

30th Annual Convention

International Brotherhood of Magicians
British Ring No. 25

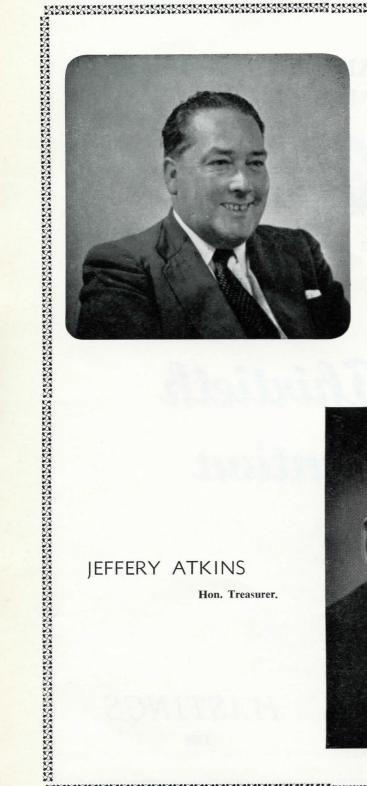
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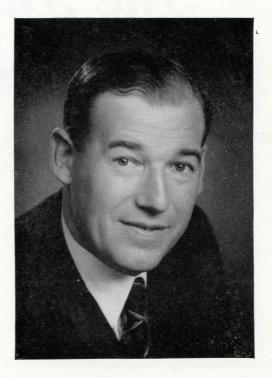
The Thirtieth Convention

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It gives me great pleasure to greet you and welcome you to the 1966 Convention here at Hastings. I am quite convinced that this British Ring Convention will go down in the annals as one of the great Conventions.

Two factors contribute to he success of any event such as this first, considerable hard work and planning by the organisers, and secondly, the facilities of the town chosen as the venue, plus the co-opera ion of the town's officials. There is no need for me to tell you of the months of hard work that have gone into the plans for this Convention by our Secretary, Wm. G. Stickland and his team of Committee Members. But it is not only hard work that will make this event such an outstanding success, it is the vas: experience gained over the past 29 years and culminating in this our 30th Convention and our 3rd visit to Hastings.

We are specially proud to be here during this historic year and we are fully aware of the excellent facilities this particular town offers to us. But we remember, with special pleasure, the wonderful hospitality extended to us in 1952 and again in 1960 by the Mayor and Mayoress and our very special friends, Mr. A. K. Vint (Has ings Public Relations Officer) and Mr. J. Burton, (Hastings Entertainment Director). From the earliest concept of this Convention six years ago, both Mr. Vint and Mr. Burton have worked in close liaison with our Secre ary and his team. Indeed, I have personal knowledge of the endless trouble they have gone to to arrange the various facilities we require. On behalf of you all, I would ask the Mayor and Mayoress and Mr. Vint and Mr. Burton, to accept our sincere thanks.

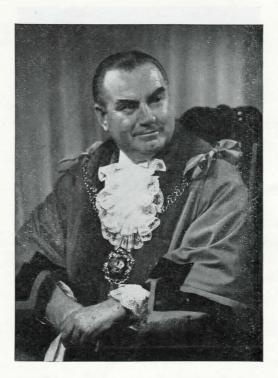
The brochure now in your hands outlines a four day programme of Magic both entertaining and stimulating, but equally important, the coming four days will enable you to meet your old friends and make many new ones. Both the President's Lady and myself, hope to meet many of you personally, specially if you are attending a Convention for the first tme.

But not all our members will be here—some will be prevented from coming through illness. To them I would say we are thinking about you, we are missing you. May you soon be restored to good health and we look forward to your company next year.

TOMMY ROWE.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF HASTINGS



MAYOR'S PARLOUR, TOWN HALL, HASTINGS.

I am delighted to have this opportunity of extending a very warm welcome to the British Ring of the International Brotherhood of Magicians who will be holding their 30th Annual Convention in Hastings this year.

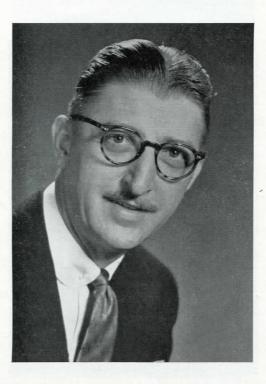
We remember with great pleasure their previous visits to our town, and we are particularly pleased that Hastings has again been chosen as the venue for the Convention in this momentous year of 1966 which marks the 900th Anniversary of the famous Battle.

I sincerely hope that the Convention will prove to be one of the happiest and most successful, and that everyone attending will enjoy their stay here. I look forward to meeting you all in September.

DOUGLAS W. WILSHIN.

Mayor.

GREETINGS from the INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



The officers and Board of Trustees of the International Brotherhood of Magicians extend their greetings and best wishes on this occasion. I join them in those sentiments.

Each Convention brings together old friends and makes, for each of us, new ones who are also dedicated to the principles of our Brotherhood. These satisfying and rewarding friendships, both old and new, will endure even as the mysteries of Magic.

In your association with those who share our interests in the Art I know you will be further enriched in knowledge and skill. I know you will carry away with you countless pleasures and enjoyments this Convention will offer.

And to those who have worked so diligently and given so unselfishly of themselves to make this occasion a most memorable one, I extend my sincerest thanks. Your efforts and dedication are in the finest traditions of our International Brotherhood.

HOWARD BAMMAN,

President, International Brotherhood of Magicians. MINIMENTAL PROPERTY OF THE PRO

CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS
QUEEN'S HOTEL

The events will be announced on the fixture boards at the Registration Office, Convention H.Q., and a blackboard will be provided for any alterations or special announcements.

We have official CONVENTION STEWARDS on duty (distinguished by badges) and they are particularly anxious to assist newcomers to conventions who should make themselves known to the Stewards with a view to introductions being effected. The organisers too will be very happy to give information regarding any events. List of Stewards and Organisers — page 49.

THE REGISTRATION DESKS will be open in the headquarters throughout the convention. There are two desks, one for the delegates who have previously registered, the other for those registering at the convention.

Please wear your Convention badge which shows all delegates your name, and the rule "Admission only by badge" will be strictly enforced for convention events.

PROFESSOR E. DUPLOYEN, Official Interpreter to the British Ring will be present and his services will be at the disposal of any member or visitors requiring same.

WELCOME TO OUR 30th ANNUAL CONVENTION

From AUSTRALIA

MAURICE ROOKLYN

International Vice President I.B.M. and President Ring 102 (Sydney)

C. W. HOULGRAVE





CHARLES WICKS

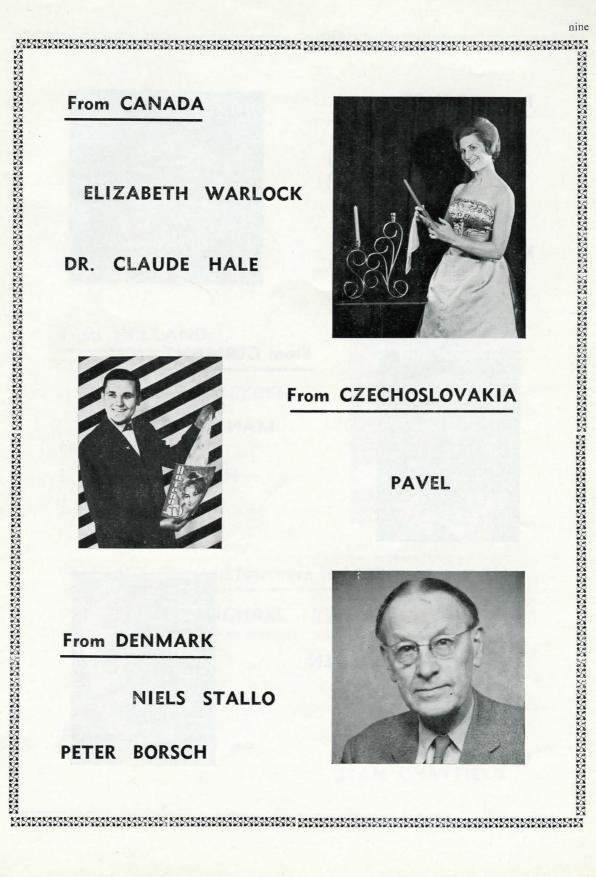
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(Magic Hands)



BERT GARDEN



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From SWEDEN

EL WIDO

Dr. THORSSON

From UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



MYSTIC CRAIG



RICHARD ZIMMERMAN

TOM HAWBECKER





VICTOR and CAROLYN TRASK



Dr. JOHN HENRY GROSSMAN

★ TO OVERSEAS VISITORS

THE BRITISH RING EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME
TO YOU AND HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR
30th CONVENTION.

It is desired that you should all be present at the White Rock Pavilion on the evening on WEDNESDAY, 21st SEPTEMBER, to take part in a formal introduction ceremony and you are requested to report back stage to Dr. McKee at 7-30 p.m.

An invitation is extended to you by the MAYOR OF HASTINGS to meet him at the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Queens Road, Hastings on SATURDAY, 24th SEPTEMBER, at 11 a.m. and \hat{i}_t is very much hoped that you will be able to attend.

The MAGIC CLINIC White Rock Pavilion

presented by BOBBY BERNARD

Pavilion
and
Queens Hotel
(See Notice Board)

The purpose of the "Clinic" is to assist those who may be shy of asking for advice regarding the techniques used in magic in which Cards, Coins and Dice play an important part.

The Clinic will be opened between events.



GREETINGS TO THE BRITISH RING AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

from

International Brotherhood of Magicians

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Details from :— Wm. G. STICKLAND, (Executive Committee)

First year's subscription £3 -10 - 0.

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WEDNESDAY, 21st September at 12 noon.

ON THE EASTERN FORESHORE



Stromboli

STROMBOLI

will attempt to reproduce "THE CHINA - SHIKI"

a purification ceremony performed by Shinto Priests at the religious ceremony known as 'HI-WATTAROU' the Japanese worship of the Sun Goddess Ametarasu.

WEDNESDAY, 21st September at 3 p.m.

THE FIRST LAWN, ALEXANDRA PARK



THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF
THE 30th ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE BRITISH RING
of the

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF MAGICIANS

by the President: Mr. T. C. ROWE in the ring of

LE CIRQUE MAGIQUE

(The World's First Ever Magic Circus under Canvas) which will be introduced to you at the conclusion of the opening ceremony by your

RINGMASTER —— HAROLD TAYLOR THE GRAND PARADE

CHARIVARI — Meet the Clowns

Will Norman, Pierre and Hal Brooks, Anverdi, Robo and Good Eh?

From Holland — ANVERDI, The Famous Magical Clown.

PATRICIA — Alone on the Flying Trapeze.

The White Yogi from the Isle of Man - SALAMANDA.

BEAUTY — The Educated Pony.

TOM HARRIS with a pramful of Tricks.

Personal Appearance of —

THE AMERICAN RAG-TIME PICKING MAN.

Intermission (and time to visit the Menagerie if we had one).







Will Norman

Anverdi

Robo

LE CIRQUE MAGIQUE



Jon Gresham



Salamanda

PART TWO:

PHILIPPE on The Silver Thread.

And now STROMBOLI swallows swords.

C. Weight presents "FURY" the Famous Fire Horse.

ROBO — The Musical Clown from The Green Man.

MARINA'S AMUSING DOGS.

TERRY SEABROOK with AVRIL

Our Man from W.A.T.F.O:R:D:

Hold onto your seats its JON GRESHAM.

PIERRE the Clown assisted by HAL BROOKS in his 1918 T Type Ford Keystone Kop Car.

Music by THE GORDON RIDER TRIO.

Ring Attendants HOWARD PETERS and TERRY HERBERT.

Will Norman appears by kind permission of Robert Fossetts Circus.

Front of House Attendants TERRY HERBERT & HOWARD PETERS

The British Ring wish to express their sincere Thanks to Charles and Mary Weight — without their kind co-operation, Le Cirque Magique could not have been.

Wednesday, 21st September 8 p.m. - 12-30 a.m.

White Rock Pavilion

Civic Reception Ball & Cabaret

Given by

His Worship the Mayor and the Mayoress of Hastings

Councillor D. W. Wilshin, M.B.E., J.P., and Mrs. Wilshin

RECEPTION 8 p.m. — 8-30 p.m.

WITH THE KIND PERMISSION OF THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS OUR OVERSEAS VISITORS WILL BE INTRODUCED

DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF ...

GORDON RIDER AND HIS ORCHESTRA

EVENING DRESS

Cabaret:

Phil Burn's "GLAM" West End Floor Show

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st THE CIVIC RECEPTION

TABLE MAGIC

presented by FRANCIS HAXTON



A CLOSE UP PERFORMER WILL VISIT YOUR TABLE DURING THE EVENING, ON REQUEST.

YOUR ENTERTAINMENT THE FOLLOWING PERFORMERS WILL BE APPEARING:

WALTER LEES PETER WARLOCK,

JACK AVIS, TOM HARRIS, FRANCIS HAXTON GUS SOUTHALL. DICK ZIMMERMAN

TOMBOLA

REMEMBER - All proceeds are for our "Benevolent Fund".

HELENE STRACHAN

looks forward to meeting ALL CONVENTIONEERS at the TOMBOLA **STAND** which she is running at the CIVIC RECEPTION.

Please give me your generous support as you have done in the past

MY SINCERE THANKS

FLAT 7. DOE BANK COURT. 132 LICHFIELD ROAD, SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKS.

Wednesday : Thursday : Friday : Saturday : Sunday

THE GRAND

DEALERS MAGICAL TRADE FAIR

YOUR SHOP WINDOW

Direction: EDDIE DEXTER

TIMES OF OPENING:

Wednesday 9-30 a.m. until 7-30 p.m.

Thursday 9-30 a.m. until 8-30 p.m.

Friday 11-30 a.m. until 6-30 p.m. (allowing Dealers who wish to attend the A.G.M. to do so. The Hall will be shut to all delegates. The 6-30 p.m. closing is to allow Banquet attendance where desired).

Saturday 9-30 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m. until Mid-day. (Close of Exhibition).

Situation: THE LOWER HALL AND ANNEXE THE WHITE ROCK PAVILION

LOWER HALL - Clockwise:

SILRAY MAGIC OSCAR OSWALD UNIQUE MAGIC STUDIO INTERNATIONAL MAGIC CO. JACK HUGHES DAVENPORT & CO. SUPREME MAGIC CO. INZANI - HENLEY GEORGE JENNESS CHARLES FITNESS

PROMENADE— LOWER HALL **CLIFF LOUNT** MURRAY

ANNEXE — LOWER HALL TED BEAL FRANK LYNN TERRY MAGIC STUDIO KEN BROOKE

Each year dealers go to considerable expense to present their exhibitions at the British Ring Convention, and your attention to their demonstrations is welcomed. All are eager to show you their "latest" and many exclusives will be on show for the first time. Take this opportunity of making a full round of the dealers. You will not regret it. One of the most important features is the Dealers' Trophy presented by MYSTIC CRAIG for the MOST ATTRACTIVE and COMMERCIAL STAND, this will be awarded during the convention. It is held for one year.

Present Holders SUPREME MAGIC CO.

WHO WILL WIN IT THIS YEAR ??



MYSTIC CRAIG with the Dealers' Trophy

Judging will take place on Wednesday at 5-30 p.m. by-Mr. BULL, Display Manager, Plummers Ltd., Hastings.

HERRICH HERRIC



Eddie Dexter

THURSDAY, September 22nd in the WHITE ROCK PAVILION Lower Hall, PROMENADE, and ANNEXE to Lower Hall.

MAMMOTH DEALERS' DEMONSTRATION

Arranged by EDDIE DEXTER

Times and Order of Appearance —

- 1. 9-45 a.m. TERRY MAGIC STUDIO.
- 2. 9-56 a.m. OSCAR OSWALD.
- 3. 10-07 a.m. JACK HUGHES. 4. 10-18 a.m. CLIFF LOUNT.
- 4. 10–18 a₅m. CLIFF LOUNT. 5. 10-29 a.m. DAVENPORT & CO.
- 6. 10-40 a.m. SUPREME MAGIC CO.

Interval of Five Minutes Only.

- 7. 10-56 a.m. RON McMILLAN INTERNATIONAL MAGIC.
- 8. 11-07 a.m. INZANI HENLEY.
- 9. 11–18 a.m. SILRAY MAGIC. 10. 11–29 a.m. CHARLES FITNESS.
- 11. 11-40 a.m., HARRY STANLEY (UNIQUE MAGIC).
- 12. 11-51 a.m. KEN BROOKE

Announcer . EDDIE DEXTER.

JACK POTTER, Timekeeper. RON BISHOP, Stage Manager. REX READER, Stage Direction. RONALD SHIMELL, Runner. Dr. YETMAN, Props Master. FRANK RUFFEL, Assistant.

Your Convention Committee take this opportunity of extending thanks to our Member Dealers who are giving up this morning, in order to present for our enjoyment their latest in magic.

Owing to the number of Demonstrations and in the interest of all a warning Orange Light and a Buzzer will be used to indicate 9 minutes. A Red Light will be shown at 10 minutes. The Curtains will be drawn whether the demonstrator is finished or otherwise. We very much regret having to enforce this rule, and do so only in the interests of the Performers.

This is a Mammoth Demonstration and in fairness to the first Artiste please be seated in good time. The curtain will rise at 9-45 a.m. promptly.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, SEPTEMBER 22nd:-

CONVALESCENT AND OLD PEOPLES HOMES AND ORPHANAGES SHOWS

PINE HILL, 185 THE RIDGE, HASTINGS Old Peoples Home at 2-30 p.m.

FRANK BAUMFORTH
LOU FLYNN and DOROTHY
STUART GOOD (Mr. CHAN)
DAVID BRATT

TERRY SEABROOK
MARJORIE WADDELL
THE I.B.M. CLOWNS

Compere — ARTHUR SETTERINGTON. Stage Manager: PAUL DUKE. Pianist: ALF TWEMLOW

"NEW MORETON" BOSCOBEL ROAD, ST. LEONARDS. Old Peoples Home

at 2-30 p.m.

VERNON JACKSON PETER RILEY HORACE KING ROBERT SINCLAIR TONY CRABBE PERCY PRESS I.B.M. CLOWNS

Compere: ALASTAIR, Stage Manager: DAVID SCOTT Pianist: SAM PATIENCE,

MOUNT HERMON CHILDREN'S HOME 34 ASHBURNHAM ROAD, HASTINGS

TOM HARRIS at 4-30 p.m.
LES HINSLEY
LES WOODCOCK
MEL.
REG ALLEN

Compere/Stage Manager: E. E. MELUISH

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME, MALMESBURY HOUSE, 125 WEST HILL ROAD, ST. LEONARDS at 4-30 p.m.

PERCY BEST EDDIE and AMY DAWES WALLY ASHTON SID SMITH (PAUL DUCAINE) MILTON KAYE JOHN RHODES I.B.M. CLOWNS

Compere: A. Nother. Stage Manager: DAVID SCOTT

ELPHINSTONE MOUNT 211 ELPHINSTONE ROAD, HASTINGS Children's Home at 4-30 p.m.

LEN JENNINGS
JOHN HART
CYRO
ERNEST ADSETTS
MICHAEL ROGERS
Compere: CYRIL BRIGHTON

DR. BARNARDOS HOME, OLD ROAR ROAD, ST. LEONARDS. Orphanage at 4-30 p.m.

IACK MAYES DAVID HALLETT SLY SMITH DENNIS TUBB DAVID BUDD and RITA ROY DARNLEY V.B.M. CLOWNS JOHN SHEARER (Compere

JOHN SHEARER (Compere). Stage Mapager: FRANK TAYLOR. Pianist: ALF TWEMLOW.

NOTE — Will all performers in the first two shows at 2-30 p.m. please foregather outside the H.Q. (White Rock Pavilion) . . . at 2 p.m. WITH the CLOWNS.

Transport must leave no later than 2-15 p.m. Any volunteers with cars will be welcome to assist with transport.

Those in 4-30 p.m. shows should be outside H.Q. at 4 p.m., to move off no later than 4-15 p.m. for venues.

Again . . . transport is needed for the large number of performers and officials who have to be taken.

THURSDAY, September 22nd - 2-30 p.m. BALLROOM QUEEN'S HOTEL

TALK AND DEMONSTRATION

on :-

SKIN CARE AND MAKE-UP

DOROTHY GRAY

Beauty Consultant:

Mrs. BETTY A. WILLIAMS



Mrs. B. Williams

LAMPSHADE COMPETITION

TEA * RAFFLE * BINGO

The Judging of the Lampshades will take place at 2 p.m.

The Judges: Mesdames Dexter, Rowe and Anne Warlock.

Lampshades to be handed over to Anne Warlock at the Queen's Hotel not later than noon, Thursday, September 22nd.

A TICKET BEARING COMPETITORS NAME SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE LAMPSHADE

THURSDAY, 22nd September at 2-30 p.m.

WHITE ROCK PAVILION

MAGIC FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A LECTURE
DEMONSTRATION
BY

PAVEL



Pavel

* "PAVEL'S LESSONS IN NOVEL MAGIC"

In this lecture registrants will have the opportunity of watching and having explained some most colourful effects by one of magic's most youthful originators.

Chairman — PETER WARLOCK

THURSDAY, 22nd September at 7-30 WHITE ROCK PAVILION

ALASTAIR introduces

Competition for the **British Ring Shield**

Organised by - ALASTAIR. Stage Manager — ANTHONY LIST.

Musical Director — ALFRED GABRIEL. Timekeeper — JACK POTTER.

JUDGES: -

Messrs. GEOFFREY BUCKINGHAM (Chairman) JOHN BURTON. OSWALD RAE MAURICE ROOKLYN FRANCIS WHITE Mrs. CAROLYN TRASK



Organised by ALASTAIR

ENTRANTS in order of appearance

- /0-1. Billy Wells—Leamington Spa. ✓
 - 2. Granville & June Anstee-Newport
 - 3. Ron Betteridge—Burton-on-Trent
 - Christopher—Isle of Wight.
 - Stuart Good—Sheffield.
 - Peter Scarlett—Portslade.
 - Leah Brazier-Newton Abbot.
 - Barry Elcombe-Dartford.
 - Johnny Mac & Sheila Middlesbrough.

- 10. John Alborough London.
- 11. Helen Strachan—Sutton Coldfield
- 12. Len Harvey Hastings.
- 13. Charlie Spratt Prudhoe-on-Tyne.
- 14. Geoff Ray & Pat Shrewsbury.
- 15. Michael Scott Barnsley.
- 16. Morine Leicester.
- 17. Victor Fiveash — London.
- 18 Tommy Talbot Woking.
- 19. Dennis Gardner Nottingham.

IMPORTANT TO COMPETITORS :-

Allowing TEN minutes for each turn competitors should work out approximate time of appearance and report to the Stage Manager half an hour before time due. When each competitor enters a green light will be illuminated and timing will start. At the end of the 9th m nute a buzzer will sound and the green light will be changed for an amber one. At the end of the 10th minute the amber light will be replaced by a red one.

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COMPETITION for the **NEW SILVER** BRITISH RING **SHIELD**



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Conditions Relating to Performance in the British Ring (International Brotherhood of Magicians) **Annual Competitions**

These competitions shall be open to all paid up members of Ring 25 THE BRITISH RING. There shall be three main awards as follows:-

THE NEW SILVER BRITISH RING SHIELD and Cash Prize £10.

This will be awarded for the presentation of the most entertaining magical act and is held for one year.

THE CONVENTIONEERS TROPHY

The greatest originality shown in either effect, method of presentation and is held for one year.

THE CRAIG TROPHY

For the best performance by a lady magician and is held for one year. In addition there are the

THEO SPEAKER CUP and Cash Prize of £5 for runner up. To be held for one year.

THIRD PRIZE £3.

TOM HARRIS CUP (Comedy) and Cash Prize of £5-5-0 (kindly donated by Tom Harris).

DITTIA SHIELD (Manipulation).

No bar is placed upon the number of awards that can be obtained by a successful competitor and thus a male winner of the British Ring Shield, could, having presented the most enter aining and at the same time the most original act, qualify for two awards.

In the same manner a lady competitor equally successful would be entitled to all three awards.

The length of ac: submitted by each competitor should not exceed ten minutes playing time, and to assist him or her a warning light will be flashed at the end of nine minutes. Any competitor exceeding a time of ten and a half minutes will be automatically disqualified and such disqualification will be announced from the stage immediately before the appearance of the next competitor.

The judges would consist of five members of the Ring, the local Enter ainments manager and the Editor of the local paper. This composition might have to be varied according to location. There would be an umpire, a senior official of the Ring, who would have complete powers to accept or reject the judges' decisions. If he rejected them, he would be required to place his decision and reasons therefore before the Committee.

For additional guidance, the instructions to Judges are appended.

ANNUAL COMPETITIONS

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JUDGES

There are three competitions which require your judgment. The first is for the major award, the BRITISH RING SHIELD.

This will be won by the act, which in your opinion constitutes the most entertaining magical act.

In view of this the act should be considered from the point of view of **entertainment.** Imagine you are seeing it in a concert, or dinner or other show, either by itself or with a number of other acts of various types. Does it entertain you?

The following points may assist you in judging:

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- A. Consider general entertainment first—that is important—then, if you have several acts which you consider equally entertaining give your attention to the following:—
- B. Consider the entrance and exit of the performer, the stage setting and condition of apparatus, his or her dress, deportment and elocution, the nature of the tricks performed and the reaction of the audience. If the act is a silent one note the effectiveness of the mime.
- C. You will take into account magical ability but as you are viewing this from the layman's angle of entertainment with magic, your judgment must not be biased by a display of advanced technical ability which would **only be apparent** to a magician.

The points made above may help you decide. YOU ARE NOT LOOKING FOR NEW TRICKS — and if a performer does old ones very well in an ENTERTAINING MANNER — he deserves your marks. Remember that a layman may not have seen that vast repertoire of tricks that you know so well. Naturally the same remarks apply to patter.

The SECOND AWARD is for ORIGINALITY, and is in the main, the concern of those members of the panel who are magicians.

The merits necessary for this award are :-

- 1. Newness of effect, so far as is known.
- 2. A novel presentation employing twists on standard effects.
- 3. The entertainment value contained in such presentation effects.
- 4. An adequacy of mystery.

The THIRD AWARD is that given to the best lady performer. This requires no further elucidation, the merits previously stated applying equally in this case.

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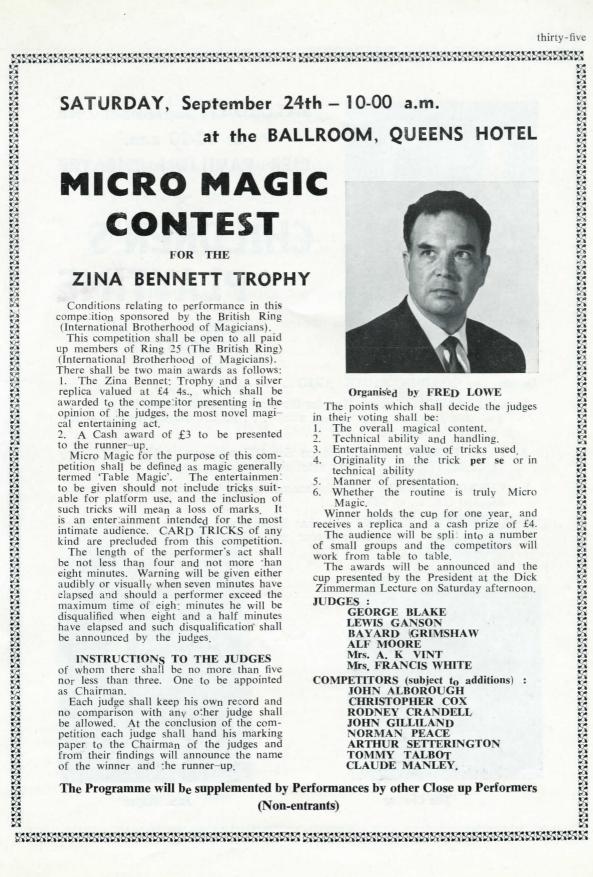
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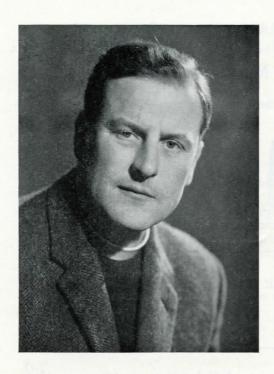
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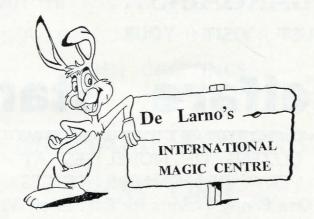
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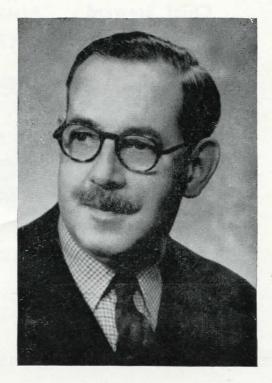
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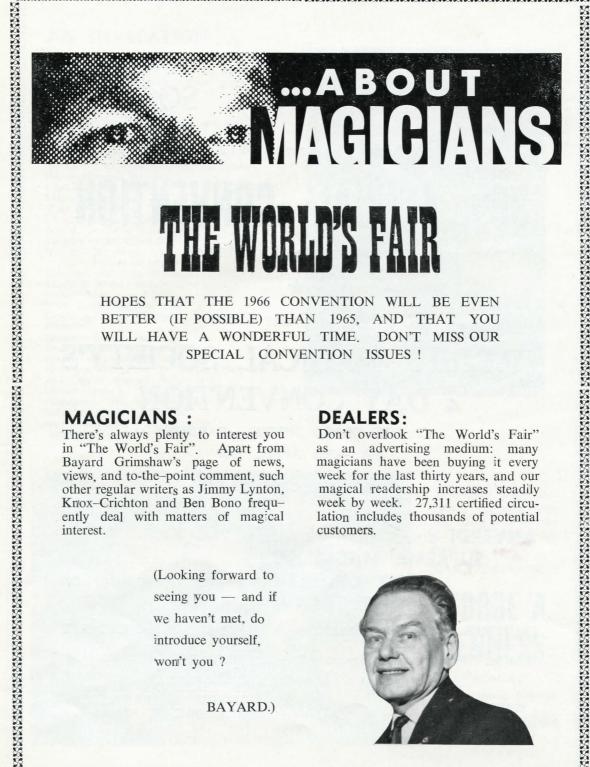
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