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WHO'S KIDDING WHOM: At 9:30 am on March 13, John and Jan Ryan of Australia -- comics fans known to U.S. SF fandom mainly through Kappa-Alpha and APA L -- became parents of a daughter, Fiona Leigh. //Don & Maggie Thompson are expecting their first child somewhere around 1st July. They're in the market for suggested names.//And in late July Ann and Bill Plott are expecting to become parents.

ACES UP: The May releases from Ace Books include Warlock of the Witch World, by Andre Norton; The Sunless World, by Neil R. Jones (Professor Jameson book 2); and the doublebacked Nebula Alert (A. Bertram Chandler)/The Rival Rigelians (Mack Reynolds - expanded from "Adaptation," Analog, Aug. 1960). And coming up on the U.N.C.L.E. scene is The Invisible Dirigible Affair, by Buck Coulson and Gene Deweese -- probably #11.

APAc: The February FAPA mailing -- 38 items, 458 pages -- had more good items than the last year's worth of mailings in toto: an excellent HABAkkuk, a delightful "Star Trek" fantasy script in PANTOPON, Opp of Michifen antics from Howard Devore, and Elmer Perdue's highly readable ramble through 1966 in his annual FAPazine. A temporary vacancy in the membership leaves the waiting list the same size as the membership:64. //The April SAPS mailing (#79, last under OE Wrai Ballard) brought in 30 items, 300 pages. The annual Pillar Poll popularity contest put John Berry #1 for the fourth year in a row, followed by F.M. Busby and Art Rapp. 23 waiting listers are breathing down the necks of the 30 members, with only one changeover this time. Estimated time on the WL is 2 years for SAPS, 5-6 for FAPA.// MonsterAPA is either dead or only vaguely alive, depending on whose information is more up to date. The 5th mailing came out in November, 2 months late, with 70 pages in 7 items. If a spark of life remains, the OE and founder, Tom Dupree (809 Adkins Blvd, Jackson, Miss 39211) needs as members anyone who is interested in monsters -- or, I suppose, fantasy films in general. The November roster shows only 10 members, with a copy requirement of 30.// The Cult grumbles along its triweekly way, discussing (as usual) who is in or out, and why.//APA L is up to Distribution 132, with about 40-50 pages weekly. Its biweekly supplement, Dwain Kaiser's ValAPA, is up to Distribution 30, averaging 75-90 pp. Southern California may yet become the fanzine collector's Bane.

OUR MAN IN VIETNAM, Dick Eney, has been spending some time flat on his back recovering from a slight altercation. The way we heard it, Dick went along on a dockside trip in Saigon, during which he noticed a book lying, apparently unwanted, on top of a bolt of cloth. He picked the book up to look at it, and the owner of the nearby boat swung on him from said boat, with something sharp. It gouged a chunk out of Dick's ankle, and sent him tumbling into the Saigon River. "From the look and smell of it, you'd expect that anybody who got dunked in the Song Sai Gon would die instantly of a combination of cholera morbus and fulminating dire rear, but what happened was that I didn't even get a mild case of Diem's Revenge: instead the cut in my ankle got infected and is throbbing like a Gestetner duplicator running at low speed. You just knew I'd work a fannish reference into this, didn't you?"

CORRECTION DEPT. Ben Jason is engaged to Frances Glynn, not Mary Glynn as RAT 43 said.

A CLIPPING FROM CARLETON UNIVERSITY'S NEWSPAPER announces that ACUSFOOS, Carleton's SF club, started by Richard Labante (A Carleton University Speculative Fiction Organization, Of Sorts), joined with the SF club of Queen's University to establish the beginnings of a national organization of Canadian SF & Fsy clubs: Canadian Fan Organization. Other Canadian Universities' students were interested in forming campus clubs.

ABOUT THOSE HUGO AWARDS: This time I'm talking about the Hugo for Dramatic Presentation. Most everyone seems to agree that "Star Trek" should get it, but the problem is how to get organized and combat the rule on the nomination ballot which says a series can't be nominated as such -- only as individual episodes. YANDRO 168 tackled the problem by reviewing all episodes shown during 1966 and suggesting that fans nominate one of the two they consider came out best: "The Corbomite Maneuver" (shown 10 November; script by Jerry Sohl) or "The Naked Time" (29 Sept.; John D.F. Black?). During this past week, Karen Anderson has come up with another idea: In order to ensure that Roddenberry, who created the series, gets the award, Karen suggests voting for "The Menagerie" (17 and 24 November - 2pts; script by Roddenberry). A total of 14 different episodes of "Star Trek" were shown during 1966. Unless you have one of the other 11 firmly in mind as a Hugo nominee, I suggest -- assuming you do think "Star Trek" worth a Hugo -- you nominate one of the above three. I personally prefer "The Corbomite Maneuver," but concentration on only three of the 14 should insure one or more of the 3 getting onto the final ballot. Deadline for ballots is May 1 - ACT NOW!

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CONVENTION OF THE MONTH TIME is upon us again. Disclave '67 will be held the weekend of 12-14 May. Advance registration \$1 (\$1.50 at the door) to Jack Haldeman II, Apt. 10, 4211 - 58th Ave, Bladensburg, Md. Additional information available from Haldeman, also.//Westercon XX will be held at the Sheraton-West Hotel in Los Angeles, July 1-4. Program will include a masquerade, banquet (Guest of Honor: Marion Bradley; Fan Guest of Honor: Young fandom, represented by Lon "Card Sharp" Atkins), and a medieval tourney. Membership is \$2 (checks payable to Bill Ellern) to Westercon XX, Box 75192, Los Angeles, Calif 90005. Room rates are \$8 single, \$12 double or twin.//And of course there is The Big One: The 25th World SF Convention, Statler Hilton Hotel, New York: Sept. 1-4. Membership: \$3 for attendees, \$2 for supporting membership (\$1 for overseas supporting membership), to NYCon 3 - 25th World Science Fiction Convention, Box 367, Gracie Station, New York, NY 10028.

ONSITE VOTING SHOULD BE INTERESTING this year, too: Three bidders for the 1968 World Convention, and at least two for the 1968 Westercon. The latter include Burlingame, Calif (San Francisco area, site of 1963 Westercon XVI) and Las Vegas, Nevada -- the Vegas Committee is composed of fans living in the Pomona and Upland area of California (Dwain Kaiser, Neal Clark Reynolds, and Jim Schumacher). The Burlingame bidders -- Alva Rogers and J. Ben Stark -- are also bidding for the Worldcon. Their opponents are Seattle and Los Angeles, the last-named being the Pan-Pacificon Committee, who plan to have simultaneous openings of conventions in L.A., Tokyo, and Sydney, with possible exchange of taped speeches and such. Pan-Pacificon Committee is also sponsoring the Trans-Oceanic Fan Fund (TOFF) to bring Takumi Shibano, Japan's #1 fan, to the 1968 Worldcon. Donations to TOFF will get you a copy of a special fanzine, MANEKI-NEKO. Send to Pan-Pacificon, Box 422, Tarzana, Calif 91356 -- it's well worth the money. Pan-Pacificon Committee is headed by Al Lewis, with Dave Hulan as Treasurer, and BJohn Trimble, Katya Hulan, and Fred Patten as committee members.

WHO IS MICHAEL KURLAND, to have tossed "Ferthu Theoden hal" inyo the middle of an otherwise undistinguished Intrigue pb, Mission: Third Force? No explanation either...