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Continued Publication Of New Worlds Still In Doubt: In a letter to Terry Carr dated March 2, 1967, Mike Moorcock notes:

"New Worlds looks as if it is going to get an Arts Council grant (the literary committee enthusiastically recommended it to the main committee, whose decision we're currently waiting on) and Panther are definitely interested but are waiting to see what happens with the arts council. It's almost certain that we'll be starting again soon, with an improved format, higher standard and so on." ((Thanx, Terry Carr!))

150 Attend Open ESFA Meeting; del Rey, Asimov Speak: The annual open meeting of the Eastern Science Fiction Association attracted some 150 fans, readers and writers, although there was a steady rain coming down in the New York area. The event, which received coverage in the Newark Evening News (and they played it straight, thank ghod!) was one of the better open meetings of recent years. Pro attendees included Isaac Asimov, Lester del Rey, Fred Pohl, Lee Hoffman, Dave Van Arnam, Bob Silverberg, Terry Carr, Henry Morrison, Sam Moskowitz, Don Wollheim, and a host of others. I unfortunately missed the talk on cryogenics (Frozen death, or Life after Freezing, or Frozen Immortality, or something) given by two members of the Cryogenics Society Of New York, with Fred Pohl, Lester del Rey, and Mike Deckinger moderating.

The highlight of the meeting was the awarding of the Isaac Award, named after some fellow named Asimov. Ike awarded the trophy -- to himself! Needless to say, his speech both before and after acceptance of the award were fitting to the Asimov wit. The Isaac is to be awarded, each year, to one who has done the most in science writing. Sort of a poor man's Kalinga Award. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 and many of the attendees went across the street to eat dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Future History Revisited Dept.: Technology Week for March 6th has several items of interest to the sf fan. Public Seen Favoring Apollo: "In a survey of five cities -- Sandusky and Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Paul, Minn.; Pasadena, California; and Des Moines, Iowa -- the 600 respondents were recorded as being 71% in favor of the program to land an American on the Moon by 1970, 24% opposed and 5% without an opinion. Regarding future goals, 46% opted for thoroughly exploring the moon before considering new programs, 24% felt the US should consider Earth orbiting space laboratories, 12% sought an immediate start on a manned Mars landing, 10% wanted an end to future space programs, and 8% had no opinions. Asked whether the space program was paying off in benefits, 51% said yes and 39% said no."

NERVA Funds to Aid Manned Mars Fly-by.: "The request for fiscal Year 1968 funding for the NERVA II nuclear rocket engine confirms that the Johnson Administration plans to make a manned fly-by of Mars in the mid 1970's the major post-Apollo goal of the US space program...The only other major space project that this country may undertake in the same time period is a permanent lunar base...A nuclear stage will be required for a manned landing on Mars, but the earliest time period...cor such a mission is 1985... It is doubtful if a fly-by would be attempted unless NASA plans eventually to land men on that planet..."

Apa News: John D. Berry notes that Monster Apa has folded, due to the fact that no members of the thing have heard from Tom Dupree, the OE, since last fall. A clause of the constitution provided for the Vice President taking over if the OE failed in his duties, however, the organization never elected one... Apa 67 is being formed for filmfandom, with several of the members of the now-defunct apa joining this new one. Those interested are advised to contact John D. Berry, 35 Dusenberry Rd, Bronxville, NY, 10708...

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Note: Andy Main is going to be wandering hither and thither for the next few years, so fanzine editors who send him things after the end of April are going to have an awfully long wait for a letter of comment...

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Film Fan Dept: Murders In The Zoo, starring Lionel Atwill, plus Stranger From Venus, starring Patricia Neal, will be shown at the Cooperative Film Society, 403 West 40th Street, (donation: \$1) on Friday, March 31st. Showing will be at 7 and 10 pm. Also shown will be chapter 9 of the serial, "Winners Of The West."

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Religious News: Bill Donaho, alias Reverend William Donaho of the Church Of The Brotherhood Of The Way, writes "On Saturday Feb. 25th the Reverend Ray Nelson married a couple in the Anchor Steam Brewery in San Francisco. He made TV. And on Sunday, March 5th, I married a couple at sunrise on top of Mt. Tamplaia, the highest mountain in the area."

Bill also notes that Bill Bowers (coa above) will be passing through the Bay Area on his way overseas and will be staying with him a few days. There will be a party for him on Saturday, March 18th. All Bay Area fans are welcome to come and help Bill (both Bills, for that matter) drown his/their sorrows.

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Hardcover SF for March and April: Doubleday: March 3-The Men In The Jungle by Norman Spinrad (\$4.50); March 24-The People: No Different Flesh by Zenna Henderson (\$4.50); April 7-Extrapolasis by Alexander Malec (\$3.95); April 21-The Best From F&SF: 16th series, edited by Ed Ferman (\$4.50).  
Harcourt, Brace & World: March 22-Spectrum 5 edited by Amis/Conquest (\$4.50); The 9 Billion Names Of God by Clarke (\$4.75); The Sands Of Mars by Clarke (\$4.50); The City And The Stars by Clarke (\$4.95).  
Harper: April 26-Worlds To Come, edited by Damon Knight (juvenile- 4.95).  
Putnam: March-The Past Through Tomorrow: History Of The Future by Heinlein (\$5.95).  
April-Orbit 2, edited by Damon Knight (\$4.50).  
Westminster: April 10-Secret Of The Laraunder Satellite by Ted White (\$3.75).  
Simon & Schuster: March-The Little People by John Christopher (\$4.95).

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Note: The story about Harlan Ellison in Degler! #170 ("Harlan Ellison To Quit Hollywood") is, we have been told, largely inaccurate. However, this item appears to be part of a personal matter between Harlan and others in Hollywood. The item was told to us by a third party; we wish to apologize for any misunderstandings which its publication may have caused.

----- STEVE STILES FOR TAFF!!! -----