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Interior illustrations by Terry Carr Cartoon, page by M. McNeil LOOKS & CONTENT (Editorial) by Wm. D. Knapheide Now that Sam Merwin is gone from Start-

ing, perhaps we can look forward to a saner fanzine review policy from Samuel Mines. At least Mine's review in the recent issue (November, '51) of Startling holds out hope. Paul Ganley's letter in this issue pointed out most of the defects in this met od, but, in addition, there are other factors to be kent in mind.

Many fans don't have access to expensive printing equipment and can not turn out a fancy multigraph or printing job. Yet many of these fans are able to get enjoyable material. I do not mean that such material is of classic or even meets minimum prozine standards. But it do s provide entertainment. These fanzines help supnly a wider outlet for fan material and thus erourage more writing. This more writing leads -non early salendance to the total best wood sta

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development of writing skill on the part of the person writing the item, and this in turn helps the fan writer to develop professional skill. The more fanzines, the more outlets, the more writing, the better selection editors have, the better for science fiction and fantasy.

In addition, the more fanzines there are, the more fans can express their opinions and enter into a free exchange of ideas. In a democracy this is most important. For this reason fan censorship, we also believe, should not be imposed upon fandom. On this point we are in opposition to the Imaginative Collector and will contest this point as vigorously as we did the dianetics question at the World Convention.

An active functub should not passively sit back and let degenerate tendencies take control of science-funtasy. It should fight!

LUNA FLIGHT

"Fire jets!," barked the colonel
And the mighty rocket leapt

"There they go!" cheered a gateman
As some wives and sweethearts wept,

"Try to sleep," soothed a mother.
But few, if any, slept.

On the night the mighty "Luna" From her Terran mother stepped.

Spaceward Ho, screamed the "Luna,"
As she whistled through the sky
"Godspeed" howled the winds,
As the rocket passed them by.
Hurry back, called the mountains,
And the rocket in reply,
Raced on faster, soon to vanish.
From the sight of every eye.

What is this?" asked a comet,
As it passed her out in space.
For the "Luna's" slim and shining form
Looked very out of place.
But she prided in the beauty
Of her earthly given grace,
And the "Luna" shot to Luna
With the starlight on her face.

Her crew was soon accustomed
To the forward cabin sphere,
But they'd oft' look out the portal
Across the void to peer,
And the sight of friendly Earth
Would ever lend the cabin cheer.
But the Earth was far behind them,
And the moon was racing near.

Yes, the moon was very close now. What a wonder to behold:
Each man went to his station;
They needed not be told,
For the ship had flown on gravity
Once Luna got its hold,
And they had to fire the rockets
For the rocket tubes were cold.

Soon the spaceship was descending on the A-jets' flery blaze. The ground below for miles around Took on a smoky haze. "Creetings, Moon!" the 'Luna' roared, "I've come a wondrous ways."

Two bandred forty thousand miles she' come in just five days.

"We're down:" cheered the pilot,
As the rockets ceased to pound.
They had landed without mishap,
Firmly upright on the ground.
They all gazed out the portal
At a land devoid of sound.
Grinned the colonel, "Don your spacesuits,
And we'll have a look around."

Thus man first came to Luna
In the tiny 'Luna I,"
And he gloried in the thought
That flight in space had just begun.
Man would voyage to all the planets,
And some day when he was done,
He would turn his rocket starward
From the system of the sun.

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Night was black. He was a shadowy merciless figure reminescent of frightening things. His thoughts were winds crying in a bleak land. Night was lonely. His rage was a storm of atoms frightened at his anger, flying before him to escape the fierceness that was one with him. His arms of lightning would chase them, grasping them, and imprison them in the ground. His tears of rain upon the earth fell. as he mourned the desolateness of his castles hanging black in the sky. Stars from the cold vastness laughed at him. Alone he was, with none but a few comets flouncing through the sky. swishing their tails, and swiftly receding. Meteors he tried to catch, but they burned in his fingers as they writhed away from him.

Then a light rose in the east! A

glorious light with soft laughter like birds singing, with a friendly light of green things

and happy memories.

Night rushed madly after her, for does not always night follow day? Crying with a sound of cymbals at the coldness of his touch, she fled headlong into the vastness. Night, enfrenzied at his loss, and the overwhelming flood of loneliness, made a desperate attempt to catch her, but only a few of her beams were left him as she escaped.

The story goes that sometimes this bit of brightness, which accompanies him in the sky, eludes him and wanders in the day seeking its lost identity, but always night speeds after it and carries it away into his realm of darkness.

No longer a fearful creature, night is friendly and softened. But beware when his moon goes from him for the shadow of his wrath once

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again roams the earth in search of his lost queen, and the atoms cringe in terror of his clutch. Thus was the story in the days of old.

TWO MOTION PICTURES have come to my attention as the worst(I hesitate to call them science fiction; perhaps fantasy would be more accurate) insult to science fiction since the Flash Gordon opus. In case you haven't guessed to what I am referring. the abominations in question are: SUPERMAN AND THE MOLE MEN(I think the Walt Disney comic version is far better. At least it doesn't masquerade as science fiction) and the second picture. UNKNOWN WORLDS. In UNKNOWN WORLDS the ending couldn't have been any worse if the author had deliberately planned it that way. This ending has a similar effect to Hannes Bok's story THE BLUE FLAMINGO (Startling Stories, Jan., 1948)

with the ending leaving you up in the air. This film was brought to an end, but without solving the basic problem of annihilation through atomic war which it posed. Nevertheless, I think UNKNO'N WORLDS is a picture sciencefictionists should see-but at a second run theatre.

--Wm. D. Knapheide

PLANS for an Association of Peninsula and Marin Science-Fantasy Clubs is underway. This would unite all the fan clubs on this side of the Bay into having a meeting place where they could always meet. At present, in organizing a local fan club, the difficulty is in finding a suitable place to meet. This union, it is hoped, will remedy that situation. There will also be advantages for those local cluts that already have a place to meet.

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SERTER GERS NEW EDITOR

To the members

In view of the fact that I find it impossible to continue carrying three-fourths of the offices in the club and publishing SEETER plus a number of outside commitments, I am hereby resigning as editor of STATES

Peter Graham, one of our never mambers, has agreed to take over the editorship and is henceforth responsible for its publication. I will, of course, until elections continue as acting president and, in the airsense of a secretary-treasurer, continue to

execute the duties of those positions.

... Vm. D. Knapheide Acting Pres. TSF

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by Terry Carr

There's no use reading further, for To tell the honest truth,

This poem's only a filler,

And it doesn't even rhome.

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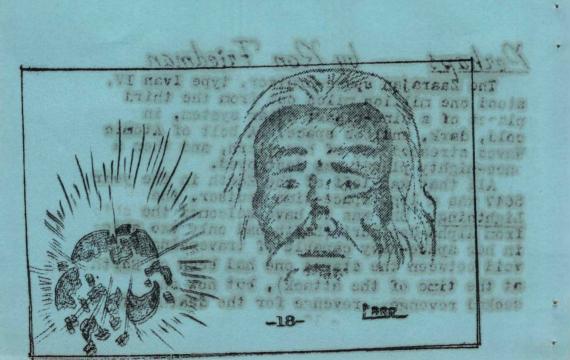
Perhaps - by Ron Friedman

The Zaarajan space-cruiser, type Ivan IV, studd one million miles out from the third planet of a mine-planet solar system, in cold, dark, endless space. A bolt of Atomic Waves streamed out of her stern, and then a

once-nighty planet was destroyed.

All that was left of the Earth in the year 5647 was a lone space-time cruiser, the Lightning. She was to have welcomed the ship from Alpha Centauri (Earth had only two ships in her space-navy capable of traversing the void between the stars; one had been on Earth at the time of the attack), but now she seeked revenge...revenge for the feaths of

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almost all of the population of Earth (nine billion human beings). Only the nine upon the Lightning remained.

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For ten days the Lightning trailed her enemy. The two ships net at 19.1 degrees galaxy space, 76.5 degrees central space. The warp dial showed the year to be 5646... one year had been lost during the 5X light-year chase. Triple A beta rays first spring kled the space between the ships...this proved the identity, and the exact location of the enemy...then garma rays sprang out. Joshic ray blasts were interchanged between ships. Protective atomic force beams were

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raised. The captain of the Earth vessel was shouting orders over the cyclophone of his hundred-mile-long ship! "Use anti-chargers on the north side of point six. . Shoot a warp wave. .. Hello, Portside -- discharge one ... Hello, Centronsone -- Daniels -- lo, Daniels, the robot mecho has broken down on the stern; grab the gyro-car and get over there immediately ... Captain Don Stanley toak time out to brush his brown hair out of his eyes. His gigantic stature (seven foot) barely fitted into the lookout hatch, but ...

Don was frantic; he shouted in a deep baritone voice, "Discharge two...Discharge three..." His own ship was disabled, and wery few vital parts of the Alpha Centauri were damaged. "Discharge four...five...six ...seven..." The helium gallery of the enemy had been hit. In ten minutes, all that was left of her was a flaming nova...

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Although she had won, the Lightning was not fit to hold men. A pair of three mile gashes were on the body, and air was rapidly being lost. It would be impossible to leave the ship: the life-boat docks had been destroyed during the battle. There was nothing to do but to aim the ship at the planet Zaar of Alpha Centauri, the home planet of the aggressors. At least a horrible enemy would die shortly after the last spacemen. Their race had always acted friendly, had always - 21 -

smiled, laughed, been peace-like and cooperative. In the beginning, little trust was given them, for they had the appearance of little devils (horns and all). Who would have thought that they actually were?

If perhaps there were a God, He would know what to do, thought Don. But there was no God, for God would never have permitted devils to exist. In less than an hour the last group of humanity would enter Zear's gravity. Then they would be no more. The seconds passed into minutes, and the minutes crawled by like hours. It became unbearable to breath. And then there was a blast...and

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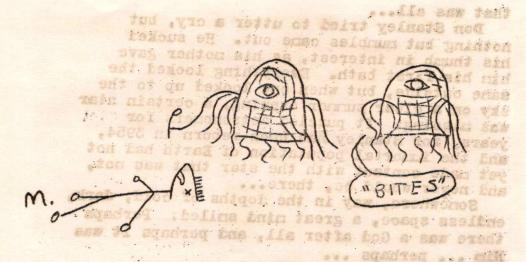
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that was all ...

Don Stanley tried to utter a cry, but nothing but mumbles came out. He sucked his thumb in interest, as his mother gave him his first bath. Everything looked the same outside, but when one looked up to the sky on a clear summer evening, a certain star was missing. It puzzled astronomers for years, for Stanley had been reborn in 3954, and the immortal population of Earth had not yet made contact with the star that was not, and never would be, there...

Somewhere, way in the depths of cold, dark, endless space, a great mind smiled. Perhaps there was a God after all, and perhaps it was Him ... perhaps ...

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-- by M. McNeil

THE PURE STFAN - by Terry Carr There are those who like the stories Where the bem and belle prevails; But when I find that type of story, and the story I let out maddened wails. There are those who like the westerns Set in future times. That type of story, sad to relate, Is scarce as dime-sized dimes. Dimensions, time-travel, atom bombs-All these are used too much. Also hackneyed are the tales Of flights to Luna and such. I am a pure stfan; I rend only the bests I have a complete collection - 25 -Of Shaver in my nest.

EACTION --- by Ike Kent Wright

a who like the stories "We must have that weapon, Professor!" Major Bellows exclaimed. "And soon!"

Professor Drinkwater looked up from his ultra-micro microscope and said, "You will have it. Major Bellows, but maybe not so soon. " . staler of the wrote

"But Mani" screamed Bellows, "We need it

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"You don't understand, Professor," continued the Major, "We're got to get the "N" homb before the Russians do."

"I am quite aware of that, Major," answered Professor Drinkwater. But can you rapicolico etelecco e oved t

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comprehend what an immense task it was to merely isolate the nickelodium atom?"

"Yes, yes, and I know what a hell of a job it'll be to split that nickelodium atom, but the top brass in Washington don't ... they want that bomb Now!"

we're doing all that is humanly possible, Major," said Professor Drinkwater. "We simply haven't been able to split the nickelodium atom.

"Have you tried everything?" asked Major

Bellows. everything, answered the professor,

"Eureka!" exclaimed Professor Goth-nol 352, "Me've got it! We have constructed the an a 27 ce ha har regord won days comprehend what an irremse thak it was to

merely leolate the nickeledium stores Weapon!"
Major Shor-guk 904 of the Gakkonian Army: burgt into the laboratory.

"Major! Major! We've got the Weapon! Do you hear? We've got the Weapon!" Professor Goth-nol 352 babbled.

"I know, Professor ... I heard your voice from outside." Major Shor-guk 904 said. "But are you sure is is THE Weapon, Professor?

"Fesitive. Major."

"Well, there isn't any time to test it, Professor Goth-nol ... we've got to use it at

"Yes, we must use the Weapon irmediately," agreed the Professor. "The Geekor forces are even now preparing to invade us."

Professor Drinkwater was frowning into his ultra-micro microscope when suddenly he shouted: "Major Bellows, come here at once!" "What's the matter, Professor?" asked Bel-

lows, hurrying up to him.

"It's that nickelodium atom," Drinkwater answered dazedly, "...it just broke wide

have the "N" Bomb at last ... that did you use

to split the atom, Professor?"

"The strange thing is, Major, that we did not use anything...the atom just sort of split apart of its own accord..."

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THE FANZINE

by M. McNeil

The thing, he said, would come one day
From the old nailbox on the hill below,
But smeared by my hekto's wholesome ink,
I tried to tell myself it could not be.
'Twas only a poorly-mineoed travesty
Devised by one who did not truly know
The elder sign, bequeathed from long ago
That sets the furniling forms of faneds free.

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Hmm, I wonden where he got that bone