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THERE AND BACK AGAIN. A couple possibilities for cheap transportation to and from the LonCon II next August have been ferreted out: George Scithers reports that almost all airlines charge the same fares for a New York-London-New York trip, and that fare ranges from \$300 to \$700, depending on conditions. If 25 or more people buy their tickets as a group and travel both ways as a group, and travel on weekdays, returning to New York after 6 Sept., the fare is \$325. For individuals leaving the U.S. after 3 Aug and returning after 28 Sept., the jet fare is \$399. (If you leave after 3 Aug. but return before 28 Sept, it's about \$440.) The exception to these is Icelandic Airlines, which charges \$389 for an individual leaving after 3 August and returning after 28 Sept., and \$389 if you return before 28 Sept. Icelandic uses prop planes, but its safety record is excellent. Early reservations are essential, probably by mid-January. If your local travel agent is unhelpful, try the Icelandic offices in New York (610 Fifth Ave), Chicago (37 S Wabash Ave) or Frisco (210 Post St).

For the Califans, Ben Stark reports that you can get from LA to Frankfurt Germany for \$395 round trip next year if you join The Californians (aka The International Club of Calif) by mid-February and if they have any seats open on their charter, which leaves LA on 18 August and returns on 14 September. It costs about \$10-\$15 to join, so the trip would cost about \$410 plus the round trip fare Frankfurt-London and back (which shouldn't be too much -- Scithers should be able to report it for next issue.) The club address is 11526 Burbank Blvd, N. Hollywood, Cal.

HEARTS OFTEN TACK. Les Gerber and Sandi Bethke were married in a civil ceremony Nov. 27, with Andy Reiss and Sandi's cousin Pete as witnesses. Their address is 207 Sixth Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11217.

STOCKON 5, the 8th Scandinavian SF Convention, will be held in Stockholm April 15-17, 1965. The con is being arranged by the newly-founded Swedish SF Convention Society. ++ Another new org, the Swedish Science Fiction Academy, was founded in November. The Academy will publish an annual volume, SCANDIFANDOM 19___, as a yearbook of fan activity, and will present an award annually to the person doing the most to further the development of SF in Scandinavia during the previous year.



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PERSONAL APPEARANCES: In California Monthly, v.75 no.2, Nov 1964, appears "The Noble Art of Murder," by Reg Bretnor -- dealing with mystery stories taking place on the campus of the University of California, and mystery writers graduated from, teaching at, or otherwise associated with UCB. Mention is made of many people and stories touching on SF. The publication is putout by the California Alumni Assn, and is available from them at 60¢ a copy (C.A.A., Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Cal 94704). ++ The Greenwich Village Village Voice for 26 Nov. 1964 carries a letter to the editor from one John Michel, whose current address is given as Box 544, Greenwood Lake, N.Y. ++ Walter Breen's knowledgeable column "Bristles and Barbs," seems to be going strong again in Coin World.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Redd Boggs (and Gafia Press), 317 Moon NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112
Earl Evers (Pvt.), US 51 533 159, 269 SC Co Svc, APO 58, NY 09058
Gretchen Schwenn, 317 Moon NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112

Changes for Boggs and Schwenn are temporary, good through about mid-January. Earl Evers has been posted to Orleans, France, for about 18 months.

Lost, Strayed, or Stolen: Nick Falasca, whose mail was returned from Box 404, Aspen, Colorado as "Unknown."

THE LA PLATA SCIENCE FICTION SOCIETY, according to a letter passed on by Bob Lichtman, was organized last March, becoming the second organized SF club in Argentina. They request that you send any books, magazines, or fanzines you can part with, as they are a small club and "are so short of money as a logical consequence in any underdeveloped country." Address correspondence or packages to: Osvaldo Elliff; Calle 2 n° 270, 2°; La Plata (BA); Argentina.

NEFFER AGAIN...The N3F has elected a new slate of officers: President is Stan Woolston, Directors are Ed Meskys, Roy Tackett, Clay Hamlin, Jack Chalker, and George Nims Raybin. Meskys will act as Directorate Representative to N'APA.

THE REPRINT BUG has bitten Terry Carr, who has now started several fanzines devoted to reprinting good material from old fanzines. The first two of these reprint zines appeared in the November FAPA mailing; ENTROPY #1 contains material by Tucker, Grennell, Ashworth, Liebscher, Dave English, Sam Youd, and Jack Darrow -- 24 pages worth in all, and available for 25¢ or for letters of comment. ENTROPY BOOKLET #1 contains "Crime Stalks the Fan World," and its sequel "The Girl With the Muddy Eyes," by Lee Baldwin, reprinted from SHAGGY of the mid-40's. This is also available for 25¢ from TCarr (41 Pierrepont St, Brooklyn, NY 11201) Both of these are quite good, and the series should give newer fans an opportunity to read some of the more-or-less forgotten fan writings of the past. (And if anyone knows the present whereabouts of F. Lee Baldwin, will they please write either Terry or me.)

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