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ANNOUNCING :

THE

INTELLECTUAL BROTHERHOOD OF PRO-SCIENTISTS :

PLEDGE OF THE PRO-SCIENTIST.

"I pledge myself to the task of aiding science to better Mankind. I will do all I can to make my fellowmen understand the benefits which are to be derived from the correct use of science. I condemn all perversions of science, to kill, maim, and make war. I will do all in my power, however small that may be, to make it possible for science to bring about the improvements of this world of which it is capable. I am convinced that in science lies the future of the human race, its coming glories, and its ultimate victory over all obstacles."

IT TAKES TREMENDOUS NEWS TO MAKE ME DEVOTE A WHOLE ISSUE TO ONE SUBJECT? AND THE NEWS WHICH OCCASIONS THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME IS TREMENDOUS INDEED!

For the first time in the history of fandom there is born an organization FULL-FLEDGED, not in mechanical details, perhaps, but in concept, program, and purpose, ready to fill its place not only in science-fiction, but also in the world at large. For, strictly speaking, this is not a science-fiction organization, but a scientific organization for the intelligent layman.

We have millions of members, in all but name, all over the world. All that is required is for each of them to go thru the formality of joining. The IBP does not foster hazy notions of "Utopian states", or "saving the world from itself"; it has a hard-headed, ham-fisted, rock-ribbed POLIOY which inevitably must triumph. The IBP has the desire to help in putting that policy across.

If you are a scientist, thinking in terms of the space-time continuum, ever working to add to the sum total of knowledge we possess, you are a PRO-SCIENTIST; if you are a technical engineer, solidifying genuous theory and nebulous generality into cold, hard metal, glass, and filament, you are a PRO-SCIENTIST; if you are a country doctor, representing health by knowledge to your little village, bringing to the common man the benefits of organized medicine, you are a PRO-SCIENTIST; if your name is John Q. Public, and you marvel whenever you click on the electric lights, or hear the automatic refrigerator switch on, you are a PRO-SCIENTIST; if you are a believer in the philosophy of science-fiction, you are a PRO-SCIENTIST!

Scientific progress affects every living being on the face of this globe, be he American, European, Chinaman, Zulu, or aborigine. No one can ignore it; no one can deny that the world would not be what it is today without it. And we PRO-SCIENTISTS say that the world of the future will not be what we want it to be unless the perversions and misuses of science STOP, and are replaced by sane, balanced, common-sense ways of using science. We don't want science to be used to make poison gas and bombs. Utopia, economic, mental and moral, is positively possible with what we know today. Why haven't we got it?

The IBP is not yet an organization in the sense of elected officers and constitutions. We have no past accomplishments to point to as an index of our worth, nor do we phrase flowery, exaggerated claims of what we "hope" to do in the future. What we have is a present, from which will spring a past rich in mighty accomplishments, and a future of unlimited scope. The IBP is designed to make science help you; you are the "beneficiary" of our policy. To join the IBP is merely to help yourself closer to a realization of a better world.

All that is necessary for you to do to join is to send your name and address to me, Ray Van Houten, 26 Seeley St., Paterson, N. J. Enclose 10¢ in coin. THIS IS NOT A MEMBERSHIP FEE, but a fund which will be used to defray expenses until we can accumulate enough members to elect officers, adopt a constitution, and fix yearly assessments to finance the club. If you join now, you will help in organizing the INTELLECTUAL BROTHERHOOD OF PRO-SCIENTISTS in such a manner that you will be proud to be a member. BE A PRO-SCIENTIST!