



MEENIE FREE ENTERPRISE AND ALL POINTS WEST WALTZ ME AROUND

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Official organ of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The results of the recent balloting show that the proposed article 13 failed to pass by one vote. However, inasmuch as, even had the situation been exactly reversed, its passage would not have represented the opinion of the majority of the membership, I, personally, am just as content. This is an important issue, one where, more than ever, I feel that 19 or 20 should not speak for 65, despite my own personal favoring of the proposed legislation.

The problem of how to attack the matter of specific items in the mailings endangering the whole organization due to obscenity contained therein, remains unsolved so far as specific legislation goes. However, since your Prexy does have the power to deal with situations not covered elsewhere by the constitution, and since this is a matter which may assume considerable import, I'm filling in the gap by the following instructions to the Official Editor.

Should the Editor note anything in any particular publication which strikes him as being such as to endanger us on the grounds of obscenity, he shall submit a copy of this publication to the Vice President, who shall decide upon the matter. The Vice President being our judiciary, should he decide that this item is indeed obscene, and such as to endanger FAPA's mailing privileges, he shall so notify the editor, who shall return the publication to the party or parties sending it in for mailing. Such publication, or publications, may not be included in any official mailing, or listed as part of any mailing. If the member in question wishes to distribute this item privately, he is perfectly free to do so, so far as FAPA is concerned, providing that any wording to the effect that the publication is a FAPA magazine is excised.

The proposed amendment to change the dates of the mailing, and the follow-up alterations in other sections of the constitution having received a definite plurality, within a majority balloting, now becomes law; therefore, the next official mailing shall be due out on the second Saturday of January, 1945. Of course, as everyone knows, any mailing is likely to be held up, for any number of reasons, but that is the date to which editors will strive until and unless further changes in the constitution are made.

The proposed amendment revising the rules for impeachment of officers, suspension of members, and the passing of amendments to the constitution having passed, all future proposed amendments may pass only by an affirmative vote on the part of a majority of the membership.

The petition instrument for suspension of sections of the constitution in specific instances, without revising them, or of over-riding acts of officials, remains, but to be effective must receive signatures

of a majority of the membership.

In passing, your president must confess a feeling of confusion upon learning that some members considered the proposal to make a majority "yes" vote on all proposed legislation mandatory as undemocratic. We had always believed that democratic rule involves the expressed will of the majority; however, perhaps we were wrong. Perhaps FAPA was democratic when 19 or 20 votes (out of a membership of 65) could expel a member or could pass restrictive laws binding upon 65.

And, now that such restrictions can be approved only by a minimum of 33 "yes", maybe FAPA has become an ironbound dictatorship, with a venal set of officers hellbound to force their ideas and ideals on all through such methods.

If this be repudiation of democracy, then I guess I'm repudiating it, too. However, looking about me, evidence still seems to suggest that FAPA has a more democratic setup now than it had before the proposed amendment passed; and I, for one, feel rather good about it.

The proposed amendment included with this special mailing, strikes me as being timely and wise, and I urge a "yes" vote upon it; please return your ballots to Donald A. Wollheim, 98-50 67th Avenue, Forest Hills, LI, NY. Ballots, to be counted, must be postmarked 1944; none mailed after midnight, December 31st 1944 will be counted.

Afterthought: despite the fact that I stated clearly in the last issue of Agonbite, that the three proposals upon which we've just voted were my doing, apparently some objectors lambasted Wollheim for them. Dammitall, I resent that: DAW and other Futurians didn't know a thing about these until I drew them up and asked for their signatures. A fine thing when I can't be censured for my own doings!

Sincerely,

Robert W. Lowndes

COVER ARTIST'S MESSAGE

30 OCT 44

Dear Larry:

I drew this while half listening to an Inner Sanctum Mystery Misery & a Dewey speech. Trying to out-Hoffman Hoffman. Hope you can use it.

Yhos,

Art ((Widner, of course))

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Dear Fipples:

He sent it to me already stenciled, and then he hopes I can use it. There ought to be more fans like Art. I hereby extend to him my sincerest thanks, and I think the rest of you do too..

In the meantime, who's going to do the next cover? If you're wise, you'll stencil it, because the September one was completely Fubar by
 --your OE-- LTSshaw

Nov 1944 30A

BALLOT COUNT

PROPOSED ARTICLE 13 --- defeated
Yes --- 18
No --- 19

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES 8
AND 9 --- passed
Yes --- 24
No --- 13

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 12
--- passed
Yes --- 29
No --- 8

Ballots received --- 37
Void ballot rcvd --- 1
Total 38

Donald A. Wollheim
Nov. 7, 1944

OFFICIAL EDITOR'S MESSAGE

I. I never could see much reason for Swisher's numbering the items in his messages as he did. Now I see much reason. Hence, numbers. If you don't see why Swisher and I numbered and number the items in our messages as we did and do, run for OE next time and find out.

II. History:

A. The Official Editor has received since the September mailing the following FAPA publications:

- 1. CUS LAMOCFREE (no number on it, but the second issue)
- 2. AN OPEN LETTER TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION (Sept 29, 1944; from LA)
- 3. AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION (Oct 5, 1944; from Robert W. Lowndes)
- 4. THESE AMAZING AMENDMENTS! and AN INSTRUMENT TO OVERRULE AND AMEND (from Ashley)

B. The Official Editor has not received the following supposedly FAPA publication but knows it has appeared since September:

- 1. YNGVI--1944 (from Ackerman)

C. The following publications are included in this mailing:

- 1. TAG-LINE MUSINGS? 27 Sept 1944
- 2. STAR-BOUND 1944
- 3. ZIZZLE-POP Nov, 1944 (It says #2 but is really #3!)
- 4. ADULUX BESKAN Yotl 3; Slarr-X, 1944 (Damn DAW anyway!)
- 5. FANTASY COMMENTATOR Vol 1, No 4; Dec, 1944
- 6. THE PHANTAGRAPH Vol 12, No 1; May, 1944
- 7. THE PHANTAGRAPH Vol 12, No 2; Oct, 1944
- 8. McSNOYD'S BULLETIN No 1; Nov, 1944
- 9. TWILIGHT ECHOES Winter 1944
- 10. FAN-DANGO Vol 2, No 3, Whole No 7; Winter 1944
- 11. MILTY'S MAG Dec, 1944
- 12. FAPA VARIETY Dec, 1944
- 13. BROWSING No 9
- 14. THE FANTASY AMATEUR Vol 8, No 2; Nov, 1944
- 15. SPECIAL FAPA BALLOT Nov, 1944
- 16. DOCTOR ASHLEY AND MR LOWNDES

D. This mailing may cause some confusion, but the following should straighten everything out:

1. The Secretary-Treasurer, A. L. Schwartz, is now living in New York City, at 21 Grove Street. However, his records are still in Boston. At any rate, the membership list remains as it did in September, with two changes. Although we are considering this a post-mailing from the standpoint of dues and contributions Barbara Edge and Paul Freehafer are no longer members, either through definite disinterest or death. Their places are being taken by the two members whose names headed the waiting-list last time, and they will receive this mailing.

2. For the sake of the records, this is a special mailing, and has a number of its own. It is the 30th mailing, and this is Volume 8, Number 2 of THE FANTASY AMATEUR. There will be five FAs in this (slightly elongated) FAPA year. I said I'd be the best OE ever!

III. Laney and Ackerman will, no doubt, vote No on the amendment they are helping to sponsor, since it comes "entirely without notice to the membership" and will be "an undiscussed, spur-of-the-moment election." However, I join with our President in urging the rest of you to vote Yes. It's a darned good idea.

IV. The constitution is being followed, for once, in the present balloting, and ballots will not be sent to non-active members, there being about five such. By special order of the President, ballots will not be sent to overseas members, either. Obviously, there is no time for them to return their ballots; I don't believe any of them ever try.

V. Ignore the Brooklyn address in the masthead, please. Ye OE is moving. I am to share an apartment in Greenwich Village with none other than John Blythe Michel. The address, of course, is 313 West 4th Street, New York City. I glee. The place has not been formally christened yet, but it'll probably be Station X.

VI. For the first time in several years, we now have three of the four FAPA officers in New York City at the same time. Now, if Ashley hadn't had to move to California....

VII. Complete critics' reports on the September and November mailings and all in-between stuff will be contained in the January FA. Whether they'll be in the form of laureates or regular reviews is more than I can say.

VIII. For those of you who insist on classifying separately mailed pages as pre- or post-mailing, I suggest that you consider all the in-between stuff this time as part of this special mailing. That is, as pre-mailings to this mailing. Or something. It all seems tremendously unimportant to me, but I just happened to think of it and thought I'd pass it on.

IX. Thank you, Doc and Johnny, for helping to produce this issue.

X. Merry Xmas to all, and to all a good night....

Larry T. Shaw