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WHERIN HELEN TRYS TO CLEAR UP A MATTER IN HER USUALLY SLUNDERING STYLE ! paper issued occassionally by Miss HelenBradkeigh, and may be obtained on request. This is first issue, and it's not dummied. I am trying to get it out quick, to help clear up some things, I may or may not have a better format next issue. Material will be what ever I want to talk about, and of what ever length I get time for. I am now publishing this thing, and the regular fan discussion sheet, FANTASY FORUM (once or

It is no secret to any one by now, that the CC has several enemies, and that thse persons have been putting out propaganda leaflets, writing insulting letters to members or in some cases even "friendly" socming letters cunningly calculated to play on their emotions and to attempt to influence them away from this organization. Several members have sent these sort of letters in to us. So far as we know, all members to date have scorned such underhand tactics and anti-CIRCLE letters———but there is another form of "enemy" propagands which I should like to debutk in this issue, with your kind indulgence. That is the myth about Raymond Washington and the alledged "disension" that exists in the Council, but which in reality exists only in the imagination and wishful-thinking of our onemies.

There is no serious disagreement among Council members themselves or any of the Officers of the CC. No two popula agree perfectly in every regard -- being individuals everyone thinks somethat differently on minor points; but the Council is solidly and unswervingly behind the general plan, and in perfect agreement on the remodeling and "redomption" of the CC, and it's continued existence is the most sure thing in Science Fiction today! Apparently these persons would stoop to anything ---even such malications and utterly untrue cracks as this one we read in a single sheet recently, (Quote: Claude -- has finally realized the end has seeme arrived -- He has shoved everything on Raym and hopes everybody is happy. "(unquote.)

Now I ask you, what possible interpretation or reason is there for anyon e making like that?? I don't know what some outsiders may think, but all members know that the cc is just "getting started" or warming up so to speak, and has a lot of long-range plans all of us members are working on, that will in the months and years to c ome, be of vast benefit to all of us and all readers of Science & fantasy fiction, for the increased interest and greater enjoyment of our mutual hobby -- Science detion the second part of the statement that is roally unkind. I have been naive onuf to suppose that everyone in fandom know that "Claude" resigned because so many persons held purely personal grudges against him that he and Raym both honestly felt that it was doing our group harm for him to remain an officer any longer. Dogler resigned of his own free will, and Raym had long asked the council to consider their "junior member" as t he New Director, to which high office he was appointed at his own request, and upon the urging of Wollheim -- with the full approval of the council, and everyone concerned. Many members had written in and asked or suggested that Raym be made the next Director. So far as I am able to ascertain, or revone is "happy".

Because members of the Council here are now working and long hours at that, they do not have so much time as formerly, but are doing the best that can be done. No activities will be curtailed soriously or at all (on the contrary, we will have more fin-ances, and can actually help finance more fanmags for fans; mags for England, and should soon have some lithe covers on CC Publications, and all sorts of activities for you fellows and gals) but it may take just a little longer. Because of this reason, and the wast amount of work involved in moving the seat of operations to Lave Cak Florida, there had been a little delay in Raym's assuming the Acting Pirectership. The date had first been extended up to Feb.22(the anniversary of the CC), in order to finish out th b # th fiscal year of the CC --- but was thereafter extended to Mar. I and April Ist. This delay

is our own fault not Raym's, though it just takes time to do these things.

Raymond is now the Director but the point I was trying to clear up above, is that Raymond certainly has the best interests of fandom and the CC at heart, and is just as intensely interested in the CC as Don was, or any other CC member! He is the most loy-al and sincere member any organization over had, and you will see the CC zine s realpick up and go places, when Maym begins publishing them now! Watch his smoke.

Now I don't think it is fair to Raym, to Don, to the rest of us Council mems, or to the CC --- to remain silent and not let fandom know the truth, when one or two perse ons are so malicious or so misinformed as to try and give the impression that the rest of us were trying to "shove" something off on someone. I know that Deg once wrote a letter to Raym about persons who were deliberately trying to create dissension within the very council itself, and Raymond wrote back expressing his firm belief that such could not possibly take place as the unity of ourpose among us is too strong, and expressing his seern of such unothical, underhanded and childish tactics on the part of supposedly mature stf.fans.

It is for the reason of exploding this unfair myth about Raym and to cle ar the matter up in general, that I have taken the liberty of publishing excercts from some letters from him. No one else is responsible for this but me. Honest---- just got the idea muself. I have carefully tried to delete anything of a personal or confidential nature and use only that which throws light on the subject I mentioned, and I sincere ely hope nothing I 've done will cause either Raymend or Claude any embarrassm ent. If so, I sincerely apologise, and you can put it down to tvoical feminine blundering,

regards to the Cosmic Circle." ((Reffering to his appointment as Director, and to

Degler's apologies in #I F.FORUM.))

Raym speaking of an article he wrote: "Of course, this makes me feel very bad, coming right on the heels of your denouncement of vourself." --- and in describing some mags Degler had issued which he believed wouldn't be very well liked by fandom: "That is why I once more beg of you to let me handle all your stenciling. A change of format is badly needed in CC Publication s.---So for Science's sake ship me a bunch of stencils and what material you have on hand and I'll get to work at once."....In mentioning Degler's apologies, he says: "Now, I'm inclined to think that you went a bit to far with your apologies. Yerke isn't a little angel-puss with naught but the good of fandom at heart. He's a fanarchist. No, I wouldn't advise you to bow the knee to Yerke.
--- Your letter, by the way, caused me sadness. I refer to Your willingness to take the blame for everyone, so that the Cosmic Circle might go on; your admitting t hat the CC is above any personal ambitions you have in fandom, and your final hint that, should I want you to resign, you would.

Now, this would be a grave injustice, were you to resign and see your own dream pass into the hands of strangers who would distort it to their own ends. No, Claude, I know you are basically good, and you have realized your mistakes. Rather than resign, I would definitely want you to remain. Suppose you let me state your case. I'll tell them that, according to the dictates of his conscious, Degler gave up his posit ion of authority in the Cosmic direle, and no longer spoke for it officially; but, although he no longer determined the policies it would pursue, he continued to finance the project and continued to be treated as a crivileged member." ((Unquote:from Raym, Feb. 17'44))

Raym, Mar.5'44: "I don't dony that you've been getting a lot of hell, Claude, or that you've been misunderstood. I, too, am anxious to straighten out your personal affairs. --- My avowed policy for the CC is one suggested by Wollheim: retrenchment, as period of construction and reconstruction, and internal improvement. If you will clease allow me to take charge of CC Publications from here on, everyone will be enofit jan.9 Doar Claude of the Cosmos: I believe your statement, 'everything I have did was sincere and for the best interests of fandom and the CC as I saw it at the time" is true.

Of course, we didn't lift any of Ashley's ideas from him! --- such ideas occurred to me many times in the past, and must have occurred to other fans ---

Now, as to my Directorship: ---I plan to direct the CC until such time as o ther arrangements are made. Please den't publish any more--- send the material, Rayaward." ((There: Read that statement, friend Wilsey, and den't out any more cracks about things being shoved off on semeone, in your Cat Felix magazine. You should apologise.))

In a letter, while the temperary CC Headquarters was in Los Angelos: "I'll be glad to see yours, Helen's, and Merrie's reply to Yerke's Report. Then, when I have mine, and they are all sublished in some Cosmic Circle publication, it will give a

strong impression of unity.

I wish I could be in L.A for your farowell speech. Oh, what I am missing! Dogler, alone in the camp of the enemy, making a farewell address. I wouldn't try to hide my dislike of the way I'd Been treated by certain people. And I know you'll give the impression of unflagging determination, whether your soirits are low or not. ---I like a well-planned publication, and will try to turn out such magazines. "((Unquote:t hese same persons, the se-called knanve PROPAGANDA MACHINE, who attacked Dogler so fiercely and unjustly when he was in L.A, are new venting their libel and villifications upon the head of then Wimber One Science-Fictionist Forest J. Ackerman, in a bitter attack that is even werse than the one they perpetrated upon Dogler. Needless to say, the COSMIC CIRCLE SUPPORTS THE IOS ANGELES SCIENCE FANTASY SOCIETY and FORRIE ACKERMAN TOOY!

MISC.QUOTES FROM THE RAYM: "A tromondous now Blitzkrieg must be propared to regain lost ground. I think the Cosmic Circle Monthly is the answer. --- Your line, A complete clarification of CC policy—everything! also gives me new courage ... "Don Wellheim's FUTURIANS most closely approximate us in their beliefs. ... We are following Wellheim's suggestion of concentrating en internal improvements. Our future course is to be more stable and conservative." ((This may or may not be CONTINUED in another ish, HP

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