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THREE WEEKS from this date is the 29th World Science Fiction Convention. We hope to see you at the First Fandom meeting/party at the convention hotel--The Boston-Sheraton--over the Labor Day weekend.

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THREE YEARS AGO we had our party at the Baycon (Oakland/Berkeley--and what a funtime that was!). It reached such a "new high for attendance, interest, enthusiasm, nostalgia, etc." that Our President Bob Madle collected and published "A Symposium" about it. Bob Bloch immortalized it in verse and Alva Rogers described it as "one of the most enjoyable fannish sessions I've ever attended at any time or any place." So now we have another chance--this time on the East Coast. Let's all come to this party and set a new new high.

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....Incidentally, just for those who were at the Baycon bash in 1968, here, published for the first time!, is part of that "absoglorly lutio-us discussion of tades and bies." AN EXTRACT FROM DAVE KYLE'S REPORT: "First Fandom ties cost \$2 versus \$2.50 because of postage. (Please! Please!) Yes, the cost of the ties went up for the Baycon because of extra airmail postage charges. But I set the price at \$2.00, which covers the ordinary postage. To keep me from going crazier than I am I have kept the price at \$2--when I could have paid the customs charge and resigned us to double the amount, the cost; would you believe a \$9 or \$10 badge? I know--and most of you know--that Bob Madle says the price is \$2.50 so as to keep me from losing money. However, I'd rather lose money than my mind. Some ties would technically be \$2.50 and some ties \$2.00--so just forget it. The price is fixed at \$2. (That's not to say I haven't appreciated some of you who did pay \$2.50 apeice.) If you feel like making a contribution, make it toward expenses of the FF News Letter. And talking of letters, a letter from Baxters Badges, dated August 30th, 1968--a week ago--informs me that the badges have increased in price slightly. Twelve of them (12) formerly were 27 shillings eight pence and now the last two dozen were at one pound eight and ten per dozen. This is an increase of \$1.68 or 14¢ per badge. Therefore the price has to be increased to all members who have not yet bought or paid for a badge. Formerly the price was \$6.30. The new price is \$6.45. (Although I continued to sell badges at the Baycon at \$6.30 when they were costing 15¢ more, I can't try to back bill anyone, nor is it worth it for the small amount. If anyone feels guilty, just remember to buy me a drink the next time we bump into each other--soft drink, that is, to keep the records balanced, or maybe the mix if I bring the bottle.").

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THERE ARE TWO BLAZER BADGES on hand. The price is \$6.50. Orders for more will be taken, but the price will be significantly higher, what with decimalisation from old pence to new pence and such--But you don't REALLY want me to try to EXPLAIN it, do you?!

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OUR MEMBERSHIP LIST is still being prepared. Dale Tarr, Lynn Hickman and Rusty Hevelin have all been working on it. Chances are good that it will become Page Two of this News Letter. If not, Lynn will publish it sometime in a future First Fandom Fanzine.

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AS IT MUST TO US ALL DEPARTMENT: Since our last report on the subject, death has taken at least one more of us: George Nims Raybin. He died

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Finlay. First Fandom Hall of Fame Award. Presented at the World Science Fiction Convention, Heidelberg, Germany, 1970. Presented in appreciation of the extraordinary imagination and versatility that gave him an affinity for the unusual and for the genius that made it possible for us to share his art work of such quality as to rank Virgil Finlay among the immortals in his own time. (end of inscription) May I thank you for your attention on behalf of First Fandom and ask that Henry Eichner accept this symbolic award on behalf of Virgil Finlay. ...Friends I will now ask Wendayne Ackerman for a German translation --a courtesy made feasible only because as a substitute speaker I have not eulogized Virgil Finlay in the full manner with which Sam Moskowitz is so capable." (Hank Eichner accepted it in French. So the presentation was exceptionally effective, many of us thought.)

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A FIRST FANDOM LUNCHEON has been under consideration for the Noreascon. Bob Madle reports that scheduling is about impossible, conflicts inevitable. (Saturday noon the Burroughs Bibliophiles meet.) However, Sunday between 11:00 and 2:00 is a tentative time, with the cost about \$6.00, including tip and tax. (A service charge to the club if liquor service is provided will be about \$35 plus drink charges.) Bob has appointed Art Saha to "ramrod" the luncheon if we have one. Bob suggests we send our comments to him (4406 Bestor Dr, Rockville, Md. 20853) with a copy to Art Saha (307 N. 8th St, Kenilworth, NJ 07033).

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LATEST NEWS ABOUT BADGES: There are now NONE on hand. Any orders?

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LATEST NEWS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP LISTS: No word yet from Dale, Rusty or Lynn. (A PC from Lynn offers hope.... Incidentally have you heard about how Lynn was down at the Cape for the Apollo 12 moon shot, sitting in the VIP's stands lonely amidst a thousand spectators-- when whom should he see wandering around but Dave Kyle? The spirit of First Fandom was science-fictionishly acute on that damp historical morning.) ...So there'll be no membership list publication in this issue. On the contrary, this will be a plea for help again. (Last month's plea brought two immediate responses: John Flory ("I haven't lived at the address you used for the past seven years!") and Gerry de la Ree ("The Newsletter brought the first news I've had from the group in more than a year --and it arrived only hours after I heard of John Campbell's death."). In the four weeks or so since FFNL No. 5, more than eight have been returned as "not forwardable." Almost twice as many haven't even been sent! So, anyone knowing any of the following addresses, please drop me a line (preferably with a publishable comment): D.McPHAIL, P.J.FARMER, K.KRUEGER, L.SHAW, F.COOK, W.DE BRA, E.LOGUE, M.GREENBERG, R.W.LOWNDES, B.TAYLOR, J.CHALKER, A.DAVIDSON, J.CHRISTOFFE, S.SKIRVIN, B.MAHAFFEY, H.HARRISON, L.ESHBACH, S.HOFFMAN, M.SPAHN, and R.WRIGHT. If you can do this today, your help will be useful when Noreascon meeting time comes. (Undoubtedly there are more names which are still circulating unwanted through the postal system.)

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\$\$ FOR THE RECORDS: Received from Phil Bridges \$2.50 for a tie to be ordered. (Any other orders, anyone?) (At least a three month wait.) Received from Al Lopez (he now lives in Maine instead of Virginia) \$4 in dues. YES, WE'LL COLLECT MONEY THIS MONTH BY MAIL FROM YOU! SEND IT TO ME (Dave Kyle, WPDM, Potsdam, NY 13676) THIS MONTH. I'LL TAKE IT TO THE CON AT BOSTON & TURN IT OVER TO THE TREASURER'S OFFICE.Better yet, you take it to the Noreascon!....

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