

THE NOLA CON

The Ninth World Science Fiction Convention will be held in
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

WHERE? At the St. Charles Hotel.

WHEN? September 1, 2, 3, 1951.

WHO IS IT FOR? Anyone and everyone interested in Science Fiction, Fantasy or Weird literature. "Fans", authors, editors, publishers, all will be here. Since the latter will, of course, be outnumbered by you and you and you-all, this is your chance to get on the sending end and tell them all off.

These conventions, annual since 1939 in cities boasting science fiction clubs to sponsor them, are undoubtedly the greatest experience a scientifictionist can have.....this is no exaggeration.

WHAT WILL GO ON? Introduction of all notables in the hall, then of the Guest of Honor, Fritz Leiber, talented author of "Gather, Darkness" and many other S-F yarns. The subject of his talk - "The Jet-Propelled Apocalypse".

Reports by the editors and publishers on their policies and future plans. Expected now are: Anthony Boucher of the Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction, Bea Mahaffey of Other Worlds, Howard Browne of Amazing Stories, Lloyd A. Eshbach of Fantasy Press, Erle Korshak of Shasta Publishers, Hans Stefan Santesson of the Unicorn Mystery Book Club and others.

Auction of originals, manuscripts, etc. Contributed mainly by publishers, of course. Like to own an original by Virgil Finlay, Hannes Bok or Edd Cartier? This is your chance.

Fan Night. The Banquet. The file -- want to know fans in your neighborhood?

The Nolacon has also arranged: A panel to be mediated by Dr. Edward E. Smith, author of the Lensman and Skylark Series, etc. What do you want discussed? Duo-talks by E. Everett Evans and Sam Moskowitz, on the History of Science Fiction Fandom. Lilith Lorraine, Directress of the Avalon World Arts Academy -- something along the line of the Influence of Science Fiction on our Civilization. A skit by Fritz Leiber - Guest of Honor. Others expected comprise: Robert Bloch, George O. Smith, Fredric Brown, Jack Williamson, Stan Mullen, Mack Reynolds, Judith Merrill; artists Boris Dolgov and Pat Davis. There will be an ample supply of British S-F magazines on sale.

It must be brought out that the conventions are run by their assemblies. The New Orleans Science-Fantasy Society has proposed a talk on Dianetics, from our extensive experience therein. Some fans have made their attendance contingent on its deletion. It might have been proposed by anyone; but its deletion or retention is beyond our power to promise. ANYTHING is -- the assembly disposes, where the committee only proposes. Discussion can be limited by the assembly only. If such misunderstanding resulted in anyone staying away, it would be unfortunate for everybody. Because, finances permitting, we hope to be able to present a grade A S-F movie, a Fantasy one and a Weird one each day.

With all this in mind we most earnestly solicit your membership in the convention. \$1.00 is the traditional membership fee. For this you get: membership card, program booklet and not less than 3 progress bulletins. These always list all supporters. ATTEND -- the greatest experience a scientifictionist can have -- the World Convention. Please send to:

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