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**LESTER DENT DEAD:** Lester Dent, who wrote Doc Savage stories from 1933 to 1949 under the name of Kenneth Robeson, died in La Plata, Missouri, on March 11, 1959. Cause of death unknown to FANAC.

Thanks to the New York Al Lewis (Box 37, East Aurora, NY) for his fanzine FLY IN THE SALAD which contained this news.

**DRAGON WANTED DEPT:** THE TATOOED DRAGON? a collection of cartoons by William Rotsler; circulated in FAPA and to friends of the artist in early 1957. John Trimble (5201 E Carson St, Long Beach 8, Cal) is willing to pay \$1.75 for a copy. Lynn Hickman (304 N 11th, Mt Vernon, Illinois) is willing to pay \$1.50. Bjo (2548 W 12th St., Los Angeles 6, Cal) will swap a book or two, or a stack of magazines, for a copy; write and hicker with her. This volume is in demand with several other fans--should anyone wish to sell a copy at a higher price, FANAC will gleefully handle the advertising.

**KIRS WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN:** A while back, we published the address of the Hollycrest Hotel, Inglewood, Cal., as the current location of Richard Alexis Kirs, artist-poet-esthete of New York. This was done after a phone call from a friend of Kirs, who said that he and Alex were in L.A. FANAC's southern investigators, who call themselves Darwin, Lichtman and Underman, found time from their ampubbing to visit the Hollycrest Hotel. A recently received letter from them, and personal communication later, reveals that Kirs has never lived there, and that his (unclaimed) mail is stacking up. Has anyone seen Kirs lately?

**DISCLAVE DELAYED:** Bob Pavlat (6001-43rd Ave., Hyattsville, Md) says that the 1959 Washington D.C. conclave will be delayed past the earlier-announced date because the Arva Motel has cancelled arrangements. Write to Pavlat for more information, and for the soon-expected announcement of a new site for this spring.

**WESTERCON:** The annual West Coast SF Conferende will be held over the fourth of July weekend (Jul 3,4,5) in Seattle, Washington. You can write to Wally Weber, or Otto Pfeifer, 4736 40th NE, Seattle 5, Washington, for information about hotel accomodations.

**MIDWESTCON:** The annual Mid-West SF Conference will be held on the last weekend in June (Jun 28-9) in Cincinnati, Ohio. You can write to Don Ford, Box 19-T, RR2, Wards Corner Rd., Loveland, Ohio.

--rde.



SCOOP! SCOOP! Dept.: It seems that of late FANAC has been scooping people on what they're going to do even before they've done it. Last issue we announced that Al Lewis was to be the new editor of SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES. Well, Miriam and I spent a week in Los Angeles, and attended a LASFS meeting, distributing FANAC there. That was the meeting at which Al was officially appointed the new editor. Bjo stood up and pointed out that FANAC was now getting news of LASFS activities even before the LASFS did, and I muttered something modest about how FANAC is now running LASFS by remote control.

Also in last issue, we announced that Frank Dietz had written a rebuttal to Bill Rickhardt's FLIP #1 which he was requesting Ted White distribute with GAMBIT, as he had distributed FLIP. An airmail letter from the Dietzes says, "You must be clairvoyant because Frank's answer to Rickhardt isn't even completely written yet and we haven't even gotten around to writing Ted White to request that he send it out with his next GAMBIT."

Our spies are everywhere.

BILL ROTSLER (whose name, as a matter of policy, may or may not be mentioned in each issue of FANAC) saw the quote from Walt Willis in The Fannish ("Rotsler's women must all live on low-gravity planets") and commented, "But I know several women with breasts like that! Not as many as I'd like, but..."

Our spies have not uncovered any evidence that Rotsler has been frequenting low-gravity planets.

THE FICKLE FEMALE WRITES Dept.: Djinn Faine, whose engagement was announced and then unannounced last issue, says she is planning to put out a zine of her own, now that she's vacated the editorship of SHAGGY. She says she already has some material lined up, but no title as yet. She may change title with each issue, a la Coswal and Miriam.

YOU WANT FANZINES? I've got 'em for sale here (3320A 21st St., San Francisco 10) at \$1.00 for 15, grab-bag fashion. And I'd be glad to arrange trades for old fanzines, incidentally. I particularly want such things as issues of SPACEWARP, FANVARIETY, OPUS, SLANT, Burbee-Laney zines, HORIZONS, THE SCIENCE FICTION FAN, LE ZOIBIE, SPACEWAYS, and other legendary titles of which my files are woefully incomplete. Any takers?

NEWS FROM DICK ENEY: John Quagliano was investigated by the CIC and his address file seized. Said file includes the FANTASY AMATEUR (FAPA official organ), so many fans may be hearing from the CIC sometime soon. The investigation, we hear, had something to do with dope.

Eney has in the works an index to the mailings of SAPS (mailings 13 to 34), due by the next (July) mailing. "I plan to destroy Walt Coslet's last excuse for existing," says Eney. Now if he'd only manage to get FANCYCLOPEDIA II finished...

WSFA will be throwing a beat-type party for its members at John Magnus' place in Baltimore the last of this month. Eney promised to write us "a lot of lies about the bash". Come now, Mr. Eney!

In conclusion, Eney says cryptically, "The end of the Easter long weekend may produce news of an unusual character." We always enjoy news about unusual characters.

NICK AND NOREEN FALASCA are separating on a permanent basis. Both plan to remain active in fandom, but "the N2F is no more". Nick will remain at 5612 Warwick, Parma 29, Ohio; Noreen's address is in our Change Of Address section.



THE BERRY FUND is coming along fairly well, with about \$195 collected so far, and \$360 or \$370 as the intended goal. I'm sure all of us would like to see John Berry imported to the Detention, so let's get on the ball and send some money in to Nick Falasca (address on last page before this). All contributions over \$2.00 will be refunded, should the Fund fail. In such a case, contributions under \$2.00 would be turned over to TAFF.

But we hope that won't be necessary, so send your money in now.

LARRY WINDHAM (B-5, A.L.S., Presidio of Monterey, Calif.) suggests that the next FANAC poll include a category for Fugghead of the Year. How does that sound to you readers?

--tgc

THE SCI-FI SCENE: LA

by Forrest J Ackerman, 915 So Sherbourne Dr, Los Angeles 35, Calif.

The Fantasy field's oldest writer, Dr Adolphe de Castro, died quietly of advanced years in his home in Los Angeles on March 4th. He was 100 years of age. Author of "The Last Test" and "The Electric Executioner" in Weird Tales, he also collaborated with Ambrose Bierce on "The Monk and the Hangman's Daughter," inspired a story by Ray Bradbury, knew Mark Twain and H.P. Lovecraft, was an ambassador to Spain during T. Roosevelt's time. In his last letter to me, dated 3 Nov 58, he said, "When my moment comes, may I have the mind to regret that I could not do more for my fellowman."

The 10th Annual Fanquet of LASFS was tendered 21 Mar to George W Fields, youthful artist of the club who, late last year, made his first professional mark by the sale of four paintings featured in Finley's Travelchrome Series #1020, slides of an interplanetary theme sold nationwide under the title MOON FLIGHT. Thirty-three persons attended the Fanquet, with Fritz Leiber, yours FANACly and the Guest of Honor doing most of the talking.

The telefilm series CRATER BASE 1 is being dug the most, auctori-ally speaking) by AE van Vogt, Ed Hamilton, Ib Melchior and Mark Clifton--local scribes, all--with, respectively, segments titled "The Analogy Drive," "The Man Who Watched the Earth," "Eclipse," and "Man's Mind is His Own." Bill Rotsler is busy on the TV front with a pilot pic about atomic subs; Stu Byrne, Gordon Dewey, Martin Varno and Ron Cobb are trapped up in a teleproject called THE FLYING DUTCHMAN (sf, not ftsy).

--fja..

LATEST FROM LA FANS DEPT: Many of you sophisticated readers out there doubtless wondered about the announcement and un-announcement concerning Djinn Faine in FANAC 35. As I have been in LA this last week on Easter vacation, I have the horse's mouth, so to speak, right here. As of this writing (12:30 midday, 4 April), I can reasonably assure you that Djinn Faine is not getting married this week. This fanzine makes no guarantee that this statement will be true when you receive it.

-----"FANAC is Fairly good."--Sid Coleman-----

SHANGRI-L'AFFAIRES #42 (the LASFS club fanzine) is expected to be out in less than a week. The current editor is Al Lewis, who is using the club address (2548 West 12th Street, Los Angeles 6, Calif) for Shaggy-spondence. Subs are 20¢ each, 6/\$1; material of assorted types is req'd.

--rde.



They Said It Couldn't Be Done Dept: I cut the mailing list like crazy, from 170 to 135. I sat back and grinned, feeling I'd done a job well. Then I checked the mailing list for this issue, and I find it's back up to 140. When this issue is sent out, it will be cut again. I hope.

— If this space is marked, you are about to help me in my project of cutting the FAMAC mlg list to something workable. Write.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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Tom Condit  
4327 - 20th St  
San Francisco 10

Noreen Falasca, c/o Kane,  
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11014 Detroit Avenue  
Cleveland 2, Ohio

Norman Metcalf  
change squadron number to:  
3430th Sturon. Rest is same

Eleanor Turner  
323 East 25th Street  
Long Beach 6, Calif.

Eva Krueger  
1003 East California St  
El Paso, Texas

William B. Ellern (7103 Brynhurst, LA 43, Cal) would like to know the address (and phone #) of Phil Rasch, of Los Angeles, who wrote SIDELIGHTS ON THE MERRITTALS in Stan Mullen's fanzine, GORGON, 1946 (reprinted in the 15th CanFannish, 1957). Ellern would also like other aficionados of Merritt to contact him in re a projected Merritt fmz.

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