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As the last progress report in this series it will probably be worth my while telling you how to find the Hotel. Over the page you will find a map decorated with lots of little arrows. They show the way of uni-directional traffic flows.

By Rail You will be spewed out with other commuters through the ticket barrier. Opposite is an escalator. Go up it and turn left past the greenery and fountains (which may not be working) and down the ramp. Turn left. Temple Street is the third turning on the right.

By Coach You will probably disembark at Digbeth Coach Station. Emerge from the main Exit/Entrance. Turn left. Either catch a bus with "To City" on it or walk up the road to St. Martins Lane on your left. Follow it past the church and shopping centre until you reach the Midland Red Bus Station. Proceed as for following.

By Midland Red. You will be deposited somewhere in a huge bus infested cavern. Exit by the bus entrance where you will meet the walkers from the Coach Station. Walk right up Station Street to a road junction. Turn right. At the traffic lights turn right again. Look out for Hudsons Paperback Shop. It is at the bottom corner of Temple Street. Turn left up it and continue over New Street.


By Car You will enter the map overleaf by one of the marked "A" roads. Follow the arrows to New Street. If you wish to use the underground carpark (fee is £1 per 24hrs) and enter from St. Martins Circus end (Full Ring) turn left at the traffic lights at the bottom of Corporation Street. Entering New St. from Paradise Circus end (Town Hall) take the third turning right. Starting from either end the carpark will now appear on your left. To the Hotel join the route of the walkers from the bus station at Hudsons.

By Air The airport bus stops on the Ringway by the Railway Station. Walk through the station to the escalator and follow those coming by train.

By Local Bus For those who have hitched and elected to come the last part by bus, you will alight either in Corporation or High Street. In Corporation Street walk back to the

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→ One Way.
 Tunnel.

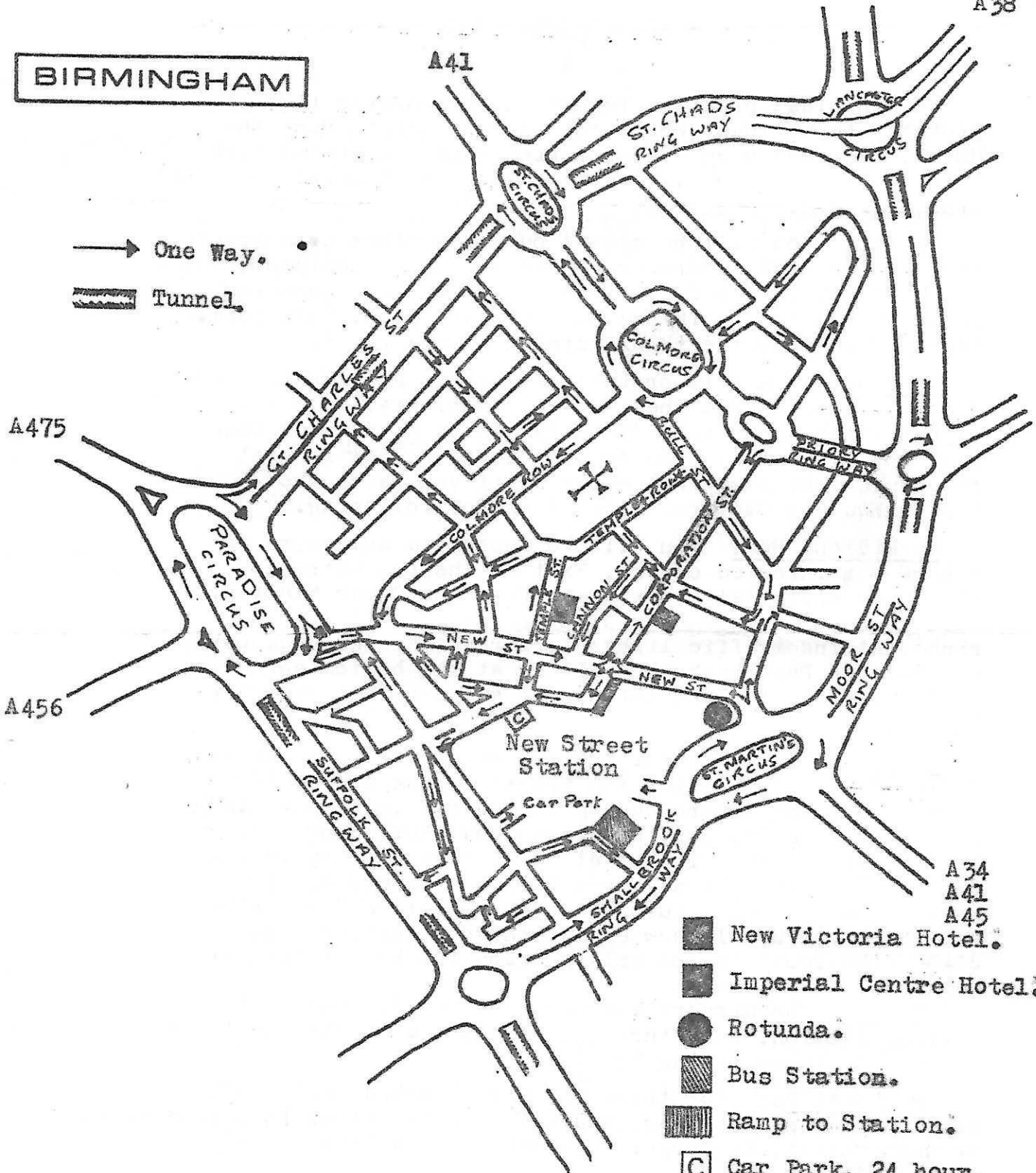
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-  New Victoria Hotel.
-  Imperial Centre Hotel.
-  Rotunda.
-  Bus Station.
-  Ramp to Station.
-  Car Park, 24 hour.

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lights at the bottom. Opposite is the ramp from the station. In the High Street walk back past the Co-op and turn right up New Street to the traffic lights at the bottom of Corporation Street. Temple Street in both cases is in the same place as if you came down the ramp from the Station.

N.P. The Imperial Centre Hotel is on the right, half way up Temple Street.

When You Arrive

If you are staying in the Hotel, book in first. Then, close by you will find the registration desk where you can collect your programme booklet, badge etc. in exchange for 75p entrance fee (50p if you arrive on Sunday). If you have not yet paid your 50p registration fee, that will be extracted as well.

The registration desk will be open for a while on the evening of Friday 3rd Nov. and will reopen at 10 am on Saturday 5th Nov.

REMEMBER

Please wear your convention badges at all times as persons not doing so may be asked to produce them. This is the only way in which the hotel staff can ensure that members of the general public do not avail themselves of our facilities.

Also remember that the management has the right to charge corkage on any alcohol brought into the hotel. It will be possible to buy Off-sales at the hotel bars, price lists of which will be put in the rooms of all convention members.

Auction

There is still time to send, or bring auction material to the Con. Stan Eling at 124 Galton Road,

Smethick,
Warley, Worcs.

is eagerly waiting to hear from you.

If each member of the convention were to just one article, be it book, fanzine, or other, it would help to make the auction a splendid affair.

Films will be "Marooned" and "Island of Lost Souls"

On the "Vision In S.F." Panel WILL be Eddie Jones, Jim Pitts, and Phil Strick.

Tom Shippey will be speaking on "The Interpretation of History in Science Fiction"

Brian Aldiss will be waking us all up on Sunday morning with a talk improbably entitled "SF I.Q.v.GNP: i.e. U.K., USA or EEC?"

New Members (since PR4)

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| 121 | Graham Andrews | 136 | Gillon Field |
| 122 | Andrew Prior | 137 | G. Hart |
| 123 | Howard Rosenblum | 138 | Greg Pickersgill |
| 124 | L.A. Kettle | 139 | Leslie Flood |
| 125 | J.E. Slater | 140 | Frank Arnold |
| 126 | Mrs J.E. Slater | 141 | Julia Stone |
| 127 | Trisha Parker | 142 | Roy Shorrocks |
| 128 | Daphne Sewell | 143 | Linda Shorrocks |
| 129 | John Philip Peewick Rogers | 144 | Marcus L. Rowland |
| 130 | M.W. Stallard | 145 | Mr D.R. Symes |
| 131 | David A. Poole | 146 | Ramsey Campbell |
| 132 | Robert Hepworth | 147 | Jenny Campbell |
| 133 | John Ashton | 148 | J. Fawson |
| 134 | Richard E. Cotton | 149 | George Locke |
| 135 | K.S. Armstrong | | |

To ensure that you receive exactly what you have asked for please check the following details and let me know at once if any are incorrect

Your Con Number is 123

You have/ ~~have not~~ returned your booking forms

You have asked for 1 single twin rooms

(please note that the hotel has very few double-bedded rooms. If you have asked for one and been allocated a twin room, this is the reason)

You intend staying in the hotel Fri/Sat/~~Sun~~ night(s)

You require Panquet tickets

You hope to be coming to the Fancy Dress Party in costume (N.P.If you don't come in costume, come in Pyjamas) Yes/No

You have offered to run next years Novacon Yes/No

You have Offered to help sometime Yes/No

If you have not sent sent in your booking form, do so immediately or you may find yourself in the overflow hotel or without the banquet ticket you want.

Pauline E. Dugate of 8 Stirling Court, Stirling Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 16

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If you don't want to use the carpark mentioned on page 1 note that the centre of town is in the meter