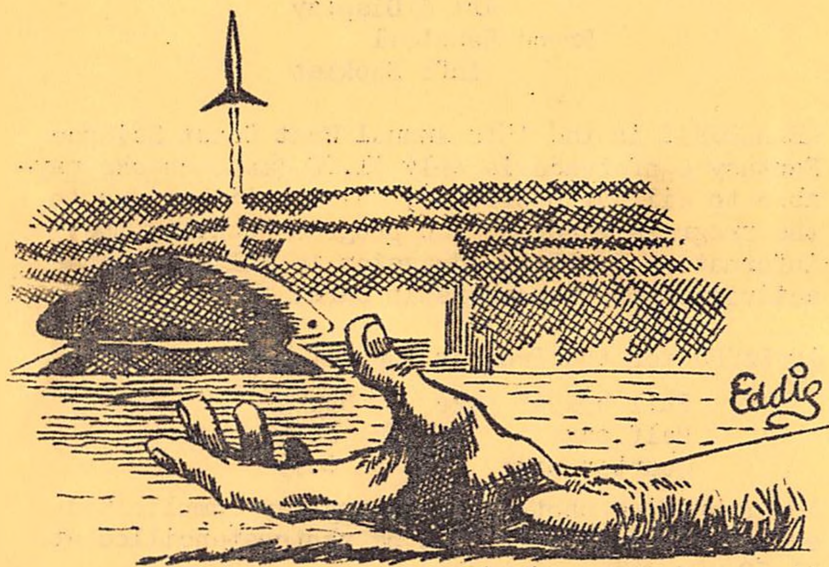


PROGRESS REPORT #3

WESTERCON XV



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MEMBERSHIP in the 15th Annual West Coast Science Fantasy Conference is only \$1.00 (make checks payable to William B Ellern), which entitles you to the progress reports, the program booklet, the information booklet, admission to all conference activities and a membership card.

AD RATES for the Program Booklet are:

Full $8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ " page	\$3.00
Half page	1.50
Quarter page	0.75

Ads requiring photos, or in any way complicated enough to require it, can be photo-stencilled at \$1.50 per page, pro-rata.

DEADLINES:

Program Book -- 1 June
(Absolute Deadline -- 15 June)
(PR#4 has been eliminated, due to missed deadlines)

REMEMBER...

The Time: June 30 - July 1, 1962
The Place: Hotel Alexandria
5th @ Spring
Los Angeles 13, Calif

Reserve a room now...and plan to join in the fun!

We asked JACK VANCE to be Guest of Honor at WEST-ERCON XV, feeling that we would like to express our appreciation to him for such tales as The Dying Earth and Big Planet. His talent for creating unique worlds and cultures, and for endowing them with a poetic fantasy-yet-reality is a quality that is all too rare in modern science fantasy.

When we asked Mr Vance for some autobiographical information, he told us...

"I have a compulsion against making these matters to explicit. Caution, secrecy, modesty apparently are not involved, for I have often been reproached with recklessness, blatant candor, and vanity. I feel that these short paragraphs of sterile information rob a man of vitality and individuality. Each reads like every other, and so conveys not information but misinformation.

We rambled on about the partying and folk-singing which seem to occupy the night hours at cons, and Mr Vance said...

"You mention folk singing, The Society for the Suppression of Which I am a charter member of. I do however play the cornet (traditional jazz), and if among the group there are sufficient musicians with inclinations for a jam session, count me in enthusiastically."

We immediately thought of Burbee, Kris Neville, Cy Condra, Hugh Weller, and Elmer Perdue...and Elmer seems to think that something might be arranged.

How 'bout that? Our Guest of Honor is not only eminently worthy of this honor, but he's ready willing and able to jam. Basin Street, anyone?

WESTERCON XV Ramble!

All these folks are members of WESTERCON XV...

1. Thelma D Evans
 2. Jack Vance
 3. Mrs Jack Vance
 4. Alva Rogers
 5. Sidonie Rogers
 7. Anthony Boucher
 8. Phyllis White
 9. John Trimble
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 27. Ed Wyman
 28. Sid Coleman
 29. Terry Carr
 30. E Loring Ware
 31. Dik Daniels
 32. Gail Daniels
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 34. J Ben Stark
 35. Forry Ackerman
 36. Ron Elik
 37. Donald Franson
 38. Don Fitch
 39. Ingrid Fritzsch
 40. Jean Bogert
 41. Arthur D Savage
 42. Dave Fox
 43. Ted Johnstone
 44. Richard H Blomgren
 45. Len Moffatt
 46. Anna S Moffatt
 47. Bruce Pelz
 48. Harry A Stine
 49. A Barney Bernard
 50. Jim Caughran
 51. Sue Hereford
 52. Larry McCombs
 53. Al haLevy
 54. Edmund Meskys
 55. Calvin Demmon
 56. Charles Burbee
 57. Lyn Hardy
 58. Rick Sneary
 59. Bernard Cook
 60. Edith Cook
 61. John Champion
 62. Robert P. Brown
 63. Fred Pohl
 64. IASFS
 65. Avram Davidson
 66. Edward Ferman
 67. T Hanley
 68. Mrs Hazel B Hammett
 69. Bob Lichtman
 70. Ted Cline
 71. Marji Eilers
 72. Walt Daugherty
 73. Margaret Sachse
 74. Paul Puckett
 75. Paul Turner
 76. Ellie Turner
 77. Stan Woolston
 78. S T Sirnes
 79. Maxine Sirnes
 80. Bernie Zuber
 81. Robert M Guinn
 82. A E van Vogt
 83. E Mayne van Vogt
 84. Robert Bloch
 85. Richard Kyle
 86. Dottie Faulkner
 87. Roy A Squires
 88. E J Watson
- ...how about you?

The WESTERCON Program is shaping up nicely:

The Opening Ceremonies will take place about noon-ish on Saturday, June 30th.

ANTHONY BOUCHER is to speak on "The Past Year in Books".

"What Science Fiction Market?" is to be a panel wherein Fritz Leiber, Mark Clifton, Poul Anderson, A E vanVogt and others will rip into the current state of the s-f market...moderated (or egged on) by Ed Clinton.

MEET YOUR FAVORITE AUTHOR at the coffee 'n' cake session...a new idea in pro and fan socializing.

RAY BRADBURY has agreed to read a story -- always a fascinating event -- and to answer questions from the floor following.

DR AL HALEVY has agreed to speak on "Romance, Saga and Fantasy"...and FORREST J ACKERIAN will review the past year in science fiction, horror and fantasy films.

Sunday, July 1st, is to be film day, with many interesting ideas now in the planning stages. We will wind things up with a showing of H G Wells' "THINGS TO COME" -- the classic starring Raymond Massey.

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DON'T FORGET THE AUCTIONS! We've got a number of fascinating items available....

The cover from "Eye in the Sky", by Phillip K. Dick...donated by Ace Books, an event rarer than hooves on cats.

Galaxy Publications have notified us that they will donate the manuscript and interior illos for "The Dragon Masters", by Jack Vance, which is scheduled for the August '62 GALAXY.

More mss...Leiber...Anderson...Davidson...Kris Neville.... Interior illos.... Fanzine stuff....

THE HOTEL ALEXANDRIA has partially redecorated, and is furnishing rooms for WESTERCON XV attended in the newly redone portion of the hotel. We have special rates; there will be a flat room rate for all attendees. Insofar as possible, and unless otherwise requested, all rooms will be on the same floor.

ROOM RATES:	Singles	\$ 7.00
	Doubles	8.50
	Twins	10.00
	Triples	12.50

Circle this price on the room of your choice on the enclosed post-free reservation card, and return it immediately!

The sooner the reservations are in, the more assured we can be of getting a block of rooms. And the more reservations there are, the better the committee's bargaining power is with the hotel.

Act now!

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ANTHONY BOUCHER will be Master of Ceremonies at the Banquet, hosting the festivities in his usual faintly acid, witty manner.

JACK VANCE and ALVA ROGERS will deliver their speeches at the Banquet...you'll not want to miss them.

And while the eating is going on, your attention will be diverted by the SOLAR WHIRL...the 1st. Westercon Futuristic Fashion Show.

THE BANQUET is a must: one-half roast chicken, soup, salad, vegetable, potato, drink and dessert for only \$4.00.

Again, the best time to make reservations is NOW, and you can ensure yours by enclosing \$4 with the Banquet Card accompanying this Progress Report. Send along another dollar (making checks payable to Wm B Ellern) for a Westercon membership and assure yourself of a membership number below the century mark.

... Act now!

A WESTERCON FIRST...and an item you won't want to miss...is the First West Coast Fan Art Exhibit.

Artwork by fan artists from all over the Western United States will be on display here, all day, both days. The first prize winners in the various categories will be entered in the 3rd Annual Fan Art Show, at the 20th World Science Fiction Convention, in Chicago, come Labor Day, 1962. Your membership will entitle you to vote for the Award of Merit.

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INTERESTED IN THE SOLAR WHIRL? Anyone who would be interested in helping with the designing, costume construction, make-up, staging, etc., of this First Westercon Futuristic Fashion Show may obtain information from Ellie Turner or Adrienne Martine, c/o Mathom House, 222 S Gramercy Place, Los Angeles 4, Calif.

Willing hands, able minds and strong backs are needed...care to help out?

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SEND IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY...only if you have joined the Westercon by June 15th, will your name appear in the complete membership roster to be published in the Program Booklet. Don't miss out!

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FAMOUS MONSTER Forry Ackerman, sometimes known as Mr Science Fiction, is currently working at a cyclotronic-pitch of activity, turning both of these interests into the new role of Editor and Critic...raking the horror, monster and space films over the coals. Look for the collectors' items of fotos from outro space films old and new, liberally spiced with the ~~inimitable~~ inimitable Ackermanese.

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