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EVENT HORIZON  
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25-28 August - Bank Holiday weekend - SILICON THREE. Grosvenor Hotel, Newcastle on Tyne. Details from Rob Jackson 71 King John St, Heaton Newcastle on Tyne. Designed to be a chatty and (relatively) quiet convention.

2-3 September - Weekend - COMICON II. Imperial Hotel, Temple St, Birmingham. Registration £2 to COMICON II (registrations), 212 Grange Rd, London E13 OHB. Please enclose Sae with registration and make all cheques payable to 'Fantasy Domain'. Events include auctions, art displays, discussions and 8 feature films. Guests of Honour Dave Cockrum and Paul Neary. Attendance limited to 300.

SAD NEWS  
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One of the initial mainsprings of British Fandom, Mike Rosenblum, died last month. Newer fans may only have seen him briefly at conventions but those with even a small knowledge of the history of SF fandom will know that its present strength owes much to Mike Rosenblum's hard work in leaner times.

NEW SF MAGAZINE  
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The publisher's of Penthouse are to go ahead with their project for a new SF magazine despite problems over the name. The original title was to have been NOVA but this ran into legal problems, having been previously used by just about everyone. The new choice is the eye-catching name (?) OMNI.

BOOKSHOPS  
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A new SF and Fantasy bookshop has opened in London under the name of FORBIDDEN PLANET. The address is 23 Denmark St, WC2. Not a million miles away from DARK THEY WERE AND GOLDEN EYED. Perhaps we can yet dream of a price cutting war.

CASH AND KUDOS  
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Robert Silverberg has been paid a record 127,500 dollar advance for the hardback rights of his next SF book LORD VALENTINE'S CASTLE.

Carl Sagan has won a Pulitzer prize for THE DRAGONS OF EDEN.

## CONVENTIONAL WISDOM

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FANTASY FILM CONVENTION - October 28-29. The convention will run from 11 am Saturday to 10pm Sunday. Location is THE BLOOMSBURY CENTRE HOTEL, Coram St, London W1. Details from Fantasy Film Convention, 52 Roydene Rd, Plumstead SE18.

NOVACON 8 3-5 November, HOLIDAY INN, Birmingham. Registration £1-50 supporting, £3-50 attending to Dave Holmes, 1222 Warwick Rd, Acocks Green, Birmingham. B27 6PL.

YORCON ... 13-16 April 1979. DRAGONARA HOTEL, Leeds. Registration £2-50 Supporting £5-00 attending to Alan Dorey, c/o 20 Hermitage Woods Crescent, St Johns, Woking, Surrey.

SEACON 79....the WORLD SF Convention 23- 26 August 79. Metropole Hotel and conference centre (and probably spilling over into most of Brighton and the ocean) Registration £4-50 supporting £9-00 attending (note rates go up on Jan 1'st) to SEACON 79, 14 Henrietta St, London WC2E 8QJ.

Time is now worldcon minus one year and counting. If we are going to impress overseas fans as AUSSIECON did then its time for everyone to start thinking about what they can do for the con.

## FILMS

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THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN has been cancelled

Shooting starts soon on THE NAKED SUN.

A remake of SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME is planned with Sylvia Anderson as 'creative consultant'.

THE MARTIAN CHRONICLES is to be made into a six part US Tv series.

A new QUATERMASS film is in the offing. This project actually started shooting some time ago but was cancelled, its revival is one of the benefits of the SF film boom. Script is by the original Quatermass writer.

GALACTICA - Just what is happening on this project is slightly confused ('GALACTICA is a feature length movie that will be released in Canada in July. BATTLESTAR GALACTICA is a three hour special program to be aired this fall by NBC and GALACTICA is a series that will be aired by NBC. Aside from the name all three are apparently different in content'..LOCUS).

At least hard news is available on the Canadian film(--'Have just seen BATTLESTAR GALACTICA. Do see. If you loved STAR WARS you will love Galactica.....we even went back the next day'...John Mansfield in SIGNAL)

News from the ABC tv series is that Lorne Green will play the commander and that special effects will include, as well as 45 different types of spacecraft, a cybernetic dog called "Muffet the dagget".

After filming the ESP/horror film THE FURY Brian DePalma plans to film Alfred Bester's DEMOLISHED MAN next year.