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JAY KLEIN HAS BREAKDOWN; SYRACON FOLDS

SYRACUSE, July 15 (TBS) Reports reaching us from the Midwest have indicated that Jay Klein, well-known for his photographing of world SF Conventions and for his part in the Syracuse (NY) bid for the 1967 worldcon has suffered a breakdown. It came while he was on the road from Chicago, where he had attended an amateur photographer's convention, back to his home near Syracuse. He has been quoted as saying, "The man at the garage claims it will cost \$189.77 to get it fixed," referring to his transmission. This is the second time in recent months that the transmission has failed on a car belonging to one of the heads of a con bidding committee; in March of this year, a similar breakdown occurred in the car owned by David A. Vanderwerf, chairman of the Boston bidders.

Meanwhile, back in Syracuse, the Syracuse bidding committee, under the guidance of Dave Kyle, is folding and mailing out the latest issue of The Syracon Sentinel, which is a newsletter describing the Syracuse bid for the Worldcon.

Meanwhile even more, Durk Jon Pearson, a known friend of William Sarill, has come out in favor of Syracuse for the 1967 con-site. Too bad for Syracuse.

TRICON ARRESTED FOR FRAUD

CLEVELAND, 30 Feb. (WSFS) Police announced today that Juan Tricon, noted bootlegger, was arrested for fraud in a case involving 5000 fake Italian cantaloupes. No further details are available at this time. All involved are humans.

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CHALKER, OWINGS, AND BOUNDS DRAFTED; BALTIMORE COMMITTEE DISSOLVES

BALTIMORE, 32 July (special to the Mitigator) Those of us who have followed the progress of the Baltimore bidding Committee in its attempts to win the convention site for Baltimore for the 1967 World Science Fiction Convention were astounded to hear that Jack L. Chalker, Ron Bounds, and Mark Owings have been drafted to help put on the Baltimore party at the Tricon this September. They are currently in correspondence with Fred Prophet of the Beer Party Arrangement committee.

The committee bidding for the con is currently working on dissolving various solids in Baltimore water, in the hope that Baltimore will have water by convention time next year.

NYCON III COMMITTEE CONCEDES

NEW YORK, 69 April (BTB) The New York in 1967 Convention Committee (bidding) today conceded that they are now changing the location in which the worldcon will be held if the Fanoclasts get the nod for the son of Nycon II. It seems that Ted White put off finding a hotel for the convention too long, with the result that all available space has been taken up by the Jehovah's Witnesses, in town for the weekend. The con will be held in Secaucus, N.J., atop the main Esso oil storage tank, with hotel accommodations at the Irvington, N.J., YMCA. "There will be plenty of room for all meetings," says spokesman rich brown.

In a related development, Robert Moses has accepted the appointment as temporary committee chairman. Bob has had lots of experience with world conventions,

VANDERWERF TELLS BOARDMAN WHERE TO GET OFF

CLEVELAND, Aug 32 (A&P) - Reports reaching Cleveland indicate that Dave Vanderwerf has finally told John Boardman where to get off. Mr. Boardman, whose car was declared a disaster area by an impartial blue-ribbon panel, found himself without transportation to the Twenty-Fourth World Science Fiction Convention (being held this weekend in our fair city of Cleveland) and requested aid from Mr. Vanderwerf. Mr. Vanderwerf was able to stop in New York on the way from Boston to Cleveland, and picked him up.

As the car arrived in Cleveland, Mr. Vanderwerf pulled up at the curb in front of the Hotel Sheraton, and told Mr. Boardman to get off there, while he went around to park the car.

A national feud has been declared.

BOSTON TO PAY TWO CENTS TO EACH PERSON TO ATTEND TRICON BUSINESS MEETING

BOSTON, (July 69) (OOPS) It was announced in Boston today that the BOSPASS SPASS SPASS SPASS SPASS SPASS SPASS THE EARLYBIRD CATCHES COLD IN THE DEW and the New York newspaper is still unsettled in this, the 134th day of the continuing strike. Now that the city has been evacuated as an emergency measure to ease the water shortage, however, it beFOOP FAP FEOP FIP FOP FOOP FAP FIP FEOP

GUESTS OF HONOR REVEALED FOR CON BIDDERS

London (Aug. 21) Rooter. The secret list of guests of honor slated for the prospective world conventions to be held in Syracuse, Boston, New York, or Baltimore, were revealed to the public today in one of the hottest stories on record.

Baltimore, it was learned, has managed to obtain rights to the body of Edgar A. Poe, noted author. Boston, not to be outdone, will sponsor guided tours of the Massachusetts countryside and shoreline, conducted by H.P. Lovecraft.

New York plans to give the honors to Batman, who will make a speech from the top of the Battery Tunnel air shaft. Meanwhile, Syracuse will have as its top secret guest of honor the reknowned professional bowler, R. V. Winkle. The alternate for the chore is a Mr. Tom Swift.



and this side of the Mitigatorer is RNP 341 (new series) and should be blamed on Mike Ward, who says, "Boston in 1967"

NEWS AND NOTES

by Chet Chatt, famed Mitigatorer gossip columnist

Alma Hill and Dave Vanderwerf were seen in the same room at the same time. *****Jack L. Chalker, chairman of the Balticon committee, is definitely not in danger of being drafted. He has enlisted. *****The next issue of TNFF will be put out by Janie Lamb. It will consist of two pages of stencils typed by Stan Woolston and fifteen pages of election propaganda left over from the Democratic primary in Tennessee. *****The TRICON committee is desperately in need of materials for the auction. "We are scraping the bottom of the barrel" says Ben Jason, in a copyrighted letter to this reporter. Be careful, Ben, you never can tell who you'll find down there *****Anyone want to buy a copy of Focal Point 22, the one with the retraction of the lie about the Boston hotel situation? I seem to have the only copy ever printed, but that can't be right, because Mike McInerney and rich brown promised they'd print an apology in the next issue of FP, and they wouldn't go back on their word. *****Who was seen doing what and with whom at the last Boskone? Damfino. *****Alma Hill has been heard to say "...New...York...in... '67" We wish to express our condolences to the Nycon III committee. *****Who was arrested at the Lunacon for drunkenness? Nobody, and it ~~is~~ is a sure is a shame. *** **There is no truth to the rumors that California will sink into the sunset in 1968. That's the word from the noted astrologer Erwin Strauss, and was delivered along with his predictions that the Index would become a best-seller and that the Johnson would repeal the copyright laws in an effort to keep down inflation. *****A recent paperback, entitled The Man Who Wrote Dirty Books, is about a pornographer and his relations with his readers. It is unusual that none of the characters have the same names as well-known fans, and the author, Hal Dresner, seems to have no contact with fandom at all. Somebody's slipping. *****Dave Vanderwerf was heard to mention Alma Hill's name twice during a recent conversation. *****JRRTolkien has named Bilbo and Frodo Baggins co-defendants in a suit for defamation of character, growing out of the original suit by Bilbo Baggins on his claim to having authored the original of There And Back Again. *****Is Alma Hill really a fan hoax? Bye fornow.