

DEGLER! 157

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Addition to the staff: Our West Coast Correspondent shall hereafter be known as Spy X-37 FAPA. On bright autumn days he's also known as Bob Lichtman.

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Magazine Distribution Report: Fantasy And Science Fiction:

The figures given are from the published statements by the publishers; they are self-explanatory, save that the totals at the bottom are first for paid circulation averages for the year, and second for the paid circulation in the month nearest the filing date.

1964	1965	1966
Mail	Mail	Mail
17,007	16,644	16,610
Newsstands	Newsstands	Newsstands
36,281	37,187	34,524
Free	Free	Free
144	144	150
Total	Total	Total
53,432	53,831	51,134
Month	Month	Month
60,070	58,196	56,874

The results of the comparison show that F&SF, as opposed to Analog, is only holding level in circulation rather than increasing. It also shows that F&SF tends to sell more copies as the year grows older (presumably because people come back from vacations and are more inclined to seek an escape from the daily routine of a job). F&SF has not had a real drawing power that a new Heinlein story has for several years now; the last real drawing novel they had was Rogue Dragon (July 1965), or possibly as far back as The Tree Of Time by Damon Knight (Dec. 1963). This is not to mean that F&SF

has not published outstanding novels by such as Zelazny; they have indeed. But the novels and stories of Zelazny have aided in creating an audience for him based on present readers, rather than used the power of his name to draw in readers, as Heinlein did in Glory Road (Jul-Sept 1963). And I see F&SF keeping the same number of readers unless it publishes more of the new talents such as Zelazny and Delany, to name two.

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Ed Meskys brings news from the lonely reaches of New Hampshire, to the effect that he attempted to organize a Gilbert & Sullivan party in Boston on November 18th, but was waylaid by the kind services of the US Post Office, which lost a letter and several stencils of his. As a result, the party included Ed, Mike Ward, Mark Walstead, Tom Cheung, Carl Frederick, and only a few others, instead of the group of 40 or so that Ed had hoped to gather.

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FAPA News: The 117th FAPA mailing is out, with 33 contributions for a total of 440 pages. Large zines in the mailing included Horizons 108 from Harry Warner, Science Fiction Five-Yearly #4 from Lee Hoffman, and Lighthouse 14 from Terry Carr, which was a fat 90 pages. The waitinglist this quarter is up to 63 people, an increase of 4 over last quarter. Hopefully it will trim down by February because some people will forget to pay their 25¢ waitlister fee. And that's the news from the elephants graveyard.

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The number after your name on the envelope denotes the last issue you will receive.

Gossip Dept.: Ed Wood has become engaged to Joanne Schmidt and at the same time moved to the land of sun and smog, California. They are to be married in April.

Ben Jason, ex-chairman of the Tricon, has become engaged to Mary Glynn; they are to be wed in July.

Barbara Silverberg, she of the 28 room house, will soon have something beside catfeet pattering around the place; she is expecting, date set as approximately May 14th.

Bruce Pelz, editor of a rival scandal-sheet, is spending part of his winter vacation in Tampa, Florida, visiting his parents. Subscribers in that area who wish to see him shd try to contact him via the Pelzii in Tampa.

George and Mary Young, who so graciously helped serve the drinks the last night of the TriCon, have regrettably seperated; no more is known.

John Boston has folded Speculative Bulletin, a sort of bi-weekly pro-news sheet, and has even returned subscription money (shock on shock on shock...).

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Ed Cox for Taff!!!!
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Our Northern West Coast Spy Reports: Cynthia Goldstone, who was reported in this paper several weeks ago, sold all but one of her paintings in a one-woman show at the Artists' Co-Op in the BArea.

Bob Lichtman, with Avram and Ethan Davidson, mounted an expedition into the wilds of West Oakland amid torrents of wet rain on the 19th to welcome back Grania Davidson, a regular Traveling Jiantess. That evening, there was a Welcome Grania (c/w Jerry's Unemployed) Party at the Knight's, which was attended by such well-known frequenters of welcome parties as Ed Clinton, Ardi's Waters, Sharon Karpinski, Gene Bergman and friend, Kirsten Nelson, Avram, Margo (not that Margo), and our correspondent. The Jerry's Unemployed party concerns Jerry Knight, who quit IBM after 5½ years to work for the Radiation Laboratory as a programmer.

Our Southern West Coast Spy Reports: Len Moffat has announced his engagement to June Konigsberg, a LA Area fan who has been active recently chiefly in apa L with a zine entitled Rowrbazzle!

Ron Ellik, boy computer master, has reported to our Spy that George Scithers is in the area for the next 6 months on an engineering assignment, which is presumably why he hasn't been in New York lately... Ron is moving up, or rather out, in the world: he is now dining out editor for that Orange County, California newspaper who our Spy hasn't yet gotten the name of (or rather which ourSpy...). He is doing a weekly report on the pizza joints in the areas, which ~~was~~ ~~is~~ our Spy reports to feature live dixieland and Jazz groups. And that's California-type pizza joints for you.

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Would you believe that I don't have room for all the news I have this week? This is the first time this has happened! Continue sending all this fabulous news! Enjoy, enjoy!!!

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