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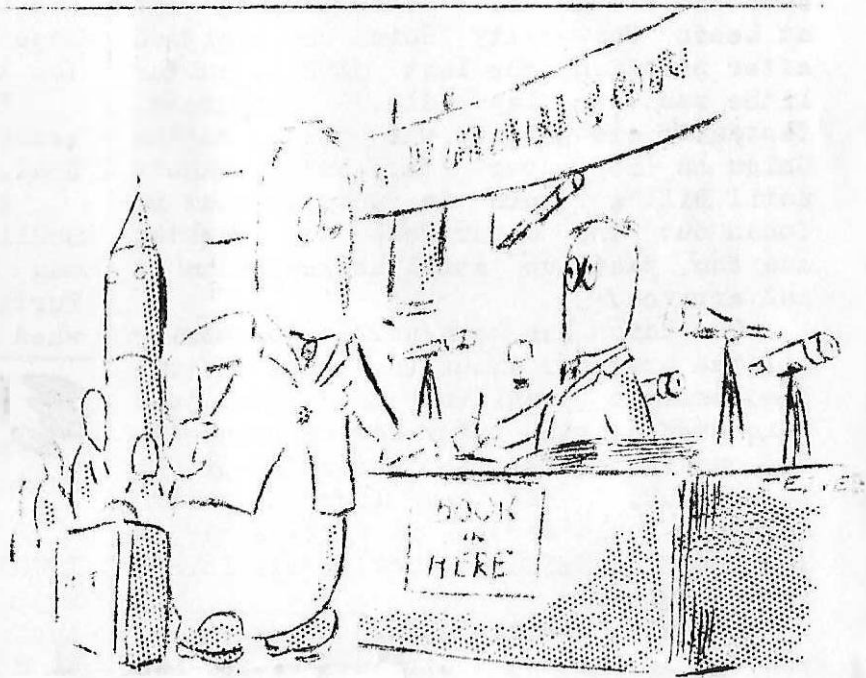
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XMAS TOTAL 150

AS 1967 DRAWS TO A CLOSE, registration figures for the 1968 British Science Fiction Convention the "THIRDMANCON", have passed the 150 mark! A full list of members will be published in our next issue, which should be in your hands by the end of January.

BOOKINGS

Hotel bookings have reached 20, so if you've still to send in your booking form, do it quickly before the St. Ann's is full. The quota of 'Bed and Breakfast Only' bookings has been filled, and only full board accommodation is now available. However a full menu is being offered by the management and details of this will be published in the next METEOR.



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COMBOZINE

THE REACTION TO HAVING a combo-zine section to the THIRDMANCON programme book has been a favourable one. (For newcomers to Science Fiction Fandom, a combo-zine is a collection of magazines produced by SF Fans and stapled together under one cover. This gives convention members some idea of the wide range of material published by the various editors).

Terry Jeeves hopes to contribute, and Ethel Lindsay of SCOTTISHE, and the editors of COTHIQUE are also interested.

To expand the idea a little, then: The combozine section of the programme booklet will be made up of specially produced "mini-fanzines", ideally of four to six pages each, of quarto (10x3) size.

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THE CONCOMMITTEE made a brave attempt to obtain a permanent Convention site for the good of all SF Fandom when they put in a bid of £39. 9. 9d for the St. Ann's Hotel, when it went up for auction at the end of November. Regrettably, not even the additional incentive of a 1930 coverless copy of ASTOUNDING STORIES could bring our bid up to the reserve price!

But no-one else offered the required sum, and so the St. Ann's remains under the original ownership and rates to the THIRDMANCON stay the same.

The content and form of reproduction is entirely up to the editors, although material of a SF or Fantasy nature would be preferred.

The magazines should be sent to the METEOR editorial address approximately one month before con time, and should be ready collated, but not stapled.

If you intend to contribute, we'd like to hear from you as soon as possible - so we know what size staples to buy!

NADLER CUT THE CARTOON & SUCH -
- SORRY TERRY!



Yes, we know, where have we all been hiding since the June issue? Well, folks it's like this. . . ! It was decided to hold back the "August" issue until we has received the Hugo results from our Man-on-the-Spot Bill Burns in September. The results duly arrived and were pasted into position in record time in order to produce a METEORIC scoop. . . but alas, such was not to be. The Printing Dept at Leeds University Union had resigned after printing the last METEOR, and the litho machines lay idle. Our great, fantastic scoop issue was posted to the Union on September 7th., but it wasn't until Bill's return in October that we found out the department was deserted and the paste-up still unwrapped as it had arrived.

The Union has been working on hiring a litho operator since then, but in true bureaucratic tradition they have just this week started interviewing prospective candidates for the honour of printing METEOR. With any luck, the litho service should be back in action after New Year and METEOR 5 back to its former litho'd glory.

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SURELY BY NOW you must have heard of Heidelberg's projected bid for the World SF Convention in 1970? Whether or not the bid succeeds will not be known till 1969. However, win or lose, the historic West German town plans to stage an international SF Convention in the late summer of 1970. We haven't yet heard of any British fan who is not in favour of the idea, particularly since a lot of us hope to be able to get to Heidelberg. For too, perhaps?

The British Agents for the bid are Archie and Beryl Mercer, of 9 Cotswold Road, Redminster, Bristol 23.

Heinrich Arens (D-5000, Frankfurt, Schliesfach 5002, Germany) is the chairman of the committee making the bid. Further details will be issued as and when appropriate. (AM)

RECORDS for BRISCON

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Film Show	14	13	0
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PROFIT TO DATE: 117 11 11

The profit is being split as follows: £40 to TAPP, £40 to support the Heidelberg Worldcon bid, and the remainder, £37.15.11 to THIRDMANCON.

The Briscon committee feels that they had too big a surplus - £130 - and apologise for not anticipating this and having a bigger programme. The four main factors involved are: The record registrations; the record attendance (150), the high auction income, and the waiving of the con hall charges because of the good attendance.

(Personal note from Tony Walsh: Don't come to the THIRDMANCON, because I've bet Harry 10/- that attendances won't be as high as at the BRISCON!)

(Personal note from Harry Nadler: Come to THIRDMANCON and I'll share my winnings with you. Let's see, that's 10/-, er... 10/- and 10/- for 15 attendees...

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In the event that your stop press on METEOR 5 wasn't visible, or what you didn't get a number 3, here are details of our THIRD MANCON reps overseas:

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ANDY PORTER, 24 E. 82nd Street, New York NY 10028, U.S.A.

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