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NEW WORLDS SAVED: New Worlds, the controversial British science fiction magazine, has received a reprieve. Aided by the British Arts Council, which has been underwriting the cost of the magazine, the April issue will go to the distributor, W.H. Smith & Sons, as scheduled.

W.H. Smith & Sons had withdrawn all copies of the March issue from its newsstands and bookstores, on the grounds that language in a serial the magazine is running was obscene. The serial, Bug Jack Barron by American writer Norman Spinrad, will continue to run in the magazine; the April issue contains an installment of it. The sales from W.H. Smith & Sons distribution amount to 40% of the magazine's income. Current circulation is about 8-9,000 copies per month. The distributor insisted on seeing a copy of the April issue before they agreed to distribute it. However, without the money from sales of the March issue it would have been impossible to cover the cost of printing the April issue, and the magazine would have been forced to cease publication.

Under oblique pressure from the Art Council the distributor has withdrawn their objection, and agreed to distribute the April issue sight unseen. Mr. Sylvester Stein, publisher of the magazine, stated, "The April issue will have the next part of the same Spinrad serial with the same rude words. I think we have won a small victory against private censorship. We are very grateful to the Arts Council for the stand they have taken and for the financial help they are giving us. I think it's been realised that our magazine goes to committed readers who don't buy it for any salacious reason, but for its imaginative writing, which tends occasionally to become unrestrained."

SFWeekly regrets the publication two weeks ago of the initial story without the subsequent developments, and any alarm it may have caused. (Source: Ted Serrill)

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110 ATTEND MARCON 3: One hundred and ten fans attended the MarCon III, held March 29-31st at the Holiday Inn East, Columbus, Ohio. Guest of Honor Frederik Pohl announced that the \$500 received from the two Vietnamese War ads in the June 1968 issue of Galaxy would be given as prizes in a contest to run in Galaxy for a solution to the Vietnamese War. Subsequent developments since his speech may alter this contest; the possibility of peace negotiations and the settlement of the war may change or cancel the contest.

Also announced at the conference was the engagement of Sherna Comerford, New Jersey fan, to Brian Burley, currently living in St. Louis. The wedding is scheduled to take place August 10th in Summit, New Jersey.

Attendees at the MarCon included John Jakes, Dean McLaughlin, Lou Tabakow, Dale Tarr, Margret Ford, Ben Jason, Howard DeVore, Bill Mallardi, Ray Beam, Dick Schultz, Sherna Comerford, Brian Burley, Ben Kiefer, and Larry Smith. (Source: Burley Comerford)

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DEADLINE POSTPONED FOR HUGO NOMINATIONS: Bill Donaho, committee member of the BayCon, 26th World Science Fiction Convention, has informed SFW that the new deadline for nominations is May 1st. To join the BayCon, send \$3 to BayCon, Box 261 Fairmont Sta., El Cerrito Calif. 94530. (Source: Bill Donaho)

1968 LUNACON: The 1968 LunaCon will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21st, on the mezzanine of the Park-Sheraton Hotel, 56th Street and 7th Avenue, in New York. Guest of Honor for the affair is Donald A. Wollheim, Editorial Vice President at Ace Books.

In addition to the LunaCon, the EasterCon (USEdition) will be held Friday and Saturday nights, also on the mezzanine of the Park-Sheraton. The conference itself will begin at 1 pm Saturday. Registration is \$2.00 at the door. This year's conference will also have a special LunaCon Program Book, featuring all sorts of wonderful ads that the humble editor of SFW sweated blood to get (hello, George Ernsberger!). For further information on the LunaCon write Frank Dietz, NYScience Fiction Society, 1750 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453. (Source: Frank Dietz)

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MUST RENEW THIS ISSUE: TWAnderson II, David Bischoff, Bill Bowers, Bob Chazin, Bill Donaho, Charles Eckhaus, John Goldsmith, Seth Johnson, Nicholas Lordi, Henry Morrison, Terry Parkinson, Stephen G. Silverberg, Edward Smith, James Sutherland, Roy Tackett, Don Thompson, Bob Toomey, and Jim Young. NEXT ISSUE: Joan Baker, Jeremy Barry, Joanne Burger, Emrys Evans, George Foster, Don Hutchison, John R. Isaac, Ben Katchor, Dave Kyle, Bob Lichtman, Doug Lovenstein, Bill McDermit, Rick Norwood, Michael O'Brien, Larry Paschelke, Boyd Raeburn, George H. Smith, Jerome Stenock, Herbert Thorne, and Andrew Watson. Remember, 12/41 or 25/42!! Renew Now!!!

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CORRECTION: In regard to the write-up on Amazing/Fantastic, Barry Malzberg, the editor, writes: "I did not say, nor is it my hope, to 'lead the magazines into the limelight again.' This is impossible and an assertion of that sort on my part would be laughable. My only hope...is to say alive. By that I mean this: I would like to keep Amazing-Fantastic existent as marginal, paying markets for submissions that don't find a home elsewhere yet should... More than that...would be impossible."

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HATCHED: Chuck Harris, UK Fan, has become the proud father of twins, Sean and Samantha.

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MATCHED: Tony Lewis and Susan Hereford, Boston fans, married in Boston at the beginning of the month. Effective immediately their new address is: Tony and Susan Lewis, 33 Unity Avenue, Belmont, Massachusetts, 02178.

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NEWS FROM THE BAY AREA: The new official name for the Bay Area's new sf club is the Peninsula Science Fantasy Association. The club is still trying to come up with a nickname, a la "The Lunarians" (the official name for the Lunarians is "The New York Science Fiction Society, Inc."). There is a movement on to start a club genzine and California slanted newszine. The second meeting of the club was held at the apartment of Ed and Joann Wood; the third meeting at Mike Ward's (formerly of Boston fandom), and the next meeting after (13th April) is scheduled to be a theatre party to attend a performance of "Yeomen of the Guard" by Sullivan&Gilbert.

In the meantime, Boyd Raeburn stopped in San Francisco on his way home to New Zealand, after an absence of 16 years. In addition, Raeburn planned to visit Tahiti and possibly Australia. In honor of his stay in the BArea, a party was held March 3rd at Alva Rogers' house. Attendees included Bill Donaho, Greg and Joan Benford, Gordon Ek-lund, Dick and Pat Ellington, Alva and Sid Rogers, and a whole bunch of others. Afterwards several attendees went to a restaurant and had a *spicy* meal, followed by much good talk. Our Bay Area Spy, John Berry, attended most of these goings-on, which is how we learned about it. (Bay Area Spy: John Berry)

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COMING SOON: Next issue of SFWeekly will include an editorial on the BayCon. The issue immediately after will be our special International S.F. Markets Issue, and will be printed on our new Web Offset Press. And we apologize to Bob Tucker for keeping all his fascinating news until it's too late to use. And now, a special note: SFWeekly could not continue without the kind help of Lillian North and Dave Van Arnam; we thank them for their help and assistance. null-q press