

# DEGLER! 146

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As you may have noticed, New York won out over its opposition, and the NYCon III waves majestically over all. As you may also have noticed, I'm doing this now only to have something in apa L. Recent signs of lactivity on the apa L front indicate that Len Bailes and Bruce Pelz are also going to drop out, and that Fred Patten will be dropping the 50 copy requirement for something like 40 or possibly even 35. I think this is nice; it shows that fandom is returning to normal, as it were, and realizing that a weekly apa really is completely insane.

And now a few comments on the convention. I'll leave it to Bruce or Fred to write a convention report; I'm too tired to do so. But I must say that the most enjoyable parties were those put on by the dirty Pro's; I (and others there who I asked) did not enjoy the giant open parties because there were too many people there. For the record, I'll produce the number of ballots, and the way they were voted. They Follow:

	First Ballot	Second Ballot	Third Ballot
NEW YORK	158	214	250
SYRACUSE	115	149	201
BALTIMORE	97	91	---
BOSTON	28	---	---
Total Voting:	<u>398</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>451</u>

As you can see, Boston was eliminated on the first ballot, chiefly I suspect because of their mentioning the Focal Point mix-up (they blamed the fake FP which repeated the same thing on NY, which is ridiculous; it went through apa L as well.

Most of Boston's votes seems to have gone to Syracuse, but more people came into the room, and most seemx to have voted for New York; Baltimore became the loser here.

The final ballot shows that about half of the voters for Baltimore switched to New York; which I had expected if Baltimore was eliminated. They preferred Ted White to Dave Kyle, I guess...

A note about the bidding: I think Boston played a dirty campaign throughout, and people just got tired of it. For examples see the Boston ads in the Program Booklet (quotes used out of context; over-expansion of the Focal Point mistake, etc.) Boston is bidding for 1970, and their fliers use the same sort of thing: "We'll still have newspapers, subways, water..." Clearly they were expecting New York to loose (or lose) and NY to bid again for 1970. I can't say anything about bidders now, because I'm impartial as a member of the NYCon Committee, but...

And New York will expect Los Angeles, Burlingame, and Seattle to provide all sorts of help during the convention; don't worry, we'll think up all sorts of things that we need between now and the convention. So keep your knees looses, bubelas, and I'll see you Real Soon Now.

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