

# NOVACON 5

Organised by the Birmingham Science Fiction Group

7th-8th-9th November 1975

Royal Angus Hotel, Birmingham

## PROGRESS REPORT 2

Sitting here on a Sunday afternoon, sweltering in the sun, sipping bacardi & coke, November seems a far distant time of the year. But it is in fact just over three months to NOVACON 5. Three months in which to finalise all the plans we've made in the last few months. Another week or so and we'll have reached 200 registrations - a number that indicates that all being well, NOVACON 5 will be the biggest yet. Yet our Treasurer is complaining. It appears that she welcomes informality and would like all letters addressed to 'Dear Pauline...' and not Dear Miss/Mrs/Ms Dungate.... Nor even Dear Madam.... And certainly not Dear Sir! Those who have met Pauline will have no doubt that she is certainly female.

Several programme items have been finalised - Philip Strick will be showing several short science fiction and fantasy films including continental animation shorts, Pete Weston will be showing colour slides of the Fancy Dress at last year's WorldCon and Dan Morgan, our Guest of Honour, will of course be giving a speech. It is hoped that a panel discussion will take place on Telepathy - a sort of back-up theme to Dan Morgan's 'Mind' series, though at this date it is not certain whether it will be on the use of telepathy as a fictional device or a discussion as to the actual possibility of telepathy. Any ideas or suggestions on this will be appreciated. There will of course be the usual auctions, films, Fancy Dress Ball, etc.

Your hotel booking form is included in this mailing. Please complete and post back to Pauline (not the Hotel), as soon as possible. This is for your benefit - don't blame us if the hotel is fully booked because you forgot to send the form back! Please also complete the hotel registration card - complete the sections asking for name, address on side one and arrival, departure, name, accommodation (whether double, twin or single), requested by (fill in 'NOVACON' here). This card should then be posted with your hotel booking sheet to Pauline E Dungate, 4 Lindsworth Court, Monyhull Hall Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham B30 3QS. If you live overseas, you should also complete the section relating to your passport. Please don't forget to sign the card and the hotel booking sheet - without your signature your reservations cannot be made.

The 1976 Easter Convention, MANCON 5, will be held at Owens Park, Manchester from April 16th to 19th. Guest of Honour will be Robert Silverberg. Attending membership for the convention is £2 (£2.50 after September 1st). Supporting membership (if you only want the literature) is 75p. Money to Brian Robinson, 9 Linwood Grove, Manchester M12 4OH.

chairman: Roger G. Peyton

committee: Arline Peyton (Secretary) · Pauline E. Dungate (Treasurer)  
Ray Bradbury · Dr. Jack Cohen · Robert Hoffman · Laurence Miller

ATTENTION ALL AMATEUR ARTISTS! Ken Slater as Guest of Honour at NOVACON 4 offered a £10 prize for artwork. This year, Ken has kindly offered another £10 for a similar competition. Briefly the rules are:

The prize is offered to the most original illustration from any SF or Fantasy novel or short story.

The artwork may be in any medium.

Any entrant who has sold professionally will not be considered.

The judges decision is final.

For further details write to Ray Bradbury, 44 Banbrook Close, Damson Wood, Solihull B92 9NE.

SMALL ADS (1p per word...names and addresses free...con members only)

WANTED - WAY STATION by Clifford Simak, LAST MEN IN LONDON by Olaf Stapledon, THE WORLD JONES MADE by Philip K Dick...Paperbacks preferred but will accept hardcovers. Also the disc SILVER MACHINE by Hawkwind. Ron Poyser, 25 Somerset Road, Highfields, Stafford.

WANTED - for trade or cash: CEE TEE MAN by Dan Morgan (Panther); REVOLT ON ALPHA C by Robert Silverberg (Tab); THE GOLDEN SLAVE by Poul Anderson (Avon); RED BLADES OF BLACK CATHAY by Robert E Howard (Grant). Rog Peyton, 131 Gillhurst Road, Harborne, Birmingham B17 8PG.

CONVENTION MEMBERS (See PR1 for members 1-79)

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| 80 Pat Baxter          | 81 Ian Covell           | 82 Brian Mooney        |
| 83 Ian Watson          | 84 Judy Watson          | 85 Samantha Broadribb  |
| 86 Tim Broadribb       | 87 David A Symes        | 88 Kevin Williams      |
| 89 John Farrimond      | 90 David Flint          | 91 Susie Forth         |
| 92 Graham Andrews      | 93 Andrew Chapman       | 94 Mrs Edith May       |
| 95 Andrew May          | 96 Roy Mortimore        | 97 Daphne Mortimore    |
| 98 Sam Long (USA)      | 99 Christine Hay        | 100 Simone Walsh       |
| 101 Greg Pickersgill   | 102 Ken Bulmer          | 103 Charles Partington |
| 104 Dermot Dobson      | 105 Brian Cormack       | 106 Dave Sutton        |
| 107 Sandra Sutton      | 108 Chris Bursey        | 109 Ramsey Campbell    |
| 110 Merf Adamson       | 111 SF & Fantasy Soc.   | 112 Keith Freeman      |
| 113 Jake Grigg (G)     | 114 James Wharton (G)   | 115 Pandora Birch      |
| 116 Martin Easterbrook | 117 Malcolm Davies      | 118 Chris Atkinson     |
| 119 Phil Rogers        | 120 Brian Robinson      | 121 John Mottershead   |
| 122 David Hardy        | 123 Kevin Easthope      | 124 Malcolm Edwards    |
| 125 Christine Edwards  | 126 Rod Milner          | 127 Bonny Milner       |
| 128 Kevin Hall         | 129 Gerald Bishop       | 130 S Kelly            |
| 131 Pat Underwood      | 132 Tony Underwood      | 133 James White        |
| 134 David Hill         | 135 Michael Vinson      | 136 Peter Naylor       |
| 137 Roy Stuart         | 138 Andy Long           | 139 David Walters      |
| 140 Jerry Webb         | 141 Joseph Nicholas     | 142 Joyce Slater       |
| 143 Fred Hemmings      | 144 John Oldham         | 145 Rory McLean        |
| 146 Coral Clarke       | 147 Hildegarde Grigg(G) | 148 Bruce Healey       |
| 149 Pete Colley        | 150 Dennis Clarke       | 151 Jim Marshall       |
| 152 Brian Rouse        | 153 David Hutchinson    | 154 Alan Isaacson      |
| 155 Sue Chatfield      | 156 Annie Mullins       | 157 Liese Hoare        |
| 158 Janice Wiles       | 159 James Goddard       | 160 Ken Cowley         |
| 162 Sonia Czabaniuk    | 161 Trish Rogers        | 163 Steve Lovett       |
| 164 George Morgan      | 165 Ray Bradbury        | 166 Don Malcolm        |
| 167 Ethel Lindsay      | 168 Susan Baldwin       | 169 Jim Barker         |
| 170 Chris Walton       | 171 I Vaughan           | 172 Ian Anderson       |
| 173 Mike Tooth         | 174 Frank Poole         | 175 Tony Dunne         |
| 176 Ann Anderson       | 177 Tim Stannard        | 178 Colin Fine         |
| 179 Brian Lewis        | 180 Ron Pyser           | 181 Mark Dudek         |
| 182 Mike Cassidy       | 183 George Jones        | 184 Tom Willis         |
| 185 Dave Cockfield     | 186 Steve Boromer       | 187 Andrea Lucas       |
| 188 David Femper       | 189 Kevin Smith         | 190 Miss G Webb        |
| 191 Andrea Boicelli    | 192 Mrs A Boicelli      |                        |