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CHANGE IN HUGO NOMINATION for Best Fanzine. TRUMPET, published by Tom Reamy, is not eligible for the Hugo this year, as it had not published four issues by the end of the qualifying year (1965). TRUMPET's fourth issue appeared during 1966, so it will be eligible next year. ZENITH now moves up into the nominee ranks -- and I think I'll vote for it.

CON-FLAGRATIONS: Bad enough we have a four-way fight for the 1967 Worldcon bid (Boston, Syracuse, Baltimore, New York.) Now, within the last couple weeks, there have been three bids for the 1967 Westercon. One of these is another bid by fans in the San Francisco Bay Area to put on a Westercon at the Burlingame Hyatt House, scene of the successful 1963 Westercon. In charge of this bid are Alva Rogers and Ben Stark, who entered a Burlingame bid last year and were beaten out by San Diego by 4 votes. I remember their 1963 efforts with pleasure, and would be glad to see another Westercon like that one.

The second bid is from Los Angeles, with Ted Johnstone as Chairman. Ted has wanted to put on a con for several years, and is making a big push this year to get the Westercon. His ConCom is already formed, and includes Bill Ellern, currently LASFS Treasurer, as Treasurer; Earl Thompson as Secretary, and Dwain Kaiser as head of Publicity. If their bid wins, Marion Zimmer Bradley will be Guest of Honor, while the Fan Guest of Honor will be symbolical: Young Fandom. While this group has never put on a convention by itself, they have worked on such ConComs as SoLaCon (Ted) and Westercon XV (Bill) and should be able to do a very good job if they win the con.

The third bid comes from Berkeley, and is a "Berkeley - IN Berkeley" attempt to win the Westercon. The Committee consists of Ardis Waters as Chairman, Al Halevy in charge of program, Ed Clinton for publicity and publications, Sharon Karpinski in charge of accommodations and arrangements, and Bob Chazin in charge of entertainment, potables, and Good Deeds. They plan to hold the con at the Berkeley House motel. According to Chazin, it will be called the Unicon, with a unicorn as symbol.

In all, it ought to be quite a fight. Come in and watch the fireworks on July 4, at the Stardust Motel, San Diego.

JULY RELEASES FROM ACE include William L. Chester's Hawk of the Wilderness (a pseudo-Tarzan story), Eric Frank Russell's Somewhere a Voice, and Kenneth Bulmer's Worlds for the Taking, plus the doublebacked JWCampbell pair The Planeteers/The Ultimate Weapon -- the latter being "Uncertainty," from Amazing, 1936.

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MISC. Jim Ashe now has a ham station, and would like to talk to other ham operator fans. His call is W2DXH, and he'll try to be on 20 and 40 meter sidebands at 6am and 12M EDT weekdays//Carl Frederick was featured in a color pic in the NY News for 22 May, as part of NYC's International House Festival of the Arts. Carl, an Aussie, dressed in kilts and played the bagpipe for the guests.//Did everyone see the Surveyor shots?

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PETER GEORGE, author of Two Hours to Doom (Red Alert in the U.S.) was found dead of a shotgun blast in the head at his home in St. Leonards, England. He rewrote his best-selling novel for the movies, making it a comedy: "Dr. Strangelove." His death occurred on 1 June. A shotgun was found near him, and an autopsy was to be held. //Don Thompson reports the death of Bob McCague, a Cleveland movie fan, who died at 6:30 a.m. Monday June 6, after having been hospitalized for four weeks.

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APAc: The Comics APA, CAPA-ALPHA, was thrown into some turmoil when its founder and ~~Editor~~ permanent Central Mailer, Dr. Jerry Bails, decided to gaffiate. Several members leaped into the breach, trying not to bash their heads together as they did so. The upshot appears to be that Don and Maggie Thompson will take over as Interim Central Mailer, until elections can be held, probably in September or October. The regulations (highly erratic under Bails) will probably be standardized and the activity requirements held at 8pp every six months (there are monthly mailings). Anyone interested in joining or receiving further information, write to the Thompsons at 8786 Hendricks Rd, Mentor, Ohio 44060. // SFFPA MAILING 20 (May) includes an official 286 pages, plus 41 unofficial pages, in 25 official zines and 2 unofficial ones. Membership changes included two drops and a resignation, two new members, and four ex-WLers invited to membership. And the Final Official Corrected Egoboo Poll Results give Atkins 381 points, Hulan 376, Staton 357½, Andrews 219, and Dian Pelz 216. As Atkins is elected OE, Hulan becomes President for the coming year. The WL has only three on it, so any Southerner interested in joining should write Atkins (Box 660, Huntsville, Ala 35804) for info.

MORE NEWSZINES: Though FOCAL POINT hasn't been heard of for several months, the following still appear regularly, and are of interest to those who want all the news: SKYRACK (Ron Bennett, 52 Fairways Dr., Forest Lane, Harrogate, Eng - 6/35¢) for British news. RALLY! (Lon Atkins, address above - 4/25¢) for Southern news. STREIFLICHTER (Alfred Beha, 6051 Ober Roden, Dieburgerstrasse 35, Germany - 12/\$1) for German news. SPECULATIVE BULLETIN (John Boston, 816 S. First St, Mayfield, Ky 42066 - 4/25¢) for pro news. EARLY BIRD (Michel Feron, 7 Grand-Place, Hannut, Belgium - 12/\$1) for French and Belgian news. And THE WSFA JOURNAL (Don Miller, 12315 Judson Rd, Wheaton, Md 20906 - 12/\$1) for DC-Balto news (plus some general news, and various review columns, in each of these.)

THE CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER SUNDAY MAGAZINE for 5 June ran a page on Ben Jason and the Hugo Awards, including photos of Jason (with Hugo rocket) and of a group of First Issue prozines from Ben's collection. Good publicity for the Tricon!

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