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PIERS ANTHONY WINS PYRAMID BOOKS/FANTASY & SCIENCE FICTION/IRWIN ALLEN SF CONTEST:

Piers Anthony, author of Chthon, published by Ballantine Books, has won the Pyramid/F&SF/Irwin Allen SF Contest. The winning novel, Sos The Rope, won out over about 45 other entries. Fantasy & Science Fiction will serialize the novel during the late summer and it will appear as a Pyramid book in the late Autumn.

Sos The Rope is a post-nuclear war story. Its hero is known as Sos The Rope. The title bears no relation to a distress signal, as your reporter at first thought. The contest attracted about 45 entries, including a dozen flying saucer novels of doubtful competence, and a collection of mysteries having nothing to do with sf. The submitting authors were almost exclusively amateurs, with only about 4 previously published in the sf field.

Piers Anthony has written several short stories, Chthon, published by Ballantine, and several dozen letters to the letter column of Niekas. He is currently living in Florida. (Source: Donald R. Bensen & Edward Ferman)

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SPRING RELEASES FOR HARCOURT, BRACE & WORLD: The Sleepers by Jane Louise Curry. April, \$4.50 (Children's fantasy). The Rebel Of Rhada by Robert Cham Gilman. April, \$3.75 (Juvenile SF). The Other Side Of The Sky by Arthur C. Clarke. March, 75¢ (Harbrace Paperbound Library-reprint). Stand To Horse by Andre Norton. March, 75¢ (Voyager Books-reprint).

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY RELEASES FOR ACE BOOKS: Jan: Planet Of Adventure #1: City Of The Chasch by Jack Vance (G-688: 50¢); The Swords Of Lankhmar by Fritz Lieber (H-38: 60¢); Eye In The Sky by Philip K. Dick (H-39: 60¢ - reissue); Why Call Them Back From Heaven? by Clifford D Simak (H-42: 60¢); Into The Niger Bend by Jules Verne (H-41: 60¢); The City In The Sahara by Jules Verne (H-43: 60¢); C.O.D. Mars by E.C. Tubb b/w Alien Sea by John Rackham (H-40: 60¢).

February: The Dolphin And The Deep by Thomas Burnett Swann (G-694: 50¢); Starwolf #2: The Closed Worlds by Edmond Hamilton (G-701: 50¢); We Claim These Stars by Poul Anderson (G-697: 50¢ - reissue); The Witches Of Karres by James H. Schmitz (A-13: 75¢); The Begum's Fortune by Jules Verne (H-49: 60¢); The Man From U.N.C.L.E. #14: The Cross Of Gold Affair by Fredric Davies /Ron Ellik & Steve Tolliver/ (G-689: 50¢); The Pictures Of Pavanne by Lan Wright b/w The Youth Monopoly by Ellen Wobig (H-48: 60¢); The Flying Hun by William Johnston (B-707: 50¢).

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THIRD ANNUAL GALAXY OF FASHION: Galaxy Magazine, in cooperation with the 26th World Science Fiction Convention, the BayCon, will sponsor the third annual Galaxy of Fashion. All men, women, children, and halflings are encouraged, invited, and suggested to participate.

According to Cindy Van Arnam, the major theme for the 1968 Fashion Show will be fashions in specific cultures. Many sf writers have set up rather elaborate cultures; participants are encouraged to design clothing to fit these many and varied cultures. In addition to costuming, entrants are reminded that cosmetics, jewelry, accessories, etc., are all parts of normal dress. For application forms for the BayCon Fashion show, contact: Cindy Van Arnam, 1730 Harrison Avenue, Apt 353, Bronx, NY 10453.

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SCIENCE FICTION WRITERS OF ISTANBUL?: Bob and Barbara Silverberg, international travelers, writers on curious subjects, and trufans extraordinary, recently inaugurated meetings of the Science Fiction Writers Of America, Istanbul Chapter. Attendees at the opening meeting included the Silverbergs, on their way back to their palatial ~~York~~ New York mansion from a visit to Israel and Israeli-occupied Jordan. Thomas Dusch, the other attendee at the session, has been in Istanbul since October, engaging in writing and "currency manipulations," according to Mr. Silverberg, an otherwise reputable source. The Istanbul Chapter plans shortly to inaugurate chapters of SFWA in Byzantium and Constantinople. Mr. Silverberg has not commented on the rumor that he conferred with Pope Paul on his way back to New York. Mr. Silverberg, with the backing of Msgr. Randall Garrett, hopes to become Pope himself, Real Soon Now. (Source: Goodridge Avenue Gossip Group)

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THE ALBUQUERQUE REPORT: Bob Vardeman has bought a new typewriter, according to SFW's resident correspondent in New Mexico. Mr. Vardeman has also purchased a new Gestetner, and is thinking of publishing a 100-page weekly fanzine. In other moves, Gordon Benson was elected Moderator of the Albuquerque SF Group at the December meeting. Mr. Benson's first chore was the collection of dues, a task not done since Bob Vardeman was elected to the post of Moderator seemingly several years ago. A belated N'APA election has been called, with candidates for OE being Donald Miller, Bruce Pelz, and Roy Tackett. The voting deadline is March 1st. At the moment Roy Tackett, our news chief in the Albuquerque Bureau, is Ad Hoc OE for the March mailing. (Source: Roy Tackett News Bureau.)

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BILL DONAHO MISSES PARTY: Bill Donaho, veteran party goer in the Bay Area, missed the Giant New Year's Bash held by Ed Clinton and others at a North Oakland mansion. Evil Rumors hint that Donaho has gone "on the wagon." (Evil Rumor Source: Bob Lichtman)

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HATCHED: Evan Richard Anderson, 9 lbs., 3 oz., November 30th, to Gary and Kay Anderson.

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MUST RENEW THIS ISSUE: T W Anderson, Sherna Comerford, Vincent Czaplanski, Ed Galvin, Jeff Haverlah, Don Hutchison, James Juracic, Sandy Meschkow, Stephen G Silverberg, Herbert Thorne, and Keith Walker. Act now; act without thinking!

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FUTURE UNBOUNDED/SHOW AND CONVENTION: While the WesterCon will be combined with the BayCon, a group in Los Angeles plans to hold a sort of not-a-WesterCon, entitled the F-UN (Future Unbounded) Con. The Convention, to take place July 4-7, 1968, will have panels, talks, and discussions; films of present day science and the future world; an art/sculpture show; a fashion show; and a mideival tournament, open parties, and a masquerade ball. The cost of this is \$2 for a full membership, \$1 for a supporting membership. These are advance prices only, and rates will be higher at the door. To join, or for further information, write: F-UN CON, Charles A Crayne, 1050 N. Ridgewood Pl., Hollywood, California, 90038.

Send \$1 to Andrew Porter to Join ThirdManCon, 1968 British National SF Convention.
