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"!!?! ... THE TREE OF LIFE IS REALLY A...A...  
TOWER OF BEER CANS?...!?!!"

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YEAR-END'S TOLL. On 30 November 1964 Myrtle Rebecca Douglas Nolan -- well-known to fandom in the 1940's as Morojo -- died at the age of 60. She and her husband, Johnnie Nolan, had spent the 10 years since their marriage in the Morongo Valley, San Bernardino County, California. Morojo had been hospitalized for several months at Patten, California, and the cause of her death was not known to our source. Services were held on the 4th of December at Twenty-Nine Palms, and the only fans present were Dale Hart, Elmer Perdue, and Pozo. ++ And on 30 December, in Dalton, Georgia, old-time NFFF member Bob Farnham died,

presumably of cancer. Though not too well known outside the NFFF, Bob had attended at least two Worldcons, including ChiCon II, and had a story or two published in the Palmer prozines, besides publishing THE CHIGGER PATCH OF FANDOM together with Nan Gerding in the early fifties. ++ Nor was the beginning of the new year much better, as Thomas Stearns Eliot died on 4 January.

G&S ON TAP: Los Angeles and Bay Area fandoms are planning a super-sized theatre party on 6 March, to see the Lamplighters' production of "The Gondoliers" at their San Francisco theatre. Following the show there will be a party at the home of Anthony Boucher, to which the cast and all attending fans are invited. According to Ed Meskys, our BArea G&S Agent, this might be the last Lamplighter G&S party, so everyone interested is invited to attend. Tickets are \$1.50 each. For further information contact Ed Meskys, c/o Metcalf, Box 336, Berkeley, Cal 94701. There will be several cars and busses going up from the Los Angeles area.

BOARDMAN'S CLIPPING FILE yields an item from the NYTimes for 11 Jan to the effect that, among a group of 21 New York lawyers pledged to go to Mississippi and take depositions in efforts to oust that state's five Congressmen, is none other than George Nims Raybin. The plan involves some legal shenanigans which might possibly chuck out the 4 Democrats and 1 Republican elected last November, on the grounds that some discriminatory qualifications for voters in Miss. violate the terms under which the state was readmitted to representation in 1870.

RON ELLIK COMPLAINS that the R4 item on Ann Ashe didn't even give her address, let alone say what the NFFF or at least the NFFF Tape Bureau was. Anyone interested in the last-named item can find out what it is by writing Ann at R.D. 1, Freeville, New York 13068.

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WESTERCON XVIII, the 18th Annual West Coast Science Fantasy Conference, will be held July 3-5 at the Edgewater Inn, Long Beach, Calif. Memberships in the Westercon are \$1. Make checks payable to Rick Sneary, and send to Westercon XVIII, 5571 Belgrave Ave, Garden Grove, Calif 92641. The first Progress Report, already published, announces that the Guest of Honor will be Frank Herbert, and gives other information about the con. With the Worldcon out of the country this year, the Westercon will be a larger-than-usual affair -- costume ball, art show, and all.

APAc: The recent CULT election has resulted in the selection of the first female to hold the post of Official Arbiter: Dian Pelz. This may be an interesting Cycle coming up -- especially as it is the 13th one! ++ The January SAPS mailing reached 345 pages, and dropped only one member from the 35-member roster. Of particular interest in the mailing were Ruth Berman's 30-page DINKY BIRD 13, with a long double-reality fantasy world story, and Dian Pelz's THE GOLDEN HARP 2, featuring another of the legends of her fantasy world of Shalar, and illustrated with a half dozen pointillistic illos. In the OElection, only the present incumbent filed, making this the second uncontested OElection in the past five years.

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THE ESFA EXPANDED MEETING in March will feature a "Salute to Galaxy," similar to past years' programs saluting Amazing and Analog. Pohl, Ley, Gold, Conklin, Bester, and Harry Harrison are scheduled to take part in the program, and any fans in the area are invited. ESFA meets the first Sunday of the month (7 March, for example) at the Newark YMCA, 600 Broad Street. For information, write the Director, Allan Howard, 157 Grafton Avenue, Newark, N.J. 07104.

SKYLARK DUQUESNE, in final (93,000 words) draft, was completed by 23 December, and Doc Smith has sent it to Fred Pohl. Now if he'll get around to publishing it better than Real Soon Now... ++ Also in the hands of the Publishers (Advent: Publishers, this time) are the DisCon Proceedings, the final typescript by Dick Eney needing only proofreading before printing. ++ But it looks like the Pacificon II Proceedings are to be non-existent, as a letter from the Chairman indicates that the Committee will not be able to bankroll the transcription of the Proceedings from tape. A shame that the series must be chopped off so soon.

RECENT GENZINE ACQUISITIONS: The second issue of HAUNTED from Sam Russell (1351 Tremaine Ave, LA 90019) finally appeared with articles, poems, and fiction in the Weird genre. For anyone interested in HPL, CASmith, and that sort, it is well worth the 50¢ asking price. ++ George Sciethers's AMRA 31 (35¢, 8/\$2 from Dick Eney, 417 Ft. Hunt Rd, Alexandria, Virginia 22307) is notable mostly for some excellent sketches by Roy Krenkel, but still contains verse, reviews and other items in the realm of Heroic Fantasy.

GEORGE W. EARLEY, whom I last saw brandishing a 3-D camera at DisCon, had a 2-column commentary on Burroughs books in the Sunday Courant of Hartford Conn., 27 December 64. He boosts Canaveral and Heins's Biblio.