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This is a non-profit amateur publication devoted to the works - and to the readers - of John D. MacDonald. Its initial distribution will be to the members of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association. It will also be sent to recipients of JDM BIBLIOPHILE No. 21 who are not members of FAPA.

The JDMB BULLETIN No. 1, THE JDM MASTER CHECKLIST, and the first 20 issues of the JDM BIBLIOPHILE are out of print.

The JDM BIBLIOPHILE No. 21 is, as of this writing, still in print. Price is 50¢ a copy, and includes this second issue of the JDMB BULLETIN.

As we said last time, we have no idea when we will be able to publish JDMB No. 22. We do plan to publish JDMB BULLETIN No. 3 by either November 1976 or February 1977. If you are not a member of FAPA--and if there is an "X" on your mailing label this issue, send 25¢ for JDMBB No. 3. (If it's easier, we'll also accept two unused 13¢ U. S. postage stamps instead of the quarter, but please do not send a 25¢ stamp as we rarely have a use for same.) AND PLEASE DO NOT SEND MORE THAN 25¢ in coin or stamps. We are publishing on an issue-to-issue basis with no long-range plans and neither the need nor the desire for long-range subscriptions.

If you are a member of FAPA, or if there is no "X" on your label, you should not send money or stamps for the next issue. However, we still appreciate getting cards or letters of comment.

- ljm

" C O N D O M I N I U M " C O M P L E T E D & W I T H P U B L I S H E R

John D. MacDonald mailed the final draft of CONDOMINIUM to his publisher on July 8th. He says it is "forty-three chapters, 560 pages, 168,000 words" and that he has "absolutely no opinion about it at the present time".

17th McGEE PARTIALLY WRITTEN BUT UNTITLED; OTHER MCGEES REPRINTED

John is partway into the 17th Travis McGee novel and says "it should go quickly now". Some time ago he mentioned the possibility that "ginger" might be the color used in the title, but as of July 12th the title was not yet determined.

Lippincott is about to bring out the hardcover edition of A PURPLE PLACE FOR DYING. This will be the 14th McGee they have done.

John received a large-print edition of THE DREADFUL LEMON SKY as published by Hall. He says "It looks mighty strange".

NOTE TO THE UNWARY: "THE BLUE HAMMER" IS NOT A MCGEE NOVEL.

"...note that I did not write THE BLUE HAMMER," says JDM. "Can't say I am displeased to see somebody come out with a movie called MOVING TARGET, not from anything written by anybody called MacDonald. And it is not true that I am writing a book called THE WAY SOME PEOPLE LIVE."

CORRECTING THE CORRECTIONS: Jan Linard of Vesoul, France informs us that the correct French translation of A BULLET FOR CINDERELLA is UNE VALDA POUR CENDRILLON, as listed in the JDM MASTER CHECKLIST, and not "VALDE" as listed in our Corrections & Additions (No. 17). "Valda" is French slang for "bullet". It is also the trade name of a popular French cough drop or throat lozenge--presumably because of its shape.

SEEK & SWAP DEPARTMENT: We hadn't planned one for this issue, but as we have the space we'll list a couple of requests:

JOANNE SADER, 2476 Moore St., Eugene, OR 97404 needs issues one thru seven of JDMB. She also needs I COULD GO ON SINGING and NO DEADLY DRUG, as well as old pulp or detective magazines containing stories by JDM.

ALLAN D. PRATT, Assistant Professor, Indiana University, Graduate Library School, University Library, Bloomington, IN 47401, would like to get in touch with one or two JDM fans (who aren't as busy as the Moffatts) who have tried to date precisely all of the McGee novels. He has done so, but says "I can't quite get THE QUICK RED FOX pinned down..." He could probably use a copy of JDMB No. 20 (he has No. 21) as the Grennell article should be of interest to him.

We might add that if anybody comes up with a chronological exegesis of the McGee series, we would be interested in publishing it some time in the future.

JDMB CORRESPONDENTS DEPT.: Professor Pratt's request (above) and others we've received over the years leads us to believe that many of you might want to swap letters as well as books, magazines, etc. That, plus the fact that we don't have space for our regular letter column in the BULLETIN, inspires us to inquire if any of you would be interested in having your name and address listed in a CORRESPONDENTS DEPT.? We never publish addresses in the letter column, unless specifically requested to do so. SEEK & SWAP requests, and inquiries such as Professor Pratt's, imply permission to print addresses. If you are interested in corresponding directly with fellow JDMB readers, tell us and we'll have a special listing in the next BULLETIN. (If it gets too long for one issue, we'll print what we can and continue in the next.)

THE MYSTERY LIBRARY The University of California, San Diego Extension, has established a publishing project called The Mystery Library. The project's goals are to reprint fine mystery fiction that is not otherwise obtainable in hardcover editions; to publish an original "appreciation of the mystery story" book, called THE MYSTERY STORY, which may also be used as a textbook; and to create and make available to schools, colleges and universities everywhere courses on the mystery story.

Al Hubin's fine journal, THE ARMCHAIR DETECTIVE, will also become an official publication of the Mystery Library project. Al will continue as Editor-in-Chief, but will no longer have to do the rest of the work involved in magazine publishing. That part of it will be taken over by Publisher's Inc., 243 12th St., Drawer P, Del Mar, CA 92014. A one-year (4 issues) subscription to TAD is \$10 in the U.S.A., \$12.50 elsewhere. The September issue will give more information on the Mystery Library, as well as on the history of TAD and its founder-editor, Al Hubin. The June issue is currently available from Publisher's, Inc.

The Mystery Library's editorial board is chaired by John Ball, Editor-in-Chief of the project, and has as its members Robert E. Briney, E. T. Guyman Jr., Howard Haycraft, Allen J. Hubin, Francis M. Nevins Jr., Otto Penzler, Ellery Queen, James Sandoe, Aaron Marc Stein, Hillary Waugh and Phyllis Whitney.

The Mystery Library hopes to have the next issue of THE ARMCHAIR DETECTIVE available at BOUCHERCON 7, as well as copies of THE MYSTERY STORY and also the first of their reprint series.

BOUCHERCON 7

The Seventh Annual Anthony Boucher Memorial Mystery Convention will be held at the Americana Hotel in Culver City, California on October 1, 2 and 3, 1976. June and I are co-chairing the convention, aided and abetted by:

Larry and Noreen Shaw (who are doing the programming and helping with publicity)

Bruce Pelz (our treasurer and one of the founders of the Bouchercon)

Elayne Pelz (who will handle membership registrations)

Craig Miller (our hotel liaison), and

Milt Stevens (who will be our program coordinator).

OUR GUEST OF HONOR IS:

JOHN BALL

creator of Virgil Tibbs.

Mr. Ball, besides speaking at the luncheon on Sunday, will moderate a panel on The Police Procedural Story. Panelists will include Dallas Barnes, Hillary Waugh, and the LAPD's Policeman of the Year, Investigator Timothy Yost.

Larry Shaw will conduct a Sherlockian panel, and Noreen Shaw and Robert Bloch will discuss Fredrick Brown - the man and his works.

There will be panels and discussions on:

The Private Eye
Clergyperson-Detectives

and other subjects of interest to readers and writers of mystery fiction, featuring Joseph Hanson, Ely Liebow, William F. Nolan, Roger Simon and James White.

Most, if not all, of the editorial board of the UCSD Mystery Library plan to attend, and we hope to get more of them to participate in the program.

There will also be films, of course, and a special tape show featuring a talk taped especially for BOUCHERCON by Elizabeth Linington; radio detective plays (courtesy Francis M. Nevins Jr.) and excerpts from the "Boucher on Queen" tape played at BOUCHERCON 3.

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We also hope to have one or two pleasant surprises for attendees, but these can't be announced until confirmed. Our first ~~Progress~~ Report is now in process.

NOW is the time to join and plan to attend BOUCHERCON 7. The membership fee is only \$6.00. Please make checks payable to BOUCHERCON 7. Send to:

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See you there!

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