

# RUNE TWELVE

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**MEETINGS:** The next two meetings of the Minn-Stf will be at H. Golob's Bookstore (817 Washington Ave. S.E.; Mpls.; 55414) at noon on Saturday NOVEMBER NINTH, and Saturday NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, 1968. As of the first of December, Mr. Golob must vacate his present premises. Therefore, the meetings in December will be held somewhere else. Come to the November meetings to find out where the next meetings will be; RUNE 13 will carry the news for sure.

**RUNE'S FIRST BIRTHDAY:** The next issue of RUNE will be the anniversary issue; it will be about 20 pages long, and it will (hopefully) carry lots of fan art (by Minnesota artists), some fiction and some articles, in addition to the news. What say you to that?

## "I-7" FACING MONEY TROUBLES

Frank Stodolka has reported that "I-7" is running into money difficulties. Stodolka said that about \$100 would be needed to get the movie rolling, with an additional hundred bucks necessary afterward for developing and editing expenses.

However, if the money isn't raised, the group isn't going to despair. A radio-play version of the script will be done; there is the possibility that this may be aired semi-commercially over the air. All proceeds from this would be put into the money fund for the motion picture production.

Incidentally, a studio has been procured for the filming. It's at the Arts and Science building //on the St. Paul U of M campus--R.F.//; some special-effects equipment is available there. "I-7" may not appear as a film at Minicon II; but it will appear (at the least) as a radio-play.

## MINICON II

MINICON II will be at the Hotel Andrews (4th St. at Hennepin; Minneapolis, 55411) April 4-5-6th, 1969. (That's the Easter weekend.) Our guests of honor will be Charles V. DeVet, Gordon R. Dickson, Geri Jacobl, and Clifford D. Simak. (That's an impressive list at any convention!) Registration opens November 15th, 1968. The Membership is \$2.00, and you can send your registration to Jim Young (see address above); please make checks or money-orders payable to Mrs. Margaret Lessinger.

Incidentally, the hotel is really impressive. The rates are so low, and the hotel itself is such a fine one, that it's hardly believable! Room rates begin at \$6 for singles and \$8 for doubles. (Rooms without baths are available for \$4-singles and \$6-doubles.)

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**MAGAZINE NEWS:** Robert A.W. Lowdes has started up another fiction magazine; this one is a western fiction journal, bearing the name **THRILLING WESTERN MAGAZINE**. This is the fifth fiction addition to the Health-Knowledge chain (which also publishes **MAGAZINE OF HORROR**, **PANOS SCIENCE FICTION** and **STARTLING MYSTERY**, all of which feature SF or fantasy.)

Barry Malzberg is leaving **AMAZING** and **FANTASTIC**. No new editor has been announced yet. Malzberg succeeded Harry Harrison at the editorial chair of **AMAZING**.

**SF TIMES**, another worthy SF newszine, states that William Crawford is either going to revive **SPACEWAY** or start up something called **SPECTRUM SCIENTIFICTION**, or do both. Crawford was the man who started and controlled one of the first of the SF specialty book-houses, **FANTASY PUBLISHING CO., INC.** He has stories ready by Van Vogt, Ted Tubb, Earl Vincent, Ralph Milne Farley (evidently a novel which is part of Farley's "Radio" series which started in **ARGOSY** in 1924), and Jeff Sutton. Publishing is supposed to begin by the end of the year.

#### BALLANTINE BOOKS BOUGHT BY INTERT

Ballantine Books Co. was bought by the International Textbook Co. (Intert). Ian Ballantine will remain president of the paperback firm, and the editorial offices of the division will remain the same. The main difference between the former Ballantine Co. and the new Ballantine division is that Ballantine will have more money behind them. (As an example, come February, Ballantine's SF schedule will increase to fifteen titles per month. That surpasses the number published during the SF boom in the fifties!) Along with this expansion, a "special promotion" is to be put behind certain titles, with a special promotion behind an SF book alone, per month!

#### PAPERBACK BOOK RELEASES

**Avon:** **IMAGINARY FRIENDS**, Allison Lorie (95¢); **THE MORNING OF THE MAGICIANS**, Louis Proulx and Jacques Bergier (95¢--a historical fantasy); **BURKELEY MEDALION: THE DEPTHS**, John Grouse (60¢--SF "thriller-type" by author of the Toff series); **THE SANTAROGA BARRIER**, Frank Herbert (75¢); **CROYD**, Ian Wallace (60¢).

**DAISY:** **INTO THE SLAVE NEBULA**, John Brunner (60¢); **CONAN THE FREE-BOATER**, Robert E. Howard and L. Sprague DeCamp (75¢); **CONAN OF THE ISLES**, Lin Carter and L.S. DeCamp, (75¢); **ZANTHAR AT HOCH'S MADNESS**, Robert Moore Williams (60¢); **CONAN THE WANDERER**, Howard, DeCamp and Carter (75¢). Incidentally, more than 350,000 copies of the Howard novel, **CONAN THE CONQUEROR** have been sold.



POPULAR LIBRARY: THE SOLAR INVASION, Manly Wade Wellman (60¢); THE GREATNESS FROM BEYOND INFINITY, Henry Kuttner (60¢).

BALLANTINE BOOKS: PRIEST-KINGS OF GOR, John Norman (75¢); OMNIVORE, Piers Anthony (75¢).

ACE BOOKS: THE DEMON BRAND, James H. Schmitz (60¢--"The Tuvela" from ANALOG); EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS: MASTER OF ADVENTURE, Richard A. Lupoff (95¢); SUB-SPACE EXPLORERS, Edward E. Smith, Ph.D. (60¢).

GOLD MEDAL: THE LONG WINTER, John Christopher (60¢).

ODDMENTS: (Small bits of news culled from SF TITLES, LOCUS And OSFAN.)

Joe Pilati, once editor of the fanz ENCLAVE, is now the News Editor of The Guardian, Independent Radical Newsweekly. Dick Geis, editor of PSYCHIC, says that that worthy fanzine will change its name to SCIENCE FICTION REVIEW. In the latest issue of PSY, Geis has suggested that the zine may shift to offset printing. Judith Merrill will be leaving the United States to become a writer in residence at a Canadian College. Ted White is said to be dropping a lot of fan activity in order to concentrate on professional writing. Theodore Sturgeon has an article coming up in the NATIONAL REVIEW on the Ace SF specials.

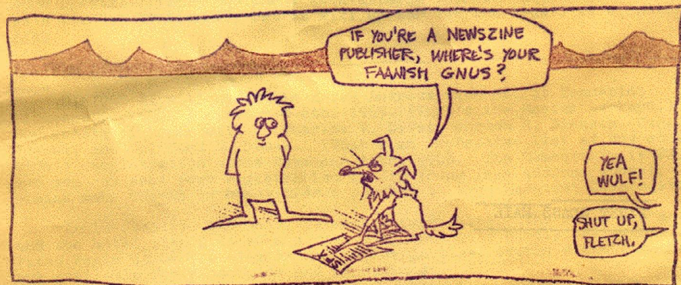
RECOMMENDED FANZINES. The following fanzines are all newssines; peoples not familiar with the irregularity of the fan press should allow a month or so for the zine in question to reach them.

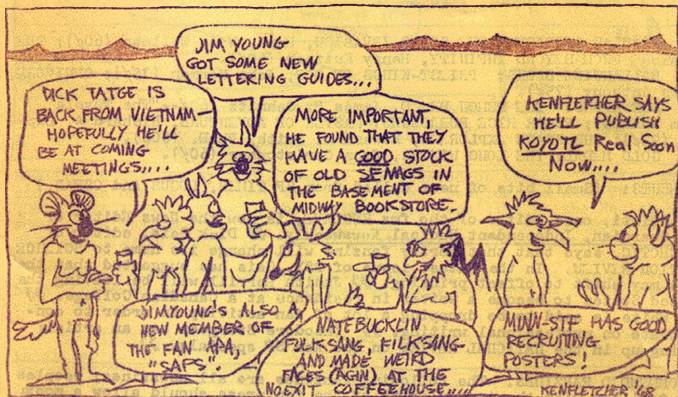
OSFAN. Published monthly by the Ozark SF Association, St. Louis, Mo. 15¢ each, or 12 copies for \$1.50. From Hank Luttrell 2936 Barrett Station Rd.; Kirkwood, Mo.; 63122. Good newsheet--from St. Louis area news to country-wide fannews.

LOCUS. Biweekly, 15¢ or 8 for \$1.00. Charlie and Marsha Brown, 2078 Anthony Ave.; Bronx, N.Y.; 10457. Best newszine to come out more than monthly.

SF TITLES. Monthly, 30¢ per copy, \$3.00 per year. From SF TITLES, INC.; Box 216; Syracuse, N.Y.; 13209. A monthly and beautifully printed zine. Very comprehensive coverage...the TIME of science fiction.

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