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EVENT WORKSHOP  
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4'th January - Wednesday - Space Technology - Start of a twelve week lecture course by the British Interplanetary Society ( of 12 Bessborough Gardens , London SW1V 2JJ) Course fee £9.

11'th February - Wednesday - JUPITER, BBC lecture given by Dr G.E.Hunt in the Lent room of Caxton Hall, Caxton St SW1 6.30-8.30

FILMS

Weirdest spin off so far of the STAR WARS boom is QUARK a tv series detailing the exploits of an intergalactic garbage collector. The series is produced by one of the team responsible for GET SMART.

The BBC doesn't seem to have considered the above, preferring to go for the cerebral heights of WONDER WOMAN which stars a sort of amazon six million dollar girl. The theme looks designed to appeal to the women's lib educated kids and the star to appeal to their male chauvinist dads.

LUCAN, THE MAN WITH THE POWER is the title concealing the transfer of THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH to television. Script credit goes to "Cordwainer Bird", well known pen name of Harlan Ellison.

The Tv pilot of Ellison's own story A BOY AND HIS DOG, already made into a film, will be shown on US Tv in January. The pilot's title is BLOOD'S A ROVER.

An old favourite which seems likely to benefit from the current SF film boom is FLASH GORDON. Sadly only an animated version is planned. The setting of the series is not to be updated and will portray Flash in mortal combat with an alliance between his old enemy King and Adolf Hitler.

No plans exist at the moment for the bionic dog to get his own tv series.

Most original project publicised this year is RAQUEL FOR A PLANET. This is to be a series of 'documentary' reports from a planet where an extinct civilization once flourished.

STAR TREK (rumours no 93a). Amongst other confusions it is now rumoured that the new SF tv series will, instead, be made as a film after the success of STAR WARS.

#### CONVENTIONS 1978 =====

FANTASYCON 4 - 24-26 Feb. Imperial Hotel, Birmingham. Registration: BEB, c/o Dave Sutton, 194 Station Rd, Kings Heath, Birmingham. B14 7TB.

BRITCON 78 - 24-27 March. Heathrow Hotel. Guest of Honour Robert Schooley, Fan guest of Honour Leroy Kettle. Registration £2 to BRITCON, 5 Aston Close, Langbourne, Beris. RG3 7LG.

DELFURCON 6. (-11 June. P.O.C Theatre, Mindhoven, Holland. Information from Nellie Bardeol, Veldm, Montgomerylaan 165, Mindhoven 4501, Netherlands.

FAIRCON 78 . July. Ingram Hotel, Glasgow. Registration £3,50 (£1 supporting) to Bob Shaw, 2/L 19 Park Rd, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow G4, Scotland. (Those with suicidal tendencies may write to Glasgow UK).

EUROCON 4. 27-31 October in Brussels. Information: Bernard de Goorden, BP 33, Uccle 4, Brussels, Belgium. It is possible that the date for this con may be set back to 1-5 November which would clash with NOVCON '8.

#### BOOKS =====

Two long awaited paperbacks from Panther in the new year are THE WINDS TWELVE QUARTERS by Ursula LeQuin (a great collection including some short stories from the fantasy world of Earthsea) and THE ALTERATION, a parallel world novel by Kingsley Amis, set in a world where the reformation was crushed (reference is made to a book called 'Galliard', a 'time romance' describing an alternate world to the setting where the Spanish Armada was defeated).

Most intriguing hardback should be THE PRISONER, based of course on the tv series but written by Thomas M Disch. An 'interesting' combination to say the least.

Just becoming available now are FLIGHT TO OZAR by Philip Jose Farmer, and THE FOUR-DIMENSIONAL NIGHTMARE, a short story collection by J.C. Ballard (Longuin 59p).

#### GAMES =====

Details of a mere 11 new Fantasy/SF games were released this month. Most notable were the SPI 'WORD OF THE RING' game, which now has legal clearance and the STARFLEET BATTLE PARCEL which is now available in this country (at first sight it appears similar to AMES SPACE).