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MAGAZINE OF FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION DISTRIBUTION REPORT: The figures below are from the Ownership, Management, and Circulation figures required of the monthly magazines, as featured on pages 71, 128, 116, and 74 respectively of the January 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1968 issues of F&SF.

	1964	1965	1966	1967
Paid Circulation Through Dealers, Newsstands, etc.:	36,281	37,187	34,524	32,912
Mail Subscriptions:	17,007	16,644	16,610	18,690
Free Distribution:	144	144	150	233
Total Paid Distribution:	n.a.	53,831	51,134	51,602
<u>Total Distribution:</u>	53,432	53,975	51,284	51,835

Fantasy & Science Fiction seems to be neither gaining readers nor loosing them; the same can be said, basically, for subscriptions as well. A basic cause for this seems to be F&SF's continuing trouble with distributors. As a single magazine, it has neither the resources of a 2 magazine company (Ultimate Publications), a 3 magazine company (Galaxy Publications) or the giant of the field, Analog (Conde Nast; "if you don't take Analog, Mr. Distributor, you don't take Vogue..."). As such, F&SF can't compete with as much force as it should have with the other magazines, all vying for newsstand space. Unless this situation can be changed, F&SF will stay just where it is, neither gaining nor losing circulation.

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NEW YORK IN '75 DEPT.: The New York in '75 Bidding Committee is even now busy looking for a hotel, with the thought in mind that the '75 convention, if won by New York, need not take place in New York at all. A current consideration is a hotel that features complete air conditioning, color TV in each room, 600 rooms in the hotel, session rooms as large or larger than those at the NYCon, a welcoming party sponsored by the hotel, and room rates of \$6 singles and \$10 doubles.

In addition, there are several more hotels that have contacted us within the past 6 weeks, for a total of about 15 contacts within the past 2 months. Oh, about that hotel mentioned above; Labor Day Weekend is definitely Off Season at Miami Beach...

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The TruFans'll Swing At St. LouisCon -- Support St. Louis For '69!!!

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A. A. WYN DEAD: WAS PUBLISHER OF ACE BOOKS: A. A. Wyn, president and publisher of Ace Books died November 3rd at his home in Larchmont, New York. He was 69 when he died. Wyn entered the book publishing field in 1945, after 17 years in pulp magazine publishing, under the Current Books imprint. In 1946, he acquired the L.B. Eisner Publishing Corporation, and merged the two firms as A.A.Wyn, Inc.

In 1952, the company began publishing paperbacks under the Ace imprint, with Donald A Wollheim as editor. Under Wollheim the company built up to the extensive paperback publisher that it is today. In 1966 Wyn sold the rights and contracts for more than 80 hardcover books to Lawrence Hill and Arthur Wang, two company executives, who subsequently started their own publishing house, Hill & Wang. (Source: PW)

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APA NEWS: The 13th mailing of apa45 contained 322 pages. Official Editor (OE) is John Kusske, Box 354, UMM, Morris, Minnesota 56267. Membership in the apa (there are currently 2 memberships open) or a position on the waitlist is available for anyone born after January 1st, 1945. To apply, send \$1 to John Kusske, OE.

The 81st mailing of the Spectator Amateur Press Society (SAPS) is out with 231 pages. To join the waitlist send \$1 to the OE, Dave Hulan, Box 1032, Canoga Park, California 91304.

The 121st mailing of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association (FAPA) is out with 340 pages. Postmailing to the 120th mailing bring the total pagecount for that mailing to 355. To join the considerable (56 member) waitlist, send \$1 and evidence of publication of your own fanzine or material in 2 fanzines published in two different metropolitan areas to the Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Evans, Box 1015, Langley Park, Maryland, 20787. The wait for entry into FAPA averages 5-7 years...

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BOSKONE FIVE: Tony Lewis of NESFA (New England Science Fiction Association) sends word that Boskone Five will have Larry Niven as Guest of Honor. The regional conference, under the sponsorship of NESFA, will take place March 23rd and 24th at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Boston, Mass. Registration fee will be \$2. In addition, the March General Meeting of the Tolkien Society of America will be held in conjunction with the conference. To pre-register or for information write: Paul Galvin, ConComm Chairman, 219 Harvard Street, Cambridge, Mass 02139.

Although not apparent, the excellent party in Charlie & Marsha Brown's room at the PhillyCon was sponsored jointly with NESFA, with most of the Hard Stuff bought by the Bostonians. (Tony Lewis, Source)

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MORE APA NEWS: "CAPA-alpha, the Comic Fandom apa, has just adopted its first popular Constitution. The new rules set the membership at 40 (only 28 members at present), mailings monthly with activity requirements of 4 pages per calendar quarter (Jan.-Mar., etc), and establishes that the Central Mailer is to be elected yearly, serving from Jan. to Dec. (Jerry Bails, the founder and first CM, served as distator until he got tired and declared the apa disbanded. Don & Maggie Thompson stepped in as interim CM's, and have served for a little over a year. Under the new Constitution, I'll be CM for 1968. (I ran unopposed.))" The apa now has members from Belgium and Australia as well as the US; for information write Fred Patten, CM, 1704-B So. Flower Street, Santa Ana, California 92707. (Source: Fred Patten)

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MUST RENEW WITH THIS ISSUE: Joe Anselmo, Jack Cordes, Don D'Amassa, Jeff Evans, Bob Leman, David Lipsky, Glenn Lord, Dick Seyfarth, Reg Smith, and Paul Spencer. Act now! Act without Thinking!!!