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15/0 OR \$2. NON-ATTENDING MEMBERS

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(THE DIFFERENCE MAY BE PAID AT THE CONVENTION)

PLEASE SEND <u>STERLING</u> TO THE TREASURER AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS, MAKING CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "THE 23RD WORLD S.F. CONVENTION". PLEASE SEND DOLLARS TO OUR U.S. AGENT: BILL EVANS,

Box 86,Mt. RAINIER, MARYLAND. U.S. A.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

WE HAVE THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY FOR THE 23RD WORLD SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF INTRODUCING SOME OF THE FEATURES OF THE MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL. WE ARE SITUATED IN THE HEART OF LONDON IN OXFORD STREET, A STONES THROW FROM MARBLE ARCH AND ONE OF LONDON'S MOST BEAUTIFUL PARKS, HYDE PARK. WE HAVE 750 BEDROOMS AND ALL OF THEM HAVE PRIVATE BATHROOMS, TELEPHONE, RADIO, RAZOR SOCKETS (ADJUSTABLE) AND POINTS FOR TELEVISION. ONE OF THE FIRST PEOPLE YOU DULD MEET WOULD BE THE RECEPTION MANAGER, PIERRE SPITTLER.

Newspapers, early morning calls, early morning tea or coffee and breakfast orders, car hire, taxi arrangements, sightseeing tours, etc., can all be arranged through George Collins, the Head Hall Porter, or any of his helpful staff.

Breakfasts will be served to you in your apartment Each morning, not later than 10 a.m. please.

Drinks are available at all homes for residents and their friends, and a warm welcome will await you in Harry's $\theta a \kappa_{\star}$

WE HAVE A THEATRE TICKET AGENCY, BOOKSHOP, CHINA SHOP, GENT'S OUTFITTERS, CASHMERE SHOP, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Hairdressers.

Antique Jewellery and Silver, Squvenir Shop which has everything from GCLD and silver charms to antiques.

Our Restuarant is open until 11 p.m. daily, and you will be surprised what an excellent meal you will get for as little as \$3., why not have a word with Andy Ferrol the Restaurant Manager who will even arkange Manhatian Clam Chowder for you.

Still too expensive? The the Coffee Shop where for 34. You can have a waffle with Frankfurters, American coffee and French Bread and Butter.

I KNOW YOU WILL HAVE AN ENJOYABLE STAY AND IF THERE IS ANY WAY IN WHICH WE CAN MAKE YOU MORE COMFORTABLE PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT ME DIRECTLY, REMEMBER, I AM ALSO A S.F. FAN.

PETER LEARMOUNT, GENERAL MANAGER MOUNT ROYAL HOTEL.



EUROPE--A BLACK CONTINENT?

You shouldn't think so when heading home from the LONCON!
Once you've made it for London, dimensions are shrinking.
So take a good look over here, You fan people from
Great Britain and all over the world: Try a trip
and attend the 'German Science Fiction Convention 1965'.

The FRANCON will be held on the
21st through 23rd of August 1965 at
Oberursel near the major airport
Frankfurt/Main. Please contact
Mr. Heinrich R. Arenz, 6 Frankfurt 1,
Fostachliessfach 5002, Germany.

FRANCON

LONDON TOWN

FEW LARGE CITIES CAN HAVE BEEN MORE EXTENSIVELY WRITTEN ABOUT THAN LONDON. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LIST EITHER ALL THE DESCRIPTIVE BOOKS OR ALL THE TYPES OF GUIDES AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, HERE ARE A FEW HINTS:

THE BEST BOOK ABOUT LONDON IS "LONDON PERCEIVED" BY V.S. PRICHETT AND IT COSTS £4.4/00. LONDON TRANSPORT IS VERY GENEROUS WITH FREE INFORMATION ON HOW TO SET ABOUT LONDON. IN YOUR PROGRAMME ENVELOPE YOU WILL FIND A COPY OF THE L.T.E. MAP FOR THE UNDERGROUND TRAINS; ALSO A MAP FOR ALL THE LONDON BUS ROUTES. THESE RANGE THROUGH THE CITY AND GUT TO THE FURTHEST EDGES OF IT. THE TUBE IS QUICKER ... BUT THE TOP OF A BUS IS THE BEST WAY TO GO SIGHT SEEING AND IT SAVES THE FEET! THERE ARE ALSO GREEN LINE BUS ROUTES WHICH TAKE YOU OUT ON THE RURAL ROUTES TO PLACES LIKE WINDSOR, WHIPSNADE (ZOC) AND MANY OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST. A CVERSEAS MEMBERS WILL FIND DETAILS OF CHEAP TRAVEL IN OUR P.R. . THERE ARE MANY OTHER GUIDES ISSUED BY LONDON TRANSPORT AT VERY REASONABLE RATES. ONE THAT I CAN HIGHLY RECOMMEND IS CALLED "HOW TO GET THERE" PRICED AT 1/00 AND IS OBTAINABLE AT ALL TICKET WINDOWS ON THE UNDERGROUND. "THE MOST WIDELY USED GUIDE IS THE A TO Z ATLAS OF LONDON WHICH MAPS EVERY STREET, RAILWAY STATION, BUS AND UNDERGROUND ROUTE. THIS COSTS 5/00.

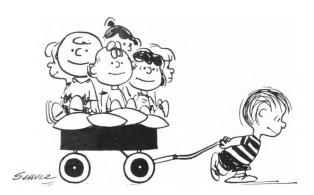
THERE IS ANOTHER ATLAS WHICH IS WRITTEN IN FRENCH, GERMAN,
AND ITALIAN AS WELL AS ENGLISH SECTIONS. THESE CAN BE BOUGHT AT
ANY LARGE BOOKSTORE OR RAILWAY BOOKSTALL.

Anyone contemplating touring by car would be advised to get in touch with The Automobile Association, Fanum House, Leicester Square which has affiliations with many overseas motoring Associations.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO GO FURTHER STILL: FOR SCOTLAND CONTACT BRITISH EUROPEAN AIRWAYS WHO WILL ADVISE ON CHEAP OFF PEAK FLIGHTS.
SIMILARLY FOR IRELAND.

ETHEL LINGSAY, SECRETARY.

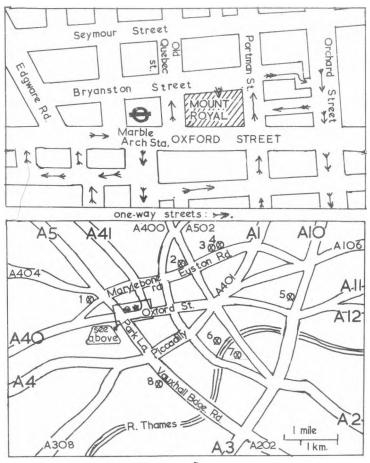
JOIN US! WE'RE ALL GOING TO THE



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The TRICON is the united effort of 3 major Mid-West cities: Cleveland, Detroit, Cincinnati to put on the first tri-city convention -- to be held in

Cleveland



Main line railway stations:

- I PADDINGTON STATION
- 2 Euston Station
- 3 St. Pancras
- 4 King's Cross
- 5 LIVERPOOL STREET
- 6 CHARING CROSS
- 7 WATERLOO
- 8 VICTORIA

Mount Royal Hotel.

UNDERGROUND TRAINS ARE AVAILABLE
TO THE HOTEL FROM ANY OF THE
MAIN LINE STATIONS. THE LINE
FOR MARBLE ARCH IS 'CENTRAL'.
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IS THE ONE FOR THE HOTEL. THE
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PROGRAMME HI LITES:

IT HAS COME TO THE NOTICE OF YOUR LONCONCON THAT THE MOST NOBLE AND ANCIENT ORDER OF ST. FANTONY HAVE HAD BROUGHT TO THEIR NOTICE CERTAIN FEN CONSIDERED WORTHY TO TAKE THE TEST SO THAT THEY MAY BE ADMITTED TO THIS MOST ILLUSTRICUS ORBER.

WE ARE HAPPY TO TELL YOU THAT THIS CEREMONY WILL FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR PROGRAMME WHICH SHOULD NOT BE MISSED.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE TIRED AND WANT TO SIT IN THE FRIENDLY DARKNESS, AN OPPORTUNITY WILL COME DURING THE VARIOUS FILM FEATURES.

We are Bring Back the Fannish version of THIS IS YOUR LIFE. YOU CAN SPEND THE NEXT FEW MONTHS GUESSING WHO THE VICTIM WILL BE.

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THERE WILL BE MANY PEOPLE THERE TO GIVE TALKS, BUT TWO I MUST MENTION: OUR GUEST OF HONOUR BRIAN ALDISS WILL BE ON THE PLATFORM, AS WILL THE WINNER OF THIS YEARS TAFF RACE, TERRY CARR.

IT IS HOPED THAT THERE WILL BE DISCUSSION PANELS, BOTH PRO, AND FANNISH. IF YOU HAVE A STRONG OPINION ON SOME TOPIC OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS, NOW IS THE TIME TO WRITE AND OFFER US YOUR SERVICES.

THERE WILL BE THE USUAL BUSINESS SESSION SOME TIME DURING THE WEEKEND. YOU ARE ADVISED TO KEEP A SHARP LOCK OUT FOR THE TIME OF THIS ITEM IF YOU ARE REALLY CONCERNED WITH FANNISH TOPICS.

IF BY SOME FANTASTIC STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION YOU FIND THAT NOTHING SO FAR MENTIONED ON THE PROGRAMME WILL BE OF ANY INTEREST TO YOU WHATEVER THERE MIGHT WELL BE SOMETHING TO YOUR LIXING AMONG THE ITEMS WE HAVE NOT MENTIONED....AND HAVE NO INTENTION OF MENTIONING.... YET.

DO NOT FORGET TO SUPPORT YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR FUND: THE TRANSATLANTIC FAN FUND (TAFF).

COMMITTEE BIDDING FOR THE 24th WORLD SCIENCE-FICTION CONVENTION

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Make It The TRICON In 1966!!

MASQUERADE

FANCY DRESS FARADE:

THIS WILL BE HELD ON THE SATURDAY NIGHT. WE HOPE THAT AS MANY AS POSSIBLE WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LET THEIR CREATIVE ABILITIES RUN RIOT IN THE DESIGNING OF COSTUMES.

THERE WILL BE FOUR CATBOORIES: MCST BEAUTIFUL, WHICH MEANS EXACTLY WHAT IT SAYS. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ANYTHING TO DO WITH EITHER S.F. OR FANTASY. MCST MONSTROUS. TO WHICH THE SAME RULLING APPLIES. MOST AUTHENTIC S.F. CHARACTER OR THEME AND THE MCST AUTHENTIC FANTASY CHARACTER OR THEME.

GROUPS ARE PERMISSIBLE AND THE JUDGES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO PICK ONE FROM A GROUP IF THEY CONSIDER SUCH TO BE MORE MERITORIOUS. THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGES ARE FINAL AND BINDING ON THE LONCONCOM AND CONTESTANTS.

WILL YOU PLEASE WRITE IN GOOD TIME TO EITHER THE SECRETARY OR CHAIRMAN WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ON WHAT/WHO YOUR COSTUME IS SUPPOSED TO DEPICT.

JUVENILE SECTION:

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SECTION FOR CHILDREN UP TO THE AGES OF 12 YEARS. TWO CATAGORIES ONLY; THE BEST GIRL AND THE REST BOY'S COSTUME, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEME. I BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SUCH A THING HAS BEEN DONE BUT AS WE HAVE SO MANY CHILDREN AT CONVENTIONS THESE DAYS. IT SEEMS ONLY FAIR TO GIVE THEM THE CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR COSTUMES TO ADVANTAGE INSTEAD OF, AS IN THE PAST, BEING LOST AMONG THE ADULTS.

In 1964 the Syracuse bid for the world con was organized. Foremost it was to be an earnest effort to put some life and excitement into withering con bidding and to destroy the apathy which threatens the future of the conventions themselves.

MAKE A CHOICE BASED ON MERIT NOT DEFAULT

After much discussion in fan circles, it's recognized that the Motation Flan provides for the Syracuse bid which is "out of turn." The controversy raised by those opposing the Syrocuse bid has become concerned with whather or not "it's good idea" to "violate" the "principle" of the Plan. Those favoring Syrocuse point out that the Syrocuse bid has accomravoring Syrocuse point out that the Syrocuse old has accom-pilshed its basic purpose, that of revitalizing the con bid-ding, and has drawn attention to the stifling effect of the Rotation Plan. Now, we say, let's judge the two competitive bids between "Syrocon" and "Tricon" (the new joint bid repre-senting the Mid-West) and decide on the basis of perit.

SYRACUSE TO T BE JUST ANOTHER REPEAT-CONT

Mhat about Syracuse, the place? It's in the eastern part of the U. S., along with opposing Cleveland-Detroit-Cineinnati.
we all share Eastern Standard Time and are metropolitan areas.
Syracuse has an area population of 500,000. Two interetate superhighways intersect here and a large jet airport is 20 minutes from the con hotel, with a new bus terminal being built two blocks away. We have the finest most modern, fully air-conditioned hotel in Synceuse. "Il be the only convention in the hotel! We have 350 rooms guaranteed, plus 250 more available -- so everyone can stay in the hotel. Hetel rest-aurants and bare are opened until one a.m., with all-night enting places mearby. The entire BLOCK LONG tenth floor con enting places nearby. The entire BLOCK LONG tenth floor con area will be exclusively ours: ...including a giant auditorium of 1100 capacity and suites of rooms for fandom's exclusive use.

GET ON THE BAND AGON! JOIN THE SYRACO! BAND AGON CLUB!

Your support is welcomed now. A nominal 50¢ enrolls you and brings a membership card, to apply toward Syracon con dues. Write: Jay Kay Klein, 219 Sabine Street, Syracuse, 24%. David A. Kyle, Radio Station WPDM, Potedan, N.Y. George R. Heap, P. O. Box 1487 Rochester, N.Y.

SUPPORT COMPETITION IN SIDDING! SUPPORT SYRACON!

The Syracon remains locally sponsored by a committee in Central New York. Official posts for help will be designated for non-committeemen as needed and as actively employed -- not for the effect of adding Big Names to our roster.

Co-Chairmen: Jay Kay Klein and David A. Kyle Sacretary: Ruth E. Kyle Treasurer: George R. Henp: Asst Treas: Ci Publications: James Ashc, Ann Ashs, Jack Smit Asst Tress: Cindy C. Heap Publications: James Ashe, Ann Ashe, Jack Smith (Official Non-Committee Post: Press Relations: Richard Filson)

THE AUCTIONS

THE AUCTIONS ARE SOMETIMES THE MOST EXCITING ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME. GEORGE LOCKE IS COLLECTING THE MATERIAL AND REPORTS THAT HE ALREADY HAS SOME INTERESTING STUFF. HE WILL BE PREPARING A CATALOGUE OF THESE FOR ALL MEMBERS TO STUDY.

FOR THE REMAINDER, WE WILL HAVE A HUCKSTER TABLE FOR BOOKS AND MAGAZINES. FANZINES, HOWEVER, WILL BE FLOGGED FROM WHERE EVER WE CAN FIND FLOOR SPACE TO MAKE THE SALES. OUR SUPER SALESMEN WILL BE THOSE TWO EXPERTS AT EXTRACTING CASH FROM FANS, LANGDON JONES AND HIS HIRSUTE FRIEND, CHARLES SMITH..

WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY THIS PART OF THE PROGRAMME.... WE CAN'T TELL YOU THE NAMES OF OUR AUCTIONEERS, THEY ARE TOP SECRET.

KEN SLATER OF FANTAST(MEDWAY)LTD. . IS HOLDING AN AUCTION OF CHOICE ITEMS FROM HIS STOCK. THESE WILL BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE CONNOISSEUR. WE HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY KEPT SHORT OF DETAILS SO THAT WE CAN BE AS BUSY AS YOU ARE IN SURMISING WHAT HE IS GOING TO OFFER FOR SALE. OF ONE THING WE CAN BE SURE, IT WILL BE SOMETHING WELL WORTH THE HAVING

AS MENTLONED ON THE INSIDE FRONT COVER OF THIS ISSUE, PROJECT ARTSHOW IS NOW BEING ORGANISED BY WEE ETHEL LINDSAY. ARTWORK THAT REQUIRES MATTING SHOULD ARRIVE AT LEAST 6 WEEKS BEFORE THE CONVENTION. FOR BACKING AND FRAMING A PICTURE 32"x 22" THE COST WILL BE APPROX. \$2.75. THE FRAME WILL BE OF PLAIN WHITE CARD BOARD WITH BEVELLED INNER EDGES. FOR A PICTURE 124" x 10" THE COST WILL BE \$1.50. AND IN BETWEEN SIZES WILL COST IN BETWEEN PRICES.

ALL MONEY MUST BE INCLUDED WHEN YOU SEND YOUR ARTWORK. FULL DETAILS OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FOUND ON THE ENTRY FORMS. THESE CAN BE HAD FROM EITHER BJO TRIMBLE, 5571 BELGRAVE AVENUE, GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.92641 OR FROM ME: SEE ADDRESS ELSEWHERE. PLEASE HELP BY SENDING YOUR ARTWORK IN EARLY.

TRICON IN 1966

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WHERE POSSIBLE, PLEASE USE THE PRINTED POSTCARD FOR MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS WITH THE HOTEL, SENDING IT THERE DIRECT.

THE DEADLINE FOR CANCELIATIONS IS 28TH JULY 1965. IF YOU HAVE TO CANCEL BUT DO NOT INFORM THE HOTEL BEFORE THIS DATE YOU WILL BE HELD LEGALLY LIABLE FOR AT LEAST A PROPORTION OF THE ROOM CHARGE.

SAVINGS SCHEME

U.K. FANS ARE REMINDED OF THE SAVINGS SCHEME BEING OPERATED BY MISS PARKER. THOSE WISHING TO SAVE THEIR PENNIES ARE INVITED TO SEND POSTAL ORDERS ONLY TO HER AT THE ADDRESS TO BE FOUND ON THE INSIDE FRONT COVER.

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