

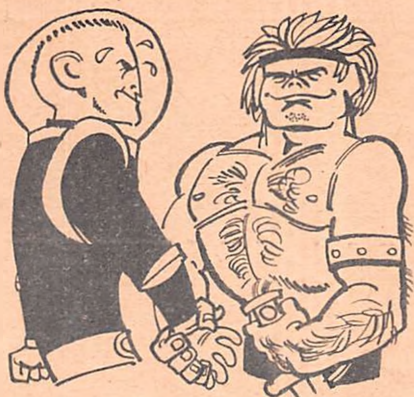
# TRICON

CLEVELAND DETROIT CINCINNATI

UNITED FOR 1966!!



Cleveland I



Progress Report # 0 [like, a  
pre-progress report] for the  
TRICON  
Detroit-Cleveland-Cincinnati

It should be noted that, while the concept of two or more cities combining under one chairman to put on a con is neither new or novel, the actual endeavour itself certainly is. The task of doing so in one city has been recognized by most committees as an undertaking of sizeable proportions. It would seem to follow that the problems of a Tri-City bid would at least be double if not triple; but, happily, in our case we can report

excellent progress in all directions and we have not encountered any great problems.

As to the details and plans of our bid: The Guest of Honor accepted several months ago; a full write-up will appear in the First Progress Report, which is to be distributed at the LonCon II. The committee have selected the largest and most conveniently located hotel in downtown Cleveland -- the Sheraton-Cleveland -- in the same building as the main railway terminal, so taxi savings are evident. The Sheraton-Cleveland is the first stop for the airport bus and is but a short distance from the Greyhound Bus Terminal. Room rates start at \$7.85 for a single, which makes this the lowest rate available in the United States in several years. The price of the Banquet meal will also be very reasonable. However there is still a distinct possibility that the committee may select another hotel -- at the moment under construction -- ready for occupancy by convention time.

When it comes to eating, fans will be happy to know that there are five dining rooms and one restaurant on the premises of the Sheraton-Cleveland. One of these, the Minute Chef, is open 24 hours per day and prices are very reasonable.

On the matter of the Rotation Plan: The Constitution and By-Laws of the World Science Fiction Society (uninc.), have this to say:

"In order to assure an equitable distribution of convention sites, the North American continent is divided into three geographical divisions ..." Of these, the Western Division, which includes California, had a con in '64.







The Central Division, which includes Cleveland, Detroit, and Cincinnati, would have been up next, except that "Any location not on the North American continent may bid and may be selected ..." It's London in '65 -- since the Central Division was bypassed, it's their turn for the '66 con. However, it is possible to award a convention to a Division out of turn by a three-quarter vote at the convention business meeting. But, if the '66 convention were

awarded to the Eastern Division -- out of turn -- then all sorts of complications would ensue -- the people planning to make Eastern Division bids for the '67 convention would lose their chance, and the '67 convention would be back in the Western Division again.

Now for our committee: we think the TriCon committee is one of the finest and most experienced groups ever assembled to put on a convention. The Chairman, Ben Jason (from Cleveland) was the Treasurer of the highly successful Clevention I in 1955. Mr Jason reinstated the HUGO awards and devised a system for making these awards every year. Howard Devore, Associate Chairman (from Detroit), has often been called "Big Hearted Howard" -- and not without reason. Howard helped put on the Detention for Detroit back in 1959. He has also helped Jason to make the HUGOs since 1959, and went on to make the trophies himself for the Pacificon II and the LonCon II.

George Scithers chaired the DisCon I; Fred Prophet and Roger Sims were the co-chairmen of the Detention; Noreen Shaw was one of the co-chairmen of the Clevention I, and, with her well-known editor-writer husband, Larry Shaw, published the famous fanzine Axe that campaigned to get the Willises to America. Sam Moskowitz ran the very first convention, way back in 1939; Earl Kemp chaired the twentyth, in Chicago; we could go on, but we hope we've made our point: we are ready, willing, and able -- give us the chance to

## Make It The TRICON In 1966!!

Cover -- Roy G Krenkel  
 Corner illos, this page -- Jim Cawthorn  
 Center illos, this page -- Harry Douthwaite

Published for the TriCon Committee by  
 The Terminus, Owlswick, & Ft Mudge  
 Electric Street Railway Gazette

#####



# COMMITTEE BIDDING

## FOR THE 24th

# WORLD SCIENCE-FICTION

## CONVENTION

### CHAIRMAN

Ben Jason  
3971 East 71st Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44105

### ASSOCIATE CHAIRMAN

Howard DeVore  
4705 Weddel Street  
Dearborn Hts, Michigan 48125

### ASSOCIATE CHAIRMAN

Don Ford

PARLIAMENTARIAN and COSTUME BALL ARRANGEMENTS  
George H. Scithers

### CLEVELAND

Co-Treasurers:  
Frank Andrasovsky  
Bill Thailing  
Editor, Progress Reports  
and Program Book  
Roger Zelazny

### DETROIT

Fred Prophet  
Roger and Pat Sims  
George and Mary Young  
Dannie Plachta  
Jim Broderick  
Elliott Broderick  
Dick Schultz

### CINCINNATI

Cincinnati Fantasy Group

### AIDES and ADVISORS

Noreen Shaw  
Larry Shaw  
F.M. Busby  
Elinor Busby  
Earl Kemp  
Ed Wood  
Charlie Brown  
Marsha Brown  
Sam Moskowitz  
Christine Moskowitz  
Stanleigh B. Vinson  
Bill Donaho  
James V. Taurasi, Sr.  
Frank R. Prieto, Jr.  
Frank Dietz  
Dr. C. L. Barrett