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PRELIMINARY DETAILS OF THE 20TH ANNUAL WESTERCON: Preliminary reports on the WesterCon, obtained by your editor via trans-

continental telephone, indicate that the WesterCon this year had well over 300 attend-dees. A new departure in programming left the days open for sightseeing, swimming and relaxation, and had the program scheduled for 5 hours in the evening, from 7 pm to midnight. The banquet, held Saturday afternoon, was held at 1 pm.

At the banquet, Marion Zimmer Bradley, guest of honor, was feted, and the Invisible Little Man Award was presented to Charles Schneeman, illustrator of Astounding in the forties. The award is presented yearly by the Elves, Gnomes and Little Men's Science Fiction, Chowder, and Marching Society, for service to the field of science fiction.

Attendees included Gene Roddenberry, Ross Rocklynne, E. Mayne Hull, Philip Jose Farmer, Harry Harrison, Harlan Ellison, and many other well known pro's and fans.

Our informant told us that Berkeley won the 1968 WesterCon. As soon as possible, this magazine will inform you where to send your money to join (hello, Alva Rogers!).

In addition, it was learned that Dwain Kaiser and Ted Johnstone were thrown off the convention committee because they didn't do any work. Brandom Lamont, Earl & Gail Thompson took over the lion's share of responsibility for the convention, and helped make it a success. As Johnstone is a candidate for TAFF, his failure to live up to his responsibilities toward the convention is expected to cost him considerable votes, and he now appears to be an unlikely candidate to win. The other TAFF nominees are Ed Cox of California and Steve Stiles of New York City.

TOFF, the Trans-Oceanic Fan Fund, designed to bring a Japanese gan to the 1968 World SF Convention, was liberally aided by Star Trek, which donated film footage, stills, original scripts and even costumes from the popular tv series to an auction, all proceeds of which went to TOFF.

TRIPLE FAN FAIR: Fred F. Jackson III reports Roger Zelazny received the first annual Nova Award at the Triple Fan Fair, held in Detroit 2 weeks ago. Zelazny talked about the cross-polination between science fiction and comic books, and the use of suggestive "shadows, i.e., what is left to the imagination of the reader, in the writing of his fiction. Zelazny admitted that comic books had influenced his writing style, and that scenes appear in his mind like panels in a comic book, as he writes. Afterward he answered questions from the floor. Attendance at the conference was put at about 40-60.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWSNOTES: Robert Silverberg's book, "The Morning of Mankind: Prehistoric Man In Europe" (NYGraphic Press), \$4.95, has been named as one of 26 "exceptional titles" in the spring list of Editor's Choice of the Best Children's Books of the Spring Season in School Library Journal.

Sam Moskowitz' <u>Seekers Of Tomorrow</u> was incorrectly listed as being on sale at 75¢. The correct price is 95¢. The Book will be on sale in October.

Arnie Katz, rumormonger, rumors that <u>Psychotic</u>, Dick Geis fanzine, is being revived by Geis hisself, and the first new issue will have a Ross Chamberlain cover. On other fronts, major fanzines which should have appeared by now are the new <u>Habbakkuk</u>, the 6th issue of <u>Quip</u>, and the new <u>Lighthouse</u>, which is rumored to be more than 110 pages. On the other hand, the new <u>Niekas</u> will be mailed out this week, Ed Meskys reports.

BORN: To Elizabeth & John Foyster, a girl, Jillian Miranda, weight 7 lb., $2\frac{1}{2}$ oz., on June 16th.

To rich & Colleen brown, a girl, on June 24th. More detail later.

ASFR #10 published: John Bangsund reports publication of the 10th issue of Australian Science Fiction Review. 88 pages, plus covers, featuring stories by Lance Skuthorpe, A. Bertram Chandler, Jack Wodhams, George Whitley, John Foyster, Stephen Cook, John Baxter, and John Bangsund; letters by Aldiss, Moorcock, Merril, Lin Carter, Rick Sneary, Graham Hall, and a host of others. This issue, which I received airmail, produced a profound silence at Fanoclasts, while everyone sat around and read it. Later that week, Ted White drove 10 miles to pick it up and write a rebuttal to a certain letter in it. If you're interested in it, I am American Agent, selling subscriptions at 5 for \$2.00, 10 for \$4.00. Checks may be made payable to me.

Forthcoming Convention: The Academy Con 1967, an annual Comic Book Convention, will be held July 14-16 at the City Squire Motor Inna NYC. to register, send \$4 to Mark Hanerfield, 42-42 Coldon Street, Flushing, New York.

Change Of Address: Jay Haldeman, 1244 Woodbourne Ave., Baltimore, Maryland, 21212

The Changing Scene: Martin Alger, of fannish and mimeographic fame, has bought a Volks-wagon. The reason, he reports, is that Packards are getting harder and harder to get, so he decided to switch rather than fight. And so ends an era...

Jules Verne Fandom: Ron Miller and Lawrence Knight, both of Columbus, Ohio, are interested in publishing an offset magazine dealing with the works of Jules Verne. The magazine, to be titled "Dakkar," may be xeroxed; the first announcements of intention to publish are done in this medium. However, a second announcement is done in electronic stencil. For information, write: Ronald Miller, 2836 Kingsrowe Ct., Columbus, Ohio, 43209.

These People Must Renew: Bob Leman, immediately. Next issue: rich brown, Bob Chazin,
James Latimer, David Lipsky, Glenn Lord, Bob Saal, Reg Smith
New Subscribers: John Ayotte, Martha Beck, Rick Brooks, Ed Bryant, Bill Conner, Leigh
Couch, Howard De Vore, Lewis Grant, Lynn Hickman, Fred Jackson, Arnie Katz, RM Lalor, Dean McLaughlin, Robert Madle, John Milliard, Dannie Plachta, Stephen Raney, Larry Smith, Dale Tarr, and Lawrence Ashmead.

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