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A great many fans have been temporarily lost to Fandom due to becoming members of the Armed Forces, or having their time completely taken up in the War effort.

E. Everett Evans spent ten years in the Navy, part of it during the last War. Believing that he had amply contributed his part in the past, we have all been happy in thinking Evans would be one of the few fans certain to be spared us. His age and state of health made this seem highly probably.

The unforeseen has a persistent habit of occurring. It now becomes our sad duty to announce that it will be impossible for E.E. Evans to take part in fan activities for an indefinite period -- probably for at least a year or two. The nature of this enforced absence makes it impossible to reveal any details now, if ever. It further precludes any direct communication with Fandom for as long as this situation prevails.

The suddenness with which all this took place left EEE little chance to plan for his absence. However, he did express certain wishes. Chiefly, it is his hope that the fans will all cooperate to carry forward the various programs he had started.

His mail now goes to Al Ashley and future communications should be addressed to 86 Upton ave., Battle Creek, Michigan.



November 25, 1942

To the Citizens of the National Fantasy Fan Federation:

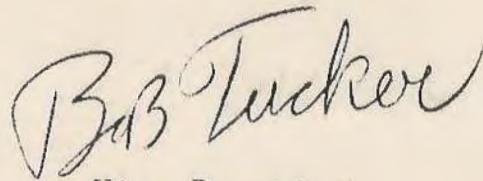
Because the office of the President of the Federation has been unexpectedly vacated due to circumstances beyond the control of E.E. Evans, I, as Vice President and acting under the existing Constitution of February, 1942, automatically assume that office; or at least am expected to do so.

The situation however is this: one brief communication was received from Mr Evans as he was vacating the office, requesting that it would be highly advisable to appoint Al Ashley to that office if I could see my way clear to do so; first because the two were so completely in accord on the program for the future of the Federation, secondly because they were, up until this time, in daily contact with one another, and lastly because Ashley will in all probability be the only fan to make even occasional contact with him now, for an indefinite period to come.

I saw no harm in such a move and trust, then, that the Citizens of the Federation will approve the following steps I have taken:

As President (filling the vacated office), I hereby appoint Al Ashley to the post of Acting President until the next election or until Evans is once again able to assume his duties, whichever is the sooner.

I then re-assume my elected office of Vice President, with the definite understanding with Ashley that we remain in close communication and collaboration upon all matters affecting the Federation.



Vice President,
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