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March 9th 1969

I'm sorry this Mailing will be somewhat late. Archie and I have both had 'flu, and I still haven't shaken off all the after-effects. Which means that I tire very easily, and seem to need about twelve hours sleep a night ...

It appears that the strike of longshoremen on America's east coast has prevented some members from receiving the December mailing. I therefore intend to ask one or another of the Californian members to receive a large parcel of mailings, and to send them out by U.S. inland mail on OMR's behalf. But as for the 52nd Mailing - well, I guess you affected members will just have to keep hollering until the strike is settled. Like, this time it isn't OMR's fault!

Welcome to new members Gray Boak and Lynn Hickman, and I'm pleased to report that John McCallum and Norm Metcalf will probably be appearing in the next Mailing. On the other hand, it is saddening to see so many members now OUT, in spite of all the encouragement I could give to persuade them to stay in.

I'm sure everybody will be pleased to see the return of Terry Jeeves and ERG, and also that Woe Ethel has decided not to desert us after all. One thing, anybody who has been chucked out for lack of activity, and who still wants in, will be able to come straight back in, since our active numbers are currently so low.

and I'm sorry to say that they will be even lower next time, if some of you don't extract the old digit and put in some activity. Namely: Burgess, Boggs, Schwenn.

You'll probably be surprised to see that we have lost Bill Pettit, after he had made such an interesting and cheerful debut. Apparently he is cutting out nearly all his once-extensive fanac and letter-hacking; he says that there was entirely too much of it, and anyway, his interests have changed. I, for one, regret very much his resignation.

Please don't forget to vote on the enclosed proposal for changing the mailing dates. If this is passed, I intend to act on a suggestion made by Terry Jeeves, viz., not to move the September deadline forward by a whole month, but by two weeks only, to Sept. 16th. Then the December deadline will be moved forward by a further two weeks, making it January 1st. Thus the gap caused by the change won't be so wide. O.K. ?

I have been asked to 'plug' the following announcement, applicable to U.K. and Continental members only:

"In order the better to present European fandom to American fandom, the Overseas Bureau of the NZF would like to receive copies of all possible fanzines published 'abroad.' These will be forwarded to the Hugo Committee, and to responsible fans. They will be given maximum publicity. Locs and contributions guaranteed. Michel Barnes, 1716 Summerlane SE., Decatur, Alabama 35601, U.S.A."

This announcement has also been publicised via B.S.F.A. channels, but if any of you knows of a faned or faneds who is/are not members of either OMPA or the B.S.F.A., would you please pass on the request. Thank you.

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OMPA TREASURER'S REPORT, MARCH 1969

From: 45 Namly Garden, Singapore 10.

It's been a fairly quiet quarter, the traditional opening phrase of this once-three-monthly report, seems to possess a certain hollow ring. It's been far from quiet; it's been a chaotic shambles. Since the previous report from me, written hurriedly during the evening prior to leaving Europe for Singapore way back in September 1967 (the moment I leave Europe ... you see what happens! Even sterling devaluation!) ... since that time reports for two different quarters were produced but because of the somewhat disorganised state prevailing in OMPA these have failed, for one reason or another, to appear. Now that we appear to have a stable government again, with a brave gal who possesses all the hallmarks of a conscientious editress, let us see where all the money has been going.

Normally, I list all items of income and expenditure in the general accounts book and present a summary (i.e. "5 subscription dues @ 7/-") in Off-Tracks. In view of the time gap since the last report I am listing every item of income here. Expenditure I am listing as previously has been the custom. Over £7 was paid to Archie and Beryl as a stand-in President-Editor combine for the 49th mailing, a further 32/9d. was paid to Archie for incidental interim expenses, over 13/- has been taken by yours truly for out of pocket expenses and over £6 was paid to Heinrich Arenz for the 50th mailing. I will list these items of expenditure, item by item, should anyone wish me to do so. Apart from the interim expenses mentioned above there were no expenses accounted for for the 51st mailing, a not unexpected situation. The normal 52nd mailing expenses are listed below. In addition, two members paid their subscriptions to Heinrich Arenz at last year's Buxton Convention, money which OMPA will honour.

Quite an expenditure, then, with our overall balance sinking by some £3. In view of the unsettled position it is hard to draw any conclusions from this loss. Continuity and stability in organisation is certainly cheaper; our expenditure because of recent failings has mounted alarmingly. The position has been relieved only because of a sale of surplus stock by Archie and Beryl and because of the renewed confidence in OMPA which has brought us several subscriptions since the last mailing ... more thanks to Archie and Beryl.

Note, please, that, in the following eighteen-month balance sheet, the subscription from Harold Piser was paid before sterling devaluation. Other U.S. subscriptions were converted at the post-devaluation rate.

INCOME

Balance c/f Sept. '67	£16.15.11d.
Subscriptions:	
R. Boggs U.S. \$2	16. 8
G. Schwenn U.S. \$2	16. 8.
R.H. Eney £1	1. 0. 0.
B. Burgess	7. 0.
H. Piser U.S. \$2	14. 0.
P. Muldowney	10. 0.
Sale of stock:	
H. Piser	1. 0. 0.
R. Waddington	1. 5. 0.
P. Mason	10. 0.

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EXPENDITURE

49th Mailing:	
Mercer as Stand-in Editor	£5. 0. Od.
Mercer as President	2. 8. 6
50th Mailing:	
Arenz, Editor	6. 8. 1
Mercer, President	1.12. 9
Bennett, Treasurer	8. 3
52nd Mailing:	
Editor's expenses	6.14. 4
Treasurer's expenses	7. 4
To H. Arenz by members at Buxton	14. 6

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INCOME, cont'd.EXPENDITURE, cont'd.

Sale of stock:

P. Roberts	9. 6.
J.C. Emery	10. 0.
M. Waskett	2. 6.
M. Feron	2. 1. 3.
C.P. Tyzack	2. 10.
W. Pettit	6. 0.
J. Grigg	1. 0.

Balance b/f

£8. 7. 9£32. 1. 6

Subscriptions:

C. & S. Crayne U.S. \$1	8. 4.
P. Roberts (Buxton)	7. 6.
W. Pettit	10. 0.
C. Winstone	7. 0.
G. Bishop	7. 0.
W. Dietz U.S. \$1	8. 4.
M. Reed	7. 0.
T. Jeeves	7. 0.
G. Boak	7. 0.
E. Lindsay	7. 0.
J. McCallum	10. 0.
K. Cheslin (Buxton)	7. 0.

£32. 1. 6.

The following members must pay their subscriptions for the period June 1969 - March 1970 by the deadline for the next mailing: R. Bennett, R. Gray, B. Mercers; also the following, IF he intends to put in the required activity: B. Burgess.

The following have monies lodged with the Treasury: Barr (7/-), Blüm (5/-), Burn (6d.), Fitch (7/-), McCallum (£1. 10s. 4d.), Patten (£1. 5s. 11d.), Schlick (3/-), Wells (7/-), Winstone (7/-), Pettit (3/-).

-- Ron Bennett
March 1969.

RE's NOTE: Since the above report was compiled, I have received subs from Norm Metcalf (U.S. \$1), and Lynn Hickman (7/6d.) These will be included in the next Treasurer's report. The names of members owing dues have been filled in (somewhat cautiously!) by me; I'll contra my own out of my next lot of expenses, and doubtless Ron will do the same. If anybody is not satisfied with his/her financial status as listed above, will he/she please complain to the Treasurer or to me, or to both of us.

STOP PRESS: \$1, and a promise of some activity for the 54th Mailing, received from Don Fitch.

MEMBERSHIP LIST : 53rd MAILING

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000 Principal Keeper of the Printed Books, British Museum, London W.C.1.	00-00
5 Bennett, R. : 45 Namly Garden, Shamrock Park, Singapore 10.	m9-20
101 Burgess, B. : 20 St. Albans Crescent, Bournemouth, Hants.	j9-20
168 Charters, G. : 3 Lancaster Ave., Bangor, Co. Down, N. Ireland.	OUT
201 Bishop, G. : 10 Marlborough Road, Exeter, Devon	s9-6
203 Boak, M.G. : 7 Elm Drive, St. Albans, Herts.	s9-12
493 Cheslin, K. : 17, Highfield Rd., Doncaster, Yorks.	d9-0
55 Gray, R. : 14 Bennington St., Cheltenham, Glos., GL50 4ED.	j9-17
195 Grigg, J. : 4 Syon Lane, Isleworth, Middx.	OUT
89 Jeeves, T. : 30 Thompson Rd., Sheffield, Yorks., S11 8RB.	d9-4
110 Jordan, B. : 29 Sherwood Ave., Gomersal, nr. Leeds, Yorks.	OUT
31 Lindsay, E. : Courage House, 6 Langley Ave., Surbiton, Surrey.	m70-14
16 Mercer, A. : 10 Lower Church Lane, St. Michael's, Bristol BS2 8BA.	OUT
172 Mercer, B. : " " " " " " " " " "	m70-0
165 Peters, I. : 292 Southend Lane, London S.E.6.	OUT
177 Reed, M. : 5 Park Close, Longmeadow, Stevenage, Herts.	d9-10
30 Rolcs, J. : 26 Pine Grove, Waterloo, Liverpool, 22.	OUT
197 Muldowney, P. : 7 The Elms, Stoke, Plymouth, Devon.	s9-20
199 Pettit, Wm. : c/o Control Data Ltd., 22, St. James Sq., London S.W.1.	resigned
196 Roberts, P. : 87 West Town Lane, Brislington, Bristol BS4 5DZ.	s9-0
200 Winstone, C. : 71 George Rd., Irthington, Birmingham 23.	s9-0
176 Arenz, H. : D-6000 Frankfurt 1, Schliessfach 5002, Germany.	d9-20
164 Schlück, T. : D-3000 Hannover, Georgswall 5, Germany.	OUT
180 Barr, S. : Box 305, Nocony, Texas 76255, USA.	OUT
185 Boggs, R. : Box 1111, Berkeley, California 94701, USA.	j9-20
189 Chermak, A. : Lincoln Av.E. Mtd. Rt. Alexandria, Minn. 56308, USA.	OUT
112 Donaho, W. : PO Box 1284, Berkeley, California 94701, USA.	OUT
198 Crayne, C. & S. : 1050 N. Ridgewood Pl., Los Angeles, Cal. 90038, USA.	s9-14
202 Dietz, A. : 655 Orchard St., Oradell, N.J. 07649, USA.	s9-20
61 Ency, R. : 6500 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria, Va. 22307, USA.	d9-5
136 Fitch, D. : 3908 Frijo, Covina, California, 91722, USA.	d9-20
204 Hickman, L. : 413 Ottokoe St., Wauseon, Ohio 43567, USA.	d9-20
175 Katz, A. : apt. 5-J, 55 Pineapple St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201, USA. (CoA)	OUT
190 Kusske, J. : 522 9th Av. W., Alexandria, Minn. 56308, USA.	OUT
188 McCallum, J. : Met. Sect., DRES, Ralston, Alberta, Canada.	s9-20
115 Metcalf, N. : PO Box 1368, Boulder, Colorado 80302, USA. (CoA)	s9-20
157 Patton, F. : 8943 East Arcadia Av., apt.14, San Gabriel, Cal. 91775, USA.	m70-0
192 Pardoe, Dr. W. Darroll : 95 E.12th Av., Columbus, Ohio 43201, USA.	OUT
143 Pelz, B. : Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, Cal. 90024, USA.	OUT
171 Pelz, D. : " " " " " " " " " "	OUT
194 Piser, H.P. : 41-08 Parsons Blvd., Flushing, N.Y., 11355, USA.	d9-0
142 Rogers, A. : 5967 Greenridge Rd., Castro Valley, Cal. 94546, USA.	OUT
187 Schwenn, G. : Box 1111, Berkeley, California 94701, USA.	j9-20
139 Studebaker, D. : 2815 Forest Av., Berkeley, California 94705, USA.	s9-11
191 Ward, M. : 116 Broadway, Cambridge, Mass. 02142, USA.	OUT

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"j9" - June 1969 - means the last Mailing you'll get, unless I receive information to the contrary before the next Mailing. Anyone who thinks that he/she has been thrown out unfairly, please complain by return!

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