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Now that we have our two mimeos and some paper and ink and staplers and even a mimeoscope(!), perhaps we can do some decent-length zines for the mailings. And since this is Easter Sunday afternoon and both boys are napping, perhaps this is the perfect time to begin such an issue of Ignatz. Art has to go on post for Staff Duty at 4 this afternoon, until midnight, so Spacewarp won't be started today. Cheechhhh, and I thought we had only 11 more months of military life with its long hours and no overtime and working nights and holidays...but as of last month we have two years yet before we can retire. Art was promoted to E 7 after all. Which means he has to stay in for two years after the promotion. Sneaky Uncle Sam. If we stay stationed here, tho, it shouldn't be too bad. I find myself becoming rather fond of this area. I never liked Baltimore before, but Dundalk (where we live) isn't so bad. And this is a rather nice apartment. Best of all (???) we are in a fine area to reach fans what with DC close by, Phila, ditto. Not to mention the Baltimore group. Plus being able to visit our families more often than we've been able to during the past 5 years. I find myself feeling quite satisfied with our present change of address/assignment.

Haw...NOW maybe I can lose some of this extra weight I accumulated during the 3 years overseas. I always eat when I'm lonely and dismayed & being in Italy for 3 years is a dismaying enough to give me about 10 extra pounds. Visiting Europe may be great, but being forced to live in an area which doesn't appeal to me, is not the way to great happiness. You can adjust to it, but deep inside you revolt against it. Or at least I did/do. Its good to be home again.

SPECTATOR : 299 pages?? Gee, that's not too many. That bunch of deadwood ought to be ashamed. And Wrai, just because I voted for you as OE doesn't mean you should give me special considerations like not calling ME deadwood just because I never have any zines in the mags and when I DO they're pretty cruddy things. heheh. Wrai Ballard is now OE...hehehehhhhh.....oldbullheadedwrai....!

Jack Chalker, you did it...it isn't what Bruce would list it as in the Spectator..but what the rest of us would call it in our comments. Just think of all the people who'll simply decide NOT to comment on it because they don't feel like going to the trouble of drawing your title instead of easily typing it. Aren't you sorry now? Someday we're going to phone you and ask you to come visit this mad house filled with kids (well, there's only two of them but at times they can make it seem like they're 10 or 15) and birds and flowers and boxes of fanzines and books and junk like that there...in fact, I just now took time out to phone you and your mother informed me you were at the Cincinnati con! Gee...I've been lost from fandom for so long I forgot there are other cons besides the Worldcon! Anyway, I wanted to tell you that I've changed my mind about Baltimore. I rather like it now. Except for the cruddy weather the past couple weeks. Cheechhhh the humidity gets as high as the temperatures and that's a bit MUCH. Why, I even hope you DO get the con next year. I mean I hope you win this year for next year (confused??). If you do get it I'll help (er.. in any easy job, that is.)

THE CHAREOTTAN: Good grief, he ASKS for ansopometry! And nekkidgirl covers (you realize we can't have naked girl covers anymore now that wrai is ghod? He bans things from the nlg's you know....(ever hear of Judicial Reactions???)# I wish I could play a guitar. I've had one for a number of years and can't figre out a satisfactory way to overcome the handicap of having short fat fingers. It doesn't bother my piano playing(haw) much since that's flat...what hinders me is having to move my fingers quickly..or even hold a chord any length of time... while the instrument is horizont -ally vortical if you know what I mean. To top it off my wrist has to be twisted to do all this. So I gave up. Somehow it doesn't seem worth while to go thru all that frustration just to play Little Brown Jug. I mean, how many people WANT to hear littlebrownjug anyway....

NIFLHEIM: You again! I haven't read this thoroely yet and when I began this nlg comment I had every intention to read it. Only in between opening and shutting the door for stevie(the air conditioner's on) and stuffing bites of a peanutbutter shandwich into Mike's mouth; making neatballs for supper; answering the door; and the parakeet squaking..all this accpanied by the sounds of frankie carle playing Maybe...somehow, I've decided not to read it at this time. Sobbbbb, who gets to play cards anyhow. I WILL, tho, this holiday weekend since we're going to danville and for two nights I intend to play poker like it was going out of style(aBter being away from it for so many years I wonder how much I'll lose.Maybe I better not take all my monthly allowance with me.....)

MAINE-IAC: How can I help it if Art insists on writing Speer type articles for my zine?? Just try and convince him that it IS too easy to write morgan betts and armchair philosopher type stuff with kids screaming and wife screaming and all that there type normal family life. Afterall, think of the challenge, I keep telling him....if he can write admidst all this confusion, he ought to be able to write anywhere anytime under anyconditions. Haw...

STUMPING: Hey..why' can't you folks make the 67 con? Heck, it's easy to travel with a baby..the smaller the better! Its difficult when they get old enough to be bored by the car ride or being cooped up inside for any length of time. As it is, since we ARE planning to attend the con this year, we are presently at odds because I don't want to leave our boys with ANYONE (not even my own family!) and Art thinks typically masculine because he thinks it'd be impossit to enjoy the con with two small kids along. Wal, I want my kids with ME. I don't really trust anyone else to take care of them! Besides, I don't plan on going to the con to drink or party all day and night. The only reason I want to go is to meet and talk with some old friends again. This, I can do while taking care of my boys. So we shall see.... # I was so very happy over the good news about the expected little Webbert & since junior is due this month, I hope we get a card real soon notifying us of the safe arrival. Our fingers are crossed and our hearts are sending out Good Wishes and Joy to you both. So come on to the tricon! Let's hold a secondgeneration fan con at thee con!

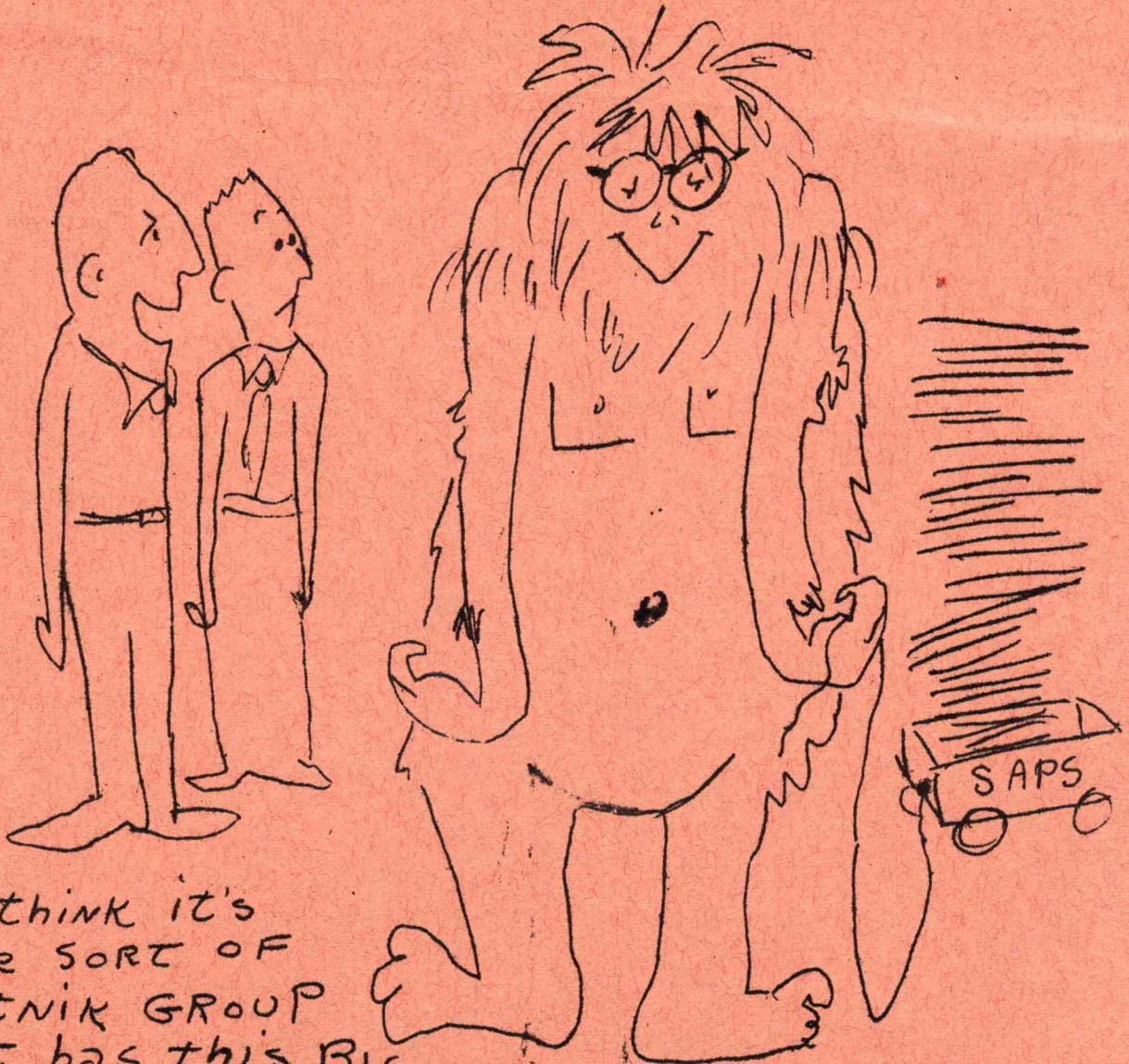
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F---#1 ; Norm Clarke has been brainwashed!

MEST : Oooooooooohhhh, Ted Johnstone is a dirty young pro..how nice! Congrats, in all sincerity. You are a nice people and I'm glad things have turned out so nicely for you. Gosh wow, TedJ.. I met you when you weren't a Pro and you helped form my opinion of fans at my first convention, so you are a nice type person. Why don't you do a B*I*G Mest! After all, what else does one do with all that money?

July 4th..... which leaves me with no more time to write anything except the rest of this page. Boy, what stinky weather we're experiencing.....104 to 105 degrees with high humidity isn't exactly my idea of stenciling weather. Echhhh...

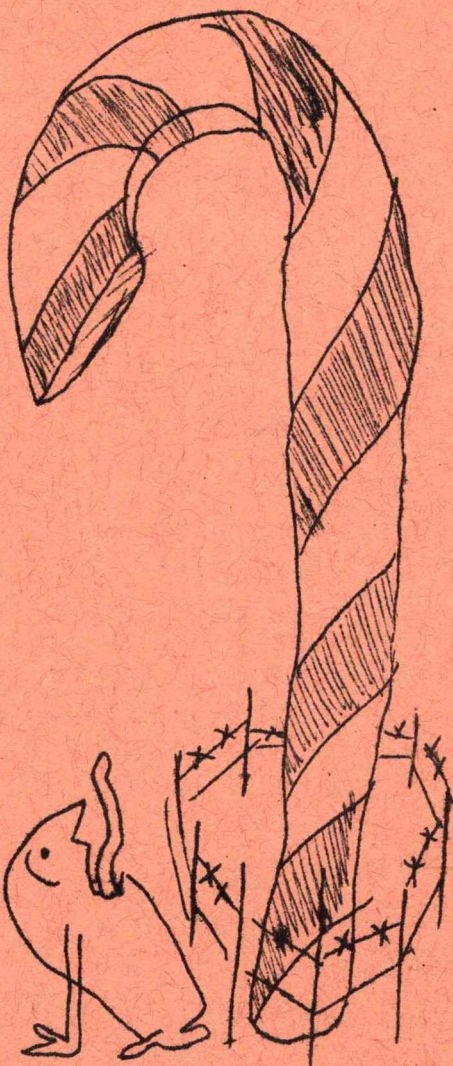
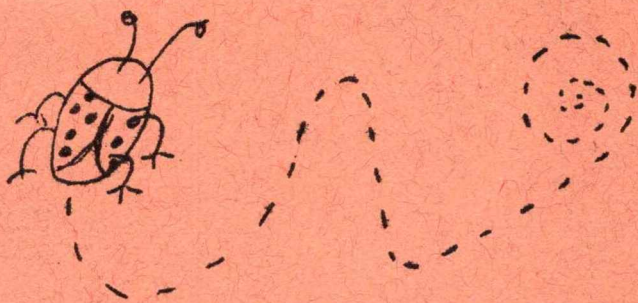
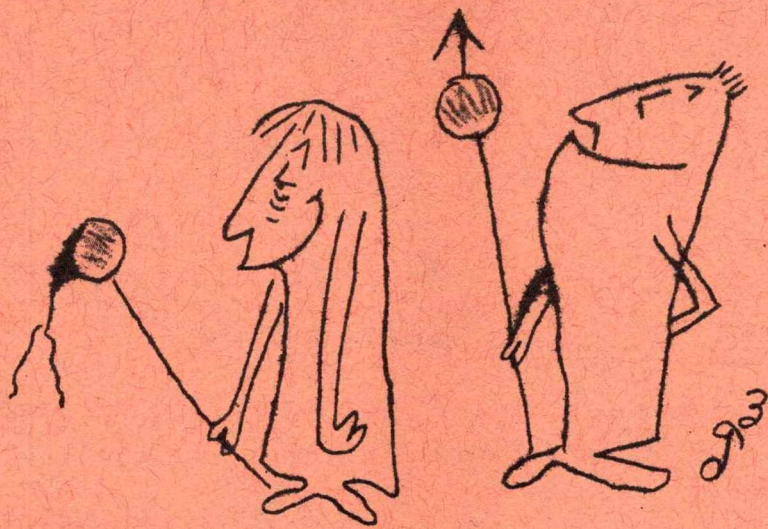
I wonder if Wrai will let me get away with filling up the rest of this issue with illos? Awww, sure he will.....

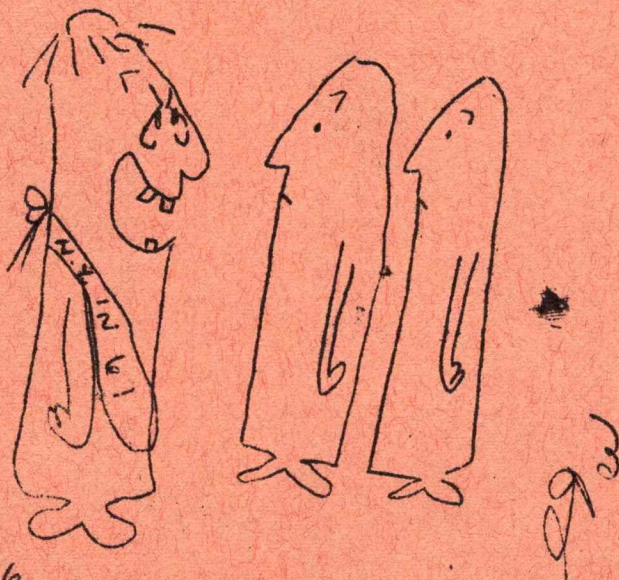


66 I think it's some sort of Beatnik group that has this BIG ~~MONKEY~~ GUY mail them all his PAPER AND TRASH every couple months---"

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66 -- AND we can INTEGRATE OUR CON with any of the other 6 CONVENTIONS at the hotel; see the BEAUTIFUL TRAFFIC JAMS and have all SORTS OF Goody FUNSIES like that! @ @ @ ... Ted is too a GREAT GUY -- 22