

DEGLER! NO. (111)

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EASTERCON!

LUNACON!

NEW YORK!

Long lost nostalgia that I wasn't looking for:

Through the mist of an English meadow comes a gigantic bomber.

Across its battle-scarred nose is painted the name...Spirit of Coventry. And as the setting sun catches the spin of its props, it lifts its great wings and is gone.

Soon the sky above rocks with the roar of hundreds of Lancasters. From Suffolk...and Kent...and Coventry they rise...from every corner of England they come. The greatest striking force man has ever launched in the skies!

There will be blood on the moon tonight in Germany...

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Just for kicks, I picked up a copy of the February 1943 Fortune. Some of the ads inside are a gas ("Here's mud in your eye, Tojo!") and the old sense of wonder in the things is amazing. Dave Van Arnam was carried back to his childhood (to think they've had the United Nations for 23 years now) and Frank Wilimczyk was reminded of those bright sunny days when he was stationed in Hawaii and the war ended 2 weeks before he was going to embark for the invasion of Japan. As he recalls, that was when he gave away his sf collection because "I knew I was going to die, baby" or Maybe Not.

Speaking of death, I've just today went through the Spread Your Cheeks syndrome; details will be available in about three weeks, but I know now that I'm safe for another 6-12 months. This means I'll definitely be going to the MidwesCon/WesterCon, and the TriCon as well. I always did have an aversion to getting shot in the stomach...

ANDY SILVERBERG ALONG THE APALACHIAN TRAIL:: comments on apa L #68

Music Fan #18: Fred Whitley-I am beginning to know what you mean about being a compulsive. However, I have the habit of apa F to carry on, or whatever. After all, I reason to myself, just because I live 3,000 miles from the mailing center is no reason to miss a week. If I could make 69 weekly mailings, what wd be so hard about making the thing. 80+ weeks of consecutive compulsion -- maybe that is too long... Maybe I'll quite with Degler! #1,000...

L #14: Ted White-When last asked, the Memory Shop said that they had been depleted of comics by all the pop-art fanatics, as well as the true collectors who had seen the wave coming...They still have a few old magazines, including the Astounding with the letter from a 13 year-old Harry Warner, Jr...There is a small shop just down the street that sells Tiffany shades, and the like...most furniture from the twenties and early thirties, in fact. Leaded-glass lampshades and all sorta stuff like that. They're doing a brisk business, too. Talk about camp and stuff like that has evidently become a profitable business in many lines.

Rowbazle #12: June Konigsberg-Dear me, dear me; another appreciated member hits the dust. Where will all the malarkey end, I is wondering...And besides, you is a girl, and a fellow spirit duplicatorist.

Rab Rad #68: Fred Fatten-I'm glad you've bought a car, Fred; now you won't have any reason for missing the EasterCon...I have discovered, sir, that by all legal rights you should reinstate me into N'APA...I have a letter from you stating that deadlines are "the 10th of March, June, September, and December..." which means that you shdn't have kicked me out for prior distribution of my zine in the March 12th apa F mailing. Now, the question is, would I even want to bother getting back into N'APA? A large doubt is in my mind... I had something important I wanted to tell you, but I can't think of it at the moment, *sigh*. Ah yes: here is a tentative list of conventions for the next few months:



Open ESFA - March 6; LunaCon/EasterCon - April 15, 16, 17 or 22, 23, 24; Disclave - May 13, 14; MidwasCon - June 24, 25, 26; WesterCon - July 2, 3, 4; NY Comicon - July 23; OzarCon - July 30, 31; DeepSouthCon - August 13, 14 or 20, 21; TriCon - Sept. 2, 3, 4, 5. Addenda: Boskone II - March 12, 13

It is, as you can see, a crowded schedule. I've left out the OzConvention and a Tolkien convention that may be in the making. And there will be people from New York at every one of those conventions, spreading bheer and propaganda freely.



Allen Sundry:

All of you may be amazed, startled, or just plain amused to know that until now I'd not read one word of J.R.R. Tolkien. Several days ago I started on Farmer Giles of Ham which I found to be a delightful fantasy. I've since gone on to The Hobbit, which is interesting so far (I'm only into it about 30 pages) and I can possibly see myself going on to LOTR. But don't push me; if some one tells me a book is great, you must read it, etc., then I'm highly liable not to; this is one of the reasons I've not yet laid (disclaimer) into Catch-22 or Holden Caulfield. Don't push; I tend to react negatively. I may get around to The Time Machine yet, you know...

Goovn #5: Dunc McFarland-"though I may soon loose my virginity in this respect." Hmmm. Why don't you go to the WesterCon?

Speckled Rabbit #21: Betty Knight- I'm sure that Jayn and The Mother Goddess syndrome (the modern one, anyway) doesn't have too much in common with the ancient form of Mother Goddess Worship. Castration, indeedy!

Ipsik! #68: Len bailes-I liked Tunnel in the Sky, and identified heavily with the main character. However, looking it over now, I find it stupid in many parts. For example, the use of covered wagons to move colonies through portals to new planets. Surely, with the ease of passage and communication heavy duty tractors, trucks, and cargo carriers would establish a colony much faster. And -- beware of the stober!!!! Did you read that fine article, Heinlein: By His Jockstrap in Shaggy a few years ago. It were all true, believe me.

a filler for barry gold:

USE, IVY, FORAST, UNCOL, 9PAC, SAP, PACT I, SMAC, FORTRAN, STRAP I, ALTRAN, ACT, BACIAC, ALGO, NUIT, XTRAN, ABC, AIMACO, GOOFUS, ARGUS, MISHAP, SOS, FLIP, SALE, FORTRAN II, CAGE, MAGIC, APXIII, FRINT, NELIAC, BALGOL, TAC, ALTAC, MADCAF, STRAP II, LISP, APS III, GLIP, MYSTIC, API, ADES II, SLANG, CL-1, FLEXI:ATIC, IT, SURGE, UNICODE, XI, SHADOW III, BIOR, VIPP, GAT, MCP, MATHMATIC, FACT, IPL, X2, FORTRAN III, SOAP, COBOL, FLOWMATIC, COLASL, MAD, FORTRANSIT, IPL V, COMIT, APT, TRIE, APS, GP. and last (and most advanced/circa 1960/):
ALGOL

That's it, gang; keep your waldoes loose.

— Andy Porter, 2/9/66