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THE GREATER NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE has been founded by John Boardman, to serve as a central unifying agent for the various and sundried New York fan clubs. He plans a monthly bulletin, GYNCH GNOTES, to keep the clubs aware of each other's activity, officers, meetings, etc.; also in the works is a directory to NY fandom similar to that published by the LASFS, and a series of articles and reminiscences about NY fandom. I'd like very much to see this last come into being -- as I would also like other fan centers to publish the histories and recollections of their old-time members -- but I am very skeptical about the possibilities of unifying New York fandom. Good luck, John! (Further information available from John at 592 - 16th St, Brooklyn, NY 11218.)

"I hope you're satisfied - all the clubs are unitedly mad at us!"

THE 1965 DISCLAVE seems to have been a success in spite of problems such as the management closing down parties early. Ted White reports he actually enjoyed the Moskowitzes' slide show on the history of Analog; Dave Van Arnam reports a "pleasurable highspot": "watching Ted White Operating with a particularly attractive girl"; Ron Ellik reports that George Heap gave a half-hour's worth of Sf and other folk songs, which were very well received; Jay Kline reports that no official notice was made of the fact that Sam Moskowitz was Guest of Honor; Dick Eney reports that he fell down the stairs and landed on his shoulder, paralyzing his left arm; Dick Lupoff reports that it was pleasant, but not as relaxed or traditional as usual. And someone reports a "jailbait national science winner" being apparently impressed with someone's "position as an 'editor' and writer." I regret missing the Disclave, but there's still the MidwestCon and the Westercon within the next month or so. Stay tuned.

AMONG THE ACE PUBLICATIONS for June are R.D. Levie's The Insect Warriors, billed as a "classic" (about bugs ten times man-size), Delany's Ballad of Beta-2 (2 out of 10 generation-ships to the stars arrive empty), and the leech-titled Dr. Bloodmoney, or How We Got Along After the Bomb, by Philip K. Dick. Ballad sounds like the best of the lot, especially if PKD is up to his usual confusing standard.

MORE CONS: The First Edgar Rice Burroughs World Con will be held Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4-5, at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago. The 5th will feature a special luncheon for the Guest of Honor. An attendance fee of \$2 will be charged, and should be sent to Marguerite Coriell, Secretary of the Burroughs Bibliophiles (6657 Locust, Kansas City, Mo. 64131). The Secretary will then send you a reservation card for the hotel.

MISCELLANEOUS: One Kevin George Langdon took third prize (\$50) in the Ina Coolbrith Memorial Prize contest at the University of California, with "Tao Garden" and other poems. The competition is open to all undergraduates on campuses of UC. ++ Chilton Press will publish Bob Silverberg's non-fiction The Great Wall of China in July - \$7.95 for 100,000 words of text and "lots of pictures." Bob has also sold "Where the Changed Ones Go" (3d in the series that began with "The Fire") to Galaxy.

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LASFSac: On 6 May a vote of impeachment was passed against LASFSecretary Jack Harness, for non-feasance: seven out of eight meetings he would be late. As a matter of fact, he was so late for this meeting, at which the bill of impeachment was to be voted on (it had been announced at the previous business meeting), that both debate and final voting were over before he arrived. This was the first successful bill of impeachment brought against a LASFS officer during the 1960's (and may go back even further, for all I know.) Following the impeachment, an election was held for a new secretary. Jack Harness was elected by a good margin. ++ On 23 May the LASFS held its first official picnic in four years -- and it even came out a social and financial success. This was also the occasion for a Fractional Distribution of APA L, causing consternation among the large number of regular contributors who weren't informed of the plan ahead of time by the half-dozen or so conspirators.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Baker, Edwin Joseph - 3177 W. Fifth St, Los Angeles, Cal 90005
Breen, Walter & Marion - c/o 515 Madison Ave, NY, NY 10017 (6/27 to mid-August)
Castora, Philip Jerome - 3177 W. Fifth St, Los Angeles, Cal 90005
Ellik, Ron - c/o 1825 Greenfield, Los Angeles, Cal 90025 [Mail will be held all summer; Ron in Europe.]
Grennell, Dean - 1112 W15297 Mequon Road, Germantown, Wis 53022
Lerner, Fred - 98-B, The Boulevard, East Patterson, N.J. 07407
Meschkow, S.Z. - Route 52, Greenfield Park, NY 12435
Potter, Ken & Irene - 4 Hartington St., Lancaster, Lancashire, England
Simpson, Donald Paul - 3177 W. Fifth St, Los Angeles, Cal 90005
Smith, Beresford - 306 Ninianne Blvd, Princeton, N.J. 08540
Stine, Henry Eugene - 3177 W. Fifth St, Los Angeles, Cal 90005
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A NEW L.A. SLANSHACK has come into existence, as might be deduced from the above CoA list. Composed of three Randists and an Eldritch Doom [you could play a kind of Fan Roulette by opening a bedroom door; if you're lucky, you get the Eldritch Doom], the latest in the long line of sLAnshacks ["Galt's Gulch," "The Ayn Shrine"] is an experiment in cooperative living with Rules and Regulations. ++ On the other hand, the current sLAnshack, the Labyrinth of Valeron, will probably break up in a month or so, due to depopulation. Labyrinth Duquesne, anyone?

PUBLIC APPEARANCES: The May GUNsport features a cover photo, plus five interior pieces, by Dean Grennell (one credited to his brother Ralph). ++ The El Sereno (Calif.) Star for 27 May includes, in a photo of Senior Citizens planning an Open House, Ann Chamberlain, who recently moved into a Senior Citizens housing development in the Rose Hills section of East Los Angeles. ++ Bob Bloch has a labor-of-love article in the 1965 Mystery Writers' Annual, entitled "When I Grow Too Old to to Scream, I'll Have You to Dismember." It is a nostalgic look backward at his first love, mystery serials and feature films. [...Tucker]

HUGOS WHERE? The Los Angeles contingent of LonCon members would like to know if any other contingent has received its Hugo Ballots. So far, the only L.A. member to have received one is the LASFS itself, which holds a membership as a club. There are a number of LASFSians who would like to join the con if they were certain they would get to vote, too. ...

WHAT EVER HAPPENED ... Broyles's 2nd WHO'S WHO IN SF FANDOM? ... Boggs's Buck Rogers volume ... LESTAR CHAPBOOK? ... the Lin Carter/TEW Oz book?