

# CALIFAN

Califan #1 (NP 66:35) is published by Felice Rolfe at Mayhem House, 1360 Emerson, Palo Alto, Calif. 94301. Its goal is to (a) clear the clutter from my mind and get some organization into my schedule; (b) give those people who are interested in the various California fan events somewhat more than three days' notice; (c) try to interest some of the inactive people on NIEKAS' and other faneds' mailing lists. (If you're a faned, how about sending me your California addresses?)

Califan (if no one has used that name before, I'll be vastly surprised) will be a highly personal newszine, and quite irregular. It will come out when something needs announcing; it's up to you, dear reader, to make sure I know about things which need announcing. I'll pay for paper and ink if you'll pay postage, fair enough? Subs are 5¢ an issue, preferably in stamps. NO trades, contributor's copies, etc.; NIEKAS' bookkeeping is quite enough.

Now that I've been completely unreasonable and arbitrary, let's have a

## REPRISE OF CALIFAN ACTIVITIES

(Sit-ins and other demonstrations will not be covered unless you write 'em up for me)

### CLUBS

\*\*The Elves, Gnomes and Little Men's Science Fiction, Chowder and Marching Society (the same one you read about in the SatEvePost under an incorrect name); meets every other Friday night in Berkeley. So far meetings have run July 1, July 15, July 29, etc. (or should have).

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\*\*The Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society (LASFS) meets every Thursday night at 8:00 pm at Silverlake Playground, Silverlake Blvd. at Van Pelt St., Los Angeles. The preceding was lifted from "De Profundis", the LASFS Newsletter, published by Fred Hollander, 1032 Kagawa St., Pacific Palisades, Calif. 90272. Fred, I'm sure, will be glad to give you any info about the club you might want (after he gets through strangling me for giving his name).

LASFS is a Way of Life\* and a sub to De Profundis (35¢/year) is a worthwhile investment.

\*\*Valley Science Fiction Association (ValSFA) meets every Friday night (I think — the next CALI may consist solely of retractions), in the San Fernando Valley. That right, Dwain? I don't know much about this group, so will simply say; contact Dwain Kaiser, 1397 N. Second Ave., Upland, Calif. 91786

### THEATER PARTIES

The Lamplighters of San Francisco, a non-profit group, performs Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, interspersed with other comic operas. They do an excellent job; personally, I prefer them to the D'Oyly-Carte, and that's pretty good for a bunch of people who do this evenings and weekends for fun!

Periodically we have a theater party. If we get over 25 people (and when Ed Meskys was running them, we got as many as 110), our tickets are half-price — \$1.25. There are usually people coming up from the LA area for these bashes. They stay here at Mayhem House, have dinner with us, go to the theater, and (If I've been able to find a host) we have a party afterwards. Bring your own sleeping bag, and do write me to reserve floor space.

\*By this I mean that they always have a lot going on; making the meetings every Thursday is probably the bare minimum of a LASFSian's activity. (Never first draft on stencil.)

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The next theater party is to see THE MIKADO. It's tentatively scheduled for the weekend of November 11th, since that's a nice three-day holiday with plenty of time for recuperation; but we are open to suggestions, loud screams of anguish, or the absence of June Wilkins from the cast.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR: (1) a place to hold the afterparty, and (2) Halfway Houses to make the trip up from L.A. a bit easier. Have you floor space to put fans with sleeping bags? Write!

THE LAMPLIGHTERS ARE LOOKING FOR: (1) Support. The last theater party bought a membership in the name of the Serendipity Society, and I'm thinking of tacking an extra quarter on the ticket price to continue this newly-established tradition. (2) Performers. You don't have to be a pro to sing in the chorus, though I assume the ability to carry a tune without the help of a bucket would be desirable. So audition already.

Write me for housing/dining info; the Lamplighters for their side of it. (Harding Theater, Divisadero at Hayes, San Francisco.)

#### TOURNAMENTS OF KNIGHTLY KIND

On May Day last was held a tournament, to which came many brave knights and brightly-dressed ladies; there to witness or take part in many fierce and chivalrous combats. It was a great success. There has already been another one, and it was also most enjoyable, although it suffered from short notice (one of the reasons for Califan's existence). There will probably be another in early September, if not sooner. Besides combatants, tourneys need squires, heralds, pages, ladies and yeomen to cheer, people who can sing or play the lute or read Chaucer in the original (or something similar), costume and banner designers & fabricators, archers, armourers, etc. Clint Bigglestone (150 Rose St., San Francisco) is offering his services as an armourer; he has also issued a challenge to all sturdy yeomen to meet with him for an exhibition of skill in archery.

Watch this space for exact dates. Or hold one of your own! Westercon XX, to be held in Los Angeles next 4th of July, will include a tournament; it's not too soon to get in practice.

FANS! When you plan something, let CALIFAN know about it!

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