

FUTURIAN ADVANCE

THAT is not DEAD which can Eternal live, and with strange Sons even Death may DIE:—R.F.I

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INTRODUCTION

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This is intended to be sort of a preliminary sheet, you will have to call it No. I, I suppose. We hope to (we have good intentions at least) make this sort of a magazine of several pages, small size, and similar to the old SCIENCE-FICTION ADVANCE. It will feature illustrated articles of a science-fictional, futurian, and world-conscious nature. This first sheet is not intended to necessarily represent what the coming publication will be like at all, as we have no articles, illus., etc., such as it will contain. No---this little sheet was merely to announce some important new developments along the futurian line, and balance things, with a little fantasy symbolism from one of our new but very avid Members, of the "FUTURIAN SOCIETY OF TALLADEGA" (or is that the "FUTURIAN SOCIETY OF ALABAMA", Tom and Julian ?? Tom says in his letter that the boys have some ideas or plans for a state-organization, and that the idea is "hereby copyrighted by Tom Pace", and a mighty good one it is too we think.)

This organization will be glad to give you boys all possible assistance in forming an ALABAMA futurian state-organization, Tom, if you wish to try to form one. There are several fans in Alabama that I know of, but don't know much about them. Fans in Anniston, Birmingham, Gadsden etc. We will send you the addresses of all we have in the Planet Fantasy Files (a list containing some 11 hundred & 20 names, but not many in dear old Ala. I'm afraid.) though there are certainly enough to form a state-fantasy Federation that could really go places I believe. You boys are the first Members from your state---and let us hear more from you regarding this idea "copyrighted by Tom", as it's certainly a good one. In regard to the query about the Dixie Federation, you can be a member of the DIXIE group by being members of the CC, since it is merely the SOUTHERN BRANCH or Division of the CC, or FUTURIA. So---consider yourself members. Your Stationary should be on the way to you. It's not certain whether the name will be Dixie Fantasy or Southern F.F., and I have proposed the title DIXIE FUTURIAN FEDERATION to avoid further confusion, or untill the matter is settled. Thus it will be called until after the coming LIVE-OAK CONFERENCE and the matter is decided. But of one thing I am sure--- the DIXIE FUTURIANS are really going places!! SOUTHERN FANDOM IS ON THE MARCH-- we would like to see a State Fantasy Federation in every one of the states south of the Mason-Dixon. We would like to see ALABAMA take it's rightful place along side such well-known and active State groups as the FLORIDA COSMOS SOCIETY and INDIANA FANTASY ASS'N.

Though I have been everywhere-- all over the United States (as well as in Canada and Mexico) in my Science-fiction and organizational activities---I have a particularly warm place in my heart for dear old Dixie! 3 of the Councilors came from Southern states (if you include Missouri & Kentucky). Rayn is still in Florida. Don has lived for several years in the South before coming to Ind. (that's me!) --- SO---with the exception of Ind. we started the National Campaign (a little over a year ago) in Dixie. Most of the finances used in organizational, publicity and many Science-Fantasy activities to date, have been spent in Southern Fandom. We are finally getting someplace. There's "a great day comin'" in DIXIE FANDOM. If you are not yet a member of the DIXIE FUTURIANS or the Planet Fantasy Federation (FUTURIA); send your name, address on a card to 214 N. 20th, Newcastle, Indiana for your MEMBERSHIP. *** We are proud to present, and welcome to this "Circle", Tom Pace who writes from Eastaboga Alabama; and Julian Williamson of Talladega, both CC members and DIXIE FUTURIANS-- the boys of "TALLADEGA FUTURIAN FANDOM." Good luck, fellows! Bradleigh carries on from here.---Don the Excluded

TOM PACE

Not so long ago a friend named Julian Williamson, of Talladega, gave me several Cosmic Circle Commentators. My main impression is that a substitute word for "fandom" could be "foud"! Maybe Schnerf has the right idea for the new name for his fanzine! By the way, Art S. had better be good if he doesn't wanna get his mag mixed up in any fights.

But seriously, I like the Commentator. So enroll me in the Circle.

Idea--- from that account of the Halloween party in Commentator No. 12; why doesn't someone, some musical fan, set Nank's poem "Dwellers in the Mirage", in last September's FFM to music? Fine song for music lovers who read FFM, eh?

Now about me... don't run away, it'll be over soon. Gee, I'm corneyyyy today, huh?--- five feet and an inch or so tall, greenish-grey colored eyes, blond hair, ugly as sin in a way, but still slightly attractive (there you are... a more cryptic bit of conceit you can't find... or with the enemies CC has, can you?), maybe that is because sin is often attractive, or what have you?

Have been reading S-F, F-F, and U-F for three years, fanning for only a short time. Colloct FFM, FM, all current mags except Amazing and FA. Got sick of paying out three bucks a year for a mag that carries so much hack. Wish it would reform though, because it does turn over a good yarn once in a while. Witness "The New Adam", which I believe is a wonderful story, regardless of what anybody says.

That's the kinda guy I am. I don't like being bossed in my opinions. That's why the yelling against Fascism in CC appeals to me; I don't like libal either, people.

Hey, look! How much does this "The Cosmic Concept" cost? Where do I get a copy? Send me whatever mags you issue, along with prices for all.

((Next came the poem and article, I mean mythos, and these will follow, but first let us finish Tom's letter, which was concluded at the end of it.--Bradleigh))

I think that I'll write a longer satire on the "Nazian" fans((Kharvaat?))...give me some line-up info, some history of the great fan feuds, some dope on the various Dark Scientists....what an idea for a "Fan's Moonmission"! Chapters like; "The History of the Great Fan-Feud War"; "The Book of Brooklorn"; "The Hosts of the libelous"; "The Book of the EXCLUDED"; "The Unausproklichen Kulten of MICHICOM". Then if the Hallowed Spirits of Charles Fort and Howard Phillips Lovecraft don't haunt me to death for such sacrilege, I'll include a chapter by Julian Williamson and myself for state-wide fantasy organizations. This is a brain child that we had while discussing "fantasy in The Talladega County House of Fantasia" (Also known as Mr. Williamson's Wooo-pee service station, where the two of us meet!)

The above idea is hereby copyrighted by Tom Pace, Eastaboga, Feb. 24, 1944 A.D.!!!

Give with the dope on the Dixie Fantasy Federation, please((you are now a member—Dixie Futurian Federation, the Southern Division of the CC or Planet Fantasy Federation.)) Put my name on the roster please. Send me CCM and CW((COSMIC POPID)). Give my compliments to everyone connected with COSMIC that you can get to.((Well, this mag gets to everyone—so there you are fellow CC fans, Tom sends you compliments!—and we compliment Tom for his activity and for joining up, don't we members?!—H.B. Tom goes on to say, he especially likes Suzzie, and says:)) "With ME, Fomo fans are Tops!"

Yours Cosmicly, Tom Pace

((Well—blush! blush—thank you Tom. You listening up in Chatham, Suzzie? And Jean(Bogert), Morajo, Elsie(Wollheim); Tom thinks you're tops. We need more girl fans in sci and fantasy. If any girl reader is reading this, come on won't you-- send a card for your membership, or write me a letter today. God! There just aren't enough of us girls in science-fantasy—I'd like to get in touch with all gals everywhere interested in sci. or weird. Write to Miss Helen Bradleigh, care 214 N. 20th, Newcastle, Indiana.

Tom Pace

Thanks for your nice letter, and an interesting one, Tom. I liked Hansk's poem too. I'd like to meet Hansk sometime. Perhaps she will go to the next Convention, to which I am going. (I hope.) I like FFM very much. (Are you listenin' Miss Grandanger?) Does the editress of FFM read this, you ask? Well I hope so anyway—I'm sending one.

Yes, some of our "onomias" are frightfully conceited and have an ego that is monstrous to imagine, but I don't think you're conceited Tom. ... Well well—so you are also a collector. Several members are, I think. That's one reason we opened the COLLECTORS SERVICE first of the yr. If you need some items you can't get hold of, we can publish a list of them, and if any of the couple hundred fans this goes to, has what you want, they can let you know. FUTURIAN LETTERS of CCM will reach more fans than any other non-professional publication!

That's the "kind of guys" we are, too!! We don't like to be pushed around, dictated to, told we have to walk the chalk-line --or else. Just because a small group of morons and nincompoops who call themselves "fans of fandom", "fandom", "established fans" (or whatever other aliases they use), wish to lord it over the rest of real science fiction fandom, and dictate their own stuffy, Neanderthal Nazi ideas—the progress of sci. fiction has already been held back for more than ten yrs! I'm glad you are so independent, Tom. I think that is why you decided to join an organization of fans who are proud of their independence, their individualism, the freedom of speech in their magazines and voting in their clubs—which is practically the last bulwark against the regimentation and dictatorial ambitions of the WFFF, and the supercilious, sneering "smear band" of fanatics known as the Kharvaat PROPAGANDA MACHINE. You've watched a horrible example of their unethical tactics in their recent unfounded attack and malicious vilifications upon Forrest J. Ackerman, Don Rogers, Claude Degler; who are sincere friendly science-fictionists, and about the swellest guys you could meet anywhere! (This organization calls upon true followers of science fiction and fantasy everywhere, to SUPPORT Forrie Ackerman, "Dog", and Don Rogers!!)

I'm glad to meet up with another "futurian" who doesn't like to be "boased" in his opinions, and being against fascism in fandom, shows that you are a true Futurian! The FUTURIAN SOCIETY of NEW YORK and INDIANA FUTURIAN ASS'N have gone on record as being opposed to fascism and fascist mentality. And now ALABAMA! Democracy still lives!

The book "THE COSMIC CONCEPT", on which notes were began as long ago as early 1940 is not completed nor published yet. We do not yet know for certain what will be the publisher, and it may be some time, the way under way. Will let you know when further info is available. Liked your poem etc, would like to see the satire.--(Helen))

WAR ON FANSLAND by Tom Pace "poem-froverse"

Out of the Night, the Forces of Blackness; Mancing the Futurianistic ones...
Mancing the lost EXCLUDED, Hurling vicious snares at the COSMIC ones,
Over the war-torn planet, The world known as FANSLAND —
There hovers the shadow of Evil, drawing it's ranks from the race called the SLAN.
Not alone is the Darker Cloud; But against it is the COSMIC CIRCLE.
The League of lost EXCLUDED fans, Led by Commander-In-Chief DON ROGERS!
Riding the craft called "The Commentator", Coming back from "Banishment";
Growing day by day! Till the Shadow of Evil, Torn by TRUTH,
Folds up, and slinks from FANSLAND!! ...

JOIN THE YOUNG FUTURIAN LEAGUE!

The Y.F.L. is an affiliation of the Planet Fantasy Federation. There is no actual difference in status of membership. Any young sci-fan now a CC mem, may join the YFL free, by sending a card, if he wishes to. If you're a young reader of science or fantasy fiction and not yet a member, send a card to 214 N. 20th, Newcastle, Ind. While the CC proper is for any age, the YFL is a special "youth movement" for those who desire to take part. It will have an official mag; writings by mems, & int'rating sci. activities, etc.