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**TAFF DEADLINE NEARS:** As a rider with this issue of RATATOSK you will find TAFF PROGRESS REPORT 8, from Terry Carr and Arthur Thomson. It explains all the details of the current TAFF structure and procedures. But note that the nominations close on 1 December for the current race; get busy and get those nominations in. ## Ex-TAFFman Wally Weber reports that he had got 30 pages of a second draft of his TAFF Report (1963 trip) by last fall, but hasn't seen it since he moved last May. He hopes to unearth it and attack it again over the Christmas holidays. He concludes, "Ghu knows when, or if, I'll finish." Will some Southern fan please prod him a bit to get the thing done? Bill Pettit, you're in Huntsville...



*Wally Weber?! The 1963 report already?!!*

**FOLLOW-UP:** The "Batman" TV show will begin January 12, and stars Adam West with Burt Ward as Robin. It will be seen Wednesdays and Thursdays, and will be in color.

**TRICON MASQUERADE** is being handled by George Scithers, who announces that there will be prizes in the categories "Most Beautiful," "Most BEMish," and "Most Authentic" -- the last being for accurate portrayal of a character from The Literature. Also, there will be 4 Open Categories, awarded for whatever the Judges please. All categories are open to individuals or groups, and costume names will be announced, so have a title for yours ready. Should you need special effects or timing, let the Tricon Committee know in advance. Comments are requested on (1) what sort of entertainment is wanted for the time while the Judges are making decisions (about 15-20 minutes), and (2) should there be an award for "Best Presentation"? This latter award would be for the acting and staying "in character" while in costume, especially before the Judges. Such an award was given at Westecon 18 this past year, and was well received both by contestants and audience. Send suggestions and comments to: AMRA, Box 9120, Chicago, Illinois 60690. See you at the Masquerade!

**SCIENTOLOGISTS AND HYPNOTISTS** are the latest to fall under edict from Australia's waving banners. A Reuters release of 10 Nov. reports that a bill in the Victoria state legislature would require all psychologists and hypnotists to register with a special council (3 medical practitioners and at least 3 practicing psychologists). They would register the psychologists, grant hypnotists permission to practice. Hypnotism for entertainment would be banned except by special permission, and no one under 21 could hypnotize or be hypnotized. The bill also bans the practice of Scientology for profit, after an inquiry into "the movement started by Lafayette Hubbard of the United States."

THE 1965 HUGO TROPHIES have still not been sent to their winners, reports Al Halevy. Al says Ben Jason is still having trouble making the rockets, but after they are done they will be shipped to Al who will put them on the bases (already acquired) and attach the plates (which Scithers had engraved in Europe). Al says he hopes they will be received by the winners before Christmas. ## Al also suggests either casting the rockets in epoxy resin from a silicon rubber mold, or using a tracer lathe for production of further Hugoes.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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APAc: There is now only one weekly APA. The first of these short-cuts to insanity, APA F, officially folded with its 69th Distribution on 29 October 1965. There will still be distribution of fanzines at the weekly Fanoclast/FISTFA meetings, say the members, but no more official APA F. The copy-cat APA L, Distribution 57 having gone out this last Thursday at LASFS Meeting 1475, is still chugging along. It is hoped that some of the APA F members who have not been in APA L will now be able to contribute, and in anticipation of an upsurge of members, APA L will require 50 copies of each contribution as of the 63rd Distribution (30 December). ## FAPA Mailing 113 was a small one -- 296 pages, with a total of 30 items. Only one member was dropped between mailings 112 and 113, and although a petition had been circulated for his reinstatement with 112, it did not pass, and the WL will move up one. From the rather jaded viewpoint of the OE, there is nothing very noteworthy in the mailing except Rotsler's 51-page MASQUE 16. ## SFPA members better not hold their breath waiting for the November 23rd mailing. The OE, Dave Hulan, has said that he will be holding the mailing until Dec. first for a promised contribution, and will then put it out as soon as he can -- most likely between the weekends of the 4th and 11th of Dec.

CLUB MEETINGS, ETC.: The CCNY Evening Session SF Society will present the second of two complete movie serials (from Chapter 1 right on to the final chapter) on Saturday, 18 Dec., in Finlay Hall 217 (Convent Ave & 133rd St, New York). It will be "The Clutching Hand," and the show begins at 6PM. (The first serial, "The Master Key" was shown yesterday, 20 November). ## The LASFS Thanksgiving meeting and Xmas meeting (25 November and 23 December) will be held at 3177 W. Fifth, LA, at the usual time (8PM). Programs are, respectively, a stereo slide show and the Xmas party. The latter will also be preceded by nominations for Director, with elections to follow on 30 Dec. Other LASFS programs include a talk by 4e Ackerman on his European tour this past summer, to be given 2 Dec., and a New Year's Eve Party, also at 3177 W. Fifth, beginning at about 7:30 PM Friday 31 December and lasting until.

R.I.P. Margery Stanbery (Margery of LEMONIA, Queen of Philatea; sister of Paul Stanbery), died on November 12 at her parents' home in San Pedro, California. The 20-year old girl suffocated herself. Cleah Uvani... .