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Due to circumstances beyond control, the fourth TAFF Cartoon (for Pete Weston) is postponed to next issue. Vote for TAFF anyway, huh?

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**1 MORE POP IN THE POPULATION DEPT.:** The Los Angeles fan contributions to the population explosion proceeded apace, as a girlchild was born Friday (12:03 pm) to Dian Pelz. Cecy Alystra showed up two days earlier -- Mar. 4 -- than the original estimate, and two weeks earlier than the doctor's estimated at a check-up on the 3rd. Cecy weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 21 inches at birth. Dian will be out of Kaiser Permanente hospital Monday, 7 March, to come home; both she and Cecy are doing fine.

**FAN FROM UNCLE DEPT.:** Ted Johnstone, whose first book, The D.A.G.G.E.R. Affair, came out from Ace Books on 3 March, has sold them another in the "Man From U.N.C.L.E." series, to be called The Vampire Affair.

**HARRY WARNER** reports, via Dick Eney, that parties unknown have been "quietly mailing HORIZONS to places in Hagerstown intended to embarrass or damage me." He is taking steps in an effort to pin down the guilty parties. "Fortunately," says Warner, "I seem to have left the right things unsaid, and the only local reactions have been astonishment that I go to all that work and then don't tell my friends around here about it." Context indicates this has been going on for at least six months.

**PRO VOCATIONS:** Coming out in March from Ballantine is Fritz Leiber's novelization of the latest Tarzan Epic; the book is called Tarzan and the Valley of Gold (as is the film, script by Clair Huffaker, from which it is taken). The blurb says "...from the bullring of Mexiso to the jungles of Brazil to the haunts of an ancient Incan city... ." Africa must be pass these days. // Bob Silverberg's new non-fiction book, Antarctic Conquests; the Great Explorers in Their Own Words -- Silverbob is editor this time -- is out from Bobbs-Merrill. // The Los Angeles Times reports that the movie rights to Eric Frank Russell's The Great Explosion have been opted by Contempo III for production as a feature film. Don Balluck (shades of the Sod's Opera!) will write the screenplay. // And from Ace in April we get Lin Carter's Thongor of Lemuria (a sequel, I suppose, to Wizard of...); Alan Garner's Weirdstone of Brisingamen (a Tolkienish bit children's fantasy previously published in England by Puffin); and the doublebacked Rocannon's World (Ursula K. LeGuin)/the Kar-Chee Reign (Avram Davidson). Also, Ace will bring out its second annual volume of World's Best Science Fiction: 1966, which sounds like the best buy, even at 60¢, of the lot.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES:** Willy Rotsler, of QUOTEBOOK fame, has recently had a couple of his quotes turn up in (1) the "Quotes, Old and New" Dept. of the Garden Grove Evening News-Independent for 30 Jan.; and (2) a Mexican tourist brochure discovered at one of the border-crossings. // Mike Connolly's "News from Hollywood" (a syndicated column) for 3 February featured a long letter -- the entire column, 25½ column inches -- from Bjo Trimble, on the subject of animal acts on TV. // And UPI ran a story on 23 Feb. about a 22-year-old divorcee who left her car in the parking lot of a Frisco bank, drew out some cash, went shopping, and got back to find the lot closed with a chain. When her knock at the bank's glass door was ignored by those inside, she kicked it, and it shattered. Grania Davidson got her car -- and, 6 weeks later, a bill for \$186.50.

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**MORE ADVENTURES IN MUDDLE EARTH:** Ace Books has signed an agreement with Tolkien for payment of full royalties on all copies of Lord of the Rings in Ace editions, and has sent him a check over \$9,000 covering these royalties through 1965. In a letter to Ace, JRRT says "I am happy to accept your voluntary offer to pay full royalties on all copies sold of the Ace editions of THE LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy, even though you have no legal obligations to do so. You may inform those who may be interested of our amicable arrangement." The Ace release, received in addition to a photostat of the letter, states that "Ace has been on record from the start as willing to pay royalties to Dr. Tolkien, but not to his publishers who had forfeited his copyrights in the United States." It also says that, under the present agreement, JRRT receives full royalties instead of the customary one quarter royalties for an English author from American pb sales. We will not wait to hear from the anti-Aceites. // The issue of The New Yorker for 15 January 1966 (pp24-25) reports on a meeting of The Tolkien Society of America at the home of its founder, Richard Plotz of New York. At the meeting, W.H. Auden gave a brief speech.

**CHANGES OF ADDRESS:**

Lichtman, Bob - 112 Lundy's Lane, San Francisco, Calif (for letters and cards only. Other mail continues to Box 1226, Berkeley, Calif 94701.)

Stevens, Milton F. - OCUI-2, Section Delta, Class 611, U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School, U.S. Naval Base, Newport, Rhode Island 02844

Turner, Ellie - 2500 Elm Ave, Long Beach, Calif (213-GA-7-0485).

**CON-GLOMERATE:** The Lunacon will be held April 16-17 in the 7 Arts Room of the Hotel Edison, NYC. Charlie Brown is Chairman of the Con, and Isaac Asimov the Guest of Honor. Admission is \$1. Speakers include Hal Clement, Lester del Rey, Fred Pohl, Jim Blish, Gray Morrow, Lin Carter, and Terry Carr. A printed program will be issued, and ads are welcome. Price for a page is \$4, copy to be submitted 5x8 or double size for reduction to Frank Dietz, 1750 Walton Ave, Bronx, NY 10453. // Guest of honor at the Boskone next week (March 12-13) will be Fred Pohl. // The St. Louis Science Fiction Assn. is sponsoring a regional convention over the weekend of July 29-31, to be held at the Downtowner Motor Inn, 12th & Washington, St. Louis, Missouri 63101. Rooms are \$10 for a single and \$13 for a double, and memberships are \$2 to James Hall, 202 Taylor Ave, Crystal City, Missouri 63019. (These room rates are available only via the special rate card obtainable from James Hall). Guest of honor will be Ted White, and although the convention is to be mostly informal, there will be some program. This will be called the Ozarkon 1. // And the Deep-SouthCon, which was to have been in Durham, N.C., has been moved to Huntsville, Alabama. It will be held over the weekend before the Tricon (August 26-28), and further information is available from the only member of the original bidding committee still active and still in the South at present: Lon Atkins, c/o Wally Weber, Box 632, Huntsville, Alabama 35804.

**APAc:** The 19th SFFA Mailing is out, though I haven't had time to read it. The Official Editor contest this time is between incumbent Dave Hulan and Lon Atkins -- it should be close. There were two drops from the membership, and one invitee who did not make it. Any Southerner interested should get on the WL, which is down to a few Yankees trying to get in under the 25% Non-Southern quota (which is full). // The SAPS OE race has Wrai Ballard ahead of Fred Patten by 7 to 3 as of this writing. And Richard Bergeron, SAPS #1 WLER, has resigned from disinterest.

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ROGER PHILLIPS GRAHAM 1909-1966

ROGER PHILLIPS GRAHAM died Wednesday, 2 March, in the University of California Hospital, of heart complications. Shortly after entering the hospital for a pre-operative period on 25 February, Rog went into a coma and was put under intensive care. He never recovered. Presbyterian funeral services were held Saturday, 5 March, at Berkeley Hills Chapel. Among the attendees were Honey Graham and Rog's mother, plus the Alva Rogerses, the Poul Andersons, the Joe Gibsons, the Reginald Bretnors and the Tony Bouchers. Afterwards a form of private wake was held at the Bouchers' home, with a memorial poker game for Rog. Honey has asked that no flowers be sent, but that anyone wishing to do so send a donation in Rog's name to the American Heart Association.

The Club House

So Shall Ye Reap

The Yellow Pill

Armageddon

Starship From Sirius

The Involuntary Immortals

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