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TOTALS: 200 pages, 20 contributions, average per mag: 10pp., 18 members contributing. Despite the fact that 200 pp. was reached, I don't particularly feel that this mailing was a great success because of the relatively small number of members represented; such fans as Shapiro, Ballard, Carr, etc., had to make up for the absentees. The best mailings, in my opinion, are those with the most contributors. To get the maximum of enjoyment from your membership, you should be in every mailing, or, at least, every one possible.

The SPECKED 'TATER, for the benefit of the completists among us, is to be considered as a postmailing to mailing 20.

In it, under Mailing Deadlines, was this paragraph: "...the...contributions must reach the OE by the second Saturdays of March, June, September, and December." This sentence was followed by two asterisks, referring the reader to the phrase, "takes effect after mailing 21." Apparently, the asterisks escaped the notice of quite a few of us; I received cards on deadline day (Sept. 27) demanding to know why the mailing was a week late! Other messages revealed that some Saps believed The Day to be in December.

Knowing some members to be on the verge of excommunication, I've held the mailing up for a week, to give the confused a chance to save themselves. This was in vain, tho, for nothing showed up after the official deadline. I obviously can't hold the bundle any longer, so out it goes, regardless of the consequences.

CONGRATULATIONS, Vice-President of SAPS! Yep. The fans present at the Chicon SAPS meeting voted unanimously to make themselves, and all the rest of you, V-Ps of this organization. Coswal has volunteered to print cards testifying to this. Flash 'em at fangatherings! (Each card is carefully worded to say "the Vice-President", not "one of". This entitles you to sign letters, etc., using your title, if you wish. The acceptance of Ballard's motion makes us the only fangroup with 34 Vice-Presidents, but no president. The intent of this motion was to satirize the uselessness of some offices in various fan-clubs, particularly you-know-which-one.

DEADLINE 22

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ROSTER

The number in the parentheses designates the mailing through which dues are paid. "!" after it means that the period covered by your last mailing has expired; get your dough here fast if you want the

next bundle. The final number stands for the amount of pages required from you next mailing if you want to keep your membership.

1. Martin E. Alger, 118 Center St., Royal Oak, Michigan (23) 0
2. William N. Austin, Box 969, Seattle 4, Washington (23) 0
3. Lloyd Alpaugh Jr., Route 4, Somerville, New Jersey (21)!3½
4. Wrai Ballard, Blanchard, North Dakota (23) 0
5. Richard Bergeron, RFD #1, Newport, Vermont (22) 6
6. Gordon L. Black, 12095 Rosemary, Detroit 5, Michigan (22) 0
7. Redd Boggs, 2215 Benjamin St. N.E., Minneapolis 18, Minn. (23) 1
8. Robert Briggs, 5503 28th Ave. S.E., Washington 20, D.C. (23) 6
9. William Calabrese, 52 Pacific St., Stamford, Connecticut (23) 6
10. Lawrence R. Campbell, 43 Tremont St., Malden 48, Mass. (22) 6
11. Mrs. G.M. Carr, 5319 Ballard Ave., Seattle 7, Washington (23) 0
12. Walter A. Coslet, Box 6, Helena, Montana (24) 4
13. PFC Edmund M. Cox, RA 11209432, Co. D, 120th Engr. C Bn.,
APO 86---c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California (23) 0
14. John S. Davis, 931 E. Navajo Rd., Tuscon, Arizona (22) 4½
15. Howard Devore, 5342 Hipp St., Dearborn, Michigan (23) 4
16. Royal H. Drummond, 2312 44th Ave. S.W., Seattle 6, Wash. (23) 0
17. Richard Eney, RFD #1, Box 239-B, Alexandria, Virginia (23) 0
18. Sid Gluck, 1047 Louisa St., Elizabeth, New Jersey (21)!6
19. Ray C. Higgs, 813 Eastern Ave., Connersville, Indiana (23) 0
20. Clarence L. Jacobs, W3AZM, 2112 "O" St., Washington, D.C. (40) 6
21. M. McNeil, 2010 McClendon, Houston 25, Texas (22) 0
22. Sgt. Arthur H. Rapp, RA 36886935, Hq 2d Inf. Div., (CG Sec.)
APO 248---c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California (21)!6
23. Sgt. Hal Shapiro, 790th AC/W Squadron, Kirksville, Missouri (28) 0
24. Bob Silverberg, 760 Montgomery St., Brooklyn 13, N.Y. (23) 6
25. A. Everett Winne, 109 Ashley St., Springfield, Mass. (23) 6

Yes, that's all, due to the greatest membership purge in SAPS history. ~~Ten~~ members---one third of the entire club---thrown out for reasons given below. Now, in my "campaign speech", I promised that "SAPS will never hunger for a waiting list", but boys, this is too much!

The persons on this waiting list (which would have been more than substantial, in normal times) will be considered as full members upon receipt of a dollar dues and at least six pages of material, before the #22 deadline. If you have changed your mind about joining, let me know immediately!

25. Nan Gerding, Box 484, Roseville, Illinois
27. Elliot Broderick, 2218 Drexel, Detroit 15, Michigan
28. Roger Sims, 16880 Fairfield, Detroit 21, Michigan
29. Les Snyder (recently moved---awaiting new address)
30. Norman L. Miller, 5863 Chene St., Detroit, Michigan

In case you're criticising me for getting so many Detroit fen on the list, instead of trying to make the SAPS spirit a national one, I must inform you that the Michifen came to me, asking me to put them on the list.

DROPPED: Delcie Austin, dues & activity--- Paul Cox, assessment & activity -- Elsberry, activity -- Johns, assessment & activity, -- Keasler, dues, & activity -- Markman, activity -- Pope, assessment & activity -- Martinez, activity -- Banks, Blyler, activity.
Six of these, having been paid up in dues, are receiving mailing 21.

THE RULES OF SAPS:

Gordon L. Black--OE
Royal H. Drummond--EO
Walter A. Coslet--OH

1. OFFICERS The Official Editor (OE) manages the affairs of SAPS. He is omnipotent insofar as matters of SAPS government are concerned, but courtesy obligates him to take a vote on major issues.

The Emergency Officer (EO) takes over the duties of the OE, should the latter be unable to continue in this position.

The Official Historian (OH) has a primary duty of compiling data for the triennial SAPS INDEX, which he publishes at SAPS' expense.

2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS Activity. The member must publish at least six pages during every two-mailing period (6 months). A "page" is regarded as one side of a letter-size (8½x11 inch) sheet of material, or its equivalent.

New members and former members being readmitted must submit their minimum activity requirement (at least 6 pages) for inclusion in their first mailings, in order to show that they have no intention of becoming deadwood.

Reprinted material whose first distribution date is less than two years past receives no credit; older reprints receive half credit.

A member is entitled to credit for publishing a non-member's material providing that it doesn't violate the above reprint rule). If he publishes a fellow-member's material, the contributor is entitled to the credit for his contribution.*

Dues are one dollar per three mailings. Should a Sap be dropped from membership for nonactivity before the period covered by his dues is up, he forfeits the remainder of his dollar to the treasury.

3. MISCELLANEOUS Mailing Deadlines. To be eligible for credit, the mailing contributions should reach the OE by the second Saturdays of March, June, September, and December.

Membership. The roster is limited to 35 members.

Treasury. Contributions to the SAPS treasury will be accepted.

The OE is empowered to assess the members equal amounts of money in order to balance the treasury, when necessary.

Laureate Poll. The SPECTATOR shall conduct a yearly poll to determine and honor the group's best members.

Elections shall be held annually to select an OE and an EO.

* AMENDMENT: If the contributor desires to donate his page credit to the receiver of the material, he may do so, if the OE is informed of his intention. To establish a "Code of Practice", let me state that material should be credited to the contributor, unless he is helping a fellow Sap unable to make his requirements. This amendment was made primarily to help Servicemen.

Minor (½-page, etc.) contributions to another's Sapzino will be credited to the receiver of the contribution.

Should you desire a translation of the above rules into English, send me a note. Sanskrit translations, 5¢ per word, slightly higher in Canada & west of the Rockies.

TREASURY REPORT Your dues status can be checked on the membership page. If you feel that you have been gyped, yell.

Coswal, for my own convenience, I'd like a full report of SAPS finances during the transition period, in tabular form. This should include everything from cash on hand before mailing 20 to bundle postage to dues received to

the money you sent me.

Envelopes	\$1.35	\$8.00	Balance received from Coswal
Poll cards	.48	7.00	R'c'd in dues
SPECTATOR stencils	1.20	1.00	Donation for poll postage
" paper	.50	\$16.00	Balance
Prior posting, total expenses	3.53	3.53	
		12.47	Balance...for mng 21 postage

Briggs, Eney, Drummond, Higgs, Boggs, Winne, and Devore paid dues to me. "Anonamous" sent a buck donation to cover the expense of a Laureate poll sheet, but this idea, though a good one, is for certain reasons unfeasible at the present time.

BANKS & BLYLER NOTE I've just realized that you two ostracized ones had received your first mailings as notifications of your acceptance into SAPS. Though you have technically been members for two mailings without participating, you must be confused at being thrown out only three months after you have gained membership. For that reason, and also because your dues are paid thru the 22d mailing, I will reinstate you as members in good standing upon receipt of at least 10 pages from each of you before the next deadline. Notify me immediately if you plan to cooperate.

SPECTATOR LAUREATE POLL Three points allowed for 1st place, two for 2d, one for third. Vote for 3 in each category, in the order you liked them. Send the ballot cards to the Official Vote-counter this mailing, BILL CALABRESE, 52 PACIFIC ST., STAMFORD, CONN. Ballot deadline: Nov. 1. In the space at the bottom of the card, tell briefly how you were first attracted to SAPS. You'll notice that several categories have been dropped. This is because there has not been an appreciable amount of activity in those divisions.

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BRFLSK No, this is not my idea of "the neatest, slickest official organ that SAPS has ever had"!

THE CHICON SAPS MEETING Of all the groups scheduled to show up for meetings, SAPS and the NFFF were the only ones who took advantage of their opportunities, and, on a percentage basis, our meeting had fuller attendance than N3Fs. Present were Jacobs, Elsberry, Coslet, Alger, McNeil, Briggs, Shapiro, Black, and a few waiting-listers. Ballard's proposition that non-OEish members be made vice-presidents was passed unanimously. A motion that dues be raised to \$1.50 for 3 mailings was turned down.

There were no motions tabled until next year.

Most of the meeting was composed of an enjoyable bull session. Carr later showed up from her N3F shindig next door. A picture was taken of Shapiro & Alger back to back with raised fanzines, in duelling position.