

# Focal Point

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TOLKIEN NEWS: Damon Knight, in the journal he edits for the Science Fiction Writers of America, has come out with a very strong denunciation of Ace's ethics in printing Tolkien's trilogy; Poul Anderson, one of Ace's strongest sellers, has come out with a stronger statement yet, in a recent NIEKAS. Finding Ace legally right, but ethically wrong, Poul concludes his statement with, "Accordingly, I have told my agent that I do not wish any more pieces of mine printed or reprinted by Ace." :: The Ballentine (authorized) paperback edition, thru Focal Point's Special Services Devision, is now available for the same price as the Ace edition -- 75¢ per volume, postage free if you buy all three. This offer is open to all FP readers and anyone else who hears about it elsewhere. Orders should be sent, and checks should be made out to, Mike McInerney, at the address given in the colophon.

FABULOUS FANNISH FAN: Ted White has sold another science fiction book, this time to Belmont Books. The working title is "Jowels of Elsewhon." The book is as yet unwritten, but keep your beady little eyes peeled.

PARTYSVILLE, NEW YORK: The Fanoclast Open New Years Party drew fans from all segments of New York fandom, including John Boardman, Charlie & Marsha Brown, rich brown, Ross Chamberlain, Frank Dietz, Marion Edmonds, Cindy Heap, Lee Hoffman, Arnie Katz, Joni Markwood, Mike McInerney, Ed Meskeys, Don & Jo Misner, Fred Lerner, Fred Phillips, Andy Porter, Bill Pettit, Julius, Naomi & Robin Postal, Jim Sanders, Judy Sefton, Steve Stiles, Dave Van Arnam, Bob Whalen, Ted White, and maybe five or six others your reporters do not remember. The New York in '67 Committee drank a New Year's Toast (with New York champagne) to New York in '67. There was a surplus of drinks when the party broke up at 4:30 A.M. due to an impending subway strike. One of your FP editors argued that there could not be a subway strike, so he stayed until a little after five; fortunately, he was able to get a ride back to Manhattan with the Misners. This FP editor refuses to give his name. :: A combination Welcome Home & Goodbye party was held at John Benson's for Steve Stiles January 8th; despite the subway & bus strike that virtually paralyzed Manhattan, Steve Stiles, Delores Mulany, John Benson, Friedl ?, Ted White, Robin Postal, rich brown, Cindy Heap, Mike McInerney, Joni Markwood, Dave Van Arnam, Andy Porter, and a few of Steve's old friends, like Jon White, made it thru the sub-freezing weather to attend. The apartment was warm, the drinks and conversation warmer; we settled down to have a good time, and that we did.

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VIENNA CON 66: will take place between the 5th and 8th of August, 1966. Information about the con can be obtained from Alex Melhardt, 11 Hintzerstrasse, Vienna 3, Austria. Membership fees for the convention is \$1.50 or 10/-, but American fans should send those fees to Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 140 Broadway, NYC, NY, 10015, Konto:Bankhaus, Schelhammer & Schatterra, while UK fans should send theirs to Westminster Bank Ltd., Overseas Branch, 53 Threadneedle St., London, E.C. 2, Konto: Bankhaus Schelhammer & Schatterra. A group of British fans are making arrangements to attend en masse; while it is too late to get on the first list, interested British fans can contact Tony Walsh, 61 Halsbury Rd, Redland, Bristol 6, for information and on the off-chance that someone may drop off the list.

THE SCIENCE FICTION CLUB OF LONDON will be sponsoring a series of Open Meetings, the first of which will have been held by the time you read this FP -- Sunday, January 9th, a talk by John Brunner. Information for future Open Meetings may be obtained from Ethel Lindsay, Courage House, 6 Langley Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey.

THE FAN ZINE INDEX, advertised in the last issue, has been delayed. In a form letter to those who have already ordered their FIs from Piser, he relates a tale of woe known to practically every fan who has ever laid typer to stencil, but ads "The Coulsons...will finish the job for me and ship the finished work as soon as possible." He also offers to return remittances to those who don't want to wait. But we certainly think it's worth waiting for.

FOR SALE: Apa-F back-mailings. 20-30 copies of mailings #59-69 for 30¢ each. Andy Porter, 24 E. 82nd St, New York, New York, 10028.

Photo-offset in attractive green paper covers, SCIENCE FICTION TITLE CHANGES contains some 47pp of just exactly that. This first edition is available from Don Franson, 6543 Babcock Ave., North Hollywood, California. It not only lists sf books under the titles they have had in magazine, hb and pb, but also the novelets and short stories that have gone together to make up a novel. Costs \$1.

TERRY BURNS, Barea fan and con-goer, died early Saturday a.m., December 18, in an auto wreck, returning from a Little Men's Xmas party at the Rogers' in Castro Valley. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 22, by the Church of the Brotherhood of the Way, with Bill Donoho, Danny Curran and Tony Boucher as eulogists; those wanting to send anything have been asked to make donations to either SNCC or CORE.

TAFF REPORT NEWS: Billy Pettit, while visiting NYC, told us that Wally Weber's TAFF Report is mostly on stencil and we can expect it soon or soon, but then, we know Wally. Atom's report (we hear) is in the process of being stencilled.

THE LEGEND OF BLACKJACK SAM is due out from Ace in March; this will be Lee Hoffman's first published novel. Everybody run out and buy six dozen copies.

ANDY & BARBARA MAIN are trying to sell a large part of their sf collection. Write them at 244 E. Mountain Drive, Santa Barbara, Cal. for info.

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