

# The Pigeon Post

The Newsletter of The World's Science Fiction Convention

Issue 2: Retro Hugo Awards

By the time you've sent a letter of comment, the convention will be over.

## The 1939 Retro Hugo Awards

### BEST NOVEL

THE SWORD IN THE STONE by T. H. White (Collins)

### BEST NOVELLA

"Who Goes There?" by Don A Stuart [John W. Campbell] (Astounding Science-Fiction, August 1938)

### BEST NOVELETTE

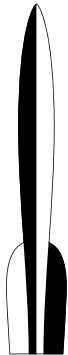
"Rule 18" by Clifford D. Simak (Astounding Science-Fiction, July 1938)

### BEST SHORT STORY

"How We Went to Mars" by Arthur C. Clarke (Amateur Science Stories, March 1938)

### BEST DRAMATIC PRESENTATION (SHORT FORM)

THE WAR OF THE WORLDS by H. G. Wells. Written by Howard Koch & Anne Froelick, directed by Orson Welles (The Mercury Theater on the Air, CBS)



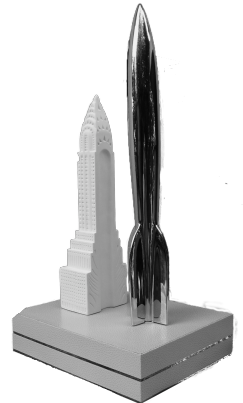
HUGO AWARD<sup>SM</sup>

### BEST EDITOR - SHORT FORM

John W. Campbell

### BEST PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

Virgil Finlay



### BEST FANZINE (42 ballots)

IMAGINATION! edited by Forrest J Ackerman, Morojo, and T. Bruce Yerke

### BEST FAN WRITER

Ray Bradbury

## Other Awards Presented This Evening

The FIRST FANDOM HALL OF FAME AWARD was presented to John Clute

FIRST FANDOM POSTHUMOUS HALL OF FAME AWARDS were presented to John "Ted" Carnell and Walter H. Gillings

The SAM MOSKOWITZ ARCHIVE AWARD was presented to Mike Ashley

The FORREST J ACKERMAN BIG HEART AWARD was presented to Vincent Docherty

A special COMMITTEE AWARD, decided by the convention committee rather than being voted on by the membership, was awarded to Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster in recognition of the first published appearance of SUPERMAN

### A Message From The Chair

There are a number of rumours flying around the convention about an incident this morning. We would like to make it clear that, although the New York City Police were called to the convention, no arrests were made. The story that certain would-be members of the convention were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace following the discovery of Communist propaganda leaflets are also untrue, and continuing to spread the story to members of the Press is unhelpful for the reputation of sf fandom!

### Catering

Pie continues to be available for a nickle a slice at the refreshment stand. We believe that chicken and mushroom has now sold out, but other varieties remain available.

### Outside The Convention

Don't forget that the World's Fair is happening just down the road! Be sure to head along and take a look at "the world of tomorrow" to see if their vision matches yours.

### Auction

The auction went superbly, despite the current economic climate. The auctioneers went through huge volumes of material last night and will continue tonight: be sure to come along, and pick up bargains such as original cover artwork for less than \$8 and story manuscripts (including, last night, an autographed Merrit) at around 25c!

### Party Report

Those members of the convention who, like us, couldn't afford the \$1 cover price for the Banquet will be pleased to hear that the food was "scarcely exceptional". However, there must have been something worthwhile about it, as we hear that the 32 members who could afford to attend didn't leave the private dining room until 1am! Reports would be welcome.

This issue was produced by Flick, based largely on material by Sam Moskowitz, Dave Kyle and Fred Pohl. Rob Hansen and Mark Plummer were her guides to the past, and other help came from Jan van't Ent and Mike Scott. Fillo by Charlie Williams, from *Mimosa*, photo from Ted Carnell collection. Any errors or misunderstandings are entirely Flick's!

### Membership Update

200 members! Well done all!

### Programme Changes

Due to this morning's incident, Frederik Pohl will now no longer be appearing on the programme.

### Book Launch

Publication of *The Outsider and Others*, a memorial volume to H.P. Lovecraft, is planned by August Derleth and Donald Wandrei. Convention members are asked to support the project by pre-ordering for the special rate of \$3.50.

--Kenneth Serling

### Another Message From The Chair

We have received reports that, contrary to his earlier pledge of good behaviour, David Kyle has been passing out invitations to an unauthorised post-con gripe session. This session is designed to show that we are unable to run a successful convention and have dictatorially and un-democratically quashed any attempts by radical elements to discuss the success of the con. We urge members to report any such behaviour immediately!

### Art Show

Be sure to check out the Art Show before it closes. On display are a number of original paintings for covers of fantasy magazines, loaned specially for the occasions, including an unpublished original by GoH Frank R. Paul!



Forry Ackerman and Morojo in costume (based on magazine illustrations by the GoH)

### Science Programme

The science programme, with special guest speaker astronomer Ruoy Sibley, included speculative discussion as to what may be our future civilisation, how science may improve living conditions and possible super-scientific inventions and discoveries. It was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

### GoH Talk

GoH Frank R. Paul gave a well received talk this afternoon. After opening with a small quip about the "rebellious, adventurous minds" present, he went on to discuss the relationship between science fiction and scientific progress, pointing out how shortsighted Dr. Robert Millikan was when he recently said that "we should stop dreaming about atomic power and solar power," because, Paul said, "what seems utterly impossible today may be commonplace tomorrow."

### New Magazine Coming?

Leo Margulies, editorial director of *Standard Magazines*, has been dropping cryptic hints about a new title to be edited by Mort Weisinger. He won't say more for fear on the competition getting wind of it, but says that the planned new magazine will interest all of us: we can't wait!

### Dead Dog Game

Remember that there will be an end-of-con softball game tomorrow, between Queens SFL and Philadelphia SFS. We hear that a few drinks for the team captains can secure temporary affiliation for those wanting to get on to, or off, either team.

### Overheard At The...

So, Isaac Asimov, Harry Harrison and L. Sprague de Camp all walk into a--

What do you mean, there isn't a bar? How can you have a Worldcon without a bar? That makes no sense at all!