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IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that we announce the recent death of Julius Unger, founder of "Triple F" and co-editor of the first issue in the new series. We have been unable to secure any details as yet, the only fact of which we are fairly certain being that his death was on the 15th of this January. Julie had been confined to the hospital a few days earlier with a throat ailment; we do not know if his death was in connection with this or the heart ailments he had suffered in the past. Further comment editorially on page 2.

HARRIETT KOLCHAK'S group, the "Mercurians," are attempting to get the first issue of JELERANG in the mails by February. Planned are 30 pages, with single copies going for 25¢ or six for a dollar. All contributions of material and subscriptions should go to: Harriett Kolchak, 2104 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 30, Pennsylvania.

SCHEDULED FOR RELEASE by World Publications in April is a book by Sam Moskowitz, "Explorers of the Infinite." The reported price will be \$4.50 and will apparently be a collection of Sam's profiles on the sf and fantasy authors.

THE NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS for the LASES for the first six months of 1963 are: Director, Fred Patten; Secretary, Dian Girard; Treasurer, Ed Baker; Senior Committeeman, Bruce Pelz; Junior Committeeman, Forrest J. Ackerman.

AFTER AN ABSENCE of fifteen years, Sam Russell again joins the ranks of active fandom and plans to issue a new fanzine next month (February). The new quarterly magazine will be called EAUNTED and will specialize in serious reviews and articles on weird fiction. He hopes to develop it into something like the old ACOLYTE and FANTASY COMMENTATOR. Information may be had from Sam at: 2018A 21st Street, Santa Monica, Calif.

CONS AND CONFABS scheduled for the near future: The open ESTA is slated for March 3 at the cental "Y" in Newark, N. J. Time will be 1:00 PM, and programming is built around a tribute to John W. Campbell on his 25 years as editor of ASTOUNDING and ANALOG. The Lunacon is due on April 21st in New York -- further details not available. Then there is the Discon in Washington over the Labor Day weekend.

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD, ANALOG is going large size with the March issue. Details are given in "In Times to Come" in the February issue.

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EDITORIAL COMMENTS As you might suppose, the death of Julius Unger came as a great shock to Paul and me. I did not have the pleasure of personally meeting Julie, but I considered him a good friend. There is really not too much I can say except to express my regrets. We have lost an institution, as well as a fellow fan. To many of us, fandom will never be quite the same without Julie.

Upon learning of his death, my first reaction was to discontinue FFF, and I returned all subscriptions collected up until that time. The question arose in my mind as to whether I had the right to continue the title myself, even if I wished to. The initial shock eased in a few days, as these things will, and I decided to continue as best I could. That explains the delay of this issue, for it has not been easy.

My apologies for this issue. Things will improve if possible; I have no desire to publish the poor fans STARSPINKLE. We are sending out the first page of index with this issue. I have enough material on hand for about two more sheets, and after that I have a problem. Paul was using Julie's collection in compiling the indexes, and he has not indicated his desire or ability to continue. I will repeat my plea for everyone to send me any fan news items and thank those who already have.

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