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"And the lady's name, sir?--for FANAC!"

OUR SPIES ARE EVERYWHERE

The weekend of 14/15 November was the date of this year's Phillycon. Ron Ellik, the Herodotus of fandom, was unavoidably detained in Alameda, California that weekend and so couldn't be in Philly to report on the happenings for FANAC (the Marine Reserves were holding a conclave), but Danny Curran filled in for him.

Danny called Miriam and me Saturday night to transmit greetings and scoops to FANAC, and other attendees such as Dave and Ruth Kyle, Dick and Pat Ellington, and Bob Madle spoke too.

It seems that one of the prime points of discussion at the conclave (the one in Philly, not the one in Alameda) was the question of the proposed 1964 NYCon. A debate was held, with James Taurasi arguing in favor of his proposal and Ted White pooh-poohing him. Members of the audience joined in, and Taurasi found himself under heavy fire.

Seeing the large amount of opposition to the 1964 NYCon idea, Taurasi recapitulated a bit and said that if a worldcon bid couldn't be secured for New York he was in favor of holding a regional con in NY over the July 4th weekend, 1964. It seems improbable, considering the large amount of opposition in general fandom and in particular in New York fandom, that New York will get a worldcon in '64. But a regional con there seems likely.

We of FANAC would like to go on record as being opposed to a 1964 NY worldcon. The idea of a regional con there fails to rouse our blood pressure, however.

Incidentally, since one of the strongest arguing points against the '64 NYcon is that a World's Fair is planned there that year and hotel prices will undoubtedly be high, F. H. Busby wants to announce that the Century 21 World's Fair will not be going on in Seattle during 1961--it's been rescheduled to begin April 1962--so you can feel safe in voting for Seattle in '61.

--tgc

DICK AND PAT ELLINGTON are joining the Western Movement next January. They will be leaving New York about the middle of the month; all that's holding them that long is that one of them has to get a driver's license.

Pat also says that she and Noreen Shaw are starting a fanzine, title unremembered.

THE GOLDEN GATE FUTURIAN SOCIETY (for lack of a better name at present) is interested in getting loans of movies of fannish or stfnal interest, preferably 8 mm. (If you have something of interest in 16 mm, check with us first.) Anyone with such films is asked to write to Terry Carr (program director), 70, Liberty St., #5, San Francisco 10, Calif.

THE 1960 WESTERCON (the Boycon) will be held in Boise, Idaho, over the 4th of July weekend and will span three days (2nd, 3rd, 4th), since the 4th falls on Monday. Registration fee is \$1.00, and is necessary, says Guy Terwilleger (1412 Albright St., Boise), "since we have no club to back us in handling expenses." Rog Phillips, of course, is the Guest of Honor.

"Other details have been settled, but they aren't ready for inclusion in any report yet," says Guy.

FANAC NEVER MAKES MISTAKES--at least, if we can help it. But I almost made a monumental one in that last item. Guy's letter was written in longhand at the office, and in my hasty copy-typing I misread "Monday" as "Mayday". Can't you just see FANAC reporting that the 4th of July next year will fall on Mayday?

Ron says it's a good thing we caught that mistake, else we soon would have had Dick Eney sending us a package of salt.

I replied that if that happened I'd send Eney a postcard saying, "Mayday, Mayday, Mayday!"

But I'm glad we caught the mistake. It might have tarnished our Hugo a bit.

BISMI'LLAH! will be the title of Andy Main's forthcoming fanzine. He says it's "a transliteration for the Arabic "In the name of God" which is used in the Koran at the beginning of each sura (I think that's how you spell it) and at the beginning of any important statement in the Koran or other Moslem theological work. The title has nothing to do with the contents; I just picked it because I wanted to use some fairly original title."

I imagine a title that means "In the name of God" is kind of original, at that.

Andy says the zine won't necessarily be either stf-centered or fandom-centered: "the fanzine is going to develop character according to what I can get to put in it." So send him some material and let him know what kind of a fanzine he's going to publish, people. (Andy Main, 5668 Gato Ave., Goleta, California.)

"MURDER AND THE ANDROID" was the title of an sf drama by Alfred Bester presented on TV on Sunday Showcase recently. Marty Fleischman says, "It wasn't bad but it wasn't so good either; in fact, it was vastly disappointing, I thought." It was an adaptation of "Fondly Fahrenheit".

OLD FANZINES ARE FOR SALE still from me--grab-bag fashion, 15 for \$1.00. And if you're lucky and I forget to send you the zines you've bought for a couple of months, usually I throw in ten or twenty extra ones free.

N F F F ELECTION RESULTS: The incumbent, Ralph Holland, is once again President of the National Fantasy Fan Federation. Directors art Art Hayes, Honey Wood, K. Martin Carlson, Al Lewis (the friendly Al Lewis, not the tyrannical Al Lewis), and Stan Woolston. A good slate--now let's see some action, N3F. (Persons wishing to join the N3F may write to the perennial Secretary, Janie Lamb, at Route #1, Heiskell, Tennessee.)

BOB STEWART, fan-artist from Kirbyville, Texas, has re-re-entered fandom now that he's through with college, and is interested in doing artwork for fanzines again. He's somewhere in Fort Worth, and can probably be reached quickly through George Jennings, at the address given for NOMAD in Carr's fanzine reviews in HOBGOBLIN. ALVA ROGERS, Lozangeleno and San Diegan, fan-artist for VOM, ICHOR and many other war-time and just post-war fanzines, is now living just a few miles from here in Castro Valley, and is getting interested in fanzines and fans once more. He was discovered to modern day fandom by FANAC-spy Brian Donahue; address in c-o-address dept.

AMRA v2#7 (Geo Scithers, Box 682, Stanford, Calif; 20¢, 5/\$1). It looks from the cover like George Barr has discovered Jno R. Neill recently--but he shouldn't put so much shadow into his drawings. His 1½-page spread for the Howard fragment is much better. ##Amra is an amateur, non-profit (definitely), enthusiastic magazine devoted to material by and about Robert E. Howard and other fantasy-adventurous subjects. This issue contains the above-mentioned fragment by REH, and a highly enjoyable article about E. R. Eddison's Zimiamvian trilogy by Robert Briney. Some of the best wartwork in fan-press-dom today is appearing regularly in Amra, and it decidedly contains the best serious discussions of stfantasy.

FRANK COE (who was Frankenstein last year and Wolf Man this year at the LASFS Hallowe'en parties) presented two films he made himself at the 12Nov59 meeting of the LASFS. The longer of the two (ran for 30 minutes) was called "Frankenstein Meets The Monster From Outer Space" and displayed good set designing and some shots of Coe's 1958 costume. (Thanks to "X", our secret LASFSpy.)

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FAN FUND, reports Bob Madle, has approximately four hundred dollars ready to send ~~Terry/Carr~~ the winner of the TAFF race to the British National Convention next Spring. Madle says this would carry the Fund through--but just barely; he says that, to be safe, TAFF must have at least another hundred dollars. The end of the TAFF race is nearing --the deadline for votes is 31Dec59. If you were a fan prior to the beginning of this year (that is, for instance, if you read FANAC before then) you qualify to send your favorite ~~FANAC/Edith~~ fan to England. For more information write to Bob Madle (672 Ripley Street, Brookville, Alexandria, Virginia); send 50¢ or a dollar, too, just to qualify yourself as a contributor even if you find you can't vote.

RECENT VISITORS DEPT: Forrest J Ackerman, who is now 43 years old, visited the Bay Area next Friday for his birthday celebration which was held in Los Angeles, 20-21-22 Nov 59. We predict he had an enjoyable time at the party Lou and Cynthia Goldstone are going to throw for him, and we hope we were there.

--rde.

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AVE ET VAIE: The National Fantasy Fan Federation is planning an art exhibition and sundry other projects for fan-artists for the Pittcon next Labor Day. Interested artists should write to Bjo, 980 $\frac{1}{2}$ White Knoll Drive, Los Angeles 12, California. ##The next issue of CAMBER (Alan Dodd's infrequent genzine) will expose Ron Bennett's artistic abilities, says Ken Cheslin. He also says Nebula is definitely folding, quoting Ken Slater's news/catalogue sheet. ##A new club is starting, says John Pesta, and its initials are SFA. Pesta didn't say what they stand for, however. It is a correspondence group, and the officers are John Anderson Jr of Minneapolis and Billy Joe Plott (POBox 654, Opelika, Alabama). They publish an irregular fanzine called MAELSTROM. ##Pesta, who lives at 619 Greenleaf St, Allentown, Pa, adds that he is interested in obtaining copies of the defunct EC-fanzines, HOOHAH, CONCEPT, and EC BULLETIN. Will pay cash. ##Last issue we mis-reported the prizes awarded at the LASFS Hallowe'en party: Rick Sneary won a prize in his horseless-headsman costume, and Bill Rotsler won some sort of prize for being the fastest gun in fandom. ##"Xn", our LASFSpy, comments he is sorry he got swazzled at the Hallowe'en party and he'll try to do better next time. He made noises about staying sober at the New Year's Eve party. We'll see. ##APORRHZTA #13 (H.P.Sanderson, "Inchmery," 236 Queen's Road, New Cross, London SE 14, England; 20¢, 6/\$1). An hilarious kick at the peyote-pushing NYC-fen, followed on the next page by a serious statement of personal feeling about the drug, by Sanderson. Bob Ieman is represented with some of his best fan-fiction to date, and for the first time I can remember, I am finding out that Jhim Linwood can write as well as travel. Atom has a slap-dash installment of his A-Z cartoons, but some good artwork otherwise—the entire fanzine is illustrated by him, naturally. Beautiful reproduction here—App is probably England's most important topical fanzine, published everytime 52 pages congregate.

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The Golden Gate Futurian Society has
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