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EVENT HORIZON

FAIRCON 73...21-23 July...Weekend...THE INGRAM HOTEL, Ingram St, Glasgow. Supporting membership £1, attending £3-50 in advance or £4 at the door. Write to Bruce Saville, 9 Regent St, Greenock, or for further details phone Bob Shaw on 041-334-6874.

SILICON THREE...25-28 August...The Grosvenor Hotel, Newcastle On Tyne. Details from Rob Jackson 71 King John St, Heaton, Newcastle On Tyne.

WORLD WRITER'S CONVENTION

The second World writers convention was held recently (23-25 June) was held recently in Dublin. A good time was vaguely remembered by all through a alcoholic haze.Harry Harrison was convention organiser. Notable attendees were Brian Aldiss, Fred Pohl, Theodore Sturgeon,

Notable attendees were Brian Aldiss, Fred Poni, Heodore Sturgeon, Kelly Freas, Karel Thole, Gordon Dickson, Alfred Bester, Kate Wilhelm, James Gunn and Dwight.V.Swain.

Also at the convention were The SF Theatre of Liverpool who gave performances of SOME OF YOUR BLOOD and THE IMMORTALIST.

The convention saw the formation of the World Science Fiction Writers Association. A number of non English language writers (no not John Norman) and Eastern European writers were present and it is hoped that the World SF Writers Association will involve more of these.

Other news is that Theodore Sturgeon is working on a film of MORE THAN HUMAN and that a series of illustrated SF stories is to be produced using such writers as Harry Harrison and Brian Aldiss. Harry Harrison also continues his involvement with illustrated books with MECHANISMO a follow up to GREAT BALLS OF FIRE which will be made up of original illustrations.

Above details coutesy Gerry Webb (Science Fiction consultants UK)

What you may ask is a science fiction consultant. Can he help you. Should your GP have referred you to one already? Those intrigued enough to enquire further should write to Gerry Webb, 67 Shakespeare Rd, Hanwell, London W.7.

THE MEDIUM'S MESSAGE

Theatre seems to have discovered SF in a big way recently. Until July 14'th The Almost Free Theatre is presenting PLAYER PLANO by Kurt Vonnegut. A very good adaptation. Not to be missed by any Vonnegut fan.

The Almost Free is at 9 Rupert Street London W1. Performances 8.00pm any night except Monday. Pay what you can afford for members ip and tickets In contrast to PLAYER PIANO where the writer and actors have put a lot of thought and effort into the production the BBC have now decided to present us with WONDER WOMAN, a truly amazing spectacle including such wonders as the following line from the theme song "In your satin tights you fight for our rights". The first episode, apart from being unbearably awfull (the more so for occupying the Dr Who spot) contained the indelible hallmark of a director who couldn't give a damn, a mercury-redstone launch followed by clips of an Apollo Saturn in flight. And I thought that one was too well known to happen again.

## GAMES &&&&&

it's quickie review time -

TRAVELLER - a science fiction role playing game - This is probably the first of the role playing games to excite comparable enthousiasm to DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS. The method of creating characters (by producing a history for them) is more interesting than D&D and the rules give the referee and players much more freedom to create interesting situations than the Dungeon setting of D&D. The rules are however slightly less complete than D&D, specifically rules for the use of missiles during spaceship battles are far from clear.

COSMIC ENCOUNTER - Well Kathy likes it! She won! it's fun in the best Kenny Everett tradition. The SF wargames equivalent of happy famillies, but with greater variet and the chance to make as many enemies as in Diplomacy. When you "cosmic zap" your best friend vulch's alien power watch out for the "plague" or you may find your ships thrown to the warp when you have'nt got your mobius tubes. (Mike Westhead)

## GAMES MEETINGS

DRAGONMEET ...Saturday 26 August...Chelsea town Hall,King's Rd. Will include a large number of SF&F games as well as figure painting competitions. New items will be medieval combat demonstrations by the Society for Creative Anachronism and the chance to try some computer games.

GAMES DAY ... Saturday 28'th October... Seymour Hall, Seymour place, London W1. Space can be provided for clubs wishing to stage demonstrations of SF&F games.

The above games, and details of the two games meetings are available from Games Workshop, 1 Dalling Rd, London W6. 01-741-3445

THE MIGHTY FALLEN

Seen recently outside the Heathrow Hotel....The Heathrow welcomes <u>CUPPERWARE</u>.

Harry Harrison crops up again. This time in the pages of PERSONAL COMPUTER WORLD no' 2. Harry, a small computer nut himself, has an article describing his first computer, the sperry K-3 gunsight complete with three dimensional cams. At least it never tried to take over the aircraft.