

THE EXPLORER

First (FREE) Issue

"Ad Stellas"

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DEDICATION:-

Because he was the original founder of the ISFCC; because he's a pretty good Joe, and because we wish it were possible that he might still be taking an active part in the ISFCC, we dedicate this first issue of THE EXPLORER to--

RICH ABBOTT

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GREETINGS, PEOPLE --

We're finally making the grade, and the long hoped-for EXPLORER has arrived. We hope you'll like it. We hope you'll contribute (in the literary sense, that is) so that it may be, in reality, a magazine for all the members. We also hope that you'll contribute (in the financial sense -- how revolting!) so that it may continue and even grow.

The purpose of the club is, of course, to encourage the exchange of ideas and thoughts and methods of the science-fiction world. (That's the second article of the Constitution.) Larry Kiehlbauch has sent a roster of all members with names and addresses to all of you. There will be an election coming up again in April. We'll keep you in touch on that little item in the next issue.

There will be departments as time goes by -- Trading and Swapping -- Hobbies -- Pen Pals -- Letter columns from members and others -- Book Reviews -- Music-- anybody think of any others? Make use of the departments. The officers:- Larry Kiehlbauch, President; Rick Sneary, Veep; Paul Ganley, Secretary; Beatrice Glass, Treasurer; Rich Elsberry, Trading Manager; and Ed Noble, Correspondence Manager are to have a few lines allotted to them once in awhile.

We want your opinions very much.-- we've had a few already and we want more.

THE "BRASS" OF THE ISFCC

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TRADING AND SWAPPING

Rich Elsberry has sent you a communique urging me to impress upon the readers that he is very anxious to get into action and he wants to know your wants in trading and swapping. Do you have a book that you'd like to sell, swap, or trade? Are there certain books you'd like to get, through buying, trading, etc.? Get in touch with Rich (Address listed once--isn't that enough?)

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AN EXPLORATION

By Fred J. Remus, Jr.

The name of this magazine is "THE EXPLORER." I, as a common member of the club, am appealing for volunteers to undertake the most fascinating exploration that was ever conceived--an exploration of the mind! The mind has definite powers that seem at first beyond all reason, but it has finally been proven that such powers do exist. This study is on the border line between the scientific truth and the things that we have all read about in the S-F magazines. The very (cont. P. 3)

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IN EXPLANATION

Official Organ of the ISFOC

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to print THE EXPLORER---and so we are on our way. The first issue is being put out through the financial efforts of several of us, to get THE EXPLORER to you, the club members.

It is almost imperative that THE EXPLORER be financed through subscription. The stencils, ink, postage, etc. require more than the philanthropy of any of us can assume. At the present moment it is planned to put out an issue every other month and I think we can do that. Ten cents a copy or fifty cents a year (if we get enough subscribers) will cover the expenses and allow a slight margin of profit which may be applied to acquiring books for the ISFOC lending library.

The subscription looks like it must be taken care of by the US and Canadian members -- there's a little thing called "Austerity" in England which frowns strongly on using shillings and pence to subscribe to US journals. But maybe the UK members can kick in with a couple copies of NEW WORLDS or some of the BRE editions in a swap for a subscription, and the UKazines can be available to the rest of the members. OK?

There is also the chance that we might get our own mimeograph -- so I'm doing a little plugging for the National Radio Club. They want to buy a new machine-- but it will take new members to help get the machine--IF they get the machine we can get their machine, with which this is being printed. Should there be any of the ISFOC having the radio bug, particularly in DX-ing along the broadcast band, the NRC is an interesting organization, putting out a weekly most of the year, with a monthly issue during the summer months when DX-ing hits a seasonal low. If interested, write to Harold Wagner, North Girard, Penna.

That's about it. We want active, interested members. To keep the EXPLORER going we'll need some quick response.

THE EXPLORER

c/o Ed Noble, Jr., Girard, Penna.

I'd like to get my copy of THE EXPLORER regularly. Enclosed find _____ for _____ copies. (Rates: 10¢ per copy; 50¢ per year)

I should like to read of the following things in THE EXPLORER:- (Comments, please)

(DO NOT SEND STAMPS)

Name:-
Address:-

AN EXPLORATION (Cont.)

slight attempts I have made to find out if I had such abilities as are mentioned in "The Reach of the Mind" amazed me with the success I had. I make no claim to have abilities that others do not, and so I was quite startled when I found that I could send and transmit pictures telepathically with a friend of mine. They were so nearly similar as to be almost identical in some instances. It is my opinion that we may find the same results, if we try; and I, for one, really want to try.

It is my suggestion that we who are interested contact Paul Ganley, who will submit the names of those interested to Dr. J. B. Rhine of Duke University. If we offer, as a club, the use of our minds and time, I don't think he'll turn the offer down. I don't know for sure what will be asked of us, but surely it will be nothing that would cost more than the results almost certainly will be worth. We will be taking part in an exploration, an exploration of the unknown reaches of the mind.

I mentioned the fact that I had some results when I tried these experiments; I'm not too sure how much you would be interested in what I did, but in case you are, here it is: - A very good friend of mine and I sat down and tried to send pictures to each other with no other method than the mind. We switched around, one drawing and one receiving, alternately. Of course, we had no sight of the paper on which the other was drawing. The only thing we could do was to make our minds blank and try to receive the impression the other was trying to send. Naturally enough, identity was never achieved, but the resemblance was close enough to rule out the possibility of chance. (Sample efforts show considerable similarity---Ed. The Art Dep't doesn't know enough about drawing on stencil yet to reproduce 'em---)

The above is all ~~sig~~ slightly beside the point; the main reason I am writing this is not to convince you that I have any 'psy' capabilities, BUT TO FIND OUT WHAT ABILITIES YOU MAY HAVE. I don't want to know for myself; I want the evidence of the abilities that you almost certainly possess placed on record in the laboratory of Dr. Rhine. The method that is followed by most labs is to gather as much evidence as possible and then try to find out what laws are in operation---the more voluminous the evidence, the more valid the theories drawn. I want to find out about the reach of my mind. What about you?

Fred. J. Remus, Jr.

(Ed. Note: So far the Art Dep't is me, too)

(" " :- Review of Reach of the Mind in another part of THE EXPLORER)

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A REACTION OF SORTS-- from LOU SHERMAN (Address not mentioned)

The purpose of this is to give H--- (tsk, Lou) to dictators in Stefan clubs.

The urge to write this article has been boiling within me ever since I saw a copy of the constitution of a new club, called the ISFOC, a club dedicated to the proposition that all fan are created morons, a club of, by, and for C. T. Beck and R. F. Abbott (Yes, I'll name names; sue me if you don't like it) who have said the club, and you, dear members, will do nothing about it; if you don't like it, lump it.

To you, Messers Abbott and Beck: T'oll. Clubs like yours have and will exist, but that's no reason for us to put up with you.

List!! The first Stforganization, The International Science Ass'n, died because of a dictator! For many years fandom fouded (fandom, mind you) over who should be its dictator, Sykora or Wollheim. Ask the average fan what he thinks of Moskwowitz' reign of terror in the ESFA. Look at LASFS. Look at QSFL. Look what happened to the defunct Centurian League, when too much power was given to one man, and he couldn't use it, and was too pig-headed

to divide it in time of emergency.

Yet I find the ISFOC's constitution more rigid, more tyrannical than any of the others. Phooey!

The Spec's and the Weapon-makers seem to get on all right without any constitution at all; Utopia Fan Clubs. Oh well.....

To sum up, I give the following advice to the members of the aforementioned club: quit!!! For another organization that you run yourselves. And if you don't believe what's gonna happen if you live up to your constitution, go to an ESFA meeting; you'll see.

Knowing my abuse will be ignored, I think I'll quit in disgust. Pool

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H-mm-mm, what to say? Sounds like the man's a bit bitter. Professin' a profound ignorance of the activities of the other fan clubs, etc. in their intra-club woes, but the ISFOC constitution doesn't read like the despotic affair 'tis claimed (to this one, anyhow)--I can only suggest that Br'er Sherman go straight to ----- an ESFA meeting himself

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ODDS and ENDS from other members heard from recently:

Stanley Crouch ad-2, Sterling, Virginia: Members wanting to get the national prizes at a discount, let Stan know. Stan also fronts an organization of the scientific line known as ENOSI and is always looking for new members. If interested, contact him at the Sterling, Virginia address

Ronald Friedman, 1980 E 8th St., Brooklyn 23, NY: Why not send it (EXPLORER) free to members outside the USA and Canada? I'd like to see two pages of letters in each issue and a full club roster every third issue--fan and prog reviews. And another thing, when elections come around, it might be a good idea for the candidates to put their statements in the EXPLORER.

Paul Ganley, 119 Ward Rd., North Tonawanda, NY: Make EXPLORER large -- and don't charge the members any more'n a buck a year for it. (50¢ -- half a rock-- fo' bits--ye ed.)

THE REACH OF THE MIND

by Fred Reuss

Let me tell you about a book I've run across, "The Reach of the Mind."

For the first time in the history of man there is an investigation being made in just what he is. Mentally, in the unknown realms of the mind, a few explorations are going on to make known to the investigator just what the investigator himself is. We actually don't have any ideas at all that can be proven true about how our minds work; all we have are beliefs. One of the most incredible of all the powers of the mind, very far beyond that of the ordinary powers of reason and logic and things like that are those discovered by Dr. Rhine and set down in this book. These are the powers for which there is now, for the first time, definite proof of their existence.

The powers of telepathy....

Lifted from the setting of the darkened room and the mediumistic seance to the laboratory where trickery and chicanery are impossible, and using ordinary people who never thought they had any ability in this line, there emerged from mass upon mass of thorough tests and analysis this one definite statement: Such powers ARE!

The power of psychokinesis....

Across space, from behind physical barriers, and perhaps even across time, the mind can grasp, and affect, matter. The mind acts in a nonphysical manner to affect a physical object to produce a physical effect. Some of the most definite proofs of all were here in the statistical analysis of the test for

the power of clairvoyance.....
Differing from telepathy in that telepathy is the sending of messages or pictures from one brain to another, clairvoyance is the taking of pictures or messages from inanimate objects. Again the proof was mathematically exact. Such powers are!

Don't, please, just take my word for it, or dismiss it as something that can't affect you. Read this book and you'll find in it so many proofs that you can't just dismiss it as bosh and superstition. One page 154 Dr. Rhine says, "Every conceivable counter-explanation has been considered and found inapplicable to the findings."

The mind has powers above and beyond those that are now considered ordinary, and apparently everyone has them to some extent. I, personally, have experimented and found that I have them to some degree, but that has no place in a review of this book. I believe that a dispassionate perusal of the book will lead to careful study, and a careful study to belief. Perhaps a list of chapter headings may help show you what is in the book.

The Central Question about Man
First Step Toward the Answer: Telepathy
A second step: ESP and Matter
The Reach of the Mind in Space
Across the Barrier of Time
The Measureable Force of the Mind
Mass and the Mind
Where PK comes in
How Normal are PsiCapacities
Acceptance of ESP and PK
Prospects for Application
Consequences for Relations among Men

Don't a lot of those headings sound a lot like the good old SF titles? However, science Fiction is most definitely what they are not, but a straight report of a scientific study of the mind of man. The studies do not depend upon the work of one man or group, but many men and many groups.

Read the book. I don't care how you obtain a copy as long as you don't steal mine. Read it and think of whether you have or have not those abilities.

FJM

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"FIRING SQUAD" -- Ron Lyons

Chuck Dresden was all set to leave in the first time machine for a rendezvous with a million years in the future. Assistants were helping him into his heavy uniform while science watched life-times of work come into reality.

He sat down at the plain control panel and merely pushed a button. Everything else was set. In what would seem two seconds it would be 1,001,954. Waves of dizziness swept over him, and that was all.

He opened the cockpit, only to find himself surrounded by a battery of ugly machines manned by grim-faced men. Before he could speak, they fired. Both he and the machine vanished into nothingness. Two of the gunners spoke:

"A pity -- a man travels a million years and gets this. It was lucky we knew he was coming, though."

"Yeah --- but he might have wiped out our entire civilization --- he's just too radioactive. The firing squad was the only answer."

(This arrived from an ISFCO--or in time to make the initial issue --- send 'em in --- we'll do our best to print 'em--)

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FK. Such powers ARE!

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That's the ~~xxxxx~~ roster as last received. I hope I have the addresses down correctly, and that the names are spelled the way they should be spelled. If they are not, let me know. New members will be listed from issue to issue and complete rosters will be put out every six months. OK?

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PROFILES

(One of the letters received suggested that the elected 'brass hats' of ISFCC give some sort of picture of themselves -- as President, Kiehlbauch should start this off, but he's unavailable at the moment. In the double capacity of Correspondence Mgr. and editor of this here effort, I'll try to start it out:-

The "Jr." is added to the name to keep m' father and I from getting our mail mixed up--an an antiquated 35--graduate of Edinboro (Pa.) Teachers and further study at Rollins College and Indiana University -- single -- read nearly all the s-f material that comes out in the magazines -- swap 'em with Ken Slater of Operation Fantast -- had three years in the army, half of it in the Pacific and wound up in Armed Forces Radio Service eventually-- a deal, friends, a deal! Have a large-sized collection of Haggard--favorite volume is "The Kabledah of Hajji Abdul-el-Yezdi" by Sir Richard Burton -- next in line is "The Thief of Bagdad" by Abdullah -- neutral on Shaver and Kuttner and most of 'em -- they're good at times and awful at others. Have I said enough?

ONCE AGAIN, A CAUTION TO THE MEMBERS OF ISFCC --- PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WANT "THE EXPLORER" --- WE'LL MAKE IT AS BIG AS WE CAN --- WE'LL USE ALL THE MATERIAL WE CAN THAT YOU SEND IN --- FILL OUT THE SUBSCRIPTION BLANK AND SEND IN A LETTER OF COMMENT, COMPLAINT, TRADE OFFER, ETC. AT THE SAME TIME

WHY THE HEAVENLY BODIES ARE SO NAMED

by

RAY REBEL

THE SUN WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GODS--

Since the names of the stars, planets, and the constellations had their origins in mythology, it was only natural that hundreds were rapidly added to that of the Sun. The Chaldeans, who did more to develop astronomy and

Astrology than any other of the ancient peoples, regarded the heavenly bodies as visible deities. Stars and planets were not impersonal powers ruling the destinies of mankind, but actual personal expressions or incarnations of divinity.

Two deities, Zu-en or Sin, the moon-god and 'Lord of Wisdom' and Babbar or Utu, the shining sun-god, were combined with the heavenly god and goddess; the earth-god and the water god formed the bases for a framework or pantheon of nearly 4000 deities. To the moon and sun (to be known as Shamash) was soon added the most brilliant planet, today known as Venus.

The sun was the chief god of many creeds and beliefs, as well it should be, the most brilliant evidence of universal mystery. To Egypt the sun was Aten, or Amun-ra. To the Persian, he was Ahura-mazda, the great god of light.

MOON NAMED FOR ITS MONTHLY CYCLE

Next to the sun, worshipped as a god since the ancient Sumerians knew him as Utu, the moon is most important to the earth.

Ancient peoples usually revered the moon as a goddess, a beautiful woman, though some, such as the Norse and Teutons, considered it as masculine.

Sin was the oldest Babylonian moon-god--the Greeks, whose astronomical names often reflect the older Babylonian or Sumerian deities, regarded the moon as a lady -- the goddess Selene. She rode in a car drawn by two cows, according to legend, a gorgeous creature shedding a mild light.

In Roman mythology she became Luna, remembered today in various lunar phenomena. In Icelandic lore the chief god had two children, a son Mani (moon) and a daughter Sol (sun). The English word 'moon' does not refer to a deity but to its cycle of one month. Efforts have been made to refer the word to the root (me) for a measure of time, but its earliest form, mona, bears a closer resemblance to monath or month. The moon has been used to designate satellites of other planets as well as our own.

(More RAY REBEL next issue)

There you have it, the first copy of ISFOC's "EXPLORER" -- we hope it shall be the first of many, many more in the future. Now we sign off with our first

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