

This is Carcasilla #9, dated December 17, 1964. Written and stencilled for the ninth distribution of Apa L, LASFS meeting #1427, by Tom Gilbert (address: 1094 E. Howard St., Pasadena, Calif. 91104). Mimeographed by Don Fitch. This issue will also circulate in the twenty-fourth Apa F distribution, December 18, 1964, and in the twenty-third N'APA mailing, December, 1964. A Ubiquitous Publication.

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#### COMMENTS ON THE EIGHTH DISTRIBUTION

Rabanos Radiactivos #8 (Patten): I am continually amazed at your ingenuity and effort in lettering your zines' titles. ## There weren't twenty-five contributors to the seventh distribution; there were twenty-six. Since Warner, Berry, and Katya Hulan didn't receive copies of the distribution, we only gave twenty-three contributor's copies. Counting the LASFS library copy, we had six for non-contributors, not four as you claim. As for our having thirty-one contributors in the near future, I suggest you check the activity run-down that should be on the last page of this Carcas. The first eight Apa L exchanges have had a total of twenty-nine contributors. All of them and two others would have to contribute before we had thirty-one. Stop exaggerating our difficulties. ## Fred has rescinded his ruling last time that no additional Outsiders would be allowed to contribute; at least, that's what he told me orally last week when I gave him my alternative plan. We now have only five out-of-town contributors (Van Arnam, Lupoff, McInerney, Mann, and Bailes). No other regular non-local contributors will be accepted. I will, however, accept contributions by Outsiders on the understanding that the zine will be held until one of the following circumstances: (1) In the event a regular Outsider misses a mailing, the contribution of the other Outsider will automatically be in that week's mailing. (2) If no regular Outsider should miss, the non-regular's zine will be held until the OC judges that the attendance at LASFS is small enough so that we can spare another mailing for an Outsider. Last week's meeting was so sparsely attended that I had to beg people to accept a mailing. I left the meeting with five unwanted incomplete copies that I wasn't able to dispose of until I got to the Lab. We don't have a shortage of mailings at every meeting. ## You have my support on a compulsory thirty-five copy requirement, Fred. If Bruce drops, that's just tough.

Carcasilla #8 (me): My offer to compile and stencil a LASFS directory last time has been accepted. With Bjo announcing that the directory is "forthcoming" in the Westercon progress report, it seems only proper that someone do it. Over my Christmas vacation, I intend to combine the address files of the LASFS newsletter, of Pelz, and of Al Lewis. Then I'll type up the first draft and bring it to a few LASFS meetings for additions and corrections. I'll stencil it all, and I assume Al will run it off. I'll then collate it and sell copies for ten cents each, to recoup some of the paper expense LASFS pays. I would guess mid-February is when it will be ready, but I'll try to have it ready sooner. Any suggestions?

Malaise #6 (Van Arnam): I think you're right when you say that the Outsiders have "Contributed a good deal to the flavor and strength of Apa L." I don't think Ellers like Dave Hulan, who waited until the sixth distribution to join and now suggests that we don't need Outsiders, realize that we are indebted to you. I'm not sure there would have been an Apa L for Dave Hulan to join by the time of the sixth distribution if it hadn't been for you Outsiders. By your devotion to and interest in Apa L, you have set an example for local fans

to emulate. It took a few weeks for Apa L to catch on, and in that time the non-local members provided a large percentage of the material. They also provided material that averaged at least as good as local material. Dave Hulan's remark that he wouldn't shed bitter tears if you departed irritated me extremely. I consider the single most enjoyable aspect of Apa L to be my discovery of you and your excellent writing, Dave. I had previously encountered your work only in The Reader's Guide to Barsoom and Amtor, and Apa L has made me realize what I've been missing. I particularly look forward to the re-run First Draft, and I'm sure I'll enjoy every issue immensely, even if Dave Hulan doesn't read them.

The Gallant Gallstone #6 (Harness): You are mistaken when you say I am against raising the copy requirement to thirty-five. I contributed thirty-five copies of Carcas last week, and I will do likewise from now on. I had been opposed to such an increase in the past, but I've changed my mind. My suggestions in Carcas last week were aimed primarily at getting more copies of the distribution for non-contributors while keeping the requirement at thirty. Those were just stop-gap measures, however, and an increase is going to be necessary very soon. My position about a copy increase was changed by two factors: (1) I recently became aware that certain non-contributors were very interested in reading Apa L mailings, and (2) I don't want to drop the Outsiders. You are being ridiculous when you say I don't want out-of-town members. Why do you think I'm going to all the trouble to receive their zines and mail 'em the distributions if I don't want them as members? Do you think I'm making a profit? I have yet to break even on postage; I regularly lose more than a dollar of my money each week. Several weeks ago I was losing about two dollars, but I've been getting more reimbursements lately. I would hardly endure such losses of time and money if I didn't value the Outside contributions highly. ## H. G. Wells' science fiction is only a little more recent than Verne's. H. G. Wells may be thought a writer who is "almost-contemporary," but he is not an almost-contemporary science-fiction writer. There's a difference.

Mic-Kup #6 (Kusske): John said this in a letter to me: "The cost in time, effort and money is too great to endure when one is not wanted. That's why issue #6 of Mic-Kup was my last one. . . . I'm not complaining, or anything--but the Pelz's obviously do not appreciate out state material, and I'm in no mood to try and buck anybody now." Are you happy, Bruce and Dian?

Net Vremia #8 (Bruce Pelz): I intend to refuse the nomination for Junior Committeeman because I'm not qualified for the job yet. In the past several months I have seen Gus Willmorth, Walt Liebscher, Ernie Wheatley and others for the first time; Charles Burbee and Ed Cox could walk into a LASFS meeting and I wouldn't know them from guests. Would the LASFS want a Jr. Committeeman who would embarrass the club (and himself) by welcoming old members as if they were guests? Give me another year and I'll be glad to have the job. As for being secretary, I would gladly serve. Where did I say I wouldn't? Hmm, this discussion is a little academic, since LASFS elections are tonight. ## Okay, so high schools have very low standards. You would rather give the franchise to a jr. high grad or high school drop-out, is that right? Do you realize that the only courses in political science and American history worth mentioning are given in the junior and senior years--in California, anyway. A low standard is better than a lower standard.

Gooney Bird #7 (Dian Pelz): You say the following: "I was interested in a discussion group composed of LASFSians, who might conceivably be willing to continue discussions brought up during the meetings, who might talk about the club itself, and who might therefore get to know one another

a bit better." It's been a long time since I've encountered such arrant hypocrisy as those words contain; you are making a fool of yourself, Dian. Just where have your discussions of the club been, Dian? You have consistently refused to do any mailing comments; you have also refused to discuss either the apa itself or the topics brought up by others. You have contributed material that's been excellent, but the fact remains that you have done exactly nothing toward furthering a discussion group you say you were interested in. A number of people, myself included, have brought up LASFS matters; why didn't you join in if you were so interested in them? You are also being silly by announcing yourself a "voice in the wilderness" and resigning. Where was this "voice" in Apa L? You have expressed your dislike of Outside contributors orally to a few of us, but the majority of Ellers knew nothing about the controversy prior to last week. Why didn't you present your viewpoint in Apa L for the consideration of the membership? Instead, without giving anyone a chance to either agree or disagree with you, you resigned. Refusing to play the game unless you can make the rules seems rather childish to me. When you say you're quitting because Apa L is "defeating the purpose that it held at its origination," you mean the purpose that you and Bruce imagined for it. Apa L isn't your Very Own Apa, even tho Bruce founded it. The other members have an equal share in deciding what the apa should be like. As for your complaints against Fred and me, I don't think either Fred or I have anything for which to apologize. Fred's request that you put the staples closer to the edge was valid; you had been stapling in so far on some copies that certain zines couldn't be read. My requests (which you several times ignored) that zines go in their proper order was likewise entirely reasonable. Won't you take reasonable suggestions? Or are you so convinced that you are always right? I thought Dave Van Arnam's evaluation of you and Bruce was much too harsh when I first read it, but now I'm not so sure. This latest action of yours is certainly high-handed enough, and my formerly high opinion of you has plummeted several notches.

Square Root of Serendipity #3 (Freeman): I love this line of yours: "If I wrote about all the things I think of, I'd have pages and pages, but I just put them all off as unworthy of my fanzine." We all have the same experience, I think.

Follow the Bouncing Aztec #3 (CATS): Give your zine a title; Fred refuses to list a blank. I also suggest that you single space and attempt a neater appearance. We are likely to ignore what you say if it isn't presented in a neat format. I also dislike the anonymity you maintain. We expect anyone who expresses an opinion to do it in the open. I know you're not intentionally trying to avoid being responsible for what you say, but that's the effect anonymity has. Add a by-line to each individual's paragraph(s). ### The Discon was in the District of Columbia. Rather than explain all your question about fandom, I'm going to bring a set of N3F fanbooks for you Caltech boys. I do not suggest, however, that you join the N3F. I'm not sure that Caltech could survive the N3F . . . or vice versa. ### I don't know where you all buy your science fiction pocketbooks, but Bungalow News, at Oak Knoll and Colorado, has the best selection in Pasadena.

Opo #22 (Lupoff): I must remember, when (and if) I read your con report, to discount all subjective statements you make. After all, you were there, so how could anything you say be the least bit reliable? ### This will be the last Apa L mailing you receive unless I receive an immediate acknowledgement from you. I asked you for reimbursement of the postage, and you haven't replied. It isn't your failure to send money that bothers me, tho; I have been carrying several Outsiders on promises to pay. You don't even have to promise to pay; just say you're taking me up on my former offer to pay postage. But say something. A simple "thank you" will be sufficient. I feel like I've been dropping these dis-

tributions down a bottomless abyss called Merry Hell, and I'm not going to do it much longer. You act like I'm merely fulfilling a duty or something. I'm not going to continue spending my money unless I know you at least appreciate what I'm doing. Maybe I'm just being Nasty again. On the other hand, Maybe Not.

Hydra #23 (McInerney): I will admit that I know very little of New York fandom, but I still think you misunderstood my attempted comparison of LASFS and Fanoclats. I realize that there is a lot of overlapping between memberships in the New York clubs. Maybe I'm wrong, but I think the ones in the Fanoclats who belong to other clubs are all fanzine fans. Right? And most of the membership of the other clubs are club fans. Right? What would a New York club be like if all the members of all the New York clubs (not just the fanzine fans) were combined into one organization? I think it would be just about like LASFS. The fact that you never encounter any Fanoclats who aren't interested in Apa F shows you don't have any club fans in the group. ### If Steve Stiles thinks his defense of Ayn Rand is going to be welcomed in Apa L by very many members, he is wrong. Most of us are sick, sick, sick of the subject.

Expletive #5 (Bjo Trimble): I got out my collection of MTA bus schedules (which is, of course, complete) to see if I could get to your Christmas party by bus. I found out that I could get as close as Euclid and Katella Streets to Garden Grove. How near your house that intersection is I can't say; the only Orange County map I have insists that Belgrave doesn't exist. To get to Euclid and Katella, I have to get line 124 from Long Beach. To get to Long Beach, I have to take another bus from Los Angeles; and to get to L. A. . . well, I'll see what I can work out. Maybe it would be simpler for me to go over to Fred's house and ride down with him. I hope we can do that oneshot; I've never participated in one before. We could put it thru Apa L the next week. ### All of the out-of-town Ellers are perfectly willing to put out thirty-five copies; it's the Pelzes who won't budge. ### Have you considered saving up your cats until you get thirty and putting them thru Apa L as inclusions? We completists would have to take them, too! I have visions of Pelz trying to bind a cat; he'd take it to a taxidermist, I suppose. Hmm, maybe I'll put my cat's kittens through Apa L. Our female cat is now in her second decade of giving us kittens regularly, every six months. We sometimes wonder who is going to give up first, her or us. ### Despite all your very glib excuses, I still think you ran those variant editions of the Westercon progress report just to get at me! Oh well, I've always wanted a unique fanzine, so I'll have to get that goldenrod cover. ### Number your pages, please.

Niddhoggr #3 (Hulan): See my comments to Van Arnam. You are a fine one to say the Outsiders "don't really count" when you waited until a whole five distributions had passed before joining! They count a lot more, to me, than your vote does. When you have shown as much enthusiasm and effort for Apa L as they have, I might be more likely to listen to your opinion. I don't see that only five more copies of your zine are going to hurt you that much. The position taken by the Pelzes that we will eventually raise to forty, forty-five, etc. is wrong. By limiting the out-of-town members (as I am doing now) and by requiring thirty-five copies from everyone, we won't have any shortage of distributions in the near future. As Harness said, the horrible air mail postage rates are sure to pare away a few Outsiders. Already John Kusske is gone, and I honestly doubt that Bailes and Mann are going to continue much longer. Not that I want them to go, understand, but all this work is probably going to prove too much for them eventually. ### If you want suggestions for programs, I have one. Try to get C. L. Moore to speak. I saw her briefly when she was teaching (under the name of Kuttner) an English course on the modern novel in the last summer session at USC. I don't know her address, but Bill Blackbeard told me he has it. She's remarried, so you

couldn't find her in the phone book. ## Your pages wouldn't get assembled out of order if you would number them. ## Since I'm such a promising new fan, I suppose I should promise you that article for Loki. I'll tell you what. Instead of explaining why I think Keith Laumer is an incompetent hack, how about an article examining all his past work that will prove my thesis? I'm not really promising, however; Laumer hardly seems worth bothering with, and the thought of rereading all his stories for the article doesn't appeal very much. If you're interested, let me know; I might even do it by the time the next Loki is ready. Only, Maybe Not.

The Outside World (Katya Hulan): I've been wanting to ask you a question for a long time that would embarrass me, but I've always procrastinated. I won't be so embarrassed in print, I guess. How do you pronounce your first name? I finally broke down and asked Don Fitch last week, but he didn't know how to pronounce it either!

Deception #8 (Mann): It is up to you to decide whether the expenditure of time and money on Apa L is worth it. As long as you keep contributing, I shall welcome and enjoy your work. It seems to me that you have been dangerously over-extending yourself by joining just about everything you could join and being a college student at the same time. Beware! I am over-extending myself, what with being a college student, working fifteen hours a week, publishing a weekly fanzine, reading so much stf and so many fanzines, and Taking Busses. ## I applaud your new-found habit of checking up on your facts, and just to encourage it, I suggest a further piece of research. Look at the break-down of voting for best publisher in the Pacificon II program book. You will discover that Advent received two votes; those votes were counted as legitimate votes. Why I don't know, but I'm not complaining so long as I can vote for Advent this year. Besides the books listed in the program book (two of which aren't out yet), Advent has also published The Best Science Fiction Stories and Novels, ninth series, edited by T. E. Dikty; In Search of Wonder, by damon knight; Frank Kelly Freas: a Portfolio; and "Some Notes on Xi Bootis," by Hal Clement; The Eighth Stage of Fandom, by Robert Bloch; and the Chicon III proceedings (which you mention). The Dikty volume is the only actual science fiction published by Advent.

O (Alderson): Welcome to Apa L--finally! If you ever manage to put out a zine for that comic book apa, I suggest you also run it thru Apa L.

Niddhoggr #3 (Dave Hulan): Yes, I know I already commented to you, but something unheard of has happened. I allowed myself five pages for mailing comments this time, but I actually finished before I ran out of space. I must be about to gafiate or something. ## You haven't enjoyed anything by Simak since Cosmic Engineers? Not even City and "Eternity Lost"? Don't we agree on any aspect of science fiction? If you liked Cosmic Engineers so much, rush out to buy the new paperback reprint. It has a cover illustration guaranteed to attract all you lovers of crude space opera. ## I wish you hadn't run off half of your first page on blue paper and half on white. Yes, I know you ran out. Still, it was annoying to have to take both colors so I'd have a complete mailing. I guess Fred, you, and I are the only Ellers with complete mailings. Eat your hearts out, completists!

A note to Outsiders: I have an extra set of IBM cards that were included in the seventh distribution by Dan Alderson. Did I forget to send someone his set?

APA L ACTIVITY: THE FIRST EIGHT DISTRIBUTIONS

Contributor	Number of Pages Each Mailing								Total
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	
1. Alderson, Dan	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1
2. Bailes, Len	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	12
3. Baker, Ed	--	1	1	2	2	1	--	--	7
4. Blackbeard, Bill	2	4	2	2	4	6	1	--	21
5. Boggs, Redd	--	--	2	2	4	1	1	--	10
6. Castora, Phil	--	2	1	--	1	--	1	--	5
7. CATS	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	4	7
8. Fitch, Don	12	3	3	4	1	--	--	1	24
9. Freeman, Jay	--	--	--	--	--	2	1	2	5
10. Gilbert, Tom	2	2	4	4	6	6	9	4	37
11. Hannifen, Owen	--	1	1	--	--	1	1	--	4
12. Harness, Jack	1	--	--	3	1	4	4	1	14
13. Hulan, Dave & Katya	--	--	--	--	--	2	7	6	15
14. Johnstone, Ted	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	2
15. Kusske, John	--	2	2	2	2	2	--	1	11
16. Lewis, Al	--	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	6
17. Lichtman, Bob	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	2
18. Lupoff, Dick	1	1	--	4	2	6	2	4	20
19. Mann, Richard	2	2	1	--	3	1	1	1	11
21. Patten, Fred	2	2	4	4	2	4	4	3	25
20. McInerney, Mike	--	--	--	3	1	1	2	2	9
22. Pelz, Bruce	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	14
23. Pelz, Dian	3	3	3	1	4	7	1	1	23
24. Schwenn, Gretchen	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	--	13
25. Stier, Lyn	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	2
26. Stine, Henry	--	1	2	2	2	1	--	2	10
27. Thompson, Earl	--	--	1	--	2	--	--	--	3
28. Trimble, Bjo & John	--	--	--	2	4	6	2	8	22
29. Van Arnam, Dave	2	4	4	4	4	1	2	2	23
Column totals:	32	33	37	46	54	58	53	45	358

Inclusions, by mailing:

First: none

Second: one by Tom Gilbert

Third: Three by Henry Stine

Fourth: One by Ed Baker

Fifth: One by Jack Harness; one by Richard Mann

Sixth: One by Fred Patten

Seventh: One by Dan Alderson; one by Henry Stine

Eighth: Two by Dan Alderson

There are undoubtedly mistakes in the above index (cf. Finagle). What are they?