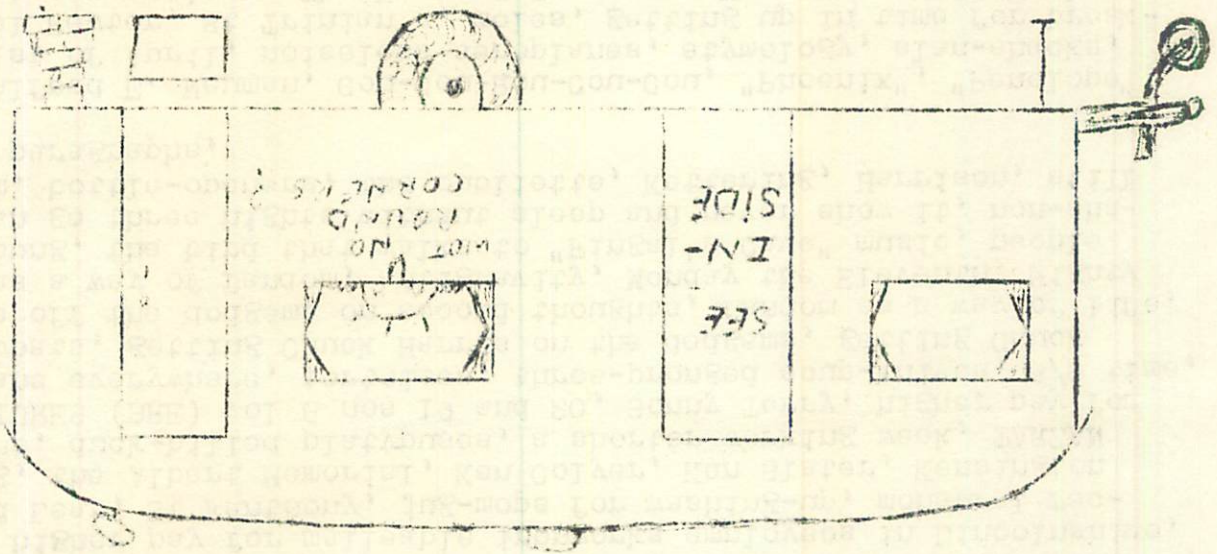


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Only the other day it came forcibly to the Mercatorial attention that throughout the two years of its existence, this magazine has never given its readership a clear and concise statement of all that it stands for. The Editor regrets any inconvenience thus caused, and proposes to put the matter right without further delay.

Briefly, then, the Mercatorial Annual is in favour of decimal coinage, convertible sterling, free trade, bigger and better caravans, more GRUE, Fred Spoons E.P.N.S., the G.D.A., the B.S.F.A., TAFF, OMPA, Lincoln (Nebraska), drip-dry coffee, lead novelettes in SCIENCE-FANTASY, Good Men of both sexes, double-yolked eggs, the basement of 130 London Road Cheltenham, Bloch, posterity, pickle, a special employment agency for the convenience of Pete Taylor and Mike Moorcock, the Tower of Bheercans to the Moon, the Yellow Rose of Texas, Inchmery hospitality, higher pay for teachers in Yorkshire, sandwich-coloured pigs, imaginary diplococuses, Vrolijk België, higher pay for bus-conductresses in Yorkshire, malleable iron, all-night parties, Davy Crockett, Tom Lehrer, Maurice Walsh, Fred Burd, a permanent clubroom for London fandom, a life peerage for WAW, trams, food, sleep, uileann pipes, renaming Berkeley "Brandenburg", hot nut fudge sundae, fen named Vondruska, higher pay for elephants in Yorkshire, new paragraphs,

Detroit in 1959, Washington in 1960, South Gate in 2058, certain varieties of potrzebie, fanac, FANAC, Zenna Henderson People, Kilburn People, the Grilch Hop as a successor to Rock&Roll, the Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction, Newton Ferrers and Noss Mayo, higher pay for malleable ironworks employees in Lincolnshire, Edward Lear, St Fanthony, jug-mops for washing-up, monaural recording, the Albert Memorial, Ken Colyer, Ken Slater, Kensington Gardens, duck-billed platypuses, a shorter working week, TARZAN ADVENTURES (BRE) vol 8 nos 19 and 20, Sonny Terry, higher pay for all fans everywhere, tortoises, three-pronged soup-knives, 6/8 time, houseboats, getting Chuck Harris on the dodgems, getting Chuck Harris off the dodgems on second thoughts, fandom as a way of life, life as a way of fandom, antigravity, Monday the Eleventh, Mighty Joe Young, the bird that walks to "Fingal's Cave" music, people who can go three nights without sleep and never show it, non-shaverism, bottle-openers, the oubliette, Kettering, Harrison, still newer paragraphs,

Alfred E. Neuman, Cou-Cou-Rou-Cou-Cou, "Phoenix", "Penelope", the 31st of April, noiseless aeroplanes, etymology, slan-shacks, Colonel Pewter, St Trinian's, moles, getting up in time for break-fast at conventions, The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You, MROCCM, letters, postcards, pocsarcs, fanzines, quote-cards, as well as other things too numerous to mention including a happy and fannish year for all you lot.

(To be continued in our next issue)