



Dear W.S.F.S. Member:

Here are the facts for YOUR trip to London this year.

As you know, the 15th World Science Fiction Convention is being held this 1957 in London, England. The dates are Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 7, 8 and 9, and a large number of Americans and Canadians are planning to attend.

In order to make it financially possible for the greatest number of science fiction fans to make the trip, we have held innumerable conferences concerning the chartering of an airplane at a special charter rate. This charter flight can be made available only to members of the World Science Fiction Society, Inc.

With the help of Mr. Edgar Hoffman of the Haley Corporation and various representatives of Pan-American World Airways, we have secured the use of one of Pan-American's DC-6B's. This plane will carry 70 passengers and the one way fare to London, England will be \$130.00 per person.

The plane will leave International Airport at Idlewild, Long Island, N.Y. on Friday night, August 30, and will arrive at London Airport on Saturday morning, where it will be met by a delegation of British fans.

There will be a return flight from London Airport on Saturday morning September 14, for return on Sunday, September 15, at New York. This return flight is presently in the process of negotiation and will cost about \$155.00 per person. The return flight costs more only because we were successful in obtaining an exceptionally low charter fare for the London-bound flight.

The round-trip fare is, therefore, approximately \$285.00 (payable to "London Trip Fund"). There will be no further levy of money for the actual airplane passage as the fare includes other miscellaneous costs.

As you can see, this is an exceptional saving on the regular tourist flight—not to mention the expensive regular flight. It must be stressed that this special fare represents a saving of from \$160.00 to \$350.00 on the one-way plane fares. On the round trip, you will save almost twice as much. It is also considerably less than the cheapest (and thus slowest) travel by sea.

If you are definitely interested in going on this flight to London, please attend to the following instructions. Remember that 70 passengers are the limit and those who reserve first will be given preference.

1. Send immediately twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) to the address listed below. The money will give you a reservation on the plane and will be immediately banked in an account of the "London Trip Fund". Should your reservation be received too late to be included in the limited number of 70 on the passenger list, you will be assigned a stand-by reservation number entitling you to replace anyone who withdraws by June 30th.

2. You may send in the complete payment of \$285.00 at this time. This will insure your passage.

3. Money for the complete fare must be in by May 30th.

4. If for any reason the flight cannot be made, the portion of the fare which you have sent in will be returned to you during June, less one dollar (\$1.00) which will be used to pay for expenses incurred in this preliminary arrangement.

5. If you desire to withdraw before May 30th, your money will be returned to you, less one dollar (\$1.00).

Note: Because these charter rates are special and very much lower than the regulated rates for regular flights, our contract specifically restrains us from general publication of these charter rates. Please, therefore, do not refer to the specific rates in any publication. Please leave the prices blank and publish only the explanation.

6. After May 30th your money will not be returned, unless the flight is cancelled, or a substitute from the "stand-by" list is available.

7. Reservations will be accepted until April 30th. If not enough reservations are in by that date, the flight will be cancelled.

8. If you do not send in the full fare by May 30th, your money will be returned to you, less one dollar (\$1.00). "Stand-by" reservations will then be used to fill your place.

9. If you are not yet decided whether or not you plan to go, we suggest you send in the \$26.00 immediately to insure a reservation. If you are interested but do not wish to make a reservation at this time, we urge you to send in one dollar in order to pay for all information concerning this flight. This one dollar will keep your name on our list. Otherwise, you will not be further notified or informed.

10. To stress the above point again, if you are interested but undecided, be sure to send in one dollar in order to be considered as interested in obtaining additional information.

11. Only World Science Fiction Society, Inc. members are eligible. The World Science Fiction Society, Inc. reserves the right to judge who are such members.

12. Round-trip passage will be given reservation priority. If you desire only one-way passage, we will attempt to fit such East-bound passages with West-bound passages. To insure a one-way priority, it will be best for you to locate for us a passenger who will make the passage in the other direction. When such pairings are made, whether by you or by us, those persons who are paired will have their reservations definitely confirmed.

13. There have been numerous inquiries concerning passage for non-fans, both relatives and non-relatives of fans. Such persons who are not relatives who want to go will be given non-priority reservations; these reservations to be good only if space is available after fan needs have been satisfied up to May 30th.

14. All reservations must be accompanied by the 1957 membership number in the W.S.F.S., Inc., or a separate check or money order payable to "Franklin M. Dietz Jr., W.S.F.S., Inc. Recorder-Historian" in the amount of one dollar, for payment of 1957 membership. Such membership money will be forwarded to London where cards will be issued.

15. There will be future information sheets such as these, covering other details, answering questions, and giving information on passports, etc. To receive them you must send in at least one dollar. In order not to be disappointed, please take action within the week.

16. Make passage checks payable to "London Trip Fund" and address all correspondence to Ruth E. Landis, London Trip Fund Secretary-Treasurer 251 West 102nd Street, New York 25, New York.

You will have until April 30th to make up your mind about going. However, you should consider two things: First, if you delay in making up your mind, you may not get a reservation because the plane will be full. So Act Soon! Second, if you delay in making up your mind, the reverse might happen—the flight might be cancelled because the response seems poor. The April 30th deadline is not to be considered as a date to wait for. It is only the last chance we have to organize the trip.

Don't wait to act. The quicker the response, the better the chance we have of nothing going wrong.

LONDON, HERE WE COME!

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