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*And a big, big thank you to my kindly
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HEICON CHARTER NEWS

As usually happens, there are quite a few last minute items to be crammed into this issue of The Heicon Flyer. The key item is my new daughter, Melanie Lundry, born on Aug. 4. She's another red-head weighing in at 7 lbs, 3 oz.

The timing of the pregnancy was a little unfortunate since my wife had hoped to go on this trip. As it turned out, the only trip my wife made was to the Princeton Hospital. She also had the dubious distinction of being the first dropout from the flight. Following closely behind her was Sherry Heap for the same reason. No news from the Heaps yet on their child.

A few dropouts were tragic. Evy delRey and George Raybin will be missed. Others were due to various causes, mostly the mini-recession and uncertainty about job futures. If everyone who had put down a deposit had followed through, we would have about 110. And if I'd believed all the comments of "Oh, we'll definitely go", there would have been two plane loads. On the passenger list there is a (new) final count of 78. Last Sunday, Janet Megson had a violent confrontation with a truck, resulting in many bruises and a broken nose. She and Eric Kagan will not be on the flight unless modern medicine works some quick miracles.

At last notice, the London fans were trying to arrange a party the evening of arrival. I don't have all the details yet, so for the latest scoop see Bruce Pelz and English fandom at the London airport.

There is a refund of any overpayments for the flight. When the people who signed up early sent in their deposits, the money was placed in an interest bearing account. This has been apportioned (equally) among those who sent in their deposit early. For those who subscribed to the Heicon Flyer and followed through by traveling with the group, there is also a refund of the subscription price.

I have some brochures of interest which you should also have gotten with the Heicon Flyer. There's an article, "Does Amsterdam have the best airport in the world?", a list of bargains at the tax-free shopping center in the Amsterdam airport, and a copy of "HEI-JACK", courtesy of Robin Johnson who sent the stencil, Elliot Shorter who ran it off, and Charlie Brown who supplied the printing facilities. If I get a 1970 London Underground map and if the Xerox machine doesn't break down (and if the rabbit doesn't eat the cabbage standing on his head) there will be a copy enclosed. If not, I will have a 1963 version available for perusal.

As a final note, people desiring to discuss the trip with me will, I'm afraid, find me a less than lucid conversationalist on the plane. I expect to be doped up with aspirin and assorted sinus de-congestants. The cabin is pressurized at 8000 ft. and abrupt pressure changes bother me. Also keep in mind that while we land in Amsterdam at 10:00 AM, it's really 5:00 AM Eastern Daylight Time. So go to sleep. You'll need your rest for any party that might happen Tuesday night.

heidelberg in 1970!

.....yes, really!!!

WORLD SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY
Group Fare Passenger List

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Miss Susan Anderson | 22. Mr. Jack L. Chalker |
| * Mr. Crayden Arcand | 23. Mr. Norman Codner |
| 2. Mr. Floyd Atchison | 24. Mr. Eli Cohen |
| 3. Mrs. Floyd Atchison | * Mr. Jack M. Dann |
| 4. Mr. William Bacharach | * Mr. Lorne H. Dann |
| 5. Mr. Edward Bielfeldt | 25. Mr. Henry Durkin |
| 6. Mrs. Edward Bielfeldt | 26. Mrs. Henry Durkin |
| 7. Miss Jean Bogart | 27. Miss Mary Ensley |
| 8. Mr. Ronald Bounds | 28. Miss Rosemary Ensley |
| 9. Miss Charlotte Boynton | 29. Mr. Dan Galouye |
| 10. Mrs. Marsha Brown | 30. Mrs. Dan Galouye |
| 11. Mr. Stewart Brownstein | 31. Mr. Paul F. Calvin |
| 12. Mrs. Stewart Brownstein | 32. Mr. Stephen Goldin |
| 13. Miss Ginjer Buchanan | 33. Mr. Wallace Gonser |
| 14. Mr. Gary Buck | 34. Mr. Harold Harrigan |
| 15. Mr. R. W. Buechley | 35. Mr. Eric Kagan |
| 16. Mrs. R. W. Buechley | 36. Mr. Patrick Kennedy |
| 17. Mr. Lee Burwasser | 37. Mrs. Patrick Kennedy |
| 18. Mr. Ronald Bushyager | 38. Miss Sharon Kennelty |
| 19. Mrs. Ronald Bushyager | 39. Mr. Melvin Klozar |
| 20. Mr. C. E. Cazedessus | 40. Miss Kathryn I. Kurtz |
| 21. Mrs. C. E. Cazedessus | 41. Miss Nancy Lambert |

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| 42. Mr. Anthony Lewis | 64. Mr. T. L. Sherred |
| 43. Mrs. Anthony Lewis | 65. Mrs. T. L. Sherred |
| 44. Mr. Donald Lundry | 66. Mr. Elliot K. Shorter |
| 45. Miss Janet Megson | 67. Miss Kathleen E. Sky |
| 46. Dr. A. Watson Miller | 68. Mr. Beresford Smith |
| 47. Mrs. A. Watson Miller | 69. Mr. Jon Stopa |
| 48. Master Karl Miller (age 11) | 70. Mrs. Joni Stopa |
| 49. Master Keith Miller (age 9) | 71. Mr. Neil D. Tarshis |
| 50. Miss Patty Miller | 72. Miss Suzanne V. Tompkins |
| 51. Mr. Gregory B. Moore | 73. Mr. Bob Vardeman |
| 52. Mr. Larry Niven | 74. Mr. Jacob M. Waldman |
| 53. Mrs. Larry Niven | 75. Mr. Roy Ward |
| 54. Miss Rebecca Nourse (age 11) | 76. Miss Sue Ward |
| 55. Mr. Michael T. O'Brian | 77. Mr. Andrew A. Whyte |
| 56. Mr. Frank C. Olbris | 78. Mr. Jack Williamson |
| 57. Mr. Rick Pohlman | 79. Mrs. Blanche Williamson |
| 58. Mr. George W. Price | 80. Miss Mary A. Young |
| 59. Mrs. George W. Price | |
| 60. Mr. Frank R. Prieto, Jr. | |
| 61. Mr. Alan Rachlin | |
| 62. Miss Deborah Rogers | |
| 63. Mr. J. Russel Seitz | |

SUMMARY:

- 77 adult seats
 3 documented illnesses (*)
 3 50% seats (age 11 and under)

West Germany calls itself officially the German Federal Republic, East Germany is the German Democratic Republic. Deutschland is Germany (in German).

THINGS THAT FIELDING AND FROMMER FORGOT

(Reprinted from the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin, Nov. 9, 1969)

For every tourist, the moment of truth arrives when he faces that unforeseen crisis that Messrs. Fielding and Frommer left out of their guidebooks.

Picture yourself, in Rome, miles from your hotel. Suddenly, nature calls and you find there is no available answer. Or visualize yourself going to bed after a long day of flying, and you find you are sleeping next to what seems like the sound track to the Long Island Expressway.

Or perhaps your moment of quiet desperation will come at the end of your first day's outing. You realize only then that your arches and ambitions exist on two different levels--and never the twain shall meet.

These are some of the awkward moments that can pose problems for the novice tourist. The situations are so basic that your well traveled friends usually don't bother to mention them. So in the interest of smoothing out some wrinkles from that first overseas trip, here are a few traveling tips that most guidebooks won't give you.

First, bathroom relief depends on the city. London and Paris are usually no problem. They have public toilets throughout their downtown areas. (In fact, there are so many, a British paperback called "The Good Loo (John Guide" has listed their locations. And the book has gone through two editions.)

London, where a "cloakroom" is the British refinement for our "rest room," has one of Europe's most luxurious washrooms. It's in Victoria Railway Station and it costs sixpence--about six U.S. cents--to use. There is also a shower and bath and an attendant to press your clothes.

In Paris, the famous outdoor street toilets have all but disappeared, but you can find most public lavatories at the entrance to the Metro. However, bear in mind that the French have a liberal attitude toward washrooms. So don't be surprised to find a woman attendant in the men's room. Or men and women using the same washroom. (In such cases, the stalls run from floor to ceiling.)

Rome, however, is a special case. For some reason, there are few public lavatories, so the city lends itself to a spirit of adventure. Most experienced tourists have found that the handiest solutions are the bars. By unwritten law, they must let a pedestrian use their toilet facilities without charge. Of course, if you wish to leave 100 lira (about 16 cents) as a tip, no one will complain.

As soon as your washroom search is over, you may be in for a ruder surprise. At the end of your first day, you may find your feet are on fire and your whole body, including your earlobes, ache. If you're the typical tourist, you'll walk three to five miles a day. And if you're sadly out of shape, it could ruin your whole trip.

So start getting yourself in condition long before you go.

The 200th anniversary of Beethoven's birth will be celebrated at the Lucerne International Festival, which will run from August 15th to September 8th. Guest orchestras will include the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonics, with such famous conductors as George Szell, Herbert von Karajan and Zubin Mehta.

LETTERS

(Including information on how to get into London)

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I see the schedule has you people arriving at London (Lahore) at 12:55 on August 11th. This I find doubtful, as Lahore is one of the places a friend of mine passed through recently between New Delhi and the Khyber Pass. Heathrow airport is some 4819 miles nearer London than Lahore, and as the airlines code it as LHR, I guess that is where it came from. You still have 15 miles to do.

The first British Customs you will come across should not slow you down too much--it's pretty much of a formality unless you look grassy. You may have to wait for your bags, though--you arrive at the Continental Airlines Building on your KLM flight, and at a busy time. Unless you picked up some British currency at Kennedy--they do a \$10 packet of assorted notes and coins at the exchange there--or at Schiphol in Amsterdam, where you will be changing planes and spending two hours, you will want to change some at one of the banks immediately facing the Customs exit. While you are there, try and pick up a currency converter guide that most of the banks put out. It illustrates the various coins and notes, and will confuse you quite a lot.

Unless you are an airport fancier like me, you will want to get into town now. There are taxis of course, which might work out cheaper if you get four people in and go direct to a hotel rather than get one at the city terminal. They cost around £3 for the ride to the middle of town, but the meter will tell. The airlines bus goes to the West London Air Terminal, near some of the cheaper hotels, South Kensington and the museum district, and costs 6/-, er, six shillings, that is. I see I cannot put off a discussion of the money, so:

One pound, or quid, is worth \$2.40, and just happens to be worth 240 pennies, or pence. So the pennies take care of themselves. Unfortunately, everything in London doesn't cost just pennies, despite the travel ads. Twelve pence to the shilling, or bob, and 20 shillings to the pound. There will now be a short recap.

Six shillings is 72 pence, or cents U.S. Often prices up to about £5 are quoted as a number of shillings, so 55/- equals £2.15/-. That would be about the price of an expensive hardcover book, while a paperback averages 5/6 or so. That's said five-and-six.

It is also possible to take the public bus to the nearest Underground station, at Hounslow West. Take the 81B, a red double-decker, from the bus station in the center of the terminal complex at Heathrow, about 100 yards walk from the arrival area. It's about 1/6, or 18 cents. You pay by distance on London buses, and there are no transfers. There are frequent buses during the day, and some of the other numbers go there too, so if there is no 81B in sight, ask someone. The Tube station is on the surface out here in the suburbs, and this line is the Piccadilly Line, which goes to Kangaroo Valley, I mean Earls Court, the Aussie section, Hyde Park Corner, Piccadilly Circus and so on. On the Tube you pay to the station you want regardless of what line it's on. The fare from Hounslow West to Central London is around 2/6, or half-a-crown. There used to be a coin of this value, but it is now out of circulation.

LETTERS (Cont'd)

Editor's note: the British monetary system is currently undergoing a change from the old to a new decimal system, and there are new shillings and pence floating around; so be careful.

One of the Piccadilly Line stations is Gloucester Road, near the air terminal. Not too near, though, especially if you are lugging your luggage. It's not a very good area for buses either--the taxis have the business well sewn up. If the whole group is going together, you might get Alan Nourse to fix up buses direct from the airport to the hotel, but somehow I can't see fandom sticking together that far.

There is also a Green Line coach (long distance bus) which goes near the airport. It's a pleasant two-mile hike through the tunnel, or take the red bus, telling the conductor you want the Green Line Stop at the North Side. To return to the airport, do the reverse. The Green Line goes from Hyde Park Corner and a couple of other stops in the city area. The route numbers are 704 and 705. Buses from Hounslow West are 81B and 91. Make sure the bus you get on says London Airport Central on the front. All 81B's go into the central terminal area. If you are near the BOAC and Pan Am terminal in town, call them for bus times. They charge 7/- and go to a different building in the Central area, about 400 yards from the KLM departure area. If you plan to come out to the airport for departure other than by airline bus, get the KLM people to show you where the departure area is on your arrival.

CUSTOMS NOTES:

While traveling in Europe, you can expect almost complete indifference from customs inspection. When going into a new country, about all you have to do is show your U.S. passport and be waved on. However, when you return, you can expect a delay in passing customs. This close scrutiny of all baggage is a result of the Customs Bureau's intensive campaign to combat drug smuggling. It was begun June 1st at the urging of President Nixon and with the approval of Congress.

According to a recent ruling by the Bureau of Customs, an antique is an antique when it is 100 years old. Prior to this latest directive, the customs people would waive duty only on items manufactured prior to 1830. For rugs and carpets, the date was 1701; for violins, violas, violoncellos and double basses, 1801.

The present 100-year age for antiques does not apply to ethnographic objects made in traditional aboriginal styles. These must be 50 years old to merit duty-free status.

Antiques that are imported for resale are given special handling by customs import specialists. Antiques imported for personal use can be expedited through customs by showing the inspector a seller's certificate indicating the age of the object. If such certification isn't available, there are customs experts who can pass on antiques without delay.

On antiques that have been repaired within three years and required a substantial amount of material, those repairs are dutiable. Paintings, pastels, drawings and sketches executed wholly by hand are free of duty. So are handmade engravings, lithographs, woodcuts and other prints. Most original art in any form is included in the customs free list.

TRAVEL TRIVIA

On any trip there are always a few unexpected, petty distractions which upset people more than they should. In order to prepare you for the worst, I'd like to present the following items from one traveler's "trouble bag."

TOILET PAPER is, to be charitable, unique. It can be wax paper, old newspaper, or rough paper with a surface texture similar to a corncob. I have seen newspapers cut in strips and hung on nails.

MATCHES are not free with cigarettes. In Italy they cost 50 lira (8 cents) for a book of 48. Most Europeans carry match boxes which contain 100 matches and cost about 7-10 cents.

HOT WATER is sometimes unavailable in the cheaper hotels and hostels. Or, it may require inserting a coin for a limited amount of water.

TOILET FACILITIES of the stand-up type are not unusual. They are usually seen in public places. Their usage is in a manner similar to the army slit trench. The key point is to be careful in flushing. Step off the foot pedestals and then pull the chain. Otherwise your feet will get wet.

WATER FAUCETS vary in marking and placement. The cold water is marked K in German, F in Italian, Spanish and French. But the hot water faucet would be marked C in Italian, Spanish and French, while it is marked H in German and English.

COFFEE varies considerably over Europe. In Italy a cup of coffee can range from 300 lire (34 cents) to 360 lire (61 cents). For demitasse cups (which hold about two tablespoons) you pay from 100 to 140 lire (16 to 24 cents). There are all kinds of coffee--Nescafe, espresso, Turkish, or percolated coffee with a pitcher of hot milk or hot water.

The new English coins are :

5 new pence	=	1 shilling (1s. or 1/-)	=	US\$.12
10 new pence	=	2 shillings (2s. or 2/-)	=	US\$.24
50 new pence	=	10 shillings (10s or 10/-)	=	US\$ 1.20

Old coins still in circulation are :

1d	=	1 pence;	3d	=	3 pence;	6d	=	6 pence;	1s	=	1 shilling;
2s	=	2 shillings;	2/6	=	2 shillings,	6 pence	=	1 half crown			

Paper money in circulation is:

10 shilling note; one pound note; five pound note; 10 pound note