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Preliminary results of the TAFF Election, obtained by cablegrams between the TAFF Administrators, Terry Carr and Arthur Thomson, show a win for Tom Schlueck on the first ballot by a sizeable margin. (This year was the first in which the Australian Ballot system of voting was to be used, in which first place votes were counted exclusive of the other places. If first place votes had not produced a majority -- as opposed to a plurality -- winner, the lowest-placing candidate would be eliminated and his ballots distributed according to their secondplace votes. The process would be repeated until a majority winner was obtained.) The voting went as follows:

Total Overseas Tom Schlueck Eric Jones 17 22 39 Pete Weston 15 5 20 (The one write-in vote 5 2 Bo Stenfors was for Len Moffatt) Hold over funds 2 Write-in 150 ballots cast

CONGRATULATIONS, TOM!

WORLDCON NEWS: The Most Noble and Illustrious Order of St. Fantony will initiate two Americans to the rank of Knighthood in the Order at the 24th World SF Convention in Cleveland. It will be an official part of the Tricon program, and is sponsored by the Tricon. It will be the 3rd St. Fantony initiation ceremony to be held at a Worldcon, the others being Loncon I and Loncon II, 1957 and 1965). The only previous U.S. initiation was that of Rick Sneary at a LASFS meeting in 1961, which was presided over by Lady Dorothea Faulkner. The ceremony is planned for Friday night, 2 Sept., and will be presided over by Grand Master Eric Jones, in proxy. Costumes and procedure will be similar to those used in the British initiations. The two American candidates, together with the four British candidates Knighted at Great Yarmouth over Easter, make six initiates for this year. They bring the total of American and Canadian Knights to 13, previous initiates being: Lady Rory Faulkner and Sirs Frank Dietz, Don Ellik, Dave Kyle, Bok Madle, Ellis Mills, Boyd Raeburn, Dale R. Smith, Rick Sneary, Bob Silverberg, and Dick Eney.

GET THOSE HUGO BALLOTS IN FOR THE NOMINATIONS!! Peadline is 1 May!!! And you can send in your Tricon membership at the same time: \$2 or \$3 to: 24th World SF Convention, Box 1372, Cleveland, Ohio 44103.

THE SCIENCE FICTION WRITERS OF AMERICA held their awards banquets on March 11. In New York, President Damon Knight presided over the banquet at the Overseas Press Club, and in Los Angeles, VP Harlan Ellison presided over a corresponding banquet. The first annual SFWA Awards, called "Nebula Awards -- a block of clear plastic, with rock crystal imbedded in the base and silver spangles forming a nebula toward the top; awards designed by Judith Ann Lawrence Blish -- were presented:

Best Novel: Dune, by Frank Herbert

Best Short Novel: a tie between "The Saliva Tree," by Brian Aldiss (F&SF), and "He Who Shapes," by Roger Zelazny (Amazing). The tie was the occasion for a special run-off voting, which resulted in still another exact tie. Accordingly, both Aldiss and Zelazny received awards.

Best Novelette: "The Doors of His Face, the Lamps of His Mouth," by Zelazny (F&SF)

Best Short Story: "'Repent, Harlequin!' Said the Ticktockman," by Harlan Ellison (Galaxy)

Brian Aldiss became the first writer to win both a Hugo and a Nebula, while Roger Zelazny was the first to win two Nebulas. Aldiss was flown in from England to receive his trophy, his fare being shared by F&SF, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, and Ace Books.

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ED WYMAN, a long-time fixture in Seattle Fandom, died in mid-March of pneumonia developing from influenza. Ed was an avid spelunker and photographer, and attended many West Coast SF Conventions and Cinferences. was 63 years old.

MISCELLANEOUS: Poul Anderson and Jerry Pournelle were reported to be sailing a 20-foot sailboat down the Pacific coast from Washington to Los Angeles.//Roy Lavender Jr., son of Roy and DeeDee Lavender, is in a staging area at Oakland, awaiting shipment to Vietnam in the immediate future. His wife Geri is expecting.//The SF Club of London will hold Open Meetings each month on the second Sunday, beginning at 4pm. The address is William Dunbar House, Albert Road, London WW6; meetings will be held in the hall on the ground floor. Refreshments will be provided, and a charge of 2/6 will be made to defray expenses.//The Barea Little Men held their annual election on 8 April. Elected were: Felice Rolfe, Chairman; Ben Stark, Vice-Chairman; Alva Rogers, Secretary-Treasurer (for the 7th year).// George Scithers wants it known that AMRA is not eligible for Hugo nomination this year, since he is remaining on the Tricon Committee.//Doreen and Jim Webbert are expecting a baby in June.