

BOB SHAW EMIGRATING TO CANADA... LONDON 'CIRCLE ROMANCE'
LEE HOFFMAN RE-ENTERS FANDOM... HEINLEIN CIRCUMNAVIGATES
GLOBE... BRIAN VANDY 'NO STATEMENT CONTEMPLATED'... POC ME

NOW, MARGARET?

I am very happy to announce that Vinç Clarke has now acquired a wife, pretty divorcee Joy Goodwin. Congratulations to the happy couple.

Vinç asks me to say that pending further notice of a new address mail should be sent to him c/o 204 Wellmeadow Rd., Catford, London SE6. Mail sent to the old Welling address will not be answered, or even seen.

BOSH TO BECOME CANEAN

Bob Shaw is emigrating to Canada early in the new year to take up a post with a structural steel firm in Calgary, Alberta. He'll be accompanied by his wife Sadie and they plan to stay about two years.

Co-founder of Hyphen (& inventor of the fanzine's name), originator of Fansmanship, co-author of The Enchanted Duplicator, columnist, cartoonist, cover artist and pro-author, originator of the Trufan Tale and fabulous fannish genius, Bosh was one of the original Wheels Of IF and his loss will be the first ever suffered by this happiest & most closely integrated fan group. To commemorate this sad event and the 8th anniversary of the formation of Irish Fandom, the next Hyphen will be a special large-size Irish issue. Contents will include the first of a series of masterpieces by John ('Just The Facts') Berry dealing with the exploits of a new fannish legend, Goon Bleary, and the first instalment of a History of Irish Fandom by George Charters, which won't be as dull as it sounds.

ROBERT A. MUD EXPLAINS

Here's the reason Heinlein didn't call at The Globe during his recent tour of Europe. Back home, he writes (the name of the villain is withheld because I haven't had time to get his comments): "We were scheduled to go to that sf group that meets in a pub. We went to a cocktail party first at Alfred Bester's, and X was to take us on to the pub. X came around presently and announced that we were not to go to the pub, that it wasn't necessary and we would just stay at the party. I demurred and he told me to relax and forget it. So I did. So the next day my name was mud."

THE SOUTH HAS RISEN

Lee Hoffman evinced a quietly renewed interest in fandom some months ago and to the astonishment of all but her closest friends attended the Cleveland Convention, where her appearance created a major sensation. Having renewed old friendships & made new ones she has now enthusiastically re-entered actifandom. Her publishing plans do not include the revival of QUANDRY as such, but are extensive. The second issue of SCIENCE FICTION FIVE YEARLY, edited by Lee & myself, will be published next year as per schedule, the excitement caused by the first issue having had time to subside.

Lee "has given up her horse collection due to lack of space."

TAFF

Grateful acknowledgements to Confan Des Enery for a gift of £10.00. Other acknowledgments and a statement of the current financial position of TAFF will be printed in the next Hyphen.

WDA, ETC.

The fanfiction serial 'Willis Discovers America' which appeared in issues of Q, Confusion, Cops!!, Mad & Fantasias in 1952 has now been published as a whole. Distribution was delayed by radio but copies are being sent with this to 1952 Fund contributors. Anyone else who wants one can have it by sending me 1/- or 15¢. Proceeds to TAFF.

George All The Way Charters went into hospital recently for a minor operation which promoted itself to major in the field. On his discharge we asked him how he was. He gravely produced the following medical certificate, on hospital notepaper: "...is now convalescent and needs great care & attention. May sit outside on sunny days if well wrapped up & fortified by a cup of tea every hour on the hour. If desires to join in games may do so, but should always be permitted to win, as defeat in his present weak condition might have a bad psychological effect and retard recovery. His wishes should never be refused, especially by women. His opinions should be heard with respect, his jokes laughed at, and his judgment not be questioned."

As you know, the first effort of the Transatlantic Fan Fund has been a complete success. It has enabled a British fan to attend an American Convention. As administrator of the Fund since it was established in 1953 I'd like to thank everyone who helped, from the first contributors to the American fans who looked after Ken & Pamela Palmer. I hope Don Ford, who is in charge of the present election, meets with equal goodwill and that we'll have an American fan over here soon.

Ken & Pamela Palmer sailed from Dublin on the evening of Monday the 25th July, in a cargo boat called the 'Inishowen Head'. Madeline & I, with Chuck Harris who was staying with us at the time, went down to Dublin to see them off, and Chuck took some fine photos of the historic occasion. Because of the dock strike the ship's sailing date was advanced by nearly 3 weeks, so that Ken and Pamela were arriving in the States with very little money, no one to meet them and no arrangements made for their accommodation until the Convention. Back in Belfast, Chuck & I ran off & airmailed a mimeographed appeal for help to 12 representative fans in the Baltimore area and neighbouring states. The response was wonderful. The letter arrived only three days before the boat, but Bob Pavlat, John Magnus and John Hitchcock were at the docks to meet Ken & Pamela with two cars and the offer of accommodation until the Convention in John Hitchcock's house. A few hours later another welcoming party-- Larry Shaw, Dick Ellington & Phyllis Scott-- arrived with the offer of Dave Kyle's vacant flat and whisked the Palmers off to New York where they stayed until they left for the Convention. They've since been with Don Ford in Cincinnati, Jesse Floyd in Savannah, Chick Derry in Washington, and elsewhere. While in Savannah they visited the Okefenokee Swamp with Lee Hoffman & Charles Wells. They are now back in New York and should be coming home about the middle of November; via Ireland, we hope.

Ken registered/bid for a London Worldcon in 1956 but withdrew it in face of overwhelming odds in favour of New York. There is now however a very good chance for London in 1957.

Ken has grown a beard.

The Palmers are considering starting a special TAFFzine in aid of the Fund, to run reports by themselves and others of TAFF trips.

VOTING FORM

Votes must be mailed to reach Don Ford, 129 Maple Ave., Sharonville, Ohio, before 15th February 1956.

Please write below your first, 2nd & 3rd choice of a candidate to be sent to the British Convention, Easter 1956 (April 1).

First Choice.....

Second Choice.....

Third Choice.....

(Note: Your first choice will be awarded 3 points, your second 2 and your third 1. It is of course open to you to 'plump' for one candidate by not using your second and third votes.)

'Write-in' votes are allowed.

Details of voting will be kept confidential.

To be eligible to vote you must contribute a minimum of 50¢ or 2/6 to the Fund and have been active in fandom prior to November 1955. If you're not a known fan please give here the name of one to whom reference may be made.

I enclose/have sent to you/Walt Willis the sum of..... as a contribution to the Fund. (Note: money paid for raffle tickets or special fanzines does not count.)

Signature.....

Address.....

If the winner of the election proves unable to travel the opportunity will be offered to the runner-up, and then to No.3 provided he got more than 25% of the total points. If he cannot go or the amount in the Fund is not enough to send anyone, the money will be carried over to 1957 and there will be an entirely fresh election.

Note by Walt Willis: There has been some discussion behind the scenes as to what should constitute a 'fan' for TAFF purposes. I feel that, especially in view of TAFF's international character, a candidate should have had some connection with fanzines, to the extent of contributing or commenting. Others however feel that it should be enough to be an sf personality with popularity in fandom and interest in fans, demonstrated by attendance at Conventions. Your views would be appreciated if you'd care to express them while sending in your ballot form.