

Progress Report

Special Issue

WHO IS THIS MAN ?



Because of the heavy schedule brought about by the securing of the Thirteenth World Science-Fiction Convention, the staff of "Terrane-The Newsletter Of The Cleveland Science-Fiction Association" has decided to suspend publication of further issues till after the forthcoming convention.

We are honestly sorry that such a cancellation must happen. We had many fine plans laid for its future. But, as those of you who have ever had anything to do with the promotion of a world convention already know, a convention committee member has more things to do than Bat Durston lifting ship from Saturn on a stormy night without his stern jets and a zap gun in his ribs. We are no exception to this rule.

As much as we like, the future we had planned for "Terrane" will have to lay on the drawing boards till next year. Meanwhile, full attention will be turned to producing four Progress Reports and a Convention Bulletin between now and the Convention in September of 1955.

Editor of the Progress Reports will be Nicholas L. Falasca, who is also co-chairman of the convention and Director of the Publicity Committee. Nick edited the last two issues of "Terrane" which proved to be most successful in the Cleveland Campaign. He will be assisted by a large, well informed Publicity Committee, consisting of Don Ford, of Cincinnati, Gerry de la Ree, of New Jersey, and many others like them scattered over the entire nation.

The original staff of "Terrane" will form the nucleus of the committee. David Masser, Honey Wood, Noreen Falasca, and Ben Jason; with the addition of Steve Schultheis will handle the Cleveland end.

All these persons are working now, to begin one of the greatest publicity campaigns ever seen in fandom to bring one of the finest conventions ever held, to you, the fans.

So, while "Terrane" may be temporarily out of print, we will return with it next year and plans that we once had so carefully laid, will then materialize.

Listed below are the rates for those who wish to take ads. As you can see, they are cut under rates for the past three conventions. Take advantage of this saving today.

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SPECIAL RATES

All those taking ads in all four Progress Reports will be given a discount of 25%.

The Executive Committee of the 13th World Science-Fiction Convention have, after giving all the hotels in Cleveland careful consideration, chosen the Manger Hotel as convention headquarters, the reason being that this hotel could offer more service than any other hotel in town. While the Manger is not as large as some of Cleveland's other hotels it is large enough to serve the needs of our convention.

For instance, they are willing to set aside 325 sleeping rooms compared to the maximum of 400 that Cleveland's largest hotel will offer. That is a difference of 75 rooms. Considering that no convention has run over 325 rooms we feel that there is enough sleeping space. But, if more rooms are necessary, the Statler Hotel, one block up the street will handle all overflow up to 200 sleeping rooms.

The Grand Ballroom seats 1,000 people auditorium style and 750 banquet style and, if necessary, a foyer can be opened to seat an extra 250 people. This is equal to anything the other hotels can offer.

There will also be the answer to every fans dream; all rooms in a block. The reason the hotel can guarantee this is that, for the exception of approximately 35 regular guests, we will have the hotel completely occupied. No other hotel could even begin to offer us this.

At this time the Manger is completely undergoing a million and a half dollar re-conditioning program. The interior is ultra-modern (your own committee can vouch for that personally) with indirect ceiling lighting.

Finally, the room rates are the most reasonable we have seen anywhere. Compare them for yourselves:

Singles	\$5.50	to	\$7.50
Doubles	\$8.00	to	\$10.00
Twins	\$10.00	to	\$12.50
Suites	\$13.00	and	\$20.00

Now you can see why we are so enthused over the Manger Hotel. In the subsequent issues we will run photos and give detailed directions for making reservations. Please do not, we repeat, DO NOT make your reservation till we tell you to do so. We will have more info in the next issue of the Progress Report

CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

The rates for the Convention Program Booklet will be the same as for a single issue of the Progress Report.

Deadline for the NEXT Progress Report is Dec. 8, 1954.

THE ANSWER TO THE
TWO DOLLAR QUESTION

WHY PICK ON ME???

At the business session of the 12th World Science-Fiction Convention an important piece of legislation was passed. This affects all of fandom, therefore, an explanation is due to every person that regularly supports the conventions. A motion was introduced, seconded, and passed to raise the membership fee from one dollar to a maximum of two dollars.

In the past ten years, costs have increased so terrifically that the 12th World Science-Fiction Convention found it necessary to charge an additional dollar to those fans actually attending in San Francisco. However, this was merely a stop gap measure. While it did help to wipe out a large deficit it did nothing to help pay for materials and debts incurred three months earlier.

The San Francisco Committee then took measures to rectify this situation. They introduced legislation to authorize future convention committees to charge, a maximum \$2.00 registration fee, to defray expenses of preparing the convention. This was passed by a unanimous voice vote, therefore, the registration fee for the 13th World Science-Fiction Convention will be the authorized \$2.00. For further information on this, turn to the business pages of this Progress Report.

You are one of the two thousand persons chosen from a fan mailing list of ten thousand names to receive this special PROGRESS REPORT. When Cleveland was voted the site of the 13th World Science-Fiction Convention, the executive committee decided, that the most practical method of informing fandom of the pertinent information concerning the convention, was through a free progress report, mailed out to a select list of readers. The objective of this was to acquaint fandom with preliminary convention plans, and solicit early registrations.

This policy differs from all others of the twelve previous conventions. In the past, pertinent convention information, such as, dates, hotel, program, box number, ect, failed to reach the fan till mid-summer, and then, only when a prozine was kind enough to run a small ad or a blip in a letter column. Only those fans with undying persistence managed to locate the convention address. Of course, there were a few notable exceptions to this, but for the most part, there was no convention publicity till at least three months before the convention.

Cleveland is trying to circumvent this by bringing all important information to them in this Special Issue Progress Report rather than have the fans scrounge bits of data mixed with large portions of heresy and inaccuracy.

In this Progress Report, you will find all vital statistics available at this printing. We hope it will aid you; if it does then it will have served its purpose. If there is any other information not listed here that you wish, please write the committee. We look forward to your advice and suggestions.

DON'T FORGET TO MENTION THE CLEVENTION

GUESS WHO?

Whats the mystery behind the mystery guest? Just this; hos one of the people who work to make a convention a success, and never receive a thank-you. We feel its about time he did.

This year, the 13th World Science-Fiction Convention will honor a fan who helped. The person chosen will not know he is mystery guest until his name is announced at the banquet.

Here's where the fans get in on the fun. There will be a contest to guess the identity of the mystery guest. Complete details will be announced in the next Report. Remember, the mystery guest will be in addition to the regular guest of honor. Who can it be? It might be you. Join the convention and see for yourself.

For those who are interested, here is our printing schedule for the Progress Reports and the Convention Program Bulletin. We will adhere to the schedule as closely as possible, but it is suggested that anyone submitting ads or other material do so well ahead of the deadline date.

PROGRESS REPORT	DEADLINE DATE	PRINTING DATE
#1	Dec. 6	Dec. 13
#2	Feb. 16	Feb. 21
#3	Apr. 27	May 2
#4	July 6	July 11
Con. Program	Aug. 1	-----
Booklet		

MUNUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

During the past few years, an increasing need has been recognized in science-fiction fandom for a national sponsoring body to carry on the business of the annual World Science-Fiction Conventions. Convention Committees, and others concerned with giving the World Conventions wider publicity, have quite often found it difficult, sometimes embarrassingly so, to make reporters, hotel managers, and others outside of the science-fiction field, understand that the World Science-Fiction Conventions have been assemblies of diverse individuals, not of any specialized society, as are most conventions; and that each Convention Committee, rather than being part of a continuing organization, has dissolved itself after conducting its convention, to be replaced by an entirely different group of people. In short, as someone has so nicely put it, the World Science-Fiction Conventions have actually been conventions of "nothing". There has been no society to convene.

It has also been felt that, with the increasing size of the world Conventions the individual committees have been placed under undue financial responsibility. With the creation of a national sponsoring body, the responsibility for the convention is shared by the entire society of the convention -- though, of course, each committee is still expected to meet the routine expenses of the convention that it conducts, as has been the practice in the past.

II

The need for a national sponsoring body has been recognized; and now, at last, a national sponsoring body exists. The process of its creation has been a gradual one. Much thought has been given to each step, to the needs of the organization, and how they could be met within the existing pattern of World Conventions.

In Chicago, in 1952, the Tenth World Science-Fiction Convention took the first step towards the creation of the national sponsoring body. A resolution was passed to the effect that a permanent national organization be created. The nature of this nebulous organization was clarified by a motion passed the following year by the Eleventh World Science-Fiction Convention in Philadelphia. This motion specified that the permanent national organization should take the form of an advisory board, the membership of which consists of the chairman of the World Science-Fiction Convention Committee, plus all past World Convention Committee chairmen who wish to serve. Another motion also created the office of "Recorder" or "Historian", one purpose of which office is to maintain permanent records of the

World Conventions. The "Recorder" or "Historian", in accordance with still another motion, is allowed to use his own judgement in determining the further functions of the office.

While the advisory board and the office of "Recorder" or "Historian" gave the World Science-Fiction Conventions continuity in records and administration, it was still felt that a permanent sponsoring body, as such, did not exist. Therefore the Twelfth World Science-Fiction Convention, this year (1954) meeting in San Francisco, passed three more resolutions -- resolutions which at last give the national sponsoring body a definite membership and Executive Committee. The text of these resolutions will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter. It will be noted that, while the existing means and methods of conducting the annual World Convention remain unchanged, they are combined with the already created Advisory Board and the office of "Recorder" or "Historian" to form a permanent national sponsoring body, the convening body at the World Science-Fiction Conventions.

III

This then, is the organization which is now preparing the Thirteenth World Science-Fiction Convention.

Any person paying dues to the committee which wins the vote for the next convention site, becomes an Active Member of the national sponsoring body until the termination of that convention. These dues are what previously been termed the "Registration Fee".

An active member naturally remains "active" only while continuing to support the annual conventions. Any member choosing not to pay his dues of the national sponsoring body for the term preceding a convention may, however, elect to remain a Inactive Member of the organization. Inactive Members will not, of course, receive all of the Progress Reports, the Program Booklet, ect.; nor the rights of the convention that have traditionally been held by persons who have paid the "Registration Fee". These will be received only by the active members.

The business of the national sponsoring body, e. g. to organization of the is carried on by the Executive Committee pro tem. The World Science-Fiction Committee for any given year becomes the Executive Committee of the national sponsoring body at the same time it receives the gavel of the World Convention and remains in that capacity until it passes the gavel on to the next committee.

The Executive Committee is advised and perhaps aided by the Advisory Board, and any continuing business or records of the national sponsoring body are the re-

sponsibility of the "Recorder" or "Historian".

Thus, though essentially unchanged from what they have been in the past, the World Science-Fiction Conventions are now the expression of a unified permanent body, an organization bridging the gap between the present and the past, including within its membership those science-fiction fans actively supporting the current convention, and also those who have at any time helped to support a past world convention.

IV

Much has been done in the creation of the national sponsoring body. Much remains to be done, in order to give the basic organization the more definite outline and official standing it needs. We look forward to the World Science-Fiction Conventions to come, where these needs will be met and fulfilled.

-- Stephen F. Schultheis

(NOTE: The following are verbatim texts of all the resolutions passed by the Twelfth World Science-Fiction Convention as passed, transcribed by Franklin M. Dietz, Jr. from Recording Station LUNA tapes made at the business session.)

REGISTRATION FEE

RESOLUTION:

In view of rising prices, and the difficulty in acquiring sources of income be it resolved that succeeding convention committees are authorized to charge a two dollar (\$2.00) registration fee.

APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

CENSURE

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is an unwritten law that no regional convention is held within one month of the national convention; and,

WHEREAS, the holding of such a regional convention on the North American continent at such time materially reduces attendance at, the program of, and contributions to the national convention; and,

WHEREAS, the 1954 Oklacon II has repeatedly been informed of the above,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the 1954 Oklacon II be, and hereby is, censured for holding such a regional convention at this time.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

THE NATIONAL SPONSORING BODY

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is desired to include all interested persons within the membership of the national sponsoring body,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that all persons supporting the World Science-Fiction Convention by the payment of its annual dues, be considered as being "Active Members" of the national sponsoring body, with all the rights and privileges awarded to such Active Members by each Convention Committee.

RESOLUTION:

PASSED AS AMENDED.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is desired that the national sponsoring body receive and retain the history and traditions it deserves to inherit,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that all former members of past World Science-Fiction Conventions, from, and including, the First World Science-Fiction Convention, will be eligible to "Inactive Membership" in the national sponsoring body.

PASSED AS AMENDED

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, it is desired that the national sponsoring body continue the organization of the annual World Science-Fiction convention

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the local science-fiction group receiving the responsibility for the annual convention, together with the heretofore created Advisory Board, be recognized as the "Executive Committee" pro tem of the national sponsoring body.

PASSED AS SUBMITTED.

CONVENTION ROTATION PLAN

RESOLUTION:

I

In order to assure a more equitable distribution of convention sites, be it resolved that the North American Continent be divided into three geographical divisions, and that convention sites be rotated among these three divisions.

II

The bids of cities to hold a convention shall only be considered and voted on if they lie within the geographical division whose turn it is; however, this rule may be set aside by a two-thirds majority of those voting on said convention.

In the event of such setting aside, the normal principal of rotation shall apply to bids made the following year (i.e., if the order of rotation is Area A, Area B, and Area C, and if it is A's turn but the convention is given to a city in B, then the following year it shall be C's turn.

III

The geographical divisions shall be defined as follows:

WEST: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and states west.

EAST: New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and all states east.

CENTRAL: All states between the above areas.

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The San Francisco Convention had many things to offer, the most notable of which is the fact that it was held in San Francisco. The city is one of the loveliest, friendliest, most sophisticated in the country, and a joy to visit. The easterners did not have to contend with the usual heat wave that Labor Day brings.

Beginning on Friday with the Westercon, the convention ran till Monday night at midnight, when it closed with the Masquerade Ball. Hotel headquarters was the Sir Francis Drake, one of the most indignant and condescending hotels we have ever resided in. Most parties were broken up at midnight, and what is even more objectionable, room rates were raised from one to three dollars above the quoted rates.

Highlights of the convention were speeches delivered by John W. Campbell Jr. and Richard Matheson. Mr. Campbell, a stimulating speaker, who received the first standing ovation since Hugo Gernsback at the Chicon II, expressed his views on the alternately expending and contracting field of Science-Fiction. Mr. Matheson's speech was a justified criticism of the "new critics" and their patronizing of science-fiction.

There were many panel discussions through the con along with the science-fiction opera given on Sunday night. The "Masquerade Ball was one of the most successful ever held, probably because of the addition of Turk Murphy's Dixieland Band, which lent itself admirably to the carnival atmosphere. There were more costumes than ever before, some of which had been in preparation for months.

High spot for the Cleveland delegation, naturally, was the voting on Monday afternoon. Competing against Detroit and Buffalo, we won on the first ballot with sixty five per cent of the votes. Noreen Falasco made The Terrans bid, ably seconded by E. E. Evans. By four o'clock the voting was over and it was truly "Cleveland in '55".

Thank to those who voted for us.

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PHAN PHOTOGRAPHERS

If you took photographs at the SFCon, I would like very much to add prints from your negatives to my file of science-fiction con photographs. I will, ofcourse, pay the cost of having the prints made--and, in addition, I would like to offer you 5¢ per print for making the photographs available. If you would care to send me your negatives, I will handle them with care, and see that all of them are returned to you as promptly as possible.

If you prefer to keep the negatives in your possession,

I would be happy to receive the prints from you.

In either case, your help in obtaining SFCon photographs would be very much appreciated!

Stephen F. Schultheis --- 238 Trumbull Avenue SE --- Warren, Ohio

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