

# HYDRA 20

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The Philcon came off very well indeed. Ten of us (Ted, me, rich, John & Perdita & Karina Boardman, Steve Stiles, Jon White, Andy Porter, and Dave Van Arnan) rode down in Ted's new car. We all fitted comfortably and as far as I'm concerned this is the only way to go to future cons. Too bad we can't use it to get to the London Con! There was quite a bit of disappointment evident on the faces of the Baltimore fan when we unraveled our banner reading "NEW YORK IN '67." The banner was a beautiful sight, purple with gold letters and very nicely made. Perdita probably won half our fight to get the con for us by making such a great banner. Our "NEW YORK BULLETIN #1" also attracted quite a bit of attention. The program was uneven as usual. Sam Moskowitz spoke on a topic announced as "The State of SF Today." but he never seemed to get past the Gernsback period of Amazing. What he said was good, but did not fit the announced topic at all. There was a panel called "Who Watered Campbell's Soup," which turned into a contest to see who could praise Campbell the most. The general concensus was "I disagree violently with all of his policies and ideas, but he's a great guy!" This panel consisted of L. Sprague de Camp, Dave Kyle, Hal Clement and Hans Santesson. Lester Del Rey finished up the first day of the con with an excellent speech as usual. The next day the proceedings were held at Harriet Kolchak's house. Several people had expressed fears that due to the shift in locale of the con we would lose most of the audience, and that in general it was a very bad idea to hold a con program in somebody's garage. Thankfully this turned out to be the best of the two days of the con program. The interview with Hal Clement was very interesting and some very good audience participation (esp. from Del Rey) kept things moving. The new writers panel with Tom Purdom, Terry Carr, and Ted White was good mainly I felt because they decided to answer the unanswered question left over from the previous day, "Who Watered Campbell's Soup?"

Next Fred Pohl conducted a short question and answer, audience participation segment. This was most interesting when he answered that he'd like to see more Planet type stories coming in to him for his mags. Now I have to re-read some old planets and I'll be all set to sell to him. The party held on Saturday night at Harriet's place was excellent. I was turned on all night and can only recall an immense joy all night long. It was a similar feeling to that I received at my first con, and I don't really know why this neo-fannish enthusiasm came back to me. But I'm glad it did.

Having just read APA L #4 I'd only like to make the one comment that there was too much back biting and arguing between members. If you want to ruin your apa keep it up otherwise stop right now. Other than that I enjoyed the zines and will stay in as long as you don't rule out previously distributed material.

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Recommended movies MALAMONDO & THE CREATION OF THE HUMANIDS. I'll tell you why next week. They are both good movies and well worth seeing.

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