

FROST IN AUGUST

(I don't see any difference between the typing pressures -- they all look just as bad, particularly the "n" and "g". I'm going to try this with just pliofilm (that's pliofilm, of course; pliofilm is what you use when you're typing the Slimarilion) and carbon at 7 1/2)

OK -- coffee break's over, back on your heads, oops, I mean back to the strike. The government was weakening, but still resisting, despite this enormous pressure. Then the union went all the way, and hit 'em where it hurts-- the picket lines were extended to include the Saskatchewan Liquor Board Employees, an affiliated union, who run the government-monopoly liquor stores, the only place to get beer, let alone wine and booze. The government quickly crumbled and agreed to mediation, presently underway. I lost 4 days pay, but that's OK -- I'm entitled to \$8 strike pay. Incidentally, my part of the union is in the middle of negotiations, and our contract expires Sept. 30th.

I'm running out of room (back up at 8 now), so I can't tell you about the US gov't refusing me a passport, or Pub Crawling in Saskatchewan, or how much time and effort it takes to arrange for coffee to be provided for a meeting with two out-of-province officials. You'll just have to wait till next time, when I'll be able to describe the forthcoming federal/provincial conference I'll be attending in Ottawa at the end of this month.

If you've noticed some of the capitals slipping a bit in this, that's a little left-over from Susan's thesis demon, which destroyed the shift key completely before it was through. I typed the entire issue of KRAT 7 with the bottom plate removed, the typewriter perched on two volumes of Feynman's Lectures on Physics with a space between them so I could reach under and manually engage the shift for every damn capital in the fanzine!! I have never appreciated doug barbour so much in my life.

OK. Time to quit. This is available if you got it; otherwise you'll have to Xerox someone's. Assuming you can unwrap it from the dead fish, of course.

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