

THIS IS SWINGLINE, from Joyce Katz, 59 Livingston Street, #6-B, Brooklyn, New York 11201, for the 30th mailing of Apa, due out on September 7, 1974. And, that's officialdom for this month.

Sorry about missing some mailings, gang, but life has been moderately hectic for me this summer. My job change last Spring has been a fortunate one, I suppose, in that my state of mind has been pretty good; I enjoy the work (though wouldn't mind it being a bit more challenging) and like the people I work with. But, it sure has kept me busy...and that's the reason I haven't been too communicative. And, now...on to the mailing comments on #29, albeit brief ones.

TED Re. Susan Wood. My specific information is that she is now living with Eli, and my specific feeling on the matter is that I do not wish to be in a secret apa with Eli, nice fellow though he is. If any one has contrary information, I'll listen to it, but for the present my "no" vote remains firm.

I suppose there must be some further information that will make the "vandalizing houses" incident and remarks more comprehensible and less reprehensible. Is there?

Hmm. I don't think I necessarily share your belief that everything will be down hill from here on out. I admit the possibility that civilization as we know it might be running down...but I'm not convinced. Perhaps our differing opinions are more based on individual attitudes than facts; regardless of that, though, I believe that many wonderful things will happen, be invented, come to fullness, whatever, in the next 84 years. I doubt that I'll live another 84 years (though that wouldn't be too much older than my great-grandmother lived.) But I do have every hope and expectation to live a lot longer than I've lived already and while I'm sure life will have its ups and downs in the future, just as it has in the past, the downs are as valid experience as the ups, and I don't really fear them to the extent necessary to make me want to quit living. I consider myself an Enlightened Hedonist by philosophy, and as such, I have every hope to continue enjoying Experiences for a long time. --- My great grandmother made it all the way from tribal lifestyle in the forests, through the civilization process that began for her before the civil war, until after World War II.....which is to say she had seen a lot of life. I hope to do as well.

GRANT Enjoyed your pages, and regret they spark such a limited reply. However, one thing in particular caught my attention...did you say a pound for \$140?.....Unless that was some incredible kind of misprint, that's some incredible kind of price. It's more..much more..than double that price in N.Y. now.

Sorry you and Cathy aren't planning to be at the worldcon (..which, by the time you read this, will be in the past..) One of these days Arnie and I will finally meet you two...just you wait and see.

LANE Your photograph, a few mailings back, sparked much Remark in Brooklyn. I'm certain someone must have told you how much you look, at least in that photo, like Arnie.

DAN I particularly liked your New England Life cartoon....my old company you know. (Now it's Security Mutual.)