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WHEREIN HELEN TRYs TO CLEAR UP A MATTER IN HER USUALLY BLUNDERING STYLE!
This is a paper issued occasionally by Miss Helen Bradleigh, and may be obtained on request. This is first issue, and it's not dummied. I am trying to get it out quick, to help clear up some things, I may or may not have a better format next issue. Material will be what ever I want to talk about, and of what ever length I get time for. I am now publishing this thing, and the regular fan discussion sheet, FANTASY FORUM (once or twice a month).

It is no secret to any one by now, that the CC has several enemies, and that these persons have been putting out propaganda leaflets, writing insulting letters to members or in some cases even "friendly" sociating letters cunningly calculated to play on their emotions and to attempt to influence them away from this organization. Several members have sent these sort of letters in to us. So far as we know, all members to date have scorned such underhand tactics and anti-CIRCLE letters----but there is another form of "enemy" propaganda which I should like to debunk in this issue, with your kind indulgence. That is the myth about Raymond Washington and the alledged "dissension" that exists in the Council, but which in reality exists only in the imagination and wishful-thinking of our enemies.

There is no serious disagreement among Council members themselves or any of the Officers of the CC. No two people agree perfectly in every regard---being individuals everyone thinks somewhat differently on minor points; but the Council is solidly and unswervingly behind the general plan, and in perfect agreement on the remodeling and "redemption" of the CC, and it's continued existence is the most sure thing in Science Fiction today! Apparently these persons would stoop to anything---even such malicious and utterly untrue cracks as this one we read in a single sheet recently, (Quote: Claude-- has finally realized the end has come arrived-- He has shoved everything on Raym and hopes everybody is happy."(unquote.)

Now I ask you, what possible interpretation or reason is there for anyone making like that?? I don't know what some outsiders may think, but all members know that the CC is just "getting started" or warming up so to speak, and has a lot of long-range plans all of us members are working on, that will in the months and years to come, be of vast benefit to all of us and all readers of Science & fantasy fiction, for the increased interest and greater enjoyment of our mutual hobby---Science Fiction. It is the second part of the statement that is really unkind. I have been naive onuf to suppose that everyone in fandom know that "Claude" resigned because so many persons held purely personal grudges against him that he and Raym both honestly felt that it was doing our group harm for him to remain an officer any longer. Degler resigned of his own free will, and Raym had long asked the council to consider their "junior member" as the New Director, to which high office he was appointed at his own request, and upon the urging of Wollheim---with the full approval of the council, and everyone concerned. Many members had written in and asked or suggested that Raym be made the next Director. So far as I am able to ascertain, everyone is "happy".

Because members of the Council here are now working and long hours at that, they do not have so much time as formerly, but are doing the best that can be done. No activities will be curtailed seriously or at all (on the contrary, we will have more finances, and can actually help finance more fanmags for fans; mags for England, and should soon have some litho covers on CC Publications, and all sorts of activities for you fellows and gals) but it may take just a little longer. Because of this reason, and the vast amount of work involved in moving the seat of operations to Live Oak Florida, there had been a little delay in Raym's assuming the Acting Directorship. The date had first been extended up to Feb. 22 (the anniversary of the CC), in order to finish out the fiscal year of the CC---but was thereafter extended to Mar. 1 and April 1st. This delay is our own fault not Raym's, though it just takes time to do these things.

Raymond is now the Director, but the point I was trying to clear up above, is that Raymond certainly has the best interests of fandom and the CC at heart, and is just as intensely interested in the CC as Don was, or any other CC member! He is the most loyal and sincere member any organization ever had, and you will see the CC zine s really pick up and go places, when Raym begins publishing them now! Watch his smoke.

Now I don't think it is fair to Raym, to Don, to the rest of us Council mems, or to the CC ---to remain silent and not let fandom know the truth, when one or two persons are so malicious or so misinformed as to try and give the impression that the rest of us were trying to "shove" something off on someone. I know that Deg once wrote a letter to Raym about persons who were deliberately trying to create dissension within the very council itself, and Raymond wrote back expressing his firm belief that such could not possibly take place as the unity of purpose among us is too strong, and expressing his scorn of such unethical, underhanded and childish tactics on the part of supposedly mature stf. fans.

It is for the reason of exploding this unfair myth about Raym and to clear the matter up in general, that I have taken the liberty of publishing excerpts from some letters from him. No one else is responsible for this but me. Honest---I just got the idea myself. I have carefully tried to delete anything of a personal or confidential nature and use only that which throws light on the subject I mentioned, and I sincerely hope nothing I've done will cause either Raymond or Claude any embarrassment. If so, I sincerely apologize, and you can put it down to typical feminine blundering,

