



DEGLER! 67

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This is the special One up on Dave Van Arnam issue for apa F and other parties that Andy Porter puts out at 24 east 82nd street, NY, NY, 10028. New York in67!!

As you may notice, this is being done on my portable, thus excuse the uneven print and small letters. On the other hand, it's being done near the beautiful air conditioner which is gallantly keeping the 80 degree temperature at bay. Nice of it, isn't it?

I've decided to take a look back at the earlier mailings of apa F and try to see what Arnie means by the 'spirit that we've lost from what's in the mailing.'

1st mailing: very personal, written as if to you alone.

2nd mailing: surprized comments on the success of the first mng. Long general comments and zine from Dick Lupoff.

3rd mng: Lots of fannishness and writings about things, but not like the first mailing.

4th mng: Lupoff seems to lead this mailing, followed by Stiles and DVA.

5th mng: Mediocre mng; sorta settling downhill in quality.

6th mng: First encounter with "Break your feet" syndrome. Lots more, I think.

7th mng: Nice mng. Special AFom OIO was nice, too. Looking back at all these old mailings, I find that they're good at the time, which is pretty true of almost everything you do. Perhaps apa F is getting a little diffused, what with people contributing that I really don't know such as Lon Atkins and Al Scott (people who are/were in N'APA sorta cool any warm regard I might have for them, probably because I like to think of apa F as very in-groupish) And what these people publish is more of just an apa zine than a true attempt at personal communication. I can achieve true communication with out-of-towners like Tom Gilbert, Don Fitelm, and Bill Blackbeard because I feel that I know them almost personally. I wouldn't have any qualms at all about walking up to Jack Harness on the street and greeting him like a long lost friend because thru apa F I think we have become fannish friends, even tho we live thousands of miles apart. That's what I think, and that's probably what Arnie was saying to me. Is that right, Arnie? I'd kinda like to think it is.

mng #8 had fascinating Discon thots, a year later. I've decided not to do any more on this at the moment, but will instead get something to eat and then go to sleep: it's 4PM Monday afternoon.

(.....)

Well, it's 9 1/2 hours later, and I think this thing'll now proceed, though on no schedule that I can think of. (.....)

Well, here it is 2AM, and for the third time today I now continue this thing. And now we get around to the mailing comments, mainly the ones on the 48th mailing.

Cover, Ross Chamberlain: Nice.

Degler! #64, Me: That was a trouble plagued issue; I had dozens of crudsheets for the total of good copies that I got in the end.

Degler! #65, I: This is an experiment, as you can see, and from now on will be a standard size for all convention freebie issues.

Good Lord #4, Jim Sanders: Widget Factory & Tangent the # "High Points of the 2 mailings?" Hardly; but you've only been around for a short while, which is all the more the pity.

Widget Factory #4, Lon Atkins: Frisbee was invented in NY, man! The Frisbee corporation has it's HQ here in NYC, and this was their first sales outlet many years ago. It's success here made it available all over the US. I just saw their ad on TV (which is how I know all this).

And even later...(like 7:15 PM Tuesday): Well, I got Yandro #148 today, including a very angered sounding letter from Ted in rebuttal to John Berry's article in a Yandro a few issues ago, or something. Also egoboc for Steves Tiles and myself f from Dick Lupoff. And further egoboc for me in a review of Algol (He gave me a7q. And I might put in at this point a CALL FOR MATERIAL: for Algol, mainly, with a specific request from Ted White, Lee Hoffman, rich brown, Jack Harness, Ross Chamberlain, Bjo, Ted Johnstobe, and lotsa others.

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Los Alamos Labs announced a high speed drill for penetration of rocks...it melts through them! Reminds me of Walt Disney films about hiway building in the future.

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AND HERE ARE MORE mailing comments:

Tangent, Al Scott: Thanx for the info on SPPA; I suppose I coulda got it from Arnie Katz, but then again who can get anything from Arnie? Sorry I didn't list Tangent in the AE; but I was a little fuzzy when I typed it up.

maAise #33, DVA & THWhite: I agree completely on your stand, Ted, as regards the attitude of modern society towardssex. By the way, do you know any good immoral girls that like 19 year old...

OPO #48, Lupoffs: Fun and games! Next Monday I go back to school for the first time in 4 months. Don't know what I'll be taking, but it will only be part time, five days a week. I wd suggest that from now on you send me your OPO, 'cause Dave is gonna be going away soon, for several weeks. Apology accepted; I'm just sorta sorry that waitress didn't come down to DC with us. It woulda been fun.

The Fanoclast Weakly, Arnie Katz: And I would further suggest that you not get envelopes from The Metro Envelope Company because all the bags that I've seen so far bear a striking resemblance to garbage bags, or at the least vacuum bags.

Calculated Risk #65, DVA: Dave, I appear to be having trouble with me fluid, and not so much with my machine. I think the fluid is a bit stronger than what I've been using, resulting in more show through than I have ever had before (except when I once used an inferior((Goldsmith's Bros.)) brand of paper). But the copies of Maybe Degler! #66 that I ran off came out pretty well, for black masters.

Errata #One, McInerney/Chamberlain: With a quick downward slash of his powerful broadsword, the mighty Golmerlath beheaded the archvillain Wiggmylzain who had been trying in the heat of that battle to sneak up unnoticed on our mighty Hero. Thundering with rage at the cowardly trick, the mighty warrior with his pittiful band of gallant ~~gallant~~ warriors laid into the middle of the evil legions.

Quickly, before there was scarce time to think, a wide swath of the enemy was down, beaten into the dust. Suddenly the battle was over; the mighty Golmerlath leaned panting with exhaustion over his great steed Yggdroban, which mighty animal had silently and powerfully kneed each enemy steed in the groin with it's fearfully scaled tail, was also panting. With each great breath a cloud of blue carbon monoxide drifted over the now silent battle scene. Turning on his saddle, hte exultant Golmerlath rose high and cried, "At last, fellow countrymen, we have defeated the evil hordes of ~~Ygg~~ Ferringistan forever!" And with a mighty cheer, the like of which the hills of Phlodinia had not heard before or since, the triumphant heroes rode into the flaming carmeline sunset...

Bacover, Steve Stiles: This'll be in a future issue of Algol on page 4, mark my words.

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And thus we come to the end of another issue of Degler!, that worthiest of crud-zines for apa F, and the one with the highest count of any zine in apa F, L, or N'APA. Wowsee. Average page count of all Deglers has been (...pause for counting, please...) One and two-thirds pages per Degler!, or Two and a quarter (2 $\frac{1}{4}$) pages of Degler's per mailing. So there, Arnie Katz!

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I think that this will end here, on Tuesday the 8th of June. Tomoorow I go to the New York World's Trade Fair, and hope I remain the sane. Ahahahahaha

— Andy Porter