

TAFF PROGRESS REPORT #4

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Accompanying this newsletter you will find the current TAFF ballot--fill it out and send it off with an envelope full of money. Do it now--act without thinking. You have until Hallowe'en --but I can practically guarantee you that doing it now, while you have the ballot in your hand, is the only way to keep from forgetting about it until long after the deadline. Vote.

About that contribution: This Easter, the fans gathered for a TAFF discussion at Peterborough voted by a heavy majority to increase the minimum British contribution. Americans have said for some time that the fee ought to be raised--and now we've gone and done it, we've let our cousins transmarine jump the gun on us. With tardy pride your Administrators hereby announce an increase which has been long anticipated by overlarge contributions. It takes money as well as votes and enthusiasm to get winners across the Atlantic and back again.

And you are naturally thinking that with more money coming in, TAFF will be giving the winner more than \$500--and believe me, I'd love to announce that there is enough money to plan on that. But at this writing we can send the US winner to the next British convention and have approximately one hundred dollars left over; if we can count on a healthy turnout at the polls and contributions as well from fan clubs and conventions during the year, there will be no difficulty about the British winner making the trip, too. But you can see that we still have to raise four hundred dollars, before summer of next year.

If the financial picture changes before this campaign is over, TAFF may well be able to raise the ante to \$600, making the amount well over the jet fare from London to New York, and allowing winners to travel more in the host country. We want to be sure that the sponsors of TAFF -- you -- want us to do this, and we'll be happy to hear your opinion by correspondence or at conventions; if you want to underline your argument with a five dollar bill to make the raise possible, we will be even happier to listen to you.

But the best we can say now is that the winner will be given \$500 and will become my successor as American Administrator of the Fund after his trip. He will be an honored guest at the Peterborough convention--and those people really know how to make you feel welcome--and can probably expect the vacation of a lifetime in the British Isles. Any travel other than to and from the convention is, naturally, something extra for the winner and for the host country--it makes the trip more than a convention, and gives everyone an opportunity to meet the distant visitor.

And by the way, if you're unhappy about not having been a fan before the cut-off date on the ballot, remember that you can do more for your favorite candidate than just vote for him, by getting on the bandwagon and interesting apathetic fans in TAFF, and by your contributions. TAFF belongs to everybody, not just long-term fans--the restriction on the franchise is to make sure voters know at least a little about each candidate and his qualifications.

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THE TRANS-ATLANTIC FAN FUND

CANDIDATES' PLATFORMS

MARION Z. BRADLEY In the 40's it was "Astra" letterhacking; in the 60's Marion Zimmer Bradley was writing, publishing, serving as FAPA's president and behaving very much like the fan she was, and is. Unlike some fans-turned-pros, Marion has stayed with fandom: OPUS & SF BULLETIN- "Crying in the Sink"; VEGA- "What Every Young Fan Should Know"; MEZRAB; DAY\*STAR; ASTRA'S TOWER- "Men, Halflings, and Hero Worship"; ANDURIL; contributions to CRY, AMRA, KIPPLE, YANDRO and many others. Through the years Marion has given generously of her valuable time and talent to fandom. It's past time fandom showed its appreciation; Marion has already earned TAFF.

Nominated by: Robert & Juanita Coulson, Dan McPhail, Bob Tucker, E. J. "Ted" Carnell, and Mal Ashworth.

BRUCE PELZ has published a staggering number of fanzines, participated in every Amateur Press Association within reach, and twice been re-elected Official Editor of SAPS. He has managed so successfully that for two years SAPS has charged no dues and this July will declare a cash dividend. He can always be found at LASFS meetings on Thursday nights, and was Director in 1962. He boasts a professionally-bound collection of fanzines and prozines, and is an avid comic fan. His inventive parodies and folk songs have enlivened regional conferences and every worldcon since Detention. Let's export this energy and enthusiasm--BEP for TAFF!

Nominated by: John & Bjo Trimble, Dick Eney, Marion Z. Bradley, Walter A. Willis, and B. Terry Jeeves.

WALLY WEBER Wally cannot be summarized in 100 words. Maybe you've met him? (Eleven Worldcons, five Westercons; 1961 Worldcon Chairman and Treasurer.) Fan-writings? Letterhacked in PLANET, TWS, SPACEWARP (reader/accumulator of prozines and fanzines since 1947). Assumed CRYpublication 1951; edits lettercol since 1959. Also general- and spa-zines; thrice rated SAPSpoll top humorist. Charter (1949) Nameless Ones member: president twice; now "permanent" Secretary-Treasurer. NFFF member from 1958, participating type. Single-phrasedly inspired Ella's Parker Pond Tour to Sea-Con, 1961. Ella demands rematch (see below). Enough of statistics about your Fabulous Candidate. England needs Wally Weber (we need him back, of course).

Nominated by: Ella Parker, Madeleine Willis, Don Franson, Bill Donaho, F. M. Busby.

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THE LINDSAY REPORT, Ethel Lindsay's account of her travels to the United States for the 1962 Chicago convention, is now available from either Administrator for seven and six (7/6d) or one dollar (\$1.00). Sixty tidily-mimeographed pages with illustrations by Atom and a page of photographs. ##All previous TAFF reports are also still in print. Don Ford's TAFF BAEDEKER (1960 trip) is \$1.25; Ron Bennett's COLONIAL EXCURSION (to South Gate, 1958 trip), and Eric Bentcliffe's EPITAFF (to Pittsburgh, 1960 trip) are \$1.00 each.

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VOTING FORM

The candidates

MARION Z. BRADLEY

BRUCE FELZ

WALLY WEBER

Votes must reach one of the two administrators before October 31st, 1963. The result of the election will be announced as soon as possible after this date.

BRITISH ADMINISTRATOR

Ethel Lindsay, 6 Langley Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey, Great Britain

AMERICAN ADMINISTRATOR

Ron Ellick, 1825 Greenfield Avenue, Los Angeles 25, California, USA

Each candidate has promised that barring acts of God he or she will travel to the convention in Peterborough, England, over the Easter weekend, 1964, if elected. In addition they have posted bond and provided signed nominations. Their platforms are on the reverse of this ballot form.

Should the winner be unable to make the trip, the second place winner will be offered the opportunity.

Details of voting will be kept secret. Write-in votes are permitted.

No proxy votes are allowed. Each voter must sign his own ballot.

A first-place vote is worth two points; a second-place vote is worth one point.

I VOTE FOR .

1) . . . . .

2) . . . . .

AND ENCLOSE THE SUM OF ..... AS A CONTRIBUTION TO TAFF.

SIGNED . . . . .

To be eligible to vote you must contribute a minimum of five shillings (5/-d) or one dollar (\$1.00) to the Fund, and have been active in science-fiction fandom prior to January 1962. Contributions in excess of the minimum will be most gratefully accepted. Any normal form of currency, money orders or cheques should be payable to the Administrator receiving your ballot-- NOT, please, to TAFF.

If you think your name will not be known to the Administrators, please give here the name and address of a fan or fan group to whom you are known.

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Under no circumstances will more than two points be allowed any one candidate on any one ballot.

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