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NEW OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTION POLICY: Effective with this issue, John Bangsund is my representative for Australasia. Degler! will be airmailed to subscribers every two weeks, so subscribers will receive two issues via airmail every 14 days, as opposed to one issue every week some five weeks after publication, if I continued to send them via first class (or tramp steamer). British subscribers will receive the same airmail service, with effectively no increase in price per issue.

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News From Australia: John Bangsund reports that the first annish of Australian Science Fiction Review will be over 100 pages, with previously unpublished stories by A. Bertram Chandler, John Baxter, Jack Wodhams, Stephen Cook, George Whitley, Frank Byrning, John Foyster, Diane Leslie, and possibly Lee Harding; a long critical article by George Turner; a number of reviews, including one by Harding of four of A. Bertram Chandler's novels; plus news, letters, and artwork. A future issue of Degler! will give details of where that issue (and subscriptions) can be obtained.

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GERMAN WORLDCON BOOSTED FOR 1970: Forces are rumbling throughout fandom for a projected worldcon bid for Germany in 1970. Heidelberg or Frankfort are the cities being proposed for the convention. Archie Mercer (9 Cotswald Road, Bedminster, Bristol 3, England) is the chief organizer of British backing, while Fred Lerner (98B, the Blvd., East Paterson, NJ, 07407) is Chairman of the American Committee for Heidelberg In 1970. Meanwhile in Germany, Alfred Beha (605 Ober Roden, Dieburger Strasse 35, BRD Germany) seems to be the person in charge of the push. If Heidelberg bids for 1970, it will probably be opposed by Boston and Baltimore. On the other hand, there seems to be some sentiment for a Washington, DC bid for the worldcon in 1970 or 71...

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COLIN CAMERON WOUNDED IN VIETNAM: Colin Cameron, fan artist whose illustrations have recently graced the pages of ALGOL, HABBAKUK, and other fanzines, was wounded in the leg during a recent VC attack on his base. He was, fortunately, not seriously injured, but did receive a Purple Heart because of his injury. Cameron is one of several fans now stationed in South Vietnam, and has the dubious distinction of being the first fan to be wounded in the armed forces in the line of duty in some fifteen years.

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MIDWESCON: The 18th Annual Midwescon will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 23-25th at the North Plaza Motel, 7911 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio, 43237. Rates are \$8 for a single, \$10 for a double, and \$12 for a twin, \$14 for a kitchenette apartment, and \$20 for a 3 bedroom suite. The North Plaza has a swimming pool, a lounge, and all the makings for a successful con. The banquet will be held Saturday, 7 pm, at David's Buffet, about 2 miles north of the motel on Reading Rd.; \$3.50 for an all-you-can-eat smorgasbord with everything from shrimp to brime beaf. The Midwescon is traditionally the most relaxed of all conventions, with plenty of time for fanzine and book trading and selling, poolside chatter, and drunken orgies and parties. For information write Lou Tabakow, 3953 St. Johns Terrace, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45236.

Steve Stiles for TAFF!!!

PEACE MARCH, EAST AND WEST: The Peace March in New York, held April 15th, attracted some 400,000 people, according to its leaders, or 125,000, according to the police. Likewise, the March held at the same time in San Francisco contained 75,000, according to Bob Lichtman, or 20,000 according to the NYTimes. It's hard to tell who to believe...

Fans marching in New York included John Boardman, myself, Cory Seidman, Dan Goodman, Mike McInerney, Barbara Dodge, David Chute of Maine, Al Scott from Cleveland, and another fan from Cleveland, whose name I have unfortunately misplaced.

Fans marching in the West Coast demonstration included Bob & Margo Lichtman, Grania Davidson, Lou & Cynthia Goldstone, and possibly Harlan Ellison. Fans seen along the route included Greg Shaw, editor of Mojo-Navigator, and a host of others, most of whom weren't there...

Bob Lichtman (our Spy for this news item) reports "Bob Chazin threw a Big Party last weekend which saw fans mingling with unnameable hippie types, a light show, strobe lights, loud music, and hard likker. Bob Lichtman, who was in attendance and who was the means of transportation for the San Francisco contingent (Avram Davidson & Friend, Grania Davidson & Dick Gumbiner, Margo and me), got Real Drunk to his surprise ("Five scotch and sodas shouldn't do that!") and had to be Sobered Up. Others in attendance included the Knights, the Nelsons, Ed Clinton, Carla Moore, Bill Rickhardt, and many others."

Bill Donaho, in an admirable duplication of efforts supplies further names: Dan Curran, Ardis Waters, Dick & Sharon Karpinski, Vern & J'Ann Forgue, Al Halevy, and Bill Donaho.

Furthermore, April 2nd, Emil Petaja had a party for Don Wollheim, who was visiting the BArea on business or something. Attendees included Don, Elsie, & Elizabeth Wollheim, Emil Petaja, Bill Donaho, Sid & Alva Rogers, Ed & JoAnn Wood, Les Anderson, and E.T. Cetera.

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FREE ISSUES: A REMINDER: Subscribers may note that, everytime they send me news, I extend their subscriptions by one or more issues. This issue, Bill Donaho has gained 2 issues, extending his sub to #81. Likewise for Bob Lichtman. Send me news of drunken fan or pro parties in your burg, or news about new novels that you've sold to Ace Books, and I'll publish it, and mention your name to boot.

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LUNACON: The 10th Annual Lunacon will take place next weekend, April 28, 29 and 30 at the Roosevelt Hotel, 45th Street & Madison Avenue, NYC. Guest of Honor is James Blish, and the LunaCon starts at 1 pm on Saturday, but I'll see you at the EasterCon, Friday & Saturday nights at the same hotel. Combined membership in both is \$2.

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ESFA FOR MAY: The speaker for the May 7th ESFA meeting will be Richard Wilson, old-time fan as well as science fiction author and head of publicity at Syracuse University. His topic will be "The Syracuse U. Science Fiction Collection. The meeting starts at 3 pm at the Newark YMCA. To reach Newark from NYC, take the Public Service Express from the Port Authority Bus Terminal, and walk 2 blocks to the Y.

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MAY RELEASES FOR ACE BOOKS: The Man From Uncle #10: The Assassination Affair, by J. Hunter Holly (G-636; 50¢); Double: Nebula Alert by A. Bertram Cahndler—"Attacked by space rebels, the Earth cruiser was forced into the heart of a nebula whose strange spacewarp threw them into an alternate universe!" b/w The Rival Rigelians by Mack Reynolds; expanded from "Adaption", Analog, August 1960 (G-632; 50¢); War Of The Wing-Men; reissue; by Poul Anderson (G-634-50¢); Warlock Of The Witch World, by Andre Norton (G-630; 50¢); Professor Jameson #2: The Sunless World, by Neil R. Jones (G-631; 50¢); H*Bomb Over America by Jeff Sutton (H-18; 60¢). As usual, Ace features Terribly Tedious Titles. With their forthcoming increase in price, perhaps they will be able to afford the cost of growing up, as far as title/blurb originality is concerned. But I doubt it. Stay tuned for more scintillating sentences next week.