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WE KILLED apa F last week, and personally I'm rather glad. We went out with a big and glorious bang, certainly not with a whimper like I had thought we would do. Apa F, like everyone has wrote, was a Good Thing for a time, but it eventually became a Monkey On Our Backs, and was dropped. But I hope that apa L sticks around for a long time.

I would personally not be adverse to increasing required pages, as I'll now be running 30 less copies than last week, but on the other hand I'd rather Not, as postage costs are getting high, what with my First-Classing things out to the Coast, and besides, several people seem to be dropping out, among them Dave Hulan and Dick Lupoff. Dick gave me the very good excuse that he'll be in FAPA within 6 months, and he'd prefer to rest a few months before pubbing another fanzine. Apa L will miss him; Lupoff's Book Week will continue, though; look for it in Algal.

I will perchance be reorganizing things for the next month or so; with the space taken up by Andy Silverberg speaks... gone, I'll maybe be including more illos than before. Or "designs," as Ted calls them.

Right now I'm just rambling, and will get down to the mailing real soon now, as soon as I find it. It's somewhere around, I'm sure that I put it down just yesterday, somewhere....

## ALONG THE APA L ACHIAN TRAIL:::APA L #54

Al Lewis: Jack Chalker may be a responsible citizen, but does he delegate responsibility? I personally don't think he does; if so, where are the voices of the other committee members of Balticon? And surely experience also figures in when you're voting for a ConBid. Where is Boston's experience, for one thing? Ted will have something for you in this mailing, I believe./.../ In NY, certainly the Cross Bronx Expressway fits your definition, as does the Major Deegan Expressway. Howcum is this? The dictionary says an expressway is a superhighway, which is "...four or more lanes...designed for fast moving traffic, as by providing over and under-passes for crossroads and making X-roads accessable by clover-leaf intersections." But then again the dictionary says that a freeway is the same thing, only doesn't mention cloverleaf roads. So I guess that NY is Wrong. But then again, there's always the Throughway...

Len Bailes: Fandom is sort of independent of the real world, altho some considerations of the real world do creep in, such as what effect the Draft would have on your publishing. At the moment, I'm not getting too much enjoyment out of what I'm doing at the office, so fandom is assuming more of an escape for me. Yet my, um, "doctor" says that Fandom is a link with the Real World for me. To which I say, Not So. And now that apa F has folded, and I'm killing off the business that Doom Duplicator Service has raised, my fanac is in a state of flux; I can't for sure say how much Fandom is a Way of Life at the moment.

Fred Hollander: You can't say that my ploy in Algol didn't work: I got the idea from Ted who, in an issue of Void, did the same thing and got a very high ratio of reader response. And so far, I've gotten the highest number of letters yet, on any issue. But I do need art and articles, from Luise and Bjo an' Simpson and Harness. Yes?

Milt Stevens: I received a letter from you, the second part of an article or sumsuch. But where is the first part, without which the second is sorta meaningless?

Baby Jayn: Someone once calculated that the most potent weapon against a planet wd be a planetoid: a planetoid 5 miles in diameter, falling on St. Louis, wd knock down every building on North America and send Tidal Waves 100 feet high washing over Hawaii and Europe. Some fun, huh?

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# SIN QUEENS OF THE SEX CAMPUS

A.J.R.P. TOLKIEN

When Mr, Bilbo Baggins of Bag End announced his would shortly be celebrating his eleventy-first birthday with a party of special magnificance, there was much talk and excitement in Hobbiton.

Bilbo was very rich and very peculiar, and had been the wonder of the Shire for sixty years, ever since his remarkable disappearance and unexpected return. The riches he had brought back from his travels had now become a legend, and it was popularly believed, whatever the old folk might say, that the Hill at Bag End was full of tunnels filled with treasure. And if that was not enough for fame, there was also his prolonged vigor to marvel at. Time wore on, but it seemed to have little effect on Mr. Baggins. At ninety he was much the same as at fifty. At ninety-seven they began to call him well-preserved; but unchanged would have been nearer to the mark. There were some that shook their heads and thought this was too much of a good thing; it seemed unfair that anyone should possess (apparently) perpetual youth as well as (reputedly) inexhaustible wealth. "It will have to be paid for," they said. "It isn't natural, and trouble will come of it!"

But so far trouble had not come; and as Mr. Baggins was generous with his money, most people were willing to forgive him his oddities and his good fortune. He remained on visiting terms with his relatives (Except, of course, the Sackville-Bagginses), and he had many devoted admirers among the hobbits of poor and unimportant families. But he had no close friends, until some of his younger cousins began to grow up.

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## A NOTE ABOUT THE TEXT:

This novel by Mr. Tolkien closely follows the text of The Fellowship of The Ring, a science-fictional story about an alternate universe. It is now in public domain, and the editor considers it of sufficient quaintness to be worth reprinting. -Ed.

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