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As secretary of the International Science Fiction Correspondence Club, Jan Jansen was informed of a compilation being made by Jim Taurasi of all fan clubs in existence for publication in "AMAZING". Planned for October 1957 publication, Jim must have the necessary data for inclusion in the list by March 1st but it would help if club secretaries has their material in ahead of this deadline.

The increased requests on "how to get in touch with sf readers anywhere" in prozine letter columns has undoubtedly led to this plan, and it will probably bring new blood to fanzine fandom. One may even cast tentative thoughts ahead in time to another 300+ NFFF...

Details which should be included for publication, in the order listed by Jim are: name and purpose of the organisation; names of officers; name and address of officer to CONTACT; whether the club is local, national or even international; affiliated to any other organisations; requirements for membership and amount of dues with approximate membership at present.

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Is it really necessary to remind you that Jim is one of the editors of the science fiction newspaper: FANTASY TIMES?

NEW LOOK FOR FAPA OO

Ron Ellik, lately Official Editor of FAPA, has arranged to obtain the FAPA's original emblem-cut from the founder of the club, Donald A. Wollheim. The cut should appear on the club's OO, THE FANTASY AMATEUR, henceforth.

FAPA, fandom's oldest active organisation, has the emblem made up before WW II but it dropped out of use and then out of knowledge of the members until Dan McPhail returned from Gafia in 1955 and reminded Sam Martinez of its existence.

NY FANS WED

Franklin Dietz and Belle Cohen were married Saturday, 29th December. At the reception at the bride's home several NY fen were in attendance: Dave Kyle, Ruth Landis, Pat Werner, Art Saha, Helon Ulrich, Trina Perlson, Henry Chabot, Hannes Bok, Walt Cole, Bill Donaho and Dick Ellington.

Belle is secretary for the new group: the Lunarians, while Frank is Recorder for the WSFS.

Frank mentions that he would appreciate offers of sets of pictures taken at the convention, which the Society will gladly pay for. New address:

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CONTACT wishes this fannish marriage all the best in years to come.

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THE EDITORIAL WE

The discerning eye of our readers will have noticed that something has gone haywire with the spacing between the lines in more than one place in this issue. The Fanjan typer is once again on strike part of the time..... you can understand that if you consider the overtime it has been doing lately, and so far there is no intention of breaking off awhile.

It was decided that a holiday be given for a couple of days last week, but on finding out after three days of waiting that the typer intended taking a complete hospitalisation cure of more than a week, it was promptly put back to service. However, as the doctor insists that a complete operation is necessary to obtain maximum efficiency (sorely needed) not much can be done about it.

It won't affect CONTACT's regularity, although it might look as if it already has shaken that up a bit. Just a slight change in publication dates though, this mainly in order to satisfy the overworked local postal employees.

Like anywhere nowadays, the first few days of the month are rather hectic days for postal employees, and CONTACT was the additional straw that might one day break a back. To avoid this, publication dates have been altered to appear the first and third Thursday after the fourth of the month, thus avoiding the first-of-the-month rush, as well as the minor mid-month crowds.

Next issue will contain the first list of fanzines, and will also be the first of the double sized alternate issues. Tabulating the mags in so far we come to the surprising figure of 21 items in as many days!

With all that, some fans are getting restless as to the next issue of ALPHA on the fannish scene. To relieve their worries and give them a chance to regain strength after their sleepless nights, ALPHA will be mailed out with CONTACT 9. Eight pages have been run off, another six stencils cut so that work is going on there too.

And you all know, when a fan says he is mailing his fanzine out on this or that date.... *Fanjan*

POSTAL SERVICE

Belgian postal service which was among the best has taken a beating recently. During December the new office hours came into effect, which means that Saturday the PO closes at midday instead of the earlier 4pm. A further blow is being struck with the cancellation of Sunday deliveries starting next month. Now there will be absolutely no enticement to get up Sunday mornings.

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George W. Fields, 3607 Pomona Blvd., Montebello, California, was elected secretary for the current year at the LASFS election.

NEW TAPER

Dave Rike, Box 203, Rodeo, California has now joined the ranks of tape-recorder owners. He has bought a V-M Tape-O-Matic with two speeds, dual tracks. Use at the moment is mainly restricted to tape off cool sounds from the radio.

STUDENTS

Bay Area fans might be a bit more productive fanzine-wise if they had less studies. However we are sure the spelling lessons and grammar can only enhance future publications.

Terry Carr is going to City College of San Francisco, as is Carl Brandon. Terry will transfer to the University of California at Berkeley this February. When Carl finishes up he will probably transfer to University of S.F. Pete Graham is now attending UC, as is Don Wegars. Next September if everything pans out, Pete Graham, Terry Carr, Ron Ellik and Dave Rike will all be going to UC and rooming at the same co-op, and maybe even in the same room, building up a new fan-shack. Wegars will still be going, but will be living at home.

If these four do get together that should mean that fanac will be kept up with two or three duplicators being there.

At present, Pete is editing the weekly co-op paper, which is his 'work' for the hall and he is using material of fannish nature, such as lino from Burbee, Rotsler and Laney, with illos by Dave Rike. What with all supplies given him, only having to run off about 100 copies of a 4-page mag, Pete Has It Made.

ALL KINDS OF FAN-FICTION-ZINES, OLD OR NEW, WANTED by A. APPELTOFT, 20 Klammerdammsg., HALMSTAD, Sweden.

BLOOD BANK ← RUPT

So far only Dick Ellington has volunteered. Len Moffatt recently gave blood to a fan's father, but he didn't know about the Fan Blood Bank at the time, nor did the FBB know about him doing so so I guess it's sort of an independent action on his part. It seems that such an idea is not "wanted" in fandom. I thought it was a particularly good idea, but then, most people who originate ideas or help to originate them do think they're pretty nice.

So, with a resounding thud, the Fan Blood Bank collapses to the ground, stabbed to the quick by the bitter and silent knife of ennui. Someday, fandom, you will be made aware of your mistake--someday the number one fan (whoever he is) will wither and die in his home-town hospital (wherever that is), screaming all the while in fanguage (whatever that is) that he must have blood. And of course nobody will understand when he hollers to contact Dick Ellington, because Dick Ellington volunteered a pint of blood ten years ago but fandom refused to listen . . . You just sit back on your haunches, fandom, and watch this happen---for if it does not happen for any other reason, I just might be tempted to knife the number one fan myself in vengeance for this foul blow he and his ilk have dealt me.

Damn you, Mr Number One Fan!

TRADE AN AD

The Science Fiction Postal Library 46 St Augustine's Avenue, Ealing, London W5 has issued a first fanzine listing to their readers, as mentioned in Contact. As they are planning to issue a revised catalogue soon, this sheet will be included, completed they hope with further listings of fanzines appearing in England. Surely there are more than five? JJ

DUPAC

TRIODE editors Eric Bentcliffe and Terry Jeeves taped info that the next issue would probably be out by the end of this month. Triode seems to be becoming a focus point for taperespondents, and the coming issue will list addresses of those fans who own or have regular access to a recorder.

YANDRO's editor mentions that the anniversary issue is now all done, and mailing out is only held up pending completion of a stf calendar by Juanita. A full-color cover by Marvin Bryer will ensure the Annish shows its festivity spirit from afar.

ABERRATION one of the newest fanzines on the scene will change publishers with its second issue. Kent Moomaw, editor, of 6705 Bramble Avenue, CINCINNATI 27, Ohio has to farm out duplicating work to eager beaver fans, as he doesn't possess a duplicator of his own. Lined up for future issues is material from Dean A. Grennell (still a good man you will note), Jim Kerr, Bill Pearson and Dick Ellington among other fans.

SATA is still very much of a problem, with editor/publisher not quite sure exactly what they want the mag to turn into. Issue 6 scheduled for early February will see Bill Pearson taking over as editor with Adkins playing at art-editor. It will probably be dittoed again.

CONTINENTAL EUROPE is doing its best to provide more English language fanzines than Great Britain itself. Newest of the crop is Lars Helander's SFAIRA. More of a flow-of-conscience APA type mag than a subscription edited magazine, it is a worthwhile addition to the field of Continental Fandom. Spare copies may be available from Lohegatan 11, at ESKILSTUNA 3, Sweden, home address of Lars.

Now if only we could get Fanjan churning out regular fanzines...

DUTY, ACTIVE, WRONG SORT OF

Most of you will recall the news stories about the actions of the Irish Republican Army. Acting up again in Ghod's own country, the British Government correctly decided fans would be their best bet, and Don ALIEN, former member of OMPA who had gained quite a reputation as fanartist as well as editor of SATELLITE and DIZZY, was promptly sent over to guard all sorts of 'weird places'.

Don has been moving about quite a bit during his National Service with the RAF, and hence hasn't been able to settle down anywhere long enough to join in fanac.

This has been most sorely felt in the letterbox, where fanzines and letters are becoming few and far between. Don wants to thank all fans who have been kind enough to keep him on their mailing list, and hopes to be able to take up where he left off when he finishes his service stint.

A GOOD START ...

The Liverpool Club held their NY party the first weekend of the year. Attending were Norman and Ira Shorrock (they couldn't be missed seeing it was held at their home) Terry Jeeves and Eric Bentcliffe, Pat and Frank Milnes, John Roles, Dave Nuttall, Barbara Stone, Eddie Jones and Contact's one and only (thank heavens!) Ron Bennett.

Films of previous parties and of the Mills visit to Liverpool were shown. At 3am the traditional trip to the woods was undertaken, with a genuine open fire, and even more genuine booze.

Another feature fast becoming a tradition was the bragging session from 4am through 9. Stalwarts Jones Roles, Bennett, Newman and Shorrock stayed awake through the entire session. A superhuman feat?

Wandering Bennett couldn't resist dropping in on Sid Birchby on his way back through Manchester. No news of Cecil anywhere though.

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CURIOSITY KILLED A CAT BUT IT NEEDN'T KILL YOU SAYS ELLIS MILLS

Every so often some young neo-fan with more time than money and more money than sense bursts into the citadel of established fandom, takes a quick glance around, and pontificates on worthwhile fan projects that every trufan would take to heart and co-operate wholeheartedly in the accomplishment thereof. As a result, many times without the wholehearted co-operation of every trufan, eventually there springs forth an index, a fan-directory, or a fan-club advisory booklet. Now I possess the qualifications mentioned above (save that the term 'young' is true comparatively with certain fen and not with certain twins) and have as a result of my curiosity anent fen and their appearance struck upon a project that will require the co-operation of every trufan if it is to get even a little way off the ground.

I believe that a number of fen share my curiosity as to what the other fen of whom they hear and to whom they write look like. When I finally got the list of pictures I had available of the NewYorCon published in CONTACT, it wasn't long before the orders started rolling in. The project I have in mind will make use of the photographic hobby shop I have at my disposal to the full extent my spare time will allow, will satisfy my own curiosity, and will provide a means of satisfying the curiosity of any others who wish to know how the other chap looks. I propose to establish a Pannish Rogues Gallery and to make available for a nominal sum the pictures of all trufans co-operating in this venture to anyone desiring them.

I would start this service immediately but for the regrettable fact that I do not have negatives of each and every trufan. I have some from the NewYorCon and some from my wanderings in England yet lack a great many faces and the films I do have might not be as flattering as the subjects thereon might wish. Therefore, I appeal to each and every trufan who thinks that this might be a good thing to send me one black&white film negative of his or her likeness. (Entries become the property of the sponsor and will be acknowledged but not returned.) When I have accumulated enough films to catalogue, I will issue a list of the personalities available and will give each donor of a negative a small print of any five personalities of his choice. (Or five small prints of any one person.) Additional prints will cost five cents (or fourpence) for small size: approx. 6cms x 9 cms, plus postage on each order. I will appreciate your comments and negatives. I shall do my part by demonstrating the power of negative thinking after they arrive.

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ISFCC-NFFF PROJECTS *out and to come*

After recuperating from an operation, Racy Higgs has resumed work on the second of January. As usual with fans, Racy had however already recommenced fanac, and published a double issue of the EXPLORER, official organ of the ISFCC, for the months October/December 1956. One of the best issues brought out this year, it will certainly help him get the vote for another year of acting as Official Editor for the club.

As the next issue is not due until March, Racy is gathering material for an ISFCC brochure, which will also carry the results of the laureate poll he is running in the club's organ.

Unexpected competition for the post of official editor has shown up, with Gavin Brown, of Scotland, sending in his candidature for the post. Members will probably be even more surprised when they receive an unofficial EXPLORER dated January from Gavin. Due to the delay occasioned by Racy's hospitalisation, Gavin offered to run off the EXPLORER in the meantime. Unfortunately, by the time he had everything arranged, Racy had been busy and beaten Gavin to it. It should nevertheless give members of ISFCC a chance to see the work of Gavin,

and help them decide whom they will support during the elections.

Racy Higgs also had a finger (or should we say a duplicator-turning arm?) in the pie called NYCON II MEMORY BOOK, which he published together with Martin Carlson. To this a 50-page supplement will soon be ready, containing write-ups of the 1956 World Convention by various people.

We are not sure whether Racy has volunteered for the publication of the announced 1956 YEAR BOOK, but think this quite likely.

Under editorship of Stan Woolston, now serving a year as president of NFFF, this 1956 YEAR BOOK should contain information on all the various clubs active in present day fandom, as well as reviews and general material, by both fans and pros. In case you are interested in any of these items, we suggest you do not wait too long to order them, as they all have a limited circulation. Addresses of the parties concerned:

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