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FANQUET REPORT

by "X"

The 1960 Fanquet was held March 12 in Los Angeles, honoring two fans who had made their first professional sales during 1959: Julie Jardine and Richard E. Geis. It came off rather well, with 34 paying attendees plus the two guests of honor. Bob Bloch could not attend, but wrote out a speech which was delivered by Ted Johnstone; it was one of Bloch's funniest, and Ted's delivery was excellent. Julie Jardine gave a rather funny talk on how hard it was to get time to write. (She also laughed so hard at the Bloch-Johnstone speech that she split a seam somewhere, but refused to show it to anyone.) Rich Geis spoke briefly on the fannish names he had used in his stories. Perry Ackerman talked about Fanquets past, and mentioned Charles Muetzel as likely winner for next year.

SHADES OF FIFTH PANDORA: While we were getting ready to type up this issue of FANAC we received in the mail the first nine chapters of a round-robin fannish serial titled "The Great Stf Crisis," which is a sequel to "The Great Stf Broadcast" and "Stf Broadcasts Again," the round-robin serials that ran in SPACEWARP a decade ago. This epic (and hilarious!) production will be printed in SAPS and FAPA by Art Rapp (FB, 1st Hsl Bn, 40th Artillery, Fort Bliss, Texas) as soon as it is completed. Scheduled for twelve chapters, the first nine are by Rapp, Redd Boggs, Jim Harmon, Bob Tucker, Marion Bradley, Rich Eney, Dean Grennell, Phyllis Economou, and Bob Leman. Ellik will write chapter 10 and Carr will do chapter 11, making a deliberate effort to get whoever does chapter 12 (Bloch?) into as much trouble as possible in winding it up. Caveat Blochus.

YANDRO #85 (from Buck & Juanita Coulson, Rte. 3, Wabash, Indiana) is a particularly good issue, highlighted by Ted White's six-page analysis of the recent Amazing novella "Transient" by Ward Moore, and Bob Tucker's comments on Vonnegut's "The Sirens of Titan". We were a bit nonplussed, though, to see that Buck misunderstood a letter Ron wrote to him, and thinks we regard FANAC as "primarily a West Coast fannish newsletter". This isn't true, of course: FANAC is devoted to news of fandom at large. If we concentrate on West Coast social notes to the exclusion of such material about other areas, it's only because we feel that the fans in these other areas should report on their own parties in their own zines; we haven't room for everything. But aside from party-reports and the like, we have no restriction area-wise on our news, as should be obvious.

SPEAKING OF PARTY REPORTS, though, we seem to have fallen a bit behind on the local affairs. There've been three parties of note in this area lately, and we'll take 'em in order. First, on Feb. 19, Miri threw a surprise birthday party for me at the Donaho-Curran manse, complete with cake and presents and even a circa 300-feet long birthday card that Karen Anderson worked up, with many many clever lines and little cartoons and such. (Marie-Louise Ellington had a ball sitting in the middle of the thing tearing it up after all present had read and chuckled over it.) The next evening saw a small gathering at Rog & Honey Graham's place turn into an impromptu birthday party for Rog, with Bjo and Al Lewis as surprise guests. And finally, 12 ~~March~~ was the date of the Golden Gate Futurian Society's latest party, a Wake for Julius Caesar (and Tiberius, too); it seemed the fannish thing to do, and the 12th was the closest weekend evening to the Ides of March.

RECENT VISITORS, since we've mentioned Bjo and Al Lewis, have included also George Metzger, Bill McJunkin and friends, and Lyle Amlin.

ANGELS UNAWARE: Well, really it was us who was unaware; seems we forgot to list a few people as Angels for the Fannish II last time, through an oversight on the part of incompetent Ron Ellick, who says I should make more cracks at people because that's what makes FANAC popular; I suppose Ron counts as a people. Oh well. Angels for the Fannish II, in addition to those listed last time, were Howard DeVore, Dave & Ruth Kyle, Rich Brown, Norman Shorrock, and Bruce Pelz--and I can't think of a single crack to make about such fine people. (If you send us money maybe we won't make cracks about you either.)

POSITIVE-THINKING PETE GRAHAM (whose change-of-address should be in the COA section) writes to emit a peep or two and say he's been working 90 hours a week and more and has been saving money, and plans to tour Europe this summer, spending a month or so in London and then bicycling via Paris and maybe Geneva to Berlin. He doesn't say anything about writing "Clayfeet Continent," though.

NEW FANZINES: We really should know better than to report on what fans claim they plan to do, but here goes: Ted Pauls sez he'll have a 60-page zine out in a coupla months featuring Hoffman, Carr, Bradley, White, Warner, Ellison, Geis, and many more. Cheers. # And Mal Ashworth has bought a Gestetner and hopes to have an issue of the New, Revived ROT out by the end of this month. Huzzahs!

--tgc

THE APA CORNER: Belle C. Dietz (Apt 4C, 1721 Grand Avenue, Bronx 53, N.Y.) is the newly-elected official editor of the Neffer Amateur Press Alliance, and as the sole surviving officer of the polling is the person to send your dollar for membership (she's the sole-surviving because the club only thinks it needs one officer; but I'll change that...they're an N3F project, and they need lots of officers) if you are already a member of the N3F. If not, and you want to join the N'APA, you must first join the parent organization: send \$1.60 to: National Fantasy Fan Federation c/o Janie Lamb (checks payable to her), Route One, Heiskell, Tennessee; then you can join the N'APA, as above. The fourth mailing of this publishing group was mailed out 15Mar60, and Belle will take office by the time you read this. Full election results are not known to us, but she was selected by the 25-30 members over former SAPS and FAPA officer Walter Coslet.

WE DID IT AGAIN: Tom Condit says Dave MacDonald didn't marry Judy Hoffman, and Judy is somewhat annoyed--annoyed because rumors say he did, not because he didn't; I think; anyway, that's what Condit says. Another example of FANAC scooping everybody by printing mistruths. We apologize, Judy, and we're sure Andrew Reiss does too: he's our (mis)informant.

PROCEED AT OWN RISK DEPT: Jack Chalker (5111 Liberty Hts Ave, Baltimore 7, Md) is planning a fanzine, called CONTRACT. He says it could be read without bafflement by someone in Honolulu, or in Mozambique; he wants 150 subscribers; he will have material in the magazine by "just about the best known author of the weird and macabre ever to sit down with a pen and paper." So it sounds enthusiastic, anyway, and if you trust people who project fanzines, you might request a trial subscription; he didn't quote a rate.

SKYRACK #15 (Ron Bennett, 7 Southway, ArthursAv, Harrogate, Yorks, England; six for 2/6d from this address, or six for 35¢ from Bob Pavlat, 6001-43rd Ave, Hyattsville, Md, USA). This issue, dated 14Mar60, proves we can at least beat Bennett with the news if we manufacture the news ourselves--which is some comfort, anyway, since he has been running us ragged in the newszine business. His first anniversary is due out momentarily, celebrating one year of an active, entertaining career in fan journalism. ~~Sorry~~ Sorry to hear Patrizio and Forsyth like SKYRACK so much they're cancelling their FANAC subs, Bennett--but we think we've got you beat; bet we have dozens of contented subscribers who've never even thought of getting your scrubby little sheet. So there.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Mercer, among others, would like this section included so it can be removed without damaging our amaranthine prose, so from now on (until we forget) it'll be here, not on the fourth page.

Ray Nelson, 212 Columbia Avenue, Berkeley 8, Calif. (tnx, Ron)
Fred W. Arnold, 161 Tremont Street, Hartford, Connecticut
Robt Christenberry, 1411 - 21st Street NW, Washington 6, D.C.
George Scithers & ALRA, Box 52, Eatontown, New Jersey
Liz Wilson, 1624 - 2nd Street, Livermore, California
A/3c R.W. Brown AF 196462E1, 4756 AGE Sqdn, Box 935-S, TyndallAFB, Fla.
NEED ADDRESS FOR Ken Hedberg, last known to be in Florid, California.
Pete Graham, c/o Meier, 1343 E. 50th St., Chicago 15, Illinois (again)

_____ Write or resubscribe or something, because we haven't heard from you in a loooong time.

_____ This is your last issue, and people are going to point at you and laugh because you don't get FANAC.

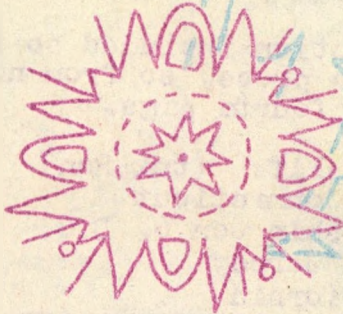
BIBLE FANDOM: Bill Donaho is still cranking out chapters & verses of his fanzine with the caveat atheist title, HABAKKUK, which contains within the fibretint-green confines of its second issue a fascinating article about machine-wrought anal canals, an article by the editor defining his stolid position as a defender of middle-class values, some letters, some cartoons, and bearing on its cover another thrice-damned, mind-rotting, hilarious squirrel joke. (free for letter from Donaho, 1441-8th St, Berkeley 2, California.) HOCUS #13 is noticeable for Bob Silverberg (a reprint) and Marion Bradley, both writing short, humorous articles about different types of fans (completists and ~~neofans~~ fans, respectively) and for the cover by Joni Cornell. This is HOCUS' first annish, and it is available for 15¢ the copy from 85 Locust Ave, Millburn, NJersey.

SHANAL'AGFACTIONNAIRES #49 (I think that's the title) gets off to a silly start in the editorial and some fake-reviews by Deckinger and then settles down to serious stf-reviews in a new department called "The Golden Journey" (all right, I'm a Saint fan, and I don't recognize it) which has two medium-readable reviews by Wanshel and Coulson (Robt) and one interesting review by Bjo, who didn't want to sign her own name to it; trust future issues will feature more stf-reviewing--and maybe Bjo can be convinced to admit she can write. ##The rest of the issue is only worth reading for the sake of finding out that Shaggy has hit another chaotic period of slapdash editing and sloppy format, as it did in the first four revival issues a year ago. No "Squirrel Cage," too, which nearly ruins it...

--rde.

STOP DUPER: We just noticed that this issue is dittoed! This is by way of experiment, and may not continue. It's Dave Rike's machine. ## Another FANNISH II Angel who didn't get mentioned last issue was Les Gerber. Sorry. ## Guy Terwilliger has reassessed the situation and says he will be able to do BEST OF FANDOM this year after all. (1412 Albright St., Boise, Idaho.) ## Another recent visitor (current as of this writing, in fact): Lars Bourne. ## Larry Ivie and Ted White are editing a new promag titled INSIDE BEAT WORLD, a semi-serious affair which will have all sorts NYfen's pics.

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