

2nd. "I.O" COVER by RON.ID GENTNER contributed by Julie Unger* DASH IT ALL! I WISH I COULD REMEMBER WHAT IT WAS I FORGOT.

You have undoubtably heard the jokes or saw the cartoons perpetrated by Speer otc., about persons who had a "cosmio mind" . Woll, the above carteen is my idea of WITHOUT A COSNIC MIND!!! Spoor, for instance.

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For the poer absent minded professor seems tooke been whisked completely away from our mative planet (which is fast receding in the direction of his teas) and out into interplanetary space itself. No doubt as the result of some ingenious but harebrained experiment in his laboratory, as the prof is still wearing only his smock that he would be wearing in his lab. Absently mindedly he tries to figure out what in all it is 'es forgetten, New the point in question is: that obviously the prof is completeignorant of the conditions that exist in interplanetary space -- to have permitted his erstwhile presence to be projected into such an improbable environment, in such a highly improbable costume. Obviously than, the professor couldn't possibly have a so-called cosmic mind", because if he did, he would be aware of cosmic things, he would know all about interplanetary space -- and would cortainly have at least out on his ulster coat, why! it's positively indecent to run around in interelanetary space in your laboratory samek. (That's not the word you're thinking of Suddsy.) There ought to be a law agin'it. Likewise, his family could have hardly been "cosmic minded" -- else cortainly h is mother or father would have enlightened him as to the FACTS of INTERPLANETARY SPACE. A las: Alas

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There is no GOD but WOLLHEIM & Doro is his prophet! The Glories of Ghuare indescribable & The SPEER-It of foo-foo RIDES AGAIN: OF JACK SPEER SOJOURNES TO NEWCASTLE

This acc't will necessarily have to be brief -- for the simple reason that I wasn't hore when Speer paid us his regards, & what I know about the whole episode is brief What I can't understand is why Ungor hasn't mentioned it in his rag-I'm a FFF subscriber, & I haven't noticed it. Speer must be savin'th' acc't for his own ends, in some mage of his own he is undoubtably laboring on at this mement. What Speer will say about his trip here, in the current mailing, God only knows (or foo-foo, perchance). Whether he wil! give a straight-forward & true account of it, or if he will write a distorted version, complete with all the same old propaganda tricks, anti-Dogler remarks, slurs on futurians, or what-not. I am confident that he will have semething about it out this mail. Until I see what he has written, I shall give him the behefit of the doubt however, & assume that Speer has no such intentions, --- and while I'm at it, I'd like to applogize for not being hope when Jack was in town, & that my folks, who pay almost no attention at all to stf. activities, were not able to give him much information, or addresses of other NC Ind.fans
If you'd let me know you were comin' Jack old man, I'd have postpened my trip event into
Ohio for a couple days, and thaken time off to show you around the town, what there is of it. There are a few fans still here you could've went to see -- though many have moved or gone off to the wars.

I had want over to see a fan in Ohio over the wk end & see about chances off go tti getting a book published; I intended to return Mon. for work at Hagerstown (near here). I didn't get back until Tues. however. I did not learn Speer had been here till I returned, and learned he was on his way to Battle Creek. My folks relate the fellowing tale: A young follow with a camera in carrying case over his shoulder arrived at the

house on N.20th, where we had the clubroom upathirs up till a few wks ago, and conversations with him developed the fact that he was Jack Speer from Washington DO on his way to Battle Crook, asks if Dog is there. Mon.maybo --- Dogs acmings & goings are really highly unpredictable, or words to that offect. Speer stayed at the PLAZA hotel in Newcastle(plug), the towns best hostelry. I understood that he was to come back out to see my brother when he returned from the thousand an hour or so, or to see if I had returned, but guess he never showed up. I prosume he went on to Battle Crock, then returned to Wash. Whether or he may post at Tick's or newhere also, I may unaware.**If Jack had let us known he was coming I'd have waited for him, or at any rate Holen would have tried to've been there -- and there are McMath, Kinney, Dennis, Rice's, he could have seen, though they are not active fons. Holen works in a small town 12 miles from here, & I don't know where the time, but Speer could've gotten in touch with her with a little trouble, or went was there, we have good bus service. I'm sorry my folks he talked to did not know her address, but if he's have wanted for my brother as was suggested, he could have found it out. I don't know if other fans folks are like that or not, but myne just pay utterly no attention to fandom or stf. The oyers so dumb on matters of that nature, they hardly know that's going on Comoagain, is.

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