

## LAST MINUTE NOTES AND NOTICES

### SPEECH! SPEECH!

One of the most looked-forward-to events at any worldcon must be the Guest of Honor addresses. This year there will be a slight change in the format. The Banquet will be a testimonial to our Guest of Honor Robert A. Heinlein, with George Barr's Fan Guest of Honor address given in company with several of Mr. Heinlein's friends in the field.

Mr. Heinlein has chosen to speak at the end of the Hugo Awards ceremony. As the Music Hall in the Municipal Auditorium holds almost twice as many people as the Colonial and Imperial Ballrooms where the Banquet will be held, many more fans will be able to hear and appreciate Mr. Heinlein's Guest of Honor address. Mr. Heinlein will also be at the Banquet, of course, and looks forward to seeing as many fans there as the combined ballrooms will hold and sharing a meal with many good people.

### AH. . . OOPS!

A minor correction is in order concerning the announcement all of you found at the bottom of your Hugo ballot. We stated that black tie would be optional for the Banquet and the Hugo Awards ceremony (for those of you planning on really spiffing up for these occasions). That stands *only* for the Hugo Awards ceremony; however, since the Banquet will be an afternoon affair, black tie is definitely inappropriate and should not be considered optional for that event.

### THE RAREST BLOOD IS THE TYPE NOT IN STOCK WHEN SOMEBODY NEEDS IT

The members of the MidAmeriCon central committee are working for a 100% blood donor status among themselves, and hoping that members of the committee working staff who read this will work toward the same purpose. Several "first-timers" have found that, despite their fears, giving blood is relatively painless (to give blood is far less painful than taking an injection) and mutually rewarding, to the blood bank and to themselves. Every blood donor in the United States can be fairly certain that at some time, somewhere, a person lived because of his or her donation, because that blood was available, perhaps on one of our accident-ridden holiday weekends—or any other time, for that matter.

The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society and the New England Science Fiction Association have also pledged 100% donations, no doubt making the blood banks in their areas overjoyed. It is our sincere hope that the great majority of MidAmeriCon attendees eligible to give blood will also choose this way of saying: I care.

This could very well be the most important thing science fiction fandom as a whole has ever done—or could ever do—for their fellow man.