



RICHARD ENEY & DICK ELLINGTON

TAFF CANDIDATES FOR LONDON!

Although no official release has yet gone out from Don Ford, we have received definite information that both Richard Eney & Dick Ellington have been put forward as Transatlantic Fan Fund candidates for a trip to the London Convention in September 1957. This will undoubtedly relieve many active fans who had so far only read of the nominations of Forest Ackerman (who declined last year after Lee Shaw -née Hoffman- decided to head for England on a honeymoon rather than as TAFF candidate), plus Stu Hoffman (no relation) and George Raybin. A 6th candidate is rumored to exist. Indeed, until further news is available you may assume there may be another twenty odd fellows (place the hyphen where you like it best) listed.

John HITCHCOCK, editor of Umbra, had mentioned the possibility of his standing as candidate for TAFF, and was indeed nominated by friends, but decided to withdraw for two reasons. First that he may be able, personally, to raise enough money to make the trip to London, and thereby give another fan the chance to go, and second: to allow other actifans a better chance by avoiding a split in the actifan vote. A gesture that should be appreciated in fandom.

Richard ENEY is of course a bargain to bring over. Imagine that it'll only cost as much to bring his length over as to bring a normal sized fan. He is an active member of FAPA and OMPA, and his latest contribution to FAPA: 'Rock around the Conus', clearly shows his ability and willingness to describe the trip afterwards; 'Rock around the Conus' being a 14 page account of his trip through Continental US in search of fans, whilst a longer NYcon report is shaping up for delivery to OMPA members.

Dick ELLINGTON will be known to most readers as Alpha's representative for the USA, whilst Americans will have seen his work in StfTrends/J.D. As co-inhabitant of the Riverside Dive at New York he was active in most NY fanactivities, including the NYcon committee, on which he served as secretary. He also had a hand in the fanzine COUP, but never got around to starting one on his own. (Though he has gone so far as to dream up a title "FIJAGH". Yes, you figure it out!)

We hope to bring the official list of the TAFF candidates next issue, together with full details of sponsors and the 'reason why'.

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THE EDITORIAL WE CONTACT

There are not enough fanzines in science fiction fandom. This will most likely raise a couple of eyebrows, where people have been crying out loud that there are too damn many.

Let us define then: there are not enough newszines. Newszines in this respect that they inform the reader of what has happened to this fanzine or that, why one fan seems not to write anymore or why another has vanished altogether.

Now it would be lovely to have a newszine that gives all this information to active fans, and CONTACT is willing to try.

But some fans will insist that nothing ever happens, nothing at least that merits writing down for posterity to wonder about. But fanfiction isn't worth printing and yet you will find it cropping up regularly; everything has been said about science fiction, about the state of fandom, about politics and religion, but where is the fanzine that does not turn to one or the other of these subjects in its quest for printable material?

So that it is more a frame of mind that will decide whether an event is news, or whether the grapevine will have passed it on long before we have a chance to publish it. That will decide whether the fact that DAG paints his house and is therefore prevented from publishing GRUE will interest the reader. That will decide whether Jan's broken clavicle or Delplace's sprained arm is news for print.

We feel that the active fan will be interested in such items and therefore present you with CONTACT. It is not the Convention nor TAFF alone that make fandom the way it is, it is the action of every little slob in it. And we hope to report it for your and our own benefit.

LAST MAIL _____ 15 OCT
YANDRO 44, Sept 56, R.&J. Coulson,
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The first issue of Yandro that you will read is liable to look uninteresting, especially as fanfiction is constantly and overwhelmingly used.

If you manage to get through it though, and stick to the mag for a couple of issues you'll develop a taste for it. And it is a pretty feeling to know that there are fanmags that keep quite close to their schedule, monthly in this case. A bargain at the price charged.

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I am thinking of preparing a book review index to cover all books reviewed in ASF from 1948, and all issues of GALAXY & F&SF.

Would be listed by author and title, give date of mag book is reviewed in, reviewer. Be mimeographed with paper cover. Price is not set and will depend on how many are interested. It would probably be from 20 to 35¢.

If you are interested send me a card saying so. I must have 40 customers before I can begin. When and if 40 people ask, you'll be notified and given the price.

"YANDRO"

The sixth candidate for TAFF not mentioned in the cover article is William Merrill.

--Please excuse any material that may seem dated, as well as the temporary lack of features which will be abolished as soon as people see I was not joking.

CONTACT's NY REPORTER solves consile HOAX MYSTERY

NEW YORK - OCT.
"SUGGEST LONDON WITHDRAW BID TO
PREVENT SPLIT IN FANDOM. PUBLI-
SHERS GUARANTEE LONDON IN '58.
ARTHUR CLARKE".

This telegram was sent to the
Bulmers from the NY convention. As
it was misaddressed, it didn't
hit Tresco till a couple of days
afterwards, but when it was rec'd
by Joy & Ving Clarke (the Bulmers
being away) it necessitated fast
exchanges of telegrams and cost
the Clarkes, Arthur Clarke and me
much time, trouble and worry--not
to mention the fact that Mike
Wilson was sort of suspected of
being the guilty party.

Ego and myself put our magni-
ficent brains together and in
true GDA style, evolved a plan. I
rumored it around that Clarke
had sicced the FBI on the case
(international forgery and all
that you know) and set my own
little GPU to smell out some cul-
prits.

Comes to the Dive a culprit
who has admitted knowing and be-
ing in on the whole thing. I

DICK ELLINGTON
threaten him with the FBI and
general doom and destruction and
he finally squeals like a stuck
pig.

The squeals translated rough-
ly into Bob Chazin of Ohio cur-
rently a student at that great
Institution, Harvard, which says
very little for them.

Fun's fun, but Chazin is hereby
warned that he better not show
his face around New York for ma-
ny a moon or comes Retribution
and I do not mean the John Berry
one. Anything that costs me money
I disapprove of to say the least
I almost wish this idiot was an
actifan so's I could rip into
him and start a smashing feud in
some poor unsuspecting fanzine. I
also wish I hadn't agreed to
keep silence on the other idiots
who were "in on" the thing with
him. Suffice it to say that one
of them got enough crap thrown
at him at the convention for
other idiocies he pulled to last
him for . . . well at least till
another convention.

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have received little notice:

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DEATH _ _ _

Although Eva Firestone will con-
tinue stencil cutting for the OO
of the ISFCC and NFFF she has
given up publication of her own
club magazine 'HI!'.
AND BIRTH

Although she had been grousing
that response to the mag was too
low, the reason for the folding
is duplicator trouble rather
than lack of comment.

Not necessarily to compensate
the loss of HI, Lars Helander of
Sweden mentions publication in
the near future of SFAR, a bilin-
gual fanzine. The name translated
into English reads SPHERE.

We do not put much stock in
his statement that it will be
written in Hindustani and Grön-
landisch.

NEW YORK FANDOM DISINTEGRATES ! CONVENTIONS AS FATAL AS HELL BOMBS ???

New York, 8 Oct. We are all tired to death and hope to hell people will leave us alone for a while!

This short, but oh so effective statement sums up the state of mind of NY fans after the con. As most of you are aware the committee was unable to make ends meet and once again a sponsoring body had to dig into their pockets. To quote our correspondent:

"The Con debt was met due to scraping and scrounging and, because a lot of people seem interested: we are not paying the air force for the mannikins they lost (through their own gross carelessness).

"We are waiting with lowered head for some of the nasty-type con-reports that have been hanging over us (the threats of them I mean). Understand a 16 pager is due from Eney any day now. Tucker also plans to write a blast but parts of his I think I will have to answer. Some people seem to have some very strange ideas about what went on at the con.

"One thing for sure -- If New York ever has another con this is one boy that won't be working on it and most of the rest of the committee seconds that with

loud screams of agreement. Most of the committee went completely gafia, and I restrained myself only with an effort of will. Several of us slept round the clock for days after the con...

"One result of the con was the semi-disbanding of the New York Science Fiction Circle. They had been meeting regularly here in Riverside Dive. At the August meeting all three of the officers resigned suddenly (all three were Divers--Saha, Curran and Donaho) and the club was told it could find a new meeting place.

"May seem like a brutal thing to do, but you don't have any idea what we had to put up with during a circle meeting here and what we had to clean up afterwards.

"The rest of the fans held a reorganizational meeting a week or so ago and David MacDonald is new director with Dave Van Ronk secretary and Carole Ingersoll treasurer. They're now in the process of looking for a new meeting-place. The old one: Werderman's Hall, refuses to take them back - even for five bucks per meeting".

Dick Ellington

ALPHA PLOY UMBRA FANZINES WORTH INVESTIGATING. (KEEP OUT BERRY)

PROMAG SCOOP ---

Fandom must be in a rut to allow a prozine to scoop the New York convention. The October issue of NEW WORLDS has a two page editorial by Ted Carnell, written from New York and concisely reporting the event. Up to this moment no other printed report of the convention has reached Antwerp. Congratulations, Ted!

(For those fen who still read science fiction, this issue also has the first instalment of a serialised novel by James White. Worthwhile beginning.)

GOING, GOING, GONE?

Bruce Kidd who has recently been rather active in British fandom including playing art editor for BURROUGHSANIA is reported dropping the whole thing after walking out of the Globe as a result of a disagreement with Mike Moorcock, editor of B'ania.

To quote Bruce: "I'm only going to write to Pete Reaney, Archie Mercer and Jim Linwood. I'm still going to read sf and collect Ray Bradbury."

With this will end a series of Melvin quotecards that have recently been flooding the mails.

DUTCH CLUB TROUBLES.

FORTY SEVEN MEMBERS IS ALL THAT ALMOST ONE YEARS ACTIVITY HAS TURNED UP FOR THE DUTCH GEOFFREY GILL CLUB.

When evenings started growing longer last fall , and people's interest once again turned to reading, a few detective aficionados came together to consider the formation of a detective fan club based on the French MYSTERE FICTION club which has flowered in Paris.

A duplicated circular was sent the rounds in The Hague, Hollands capital, and through a few favorable mentions in the press a mailing list of 500 detective readers was soon established.

Five issues, on foolscap, and running from four to six pages followed each other, one of them mentioning the official recognition as 'society' on Jan 25.

One of the most ambitious plans of the club: a visit to Paris at the end of this month may well fall through because of lack of interest.

The last issue of the club's circular to appear called its readers up to more active participation, and especially by becoming paying members. Out of the 500 bookworms only 47 have shown enough interest in the club actually to pay the required membership fee of 5 guilders (appr. 1.30 dollar or 9/-). As this club caters more for the detective reader than the science fiction fan, one will appreciate what happens when one tries to form a club solely for the benefit of sf readers.

The circulars which have thus far been distributed to all interested parties will now be restricted to paying members. Step which is quite common in science fiction fandom as well.

Let us hope that this step is effective in obtaining more members and that the club may prosper. Who knows, there may yet be some sf fans around...

EACH FAN HIS OWN LITTLE CON

No further news has been forthcoming on the London Convention next year... As this is the World Convention, British fans have decided to stage an 'informal Kettering type' convention over the Easter weekend (no program, but plenty of fun) probably at Harrogate.

The CECIL Hotel which was the ideal location has however been sold to be built into flats, and so far no new location has been spotted.

ORANGEBURG, South Carolina, will be the spot for the SECON III to be held next spring. Lynn Hickman editor of JD will make the arrangements. This years SECON II was held at Charlotte, N.C.

AUSTRALIANS have decided that beer-drinking is a sport, and to coincide with the closure of the Olympic Games a convention will be held at Melbourne on December 8 & 9 this year. But brother, it's a long way....

CONREPORTING = STYLE 1956.

Reporting on sf conventions has reached a new height with fans travelling around the country to tell all and sundry about it.

Ellis Mills returning from NY stopped over at various places in Great Britain and here at Antwerp to give a resumé of action, talk and ideas from the NYcon.

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FANDOM'S SALT - SEE HOW IT PUNS!

During the week preceding the Eastercon I'd been going around with DAG to watch him sell furnaces, and towards the end of the day we stopped at a diner for a cuppacowfee. (They charged a nickel a cup for coffee; I instinctively looked over their news stand for bed-sheet sized Astoundings). Well, we were sipping it in the mundane manner when I spied before me the selection-box of a Juke Box, vas-tened the selections, and quick like a batcheon dropped in my nickel and punched a button.

DAG looked at me with large round eyes and when the Machine began to chant "Suum...people saya mayun is-uh made outta mud----" he shuddered and turned away, though not before I saw a tear trickle down his cheek.

Richard ENEY in 'Rock around the Conus'.

PUBS, NO BHEER

"mc²" no 1, 1956, Pete Jefferson
41 Mary Street, Longueville, NSW,
Australia-or Roger Sebel, 13 Car-
rington Ave., Bellevue Hill, NSW.
40 h.f.+ cover. 1/6 or 20¢ -trade
fanzines or USpbs.

Another new mag from Australia which seems to be turning out new mags as fast as they're disappearing on this side of the world. Carrying a reprint from Punch by John Christopher and a short article by Roger Dard as main fare, the mag is filled up by way of fanfiction and some wanted-ads. Excellent cover.

Severely overpriced for this first issue, unless you have a double (clean) US pb to send for a sample.

FANTASY TIMES, special convention issue to celebrate its fifteenth anniversary.

no. 254- First Sept. issue - 25¢

FANTASY TIMES should need no introduction here. Indeed, some of you will wonder why I even mention it. One reason: I like it!

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