

FOCAL POINT

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MIKE McINERNEY, FP coeditor and fan-about-New York, will be doing a series of fanzine reviews for Calvin Beck's CASTLE OF FRANKENSTEIN, which has previously featured mostly monster-fanzine fmz reviews (altho FOCAL POINT and TRUMPET have been reviewed there before). One fanzine will be reviewed in depth, followed by twenty or thirty one-liners. Oh yes, the reviews will be distinguished from the monster-zines. :: Lin Carter, we hear, will be doing a series of articles about fandom for WORLDS OF TOMORROW, including surveys of the fanzine and science fiction club fields.

JANUARY 27th a new Men's Magazine, P.S., will have its first (April) issue on the stands; it will be of interest to fans because the line-up for that issue will include Avram Davidson, Alfred Bester, Jean Shepherd, Ron Goulart, Gahan Wilson, Russel Baxer, Isaac Asimov, Charles Beaumont, Ray Bradbury, Nat Hentoff and others.

FABULOUS FANNISH FAN Ted White's sword-and-sorcery novel, Phoenix Prime, will be released by Lancer Books in late April or early May and every reader of FP is hereby ordered to rush out and buy 50 copies or Perish Instantly. When In Rome, the collaboration between fabulous fannish fans Ted White and Dave Van Arnam, will be coming out from Pyramid in September, about the time they (as co-chairmen) will be placing their bid at TriCon for New York in '67, which seems somehow appropriate. Tod is also working on a non-stf novel that will be of interest to fans, but until the contract is signed we can't give you any more details than that.

CON A MONTH PLAN: March brings back the yearly Open ESFA (we still have no date, but watch this space), which for some may conflict with Boskone '66 being held March 11-13, Statler Hilton, Boston. April 16th and 17th the Lunacon (sponsored by the New York Lunarians) and the Eastercon (sponsored by the FISTFA-Fanoclasts) will be held at the Edison Hotel here in New York; the program items are shaping up and some particularly tasteful auction items were displayed at the last Lunarians meeting. Information about the Lunacon (and the Lunacon program book) can be obtained from Frank Dietz, 1750 Walton Avenue, Bronx, New York, while further information about the Eastercon may be obtained from either of the FOCAL POINT editors. In May and June there are the Disclave and MidWestCon respectively; more information will be passed on about these later, just as soon as the pipple putting them on know a bit more about them. The Westercon will be held in San Diego, California, over the July 4th weekend, and membership (including Progress Reports and a Program Booklet) is \$1 to John Hull, 1210 Hemlock, Imperial Beach,

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California, unless you're stupid enough to wait around, in which case the price will be hiked to \$1.50. We have no information about the DeepSouthCon, save that it will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina, and that Lon Atkins (Box 228, Chapel Hill, N.C.) seems to be the man to contact about it. The Worldcon in September you all know about, or if you don't, shame on you; Sept. 1-5, Cleveland, send \$3 (attending membership) or \$2 (non-attending membership, which may pay the other \$1 at the door) to The 24th World Science Fiction Convention, P.O. Box 1372, Cleveland, Ohio, 44103. We will be at most of these conventions ourselves, and will be happy to see you all there, too.

FOCAL POINT POLICY: We have been forced to drop a number of "permanent" traders with FP and cease allowances for letters of comment. This is in an attempt to get our mailing list down to 200, which we last saw sometime early in 1965; once we reach and maintain this number, we will better be able to publish weekly. We will still accept trades, but those trades will apply by adding a number of issues of FP to those already due you. Other newszines are an exception, and our permanent trade policy still holds. Note the number given as your last FP at the bottom of pp2 of FP18; it represents the last issue you will receive unless you do something. Also, if there is no zip code after your address, we don't have it -- please send it to us, as it facilitates early delivery...as late as we are with the news, sometimes, we need, as early delivery as we can get.

FRIVOLOUS CALVIN DEMMON (he has grown a moustache), when he should have been writing a rider for FP, appeared on ABC-TV's "The Dating Game" on Monday, January 10th, opposite Adam West, who plays BATMAN on tv.

FANAC On The Right (Or Maybe Not): The January 1966 American Capsule News, besides a number of "predictions" for the year, made mention that the "US Food & Drug Administration recently burglarized the First Church of Scientology," though of what it does not say. The November-December Independent American, another right-wing radical publication, attributes the Northeast power blackout to Flying Saucers.

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