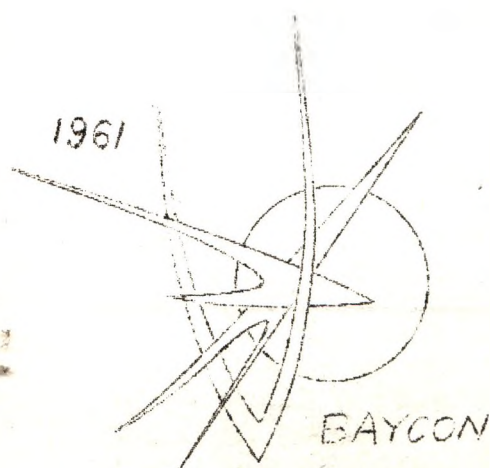


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PROGRESS REPORT n° 2



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OAKLAND, CALIF.: JULY 1 & 2

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Note: Bill Collins has taken over as Baycon Secretary-Treasurer. Make all checks payable to him. (Address: 838 Shrader St., San Francisco, California.)

The address of the convention site, the Hotel Leamington, is: 19th & Franklin Sts., Oakland, California. Make reservations directly through the hotel; mention that you'll be with the Baycon when you write.

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Deadline for ads for the Baycon Program Booklet will be June 10, 1961. Rates: \$3.00 per page; \$1.50 per half-page; \$.75 per quarter-page.

Reproduction will be by Gestetner (same as the Progress Reports). If your copy needs photo-reproduction, be sure to lay it out in the same size as the pages of this Progress Report; we'll have a photostencil made. Add \$.75 per ad for photostencilling.

Address all queries, checks, etc. relating to the Program Booklet to: Terry Carr, 1818 Hearst Ave., Berkeley 3, California.

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THE BAYCON SUPPORTS Ron Ellik for TAFF, the Tenth Anniversary Willis Fund, and Chicago in 1962. Go thou and do likewise.

PROGRAM NOTES

One of the highlights of the Baycon will be a panel on Mystery and Science Fiction Writing moderated by Anthony Boucher, with panelists Miriam Allen de Ford, Poul Anderson, and possibly Robert Bloch (if he isn't too busy with movie and tv scriptwriting over that weekend).

Margaret St. Clair will speak on The Future of Love; other speeches will include those of Reg Bretnor, Frank Riley, Rog Phillips, and Frank Herbert.

And don't forget that the Banquet will feature speeches by Forrest J. Ackerman (editor of Famous Monsters of Filmland and Spacemen), Jack Speer (Fan Guest of Honor of the convention), and Guest of Honor Fritz Leiber. The toastmaster will be the ever-popular ~~May Busch~~ Anthony Boucher.

Saturday night will be a gala evening at the Baycon. The Chicago fanclub, which plans to bid for the 1962 world convention, will sponsor a party in the convention suite which will undoubtedly prove to be the social highlight of the weekend. Plan to meet your favorite authors and fan-friends there.

The Elves', Gnomes', and Little Men's Science Fiction, Chowder, and Marching Society will present (at the Banquet) its Invisible Little Man Award. This award (in the form of a pedestal with two footprints in it) goes to the individual chosen by the club as having made a substantial contribution to the s-f field without any formal recognition; winner of the award will be announced at the con.

Our Auctioneer will be Los Angeles' Al Lewis, who made such a hit as Auctioneer at last year's Westercon.

A LETTER FROM FRITZ LEIBER

About myself? Well, I'm a writer. A self-employed writer. An artist. Only incidentally a craftsman. I'd add I'm a seer except someone might ask me to predict the date of the first Mars landing and which team will win the pennant this year.

Born Chicago, Dec. 24, 1910. Ph.B. University of Chicago 1932. Married Jonquil Stephens 1936. Associate Editor Science Digest 1944-56. Done a little acting, a little teaching, a fair amount of encyclopedia writing and editing, even made a little money playing chess.

More about being a seer. A seer is one who makes a specialty of seeing, it sounds to me. I try to see as much as possible and put it into words.

My first story to be accepted by a magazine (Weird Tales) was "The Automatic Pistol," but that was a year or so getting published, so my first published story was "Two Sought Adventure," a novelet about Fafrd and the Gray Mouser that appeared in an early issue of Unknown. I keep going back to those characters --in fact, in the May Fantastic there's a long novelet about them that I first envisioned and began to plot 25 years ago, but wrote only this January.

I'm probably going to talk at the Baycon about Fantasy and Vision...we can even call it "The Eyes of Fantasy" and leave me room to get in almost anything.

best,

Fritz Leiber

A LETTER FROM RAY BRADBURY

Thanks for your letter and the invitation to be part of the program at the Westercon next July. Yes, I would like to be on the program, and I'd be glad to speak on a subject like: WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR IDEAS? That would seem to be an all around good topic and a good title for a lecture. The speech might last about an hour and fifteen minutes, with question time, if that doesn't strike you as too much. I'm fast on my feet and think I can do it without putting anyone to sleep. I hope so, anyway.

I'm glad to hear that Fritz will be Guest of Honor. He richly deserves it, both as a writer and a human being.

best,

Ray Bradbury

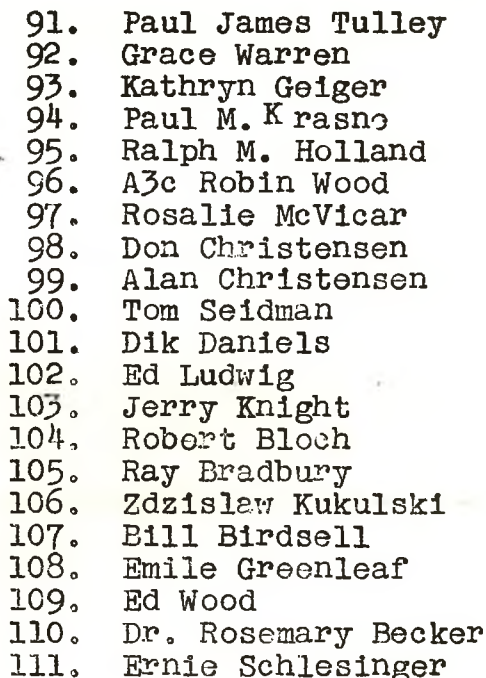
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AUCTION! AUCTION!

Material for the Baycon auction is coming in in gratifyingly large batches. Standout items so far include the original manuscript of the final, revised version of Poul Anderson's "Three Hearts and Three Lions" (to be published in book form shortly) together with several maps drawn by Poul for his own use in dealing with the geography of the story; the first several volumes of the fine fan magazine FANTASY ADVERTISER: a mint copy of the first edition of Jack Speer's FANCYCLOPEDIA: many original illustrations and cover paintings from s-f magazines; etc. It'll be lively.

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