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**DOWN WITH! #2** The newsletter of Chips & Coffee. This covers the Feb 7 1978 and Feb 23 1978 meetings and will be distributed to Derelicts and friends in and out of town. Perpetrators this Taral Wayne MacDonald and Victoria Vayne. Printed (most likely) on the really old Gestetner 26 of the Vaynity Press Publications Fan Pubbing Empire, a mimeo reserved especially for DOWN WITH! issues (we have plenty to go around now!). Kibbutzers Bill Brümmer and Phil Paine.

**BOSKONE**, first convention in more than three months for three of the five travellers making the trip on the weekend of Feb 17-19, was enjoyable for the most part, although marked by lack of sleep. The stay was extended an extra day in a last minute change of plans. All the members of the expedition joined various dinner parties for exotic dinners at various times, including an exceptional Japanese feast.

**PEZ DISPENSERS PROVEN!** At a HoJo on the Mass. turnpike on the way to Boston, in a vending machine, examples of the elusive Pez dispensers were finally located, dispelling conclusively Phil Paine's doubts as to their actual existence. His doubts persisted, however, up until the moment Taral produced the dispenser, in the shape of a cop. Small holes are now drilled into the head, to save on plastic.

**TARAL WINS COIN-TOSSING CONTEST!** After the Feb 7 Chips and Coffee, Janet Small's jar of American coins was emptied on the floor and four contenders proceeded to lob the coins back into the jar from distances varying from two feet (60 cm) to three inches (8 cm), the distance used tending to have considerable effect on the accuracy of the throws. Taral took a clear lead from the beginning, over Bob Wilson, and Victoria Vayne. The fourth participant in the contest, Phil Paine, was not keeping track, so that the outcome ought not to be considered official.

**BORDER GUARDS THWART TRONNA ARTIST'S TRIP** and honesty does not pay. Victoria Vayne, gripped in fits of early morning paranoia, decided to tell the truth to the border guard on the way to Buffalo to take Taral to the bus station for his trip to Bonnie Dallsell's just before BOSKONE. Interrogation followed, and for lack of funds and a supposedly implausible story, he was turned back. However, during preparations for another try at another crossing the next day, it was discovered that Massachusetts was snowed in and the bus would have been turned away at the state line anyway.

**SCI-FI SITCOM HITS THE AIRWAVES!** "Quark", starring Richard Benjamin, sports better science background than SPACE: 1999 (although less intrinsic humour) and every STAR WARS/TREK cliché imaginable, to provide cackles and yuks enough every Friday at eight to gladden the heart of any TV addict or SF detractor. Catch it on your classy NBC affiliate.

**COPS STOP DERELICTS...AGAIN.** Bill Brümmer and Taral, walking late one Friday night in a classy residential neighbourhood, were stopped and questioned by Metro's Finest, the latest (as of this writing) of a long series of harassments, detainings and friskings suffered by Derelicts seeking the relaxation and quiet of late night footfesting. Pretext this time was that if there were to be a break-in in the area, the two might be considered suspects. The implication was almost that Taral and Bill ought not to have been walking in any area any time of the night at all.

FANZINES PUBBED IN FEBRUARY, apart from apazines. NON SEQUITUR 13 (Victoria Vayne's personalzine) has now been published, first non-apa fanzine from Toronto in 1978. ORCA 2 is about half-printed and Jennifer Bankier has most of it typed up now; and Mike Caplan and David Michaelides are working on their second issue. Bill Brümmer is not working on ELEUTHERIA, Bob Webber is not working on PANTEKHNIKON.

COVER STOCK AND ENVELOPES IN COLOUR! A fourth mimeo has been added to the Vaynity Press arsenal, a Gestetner 300, adding another colour to the available spectrum and bringing the total number of Tronna fan mimeos to thirteen. (Not all of them Derelict-controlled, however.)

"NOT GOOD ENOUGH!" --GEORGE SCITHERS. Taral's efforts towards breaking into pro-dom in the art world have suffered a set-back by a rejection revealed at BOSKONE by George Scithers of ASIMOV'S. Taral still has hopes for sales to other markets, however, and we at the DOWN WITH newsroom are rooting for him.

#### CONTENTIOUSNESS AND GRIPING GO NATIONWIDE.

Victoria Vayne will be airing her grievances with fandom in a column for Mike Glycer's fannish newszine FILE 770 every couple of months or so. Chrome rations are presently being stockpiled. Apart from this lapse, FILE 770 is well worth supporting; subs for \$1.50 for 4 issues from Mike Glycer, 14974 Osceola St., Sylmar, CA 91345.

JOHN BRUNNER ATTENDS OSFiC. Coming to Toronto especially for the February OSFiC meeting, John Brunner, author of THE SHEEP LOOK UP, STAND ON ZANZIBAR, etc., spoke to an interested audience on his SF poetry and fielded questions. The meeting was well attended, including by some hangers-on who otherwise show no interest in OSFiC and/or fandom whatsoever. Bob Wilson did not attend the meeting, however, because of his refusal to believe those who told him that John Brunner would be there.

NEWS WANTED! Supply us with your items for inclusion here next time!

THE GREAT RESURGENCE OF CANADIAN FANZINES? According to the "Visual Encyclopedia of Science Fiction" edited by Brian Ash (Harmony Books, NY 1977), the last ten years saw three major fannish events in Toronto. (1) The founding of Canadapa (no kidding!) (2) The 1973 Worldcon, TORCON 2. And (3), "Mike Glicksohn and others produce large numbers of fanzines." Emphasis on the "others" ours. 1975 and onwards was a time of frenetic fanzine production in Toronto, certainly, but it was also long after Glicksohn had folded his zine and silently stolen away, to stretch a metaphor. Damned if we know what Mike had to do with Toronto producing "large numbers of fanzines" at that time other than having been an influence on us a couple of years earlier... Nice to know someone noticed, though.

WHY WOULD ANYONE DO THIS TO A HARMLESS FAN? Teresa Neilson's Rambler, when she backed it out of the driveway in Phoenix recently, suffered immediate brake failure (although she managed to avoid injury or accident). Investigation showed that the brake lines had been cut deliberately; no known culprit. She's now safely in Boston with her fiance Mike Duffy; and her car, repaired, has been sold to Alan Bostick.

FAAN AWARD NOMINATING BALLOTS are out now. For Derelict types and friends in Toronto, copies can be had from Victoria Vayne, who is carrying around a pile at present for distribution. Anyone who wants to nominate and is eligible need only ask. A donation of \$1.00 or more towards the awards is requested with the nominations. Elsewhere than Toronto, i.e. U.S.A., agent is Bruce Pelz, 15931 Kalisher St., Granada Hills CA 91344.

NEXT CONVENTION TRIP will be to BALTICON during Easter weekend, March 24-26. MINICON coincides with this again; as always. At present it looks as though Bill Brümmer, Taral, and Phil Paine will be going down along with Victoria Vayne in the deadly Dodge.

A FAANISH RELAXACON is still being considered for next year; and PRUNECON departs more and more from the original concept...