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A BIBLIOGRAPHY JF FANZINES is the long-term project being planned by Harold Piser, a non-fan whose hobby is indexing. He intends to correct and update the FANZINE INDEX, and include other material such as lists and descriptions of organizations, and distribute the resulting volume throughout fandom. If you would like to help, send in the pertinent information on your own fanzines: Title; name of publisher, address and any changes; volume, issue, and whole numbers; dates and frequency; organizational connections, if any (N3Fzine, FAPAzine, club 0-0) together with mailing/distributions numbers and dates; repro method; general description of contents. Also needed are lists of corrections to the FANZINE INDEX. Send these data -- or any questions you may have -- to 41-08 Parsons Blvd, Flushing, New York 11355. Perhaps a retired non-fan can accomplish what a couple hundred otherwise-preoccupied fans cannot.

LONCON NEWS: Ethel Lindsay reports that the business meeting will be chaired by Ella Parker while the selection of the 1966 Consite is being conducted. Following that, George Scithers, as Parliamentarian to the Committee, will chair discussions of committee reports, Society by-laws, etc. Motions to be presented at the business meeting must be presented in writing, and in triplicate, by 10 August (if possible, by 1 August.) Two copies to Ethel as ConCom Secretary (6 Langley Ave, Surbiton, Surrey, England), and one to George (USA R&D Gp, APO 757, NY 09757). ++ Ethel also sends alon; some program details: The banquet price will include a glass of wine so that the Queen's health can be drunk. The fancy dress parade will be run with an eye towards giving maximum advantage to participants, viewers, and photographers, and there will be a category for children under 12. There will be films from the Delta Group, the Guest of Honor speech from Brian Aldiss, a talk by John Brunner, and a Ceremony of St. Fanthony -- besides other discussions and panels, and of course the Art Show and the huckster rooms. To join the LonCon, send \$2 or 15/-(\$3 or 21/- if you are goin; to attend) to J.A. Groves, 29 Lathom Rd, London E. 6, England. Or to the U.S. Representative, Bill Evans, Box 86, Mt. Rainier, Maryland. (Checks payable to "23rd World S.F. Convention.)

FOLLOW-UP DEPARTMENT: A flyer from John Boardman reports that the Greater New York Clearing House idea was presented to the Lunarians in May, and was met with strong opposition on the grounds that it threatened the privacy of New York fans and the autonomy of their clubs. As the GNYCH can not operate without the cooperation of all NY clubs, John is withdrawing the idea, and wants to assure the New York Fans that he had no intent of "starting or intensifying any fan feud, or 'taking over' New York fandom." What's good for Los Angeles isn't necessarily good for the country, John.

THE AMERICAN EDITOR OF THE BASRA JOURNAL [British Amateur Scientific Research Association] is James Ashe, R.D. 1, Freeville, New York, and he is looking for subscribers to the JOURNAL, a quarterly compendium of articles by non-scientists on scientific subjects. The articles seem well-done, and the JOURNAL is well produced. Subs are \$1.40/year,

FAR AND AWAY: Ron Ebert has left the University of Illinois to do post-graduate work at the University of Capetown, South Africa. ++ Steve Stiles is being drafted as of 9 June. ++ Ron Ellik is on his way to Europe for the summer, and Al Lewis will be joining him in a couple weeks. Ted White, driving Ron to his ship, started to make an illegal turn in the wrong lane, right in front of a cop, who pulled him over and demanded his driver's license. Ted produced a Virginia license and a Calif. registration. The cop asked Ted where he lived, and Ted said Brooklyn, so the cop told him he was driving without a license; Ron had visions of being dragged to court, missing his boat, etc. Then the cop asked Ron if he had a license and Ron produced a Calif. license which listed him as living in Calif. The cop then told Ron; "You can drive, but he can't" and let him go. New York, New York, it's a wonderful town...

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Coleman, Sid - International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Piazza
Oberdan 6, Trieste, Italy [Until end of June]; c/o
Division Th, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland PLEASE HOLD
[mid-July until LonCon; do not omit the PLEASE HOLD.]
Coulsons, Buck & Juanita - Route 3, Hartford City, Indiana 47348
Ryan, Vic - Apt. #3, 342 East Madison, Ann Arbor, Michigan [after 21 Aug]
Shaw, Larry & Norcen - 39 Russet Lane, Wantagh, L.I., N.Y. 11794
[after 1 July]

BILL HAMLING shows up in the Chicago <u>Sun-Times</u> for 30 May in Hoke Norris's column, as President of Greenleaf Publishing Co., which is supposed to be publishing an "unauthorized edition" of Henry Miller's <u>Sexus</u>. Rossett of Grove Press says that Greenleaf's proposed publishing of the book forced Grove Press to publish the paperback immediately, whereas they would have preferred to wait a while and then bring out the hardback.

THE L.A. SCENE: After taking a couple weeks to recuperate from the Westercon over the 4th of July weekend, the LASFS will hold a Fanquet to honor one of its members, Larry Niven, who broke into the professional SF field last year. The Fanquet will be at 7:30 Friday, July 23, at Rudi's Italian Inn, 3773 Crenshaw. Price \$3.50. ++ 4e Ackerman has sent out a flyer advising monster fans that there will be an auction of professional Monster Masks used in movies and TV at Project Unlimited, 5555 Sunset Blvd, Hollywood, on 19 June at 10 a.m. ++ LASFS elections will be held 24 June. ++ The week preceeding and the week following the Westercon will see quite a number of out-of-town fans in the area, so the usual types of entertainment such as parties and a Disneyland Trip are planned. More details to be given at LASFS meetings.

TRUMPET 2 is out, and it is an improvement on the first issue. I particularly recommend Alex Eisenstein's shredding of Bates's "Farewell to the Master," and the film reviews, which are liberally illustrated with stills from the films. I can do quite well without Andy Offut's blithering column, as it says absolutely nothing. The Lettercol needs weeding, as it contains too many letters of empty praise, but it also includes enough thoughts worth recording to balance out. Thorne's suggestion to print the outdated Moomaw review col is a good one; some reviews are more worthwhile in retrospect than when they are current. TRUMPET is available from Tom Reamy, 6010 Victor, Dallas, Texas 75214, for 50¢ an issue.

JERRY PAGE reports that he's out of the army and back at 193 Battery Pl. NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30307, and helping revive Atlanta Fandom again.