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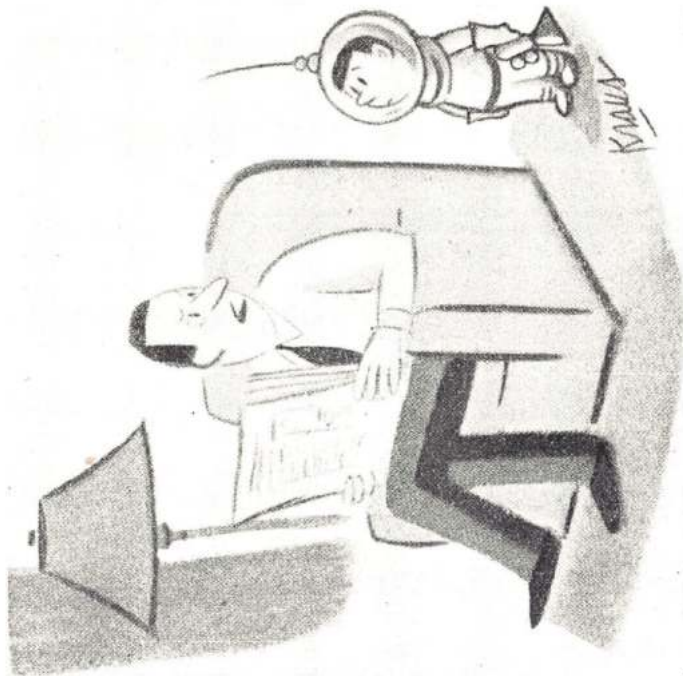
Science fiction continues to command a good press and, as with all issues that excite wide popular interest, sf has its share of adulation, ridicule and shrewd approval.

The other day, for instance, the sharp-penned commentator of the *Daily Mirror*, "Cassandra", declared: "Science fiction is the ultimate in claptrap. Hence its great popularity". We don't know whether we should be sad or sorry about this publicity, but we hope some of the *Mirror's* 4,000,000 readers will be curious to know more about us.

At the other end of the scale, the distinguished Sunday newspaper *The Observer* thinks science fiction is important enough to be made the subject of a special competition and we reprint elsewhere the full details. We hope that many club members will enter this important competition.

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We have pleasure in welcoming to *SF News* a well-known novelist Michael Harrison. Mr. Harrison has many books to his credit (including *The Brain*), has long been familiar with science fiction and his review of the current choice, Olaf Stapledon's *Odd John*, printed in this issue, is full of



"Blast Off"

(from *The New Yorker*)