

DE PROFUNDIS 108

DE PROFUNDIS is the monthly newsletter of the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society, Inc., 11513 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601. LASFS is a non-profit, tax-exempt, literary and educational association. The club meets weekly, at 8 pm on Thursdays, in Freehafer Hall, with the library and room for socializing in Building 4SJ. There is also an open house every Friday evening and each 2nd Saturday. Phone # is SO Ø, Y BEG (So Nothing, Why Beg?).

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CONDENSED CREAM OF MINUTES by Mike Glyer

#2179, May 17, 1979 -- Vice President Pelz chaired tonight's meeting where Lasfs learned that a new ballast was needed before the club sign could be illuminated. Explained Gasperik, the ballast has something to do with keeping the magic electrons from melting the sign into slag. Ah, these technical types! Reporting on the Benefit to come, Craig Miller said there had been problems with getting publicity in the Times. Members were encouraged again to buy tickets for the following Saturday's event. Stevens reported that a workparty the previous weekend had installed walls in the meeting room. Craig Miller dispensed 100 freebies to see ALIEN - on Saturday you could stuff it in one end, and Wednesday at ALIEN -- punch line left as an exercise for the reader. Leigh Strother-Vien reported club income of \$18.60 from aluminum cans, and Phil Castora later reported income of \$40 from newspapers. A card from the De Camps commented favorably on their recent visit.

#2180, May 24, 1979 -- Allan Rothstein, Benefit Chairman, thanked a long list of people for their help in staging the event. Craig Miller announced the probable Benefit profit at around \$1300. Craig also reported that the club sign now fully worked, and the sign company had been paid. Miller had also received a letter from Vicki Ann Heydron reporting that the Lasfs get well card for Randall Garrett had been received. He was slipping in and out of consciousness due to his bout with viral encephalitis. Bill Warren relayed appreciation from Dan O'Bannon for the club's get well card. New Business began with a motion to allow Lasfs to secede from the state of California. Thereby its members would always qualify to get petrol as out-of-state drivers. Sylvia recommended that we use a pistol to get attendants to give us gas, "Because if at first you don't secede, try, try a gun." A motion to declare Marty Cantor an independent nation failed for lack of humor. Under announcements, Charlie Jackson declared that he was now editor of 4X4, the vanzine. The first installment of RINGWORLD ENGINEERS was in GALILEO, said Gavin Claypool. Jeff Siegel, reviewing ALIEN, stated, "If you like sushi, you won't anymore."

#2181, May 31, 1979 -- Deckert, El Presidente, was still without the services of the club gavel tonight. Perhaps the San Diego Grocers of 1963 have finally traced it down and kidnapped it back. Lacking Craig Miller and any new business, tonight's meeting consisted mostly of announcements. Bill Warren said that Dan O'Bannon had had to re-enter

the hospital. Toni Symons reported that Randall Garrett, still in a Palo Alto hospital, might recover in time to attend Westercon. Jeff Siegel had been to the Egyptian Theater, where a prop on display from ALIEN, the rider of the crashed spaceship nicknamed the Jockey, had recently been set afire and burned to sludge. Bruce Pelz announced a new opportunity to buy books at 20% discount: Tower Enterprises now is a bookstore and he is taking orders. The program was the opening segments of "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy", a Hugo-nominated British radio program.

#2182, June 7, 1979 -- Craig Miller announced that in September, or thereabouts, Lasfs would be invited to a free screening of TIME AFTER TIME. Adams Douglas convulsed the meeting with his proposed lottery: The Skylab Impact Playoff. You pick the latitude and longitude where the biggest piece of Skylab will hit. If it lands within 10 miles of your spot, you win, if it lands in nobody's spot, the nearest pick will win. Half the pot goes to the winner, the other half goes to the Building Fund -- unless Lasfs gets hit by part of Skylab, in which case the whole pot goes to the treasury. Douglas said that the contest automatically closes if Nasa announces an accurate prediction of where it will hit -- which also sent the meeting into hysterics. Ed Finkelstein tried to organize a train excursion to Westercon. Joe Haldeman was introduced. Jim (Frog) Hollander solicited members to give blood at UCLA in order to replace the 9 pints used by Stasia's mother. Call 825-0888 to make an appointment. Tell them you are donating blood to replace that used by MJ Spade. Bill Rotsler announced that Glycer, who got the most DUFF votes, had had to resign, therefore Ken Fletcher and Linda Lounsbury were the delegates to Australia. Preliminary nominees for President were Dan Deckert and Phil Castora. Tonight's program was another segment of Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.

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PRECIS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 88 (May, 1979)

Electrical work on the new circuit breaker box is completed; inspection and installation of the new power line will follow. The LASFS Illuminated Sign is also almost completed. // People have been lighting candles and leaving trash in the driveway; this is a no-no. // The Ed Finkelstein, Dan Alderson, and Bill Welden Library Committee presented four proposals: 1. That the Librarian be appointed by the Board, and be replaceable by the same. (The Librarian is now appointed by the President.) Although the Board was in favor of this, it was held to be a Bylaws change and will be presented to the LASFS for approval as such. 2. That the Library "holdings" includes but is not limited to all the textual material, audio recordings, photographs, and artwork owned by the LASFS. This passed, with additions that a sign be put up in the Library stating that the LASFS fanzine collection had been merged with Bruce Pelz's, and was available to members upon request. Also, fanzines of particular importance to LASFS (such as SHAGGY) will remain in the Library. 3. That the Librarian should have jurisdiction of the distinct rooms used to house holdings, including shelf arrangements, lighting, and environment. This passed. 4. That the Librarian must have Board of Directors approval to change policy as regards to hours, circulation, acquisition and deletion to the holdings, and expenditure of Library funds. This passed. // Librarian Sue Haseltine reported that construction is progressing on the new shelving, some of which will be lockable. // Policy regarding rental of the Selectric typewriter was reconsidered. After lengthy discussion and debate, custody of the machine and deter-

EMPIRE Con Clave's first series was such a success that the Emperor is going to do it again! Beginning 13 July in Freehafer Hall, CL and company will begin CAPTAIN AMERICA, the 1944 Republic Cliffhanger based on the Timely (pre-Marvel) comics character, with successive chapters for the following 14 weeks. Admission is free to all LASFS members and their guests, and the Imperial CLique requests donations to defray expenses. Each chapter will be accompanied by a cartoon or two, and special features now and then. Screenings will be at 8:00 and later with evening, approximately 9:00-9:30. All of the attendees enjoyed ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, and CL hopes that everyone who even thinks he might be interested show up for Chapter, "The Purple Death"!

Forry Ackerman, as agent, is proud to announce that his superstar client of the past 30 years, A.E. van Vogt, is London-bound to work on the script for Golan-Globus of STAR RIDERS, \$12 million scientific film for which he will also write the novel.

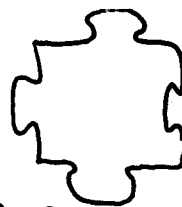
MORE FORREST MURMURINGS - I have been interviewed by the L.A. Times for a feature to appear in the near future in either the Calendar or Home section...I am doing an anthology for Bantam, "The Science Fiction I Love"...Forrest J Ackerman's Star (no period after the J) is expected to burn for the next billion years, plus or minus a million or so, in the constellation Cepheus. The star is so listed in the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Star Catalog and in the "permanent" (one billion years?) records of the Library of Congress. Other "stellar" individuals who have had stars named after them include A.E. van Vogt, Ray Bradbury, Steven Spielberg, Hugo Gernsback, Frank R. Paul, Ray Harryhausen, Fritz Lang, Robert Bloch, Rom & Terri Pinckard, Tetsu Yano, George Pal & Paul Freehafer... I have sold A.E. van Vogt's new novel Cosmic Encounter to Doubleday and L. Ron Hubbard's next book Six Stolen Souls to Theta Books... Prior to the Worldcon (my 40th Anniversary since attending the First in 1939) I shall be visiting Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Russia (Leningrad) & London, in case anyone cisAtlantic or Zat wishes to contact me in advance about any sci-fi (or stf or sf) activities... Re-united after??? years since THE GENIE, Bjo & I will be appearing (together with Kirk Alyn) in the amateur film Superbman.

CARTOON/FANTASY ORGANIZATION - The 26th monthly screening will be Saturday, 16 June 1979 at Studio A, 401 South La Brea Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90301. (213) 673-4167. Feature: "The Sword and the Dragon" (Mosfilm/Valliant, 1960) at 8:00 pm By request of Mike Jittlov, who is providing this month's feature film at his own expense, the evening program will be a Russian fantasy festival. Screening begins at 7:30 pm with "Candy, Candy", dinner break at 6 pm. For C/FO info call Fred Paten, (213) 397-3335.

DICK LYNCH, Chattanooga fan, (co-editor of CHAT w/ Nicki Lynch) will be in LA the week of July 23-27, 1979. He will be free evenings, and would like to meet some of LA fandom and see some of the city. Is anyone interested in showing a far out-of-towner around? Evenings. His phone # is (615) 892-5127. Or let Leigh Strother-Vien know at (213) 785-1613.

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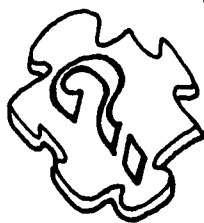
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DOUGLAS CREPEAU's film ASSASSINS IN TIME went to Cannes Film Festival for funding. Scorpio Productions will produce.

NOVACON 9 West, 2-4 Nov. 1979 at The Turf Inn, Albany, NY. Goh: Bob Shaw, Fan Goh: Jack Cohen, Tostmaster: 'Bob' Tucker. \$10.00 through 15th Oct. 79. Info: P.O. Box 428, Latham, NY 12110, USA

NO MORE DONATIONS TO THE AUCTION WILL BE ACCEPTED until the current supplies are depleted.

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THE WEIRD GATHERING & OTHER TALES, edited by Ronald Curran. Fawcett Books, \$2.50. Review by Alan Winston.

The Weird Gathering, edited by Ronald Curran, is designed to show that an editor can get more money for an anthology if all the contributors have been dead for at least 75 years. Material is old and not very well written fiction and non-fiction about witches. Okay if you're interested strongly in that area.

THE ALIEN by Victor Besaw. Fawcett Books, \$1.75. Review by Leigh Strother-Vien.

The title character, Godranec, is a well-delineated character that I had no difficulty caring about. The book desperately needed a subplot or two, and had the material hinting at some possible ones. It's almost a very good book. I look forward to future Besaw books.

The wrinkling on page 3 has been noted. I confess, it's the stencil's fault.

-- Leigh Strother-Vien

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