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DEAD ISSUE DEPARTMENT

In the March 1966 issue of *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, an advertisement appeared on the back page. The ad stated, "We oppose the participation of the United States in the war in Viet Nam." There followed a list of over 75 noted fantasy and science fiction authors who opposed the war.

Shortly, another ad appeared. This one ran: "We the undersigned believe the United States must remain in Vietnam to fulfill its responsibilities to the people of that country." A list of fantasy and science fiction authors who supported the war filled the rest of the page.

See if you can guess the sympathies of the authors listed in the next column. Which were supportive and which were opposed?

The name of one of the authors appeared on neither list. Can you guess which one abstained? Answers appear on page 22. 

Poul Anderson
Isaac Asimov
Marion Zimmer Bradley
Anthony Boucher
Hal Clement
Arthur C. Clarke
Samuel Delany
Harlan Ellison
Philip José Farmer
Robert A. Heinlein
Damon Knight
Ursula K. LeGuin
Judith Merrill
Larry Niven
Jerry E. Pournelle
Robert Silverberg
Fred Saberhagen
Kate Wilhelm
Jack Williamson
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COMING DISTRACTIONS

NON-PHOTO BLUES

NonSensible WisDumb

BLUE-BRAIN by Dewi McS

CLOSE SHAVE by Michael A. Duffin

ONLY A STATE OF MIND by C. Bruce Hunter

THE DAY THE WORLD WENT OUT by Danny T. Harbin

More HERBERT FRANK AT THE SOUL OF WELLES

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SCORING

Score one point for each correctly identified author. Add three points to your score if you correctly identified the abstainer.


- Over 15 correct: Call Yourself Machiavelli
 10 to 15 correct: Honors PoliSci Student
 5 to 9 correct: Reagan Cabinet Member
 Less than 5 correct: You don't remember Vietnam, do you?

OPPOSED

Isaac Asimov
 Anthony Boucher
 Samuel Delany
 Harlan Ellison
 Philip José Farmer
 Damon Knight
 Ursula K. LeGuin
 Judith Merrill
 Robert Silverberg
 Kate Wilhelm
 Donald A. Wolheim

SUPPORTIVE

Poul Anderson
 Marion Zimmer Bradley
 Hal Clement
 Robert A. Heinlein
 Larry Niven
 Jerry K. Pournelle
 Fred Saberhagen
 Jack Williamson

Arthur C. Clarke's name did not appear on either list. 

ANTEPENULTIMATE

There were a dozen names of female SF & F writers in the puzzle. Did you get them all? Try again.

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| BRACKETT | Leigh |
| BRADLEY | Marion Zimmer |
| CHERRYH | C. J. |
| GASKELL | Jane |
| HENDERSON | Zenna |
| LEE | TANITH |
| LEGUIN | Ursula K. |
| MCCAFFREY | Anne |
| MCINTYRE | Vonda N. |
| MERRIL | Judith |
| NORTON | Andre |
| SARGEANT | Pamela |

EXPLANATION

NON-PHOTO BLUES

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heads than in their pencils. Those who finally make a Pro Sale do not immediately quit their jobs to begin writing or illustrating. One sale does not a Pro make; ten sales do not a Pro make; regular sales do not necessarily a Pro make. You have to be fast, accurate, timely, and consistent. How many Professional writers or illustrators earn a livelihood only on labors of love? Ask one next time. A Pro is a working stiff, just like you and me.

CON PROS

So what does this have to do with Amateurs and Professionals and science fiction conventions?

Fandom seems to have eschewed the honest Amateur in

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Final solution is on page 24.

Have a list you'd like to see in a future Preantepenultimate Puzzlements? Or just an idea for a list? Write to Ralph in care of *Alternate Realities*.