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MAIN BIT OF NEWS is that I will not be around this summer to handle TSA business, and have turned the entire operation over to Nan Miles, who has been processing most of the TSA mail for the last few months. I am leaving for California in a few days because I got a National Science Foundation grant to take a course in San Diego. While traveling I expect to attend the Westercon science fiction & fantasy conference in LA July 4th [advance membership \$3 to P O Box 1, Santa Monica CA 90406] and the World SF convention in St. Louis Labor Day [advance membership \$4 to P O Box 3008, St. Louis MO 63130]. There will definitely be a TSA meeting at the former, and might be one at the latter. I will be back at Belknap College by Sept 7th, but please give me a few weeks to get caught up on back mail & such. The Center Harbor P O will forward all mail to the efficient Miss Miles, and she will send on to me personal mail and anything else that needs my personal attention. At this time I still do not know what my San Diego address will be.

OTHER NEWS OF THE TSA & ITS PUBLICATIONS

TOLKIEN JOURNAL #10 & ORCRIST #3 (which will be TJ #11) are still in the works. I had hoped to have both to the printers before I leave for Cal but it seems unlikely at this date. Just when they will get out will depend on how successful I am in delegating the remaining work and having the addressed and sorted envelopes delivered to Center Harbor. (The mailing permit only works from here.) I do have reasonable hopes that both will be in the mails before half the summer is gone, and that TJ 12 will be ready for the printers in the early fall.

THE TSA MAILING LABELS finally have been corrected and updated, with very few exceptions. As I said before, Lee Letter Service had made hundreds of errors in expiration dates, etc., on the stencils. Please check the TSA number on your label and if you feel it is still wrong please let us know. If it says TSA 9, your membership HAS expired and this is the last publication you will receive unless you renew your dues. Oh--one aspect has not been corrected yet. Some members had paid a surcharge to get their copies by airmail, and these labels were supposed to be segregated by Lee but aren't. I have found most, and hope to get this fixed by when TJ 10 is actually mailed.

WE STILL REFUSE to remail publications which were returned or destroyed by the Post Office because the member moved and didn't notify us in time. [We abhor school and other temporary addresses and request that members have their subscriptions sent to a permanent address.] If, however, it bounces because of an error on our or the PO's part, we will replace the copy. When you move PLEASE let us know at least a month in advance and include 25c to cover the cost of having your addressograph stencil changed and refiled by Lee. And since the stencils are filed by Zip Code we MUST have both the old and new ones. The P.O. itself often goofs up on delivery to the confusion of the TSA records. Recently it returned a GREEN DRAGON mailed to a Brooklyn NY member of long standing, John Boardman, marked No Such Address. John had lived at this address for at least 5 years and gotten TJ there from the first issue, so I knew it was a P.O. error. But normally I have no

way of knowing this and have no choice but to suspend membership and await inquiry from the offended member. If you fail to hear from the TSA for a 6 month period, please enquire. But when enquiring, on this or other matters, please include a return postal card to expedite the reply. (Overseas members need not do this, nor need they send an International Reply Coupon. The Center Harbor Post Office, in fact, refuses to honor such coupons!!!)

And please...when joining or ordering merchandise remember to include your zip code. The PO will NOT accept bulk mail which has not been sorted by zip code, so we cannot process such memberships. Canadian members are requested to pay in US funds if possible, or include 25% extra to cover difference in value and cost of exchange. Foreign members can pay in US dollars to the central offices, or in Sterling funds to the British agent, whichever is more convenient.

JOHN CLOSSON IS NO LONGER handling the button business for the TSA, so do NOT send orders to him. In fact, he is moving in the near future and will not receive mail sent to him. Glen Goodknight is taking over the service but will not have any buttons in stock before the end of July. Watch for further announcements. Also, John has forwarded to me a MESS of about 100 unfilled orders which we will sort out as soon as possible.

MIKE MONTGOMERY [8804 Delamar Rd, Albuquerque NM 87111] has some buttons of questionable taste for sale at 25c each, plus reply envelope. These are Gollum Eats Goblins, Sauron is Alive and Well in Argentine and Frodo Gave His Finger For You.

OTHER MERCHANDISE DEPT

THE TSA HAD ACQUIRED some time ago paperback copies of Eddison's first 3 Mercury books and Peake's Gormenghast trilogy and hardcover copies of Smith of Wootton Major. They are being sold off at special prices and will not be restocked when sold out. (See order blank.)

ALSO AVAILABLE from the TSA is a portfolio of sketches by the late Hannes Bok published by the National Fantasy Fan Federation and Institute for Specialized Literature. These are NOT finished drawings like those published by the Bokanalia Foundation, but hundreds of little sketches taken from Bok's notebooks. (For info on the N3F, a correspondance & service club, write Janie Lamb, Box 364, Rt 1, Heiskell TN 37754.) Price is \$2.50, \$2 for N3F members.

Marsha Brown (address on Colophon) is publishing a HOBBIT COLORING BOOK for \$1, and it will be ready by the end of June.

IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST we will arrange for the manufacture of a typing element ( 'golf ball' ) for the IBM Selectric typewriter with the Tengwar and Cereth alphabets ( 'Elvish' and the runes). Cost would depend on the number ordered but would run \$40 to \$50 each. The molds are VERY expensive, and even the standard typing elements cost about \$18. If interested, send your name and address to the TSA on a separate piece of paper from any other correspondance or inquiry so that we can file it. We would probably need at least 25 orders before we could have it made up, perhaps even more. We would have the element made for a 12 pitch machine so that it would also work on a 10 pitch one.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND MERCHANDISE

I again wish to plug MyTHLORE, an excellent quarterly journal published by the Mythopoeic Society and edited by Glen Goodknight [504 Elm St, Alhambra CA 91801]. It costs 50c a copy, 4 for \$2, and is an excellent magazine about Tolkien, Lewis & Williams. It has good articles well edited, excellent artwork, and excellent printing.

STANLEY HOFFMAN [7657 Orion Av, Van Nuys CA 91406] announces a fanzine published in 'Elvish' [I suspect it is English transliterated into Tengwar rather than Sindarin]. If interested send him a self-addressed envelope for information:

from	: please send	: from	Please [ enter][ renew] my membership in the TSA (\$2 in USA, \$2.40 elsewhere). Please [ enter][ renew] my sub
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	: [ ] Ballantine		requested otherwise; when 10 is ready will start with it.]
to JAN FINDER, Tolk.	: Map (\$1.50)	to TSA, Box 285, Bar	[ ] Please send me the Ballantine edition of The Road Goes
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Carter's book about Tolkien. These are			
all Ballantine paperback editions.			

CHARLES MEYERSON reports the sale of Frodo Lives rubber stamps in flowing letters and 3 posters (Bilbo Fights the Attercop, Frodo Puffs Pipeweed & The Tree-Woven Lands of Middle-earth) in psychedelic style at various hippie type stores.

British members who want the Tolkien records, Poems and Songs of Middle Earth, should ask their record dealers for Phillips record # TC1231, which costs 43s/9d. If they can't find a dealer willing to stock it they can still order it thru TSA, but at greatly increased expense because of the postage from the US.

#### OTHER NEWS NOTES:

MRS C A FORD REPORTS a real estate development in the Tallahassee Florida area called Hobbiton with street names taken from LotR.

KRISTIN JOHNSON REPORTS that the \$2500 Russian River Purse at the Sonoma County Fair races was won by a horse named Gandalf the Grey owned by A L La Morte.

SCOTT SMITH REPORTS extreme involvement with work at Brigham Young U has forced him to abandon most of his Tolkien related projects, and that he has turned his magazines ILMARIN and ELBERETH! over to John Sadoski, 1314 Puterbaugh St, San Diego CA 92103. OUR BRITISH AGENT, Archie Mercer [addr on colophon] has started a newsletter of his own, The Middle Earthworm. Copies available from him or NH at 10c ea. (no subs).

MEMBERS KEEP ASKING two questions. When is the Silmarillion coming out, and what news is there of the movie of Hobbit or LotR. I still haven't heard any word whatsoever about the Silmarillion, but in all honesty do not expect it to appear for several more years. As C S Lewis once said, Tolkien is a perfectionist and a procrastinator. Reliable reports tell that it covers the time from the creation of Middle-earth thru the downfall of Morgoth, and will be a little shorter than LotR. Because of its episodic nature, however, it might be published in as many as 7 volumes.

Ian Ballantine announced at the Labor Day 1968 meeting of the TSA in Oakland California, the impending sale of LotR to the movies but revealed no details for the final papers hadn't been signed yet. I have been able to learn no new details since then, and do not even know whether the deal fell thru, is still being negotiated, or has been signed.

FOR UP TO DATE information on Tolkien and TSA subscribe to the bi-weekly newsletter, LOCUS, published by Charlie & Marsha Brown [address in colophon] at 6 for \$1. Also, members are requested to send news of their Smials, copies of their publications for review, and other Tolkien news to the Browns for use in LOCUS. This will insure immediate publication and publicity. (LOCUS covers the entire science fiction and fantasy field.)

THERE IS NO ROOM for a list of Smials or local Tolkien organizations in this issue of GREEN DRAGON. See the list in GrD#6 available from the TSA for 10c. Smials are requested to continue sending reports of activities to Al-pajpuuri [address in colophon].

#### MEETINGS, CONFERENCES & PARTIES

PART OF THE PROCEEDINGS of the Belknap College Tolkien Conference will appear in TJ#10 which is nearing completion, and most of the remainder in TJ#12.

THERE WAS A CONFERENCE on Middle-earth held by the University of Illinois Tolkien Society April 25 & 26. Watch for announcements of proceedings. The group will also hold a "Long Expected Party" on 20Sept69; write for details.

THE NEXT OFFICIAL Tolkien Conference will be held on the Green Bay campus of the University of Wisconsin Oct 31 to Nov2. It will be held in conjunction with the 2nd SECONDARY UNIVERSE conference which is on imagin-

ative literature in general. Papers are being solicited for the conference. Attendance will be limited because of the shortage of hotel space in Green Bay. Write Professor Ivor Rogers, U of W, Green Bay Wis 54302 for details.

THE 1970 TOLKIEN CONFERENCE will be held in Los Angeles by the Mythopoetic Society. Watch for an announcement for date and place, and start planning your papers for submission now. Chairman will be Glen Goodknight, editor of Mythlore. The Mythopoetic Society holds periodic meetings, festivals and picnics in the Greater Los Angeles area; write Glen for details at 504 Elm St, Alhambra CA 91801.

GLEN ALSO REPORTS there was a conference last October at the University of Southern California on Christianity and Literature at which C S Kilby spoke on Tolkien the Myth Maker. The 1971 Conference will probably be back at Belknap College.

#### TERM PAPERS AND SUCH

I FREQUENTLY GET REQUESTS for information from people who are doing term papers on various aspects of Tolkien. For basic information I would recommend three articles; The Prevalence of Hobbits by P Norman, N Y TIMES Magazine Jan 15, 67; Who in the Name of Orcs & Hobbits is Tolkien by L Millin, Toronto Globe Magazine, Mar 2, 68; & The Hobbit-forming World of J R R Tolkien by H Resnick, Saturday Evening Post, July 2, 66. The first 2 have several errors & the first is patronising. Copies of the 2nd ONLY are available FREE to TSA members by sending a large self addressed envelope. An excellent bibliography of works by & about JRR was published in ORCRIST #1 and a supplement in #2. Copies are available at \$1.25 each from Richard West, 614 Langdon St, Madison WI 53703. Books about Tolkien include Tolkien: A Look Behind the Lord of the Rings by Lin Carter, Ballantine, 1969, 95c; Tolkien & The Critics edited by N Isaacs & R Zimbarado, U of Notre Dame Press, 1966, \$7.50 (paperback for about \$3); The Tolkien Relation by William Ready, Regnery Co, 1966, \$3.95 (pb as Tolkien & Lord of the Rings, Paperback Library, 75c); The Tolkien Papers, Mankato State College, 1968, \$1.25 (order from D Popowski, English Dept, MSC, Mankato MN 56001); & Books With Men Behind Them by Edmund Fuller, Random House, 1962. Of course both TJ & NIEKAS (starting with #9) contain many articles about Tolkien. Reprints of some issues of I PALANTIR are available from Bruce Pelz [Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, LA CA 90024] at 50c ea.

THE TOLKIEN SOCIETY OF AMERICA, in answer to inquiries from prospective members, an organization devoted to J R R Tolkien, the man, his work, his influence. Its object is to further the enjoyment of Middle-earth and other creations of his imagination. It seeks as members both those with a scholarly interest in Middle-earth and Mythopoetic Literature, and Hobbit fans, elf-friends and dragon-lovers. It publishes the TOLKIEN JOURNAL (TJ) and GREEN DRAGON (GrD). TJ has articles, news, poems, features, stories, artwork and letters. The articles are a mixture of scholarly research papers and fan articles. GrD runs 2 mimeographed pages and is usually quarterly while TJ runs about 24 lithographed pages and has been appearing annually though we hope to return to a 3/year schedule soon. TSA acts as a medium for members to keep abreast of events and to contact one another for the purpose of forming Smials or local chapters, and serves as a clearing house for studies of Middle-earth. It offers for sale to members certain supplies which they might have difficulty in obtaining outside of major metropolitan areas, such as books, posters & buttons. Members last as long as it takes to produce 4 TJs. Air mail rates available on request.

The TSA normally holds 4 meetings a year in addition to an annual conference and any conferences and meetings held by individual Smials. These are the annual Yule Moot in NYC, a meeting at the Boskone held every March in Boston, in California over the July 4th weekend, and at the World SF Convention Labor Day weekend.

I also edit, with the Browns, a more informal & personal magazine, NIEKAS which is about imaginative literature in general plus anything else that happens to interest us, such as Gilbert Sullivan or Georgette Heyer.

*Ed Munk*

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