

LAS-F FLIRS: Leslie Masters, fan from Indianapolis, & a confirmed GHU GHUIST, is still trying to crash the cinema or get back on the stage. May Wollheim--oops GHU--help him! My god! (Wollheim??)--a "GHU SPY" in the LASFS?? Les just went up for his army exam, & has now joined the ranks of the LAS4fS. FANNEWS: Statement direct from Kopner who is sitting here working on his mag TOWARD TOMORROW, "TOWARD TOMORROW WILL be out some day tomorrow". (unquote) Ruth Crozetti (Lasfs) will soon have out her amazing new mag VENUS--VOM#28 will be out anytime (10¢ from Bx. 6475 Venus also.) "Ghuists are said to be working on "MARTHAS MAG", out soon. From Bx. 365, Newcastle, Ind. ***Rogers, Raym Washington, Helen Bradleigh announce COSMIC CIRCLE MONTHLY (10¢ from 214 N. 20th Newcastle, Indiana) or free to CIRCLE members. They are working unceasingly on Marvel Scientigirl Stories. Send 50¢ to same adress. Beautiful nude on "astronomical" cover. LITHOGRAPHED. Colors. Several colors of ink & papers. Also known as "Spicy Science Stories". ***Jack Speers' longheralded & awaited "FANCYCLOPEDIA" should be out this fall, published by Bronson, 1710 Arizona, Santa Monica, Calif. // Barbara Bovard leaves Shan gri-LASFS for Fairbanks, Alaska. "Beb" was a swell 'kid', we all hated to see her leave. Barbara speaking of Alaska brings a great nostalgia to your editor (Don), as I was very set on going to Al. this spring, even having read 5 or 6 books on all phases of the subject, making all plans etc.--then was unable to do so at the last minute after all. Good luck--& happy sailing Barbara! We wish we were going. // Morojo conducts ESPERANTO class; attended by Kopner, Don Rogers, Mike, Brown. ***

ULTIMATUM

A most unfortunate matter has come to our attention which we would much rather not mention here, but I'm afraid we must--since 'they' have stated, in highly insulting & threatening letters, that it will "ALL BE REVEALED" in the next FAPA & possibly FFF. (This will all be explained further down, but to continue:) They have just sent a threatening letter, in which their "ULTIMATUM" WAS ISSUED, & expired on "Sept. 15". That letter arrived on night of 14--it would have been impossible to have even telegraphed an answer before the 15th (midnight). It has already expired. The perpetrators of this "shocking infamy" in fandom, have not even the forethought or elemental intellect to look at a calendar or realize it takes 3 or 4 days for even airmail from East to the West coast.

Quite obviously this infamous clique did not want to receive an answer--since that would have spoiled part of their whole little scheme of being able to publish their defamation of character & "Black-mail" campaign against a well-known fan whose name will be temporarily withheld here at this time. Wanting an "excuse" & having no case & no ground to stand upon, this move is so obvious its absurd in the extreme. STATEMENT BY ??? (Whose name will not be mentioned here as yet. This will give everybody a chance to drop & "forget" the entire affair, with no ones name having been mentioned--should the 3 of them care to drop this whole crazy thing at once. However they seem to be determined to "spread their lies & defamation all over fandom in FAPA & Triple-F. This they have announced. This then shall be a brief account of the affair with "me" & "they" or other "descriptions" used in place of names. If the whole thing is dropped, no one will be the worse off. Know that the "me" herein is still willing to let what has already transpired & been said, to be "forgotten".

On the other hand, if "they" persist in this uncalled for attack & have it spread all over FFF & FAPA, with the names mentioned of course, all of you readers will know who all the persons mentioned herein ARE & will already know the true story. !)

WAR IN THE EAST ??

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WAR IN THE EAST ? (from other side.) I would not talk about those who were my friends (& still are as far as I'm concerned !) but they have brought the crisis about themselves. The way it all started or first I knew any thing about it--I'd been out here in Los Angeles for some little time--I'd received a nice card (all was friendly & wonderful when I left N.Y.) then all of a sudden I received out of a clear sky** a card calling me a "rag" a "dog" & telling me not to write to him, etc. No explanation. Then 4E gave me a card addressed to him, from 22. said something about returning some "mags I'd stolen". I didn't know what to think of it !

4E thought it a joke, & wrote inquiring. Then letter from (someone else in N.Y.) saying he'd "missed" some of his 1 Shades of Sotho, 2 of them ! So apparently it's not a joke.

First I would like to assure the reader and all of fandom, that I did NOT TAKE ANYONE'S FANZINES or mags or anything else, that didn't belong to me ! I DON'T STEAL--& never have ! This would certainly be a hell of a time to start, right now when we're trying to better get the organization well-established, & have need of everyone's friendship & support !

Second. A possible explanation of how it may all have come about. The 'IST' person absolutely HATED THE CC from the first time he heard of it. No. "3" was all for it, paid his 95¢ dues, & wanted to organize N.Y. state, before no. 1 & 2 got him 'mad' at me ! So no. 1 & another visiting fan who is very cynical (& sneers at everything, including himself) got together & just before I left N.Y. were busily engaged in a persistent & determined campaign to "swing 22. to their side !" They boasted they'd "easily do so", when I was no longer there to tell "3" my side against their arguments & lying propaganda.

Now poor --- is very IMPRESSIONABLE--he will side with ALMOST ANYONE HE HAPPENS TO BE TALKING TO AT THE TIME !!! He is a damn nice guy--I do not hold this fact against him--we've all got to be different--but it's true nevertheless ! Very much so. I could see he was "leaning" just before I left, tho still very friendly. He went down to boat (ferry) with me, & a big friendly handshake when I left--saying he'd see me again & be sure "to write" . (I feel terrible about what ever has happened to change his & ? (he 's a nice guy too) attitude & make them think I took something of theirs. NO. 3 doesn't claim that of course, only I & 2--though # is very 'mad' at me, it seems, from letters from him.) It is highly insulting to me personally, to many of my friends, & to this group of fans in general.

I am not yet accusing anyone, I want you to understand; but confidentially, I don't think no. 1 had any mags stole. It's quite possible he concocted the whole affair to frame me, & thus get a bad name for the CC to fandom. About no. 2--I don't know. That's another matter. No. 1 could be lying--I happen to know personally that he does frequently. The real reason why he left Boston he bragged & told all of us, was because he "owed so many people money". This happens to be true, as I met several of them in person. He helped to collect "graft" for a paper he worked on. He sometimes slept on pool tables constantly hung around pool rooms. He'd got in with a bad crowd there, I think. Some kind of a little deal about jail, too.

Therefore, tho I don't know, but putting 2 & 2 together, he may have somehow managed to make away with some of no. 2's mags--then since he was trying to frame the deal anyway--what could seem more innocent for himself, than to suddenly yell that some of his were "missing too." Thus gaining 2's sympathy & clearing him. No. 3 has left N.Y. now & gone back home. No. 1 left alone at no. 2's house. When I was there I was never left alone at 2's place. The way he watches his place (he says another famous fan went off with some of his mags once) My god ! If anyone could get one copy of Space Tales out of that place, they'd be a BETTER MAN THAN I AM ! I'm not saying this is so about 'I' but it does seem likely, the way he's raving. // He swore that he would somehow 'break up' the 6.C. ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. I wonder if this is his way ! Over at his place at ---- I saw a copy of FANTASY mag (one "2" mentions), I'd formerly saw on 2's desk. I didn't say anything because it wasn't any of my business, & I thought he could of bought it. However now putting several "strange" incidents together at the time we were at 2's--I believe he must have taken it from 2's. For the others, he probably got a chance to go back to 2's alone Someway. Or some one else could have been the culprit. Some one is & out all the time. And if no. 1 really DID have any of his "missing", well--my god ! They sometimes leave the door open--maid, fans, people, go in and out all the time. It seems all the more like a frame-up. When you stop to think about it. A HELL of a long time to wait--TILL I WAS CLEAR OUT IN CALIF. (Read his mags every day). DAM FUNNY HE would suddenly "miss" them--yes, yes, I make a nice little, neat, safe "SCAPE-GOAT" 3,000 miles away, dont I ??? ? *** **

NEWS NOTE: Re a news item on the other side. The date of publication of FANCYCLOPEDIA is as yet indefinite. JACK SPEER arrives Frisco, enroute from LAA to Wyo, where he will visit Perdue, before returning temporarily to Washington, D.C. Next ish CCC dated '7'; FA no. '8'.