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In Brief --

Yes, it has been a while between issues! All but pp. 1 & 2 of this were on stencil by the 1st week in July--but an unexpected visit from our father-in-law (from England) threw our schedule way off during July--and the current heat wave makes it impossible for us to run anything off until it abates (our mimeo won't feed properly in high heat & humidity...and our body and brain don't function too well, either....). Will try to catch back up during Aug.--TWJ #85 all typed except for editorial & index, and 70% run off; THE MYSTERY NOOK so successful that it has as many subbers as SOTWJ after only one issue.... (Have we opened a Pandora's Box?); WSN still very weak--may not last beyond #8. The problem is, we expected to be rid of most of the work relating to TWJ when we set up the new sub Plans and split off TMN and WSN (and changed function of SOTWJ); but we still have it, with no end in sight.... There's no way we can do TWJ, SOTWJ, TMN, WSN, and a combined TG/TGL, and have time to sleep at night. We may well end up combining TWJ, SOTWJ, and WSN into a single monthly 'zine, and going with just three 'zines (TWJ/SOTWJ/WSN, TMN, & TG/TGL). We should know in another two months.... In the meantime, we'll continue to tread water, and hope you'll all stick with us.... ## Plan A/B flyer confused a few people; hope we interpreted all the replies correctly (check your address labels as zines come out).... ## A few more 8/74 non-SF cons, to add to list on pg. 2: 10 (Comic Book Marketplace, NYC (Hotel Commodore); info: Phil Seuling, POBox 177, Coney Isl. Sta., Brooklyn, NY 11224); 5 10 (Sunday Funnies, Hotel 57 Complex, Boston, MA; Don Phelps, POBox 85, Cohasset, MA 02025); 22-24 (Star Trek Chicago, Conrad Hilton; Suite 4100, Box 118M, Dept. C, 188 W.Randolph, Chicago, IL 60601); 29-30 (Napcon (Comic Art Con), Hospitality Morot Inn, Indianapolis, IN; GoH: Nick Cuti; \$3; 4010 Mallway Dr. (A), Indianapolis, IN 46236); 29-30 (North Country Comics & Fantasy Con., Curtis Hotel, Minneapolis, MN; \$2/day; GoH's: Clifford Simak, Chet Kozlak; 3112 Holmes Ave. South, Minneapolis, MN 55408). There are SCA events 2-3 (War Maneuvers, Myrkwood), 9-10 (Cloisters Event, Ostgardr), 16-17 (Pavillion Display & Camping Tourney, Bhakail), 9 (Tourney & War Games, Carolingia), 17 (Tourney, Beyond the Mountain). And ANALOG lists SF con 29-31 (FloridaCon; info Meade Frierson, 3705 Woodvale Rd., Birmingham, AL 35223).

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In Memorium: James Blish, who died at his home in Henley, England, July 30 '75, after a long illness, at the age of 54. Born in Orange, NJ, Blish and his second wife, Judy Ann Lawrence, moved to the U.K. seven years ago (his first wife was literary agent Virginia Kidd, by whom he had two children). Blish will be remembered for his many novels (most notably his Cities in Flight series) and his critical forays under the name of William Atheling, Jr. Coming so soon after the death of Will F. Jenkins, Blish's untimely death is a doubly sad event. ## Rod Serling, who died June 28 '75 in a Rochester, NY hospital of complications following ten hours of open heart surgery; he was 50. Born in Syracuse, NY, Serling was a paratrooper in the Pacific during WWII. He is best known for his TV script-writing (several plays, and the supernatural series Twilight Zone and Night Gallery) and his narration of several TV documentaries. He is survived by his wife, Carol, two daughters, and a brother (Robert) author of The President's Plane Is Missing. [Sources: Blish, WASH. POST 1/8/75; Serling, POST & WASH. STAR, 29/6/75.]

CoA's: Jan Trenholm, 305 W. 13th St., Apt. 5A, N.Y., NY 10014; Karen Rockow, Box 118, Salisbury, VT 05769 ('til early Oct.); Dave Romm, 17 Highland Ave., Middletown, NY 10940. George H. Wells says his only address is 24 River Ave., Riverhead, NY 11901 (TNFF 35:3 apparently had incorrect address for him). Mail returned from Michael Coney (#181/82) & Bill Breiding (#183/84).

The Media Scene: TV: ABC is filming The Night the Martians Landed, a two-hour recreation of Orson Welles' 1938 War of the Worlds radio broadcast and the panic that followed. Paul Shenar is cast as Welles, and Paul Stewart from the orig. broadcast, will be a consultant to the TV adaptors [WASH. STAR 24/6/75; TV GUIDE]; Jim Nabors and Ruth Buzzi are doing children's TV series called The Lost Saucer, about a couple of humanoids ("humans that are computerized") living "all over the universe, getting around in our saucer" [TV GUIDE]. ## Misc.: Mark Owings reports a new b&w Doc Savage comic, large-sized, and "not based upon the novels". He also says that George Pal is doing a series of Doc Savage films, with Philip José Farmer writing the scripts starting with #3. And he notes that radio station WPFA, a new area station in the Pacifica Foundation network, will start broadcasting at year's end; it may have a Baltimore-based sub channel, WPFB; SF fare will consist of twice-weekly 15-minute SF book reviews, Sat. morn. one-hr. fantasy for children, occasional SF dramatizations, and a monthly ½-hour program of SF music.

S. F. MART: Classified Ads

WANTED TO BUY: City of Brass by Hoch; MAGAZINE OF HORROR #4; BIZARRE FANTASY TALES #1; FAMOUS SCIENCE FICTION #5,6, 8; most Essex House & other SF/porn works; many British SF mags. & SF/horror pb anthologies. Also most SF-related bibliographies 8n fanzines, etc. DENNIS LIEN, 2408 S. Dupont Ave. - #1, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

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THE CON GAME (Cont. from pg. 10) --

Takumi Shibano, 1-14-11, O-okayama, Meguro-ku, Tokyo, Japan [UCHUJIN #175].

Other (Star Trek, Comic, SCA, etc.) -- 1-3 (August Party (ST), U. of Md. at College Park; for info: Rich Kolker, 1619 Ridout Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401); 8-11 (7-10 in some sources; don't know which is correct) (Phila. Annual ST Con. at Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Phila. PA; \$15 4 days, \$5 ea. single day; PISTC, 280 Kipp St., Hackensack, NJ 07601); 8-10 (Fortfest 3 (Int'l Fortean Organization), Sheraton-Oakbrook, Chicago, IL; GoH: John A. Keel; Richard Crowe, Box 29054, Chicago, IL 60629).

THE STEADY STREAM....

...Of Things Received 16/6/75-20/6/75:

Announcements:

NORTHERN COMFORT COMMUNICATIONS (NCC) (Main St., Smithers, BC, Canada V0J 2N0) -- "Bode Bookstore Specials" (4-pg. flyer), depicting covers of (in b&w) and advertising: Sunpot (\$3), The Man (\$1), Cheech Wizard: Schizophrenia (\$1.50), JUNKWAFFEL #'s 1-4 (\$1 ea.), Deadbone (\$4.95), all by artist Vaughn Bode.

Books:

Kwaidin: Stories and Studies of Strange Things, by Lafcadio Hearn (Dover Publications, Inc.; NY; pb; 5 3/8" x 8 1/2"; \$1.25; '68 (orig. pub. '32 by The Shimbi Shoin, Ltd., Tokyo); w/selected illos (3) from '32 ed.; 113 /xiv pp.) -- Introduction by Oscar Lewis; illos by Yasumasa Fujita; Preface by Hearn; 17 stories: "The Story of Mimi-Nashi-Hitchi", "Oshidori", "The Story of O-Tei", "Ubazakura", "Diplomacy", "Of a Mirror and a Bell", "Jikininki", "Mujina", "Rokuro-Kubi", "A Dead Secret", "Yuki-Gnna", "The Story of Aoyagi", "Jiu-Roku-Zakura", "The Dream of Akinosuke", "Riki-Baka", "Hi-Mawari", "Horai"; 3 insect studies: "Butterflies", "Mosquitoes", "Ants". Collection of "weird, ghostly legends and beliefs of old Japan"--the book upon which the outstanding horror film of the same name was based.

NEW WORLDS #6, ed. Charles Platt & Hilary Bailey (Avon Books, NY; pb; Equinox #23929; 5 1/4" x 8"; \$2.95; 7/75; orig. pub. '74 in U.K. (in Canada, #23937; \$3.45); 233 pp.) -- Introd. by Charles Platt; illos by Jim Cawthorn, Allan Stephanson, Charles Platt, Judith Clute, Phyllida Peake; poetry by Mac King (5), Alfonso Tafuya (3); obits for Mal Dean, Mac King; section on the authors; mostly very short fiction, the only long piece being "Pale Roses", by Michael Moorcock: "Maladjustment", by B.J. Bayley; "Black Rose and White Rose", by Rachael Pollack; "The Kindly Ones", by John Sladek; "The Return of the Mandarin", by Rick Gellman; "G.I. Sparrow", by Gerald E. Giannattasio; "A Modest Proposal", by Bertil Martensson; "The Jewel Thief", by Ronald Anthony Cross; "The Warlord of Saturn's Moon", by Eleanor Arnason; "The Secret of Holman Hunt and the Crude Death Rate", by Brian W. Aldiss; "Miss Subways", by Gwyneth Cravens; "Lakewood Cemetary", by Ruth Berman; "The Ghosts of Luna", by Ian Watson; "The Wolf That Follows", by M. John Harrison; "Red Sky at Night", by Jean Charlotte; "Break", by Bruce Boston; "Liberation", by Rona Spalten; "Once More, the Dream", by aa Attanasio; "Insect Men of Boston", by James Sallis; "The Thialidomide Kid", by Jeremy Gilchrist; "The Man Who Made a Baby", by Harvey Jacobs; "Birdseed for Our Feathered Friends", by John Clute; "Absorbing the Miraculous", by M. John Harrison. Cover illo not credited.

No Blade of Grass, by John Christopher (Avon Books, NY; pb; Equinox #23903; \$1.95 (in Canada, #23911; \$2.25); 5 1/4" x 8"; 7/75; orig. pub. '56, by Simon & Schuster; cover by Michael Presley; 190 pp.; #11 in "SF Rediscovery" series) -- Classic SF novel in which an Asiatic virus destroys all of the grass and grain in the world, and the downfall of civilization ensues; a realistic tale of the struggles of a small band of survivors to reach a place of safety from their doomed city.

Prozines:

AMAZING SCIENCE FICTION STORIES 9/75 (49:2) (Ultimate Pub. Co., Inc.; ed. Ted White; bi-monthly; digest-size; 75¢ ea.; 6/\$4 U.S., 6/\$4.50 elsewhere; from: Box 7, Oakland Gardens, Flushing, NY 11364) -- 132 pp., incl. covers; fc by Mike Hinge; illos by Richard Olsen, Tony Gleeson, Steve Fabian; Serial: "Marune: Alastor 933" (concl.), by Jack Vance; Short Stories: "What Is Happening to Sarah Anne Lawrence?", by Ted White; "To Gain a Dream", by William Rotsler; "Deliveryman", by Richard E. Peck; Features: Editorial; "Science in Science Fiction" ("The Exploration of Venus"), by Greg Benford; lettercolumn; classified ads.

GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION MAGAZINE 7/75 (36:6) (UPD Pub. Corp.; ed. James Baen; incorporating WORLDS OF IF; monthly; digest-size; \$1 (40p) ea.; \$12/yr. U.S., \$13/yr. elsewhere (in UK, £5.25/yr., from Universal-Tandem Pub. Co., Ltd., 14 Gloucester Rd., London SW7 4RD, U.K.), from POBox 500, Farmingdale, NY 11735 (note: coupon in mag. still offers special rates of 12/\$9.95 U.S. and 12/£1.80 (an obvious misprint!) U.K.)) -- 160 pp. / covers; fc by Sternbach; ibc by Jack Gaughan; illos by Fabian,

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Freff, Gaughan, Sternbach; Serial: "Helium" (Pt. III of III), by Arsen Darnay; Novella: "Tinker", by Jerry Pournelle; Novelette: "The Thinker of Tryllmynrein", by Jon DeCles; Short Stories: "Syncope and Fugue", by Robert Sheckley; "Eyes I Dare Not Meet in Dreams", by William Chait; "Magma Wave", by Sam Nicholson; Features: SF Calendar; "Some Parameters of SF, A Biased View", by Roger Zelazny; "Life Among the Asteroids", by Jerry Pournelle; Larry Niven on Jerry Pournelle; lettercolumn; classified ads.

Fanzines:

DILEMMA #8 (6/75) (Jackie Franke, Box 51-A, RR #2, Beecher, IL 60401; mimeo; LoC, contrib, trade; etc.; approx. quarterly) -- 24 pp., incl. cover (by Plato Jones); editorial pages (mostly on Marcon X, Minicon, & Kubla Khan Khubed); "The Road to Hell is Paved with Atheists", by Dave Locke; fanzine reviews; lettercolumn. ## Relaxed reading--sort of combo personalizing/semi-genzine.

FANEW SLETTER #30 (3/6/75) (Leigh Edmonds, POBox 74, Balaclava, Vic. 3183, Australia; bi-weekly; 8/31; mimeo; 8 1/8" x 6 5/8"; USAgents: Hank & Lesleigh Luttrell, 525 W. Main, Madison, WI 53703) -- 4 pp.; news from Down Under (N.E.L. is setting up New Australian Library to publish works of local talent; Bruce Gillespie & Carey Handfield have founded Norstrillia Press, to begin with "Best of SF COMMENTARY" series, #1 on Philip K. Dick. (out around 15/7)).

IT COMES IN THE MAIL #16 (undated) (Ned Brooks, 713 Paul St., Newport News, VA 23605; mimeo; price/schedule? -- 14 pp. / cover (by Jessica Salmonson); description/reviews of things (mostly fanzines, letters, & flyers) received in the mails by Ned from April 10 thru May 17. ## Lots of news/info here; well worth getting.

REQUIEM #5 (6-7/75) (Norbert Spehner, 455 Saint-Jean, Longueuil P.Q., Canada J4H 2Z3; bi-monthly; offset; in French; 75¢ ea., 6/34 in Canada; elsewhere, 51 ea.) -- 24 pp., incl. covers (fc by Spehner; bc by Michel Rivet; illos by Barry MacKay, Jean Bédard, Michel Blanquière, Jacques Dupont, Guy Dieudonné; lettercolumn; Editorial; fiction by Daniel Sernine (2), Alain Bériau, Jean Bédard, Alain Le Bussy; articles by Elisabeth Vonnarburg (report on 2nd National Congress on French SF), Yvon Allard ("L'roman de Science-Fiction"), Esther Rochon ("L'Islande Interplanétaire"); columns: "Les Indiscretions du Grand Gougou Lubrique", "Les Carnets de Cthulhu", book reviews, fanzine reviews. ## Another handsome issue of an excellent fanzine (see Jim Goldfrank's review of #4 in SOTWJ #185/186).

TITLE #40 (7/75) (Donn Brazier, 1455 Fawnvalley Dr., St. Louis, MO 63131; mimeo; monthly; 25¢ ea. (preferably, LoC or contrib)) -- 22 pp., incl. cover (by Eric Mayer); cartoons by Al Sirnis; photos; Editorial pages (incl. short review of Lovecraft at Last); "The Many Faces of Fame"; by Michael Shoemaker; letters and letter-extracts; "There's an Astrologer Born Every Minute", by D. Gary Grady; poem by Neal Wilgus; Dave Rowe looks at U.K. fandom; poem by Rich Bartucci; short bits by Richard S. Shaver; Neal Wilgus; miscellany. ## Fun to read, as usual.

UFO-QUEBEC #2 (5-7/75) (Norbert Spehner, address above; quarterly; offset; \$1 ea., 1/34; in French) -- 24 pp., incl. covers; Editorial; articles, photos, drawings on UFO's, with emphasis on their sightings in Canada; article by Don Donderi ("L'homme et les contacts extra-terrestres"). ## A must for all UFO enthusiasts.

Catalogues:

DAVID G. TURNER, BOOKMAN (POBox 2612, Menlo Park, CA 94025) -- Catalog #16 (6/75; offset; 6 1/2" x 8 1/2"; 12 pp. / covers; listings of used books for sale (190 titles, SF/fantasy/mystery), / brief sections of new hb's, indexes/biblios, pb's and fanzines/semiprozines for sale).

FANTAST (MEDWAY) LTD. (39 West St., Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 2LX, U.K.) -- May '75 Catalogue; mimeo; 8" x 13"; generally monthly; 26 pp. / letter w/new \$/£ exchange rates; news/announcements; new books in stock; comics & comic 'zines; used hb's; new promags; classified ads; used promags (British); used pb's; continuation of stock list of Science Fantasy in British Paperback (very useful, as it lists complete contents of anthologies & collections); forthcoming titles (will include info from this later in this if space permits).

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DOVER PUBLICATIONS, INC. (180 Varick St., N.Y., NY 10014) -- Odd John & Sirius, by Olaf Stapledon (\$2.50; 309 / v pp.; pb; classic SF novels of a superman and a superdog, resp.); Last and First Men & Star Maker, by Olaf Stapledon (\$3; 528 / v pp.; pb; two of Stapledon's best (two of anyone's best) novels of the far future).

N.E.S.F.A., INC. (POBox G, MIT Branch, Cambridge, MA 02139) -- The Noreascon Proceedings (complete text of all program items at '71 Worldcon, illust. w/many photos; 8 1/2" x 11"; pb; approx. 150 pp.; pre-publication prices ('til 1 Nov. '75): \$2.50 Noreascon members, \$5 others (limit 1 cy. at \$2.50 price); price after publication expected to be \$10); Noreascon Banquet LP (2 record set; \$6 (\$4 if ordered w/Proceedings)); also avail.: A Time When, by Anne McCaffrey (96 pp.; hb; \$6; artwork by Bonnie Dalzell; 1st part of projected novel, The White Dragon); Three Faces of Science Fiction, by Robert A.W. Lowndes (\$5.95; 96 pp.; hb; three essays on the nature of SF); Indexes to PERRY RHODAN: U.S. Editions 1-25 and 26-50 (12 pp. & 18 pp.; resp.; \$1 ea.); and numerous prozine indexes & other items.

THE LITERARY GUILD (Garden City, NY 11530) -- Shardik, by Richard Adams (\$7.50; pub. ed. \$9.95); The Bermuda Triangle, by Charles Berlitz (\$5.95; pub. ed. \$7.95); The Stepford Wives, by Ira Levin (\$3.50; pub. ed. \$4.95).

Books:

The Best Science Fiction of the Year #4, ed. Terry Carr (Ballantine #24529; NY; pb; \$1.95; 304 / xii pp.; 7/75) -- Introd. by Carr; 10 stories: "We Purchased People", by Frederik Pohl (Final Stage, '74); "Pale Roses", by Michael Moorcock (NEW WORLDS #7, '74); "The Hole Man", by Larry Niven (ANALOG '73); "Born with the Dead", by Robert Silverberg (F&SF '74); "The Author of the Acacia Seeds and Other Extracts from the JOURNAL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF THEROLINGUISTICS", by Ursula K. LeGuin (Fellowship of the Stars, '74); "Dark Icarus", by Bob Shaw (SCIENCE FICTION MONTHLY '74); "A Little Something for Us Tempnauts", by Philip K. Dick (Final Stage, '74); "On Venus, Have We Got a Rabbi", by William Tenn (Wandering Stars, '74); "The Engine at Heartspring's Center", by Roger Zelazny (ANALOG '74); "If the Stars Are Gods", by Gordon Eklund & Gregory Benford (Universe 4, '74); also list of 1974 "Honorable Mentions", by Carr, & Charlie Brown on "The Science Fiction Year" ('74 wrapup).

The Blessington Method and Other Strange Tales, by Stanley Ellin (Ballantine #24531; \$1.25; 7/75; 151 pp.; 10 "chilling masterpieces" of the macabre (as this fits more in the mystery category than in the SF, we'll not list the individual stories here--you may find them listed in THE MYSTERY NOOK #1)).

The Blue Star, by Fletcher Pratt (Ballantine #24537; \$1.50; pb; 7/75 (1st Ballantine prntg. 5/69; orig. pub. '52 by Twayne Publishers, Inc.); 242 pp.; cover by Darrell Sweet) -- Novel of intrigue and sorcery, about a "hereditary witch in a world where witchcraft was banned by ecclesiastical and temporal powers" and the magical powers of the strange jewel she possessed.

Close to Critical, by Hal Clement (Ballantine #24508; \$1.50; pb; 7/75 (1st prntg. 7/64); orig. pub. '58 by ASTOUNDING; 190 pp.; cover by Dean Ellis) -- Novel of danger & adventure on the hostile surface of the planet Tenebra ("crushing gravity, 370-degree temperature, a constantly shifting crust and giant drifting raindrops").

Science Fiction Book Review Index, 1923-1973, ed. H.W. Hall (Gale Research Co., Book Tower, Detroit, MI 48226; hb; 8 3/4" x 11 1/4"; '75; \$45; 438 / xvi pp.) -- Introduction; Acknowledgements; list of Abbreviations used; the index (344 pp. of Author Entries--alphabetical entries, by author, incl. book titles, publisher, date, # of pp., L.C. #, etc., w/listing of reviews which appeared in 'zines covered by index (ea. review entry incl. 'zine in which review appeared, issue # & page(s), date, and reviewer), and two pp. of Title Entries (for those books with no author or editor listed)); Directory of Magazines Indexed (in two parts: Part I, the SF Mags.; Part II, General Mags, Library Mags., & Fanzines) (Part I comprises a checklist of issues published thru '73, / info on editors, publishers, etc.--very useful; Part II is woefully incomplete, just listing titles of 'zines covered and range of dates or issue #'s used in index (FYI, incl. SOTWJ from #1 on, but TWJ only from #70));

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there is also a short listing of Indexes to S.F. Mags. (8 titles), an Editor Index (for the prozines incl. in Part I), and a Title Index for crossreference with the Author Index. ~~###~~ An invaluable reference work, one which will prove especially useful for libraries, universities, and researchers. Our one regret was that Part II wasn't able to include more (the pre-#70 TWJ's, e.g., included some excellent reviews--and the SATURDAY REVIEWS from the early 1950's had some of the best SF book reviews we've seen in a regular column of SF book reviews, to give just two examples). But then, one could go on compiling reviews for years, and still not finish--and such a book was sorely needed--so we assume Hal did as much as he could, then cut off his indexing and sent the finished product in for publication. We hope future supplements will pick up some of the earlier reviews omitted from this volume, as well as include reviews published from 1974 on. ~~###~~ In addition, while such a volume is invaluable to libraries, etc., it would be much more useful to the readers (esp. new readers looking for a "buyer's guide" to help them choose from all the titles being reprinted) if an "opinion rating" of some sort could have been included with the review entries; this is a project we've been working on for some time, and we hope some day we can include such a set of ratings in one of the supplements to the current volume. (Such a project almost has to be the work of one person, because of the degree of subjectivity involved in coming up with a consistent set of ratings.)

Sweet Dreams, by Michael Frayn (Ballantine #24326; pb; \$1.50; 7/75; orig. pub. '73 by Viking Press; 153 pp.; cover not credited) -- Satire about a man who falls asleep at the wheel, and wakes up in a world where one can do anything he likes.

Prozines:

ANALOG SCIENCE FICTION/SCIENCE FACT 8/75 (95:8) (Condé Nast Publications, Inc.; ed. Ben Bova; monthly; digest-size; \$1 (55p) ea.; \$9/yr., \$16/2 yrs., \$21/3 yrs. U.S.; \$10/yr., \$18/2 yrs., \$24/3 yrs. Canada & Mexico; elsewhere, \$12/yr.; from: Box 5205, Boulder, CO 80302) -- 180 pp., incl. covers (fc by Andrei Sokolov); illos by Jack Gaughan, Kelly Freas, John Schoenherr; Serial: "Doorways in Space", by Roger Zelazny (concl.); Novelette: "The Peddler's Apprentice", by Joan & Vernor Vinge; Short Stories: "Consort", by Jerry Pournelle; "Doing Well While Doing Good", by Hayford Peirce; Features: "The Legacy of Apollo-Soyuz", by James E. Oberg; "Soviet Space Art", by F.C. Durant, III; Science Fact Article: "Far Out Physics", by Dr. Robert L. Forward; Aug. calendar of events; Editorial: "Kelvin Throop Strikes Back", by Bova; lettercolumn; book reviews, by Lester del Rey.

SCIENCE FICTION MONTHLY II:4 (undated) (New English Library, Ltd., Barnard's Inn, Holborn, London EC1M 2JR; ed. Pat Hornsey; monthly; 11 1/8" x 15 7/8"; 35p ea., £5/40/yr. U.K. & Eire; overseas rates avail. on request) -- 32 pp., incl. covers (full-color fc by Ray Feibush); inside covers comic strip (color), by Malcolm Poynter; full-page color illos by Eddy Lowe, Karel Thole, Brent Armstrong (centerfold), Alan Aldridge, M.J. Parry; misc. color illos by Robert McAuley, photos; b&w illos by David Field, Martin Venning, Lucinda Cowell, Brent Armstrong; Fiction by Edmund Cooper ("Jupiter Laughs"), Isaac Asimov ("The Pause"), Chris Morgan ("Clown Fish & Anemone"), Ernest Hill ("Write-Off the Planet"); Non-Fiction: "Hope for the Future: The Science Fiction Novels of Edmund Cooper", by James Goddard; Goddard interview with Cooper; News; "Modern Masters of Science Fiction #10: Isaac Asimov", by Walter Gillings; lettercolumn; Julie Davis interviews Roger Glover ~~re~~ his record album, The Butterfly Ball. ~~###~~ Also rec'd back-issues I:6 and I:10; as these are older issues and SOTWJ space is limited, we won't give a complete contents breakdown here, but will include in later SOTWJ if asked to do so. Main articles in I:6 were Aune R. Butt's "The Artist in Science Fiction" (thish, Eddie Jones), and Michael Ashley's "An Echo of the Past: Five Years of SF Magazines --- Part IV (1956-1974)"; in I:10, items of major interest were Walter Gillings' "Modern Masters of Science Fiction" (#4, E.E. "Doc" Smith), a color insert of (reduced) reproductions of a host of prize-winning SF/fantasy paintings, Julie Davis on artist Bob Fowke (w/illos), and Frank Westwood on Edgar Rice Burroughs. ~~###~~ A handsome 'zine; hopefully, we'll someday soon be able to get the back-issues we still need to complete our set....

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Semiprozines:

LOCUS #175 (undated) ("The Newspaper of the Science Fiction Field"; triweekly; offset; 50¢ ea., 15/36 N.America (\$10/yr. institutional subs); overseas, 15/\$12 airmail, 15/36 seamail; from Charlie & Dena Brown, POBox 3938, San Francisco, CA 94119) -- 8 pp.; Editorial; Will Jenkins obit (w/appreciation by Theodore Sturgeon); news of people, publishing activity, and events; short reviews/notices of books rec'd 2/75-5/75 (cont. from #174); ads; flyers. ## Invaluable newszine.

OUTWORLDS #23 (Q1, '75) (William Bowers, POBox 2521, N.Canton, OH 44720; offset; quarterly; 4/34 (thish not avail. separately)) -- 36 pp., incl. covers (fc by Steve Fabian; bc by Grant Canfield; ic's by Brian Sultzer; illos by Nicola Cuti, Terry Austin, Randy Bathurst, Sheryl Birkhead, Canfield, Gregg Davidson, Tom Foster, David Haugh, Eddie Jones, Jim McLeod, Joe Pearson, Helmut Pesch, Dan Steffan, Stuart Gilson; 5th Anniv. Issue; Editorial; "Russia's Defeat and Occupation, 1952-1960", by Patrick McGuire (on the "Preview of the War We Do Not Want" ('51) issue of COLLIER'S); Robert Lowndes reminisces on Gernsback 'zines with Nov. dates; "Dirt & Smut From WASTE PAPER", by Grant Canfield & Friends; four poems, by Neal Wilgus; "John Brunner: The Career", by Joe De Bolt; short fiction by S.A. Stricklen, Jr.; lettercolumn; short fanzine reviews (the reviews, not the zines....). ## Excellent issue--one of the best in a long time of this highly rated 'zine.

XENOPHILE #14 (6/75) ("A monthly advertiser and journal devoted to the collecting, preservation & researching of Fantastic Literature in its many forms"; offset (on news pulp); \$1 ea.; \$6/yr. U.S. & Canada (\$10 airmail); \$12/yr. elsewhere) -- 64 pp. / covers; fc by Frank Hamilton, as is ibc; special "Ellery Queen" issue; Editorial (incl. news & announcements); "A Queen Quandry Quickly Quavered in Quondam Quixotic Quotation" ("A Note on Notations re:Queen"), by Michael Murphy; "Editor at Work: Ellery Queen and EQMM", by Francis M. Nevins, Jr.; "Biblio-File" (VI. "The Fascination of Villains"); "MYSTERY LEAGUE: A Summary", by Nils Hardin (w/checklist of contents of the four issues published); poem & short book review by Walter Shedlofsky; Marvin Lachman reviews Nevins' book, Royal Bloodline: Ellery Queen, Author and Detective; extracts from THE QUEEN CANON BIBLIOPHILE; "The Ghana Word Mystery", by "L. Ray Quaine" (consisting of a title, author's name; two lines of typeovers with a couple of legible words near the end, and the rest (of two pages) blank....); lettercolumn; ads galore. ## Have only seen a few issues of this 'zine, but it's already one of our favorites--and highly recommended to anyone whose interest in the SF/fantasy and/or mystery field goes beyond merely reading new stories and socializing at club meetings and conventions.

Fanzines:

FANWE SLETTER #31 (17/6/75) (Leigh Edmonds, POBox 74, Balaclava, Vic. 3183, Australia; bi-weekly; mimeo; 6½" x 8"; 8/\$1; USAgent: Hank & Lesleigh Luttrell, 525 W.Main, Madison, WI 53703) -- 4 pp.; report on the Tolkienfest; misc. news from Down Under.

FAN PUBLISHING RECORD #4 (5/75) (Roger D. Sween, Box 408, Platteville, WI 53818; offset; monthly(?); 50¢ ea., 10/33; "A current awareness listing of the contents of non-commercial science fiction and fantasy publications") -- 12 pp.; contents listings (detailed) of 52 fanzines. ## The only such comprehensive listings available. Very useful! An invaluable (and very tiring) service....

INSTANT MESSAGE #173 (undated) (Official newsletter of New England S.F. Assoc.; bi-weekly; mimeo; \$5/yr. (incl. PROPER BOSKONIAN)) -- 10 pp. / extract from Rules Committee report of 15/6/75 (1 pg.); minutes of 15/6/75 meeting; upcoming events.

THE NOSTALGIA JOURNAL #12 (7/75) (Joe Bob Williams, POBox 242, Lewisville, TX 75067; monthly; offset (on news pulp); 11½" x 17"; free (12/\$1 eff. w/#15)) -- 32 pp., incl. cover (can't make out artist's name); adzine / Editorial, Mark Lambert on film This Island Earth. ## Even at 12/\$1 this is a real bargain...!

TALES FROM TEXAS #8 (6/75) (Dallas Area Science Fantasy Soc., 2515 Perkins St., Ft.Worth, TX 76103; ed. Bob Wayne; monthly; offset; 35¢ ea.) -- 12 pp. incl. cover (fc by Roger Stine); book reviews by Lewis Shiner; news/announcements; short fic-

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tion by John Camp, Hank Fjord; lettercolumn; editorial; Curt Hardaway interviews Christopher Lee; capsule film reviews by Curt; "Michael Moorcock Music: A Review", by Steve Schleef (The New World's Fair; The Warrior at the Edge of Time; miscellany. (incl. stills from A Boy and His Dog).

TOURNAMENTS ILLUMINATED #35 (Su/75) (Soc. for Creative Anachronism, POBox 1332, Los Altos, CA 94022; editorial address: 90 El Camino Real, Berkeley, CA 94705; offset; quarterly; \$7/yr. (for membership on S.C.A. Mailing List, which includes more than just T.I.)) -- 50 pp., incl. cover; Editorial; Book Review (Pope: The Perilous Gard); lettercolumn; articles: "Faster Mailmaking", "Gilly and Other Edible Flowers", "Of King Arthur and His Times", "Metal Forming Techniques for the Occasional Contemporary Medieval Craftsman", "Firearms in Medieval Europe"; poetry; song ("Up the Middle"). ## Invaluable to anyone interested in things medieval.

...Of Things Received 26/6/75-30/6/75:Books:

Andromeda Gun, by John Boyd (Berkley Medallion #N2878; 95¢; 172 pp.; cover not credited) -- Novel in which "An interstellar explorer arrives on Earth in the American west of the 19th century!" (Oh, yes...pb; 7/75.)

The Dispossessed, by Ursula K. LeGuin (Avon #24885; pb; 7/75 (orig. '74 by Harper & Row); \$1.75; 311 pp.; cov. not cred.) -- Nebula Award-winning novel about Shevek, "a brilliant physicist who single-handedly attempts to re-unite two planets cut off from each other by centuries of distrust".

Slan, by A.E. van Vogt (Berkley Medallion #N2900; pb; 7/75 (orig. serialized in ASTOUNDING in '40); 95¢; 191 pp.; 6th prntg.; cov. not cred.) -- Novel of Homo superior, in which slan Johnny Cross tries to escape detection by a hostile human race, track down other surviving slans, and solve the mystery of their race's existence and superiority over humans. An outstanding SF classic.

Non-Fiction: The Rite of Exorcism: The Complete Text, compiled by Craig Karpel (Berkley Medallion #D2848; pb; 7/75; \$1.50; 217 pp.; "The authentic rites of exorcism with documented cases of spiritual possession and a special section on exorcism and the Jewish tradition!"); Handbook of Psychic Discoveries, by Sheila Ostrander & Lynn Schroeder (Berkley Medallion #K2894; pb; 7/75; \$1.75; 308 pp.; "How to Discover Your Own Psychic Powers in Hundreds of Experiments You Can Do At Home").

Semiprozines:

THE SPACE GAMER #1 (undated) (Howard Thompson, Metagaming Concepts, Box 15346, Austin, TX 78761; quarterly; offset; 5½" x 8"; 70¢ ea., 6/\$3 (to go up to 6/\$4 after 1/1/76); "A forum for the phenomenon of science fiction in game form and a prod for excellence and growth") -- 20 pp., incl. covers; Editorial pages (mostly on the future of TSG and on games coming from Metagaming Concepts); lettercolumn; S-F Gaming News/Plugs; "A Hugo for Games?"; S.F. Game Survey (highest rating to Gorgamella, w/Dungeons & Dragons 2nd); pt. 1 of SF story; "A Stellar Conquest Strategy". ## As gaming is our #1 interest (SF/Fantasy is #2...although you couldn't prove it by an analysis of the way we spend our "leisure" time...so will be looking forward with much interest to future issues.

Fanzines:

BLEAK DECEMBER #6 (7/75) (Jim Dapkus, Rt.1, Box 247, Westfield, WI 53964; mimeo; irreg. 'at least 6x/yr.); 2/25¢, 9/\$1) -- 16 pp.; Editorial; addresses & info on overseas Tolkien fanzines & clubs; Middle-Earth material; ads galore. ## Improving as it adds more general material to go with its ads. (Will add weird poetry section, starting in Sept.).

FANZINE FANATIQUE #9 (5/75) (Keith Walker, 2 Daisy Bank, Quernmore Rd., Lancaster, Lancs., England; offset; no schedule given; trade, LoC, or 10p ea.) -- 12 pp., incl. cover; "Shades of SHADOW: A Decade in Decline"; Keith on "The 'Mummy' Film Throughout the Ages". ## All general material this time, w/no fanzine reviews. An interesting issue.

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INSTANT MESSAGE #174 (undated) (NESFA; colophon info on pg. 7, under I.M. #173) -- 10 pp. / 2-pg. Noreason Proceedings flyer; club business/announcements; upcoming (local) events; NESFA roster.

THE JOURNAL #22 (1/7/75) (Paul Kowtiuk, Box 1286, Essex, Ont., Canada NOR 1E0; 50¢ ea., 6/53 (note price increase); offset (on newsprint); 11½" x 17"; bi-monthly(?) -- 26 pp., incl. bc (by Kowtiuk & McCarron); adzine, w/lots of extras: news (comix & films); Steve Barrington's "Comic Stop*Light" column; Bob Egelston on religious comics; Tony Scialis compares Lone Ranger and Green Hornet; Barry Short's comix column; Jay Zilber's news column; Editorial(s); lettercolumn; Ron Frantz on the International Fandom Inflation Control Club; U.K. news, from Paul Burton (comix); Star Trek section, w/Bill Bulbeck; Rock Record reviews. ## The first of the expanded JOURNALS--a must for all comics fans.

KOLVIR #2 (7-8/75) (The Amber Society; %Hopsfa, SAC Offices, The Johns Hopkins Univ., Baltimore, MD 21218; ed. Tim Daniels; bi-monthly; offset; 25¢ ea., 6/\$1.25 (incl. membership in TAS)) -- 20 pp. / cover (by Sylvia Starshine); ifc by Wolf Forrest; illos by Karen Hayes, Walt Staples, "unknown"; Editorial; letters; poem by "LAW"; book reviews by Gil Fitzgerald, Pat Stanton; Steve Miller looks at the "Lost Girl" in the works of Roger Zelazny; announcements. ## Good second issue.

OSIRIS (Del & Dennis Stocks, POBox 235, Albion, Brisbane 4010, Queensland, Australia; mimeo; 8" x 10¼"; 10 issues/yr.; 10/A\$3) -- #13 (undated): 28 pp. / cover (by Mike?); "Lord of the Flies Is Not Science Fiction! William Golding Tells Me So", by Frank Bryning; "Investigating the Paranormal" (editorial from NATURE); book review (The Jupiter Effect, by John Gribbin & Stephen Plagemann); article on Nerve Gas; "Uri Geller in Brisbane (8th March 1975)"; "Colonisation at Langrangea", by Graham Chedd (re Gerard O'Neill's space habitats); book review (The Romeo Error, by Lyall Watson); on the Inner Peace Movement's "ESP Seminar"; on Michel Gauquelin's studies on astrology; #14 (undated): 25 pp. / cover (uncredited); "Aging Research", by Thos. Donaldson & Peter Wookey; on the "Earth 2020" lectures; on the "Six Finger Syndrome"; on "Diminishing Gravity"; film reviews, by John Clark (Sleep-er and Young Frankenstein); Alan Sandercock on "Uri Geller in Adelaide"; "Lessons of the Geller Affair" (editorial from NEW SCIENTIST); "John Alderson on Frank Bryning on William Golding". ## A very interesting 'zine, comprising essays and articles on various "borderline" areas of interest to SF/fantasy fans. Lots of "food for thought" here....

PIKESTAFF IV:4 (3/6/75) (Organ of the Eastern Kingdom of the S.C.A.; ed. Joellyn Dorkin, 106 Mews Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; pubbed every 6 weeks; offset; 5½" x 8½"; free to S.C.A. members living in E.Kingdom (\$7/yr. for membership on S.C.A. mailing list, from Box 1332, Los Altos, CA 94022)) -- 24 pp.; Notices from Kingdom Officers; notices of coming events; "Faits d'Armes"; letter; E.Kingdom news; recipe; material on Irish & Viking Costumes; biblio on medieval costumes; book review; directory of E.Kingdom officers & activity centers.

TIGHTBEAM 5/75 (Letterzine of the National Fantasy Fan Federation; bi-monthly; mimeo; free to members (\$3/yr. from Janie Lamb, Rt.1, Box 363, Heiskell, TN 37754); ed. Beth Slick, 9030 Harratt, Apt. 2, W.Hollywood, CA 90069) -- 16 pp., incl. cover (by "DEG"); illos by C. John Fitzsimmons; Editorial; letters from 10 members.

TOTAL EFFECT #2 (Myron Surasky, Box 3181, New Haven, CT 06515; 35¢; offset; no schedule given) -- 16 pp., incl. cover; comic-zine, w/strips by Al Sirois & Surasky. ## Pornography, vulgarity, crudity...a rather distasteful "total effect"....

WASHINGTON S.F. NEWSLETTER #4 (1/7/75) (Don Miller, address on pg. 1; pubbed 1-2 times/month; mimeo; 15¢ ea., 8/\$1) -- 4 pp. / STONED HENGE #9 (2 pp.; John Boardman, 234 E. 19th St., Brooklyn, NY 11226; quarterly; free; the "Official Organ of the Beaker People Libation Front"; thish May Day '75); news, etc. re the Greater Washington/Baltimore Metropolitan Area: Clubs, Conventions & Other Area Events, The Media Scene (Films, Radio, TV, Theater), misc. news & announcements.

WYKNOT #2 (7/75) (Ken Josenhans, 7602 Vicar Pl., New Carrollton, MD 20784; mimeo; 6-weekly; 35¢ ea.) -- 22 pp.; Editorial pages; TV Review (Steve Testoff on The

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Invisible Man); "World's Greatest Living Science Fiction Writer?" (Steve Beatty questions the blurb on recent Ray Bradbury pb's; repr. from RUMREJESE #1); book reviews by Mary Chelton; short fiction by Jason Altebrandt; poem by Ron Rogers; Anne Etkin on a Unitarian Church service in honor of Tolkien; short book reviews, by Ken; lettercolumn; announcements/plugs. ## Second issue maintains quality of the first--a fine beginning!

Mae Strelkov Miscellany -- Mae (CC 55, Jesus Maria, Cordoba, Argentina) continues to turn out lots of interesting material at a rapid clip. Her output is quite varied, and virtually impossible to accurately describe in a short space (all one can do is read--and look--and enjoy!). but we'll try: "The Great Gods Danced" (a "special issue for language buffs", inspired by a recent request for "occasional bits on my Paleo-lingo studies"; 18 pp., mimeo, / 2 hectographed pages of additional material); a "letter" dated 5/75, consisting of 2 pp. of short book reviews, replies to letters, etc., / a real treat--eight more of Mae's superb hecto multi-color scenic drawings (if you've seen Mae's drawings before, you know what we're talking about; if you haven't, write her a letter and hope she'll brighten up your mailbox a bit in return....).

Miscellany:

ASTRONOMY III:7 (7/75) ("The World's Most Beautiful Astronomy Magazine"; Astro-Media Corp., 757 N. Broadway, Suite 204, Milwaukee, WI 53202; monthly; offset (w/ much use of color photography and color drawings); \$1.50 ea., 12/\$12 U.S.; 12/\$15 Canada & Mexico; elsewhere, 12/\$18; ed. Stephen A. Walther) -- 80 pp., incl. covs.; fc drawing of Viking Lander, by Chas. Bennett; Editorial page; "The Quest for Life on Mars", by Thomas A. Easton (re the Viking Mission) (w/color drawings by Adolf Schaller, Victor Costanzo, J.W. Clark); "The Age of Nearby Stars", by Jeffrey L. Kretsch (color art by Costanzo); "An International Space Venture", by James E. Oberg (color illus by Rbt. McCall, Charles Duelfer) (re Apollo/Soyuz Project); "Mysteries of the Galactic Core", by Gerrit L. Verschuur (color art by Costanzo); letters/short reader-articles; "Sky Almanac" (re Venus); book reviews; "Equipment for Guided Astrophotography", by Leo C. Henzl, Jr.; Astro-News section; July "Star Dome" & Planet-Finder; ads. ## Yes, it is! ("The World's Most Beautiful Astronomy Magazine"). And our thanks to Al Lopez for selling us most of the back-issues (now all we need are 10/73, 11/73, 12/73, 8/74, & 12/74; anyone...?).

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CONVENTIONS, ETC. Aug. '75 --

SF/Fantasy -- 1-3: FANFAIR III; King Edward Sheraton Hotel, Toronto, Canada; GoH: Lester del Rey; Fan GoH: Cy Chauvin; \$1.0 attending, \$2 supporting; Banquet \$9; for info, etc.: POBox 7230, Stn. A, Toronto, Ont. M5W 1X8, Canada /Source: FANFAIR III PROGRESS REPORT); 1-3: TELE-FANTASY CONVENTION; Commodore Hotel, NYC; devoted to SF/Fantasy on TV & Film; \$6 adv., \$10 at door; Cary Berman, 197-50F Peck Ave., Flushing, NY 11365 /NOSTALGIA JOURNAL #117; COLUMBICON; Columbia, MD; GoH's Fred Pohl, Gordie Dickson; \$4 adv., \$5 at door; 5133 Darting Bird Lane, Columbia, MD 21044 /flyer/ (oops!; dates 8-10); 8-10: SFCD-CON; Laichingen-near-Ulm, Germany; Nikolaus Kolloeth, D-79 Ulm 10, Ravensburger Strasse 29, W.Germany /CHECKPOINT 627; 14-17: AUSSIECON (33rd World SF Convention); Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne, Australia; GoH: Ursula K. LeGuin; Fan GoH's: Mike Glicksohn & Susan Wood; \$12 attending, \$4 supporting U.S. (from Fred Patten, 11863 W. Jefferson Blvd., Apt. #1, Culver City, CA 90230); Con Committee mailing address: AUSSIECON, GPO Box 4039, Melbourne, Vic. 3001, Australia /flyers, PR's, etc./; 15-18: MYTHCON VI; Scripps College, Claremont, CA; GoH's Walter Hooper & Ed Meskys; \$6.50; The Mythopoeic Soc., Box 4671, Whittier, CA 90607 /FANTASIAE #257; 22-24: BUBONICON 7; Ramada Inn East, Albuquerque, NM; GoH: Ed Bryant; Mike Kring, PSC#1, Box 3147, Kirtland AFB, NM 87115 /LOCUS 1747; 22-24: NO CON; International Red Carpet Motor Inn, Metairie, LA; \$7.50 adv.; Banquet \$2.50; 821 Randolph St., Harahan, LA 70123 /KARASS 147; 23-24: SHINCON (14th Japanese SF Con); Kobe, Hyogo Pref., Japan;