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EVENT HORIZON %%/8/8/8/8/8/

// 24'th - 27'th March - Easter weekend - SKYCON. Annual British SF convention. This years venue is the Heathrow Hotel, Heathrow airport. Guest of Honour is Robert Sheckley and Fan guest of Honour is Leroy Kettle. It is now possible for you to travel speedily and in comfort straight from the centre of London, alternatively you could come by tube.

15 March - Wednesday - MINOR BODIES IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM, a British Interplanetary Society Lecture by Dr D.W. Hughes. The Kent Room, Caxton Hall, Caxton St, London SW.1. 6-20 to 8-30.

21-23 July 11/14/16 - Weekend - FAIRCON. First national Scottish SF convention at the Ingram Hotel, Glasgow. Guest of Honour is James White. Details available from R.Shaw, Top flat left, 11 Barrington Dr, Kelvinbridge, Glasgow G4, Scotland. Present membership is over 100, a breakaway convention in the Shetlands is rumoured.

Meanwhile for those who dislike traveling & so far there is a

nearer convention on

9,10,11 June - Weekend - BENELUXCON 6 at the "Philips Ontspannings Centrum", Mathildelaan 81, Eindhoven. Guest of Honour Chris Priest. British Agent is Vernon Brown, Pharmacy Dept, University of Aston, Gosta Green, Birmingham B4 7ET. Supporting Membership £2.30, attending membership £5.80.

FILMS %/8/8/8/

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND opens in London on March 14.

New SF animation film from Japan is SPACE CRUISER. An animated tale of how the YAMATO, one of the two most pwerful battleships ever built, is raised from the sea bed and converted into a spacegoing Dreadnought to battle against evil aliens. Reviews are usually far from enthousiastic but it does apparently contain plenty of action.

Also on the horizon is STARCRASH whose director Luigi Cozzi is prepared at the drop of a hat to go into a long description of how his film is realy very different from STAR WARS. The film stars an Amazon, a robot and a humanoid who are searching for a mis missing spaceship.

The film based on Zelazny's DAMNATION ALLEY has been released in the States as SURVIVAL RUN but will be shown here under the book's title. Don't get your hopes up though the plot seems to have been considerably mangled, like changing the main character from a Hells Angel to an air force sargeant.

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For those who haven't yet noticed I would like to announce that I've lost the correction fluid. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

Peter Nichols has been replaced as principal of the Science Fiction Foundation by Malcolm "little Mal" Edwards who gained a reputation for salvaging sunken fanzines with VECTOR, the magazine of the British Science Fiction Foundation. We await developments in the magazine FOUNDATION with interest.

The Leeds SF group are to bid for the 1979 Eastercon. The proposed hotel is the Dragonara in Leeds which held the STAR TREK convention in 1976.

Opposing bidder will be Bram Stokes who is suggesting a "multimedia" convention in central London. The best idea I've heard is to vote for Bram's con and then sneak off to Leeds when you're sure that all the comics teeny boppers are London.

Windsor Arts council re hoping to hold an SF festival this year. Events are to include films and writers workshop's. Eighteen acres of land are available for more ambitious events. Suggestions please on a postcard......

Books

SO BRIGHT THE VISION by Clifford Simak (Magnum 70p) A collection of four Simak novellettes; "The Golden Bugs", "Leg.Forst", "So Bright the vision" and "Galactic Chest".

DRAGONFLIGHT and DRAGONSONG by Anne McCaffrey (Corgi 75p) The first novels in two series set on Pern. Definitely classics that should be recommended to anyone who missed previous editions.

COSMIC KALEIDOSCOPE by Bob Shaw (Pan 70p) A collection of humerous short stories by Bob Shaw. Having just had time to briefly dip into it I'd say they failed to be humerous. Hilarious, yes. Sidesplitting, yes, but just plain old humerous, no.

JOURNEY OF JOENNES by Robert Sheckley (Sphere 85p) To my shame this is a new Sheckley to me so in place of even a potted review I'll quote part of the dialogue from a psychiatrist in Sheckley's book.

"With paranoids it is often best to enter the patient's delusion. Accordingly we set spies on them, and x-ray machines, and similar apparatus. In this way the patient loses his insanity, since we have manipulated his environment to make his fears a part of reality."

This has been ShadowFax publication 21 which was even more mistyped than usual by Martin Easterbrook amongst the crowds and hurly burly of 191 The Heights, Northolt, Middx UB5 4UB.