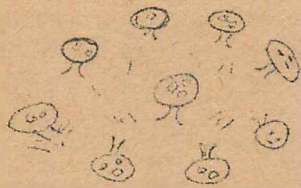


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TOLKIEN CONFERENCE III

The third annual conference sponsored by the Tolkien Society of America will be held Sept 4-7 1970 at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont California, about 35 miles from LA. Papers are still being solicited for presentation at the conference. This is combined with Mythcon I of the Mythopoeic Society so that papers on Tolkien, Lewis, Williams and related writers are welcome.

The school is far away from outside hotels and restaurants but arrangements can be made to stay at the dorms and eat in the cafeteria. If you plan to take advantage of this you must make reservations by July 25. (Note that this is a two week extension from the original deadline announced in the circular.)

The same deadline of July 25 holds for inclusion of your paper in the program book (the papers submitted after that date can still be presented) and for advertising in the program book. The program book will be half letter-size, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, and advertisements will be photographically reduced from 6 x 10 1/2. A full page add costs \$10, half page (copy 6 wide by 5 1/4 high) \$7. This is actual copy size, and the margins will be outside of it. Send adds to Bernie Zuber, 1775 N Las Palmas, Hollywood CA 90028.

For more information on the conference and registration write Glen GoodKnight, 6117 Woodward Av, Maywood CA.

TOLKIEN CONFERENCE IV

will be held back on the East Coast in the Fall of 1971, and other arrangements are made will be at Belknap College. If your group is interested in holding it please contact us as soon as possible and mark TOLKIEN CONFERENCE IV on the envelope.

NEWS OF THE TSA & NIEKAS

We are still having problems handling the TSA. Every time we think we have everything licked some other problem comes up which fouls us up again. We thank you for your patience and really hope to be caught up by early July. We are sending this out first class to those already on Lee stenocils, then to those we have on IBM, and finally to the new & moved members as we process their mail. Because of the close deadline on the conference we will send members copies first class. We are also sending this, 3rd class, to expired members and NIEKAS subscribers.

Please remember we are doing this as a hobby because of our love for LotR and other fantasy, and personally take no money for ourselves. Everything goes into a separate TSA bank account. We tried holding checks uncashed until we fill the order but that doesn't work because if we get delayed and wait too long the bank no longer honors the check but returns it marked stale date. For this reason we have taken to cashing the checks as soon as possible and please believe that we WILL fill the orders as soon as possible.

We have been having some trouble getting the maps & posters from Ballantine Books (they keep losing our order), but we finally got that straightened out. However the order has again been held up by a truckers strike in Chicago! With luck we will have the travel poster and map back in stock by mid-July, as well as the old boxed set of LotR. When ordering these items please do not send in the order before July 15, & do include instructions as to what to do (hold order, substitute other materials, or refund) if we still haven't received the merchandise.

We have been having endless problems with our printer and will definitely change to a new one. We got TJ 10 about on

time but 11 was delayed 2 months and 12 is now 4 months late and we STILL haven't received it from him. (11 is combined with ORCRIST #3, 12 with MYTHLORE 5) Eleven has been mailed out, except to a few new or moved members, but it was sent 3rd class. Please wait until July 15 before complaining of non-receipt. Also, many copies of 11 are defective in that they have blank pages. If you got a bad copy please let us know and we will replace it.

#13 and 14 will probably have 16 pages each and be printed in Boston, but we are considering changing the page size starting with #15 (Vol V #1). We would print it 7 x 10, the largest size that can be done on an office offset press, so that we could have it done just about anywhere and not be limited to large printers. However this would complicate joint issues, like #s 11 and 12. We would like to get the reaction of our members to this proposal.

The last NIEKAS was #20, published about 18 months ago. We hope to have another out this summer and just want to let our subscribers know we ARE alive and DO intend to publish. However, if you are getting tired of waiting or have a very long sub we are willing to transfer to TSA or refund all or part of it.

Right now we have no back issues of NIEKAS available tho we hope to have some again late this summer. When we do, numbers and prices will be announced in GREEN DRAGON.

NEW FROM BALLANTINE

In September Ballantine will issue a new deluxe boxed edition of LotR and a new map of Middle-earth. The old editions will continue to be available.

The new map is by Pauline Baines who illustrated Farmer Giles, Smith of Wootton Major, and Adventures of Tom Bombadil. It was originally drawn for George Allan & Unwin who were going to issue it last Fall in England, but at this time I do not know whether there was a British edition. It will be 24 x 26, and sell for \$2.50. We will handle it but are not including it on our order form for it will not be available until some time in September.

The new LotR will be \$7.50 a set, \$1.95 per volume. The pages & type will be larger than in the current LotR but not quite as large as in the hard-cover editions. Page size will be 5 3/8 x 8 1/4, about the size of Readers Digest. Individual book covers will be white with a very small copy of the new map, and the new map will be featured on the box design. The books will not contain any new illustrations.

Ballantine still has not decided whether or not it will issue eventually a Middle-earth calendar, but it will not do so this year.

WHEN FORWARDING TJ

in its original envelope please cross off the address correction requested. MARK in large letters forwarding postage prepaid. Otherwise it will STILL bounce back to us. One parent even took her copy to the post office and asked them to forward it, but because the 'adr corr reqd' wasn't crossed out it was returned to us! Remember that the post office is a bumbling bureaucracy.

MOVIE VERSION OF LOTR

Cincy Geron (3144 Healey, Dallas TX 75228) reports that a recent (June 14?) Dallas Morning News carried the following information about the projected film. John Boorman will be producer-director for United Artists. Filming will start in Ireland as soon as the leading actor has been selected. I phoned United Artists to see if I could get more information but was told nothing new would be available for several weeks. Whatever else I learn will be included in the next GREEN DRAGON. A number of members have been unhappy with the news that LotR has been sold to the movies and are (justifiably) apprehensive that their favorite fantasy novel might be ruined by the commercial film industry. There is some hope for the film in that John Boorman did win top prize at the recent Cannes festival for his movie (Leo the Last).

All we can do is hope that the film will be good and keep in touch with developments as it is made. At this point I do not see how we can have any influence on how the film will turn out, but out of curiosity the TSA will conduct a poll to find out how many members favor or disapprove of filming LotR at all, and how many favor or disapprove of this particular project. Send your replies to Nan Meskys, Film Poll, Box 233, Center Harbor NH 03226. Also, we would like some comments from film fans on the capabilities of Mr. Boorman. Be sure to mention 'film poll' on the envelope.

METINGS

The next meeting of the TSA will be in New York City on the weekend of Dec 26-27. It will probably be at a mid-town hotel,

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the afternoon & evening of Sunday Dec 27. Charlie Brown is now looking into the meeting room situation, and we will announce details as soon as a room will be reserved. We are now looking for papers, informal discussions, tapes and films for our program. Please write if you have something for us.

We will announce the program, place and time in future issues of Green Dragon and Locus.

#### SMIAL LISTING

The next issue of GrD will contain an up-dated listing of local chapters of the TSA and other Tolkien related organizations, and other amateur Tolkien oriented magazines. If you want to be sure of being listed write Alpajpuri, 330 S. Berendo St, LA CA 90005. (Note that this is a new address).

#### PUBLICATIONS

Alpajpuri (330 S, Berendo St., LA CA 90005) is reprinting the four issues of I-Palantir, a Tolkien fanzine published by Bruce Pelz and Ted Johnstone in the early 60 s. The four issues will sell for 75c each. Pre-publication price of the set is \$2.50, and after they are published they will cost three dollars.

He is also re-printing the first two issues of his own Tolkien fanzine Carandaith, in a double issue for 75c.

The spring 1970 issue of South Atlantic Quarterly had a 15 page article Gerald Monsman called "The Imaginative World of JRR Tolkien". It places Tolkien's works in the Christian-humanist tradition of Elliot and Auden, and discusses several stories and essays from this viewpoint.

Lynn McMullen (114 Hamilton Rd, Hempstead NY 11550) has 9 copies of the original pamphlet addition of Tolkien's Beowulf essay available at \$2.00 each. These were issued when he gave it as the Sir Israel Gallon Memorial Lecture on 25 Nov 36.

She also discovered a Tolkien poem, "Goblin Feet in Fifty New Poems For Children (an Anthology)", Appleton & Co., 1924.

Bill Evans (Box 1015, Langley Pk MD 20787) sent a clipping from the July 27, 1939 Oregon Statesman about Bonnie Bellows of 3177 Marcia Drive NE in Salem Oregon who has constructed clay models of many LotR characters. Ad seen from the photographed, a number are rather good.

And remember--- almost all Locus news appears first in Locus...the bi-weekly news magazine from Charlie Brown, 2078 Anthony Av Bronx NY 10457 (4 for \$1.00)

#### OTHER NOTES

Bob France (25 Hardwood Hill Rd, Pittsford NY 14534) reports that the local smial is filming the first half of Fellowship of the Rings in Super-eight with sound. If it can be arranged, this will be shown at the Dec. TSA meeting. They have written United Artists for permission, but received no reply.

Hary Warner Jr. (423 Summit Av Hagerstown Md 21740) reports that the tape Buro of the National Fantasy Fan Federation has a copy of the BBC dramatization of the Hobbit available for loan on a non-profit basis for members only (write Janie Lamb Box 364 Rtl, Heiskell TN 33754) for information about membership. Dues are \$2.00 per calendar year; \$3.00 if you join between July 1st and Sept 31st; \$2.50 Sept 1st to Dec 31st, for the remainder plus all of next year this is available either as broadcast (in several installments) or as a continuous story with overlapping parts edited out.

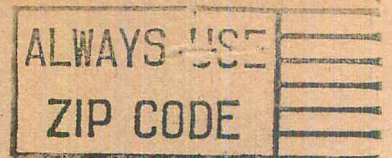
Warren Beatre (185 Plymouth Ave West Quincy Ma) asks whether there is any Tolkien activity in the Boston area. Fans in the area should contact him. He also asks what a tape-robin is. It is like a round-robin letter, only conducted via taperecorder.

#### APOLOGIES

for the hurried appearance of this issue

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