

the salt off me and we got to be pretty good friends. I met him again in San Francisco in 1945 and later on in Honolulu. Lee had enough pull to be able to get almost whatever he wanted so I tagged along with him on some of his jobs. Rather....um....interesting work. And certainly enough to satisfy any wanderlust. We fairly well covered Asia and the Pacific with occasional side trips into other parts of the world. I bowed out after I got married, except for one or two special jobs, but Lee goes on and on.

He has never married and has no close ties. Now at the age of 65 he could retire--and probably will have to--but I suppose that he'll keep roaming the world on his own.

Now and again he drops in on me here just to keep friendship renewed. I'm always glad to see him but we have little in common these days.

Lee Hammer, adventurer, wanderer, soldier of fortune. A man who has lived life to the fullest. I'm pleased to call him friend.

FUTURIAN COMMENTATOR

THE ALLIANCE AMATEUR. The roster does keep changing with rapidity. I am sorry that we lost Hicks for his material was always of interest. Seven new members this time. Gad! Howdy LON ATKINS. Grayven Warlock indeed....Whoziz OWEN HANNIFEN? Seems we used to have a member named Owen Hannifen. Wonder if there is any relationship. Owen Hannifen. Sort of an unusual name. Don't imagine there are too many Owen Hannifens about. Getting two in N'APA is unusual.....Egoboo poll results are interesting. (To all of you who voted me best humorist: Howdy, fellow sophomores.) FRED: I would like to suggest a new category for next year--best reviews (be it book, zine, movie, or whatever). Also I object to your disallowing my free points. You made no mention of any restrictions on free points and therefore those I awarded were perfectly legal. Dammit, if I wanted to give every member of N'APA a hundred points you had no grounds for not counting them. I object. Growf.

BYZANTIUM 2 (KUSSKE & PATRICK): Kusske: Yes, "The Prophet of Dune" is an excellent yarn and the reason it is better than "Dune World" is because it is the rest of the story. "Dune World" was good but incomplete--the loose ends showed that. Presumably Campbell considered an eight-partner would be just too much. I hope to see the whole thing in hardcovers and so far consider it to be my Hugo nominee for this year--unless something better comes along.

The canonization of J. F. Kennedy. Yes, I can well imagine that. Presumably someone will have to authenticate that he performed a miracle or two and no doubt someone will. Me, I voted for Kennedy and considered that he was a pretty good president and that he certainly added something to the American scene. But I'll bet he is fairly whirling in that grave in Arlington to think of what is being done in his name these days. The latest thing I've noticed are Kennedy memorial candles to be burned in his memory....We have, in this country, been moving more and more towards the image of Imperial Rome. Our presidents begin to take on the aspect of a Caesar and now it appears that another old Roman tradition is being adopted... an attempt to turn the Caesar into a god. We haven't quite gotten to the place where this is being done during his lifetime but if we continue to follow tradition I imagine it will come....Rome lasted 1200 years but I doubt that we will. Ave Caesar!

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