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ROBERT SILVERBERG'S HOUSE IN FIRE: At approximately 4 am, Wednesday mor-  
 ning, a disastrous fire swept the  
 third floor and attic of Robert Silverberg's house in the Riverdale sec-  
 tion of the Bronx. The house, formerly the mansion of New York mayor  
 Fiorello LaGuardia, suffered extensive damage on the upper floors, but  
 little or none on the first two.

Silverberg's entire science fiction collection, FAPA and fanzine  
 collection, extensive library of rare books, and research materials were  
 destroyed. Also partially destroyed were his Science Fiction Writers of  
 America files, of which he is President.

Silverberg plans to rebuild the upper stories, and presumably rebuild  
 his collections. While the books, in most cases, are replacable, the many  
 memories and years that went into the original collection can never be  
 replaced.

Mail to his home will still reach him. However, his telephone has  
 been disconnected, and any urgent inquiries should be addressed to him  
 c/o Scott Meredith Literary Agency, his agent.

MARCH 68 FANTASTIC COVER DUPLICATES ANALOG COVER: The cover for the March  
 1968 issue of Fantastic,  
 published by Ultimate publishing Co., is a close duplicate of the June  
 1963 Analog cover. When asked about this, Sol Cohen, publisher of Fantas-  
 tic, related that all covers for Amazing/Fantastic are bought from Three  
 Lions Agency, and are reprints of covers appearing on Italian sf magazines.  
 Kay Tarrant, Assistant Editor at Analog, reported that, although she was  
 unaware of the similarity, "we like to know about these things." Presum-  
 ably the Fantastic cover was done by an italian artist who copied the An-  
 alog cover; many italian sf paintings are duplicates of american sf covers.

WHO IS STEVE STILES?: Who is Steve Stiles? Irrefutable evidence leads me  
 to believe that Stiles is the biggest hoax to be  
 perpetrated on fandom since Carl Brandon. While Stiles has had many fan-  
 zines published, has appeared at many conventions, and has even won TAFP,  
 the Post Office has returned mail addressed to him at his home address as  
 "addressee unknown." Quite clearly, if an official agency of the US Govern-  
 ment refuses to acknowledge his existence, Stiles does not exist!

AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW: John Bangsund, publisher of ASFR, in-  
 forms me that there are few back issues  
 of the magazine left. Hereafter no more requests for back issues will be  
 honored. Subscriptions are available from myself at \$2.40/6 issues.

THE NEW YORK SCENE: The Counterfeits, a novel by Leo P. Kelley, has been published by Belmont. True to form, they misspelled his name on the cover... Dick Lupoff has sold a short story, "At The Esquire," to ~~Esquire~~ Nugget Magazine. It originally was done as a one-shot, with extensive re-wording. Dick plans to submit Bathtub Gin to his agent, it's rumored... Dave Van Arnam, co-publisher of this news sheet, has sold a novel, Star Barbarian, to Lancer Books. He is happy.

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100 ATTEND BALTICon: Approximately 100 fans attended the BaltiCon, held Feb. 10 & 11 in Baltimore, Md. Guest of Honor Samuel R. Delany gave a speech, and was awarded a scroll. Other program items included a dialogue between Ted White and Roger Zelazny, and a panel discussing the New Wave with Lin Carter, Andrew Porter, and Alexis Gilliland. Room parties were generally good, with endless supplies of booze, mixers, and dry ice. Baltimore is planning to bid for 1971 using the hotel they had for this BaltiCon, the Lord Baltimore. It looks to be a Good Thing, and they have my vote.

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MARCON III: The MarCon III will be held 30 and 31 March, 1968, at the Holiday Inn East, 4801 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Guest of Honor for the conference will be Frederik Pohl. Only fixed program item is a banquet, costing \$4.00. Registration is \$1.50. For further information, a hotel reservation cards, or to register through the mail, write: Larry Smith, 216 East Tibet Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43202.

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MUST RENEW THIS ISSUE: Jack Chalker, Michael O'Brien, Dall Tarr, Dave Bendelow, Arthur L. Joquel II.

MUST RENEW NEXT ISSUE: John Berry, James Blish, Camille Cazedessus Jr., Norman Codner, Howard DeVore, Don Fitch, Lewis Grant, Mike Hakulin, JCHaldeman II, Paul Herkart, Dave Hulan, Fred Jackson, Bob Kinney, Waldemar Kumping, Bill Kunkel, Tony Lewis, Hal Lynch, Robert Madle, Len Moffatt, J.B. Post, Mark Roth, Ted Serrill, Alan Shaw, Larry Smith, Ben Solon, Harry Stubbs, Creath Thorne, and Bill Warren. Subscriptions are 12/\$1 or 25/\$2. Renew Now! Don't wait for Doomsday!

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PHIL HARRELL DEPT.: Phil Harrell is in desperate need of money, and is selling off his fanzine and book collection. His hardcovers include many rare, out-of-print books; his fanzines, Quandry, Le Zombie, Vega, Axe, and Oopsla!; for information write: Phil Harrell, 3021 Tait Terrace, Norfolk, Virginia, 23509.

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MARCH OPEN ESFA MEETING: The annual March Open Meeting of the Eastern Science Fiction Association will feature Murray Leinster as Guest of Honor, in celebration of his 50 years writing science fiction. (Fifty years? That's Not Too Many...) In addition, there will be talks and program items with Lin Carter, Otto Binder, and Sam Moskowitz. It is rumored that Sam will give one of his famous Illustrated Talks ~~on his 50th Anniversary and his 50th Nat~~ on Murray Leinster.

The meeting will be held March 3rd, at 1 pm, in the downtown branch of the Newark, NJ, YMCA. Registration will be \$1.25. For further information write: Mike Deckinger, 25 Manor Dr., Apt12J, Newark, N.J., 07106.

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