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CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS. George Sciethers points out that the round trip fare New York-London via Icelandic Airlines is \$339 if you return after 28 September -- not \$389. He goes on to report that the Frankfurt-London round trip fare by air, for any West Coast fans wishing to take advantage of the Charter Flight of The Californians, is \$85. By rail and boat, it's \$40. ++ H. Beam Piper left a number of unpublished manuscripts, including 4 paratime police stories (one of which is already sold to Campbell), and another Fuzzy novel.

SF PRO MOTIONS. Doc Smith's Galaxy Primes is reported sold to Ace for publication as The Girl With Green Hair. ++ Sturgeon's More Than Human has been

sold to the movies -- it was bought by Alex Singer, who did "A Cold Wind In August." ++ And Bob Silverberg says his 1958 story "We the Marauders" is sold to Belmont, and will be sharing a book with Blish's "Beanstalk." Agberg also reports that he will be arriving at the Caneel Bay Plantation, St. John, Virgin Islands, on 20 February, to scout out the territory for the JohnCon (sometimes known as the Virginvention) bid for the 1967 World Convention.

THE LOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY held its semi-annual elections on 17 December, and wound up with a whole new slate: Dave Hulan, Director; Jack Harness, Secretary; Betty Knight, Treasurer; Bruce Pelz, Sr. Committeeman; Tom Gilbert, Jr. Committeeman.

THE SYRICON VS. CLEVENTION QUESTION becomes more acute as we begin the Year of the Vote. I have received a number of letters asking (1) am I really supporting Syracuse? (2) If Syracuse got the con, the 1967 convention would revert to the West Coast; was the West Coast ready to put on a con? (3) Do I think it safe to allow the Rotation Plan to be set aside, even if it is done legally, according to the Discon-adopted rules? The answer to all three is: Yes. As yet I have heard nothing to indicate that the Cleveland-Detroit crowd has any definite plans at all, or even to show that they really want the convention instead of merely wanting to stop Syracuse from getting it. I would like to see even a list of the Clevention II Committee; as of now, Ben Jason is the only one I know definitely on the committee. If the 1967 Worldcon comes to the West Coast, a group of LA fans, already formed, will be ready to put it on. And as the Rotation Plan was devised to ensure an occasional West Coast con, it becomes superfluous when there are so very few groups anywhere willing to put on conventions. I think we can afford to set it aside this time.

MONARCH BOOKS, paperback SF publishers in the low-quality field, has been squeezed out of business by Gold Star books, publishers of ersatz Tarzan novels. Gold Star managed to prevent Monarch from getting good distribution, and though Monarch will continue to publish some reprints and one or two items from a backlog, they are effectively out, and should be gone by the end of the year.

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APAc. The 23rd mailing of the Neffer Amateur Press Alliance (Dec.) had 354 pages and 35 zines -- even if 3 of the zines (16pp) were franked in. The roster had a full 40 members, six of whom were new this time, and a waiting list of 12. The OElection returned Fred Patten for a 3rd term, as he beat his opponents 27 to 6 to 1 to 1. The mailing contained Rich Mann's 1-page zine done by running 42 IBM cards through a 407 for a print-out, and my first attempt at cataloging fanzines and making up Library of Fandom catalog cards. ++ The 14th Southern Fan Press Alliance mailing had 139 pages (12 zines) from its 19 members. Included was a 41-page LOKI 9 from Dave Hulan, containing a 15-page Pacificon II report by Dave. ++ And the third of the December APA mailings, OMPA 42, had 286 pages (21 zines). With the dropping of one member and the invitation of Richard Mann to take his place, OMPA has a full roster -- and no waiting list at all. All opportunists can write to the OE, Ethel Lindsay, 6 Langley Ave, Surbiton, Surrey, England, and ask to get on the WL. (They should also send \$1 to Ron Bennett, Treasurer, at 52 Fairways Drive, Forest Lane, Harrogate, Yorks., England.) Some mailing highlights were Bennett's BURP! which included tabulations of the membership, page count, and officers, from the 1st mailing thru the 40th; the second part of Brian Burgess's CHECK LIST & HISTORY OF AUTHENTIC SCIENCE FICTION; and Thomas Schlueck's TOMCHATS IN THE DARK, containing an excellent article on the city of Herrenhausen, with magazine photos tipped into the fanzine.

PHIL DAVIS, who for 30 years drew "Mandrake the Magician," died of a heart attack at 58, on 16 December.

ROY TACKETT reports that one of his fellow Albuquerqueans, Guido Nizzi by name, has written a book with the rather topheavy title The Paralyzing Rays vs. the Nuclears. It is available at \$3 from Vantage Press -- a vanity publisher.

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