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THE PHILCON this year was a two day convention featuring L. Sprague de Camp as guest of honor. Sprague gave a very interesting and entertaining account of his travels. He also told about meeting friends of Robert E. Howard in Texas, in a preview of a forth coming article for AMRA. On Saturday night a party was held at Harriet Kolchak's house, and a good time was had by all. A panel discussion featuring Lester Del Rey, Tom Purdom, Ted White, and Fred Pohl was one of the high spots of the program. The attendees included Al Scott and Lon Atkins from North Carolina, Ben Jason and Danny Plachta representing the TRICON, Jack Chalke, Ron Bounds, Phil Harrell, Dave Van Arnam, Joan Markwood, John Boardman, and many others, totaling more than 100 fans.

APAc: APA-F, the first fanish weekly apa folded away with its 69th mailing at the Second Annual FISTFA Halloween Party on October 29th. It was a fan thing, and enlivened FISTFA and Fanoclast meetings for over a year, and it went out with a bang-up 147 page mailing. It was originated by Dave Van Arnam, Arnie Katz and Michael McInerney. Dick Lupoff, Andy Porter, and Dave Van Arnam had contributed to every mailing.

BRUCE, CUT IT OUT: On Friday, October 22, sometime after the Fanoclast meeting, Ted White had his electric typewriter stolen under what can only be described as Very Strange Circumstances; the thief had to come all the way thru the front of the house, in the dark, around innumerable obstacles, disconnect the typewriter and take it from its stand in the livingroom, all not more than 15 feet from where Ted was sleeping. Obviously, the International Typewriter Stealing Cartel, headed by Bruce Pelz, is an organization of more stealth and cunning than HYDRA or SMERSH.



"Hey! How 'bout that!
FANAC's folded."

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Bill Donaho and Danny Curran threw a 10th Anniversary party for the Dive on Sat., Oct 29th. On hand to help them celebrate the occasion were Dive members Dick & Pat Ellington and Chuck Freudenthal, and 80-90 other fans including Poul and Karen Anderson, Reg Brettner, Sid & Alva Rogers, Ray & Kirsten Nelson, Norm Metcalf, Gordon Eklund, Joe & Roberta Gibson, Ed Meskys, Bill Rickhardt, Greg Shaw, and many others. Copious quantities of home brew, hard cider and other goodies were consumed and the party finally broke up late Sunday night.

HARLAN ELLISON is editing an anthology of all new stories for Doubleday. He's commissioning stories from the best writers in the field and letting them have absolutely free creative rein. The name of the book will be DANGEROUS VISIONS. (Thanks Bob Silverberg.)

We are sorry to hear of the death of Margery Stanbery (Margery of Lemonia, Queen of Philatea; sister of Paul Stanbery) on November 12th. She died of suffocation at her parent's San Pedro, California home. She was 20 years old.

Bob Lichtman tells us that he attended a one-man show given by Cynthia Goldstone at which there were many fans in attendance, including Knights, Clintons, Rogerses, Al Halevy, Breens, Elmer Perdue, the Rolfes, and many others. The artwork was excellent and diverse.

DWAIN KAISER finally mailed out the famous Westerncon one-shot which we've been looking for since last July. It has all sorts of nice stuff by Jack Harness, Dennis Smith, Calvin Demmon, Ted White, Rotsler, Ted Johnstone, Bob Davenport, and many other fans. It even includes a fake Focal Point partially written by your loyal editors. You should be able to get it from Dwain at 1347 No. 2nd Ave., Upland, California.

ACE BOOKS offerings for January will include Spacehounds Of IPC by E. E. Smith, The Sword Of Lankor by Howard Cory (actually Larry Maddock), and a double of Space Captain by Murray Leinster and The Mad Metropolis by Phillip High. They are also publishing a mainstream book called Lady In The Mist by Theresa Charles which contains frequent references to TLOTR and has characters named Frodo (the dog), Strider, etc.. They will also publish The Best From F&SF #11.

NEWSGABBIE: Bob Jennings (3819 Chambers Drive, Nashville 11, Tenn.) would like to know how much comic book work Edmond Hamilton did during the 40's. ## Alice Stewart says that she ran into John Boardman at the College Open House at Brookhaven National Laboratories. ## Ed Meskys will be in New York City for a few days around Christmas. ## And Steve Stiles says to expect him back in NYC for a visit during the second week in January. ## The Pavlats are expecting a baby sometime in March. # An all day long housewarming & birthday party was held at the home of Charley and Marsha Brown on Nov 27. Between 20-30 fans and pros attended.

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Bob Silverberg has sixteen kittens and might be persuaded to give a few of them away if you begged him to give you one. So far Terry Carr and Dick Lupoff have been conned into taking kittens. ## In the current issue of Tales to Astonish, a Marvel comic book featuring the Submariner and the Hulk, there is a full page ad promoting all their E R Burroughs books including the Tarzan and Mars series. There is a special discount given to anyone who orders them all at one time. ## Dave Van Arnam needs a housekeeper to keep his apartment neat and orderly## In the New York Time's Magazine section on Sunday Nov. 28 there was a letter praising Tolkien and his books and complaining about a review that appeared on Oct 31. Judy Henry of Bronxville, NY wrote the letter encouraging the reading of Tolkien anywhere and everywhere.## And on Nov. 22 the Times reviewed The Great Comic Book Heroes and gave it a good review. The book has been selling very well and as a special Focal Point bonus, copies are available of this \$10 book from Mike McInerney for only \$7.50. 25% off for all FP readers. ## • Joan Markwood will be traveling through Europe this summer with the Sarah Lawrence International Chorus. # Ted White is the Official Focal Point Art Editor.

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