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## MEETINGS, PAST AND FUTURE

Due to circumstances I wish had been beyond my control, the last CRY was mailed too late and as a result attendance was below normal. (No snarling readers attending with the hopes of getting their violent hands on my long neck).

But those that did attend had a good time. Ted Ross forgot the magazine containing the article he was going to discuss, but it was discussed anyhow. The subject was problems of space-flight and was food for some argument. Nobody was seriously injured.

Next meeting takes place May 29th about 8pm in the Student Union Building of the University of Washington. That is a THURSDAY, one day LATER than we would normally meet. PLEASE DO NOT GO TO THE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY BECAUSE THERE AIN'T ANY THAT NIGHT!

You might be interested in knowing just how this all came about and why. Ted Ross, who is dictator of the club, has a goodly amount of trouble attending Wednesday night meetings. Your much more important corresponding secretary has even more trouble in that respect. The idea of changing meeting nights had been brought up at previous meetings and, while nothing was decided upon there did not appear to be too much in disfavor of the change.

Then Ted Ross found it next to impossible to get to the Wednesday meeting May 28th. Our good friend Burnett Toskey investigated at the University and found them more than willing to shift us to Thursday, that being a less crowded night for meetings.

So be there Thursday—to object if nothing else. Besides, Bob Rosling is giving us a talk on rockets and I want to hear it.



A BUZZ FROM BUSBY

11 May — 52  
617 Minor Ave.

Weber, you fiend you!

I had a beautiful theory all worked out and you smashed it. It seemed so obvious that Sinisterra was being withheld in order to further Toskey's mad dream of driving all mags, fan and pro alike, out of business, leaving only Impossible for fan-fare. And now you come out with Sinisterra, leaving me surrounded by the shattered debris of my theory, and the vacuum cleaner out of whack so I can't clean it up.

So hokay — send one, yet! Herewith \$1 — put half on Sinisterra subscription list (I don't know how I stand there — could ya lemme know, huh?) and half for the Cry fund, and thanks. But send a copy of Sinisterra before I go stark raving mad and revert to reading Ziff-Davis mags.

Have had no free Wednesday evenings for too long, but would like to find out who might be hitting Sou-Westercon, San Diego June 28-29. I hope to make it and looks very probable at present. Would be a good go for local group to travel bunched — either by car or train. I might drive it if we could arrange about 4 congenial expense-sharing passengers, but train transportation is less fatiguing than the mad dash by highway. Would appreciate hearing of any developments.

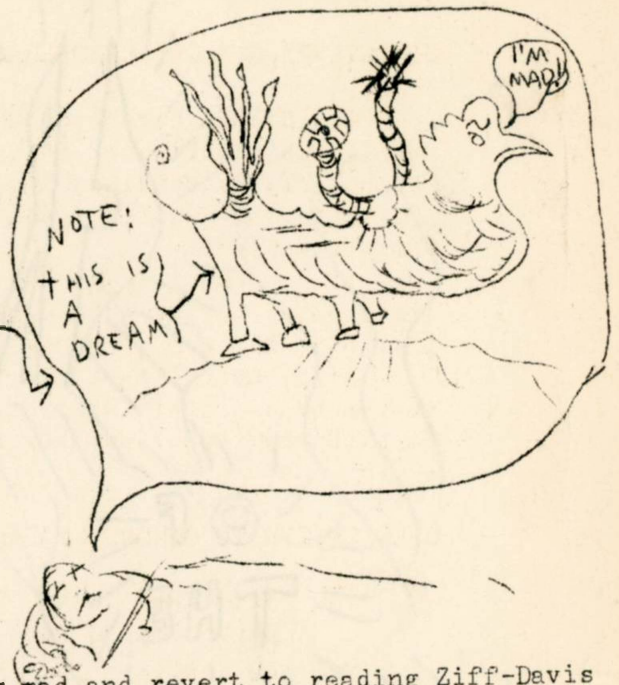
Oh yes — the Cry is looking fine these days.

F. M. Busby

/Make Ted Ross clean up your debris. It's his fault Sinisterra got out. As for your subscription status, none of my records showed you had any left-over subscription. You are now paid up for number six, however. And if the club decides to give free copies to Sinisterra contributors, you will have quite an extended subscription for your Hall of Shame series alone.

Wisht I could be free to go to the Sou-Westercon, not to mention the Chicago affair in September. Unfortunately I now have a (shudder) job that I wouldn't care to lose right off so will have to forget about it all at least until next year. Couldn't commission ya to write up a convention report though, could I?

—Wally/





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If you should have been sent SINISTERRA #5 and aren't included on the above list, send in your complaint along with your age, size, temperament, and strength. I'll see what can be done.

Also, according to my records, those that have paid in advance for future copies are: Robert Chambers (#6), Franklin M. Dietz Jr. (#6), W. S. Houston (#6), F. M. Busby (#6), Jean Bogert (#6, #7, #8), and Bob Pavlat (#6, #7, #8).

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Sincerely yours,

Fred Goetz, Secretary

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## TO END THE ISSUE

It might be well to make a few remarks about the T-R-I. The open letter above had a less formal note from Fred tacked to the end. It mentioned that the club was only a matter of weeks old and the membership has not, as yet, made it overseas. That is to come later. Some fans have already joined; Bob Tucker, Frank Dietz, and Stan Crouch were mentioned as being members. If you think you might like to join, Fred can give you additional information.



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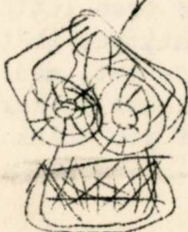
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THAT RAT!  
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# THURSDAY!



WEBER

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