the flight will be checked through to London." If that doesn't really answer your question, then think about it for a while. The baggage limit is 44 pounds.

A final note on tickets. All tickets will be available at the airport. We are hoping to have KLM deliver them to the KLM counter there for pickup by the passengers. If they are not there, look for me, since arrangements will have fallen through and I will be carrying them out myself. I intend to go out there early, make any last minute arrangements that are necessary and then eat at the airport. Anyone desiring to eat out there also is welcome. Final messages, comments or items of an emergency nature may be taken care of by calling me Monday during working hours (up to about 4:00) at 212-223-4762. If that is busy, call 223-2500 and leave a message for me. I will endeavor to keep a roster of who is staying where and how they may be reached for those who wish to get in touch with other fans before leaving.

My home phone number is 609-448-6198. Remember:

YOUR TICKETS WILL BE AT THE AIRPORT. GET THERE BY 7:45 P.M.

Note: some people did not pay the full \$200 we requested. (C.B.-- you know who you are.) Some paid more. Any excess will be refunded. The round trip fare is \$196. The reason we collected an even \$200 became apparent July 1st when a new \$3.00 foreign departure tax was put into effect. The result is a fare of \$196, tax of \$3.00, and a balance due of \$1.00 and some change. The extra change represents the interest the deposits have drawn since your early payments.

#### HOW TO GET TO THE AIRPORT

For the large majority coming from out of town, a few tips on how to get to the J. F. Kennedy International Airport (formerly Idlewild Airport) may prove helpful. For people who have flown into New York before, please keep in mind that the flight departs from the International Arrivals Building, not the building at which your flight coming from the domestic United States has just landed. The International Arrivals is at #8 on the bus around the airport loop. This bus has an exorbitant charge (50¢ the last time I was there), but it is about the only way to get there. The building is almost directly across from where US flights are, and it's a long, long hike.

The first step in getting out to the airport is to get to New York City. If you arrived at Newark Airport, this is best accomplished by taking the airport bus from there into the West Side Airlines Terminal. Once you're in New York City you can shop, sightsee, or whatever until about six. You should arrive at the East Side Airline Terminal building by 6:45. The East Side Airlines Terminal is located on First Avenue between 37th and 38th Streets. A cross-town bus (#106) travels along 42nd Street in front of the West Side Airline Terminal, stopping at Grand Central and the Airlines Building opposite it, then continuing on to the East Side Airlines Terminal. Taxis can also be used. The taxi fare in New York is about the cheapest in the nation and will not ruin your budget as long as you realize when to take a taxi and when to hop the subway.

Speaking of subways, it's 30¢ in New York now and is reliable (in the summer). It's also damned hot in the summer down in that hole, so don't be too eager. Some trains are air-conditioned, as are some buses. But you're more likely to hit a bus that's air-conditioned than a subway.

Once you get to the East Side Airlines Terminal, take the first bus going out to JFK Airport. The fare is (I believe) about \$2.50, and you should get off at stop #8, the International Arrivals Building. Be there two hours before flight time, which is 9:45. (That is, be there by 7:45.) Tickets will be waiting at the KLM counter. If they are not there or if you arrive way early, look me up.

The recommended sequence is to check in, get your tickets, get a seat, and have your luggage checked. Then you should go down to the Customs Office and fill out a form on every item of foreign manufacture you are taking out of the country (and planning to bring back in). This applies mostly to cameras and watches, but don't ask for grief and customs duty by omitting anything else. They're pretty casual about things, but cover yourself. Now that all the vital items are taken care of, you can eat or exchange your money for foreign coin. If you're rushed for time, you can exchange your money at the London airport. If you're looking for me, I'll probably be eating.

Relax, enjoy yourself, and in two hours you'll be on your way to Europe.

#### FINAL CHECK LIST:

- 1) Passport
- 2) International Vaccination Card (immunization record): notations by doctor and certification by Public Health Office.
- 3) International Drivers Licence (if required).
- 4) Tickets (available at airport).
- 5) Heicon membership, and/or receipt for payment of dues.
- 6) Itinerary.
- 7) Camera (with adequate film).
- 8) Notebook for notes.
- 9) Emergency information: Name, address, and phone of next of kin and principal contact (for you) in each foreign city.

Departure: August 10, 1970, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines flight #KL634-Y

Lv: 9:45 p.m. Kennedy Airport, New York  
 Ar: 10:00 a.m. Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam  
 Lv: 12:00 noon " " " (KLM flight #KL125-Y)  
 Ar: 12:55 p.m. Heathrow Airport, London

Return: August 31, 1970, KLM flight #KL631-Y

Lv: 12:45 p.m. Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam  
 Ar: 4:00 p.m. Kennedy Airport, New York

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TAFF

The TAFF winner was Elliott Shorter, as you probably already know. This seems fitting, since Elliott was one of the very first to lay down his money for the group flight; last October, in fact. The other two candidates gave little or no indication of their desire to travel on the group flight.

Elliott will be traveling with us on August 10th to London.

The vote (courtesy of Locus-59 and Steve Styles) was:

	<u>US</u>	<u>Overseas</u>	<u>Total</u>
Elliott Shorter	111	28	139
Bill Rotsler	70	9	79
Charlie Brown	28	19	47
Hold-over funds	1	1	2
	<u>210</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>267</u>

How about a bigger vote next year? And a few fives instead of ones in the donation pile?

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The new \$3.00 travel tax on all passengers departing for foreign destinations from US airports is expected to produce \$28.4 million in the coming 12 months.

## LETTERS

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Not knowing how long you lot plan to be in the UK and so forth, I can't really offer much help on this. One thing though, if anyone plans to do any train travel in Britain, it will pay them to get Thrift Rail Coupons. The ones they sell in this country give £10 worth of travel for around \$20. I realize from the early issues of THF that you two have done more travelling in the Continent than I have, but it seems most of yours was by private transport. How about a real sfictional Channel crossing by 350 seater Hovercraft? For real economy, and if it is still running, you might try persuading the Aussie fans who want over by bus to do another continental excursion. There is a pair of restrictions on that though: (a) last I heard they were having mechanical problems in Northern Greece; (b) there are only three fans among the 14 people on it at the moment, and one of those is suffering from unrequited love and is flying back. John Brosnan and Chris Guy may still be in circulation, though. We thought we'd run a piece on their odd-ysses in HEI THERE! which is the rather horrifying working title of the FLYER flier. John is a very funny writer, and while his dispatches so far have been a little too close to the series of running disasters for the levity we have come to know and love, I think he'll come up with something appropriate.

Incidentally, I plan to arrive in Frankfurt on the afternoon of Thursday (day before the Con) and leave for London on the Tuesday or possibly Wednesday after. I'm then having a month at home in England before leaving for here. As you can see, I'm still thinking of England as home, although I've been living here for eighteen months! I come back via Canada and the States, stopping over in a couple of places on the way.

Swiped from Yandro: Billy Pettit, Control Data Ltd., 22A St. James Square  
London S.W. 1, Great Britain

"I will be happy to pay the fee of any fan wanting to join Heicon but having trouble changing money. I have no trouble and will take a check in any currency and will pay their membership for them. It goes without saying that they must include their address and so on. Print my address, and so on. Also, Ethel Lindsay and I will find a place to stay if any fans are coming through London or Amsterdam. We have already provided for several who were coming with no idea of what to do once they got to London. Please have them use my address and get in touch with me before the 15th of July if they need a place to stay. And write or call me when they arrive. We are setting up something for the 10th and 11th of August as well as interfacing with all possible problems. If anybody has special problems, needs, etc., I will be more than happy to help them. Same for ideas on what to do before and after the con. I have been to all countries in Europe, both sides of the curtain, and help them now if they just write. Please print this. And my phone number at home is 624-9378; at work, 930-1735.

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

ESSO Motor Hotels -- From the pictures I have, a free translation of our motels but on a grander style. Prices look reasonable compared to our rates. For example, Heidelberg has singles at \$9.50, doubles at \$13.40. A third person in a double room is \$2.50 with service included in the price. If you're interested, write Robert F. Warner, Inc., 630 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10020. They also have a European representative in London, R. M. Brooker Ltd., 11/12 Norfolk Street, London, WC2, and another representative, R. M. Brooker Ltd., Rossmarkt 17, 6 Frankfurt am Main, Germany. For those who like to put money in Ma Bell's pockets, the telephone of the London representative is 01-836 1942.

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COOK's World Travel Service, 587 Fifth Avenue (at 48th), New York, N. Y. 10017. Still the world's largest travel organization. Their travelers checks are only 75¢ per \$100. Also, you get mistaken for a Britisher traveling on some sort of American grant. Check into them--a much more courteous organization than American Express. Offices in Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Washington, among others. Ask for their free 64-page book, "Cook's Europe 1970."

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The British Tourist Authority has a new "Open to View" ticket available which permits admission to such landmarks as the Tower of London, Stonehenge, Churchill's Chartwell and Blenheim Palace, the State Apartments at Windsor Castle and other stately homes and estates. The price of this ticket is now \$3.50 for a period of 21 days starting the first time you use it. They may be purchased for \$3.50 (plus 25¢ for handling) from British Rail International, 270 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016, and at the Tourist Information Centre, 65 Saint James Street, London, W. 1. If you picket up the tickets in New York, British Rail Office is located between 39th and 40th on Madison Avenue. Included with the ticket is a 24-page booklet listing all the properties, opening days, hours and locations.

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The International Camping Carnet may be obtained in the U.S. and Canada through AAA Worldwide Travel for \$10. Camping is quite popular in Europe, as can be seen by the number of signs for campgrounds along any major road. When you pass by the symbol of a tent with an arrow and possibly the word "camping," you can expect to find shortly one of nearly 2500 camp sites scattered around Western Europe. They are almost always filled to capacity, so come early in the day. However, don't expect US standards. You pitch your tent right in the dirt, sand or whatever's there. You won't find any wooden stands as some New York state parks have.

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AAA, the American Automobile Association, also functions somewhat in Europe. If you're a member, ask for their manual on European travel (similar to their regional US guides) and pick up one of their maps of Europe. The map is an excellent guide for planning your trip. They also used to have maps of the individual countries, but I don't know if they still do. If you plan to drive, get them. In Europe you have to buy your road maps, they are not free with gas. If your local organization gives you trouble (mine was downright rude), write to AAA, World Wide Travel, 1712 G Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20006.

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For a free book (52 pages, over 90 color photos) on British Travel, write to British Tourist Authority, Box 4100, New York, N. Y. 10017, and ask for their book Vacations in Britain.

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Student Travel: SOFA (Student Overseas Flights for Americans), a New York branch of some European student travel bureaus, has published booklets for the traveling student. "The Official Student Guide to Europe" lists the addresses of the European student travel bureaus, as well as information pertaining to student-oriented tours, trains, flights, hotels and restaurants. This guide costs \$2.50, and it can be obtained from SOFA, 576 Fifth Avenue.

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Michelin's "1970 Red Guide to France," highly regarded for its star rating system of restaurants, lists a total of 10,756 establishments-- 7,195 hotels and 3,561 restaurants. The Michelin guides to Italy, Spain, Germany and Benelux (Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg) are also available. Prices for these new editions are: France, \$4.50; Italy, \$3.75; Spain, \$3.50; Germany, \$3.75; and Benelux, \$3.50. They can be obtained from French and European Publications, Inc., 610 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

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