

# FANAC 39



It might be just a hole in the ground to you,  
but it's the Winnipawaw N3F Hall to me!

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THE SILLY SEASON REVISITED: A number of fans have reported receiving envelopes from Metropolitan Coin Co., NYC (not connected with me in any way), enclosing advts for something called "The Confederate Gold Dollar" (at \$1.45 it can't contain much gold) and quantities of bread crusts or crumbs. I have not yet heard if Deckinger got one of these donations... Fess up, Gerber. # Less than 3 months after my article "The 100-Year Vendetta" appeared in Numis. Scrapbook Mag., chronicling the century-plus-old feud between coin collectors and federal snoops, the USPO in effect declared war on profit-minded stamp hounds by promising to flood the market with error 4¢ Dag Hammarskjöld commem stamps. A couple of times since then, though, I've had to stand in line waiting to pick up sheets of regular postage while collectors tried to buy those same error stamps, only to be told that they'd have to go to Washington, or write there, to get 'em. # The Santa Monica restaurant known as THE HOBBIT serves something it calls hobbitburgers, and TAJ/DAM'D refuses to eat one on grounds of cannibalism. # Cult waitlister Owen Hannifen attempted to drop active member Lichtman in a f/r on grounds of BL's having made a couple of goofs in the roster in his FR. Laughter resounded in LA, NY and Berkeley. # G. Clifford Prout, jr. (the very same one who, a few years back, inspired by kids' eating dirt—"basic food"—started a society to devise ways to transform rocks into edible mtl) recently started something called SINA--Soc. for Indecency to Naked Animals--crusading to put clothes on all animals over 6" high. Don Fitch (strictly for laughs, friends, strictly for laughs) is supposedly running copies of Prout's application forms thru various apas. These questionnaires include items like: "What organizations do you belong to now?" "Have you ever been asked to resign from any of these organizations?" "Do you have any nervous habits such as nailbiting, twitches, &c.?" "Can you sing The Star Spangled Banner a capella?" "Are people afraid of you?" Prout has sung SINA marching songs to his own guitar accompaniment over TV during an interview with Paul Coates. (Thnx, Don Fitch, Blake Maxam, MENACE OF LASFS 54, and others) # Bruce Pelz's latest big project, a Farleyfile of fandom on IBM cards, includes in its questionnaire forms requests for not only participation in fantasy worlds (one's own or others) but names of acquaintances who belong to various nut cults--saucerians, Shaverites, etc.

IT'S ABOUT TIME DEPT. REDD BOGGS has turned pro. (See CoA.) He is literary editor of NOVA, a new prozine, \$1/ish, 100p, bedsheet size, ed by Jim Harmon, pub in L.A. Redd will contribute (he says) an article & a fmz review col to #1. "The mag is not sexy" unlike, one gathers, other things put out by publishers of this one. Redd also sold a story "Monster from Planet X" to FANTASTIC MONSTERS & is there blurbed as "FMo's great new discovery." § TED WHITE's new jazz book is in Budrys's hands at Regency. § RAY NELSON's novel "Turn Off the Sky", far-out s-f, long admired by damon knight and many others but long thought unsalable, has sold to F&SF in much expurgated form. § CALVIN W. "BIFF" DEMMON's biffable, also accepted by F&SF, shd appear soon.

ART RALF is scheduled for Army duty in Italy; about 50 mi. from Venice, for 2 or 3 years depending on whether Nancy & son Steve are allowed to join him. More details later.



RAY NELSON, during the recent Cuba Week scare, attended a couple of Union Sq (SF) rallies to protest the blockade. Not primarily lefties, but scared people of all kinds--Republicans, Democrats, socialists, Fair Play for Cuba types, pacifists, etc.. Some 4000 (est.) heard poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti speak, saying "a plague o' both your houses, Soviets and General Walker types alike!". Ray made five signs, which got carried around; one showed a cartoon with two generals being blown off an exploding Earth into space, one of them saying to the other "You and your ~~\*\*\*\*~~ brinkmanship!", the others with slogans like WAR NO MORE. His 4-year-old son Walter Trygve carried a sign saying DON'T BOMB ME!, and many newsmen photographed the boy. Later on, the crowd being in an ugly mood and ringed by cops with dogs, Ray made a speech, brief and extempore, "representing the silent majority of cowards". "When I heard about it I thought it was all over." He described how he'd filled out the RACE item on his draft questionnaire with Human; the psychiatrist tried to make him back down, and on Ray's refusing to change his answer, said that the Army didn't want Ray's kind. Ray intended to speak at the second rally, and he was joined by many local fans who went to hear him, but it broke up too soon.

LEE BROWN COYE, long-ago famous illustrator (WEIRD TALES, SLEEP NO MORE (1944), WHO KNOCKS? (1946), etc.; listed in Who's Who in American Art; featured in Oct 48 AMERICAN ARTIST mag) has made a comeback: 2 illos in Dec FANTASTIC for Derringer's "Heritage", with 6 other assignments for the same mag (de Maupassant's "An Apparition"; "His Natal Star", "The Malatesta Collection", "The Forelife Myth", "Third Sister", "Titan in the Crypt") and a cover not based on a specific story; cover for F&SF on L.E. Jones's "Eyes of Phorkos" and a couple of forthcoming Arkham House books. (Thanks, John E. Vetter and FANTASY COLLECTOR)

BJO & JOHN TRIMBLE have resigned from the '64 Con committee and other fanac except for FAHA and, of course, Project Art Show. This retirement is for personal reasons.



"He's fugged. I'm faaanish."



THE APA CORNER: Postmailings and all, the FAPA 100th mlg totaled out at 1219 pages, migawd. The 101st contains only 198pp. ("O the shame of it." ...OEney) New officers: Busbies as 2-headed president, Calkins VP, Evans as Sec-Treas, Eney as Black-Hearted OE. By presidential ruling, all waitlisters who have not already done so must send the Sec-Treas \$1 w-1 fee, before 1 Jan 63, to cover costs of FAs sent to them.

Cult: The hell-bound bucket has gyrated wildly downwards of late. Ed Baker pubbed a FR in Esperanto, then failed to write to two following FRs and was properly dropped by Tapscott as pubber of the second of these. But Tapscott failed to send Baker a copy of the FR dropping him, instead sending a one-page f/r as notification. This made Tapscott's own FR illegal, and Tapscott was dropped by Pelz in a f/r. Lichtman, the next FR pubber, called another election, since Tapscott, though in the meantime elected OA, had apparently forfeited his Cult membership. Donaho circulated a referendum and the votes have just come in: Tapscott is once again a member in good standing and OA, Baker is out, the Lichtman election does not stand, the TAJ/DAM'D lame-duck revision of the Cult constitution is invalid. (TAJ had tried to reinstate Baker on grounds that pubbing an FR counts as writing to the next one, acto an obscure line in Champion's Cult constitution revision (1960), but I have since found that this was an illegal (because never ratified) addition by JCC, hence null & void.)

THE FAN AWARDS ARE NOT DEAD, AS WAS HUMORED. A committee under Chuck Wells has come up with a plan very close to one proposed some months ago by Sneary. The provisional committee includes, besides Wells, Harry Warner, John Baxter, Dick Lupoff, Richard Bergeron, myself, Betty Kujawa (resigning), George Sd thers, and Lichtman (nonvoting). Shortly after 1 Jan 63 a ballot will go out to all fanzine fandom, comprising (a) a fan poll similar to the FANAC poll but without the "Fugghead" category, and with different numbers of places (top 12 fmz, perhaps, etc.); (b) a list of candidates, 5 to be elected, for the first elective Fan Poll committee; (c) a brief charter to be voted yes or no. Lupoff is running off ballots; Warner will mail them out; I have provided addresses; Wells will probably be teller; Kujawa has donated \$\$ towards the project. Ballots will not go out with any fanzine, but results will be announced as soon as possible after the 1 March 63 deadline. The awards will probably consist of certificates, though this is still under discussion.

EGOBOO IS WHERE YOU FIND IT, cont'd. Fri 16 Nov., Berkeley jazz station KJAZ for the first time stayed on all night, dj Jim Robnet asking listeners to call him to help him stay awake. I did so, learning that he was an avid sf reader (like jazzman Eric Dolphy) and telling him that I was a fan as well as a (numismatic, not s-f) pro writer. To his request for names of good recent SF, I suggested "Stranger", "Child Buyer", "Little Fuzzy" and some others. What was my surprise to hear him, at each of the next half dozen record announcements & station breaks, recommend me as a sf fan and coin expert, even to giving my address & phone no. to the audience?! § "If we have any real focal points it has been FANAC and AXE, and no one writes for them."...Rick Sneary in DAFOE 6.

I'M P O'D AT THE POD. An employee of one of the local POs told me that opening 1stclass mail is now routine without court order if anything "looks suspicious", even though the POops know it's illegal; they workhand in hand with other govt agencies in allowing them to make similar interference with the mails. # A book MS sent registered mail may be registered for any amount, if the sender is silly enough to pay the premium, but this is neither a guarantee of delivery nor an obligation on the PO to pay any indemnity (in event of loss) above the cost of retyping the MS. Rare coins sent registered will be indemnified only in the amount of face or intrinsic value, whichever is higher. These are new rulings, and it will probably take a court order to dislodge them. In the meantime, 3rdclass rates go up in a couple of months, and the censorship campaigns are stepped up. Braaaaaack.

YEAR OF THE JACKPOT cont'd. Shel(don) Deretchin died 22 Oct of complications of diabetes; age c. 29. Abt 1953 he, with Daves Mason & Foley, formed a Bklyn fanclub which became the Fanarchists when Mason moved to the Village. Deretchin pubbed various zines--FLAMING BEARD among them--but his best piece of fanac was recruiting Sandy Cutrell to fandom at the Clevelen- tion in 1955 (as well as to folksinging, etc., to the delight of most subsequent cons). Deretchin was inactive in recent years because of near blindness.



MY CHICCON REPORT has had to be handled differently from last year's ADIRABLE CHICCON. First publication of "Our Fan in Chicago" is in WARHCON 17, due sometime this month. A reprinted version of the con report, with a different Bergeron cover, and a supplement covering items omitted from the Wrhn printing, will be available in a few weeks; limited printing, 100 copies; further details when it is ready. FANAC 90--an issue due to be famous for various reasons--will include a brief Chiccon report by Paul Williams; but for full details be sure to get WARHCON 17. For the moment, herewith the judging results:

Costumes: Most Beautiful--Karen Anderson as "Miss Bem & 2419", a stunning moth-creature. Most Gruesome--Harriett Kolchak as "Lady Ardral", with acolyte & costumer Don Studebaker. Most Primal (Adam)--Dr A W Miller, as a gladiator, from coverillo to Laumer's "Worlds of Imperium"; his first attempt, and in fact his first con.

Most Primal (Rib)--Sheila Dvorak, as a nymph.

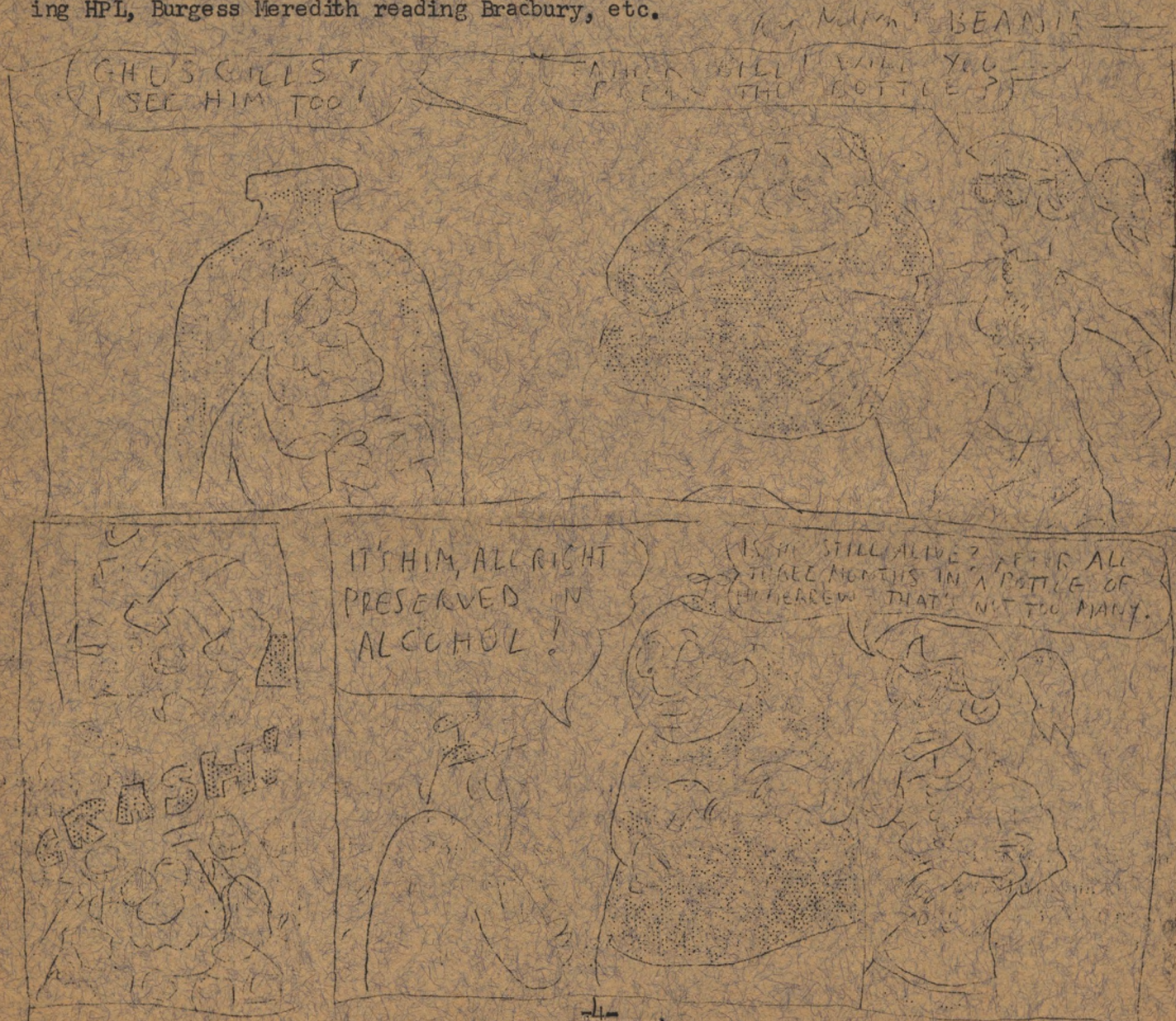
Best Group--the Flash Gordon characters: Dave Kyle as "Ming the Merciless", Ruth Kyle as the Witch Queen of Mongo, Ginny Schultheis as Princess Aura, Steve Schultheis as King Baren, Jock Root as Dr. Zarkov. (Scribe JH later passed around printed cards reading MING THE MERCILESS SAYS YOU CAN'T SIT HERE.)

Most Authentic--Fritz Leiber, as Eric von Hohenwald, Spider King.

Best Bem--Stu Hoffman, as always, as Karduk, High Priest of Tau Ceti; in his gigantic mask were tiny electric bulbs as ocelli, flashing at random.

Best Fantasy Character--Dirce Archer, as an eye-catching bird girl.

Best in Show--Stu Hoffman. Prizes were Ejo handpainted mugs, records of Roddy MacDowall reading HPL, Burgess Meredith reading Bradbury, etc.





LA TRIVIATA: We hear that MIKE DECKINGER is engaged, following the lead of Ronel. (Ron's intended has been signing herself "Peggy Rae McEllik".) Dates not announced. # Neo-fan PAUL WILLIAMS has an article on British and American prozines in 15 Dec 62 LIBRARY JOURNAL. Whaddya mean he's "going to be a writer", Mrs Merrill? # As long as we're on that subject, Judy Merrill is selling out in Milford and leaving town. On the other hand, AVRAM DAVIDSON, his wife Grania, and Embryo Homunculus ("who may have popped by now") will be residing in Milford by the end of Nov. "Heartily know, when half-gods go, the gods arrive." (Thanks, Redd.) # Attention, AXE: "ex-fan" Terry Carr retains his memberships in four apas, and your joke has already brought me some confused inquiries. Don't blame me if other people take you seriously. # JERRY KNIGHT (see CoA) has been sent by IBM to 7090 school--6 months' exile in Poughkeepsie, NY. He desperately wants fmz & fan contacts. # GGFS officers are once again Alva & Sid Rogers and Good People. # The Little Men raised \$ to buy a camera for photo-off-setting RHODOMAGNETIC DIGEST (in which I shall have an article shortly) by holding a sports-car rallye, "Scudaria Bavaria", Orinda to Danville, under supervision of Al haLevy and Ed Brandt. This was a big success; 37 cars entered with \$2 entry fee apiece; two trophies and 5 plaques were awarded; a repeat performance is scheduled very shortly. # LA fan JON LACKEY, whom you might recall from the writeup of SURFTIDE 77, the nudie movie with costumes by Bjo, in which Lackey played several roles along with other local fans) appeared, in ghoulish costume, on one of the Steve Allen shows in August, demonstrating something or other about ancient torture methods, f'gawdsake. # We wonder why comic fans and sf fans haven't discovered these, or have they? Pacific Electronics in Berkeley, and doubtless many other radio parts & supply houses, have 2-way Dick Tracy wrist radios and similar items. They seem like ideal ways to locate and entice friends to good con parties etc. # TONY BOUCHER put a Chicon report into the NY Herald Tribune Book Review section for 16 Sept 62. I haven't seen it, but recall it from what Tony told me. Did any of you readers catch it or the rumored NYTimes one? # PHILIP K DICK's new sf novel "The Man in the High Castle", exploring the alternate-universe where the axis won WW2 (theme of Kornbluth's "Two Doms"), got rave notices in NYTimes c.18 Oct. # West Coast fanish propensities for getting into car wrecks claimed another recent victim: Gordon Edmund, returning from an abortive fishing trip at Neah Bay, Wash., was a passenger in a car whose 17-yr-old driver got out of control, hit a stop sign, blew a rear tire and rolled over 3 1/2 times. Nobody seriously hurt, cuts & bruises and a wrenched back for Gordon--but the car was totaled. # ROBERT HEINLEIN's new sword-&-sorcery-plus (!!) novel, THE GLORY ROAD, is being readied for serialization in F&SF, at last report; it's said to "put the last two in the shade for controversy". This we'll have to see. # Fringefan & Little Man ARNOLD ADVOCATE (writer, 1766 Bush St., SF) had name & pic in 6 Nov 62 SF CHRONICLE vox pop col "The Question Man". To the question of the day "Should bars close on election day?" Advocate said no, on grounds that the law was originally enacted to prevent politicians' buying votes with drinks, "but today you can't buy a vote with a drink--it would take a bottle." # "Magazines that go Significant go floppo. People don't like their fiction dressed-up propaganda." ...JWCjr, in Harry Warner's fanzine SPACEWAYS, March 1940. Yes, Mr Campbell, and when are you going to realize that psi and Dean Drive propaganda are no permanent exception to this rule? # ARKHAM HOUSE has a new coll'n of never-before-printed horrors (horror stories, excuse me) by the likes of Wm Hope Hodgson, Robt E Howard and George Wetzell. (Yes, apparently the Very Same G----- W----- ho...) LASFS incongruous assembled "agreed that Wetzell belongs no place so much as in a collection of horrors." (MENACE 55, 1313th mtg, 11 Oct 62--why neither a Friday nor on the 13th your Herodotus knoweth not.) # EARL NOE turned up 3 strange sf stories in THE SECOND COMING MAGAZINE vln3: 2 by Douglas Woolf, "Cougher" and "Fair-Weather-Wise", offbeat but definitely sfnal, and the first chapter of Wm S Burroughs's sf novel "The Novia Express", on interplanetary warfare and in an indescribable style. Burroughs's name should be familiar to readers of HABAKKUK; he was the William Lee of JUNKIE and the Wm Burroughs of the surrealist drug-nightmare NAKED LUNCH. When surrealism meets sf, comes fireworks. # Redd Boggs writes that enroute to LA he visited onetime prominent pro NOEL LOOMIS ("City of Glass", "The Man with Absolute Motion") & more recently famous western novelist, and reports that his latest western, "Ferguson's Ferry" (Avon 1962) may be his last fiction for awhile: he's teaching parttime at San Diego State (composition & fiction writing), editing and typesetting the (San Diego) BUTTERFIELD EXPRESS, historical newspaper, and working on a history of the Santa Fe trail, to be pub'd by the U of Okla press. # RED FACE DEPT: The illness in Bjohn's family occasioning their move to Long Beach was actually the terminal cancer of John's mother. Sorry. # JERRY DE MUTH just sold an article on Orson Welles to ROGUE. # "The recent disturbing tendency to INQ almost everything has left us with little but CoA's to print. If you want news, supply it."...AXE 32, 30 Sept. Ahahahaha.



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