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The Fantasy Amateur

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Official Organ of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association

Officers of the FAPA: President: Al Ashley
Vice President: L R Chauvenet
Sec'y Treas: Norman F Stanley
Official Editor: R D Swisher

Sam Youd's Message:

I am well aware that I have been -- since my promotion into it -- a very poor FAPA member. This has been due to a number of reasons -- partly apathy, partly distaste for science-fiction and fandom, and partly the simple fact that Army life (British pattern) is not conducive to any form of mental effort. As witness to that there is my projected novel which advanced from a peace-time 60,000 words to 75,000 words in 18 months in the Army, and then died a natural death.

I am roused by two things. One is the sight of DUES after my name on the latest FAPA membership list. A cryptic note lately received from Mike Rosenblum would seem to indicate that he is putting me even further into his debt by attending to this, but I am not sure. Nor am I sure of the procedure to be adopted for sending money to the States now. But I will undertake to send Michael cash to cover my subscription; and if he hasn't already paid my sub. for me I beg of you to persuade the Sec-Treasurer to let me stay in on credit until it arrives. I realise that this is a matter for the Secretary Treasurer, but I want to go on to comment on the latest (?Fall) mailing. And even my present burst of energy doesn't extend to writing to two officials at the same time. Sorry!

As a matter of fact, this letter is a fluke. I am back for five days in the 8th Army Rest Camp. This is the fifth day -- I have seen all the shows -- and I am moved to make use of the first arm-chair and writing table discovered since I left blighty, twenty long months ago! So here goes -- in no order at all:

En Garde: At the beginning of this letter I mentioned two reasons for my revival of interest in FAPA. The second was the substitution of this "fantasy-sense" theory for that particularly absurd "fans are slans" stupidity. If the postulate is that fans are simply ordinary people with an over-growth of fantasy sense -- in other words, that they appreciate fantasy much as a man appreciates poetry -- then I don't mind being one. But no supermen, grazie lo stess!

With regard to Slan Centre, I am extremely dubious. In England most young men and women live with their parents until they marry. It may be radically different in USA, but even if you can get a number of young men and women to uproot themselves and settle down in Slan Centre -- and they would have to be very keen to do it -- the chances of them all finding mates out of the fan world are nil. And I very gravely doubt the advisability of bringing aliens into your little group. The wives of British fans have been very forbearing and hospitable to other members of the species, but I doubt if one of them would consider joining such a project as Slan Centre. For one thing, the average person is not keen on a communal life; the majority, for instance, prefer a little semi-detached villa to the finest flat. A life in which fellow-fans dashed in and out of the house unannounced would have little appeal for Mrs. Temple

Mrs. Carnell or Mrs. Chapman -- to name but three ladies wedded to prominene pre-war British fans.

Of course, my argument may be rendered invalid in that it derives from acquaintance with Britishers only. The other argument -- that of mental instability among fans -- is also powerful. This fellow Degler seems a good example. What if a future Claude got into Slan Centre (and how are you going to stop him?). I know that I for one -- providing I had survived Al Ashley and E E Evans -- would be straightway heading for the railway station. (Depot?)

Which brings me to the other point of interest in En Garde. Al Ashley's attack on unions makes me more depressed than ever about future international relations. After this war is over we shall have a Europe dominated by Socialist Russia -- a Socialist Europe. You will have a British Empire already labour as far as Australia and New Zealand are concerned and a rapidly socialising British Isles. You will have a China almost inevitably extremely left. And you will have America, composed of a majority like Al, spoon-fed by their Press, -- capitalist. I smell trouble -- but then, I always do!

I don't hope to convince Al that unions are one of the finest achievements in the slow civilising of the last of the great apes, despite the evidence of Britain, Scandinavia and other sections of the world where unions are important and co-ordinated. But I would like one little prick at the bubble of his about rugged economic individualism. I've seen a lot lately in USA periodicals about the beauty of private enterprise; but I don't remember seeing that sort of line in 1930 periodicals when private enterprise had knocked the world for six. I believe the New Deal did a little curbing of private enterprise. Luckily for America and indirectly, the world.

As for unions fostering Hitlerism -- the man's mad! Does he forget that the first step in every fascist revolution has been the suppression of unions? Does he forget -- sitting secure behind a barrier of oceans and armies, of the vanguards of those armies? -- the union leaders who died in torture in Dachau and Buchenwald; who saw their women raped and their children slaughtered or enslaved by the forces put in power by the twin-capitalisms of Britain and America? Al, from all accounts, is a nice fellow. And he has a fantasy-sense. But there are men in this camp, providing us with brief comfort, serving us with our food, who have found their way out of the hell we are trying to crack open. There is very little of the divine in man, but these have their share of it. A good proportion of them committed the crime of being socialists.

A post-script to the above. I am not a socialist -- except by a majority of sympathy.

Phanny: "Or do you want your opponents deliberately to give you the game, as commoners must do in some countries when competing against royalty." I've recently re-read, being short of books, Jane Allen's "I Lost My Girlish Laughter" and Belfrage's "Promised Land". His Majesty the Magnate, you know!

Ray: DAW's defence of Degler is a nice piece of specious argument. It has at least a half-truth. Many of the venerable world-organisations of today -- especially the religious ones -- derive from just such a fanatic. Christ, Mohammed, Wesley, Booth, Macpherson. But I am surprised that DAW should approve of such organisations, or of such fanatics, whose modern representative is a man by the name of Hitler. The good

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things man has achieved have also been the work of single-minded men, but men of a very different stamp. Between Lenin and Hitler there is a great division. And Degler was a potential Hitler, not a Lenin.

Matters of Opinion: Glad to see Speer approves of "fantast" -- a term I was snobbishly taken with when still too obviously interested in science-fiction to be able to conceal it! Incidentally, when I get near my typewriter and a few stencils again I will make an effort to revive Fantast for FAPA -- for a short while anyway!

Decimal Classification: Deriving from Dewey? Useful, if you want to classify fantasy.

And somewhere someone mentioned that American negro soldiers had been well received in blighty. I'm not surprised. Over here your negroes get on better with our lads than with fellow-Yaaks. The British soldier fraternises with Sikhs, Basutolandese, and South Virginians on the same basis as any other troops, and rates them considerably higher than some white races -- the Italians, for instance! But he does not face the problem of a potential coloured government (we have had one coloured MP, but that's an exceptional case). Anyway the negro is in a fair way to assimilating America culturally. After music, what? SF with a jungle idiom?

Must close now to listen to Churchill's latest speech. Anyway it's nearly 9 o'clock and in twelve hours we'll be starting back on the long trek to our unit. Thanks for FAPA -- and perhaps you would like to note my new address. Things have been coming through since I left Gib nearly a year ago, but slowly.

All the best,

Sam

J M Cunningham's Messages:

(1) Dear FAPA member:

U are requested to please place vote for membership FAPA
Walter Dunkelberger,
1443 4th Ave S. Fargo, N. D.
Sincerely,

JM Cunningham, No. 11

(2) As a member of FAPA, in good standing (I hope) I do herewith make request to enter membership application for COSMOS CLUB, of England in joint entire basis. They have agreed to supply sufficient copies of their fanzine "COSMIC CUTS" for FAPA distribution, and payment of \$1.00 yearly dues. Membership is to ONLY, repeat, ONLY include the receipt of FAPA Publications, and as an out of country organ cannot possibly act as an active unit thereof (as member FAPA). However, agreement has also been reached of submittal of several copies of the less numerous issued fanzine "BEYOND", for FAPA sale, all funds derived thereof to go into FAPA funds & expenses.

A copy of this letter is also being forwarded to President Ashley. As this matter is more or less of a tentative nature, I have not gone through channels of regulated form as enumerated in the FAPA Constitution. However, I am hopeful that this will be unnecessary and that an arrangement can be made to carry the matter through as it is.

I would appreciate it if action is taken at the earliest moment

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possible. The Cosmos Club is the leading active organization of England and an affiliated, rather activated unity, with it would go far in bringing a better understanding between our two nations.

Best regards ever,

I remain,

Respectfully,

J M Cunningham,

"E" Distribution

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President's Message:

The seventh year of FAPA comes to a close, and a very successful year it has been. The number of publications mailed out during the year has been nearly double that of the previous year; and the waiting list has reached an all-time high despite the increase in the membership limit. My warmest thanks to all who have contributed to make the past year an outstanding one.

In keeping with my election promise, the FAPA emblem shall henceforth be available to all members in three easily useable forms:

First, on letterheads. These can be supplied at prevailing prices plus postage for mailing them, the actual price of any lot depending on quantity desired and the balance of the copy to accompany the emblem.

Second, in the form of a rubber stamp. This can be supplied for \$2.00, postpaid.

Third, as a photo-stencil cut to be cemented into a cut-out place on your stencil. These will be reproduced from the original by our artist-member, Jack Wiedenbeck, transferred to stencil with the fidelity of the photoscope process, and may be used on any mimeographed publication. They will be supplied at ten cents per cut, or twelve for \$1.00.

In the present election we have one amendment and one special petition for consideration. The amendment to raise the annual dues to \$1.00 is a worthy one, in that the cost of sending out the Mailings has increased with their increase in size. Your approval is urged. The special petition, on the other hand, is a matter for uninfluenced individual decision. It is one of those decisions which are distasteful at best, but must be dealt with when met. If the vote proves to be in the affirmative, I shall take the necessary steps to carry out the majority's wishes.

My sincere appreciation to the Official family for their fine cooperation and attention to their duties. Especial mention is due the secretary-Treasurer and the Official Editor for the "Hierarchy of Membership" in the last FA, and the "numbers and dates of all the Mailings" that is scheduled for this issue of FA.

I herewith appoint Walter Daugherty as chairman of the Ballot Counting Committee, with Phil Bronson and Mel Brown as assistants.

To all the membership: Please vote, and vote promptly. Let's try to make this election a 100% vote affair. And let's make the forthcoming year of FAPA an even greater year than the one just passed.

Al Ashley
21May44.

Chief Critic's Message:

Hope this won't be too late to get in the June FA. As last official critic of the Association, I'd dislike to fail to complete my job.

Un-
fortunately, I don't have the March Mailing at hand, it being in a trunk which is shipped separately. However I do have the last FA here, and will make what remarks I remember on the basis of the list in it.

There'll
be no SP or Mopsy in the next Mailing; only thing I got completed in time was Decimal Classification, which is in the box with the mimeo sent to Suddsy.

It is here recorded for posterity that certain Cosmic Circle publications mailed out separately were intended as a post-Mailing to the one in December. These were named IQ or some such rag, but since the Critic's copies are several thousand miles away at this writing, posterity will have to look them up there. The same geographical situation explains absence of comments on many of the following items:

Sappho: No comment.

Fantasticonglomeration: The comic fotos of pros are especially interesting. Some of the contents are good, others show an indisposition on the part of the editor to reject inferior stuff.

Guteto: No comment.

Fan-Dango
It is a great fault of Laney's that after having met only the Southern California stefnists and perhaps a handful of others, he delivers sweeping generalities like "all stefnists are introverts" (disregarding the results of the Laird questionnaire), "Ackerman, everybody detests you", and "fen can never get together to accomplish anything". The remarks on free love mite have been amusing if they were intended humorously.

Milty's Mag: No comment.

Xenon: Format and contents solid, but not striking.

Phanny: Solid, Thompson.

Newcastle stuff (Not all titles remembered): I could sue Donnie for plagiarism on that history. In IQ, we have Clod trying to be a Good Citizen, and what do we get? 35% repetitive recollections of his travels, 35% mediocre remarks on the previous Mailings, and 30% bunk like his delvings into theoretical physics.

Walt's Wramblings: Personally, I feel about book reviews much as Chen Davis does, but at this time was glad to read all such as bearing on the decimal classification:

A Tale of the 'Evans: No comment.

En Garde: d'o.

Light: Tone of the contents has improved markedly, but the magazine still deserves condemnation for the items of smut.

Fleeting Moments: It is a pity that such a painstaking format should have been given to poems none of which is outstanding and only a few of which are comparable to the common run of published poetry.

Horizons: No comment.

Sustaining Program: The editorial passes judgment.

Matters of Opinion:

No comment.

The S-F Democrat: Feeling about this will probably match pre-existing opinions on the subject. But there's a real question presented here: Since Homo's characteristics differ from the other primates' only in degree rather than in kind, and since there are wide hereditary variations among men in those characteristics, on what ground can we assert the equality of all men even as a political fiction?

Sardonyx: Liked the thumbnail sketches of FAPates.

Statement: Ordinarily, it is not sufficient to dismiss an argument by a bit of name-calling. But when the argument is so absurd that not one normal-minded person out of a hundred would be taken in by it, a detailed refutation is a waste of time, and the best thing to do is pass on with an appropriate epithet. Due to our efforts at cleaning up the FAPA I can't use the right words for the view that a person should be allowed to libel and lie about others as much as he wants to, as long as the injured parties are free to reply.

Agenbite of Inwit: Good, particularly the cross-examination. How imaginary are these conversations?

Phantagraphs: The hep ghost cover is fine. The subject of "Oil for the lamps of Futuria" had already been discussed more fully in Sardonyx and Fan-Tods.

FAPA Fan: No comment.

Nucleus; I do believe the mimeoing is becoming clearer.

Yhos: No comment.

Fantasy Amateur: Perhaps the besting about Doc's being drafted into the editorship is that it brot him out into the forum a bit.

Blitherings: Welcome to another FAPazine.

Fan-Tods: Artwork we get!

Browsing: More pages. We're drawing him out to greater length, chums.

There was also a post-mailing from Daugherty, name not remembered, but I'm sure our beloved O-umlaut can supply it. [The Organization of Fandom, says the Secy-Treas, semi O-umlaut.]

Jack Speer

Secretary-Treasurer's Message:

on the state of the fapa

June 1944

DUES: Please pay your 75¢ to the Sec'y Treas. before July 1.

ACTIVITY: Unless you are represented in this or the next mailing, you will be ineligible to renew your membership.

DUES-ACTIVITY: Unless you are represented in this mailing, you are now ineligible to renew. If you wish to rejoin you must satisfy the usual admission requirements and cannot be admitted until all prior applications have been acted upon.

EXPIRED: March dues unpaid. If not paid by July 1, your name will be dropped from the membership roll.

1. Ackerman, F. J (Sgt.), HQ-SCU 1959, Fort MacArthur, Calif. DUES

2. Ashley, Al & Abby Lu, 25 Poplar St., Battle Creek, Mich.
3. Bridges, Lynn (T/Sgt.), 833rd Chemical Co., MacDill Field,
Tampa, Florida
4. Bronson, Phil, 1710 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica, Calif. EXPIRED
5. Brown & Fern, Mel & C J Jr., c/o LASFS, 637½ S. Bixel,
Los Angeles 14, Calif.
6. Buck, R. C., G31 Adams House, Cambridge 38, Mass. ACTIVITY
7. Carnell, Edward J., 17 Burwash Rd. Plumstead, SE 18, London, Eng.
8. Chauvenet, L. R., P. O. Box 171, Bound Brook, New Jersey DUES
9. Chidsey, Jay, Green Springs, Ohio
10. Connor, E. C. (Pvt.), c/o 929 Butler St., Peoria 6, Ill.
11. Croutch, Leslie A., Box 121, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada
12. Cunningham, John M. (Pfc.), 10th Base HQ and AB Sq, Chico Army
Air Field, Chico, Calif.
13. Daniel, Thomas R., Box 131, Hoquiam, Washington
14. Daugherty, Walter J., 1305 W. Ingraham, Los Angeles 14, Calif.
15. Davis, Chandler, A/S, USNR V-12, Eliot G-42, Cambridge 38, Mass.
16. Deutsch, Wm. J., '43, 7 Jacobus Hall, Castle Point, Hoboken.
New Jersey DUES-ACTIVITY
17. Edge, Barbara, Box 1390, Fairbanks, Alaska DUES
18. Evans, E. Everett, 25 Poplar St., Battle Creek, Mich.
19. Evans, W. H., 233 Sheldon, Ames, Iowa
20. Farsaci, L. B. (Pfc.), 48 Lewis St., Rochester, N. Y.
21. Fortier, Joe J., 2222 E. 30th, Oakland, Calif. EXPIRED
22. Freshafer, Paul, 2325 Ocean View Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.
23. Gardner, Dr. Thos. S., Route 6, Box 38, Kingsport, Tenn.
24. Honig, Harry, 256 26th Ave., San Francisco 21, Calif. ACTIVITY
25. Jenkins, Harry, 2409 Santee Ave., Columbia, S. C.
26. Jones, Bob, 2710 wexford, Columbus, Ohio DUES
27. Kopner, James, 628 s. Bixel, Los Angeles 14, Calif.
28. Koenig, H. C., 540 E. 80th St., New York, N. Y. ACTIVITY
29. Kuslan, Gertrude, 170 Washington Ave., West Haven 16, Conn EXPIRED
30. Lancy, Francis T., 1104S. Georgia, Los Angeles 15, Calif.
31. Liebscher, Walter, 25 Poplar St., Battle Creek, Mich.
32. Lowndes, Robert W., 306 W. 11th St., New York 11, N. Y.
33. Ludowitz, Tom, 2310 Virginia, Everett, Washington ACTIVITY
34. Martin, Edgar Allen, Apt. 66, 235 W. 75th, New York, N. Y.
35. Michel, John B., 311 W. 4th St., New York, N. Y. DUES
36. Moffatt, Leonard J., c/o Mrs Rae Moffatt, 434 Loop St., Ellwood
City, Pa.
37. Morojo, Box 6475 Metro. Sta., Los Angeles, Calif.
38. Perdue, Elmer, 1218 S. Cedar St., Casper, Wyoming
39. Pogo, Apt. 204, 1122 S. Georgia St., Los Angeles 15, Calif.
40. Rogers, Don, 214 N. 20th, New Castle, Indiana.
41. Rosenblum, J. Michael, 4 Grange Terrace, Leeds 7, England
42. Rothman, Milton A. (Cpl.), Co. D, 840th Sig. Tng. Bn., WSCUTC,
Camp Kohler, Calif.
43. Rouze, Gordon K., Imperial, Nebraska.
44. Russell, Samuel D., 1810 N. Harvard Blvd., Hollywood, Calif.
45. Ryder, William H., 8820 Avenue L, Brooklyn, N. Y. ACTIVITY
46. Saari, Oliver E., YMCA, 218 E. Kearsley St., Flint, Mich.
47. Searles, A. Langley, 19 E. 235th St., New York, 66, N. Y.
48. Schwartz, A. L., 57 Nightingale St., Dorchester 24, Mass.
49. Shaw, Larry, 1301 State Street, Schenectady 4, N. Y.
50. Speer, Jack F., Civil Affairs NAEB, APO 534, New York, N. Y.
51. Spencer, Paul (Pfc.), 88 Ardmore Rd., West Hartford, Conn.
52. Stanley, Norman F., 43A Broad St., Rockland, Maine DUES
53. Swisher, Robert D., 15 Ledyard Rd., Winchester, Mass.
54. Thompson, D. B., 705 Scott Street, Alexandria 2, La.
55. Tucker, Bob, P. O. Box 260, Bloomington, Ill.
56. Unger, Julius, 6401 24th Ave., Brooklyn 4, N. Y. DUES

57. Warner, Harry, 303 Bryan Place, Hagerstown, Md.
 58. Washington, Raymond, Jr., 117 Hamilton St., Live Oak, Fla.
 59. Watson, Bill, 1299 California, San Francisco 9, Calif.
 60. Widner, Art, Jr., 87 Colonial Rd., N. Weymouth 91, Mass.
 61. Wiedenbeck, Jack, 25 Poplar Street, Battle Creek, Mich.
 62. Wilimczyk, Frank, Jr., 3 Lewis St., Westfield, Mass.
 63. Wollheim, Donald A., 98-50 67th Ave., Forest Hills, N. Y. DUES
 64. Wright, Rosco E., R. R. 1, Box 175, Toledo, Oregon
 65. 2375076 Sigmn. Youd, C. S., 1 Special Wireless Section, Royal
 Signals, Central Mediterranean Force

© New member
 # Deceased

Changes in membership since last mailing: Memberships of Hodgkins and Hurter have lapsed. Two new members have been admitted from the waiting list, so that the membership list remains filled.

Waiting List: 1. Gerry de la Ree; 2. Jules Lazar; 3. Andy Anderson; 4. Ray Karden; 5. Graph Waldeyer; 6. Chas. McNutt; 7. Wm. A. Scheurich; 8. Beak Taylor; 9. T. B. Yerke; 10. Harold Wakefield; 11. Pvt. Wm. Groveman; 12. Frank Robinson; 13. Russell Wilsey; 14. Walt Dunkelberger; 15. Kenneth Bulmer; 16. Jack C. Rhodes; 17. Ron Lane.

<u>Financial Report:</u>	IN	OUT	BALANCE
Cash on hand, Feb 25, 1944			\$17.29
March Mailing postage		\$13.16	4.13
Paper & Stencils for FA		6.15	-2.02 (ouch!)
Dues received since 2/25/44	\$19.40		17.38
Surplustock salesince 2/25/44	.97		18.35
Account to date, May 25, 1944		Norman F. Stanley, S/T	

The treasury swells a little this time, due to the generosity of such worthy fen as: Croutch, Perdue (\$3.25--that proves he's nuts!), Freehafer, Rothman, Bridges, Schwartz, Morojo, Ol' Man Evans, Laney. What wonderful people! --nfs

Oh, yes: Credentials of new members:
 Chidsey: Publisher of Astra
 Gardner: Articles in Yhos and Blitherings

Swan Song: The time draws nigh when I'll be handing over the wreckords, and, let's hope, some funds, to a new Secretary-Treasurer. I've greatly enjoyed my term in the office, have had friendly contact with quite some few of you faps, and, I hope, alienated not too many others. And I look forwzd to filing for this post again one day when I'm eligible for another term. Goo'bye now, and thanxalot for bearing with me this past year. --nfs

Official Editor's Message:

1. First, special thanks to Norm Stanley for once again carrying out half the OE's duties as well as his own, by coming down here at mailing time. And special apologies for forgetting to thank him for doing the same job last mailing. Also thanks to Art Widner and any other Strangers who may show up tomorrow to bundle the mailing, and you know what I mean. Still no thanks to those who elected me to this office, although I will admit that, now that it's over, it is one of

those things that I'd hate to have missed, but would hate worse to do again.

2. The Dates and Numbers of All the Mailings!

Date	FA No.	Speer No.	OE	Contained	Reviewed in
Fall 37		1	Michel	FAPAFan #1	
Win 37		2	Michel	FAPAFan #2, 3	Loke, May 38
Spr 38	3a	3	Pohl	FAPAFan #4	FA 1 I Mirquirius.
May 38	3b,4	3	Pohl	FA 1 I	FA 1 II SusProFall38
Jun 38	4, 5	4	Pohl	FA 1 II	SusPro Fall 38
Aug 38	6	5	Wollheim	FA 1 III	SusPro Spr 39
Oct 38		emergency	Wollheim	FA 1 IV	SusPro Spr 39
Win 38	7	6	Rothman	FA 2 I	FA 2 II, SP Spr 39
Spr 39	8	7	Rothman	FA 2 II	FA 2 III, SP Spr 39
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Fall 39	10	9	Harconette	FA 3 I	FA 3 III, SP Fall39
Spr 40	11	10+11	Agnew	FA 3 II	SusPro Spr, Sum 40
Sum 40		12	Agnew	FA 3 III	SusPro Fall 40
Fall 40		13	Perdue	FA 3 IV	FA 4 I, SP Win 40
Win 40		14	Perdue	FA 4 I	FA 4 II, SP Spr 41
Spr 41		15	Perdue	FA 4 II	FA 4 III, SP Sum 41
Sum 41		16	Perdue	FA 4 III	FA 4 IV
Sep 41		17	Chauvenet	FA 4 IV(5 I)	
Dec 41		18	Chauvenet	FA 4 V (5 II)	
Mar 42		19	Chauvenet	FA 4 VI(5 III)	
Jun 42		20	Chauvenet	FA 5 IV	
Sep 42		21	Ashley	FA 6 I	
Dec 42		22	Ashley	FA 6 II	
Mar 43		23	Ashley	FA 6 III..	
Jun 43		24	Ashley	FA 6 IV	
Sep 43		25	Swisher	FA 7 I	
Dec 43		26	Swisher	FA 7 II	
Mar 44		27	Swisher	FA 7 III	
Jun 44		28	Swisher	FA 7 IV	

Partial contents of the first six mailings are listed in FA 2 II 9. The later mailings are all reviewed in the succeeding issue.

3. The hierarchy (someone must have a better word than that!) as given last time made no attempt to give the actual order of joining within any given period, since such data were apparently nonexistent.

4. Suggested projects: collection of all past vice-presidential decisions into one group; the Names and Numbers of All the Officers.

5. Aside to EEEvans: It isn't the OE who says "No comment" about all the fnz, it's only jfs, the Chief Critic (or CC).

6. A large amount of the Cosmic Circle material included in this mailing is in apparent violation of Article 10 of the Constitution. However it was felt that in view of the marked similarity of format, neatness, gramattical construction and general tone and caliber of the contents, the publications were all substantially the work of Deglerogers, and that his submitting of the items was a tacit admission of that fact.

7. We have received complaints from members of the Knarves and from an honorary subscriber of the Cosmic Circle, protesting at the coupling of the names of each other's organizations or subsidiaries

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as done in the Secretary-Treasurer's report of last March. In view of the obviously humorous nature of that section of the report these complaints are being received with the assumption that they too are attempts at humor; if the assumption is false, that makes the complaints all the more amusing.

8. It is respectfully suggested that the ballot deadline of July 1 fixed by Article 8 of the Constitution be extended by ten days, since this mailing will be sent out approximately that much behind its Constitutional deadline. For some of the reasons for this delay you are referred to the table of contents for this mailing, noting the position of the deadline, the softness of the OE's heart and the weakness of his will.

9. The Ballot Counting Committee will please count only ballots which do not have page 12 of FA on the other side. Page 11 of this issue represents simply a sample copy of the ballot preserved for jfs' posterity.

10. The wording of the Deglerogers petition is ambiguous in that it does not specify in what sense the Constitution is to be suspended. If passed, the suspension of the Articles in question could be interpreted as, for instance, allowing Deglerogers to continue as a member in good standing without necessity of paying dues or maintaining activity. Considering the published views of the sponsors, however, a vote for the action petitioned will be construed as favoring the denial to Deglerogers of the privileges of receiving mailings, voting, running for office, continuing in and/or renewing membership.

11. The proposed activity amendment is a rather short notice affair, since everybody talked about increasing the activity requirements but nobody put in an amendment. After attempts to modify and tighten Article 5, it was decided to do the whole thing over from a positive rather than a negative approach. If anyone feels that the amendment has been presented with too little chance for discussion, he should vote against it, or, if passed, it can always be changed by subsequent vote. Some quick action should be taken, though, since there are undoubtedly seventeen on the waiting list who will be more interested and more active than a certain seventeen in the present membership. If the membership limit is raised it will soon make the OE's job disproportionately large, one for a committee, unless many of the members become less active.

12. Profuse apologies to the Cosmic Circle for copying their rainbow inking effect. Sunday, no more black ink, only some colored ones of Art's, and no extra ink pad -- that's our predicament.

13. And the next OE will appreciate it if those who send legal size sheets would fold them -- it helps greatly in packing the mailing.

14. And so farewell. Perhaps now I'll be able to get back on the S F Check-List, if anyone will help supply data on all the fnz I've missed.

Your exhausted

OE

1944

Before voting read sections 8-11 of the OE's message, page 10 thissue

for President

L. R. Chauvenet

Robert W. Lowndes

for Vice-President

Al Ashley

Norman F. Stanley

Donald A. Wollheim

for Secretary-Treasurer

A. L. Schwartz

for Official Editor

Larry Shaw

for amendment

opposed

Amendment: Resolved: That in Article 11 -- Dues, of the FAPA Constitution, the words seventy-five cents be struck out and replaced by the words one dollar. /Amendment proposed by Chauvenet, Wiedenbeck, Swisher, Ashley/

for action as petitioned

opposed

Petition: To the Officers and Members of FAPA: The undersigned members in good standing of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association respectfully petition

that the clause: "suspend sections of the Constitution in particular cases without repealing them" be applied to Articles 3 and 5 of the Constitution insofar as they may pertain to Don Rogers/Claude Degler. We further request that this matter be voted on in the coming election. /Petition signed by Bronson, Fern, Laney, Kepner, Brown/

for amendment

opposed

Amendment: Resolved: That Article 5 of the FAPA Constitution be revised to read: "Members shall be entitled to run for office, vote, receive all mailings, use the Association emblem in any honorable way, and participate in all other activities and benefits. A membership shall be renewed if the member has paid his dues by the 25th of the second month following the fourth official mailing of his current annual membership, and has published thru the FAPA during his current annual membership not less than eight 8 1/2 x 11" pages or equivalent of material representing in its composition and/or publication substantially the work of that member. Those failing to meet these requirements may re-join only in accordance with Articles 3 and 4 and not until all previous applications for membership have been acted upon." and that the first renewals granted on this basis be those of memberships expiring with the June 1945 mailing. /Stanley, Widner, Swisher, Davis proposed it/

Vote and mail before July 1 to Walt Daugherty, 1305 W. Ingraham, Los Angeles 14, Calif.

The Twenty Eighth Mailing:

- June 1944 # 26
1. Browsing #6
 2. Shangri-Luna'affairs / *CORVED SPACE*
 3. Star-Stung
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 8. The Fapa Blotter 1 II
 9. History of the Future
index cards 1944(4), 1945, 1950, 1960(2)
 10. Phenny 3 II
 11. Poll Kitten #1
 12. Walt's Wramblings
 13. The Stump
 14. So Scari 1 I
 15. En Garde #10
 16. A Tale of the 'Evans 2 III
 17. Eccentric's Orbit 1 I
 18. Inspiration 3 I
 19. Black and White

 20. La Vie Arisienne 1 I
 21. The F. A. P. A. Fan #14
 22. The Phantagraph 11 IV
 23. The New Heiroglyph 1 I
 24. Agenbite of Inwit #5
 25. Troy by Helen #1
 26. Cosmian world #1
 27. The National Futurian Weekly 1 XXII
 28. Intelligence Quotient 1 II
 29. Modern Michelist 1 I, Fantasy-Forum 1 III
 30. Elmurmurings #2
 31. Blitherings #2
 32. Toward Tomorrow #2
 33. Fan Slants #3
 34. Memoirs of a Superfluous Fan. #1
 35. Fan-Dango 2 I
 36. Venus-Con
 37. Milty's Mag Jun 44
 38. Cosmic Circle Monthly 1 I
 39. Membership Report May 13 1944
 40. Futurian Advance 1 II
 41. Cosmic Circle Special Card and three
stickless stickers
 42. Investigation in Newcastle
 43. Caliban #5
 44. Banshee #3
 45. Take-Off 1 I
 46. Arcadia
 47. Fan-Tods #7
 48. Emergency Flare
 49. The Fantasy Amateur 7 IV
 50. Yhos #10
 51. Sardonyx (?)
 52. Reader and Collector (?)
 53. FAPA Ballot 1944
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