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NEW PAPERBACKS FOR JUNE (US):: Ace - "Nine Hundred Grandmothers" (R A Lafferty),
"Our Friends From Frolix 8" (Philip K. Dick),
"Swordsman In The Sky" (ed. by Donald A. Wollheim), "The Dream Master" (Roger
Zelazny), "The Ships Of Durstorum" (Kenneth Bulmer)/"Alton's Unguessable" (Jeff
Sutton), "The Prisoner 3" (Hank Stine) and marginally, "The Dark Shadows Cook-
book". Avon: "The People: No Different Flesh" (Zenna Henderson). Ballantine:
"Day Million" (Frederik Pohl), "Tiltangle" (R.W. Mackelworth), "Zothique"
(Clark Ashton Smith). The June re-issues from Ballantine are - by Frederik
Pohl, "The Case Against Tomorrow", "The Man Who Ate The World" and "Digits
And Dastards" and by Hal Clement, "Cycle Of Fire", "Close To Critical" and
"Natives Of Space". (The Brunner and Anderson March re-issues were very well
produced, and it looks as though the same applies to the June re-issues.)
Berkley: "Ace Of The White Death" (Robert J. Hogan), "Damnation Alley" (Roger
Zelazny), "Dune Messiah" (Frank Herbert) and "Orbit 6" (ed. by Damon Knight)
(all reprints of one kind or another.) (Mostly from Locus)

OTHER BOOK NEWS:: Mervyn Binns is working on a catalogue of all current SF books
in print. Any assistance would probably be appreciated. Mervyn
hopes to complete the job in three or four months. And see also the next item.

AUSTRALIAN FANZINES:: No fanzines for general circulation were published during
the last fortnight. But immediately after this NN things
will change. Issue number 2 of THE SOMERSET GAZETTE will be completed on June
7 and will be available at the MSFC from June 8 for 20¢. Mailed copies cost
30¢ and will be despatched as soon as possible after that date. Editor is
Noel Kerr (85 Morgan Street, Carnegie, Victoria 3163). // Noel Kerr is also
involved in a previously top-secret project now unveiled. On June 5 he will
begin to sell copies of WART'S EPIC, a 32 page offset on glossy paper fanzine/
comic book/little magazine done by Gerald Carr. The price of \$1 includes postage.
(Sounds a bit like WITZEND to me. And Kerr is the agent for that too. // If
you received this inside a copy of THE SOMERSET GAZETTE and are interested -
subscribe through Leigh Edmonds. Even though THE SOMERSET GAZETTE does list
new books we are generally (ahem) a little faster. // My plans to publish an
issue of THE JOURNAL OF OMPHALISTIC EPISTEMOLOGY during the last two weeks had
to be shelved largely due, it is rumoured, to overactive publishing. (Would
you believe twenty pages in the last week? Nineteen fanzines in the last month?)
// As usual, the heavy publishers in Australian fandom were the members of the
Australia In '75 committee (which now includes Bob Smith and Bruce Gillospie,
by the way). Since the last NN, 12 fanzines/circulars have been distributed by
committee members, bringing the total to (by a quick count on fingers and toes)
22. Perhaps I should be corrected on this. Why don't we just form another apa? //
Speaking of Australia In '75, this might be the right time to mention that the
next issue of the fanzine of that name will probably be published on the long
weekend of June 13 (and environs). Letters of comment and so on should be in the
hands of the editors by June 10 (a good address is PO Box A215, Sydney South,
NSW 2000). Oh yes - send money. If you really want to see a copy. //What will
happen to this column when fanzines do get published in the period under exam-
ination?// With this issue you should find NN 7, the first of an occasional
series. It is rather technical, but anyone having a file of AUSTRALIA IN'75
should be able to work most of it out. In future we would like to do this
irregularly, when useful material comes to hand (e.g. a long book review of
an important book) but ask first and save time. // With respect to subscriptions -
don't worry if yours runs out: we won't hound you to re-subscribe, we'll just
drop you from the mailing-list.

US MAIL DATES:: Latest date for surface mail received from USA - April 18 (both
East and West Coast). (This might be useful to anyone waiting
for mail and wondering, wondering.) And see the next item, for that matter.

FANZINES:: CARANDAITH 5 (once the journal of the Australian Tolkien Society - is it still?) was published long enough ago for copies to have filtered through to Australia. The contents, according to the editor (whose address is now 330 S. Berendo, Los Angeles, California 90005), include articles on "environmental sculpture, language-creation, rock music, numerology", "plus fiction, reviews, columns, etc." If you are a subscriber (Australian-type) and haven't got your copy, why don't you write a snotty letter to Mike O'Brien (158 Liverpool Street, Hobart, Tas 7000)?

THE APA CORNER:: DMPA 56 - 239 pages. SAPS 91 - 136 pages (and no waiting list for both. SAPS OE is Doreen Webbert, 1415 Barcelona Drive, Akron, Ohio, USA 44313). Apa-L 256 - 63 pages, Apa-L 257 - 70 pages. FAPA 130 - 410 ANZAPA: news on the recent ANZAPA Ballot will be found at the bottom of this page.

CLUB NEWS:: The Sydney Science Fiction Foundation held a meeting (apparently on May 15) with the following results. Meetings have been temporarily suspended. The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting, to be held on June 19, "at a location to be announced". All library books on loan should be returned at the AGM. (If this is not possible, members should contact Peter Darling or Gary Mason.) In future, meetings will be held in the first and third weeks of the month (the first being the regular meeting). There is some discussion about the role to be played by THE NEW FORERUNNER in future. Finally, some amendments to the constitution have been proposed by Gary Mason. These would eliminate 22 of the present 35 articles, leaving unchanged only those defining a quorum and the powers of the Committee to introduce regulations. Admittedly the correction to the article defining the name is only one of spelling. Why not get rid of the remaining 13 articles as well. // And the SSFF elections are on, too. Nominations closed on June 1. // The next meeting of Melbourne's Fantasy Film Group is scheduled for June 19. The film shown will be THE LOST CONTINENT (based on Dennis Wheatley's book, I'm told). A list of future films for showing is to be found in THE SOMERSET GAZETTE. // The SSFF information comes from NEW FORERUNNER BULLETIN NUMBER SEVEN - is this a fanzine for general circulation, Gary?

A NEWSNOTE A DAY FROM ALL OVER:: The Melbourne Film Festival will be screening a short film titled AFTER PROUST. The name "John Baxter" is not unconnected with the film. (It is not true that NN has been paid an enormous sum for this advertisement.) // Recent Mystery Writers of America elections produced Robert Bloch as President, Hans Stefan Santesson as regional VP for New York and Allen Kim Lang as regional VP for the Midwest. (pinched from Winnie, whose new address I'll give as soon as possible) // "The Organization of the International Festival of Science Fiction Films has announced a national competition for a T.V. or radio science fiction script. The works must reach the secretary of the Festival not later than June 10th." Work faster, you lazy swine; // Is Locus dead? Most recent issue received is dated April 27. // "Bob Sabella (32 Cortright Road, Whippany, New Jersey 07981 is conducting a poll of favourite novels, shorter works, and writers of the past decade. He'd like the top 3 of each from all who wish to participate by June 30." (from that issue of Locus) // NOTICE: NN is stencilled three days before it is printed, and therefore there are times when interesting notes come in between the two activities. If you make a major discovery in this time it can be included by ringing Leigh Edmonds on 62 0131 (extension 793) during working hours or John Foyster on 560 7452 at other times up until 4.30pm on date of publication. Of course we don't know exactly how well this will work out, just yet. // BEYOND REASON is an SF movie at present showing in a couple of Melbourne suburban theatres, directed by Giorgio Mangiamelo. In other words, it's Australian. Story concerns some escapees from a mental asylum liberated by atomic warfare (if 'liberated' is the word I'm groping for). I don't know how long it will run for - perhaps the MFFG should follow it up. // Gary Woodman wants it known that he was too present at the Melbourne Moratorium demonstration. The said G. Woodman was the last to lose his continuous string in ANZAPA (with the April mailing). // There is some talk about a Melbourne weekly apa. // Mervyn Binns is full of praise of the current NEL paperback titles (especially the covers); but I keep telling him that you can't judge a book by its cover. // And a final reminder that the AUSTRALIA IN '75 Committee needs money. The address is above. //

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FLASH!! Jack Wodhams has sold a novel, "The Authentic Touch" to Curtiss Books for paperback publication. (SF Commentary) // Bruce Gillespie, PO Box 245, Ararat, 3377, Vic., is now agent for LOCUS// SF COMMENTARY 12, also from Bruce Gillespie, has just been published. // Both ANZAPA amendments were passed but Gary Mason isn't asking the members for money just yet. // The Annual General Meeting of the SSFF will be held flat 33/100 High Street, North Sydney, which is where Robin Johnson happens to live. //

~~Dear Bert, I am very interested in...~~