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FANTASY AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION

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FAPA PRESIDENT'S MESS.
February 1946

Be it known that the next mailing is to go out on 13 April, like the constitution says it should. Members intending to have publications in that mailing are requested to plan accordingly. We've been horsing around with the mailing dates for more than a year now; it's time we got things back on schedule.

Walter Dunkelberger has registered a vigorous protest at the statements made by the Official Editor, in the Fall 1945 Fantasy Amateur, in reference to the Bok litho published by Dunkelberger and included in the accompanying mailing.

In regard to Dunk's complaint, I find that OE Speer has made somewhat of a personal issue out of this censorship affair, inasmuch as he stated that he handled the matter differently than he would ordinarily, because of its being known that he and Dunkelberger were not on friendly terms. Accordingly I have admonished Speer to be more circumspect about personalities in his official capacity, and he has agreed to do so, admitting that "it was a mistake of judgment to include the item while preserving an objection to it."

As for the question of whether the Bok litho actually was obscene, or on the borderline of mailability, I find that there is some degree of justification for Speer's remarks to this effect. The phallic symbols in the drawing may readily be perceived upon observant inspection, even though they may not attract attention upon a cursory examination. At least one of the items depicted is such that in association with the concerted symbolism of the drawing it renders the item doubtful as to its mailability under the Postal Laws and Regulations. Therefore, in accordance with the PO ruling Speer quotes, he would have been justified in excluding the publication containing this item from the mailing. Obviously the FAPA cannot authorize or compel its Official Editor to commit an act which is criminal under the PL&R. Since the OE would be the one to bear the brunt of any action should a dubious item be apprehended and deemed unmailable by the Post Office, it is also quite unjust to expect him to undergo the worry and mental anguish involved in taking a chance on it. Nor is it the purpose or desire of the members of the FAPA to see how closely we can skirt the fringes of legality. We have been all through this before in FAPA, and I'm sure it's not necessary to rehash the altogether obvious reasons for this stand here. In this respect Speer erred in admitting this item to the mailing. If he is not obligated to risk his own neck, then neither is he authorized to risk the Association's neck. (Though only the OE and the publisher would be subject to criminal action, any such affair would nevertheless still mean much embarrassment and loss of prestige to the FAPA as a body.)

Hence I am upholding the Official Editor's announced policy in regard to the exclusion of such doubtful items from the mailings. His censorship power shall be defined by the Postal ruling he has obtained and shall not go beyond the reasonable interpretation of that ruling. The conflict of this policy with the previous decision of Chauvenet has been resolved by a vice-presidential ruling which is given elsewhere in this issue.

I am confident, though, that the Official Editor will not have need to exercise this authority, in that henceforth all "censoring" necessary will be done where it should be - at the source and by the publisher, whose loyalty to the FAPA will deter

him from setting off these unpleasant incidents. This implies no criticism of the motives of Member Dunkelberger, who apparently was unaware of the phallic elements in the Bok litho; it does suggest, however, the desirability of the publisher's being fully aware of what he publishes, for his own protection as well as that of the FAPA. As for the artist, I understand Bok has spoken for himself in an 'open letter' which should be published in this mailing.

He hablado
/s/
Norman F. Stanley
Rex Imp.

29 January 1946

By the Grace of Foo, of the fanish lands king, lord of Obsequious Manor, etc.

ROBERT W LOWNDES'S MESSAGE

In regard to Fapamember Laney's fears in regard to Vanguard siphoning off the better members of FAPA, or from FAPA's waiting list: certainly we shall sound out persons who look like likely Vanguardifs of the type we seek. However, at no time shall we dissuade any person from joining FAPA or continuing activity therein. Vanguard does not consider itself as in competition with FAPA, and our membership requirements will become stricter rather than less strict as time goes by. Up to the moment, three FAPA-mems have been approached, being invited to subscribe if they're interested.

Robert W. Lowndes,
Tyrant

Vanguard Amateur Press Association
9 January 1946

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Sic semper tyrannis, the one-man show

January 16, 1946

To the Officers and
Members of the Fantasy Amateur Press Assn:

I have been asked to review a vice-presidential decision made some years ago by L.R. Chauvenet in regards the actual extent of the Vice President's constitutional powers, and their application in this instance to the question of censorship of matter mailed to members by the Official Editor.

After some thought I've arrived at these conclusions:

1) Plainly, a Vice President's powers do not extend beyond those three specific items in the Constitution, the third and last of which says he shall "act as the judiciary of the Association." A Vice-President's powers do not extend beyond rulings on the interpretations of the Constitution.

Mr. Chauvenet's earlier ruling regards censorship is in the nature of an extraconstitutional ruling and actually usurps the Constitutional powers of the President. The President and not all four officers shall "have all the necessary powers to deal with such situations not otherwise covered" in the Constitution. Chauvenet's ruling placing censorship powers in the hands of the four officers was a directive, not an interpretation. It is accordingly declared null and void.

2) President Stanley has upheld Official Editor Speer's stand on censorship. The Editor does not constitutionally hold censorship powers; however, inasmuch as the President has by implication and announcement approved the Editor's statement that he (the Editor) would never again mail an item close to

the edge of postal legality and decency, and inasmuch as the President clearly has the power to bestow censorship duties on the Editor, there is no question here but that his action is constitutional.

Until revoked by a future presidential ruling, or otherwise set aside, the Official Editor holds censorship powers.

/s/
Bob Tucker
Vice-President, FAPA

Stare decisis

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY, APRIL, JULY, or OCTOBER: This will be your fourth official mailing, and the date you come up for renewal. Keep this in mind.

(6) or (X): The number in parentheses denotes the number of pages needed to complete your activity requirements for your current membership year. "X" indicates overseas exemption from activity.

DUES: This indicates your dues must be paid by the 25th of the second month following this mailing, or you will be dropped.

ACTIVITY: This is the fourth mailing of your current annual membership. Unless you have completed the balance of your activity requirements in this mailing, you are ineligible to renew. If you wish to rejoin, you must fulfill the usual activity requirements, and cannot be readmitted until all prior applications have been acted upon.

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Fred S Baker: Ed & Pub of one-sheeter; article in Canadian Fandom.
Art R Sehnert: Ed & Pub of L'Inconnu.
William S Sykora: Ed & Pub of Fantasy Times.

WAITING LIST: 1. Lou Goldstone; 2. Alva Rogers; 3. Wm H Grovesman; 4. Gue Willmorth;
5. Charles Burbee; 6. Dale Hart.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Balance on hand October 1945	\$ 29.50
Received assessments, dues, and donations:	28.25
	<u>\$ 57.75</u>
October Mailing expenses	15.00
	<u>\$ 42.75</u>

Thanks for donations go to the following: Koenig, \$1.00; Shaw, 50¢; Thompson, \$1.00.

Al Ashley, 6February46.

Since the roster was published lastime, Farsaci and Kepner have paid the assessment.

REPORT OF SURPLUS PROPERTY CUSTODIAN

The condition of the FAPA surplus stock has deteriorated, and the quantity has increased tremendously in the past three years. The job of sorting and filing and inventorying it promises to be ten times what it was when I was OE. This is further complicated by the housing situation in Los Angeles.

However, these little obstacles will be surmounted in due course. As quickly as possible a list will be compiled and included in the Fantasy Amateur. Until that time, any requests for back issues will be filled as best I can under the circumstances.

Al Ashley, 6February46.

Stout fellow. Maybe we should make up some grab bags for sale to members.

AND NOW THE EDITOR

Not much to talk about this time. If it weren't forbidden to comment on material in this mailing, I might point out that a mailing can't be sent out until you know who to send it to. We have to know who has dropped out, resigned, ktp, and it's not exactly fair to serve new members later than the rest. Hence the delay lastime.

We hear that an edition of Reader & Collector is on the way, but I fear it won't get here in time for this mailing. As we go to press, the lineup looks like this:

- 1. Falling Petals
- 2. B.T. Oct 45
- 3. a Jan 46
- 4. Phantagraph June 45
- 5. Phantagraph Jul-Aug 45
- 6. Phantagraph Sep 45
- 7. Phantagraph Oct 45
- 8. Browsing NS2
- 9. Timebinder 1946 II-1
- 10. Talk of the 'Evans IV-1
- 11. Inspiration Jan 46
- 12. Horizons Dec 45
- 13. Science-Fiction Savant Winter 45-6
- 14. Light Fall 45
- 15. Fan-Dango Winter 46
- 16. Elmmurings Jan 46
- 17. Glim Feb 46
- 18. Phanteur Jan 46
- 19. Fantasy Critic Jan 46
- 20. Browsing Summer 45
- 21. Full Length Articles #4
- 22. Sustaining Program Win 45
- 23. Fantasy Amateur Win 45-46
- 24. Guteto Dec 58EE
- 25. Guteto Mar 58EE
- 26. Walt's 'Vramblings Win 46

The following costpostings are projected: a. Fan-Tods b. Beyond c. En Garde.

Postmailed Science-Fiction Jan '46