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ANDY SILVERBERG SPEAKS IN ECHOES ALONG THE APALACHIAN TRAIL:

FRED PATTEN:

I do suppose the average cost of mailing things out here, for a new Yorker, is about 80¢ or better. However, since I'm no average NYer, I must bring the average down considerably. I usually only mail a two-pager; the egoboo and comment on anything larger is not worth it balanced against the larger postage costs. Degler! #93 was the largest D! I had put through, and as such did cost me \$2.70 in postage out there, 50¢ coming back. I now run 46 copies through, and postage costs are about 45¢ out, 50¢ back. I run off an additional 20 copies, for a total of 65. I was formerly running 45 plus 30 apa F plus 20 additional (files, etc.). Thus I'm still ahead, although I send out more copies than I used to. All my stuff goes out First Class on Thursday or Friday noon; I mail from my building, and thus catch the pickups every 1/2 hour.

Boardman has had his fill of apa L; however, I think that Mike McInerney, Frank Wiggles, rich brown or others might like to occasionally send out stuff to you. I think the plan to send everything at once is a good idea, and cd be used, sporadically.

DWAIN KAISER:

Please give your reasons why you don't trust New York Fandom. Do you trust me? Or Terry Carr? Les Gerber?"The city as the cause..." cause of what? Your mistrust? Or our turning into untrustworthy fans? Are we untrustworthy as mundane people also? Why don't you be more specific, Dwain? /---/I had not mailed you a copy of A becse you moved, and I wasn't sure as to yr new (and permanent) adress. I'm mailing one now.

TED PELZ & BRUCE WHITE:

I might remind you, Ted that you are getting married to a femmefan, and have had some, although not all, of your sexual experiences with fans. It is, one must presume, possible to have all such experiences in fandom, although you scrape the bottom of the barrrell, so to speak. Actually, FIAWOL isn't for me: Fans are a way of life. I cd give up of and fandom, but not all the fantastically nice people I've met in the microcosm. Any-one agree with me?

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FILLER DEPARTMENT ((reprints from Missiles & Rockets Magazine, November 15th))

"One of the most promising aerospace programs now under way is the effort to apply the industry's knowledge in systems management and advanced technology to the nation's major socio-economic problems.

The state of California has led the way in this field with its financing of four study efforts by aerospace firms on such state problems as waste management, crime, information-handling and transportation.

We have, in the past, devoted considerable editorial attention to the California experiment because we believe it holds a large potential for the industry as a future market -- and as a useful, additional contribution to the nation from the money spent on space and defense programs....We believe we can also state, albeit immodestly, that we are the only industry publication to devote such attention to this topic. Space General Corp., in its crime study, analyzed 100 areas in Los Angeles to determine potential trouble spots by means of five parameters -- maximum crime rate, maximum dropout rate, median income lower than \$5,000, maximum population density and highest percentage of a minority group. As dramatically illustrated by the overlays of the report, only one Los Angeles district achieved the dubious distinction of being at the head of the list for all five. Named in the report, which was submitted

a month before the outbreak of the Los Angeles riots, that district was, of course, Watts.

Systems analysis certainly cannot spotlight all problems as quickly. But an apt example of what the lack of it can mean to a state was cited by Space-General's James Rowe. Dredging of the Sacramento River to allow ocean-going vessels to reach the state capital has resulted in a slowing of the river's current which has created a major pollution problem due to the growth of algae.

As Mr. Rowe commented, "Someone didn't look at the problem from a systems viewpoint."

Lockheed Missiles and Space Co. has found that a computerized data-handling system has cut wastage in the two county Alameda-Contra Costa bloodbank from the national average of 18% down to 6%.

North American Aviation, with probably the most ambitious assignment of all in undertaking a look at the state's transportation problems, has come to the conclusion that even today's technology makes possible the 500-mile per hour tube train, 150-mph surface effects ships, ground effects machines and V/STOL craft which could operate in a transportation system of tomorrow. It is, therefore, time for the Federal Government to join the California experiment.

William J. Coughlin, Editor

Missiles and Rockets, like Analog, prints an editorial each issue, and, like Analog, I usually read only the editorial. FYI, M/R is published every Monday and is a controlled circulation publication, \$5 a year, each issue running to 45-75 pages. All this is old news to Ed Meskys, I suppose.

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Ahaha. I thought I was going to end Degler! on the bottom of the last page, and put our genuine, forced, stiled, and unpleasant one-shot on this page. I won't, though. Instead, I'll look through apa L and maybe have some more comments. Yes.

DWAIN KAISER REVISITED:

You know Dwain, you have the amazing ability to be bitchy in very few words. On re-reading your stuff, I'm amazed at the number of sentences that Push one or more of my Buttons. Not that what you say is wrong, or Bad, but it's the way you say it. Somehow, it comes off fantastically belligerent, and at the same time filled with qualifications, as if you wanted to poke holes in stone walls, and didn't want to use a loaded howitzer, but instead used blanks. Yet none of this comes across in your letters, or in TAPS.

Perhaps you're typing your masters with a style in mind, a style that you don't use when you just write a letter, and express opinions people are going to both-

AHAHAHA DEPARTMENT:

Right at this very minute I'm listening to Dick Lupoff, Lin Carter, Dave Van Arnam, Jack Tannen, and The Amazing Randi on WOR. Yes! Dick is too off-mike, and Dave hasn't said enough (He's being eclipsed by Lin). Now Dick is on-mike, Dave has said exactly one thing, and Tannen has held attention for ten minutes. Hell, I cd go on like this for another 20 pages (the show runs from Midnight to 5 AM). So I will just end this here, and listen for another 2 hours. Yes. Keep your knees loose, gang, and remember: TRICON, NYCON, AND L.A. IN '68!!!!

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