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## DON FORD DEAD

Don Ford, TAFF Representative to the 1960 Britcon, Chairman of the 1949 Cinvention, and longtime member of the Cincinnati Fantasy Group, died Friday April 2nd, at 11 PM, of cancer. Discovery of the cancer and the subsequent operation by Doc Barrett were too late. Don was a founding member of First Fandom, and attended many conventions, beginning with the 1948 Torcon. He also was a founder of the Midwestcon, and the first US administrator of TAFF. He was a member of OMPA, for which he published POOKA, beginning in 1955. Don was 44 at his death. He leaves his wife Margaret and three children.

THE COLIN FREEMAN FUND ("Operation Andy Capp") is over \$175. on this side of the Atlantic. Anyone wishing to make donations should send them to Ron Bennett (52 Fairways Dr., Forest Lane, Harrogate, Yorkshire, Eng) or Dave Hulan (Apt.5, 19018 Bryant, Northridge, Cal 91325). Material for auction or raffle at LASFS to benefit the fund should be sent to Bruce Pelz. Bill Mallardi (214 Mackinaw Ave, Akron, Ohio 44313) says he will send extra copies of the front and hacovers of DOUBLE:BILL 11 to anyone sending him at least 10¢; all monies received will be donated to the Andy Capp Fund. There's only four months to raise the money... .

CORRECTION DEPT.: The Midwestcon will not be at the North Plaza Motel this year, but at the Holiday Inn North (2235 Sharon Rd, Concy). The Dates are 25-27 June.

SMUT MOVES EAST: After being released from California charges of smut peddling, Sam Merwin Jr. and Dick Geis were among 12 indicted on charges of shipping "lewd, lascivious and obscene" literature into Iowa. The charges were returned by a Federal grand jury in Sioux City, Iowa, according to the Omaha World-Herald for 26 March. 48 more states to go...



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THE OLD FANNISH GAME of falling asleep while driving has struck twice during the past month. Returning from the G&S Party in the BArea over the March 6 weekend, Ted Johnstone cracked up his station wagon near Santa Barbara. Owen Hannifen and Don Simpson, his passengers, had already gone to sleep when Ted dozed off and went into a concrete divider. The car stopped a few feet short of a cracked concrete culvert cover and a possible 30-foot drop. No one in the car was injured, but \$300 car damages were effected. And Ed Meskys did much the same trick driving home to Livermore from a club meeting. He took out a highway reflector, but again suffered no physical damage.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Rich Brown, 180 E. 88th St, New York, NY  
Terry Carr, 35 Pierrepont St, Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Ron Haydock, 1248 1/4 North Cherokee, Hollywood, Calif 90038  
Lee Sapiro, Box 82, University Station, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada

CHEAP RATES TO LONDON: The Bristol City Line (c/o Charles Hill & Sons, 1 Broadway, NY 10004) runs fortnightly freighters New York-Avonmouth (a port in Bristol, Eng.). They take 5 passengers each ship -- 2 double cabins, 1 single -- and charge \$168 each way during the May-Oct season. (\$154 each way during off-season.) The Black Diamond Steamship Corp. (2 Broadway, NY 10004) runs weekly freighters New York-Antwerp, returning to NY from Rotterdam. The fares are \$225 each way in season, \$175 off-season. They are Norwegian ships, carry 10 to 12 passengers each.

G'n'S Notes: Recordings of "Utopia, Ltd." are available from the Lyric Theater Co., 4521 - 38th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016, for \$11.75 including postage. The 3-record set includes the dialogue of this 13th G&S Opera, very little performed these days. The Lyric has also recorded Opera 14-and-last, "The Grand Duke," a few copies of which are still available, and they are contemplating a recording of "The Mountebanks," by Gilbert and Alfred Cellier (1892) -- expressions of interest needed.

ACE RELEASES FOR MAY include a re-issue of de Camp's Rogue Queen and a collection of short stories by Avram Davidson, What Strange Stars and Skies, as well as the third of Norton's Witch World books, Three Against the Witch World. In addition there is a collection of Gahan Wilson's s\*\*t\*\*a\*\*g\*\*e cartoons, called Graveside Manner. If you've only got 40¢ to spend on pb's, get this one to add to your Addams collection.

APAc: The 24th N'APA mailing (March) shows a drop of 10 members for various reasons, with eight new members filling some of the blanks, and only five on the WL. Any member of the NFFF wishing to join this rather small WL should send \$1 first year's dues with his application to Fred Patten, 1825 Greenfield, LA 90025, Cal.) The mailing contains 338 pages, of which more than 20% is Meskys's NIEKAS 11. ++ The 15th Mlg. of the Southern Fandom Press Alliance (also March) shows 20 members and a WL of 2, with a page-count of 153. SFPA's rule that 75% of the membership must be Southerners, as well as the rule that the OE must be a Southerner, has been amended to the effect that a member joining from a Southern address retains his status as a Southerner even when he moves. This is brewing up a storm in the OElection between Dave Hulan (A Southerner in Californian exile) and Larry Montgomery (A Southerner in residence). The postmailings have been flying ever since the mailing came out. ++ Bruce Pelz has been elected to a fifth term as SAPS OE with 11 votes out of 20 (5 for Wrai Ballard, 1 each Doreen Webbert and "Ho-Hum", 3 no vote.) ++ APA L Distribution 24: 140 pages. In a weekly APA!! Overfeasance!!