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**MINICON**

I arrived in time to hear John Brunner's talk, "Divided we stand provided we prop each other up". John's "room for all of us" views on the current S.F. scene from the traditional to the way-far-out. His reasoning was most interesting, his preview of his next book frightening! His talk sprinkled with enjoyable reminiscences of N.Y. Con.

After-lunch the audience had increased in numbers and exuberance and Ted Carnell, the Guest of Honour, had a rougher passage through his speech, which gave a review of SF publishing & selling. Lots of interesting facts about developments in Europe, the effect on sales during credit squeeze, American publishers expecting the film 2001 (Premiere next Easter) to trigger a boom in SF, etc. Background noise provided mainly by Arthur Sellings.

A Panel next, Gerry Webb, Jim Linwood, Norman Sherlock, Dick Howett talking about Flying Saucers, a not very promising subject which became very entertaining. Gerry started with calm reason, was opposed, Mike Moorcock as an excellent Chairman managed to keep the audience under control for a short time but was soon overwhelmed. After a discussion en masse and a piece of impassioned rhetoric from Ted Tubb on the state of society, Mike brought the Panel to a disorderly but neat close.

Next came a comprehensive talk by George Locke on book and magazine collecting. This appeared to be of interest to many but as I am not a collector I retired to the quiet room where Mike moaned about approaching senility and Arthur Cruttenden wandered around looking for a bottle-opener.

The Mystery Guest proved to be Earl Kemp who started to give a talk on Fandom. This soon developed into a conversation with various members of the audience on various subjects and a chummy chat ensued.

All in all, an extremely good Con. The catering was efficient and the people who served the food and coffee were both pleasant and fast. We are very lucky in London to have so many of the professionals who are willing to come along to a function of this kind for this, I feel, was the keynote of the success of this Minicon.

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**HEICON:**

Gerry Webb, Ann Keylock & Jean Muggoch were among those present and received a warm welcome from the Gersfans. This was really only a get-together of Fans with virtually no programme, mainly sitting around talking & drinking with occasional breaks for food. As I love talking & meeting new people I enjoyed it very much & I think the other two did also. Although at first it appeared that very few spoke English I noticed that any time I was sitting by myself, someone would come over and start speaking fairly fluently. Among those known to British Fandom were Tom Schlück, Heinz Arens, Dieter Sachs, Valdemar Kümpling. Many said they hoped to be at Moncon and some intend to spend time in London. Newsletter will publish any news received as London Fans may wish to meet them.

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**European Fandom (News Bulletin)**

This project is now belting down the runway with propellor birling and wings flapping. We hope to get it off the ground before the end of this year. In fact, the first fragile bulletin will be coming out next month. The cost of this will be 1/6d so anyone interested please advise (enclosing 1/6d). This will be, primarily, a service to European Fandom, circulating news throughout the countries of Europe and we hope will become a vehicle for any international projects. I would be grateful for any British news which should be included.

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**News of People.**

Change of Address: David Piper, Now 24, Dawlish Drive, Ruislip Manor, Middx. Robert Sheckley now living in Majorca and hope to visit London. James Blish hopes to move to Britain soon.

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PUBLICATIONS

Gollancz: Samuel R. Delany Label-17  
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From Brunner Fact & Fiction Ltd.:

Torn under Stars	Ace this month
Quicksand	Doubleday, next month
Double, Double	Ballantine, next year
Bedlam Planet	Penguin next year
Telepathist (reprint)	Penguin, next year
Squares of the City	Penguin, next year
The Long Result (reprint)	Penguin, next year
Productions of Time	Penguin, next year (?)
Stand on Zanzibar	Doubleday, next year
Out of My Mind )	Both New English Library: the
Not Before Time )	Ballantine collection OUT OF MY
	MIND split into two with additional
	material in both volumes.

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