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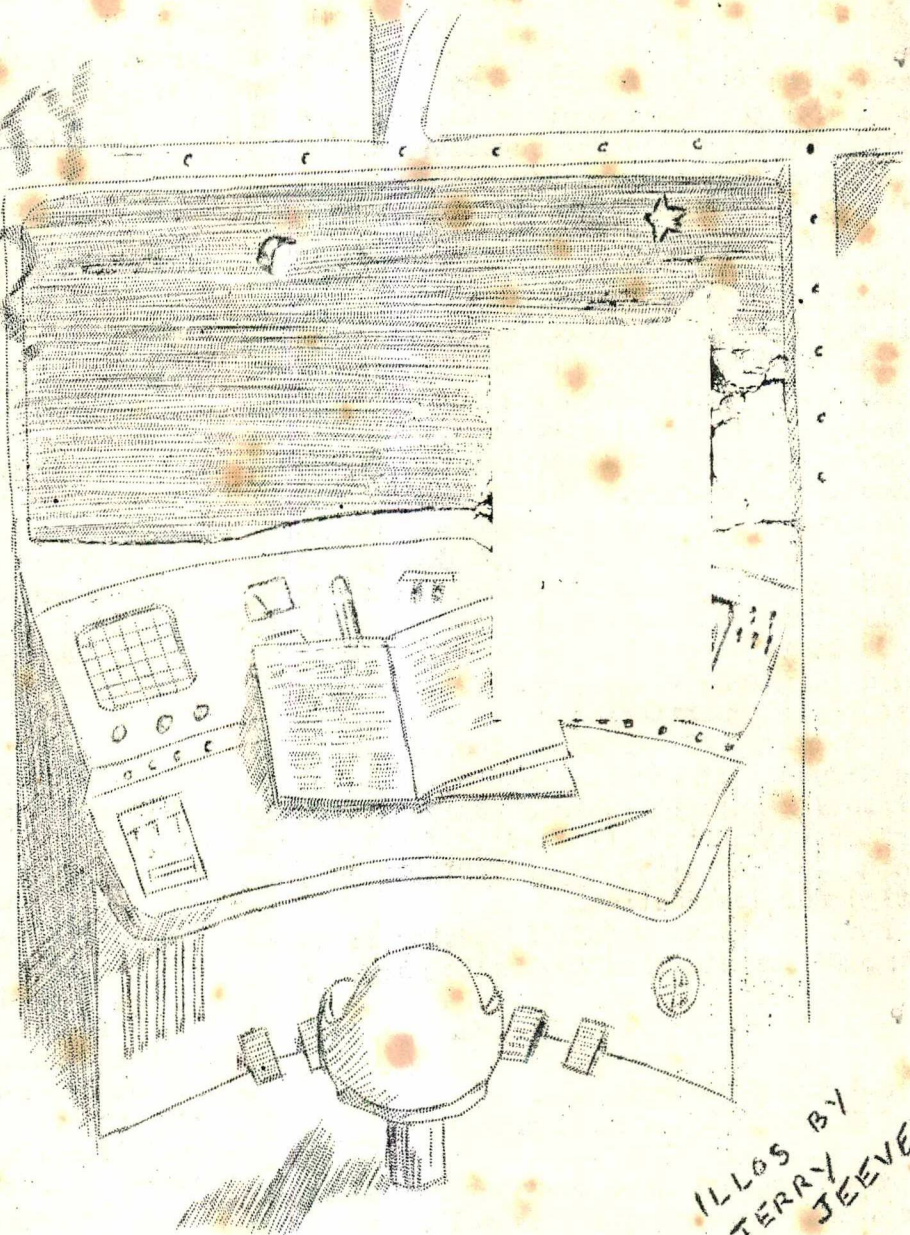


O P E R A T I O N F A N T A S T is produced by
Joyce an Ken Slater, Riverside, South Brink,
Wisbech, Cambs., England. This is No. 6, the
last of Vol. I, and was slapped together, mainly to
preserve our quarterly schedule. It is
sold, since he returned from leave, mainly to
strictly a lucky dip. No contents page,
because even Ken ain't sure what
is in it! Take it away, pal.

At this season of the year,
it is normal to exchange gifts and
greetings. We bring you no gift,
but please accept our greetings,
and our best wishes.
The best wish we have is a wish for
peace. We hope that you share in this wish,
and will help us to preserve the hard earned
treasure. And let us hope that it is really
peaceful.

PROBABILITY
ZERO

BY
JOHN NEWMAN



ILLUS BY
TERRY
JEEVES

From: Galactic Observer, Xag.
TO: Galactic Co-ordinator.

A. A. A. EMERGENCY. Despatch psychological unit to contact this survey vessel at the given coordinates. Reports follow.

Solton.

From: Galactic Observer, Xag.
To: Galactic Co-ordinator.

Genus Homo Sapiens Class IV are in danger of discovering the basic law governing the magnetic gravity spectrum before attaining Class II intelligence. Their anthropoidal character and advanced technical ability emphasise the need to prevent them using an interstellar drive and contacting us before they have grown mature. Genus Homo Sapiens

are an extremely rare type. They have a high degree of mechanical ability but a very low social index. The impact of the idea of a Galactic Civilisation far superior to their own social groups would have a tremendous psychological effect on their minds. After the initial shock of being confronted with new ideas the greater majority of the people would find that they were unable to comprehend our ideals. It is a recognised instinct of this race to fear what they cannot understand. Fear would automatically be followed by hate, and to prove to themselves their own superiority, they would strive to destroy the object of their fear. This must NOT occur, as we have grown out of the stage when any form of war can be tolerated. Over ten million years have passed since any member of the Civilisation engaged in Mechanistic conflict.

There is a probability of 87.3% that continued research on the present lines in at least three laboratories here will result in the general field theory of the warp drive being deduced within eight months. Not only will this result in the use of an interplanetary drive but it will also mean the production of weapons with almost infinite possibilities for destruction.

I suggest that immediate action is necessary if our civilisation is to survive.

Solton.

From: Galactic Co-Ordinator.
To: Galactic Observer, Xag.

Psychological unit despatched immediately on receipt of your emergency call. They should reach you within two weeks. Acting on your report the quadrant containing 'G' Type Sun Sol has been declared dangerous to all passenger and cargo vessels for an indefinite period.

N.T. VII

From: Galactic Observer, Xag.
To: Galactic Co-ordinator.

Where is that psychological unit?
Remaining safety period very short.

Solton.

From: Galactic Co-ordinator.
To: Control Central.

Evacuate planets within given coordinates immediately. Lay down hypnotic wave zones so that all traces of occupation are covered. Avoid use of any short wave radiation.

N.T. VII

From: Transport Command.
To: Galactic Co-Ordinator.

Emergency psychological unit reached Sol and contacted Galactic Observer Xag two weeks late due to failure of transformer insulator and consequent burning-out of field coils. The vessel reached repair base on emergency controls. No injury to crew or passengers.

Antas.

From: Head of Psych. Unit.
To: Galactic Co-ordinator.

The unit reached the operational area two weeks late owing to technical breakdown. Contacted Solton. Reactions normal.

As Homo Sapiens have only reached a Class IV intelligence we made no attempt to contact them. We first checked the Observer's data and findings. We agree to within three decimal places with his deductions. This race is a definite menace to our civilisation, especially if their present rate of technical advancement continues and is matched by a corresponding decline in their culture.

Periodical outbreaks of racial conflict are one of the peculiarities indigenous to Homo Sapiens. Mechanisation has resulted in global warfare and it is probable that the present outbreak will spread across the whole of the planet.

Man, as he calls himself, is highly inimical to any form of life differing from his own and contact with us would result in an unprecedented outbreak of violence. As it is against our laws to destroy any race we can only direct

their energy in a somewhat different direction. At the same time we can give them a chance to redeem themselves.

Atomic science on this planet is almost non-existent, although the nuclear fission of U235 has been investigated as a laboratory phenomena. In view of the fact that the application of atomic energy has almost infinite potentialities for construction and destruction we have indoctrinated the sub-conscious levels of the minds of several physicists and technicians with the broad outlines of uranium isotope fission and separation. This should be sufficient to enable the practical application of atomic energy within a short period.

There is an 81.3% probability that atomic energy will be utilized by this race within the next four years.

There is a 56.9% probability that the first use of atomic energy will be as a weapon in the present conflict.

Psych.H.L. II.

THINKING YEW !

Cedric Walker asks me to convey his thanks to all members and other folk who rallied to flag in aid of our ole pal Ron Holmes. Cedric says the final showing was £4. 10. --, which I guess helped Ron a bit. Ron also sent me a very nice letter of thanks, written in his usual illegible scrawl, and asked me to thank everyone, including Cedric. Cedric has thanked me for use of O.F.'s pages, as have one or two other folk. With all this thanks going on I better join in, and so thanks to Cedric for the idea, and to the other folk who also suggested it. Thanks to everyone for their help. Thanks to Ron for his thanks. Thank me for thanking everyone else, and that, thank goodness brings us to the end.....

From: Galactic Observer, Xag.
To: Galactic Co-ordinator.

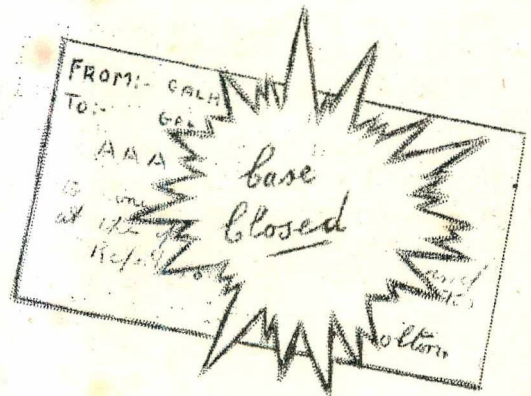
Bombs containing fissionable material, detonated in a most inefficient manner, were used to end the conflict between members of Genus Homo Sapiens.

There is a 73.2% probability that the next war will occur within six years. No indication of further work on magnetic-gravity spectrum.

Solton.

The Galactic Observer silently watched the tiny pin-points of light marking the cities of Earth as they went out one by one, momentarily flaring into stellar brilliance as the rockets curved towards the surface. Man was at war, again - the war to end all wars.

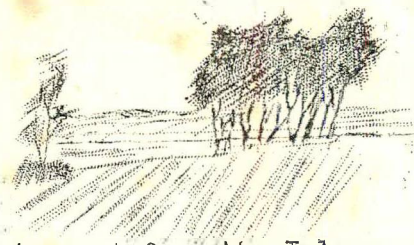
The Galactic Observer still watched as the faintly luminous clouds of dust crept over the surface like a funeral pall. Then, turning to an open file, he picked up a stylus and before shutting the folder, marked it -



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DAY DREAMING

by George D. Mills (U.S.A.)



I love life. I find it hard to think of my having to part from it. I love this earth, and even despite their many short-comings, even despite their low state of civilization, even despite their pettiness, I love the people that live upon it.

For sure and if I did not, I would not be a true dreamer. I would be among the worst of them. I would be a loafer, a wastrel, a good-for-nothing, one who did not deserve to partake of the joy of being alive.

For an' it 'tis a joy to be alive, a joy to be breathing of God's clean air, a joy to behold the beauty of nature. A joy which I would not dream of trading for anything conceivable, anything that is except to live among people of my own kind. Among people who think the same variety of thoughts.

BUT --- we cannot have everything. I consider it heaven to even be alive. To be free, white and twenty-one. One would be very ungrateful to wish for anything else.

Yet, ungrateful or no, I still find myself wishing that I were in an atmosphere more congenial. I still find myself wishing that I were among people of my own kind. I still find myself wishing that I had been born ten or twelve centuries in the future. Still, methinks I had better watch my wishes.

For I have no actual proof that my kind exists in the future. If I should find myself transported to that age I might find things far different than my conceivings. One cannot know what the earth will be like in 2900 or 3100. This old orb may not be there. Destruction may have been its fate long before that time. The people may be of the same sort they are now or far worse. Where there are a few of my kind now there may not be any of my kind then. In fact, there may not even be a human race existent on this planet. We may have been forced out of existence long before then.

No, though it is perfectly alright to speculate on a future as pleasant as the one I would like to believe in and though it is perfectly alright to dream of being there, still, I think I would prefer to remain in the present age rather than to be take the gamble unless, of course, return transportation would be available if I wanted to return to this age.

THE END

AN EXPERIMENT WITH TIME by J.W. Dunne. The information that this book has just recently been reprinted by Faber and Faber at 7/6 may be of interest to many readers. This edition contains the Introduction to the Third Edition.

Other books produced by this writer were THE SERIAL UNIVERSE; THE NEW IMMORTALITY; and NOTHING DIES. Of these, the second is at present available in a 4/- edition.

FANTASY FOCUS 7

(Est. 1066)

"All's fair in love and fandom", I suppose, but I love that fandom too much and such fellow dealers as Ted Carnell and Joe Baker and Ken Chapman and the Science Fantasy Service and such to go muscling in much on what they probably regard as their territory. I could offer you all the products, too, of Arkham House and Fantasy Publishing Co and Shasta and Fantasy Press, etc, but I believe the aforementioned dealers have already got their feelers pretty well established on those markets, so I'll try to confine myself to a line of goods not so heavily plugged by the others.

I often have the lowdown on books long in advance of the others because besides being a dealer I am also an agent, and set many of the contracts for books which you eventually read. At the risk of turning this into a revelatory article (for which I'm paying at the rate of a dollar a page!) I may mention that some of the titles I've negotiated include SLAVES OF SLEEP, MASTERS OF TIME, Weinbaum's THE MAD BRAIN, Taine's THE COSMIC GEODES, OUT OF THE UNKNOWN by van Vogt et ux, THE PEOPLE OF THE COMET (firsttime in hard covers for Austin Hall), Hubbard's FINAL BLACKOUT, the SHIELOGRAPHY, the Farleyarns for THE OMNIBUS OF TIME, THE SUNKEN WORLD, the previously unpublished KINGSLAYERS by Hubbard, the previously unpublished JOURNEY TO BARKUT by Leinster...and there are many other treats in store (DROME, the "JOHNNY BLACK" deCamp tales, an anthology of Bradbury, van Vogt, Coblentz, Tigrina, Bloch, et autres). These will all be along in the fullness of time, and I dare say Carnell will be able to sell them to you, or Joe Baker, or whoever your favorite dealer is. But step into my parlor, now, while I give you some palaver about some fairly exclusive items.

The first isn't a book at all, it's a BOK Portfolio, in fact, the only Artfolio ever issued on Hannes Bok. Ten terrific lithographs, suitable for framing, several previously unpublished. Tastefully tied with a pink ribbon and delivered to your door by carrier pigeon, price 7/5.

THE SHIP OF ISHTAR, special Memorial Edition. A. Merritt's immortal masterpiece, with 5 brand new magnificent illustrations by Virgil Finlay. A real book, not a rebound magazine version or anything of that nature. important: This book (ready in December) carries the complete, unexpurgated text, for the firsttime since 1924! Price for this priceless treasure, only 15/- postpaid to your library den.

Next

--Robt. Heinlein's SPACE CADET. Don't let the classification "juvenile" dissuade you from dipping into this. Believe you me, brother, those "boys" of 2075 have got more guts and gray matter than gray-haired iron-men of today, and this novel is told in Heinlein's best manner, his "old style" (prewar Astounding), sound, thoro, more gripping with its verisimilitude of reality

tain a lot of hooked up adventures. This is definitely not space-opera. I might describe it as a rich man's "Lensman" novel, graphically, dynamically, describing the basics of an inter-planetary law and order organization. 12/5 brings you your manual on how to be a spaceman!

For completists and pamphleteers I'll slip in a little thing here called Brains for Janes, a humorous printed affair in a small limited edition, 1/7 per copy.

For Merritt aficionados, an indispensable volume: THE BIBLION OF A. MERRITT--A Complete Guide to the Works of the Lord of Fantasy. This handy clothbound pocket-size checklist covers Merritt's known works in the realm of fantasy, with listings alphabetically by title; chronologically; by publisher; and by type of item. And I can supply you copies autographed by the author. Only 10/-.

Little known fact: Did those of you fortunate enuf to read Catherine Moore's "Black Thirst" when reprinted in the Avon Fantasy Reader, realize that she took the Alendar right out of the Calendar? It's true! You might think I'm just making this up, but that's really where the name came from. Which leads me into the "commercial" (you don't have commercials--advertisements--on the British radio, do you? Or is the utopia of ad-less ether-waves just a myth believed by us Americans?) Anyway, let me call your attention to: The FANTASTICALCALENDAR! Twelve outstanding new imaginative concepts, one depicting each month of the year 1949, fine fantasy litho's, 4 by Finlay, 4 by Bok, 4 by Cartier! Who could ask for anything more? And the price? Not 12/5, as you might expect for such a treasure; not 10/- or even 7/5; but only 5/- ppd!

Last--and, for a change, least--I blush to admit, but I (not all people) am going to have a book out. Yes, some imprudent publishers, intent on losing their shirts, pestered me into gathering together a collection of my works, which I have with complete justification titled THE BUST OF SCIENCE FICTION. If you want to throw your money away, you will read such sterling (?) stories as "Stars & Atoms", "A Walk In the Moon", "Pre-Hysteric" (the manuscript Bradbury called too original), "Adventure Elsewhere" (in collaboration with the late Francis Flagg), "No Time Like the Future", "No More Tomorrow", and others too unmentionable to enumerate. With some nice illustrations by Roy Hunt and Austin Hall (what am I saying? I mean Neil "Masters of Fantasy" Austin.) Probably price of this volume will be 12/5, and you have merely to request it and I will refrain from autographing your copy.

Send your orders and payments to Capt Slater's charming frau, Joyce, and she'll airmail me a résumé of requirements say once every 10 days or however often would seem to be indicated.

Good reading to you!

Forry Ackerman, Hollywood.

28 Sep 48

REPORT ON LATEST DOINGS OF YOURS TRULY,
with apologise, explanations, etc.

and do I need to tell you, it is by KFS ?

To commence, I am afraid that much that has been promised, is not apparent in this issue. I fear that my leave, and the consequent pile of unanswered mail that accumulated, have put me right offschedule. But at least I have got out a my usual quarter-ly effort.

Next issue I hope to make a few changes, the chief of these being a change in format. Instead of quarto, the zine will be printed on foolscap, one page being half-sheet, and stapled in the middle. That will be Vol. 2, No. 1, March, 1949. Also, the 'zine will be circulated to all Science Fantasy Society members thru SFS channels. Other folks in receipt of it will receive it direct for the whole of Vol. 2, and then it will become purely a 'zine for SFS.

To get back to the SFS, we have several meetings in London, during which plans and programmes were drawn up, jobs farmed out, and so on. Personally, I am looking after the manuscript bureau. Now this little affair will be something like. When anything reaches me that is good, in my opinion, it will be passed out to six fans, who will read and comment. The manuscript will then be reconsidered by me, and if we think it shows promise, we shall return it to the writer, with the observations, and suggest that he re-write it.....with the intention of putting it on the professional market ! In this we will assist him, by setting up an agency to send the stuff round, both in UK and USA.

By the time this page gets out, I hope that the SFS have produced their first news sheet. It is intended that this be sent out every six weeks, and every alternative ish will be accompanied by a letter 'zine, the intermediate issues to be accompanied by OF and similiar 'zines.

We are still a bit hard up for duplicators, the only available one being a flat-bed job loaned by John Newman, but we have hopes of purchasing another machine when funds have improved. But, my friends, I am not running the Society....and I hope you will all join me in chivvying, in a friendly spirit, the committee when they seem to be, er, not showing any action. First issue of the News Sheet was due before Xmas.....have you had it yet ?

Whilst in London, I met a whole lot of new folk, all the old bunch, and dragged in at least one new chap, to the White Horse. The committee bought Joyce and I tea on the Saturday meeting, and brother, I stuffed myself at their expense. Joyce was a bit more polite, and just ate her usual ration..... But we were awful pleased to see all you folks, and we look forward to doing it again some time. Appart from anything else, we get so many free meals. We had at least two on Ken Chapman, and one on Ted Carnell. I think, if I got really organised, I could stay in London and just hire a room.....

After London, we trickled on the British Railways up to Loughborough, and made the personal contact complete with Mike Tealby, who is running OF's latest scheme. Mike is producing a new fanzine, and we had some discussion on duplicators, and their limitations. I wish Tedd Tubb had been there, because he has no idea of just how limited a duplicator can be.... That man wants to produce something like COURIER ! (By the way, Ted wants the formula for making the gue that goes into toy caps for pistols...anyone know it ?) Anyway, all in all, I had a thoroughly fine time, thanks. But now I am back here, and getting on with occupying Germany. I want Joyce out here to help me occupy a bit more, but at the moment there does not seem to be any spare Germany to occupy.... aint' it a shame, ay ? But we have hope.

But seriously, my friends, I have my name on the waiting list for Married Quarters, and naturally, that matter has top priority with me. So please excuse any failings in another matters.

I have not managed to produce any Xmas cards this year, so this 'zine must also serve to convey OPERATION FANTAST's best wishes for a very HAPPY XMAS and a prosperous NEW YEAR to all fen.

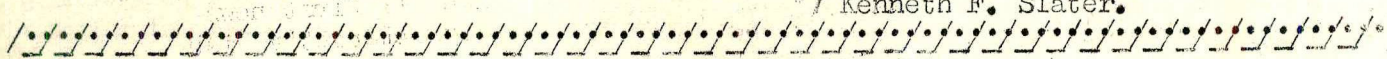
On the subject of failings, it may be that I have omitted to do something that you have asked me to do. If so, please tell me. I should also be pleased if you would all keep chatty correspondence down to a minimum, until I tell Joyce is this side. If you would please confine your letters to a statement of your wants, any bits of local fan-news, cuttings and slips from newspapers that are of interest to fen of all kinds, and similar things, I should be much obliged. When Joyce does join me, life will be easier for both of us...we shan't have to do everything two or three times.....and then I shall be able to write you lengthy epistles in my old stupid style.

Shortly I hope to send everyone their want lists for revision - they may be enclosed herewith. If so, please revise and return as soon as possible, yes? And if any of you want to be added to the want list system, please let me know, giving the details of what mags you want to collect, and I will send you pro-formas.

And that is about all, I hope, so I will now bid you adios, and may Santa Claus bring you loads of good sf literature for Xmas.

Fantastically

Kenneth F. Slater.
Kenneth F. Slater.



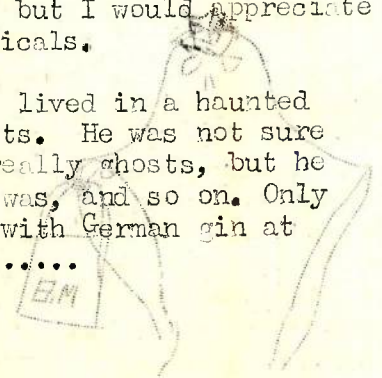
FLYING SAUCERS and other things.



A clipping from an October Daily Express tells me that scientists say the 'flying saucers' seen in California are windborne spiders which have 'parachutes' up to four feet long! 4sj is requested to check up in the back shelves of his bookstore and interview a few spiders to see if they can give any more information.

From Australia comes odd bits of news that may mean some of the stories about lost cities were not so far out. Explorer Keith Douglas Young reported that he had discovered a 'Radioactive Forbidden City', 450 miles from Darwin. In a later report it is stated that this 'city' glowed at night with a steady electric blue light, not phosphorescence. No further dope is available, I am afraid, but I would appreciate more news from anyone who spots any, in newspapers or periodicals.

Had an interesting discussion with a chap who claims to have lived in a haunted house in Germany. Complete with real ghosts, not poltergeists. He was not sure if it was trickery to cover BM activity, or whether it was really ghosts, but he did lay claim to seeing people around where nobody actually was, and so on. Only trouble is that as usual, his is unsupported testimony, and with German gin at 2/6 a bottle, you never know where the spirits come from.....



OPERATION FANTAST'S NEW SERVICE } A BOOK POSTAL LIBRARY !!!

Readers of OPERATION FANTAST who are also readers of FANTASY REVIEW will see in the December-January issue of FR a new advertisement by O.F. This is a postal library, my friends, thru which we hope to make available s.-f., weird, and fantasy books, to all those fans who are not collectors, and are not able or desirous of paying the comparatively high prices needed to purchase the new books. It may also be of use to the selective collector who desires to read a book before he adds it to his collection.

Mike Tealby will be operating the Library, and at the moment he is preparing a catalogue, and the records that this 'operation' will require. But if you are interested, send Mike a postcard, with your name and address PRINTED thereon, and mark it BOOK-LOAN; then as soon as preparations are complete, you will be advised and a copy of the catalogue will be sent to you.

For your information, the general method of operation will be as follows. Each client will be required to deposit the sum of 15/- as a security for books loaned to them. This sum will be kept in suspense, and refunded if at any time the client desires to withdraw from the Library. In addition, a reasonable sum, for expenditure on loan fees, will be expected - say 10/-. Hire charges will be made against this sum, and when it is expended, naturally no more books will be issued until a further 'expendable deposit' is made - unless we know you very, very well! Postage to clients will be made by the Library, and the client will be expected to pay the return postage. This sum will of course vary, but the average figure should be 4d-6d, BOOK POST.

The reading time allowed will be fourteen days. That means that you must return a book loaned within fourteen days of receipt, or an additional hire fee will be charged. In any case, no book may be retained more than six weeks - unless you have some unavoidable reason, of course.

It is proposed that the hire fee for the average American novel (£2.50 to £3.00) should be 1/6, and prices will vary both up and down from that sum in relation to the original cost of the book. A new British book, for instance, will probably cost 1/-, and a USA \$5.00 book will be 2/6.

Clients will realise, I hope, that these fees will only show a small margin between a profit and a loss, and that allowing for postage and other expenses, it will be necessary for a \$3.00 book to be loaned fifteen times before the initial outlay is recovered. It is therefore expected that clients will take good care of books on loan. Loss of a book, or unwarranted damage to a book, will be charged to the client responsible, and if necessary, the 15/- deposit will be forfeited. But we don't expect that to occur - we realise that most fans are book-lovers.

The titles at present available cover practically all USA books published in the fantasy field from 1944 to date, and a similar run of British books. New titles will be added as published, and any gaps that may exist will be filled, if you will draw our attention to them. A number of older 'classic' titles are available, and these too, will be increased if the call for any book warrants the expense of placing the title on the catalogue.

And I think I have now given you pretty full information, and there just remains one last item you need to know; Mike Tealby's address -

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