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RATATOSK REVIVES: Ratatosk, a biweekly newszine published by Bruce Pelz, which was last published in February, has been revived. Issues number 44 and 45 came in the mail this week, full of old news stolen from Degler!, SFTimes and the official organs of half a dozen apae... If Pelz can keep up the bi-weekly grind, good luck to him. I need another news sheet from which to steal news...

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ARTHUR THOMSON'S TAFF TRIP PUBLISHED: Arthur Thomson, who came to the US in 1964 to attend the Pacificon in Oakland, California, has finally had his TAFF-trip published. The report, which is mimeographed, multitudinously (huh?) illustrated, and runs to some 90+ pages, can be obtained by sending \$1 to:

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This is the first TAFF-report to be published in some years. Wally Weber, who went to England early in the decade, and Terry Carr, who attended the LonCon II in 1965, are both reportedly working on their reports, the benefits of which go to the TransAtlantic Fan Fund. Tom Schluck, who attended the TriCon

in 1966, has already had part of his report published in german fanzines.

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PICKERING RETURNS: Stephen Pickering, boy fugghead, who stole some \$4,000 worth of materials from Forry Ackerman (see D!164, 165, & 167) has a letter in the June issue of IF. Pickering, under the name of Leslie A. Reece, castigates fannish fanzines as "anti-intellectual" (what else?) and fannish fans as being clods. He praises Stephen Pickering, Lester del Rey, Alexei Panshin and Leland Sapiro as Great Brains of Modern SF, in a letter which opens "As a sociologist..." Not to disparage del Rey, Panshin & Sapiro as nuts, but he has the gall to place his own name up there, too!!! The letter must be seen to be believed, and is the best thing IF has ever printed in its' lettercol.

((Thanx, Bill Donaho & Ted White!!))

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APA News (or, Vast Wasteland Dept.): The March mailing of N'APA, the 32nd, consisted of 144 pages, with Zingaro, edited by Mark Irwin, weighing in as the largest zine in the mailing at 17 pages. Membership in N'APA has stabilized at 21, out of a possible total membership of 28... The 11th mailing of apa55, founded by those born in 1945 or later, had 116 pages from a total of 12 members. The membership has an upper limit of 20, so here's a golden opportunity for some hyperactive fan to join two more apae. How about it, Lin Carter?...

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Prolific Lin Carter Dept.: Speaking of Lin Carter, further books by this prolific writer, due out within the next few months, include Tower At The Edge Of Time (Belmont-June); Thongor Against The Gods (Paperback Library-Fall); Flame of Iradar (Belmont-Fall); and The Planetoid Plot from Avalon in the Fall. In addition, An Evening At The Fanoclasts will be appearing in IF seen (shudder!).

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These Subscriptions End With This Issue: Jeremy Barry, Bill Donaho, Edmund Galvin, Jay P. Sheridan, Steve Stiles. Renew, gentleman!!!

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Bail Damon Knight Out Dept.: Damon Knight sends a note stating he will not send a copy of his speech, "Project Boskone" to anyone who writes and asks for one. He will send a copy to each fanzine editor who promises to publish it. If you want a genuine, secret-master-of-fandom article for your fanzine, send your fanzine's name and frequency, plus your return address, to Damon Knight, Project Boskone, Box 338, Milford, Penna., 18337.

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Science Fiction Movie Information: Arthur C. Clarke reports that 2001: A Space Odyssey has been even more delayed in production, and will be released in the Spring of ~~2001~~ 1968. Clarke said that special effects filming was still going on at this time. /=/ James Blish reports that A Life For The Stars has been bought for the screen, and that Blish has made a movie script of it. The thing is scheduled to be filmed in about three years, and, if it is successful, the entire Okie series will be filmed. The 4-book series has already been bought for filming.

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Jack Harness "Feted" by New York Fans: Jack Harness, passing through NYC on his way to Scientology school in England, got a very small party Tuesday night, the 2nd of May. On one night's notice, compounded by poor weather, Harness showed up for a party at Ted White's house, only to discover that Ted & Robin White and Cindy Van Arnam were the only ones who had shown up. Jack reportedly had a pleasant time, and departed soon after for foggy England.

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Australian Science Fiction Review: I am now USAgent for ASFR; subscriptions cost \$2.00 for five issues, and money may be sent to me. ASFR comes out 8 or 9 times a year, so \$4.00 will cover just over a year's subscription.

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For Sale (adv.): "Available to first comer: complete 117th (Nov. 66) FAPA mailing, incl. postmailings, \$2.00. Also have 118th (Feb. 67) mlg. minus HABAKKUK, DESCANT, KIM CHI, NULL F, Queebshot & Perdue zine, \$1.50. Send 5¢ stamp with cash or money order (no checks) so that I can return your money if you're not first. Apply to Bob Lichtman, 112 Lundy's Lane, San Francisco, Cal., 94110."

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New York Post Features Delany: The Week In Books in the NYPost for Saturday April 29th featured an interview with Samuel R. Delany, complete with a photo taken by a graduate of the Mug Shot Photographers Academy. The interview says "He grew up in Harlem, went to Dalton, Bronx High School of Science and City College (for a couple of years) and has been publishing since he was nineteen. He is now 25. Science Fiction is not lucrative: "I average about \$3,000 a year." Delany listed Zelazny as a favorite, and Bradbury as passe.

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Hippie Seder for SF SF fans: "On Thursday, April 20, Grania Davidson said out loud, "Why not have a passover seder for Jewish hippies in the Haight-Ashbury?" Instead of letting it go at that, she called up some people who put her in touch with several rabbis, and that was the start of the Great Jewish Conspiracy which culminated on Monday evening, the 24th, in a complete passover ceremony with dinner and all being held, all free, in the social room of the Hamilton Methodist Church on Waller Street, right in the middle of the Haight. (Why in a Methodist Church? As the rabbi said, "Ecumenicism opens doors.") There were about 85-90 people in attendance, of which maybe 20 were the rabbi's extended family and the rest were a good cross-section of hippies and fans. Fans in attendance included Bob & Margo Lichtman, Avram Davidson, Grania Davidson & Dick Gumbiner, Bob Chazin, and Hugh Letty. It was a very fine evening. " ((thnx, Bob Lichtman!!!))

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