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DAVID H. KELLER, M.D., died at his home in Stroudsburg, Penn., on 13 July. He had had his gall bladder removed about a week earlier, and appeared to be recovering from the operation when his heart failed. A prolific writer for the pulps from the late twenties through the early forties, his novels in hardback included The Homunculus, The Devil and the Doctor, and The Sign of the Burning Hart. He was a Life member of the NFFF, to whom he gave The Sign of the Burning Hart for publication by the club (1947). He was 86 years old when he died, and he is survived by his wife Celia.

NEWS FROM EUROPEAN FANDOM (thanks, STREIFLICHTER): Malmö, Sweden, was the site for the 1966 Swedish SF Con [MALCON II], held over the last weekend in May. Among the 29 attendees were fans from Denmark and Norway. The 3-day con included presentation of the Swedish Academy of Science Fiction's annual S-F Award. The Academy is composed of 6 well-known fans, and it publishes a yearbook about Swedish fandom, in addition to deciding the winner of the S-F Award. This year's winner was Jannick Storm from Copenhagen. // Bids are shaping up for a Worldcon in Germany. A Committee for Frankfurt in 1970 -- the Francon -- is already formed and drumming up support. In addition, Munich may bid for the 1972 convention, in order to have the Worldcon there right after the Olympic Games. // Aniara, the SF Club at the University of Oslo, was founded last year by three fans at the University. It is now very much a going concern, with about 20 steady members and meetings attended by as many as 70 people. This summer the club, named after the SF opera by Martison and Blomdahl, will publish an SF year review called FENOMEN 66. It will be published in English and Norwegian/Swedish, and the lead article will be a discussion of the opera. Editor is Jon Bing, Marienbergveien 11, TRONDHEIM, Norway. // The first all SF radio program broadcast in Norway was aired 26 May; it was produced by Aniara members Jon Bing and Tor Bringsvaer.

MISC. Science Fiction Title Changes, the index of SF books that have been published under two or more titles, is again available at \$1 postpaid from Donald Franson, 6543 Babcock Ave., North Hollywood, Calif 91606. The volume is offset, and worth it for collectors of SF. // "Eric Norden has been published in Fact, Liberation, The Minority of One, and the National Guardian; he is presently working on a science-fiction novel and a biography of H.P. Lovecraft; he is also expanding his article on 'American Atrocities in Vietnam' into a book..." -- Realist, June 1966. I can see it now: "American Atrocities Against Leftist Shuggoths" .... // At the First Fandom meeting during the Midwestcon (26 June), Dave Kyle was elected Vice President for Overseas Memberships. He will be contacting those who have already applied but who may have heard nothing from the organization, due to the death of Don Ford and to the serious illness of Don's successor, Dale Tarr. Interested parties who have not applied previously should write to Dave at Route 4 "SkyLee," Potsdam, N.Y. 13676. // Harry Harrison has replaced Kyril Bonfiglioli as editor of Impulse, the British SF magazine (formerly Science Fantasy). There has been no statement from Harrison as to whether there will be a change of policy. // Old-time Los Angeles fan Con Pederson is reported in England, in charge of the animation and special effects department for the Kubrick-Clarke film. At last report (late June) his work was about 2/3 finished.

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EXPLORERS OF THE INFINITE, SaMosk's historical volume of articles on the predecessors of modern SF, is out in paperback from Meridian Books (subsidiary of World Publishing, who brought out the hardback in 1963). This is a corrected edition -- 12 lines changed to correct errors and misprints -- which sells for \$1.95. It consists of enlargements of historical articles by SaM which, for the most part, appeared earlier in the prozines. The hardcover edition has sold out its first printing, and will go back for a second printing before the end of the year. Meantime, the \$1.85 pb is well worth the money and a place in a serious SF collection.

THE NFFF STORY CONTEST, an annual affair, is on again. Fred Pohl is the judge, and the prizes are \$10, \$6, and \$4, in addition to possibilities of sale. (Several previous contest winners have been bought for the prozines.) Details from Alma Hill, 463 Park Drive, Boston, Mass. 02215.

ACE BOOKS FOR AUGUST include, in addition to Ted Johnstone's The Vampire Affair (a "Man From UNCLE" book), Cordwainer Smith's Quest of the Three Worlds; Gardner Fox's Thief of Llarn; Otis Adelbert Kline's Jan of the Jungle; and the doubleback The Star Magicians (Lin Carter)/The Off-Worlders (John Baxter -- titled "The God-Killers" when serialized in New Worlds).

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FRED LERNER, OF THE PUDDLEBY-ON-THE-MARSH IRREGULARS, advises that Alan Shaw has resigned as Venerable Jip (V.Pres). He is succeeded by John Boardman, who, as Revered Pushmi-Pullyu, will handle body the Vice-Presidency and the Membership Committee. The Irregulars are seriously interested in contacting other fans interested in the Dr. Doolittle books. Write for information to: Revered Pushmi-Pullyu, 592 Sixteenth St, Brooklyn, New York 11218.

APAc: The 76th SAPS mailing (July) is the first under the auspices of Wrai Ballard, OE. After five years of putting the SAPS mailing out, it seems very strange to have to wait for it again. #76 continues the run of medium-size mailings (274 pages; 28 zines) prevalent for the last couple years. No members were dropped, but the Invitee, Gil Lamont, didn't get his activity in, so there is a vacancy to be filled. The WL took a shellacking, as 6 of the 29 WLers were dropped for failure to respond.

RATATOSK WILL BE ON VACATION from 13 August through 10 September. #38 will be published before we leave, and it is possible that #39 may be published during the month-long trip (which will include visiting Seattle, Toronto, NY, and the Tricon), but no guarantees. No mail will reach me between those dates so renew now if your last issue is 37, 38, or 39! New York in 1967!

SO.-CALIFANDOM: LASFS Officers for the second half of 1966 are Bruce Pelz, Director; Dave Fox, Senior Committeeman; Jerry Jacks, Junior Committeeman; Fred Hollander, Secretary; and Bill Ellern, Treasurer.//Reg Smith has published a 41-page booklet, Weird Tales in the Thirties, which is an excellent critique of WT's best years. It's available for 25¢ from Reg (1509 N. Marles, Santa Ana, Calif 92706.)// Gil Lamont rumoured to be getting married.