



15th ANNUAL
WEST COAST
SCIENCE FANTASY
CONFERENCE

PROGRESS
REPORT #1

LOS ANGELES
June 30 & July 1
1962

The Fifteenth Annual West-Coast Science-Fantasy Conference will be held in Los Angeles on June 30 and July 1, 1962. We will be meeting at the Alexandria Hotel, whose fine facilities you will find described elsewhere. We are awaiting confirmation of our Guest of Honor, and we are beginning to make plans for what we hope will be one of the most enjoyable Westercons ever held.

This first Progress Report is being sent out to several hundred people whom we think might be interested in hearing of our plans and in attending next summer's get-together. Membership in the 15th Annual Westercon is only \$1.00, and, of course, as convention committees always need money to meet those early expenses, we ask you to join as soon as possible. Whether you attend or not, you'll receive all four Progress Reports that will keep you abreast of our plans, and the Program with all its information about the Conference itself. And, of course, if you attend for that same \$1.00 you will be able to be in on all the fun with your favorite professionals and fans.

For the old-timers, a science fiction conference is a chance to meet people: the people you haven't seen since the last con, and the interesting newcomers you wish you had met long ago. For the newcomer, it is a chance to meet the professional authors and editors whose work you have seen in print, and to talk with other fans who like the same sort of things that you do. And, of course, for everyone, it is a chance to talk about our favorite form of literature: science fiction.

We think that you will find our planned program fun, and if things run true to form, the unplanned parties will be even more fun.

Send in your \$1.00 and keep up with the plans!

---The Westercon Committee---

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BANQUET

The highlight of every Westercon is always the Banquet with its good food and fine speeches. Anthony Boucher has agreed to act as our Toast-Master again this year, and those who have heard him in the past will vouch that he is one of the finest in the business. We are also awaiting word from our Guest of Honor, and we predict that his address will be a highpoint of the con.

The menu will be one-half roast chicken, with soup, salad, vegetable, potato, drink, and dessert. The cost will be \$4.00 per person, which is a very reasonable figure for a banquet meal. The best time to make reservations, of course, is right now, and we will be sending out the banquet reservation cards along with the Membership cards just as soon as we have them printed. You can best be assured of an early membership by joining the Westercon right now. Details on the back page.

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Many of you will remember the Alexandria Hotel as the meeting place of the 16th World Science Fiction Convention held in 1958. The hotel is now in the process of extensive remodeling, and should present a fine appearance for the Westercon next year. The hallways have been repainted, the California room, which will be our Display Room, has been redecorated; many of the guest rooms --including all of those which will be allotted to members of the Westercon--- have been refurbished, and new elevators have been installed. (They may be less adventurous but they are more certain.)

There will be a flat room rate for all convention attendees, and all rooms will be in the newly redecorated portion of the hotel. Insofar as possible, unless you request otherwise, all Convention rooms will be on the same floor, which makes socializing easy.

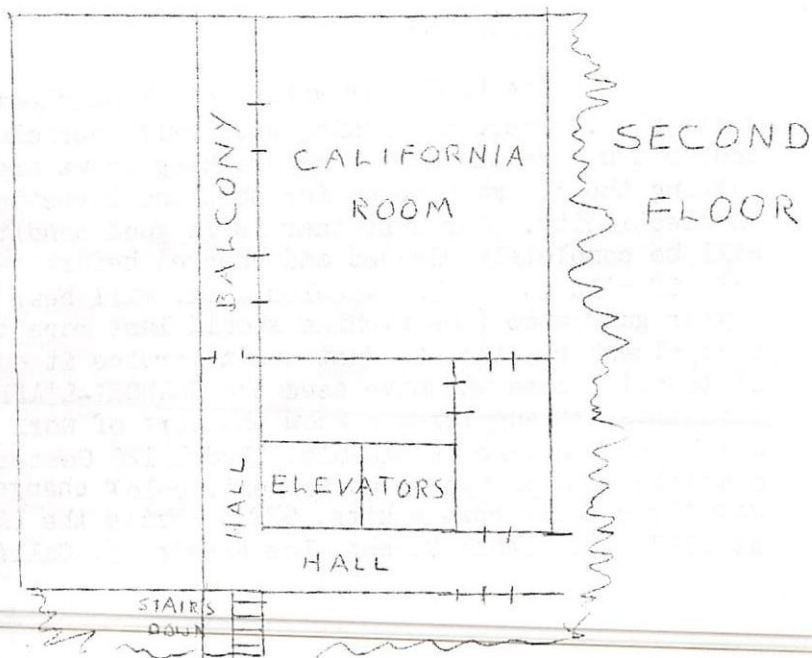
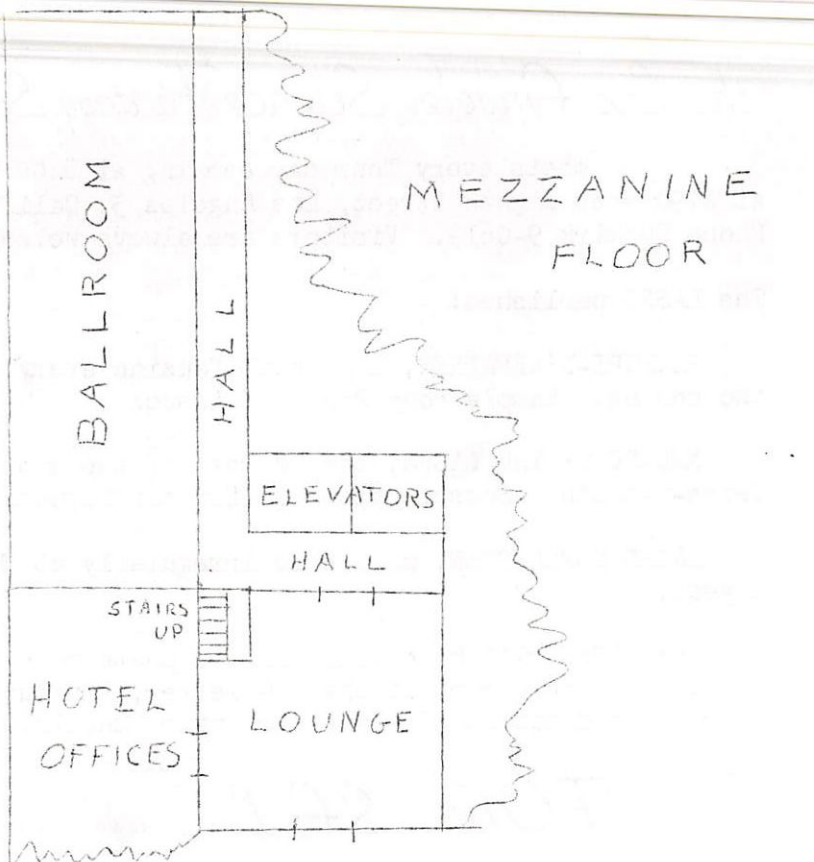
Room prices:	Singles	\$7.00
	Doubles	\$8.50
	Twins	\$10.00

And, of course, there are suites available, too.

Westercon members will receive a special rate on Hotel Garage parking.

The California Room will be the center of our displays and exhibits, and from there it is two steps to the long balcony overlooking the Grand Ballroom, which will be our Central Meeting Hall. Through the hall from the Ballroom is the Lounge, where Conference party goers will be able to meet around the clock. In the Lounge will also be our registration desk which will be open a day early so that early attendees may pick up their programs and locate the parties, as well as being open throughout the con. We will also have a Convention Suite and special meeting rooms are available for any group that might wish them.

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