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SCIENCE FICTION: ON THE INCREASE IN 1967: Science Fiction, as a category, shows an increase in number of books published last year, according to figures recently published in Publishers' Weekly, the Bible of the book publishing industry. The figures, reprinted below, show a definite increase in the number of new books, as opposed to new editions, published in 1967.

<u>TOTAL BOOKS PUBLISHED:</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
New Books:	121	155
New Editions:	92	72
Totals:	213	227
<u>PAPERBOUNDS AT ALL PRICE LEVELS:</u>		
New Books:	48	91
New Editions:	90	68
Totals:	138	159
<u>MASS MARKET PAPERBOUNDS:</u>		
New Books:	48	89
New Editions:	88	67
Totals:	136	156
<u>PAPERBOUNDS OTHER THAN MASS MARKET:</u>		
New Books:	0	2
New Editions:	2	1
Totals:	2	3

In line with this general increase in the number of science fiction books published last year is the increase in books published by the major paperback and hardcover publishers of science fiction. A list of these publishers, with book figures for 1966 and 1967, follows.

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>
Ace Books	139	153	Fawcett & Crest	243	249
Avon Books	112	187	Lancer Books	104	190
Ballantine	90	111	Macfadden-Bartell	77	134
Bantam Books	242	280	Paperback Library		
Belmont Books	72	89		119	189
Berkley Pub.	104	117	Popular Library	163	191
Dell Pub. Co.	266	307	Pyramid Pubns.	232	202
Doubleday & Co.	566	647	Simon & Schuster	142	190

The figures for all these major publishers of science fiction show a general increase in the number of books of all categories published. Pyramid, which shows a decrease, was doing at least one original a month in 1966, but cut back to reissues or reprintings in 1967.

The source for all figures and comparisons was the annual summary issue of Publishers' Weekly (issue of January 29th, 1968).

JOHN BOARDMAN NEWS BUREAU DEPT.: John Boardman, SFW's eager news gatherer, is represented by occasional mass gleanings from the popular press. Such tidbits as would interest fandom follow:

"Pickering Free Speech Case In Supreme Court: Marvin L. Pickering, a member of the Lockport, Ill., AFT..." Middle Earth Light & Power Co. frequently advertises in the East Village Other -- they make strobes and other psychedelic light effects...Article on the Hobbits, both record and book, in the NY Post's record column...The New York Times Book Review carried a request, "For a biography of H. P. Lovecraft, american author, I would like letters, photographs, and other information" -- Arthur Koki, 3400 Broadway, Gary, Ind. 46408..."Conquest Of The Universe" which is playing off-Broadway in New York features "extravagantly imaginative costumes by Trina." That's the very same Trina Who...Transition, a literary journal published in Africa, bitingly puts down Tarzan and the white man. For information write Transition, P.O. Box 20026, Kampala, Uganda...The 4th Annual 11-Foot Poll had winners in only 5 categories: Lin Carter, The Star Magicians as Worst Novel; Lin Carter, Worst Pro Writer; Amazing, Worst Prozine; The Retief Series by Keith Laumer, Worst Series; and Stephen Pickering, Worst Fan...2001: A Space Odyssey will feature a Howard Johnson's in orbit...Mac Raboy, illustrator of the "Flash Gordon" newspaper strip since 1948, died December 23rd in Mount Kisko, New York. In addition to the daily strip he did the color Sunday strip and specialized in colonial themes in the wood-engraving and scratch-board media...The Vietnamese II Corps has adopted the lidless eye of Sauron as its battle insignia.

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NEW SCHOOL OFFERS SF ORIENTED CLASSES:The New School For Social Research is offering "The Film Of The Uncanny," and "Parapsychology: From Magic To Science," as part of its spring semester. The course on films will include showings of Forbidden Planet, Curse of the Cat People, Dracula, The Invisible Man, and other films in the sf/fantasy/horror genre.

The course on parapsychology features discussion of esp, precognition, psychic phenomena, spiritualism, and similar subjects. (Source: Arthur Louis Joquel II)

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SF ON TV: TV Station WTVS-TV, Detroit (Channel 56) presented "Visiting The Science Fiction World" on Tuesday, February 6th, repeated Thursday at 8:30 pm. The program is part of a series on writers, their critics, and their books.

TV Station WNET-TV, New York (Channel 13) showed Megan Terry's "Home," Friday, January 19th. The two hour drama, by the author of "Viet Rock," an anti-war musical which created a furor in the 1966 theatrical season, was set in a future world of closed, one room cells of people. The population explosion has created a Solar System of overpopulated, self-contained sells of humanity. Interactions between the characters in one particular cell were the basis for the drama. While the New York Times had some criticisms for the writing and script, the paper had high praise for the cast, production, and set, designed for a maximum of effect with a minimum of gadgetry by Ed Wittstein.

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MUST RENEW THIS ISSUE: Frank Dietz, Larry Dworin, Sam Moskowitz, Danny Plachta, Steve Stiles, W D Stuart, Roger Zelazny. NEXT ISSUE: Jack Chalker, Michael O'Brien, and Dale Tarr. Renewal rates are 12/\$1 or 25/\$2.

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CONVENTIONS ARE GOOD FOR YOU: Join the BayCon, the 26th World Science Fiction Convention. \$2 Supporting, \$3 Attending, or \$1 Overseas Supporting get you all the progress reports, plus the chance to nominate and vote for the Hugos, the Science Fiction Achievement Awards. Send checks or money orders to: BayCon, P.O. Box 261, Fairmount Station, El Cerrito, California 94530.

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