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STATUS QUO ANTE: A large number of currently active members of the LASFS, to whom the traditional Thursday meeting night is inconvenient, got together and presented an amendment to the LASFS Constitution to have the club meet on Friday. The amendment was duly presented at the 1 April business meeting, and an issue of the LASFS NEWSLETTER went out to all members, advising that the vote would take place 15 November. Considering the radical change suggested -- LASFS has met on Thursday nights for 30 years -- the amendment brought out remarkably few Old Timers. Neither 4E nor Walt Daugherty were there, and only 3 proxy votes were submitted altogether. The vote itself was anticlimactic, and seemed to cut across the lines of cliques. Of 44 votes, 25 were in favor of the amendment, 19 against. Lacking the 3/4 vote necessary for a Constitutional amendment, it was defeated. And the status... ..remains quo.



THE ELVES, GNOMES, AND LITTLE MEN'S SCIENCE FICTION, CHOWDER, AND MARCHING SOCIETY held elections on 9 April, voting Al Halevy in as Director and returning Alva Rogers to the Secretary-Treasurer post for the xth time. And one more tin can was tied to poor old SHAGGY when the LASFS Executive Committee (mainly the Senior Committeeman, Bruce Pelz, and the Director, Dave Hulan) set up some new policies for its operation. SHAGGY will no longer be available for trades, requiring contributions, LoCs, or subscriptions. LASFS members will have two meetings after the publication of an issue to pick up a free copy, after which they will have to pay for their copies. And a more strict budget was set up, which includes the keeping of Income records and the turning of all sub money over to the Treasury, which will pay out lump operating sums. Sub rates are 25¢ an issue, 5 for \$1, from the editor, Ted Johnstone, 619 S. Hobart Ave, Los Angeles, Calif 90005. #72 is due out in a month or so.

PORNOGRAPHY PREFERRED: On 19 March, charges of conspiring to publish and distribute obscene literature were dropped against Charles E. Fritch, "a literary agent doing business at 10523 Burbank Blvd." Previously, similar charges were dropped against Jack Matcha, "an associate of Fritch." Fritch and Matcha are the Editor-Publishers of Gamma, according to #4.

THE 7TH AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE FICTION CONVENTION will be held in Melbourne on April 8-11, 1966. The ConCom consists of M.R. Binns, Chairman, and Lee Harding, John Foyster, and Bob Smith. Memberships for non-Aussies are \$1.00 each, which gets you all progress reports, the Convention Booklet, and a Convention Report. Send all monies to John Foyster, Box 57, Drouin, Victoria, Australia. ++ And while we're about it, the West-ercon 18 (July 3-5, 1965, Edgewater Inn, Long Beach, Calif) has asked Lee Jacobs, noted rock-and-roll music buff, and ardent Beatles fan, to supply the 'Discotheque' music for the Masquerade. This should be ~~extra~~ interesting. Send your \$1 membership fee to Rick Sneary, c/o 5571 Belgrave Ave, Garden Grove, Calif 92641. Don't miss it if you can!

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THE ANDY CAPP FUND, as of 15 April, is \$224 on this side of the Pond.

APAc: The 71st mailing of the Spectator Amateur Press Society (April) hit 440 pages, with the largest zines being NUMBER ONE #2 (McInerney) and EXCALIBUR [the peripatetic general-APA-zine] 10 (Bailes/Katz). Two members were dropped for lacktivity: Rich Brown and Walter Breen; and two new members were added: Mike McInerney and Len Bailes. The total number of members was reduced to 34, in continuance of a plan to reduce it gradually to 30, which limit SAPS had a number of years ago, from the 36 to which it had grown. The annual Pillar Poll returned John Berry to the Presidency of SAPS, as he piled up 247 points against his nearest competitor's 154. Second through 6th places only differed by 28 points. The SAPS WL dropped one off the bottom, and boosted one off the top into membership, but still climbed to 27 WLers. ++ InterApa, conceived and aborted by Kris Carey a year or so ago, appears to have gotten off the ground, but just barely, under the new OE, Dwain Kaiser. The first mailing (March) contains 83 pages from four different people -- mostly the second showings of genzines and bi-APAnzines. The roster lists 11 members, including Sweden's Carl Brandon -- thus keeping the "International" idea valid. InterApa is on a trimesterly schedule instead of a quarterly one, so the next deadline isn't until July. Anyone interested in joining, write to Dwain Kaiser at 5321 Mountain View Drive, Las Vegas, Nev. The InterApa Constitution, adapted from that of FAPA, is even more complicated than its model. If one has to copy an APA Constitution, try SFFPA's -- or the SAPS rules, even. The FAPA monster carries its own swamp of quicksand with it.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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FOR SALE: Typewriter that can type six languages (everything but English), and several other cheaper models recently acquired. Price to be determined. Also available: hi-fi equipment. We hope to be able to offer some mimeographs within the near future, as soon as the airlines come down on their rates. This offer not good in New York.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: Isabel Burbee is mentioned in Matt Weinstock's column in the Los Angeles Times for 11 April, commenting on a couple odd newspaper items. And John Foyster reports that John Baxter has sold a couple of articles to the literate Aussie weekly Nation -- one of the articles being on SF writers in Australia.

WARNING: Ron Ellik is sailing from New York on 4 June via the Bristol City Lines, and will be at large in the UK around the 14th. Overseas fans are advised to look out for a 6-foot squirrel from mid-June until LonCon time.

MORE APAc: The March OMPA Mailing (#43) contained 303 pages, and featured a 51-page first part of a 2-part piece of fan fiction by Archie Mercer; ZENITH 6 from Peter Weston, for serious SF fans. ZENITH's cover by Eddie Jones is excellent, indeed, but it must take second place to Ron McGuinness's green-on-yellow cover for Beryl Henley's OZ #1. OMPA's WL is down to one member, and he should be in by the June mailing. Now is the time to join OMPA, if you hate long waits on Waiting Lists!! (Inquiries to the new Assoc. Editor, Brian Jordan, 25c Brocco Bank, Sheffield 11, Yorkshire, ENGLAND.