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EDITORIAL

This issue was delayed because we got bogged down trying to type everything with even right hand margins, and it proved to be just too much work. We had also planned to transcribe the discussion which followed the Tolkien Conference papers but the tapes were too indistinct. We will try again when preparing for the book version of the proceedings.

Apologies for the appearance of this issue but some manuscripts were typed a year ago and have gotten rather dirty. Also, a few corners were cut to get the issue out. TJ #11 is reduced too much because of confusion on typing instructions. Looks should pick up with #12 which is already 3/4 typed.

With this sudden spurt of TJs you should watch your dues-renewals for 3/4 of the current memberships will have expired by TJ #12. The number on your address label represents the last issue you will get. If you can, please renew for 8 issues at a time so that we can count on the large print order needed to make TJ economically viable. And if circulation picks up a little more and we have a lot of long term memberships we might be able to afford improving TJ by setting it in type and perhaps even having color covers.

Glen GoodKnight (504 Elm St, Alhambra CA 91801) has taken over the TSA button service. For a price list send a reply envelope. And while you're at it send him \$2.50 for his excellent magazine MYTHLORE. Glen is layout editor of TJ starting with 11.

Squeezed out of this issue for lack of time to edit the large mass of redundant material and lack of space are the comments on Burt Randolph's article on the Valar. It will be in #12.

We are now out of manuscripts and need additional papers to resume work on TJ #13 and beyond. The earlier we get the mss the more steadily can we produce TJs. (This is not an editorial we, by the way, but refers to Nan Miles, Charlie & Marsha Brown, Dick West, Glen GoodKnight and myself.)

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United Artists does have a film agreement with Professor Tolkien, but I have no more information at this time.

The Tolkien Society of the University of Illinois expects to have the proceedings of their April 1969 Conference On Middle-earth published by the UofI Press. All interested in seeing the publication should write them and ask when they expect to publish these proceedings. Write U of I Press, 52 E Gregory, Champaign IL

Ballantine Books is CONSIDERING a Tolkien calendar for 1971. I hope it will have both Gregorian and Shire dates.

Ballantine's excellent "Sierra Club" books now include Elliot Porter's *In Wildness is the Preservation of the World* (U9800), *Summer Island, Penobscott County* (74654) and *The Place No One Knew* (U9801), Thomas Hornbeim's *Everest, The West Ridge* (74656-- this captions some pictures with quotes from LotR), and Robert Wenkam's *Kauai & the Park Country of Hawaii* (01557). Each contains about 200 wonderful color pictures and should be enjoyed by any lover of Tolkien. They cost \$3.95 each.

The August issue of *Fantastic Stories* had an interesting article by Bill Meyers on "Tolkien and Temperament," giving his personal reaction to LotR. You can get a copy by sending 60c to Box 7, Oakland Gardens, Flushing NY 11364. The December *Fantastic* will reprint Piers Anthony's article about the Arabian Nights from NIEKAS 17 and start his novel *Hasan*, based on the Nights.

Gerold Bishop reports that last September and October BBC radio presented an 8 week serial dramatization of *The Hobbit*.

Bill Bowers asks that we announce a new, expanded edition of the DOUBBLE-BILL SYMPOSIUM on writing SF, with contributions from almost 100 SF writers and editors. Send \$3 to Bill at 2345 Newton Av, Akron OH 44305.

Additional reviews of Ready's and Carter's books will appear in NIEKAS 21. (75c a copy, 4 for \$3.) Also, the *Glossary of Middle-earth* from NIEKAS will be published in hard-cover by Mirage Press.

Don't forget to get LOCUS, the bi-weekly news magazine, for the latest on Tolkien and the entire fantasy field. (6 for \$1 from Charlie Brown, 2078 Anthony Av, Bronx NY 10457.)

Al Klopfer of the DC smial (1219 Raymond St, McLean VA 22101) reports an old clipping about a rock group called Thorinshield. They have issued at least one single and one lp (Phillips) and are Tolkien fans. They've done a rock version of Nimoy's "Ballad of Bilbo Baggins."

The next TSA meeting will be on the Columbia U campus in NYC on Saturday, 27 Dec 1969. One speaker, Mrs Veronica Kennedy on LotR & the *Mabinogion*, is lined up. Watch for further news in the GREEN DRAGON, and write me immediately if you want to give a paper. We will have a meeting in Boston at the annual Boskone SF & fantasy convention Saturday evening, 28 March 1970.

Don't forget the 2nd annual Tolkien Conference Oct 30 to Nov 1 in Green Bay Wisconsin. Contact Ivor Rogers, U of W, Green Bay WI 54305. And plan for the 1970 Conference to be held in the Los Angeles area by Glen GoodKnight.

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