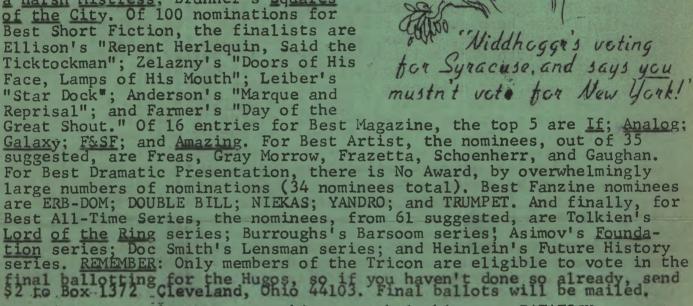
## RATATOSK

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HUGO NOMINATIONS ARE IN: Of 70 items nominated for Best Novel, the top 5 are (not in order) Zelazny's And Call Me Conrad; Herbert's Dune; Doc Smith's Skylark Duquesne; Heinlein's Moon Is a Harsh Mistress; Brunner's Squares of the City. Of 100 nominations for Best Short Fiction, the finalists are Ellison's "Repent Herlequin, Said the Ticktockman"; Zelazny's "Doors of His Face, Lamps of His Mouth"; Leiber's "Star Dock"; Anderson's "Marque and



Anyone wanting to use my biases to help his cwn: RATATOSK supports Call Me Conrad, "Marque and Reprisal," Galaxy, Gray Morrow, TRUMPET, and the Asimov Foundation series for the Hugos.

ACE BOOKS RELEASES for June include JWCampbell's Islands of Space, Emil Petaja's Saga of Lost Earths, Zelazny's This Immertal (the uncut version of And Call Me Conrad), and the doublebacked Dawnman Planet (Mack Reynolds -- "Beehive," from Analog)/Inherit the Earth (Claude Nunes.) //In August, John Baxter's first novel, Gods in Darkness, will come out from Analog doublebacked with Lin Corton's The Star Massicians (and with its Ace, doublebacked with Lin Carter's The Star Magicians (and with its title changed). Also in August Ace comes out with Lee Hoffman's Gunfight at Laramie as half of a Western double. This is the first book LeeH wrote, though Legend of Blackjack Sam was published first.

THE BRITISH CONVENTION at Great Yarmouth, held over Easter weekend, voted to dissassociate the annual conventions from the British Science Fiction Association. Both will continue to exist, reports Bennett in SKY-RACK, but the annual Convention Committee will no longer be nominally responsible to the BSFA Committee. Instead, two permanent Trustees -- Dave Barber and Jill Adams -- will preserve Convention continuity from year to year. Drawbacks to this decision are the loss of the BSFA authority and financial responsibility to the individual Concommittees each year. // The Convention inducted Brian Aldiss, Harry Harrison, Dave Barber, and Michael Rosenblum into the Order of St. Fantony. // The Dr. Arthur R. Weir Award, for services to Fandom, was presented to Ken Sla-

ter, the new BSFA VP.// Guest of Honor for the Convention was Ron Whiting, who spoke on the trials and tribulations of prefessional publishing. // Masquerade winners were: Most Beautiful Costume, Ina Shorrock as The Constellation Andromeda; Most Authentic Costume, Ethel Lindsay as The Princess of Zambia; Most Original Costume, Charles Partington as The 1st BSFA Manned Satellite; Best Child's Costume, Susielee Slater as a Wogglebug from The Lovers. The Bob Richardson Memorial Award for the Most Heroic Costume went to Ted Tubb in villainous space-operatic guise.

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APAc: The SFPA Egoboo Poll results, reported last issue, were erroneous. The Ballots have been sent by the Official Teller, Joe Staton, to the Official Teller-Checker, Ed Cox, who is recounting for a Final Official Report.// The 115th FAPA Mailing (22 items, 422 pages) is notable for an 82-page HABAKKUK featuring a long, profusely illoed article by Alva Rogers on Schneeman, for a 14-page Grennell report on his move to Calif., for Rotsler's inclusion of the \$1 Adam Film Quarterly full of his photography, and for a reprint of FANDANGO 17 (FTLaney's FAPAzine of 1948) from the original stencils, by FM Busby. One member was dropped, but Walter and Marion Breen, who had previously combined their memberships into one, requested separate memberships again, so no one was admitted from the WL, whose number stood at 56. The Egoboo Poll put Warner #1, as usual (262 pts), followed by Terry Carr (203), Rotsler (164), Hoffman (147), and Speer (131).

WARMONGERINGS. Our Man in Viet Nam, Dick Eney, reports that he almost provided some news himself: a Viet Cong dumped his bomb in a Saigon St., and took off in his getaway car; sentries spotted him, and a jeep gunner gave a burst of M60 fire, the leading rounds of which just missed initiating a small obit notice in this here fanzine. "I haven't ducked for cover so fast in years. The pulps are right: once you hear that extraclear shot with no echoes and the zing! that follows, you don't forget what it means, even after years and years." (The gunner then walked the rest of the burst into a truck full of Vietnamese and a US Navy bus; other guards in other buildings rushed out and returned the fire -- for a final total of 6 dead and about 30 wounded. At last report the VC got clear away.)

MISCELLANEOUS: Galaxy Publishing Corp. has announced that Worlds of Tomorrow will be cut back from bimonthly to quarterly. The July issue will be August, then November, etc.//Lee Sapiro has been instrumental in getting Charles Schneeman active in SF magazine illustration again. Schneeman has been asked by Fred Pohl to submit specimen covers for Galaxy, and has agreed to do so.//Heinrich Arenz (6000 Frankfurt/M.-1, Schliessfach 5002, Germany) is plugging Frankfurt for the 1970 Worldcon (Francon II). //On 18 April, CBS-TV presented a pilot for a proposed series, about a SF writer and his wife who find an invisible baby on their doorstep, left by someone who landed during the night in a flying saucer. The pilot was unsold, and with luck the series will also be unsold. I couldn't stand more than 10 minutes of the half-hour pilot.//EARLY BIRD, a monthly newszine of SF, horror, fantasy, and comics, is available for \$1/12 issues from Michel Feron, 7 Grand-Place, HANNUT, Belgium.//No new APAs in 1966? Well, there's ALA-APA, for Alabama-resident fans only...