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Hi fan,

This is your official invitation to attend this year's Westercon, in case you thought you needed one. If for any reason you haven't received this and aren't reading this now, consider yourself invited anyway.

When this thing was mailed out, there was a postcard with it addressed to the Westercon. You can gladden our fannish hearts by filling it out and mailing it to tell us that you have taken this invitation to heart and, indeed, will be in Seattle over the July 4th weekend to be a part of the Westercon.

The room rates shown on the postcard are for rooms at the Moore Hotel, which is fortunate seeing as how that's the same hotel where the Westercon is to be held. Also, the rates shown are the room rents per day, so don't expect to stay a week and get by with a total bill of \$4 for your single room. All room rates stated on the card are for rooms with private bath. The \$6 singles, \$8 doubles, and \$9 twins are nicer rooms and include TV.

If for any reason the room rates on the postcard do not suit you, let us know because the Moore Hotel can offer many other possibilities. If you want a room without private bath, singles are \$3 - \$4, doubles are \$4.50 - \$6, and twins are \$5. (Compare our price on twins against those of any hospital maternity ward, and you'll see what a deal we are giving you.) Then again you can complicate things by having a rollaway bed put in your room (\$1.50 per day extra), or four of you can go together and rent one of the best rooms in the house, complete with the famous free TV, for \$11.50, although if you stay an odd number of days you'll have a heck of a time dividing the rent. Or if you want to be ritzy, you can get two-room suites for 4 persons at \$12 and \$13. (Although these suites rent to 4 persons, we guarantee you can squeeze in five to ten times that many fans if you start a party going in one.) If things are really rough, we can seek out and reserve for you choice benches in our city parks.

Things we would like to know include the answer to when do you plan to arrive in Seattle? will you need transportation to the Hotel? will you need a map to find the Hotel? for that matter, do you know how to find Seattle? what are you particularly interested in seeing and/or doing at the Westercon?

If you plan to share your room with anyone, please let us know with whom. We want to know so that we won't reserve two rooms when we should only be reserving one, so that we will have as accurate a count as possible on how many persons will be showing up, and mainly so that our nosey curiosity will be satisfied. Also let us know if you prefer a quiet room where you can actually get some sleep (silly though the idea may be), or if you would rather have your room in the thick of things.

Then there is the matter of the banquet. Since nothing is really settled on the matter of the banquet, we won't hold you to any promises, but if you are willing to pay \$4 or less for a good meal at a Westercon banquet, circle the "yes" on the postcard. If not, be sure and circle the "no".

There are certain facts you should know about the state of Washington. For a gruesome example, there is a 4% sales tax on practically everything except postage stamps here. Also, the state liquor stores are closed on holidays (like July 4th) and Sundays (like July 5th). So stock up at least by Friday (like July 3rd) if you want your own bottle over the weekend. Also, you can't buy any alcoholic beverages on Sunday, not even beer. BE PREPARED. Fortunately the state will have dropped their requirement of a liquor permit for persons over 21 years of age by Westercon time, except some sort of permit will be required for anyone between 21 and 24. So unless you are under 24 (or can't prove you are over 21) you won't have any trouble buying booze during the week. Not knowing anything about the liquor laws of other states, we can only point out that we suspect Washington is the most inconvenient place on the coast to buy liquor. Oregon is definitely the state in which to buy your supply of cigarettes if you happen to be going through that way, due to a large tax difference.

A note on the weather and then you are on your own. The average highest-temperature-of-the-day for July 4th in Seattle is 75°. (Last year we had an all-time record high of 90°. Very unusual.) Nights usually are cool enough to require a light sweater or coat outside. And you might prepare for a light rain. (Only slightly unusual.)

Now, will we be seeing you friend? Or can't you make it you crumb?